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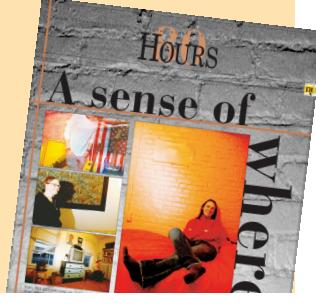
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The house-hunting frenzy is on, and many Iowa City hot spots are lax on flashy décor — but it doesn't have to be that way. Check out how creative folk are padding their pads with wonder. **80 Hours, 1C**

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**Ferentz anxious to move forward**

Football coach Kirk Ferentz said he hopes the Hawkeyes can move on from a tumultuous off-season and shift their focus toward spring practice. **Sports, 1B**

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**Today's webcast**

- Kirk Ferentz's press conference
- Update on Sueppel deaths
- Best of Tom Brands

**WEATHER**

Blustery winds, 80% chance of rain, sleet, snow, etc. If Mother Nature had a kitchen sink, she'd throw that in, too.

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# Blunt force led to deaths

Authorities are wrapping up their investigation into the slaying of five members of the Sueppel family.

By Kurtis Hiatt

THE DAILY IOWAN

Steven Sueppel beat to death his wife and four children, who died of numerous injuries from blunt-force trauma to their upper torsos and heads, officials at the Iowa

State Medical Examiner's Office reported Wednesday.

Husband and father Steven Sueppel, who authorities say they are sure is responsible for the slayings, also died of blunt-force injuries he sustained after he intentionally crashed his minivan on I-80.

Examiners did not identify a weapon involved in the slayings, but police have said two baseball bats may have been involved.

"The injuries were consistent with ... what Steven Sueppel had said and the evidence recovered, which involved the ball bat," Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said.

Authorities had also said at a press conference Tuesday that Steven Sueppel initially took his children — Ethan, 10, Seth, 8, Mira, who would have turned 6 on Tuesday, and

**Family died from blunt-force trauma**

Watch Daily Iowan TV at [dailiowan.com](http://dailiowan.com) for more on the latest autopsy results for the Sueppel family.

**Picture of a killer**

For more about what types of personality traits and experiences lead to mass killings, **5A**.

Eleanor, 3 — into the home's garage in an attempt to asphyxiate them with his vehicle's exhaust fumes.

SEE INVESTIGATION, 3A

**Sueppel slayings-suicide timeline of events**

Police have released more times for the events on Sunday and Monday.

**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 his father's and brother's law firm; tells them his family is "in heaven."

**3:45 a.m. to 4:01 a.m. Monday**

Sueppel calls his home and Hills Bank and Trust, leaves voice messages.

**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**

Sueppel intentionally crashes 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.

**Tuesday**

Autopsies are performed on the six Sueppels, finished in the evening.

**Wednesday**

Authorities release the results of an autopsy, showing Sheryl Sueppel and her four children died of blunt-force trauma after being beat to death by Steven Sueppel.



Peter Kloppenstein/The Daily Iowan

Photographs of the Sueppel family are taped to a sign outside the Sueppel family home at 629 Barrington Road on Tuesday. On Wednesday, state medical examiner officials said Sheryl Sueppel and her four children died from numerous blunt-force-trauma injuries.

## A loving, caring teacher

By Brian Stewart

THE DAILY IOWAN

Students of Sheryl Sueppel remember her as being an caring teacher in the classroom and a dedicated role model outside her school.

"I absolutely loved her," former student Katie Snyder said. "I thought she was one of the sweetest ladies — one of my favorite teachers in elementary school."

Iowa City police discovered the bodies of Sheryl Sueppel and her four children in their home on the morning of

Monday. Police said Sheryl Sueppel's husband, Steven Sueppel, beat them to death before killing himself.

Snyder, who was in one of Sueppel's fourth-grade classes at Penn Elementary in North Liberty, said Sheryl Sueppel's kindness became evident when talking about her class

to a later boyfriend with a difficult childhood.

"Her family really took him in by spending nights with him, having family dinners with him, and really being a second family to him," she said. "That shows how they were and how sweet she was."

When Emily Winckler's sister

died of cancer during her fourth-grade year, her teacher, Sheryl Sueppel, was more than supportive.

"She took me under her wing," she said. "She did a great job of informing other kids in my class and made sure they were treating me OK."

Sueppel remained after class with Winckler one day to help her write a poem after the loss of her sister, which the teacher then framed with a photo of Winckler and her sisters.

SEE SUEPPEL, 3A

## Loh named provost

Loh hopes to work with more with undergraduate education at the UI.

By Ashton Shurson

THE DAILY IOWAN

Wallace Loh of Seattle University has been appointed the new UI provost and executive vice president, UI President Sally Mason announced Wednesday.

Loh, 63, will replace former UI Provost Michael Hogan — who left in September 2007 to head the University of Connecticut — and he will start Aug. 1.

"It feels wonderful," Loh said. "I'm so thrilled and happy. I feel honored."

He was one of five finalists who interviewed for the position. Mason flew out to Seattle on March 22 to offer the job, said Loh, who is the dean of arts and sciences and professor

Loh  
new UI provost

Started as academic affairs vice chancellor and law professor at the University of Colorado in 1995  
Appointed the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1999 at Seattle University

of public service and psychology at Seattle University.

Mason praised the entire pool of candidates but said Loh's ability to connect in a meaningful way with different groups on campus distinguished him from the rest. She also said she enjoyed hearing his "wonderful" stories about his first days in the United States and specifically at Grinnell College, where he received a bachelor's degree and an honorary Doctor of Laws.

In addition, Loh was the director of policy for Washington Gov. Gary Locke, the vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of law at the

SEE LOH, 4A

## Surgeons: Links legal

By Zhi Xiong

THE DAILY IOWAN

Some say kickbacks — illegal and synonymous with bribery — is a strong word.

For several years, federal investigators have probed whether companies that produce artificial joints violated anti-kickback laws in their payments to orthopedic surgeons. Recently, they turned the spotlight on the surgeons who act as consultants and put the parts into patients.

The change in focus surprised some at the UI, where three faculty members in the orthopaedic-surgery department have ties to several of the five companies involved.

'When they get to the bottom of the royalty agreements, they'll find they were totally legal and without any issues.'

— John Callaghan, consultant for DePuy Orthopaedics

Hospital spokesman Tom Moore said Joseph Buckwalter, head of the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation, had not heard of the new update until Monday.

SEE ORTHOPEDICS, 4A



## News

# Antiwar vets speak out



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Air Force veteran Jason Munford speaks about his experiences at a panel for the Iraq Veterans Against the War in the IMU on Wednesday. Panel members Andrew Duffy and Tanya Austin listen as he speaks.

## Veterans tell their stories at a Peace Week event on Wednesday.

**By Shawn Gude**

THE DAILY IOWAN

Antiwar sentiments and military criticism flowed freely at a UI Antiwar Committee event with four military veterans on Wednesday night.

Iraq war veteran Andy Duffy summed up his feelings at the end of his speech, delivering a crowd-pleasing, antiwar statement.

"I want you guys to realize that this war isn't just costing us money, it's costing us lives, it's costing men and women's minds, and it's costing the Iraqi people," Duffy said to the crowd of around 50 in the IMU South Lounge. "I want to apologize to the Iraqi people for what we've done, and I hope that we can end this mess soon."

Duffy, who worked as a medic in Iraq and served at the

infamous Abu Ghraib prison, said his medical equipment was poor, the intelligence his unit got usually wasn't reliable, and the Arabic and other training he received was lackluster.

"About the only training we got was to, if we searched somebody and we felt uncomfortable, strike his testicles," he said at the event, which was part of the committee's Peace Week.

And he also told the story of one sergeant who, after abusing a detainee at Abu Ghraib, said, "You can't spell abuse without Abu."

The other speakers had harsh words for the military as well, including Nathan Peld, a nuclear-electrician technician who slammed the Army's poor working environment.

And Jason Munford, an Air Force veteran, told of the lengthy process of attempting to

conscientiously object to being deployed to Iraq.

When he learned of the story of a young Iraqi girl being killed from machine gun fire from a Humvee after a commander had determined her as a possible threat, Munford had second thoughts about his ability to perform military duties.

The veteran then began pursuing the conscientious-objector process — which, he said, is extremely difficult, lengthy, and unfair.

Munford first went through several stages — interviews, a rebuttal of an assessment, another interview. He finally persuaded one official enough to get out of the service.

But the Air Force veteran made it clear that he was fortunate to obtain his discharge.

"An 18-year-old just out of high school, their chances of

beating a Harvard law-school graduate in an exchange of rhetorical banter?" said Munford, referring to the individual who wrote the aforementioned assessment against him. "Not gonna happen. The process is so difficult."

Tanya Austin, who worked in military intelligence from 2002 to 2004, focused on the veterans' health-care problems.

Austin, who couldn't speak about specific experiences in Iraq because of security issues, told the stories of being given "Ranger candy" — ibuprofen — for a blown-out knee, extended waits to get into the Veterans Administration health-care system, and understaffed, underfunded veterans' hospitals.

"I wish this was an isolated case," she said.

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## METRO

## Man charged with sex abuse

A Coralville man is accused of having nonconsensual sexual intercourse with a person who was "highly intoxicated" Jan. 21, authorities said.

Javan Geneva, 43, was charged March 17 with third-degree sexual abuse. He was arrested and taken to Johnson County Jail March 25. As of Wednesday, Geneva was still being held at Johnson County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.

According to reports, Geneva's victim "consumed copious amounts of alcohol at a bar in Iowa City." The victim then left the bar and "passed out" in a restaurant bathroom where Geneva worked.

When the restaurant closed and the victim was still in the bathroom, Geneva took the victim to his residence and "had sexual intercourse without the victim's knowledge or consent," reports show.

Geneva told authorities the sex act was consensual, reports show.

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

— by Kurtis Hiatt

## Sueppel embezzlement case still open

Despite Steven Sueppel's apparent suicide and killing of his wife and four children this week, the federal

embezzlement case against the former Hills Bank vice president is not yet closed.

Police say Sueppel used blunt force to kill his family either on Easter night or Monday morning before killing himself by crashing the family minivan into a post on Interstate 80.

A federal grand jury indicted him on Feb. 12 and charged him with one count of embezzlement and six counts of money laundering.

Mike Bladel, the law-enforcement coordinator for the Iowa Southern District U.S. Attorney's Office, said Sueppel's federal case is still open.

"We would make a motion to dismiss once we are officially notified, and we anticipate that will come through the form of a death certificate," he said.

Authorities confirmed on Wednesday that Sueppel died from blunt-force-trauma injuries he received in the car crash.

Bladel said even if the case were to be dismissed, it could eventually turn civil. He said his department would have an obligation to evaluate all the circumstances and the "possibility of a civil process."

He said Hills Bank would have the ability to address the matter of Sueppel's estate.

Over a period of seven years, Sueppel is suspected to have stolen nearly \$560,000. He pleaded not guilty to the charges on Feb. 20, and his trial was set to begin on April 21.

— by Olivia Moran

## UIHC shows off new ER

The UI Hospitals and Clinics held an open house for its new Emergency Treatment Center Wednesday afternoon.

Total expansion — an estimated \$30 million project that triples the current space — will not be complete until 2009. But the clinical area is set to open April 2, said Andrew Nugent, a UI clinical associate professor of emergency medicine.

Patient volume in the UIHC emergency room has swelled in the last few years. There could be between 42,000-45,000 visits this year, Nugent said, and that figure could soar to around 60,000 in the next five years.

The ER was originally built to hold around 20,000 patients each year. It is one of Iowa's two level-one trauma centers, and it receives patients from across the state.

The new clinical area has an additional 11 rooms for a total of 35, and they are now all private, doing away with traditional curtain dividers, Nugent said.

Officials hope to essentially eliminate any waiting time with the expansion. Current patients wait an average of 15-20 minutes, Nugent said, up to an hour on weekends.

He added that warmer weather typically brings an influx of trauma cases.

The project began in 2005.

Construction is yet to wrap up on

spaces for administration and X-ray and CT scans.

— by Zhi Xiong

## Man pleads not guilty in fake-ID case

An Iowa City man charged with 12 counts of making fake IDs pleaded not guilty Wednesday.

Anders Haig, 20, was arrested on Feb. 6 and charged with making fake driver's licenses mimicking those in Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Arizona, and Pennsylvania. Haig was originally charged with only eight counts, but he has since garnered four more of the same charges, online court records show. He was also charged with a controlled-substance violation, to which he pleaded not guilty on March 4.

Police executed a search warrant on Nov. 15, 2007, at Haig's home and confiscated his laptop, identification-card printers, a lamination machine, and 10 card-making materials, reports show. Police reported that the IDs depicted the legal drinking age, many of which displaying a birth date in 1986.

If convicted on all 12 counts of making fake IDs, Haig faces up to nearly a year in jail and up to \$6,000 in fines.

His controlled-substance violation is a Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. He is set to attend a jury trial for the charge on June 2.

— by Olivia Moran

## STATE

## Iowa metro areas show population gains

DES MOINES (AP) — Most of Iowa's metropolitan areas saw gains in population since 2000, according

to U.S. Census numbers released today.

The largest growth was seen in the Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, and Iowa City areas. Iowa City's population grew from 131,676 on July 1, 2000 to 147,038 on July 1, 2007.

While most of the state's metropolitan areas saw growth, a few remained stagnant or even lost population.

The Quad Cities area, which includes Rock Island and Moline, Ill., saw growth from July 1, 2005,

to July 1, 2007, after several years of declines.

The Sioux City and Waterloo-Cedar Falls areas were down in 2007 from 2000, despite seeing small growth over the past two years, the census figures showed.

## CORRECTION

In the March 25 article

"Reflections on the Iraq War," the *DI*/

inaccurately reported the time of the

Antiwar Committee presentation by

Andy Duffy and Jason Munford. The

two veterans actually spoke

Wednesday evening. The *DI* regrets the error.

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2. 911 audio and transcripts in Sueppel deaths
3. Police: Sueppels died of blunt-force trauma
4. Funeral services set for Sueppels
5. Hawks again rule the mats

## POLICE BLOTER

**Sean Carney**, 19, 319 Slater, was charged Wednesday with second-offense public intoxication.

**Thomas Dugan**, 26, Perry, Iowa, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

**Gabriel Hogan**, 33, 340 Palomino Court, was charged March 16 with simple assault.

**Van Holmgren**, 25, 1000 Oakcrest Apt. 203, was charged Wednesday

with OWI.

**Devonne Lenzie**, 36, 924 Hudson Ave., was charged March 3 with drug-tax stamp violation and possession of marijuana.

**Jason Metcalf**, 19, 5421 Daum, was charged Tuesday with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Heather Weber**, 22, 52 Olive Court, was charged Wednesday with OWI.

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# Report: Sueppel killed family

**INVESTIGATION**  
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But examiners said Wednesday that carbon-monoxide poisoning and asphyxiation did not contribute to the deaths.

Now, authorities are "wrapping up loose ends" in their investigation, Kelsay said, adding officers are no longer holding the crime scene at the Sueppels' home, 629 Barrington Road. They have not, however, finished looking at the Sueppels' minivan. He

said he didn't know when authorities would close the investigation.

Authorities have pieced together a general sequence of events — though exact times are largely unknown — through voice-mail messages and a lengthy, handwritten letter Steven Sueppel left for family on a kitchen table:

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.

That failed, and the children were then killed separately in bedrooms and a "toy room" in the house. Officers who entered the home at 6:45 a.m. Monday found the bodies.

After the killings, Steven Sueppel drove to the Iowa River at Lower City Park to try to drown himself but was "not able to sink," authorities have learned.

At 6:31 a.m. Monday, Steven Sueppel called 911 to tell authorities to "go... immediately"

to his home before disconnecting. By 6:37 a.m., according to an Iowa State Patrol crash report, Steven Sueppel slammed his minivan into a sign post on I-80.

Between Sunday and Monday, he also left numerous short voice mails at Meardon, Sueppel, & Downter — a law firm at which Sueppel's father and brother work — his former employer, Hills Bank & Trust, and his home between 11:30 p.m. Sunday and 4:01 a.m. Monday.

In a call to the law firm,

Steven Sueppel said his family was "in heaven."

Police said Sueppel apologized many times in his messages, voicing despair about his legal troubles and embarrassment of losing his job as a vice president at Hills Bank & Trust.

Sueppel had been 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. While he pleaded

not guilty to the charges, he also allegedly admitted to stealing \$219,000, using most of it to buy cocaine, an investigator has reported.

Funeral services for all six Sueppels are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 302 E. Jefferson St. A vigil service is scheduled at the same church at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Friends can call after 3 p.m. on that day.

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'She was always there to talk to; she was very caring.'

'She was a very sweet lady, very patient. She didn't deserve this.'

— Jodie Schreiber,  
former student

## Ex-students recall teacher

**SUEPPEL**

CONTINUED FROM 1A

"She was always there to talk to; she was very caring," Winckler said, noting that Sueppel also took her out to lunch after the family tragedy.

Winckler, now majoring in elementary education at the University of Northern Iowa, said Sueppel affected her decision to become an educator.

"What she did for me, I want to do for kids, too," she said.

Outside of the classroom, Sueppel was a mother to four children, all adopted from South Korea. Winckler said staff at Sueppel's school threw parties to welcome the children to Iowa City and the Sueppel family.

In addition to teaching at Penn, Sueppel, a City High and UI graduate, taught at Wickham Elementary during her 10 years with the Iowa City School District.

Students said Sueppel was a devoted teacher, who looked for the best in each student.

"When [the girl who became] my best friend Sarah first came to Penn as a student, Mrs. Sueppel had me help her and show her around," former student Jodie Schreiber said. "She pretty much introduced me to my best friend."

Schreiber noted that Sueppel often helped her with schoolwork Schreiber struggled to complete.

"She was a very sweet lady, very patient," she said. "She didn't deserve this."

Winckler said the news of Sueppel's death left her "shocked" and "very tearful."

She created a Facebook group for Sueppel's past students — a place she said they can share their memories and sorrows with others now living across the country.

"It hurt a lot knowing that she was there for me in my time of need, and not only can I not be there for her in her time of need, not even her family can," she said. "It was unbelievable."

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## Shuttle Endeavour returns

The shuttle makes a rare nighttime landing after a brief weather delay.

By Marcia Dunn  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Endeavour and its crew of seven returned to Earth on Wednesday, making a rare nighttime touchdown to wrap up "a two-week adventure" at the international space station.

The shuttle swooped through the darkness and landed on NASA's illuminated runway at 8:39 p.m., an hour after sunset.

"Welcome home, Endeavour," Mission Control radioed. "Congrats to the entire crew."

Replied Endeavour's commander, Dominic Gorie: "It was a super-rewarding mission, exciting from the start to the ending."

The shuttle's homecoming was a bit delayed.

Endeavour was supposed to land before sunset, but at virtually the last minute, clouds moved in. As the astronauts took an extra swing around the planet, the sky cleared enough to satisfy flight controllers and — after asking Gorie for his opinion — they gave him the green light to head home.

It was only the 22nd space shuttle landing in darkness. Fewer than one-fifth of all missions have ended at nighttime; the last one was in 2006.

Endeavour blasted off March 11 — also in darkness — on an ambitious, intense space-station construction mission that had even its commander wondering at times how everything would go.

In the end, Gorie and his multinational crew accomplished everything they set out to do during their voyage, which spanned 16 days and 6.5 million miles. The astronauts installed the first piece of Japan's Kibo lab, put together a giant Canadian robot named Dextre, tested a shuttle repair technique, and more.

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said he told Gorie after touchdown that "he had really flown two missions in one for us."

"I can't imagine that the mission could have gone any better, and they made it look easy," Griffin said.

The space station is now 70 percent complete, thanks to the

latest additions, with a mass of nearly 600,000 pounds.

Ten more shuttle flights to the space station — spread over the next two years — will round out the numbers. NASA hopes to have its share of the orbiting outpost finished in 2010 and its three shuttles retired, so it can focus on human expeditions to the moon.

"This has been a two-week adventure," said Gorie's copilot, Gregory Johnson, before landing. "It's been a pleasure and an honor to be on it."

Discovery is scheduled to fly to the space station in late May, carrying up Japan's enormous Kibo lab. The fuel tank for that mission arrived at Kennedy Space Center on Wednesday, later than planned, and Griffin said that almost certainly will mean a launch delay of at least a few days.

Subsequent fuel tanks also could get backed up because of all the design changes necessitated by the 2003 Columbia disaster.

NASA expects to have a better idea in another month

whether it can keep the year's launches on track. Space shuttles are supposed to soar four more times in 2008, which would mean six missions for the year, a flight rate not seen since 2001.

Up on the space station, meanwhile, the three occupants are gearing up for next week's arrival of the European Space Agency's supply ship, Jules Verne. The unmanned cargo carrier — the first of its kind — rocketed away from French Guiana this month with a load of food, water, and clothes.

Less than a week after that, on April 8, the Russians will launch a fresh space-station crew from Kazakhstan.

NASA couldn't be more pleased with this space station traffic jam.

Returning aboard Endeavour was French Air Force Gen. Leopold Eyharts, who spent 1 1/2 months aboard the space station, and Japanese astronaut Takao Doi, who accompanied his country's space station contribution to orbit.

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"When they get to the bottom of the royalty agreements, they'll find they were totally legal and without any issues," said John Callaghan, who is listed for consulting, product design and evaluation, and professional education and training among other services for DePuy Orthopaedics, a Johnson & Johnson company.

Callaghan cowrote a paper, "The Orthopaedic Profession and the Industry Partnership," published April 2007, in which he detailed the evolution of the relationship.

It began in the 1960s with the development of modern orthopedic implant surgery, when scientists sought industry to provide materials they needed to make artificial parts.

"It would be difficult for manufacturers to design the most appropriate and best prosthesis for patients without input from people with the most knowledge — the people who put them in," Callaghan said.

Besides DePuy Orthopaedics, Zimmer Holdings, Smith & Nephew, Biomet, and Stryker reportedly paid a total of \$310 million in settlements with the government. Zimmer posted on its website that the group entered a deferred-prosecution agreement — somewhat similar to probation — with the

government. No charges were filed against Stryker.

With surgeons receiving travel funds, gifts, and research grants — which Zimmer considers "payments" — the *New York Times* reported it is difficult to determine which deals are truly illegal among loads of other contracts, such as rewards for intellectual property.

"It's not real clear if there's anything inappropriate," said Martin Diaz, a local attorney who has worked on health-related cases. "I'm not sure how that's different from a pharmaceutical representative going to a doctor's office and saying, 'Here, use Zoloft.'

Diaz said another concern is whether physicians who work for state-funded universities can enter such arrangements.

"For UI doctors, who gets the money?" he said. "I presume the UI made some sort of arrangement rather than simply putting some other product into their patients."

Faculty who do outside consulting face two main issues: conflict of interest and conflict of commitment. The former deals with ethics, while the latter concerns use of time.

According to the UI Operations Manual, a conflict of interest could arise if a university employee has financial or personal rewards at stake that could compromise professional judgment or integrity.

A conflict of commitment questions whether employees' outside activities take them away from their work and obligations to the school.

Diaz questioned if UI scientists can work on products for industry using university labs and facilities. According to the operations manual, if the employee does not report such activities and pay the university for such use, he or she has broken UI regulations and state law.

Callaghan said his work with DePuy Orthopaedics does not violate conflict of interest nor conflict of commitment policies.

Rather than use UI facilities for product research, he talks on the phone, looks at sketches, and sometimes give talks for the company. He takes vacation time when he is working for the company.

Callaghan said he started the industry-surgeon relationship paper partly because of negative public sentiment toward pharmaceutical gift-giving.

"It can be disturbing if the public is acting like everyone involved is taking bribes," he said. "It's been hard for people who had been involved with research."

Most states still do not limit the dollar amount of gifts physicians can receive.

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# Loh named provost



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan

Wallace Loh listens to a question during public symposium held in the Old Capitol on March 13. On Wednesday, UI President Sally Mason announced that Loh will become the UI's new provost and executive vice president.

## LOH

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University of Colorado, and the dean of the University of Washington Law School.

Since arriving at Seattle University in 1999, the school has seen a 60 percent increase in faculty and the doubling in the number of women and minority faculty, the development of new majors and other programs, and \$8 million in gifts and grants.

"Given his knowledge base, his vision, and his experience, he will get off to a very fast start," Mason said.

Loh said he is looking forward to working with her and the UI vice presidents and deans as a team. He also called Mason an "inspirational leader" who "walks the walk."

and doesn't just "talk the talk."

"I hope to work with President Mason and to take [the UI] to the next level of greatness," Loh said.

Although this will be Loh's first job in Iowa, it isn't his first academic experience here. When Loh arrived in the United States when he was 15, he started college at Iowa Wesleyan College and then transferred to Grinnell College, graduating in 1965.

"Four of my most transformative years were spent [in Iowa]," Loh said. "I'm committed to staying in Iowa as long as people want me."

Michael O'Hara, a co-chairman of the provost-search committee and UI psychology professor, said Mason made an excellent choice and Loh had a lot of support within the committee.

"He's a very experienced

administrator and relates well to faculty, students, and staff," O'Hara said.

UI interim Provost Lola Lopes also applauded Loh for his connections to different constituencies across campus and said she hopes he will continue encouraging deans and various colleges to work together.

Loh said he has many specific things he is interested in at the UI including undergraduate education — a passion of his — and the health sciences — "a crown jewel of Iowa." He also thinks the UI should assist the Iowa City area and its surrounding as well.

"The university should give back to the community that supports it," Loh said.

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# A pattern of sorts

Mass slayings are incredibly rare, but if there is a pattern, it follows that of the Sueppel family.

**By Terry McCoy**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

More than half of all the mass killings in Iowa since the early 1930s follow the same pattern: A man or a woman kills his or her spouse and then turns on the children, dispatching them one by one.

This was the case with the Sueppel family early Monday morning and 10 different episodes across the state since 1933. Overall, mass slayings are exceedingly rare, psychiatrists say, but when they do occur, chances are better than not the killer will be a mother or father and the victims their immediate families.

So the question persists, why is the pattern so common?

"People who are sufficiently depressed feel there is nothing left for them," said UI psychiatry Professor Donald Black, who has studied psychological illnesses such as depression since 1986. "Everything they've ever achieved or wanted has gone up in flames. They think things are so bad for them, it's true for

their family as well, and they might as well all go together."

People who commit these slayings usually suffer some sort of immense public embarrassment and often impose a choice, albeit an irrational one, on themselves, Black said. Is my family better off dead or alive and left to suffer from public shame?

"It reflects a very distorted view of the future," said Michael O'Hara, a UI professor of psychology.

Though contradictory, Black said, many of these episodes can ultimately be tied to religion. Christian doctrine may explicitly forbid killing — and for Catholics, suicide as well — but such killers are frequently Christian white males.

According to these religious teachings, "they wouldn't get to heaven," Black said. "It's just part of the irrational person who sees his life as completely bleak and hopeless. So an after-life may seem preferable."

Black said, however, that individuals such as Sueppel are more often white just because

whites so heavily outnumber other ethnicities in Iowa.

When someone becomes incredibly depressed, Black said, the person devolves into a me-first, me-only personality. They can't see past their own sadness and have difficulty perceiving how others could carry on if they cannot.

"They think, 'I can't picture my family living without me,'" he said. "That's the nature of that illness, that you become self-absorbed and fully focused on your own problems and not others."

Of course, these killings are almost impossible to predict, Black said. But if there are signs to be watched out for, it's whether public person has been humiliated and then becomes deeply depressed.

"There's no way," he said. "Someone who is mentally ill, suffering from depression, a white male; we've just described a quarter of the population. Those sort of things don't help."

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# Bills let sunshine in

**By Briana Byrd**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

If you're feeling left out when it comes to local and state government, those feelings could change if two new "sunshine" bills are passed.

The open-meetings and open-records bills would increase the fines for violating freedom of information laws, give a five-day deadline for public officials to respond to open-records requests, and require that the names of top job finalists be released before the decision is made.

"The goal is for there to be more open meetings to provide sunshine in what happens in government," said Rep. David Jacoby, D-Coralville. "I don't like that it's the state government telling the local government what to do, because we at the state level are not adhering to the same principles."

Johnson County Supervisor Terrence Neuuzil agreed, adding that what the Legislature needed to do was "practice what it preaches."

"I used to work in the Iowa Legislature and cannot believe how many deals are being made behind closed doors," he said. "Government is open and for the people. When they go and strategize and call it a caucus, it means they are making

decisions behind closed doors."

The number of Iowa public records and open meetings complaints rose from 169 to 282 in four years, according to the 2006 Iowa Ombudsman Report.

Because of this increase in complaints and an attempt to better enforce the law, the two bills were formed, said Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City.

"There have been some concerns over the last couple of years — the law was violated usually unintentionally — but it underscores the need for education on openness and enforcement of the law," she said in an e-mail. "Hopefully, the legislation being proposed will help us get there."

A national study, recently conducted by the National Freedom of Information Coalition, gave Iowa and 37 other states failing marks for their response time, appeals, expedited review, fees, and sanctions.

"We looked at other states and the models they have for sunshine laws and tried to come up with something that would work in Iowa," Lensing said.

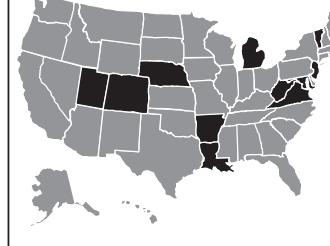
Neuuzil said the very first correspondence he received after being elected was not a letter of congratulations but one about the open-meeting laws. He said

## Grading states

A recent evaluation gave an "F" to 38 states on their responsiveness to freedom of information requests. Only two states, Nebraska and New Jersey, scored high enough for a "B."

### Failing States

- scoring "F"
- scoring between "D" and "B"



Source: BGA/NFOIC survey

Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan  
he and the other county supervisors take the rule very seriously.

"It has really instilled in county government how sure we are that the decisions we make are open to the public," Neuuzil said.

Despite the study's results, he said, as a government official, he and the other supervisors were "willing and able" to give out information upon request.

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# Student pilot survives crash, night on mountain

**By Matthew Brown**  
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BILLINGS, Mont. — A student pilot whose plane crashed into a mountainside survived a freezing night huddled in the tail of the wrecked aircraft and wrapped in emergency blankets, then hiked a

mile through waist-deep snow wearing only shorts to meet rescuers Wednesday.

The Rocky Mountain College freshman was on a solo training flight to Powell, Wyo., when his small plane crashed into a forested slope on Big Pryor Mountain after taking off from Billings late Tuesday.

Andrew Scheffer, 18, apparently veered off course and hit near the top of the mountain around 40 miles south of Billings, authorities said.

When he met up with rescuers around 11:30 a.m., Scheffer was suffering from hypothermia.

"He ended up hiking quite a

ways in his shorts and tennis shoes, in waist-high snow. He was very cold and cut up by the time we found a place to land and could hike into him," said Jon Trapp, assistant coordinator of Carbon County Search and Rescue.

He was taken to St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, where he

was in serious condition. He declined requests to talk to reporters.

Scheffer had stayed with the 2006 Piper through the night, Trapp said. With overnight temperatures dropping close to zero, Scheffer wrapped himself in an orange tarp to keep warm and also

wore a jacket and wool cap.

The next morning, he climbed to the top of a nearby ridge and used a cell phone to contact his flight instructor to report he had survived the crash, authorities said. That call was made at about 8:30 a.m., almost 12 hours after Scheffer left Billings.

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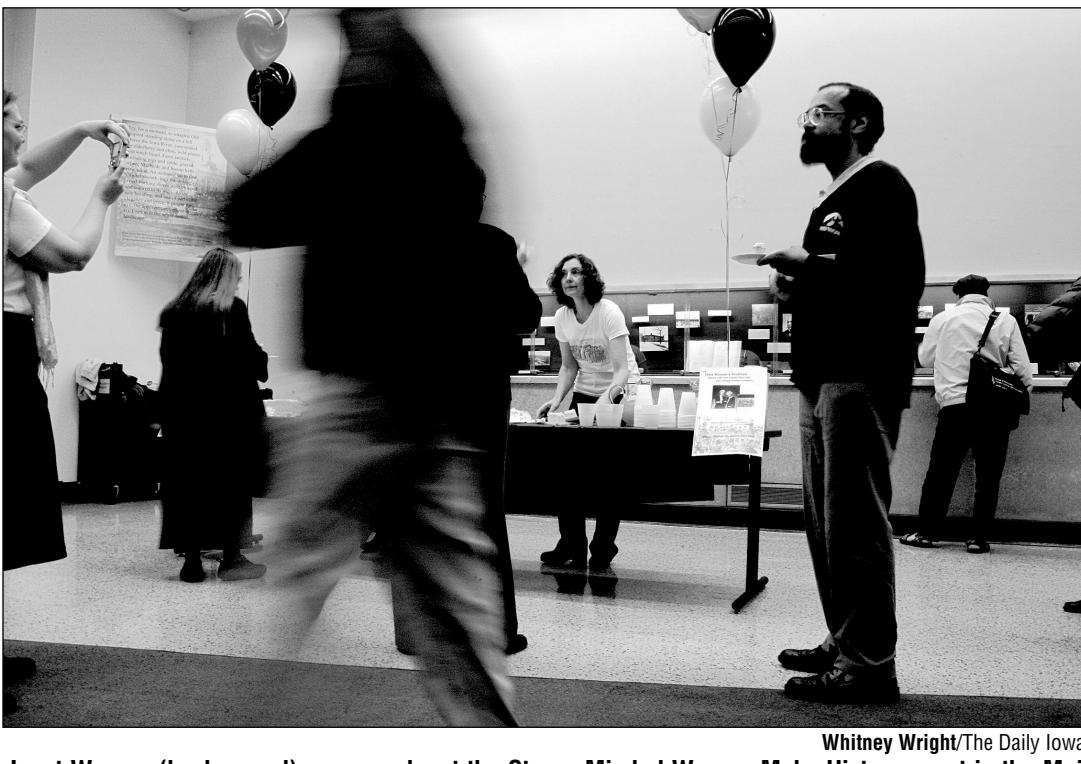


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News

# Women's archive goes online



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Janet Weaver (background) serves cake at the Strong Minded Women Make History event in the Main Library's North Exhibition Hall on Wednesday.

The digital version of the collection has 1,400 items.

**By Carla Keppler**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

As Iowa Women's History Month comes to close, the Iowa Women's Archives and the UI Digital Library celebrated by launching an online version of the collection.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the archive — an array of more than 900 images, written documents, and oral histories that chronicle the lives of Iowa women. Works date back to the 19th century.

The digital version of the collection provides access to 1,400 items and allows users to sift through material by subject, time period, and document type.

Regular updates to the library will uphold the material as a reliable source of information for instructors and students.

Two UI professors and archive enthusiasts attending Wednesday's event plan to use

online access to further aid classroom instruction and research.

Professor Susan Birrell, who teaches courses on women's studies, health and sport studies, and American studies, said she expects that the transition to the web will reel in a number of graduate students who need reliable research tools.

Leslie Schwalm, a UI associate professor of history, agreed.

"It's very rare for an institution to have access to a women's archive," she said. "This isn't just getting the word out to our students — it's a very wide audience. It's marvelous to have hands-on access to this material."

Jen Wolfe, a metadata librarian at the digital library, said the documents and images accurately piece together the history of women in the state — a history, she said, that is too often placed on the back burner.

"A lot of times, published history focuses on the white-male

history," she said. "The archive is trying to balance that to make sure the female story gets preserved."

Karen Mason, the curator of the archive, said few are aware of the stories behind many remarkable women in Iowa, and she likes the move to online to put those stories on the map and keep pushing women forward in society.

"Young females growing up today think it's all accomplished. Sometimes when we stop fighting, we lose some of the gains we've made," she said. "It's really important that we not go backwards and lose what we've gained over the years."

Those involved with the project hope that the expansion will be a gateway to women's history by acting as a source of information beyond textbook learning.

"It's great that we can recognize these women," Mason said. "They had such a vision."

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## Survey to change dorms

University Housing will implement changes in response to a fall 2007 student survey.

**By Lauren Sieben**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

University Housing, which conducts an annual survey to measure student satisfaction, will implement a number of changes in the residence and dining halls in the next few years in response to the results.

Kate Fitzgerald, the assistant director of Residence Life, said that by the fall, University Housing plans to adopt a quiet policy in all dorms from midnight until 6 or 7 a.m., provide students with instruction on how to address roommate conflicts, provide tutoring services, expand wireless networks in public lounges, and increase the number of vegan, vegetarian, and organic options in the dining halls.

"Overall, we've ranked really high," she said. "Every year, we're above the national norm for student satisfaction, but that doesn't mean we don't want to continue to get better." Overall, 80 percent of students living in the UI residence halls would recommend living in the facilities to new students.

University Housing administered the fall 2007 survey, to which more than 50 percent of the 5,600 students living in the dorms responded, and survey highlights and statistics were e-mailed to University Housing residents Monday in the "Transition Times" newsletter.

Fitzgerald said housing officials are considering extending evening hours in the Burge and Hillcrest Marketplaces and posting nutritional information in the dining halls.

UI sophomore Doug Buchan

### UI resident-satisfaction survey highlights

- Four out of five students would recommend living in the residence halls to new students.
- More than 43 percent of residents would accept an increase in room rates to improve recycling services in the residence halls.
- More than 51 percent of residents would prefer to have *The Daily Iowan* delivered to a public area instead of to their door.
- 91.3 percent said they were satisfied with the attitude of the cleaning staff.
- 89.3 percent said they were satisfied with how safe they feel in the residence halls.
- 85.1 percent said they were satisfied with their resident assistants regarding rules and regulations.

Source: University Housing "Transition Times" newsletter

said he is not as concerned with dining hall hours of operations as he is with "allowing students to eat at a more reasonable time and having a wider variety of food available to them."

Buchan started the Facebook group "Official Petition to Improve Burge Marketplace" on March 13.

"I think the hours [at Burge] are reasonable as they stand," he said. "The issue really is that it doesn't actually serve food throughout its entire hours. The website says 'continuous service,' but it doesn't actually serve hot food that whole time."

Buchan said that his goal is

to push the Burge Marketplace to "use its resources more wisely and manage the facility better."

The marketplace is one of the primary reasons he will move out of the dorms and into an apartment in the fall, he said.

UI freshman Alicia Cady, who plans to return to the dorms in the fall, said she is content with the dining halls but would like to see healthy menu options advertised more often.

The survey results also reported that more than 43 percent of residents would accept an increase in room rates to improve recycling services in the residence halls, but Cady said she would prefer a free, student-run program rather than increased room rates.

"I don't think a lot of people realize [the recycling program] is there," she said. "I think if it's advertised more than it is now, it would be fine."

Fitzgerald said implementing a University Housing recycling program would be a "costly endeavor" and that 43 percent of students are not enough support to increase room rates.

University Housing is also considering a roommate-matching program, which could be available as early as the spring of 2009.

"The way I describe it is kind of like going onto a controlled Facebook, looking at people, contacting them, talking about your differences, and then you'd send in the contract to say you want to live together," Fitzgerald said.

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# Lawmakers look to toughen alcohol liability

Looking to 'send a message' to those who provide minors with alcohol, lawmakers look at expanding liability laws.

**By Shawn Gude**

THE DAILY IOWAN

House parties with underage drinkers are the target of current legislation with widespread support in the Iowa Legislature.

If the proposed law is passed and signed, individuals who supply alcohol to those under 21 would be liable for injuries caused by such an intoxicated underage person.

The law widens those liable for injuries — under current law, only someone who physically hands alcohol to a minor is responsible.

But the effect on Iowa City could be small, Rep. David Jacoby, D-Coralville, said.

Although he said it sounds like a "very good concept," whether it would actually affect the distribution of alcohol to minors or if it just "muddies the water" of liability is difficult to gauge.

Jacoby said he'll have to take a "serious look" at the bill, first answering the most important question: whether the state will be able to effectively implement such a policy.

Sen. Frank Wood, D-Eldridge, originally brought the bill to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Keith Kreiman, D-Bloomfield, after two of his constituents lobbied for such a bill. The constituents, a father and mother who lost their daughter in November 2007 in an accident involving a drunk driver, were adamant about holding adults responsible for those intoxicated on their property.

Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, acknowledged the difficulty of enforcing the law and deterring those who supply minors with a bottle of Bud Light or a shot of Johnny Walker, saying that the bill may not catch the most "egregious" offenders.

Still, he said, it's essential to at least have a law on the books, even if it doesn't prevent or deter all offenders.

"It just sends a message," said Dvorsky, who sits on the Senate Judicial Committee, which originally approved the legislation. "This will just provide a warning."

He also pointed out the difficulty of proving intent. The bill states that individuals are liable only if "they deliberately and knowingly make available a receptacle containing beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor to an underage person," a provision that provides wiggle room for alleged offenders and makes it more difficult to enforce.

Still, judging by the bipartisan unanimous support the measure garnered in the Senate, the proposal has a good shot of getting approved in the House.

## Liability laws

If passed, here's how Iowa law would change under SF 2343.

**Current law:** Those who physically give a minor alcohol are liable for injuries the intoxicated person may inflict on another person.

**After the bill:** An individual wouldn't have to be present in order to be liable. For example, if someone throws a house party with the knowledge that minors are drinking, he or she could be liable for an intoxicated underage person's actions.

Source: Iowa Legislature

Passed last week in the Senate 43-0, SF 2343 is now in a House Judiciary subcommittee.

In order to survive the second funnel-week deadline Friday, the bill must be passed out of committee.

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## Editorial

### Vicious gossip cesspool can't be censored

The Internet is much like the Amazon rain forest — impossibly vast stretches of wilderness, full of incredible wonder. But these same uncontrolled tracts are also equally packed with venomous and powerful danger.

Juicycampus.com doesn't quite fit into this analogy. Deadly creatures of the jungle have our respect, and they are a part of nature and worthy of our conservation efforts. Juicycampus.com is savage, toxic, and untamed, but it conjures up different images. Rather than a panther, or a snake, the website resembles something less natural, like an oil slick, a garbage dump, or a cloud of thick gray smog. It is pollution of the Internet.

Juicycampus.com allows people who wish to anonymously post whatever comments they choose, without consequences. College students go onto their respective school's page on the website and talk about anything (or anybody) they want. Luckily, Iowa doesn't yet have a page. Juicycampus.com calls itself a gossip website and uses the slogan "Always anonymous, always juicy." The term libel seems more apt than gossip, however, judged by even a brief overview of the site. It's used primarily by scorned exes, jealous roommates, and vengeful students who've been cheated on, but it's also home to the homophobic, racist, and just plain disgusting. One post asks why black students at the University of Illinois walk slowly on the sidewalks, and another makes a joke about Jews. Another asks which students of a particular ethnic group are better in bed. Yet another complains "minorities should stay in their own frats. We have too many as it is." One post is titled with a student's name

and contains a link to a picture that shows a woman (implied to be the named student) having sex on a stage in Cancún, Mexico, while surrounded by cheering onlookers.

Legislators in New Jersey and California have recently begun action against Juicycampus for possible violations of the Consumer Fraud Act by claiming it does not allow offensive material. This is a legitimate argument, but it's important that any such action does not simply become a means to an end. Laws are laws, and they must be followed, but the government must discriminate between just and unjust actions with better judgment than the members of Juicycampus.com discriminate between acceptable and unacceptable behavior. Administrators of campus Internet networks are equally responsible for not blocking this, or any other, website. Juicycampus would be the beginning of a chain reaction of censorship, a critical hole in the dike.

This putrid, pathetic website has every right to exist. It is the definition of juvenile, home to cowards and sleaze, and represents some of the very worst of what the Internet has to offer. It is, however, free speech in its most perverted and mutated form. "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." How tolerant would we ourselves be if our knee-jerk reaction to this disgusting behavior was to eliminate it out of intolerance for disagreeable conduct? Juicycampus.com is wholly without purpose and does no good but to remind us how human and imperfect we are. By driving us away, it should drive us to be a more tolerant and open society.

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## Commentary

### So what, Mr. Vice President?

For at least six years, as I've become increasingly frustrated by the Bush administration's repeated betrayal of constitutional — and conservative — principles, I have defended Vice President Cheney, a man I've known for decades and with whom I served and made common cause in Congress. No longer.

I do not blame Dick Cheney for George W. Bush's transgressions; the president needs no prompting to wrap himself in the cloak of a modern-day king. Nor do I believe that the vice president so enthusiastically supports the Iraq war out of a loyalty to the oil industry that his former employer serves. By all accounts, Cheney's belief in "the military option" and the principle of president-as-decider predates his affiliation with Halliburton.

What, then, is the straw that causes me to finally consign a man I served with in the House Republican leadership to the category of "those about whom we should be greatly concerned"?

It is Cheney's all-too-revealing conversation this week with ABC News correspondent Martha Raddatz. On March 19, reminded of the public's disapproval of the war in Iraq, now five years old, the vice president shrugged off that fact (and thus, the people themselves) with a one-word answer: "So?"

"So," Mr. Vice President?

Policy, Cheney went on to say, should not be tailored to fit fluctuations in the public attitudes. If there is one thing public attitudes have not been doing, however, it is fluctuating: Resistance to the Bush administration's Iraq policy has been widespread, entrenched, and consistent. Whether public opinion is right or wrong, it is not to be cavalierly dismissed.

I recently had the opportunity to address a group of high-school students visiting Washington with Presidential Classroom, an organization that teaches citizenship and encourages participation in the public sphere. One student asked me what, in my 16 years in Congress, had been my most difficult decision.

It was not a question that required much reflection: In 1990, as chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee and the ranking Republican on the Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on foreign operations, I

played a leading role in gaining congressional authorization for the Persian Gulf War.

The decision to go to war, I told the students — to send young Americans off to battle, knowing that some will die — is the single most difficult choice any public official can be called upon to make. That is precisely why the nation's founders, aware of the deadly wars of Europe, deliberately withheld from the executive branch the power to engage in war unless such action was expressly approved by the people themselves, through their representatives in Congress.

Cheney told Raddatz that American war policy should not be affected by the views of the people. But that is precisely whose views should matter: It is the people who should decide whether the nation shall go to war. That is not a radical, or liberal, or unpatriotic idea. It is the very heart of America's constitutional system.

In Europe, before America's founding, there were rulers and their subjects. The founders decided that in the United States there would be not subjects but citizens. Rulers tell their subjects what to do, but citizens tell their government what to do.

If Cheney believes, as he obviously does, that the war in Iraq is vital to American interests, it is his job, and that of Bush, to make the case with sufficient proof to win the necessary public support.

That is the difference between a strong president (one who leads) and a strong presidency (one in which ultimate power resides in the hands of a single person). Bush is officially America's "head of state," but he is not the head of government; he is the head of one branch of our government, and it's not the branch that decides on war and peace.

When the vice president dismisses public opposition to war with a simple "So," he violates the single most important element in the American system of government: Here, the people rule.

Mickey Edwards

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This op-ed appeared in Wednesday's *Washington Post*.

## On the Spot

Do you want Juicycampus.com to have an Iowa page?

"I couldn't care less. I wouldn't look at it."

Sherrie Elzey  
UI graduate student

"It's not a good thing, but you can't prevent people from doing it."

Ryan Potter  
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"No. It's just another way for people to get revenge."

Emily Christensen  
UI freshman

"If students want it, but I wouldn't participate in it."

Gregory Lockwood  
UI freshman

# Menstrual shows

Ladies, I'm done. This is my resignation. I'm defecting from the female sex. No more ladies' night, no more baby showers, and thank God — no more bridesmaid dresses. I've never been very good at the "girly" things anyway, but after some traumatic channel surfing Monday night, I'm ready to turn in my girl card. I don't want to be a woman anymore after watching the female behavior on ABC's hit television show "The Bachelor."

It's no secret that I've never really fit into girl culture anyway. I can't understand how women walk in those shoes, and an eyelash curler reminds me of a medieval torture device.

Women bake their bodies in tanning beds, starve themselves, and walk on tiptoes to make themselves more attractive. They enhance their appearance with fake nails, fake eyelashes, fake boobs ...

KATHLEEN WATSON

and for what? Just for men? That seems to be the message in "The Bachelor." Believe it or not, this is the 12th season of "The Bachelor," and if the premise isn't bad enough, the title is even worse. I realize this year's bachelor is a Brit, but they could've come up with a better title than "The Bachelor: London Calling." It conjures memories of the old ad campaign, [Ding-Dong] "Avon calling." He should show up in an apron and start peddling Skin-so-Soft; it would be more entertaining than watching women claw each others' eyes out.

I tried to turn away from "London Calling" but I was frozen in disbelief, and it went from bad to worse. I don't know if the women on this show really think they're falling in love with the bloke or if they just want to win. They were nasty, jealous, and catty. Do they understand that they're in a competition and the grand prize is a dude? Maybe they're just trying to break into show business, but they make a horrible spectacle. They attacked one another, stabbed each other in the back, and when one girl was eliminated, she started bawling and talking about how much she misses the real love of her life — her cat.

Wow.

After watching that, I'm convinced that Hillary Rodham Clinton has no chance of being elected president this year. If you don't see the connection there, take a good look at our culture. It would be like having the first African-American president while minstrel shows were at the height of popularity. We have reality shows on which women compete for men, Ellen DeGeneres breaks down in tears on television because they took her dog away, and the whole world gets news briefs every time Lindsay Lohan, Paris Hilton, or Britney Spears flies off the handle. Why should we take women seriously when these are the examples we're surrounded with?

Then of course there's such shows as "Sex and the City," which was applauded because it flipped the sexual double standard. But is this really an example of female empowerment? All they did was talk about boys all day. Other shows, such as "Lipstick Jungle" and "Desperate Housewives" follow in the Manolo Blahnik footsteps of "Sex and the City," featuring smart successful women and the men their lives revolve around.

Successful women are expected to project the perfect balance of femininity and toughness. Too much of one or the other, and they're not taken seriously. It seems to work both ways, though. Hillary's critics are often accused of attacking her simply because she's a woman. Such supporters as Gloria Steinem and Geraldine Ferraro have made comments about the political advantage men have. Perhaps they should take a look at our society and then take another look at their candidate. There are many qualified women who didn't get a career boost because of their husband like Rodham Clinton, or their father like Nancy Pelosi. Steinem and Ferraro seem to overlook this. Like Carrie, Charlotte, Samantha, and Miranda — there's often a man behind the most powerful women. Until women stop playing into the emotional and boy-crazy stereotypes, I don't expect we'll see a female commander in chief. Hillary Rodham Clinton does deserve credit for breaking the barrier as a female presidential contender.

Then again, if it wasn't for President Bill Clinton, we'd all be saying, "Hillary who?" No wonder women compete for men. ■

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# Brass worry about 'thin' military

**By Robert Burns**  
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WASHINGTON — In the confidential confines of a Pentagon conference room known as "the Tank," President Bush moved one step closer to temporarily halting U.S. troop cuts in Iraq.

No decisions were announced at the closed-door session Wednesday, but officials said later that the heads of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps indicated they would go along with a halt.

The chiefs stressed, however, their concerns about the accumulating strains caused by an Iraq war that is now in its sixth year and that has forced the Army and Marine Corps in particular to keep troops in combat longer and on more frequent tours than officials believe can be sustained in the long term.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff also said senior commanders in Iraq should make more frequent assessments of security conditions, an idea that appeared aimed at increasing pressure for more rapid troop reductions.

The chiefs' concern is that U.S. forces are being worn thin, compromising the Pentagon's ability to handle crises elsewhere in the world.

Wednesday's 90-minute session was arranged by Defense Secretary Robert Gates to provide Bush an additional set of military views as he prepares to decide how to proceed in Iraq once his troop buildup, which began in 2007, runs its course by July.

"Armed with all that, the president must now decide the way ahead in Iraq," said a Pentagon press secretary Geoff

Morrell. The discussion covered not only Iraq but Afghanistan, where violence has spiked, and broader military matters, said Morrell, who briefed reporters without giving details of the discussion. Some specifics were provided by Defense officials, commenting on condition of anonymity in order to speak more freely.

The Joint Chiefs are particularly concerned about Afghanistan and an increasingly active Taliban insurgency.

The United States has about 31,000 troops in Afghanistan and 156,000 in Iraq.

U.S. forces in Iraq peaked at 20 brigades last year and are to be cut to 15 brigades, with a total of about 140,000 combat and support troops, by the end of July. A key question facing Bush is whether security conditions will have improved sufficiently by then to justify more reductions.

One of the leading advocates of Bush's troop buildup last year, military historian Frederick Kagan of the American Enterprise Institute, said in an interview Wednesday that security conditions in Iraq, while better, are not good enough to justify any commitment to troop reductions beyond July.

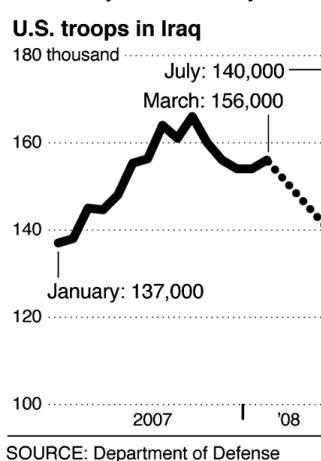
"The military reality is that it's virtually inconceivable that it will make sense to draw down below 15 brigades this year," Kagan said.

Gates has said he would like to see the total drop to 10 brigades by the end of this year, but that now looks unlikely.

Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, has proposed what is commonly called a "pause" to assess the

## Possible troop reductions in Iraq

The number of U.S. forces in Iraq is projected to drop to about 140,000 by the end of July.

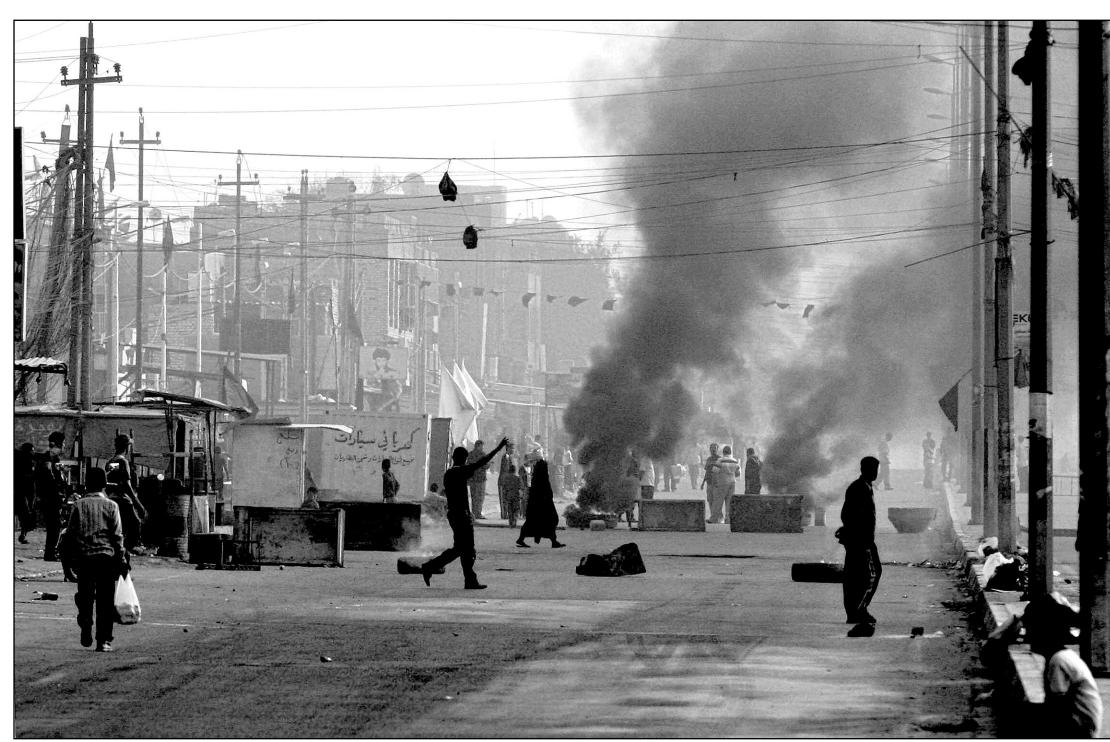


effect of having withdrawn five combat brigades since December. He has argued that it would be reckless to shrink the American force so rapidly that the gains achieved over the past year are compromised or lost entirely.

Bush is expected to endorse Petraeus' approach — probably in a public announcement as early as April 10.

If, as expected, Petraeus is given until August or September to weigh the effects of the current round of reductions, then it is unlikely that the force would get much below 15 brigades by the time Bush leaves office in January.

The Joint Chiefs, who do not command troops but are legally responsible for ensuring the fitness of the forces they provide to commanders, have grown increasingly concerned that the



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Tires are set on fire, and a road is blocked in Sadr City, Baghdad, as Mahdi Army members clash with the Iraqi government forces backed by the U.S. military on Wednesday. Clashes were also reported between Iraqi forces and Mahdi Army in Diwaniyah, south of Baghdad.

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News

# More AK-47s turning up in U.S.

KENNER, La. (AP) — The cake had been served, and the children were jumping up and down in a big inflatable castle when the birthday party turned to bedlam.

Clarence McGraw's jaw dropped as he saw the visitors coming, guns drawn. The screaming began.

Children ran everywhere in the courtyard of the low-income apartment complex; adults fell to the ground. Bullets flew. The killers wounded three youngsters, but for reasons police can't explain, they were after 19-year-old McGraw.

As McGraw lay in the center of the green square, the gunmen stood over him and fired again. He was shot 15 to 20 times in all.

The Sept. 15 killing was remarkable in that it took place in the most innocent of settings — the 5th birthday of twin boys. But it was unremarkable in that one of the guns brandished was an AK-47-type rifle — a powerful, rapid-fire weapon that has long been used in Third World conflicts but is increasingly being used in American street fights.

Figures from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, obtained by the Associated Press through public records requests, show a marked increase in the number of AK-type weapons traced and entered into the agency's computer database because they had been seized or connected to a crime.

The number of such tracings rose even while the federal assault-weapons ban was in effect, and it has continued to climb since its expiration.

Since 1993, the year before the ban took effect, the bureau has recorded a more than seven-fold increase in 7.62x39mm guns — which includes the original Russian-made AK-47 and a variety of copycats from around the world. The number of AK-type guns rose from 1,140 in 1993 to 8,547 last year.

Since 2005, the first full year after the ban's expiration, the bureau has recorded an 11 percent increase in such tracings.

The agency says the increases in the first half of the 1990s are partly the result of wider use of its weapons database by local law-enforcement agencies. But after that point, the numbers reflect a real increase in tracings of AK-type guns, the agency acknowledged.



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Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Officer Carlos Baixaulli holds an AK-47 in Miami on Feb. 29. The AK-47, long a popular weapon in Third World conflicts, is fast becoming the gun of choice for American street fights.

## Paulson: Bear Stearns shows new regulations needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — If big Wall Street investment houses are allowed to run to the Federal Reserve for emergency lending, they must face stepped-up regulation, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson declared Wednesday.

The demise of once-mighty Bear Stearns proves "the world has changed," underscoring a need for the government to adapt, too, he said.

The Bush administration will soon put forth an oversight blueprint in an effort to promote smoother functioning of financial markets, Paulson said in a speech to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The implosion of investment house Bear Stearns and fears that others could be in jeopardy have sent a tremor rippling through trading rooms of Wall Street, the corridors of official Washington, and the living rooms of many Americans. The situation has raised new

questions about whether regulations need to be revamped to better keep up with the world of modern finance and to avert a repeat of the chaos now confronting the country.

Commercial banks, a national financial bedrock, are subject to regulations, including bank examinations and rules for submitting detailed financial information, to help regulators gauge their safety and soundness.

However, the modern U.S. financial system has become a complex web of financial players — institutions and individuals and practices that are subject to widely different rules.

"This latest episode has highlighted that the world has changed as has the role of other nonbank financial institutions and the interconnectedness among all financial institutions," Paulson said. "These changes require us all to think more broadly about the regulatory and supervisory framework that is consistent with the promotion and maintenance of financial stability," he added.

## Prosecutors: Saddam's intelligence agency financed trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors say Saddam Hussein's intelligence agency secretly financed a trip to Iraq for three U.S. lawmakers during the run-up to the U.S.-led invasion.

An indictment in Detroit accuses Muthanna Al-Hanooti of arranging for three members of Congress to travel to Iraq in October 2002 at the behest of Saddam's regime. Prosecutors say Iraqi intelligence officials paid for the trip through an intermediary.

In exchange, Al-Hanooti allegedly received 2 million barrels of Iraqi oil.

The lawmakers are not mentioned but the dates correspond to a trip by Democratic Reps. Jim McDermott of Washington, David Bonior of Michigan, and Mike Thompson of California. There was no indication

the three lawmakers knew the trip was underwritten by Saddam.

## Study: Fat belly in middle age raises risk for dementia decades later

NEW YORK (AP) — Having a big belly in your 40s can boost your risk of getting Alzheimer's disease or other dementia decades later, a new study suggests.

It's not just about your weight. While previous research has found evidence that obesity in middle age raises the chances of developing dementia later, the new work found a separate risk from storing a lot of fat in the abdomen. Even people who weren't overweight were susceptible.

That abdominal fat, sometimes described as making people apple-shaped rather than pear-shaped, has already been linked to higher risk of developing diabetes, stroke, and heart disease.

"Now we can add dementia to that," said study author Rachel Whitmer of the Kaiser Permanente Division of Research in Oakland, Calif.

She and others report the findings in Wednesday's online issue of the journal Neurology.

## McCain renews calls for U.S. to collaborate more

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Republican John McCain on Wednesday called anew for the United States to work more collegially with democratic allies and live up to its duties as a world leader, drawing a sharp contrast to the past eight years under President Bush.

"Our great power does not mean we can do whatever we want whenever we want, nor should we assume we have all the wisdom and knowledge necessary to succeed," the likely presidential nominee said in a speech to the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. "We need to listen to the views and respect the collective will of our democratic allies."

Coming days after his trip to the Middle East and Europe, his speech was intended to signal to leaders abroad — and voters at home — that he would end an era of what critics have called Bush's cowboy diplomacy. McCain never mentioned Bush's name, though he evoked former Democratic Presidents Truman and Kennedy.

It was, in effect, a fresh acknowledgment from the Arizona senator that the United States' standing on the world stage has been tarnished and that the country has an image problem under Bush.

"We know that we have work to do," McCain told reporters later.

## Bush: Tax rebates will lift economy

STERLING, Va. (AP) — President Bush said Wednesday the sagging economy will "come out stronger than ever before" with the help of tax rebates from the recently enacted economic stimulus package.

"I fully recognize that people are concerned about our economy, but they must understand that this package has yet to fully kick in yet," the president said.

He commented after a visit to a printing company, ColorCraft of Virginia.

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San Antonio 97, L.A. Clippers 88

Washington 104, Seattle 99  
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## MLB



### Harden strong as Athletics beat Red Sox for split

TOKYO (AP) — Split two games, get back on a plane. Rich Harden struck out nine over six innings and Emil Brown hit a three-run homer, leading the Oakland Athletics to a 5-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday night in the finale of their season-opening series in Japan.

"Last night we lost a heart-breaker. We won tonight. Now everyone's looking forward to getting back to the Bay Area and recovering," Oakland manager Bob Geren said.

Boston began its World Series title defense by winning Tuesday's opener 6-5 in 10 innings after rallying in the ninth. The Red Sox headed to Los Angeles after Wednesday's game for three more exhibitions against the Dodgers, including one at the Los Angeles Coliseum on Saturday.

"We'll take a step back tomorrow and have an optional workout," manager Terry Francona said. "We tried to do our homework on what to expect from travel. We're not going to talk ourselves into being tired, and we'll do what we need to do to get ready for the next start in Oakland."

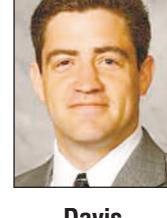
After the New York Yankees went to Japan to start the 2004 season against Tampa Bay, several players said they had trouble adjusting when they got home.

## NCAA

### Keno Davis gets Coach of the Year award

DES MOINES (AP) — Drake men's basketball coach Keno Davis has been named men's basketball Coach of the Year by the *Basketball Times*.

It's the first-year coach's third national award. He had previously been named coach of the year by *The Sporting News* and the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.



Davis  
coach

Davis led Drake to a 28-4 record. The Bulldogs won the Missouri Valley regular-season championship and the conference tournament championship before losing to Western Kentucky in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

## TV TODAY

## MLB

- Preseason, N.Y. Mets vs. Atlanta, at Orlando, Fla., noon, ESPN

- Preseason, Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee, at Mesa, Ariz., 2 p.m., WGN

## NCAA Tournament

- East Regional semifinal, Washington State vs. North Carolina and Tennessee vs. Louisville, at Charlotte, N.C.; West regional semifinal, West Virginia vs. Xavier and UCLA vs. Western Kentucky, at Phoenix, 6 p.m., CBS

- Dallas at Denver, 7:15 p.m., TNT

- Portland at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT

Iowa hopes Wednesday's official start to the spring practice season can help the program get beyond its recent struggles, both on and off the field.

# Hawks spring eternal



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Ricky Stanzi tosses a pass during the team's first spring practice on Wednesday. Stanzi could be in a three-way race with incumbent Jake Christensen and freshman Marvin McNutt to become the team's starting quarterback.

By Charlie Kautz

THE DAILY IOWAN

With the latest off-season legal charges suffocating the normal optimism that comes with the start of spring football, Wednesday's press conference was seemingly the last place Kirk Ferentz could have found a breath of fresh air.

Facing a barrage of questioning related to suspensions, dismissals,

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Check out [dailyiowan.com](#) to hear more from Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz's press conference Wednesday as the Hawkeyes open spring practice in preparation for the upcoming 2008 season.

team conduct, and otherwise stale subjects for the head coach entering his 10th season in Iowa City, Ferentz again emphasized his displeasure with the way things

have transpired off the field in the past 12 months.

"That continues to be disappointing, and I'm getting a little tired of using that word," he said. "It's unfortunate, and it's something we're going to continue to work through. College students are going to make mistakes, but probably the most disappointing thing is when repeated errors are made."

Those repeated errors equated

to an especially long off-season calendar after a demoralizing loss to Western Michigan pushed the Hawkeyes outside the post-season bowl picture for the first time since 2000. The off-field incidents have also prompted Ferentz to consider hiring a new personnel member focused on "player development" who would deal directly with first- and second-year players.

"That is a position we are

looking to create, and it would be a life-skills mentor, for lack of a better term," Ferentz said. "A person who helps pull ideas together. We have endless resources in our community and former players, people in the state, who would be helpful in mentoring our players."

That's not to say it didn't feel good to back on the field for the

SEE SPRING FOOTBALL, 3B

# Hawkeyes throw goose eggs

The Iowa softball team shuts out Northern Illinois in its first two home contests of 2008, 8-0 and 1-0.

By Brendan Stiles

THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa softball team had long anticipated playing its first home game of the season, and it took advantage of a last-minute double-header with Northern Illinois in a big way.

Not only did the Hawkeyes win both games against the Huskies at Pearl Field Wednesday, but they also kept Northern Illinois off the scoreboard in both contests, pitching an 8-0 shutout in Game 1 that ended in six innings because of the eight-run mercy rule in college softball. The Hawkeyes followed that triumph with a 1-0 victory in the second contest.

Both starting pitchers — junior Brittany Weil and sophomore Amanda Zust — pitched complete games for Iowa. Even more impressively, both tossed one-hitters for the Hawkeyes.

"When you throw two one-hitters, that's impressive," coach Gayle Blevins said. "I'm

really pleased with both of their performances and just how focused they both were on the mound, too."

In the first game, Weil had a no-hitter through 5 1/2 innings before it was broken up with a single to right field that was barely beaten out at first by Northern Illinois's Krista McPherson. Weil recorded eight strikeouts, including at least one in each of the six innings.

Offensively, the Hawkeyes scored five runs in the second inning off of five hits and two Huskie errors. In the next inning, junior Quinn Morelock was called to pinch-hit for sophomore Taylor Leichsenring, and belted a 1-0 pitch over the left field fence for a two-run homer that extended the Hawkeye lead, 7-0.

"[Morelock] matched up really well with the pitcher that they had on the field and just did a super job," Blevins said. "Got a quality at-bat, came up, and drove the ball, and that ball was gone as soon



Ariana McLaughlin/The Daily Iowan  
The Iowa softball team starts the second game of Wednesday's double header with a team cheer at Pearl Field. The Hawkeyes team shut out Northern Illinois twice Wednesday, 8-0 and 1-0, and both Iowa pitchers, Brittany Weil and Amanda Zust, tossed one-hitters.

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The home run was the first hit of the season for Morelock, in what was her 13th plate appearance in 2008. She also added a double in the sixth and scored the final run on a triple hit by freshman Chelsey Carmody.

"It was a big weight off of my shoulders," Morelock said. "You just embrace your opportunities

when you get them, and I got my opportunity in the first game and got my hit."

The only hit Zust gave up in Game 2 came in the third inning on a slow-moving infield single. But while a play couldn't be made on that particular ground ball, Zust got plenty of help from her

N. ILLINOIS 5, IOWA 4

# Hawks fall

By Diane Hendrickson

THE DAILY IOWAN

Northern Illinois pitcher Dave Reynolds helped his own cause, going 1-for-3 with a walk and driving in two runs as the Hawkeyes fell to the Huskies, 5-4, at Banks Field on Wednesday.

Playing in an afternoon game after a night contest, Iowa coach Jack Dahm was irritated at his team's sluggish output.

"We were out of our routines," he said about the Hawkeyes' first day game at home. "You could just tell our energy level was down ... This is about the third or fourth time I've seen that."

"We need to learn from that."

Northern Illinois got on the board in the first inning, when

## More on Kenyon's start

Turn to 2B to read more about freshman pitcher Zach Kenyon's performance during his second career start in a Hawkeye uniform Wednesday.

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Tampa Bay	0	0	.000	—
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New York	0	0	.000	—
Baltimore	0	0	.000	—
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
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Wednesday's Games  
Mississippi 81, Virginia Tech 72  
Ohio State 74, Dayton 63  
Semifinals Tuesday, April 1  
At Madison Square Garden New York  
Massachusetts (24-10) vs. Florida (24-11), 6 p.m.  
Mississippi (24-10) vs. Ohio State (22-13), 8 p.m.  
Championship Thursday, April 3  
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

## NCAA TOURNAMENT

EAST REGIONAL  
Regional Semifinals  
At Charlotte Bobcats Arena Charlotte, N.C.  
Today's Games  
Washington State (26-8) vs. North Carolina (34-2), 6:27 p.m.  
Tennessee (26-8) vs. Louisville (26-8), 30 minutes following  
Regional Championship  
At Charlotte Bobcats Arena Charlotte, N.C.  
Saturday, March 29  
Semifinal winners  
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  
Regional Championship  
At Reliant Stadium Houston  
Sunday, March 30  
Semifinal winners  
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  
Regional Championship  
At Ford Field Detroit  
Sunday, March 30  
Semifinal winners  
WEST REGIONAL  
Regional Semifinals  
At US Airways Center Phoenix  
Today's Games  
West Virginia (26-10) vs. Xavier (29-6), 6:10 p.m.  
UCLA (33-3) vs. Western Kentucky (29-6), 30 minutes following  
Regional Championship  
At US Airways Center Phoenix  
Saturday, March 29  
Semifinal winners  
FINAL FOUR  
At The Alamodome San Antonio  
National Semifinals  
Saturday, April 5  
East champion vs. Midwest champion  
South champion vs. West champion  
National Championship  
Monday, April 7  
Semifinal winners

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

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## Sunday, March 30

Atlanta at Washington, 7:05 p.m.  
Monday, March 31

Arizona at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 p.m.  
Washington at Philadelphia, 2:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Florida, 3:10 p.m.  
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 3:10 p.m.  
Colorado at St. Louis, 3:15 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 6:10 p.m.  
Houston at San Diego, 9:05 p.m.

## NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT

Quarterfinals  
Tuesday, March 25

Massachusetts 81, Syracuse 77

Florida 70, Arizona State 57

Saturday, March 29

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# Baseball rally falls short

## BASEBALL

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Bobby Stevens opened the game with a double off the base of the left field fence against Iowa starter Zach Kenyon, who struggled with nerves at the outset of his second career start. Kenyon hit a batter and allowed a hit to Reynolds to drive in the run, but caught the hurler too far off first to end the inning.

"He gave up a couple free bases there, and he struggled a little bit," Dahm said.

The Huskies added two more runs in the second. Center fielder Pat Minogue, who was 3-for-3, singled to left, and Stevens followed with a walk. A bunt single by Jeff Thomas loaded the bases, and Jordin Hood brought one run home with a sacrifice fly. Danny Reed walked to load the bases again, and Kenyon hit Reynolds to bring another run home and give Northern Illinois a 3-0 lead.

"What happens in a lot of these types of games is that you lose them in the first three or four innings," Dahm said. "And then we just didn't have enough to come back and win it late."

With one out in the bottom of the third, Iowa responded.

Catcher Kody McManis doubled off the left-field fence, and Kevin Hoef walked. One batter later, Justin Toole doubled into left to plate two, closing the gap to 3-2.

A Joe Echeverry double fooled Caleb Curry in center, allowing the first baseman to get to second. After an infield single by Joe Buonavolanto and a sacrifice bunt, a wild pitch by pitcher Patrick Schatz gave the Huskies their fourth run. Stevens hit into a fielder's choice, and as Buonavolanto eluded the rundown, Stevens headed to second. Left fielder Jeff Thomas singled him home, and Northern Illinois led, 5-2.

After missing a golden scoring opportunity in the fifth, Iowa plated a run in the next inning with two outs. Kurtis Muller walked, stole second, and scored on Kyle Riffel's single. Justin Brauer and Wes Freie walked to load the bags, but left them full when McManis popped out to right.

Reynolds held Iowa to seven hits and three runs in 5½ innings, striking out six.

"He did a good job keeping us off balance," Toole said. "He mixed up speeds and hit his spots and we didn't make adjustments right away, and finally when we

started making adjustments, we got to him a little bit."

Kevin Hoef was hit by Huskie reliever Dave Nykiel to lead off the bottom of the seventh and came around to score on a Toole single to center, making it a one-run game. Toole advanced to second on a wild pitch but was gunned down trying to steal third.

The Hawkeyes had a chance to tie it up late. Pinch-hitter T.J. Cataldo singled to lead off the bottom of the ninth with Iowa trailing, 5-4. Huskie pitcher Andy Deain tried to pick off pinch-runner Zach McCool, but threw the ball away, rattling down the right-field line as McCool advanced to third. With the tying run 90 feet away and the winning run at first, Toole, who went 2 for 5 with three RBIs, grounded out.

"We're making progress, but we just keep taking two steps forward and one step back," Dahm said. "We need to start moving forward and pushing forward."

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# Ferentz optimistic

## SPRING FOOTBALL

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first time on Wednesday, where Iowa practiced with the purpose of putting last season where they feel it belongs — history.

"I'm always optimistic," Ferentz said. "I think we've got enough good players on our football team and enough players who have potential to make great improvement, and that's really the key. If we can do that, then we have a chance to be a real good football team."

Losing nine starters from a team that finished 6-6 in 2007 and a program that's won only 12 of its last 25 contests overall, Ferentz also iterated Wednesday that with the exception of defensive tackle, all starting positions appear to be wide open for battle in the coming month of spring camp.

"Really, for the most part, everything's open for competition at this point," he said. "Maybe a couple exceptions like [Mitch] King and [Matt] Krout, a couple guys who are going to be four-year starters — we haven't had a lot of those guys around here."

"... We expect a lot of good



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan  
Iowa offensive coordinator Ken O'Keefe looks on during the team's first practice of the season on Wednesday.

competition and, hopefully, make us a better football team."

Injuries and suspensions forced Iowa to scour further down its depth chart last season, Ferentz and the Hawkeyes already find themselves fighting a handful of injuries to open spring camp.

Having spent most of last year on the sideline with severe injuries to his elbow and wrist, junior tight end Tony Moeaki will be forced to sit out spring ball having undergone a recent procedure on his wrist that will require further rehab.

Freshmen Bryan Bulaga and Jordan Bernstine, who saw considerable playing time last season, will join Moeaki on the injured list with separate shoulder injuries.

Injury-plagued offensive lineman Dace Richardson is also expected to sit out the spring in an effort to speed up his rehabilitation process from a leg injury suffered last season.

"I don't think he's going to be able to evaluate himself until May or June," Ferentz said.

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# Softball tosses 2 gems

## SOFTBALL

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infield — it recorded 15 ground-ball outs to keep Northern Illinois off the scoreboard.

"It's always fun to play behind Amanda," said junior Colleen McGlaughlin. "She throws a lot down, so the infield always gets a lot of action."

It was McGlaughlin that got a majority of that action in the infield. After playing both first base and left field in Game 1, McGlaughlin played all of the second contest at third base, assisting on eight of those 15 ground-ball outs Iowa recorded.

"She handled the ball well," Blevins said. "Even on a ball that she knocked down and went off her chest, she had the presence of mind to pick it up and throw the runner out. It's good composure, and that's exactly what you want from your defense."

The lone Hawkeye run in Game 2 came in the bottom of the third, when Carmody hit a single to center field that scored freshman Jenny Schuelke from second.

Now at 20-10, the Hawkeyes are going into Columbus, Ohio with a little momentum as Iowa begins Big Ten play on Friday at Ohio State.

"It's going to be a tough weekend for us, so it's good that we could come off of a couple of wins and feel confident and strong going into this weekend," McGlaughlin said.

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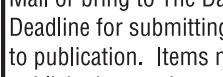
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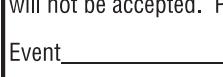
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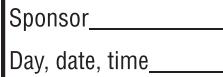
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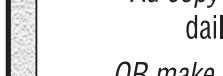
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# Daily Break

## horoscopes

Thursday, March 27, 2008  
— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Learning something new will help you get ahead — staying in the same position, being overworked and underpaid, will lead to discontent. It's time to start planning your way to better times.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Stop pondering over what you should and shouldn't be doing. Travel for business purposes, or learn a useful skill that will contribute to your future financial position. Network all you can.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Exaggeration or being dishonest will be your downfall. An old debt will be repaid if you put in a friendly reminder. An emotional matter may stifle your fun if you don't deal with what's going on immediately.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Aggressive action will pay off as long as you stay within your budget and boundary. Work on your own, and you will accomplish more. A responsible approach to whatever you do will be repaid twofold. Do what you do best.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel will entice you. A romantic encounter will cost more than you can afford. A different way of doing things will capture your attention if you get involved with people from different backgrounds. A little of this and that mixed together will work for you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's up to you to make some personal changes if you want to alter your life goals. You are likely to miss an opportunity if you start an argument with someone who's in competition with you. Love is looking positive.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't do things on a big scale. Keep things small and simple, and you will get the most for the least. If someone offers you something that sounds too good to be true, take a pass. Use your own imagination.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Working from home will lead to some emotional ups and downs, but if you stay on track, you will benefit from the comments made and the questions asked. Changes to your living arrangements will pay off.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take on whatever challenge is thrown your way, and you will gain confidence and popularity. A sudden change in your financial situation looks positive. Don't let anger get you down — make changes instead.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let anyone talk you into doing or donating to her or his cause. Be careful where and how you spend your money. Someone will be all too eager to help you spend on the wrong things. Love shouldn't cost you financially.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take a moment to re-evaluate your current position before making changes. You may be sitting in a better position than you realize. It takes a big person to admit errors and to stand up and try again. Be big, not defeated.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't give in to someone who won't compromise. You will make poor choices if you let your heart rule your head. You are better off making a move that will rid you of the turmoil someone else is causing you.

“The cloning of humans is on most of the lists of things to worry about from Science, along with behavior control, genetic engineering, transplanted heads, computer poetry, and the unrestrained growth of plastic flowers.”

— Lewis Thomas

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**SCOTT PACANOWSKI**

**Things that are more fun to do without pants**

- Sleeping
- Eating
- Showering
- Sex
- Base jumping
- Drinking
- Smoking
- Running
- Coloring
- Sneezing
- Swimming
- Jumping rope
- Hopscotch
- Doodle
- Playing four square
- Skipping
- Loitering
- Dodge ball
- Surfing the 'Net

## OUT OF THE CLOSET AND ONTO THE DANCE FLOOR



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan

Author David Roman gives a lecture in Theater B on Wednesday about his project “Dance/Liberation,” which covers the liberating aspect of dance in the gay community.

## today's events

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

• “The Business of Occupational Health and Safety,” Heartland Center for Occupational Health, hotelVetro, 201 S. Linn

• Molecular Physiology and Biophysics Faculty Candidate Seminar, “Circadian Output in Drosophila: How Clocks Drive Rhythmic Behaviors,” Bridget Lear, 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen Science Building

• Biochemistry Seminar Series, “Functional Motions of Modular Signaling Proteins,” Jeff Peng, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility

• Lunch with the Chefs, Louisiana Creole, 11:15 a.m., IMU Main Lounge

• Pharmacology Graduate Student Workshop, “Mitochondrial Architecture and Calcium Signaling in Neurons,” Patrick Houlihan, 12:30 p.m., 2 Bowen Science Building

• Peace Week talk, “Dual Prosecution/Armed Conflict Paradigms as Applied to 9/11,” Yung Yin, 12:40 p.m., 225 Boyd Law Building

• Tobias Wolf, special workshop, 1:30 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room

• Molecular and Cellular Biology Group Seminar, “The Histone Code and DNA Damage Response,” Tej K. Pandita, 4 p.m., Bowen Science Building Watzke Auditorium

• “Ideas to Enterprise: The Chemistry of Entrepreneurship,” Pappajohn Entrepre-

neurial Center, 4 p.m., S401 Pappajohn Business Building

• Peace Week music, Shores of the Tundra, Open Goat, So Long!, Lord Green, 5 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington

• Peace Week movie, *For Life Against the War ... Again*, 7 p.m., 351 IMU

• Peace Week talk, Eli Painted Crow, 7 p.m., 335 IMU

• The Spiritual Side of Globalization, Bahai Campus Association, 7 p.m., IMU River Room I

• UI Explorers Lecture Series, “A Tale of Two Problems: Water Quality and Oak Woodlands in Iowa,” Cornelia Mutel, 7 p.m., Macbride Hall Museum of Natural History

• Intermedia Talks Series, “You Can See The Pleiades Better ...” Mark NeuCollins, 7:30 p.m., 308 Communications Center

• Slavic Movie Night, *A Window to Paris*, 7:30 p.m., 315 Phillips Hall

• Writers’ Workshop reading, Tobias Wolf, fiction, 8 p.m., Van Allen Hall Lecture Room 2

• David Storey, visiting artist in painting and drawing, 8 p.m., 116 Art Building West

• Campus Activities Board movie, *Across the Universe*, 9 p.m., 348 IMU

• Religion, Literature, and the Arts: Theology and Critique Conference, 7:30 p.m., location TBA; contact religious-studies department, 319-335-2164

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## UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

12:30 p.m. News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)

1 A Prairie Lights Reading from the UITV Archives, Jason Roberts

2 News from Germany (in German)

3 “Java Blend,” Music from Brian Troester

4 Women in Iowa Interview Series

5:30 Seminar for Students entering

Creative Careers

7 “Java Blend,” Music from Brian Troester

8 Women in Iowa Interview Series

9:30 News from Daily Iowan TV

10 Incompetent Sports Talk, from Student Video Productions

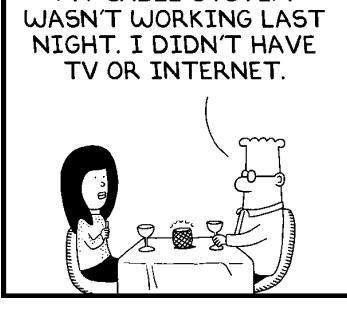
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— Scott Pacanowski is not a big fan of pants. E-mail him at: [scott-pacanowski@uiowa.edu](mailto:scott-pacanowski@uiowa.edu).

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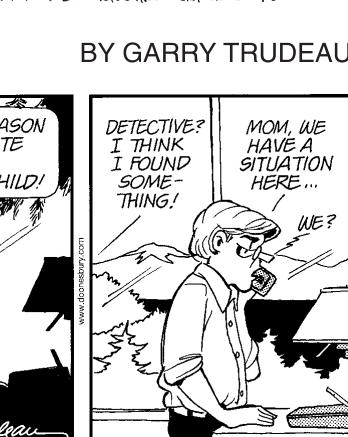
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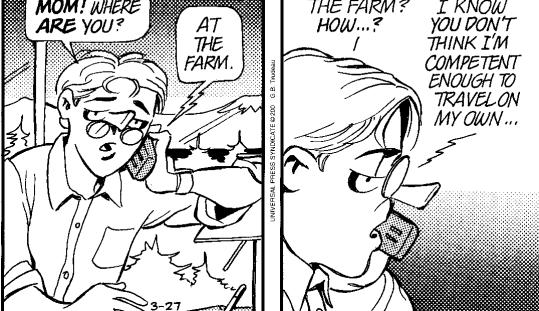
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**SO I STARED AT THE WALL UNTIL IT WAS TIME FOR BED.**

by Scott Adams



## Doonesbury



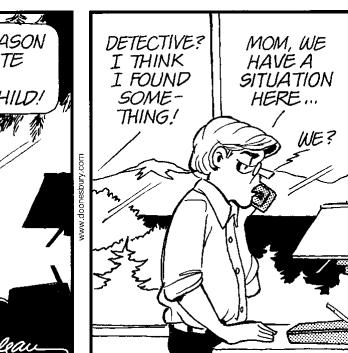
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THE FARM? HOW...? I KNOW YOU DON'T THINK I'M COMPETENT ENOUGH TO TRAVEL ON MY OWN...

I LEFT. I HAD QUITE ENOUGH OF BEING TREATED LIKE A CHILD!

Detective? I think I found something!

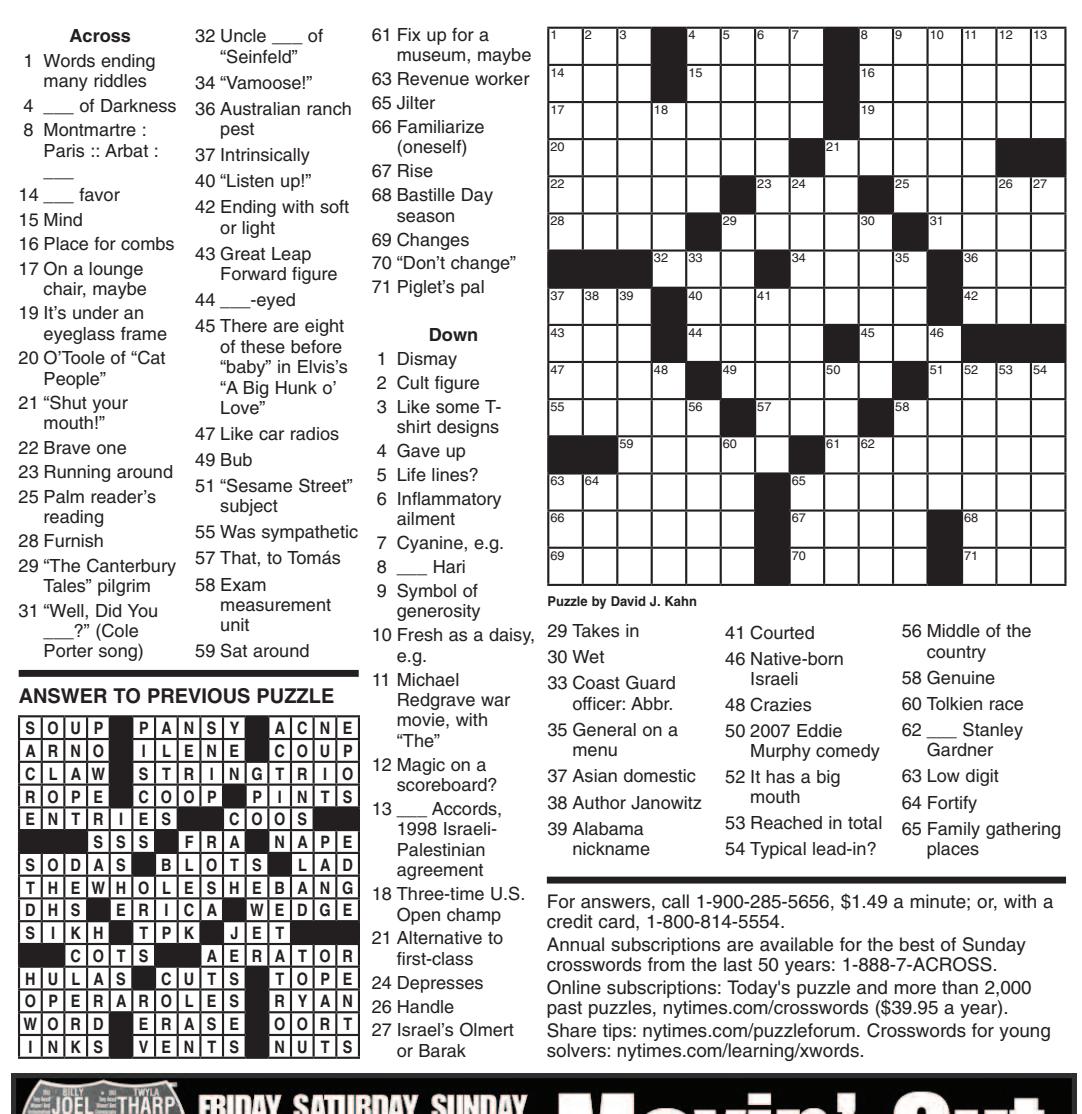
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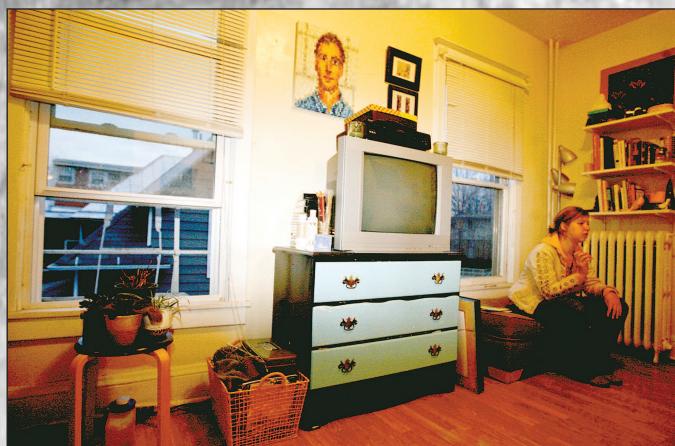
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**RIGHT:** Will Wilkinson hangs out in his orange bedroom on Tuesday. Wilkinson decided to paint his room orange because of his religious views.

**TOP LEFT:** Bobby Brignola, the SCOPE special-projects director, hangs out in his basement on Monday. Brignola and his roommates turned a gutted basement into a party-friendly hangout that includes a piano and drumset, two televisions, a fish tank, and a bar and bar swings.

**CENTER:** UI graduate student Becky Bodurtha stands in front of the fabric she put up as a wall painting inside her living room. She said she got the idea to paste the fabric on her wall from a television program she watched when she was 10 years old.

**BOTTOM:** Rachel Ecklund relaxes on a window seat in her apartment on Burlington Street. Ecklund, who graduated from UI in December, decorated her apartment with her own artwork and set up a space for her easel.

**Story by Ann Colwell • Photos by Julie Brayton • Design by Natalie Nielsen • The Daily Iowan**

Sick of staring at stark white walls speckled with embarrassing photos and class schedules?

Take heart, aspiring interior decorators and designers, the trend winds are blowing toward greater creativity and a budget-friendly way to live 'more at home' in your home.

**S**tep into the archetypal college apartment and look around. Dingy, stain-covered futon on one side, pastel-flowered couch on the other. A stench rises from the pile of beer bottles underneath the coffee table, which is warped and missing a leg, propped up by an empty barrel keg of Keystone. Hawkeye paraphernalia plaster the doors and spot rooms in

### Black-and-Gold pride.

Posters cover the bedroom walls — the same posters covering a lot of white space across campus: a host of Disney princesses, the pensive Jack Johnson, beer pong "Teamwork," Dave Matthews rocking out at Alpine, John Belushi preparing to guzzle a bottle of whiskey, a sailor and a nurse sharing a surprise kiss in Times Square, and a periodic table of shots/sex positions/mixed drinks.

Face the facts — in most cases, students can't afford much better. Life on the college budget doesn't usually allow for plush furniture, extensive decoration, or aesthetic appeal beyond photos of intoxicated friends throwing up the peace sign at a kegger. As apartment-hunting season swings into full gear, students are scouring the area for a place to call home and belongings to fill it.

Veins of variety are wiggling their way into the forefront — students determined to edge past the stereotypical dumpy apartment and create an environment they can claim as their own. Perhaps they don't like

Dave that much and don't want him joining them in the living room, but maybe it's an attempt to express a difference.

"My impression is that our students use their homes as an experimentation with the connection between self-identity and physical trend," said Fred Malven, the director of the interior-design program at Iowa State. (The UI does not have such a program.) As students personalize their houses and apartments, Malven said, it exemplifies a "lifestyle-driven interior as opposed to a style-driven interior."

### DO SOMETHING WITH THIS WHITE SPACE

Rachel Ecklund's lifestyle is all about art. Her sunny, one-bedroom apartment's walls are tastefully covered with framed work — photographs, abstract art, and colorful paintings. The recent UI art-education graduate works at a frame shop, and she started framing her own work to sell it.

SEE LIVING SPACES, 3C

## coming up THIS WEEKEND

Check out 2C for a complete list of Iowa City events

### Emma Rocks! Really, she does!

Who thought family planning could be so fun? Emma Goldman, that's who. On Saturday, the Englert Theatre will host a benefit for Iowa City's famed Emma Goldman Clinic, proving that rock and roll is rightfully paired with sex after all.



### Sound is the new print

Tune into 89.7, KRUI, to hear something beautiful — things you can hear. Yes, "80 Hours on Air" is back and live and fantastic, so be sure to check out some lively discussion and some verbal wonders from 5 to 6 p.m. this, and every, Friday.





# weekend calendar of events

Today 3.27

## MUSIC

- Peace Week Event, antiwar benefit, with So Long, Lord Green, Shores of the Tundra, and Open Goat, 5 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- David the Saint CD Release, with A.V. Collective, Distinctive Nobodys, Sexual Buddha, Kasper, Highway Shelter, DJ NYJ, and DJ XXL, 9 p.m., Picador
- Family Groove Company and Mint Wad Willy, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- Mannix, Puritanicals, Billy Hoake and the Hoax, and Brutus and the Psychedelic Explosions, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

## WORDS

- Special Workshop, Tobias Wolff, fiction, 1:30 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room

- Tobias Wolff, fiction, 8 p.m., Van Allen Hall Lecture Room 2

## THEATER

- Apartment 3A, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert

## LECTURES

- Peace Week Event, "Dual Prosecution/Armed Conflict Paradigms as Applied to 911," Yung Yin, 12:40 p.m., Boyd Law Building
- Peace Week Event, Eli Painted Crow, 7 p.m., 335 IMU
- UI Explorers Lecture Series, "A Tale of Two Problems: Water Quality and Oak Woodlands in Iowa," Cornelia Mutel, 7 p.m., Macbride Museum of Natural History
- David Storey, painter, 8 p.m., 116 Art Building West

## MISCELLANEOUS

- University Book Store Spring Cleaning Sale, 8 a.m.
- Indian Lamb Curry, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-Op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- Peace Week Event, *For Life Against the War Again*, film screening, 7 p.m., 351 IMU
- Peace Week Event, *Breaking the Spell* film screening, 7:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library Room D
- Slavic Movie Night, *A Window to Paris*, 7:30 p.m., 315 Phillips Hall
- Goodtime Karaoke, 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 71 Highway 1 W.
- *The Princess Bride*, 9 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- Thursday Night Karaoke, 9 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville

Saturday 3.29

## MUSIC

- Emma Rocks!, 7 p.m., Englert Theatre
- Ying Quartet and Tod Machover, 7:30 p.m., Hancher Auditorium
- CD Release Show for the Diplomats of Solid Sound, with JC Brooks and the Uptown Sound and the Uniphonics, 9 p.m., Picador
- Lunatix on Pogostix, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- Stuart Davis CD Release, 9 p.m., Mill

## WORDS

- "Live From Prairie Lights," David Shields, non-fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights

## THEATER

- Apartment 3A, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre

## LECTURES

- Tenth-Annual James F. Jakobsen Conference, 8:30 a.m., Blank Honors Center

## DANCE

- Dance Party, with music by Rock and Thunder, 9:30 p.m., Charlie's

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Iowa City Bird Club Field Trip, 8 a.m., Hy-Vee, 1201 N. Dodge
- Iowa National History Day, 9 a.m., Old Capitol
- Brain Awareness Week Event, "Brain Discovery Fair," 10 a.m., Theatre Building
- Iowa City Public Library Book Sale, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library



Publicity photo

Drake may have fallen early in the NCAA Tournament, but not everything from Des Moines has to be a disappointment. Need proof? Check out prolific pop artist Stuart Davis at the Mill Saturday night. He's in town celebrating the release of his newest album.

- Knitters' Breakfast, 10 a.m., Home Ec. Workshop
- Peace Week Event, Brunch and Sign-Making, 11 a.m., Women's Resource and Action Center
- Euchre Tournament, 1 p.m., American Legion
- HeroClix, 1 p.m., Critical Hit Games
- Peace Week Event, Rally and March, 2 p.m., Pentacrest
- Screenprinted Pillowcases, 3 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop
- 2008 Jakobsen Conference Awards Ceremony, 5 p.m., Levitt Center
- Toast to Justice, 7 p.m., Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E. Ninth St., Coralville
- Rock and Roll\Country Night, 9 p.m., Speak Easy

Sunday 3.30



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan

Just as Canada gave the world the Cowboy Junkies, neighboring Michigan gave the world Jeff Daniels. Before playing roles in such classics as *Dumb and Dumber* and *Terms of Endearment* Daniels grew up in Chelsea, a small town in the mitten-shaped state. He is also an accomplished stage actor and playwright. Iowa City's Riverside Theatre is performing his play *Apartment 3A*, and today is just the day to check it out.

## MUSIC

- Piano Sundays Series, 1:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- Brian Vander Ark, 8 p.m., Mill

## THEATER

- Apartment 3A, 2 p.m., Riverside Theatre

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Eastern Iowa Comic Book Convention, 10 a.m., Travel Lodge, 2216 N. Dodge
- Iowa City Public Library Book Sale, noon

## WILLOW CREEK CLEAN-UP

- 1 p.m., Fareway, 2530 Westwinds

## OLD BRICK TAIZE

- 5 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market

## DEAD NIGHT

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Friday 3.28



## CONCERT

### Cowboy Junkies

When: 8 p.m. Friday

Where: Englert Theatre

## NEW MOVIES OPENING THIS WEEKEND



### 21

Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10

First there was the heist. Then the book. Now, and finally catering to us marginally literate, the movie. Featuring Kate Bosworth as the female counterpart, Kevin Spacey as the good/bad guy, and Jim Sturgess as the lead, the film 21 highlights the exploitation of Vegas through the great minds of MIT. Though unusually hot for a group that compares calculators, this movie is a must for father-son bonding (followed by an "If I had that kind of money, I would have quit early").

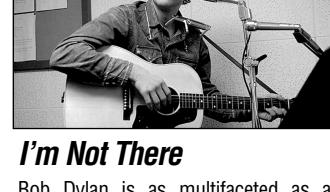


### Stop Loss

Sycamore 12

It's by MTV, so it has to be sweet? Attempting to break the stigma of poor box-office returns from Iraq-related films, *Stop Loss* covers the ever-present threat to nearly every able soldier: re-employment. Following a young Texan man through his return, reuniting and re-separation from home, the film will most likely feature some heavy metal — though if it's anything like the director's last film, *Boys Don't Cry*, expect some risky tears.

### AT THE BIJOU



### I'm Not There

Bob Dylan is as multifaceted as a Dungeons and Dragons die, according this schizophrenic film take by writer/director Todd Haynes. Let's make a list of the actors portraying the great songwriter: Ben Wishaw, Christian Bale, Richard Gere, Marcus Carl Franklin, Heath Ledger, and, naturally, Cate Blanchett. It's like a live-action version of "Desolation Row" strangeness, if that helps explain anything at all.

## what are you READING?

Each week, the DI finds an individual in Iowa City raving about her or his favorite book of the moment. This week, the DI talked to John Grier, the Iowa City fire marshal.

"Just last week I started to read *What Got You Here Won't Get You There: How Successful People Become Even More Successful*. It's by Marshall Goldsmith and is about management and how to constantly improve yourself. I started it to make sure that I never stop learning."



### DI RECOMMENDS

Taking a break from a college to live off the land for a while. If it feels natural, go with it. If not, regroup, evaluate, and dive back into the society. If it bounces you, try it again, this time with more pants and less loincloth.

### QUOTEABLE

"I mean Counting Crows is all right, but that's it."

— Every UI student who heard the "big SCOPE announcement"

Actually, [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) thought that was dumb. Sheesh, where did all the inspiration go? Did he lose it while making that TV movie sequel to *There's Something About Mary*? Or did he just dream that?



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# Doing intelligent design at home

## LIVING SPACES

CONTINUED FROM 1C

"It's really the easiest way to store it," she said, pointing out a few of her favorites. "I'm really fortunate that I have a nice way to display my work. I feel really pretentious about it sometimes, but if it's your own art and stuff, you should like it, and it should be displayed."

Her easel stands occupied in the corner, exhibiting several works in progress. Pointing around the room, Ecklund notes that she never has spent much money on her apartment.

"Most of this stuff is random thrift-store finds," she said, straightening a few CDs and candles on her painted bookshelves. "With the exception of my bed and my computer, most of this cost less than \$30."

Tucked in a cozy apartment across campus, UI graduate student Becky Bodurtha and her two roommates have learned to make the tight space work for them.

"We don't have a whole lot of space to be super-creative, but we do well with what we've got," she said, joking with one of her roommates about being on sensory overload. The shelves are dotted with trinkets of all sorts — a chia pet of Einstein's head, bright candles, and photos of friends. "We're really good at packing things in here. We have a lot of random cheaper art from Hobby Lobby and places like that."

"One day we stuck it all in the living room and decided where things would go."

As a student in costume design, Bodurtha had a lot of unused fabric lying around. Using liquid starch to attach the fabric to the drywall, she covered up the bare white walls that she wasn't allowed to paint because of the rental rules.

"I saw this as a kid on a home-decorating show," she said, gently peeling back a corner of the fabric. "They suggested it for people who rent and can't paint. I soaked the fabric in liquid starch and stuck it to the wall like a painting. It peels right off. For those of us who are afraid of white walls, it's easy and inexpensive in consideration of other options."

## NO LACK OF COLOR HERE

In some respects, living in a house can provide a little leniency in the color department. UI senior Will Wilkinson blew right past that rule and went all out when he returned from studying abroad. After moving into a basement room in a full house, he painted his entire room bright orange.

The choice wasn't one meant to be quirky or bizarre. In fact, it was meant as a religious decision of sorts. After doing a lot of research in college on his Protestant faith, Wilkinson declared himself to be an atheist. And as a "born-again atheist," there were too many Christian connotations with living in a white room.

"Orange is kind of the underdog of the rainbow, so I was happy to give it a chance," he said, laughing and asserting that the bright hue has never given him a headache. He jokes for a while about the different colors, saying that the majority of ROYGBIV just didn't make the cut.

"When I first conceived of the Orange Room — that's right, it has a name — I visualized everything being orange: the walls, the TV, desk, dresser, door, everything. I was able to get an orange blanket, but despite my efforts, monochromatic wasn't doable. It pretty much shows that in the world we live in, it isn't all one thing, just like it's not all one religion. For me to think my room could be all orange is ultimately erroneous."

## EXTREMELY ERRONEOUS HOME MAKEOVER

When it comes to working with interior space, it just so



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan  
Inside of Rachel Ecklund's Burlington Street apartment.



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan  
Will Wilkerson stands in his room, which he decided to paint orange. Wilkerson says although many people ask him if his walls are too bright to sleep at night, he experiences no trouble falling asleep.

'Orange is kind of the underdog of the rainbow, so I was happy to give it a chance.'

— Will Wilkinson, UI senior

happens that TV might not have it exactly right. Most people have caught an episode of "Trading Spaces" or "Extreme Home Makeover," shows in which the hosts go into someone's home and try to redo the space to fit the personality of the owner. ISU interior-design graduate student and business owner Jillissa Moorman feels that these shows are not good representatives of the industry.

She does not advise following suit. As part of her research, she found that fewer than 40 percent of the "designers" from more than 200 design programs have any formal education in interior design. And of those that do, only 8 to 10 percent have taken the National Council for Interior Design Qualification exam, which is required to bear the title of "Interior Designer" in certain states.

"Feathers, hay, faux flowers, wine labels, cardboard, broken mirrors, paintballs, sand and records — what do all these objects have in common?" Moorman said. "More than 3 million people watched those items be glued, shot, stapled, or nailed to walls on different episodes of 'Trading Spaces,' with the exception of the sand, which was used to cover a whole living room floor. While licensed designers and many students may have a problem with those items posing ADA, health, safety, or welfare issues, the 'designers' on television have no problem carrying out extravagant, off-the-wall and often poor designs that are created for nothing more than pure drama."

And while most students aren't professionals in this field, some have still taken the fate of their house designs into their own hands. When Bobby Brignola, Steve Kipferl, and Dan London moved into their house two years ago, they went to work making it classier than it came.

The basement was a moldy, slimy mess — a coat of ammonia, a coat of bleach, and a few power washes later, it was foggy, white, and clean. They added carpet, bashed out a few cinderblock walls, built a bar, hung a generous collection of decorative street signs, and outfitted the area with a sound system and their band equipment.

"The chemicals were probably really dangerous, but we're



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan  
Bobby Brignola and his roommates converted their bare basement into an ideal chill space. The space includes a piano, drum set, and microphone, two televisions, hanging bar swings, and a fish tank.

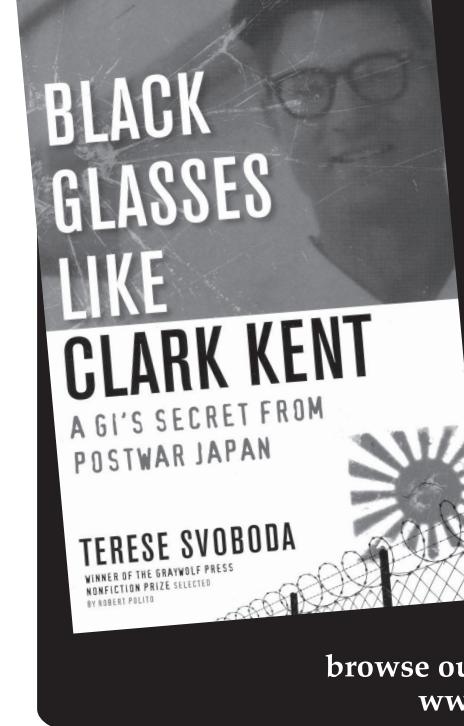
bar, there's ample room for guests and friends.

"We wanted to make a basement better than the typical college basement — a keg and cement walls and floors," Brignola said, taking a seat in one of the swings. Upon noticing that the nails were coming a little loose, he and his roommates found a hammer and fixed it for safer swinging. They said only two people have ever taken a tumble from the precarious perches. He pointed at the

ceiling, laughing. "Our basement is not usually falling apart. We're constantly working to make it a little more homy and classy."

It's a game that comes down to a personality, creativity, and a consciousness about available resources and space. Inspiration can come from more than a poster sale or an Ikea catalogue, and even the tightest ramen-style finances can spice up a place to go home again.

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of these tips:**

ISU interior-design grad  
student Amy Ciani recommends:

- Measure the side of one main wall in your living space and buy some fabric that you can pin up. Pin it vertically so the lines blend together better.
- Area rugs are great in apartments with rough carpet. A rug will add a nicer feel on bare feet and a dash of style.
- ISU interior-design grad student and Cedar Rapids resident Jillissa Moorman suggests:
- Scour garage sales and such events as the World's Largest Yard Sale for great furniture at amazing prices. Often, the sellers aren't aware they are selling a designer piece or something in a neat style.
- If you aren't that creative, try contacting a nearby school with an interior-design program and share your problem and ideas with students or instructors. Students are always willing to get more experience and might generate something really cutting-edge.
- Low budget? Scope out some design magazines (*Hospitality Design* and *Contract* are two free ones that anyone can order) for a concept or an idea. Also check out [interiordesign.net](http://interiordesign.net) for products, hints, and eco-friendly options.

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# Death becomes us

Frustrated with life? Author and Iowa Writers' Workshop alum David Shields is in town to tell readers it will all be over soon enough.

By Melyn Fluker

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Shakespeare once wrote "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." He also titled his plays *Hamlet* and *Romeo and Juliet*, pretty boring headers for such great works. Imagine a world in which *Gone With The Wind* was called *Some Lady Yelling About Reconstruction*.

Author and English Professor David Shields kept the importance of a title in mind when his latest book needed one. "It does seem like exactly the right title now," he said. "It always struck me as the right title for the book — at least, it has for the last year or two, but early on in writing the book, I had all kinds of really bad titles."

Shields, 51, will read from his latest book, *The Thing About Life is That One Day You'll be Dead*, Saturday afternoon at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St. The book explores the human body's progression through life on various fronts, taking a look at how aging affects the body physically and how people view aging and eventually death, including his experience. It's fair to say *The Thing About Life is That One Day You'll be Dead* is a memorable and possibly great title, and it's a good thing: Large numbers of readers saw it sitting in boldface on the *New York Times* Bestseller List. Not everyone fell instantly for the book's mouthful of a name.

"I definitely had to fight for

## READING

### David Shields, nonfiction

When: 4 p.m. Saturday  
Where: Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque

it with the publishers. They didn't necessarily think, 'Oh yeah, that's the perfect title,'" Shields said. "They thought it sounded too flip, or too glib, or too silly, or something. But I really fought for it, and I'm glad I did."

The book's harsh and, at times unsentimental, take on life and death may not appeal to all readers, but it hit exactly the perspective for which he aimed. He also delights in the juxtaposition of book's heavy subject matter and the darkly humorous title that binds it.

"The title is telling you something terribly grim, which is 'Guess what? We're all going to die. Can you deal with that?' But the title is funny, and it makes you kind of laugh," he said. "That's exactly what I want the book to do: On the one hand, to deliver not exactly news to people — all people know that they're going to die — but I want people to really experience that viscerally. On the other hand, I want people not to sort of sit around, and hold their heads about it, and sort of just realize this is what connects all of us as mortal beings, and there's nothing you can do but laugh about it."

Shields refers to *The Thing*



*About Life is That One Day You'll be Dead* as "deeply atheistic" and says it "argues that there's no safety net — not religion, or art, or family" when it comes to mortality. In the lexicon of literature dealing

with death, Shields' book is the polar opposite of traditional, warm-hearted, Mitch Albom-style looks at letting go and passing away.

"I never wanted to go into some corny place, some sort of

*Tuesdays with Morrie* kind of nonsense, whereby you tell people there are pearly gates of heaven waiting for them, or that some old guy has wisdom just because he happens to be old," Shields said. "That was almost like the anti-model, I mean, no offense to *Tuesdays with Morrie*."

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# Found in translation

Artist David Storey's work makes abstract art an approachable medium, working with shapes and color to blur the divide between abstraction and figurative subject matter.

By Claire Lekwa

THE DAILY IOWAN

Abstract art can often emit an intimidating vibe to the less-familiar viewer. Looking at a confounding image, one might struggle against ingrained tendencies to search for a clearly identifiable subject amid the intertwined shapes.

Maybe it's a dog? But no, you don't want to be simple-minded.

With artist David Storey's abstract work, viewers do not need to fret if they think his work conveys an animal or a human. Storey, who will give a lecture on his work today at 8 p.m. in 116 Art Building West, encourages the link between abstraction and figurative subject matter.

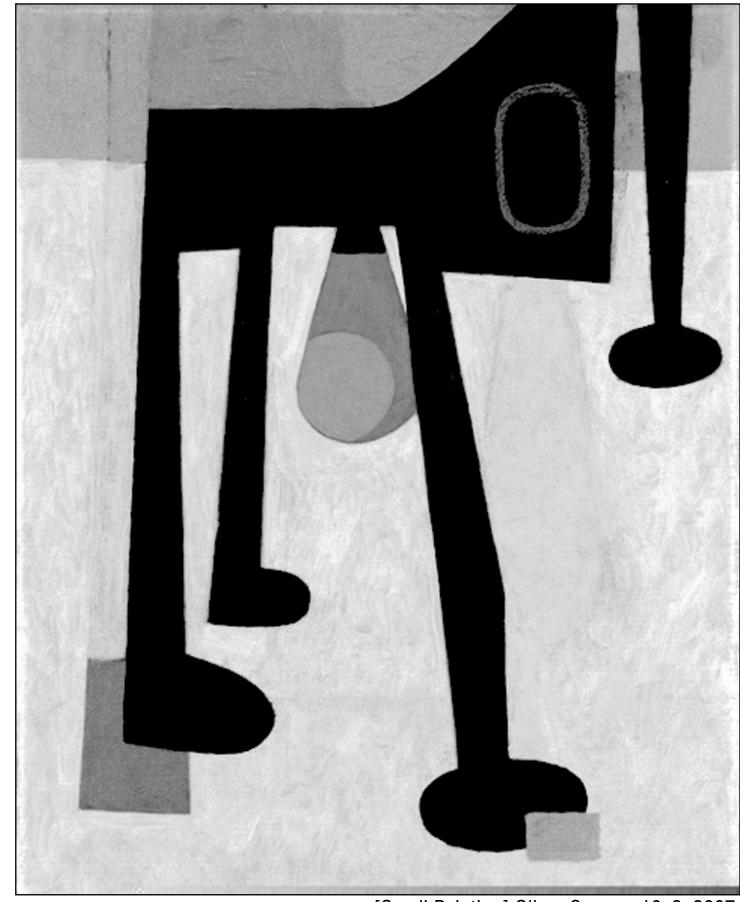
"We're conditioned to assume that there are layers of meaning and lots of history and cultural input [behind a piece], but at the living heart of the act of making art is this visual thing," he said. The painter suggests people relax and trust their reactions to abstract work.

The 60-year-old New York City resident returns to Iowa for his second time as a visiting artist — he first visited Iowa in the mid-90s. His work has been exhibited across the country, and it is displayed in both public and private collections, including the Museum of Modern Art and the Boston Museum of Fine Art.

His colorful geometric work culminates from his background on both the East and West Coasts. While born in Madison, Wis., he grew up in California and studied art at the University of California-Davis, near Sacramento. After a visit to New York City in 1980, he bonded with the city's art scene and decided to pack up his life in California for a move across the country.

"In California, you have to work at being an artist," Storey said. "When I came to New York, I could walk down the street and being an artist was a completely normal part of life. It was expected."

He has developed his abstract style since the mid-



[Small Painting] Oil on Canvas, 10x8, 2007

I'm omnivorous in my acquisition of influences.'

— David Storey, artist

## LECTURE

Artist David Storey

When: 8 p.m. today

Where: 116 Art Building West

1970s, and he continues to work on new pieces today. His work ranges from large, 6- to 7-foot paintings to small 10-by-8-inch pieces, and he finds inspiration in all corners of his life.

"I'm omnivorous in my acquisition of influences," he said. When he spoke with the *DI*, he said he was working with images he found on the Internet — one of which was Romulus and Remus on the back of a Roman coin and the other a large color photograph of a cicada.

Though his final work may suggest references to figures such as humans, animals, or furniture, the pieces do not begin with these subjects in mind. He begins with a focus on the element of shape.

"I start fashioning a shape, making it with my hands almost as if I'm taking a lump of clay," he said. "I don't think necessarily that this shape is going to one day remind people of a head or a body, but I think about it as a pure shape event."

His work's figurative suggestiveness transforms throughout the process, with the addition of more shapes, colors, and lines until the piece becomes a working whole.

Thus, his artwork acquires an imaginative quality. A dark mass may be interpreted as a prostrate body. His brown rectangles and circles could form a three-legged dog, and the attached red object becomes the dog's tongue. To him, any of the viewer's interpretations are justifiable.

"It just makes perfect sense to me to work this way," he said.

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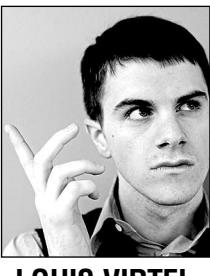
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Jenna, the coquettishly stupid TV star who brags about her onetime engagement to David Blaine, and Tracy Morgan as Tracy Jordan, the volatile spotlight thief who prides himself on reciting the line, "I love you so much, I want to take you behind the middle school and get you pregnant."

"Gossip Girl," April 21: Gossip blogger Perez Hilton keeps trying to expand his empire onto TV, but "Gossip Girl" tells the story of a know-it-all, dirt-dealing Internet bandit with more gusto than old Perez could ever muster. It also helps that TV always helps a new iteration of "90210"-conjuring rich-kid intrigue and high-school hierarchy. As Chace Crawford steadily becomes a fixture of prying tabloids, the show cements itself as a curious hybrid of *Cruel Intentions*, *Mean Girls*, and that mania of knowing-the-know that we're all guilty of clawing for.

"Scrub," April 10: What seems on paper as a screwball take on the idiosyncrasies of hospital life has actually become a whip-smart, wonderfully developed series full of plot twists, observation, and some excellent characters. The most quotable quipper is Dr. Cox, played by the inimitably asinine John C. McGinley, who can call the schlubbing scrubber Zach Braff such pet names as "Nancy," "Loretta," and "Peggy" with such easy brass, it's a wonder he feels so original. "Scrubs" also boasts that snickering nerve to make a gag shameless silly. Case in point: Dr. Cox

"30 Rock," April 10: A day existed when "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" seemed far-and-away unreachable in terms of dynamic ensemble casting. Of course, that day was gunned down with a peppy Desert Eagle the day "30 Rock" began airing. While Tina Fey as "Saturday Night Live"-style head writer Liz Lemon and Alec Baldwin as capitalistic card Jack Donaghys highlight the crew, much can be said for Jane Krakowski as

bringing in a full gospel choir to degrade J.D., or Dr. Turk (Donald Faison) busting out a choreographed number to Bell Biv DeVoe's "Poison."

"Ugly Betty," April 24: Although America Ferrera as Betty is clearly the most prized young talent in TV, the supporting cast of this caricatured take on a fashion magazine's inner-workings really punctuates the proceedings. Take Vanessa Williams, whose acting talents we might've once relegated to the "heights" of her previous work, such as VH1's "A Diva's Christmas Carol." Yikes, indeed. But no matter — she turns the laser-eyed editor Wilhelmina Slater into a diabolical empress over her underlings and interns. And if anyone asserts that this show dips into story-line clichés (the show based on a Colombian telenovela, after all), those cries must be silenced by the work of the quick-bitching Mark St. James (Michael Urie) and Ashley Jensen (Christina McKinney), who bring icy pop-culture references to a new, intimidating cool.

"Lost," April 24: Has any show in recent years cultivated such an entranced audience? To outsiders, "Lost" is a daunting, labyrinthine universe tiered with back stories and nuance. To the "Lost" cult, there's no other show like it — a plane-crash setup that forces each marooned passenger to consider and use her or his interconnected purposes to help unearth the island's secrets. "Lost" marks a new era of TV, one that requires supreme faith in its minutiae-absorbing audience. Consequently, the show is also the perfect DVD-buyer's binge.

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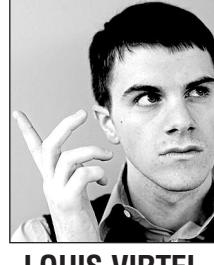
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LOUIS VIRTEL

*Letters to Louis*

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Dear Louis,  
I know the perfect guy doesn't exist, but do perfect qualities? For years and years, I've been a recluse about it. Without any particular guy in mind, I'd list (in my, yes, diary) my ideal qualities in a man. Nothing all that outlandish, just such qualities as honesty, making me laugh, etc. But I'm sure we all really want to know your ideal qualities in a man. What do you look for? I always love hearing new ideas.

— Your devoted (!) reader, CC

Dear CC,

Mmmmmm, you are a scrumptious dork. I shall eat you in time.

I hope we all recall a couple months ago when a reader named "Uncompromising Paul" wrote in and flailed his gay-ass arms about finding "the perfect man." Yes, yes, I'm sure you all remember hating that.

However, CC, I'm totally signed on to your pastime — even if the secret-diary solitude you describe is a little, say, Anne Frank for my comfort. But fear not! As all of us unwavering, post-*Jagged Little Pill* Alanis Morissette fans (reprezent! The three of us!) know, the proper way to list our fave, succulent, man qualities is to offer them as uncomfortably direct questions.

## IN SEARCH OF perfect guydom

And to number them like commandments. Bust out the legal pads and take notes, gents, because here's the 10 keys you need to win a shrine at the holy Louis Virtel obelisk of obsession.

1. Do you sometimes shut up about yourself? Can you listen to me when I don't shut up? Are you capable of comfortably sitting with me while we both shut up? You can! Shut up.

2. Do you give yourself enough credit? Have you heard of the following item: Self-esteem? When you sat through that whole "Designing Women" marathon, could you forgive yourself?

3. Do you understand that the movie *Airplane!* is hilarious? Every second of it? Do you understand that the movie *Anchorman* (and all its filthy descendants) was probably written by cross-eyed 9-year-olds? Like that one episode of "Punky Brewster." Except not charming, adorable, or survivable.

4. Do you appreciate hilarious things? Are you a hilarious thing?

5. Quoth Morissex herself: "Are you uninhibited in bed? More than three times a week? Up for being experimental?" My addition: Have you been tested?

6. Are you a competitor? Will you cry the proper amount of tears if I trounce you in Ping-Pong? Prepare for this inevitability.

7. Are you an achiever? Awesome. Just make sure that's not your whole identity. I devote this requirement to business and poli-sci majors.

8. Do you have kick-ass friends? Can I make fun of you with them? Will you make fun of me with my friends? I'm ecstatic to be a part of this.

9. It's Friday night. There's a chance we won't go out drinking. Will you please not kill yourself?

10. Can you just be straight-up honest with me? I can't handle coyness. I'm 21 years old. If you tire of my anorexia/cerebral palsy/*Schindler's List* jokes, tell me. Granted, we'll need to have a major discussion about our compatibility (and the tree up your ass) — but tell me just the same.

And ooh, bonus points for any same-sexxin' sailors who can say yes to these:

11. Do you strive to be articulate at all costs? We are married yesterday.

12. Do you understand that, while I'm sure I'd enjoy your face and maybe even your company, "Letters to Louis" is my real lover? Sorry, sir, you and I can take turns feeding each other tongue at Studio, but I have a baller wife, and her name is Fame. She is ravishing. Just know that you can't compete, even though I want you to try, really hard.

And now an important afterword: CC, let's not forget, gay-guy "wants" and straight-girl "wants" don't necessarily always intersect. There's very little static between gay men — they're more likely to totally understand one another immediately, if only because they're both the same brazen breed. Meanwhile, seems to me there's an inherent, initial level of haze or inquiry between straight guys and girls. There's a language to learn. A moat and hedge maze to cross. Maybe that's why the gays tend to shack up and call it official faster — they're already on the same side of the unholy river. That said, I'm still *way* single. So, for now, I mainly adhere to one sacred tenet: 1. Are you willing to respect me, Mr. Man? Whatever the answer, the feeling is mutual. So if you're game, let's head to Burger King before it closes and fit me for a crown.

## 30 years from the observation deck

By Whitney Warne

THE DAILY IOWAN

Tobias Wolff creates people. Not from thin air — words and renditions so honest could not be created from nothing but from life experience, keen observation, and a commitment to writing for 30 plus years.

"We all observe people, whether we realize it or not," he said. "We need to understand others in order to live with them. It's a survival tool."

Wolff displays his gift for understanding the human psyche over and over again in his recent collection of short fiction, *Our Story Begins*. This sample of the last 30 years of the author's career contains 21 previously written stories with 10 new ones. The Iowa Writers' Workshop will sponsor a free lecture by Wolff today at 8 p.m. in Van Allen Hall Lecture Room 2.

With every story he chose to include, he shows his depth and longevity, offering up the best of what he's got. His stories often revolve around troubled families and relationships, but they can't be reduced to a simple category. The core of his narratives stems from careful character studies, road maps to the way a certain person, or pair, lives her

**READING**  
**Tobias Wolff, fiction**

When: 8 p.m. today  
Where: Van Allen Hall

or his life, in all the embarrassing honesty human beings deserve. His insights leave you wondering where in his mind he found these people.

"The idea can come from any number of places," Wolff said. "Maybe it's a memory, hearing a song on a radio, or a conversation with a friend, but most of [the ideal] occurs at the desk as you're writing. The original catalyst gets lost, and you just have to let it go."

In the intro to *Our Story Begins*, he illustrates the fight over the idea of tampering with his already polished and published jewels. Does the older, more experienced he have the right to tinker with what his younger self thought sufficient? In the end, Wolff decided to delicately edit where needed, stating they aren't "sacred texts" but just another draft.

While he takes subtle liberties with his short stories, he handles his memoirs with extensive care, fully aware he is producing the natural antithesis of fiction. Setting aside his

fictional characters for something more personal proved to be quite revealing. His 1989 memoir, *This Boy's Life*, became a national best seller, and it was made into a movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio in 1993. But at the time Wolff recorded his memories, he had no idea his childhood would get so much attention.

"The memoir came about through a set of personal reminiscences for my own use," he said. "But when I finally admitted to myself to writing a memoir, I felt somewhat exposed."

In 1997, he took a teaching position at Stanford University, where he still teaches creative writing, passing on the benefits of his success and exposure to the next generation of hopeful storytellers. When asked what advice he could give young writers, he responded, "Be patient. You have to come at it again and again."

Wolff will follow his own advice and come at it again, but he keeps his plans for the future locked up with his fictional people, waiting perhaps for the next overheard coffee-shop conversation to strike his fancy, sending him back to his desk with brain cogs turning and fingers flying.

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