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In the Feb. 2 brief "Man faces drug charges," the *DI* inaccurately reported Scott Hayslett's address. He lives at 2801 Highway 6 E. Lot 234. The *DI* regrets the error.

**ASK THE DI**  
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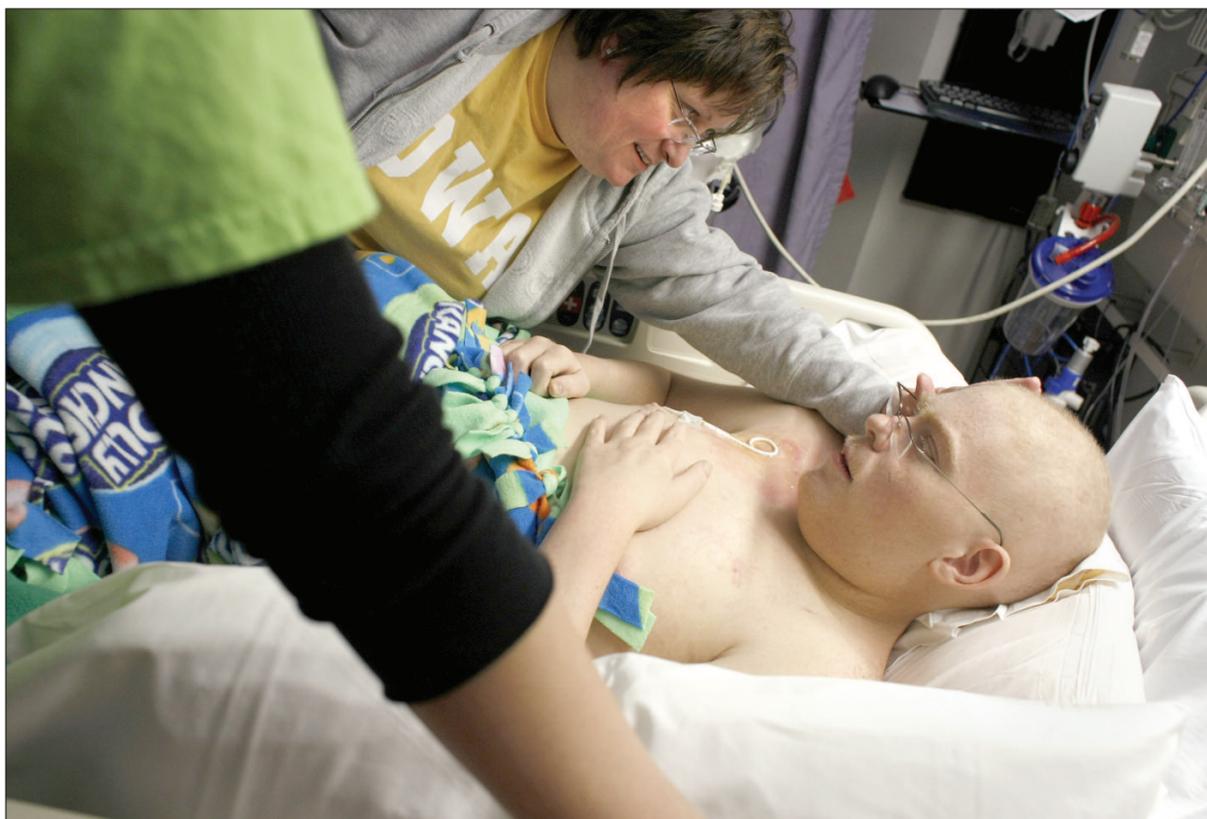
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**WEATHER**  
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Mostly sunny, windy, wind chills to -20.

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## Fighting a double whammy



LINDSEY WALTERS/THE DAILY IOWAN

**Toni Daters comments on the color of son RC's hair in their room at the UI Hospitals and Clinics on Monday. RC Daters, 18, is from Marshalltown, Iowa, and he has been diagnosed with acute myelogenous and acute lymphoblastic leukemia. The Daters have been involved with Dance Marathon since July, and Toni Daters says the organization has not only provided them with assistance financially but physically and emotionally as well.**

Family members describe RC Daters, a Dance Marathon patient recently diagnosed with leukemia, as adventurous and fun-loving.



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A spirited red-headed teenager, a baby brother, a loving son, and a leukemia patient in the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

Meet RC Daters, the 18-year-old son of Toni and Ronald Daters and the youngest of six children. The life of this sociable, adventurous teen who loves four-wheeling took an

unexpected turn on July 16, when he was diagnosed with two different types of leukemia: acute myelogenous and acute lymphoblastic. The mix of these two forms is known as biphenotypic leukemia.

RC has had a number of challenges in his young years. His initial six weeks of treatment failed, Toni Daters said, so RC needed a bone-marrow transplant. Fortunately, his 19-year-old brother Travis Daters was a perfect match.

"Ironically, all the years they were growing up, they would butt heads," Toni Daters said. Lying under a multicolored

**MORE INSIDE**  
UI Dance Marathon amps up their eco-friendly efforts this year. **5A**

fleece blanket, RC looked back on his high-school antics with laughter.

"One of the best times was when I watched a friend dump a bucket of garter snakes at a girls' lunch table," he said and laughed.

RC's sister, 27-year-old Nicole Baccam, and new mother of RC's first nephew, also recalled this "ornery" personality.

"When [he and Travis] were younger, they would bounce basketballs around the living room when [my sister and I] slept in the basement."

But RC has shown a much more loving side in many instances, family said.

Nicole remembered a time during RC's pre-teen years, when a cousin flipped the four-wheeler she was riding. RC

**ON THE WEB**  
To check out an interview with R C Daters' mother, Toni Dater, visit [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

lifted it off her and carried her back to the house.

Since RC's diagnoses, he has suffered from seizures, a brain clot, kidney failure, liver complications, and pneumonia. To date, RC has needed around 120 units of various blood products, mainly platelets.

"There have been several bumps in the road along our journey," Toni Daters said.

Toni Daters estimates RC has spent four to six weeks out of the hospital since July, and of those weeks, only two or three in their home in Marshalltown. So for their time in Iowa City, the Daters' friends are loaning their second home to the family.

SEE **DANCE MARATHON**, 3A

## UI doesn't snoop

Academic freedom keeps systematic monitoring out of UI's information-technology resources.

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Academic freedom may be the defining difference between how the UI monitors computer use and network resources and recent discussion of time spent on pornographic sites by federal employees.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, expressed outrage last week that employees at the National Science Foundation were spending up to 20 percent of work time over two years on pornographic sites, costing taxpayers more than \$40,000.



**Grassley**  
senator

Though at the UI, academic freedom — guaranteed by a university policy — gives students and teachers the liberty to teach, pursue, and discuss knowledge without restriction or interference.

"The university does not routinely monitor anyone in our community," said Jane Drews, an Information Technology Security officer. "I don't think it is consistent with the university's mission to monitor how faculty and students use information technology."

The UI's Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources policy states that "the university cherishes the diversity of perspectives represented on this campus and, accordingly, does not condone either censorship or the casual inspection of electronic files."

SEE **PORN**, 3A

## State flood aid on the way to UI

Hancher could receive additional flood relief from a state package, while Iowa City looks at \$2 million from the Rebuild Iowa Bill.

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**ANKENY** — Iowa City will soon receive more than \$2 million in much needed flood relief from the \$56 million Rebuild Iowa Bill, Gov. Chet Culver told the state Board of Regents on Monday.

The governor signed the act Monday. Culver explained to the nine-member board the benefits of the bill and the proposed \$700 million state package that could help the UI renovate flood-damaged buildings. The package would use bonds to finance statewide infrastructure projects.

Culver noted Hancher Auditorium as a location that could benefit greatly from the funding. Not only would the funding restore Hancher to its original condition, it could make it a more energy-friendly

performance venue. "Why couldn't we build the most energy efficient state-of-the-art auditorium in the state of Iowa?" Culver asked the regents. "That's where this bonding initiative could really leverage federal funds and private sector funds."

Culver hopes the bill will supplement funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which will cover 90 percent of the cost to either rebuild or replace Hancher and several other UI buildings that were flooded. Hancher endured \$13 million in damages from summer flooding.



**Culver**  
governor

SEE **HANCHER**, 3A

## Delayed vote may cost \$

The area could lose a potential \$4.6 million by postponing a vote on a local-option sales tax.

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The Iowa City City Council's decision to postpone a vote that could increase the city sales tax by 1 cent may cost the city \$2.5 million if the measure is eventually passed.

The decision means all other towns in the county will have to wait until May to vote on the local-option sales tax legislation designated for counties affected by the summer natural disasters. The measure dictates that the city that holds the majority population in the county, which is Iowa City, must be the first to vote on any sales-tax increase.

If all places in Johnson County passed the tax, it would take effect in July, generating \$18.2 million over the first year. "We're proceeding at a brisk and responsible pace," Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey said. "Nobody has expressed concern over the delay for putting the bill on a ballot."

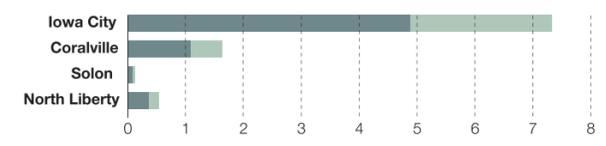
Legislation for the proposed

### When to tax

By waiting for the vote in March to decide whether to implement a 1-cent sales-tax increase, Iowa City pushes the timeline for the plan back two months.

**Comparing April and July numbers** in millions of dollars

■ Money Johnson County cities could make by implementing the tax increase in July.  
■ Money Johnson County cities could make by implementing the tax increase in April.



Source: Johnson County Auditor's Office

Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

bill passed in the Iowa Senate last week. The bill's purpose is to provide a 1-cent sales-tax increase to the 87 disaster-affected counties in Iowa. If passed, Johnson County would become one of the last counties in the state to implement the local-option sales tax on some level, according to the Iowa Department of Revenue.

One reason there are two deadlines for placing the tax increase on the ballot is to give local governments time to dis-

cuss the bill's language and educate the residents on the issues, Bailey said.

"It's premature to rush this to a vote, when there's no real designation for county uses. We don't want to take it just because it's there," Johnson County Supervisor Pat Harney said. "If we throw it on a ballot without a cause, there could be a lot of confusion when it comes time to actually vote."

SEE **TAX**, 3A



# Keeping learning alive

Adults ages 50 and over can take inexpensive classes through an institute put on by the UI Center for Aging.

By **EMILY MELVOLD**  
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No tests, no grades, and no high tuition costs.

Community members age 50 and over can take classes without the typical college strains through a UI program called the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

This semester there are 16 institute classes being offered at the UI, including Performance Poetry, The Lie That Tells The Truth, and The Civically Engaged Reader.

One of the first classes of the semester — What's Your Story: Reading and Writing Nonfiction — began Monday night. Ten students signed up, and the class was taught by the youngest person in the room — Emma Rainey, a UI rhetoric teaching assistant. The program aims to keep classes small, between 10 to 12 members, said Del Bonney, the Osher at Iowa Board of Advisors president. There are more than 450 members who take the classes at the UI, Bonney said.

Rainey, who usually works with UI freshmen, signed up to teach the class because she wanted to hear the stories of these untraditional students, as well as their personal voices

## Learning for all ages at the UI

These are the courses being offered during spring semester through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute for adults ages 50 and over:

- Behind the Scenes: Kurt Elling
- Spoken Stories
- What's Your Story
- Long Live The Prose Poem
- Tell Me A Story
- Basic Tap Technique and Style
- Nineteenth-Century Photography
- The Message of the Noble Qur'an
- Performance Poetry
- Behind the Scenes: Richard Stoltzman
- The Lie That Tells The Truth
- The Civically Engaged Reader
- Post-Bound Digital Photo Album
- Basics of Acting
- Grant Wood's Clear Lake Summer
- Artist Studio Tours II

Source: Osher at Iowa. Register at [www.olliatuiowa.org](http://www.olliatuiowa.org)



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Participants in a new writing class for adults called What's Your Story: Reading and Writing Nonfiction introduce themselves on Monday at the first class. The course is part of a series of classes offered by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the UI.

of sweatpants in sight.

"It takes courage to show up here," Rainey said to her class during their discussion of why they write.

Rico Penziner, a student in the class, signed up late Sunday after he received a last-minute notification about the class. He joined because he wants to have his life experiences written down, as well as have the memoir he's working on constructively criticized by his classmates.

"All of the educational and learning opportunities, that is the great thing about college," he said. "Those things aren't as readily available once you graduate, but this group gives an opportunity to have them again at an older age."

The UI Center on Aging created the program through a national network of lifelong-

learning institutes funded by the Bernard Osher Foundation. The foundation supports 122 institutes on university and college campuses in 49 states and the Washington, D.C.

It awards annual operating grants of \$100,000, which are renewable for a second and third year. After that time it will consider establishing \$1 million endowments to provide permanent support for programs. The UI is in its third year with the program.

Adults over 50 who want to participate in the institute program have to pay an annual \$15 membership fee and another small fee ranging from \$10 to \$80 for each class they want to attend, though this isn't anywhere close to what a traditional college student pays for classes.

es through writing about their life experiences.

"They gain a writer's community and the courage to create by taking this class," she said.

Osher officials both search for instructors to teach courses and accept volunteers. Instructors do not have to be affiliated with the UI as long as they are an authoritative community member on a course subject.

Monday night's class had a relaxed environment with frequent laughter. Contrary to what might be seen in a typical UI classroom, everyone, including the instructor, wore glasses, nobody's hair fell past her or his chin, and there was nary a pair

# Regents consider challenges

The state Board of Regents discuss goals for the future, including the possibility of an increase in tuition.

By **TESSA MCLEAN**  
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ANKENY — With 2009 marking 100 years of service by the state Board of Regents to Iowa, Regent President David Miles opened Monday's meeting with the purpose of finding out how the nine-member citizen board could best serve Iowa's public universities over the next five years.

In the first of a two-day meeting in Ankeny, regents and business leaders discussed the challenges facing Iowa in the upcoming years, especially in terms of higher education and the declining economy.

UI President Sally Mason emphasized the need for the regents to partner with business leaders and develop a plan that will consider Gov. Chet

Culver's proposed 6.5 percent budget cut for fiscal 2010, while maintaining a level of excellence.

"We need to be strategically focused now because there are going to be things we no longer can do," Mason said. "We need to develop our own tool chest in a way that will allow us to be nimble."

Miles praised UI Provost Wallace Loh's e-mail to UI faculty last week that mentioned becoming "enterprising" and "innovative" while maintaining excellence when dealing with state budget cuts.

The regents discussed whether tuition should be raised yet again, which would increase financial aid for schools. This could help balance figures, presented by Dennis Jones, the president of the

National Center for High Education Management Systems, that show Iowa has above average tuition costs but below average financial aid.

Part of the remaining focus was identifying the strengths and weaknesses of Iowa as well as the three public universities.

Regent Ruth Harkin said identifying Iowa's strengths could help in creating jobs during the struggling economic times.

"We have to think about what kind of society we are capable of creating," she said. "Energy is a good example. Iowa is a natural state for not only ethanol and bio-fuels, but also for wind energy. You have to think about what your resources are."

Iowa was ranked second in the nation for wind-energy capacity, surpassing California, by the American Wind Energy Association last week.

The regents brainstormed 11 original priorities when examining the state of the regent universities and

unofficially voted on what the regents thought was most important. Those included improving access and affordability, a better alignment between higher education and the educational, health, and economic needs of the state, as well as with educational institutions to influence education elsewhere, and excellence through enhanced productivity, efficiency, and re-investment.

These identified priorities will be used in creating clear and attainable goals from now until 2014. The regents' plan will also seek feedback from the three public universities. Miles said officials hope for an approval of the plan at the board's meeting in April.

Miles said it is the nature of the economic times that makes people propose big changes and want to "push the envelope" with higher education.

"We want to make the institution stronger for the long-term," he said.

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Maria Awender**, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 31 with OWI.

**Byron Bergen**, 19, 418A Mayflower, was charged Jan. 31 with PAULA.

**Brandon Bollaert**, 19, 527 Slater, was charged Jan. 31 with public intoxication.

**Joseph Belk**, 19, 1032 N. Dubuque St., was charged Jan. 30 with public intoxication.

**Catherine Beernink**, 19, N017 Currier, was charged Jan. 30 with possession of marijuana.

**Kyle Blanchard**, 23, 321 S. Linn St. Apt. 225, was charged Monday with public intoxication and assault causing injury.

**Katherine Bruns**, 19, Urbandale, Iowa, was charged Jan. 31 with PAULA.

**Chelaine Carey**, 24, 2017 Taylor Drive, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Jason Dewhurst**, 23, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Jenna Dietrich**, 19, 650 S. Johnson St. Apt. 6, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct and keeping a disorderly house.

**Tyler Dingman**, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Amanda Divittorio**, 19, Bloomington,

Ind., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

**John Doster**, 20, 21 N. Johnson St. Apt. 6, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Eric Dudley**, 23, 924 Hudson Ave., was charged Sunday with OWI.

**Kurt Dyer**, 49, 1300 Franklin St., was charged Jan. 31 with OWI.

**Drew Easley**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 31 with assault on police/fire/EMT personnel, interfering with official acts causing/intending injury, and public intoxication.

**Patrick Fitzgerald**, 24, 853 Scott Park Drive, was charged Jan. 30 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**John Grandquist**, 19, 510 S. Johnson St. Apt. 9, was charged Dec. 10 with possession of marijuana and Monday with reckless use of fire or explosive.

**Andrew Hefferman**, 18, 738 Rienow, was charged Jan. 31 with PAULA.

**Debra Henderson**, 49, 461 Highway 1 W. Apt. 38, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Travis Hirsch**, 27, 714 1/2 Kimball Ave., was charged Jan. 31 with OWI.

**Patrick Hogan**, 21, Davenport, was charged Sunday with assault causing injury.

**Rylie Hull**, 18, Cedar Rapids, was

charged Jan. 31 with PAULA.

**Evan Kerr**, 18, 740 Slater, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Bailey Kozik**, 19, 77 Miller Ave., was charged Jan. 31 with PAULA.

**Kevin Lammer**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Jonathan Mabry**, 19, Ames, was charged Sunday with assault causing injury and public intoxication.

**John Madsen**, 18, N216 Hillcrest, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Keegan Mallaney**, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Dec. 10 with possession of marijuana and Monday with reckless use of fire or explosive.

**Paul McIntire**, 25, 812 Benton Drive Apt. 24, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

**Andres Medina**, 37, 1205 Laura Drive Lot 19, was charged Monday with OWI and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Ryan Medina**, 20, Des Moines, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Margaret Meyer**, 19, S306 Hillcrest, was charged Jan. 30 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Whitney Miller**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 31 with PAULA.

**Keith O'Hearn**, 22, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Kathleen Rundell**, 45, Solon, was charged Monday with OWI.

**Jesus Sanchez**, 21, 902 N. Dodge Apt. 18, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Joshua Sanders**, 20, 1321 Sunset St. Apt. 1, was charged Sunday with possession of cocaine and public intoxication.

**Dustin Schlesselman**, 24, Coralville, was charged Jan. 31 with domestic assault.

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2. Women's basketball team beats Penn State in triple overtime
3. Wrestlers roll over Bucknell
4. Night Games growing in popularity
5. No house, no problem for new UI sorority

**METRO**

**CR museum receives restored items**  
A museum in Cedar Rapids will put 23 flood-damaged artifacts back on display, thanks to the UI Conservation Laboratory. Nancy Kraft, head of preservation at UI Libraries, said staff members spent more than 100 hours restoring the items. The artifacts, which include a mat woven by George Washington Carver, were damaged during the flood in June 2008. The Conservation Lab is also renovating flood-damaged materials from the Johnson County Historical Society. Curator Susan Kuecker will accept the items for the African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa. She will be available at 1 p.m. today at the Conservation Lab to provide information on the articles.  
— by Shane Erstrand

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# Teen battles cancer

**DANCE MARATHON**  
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RC was able to spend one week over New Year's there before returning to the hospital with a high fever. He was delirious at times, and doctors discovered his brain was swelling.

But things are looking up. RC is gradually eating more and gaining more mobility and strength.

It has been a long journey for the Daters, and it's not over.

"That's where Dance Marathon comes into play," said Toni Daters. "Dance Marathon will always be special in our lives."

Along with the constant emotional support, Dance Marathon provides parking passes, donates money toward pharmacy and hospital bills, and cooks meals during the year.

One of the most important blessings Dance Marathon

offers the Daters, though, is technology — wireless Internet for Skype and a blog for keeping friends and family updated.

Toni Daters posts on RC's blog, titled "BigRedsUltimate-Fight," daily. And RC gets to Skype with Aunt Betsy Taylor, who lives in Australia.

Over the weekend, Aunt Bee — as RC lovingly calls her — connected online, and RC's mood immediately brightened when he saw her face.

"I'm a steamroller, baby," he sang out, just as he used to when he was younger and visited Taylor's home in Australia.

Taylor said the hardest thing for her is not being able to touch RC

"With Skype, it's like I'm there. It's not the same, but it's close," Taylor said via Skype in RC's room.

Because the family is so independent, RC's 23-year-old sister

Michele Kelly said, holidays are a time to connect. For now, that means celebrating together in the hospital. The Daters have spent RC's 18th birthday, Toni and Ronald Daters' 21st wedding anniversary, Thanksgiving, Christmas, the birth of RC's nephew, and Travis Daters' birthday in the hospital.

But for RC, the holidays would be happier spent at his home in Marshalltown.

"I just want to get out of here as soon as possible," RC said with conviction.

Toni Daters said she is so proud of her son, and his ability to keep pulling through.

"One day you're leading a normal life, the next day you go to the doctor and find out your son has two different types of leukemia, and you're on the roller-coaster ride of your life," Toni Daters said.

# Academia guards liberty

**PORN**  
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On Jan. 29, Grassley stated he wants Congress to reconsider the \$3 million appropriated to the NSF under the current stimulus package after he noticed an investigation of the foundation had reported employees were spending significant amounts of time on pornographic and other explicit sites during work.

However, it is this valued academic freedom that creates a murkiness that Ben Stone, the executive director of ACLU of Iowa, said keeps monitoring systems on school campuses difficult.

"[Monitoring] is not as cut and dried as everyone thinks," he said. "The university would be very wise to be very cautious in putting restriction on what adults want to do."

Lyombe Eko, a UI associate professor of journalism, shares Stone's perspective that regulation and monitoring must be done mindfully.

"You need to tread lightly if you want to regulate faculty and staff access to pornography on campus," he said. "It should be done, I think, on a case-by-case basis. There are potential academic uses of pornography. What the university needs to do is ensure that workers do not watch pornography on the job for their personal entertainment."

With a focus on law and ethics in journalism, Eko addresses child pornography in his teaching and writing. He said he believes his activity on the Internet has very likely caught the attention of federal officials, but it is fully within the realm of his study.

While there is a blurry separation between a professor's personal activities and professional activities, he acknowledges that in other realms, such as private businesses or nonacademic jobs, monitoring could be more practical and constitutional.

Private companies, even ones as large as Microsoft, do

not have to guarantee their employees privacy on the job, Eko noted. Jobs outside the academic sphere are more structured — both in terms of time and content — making it easier to determine when an employee has overstepped her or his bounds.

Both Eko and Stone believe regulation should come in the form of human oversight rather than technical. They see it as the responsibility of supervisors to check in on their employees and hold them accountable for certain benchmarks in their work.

For Julia Campbell, a UI sophomore, it doesn't matter to her what professors do on their own time as long as it doesn't affect her learning opportunities.

"I'd prefer they didn't [look at porn]," the 20-year-old art major said. "But I don't think it is such a big deal that it makes me feel as though my tax dollars are being misused."

# Flood aid coming soon, Culver says

**HANCHER**  
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Charles Swanson, Hancher's executive director, said his staff is preparing a report for the regents' meeting in mid-March that will demonstrate Hancher's costs and how money officials receive from the regents could be used.

"We're anxious now to find out what the future's holding for us," Swanson said. "Whatever direction this [proposed money] may take us, we're ready to go full steam ahead and do the best we can with regards to everything we need at Hancher."

Culver mentioned alternative

energy generators — such as wind power — as a potential job and revenue producer in Iowa.

Karen Merrick, the division administrator of the innovation and commercialization division at the Iowa Department of Economic Development, agreed with Culver that energy should be a main generator for such resources in the state for the future.

"We have a tremendous opportunity, particularly when it pertains to energy," she said. "If [students] are willing to study and get the background then they have the opportunity to have a huge impact on the world in Iowa."

Cedar Falls will receive \$900,000

from the Rebuild Iowa Bill, Culver said. He said Cedar Falls' and Iowa City's funding could go into effect within eight weeks.

Culver stayed at the regents' meeting for around an hour to hear a discussion among the regents, leaders from the regent universities, and Iowa business leaders on the strengths and weaknesses of higher education.

"I hope that you can support our bonding initiative. I think all of those things combined will help the regent's budget in the future," Culver said. "When this national recession ends we will be in a much better shape."

DI reporter Mary Harrington contributed to this article.

# Delayed vote may cost IC

**TAX**  
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Iowa City had the potential to make \$7.3 million from the tax; however, by not voting in March, the bill will now go on a May ballot, potentially costing Iowa City \$2.5 million in funds. The other towns in the county are possibly passing up \$4.6 million.

"How can we lose something we never had?" Harney said. "I don't see the need to loosely place this on a ballot without due process, or council and resident discussions."

This will be the third time a local-option sales tax has been placed on a voting ballot in Johnson County. The first two

attempts for the 1-cent raise — in 1987 and 1999 — were overwhelmingly defeated, but Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett thinks this vote will be different.

"These are unique circumstances we're voting under," he said, referring to flooding and the economy. "It's up to the residents to decide if the raise is valid."

Although it will be a county-wide vote, the 1-cent sales tax increase will only take effect in the areas in which it passes, Slockett said.

An issue for councilors county-wide is where to allocate the funds if the vote passes, Harney said. Although the bill is marked to go toward disaster relief, the money can be put toward whatever a council determines appropriate.

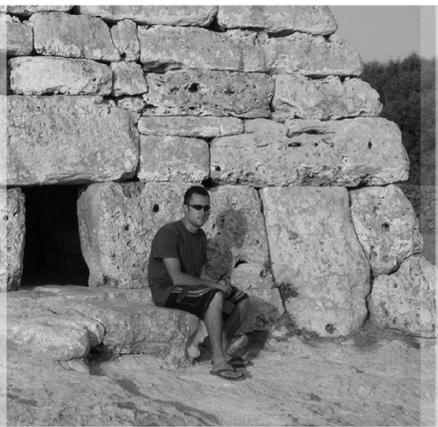
Harney said alleviating increased property taxes, human services, and community projects such as the Justice Center are potential candidates for the money.

"We need to justify the use of this money to the public before they vote to increase sales taxes," he said.

"No one knows whether it will pass, the bill is working in an unprecedented way under emergency circumstance," Slockett said. "It's up to the voters to make that decision, all the city council can do is put it on the ballot."

The City Council will discuss the bill at its Feb. 9 work session.

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# Where tall wind blows

Though wind energy in Iowa faces some obstacles, it is blowing them over.

By **CAITLIN LOMBARDO**  
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It's not only Iowa's corn stalks blowing in the wind lately — the state of cows and corn has now taken the lead over California as the second-leading producer nationally in wind energy.

According to a recent report by the American Wind Energy Association, Iowa produced 2,790 megawatts of wind energy in 2008; its production in 2006 was only 936 megawatts. Though Texas is still No. 1 in production, Iowa has made a 198 percent increase in production in just two years.

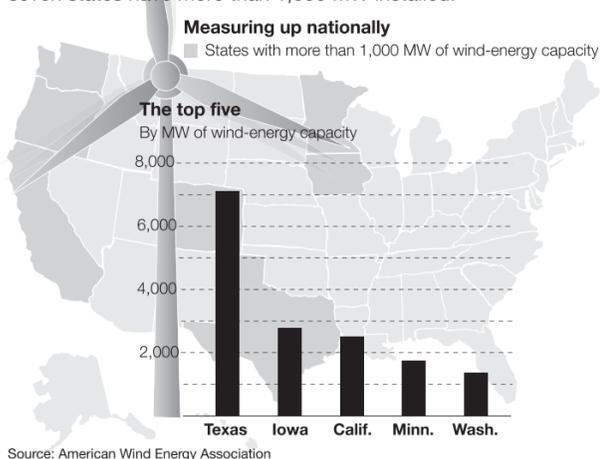
Andrew Kusiak, UI professor of industrial engineering, said Iowa has increased 200 percent in wind-energy production.

"Per capita, I would estimate we now produce 12 to 15 percent of all [Iowa's] energy from wind," he said.

So what brings wind power to Iowa? Kusiak said three things have worked in the state's favor: Iowa's consistently windy weather, good

## Wind energy across the U.S.

With 2,790 megawatts (MW) installed, Iowa has the second-highest wind-power generating capacity in the country. Only seven states have more than 1,000 MW installed.



Source: American Wind Energy Association

Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

leadership, and state congressional support of the alternative power, and Iowa's power grid, which allows power to be shipped to numerous locations — something some other states lack.

Despite the rapid increase in wind power, the energy source does have its setbacks, such as finding unused land for the wind farms.

"The only real problem is with our supply chain," said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville. "As far as build-

ing the towers and attaining the land, this is the problem to solve."

But wind power can also produce a few problems itself. The manpower and materials required to build the wind towers used to harness wind energy are costly, Kusiak said. Despite the expenses, Gov. Chet Culver and state legislators have stepped in with a few ideas.

The Production Tax Credit, a plan Congress created in 1992, provides tax credits to

'Investing in wind is investing in job creation and economic growth.'

— Governor Chet Culver

farmers and companies who implement wind energy to help subsidize the cost of installation. Culver has proposed that Congress adopt a five-year extension of the Production Tax Credit, which is set to expire in December 2009.

"Investing in wind is investing in job creation and economic growth," Culver said in a statement.

An extension would help make wind energy a permanent and viable energy option not only for Iowa, but the country, Jacoby said.

The tax credits are performance-based and do not use excessive tax dollars, she said.

"In order to receive the credit, companies have to hire a certain number of people at a certain wage," Jacoby said. "The tax credit is meant to offset upstart costs."

The implementation of such a power plan shows how committed Iowa is to wind energy and alternative power, he said.

"The last argument as far as alternative power is nuclear energy," he said. "I support it, but some people are dead set against it."

# Anti-piracy training up

By **CLARKE CANFIELD**  
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — With an alarming number of tankers and cargo ships getting hijacked on the high seas, the nation's maritime academies are offering more training to merchant seamen in how to fend off attacks from pirates armed not with cutlasses and flintlocks but automatic weapons and grenade launchers.

Colleges are teaching students to fishtail their vessels at high speed, drive off intruders with high-pressure water hoses, and illuminate their decks with floodlights.

Anti-piracy training is not new. Nor are the techniques. But the lessons have taken on new urgency — and more courses are planned — because of the record number of attacks worldwide in 2008 by outlaws who seize ships and hold them for ransom.

At the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, Calif., professor Donna Nincic teaches two courses on piracy. Students learn where the piracy hot spots are and how they have shifted over the years.

"If I've done anything, I've

shown them that this isn't a joke, it's not about parrots and eye patches and Blackbeard and all that," Nincic said. "It's very real and it's a problem without an easy solution."

Emily Rizzo, a student at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay, Mass., worked aboard a 760-foot cargo ship last year as part of her training. As the vessel sailed the Malacca Straits in Southeast Asia, she served on "pirate watches," learned to use hoses and took part in drills with alarms indicating the ship had been boarded.

The training "brought to light just how serious it is," said Rizzo, a 22-year-old senior from Milwaukee. "The pirates can get on board these huge ships and they know what they're doing. It's not like the old days."

The International Maritime Bureau reported 293 piracy incidents in 2008, an increase of 11 percent over the year before. Forty-nine vessels were hijacked, and 889 crew members were taken hostage. Eleven were killed, and 21 reported missing and presumed dead, according to the bureau.

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# Holder confirmed

By LARRY MARGASAK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eric Holder won Senate confirmation Monday as the nation's first black attorney general, after supporters from both parties touted his dream résumé and easily overcame Republican concerns over his commitment to fight terrorism and his willingness to back the right to keep and bear arms.

The vote was 75-21. Holder's chief supporter, Sen. Patrick Leahy, said the confirmation was a fulfillment of civil-rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream that all would be judged by the content of their character.

"Come on the right side of history," said Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Holder becomes the only black in President Barack Obama's Cabinet. Three other blacks were named to top administration positions, but are not Cabinet secretaries.

Holder was a federal prosecutor, judge, and the No. 2 Justice Department official in the Clinton administration. Even his critics agreed that Holder was well-qualified, but they questioned his positions and independence.

The debate turned partisan in its first moments, when Leahy, expressed anger that a few Republicans demanded a pledge from Holder that he wouldn't prosecute intelligence



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Attorney General-designate Eric Holder testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington on Jan. 15 before the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on his nomination.

agents who participated in harsh interrogations.

Leahy singled out Texas Republican John Cornyn as one who wanted to "turn a blind eye to possible lawbreaking before investigating whether it occurred."

"No one should be seeking to trade a vote for such a pledge," Leahy said.

When Cornyn rose to announce his vote against Holder, he did not make such a demand. However, he accused the nominee of changing his once-supportive position — on the need to detain terrorism suspects without all the rights of the Geneva Convention — to one of harshly criticizing Bush administration's counterterrorism policies.

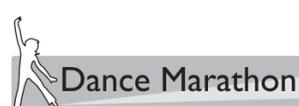
"His contrasting positions from 2002 to 2008 make me wonder if this is the same person," Cornyn said. "It makes me wonder what he truly believes."

Cornyn and Sen. Tom Coburn said Holder was hostile to the right of individuals to own guns, despite a Supreme Court ruling last June affirming the right to have weapons for self-defense in the home.

Holder said at his confirmation hearings: "I understand that the Supreme Court has spoken." But he added that some restrictions on guns could still be legal.

Holder's confirmation will trigger reviews — and changes — to the most controversial Bush administration policies, from interrogation tactics to terrorism trials and warrantless surveillance.

# Greening of the Dance



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This year, UI Dance Marathon's Big Dance will not only benefit children with life-threatening illnesses, it will have some environmental benefits as well.

The Dance Marathon facilities committee partnered for the first time with the UI Environmental Coalition to make the annual event more eco-friendly.

Colette Forcier, the facilities director of Dance Marathon, said it was one of her goals to make Dance Marathon more environmentally beneficial this time around.

"Our color has always been a lime green, so we decided to make our team's slogan 'Dance Marathon going even greener,'" she said. "That has been one of our goals for the past year."

To make it happen, the facilities committee paired up with the Green Consulting team at the Environmental Coalition. Together, the two have organized a new recycling program for the event.

"We started by just talking to them and giving them ideas of how to make sure that their stuff can be recycled," said

With the help of the Environmental Coalition, Dance Marathon is becoming a lot more eco-friendly.

Brittany Graham, the head of the Green Consulting team. "They go through a lot of water bottles and pop cans, so we brought up ideas to make sure all of that could be recycled."

City Carton Recycling officials will donate recycling bins for paper, plastic, aluminum, and other recyclable materials. They have also volunteered to pick up the bins' contents at the end of the event.

"We are really excited to start doing this, and our advisers are really excited, too," Forcier said. "We are grateful for the Environmental Coalition and City Carton for donating recycling bins. They are doing a lot for us."

Eric Holthaus, a co-president of Environmental Coalition, said its members are volunteering to help monitor the event's recycling initiative.

"We are going to have about three or four people there for each of the four eating shifts," he said. "They are going to make sure people recycle correctly, because if people throw trash in a recycling bin, the whole thing is contaminated, and it all becomes waste."

In addition to recycling, the Dance Marathon team also plans on making other eco-

friendly adjustments, such as not using Styrofoam and using less energy for light and sound equipment, Forcier said.

Ann Temple, the physical-plant chairwoman for Dance Marathon, said the event typically creates a large amount of trash during the 24-hour period, so this year's green initiatives are intended to ameliorate the problem.

"We are focusing a lot of thought on having more bins available for recycling, because in previous years there have been a few recycling containers, and they were not as easily accessible and were not as clearly marked," she said. "It just seemed like because we have the resources and the time to do it, we should change it. It creates so much waste that could be better handled."

Temple and Forcier said this is only the first step in making changes in how the program handles recycling.

"It is such a huge event, and it is a shame [effective recycling] hasn't happened before," Forcier said. "Because we had this plan from the beginning of this year, it was easier to make it happen. We knew the right steps to start it off. Hopefully, it will get a lot bigger."

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## Editorial

## University shouldn't rebuild on floodplain

Last week, the UI learned that the Federal Emergency Management Agency will provide financial backing for renovating or relocating portions of the UI Arts Campus. As *The Daily Iowan* reported on Jan. 27, Hancher Auditorium, Voxman Music Building, Clapp Recital Hall, and Art Building East are eligible for FEMA funds for renovation or replacement. Now, university officials face the problem of keeping the buildings in their current sites and renovating them or relocating the facilities out of the floodplain. Given the high probability of flood damage if the facilities remain in their current location, the UI officials should strongly consider moving the Arts Campus facilities outside the floodplain.

Keeping the Arts Campus in its current location would require more than just renovating the damaged campus; serious steps would need to be taken to protect against future flood damage to the buildings. A concrete levee or landscape modifications would be vital if the university wanted to avoid repeating the renovation process when the next flood strikes. Moreover, even if officials want to simply rebuild next to the river, the cost of insurance may be prohibitive.

Choosing to relocate the Arts complexes raises the question, where? Downtown Iowa City is congested and devoid of adequate parking. Rebuilding on the current interim location of the old Menards cuts the Arts complexes off from the rest of the campus. Arts students will carry an extra burden of transporting themselves from a remote campus back to the main campus in downtown.

Perhaps UI officials could rethink the planned razing of the former International Center. Instead of building a new College of Public Health Building, the area could be used for a relocated Arts Campus. The recently built Art Building West is located down the hill and to the east of the old

International Center. The old parking lot for the International Center could be used for more land; it's not as if the Arts Campus had adequate parking before the flood. The Hancher parking lot could still be maintained for commuter parking even if the complexes is moved. UI officials are considering using the Marching Band practice field as temporary housing for music facilities. If adequate space can be found near the current campus but outside the floodplain, then university officials should strongly consider relocating.

John Wells' guest opinion for the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* on Jan. 31 promoted swapping Kinnick Stadium and all the congestion of game day for Hancher Auditorium and the Arts Campus, arguing that the stadium would suffer less long-term damage during a flood. While the parking would be better for game-day traffic, the suggestion is completely unrealistic, given the large amount of money just spent on renovating Kinnick Stadium. Even if the field could be replanted in time for late-August games, it seems highly unlikely the damaged facilities under the stadium would be ready for the football season after summer flooding.

It's not that football is more important than the Arts Campus; rather, it's that UI officials should take this opportunity and the funding available to make sure that whenever the next flood strikes, it affects a very minimal part of campus.

Perhaps the university could buy space downtown. It would certainly give the Iowa City City Council its wish of wiping the bar scene off of the map, and it would maintain the compact campus goal President Sally Mason seeks to meet with the FEMA funding. An unlikely scenario to be certain, but an example of the outside-of-the-box philosophy UI officials will need to use when deciding the future of the Arts Campus.

## Wimps &amp; groundhogs

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Monday, as you well know once you awake from your nap in lecture, was Feb. 2, the day we (or at least the infamous Winter Wimps) learn how much longer winter will last.

That's because Feb. 2 is James Joyce's birthday, and if, as he strolls down the *riverrun*, past *Eve and Adam's*, he sees his shadow, the Irish will drink for six more weeks to ward off the harmful effects of winter.

No, really. Would I feed you blarney?

Well, OK, I realize some of you still believe in groundhogs as weather prognosticators. Of course, some of you probably also still believe the Sun also rises. (News flash — the Sun neither rises nor sets; those are merely effects you see because you've no doubt indulged in items that, legally, you are not allowed to possess.)

Given the choice in weather predictors between a groundhog and the 20th century's greatest writer, I'll take the writer every time. I mean, for one thing, groundhogs can't even spell. (In this, they resemble your typical undergrad.)

So call me a dreamer. I can take it. (I was married once.)

Speaking of groundhogs and Feb. 2, not that we were, exactly, that famous groundhog in Pennsylvania apparently saw his shadow on Monday, for what it's worth. Not very much, at least according to some who refer to that varmint as Punxaphony Phil. This was because a groundhog in Staten Island did not see its shadow on Monday. The Staten Island groundhog, incidentally, also bit the hand of the mayor of New York City, showing much more sense than, say, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who had picked up the animal (which, quite logically, wanted to remain in its warm shelter) so that it would come out into the day and not see its shadow.

See what believing in groundhogs will get you?

There was another groundhog that didn't see its shadow Monday — in Georgia, one named Beau forecast an early spring. And with a name such

as that, we can be sure there's no blarney. (Can't we?)

So, for you Winter Groundhog-Believing Wimps there either will or will not be another six weeks of winter.

I bring all this up because Winter Wimps seemed to have been all the rage last week, after President Obama poked a little fun at his daughters' school for closing because of a winter storm. ("As my children pointed out, in Chicago, school is never canceled. In fact, my 7-year-old pointed out, you'd go outside for recess in weather like this. You wouldn't even stay indoors," were some of his words.)

You'd think, given all the problems facing this country (take the economy — please), that people would chuckle a bit and then move on, in that famous American phrase. But no. The *Washington Post* published not one but three replies to the president — a house editorial, a guest commentary by former *Post* staffer Jeanne McManus, and a piece by Eugene Robinson — all taking Obama to task for insinuating that D.C. residents were Winter Wimps.

No, really. Three separate pieces. Robinson, a columnist I admire greatly, went so far as to construct the argument that because Chicago lies north of D.C., it gets only snow, not ice storms, and therefore Obama could not know what ice storms were like. (You know, Obama didn't just arrive in D.C. shortly before his inauguration.) And, of course, we in Iowa City, which is roughly on the same latitude as Chicago, know exactly what ice storms are like — so I suspect Chicago-Landers do, too.

And speaking of ice storms, a major one hit Kentucky and Arkansas last week, knocking down power lines and leaving many, many tens of thousands without power, possibly for weeks. Not what you want in winter, you'd have to agree.

This is something we could fix in the economic-stimulus plan — the government could hire thousands of workers to bury all the power lines in the country (which is what they did in Berlin, and it works quite well). We'd still have ice storms, but they wouldn't knock out the power, leaving many thousands without heat and electricity.

OK, call me a dreamer.

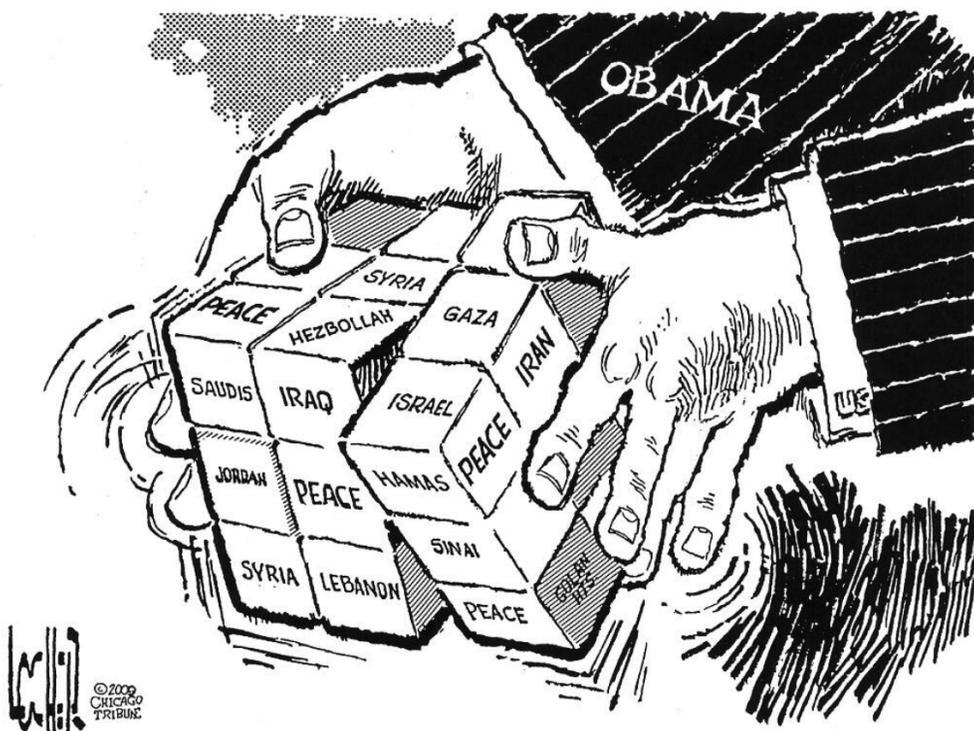
By the way, the Irish will be drinking for the next six weeks, *from swerve of shore to bend of bay*.

Wimp on. ■

## Letters

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## Commentary

## Shadowboxing the Bush administration

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The parallels between the Bush Doctrine and Al Qaeda's Islamist jihadi doctrine extend beyond military tactics and strategies. The "war on terror" is more than a physical battlefield; it is an ideological war as well. The no-compromise military strategy used by the Bush administration and Al Qaeda also extends to their rhetoric, once again creating a never-ending cycle of conflict.

The national-security strategies of 2002 and 2006 detailed then-President Bush's long-term and short-term goals regarding the "war on terror"; conversely, Al Qaeda detailed its goals through a series of letters and speeches to the American public. Both sides made it clear through their rhetoric that the final battles in the "war on terror" will be for the minds of the people. Bush commonly referred to

this ideological struggle as the "battle of ideas."

The rhetorical tactics, weapons if you will, used in the "battle of ideas" are strikingly similar. The core elements of both parties are dualism, a duty to defend, protection of core values, and triumph through cultural expansion. It is at the point of intersection between these four themes that the rhetoric and propaganda are at their most powerful; it is within this nexus that the "battle of ideas" is being waged.

In a game of persuasion, the advocate must portray her or his side as the morally just or empirically valid position in order to present the most persuasive argument. Without the vilification or invalidation of the adversary, the audience may weigh both sides of the debate equally, a fatal proposition for winning a rhetorical exercise. The "battle of ideas" follows the same road map.

The Bush administration and Al Qaeda are quick to condemn the beliefs and actions of their adversaries. Each presents an argument designed to efficiently demonize its "evil" enemy. Thus, the rivals are quick to classify the "battle of ideas," usually by way of historical analogies, as a part in the eternal struggle between good and bad, light and dark, and heaven and hell. Thus, any action taken on behalf of the "good fight" is just; conversely, any action taken against the "good" is malicious and wicked. The brilliance of the duality scheme is that there is no in grey area; neutrality is just as sinful as opposition.

The process of vilification is a prerequisite for the subsequent self-appointed label of "Great Defender" employed both the Bush administration and Al Qaeda. Without a malevolent adversary threatening the core values

and people of their respective society, the need for a "Defender" is nonexistent, and the use of a first-strike defense policy is unjust. Both organizations present their cases to the world that they were attacked first; war was brought to their soil, and thus, they must respond to save their respective societies. However, each side is careful to represent itself as more than a legally — be it based on Shariah or the U.N. charter — justified defender. A legal right has a logical and legally defined course of action and conclusion, whereas moral obligations are nebulous appeals to subjective reasoning leaving more room for broad interpretations of what is "necessary" and "warranted" in the face of evil. Waterboarding, extraordinary rendition, and attacking noncombatants are presented as defensible means to a just end, ignoring the fact that

they are illegal and no less "evil" than the initial terrorist attacks or economic sanctions that lead to the deaths of Muslim children.

While the Bush administration and Al Qaeda substantially differ on political, sociological, and economic policy, they agree on the fundamental pillars of society. For both organizations, the principles of freedom, justice and human dignity are worth defending even if it means the use of force and a great loss of life. In the end, both adversaries are fighting to "defend" the same core principles of society. Unfortunately, they wage war to defend the principles as interpreted by their respective societies, rather than a global community. Thus, the freedom Al Qaeda fights for means the subjugation of American values. It's not human dignity we "champion" as argued in the 2002 national-security strategy by President Bush, but

American dignity. Torture and killing civilians does nothing to further dignity, freedom, or justice within America, the umma, or globally.

Whether it is categorized as "expanding liberty," "advancing freedom," "bringing democracy," "establishing justice," "defending the oppressed," or "enjoining the good," both doctrines present victory to be reliant upon the abrogation of their adversaries core values with their own. If cultural domination is the death blow, then the self-imposed "moral defender" label turns out to be nothing more than a pretext for cultural expansion and homeland propaganda aimed at ensuring popular support for aggressive military policies. In the end, the Bush administration's rhetoric justifies the ridiculous accusation that we are waging a "war on Islam" rather than defending our right to live free from terror.

## CD REVIEWS

### If it ain't broke, don't fix it - just spruce it up a bit.

The country music scene is changing, as it has been for the last 10 years. By taking a glimpse or having a listen, it's evident just how mainstream the industry has become. The artists are younger and hotter, and some are blurring or even erasing the line between country and popular music. Enter Dierks Bentley.



Dierks Bentley  
**Feel That Fire**  
★★★ out of  
★★★★

On one side, we hear an introspective, heartfelt side of Bentley, pouring his heart out over life and love in tracks such as "You Hold Me Together" and "Beautiful World." On the other side of the coin, listeners are introduced to a free-wheeling lady-killer in "Life on the Run" and "Here She Comes," among others. *Feel That Fire's* range is almost reminiscent of a *Cosmopolitan* article that tries to "decode a man" - can he actually be both at the same time? At least in his head, the answer is yes.

What's unfortunate is that this flip-flop of sentiment is something that has not changed for Bentley since day one. While at first encounter, this concept is a bit wacky and exciting, it can get a bit tired if you've heard too much of it. Devoted Bentley fans are sure to be pleased, if *Feel That Fire's* three predecessors are any indication.

Borderline monotony aside, Bentley is a genuine, solid musician, with a knack for telling a story - no matter how many times he tells it.

**Rebecca's Picks:** "Feel That Fire," "Here She Comes," "Beautiful World" - by Rebecca Koons

### Love, Hate and Then There's This Average Album

For the Von Bondies' third studio album *Love, Hate And Then There's You* the members brighten up the band's sound a bit from previous record, *Pawn Shoppe Heart*. However, the album consists mostly of distorted power chords, simple bass lines, and excessive cymbal crashes, making it a bit redundant.

Parts of *Love, Hate, and Then There's You* sound like Radiohead, while others ring of Weezer, and Jason Stollsteimer's vocals are reminiscent of AFI. "This Is Our Perfect Crime" and "Pale Bride" definitely have the potential to put the group on the map, as "C'mon C'mon" did.

"This Is Our Perfect Crime," the album's opening cut, features an interesting pitch-bending technique by the guitar and a catchy chorus. Another bright spot, "Accidents Will Happen," is surprisingly upbeat, and the guitar arpeggios help to brighten the sound even more. Leann Banks' driving bass and Stollsteimer's vocals give "Modern Saints" a sound similar to that of *London Calling*-era Clash tunes.



The Von Bondies  
**Love, Hate, and Then There's You**  
★★½ out of  
★★★★

While these tracks stand out, about half of the album's 12 songs run together and sound the same. *Love, Hate, and Then There's You* is more of a step sideways, as opposed to forward or backward, when compared with 2004's *Pawn Shoppe Heart*. The Von Bondies will need to be more groundbreaking if it wants to be remembered for more than being the band that did the theme song for "Rescue Me."

Although the topics at hand are enough to wonder if this music is of the touchy-feely variety, it's far from anything to slit your wrists to. Despite the negativity, *The Fray's* music leans toward the feel-good type, thanks in part to the blithe melodies.

**Nick's Picks:** "This is Our Perfect Crime," "Accidents Will Happen," "Modern Saints" - by Nick Fetty

### Back in Action

*The Fray* has a lot to live up to in a post *How to Save a Life*-era. With its rise in popularity thanks in part to television, most notably "Grey's Anatomy," the Denver-based alternative band launches headfirst into 2009 with the release of a new, self-titled album.

From the opening track, "Syndicate," to the final cut, "Happiness," *The Fray* yet again captivates people with steady rhythm and heartfelt lyrics.

The magic in *The Fray* lies in its ability to formulate words that encapsulate universal events. Take the band's current single, "You Found Me"; the ballad expresses insecurities and heartbreak - two prevalent experiences. These two areas of interest can be exceedingly dry when in the wrong hands, but rest assured that *The Fray* brings new life to them.

Though it isn't all about relationship trauma. The band dives deep into human emotions, pondering the ability to procure happiness without a heaping pile of pain through *The Fray's* concluding number, "Happiness."

Overall *The Fray's* newest is exactly what fans have been itching for.

**Rachael's Picks:** "Syndicate," "You Found Me," and "Where The Story Ends" - by Rachael Lander

# Weaving Las Vegas

Charles Bock's *Beautiful Children* reveals a side of Las Vegas minus the glitz and glamour. It tears the fraudulent Botox-injected face off the city and, consequently, America as a whole.

By DAN WATSON  
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For a decade, Charles Bock worked an abundance of shitty jobs - he was a third-string legal proofreader, rewrite guy for a trashy tabloid, and a proctor for foreign-language exams. He had a credit card but was late on payments more than once.

He was also attempting to portray an enigmatic America through fiction - a daunting task. For 10 years he edited, rewrote, and revised. The efforts of his labors accumulated in his widely acclaimed debut novel *Beautiful Children*.

"I'm almost embarrassed to be that guy who worked on a project for that long," Bock said. "But art takes as long as it takes. It's not a blog; you can't just throw up a link and say, 'There are all the answers.'"

Bock will read from *Beautiful Children* today at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., promoting its paperback release.

The book is a sprawling saga centered on the disappearance of a pre-teen boy in Las Vegas. Bock uses his numerous characters in *Beautiful Children* as pieces in a puzzle unconsciously drifting into, and ultimately changing, each others' lives. Through the novel's character driven approach, Bock takes the reader on a tour of the dark alleys and broken dreams of Sin City. His knowledge about the city's intricacies comes from personal experience: His grandparents and parents were pawnbrokers in downtown Las Vegas.

While Las Vegas serves as *Beautiful Children's* setting, Bock wrote the novel in New York City, where he lives. "A certain amount of distance from Vegas helped me," he said.



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Popular culture plays a large role in Charles Bock's debut novel, *Beautiful Children*. Bock said the novel's Las Vegas setting "is a great part of America's pop-culture pantheon."

"I was able to get the city I wanted portrayed in my head. If I wrote a sentence in Vegas, it may be out of date by the next sentence because the city is changing so fast."

*Beautiful Children* was originally a short story, then a novella, before he fleshed it out to a novel. Four years into the publishing process, an executive read a draft and became concerned with certain aspects of the novel.

"I was just devastated after that conversation," Bock said. "But I began to see the novel through a different lens. That was the big moment - it sent me back to the drawing board."

After six years' worth of revisions, Bock finally created a piece he was ready to sell. Random House quickly bought the final draft. He attributes the success

## READING

Charles Bock,  
*Beautiful Children*

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

and recognition of *Beautiful Children* to an underlining theme of the book: chance.

"No one was saying, 'You know we need a multileveled book about runaways that devotes 25 pages on porn tryouts because Oprah will want to put that on her book list,'" Bock said. "I, my book, got support because one person handed it to another over and over again."

# Emotional vectors

By RACHAEL LANDER  
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Jamie Ford's first novel, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, has, exquisitely, all the characteristics of a widely appealing work. Ford is able to capture love, heartbreak, and the importance of family - all without being overly dramatic or repetitive.

*Hotel* follows Henry, a Chinese-American living in Seattle during the turmoil of World War II. The reader first joins Henry during the 1980s, when he is a mourning widower with a nonexistent relationship with his son.

After the introduction of Henry, Ford effortlessly transports the Seattle-born character back into the 1940s and the Chinese section of town.

Certain key events stand out as Henry reflects on his childhood.

He is raised in a home that is wholly against the Japanese, thanks to his father's experiences back in China. He attends an elementary school, where he is the only Asian surrounded by a sea of white people. However, this abruptly changes when Ford introduces his readers to the character of Keiko.

Keiko is a Japanese-American girl living in a predominantly Japanese section of Seattle. From the moment Henry and Keiko meet, she turns his life around in a way he never thought possible.

Throughout Henry's muddling in childhood memories, Ford brings him back to the present to deal with the issues he currently faces as he

describes the ones he encountered as a young child.

From start to finish, there are elements that arise from *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* that are so touching it is almost impossible to leave Henry's world without being truly moved by every word.

The most extraordinary part of *Hotel* is Ford's ability to stir intense compassion for the characters. With his uncanny skill to blur the lines between reality and fiction, he creates a world in which readers can almost feel the emotions emulating from the characters.

For those who are overly emotional when sitting with a good book, rest assured that Ford's latest will extract so many powerful feelings that it will surely shatter your tear ducts.



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'Israel and Egypt are at peace because of their efforts. [The soldiers] could hear explosions from the Gaza Strip. Today is the end of a remarkable journey.'

— Colonel Tim Orr

# Guard welcomed home

Members of the community gather Monday to celebrate the homecoming of Iowa City-based National Guard Battalion.

By GEOFF WARING  
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Families and loved ones packed the Iowa City West High auditorium Monday evening for a homecoming ceremony in honor of the Iowa National Guard's 109th Medical Battalion.

The 94 soldiers deployed to Sinai, Egypt, returned to their families after having been separated since Feb. 6, 2008. They were greeted with jubilation.

When the soldiers first assembled on the stage, the crowd threw signs in the air and applauded until "The Star-Spangled Banner" silenced



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN  
Army Spc. William Scott greets family members on Monday in the West High Auditorium after the Task Force 109 welcome home ceremony. The soldiers returned home on Monday after being stationed in Sinai, Egypt, since the spring of 2008.

them. Teary-eyed family members placed their hands on their hearts as the troops saluted the U.S. flag.

The crowd's showing was a "great testimony of caring and support," said Lt. Brian Jones, a member of the 109th Medical Battalion.

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, the first of three distinguished

guests to speak at the ceremony, said he felt that being in attendance at the program was something special.

"To be at this ceremony means more than you can possibly imagine," he said.

He stressed the importance of not only the soldiers who were called to duty but of the families that supported them

while they were on "a mission of peace in a volatile part of the world."

Iowa City City Councilor Mike Wright also applauded the return of the troops.

"It is with relief and joy we welcome you home," he said.

The soldiers spent time training in Fort Lewis, Wash., before providing medical care, postal services, and command and control for the 1st Support Battalion in Sinai. Stationed on the Sinai Peninsula, they performed a peace-keeping mission by working with the governments of Egypt and Israel.

Col. Tim Orr said though their mission was peaceful, the soldiers encountered dangerous surroundings over the past year.

"Israel and Egypt are at peace because of their efforts," he said. "[The soldiers] could hear explosions from the Gaza Strip. Today is the end of a remarkable journey."

Orr said the work the 109th Medical Battalion did was done the "Iowa way" — "Leave it better than when you found it," he said.

## NATIONAL

### U.S. warned on waste in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Waste and corruption that marred Iraq's reconstruction will be repeated in Afghanistan unless the U.S. transforms the unwieldy bureaucracy managing tens of billions of dollars in infrastructure projects, government watchdogs warned Monday.

The U.S. has devoted more than \$30 billion to rebuilding Afghanistan. Yet

despite the hard lessons learned in Iraq, where the U.S. has spent nearly \$51 billion on reconstruction, the effort in Afghanistan is headed down the same path, the watchdogs told a new panel investigating wartime contracts.

"Before we go pouring more money in, we really need to know what we're trying to accomplish [in Afghanistan]," said Ginger Cruz, deputy special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction.

"And at what point do you turn off the spigot so you're not pouring money

into a black hole?"

Better cooperation among federal agencies, more flexible contracting rules, constant oversight, and experienced acquisition teams are among the changes urged by the officials in order to make sure money isn't wasted and contractors don't cheat.

Cruz, along with Stuart Bowen, the top U.S. official overseeing Iraq's reconstruction, delivered a grim report to the Commission on Wartime Contracting. Their assessment, along

with testimony from Thomas Gimble of the Defense Department inspector general's office, laid out a history of poor planning, weak oversight, and greed that soaked U.S. taxpayers and undermined American forces in Iraq.

Bowen, who has made 21 trips to Iraq since he was appointed in October 2004, said the U.S. has financed a wide array of projects in Iraq — from training the Iraqi army and police to rebuilding the country's oil, electric, justice, health, and transportation sectors.

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Pat Summitt

### BASKETBALL

#### No grand feeling for Summitt

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Pat Summitt's 1,000th win will have to wait at least another game. Courtney Paris' record 112-game double-double streak came to an end, but Whitney Hand matched her career high with 20 points to help No. 2 Oklahoma beat 12th-ranked Tennessee, 80-70, on Monday night for the Sooners' 15th-straight victory. Summitt was denied in her first attempt at reaching the coaching milestone. She'll get another chance on Thursday, when the Lady Vols host Georgia.

#### Iowa-Ohio State game set

Officials announced Monday that Iowa's home game with Ohio State has been set for March 3. The contest between the Hawkeyes and Buckeyes will be televised by the Big Ten Network, and it is slated for an 8 p.m. tip-off in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The date chosen was one of three options in place when the Hawkeyes' 2008-09 schedule was released in September 2008. Ohio State took the first meeting between the two teams in Columbus on New Year's Eve, 68-65.

— by Brendan Stiles

#### Knight could return to coaching in right situation

ATLANTA (AP) — Bob Knight would consider returning to the sideline if the right coaching opportunity presented itself.

"It has to be a situation that I think is right for me and one where I would be right for the university," Knight told ESPN Radio. "It has to be one, from my standpoint, where I think we would have the wherewithal to recruit and be able to compete with anybody."

His name has been linked to the opening at Georgia, but Knight, who resigned as Texas Tech coach almost a year ago, said he has had no contact with the Bulldogs.

And Georgia hasn't said it's interested in Knight.

"You know, never say never," Knight said during Monday night's broadcast on ESPN2 of the Tennessee-Oklahoma women's game. "I've always said if I had a chance, and it was a good one, and I was good for the situation, I'd be interested."

Athletics Director Damon Evans is heading the Georgia search after firing Dennis Felton on Jan. 29. Evans ultimately will make a recommendation to University of Georgia president Michael Adams.

### TV TODAY

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Decorah High School's Brett Van Sloten takes down a Western Dubuque player on Oct. 17, 2008. Decorah won, 27-10.

# Incoming tackle can move

Van Sloten changes the family colors.

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On Sept. 12, former Cyclone Doug Van Sloten will turn in his Cardinal for Black and keep the Gold as the Hawkeyes take the field at Jack Trice Stadium, a place he used to call home.

Actually, he's been wearing Iowa gear the last few months.

Van Sloten, an offensive lineman for Iowa State in the 1980s, is the father of Decorah star and Hawkeye class of 2009 commitment Brett Van Sloten.

"It's been really good wear-

ing Black-and-Gold," Doug Van Sloten said. "I'm totally supportive of Brett's decision, and we're excited to cheer for the Hawkeyes in the future and excited that Brett's got the opportunity to become an Iowa Hawkeye."

Brett Van Sloten was an anchor at tight end and defensive tackle for the 3A state runner-up Decorah Vikings his senior season, and he will make the switch to offensive tackle for the Hawkeyes. He doesn't believe it will be much of transition from tight end to offensive tackle because his blocking was his main duty in the Vikings' offense.

He grew up rooting for the Cyclones, but that changed when he began to focus on his collegiate career.

"Once I realized I wanted to

play Division-I football, probably back in 10th grade, I just was open with all colleges that were recruiting me and after that I didn't have a favorite," Brett Van Sloten said. "Now, obviously, my favorite's Iowa."

At 6-7, 270-pounds, Brett Van Sloten certainly has the frame to become a prototypical offensive tackle, but he's also a gifted multi-sport athlete. As a center for his high-school basketball team, he led the state in rebounds as a junior, averaging more than 15 boards a game and over 21 points.

Combining these factors, Tom Kakert of Hawkeyereport.com thinks Brett Van Sloten has the tools to become a good collegiate lineman.

"He can get up and down the court pretty well," Kakert said, referring to Brett Van Sloten's

#### Recruiting Coverage

National signing day is coming up, and the DI has you covered.

Be sure to read the DI on Wednesday for everything you need to know about Iowa's Class of 2009, and also make sure to check out our interactive graphic at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) for up-to-date information on each new Hawkeye. On Thursday, the DI will have reaction from head coach Kirk Ferentz on his incoming class.

basketball skills. "He's got the pedigree; his dad played at Iowa State. He's got the size and he's a good athlete. He projects out at tackle, and tackle is going to be one of your best athletes on the line, so he's an intriguing prospect."

SEE VAN SLOTEN, 3B

'Houry's very sharp and dynamic in the things she does, [while] Jenifer is explosive but passive. I think it's a great contrast to have because the judges aren't looking at the same thing every time, and they can truly judge for what they see individually rather than lumping them in as a team.'

— head coach Larissa Libby

# Dynamic duo sets the table for GymHawks

Iowa women's gymnastics has a pair of top all-around gymnasts in Jenifer Simbhudas and Houry Gebeshian.

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#### ON THE WEB

Go to [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) to see video of Iowa gymnasts Jenifer Simbhudas and Houry Gebeshian.

Iowa gymnasts Jenifer Simbhudas and Houry Gebeshian have found that despite taking different paths in the gymnastics world, both their roads have led to the same place.

Last season, Simbhudas scored a personal best 39.450 in the all-around and twice was named Big Ten Gymnast of the Week. She was also named to the All-Big Ten team at season's end and looked poised to qualify for the NCAA nationals before an uncharacteristic fall off the uneven bars cut that dream short. She returned to Iowa in hopes of finishing where she left off.

At the same time last year, Gebeshian was just starting her freshman campaign for the GymHawks, and she primarily competed in three events — the floor exercise, balance beam, and uneven bars — while occasionally competing on the vault. Through hard work and

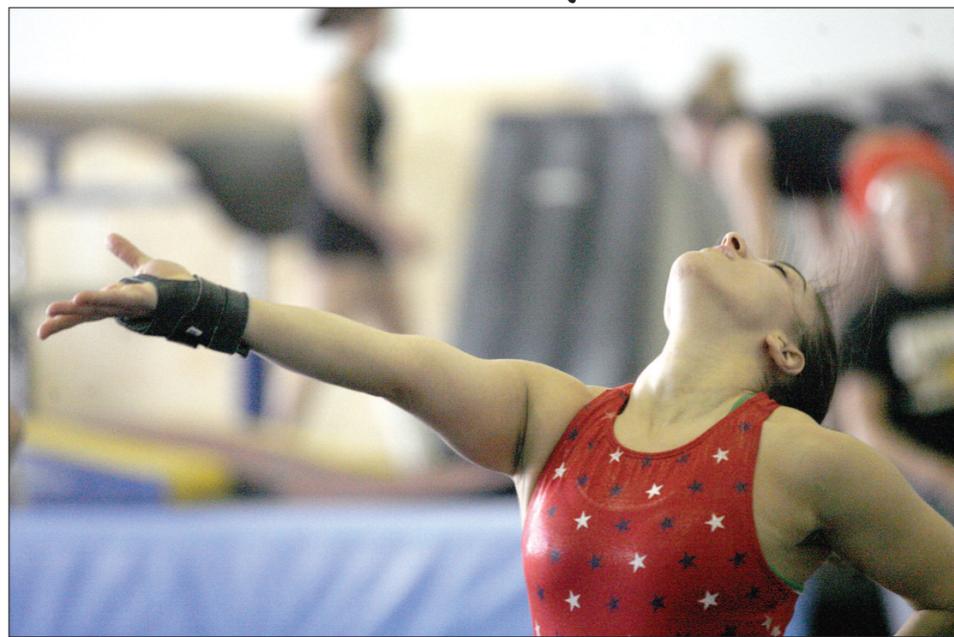
training, she managed to work on her vaulting skills and secure her spot in the event, and she now competes in the all-around with Simbhudas.

In the midst of Iowa's success the last three weeks, both gymnasts have shown they not only can compete with some of the best in the country, but that perhaps their toughest competitor is one another.

"We're just so very proud of how far [Houry's] come along and how quickly she is in a position to push an athlete like Jenifer to be perfect every time," head coach Larissa Libby said.

The GymHawks have kicked off their 2009 season with individual all-around title victories from both gymnasts.

In the first meet of the season, against No. 7 LSU and Southeast Missouri State, Iowa fin-



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Iowa gymnast Houry Gebeshian practices a floor routine in the Field House on Monday. Gebeshian contributed to the Hawkeyes' season-high score of 195.05 in last weekend's meet.

ished third in the team standings, but Simbhudas (39.200) and Gebeshian (38.625) finished second and fourth all-around, separated by .575 points. This

proved to be a positive sign for not only the GymHawks but for Simbhudas and Gebeshian.

In a meet against Michigan State, Illinois State, and No. 18

West Virginia, Iowa not only took first place but saw Simbhudas (39.075) and Gebeshian

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# Speed, speed, speed

Iowa's in-state class is all about speed.

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Mention high-school football players from Iowa to a nonnative, and it will most likely conjure up images of massive farm boys battling in the trenches — such players as Robert Gallery, Aaron Kampman, and Kyle Vanden Bosch. However, the in-state class of 2009 features players more likely to blow past defenders for touchdowns than pancaking linebackers or sacking quarterbacks.

Hawkeyereport.com's Tom Kakert said that the 2009 in-state class doesn't follow the normal trend.

"Iowa doesn't traditionally produce a lot of kids who are running-back, wide-receiver, quarterback kind of athletes, even defensive backs," Kakert said. "Typically, Iowa kids are more linebacker, offensive-line type of kids. This is a rare occasion: You usually might get one guy on the high end, you usually don't get three."

Jordan Cotton, Keenan Davis, and Brandon Wegher headline the in-state Iowa commitments this year, and each of them runs the 40-yard dash in around 4.4, according to Rivals.com.



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Associated Press CHICAGO — The Cubs traded one-time playoff starter Rich Hill to the Baltimore Orioles for a player to be named Monday.

It's the second trade of the off-season between the Orioles and Cubs and between Hendry and his former boss Andy MacPhail, who is now running Baltimore's baseball operations.

Hill, 28, is 18-17 with a 4.37 ERA in 64 appearances during four seasons with the Cubs, including 11-8 with a 3.92 ERA in a career-high 32 starts during 2007.

Baltimore designated left-hander Brian Burres for assignment to clear a roster spot. The Orioles have 10 days to release Burres, trade him or send him outright to the minors.

Robnett, a first-round pick of the A's in 2004, has played five seasons in Oakland's minor league system, reaching Triple-A. He played in only 82 games last season after having a tumor removed from his stomach.

Wuertz was 13-7 with one save and a 3.57 ERA in 265 relief appearances in all or part of five seasons with the Cubs. He was 1-1 with a 3.63 ERA in 45 relief appearances last season for Chicago and also pitched at Triple-A Iowa.

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What (or who) is hurting the Iowa men's basketball program the most?

Big Ten improving

The biggest challenge facing the Iowa men's basketball team is one beyond its control. The Big Ten has improved over the last few years, and it shows no signs of slowing down in the years to come.

which should help Lickliter lure in top recruits. He has a national Coach of the Year award in his own trophy case, and he has the Hawkeyes headed in the right direction.

But to be frank, they can be high-maintenance.

When the Hawkeye football team faced No. 3 Penn State at Kinnick Stadium last fall, the student section failed to reach capacity. Then many of those who did stand in the fierce cold left after the third quarter, anticipating defeat.

Unless you're talking about a perennial powerhouse (which Iowa certainly is not), patience is needed to reap the benefits of a good coach hiring — especially when that new coach is inheriting a program that was virtually deserted by its previous coach, who shall remain nameless.

Lickliter's system, the same one that kept the Butler program among the nation's best mid-majors after Thad Matta put it on the map, is unique. It includes hard-nosed, fundamental play on defense and patience and good decision-making on the offensive side of the ball.

And who can forget the emphasis on college basketball's great equalizer — the 3-point shot? After all, everyone digs the long ball.

When you're trying to implement such a specialized system, you also need players with specialized skill sets. Many of the players Lickliter inherited last season didn't fit his system perfectly, although some players, such as Jake Kelly, have done a good job adapting their games.

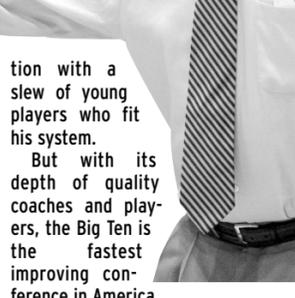
But Lickliter is starting to bring in his type of player, great shooters such as Devan Bawinkel and versatile guard-forward hybrids such as Aaron Fuller.

The future looks bright — Lickliter is already experiencing more success recruiting players in the Hawkeye State than his predecessor. "Coach Lick" has already inked two in-state recruits from the class of '09. Sioux City Heelan's double-double machine, Brennan Cougill, as well as Du bu que Wahlert's Eric May, a swing-

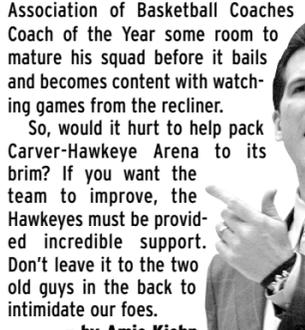
man who can shoot the 3 as well as attack the paint, have both committed to come to Iowa City.

So have faith, Hawk fans. "Krzyszewski-ville" wasn't built in a day.

— by Jordan Garretson



— by Robbie Lehman



— by Amie Kiehn

Todd Lickliter is in his second season as the Hawkeyes' head coach. He was a part of a new Big Ten coaching class in 2007 that included Tubby Smith at Minnesota and John Beilein at Michigan. Smith has a national-championship ring from his days at Kentucky, Beilein's resumé includes an Elite Eight appearance and an NIT championship at West Virginia. The newest coach is Indiana's Tom Crean in his first season, and albeit a down one, no one doubts whether he will have the Hoosiers back in the mix sooner rather than later, given his track record at Marquette.

Now look at the rest of the benches in the Big Ten. Michigan State's Tom Izzo is the only one with a NCAA championship, but Illinois' Bruce Weber and Ohio State's Thad Matta both have appearances in the national-title game. Bo Ryan of Wisconsin has taken the Badgers to the postseason all of his seven seasons, and he has three Big Ten regular-season championships. Matt Painter's Purdue team was the preseason pick to win the Big Ten.

Bill Carmody of Northwestern won two Ivy League championships at Princeton after taking over for one of the greatest coaches in history, Pete Carril, and he has the Wildcats playing well this season. Ed DeChellis of Penn State has turned that program around pulling off several upsets already this season, and he boasts the national Player of the Week in sophomore guard Talor Battle.

That is an impressive group of coaches, and great coaches are able to draw great talent.

Many of the Big Ten schools have updated their facilities in recent years, and Iowa is set to renovate Carver-Hawkeye Arena this summer, Iowa fans are good, no, great fans.

Lack of fans

Watch ESPN, and you'll see Duke's "Cameron Crazy's" screeching their loud, ear-thumping chants as the Blue Devils' opponent attempts to focus. For the competition, it isn't easy.

Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski has always referred to the die-hard fans at Cameron Indoor Stadium as the team's "sixth man."

So what does this have to do with the Iowa Hawkeyes, you ask? By the look of the Jan. 29 game against Michigan State, Iowa's "sixth man" was two old guys devouring ice cream cones and talking about the weather.

Enlighten me. Tell me how the kind of crowd seen last week is supposed to intimidate the Spartans, who came in ranked ninth nationally, or any other team in Carver-Hawkeye Arena? This may be a shock to some, but it doesn't. In fact, it's laughable.

If fans are going to complain that the Hawkeyes have no means to beat the press, snatch up rebounds, score on the run, or dribble down the lane, then I got some breaking news — the lack of support being shown throughout the season is only making matters worse.

Iowa fans are good, no, great fans.

'First of all, the thing that stands out to me, he's fast. We had a tough time containing him and he makes his own holes. I got to know him during the recruiting process and I talked to him before and after the championship game. He's a great guy on and off the field, and on the field, he's one heck of an athlete.'

— Hawkeye recruit **Brett Van Sloten**, commenting on fellow recruit Brandon Wegher



JIM LEE/SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

Heelan's Brandon Wegher is tackled by Sgt. Bluff-Luton's Cody Solari during football action in Sgt. Bluff on Nov. 3, 2008.

# Breaking stereotype

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With that kind of speed, it goes without saying all three were gridiron stars in high school.

Cotton rushed for 1,547 yards and 25 touchdowns this past season for Mount Pleasant and caught 29 passes for 374 yards and five touchdowns. The 6-1, 170 pound athlete is the son of former Hawkeye running back Marshall Cotton, and he will enter Iowa as a wide receiver. He is rated as a three-star prospect by Rivals and chose the Hawkeyes over scholarship offers from Colorado, Iowa State, Kansas, and Wisconsin.

"Jordan's one of those do-it-all athletes," said Jeremy Crabtree, Rivals National Analyst and Editor. "He can project at a number of different positions, safety, corner maybe, but I think you have got to keep the ball in his hands, he was a very successful skill player on the offensive side of the ball."

Davis, a 6-3, 200-pound wide receiver, chose Iowa over scholarship offers from numerous schools, including Oklahoma. He battled injuries his senior season at Cedar Rapids Washington but still caught 52 passes for 857 yards and six touchdowns. As a high-school junior, Davis had 81 catches for 1,160 yards and 12 touchdowns. He is rated as a four-star prospect by Rivals.

Kakert believes Davis is the most likely prospect to contribute as a freshman out of any player in Iowa's 2009 class.

"I think Keenan has the best chance to come in and make an impact because it's going to be a position where there's an opening," Kakert said. "With losing Andy Brodell to graduation, you've got a chance to move in to one of those spots. The farther you are away from the ball, the easier it tends to be to get on the field quicker. I think he's got the tools and the ability to do that."

Wegher joins Iowa after breaking the state single-season rushing record as a senior with 3,238 yards and 54 touchdowns. The four-star 5-11, 206-pound running back has garnered interest from several national programs, including scholarship offers from Missouri, Nebraska, Penn State, Texas Tech, and Wisconsin among others.

Crabtree was effusive in his praise for Wegher.

"Brandon is one of the more explosive running backs in the country, just a true all-purpose guy who can hurt you a number of different ways with his ability to catch the ball out of the backfield," Crabtree said. "Also, he can run between the tackles with his strength. He's just one of the more complete running backs in the country."

Wegher's Sioux City Heelan Crusaders faced the Decorah Vikings and another in-state Iowa commitment, offensive tackle Brett Van Sloten, in the 3A state championship game last fall.

Van Sloten said he has gotten to know Wegher during the recruiting process and is

impressed with him as a player and a person.

"First of all, the thing that stands out to me, he's fast. We had a tough time containing him and he makes his own holes," Van Sloten said. "I got to know him during the recruiting process and I talked to him before and after the championship game. He's a great guy on and off the field, and on the field, he's one heck of an athlete."

Van Sloten is one of four in-state offensive line commitments for the Hawkeyes. The other three are Conor Boffeli, a 6-5, 250-pound lineman from West Des Moines, Drew Clark, a 6-4, 280-pound player from Marion, and Matt Murphy, a 6-6, 255-pound prospect from Clinton.

Grayshirt defensive end commitment Dominic Alvis of Logan brings the total in-state Iowa commitments in the class of 2009 to seven.

However, Iowa did miss out on the top prospect in the state according to Rivals, four-star offensive lineman David Barrent from West Des Moines. Barrent committed to Iowa in May, only to uncommit and orally give the nod to Michigan State in July. The future Spartan will make his first trip as a player to Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 30, 2010.

If things go Iowa's way, he could see some of his former in-state recruiting classmates streaking toward the end zone in Black-and-Gold.

# Two pace GymHawks

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(39.025) finish first and second all-around. The following week in a win over No. 14 Illinois, the roles were reversed; Gebeshian won her first collegiate all-around title with a score of 39.150, and Simbhudas (38.725) came in third.

The rise to all-around victor was a bit surprising to Gebeshian, who said she doesn't usually pay attention to scores during the meet. However, Libby suggests it was only a matter of time before the sophomore would reach that level.

"I told them both, and I think I've told some reporters, at some point Houry is going to catch up and she will beat her," Libby said.

While both gymnasts strive to reach the same goal of winning, Libby notes the different styles that each gymnast brings to competition.

"Houry's very sharp and dynamic in the things she does, [while] Jenifer is explosive but passive," Libby said. "I think it's a great contrast to have because the judges aren't



REBECCA MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye gymnast Jenifer Simbhudas practices on the balance beam in the Field House on Monday. Simbhudas has been a major contributor to the GymHawks' recent success.

looking at the same thing every time, and they can truly judge for what they see individually rather than lumping them in as a team."

Simbhudas believes that by having another all-around gymnast, pressure is taken off her, allowing for the team to be more successful overall.

"I'm happy that I have someone like [Houry] on the team

because that's what we need, we need a whole team of all-arounders who we can always go to, not just me," she said. "But at the same time, I'm still happy I can always contribute to the team every time it competes. So it's comforting to know that she's an all-arounder and that she's probably going to be in my spot once I'm gone."

# ISU family changes colors

VAN SLOTEN  
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Despite his athleticism and his father being a former player, Brett Van Sloten did not receive an offer from the former Iowa State coach Gene Chizik's staff. When Paul Rhoads became the Cyclone head coach in December, his staff showed interest in Brett Van Sloten, but he already had made his mind up.

"I just told him I'm staying with my verbal to Iowa,"

Brett Van Sloten said. "It's the place for me, and he totally understood."

He said the family atmosphere of the program, the facilities, the fan support and the coaches, especially offensive line coach Reese Morgan, led to his decision to come to Iowa.

On his first trip to Kinnick, he felt the fan support first-hand.

"It was a thrill. I think it was a day we came out on game-day through the tunnel and all the students are yelling, 'Come to Iowa,' " Brett Van Sloten

said. "It sends chills down your spine knowing that you have the chance to play in front of that many people."

Doug Van Sloten will most likely be one of those fans filling up Kinnick next season, and he has no hang-ups about wearing the Tigerhawk.

"I was just wanting what was best for Brett and for him to make a decision," Doug Van Sloten said. "That's what it's about. It's not about me. I was just glad that Iowa came and I'm really happy for him and his decision."

## SPORTS

### Super Bowl 2nd only to last year's

NEW YORK (AP) — The Arizona-Pittsburgh matchup wasn't considered an ideal one for television, but its finish riveted an estimated audience of 95.4 million people, second only to last year's game as the most-watched Super Bowl ever.

Viewership peaked in the fourth quarter, when Arizona took the lead on Larry Fitzgerald's 64-yard catch and sprint to the end zone, only to

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# Pot shots for Phelps

### Phelps in hot water again after pot pic surfaces.

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
Associated Press

Michael Phelps is unbeatable in the water. It's dry land he has trouble with.

Phelps has embarrassed himself again after a triumphant Olympics, this time getting his picture snapped as he inhaled from a marijuana pipe. The photo wound up in a British tabloid Sunday, forcing Phelps to publicly apologize and his handlers to deal with sponsors who are surely none too pleased about the swimmer's choices away from the pool.

"I engaged in behavior which was regrettable and demonstrated bad judgment," Phelps said in the statement released by one of his agents. "I'm 23 years old, and despite the successes I've had in the pool, I acted in a youthful and inappropriate way, not in a manner people have come to expect from me. For this, I am sorry. I promise my fans and the public it will not happen again."

It all sounded so familiar, with good reason. After the 2004 Athens Games, an underage Phelps was arrested for drunken driving, pleaded guilty, and apologized to his fans, saying he wouldn't make the same mistake again.

This was different, to be sure, but it could have the same damaging impact on



DAMIAN DOVARGANES/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps is hugged by children on Sept. 8, 2008, after sharing his Olympic experiences during a visit to the Boys and Girls Club of Burbank, Calif. Phelps acknowledged "regrettable" behavior and "bad judgment" after a photo in a British newspaper on Sunday showed him inhaling from a marijuana pipe.

Phelps' image and reputation, which were riding high after he won a record eight gold medals at the Beijing Games.

"Michael is a role model, and he is well aware of the responsibilities and accountability that come with setting a positive example for others, particularly young people," the U.S. Olympic Committee said in a statement. "In this instance, regrettably, he failed to fulfill those responsibilities."

News of the World said the picture was taken during a November house party while Phelps was visiting the Univer-

sity of South Carolina. During that trip, he attended one of the school's football games and received a big ovation when introduced to the crowd.

Phelps and his advisers did not dispute the authenticity of the photo.

The party occurred nearly three months after the Olympics while Phelps was taking a long break from training, and his actions should have no effect on the eight golds he won at Beijing. He has never tested positive for banned substances, and this case doesn't fall under any doping rules.

# Bynum out 8-12 weeks

By RACHEL COHEN  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Los Angeles Lakers center Andrew Bynum will miss eight to 12 weeks after tearing the medial collateral ligament in his right knee.

The diagnosis Monday was a relief to Bynum, who initially feared he might be out for the season. Bynum was hurt in the first quarter of the Lakers' Jan. 31 win at Memphis when Kobe Bryant drove to the basket, missed the shot, and crashed into Bynum's leg.

"It's better news than I expected to hear because of the shot that I took," Bynum said before the Lakers played at the Knicks on Monday night.

Still, it's hard for the Lakers to forget what happened last season, when Bynum was also supposed to be out eight to 12 weeks with a knee injury. The 7-foot, 285-pound center bruised a bone in his left knee and briefly dislocated his kneecap in mid-January.

Instead of returning in time for the playoffs, he missed the final 46 games of the season and underwent arthroscopic surgery May 21 to remove cartilage debris and smooth some rough spots on the underside of his kneecap.

Without him, the Lakers lost in the NBA Finals.

Bynum, who was carrying but not using a crutch, noted the eerie similarities between the two injuries. But he's confident one aspect will be different: This time, he'll be back when expected.



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Los Angeles Laker Andrew Bynum (left) reacts after being hit by Kobe Bryant in the first quarter against the Memphis Grizzlies on Jan. 31 in Memphis, Tenn. Bynum left the game.

Bynum hopes his comeback occurs closer to the eight-week mark, which would give him about 10 games to prepare for the postseason. Twelve weeks would mean the playoffs had already started.

Bynum's injury isn't expected to require surgery, and he plans to rest for a week or two before beginning rehab.

Bynum is the Lakers' third-leading scorer and second-leading rebounder, averaging 14 points, 8.2 rebounds, and 1.9 blocks. Similar to last season, the injury came as he was stepping up his play. In the five games before he was hurt, he was averaging 26.2 points, 13.8 rebounds and 3.2 blocks and shooting 65.3 percent from the field.

"It's disappointing to him because he again is starting to play like last January

exceptionally well, starting to exert his influence on the games," coach Phil Jackson said. "So that really bothers him. And it bothers us because we know that the strength of our team is the size and the defensive capabilities that we might have."

With or without Bynum, Jackson believes the Lakers' goal remains the same: earn home-court advantage in the playoffs.

"I don't see any reason why not," he said. "This team was very successful last year without him on board and ended the season very well. I think we have enough talent to be able to do it."

Bynum's injury will mean more playing time for Lamar Odom, who is averaging 9.4 points and 6.2 rebounds in around 27 minutes a game.

## SPORTS

### Ohio St. OL Boone arrested in California

ALISO VIEJO, Calif. (AP) — Ohio State offensive lineman Alex Boone was arrested after being subdued with a Taser during an alleged drunken tirade, authorities said Monday.

Boone, 21, was taken into custody late Sunday for investigation of resisting arrest after Orange County sheriff's deputies responded to a disturbance call outside of a home in Aliso Viejo.

When they arrived, the 6-8, 312-pound tackle had been jumping on car hoods, yanking on a tow truck cable, and trying to break a window, said sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino.

Boone ran away from deputies and was found hiding underneath a patio, authorities said. Boone was combative and uncooperative and had to be taken down with a stun gun, Amormino said.

"He was yelling obscenities at deputies and had a strong smell of alcohol," Amormino said. "His blood-alcohol level was at least three times the legal amount."

Boone was taken to a hospital and then to a jail medical ward, where he remained. He had not been booked yet.

Boone, who was selected All-Big Ten this year, could be selected in the NFL draft in April.

Ohio State spokeswoman Shelly Hoffman said Monday that she was unaware of the arrest and could not comment.

### Cable provider apologizes for porn interruption

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A cable television provider apologized Monday to Tucson-area customers over a 30-second porn interruption during the Super Bowl.

Philadelphia-based Comcast issued a brief statement saying the company was "mortified" by the interruption.

"Our initial investigation suggests this was an isolated malicious act," Jennifer Khoury, Comcast's vice president for corporate communications, said. "We are conducting a thorough investigation to determine how this happened."

The company says only customers in the Tucson area receiving the standard definition feed — not high definition — were affected.

Comcast has some 80,000 customers in unincorporated portions of Pima County, Marana and Oro Valley, but a company spokeswoman, Kelle Maslyn, declined to say how many standard definition customers there are or how many of those customers may have been watching the game.

KVOA TV, the NBC affiliate in Tucson, said it supported Comcast's effort to find out what occurred. President and general manager Gary Nielsen said its investigation showed the signal left the station with no interruptions or inappropriate material.

"We ask Comcast to provide a full documentation for our viewers who are owed an explanation," he said.

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- According to Audi, I should not time travel through the last three decades while performing numerous infractions of grand theft auto, and according to Bridgestone Tires, I should not listen to House of Pain while driving around my Moon buggy ... on the Moon.
- I wish I didn't love my job so much, because I'd like to support CareerBuilder.Com (and punch smug a koala in the face).
- I would think Ed McMahon could get more for his solid gold toilet on eBay than he could from Cash4Gold. M.C. Hammer, you're probably still S.O.L.
- I don't know why the marketing department of Catroil thought that interspecies erotica would sell motor oil, but god bless 'em, they've hooked me!
- Billy Corgan's endorsement does not make me want to drive a Hyundai Genesis, it makes me want to drive a Hyundai Genesis off of a cliff.
- Am I the only one who thinks the new Chester Cheeto acts like he's never more than a block away from his windowless van full of toys and free candy?
- Gee, I wonder if Vin Diesel safely makes it under the burning gasoline tanker in the new *Fast and Furious* movie? I bet that's a suspenseful part of the film that was in no way ruined by the trailer.
- People who drink Bud Light should not be given access to telestrator-like superpowers, because they already have strength enough to throw adult men in office chairs out of windows at the slightest provocation.
- This Denny's commercial is funn — OMG, WTF, FREE BREAKFAST!

- Andrew R. Juhl wants will gladly have Alec Baldwin's alien babies.

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

## CAN-DO ATTITUDE



UI law student John Sherman recycles cans at City Carton Recycling on Monday. It was Sherman's first time recycling at the facility.

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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## UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:30 p.m.** News from Québec (in French)  
**1** "Prairie Lights" Archive, Ian Koontz  
**2** Lisa Bluder News Conference, live  
**2:30** News from Germany (in German)  
**3** Women at Iowa, Gigi Durham  
**4** UI Programming Program, details to be announced  
**5** UI Programming Program, details to be announced
- 6:30** Lisa Bluder News Conference  
**7** Women at Iowa, Gigi Durham  
**8** UI Programming Program, details to be announced  
**9:30** Daily Iowan Television news  
**9:45** Lisa Bluder News Conference  
**10:15** Fine-Arts Performances, selected works  
**10:30** Daily Iowan Television news  
**10:45** Special events at the UI  
**11** Women at Iowa, Gigi Durham

## today's events

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- **Molecular Physiology and Biophysics Spring Semester Seminar, "Trafficking of the Amyloid Precursor Protein Mediated by the AP-4 Complex,"** Juan Bonifacio, 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen Science Building
- **Tot Time,** 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **College of Pharmacy Blood Drive,** 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., College of Pharmacy Banker Student Center
- **Pharmacology Faculty Seminar, "Mechanisms That Regulate Potassium Channel Function and Myometrial Cell Excitability,"** Sarah England, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Preschool Story Time,** 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Toddler Story Time,** 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Department of Biochemistry Research Workshop, "The Structural Basis of TLR4 Activation by Endotoxins: Work In Progress,"** Theresa Gioannini, 12:30 p.m., Bowen Science Spivey Auditorium
- **Community Library Writing Center,** 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Easy Ethiopian Dinner, Mimi Getachew,** 6-8 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- **Aviation Movie Night,** 6:30 p.m., Alexis Park Inn & Suites, 1165 S. Riverside Drive
- **Beginning Sewing: Pillowcases,** 7-9 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **"Home from Prairie Lights,"** Charles Bock, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **JCVD,** 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Inclusive Ballroom Dance,** 7 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **UI Lecture Committee Presents Inga Muscio,** 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Tuesday Night Social Club, Mannix, the Black Slacks, and the Post Mortems,** 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Inga Muscio Reception,** 8:30-10:30 p.m., Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resource Center
- **Big D's Karaoke Jamz,** 9 p.m., Big Ten Lounge, 707 First Ave., Coralville
- **Fears of the Dark,** 9 p.m., Bijou

## NATION

### NYC Fashion Week to move after 17 years

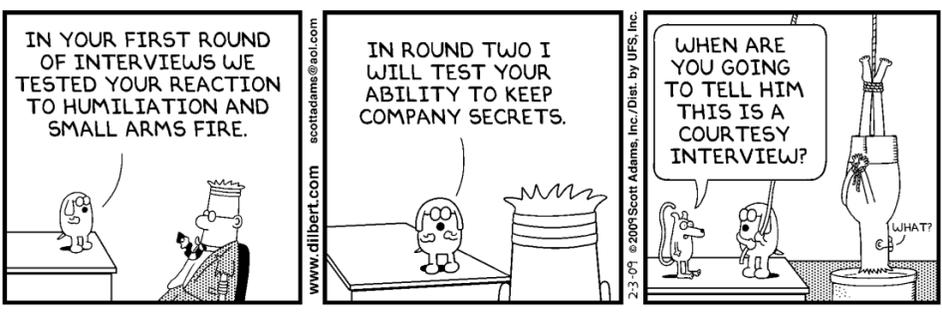
NEW YORK (AP) - New York Fashion Week is getting a new look. The twice-annual event, which has been held at Bryant Park since 1993,

will relocate to Lincoln Center starting in September 2010, according to a person with knowledge of the deal. The person spoke to the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the agreement had not yet been announced.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg's office worked with the Council of Fashion Designers of America and IMG Fashion, which runs the shows, for more than two years to find a new location. The deal was to be announced Wednesday.

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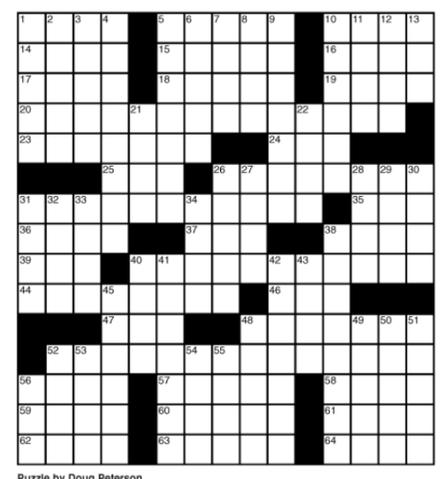
## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1223

- Across**
- Pretense
  - Big name in grills
  - Youngster
  - Actress Petty
  - Light on one's feet
  - Commuter option
  - Slugger Rodriguez
  - Foaming at the mouth
  - Nocturnal hunters
  - Incentive aimed at golden agers
  - Massachusetts tourist spot
  - Bit of work
  - Powerful Pontiac
  - Key element
  - Chocolate-coated candy
  - Hubbub
  - Marathon handout
  - Look to be
  - Modern navigational aid, for short
  - 1949 Orson Welles film
  - Easy dupes
  - Thoroughfare
  - School of thought
  - Designed to increase traction
  - Ivan Turgenev novel ... and a hint to 20-, 31- and 40-Across
  - Squander
  - Ammo unit
  - Sicilian hot spot
  - Norse trickster
  - In readiness
  - Power co.
  - Clinical study
- Down**
- Reduce drastically, as prices
  - Needing darning, maybe
  - Fight site
  - Adding, as an ingredient
  - Samurai, e.g.
  - Antiquated exclamation
  - Nickname of Israel's Netanyahu
  - Some Ivy Leaguers
  - Insignificant amount
  - Slop container
  - Sign of fatigue
  - "Braveheart" getup
  - Overhead RRs
  - Not duped by
  - Tolkien brutes
  - Most of Santa's mail
  - Creep (along)
  - Conceal in the hand
  - "What's the big ...?"
  - Middy
  - Sporty cars, briefly
  - Potentially offensive

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Doug Peterson

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 33 Light snack                 | 43 Cape Town currency   | 52 Arctic mass           |
| 34 Humbly patient              | 45 Chowderhead          | 53 "Thumbs-up" responses |
| 38 He devised the Trojan horse | 48 Jack of "Twin Peaks" | 54 Barrett or Jaffe      |
| 40 Nonsense, to a Brit         | 49 Tony winner          | 55 Spades, for example   |
| 41 Where touch typists begin   | 50 Certain navel        | 56 Diner order, briefly  |
| 42 "Hmmm ..."                  | 51 Song of David        |                          |

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