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Most of the players held out of spring football practices are expecting to be back in time for the start of the Hawkeyes' 2009 season. **1B**

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Today's webcast

Find out how spring training went for the Hawkeye football team on today's edition of Daily Iowan TV.

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Olive Wallace (left), 87, and Eleanor Trummel, 93, prepare to play Scrabble at Trummel's home in the Oaknoll Retirement Community on April 19. Both lived and struggled in Iowa through the Great Depression.

Welcome to true hard times

While the country works through a recession, those who lived through tougher times reflect on the Great Depression.

By MARY HARRINGTON
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Olive Wallace was just a little girl when the Great Depression left her family scrambling for cash. Now, decades later, 87-year-old Wallace still picks up every curb-side penny she comes across, cherishing every available cent like a tiny copper trophy.

Wallace remembers the day the stock market crashed as clearly as the bombing of Pearl Harbor or the 9/11 attacks. Her father came home to their Iowa farmhouse, shaking his head, she said. The family didn't know how long what little money they had would last them. And even as a 7-year-old, Wallace said, she knew the years to come would wear on the pocketbooks and spirits of her family and friends.

As the economic outlook grew dark in the 1930s, Wallace lived on her family's farm near McGregor. Unlike many

of her friends in the city, she said, she didn't feel as immediately affected by the crash as kids living in cities. Even though her family was penniless, food was still thriving in the backyard. It was in the morale of the community that she felt a real shift.

"The environment changed so much because everyone was jobless and everyone was poor," the Iowa City resident said, remembering newspaper photos of soup-kitchen lines and stories of suicides.

Her family was poor, clinging to dollars stuffed in a kitchen sugar jar. But despite the financial hurt, they used their resources to help some others in worse shape.

"On farms, everybody helped everybody else out," she said. "I think my mother fed the whole town of McGregor at times, when things got bad enough."

Meat butchered on the farm was shared with folks in town. Jobless men riding the rails would stop by her home, one marked for hospitality, for free home-cooked meals. Her mother got creative with foods, once trying to raise peanuts and drying them on an old set of box springs in the house.

SEE DEPRESSION, 3A

ON THE WEB

Go to dailyiowan.com to watch interviews with those who lived during the Great Depression.



Lombardo
ex-city manager

Lombardo out, IC officials mum

Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey says she has no plans to address the community on specifics of the city manager's firing.

By CHRIS CLARK
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Many are still confused about why the Iowa City City Council unanimously voted to fire City Manager Michael Lombardo on April 17.

All city officials contacted over the weekend refused to give details on the decision to let go of Lombardo, who was a key contributor to budget decisions and flood-recovery efforts.

"These kinds of things are just confidential," Councilor Connie Chamption said.

Other officials agreed.

"It's strictly a personnel issue," Councilor Mike O'Donnell said. "There's really nothing I can say beyond that."

At a special meeting around 4 p.m. April 17, the council immediately went into closed executive session with Lombardo to evaluate his performance. The council eventually reopened the meeting, where they voted 7-0 to fire him.

Lombardo declined to comment on Sunday evening at his home.

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Matthews gets life in prison

The judge said Micah Matthews' criminal history, the cruelty of his crimes, and apparent lack of remorse factored into a long, consecutive sentence.

By ZHI XIONG
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Matthews
sentenced

Micah Matthews will spend life in prison without parole for first- and second-degree kidnapping and first-degree burglary.

6th District Judge Douglas Russell added two consecutive sentences of the 25-year maximum. Matthews will also register with the Iowa Sex Offender Registry; the kidnapping conviction included a sexual-abuse charge.

For several Iowa City residents in the courtroom April 17, the sentencing brought closure after what happened June 5, 2007.

Matthews, 33, entered a house on Jema Court near the intersection of Benton Street and Mormon Trek Boulevard. He forced its resident to drive him to an ATM. When she was

unable to withdraw the \$500 he demanded, Matthews pistol-whipped and sexually assaulted her back in her home. The woman was 50 years old at the time.

"I remember the sound of the garage door being broken and not running fast enough to get away," said Johnson County Attorney Janet Lyness, reading aloud her client's victim impact statement. "I remember the intense fear and sleepless nights."

The aftermath of the attack permeated Jema Court, Lyness read. One neighbor suffered weeks of insomnia, unable to sleep until she installed an alarm system. A college student crashed on the couch upstairs rather than stay downstairs in her own room.

But the mood of fear lifted after the roughly 20-minute sentencing. A circle of supporters surrounded the victim outside the courtroom, offering their congratulations.

SEE SENTENCING, 3A

Health Care has global vision

UI Health Care employees will meet with officials from the Jordan University of Science and Technology in May.

By JENNIFER DELGADO
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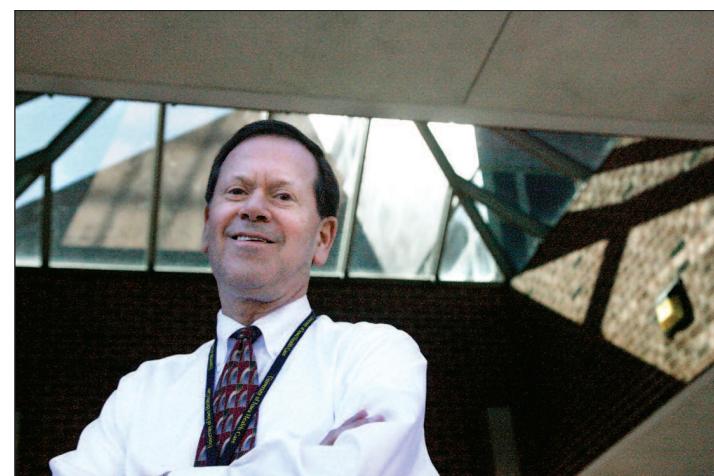
As medicine becomes more global, UI Health Care officials feel they need to compete with major hospitals.

And the UI Health Care International Office will help them do just that.

"We want to stay on the map, so we have to get involved this way," said Kathleen Barbee, the administrative manager for the international office.

The new office, formed earlier this month, will allow UI Health Care officials to develop relationships with hospitals around the world. Officials said the new center is crucial if the UI Hospitals and Clinics and the UI Carver College of Medicine want to compete with other major medical institutions.

"Medicine is now a global issue, not just a local issue," said Gordon Williams, the executive director of the international office, noting that such diseases as AIDS, SARS, and avian flu affect everyone,



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN
Gordon Williams, the executive director of the UI Health Care's new international office, stands outside his office April 15. He began his role in September 2008.

ON THE WEB

Head to dailyiowan.com to watch interviews with employees of the new UI Health Care International Office.

responsibilities, neither of them will receive salary increases, Williams said.

UI Health Care International Office officials are speaking with institutions in Lebanon, Brazil, and Thailand. Once a partnership is formed, the UI and UIHC will be able to learn about health care around the world, including different types of hospital training, research, and medical student training.

But Williams said the office isn't looking to sign contracts with dozens of foreign institutions.

SEE INTERNATIONAL, 3A



UI dorms are full of lore

Some campus residence halls have roots in World Wars and paranormal activities.

Get to know
your campus

By CLARK CAHILL
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Each year the UI's residence halls become a temporary home to thousands of undergraduate students — most of them freshmen. Though dorm life is a short stint in many residents' lives, some of the halls have noteworthy historical roots.

Quadrangle Hall, built in 1920, was designed as barracks for World War I, but was not finished in time to be put to use in the war. It was home to the UI's "model" students in the 1920s — housing those with the highest grade-point averages and who

were involved in many activities on campus. In the late 1920s, the hall's residents published the *Quadrangler*, a dorm newsletter.

The building became part of a Navy Pre-Flight school along with Hillcrest Hall, built in 1938. Astronaut John Glenn — who, in 1962, was the first American to orbit the earth — attended the pre-flight school. Hillcrest was built as part of a Great Depression-era federal public-works project.

Rumors of hauntings in residence halls have floated around campus for many years. Currier Hall — the school's oldest dorm, built in 1913 — is rumored to be haunted by three female roommates who found themselves in love with the same man and committed suicide. The ghosts of the women are said to reappear to promote friendship and harmony when current tenants are having conflicts.

Slater Hall's ninth floor has also been the subject of paranormal



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Students move out of Hillcrest on May 14, 2008.

sightings. Some believe a student jumped to his death from the floor. Since then, footsteps and screams can reportedly be heard, and many residents have claimed seeing the young man's ghost, carrying an ax, late in the night.

Juicee News, an independent news group, cited the dorms in its list of haunted places in Iowa.

Several dorms on campus are also connected by tunnels and

hallways. Daum Hall and Burge Hall are attached by an underground tunnel, while Stanley Hall and Currier are joined by a hallway.

Housing more than 5,000 students annually — providing food, fitness centers, study areas, and game rooms, as well as employment opportunities — these buildings will continue to be a staple on the UI campus for many years to come.

METRO

Kehoe's contact request turned down

Eugene Kehoe will not be allowed to visit Michelle Kehoe, who, authorities believe, killed their toddler son.

Michelle Kehoe is accused of first-degree murder in the death of 2-year-old Seth Kehoe, attempt to commit murder, and child endangerment. First District Judge Thomas Bower said she will go on trial Oct. 28.

On April 17, Bower denied Michelle Kehoe's request to revise a no-contact order barring her from seeing her other son, Sean Kehoe. The court order also prohibited Michelle Kehoe from communicating with immediate family or anyone living with the boy — including her husband.

Eugene Kehoe reported his wife and sons missing in October 2008, when they reportedly left to visit family and did not return to their Coralville home. Buchanan County investigators eventually tracked down the family van by the Hook 'N' Liner Pond. They found the body of Seth Kehoe nearby.

An autopsy revealed the boy died of injuries to his neck. Sean Kehoe, 7 years old at the time, told investigators his mother cut his neck as well.

The court decided Michelle Kehoe remains a threat to her son, recently serving her with a no-contact order. Her attorney requested her husband be allowed to visit her in jail, but Bower agreed altering the order violates the Iowa Code.

— by Zhi Xiong

Assault reported

Iowa City police responded to reports of an assault at Burger King, 1445 Boyrum St., on April 18.

According to police reports, the assailant approached the victim and started yelling at him. The next thing the victim recalled was picking himself up off the parking lot pavement and seeing the suspect's car leave the parking lot, authorities said.

— by Zhi Xiong

POLICE BLOTER

Tyler Anderson, 20, 313 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2024, was charged April 9 with PAULA.

Alex Anson, 24, address unknown, was charged April 9 with domestic assault with serious injury.

Andrew Backhus, 32, Olathe, Kan., was charged Sunday with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Amy Baxter, 19, 408 S. Governor St., was charged April 17 with keeping a disorderly house.

Aaron Bever, 23, Coralville, was charged April 14 with first-degree burglary.

Angela Bolton, 47, Davenport, was charged Feb. 17 with OWI.

Christine Campbell, 38, 178 Paddock Circle, was charged April 17 with possession of marijuana.

Corey Champion, 21, 201 E. Burlington St., was charged April 17 with public intoxication.

Mario Contreras-Cortes, 20, 1022 First Ave., was charged April 18 with impersonating a public official and public intoxication.

Brian Cummings, 19, Glendale Heights, Ill., was charged April 18 with public intoxication.

Matthew Davis, 24, Ridgefield, Conn., was charged April 17 with public intoxication.

Tracy Davis, 49, Coralville, was charged Sunday possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Eric Deady, 23, Riverside, Ill., was charged April 17 with public intoxication.

The victim fled and later reported the incident to police. He was treated at UI Hospitals and Clinics for non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

The suspect is described as a white male, about 5-11 and between 175 and 190 pounds, with dark brown hair. He was wearing a gray T-shirt with blue graphics and was seen getting out of a light grey Jeep Grand Cherokee with Illinois tags.

— by Regina Zilbermintz

Man charged with burglary, public intox

Police arrested an Iowa City man after witnesses reported he was breaking windows in vehicles in the 400 block of East Burlington Street.

Michael Lash, 20, 840 Cypress Court, was charged April 18 with third-degree burglary, possession of burglary tools, and public intoxication.

According to Iowa City police, witnesses provided officers with a description of Lash and directed them to a vehicle in which Lash was attempting to hide. Officers allegedly found him in a vehicle with its rear window broken out and allegedly found contents from the vehicle in Lash's pockets.

Third-degree burglary and third-offense public intoxication are both aggravated misdemeanors, generally punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$5,000.

— by Regina Zilbermintz

Woman charged with burglary

Police arrested an Iowa City woman after she allegedly struck a man numerous times.

Buyenge Sikisi, 23, 2658 Roberts Road Apt. 2D, was charged April 16 with first-degree burglary.

According to Iowa City police, Sikisi was upset with the victim because she believed he had been telling people she was HIV-positive. Sikisi reportedly went to the victim's apartment, kicked in the door, and struck him several

times, causing pain to the victim's right ear and right shoulder.

Police reported that the victim was able to positively identify Sikisi as the person who assaulted him.

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

— by Regina Zilbermintz

UI police adds 2 to downtown patrol

The UI police have announced they would provide two officers to assist Iowa City police downtown on weekend nights for the rest of the semester.

The officers, as well as additional mobile police patrol, will join two overtime Iowa City police officers to bolster police presence downtown in the wake of public concern over a series of assaults and fights.

The effort is intended to discourage misbehavior and assist city police with issuing citations or making arrests for assaults or disorderly conduct, officials said.

The additional officers have been on duty the last two weekends; police say this will continue through May 17.

— by Regina Zilbermintz

Another assault reported

Iowa City police are investigating another seemingly unprovoked assault, authorities said.

Officers responded to Mercy Hospital on April 17 after receiving a report of an assault, police said.

According to Iowa City police, the victim was walking in the 500 block of South Clinton Street around 10 p.m. April 16. After passing two unknown men, he was allegedly struck in the back of the head, possibly with a blunt object.

The victim fell to the ground but was able to make it home, police reports show. He went to the hospital the following day after feeling progressively worse.

He suffered from a concussion and a

laceration to the back of his head, officers said.

The suspects are described as white males in their early 20s.

— by Regina Zilbermintz

Man hit with 18 charges

Iowa City police arrested a man on 18 charges, some stemming from incidents as far back as December 2007.

Robert Peer, 38, address unknown, was charged with two counts of second-degree theft, 12 counts of forgery, three counts of unauthorized use of credit cards, and third-degree theft.

According to police, between Dec. 16 and 26, 2007, Peer allegedly completed, executed, and transferred Union Planters Bank personal checks belonging to someone else. He allegedly executed the checks to private citizens and businesses in the Iowa City area, resulting in an estimated loss of \$900.

Peer reportedly forged eight US Bank checks belonging to another person, cashed two checks, and deposited six into his account at Veridian Credit Union, 712 First Ave. US Bank incurred a loss of \$670, and Veridian Credit Union incurred a loss of \$2,655.

Peer was arrested April 17 and is being held in the Johnson County Jail on a \$35,000 cash bond.

Second-degree theft, unauthorized use of credit cards, and forgery are Class D felonies, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500. Third-degree theft is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by Regina Zilbermintz

Tyronne Harris, 19, 2724 Wayne Ave. Apt. 8, was charged April 16 with possession of marijuana.

Clifford Hines, 48, address unknown, was charged April 16 with public intoxication.

Levi Hood, 22, 200 S. Summit St., was charged Sunday with OWI.

Cortney Jolin, 23, 530 Iowa Ave., was charged April 17 with public intoxication.

Zachary Kakac, 21, 505 S. Dodge St., was charged April 16 with fifth-degree theft.

Victor Kendricks, 22, 2504 Bartelt Road Apt. 1D, was charged April 18 with OWI.

Narada Poole, 29, 503 Mineral Point Lane, was charged April 18 with public intoxication.

Eric Peter, 21, Coralville, was charged April 17 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Anthony Williams, 18, 419 S. First Ave., was charged April 17 with disorderly conduct.

Matthew Reimers, 26, Ankeny, Iowa, was charged April 18 with disorderly conduct.

Meredith Rice, 22, 537 S. Van Buren St. Apt. D, was charged April 17 with disorderly conduct and assault causing injury.

Gerald Rigo, 19, La Grange Park, Ill., was charged April 18 with public intoxication.

Travarus Robbins, 22, 629 S. Johnson St. Apt. 12, was charged Sunday with OWI and driving while barred.

Stephen Rusch, 19, Mayflower, was charged April 18 with disorderly conduct.

Brooks Smith, 19, 330 Slater, was charged April 17 with public intoxication.

Robert Spain III, 19, Des Moines, was charged April 17 with public intoxication.

Robert Stewart, 18, 2401 Highway 6 E., was charged April 17 with assault on emergency personnel, and interference with official acts.

Zachary Thomas, 18, 1108 Rienow, was charged April 17 with public intoxication.

Celina Valdez, 21, 116 Haywood Drive, was charged April 17 with public intoxication.

Ronald Vallancourt, 32, 604 Woodsid Drive Apt. 8, was charged April 16 with public intoxication.

Brian Waddell, 28, Coralville, was charged April 18 with domestic abuse.

Dexter White, 18, West Branch, Iowa, was charged April 17 with public intoxication.

Eric Deadley, 23, Riverside, Ill., was charged April 17 with public intoxication.

Paul Fling, 20, address unknown, was charged April 17 with public intoxication.

Nicholas Franzen, 20, Riverside, Ill., was charged April 18 with public intoxication, PAULA, and possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Rontavious Farmer, 19, Coralville, was charged April 17 with public intoxication and assault causing injury.

Thomas Miner, 20, 302 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1233, was charged April 15 with public intoxication.

Ron Nichols, 50, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3011, was charged April 16 with public intoxication.

Ben Harrison, 35, 1958 Broadway Apt. 9B, was charged April 18 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Eric Miller, 24, 1903 Taylor Drive, was charged April 17 with public intoxication.

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Recalling 'Great D'

DEPRESSION

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If people had not pulled together, it might not have been as doable as it was, she said.

"People didn't realize they were poor because everyone was in the same position."

Like Wallace, Sieg Muehl, 86, watched the Great Depression hardships through the lens of a child's eyes. Muehl's father owned a drugstore in Indianapolis. He invested in stocks, all of them worthless following the market crash, and was left only with his income from the store. One day in the early '30s, Muehl's father came home, a disheartened look on his face. After keeping his drugstore open from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m., he ended up with just \$7 for the day.

Customers unable to afford prescriptions at the store put them on credit. Sometimes they paid, sometimes they didn't.

"I recall the pathetic sight of all these men scrambling to do whatever they could to make it through," he said.

Luxuries were never an option during the depression for Eleanor Trummel. The now 93-

year-old was working her way through high school and eventually college in Iowa while the state of the economy ate away at job openings and wages. She made her own clothes, unable to buy the fashions from storefront displays, and packed her belongings in a cheap cardboard suitcase whenever she moved.

"I could never buy something because it looked pretty," she said. "Even the unpretty things were often out of my reach."

Her time in Iowa was spent working low-paying housekeeping positions and dodging homelessness on several occasions when she was unable to afford housing during college. It was an experience that she said often made her lose hope, sometimes fearful to look further than a day into the unknown future. But the lessons learned from her struggles were lasting.

"Because I lived through that, I now know what it's like to have been hungry, to have almost been homeless," she said. Trummel now donates to local charities and crisis centers on a monthly basis.

Lois Muehl, 89, remembers the day the stock market crashed. She overheard her father saying he had enough

cash on hand to last the family a little while in their Elmira, N.Y. home.

Muehl's mother lived within a strict budget and her father hated then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt so much that any time he received a government dime he threw it away, she said. Similar to present day situations, Muehl said there was much divide concerning the government's role in the economic turmoil.

"Some of the concerns of individuals today are very similar to those from that era," Muehl said. "I think it may seem even more difficult now for the younger generations who are used to immediacy, not waiting."

Locals who lived through the Depression said younger generations can take advice from their experiences, as the current recession hits some hard. From mending socks and sheets to saving meat-packing strings, these individuals cut back and clung on to what they had.

"It was not a throwaway society back then," Muehl said. "What you had, you kept, because you might not get anymore."

Health Care looks globally

INTERNATIONAL

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"The goal is to have one or two partnerships and do it really well," he said, and he doesn't want the office "to be stretched too thin."

Officials said they will meet with leaders from Jordan University of Science and Technology next month in Iowa City. Williams said he hopes UI Health Care leaders and offi-

cials from the Jordan university can define specific objectives for a partnership, create a timeline, and work out cost issues with leaders during the visit.

Jean Robillard, the UI vice president for Medical Affairs, and UI President Sally Mason plan to host dinners at their homes during the visit.

"It's a big deal," Barbee said. "This is a universitywide thing. It's going to affect the whole family."

Both Williams and Barbee

have backgrounds in establishing global relationships. Prior to working for UI Health Care, both worked at Duke University and created a partnership with a medical university in Singapore. They both credited this experience as a solid foundation for helping UI Health Care expand.

"Universities across the United States are developing relationships in other countries," Williams said. "It's going to start happening so you better do it right."

Matthews receives life

SENTENCING

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"Thank you for tearing up my house," the woman said cheerfully to Special Agent Jagat Sandhu, a lead investigator with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigations.

The DCI found DNA evidence linking Matthews to the crimes. Investigators tested vaginal swabs, oral swabs, rectal swabs, head and pubic hairs, and even water bottles for fluid and skin cells. One DCI expert said there was only a 1 in 100 billion chance the semen taken from a vaginal swab belonged to someone other than Matthews.

Russell convicted Matthews after hearing four days of testimony in February. At the

hearing, Matthews sat across the table from the prosecution, not looking at his attorneys, Paul Miller and Davis Foster of Iowa City.

Matthews had asked Russell to vacate the guilty verdict. In a rare move, he requested a delay in judgment and sought post-conviction relief weeks before the sentencing. Matthews wrote his lawyers misrepresented him.

But before Russell read the sentence, Matthews withdrew his requests. He plans to take his case to the Court of Appeals instead.

Legal experts say convicted criminals typically seek post-conviction relief after exhausting the appeals process. It gives the attorneys a chance to defend themselves

against accusations of misrepresentation. It also requires the state to explain the conviction or sentence.

Miller and Foster had asked for a lesser charge, arguing the state never found the gun Matthews used to fracture the victim's nose and that the woman did not suffer "serious medical injury."

Russell said Matthews' lengthy criminal record, the "cruel manner" of his crimes, and his lack of remorse factored into the sentence. Matthews must pay more than \$1,679 restitution and obey a no-contact order until 2014.

"He is not going to be a threat to [the victim] or anyone," Lyness said later.

City dumps Lombardo

LOMBARDO

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Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey said she has no plans to directly address the public regarding the council's decision. As of Sunday evening, the city's website showed no news regarding Lombardo's termination, which came just weeks before his one-year mark as city manager.

The City Council hired Lombardo last April after a four-month effort to replace former City Manager Steve Atkins, who stepped down from the position after 21 years.

Soon after Lombardo was hired, Councilor Amy Correia told *The Daily Iowan* he was a good fit for the position, citing his personable interactions with the council and community as reasons for the decision.

Despite the council's expressed confidence following his hiring, Lombardo told the *DI* in 2008 he was somewhat surprised to receive the position — saying he was confident but realized anyone in "the final round" must be strong.

Lombardo began work as the city manager just weeks before last summer's flood. In addition to finding ways to fund flood-mitigation projects, he also faced monumental budget cuts as a result of the recession.

Although his budget suggestions were not always in line with the council's, officials would not say whether one specific disagreement triggered his firing.

Assistant City Manager Dale Helling, who served as interim city manager after Atkins stepped down, will take over as acting manager until a replacement is found. Helling

said on Sunday that Bailey called him shortly after the April 17 special meeting to inform him of his new role.

Helling — who has been with the city since 1975 — worked in the same office as Lombardo but would not comment on Lombardo's tenure.

Helling said he is confident in his ability to help the city keep moving in the right direction.

"The first thing I'll do is meet with staff people and try to sort out the things I need to know immediately and the things that are more long-term," Helling said.

City officials said they have yet to make official plans to hire a permanent manager.

"We won't be in a hurry to do anything because we have someone who we trust," Champion said. "We aren't panicked about it."

NOW @ IMU

mon • apr 20

- BIJOU FILM: TOKYO SONATA
7pm, Bijou Theater, IMU

- BIJOU FILM: LOLA MONTES
9:15pm, Bijou Theater, IMU



APRIL 20 - APRIL 26, 2009
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- SOCIAL JUSTICE POTLUCK
6-8pm, LGBT Resource Center
Sponsored by LGBT Resource Center

- BIJOU FILM: LOLA MONTES
9:15pm, Bijou Theater, IMU



- BIJOU FILM: TOKYO SONATA
9pm, Bijou Theater, IMU

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- MOTION CITY SOUNDTRACK
8pm, Main Lounge, IMU
Sponsored by SCOPE/RiverFest
Free & open to the public!

- BIJOU FILM: CHE, PART ONE
9pm, Bijou Theater, IMU

- MOVIE ON THE PENTACREST:
BEDTIME STORIES
10:30pm
Outside McBride Hall
Sponsored by Dance Marathon



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RIVERFEAST

3pm-7pm

Downtown Iowa City

CAB COMEDIANS:

BRIAN ALDRIDGE &

JIM FLANNIGAN

11:30pm, Main Lounge, IMU

Sponsored by CAB



- MIDNIGHT MOVIE:
DIARY OF A SUPERHERO
12am, Bijou Theater, IMU
Sponsored by CAB & Bijou Theater
Friday and Saturday Nights

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- CREATING CAMPUS CONDITIONS
FOR STUDENT SUCCESS: EFFECTIVE
EDUCATION PRACTICES WITHIN &
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

10:30-11:45am, 2nd Floor Ballroom, IMU

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INFORMATION SESSION-DES MOINES
CENTER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

4-5pm, C310 Pomerantz Center

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BIJOU FILM: TOKYO SONATA
7pm, Bijou Theater, IMUBIJOU FILM: LOLA MONTES
9:15pm, Bijou Theater, IMU

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- LUNCH WITH THE CHEFS:
ROCKIN' MORROCCAN
11:15am-12:45pm, Main Lounge, IMU
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Law students face uncertain prospects

Changing fields

By CHRIS CLARK
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It's crunch time for students in the UI College of Law.

They're preparing for their last round of finals coming up later this month, but that sweet, "finally done" feeling following the last test may be absent thanks to the economic recession.

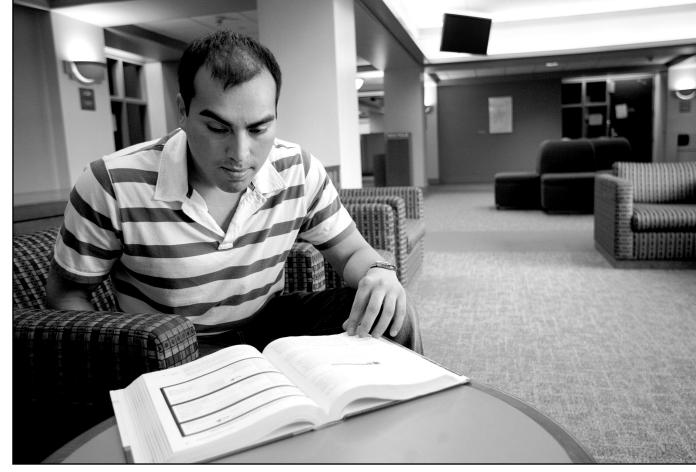
In the current financial crisis, Carin Crain, the College of Law's associate dean of student affairs, said law firms are trying to be more efficient — meaning they are expecting associates to do more work while possibly receiving lower salaries.

Most UI law students traditionally go into private practices after graduation, she said, and the economic crisis is pushing larger firms — sometimes with hundreds of lawyers — to cut back on hiring, while small- and medium-sized ones are more stable.

"A lot of layoffs and recessions are happening at large law firms," Crain said. "But mid-size and smaller regional firms are finding work."

During the current recession, she said, most students have a common goal: to find secure employment. The best way to do that, she said, is to begin building a professional reputation by finding employment in law while still in school.

Daniel Slade knows about the difficulties of a job search. As a law student who is also pursuing a master's in business administration, he has been searching for a business career, and he hopes his law degree will



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UI student Daniel Slade studies inside the Pappajohn Business Building on April 18. In addition to being a law student, Slade is also interested in business administration.

make him more of a standout.

Since becoming a law student, Slade has had two internships at AEGON, an international insurance and investment company. Despite his dedication to the company, the position he was hoping for after graduation was cut out of the budget when the recession hit.

"I spend countless hours networking, trying to talk to as many people in the company that I can," he said.

Crain said it's important for students to keep their minds open when deciding what to do after graduation.

"I am not limiting myself," said Slade, who told company officials he would be willing to work at AEGON's headquarters in the Netherlands. "I need to be willing to get a job anywhere. I want to show them I will do whatever it takes to stay with the company."

Besides making him a more marketable candidate, Slade said his legal training provided him with communication skills required in the field.

"I intentionally trained myself to have a broad range of skills," he said, and he has planned on getting a law degree and an M.B.A. since he was 16.

Despite seemingly discouraging trends for legal professionals, undergraduate students are still showing interest in attending law schools.

A survey of 1,040 pre-law students at Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions — which offers classes for students preparing for admissions exams — showed 40 percent of LSAT-takers in February applied to law school because of the economic downturn.

For graduating law students, Crain said, her advice is simple and straight-forward.

"Do a great job, remain dedicated, continue to network, and be open to possibilities," she said. "Employers really like Iowa law students. They bring a legendary work ethic."

Dem lawmakers face hurdles

By MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press

DES MOINES — Iowa lawmakers again said they are pushing toward adjournment, but as in previous weeks, a number of hurdles stand in their way.

"The Senate is trying to pass every piece of legislation we have consensus on as quickly as possible," said Senate Majority Leader Michael Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs. "We're trying to adjourn."

As the week opens, however, it appears that a quick adjournment will come only if major parts of the majority Democrats' agenda gets tossed overboard.

Democrats have found themselves frustrated, largely in the House where a group of moderate and largely rural Democrats has thwarted action on a series of priorities key leaders have supported.

A package of labor-backed bills, such as forcing contractors to pay the prevailing wage on public projects, were blocked. Then when leaders announced a \$600 million overhaul of the state's income-tax system, they again failed to round up enough votes to pass it over solid Republican opposition.

That left lawmakers with

assembling a nearly \$6 billion state budget and little else in the closing days.

"Quite frankly, we're going to focus on the bills we can get done," said House Speaker Pat Murphy, D-Dubuque.

Still on the Legislature's agenda is a \$750 million plan pushed by Gov. Chet Culver, who wants to borrow the money to pay for repairs from last spring's flooding and improvements to Iowa's aging infrastructure.

"I continue to believe that we will get a bonding bill through this session of the legislature," said Gronstal. "There are disaster-ravaged communities throughout this state that need our help, and we are going to step up and help those communities."

As they try to close down the session, Democrats will face another distraction Wednesday when President Obama will hold an Earth Day event in Newton, a town that has succeeded in drawing wind-turbine manufacturers.

"It's wonderful that Iowa is on the map for alternative energy," said Senate President Jack Kibbie, D-Emmetsburg.

The reality, however, is that Wednesday will be a lost day at the Statehouse as Democrats attend events in Newton.

"We did not put our schedule together based on the president coming to the community," said Gronstal.

This year's legislative session is the first of a two-year General Assembly, and many leaders are beginning to note that they'll have another shot at important issues next year. That's a traditional sign that lawmakers are narrowing the agenda to speed the end of a session.

"We're going to get the work done that we need to get done and then we're going to get out of here," said Gronstal. "That work includes everything we can get the votes to pass."

Murphy said majority Democrats promised to approve a disaster relief bill, focus on middle-class jobs and balance the budget.

"We're not going to leave until we get those things done," said Murphy.

He also noted there would be little done beyond those primary areas.

"Those were our priorities on day one, and those will be our priorities when the gavel drops," said Murphy.

Daily expense payments for lawmakers don't end until May 1, but leaders have said they want to end the session early as part of their effort to close a state budget shortfall.

NATION

Exxon Mobil overtakes Wal-Mart

NEW YORK (AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp. unseated Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in the 2009 Fortune 500 list, shrugging off the oil-price bubble and weathering what the magazine called the worst year ever for the country's largest publicly traded companies.

Fortune's closely watched list, released Sunday, ranked companies by their revenue in 2008. Irving,

Texas-based Exxon took in \$442.85 billion in revenue last year, up almost 19 percent from 2007. The company also raked in the biggest annual profit, earning \$45.2 billion.

Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart had held the top spot for six of the last seven years but fell to No. 2 this year. Still, the retail giant's 2008 revenue climbed 7 percent to \$405.6 billion, as the battered economy sent more consumers searching for bargains. The world's largest retailer took in \$13.4

billion in annual profit, an increase of about 5 percent.

Although it may have been a good year for Exxon and Wal-Mart, 2008 was far from rosy for most of remaining companies on the list. Overall earnings plunged 85 percent to \$98.9 billion from \$645 billion in 2007, the biggest one-year decline in the 55-year history of the Fortune 500 list.

"America is getting used to the sound of bubbles bursting," Fortune said.



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House OKs credit transfers measure

Passed last week out of the Iowa House, supporters say a measure would help students caught in a credit transfer 'turf battle.'

By SHAWN GUDE
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Rep. Jeff Kaufmann, R-Wilton, concedes the credit-transfer experiences of students such as UI junior Danni Huss are common.

"Everything went great," said Huss, who graduated from Iowa Central Community College with an associate's degree. "I didn't have any problems."

Still, the Republican lawmaker and Muscatine Community College professor is one of the main champions of a House bill that looks to make the credit-transfer process among Iowa community colleges and state universities a little easier.

While state Board of Regents universities have numerous so-called articulation agreements with community colleges, the bill would formalize those agreements, attempt to foster more cooperation among school officials, and increase available information about the credit-transfer process.

Although bad experiences constitute the "extreme minority," Kaufmann said, he wanted to avoid transfer situations in

which students are "caught in the middle of a turf battle" between recalcitrant professors and community colleges.

In such situations the student is the one who's going to lose," he said.

UI spokesman Steve Parrott said both the UI and the state Board of Regents support the legislation, despite existing agreements with community colleges.

"We already have articulation agreements with community colleges but are happy to improve on those relationships," he wrote in an e-mail.

Some familiar with the process were incredulous about the need for the proposal, however.

"I don't think [students] have any trouble as long as they plan ahead," said Laura Riley, the coordinator of Kirkwood Community College's Advising and Transfer Center. "It's a very smooth process, as long as they have communication on both sides."

While she acknowledged community colleges could strengthen the process with regent schools, "the nuts and bolts are the same," she said.

Similarly, Sen. Herman Quirmbach, D-Ames, was

skeptical about enacting legislation in an area he said community colleges and state universities could handle themselves.

"I have not seen the legislation, but my feeling is that there's already been progress and forward momentum on that issue," said Quirmbach, an associate professor of economics at Iowa State University.

Kaufmann agreed but argued the process needs to be expedited. The bill also symbolically challenges both state universities and community colleges to bring the quality of their classes in line with each other, Kaufmann contended.

The measure was a late addition to the hopper, appearing fewer than two weeks ago. But the bill was crafted with strong bipartisan participation — Kaufmann repeatedly lauded House Speaker Pat Murphy, D-Des Moines, for his role in the process — and it unanimously passed the House late last week.

The Senate should take up the bill shortly, where Kaufmann expects fellow lawmakers to approve the measure with "some resistance."

WORLD

Mandela makes appearance at rally

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — A frail, 90-year-old Nelson Mandela struggled to the stage Sunday at the ANC's last rally before South Africa's election, making a surprise appearance to the cheers of 100,000 supporters while countrymen watched on national TV.

He wore a T-shirt emblazoned with the face of Jacob Zuma, the party's popular presidential candidate who drew almost as mighty a cheer from the fans gathered in central

Johannesburg days before Wednesday's parliamentary elections.

Mandela began his visit with a drive around a field in a golf cart with Zuma at his side. Then Mandela was helped onto the stage, where he was seated next to former wife Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, one of the ANC's most popular leaders.

Mandela did not address the crowd but listened as a brief video message he had recorded earlier was shown on a giant screen.

In his message, Mandela said the ANC was best placed to lead South

Africans in "our primary task" of eradicating poverty and improving the lives of a black majority neglected under apartheid and still far behind whites and an emerging, tiny black elite.

Mandela looked in strong spirits and smiled and waved to the crowd.

It was only the second appearance of this campaign for Mandela, who has largely retired from public life. But no one has doubted his loyalty to the party that South Africans embrace for defeating apartheid, and building homes and creating jobs since it won power in the first all-race vote in 1994.

STATE

Police arrest 50 during Veishea weekend

AMES (AP) — Iowa State's annual Veishea festivities were marred by fights and arrests on April 18 and Sunday morning just four years after organizers canceled the event because of similar problems.

Police arrested 50 people during the weekend and had to deploy tear gas to control the crowds.

"I was scared the whole time it was going on," said Iowa State senior Claire Irelan, 22. "I saw a guy get pepper sprayed just a few feet away from us."

Veishea, the school's annual spring celebration, was a fixture on campus from 1922 through 2004, when the next year's iteration was canceled after a riot that resulted in 38 arrests and more than \$100,000 in damage.

This year, Ames police Cmdr. Mike Brennan said a series of fights broke out at about 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, forcing police to close a downtown business district and Welch Avenue, a street that hosts many student bars.

"It took officers more than an hour to clear people away from that incident," Brennan said. "People weren't following directions, and people were [tear gassed] as a crowd-control measure."

Brennan says the fights drew more people and contributed to the near-chaos downtown.

"There was a lot of confusion at the time because there were so many people in the area," Brennan said. "With something like that it takes just a few seconds for things to really get out of control."

Ames police had 25 officers on hand both nights.

Law-enforcement officers battled violence during Veishea in 1988, 1992, 1994, and 2004. In 1997, a 19-year-old man was stabbed to death outside a fraternity house.

After the 2005 cancellation, the event reopened in 2006 with more late-night, on-campus nonalcoholic activities.

But Brennan says this weekend went "relatively well," and said there were no problems until the violence early Sunday.

In an unrelated incident, an Iowa Central Community College student was injured when he jumped four stories from a downtown apartment Saturday afternoon after an argument with his girlfriend.



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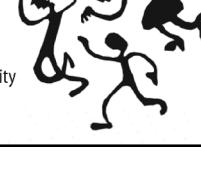
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Museum future murky

UI leaders met this past weekend to discuss the future of the Museum of Art.

By CAITLIN LOMBARD
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When people gathered in the Bijou on April 18, it wasn't for a matinee movie — it was to discuss the future of the UI Museum of Art. And it's still cloudy, UI President Sally Mason said.

"I wish I was here to tell you we're breaking ground on a new museum immediately," she said. "But unfortunately I can't tell you that."

Mason told the crowd all suggestions and ideas about where the museum should be and what it should look like are still on the table.

To handle the task of rebuilding the Art Museum, Mason said, she will form a Museum Visioning Committee. The group — still undecided — will be responsible for figuring out how to acquire funding, finding locations to build the museum, and exploring how the building would look.

"You start with the vision, then you get the funds," UI Provost Wallace Loh said.

UI officials are planning to propose a \$1 million bond initiative at the state Board of Regents' meeting in Cedar Falls next week. The bond would match money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which the UI has received to cover campuswide flood damage.

"Economically, we are not alone," Mason said. "We're not exactly flush with cash — in fact, we're looking for resources to give up."

Less than 50 percent of the building that formerly housed the museum was affected by flooding. Buildings have to suffer damage to more than



AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN
A member of the community looks at a UI Museum of Art brochure at the Bijou before a public forum about the state of the museum on Sunday.

50 percent to receive FEMA aid.

The structure currently serves as a rehearsal space for the UI School of Music. But the building is not a suitable location for the valuable collection because it's not protected from floods.

"We have places on campus for some art to live," Mason said. "The Richey Ballroom and Black Box in the IMU will be home to part of the collection."

The Richey Ballroom will become a 4,000-square-foot gallery space with a classroom, said Pam White, the interim director of the Art Museum. Officials also said the IMU Black Box Theater is being renovated to house some of the Museum of Art's 12,000-piece art collection. Only 250 works on paper have returned to campus, she said.

Some had criticism for UI officials' plans — most of it centering on the museum not being located on the Arts Campus. But Serena Stier — an adjunct assistant professor who teaches art, law, and ethics — considered a broader view of the museum's role.

"Let's not think, 'This is music. This is art. This is a museum.' Who would have thought you could put together

Where the art is now:

- Chicago
 - The Figge Art Museum
 - UI Libraries Special Collections
- As UI officials move it back, it will be in:**
- IMU Richey Ballroom
 - IMU Black Box Theater

Source: Sally Mason and Pam White

a truly great collection with art and medicine," said Stier, referring to the UI Hospital and Clinics' Project Art program, which offers patients the opportunity to heal through art.

Mason stressed the importance of finding solutions as soon as possible.

"We are faced with a challenging decision," she said. "At the same time we have a long standing commitment to art."

Also at the meeting, Doug True, the UI senior vice president for Finance, addressed concern over replacing Art Building East, located next to the art museum.

"One of the things we've been talking about is, 'Let's keep our minds open about what we can do here,'" he said. "Thinking about how we can better integrate these two aspects."

NATION

Police: Charges planned in deaths of 5 kids

HOUSTON (AP) — Police planned to charge a driver suspected of being intoxicated when he lost control of his car while using his cell phone, plunging the vehicle into a rain-filled ditch where five young passengers died, a spokesman said Sunday.

Charges of intoxication manslaughter were being prepared against Chanton Jenkins, 32, Houston police Officer Kese Smith said.

Smith said Jenkins failed a field sobriety test after the April 18 crash, which followed torrential rain storms. The results of a blood-alcohol test were pending. Smith did not know if Jenkins had an attorney.

The bodies of three boys — ages 4, 7, and 11 — were found inside the vehicle. A body believed to be that of a 1-year-old girl was found Sunday, and a search was continuing for the body of a 3-year-old girl.

The car crashed into a tributary about two miles from the point where it feeds into Greens Bayou, a waterway that begins in northern Harris County and flows eastward and then south for about 40 miles before emptying into the

Houston Ship Channel.

Mexican police say 8 officers killed

MEXICO CITY (AP) — In the latest of a series of brazen, drug-related attacks, gunmen ambushed a prisoner transfer convoy in western Mexico, killing eight officers in a failed attempt to free a high-level cartel member, police said Sunday.

At least 20 assailants fired in three separate gun barrages April 18 on the dwindling column of vehicles as it raced between an airport and prison in the Pacific coast state of Nayarit, police said.

Police called it a well-planned attack intended to free Jeronimo Gamez, a cousin of Arturo Beltran Leyva, the reputed leader of one of Mexico's most powerful cartels.

The bodies of three boys — ages 4, 7, and 11 — were found inside the vehicle. A body believed to be that of a 1-year-old girl was found Sunday, and a search was continuing for the body of a 3-year-old girl.

Police officials said the fallen officers "fulfilled their duty with professionalism, commitment, and dedication."

The attack came three days after a bold assault on an army patrol in the nearby state of Guerrero, where 15 assailants and one soldier died, and just a day after officials reported 12 people dead across the state of

Michoacan, including three who were beheaded.

J.G. Ballard dies in Britain at 78

LONDON (AP) — Writer J.G. Ballard, best known for the autobiographical novel *Empire of the Sun*, which drew on his childhood detention in a Japanese prison camp in China, died Sunday, his agent said. He was 78.

Ballard was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2006. He had been ill "for several years," his agent Margaret Hanbury said in a statement announcing his death on Sunday, but she did not give the cause of death. It was not immediately clear where he died.

"His acute and visionary observation of contemporary life was distilled into a number of brilliant, powerful novels which have been published all over the world and saw Ballard gain cult status," Hanbury said.

Ballard was born in Shanghai, China, and was interned there in a prison camp by Japanese troops in 1941 — an experience he drew on in the 1984 novel *Empire of the Sun*, later adapted as a film by U.S. director Steven Spielberg.

The writer moved to Britain in 1946, where he lived until his death.



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U.S. boycotts bigotry confab

By BRADLEY S. KLAPPER

Associated Press

GENEVA — The United Nations opens its first global bigotry conference in eight years today with the United States and at least six other countries boycotting the event out of concern that Islamic countries will demand that it denounce Israel and ban criticism of Islam.

The administration of President Obama, America's first black head of state, announced April 18 that it would boycott "with regret" the weeklong meeting in Geneva, which already is experiencing much of the bickering and political infighting that marred the 2001 conference in Durban, South Africa.

The Netherlands and Germany announced their boycotts Sunday, and Australia, Canada, Israel, and Italy had previously said they would not attend.

"I would love to be involved in a useful conference that addressed continuing issues of racism and discrimination around the globe," Obama said in Trinidad on Sunday after attending the Summit of the Americas.

But he said the language of the U.N.'s draft declaration risked a reprise of Durban, during which "folks expressed antagonism toward Israel in ways that were often times completely hypocritical and counterproductive."

"We expressed in the run-up to this conference our concerns that if you adopted all of the language from 2001, that's not something we can sign up for," Obama said.

"Hopefully, some concrete steps come out of the conference that we can partner with other countries on to actually reduce discrimination around the globe, but this wasn't an opportunity to do it," he said.

Some European countries are still deciding whether to attend the U.N. conference. Britain said it will send diplomats, despite concerns the meeting could become a forum for Holocaust denial or anti-Semitic attacks.

At the Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI said the conference is needed to eliminate intolerance around the world. Asia News, a Catholic news agency that is part of the missionary arm of the Vatican, said of the pope's comment: "The Holy See is distancing itself from the criticisms of some Western countries."

"I am shocked and deeply disappointed by the United States' decision not to attend," said U.N. human-rights chief Navi Pillay, who is hosting the conference.

She conceded that some countries were focusing solely on one or two issues to the detriment of the fight against intolerance but said it is essential that the issue of bigotry be tackled globally.

The major sticking points regarding the proposed final U.N. declaration are its implied criticism of Israel and an attempt by Muslim governments to ban all criticism of Islam, Sharia law, the prophet Muhammad, and other tenets of their faith.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad — who repeatedly has called for the destruction of Israel and denied the Holocaust — is slated to speak on the first day.

He arrived in Geneva on Sunday evening and met privately with President Hans-Rudolf Merz of Switzerland, the country that represents the diplomatic interests of the United States in the Islamic republic.

The pullout of Germany is significant since it has played a leading role in U.N. anti-racism efforts as a result of its troubled historical legacy. In recent meetings, it has expressed dismay about some governments' attempts to downplay the significance of the Holocaust.

Germany said Sunday that it made its boycott decision after consulting with other European Union nations.

Obama relaxes clenched-fist policy

By BEN FELLER

Associated Press

PORTE-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad — Defending his brand of world politics, President Obama said Sunday that he "strengthens our hand" by reaching out to enemies of the United States and making sure that the nation is a leader, not a lecturer, of democracy.

Obama's foreign doctrine emerged across his four-day trip to Latin America, his first extended venture to a region of the world where resentment of U.S. power still lingers. He got a smile, handshakes, and even a gift from incendiary leftist leader Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and embraced overtures of new relations from isolated Cuban President Raul Castro.

The whole notion was that if we showed courtesy or opened up dialogue with governments that had previously been hostile to us, that that somehow would be a sign of weakness," Obama said, recalling his race for the White House and

challenging his critics today.

"The American people didn't buy it," he said. "And there's a good reason the American people didn't buy it — because it doesn't make sense."

Still, he made sure to inject some go-it-slow caution and clear expectations for U.S. foes as he capped his trip to twin-island nation of Trinidad and Tobago with a steamy outdoor news conference.

On Cuba, he said Castro should release political prisoners, embrace democratic freedoms, and cut fees on the money that Cuban-Americans send back to their families. Obama has lifted some restrictions on Cuba, and Castro responded with a broad, conciliatory overture.

"The fact that you had Raul Castro say he's willing to have his government discuss with ours not just issues of lifting the embargo but issues of human rights, political prisoners, that's a sign of progress," Obama said. "And so we're going to explore and see if we

can make some further steps."

He did not, though, offer any sign of lifting the crushing U.S. trade embargo on Cuba, as many Latin American and U.S. leaders want. Obama acknowledged that the U.S. policy in Cuba for the last 50 years "hasn't worked" but said change will be gradual.

In Washington, both Democrats and Republicans said Sunday that they wanted to see actions, not just rhetoric, from Cuba.

"Release the prisoners, and we'll talk to you. ... Put up or shut up," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

"I think we're taking the right steps, and I think the ball is now clearly in Cuba's court," said Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo. "They need to respond and say what they're willing to do."

As for Venezuela, Obama's friendly encounters with Chavez at the summit drew intense publicity — partly, Obama said, because Chavez is good at getting in front of TV cameras. Chavez's anti-American rhetoric has, in the past, led Obama to



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President Obama walks down the stairs from Air Force One upon his arrival at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., on Sunday after attending the Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago.

cans about how he dealt with Chavez. "I think it was irresponsible for the president to be seen kind of laughing and joking with Hugo Chavez," said Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev.

The president returned to Washington early Sunday evening. But even before he got back, Obama was facing condemnation from some Republi-

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Editorial

Campus voting system lacks convenience

Voting started early this morning for this year's UI Student Government election — hopefully.

But that's the same thing they told us last week, when voting was originally slated to begin. But then a technical glitch downed the online system used for campus voting, pushing back the election until this week.

Most unfortunate, the voting delay is just the latest example of why the system used for UISG voting is not conducive for voting.

Some students attempted to log on to Votenet — the online service UISG pays to use for voting — on April 13, only to find the system was unavailable. The Student Elections Board was forced to delay the election for a week, but student government will likely still be responsible for the \$5,000 Votenet charges for its services.

We understand that — even with a pricey service — technical malfunctions are sometimes unavoidable. But why are we spending \$5,000 to outsource voting in the first place? Even when the system is in working order, it's inconvenient and user-unfriendly.

The major problem here is even though UISG ballots are cast online, they require students to go out of their way to vote. Sure, it's only five clicks, but there are still far more convenient means of conducting the election. For students as apathetic as the ones on this campus, if you don't put something right in front of them, they won't seek it out.

A more convenient system would involve paper ballots and voting booths in high-traffic hubs around campus. Ballots could be cast, for instance, in dorm lobbies, on the

Pentacrest, or on the T. Anne Cleary Walkway. The means to count those votes — Scantron machines — are already available on campus. The only additional requirements would be a dozen tables and some volunteers to check students' IDs as they cast their ballots. Putting voting right in front of students would undoubtedly yield better results than making students go out of their way to vote.

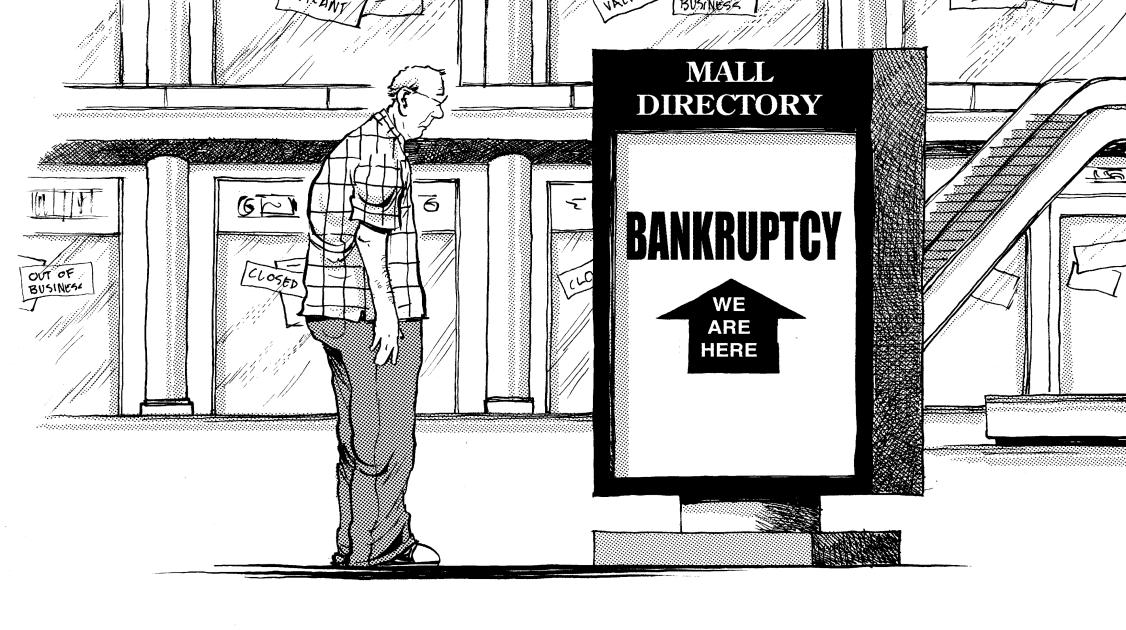
But even if student government is married to casting votes online, a comparable voting system could undoubtedly be designed by our very own computer-science students. Ryan Kopf, a UISG presidential contender and UI computer-science student, noted that commissioning students to design a voting system would require initial cost, but no annual fee. It's unlikely that monitoring and maintaining the system would cost \$5,000.

And not only would a home-grown solution likely be cheaper, it would help keep student fees in the UI community and would be a learning experience for students here. Spending less and keeping dollars local? A win-win, for sure.

Of course, this is all part of a bigger problem: extreme apathy on campus. It's unfortunate that in order to attract voters, UISG should have to make polling places so accessible. We get the feeling that only those directly involved with campaigns care about the outcome. Ideally, students will take the initiative to vote, regardless of the means through which they cast that vote. But we're realistic; we know most people don't care enough to inconvenience themselves over a vote. So it should be the goal of our student government to make voting painfully accessible.

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Guest Opinion

The world's most unlikely songbird

By AMY WILENTZ
Los Angeles Times

It is a bad world in which to be an almost-50-year-old virgin, unemployed, with frizzy hair, midriff bulge, and a figure like a spinster teacher from the 1940s. In the international world of televised talent shows, you're simply not supposed to appear on stage if you look like that. Talent is nice, but it must be packaged, matched by a certain, shall we say, physical ability to seduce. In the entertainment world these days, if you have to choose, talent runs second to "dateability."

So if you look anything like Susan Boyle, the Scotswoman who is the latest Internet phenomenon for her performance of "I Dreamed a Dream" on a British TV talent show, you're at least supposed to get a stylist who can do something for you before you go on. And preferably, if you're going to look like that and be in public, you should be a commentator on

economic matters in the Third World or a former secretary of State or an expert on the human genome. You should be Doris Lessing sitting on the stoop in a denim skirt and sensible shoes, getting a Nobel Prize for literature.

You should not be a torch singer.

Unless, of course, you've been selected to be made fun of.

When I first saw the Susan Boyle clip from "Britain's Got Talent," I was confused. Was she a fake? Was this a hoax? She seemed just a step over the line, just a little too ridiculous.

That dress; it looked vintage, but like vintage from her mum's closet. Only someone who was proclaiming her intense geek-hood would wear that dress on an "American Idol"-style show. Only someone who was either mocking herself or who was an actress pretending to be a Susan Boyle type of person.

Or worse. I was suddenly dumbstruck: Could this be John Cleese's latest cross-dressing

foray? It had all the earmarks of Monty Python. An unmarried lady. Of a certain age. From Scotland. With a funny accent. Wiggly hips. An abstracted air. A cat named Pebbles. I knew it: Susan Boyle was Basil Fawlty in one of Sybil's more outré outfitts.

Or even worse. Photos could turn up of Boyle — her third husband on her arm — swanning about the clubs of West Lothian in tightfitting lamé and false eyelashes, her blond locks piled on top of her head.

But at this point, she seems just a decent sort from a village far from London, a perfect target for the rolling-eyed dismissal and snickering revulsion of the sleek-haired, skinny-armed dieting classes. You saw them there in the audience, all the young women ready to laugh at the old bag — you have to wonder what would happen to Ella Fitzgerald on the new talent shows — and already laughing at Boyle before she'd begun.

Boyle was something they'd never seen before in such a setting: a person whose every turn and twist, every statement and giggle and shake of her chin proclaimed her solid standing in the middle class.

But strangely, Boyle's virginity and double chin and piano legs and fright-wig hair and bad fashion worked for her: one thing to look like Beyoncé and sing like a honey, another to look like Maude or Hazel or Roseanne and sing as if God had taken you over. The human mind loves contrast; the human mind loves a surprise.

Susan Boyle knew just what she was doing.

She began to sing. It was quite a moment. It was a song about wasted youth and lost dreams, a choice made by a singer who knew exactly what she should sing. It was like the dying Piaf singing "Non, Je ne Regrette Rien." It was as stirring a moment in the history of song as the singing of "La Marseillaise" in *Casablanca* (well,

almost). And yet, painfully, as we were moved by the singer and the song, we were also forced to watch the reaction shots of the audience and of Amanda, the perfect-haired, sleeveless, highly "dateable" judge, whose pouts and warm surprise and welling tears filled almost as much screen time as Boyle's astounding performance.

"We are too cynical," Amanda said, addressing Boyle after her performance. "Everyone was rooting against you." It was as if Amanda expected this one moment where art conquered all, where the sincerity of song and execution softened every heart, to allow us to believe we had somehow been purged of all our cheap, superficial ways. Susan sang, and shrugged her shoulders and tossed her gray locks, and now we were changed, changed utterly by this transforming performance. Now Piers and Simon and Amanda and you and me, we were all going to move forward

with openness and acceptance in our hearts for all kinds of people in all kind of packages. As if by approving of this one dorky but brilliant outsider, this world would be granted forgiveness for all the meanness, bullying and tawdry acceptance of the third rate that is its usual fare.

But instead of changing us, Susan Boyle's explosion into fame is much more likely to change her. Already she has appeared on Scottish television with her hair seemingly darkened and somehow forced into submission. Please please please, Susan! The vintage women of the world beg you: Don't lose a pound. Don't buy a new wardrobe. No highlights! No Botox! Don't touch chin one, or chin two.

Remember Ella Fitzgerald, and just keep singing.

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As the world burns



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All right, it's April; where are my tornadoes?

As a Midwesterner, I feel like it's my right to cower in some basement and with a guilty excitement wondering what it must be like in that trailer park a mile away. Hell, I'll even take a dangerous thunderstorm for now.

One of my fondest memories is of hastily throwing the family tent and camping gear into the minivan and watching my dad weigh the laws of self- and familial-preservation and those of the Minnesota Department of Transportation. I secretly loved taking the kitchen TV down to the laundry room to watch giddy weathermen point at big blobs of red — and if I was lucky, purple — fringed with some more prosaic green.

There was something so vibrant in the potential chaos. The regular rhythms of life, with all of its chores, banalities, and routines, were superseded by winds and water completely out of our control.

I really liked imagining the settlers of the Midwest crouched in wooden houses that barely broke up the land that had long been sculpted by the fickle, mid-continental winds. It must have been harder for them to think they had control.

I know that these memories occurred during storms that likely ended or at least ruined several people's lives. Logically, this joie de destruction is morally reprehensible and completely irrational, but let's leave logic out of this one, OK?

Also, I'd like to point out that whenever the focus of my attention is on individuals instead of a city/region, my devastation fetish disappears (though if it didn't, do you think I'd admit that here?)

This meteorological rubbernecking, of course, transfers over to all walks of life.

For example: I want Chrysler and GM to fail. I could make all sorts of arguments on why we shouldn't keep propping up failing companies because we think people with American high-school diplomas should make a lot more money than people coming through the Mexican, Japanese, or Chinese education systems, but the truth is that there's a part of me that just wants to see these supposed pillars of our economy crumble.

I know that there's a part of you that feels a little more alive when hearing about the Dow plunge further than anyone thought possible. If not that, then there must have been a voice silently cursing when last year's floodwaters finally stopped rising.

Seeing that dirty water slowly ignore all the things we did to keep it at bay exposed all the safety nets we put up for our collective sanity. On a homeowner level, it was sad and scary, but looking at the entire city, I was exhilarated.

Maybe this is just a rebellion against logic. It could be just another side effect of the finally ending extended adolescence of modern middle class America.

Either way, the problem isn't having these feelings, it's losing them.

Watching ambulances go by doesn't deliver the thrill it used to. Instead of "bright lights, loud noises," the sight inspires a slight (but growing) pit of the stomach unease. My feeling of loss is selfish and privileged in its lateness, but it's one that everyone has to go through in one way or another.

After I graduate in a couple of weeks, I'm sure unemployment or something like it will beat the enjoyment of a nose-diving economy out of me. If I end up buying a house someday, insurance rates will undoubtedly siphon most of my storm lust.

But for now I'm going to greedily keep enjoying that voice rooting against order, equity, progress, credit, safety, 401(k)s, etc., etc. ■

Arts & Culture

BITCH PLEASE

Welcome to Bitch Please, the newest offering from *The Daily Iowan's* rabble-rousing Arts and Culture staff. Bitch Please is a place where two *DI* staffers argue about all that is wonderful in the entertainment world. In the inaugural debate, reporters Shawn Gude and Nick Fetty tackle which MC is the best at rockin' the mike, Nas or Talib Kweli?

Nas

When I first listened to *Illmatic*, New York rapper Nas' venerable 1994 début, I wasn't blown away.

Relatively minimalistic beats, standard hip-hop topics (or so I thought), and a decidedly uncatchy overall package — it all seemed, well, average.

What I failed to notice during my initial listen (and several subsequent ones) were the intricacies, the nuances of Nas' superior lyricism, and the complementary production on the widely acclaimed album.

Without falling into the standard trap of glorification and over-the-top opulence, Nas expertly weaves through tales of crooked cops, crackheads, and gun fights.

Illmatic oscillates between pessimism ("Life's a bitch, and then you die; that's why we get high / Cause you never know when you're gonna go") and sober optimism ("Life is parallel to Hell, but I must maintain"). But through it all, Nas' storytelling shines through.

The 35-year old has proven he's equally adept at delivering biting social commentary, with lyrics decrying materialism ("What you base your happiness around? / Material, women, and large paper? / That means you're inferior, not major"), institutionalized bigotry ("Schools with outdated books, we are the forgotten") and apathy and indecision in the black community ("We begged, we prayed, petitioned, and demonstrated / Just to make another generation — black zombies").

Simply put, Nas is the best rapper alive.

—by Shawn Gude

Talib Kweli

Unlike many rappers, Kweli was brought up in an upper-class family by parents who were college professors. This shows that rappers that don't have to be from "the hood" or have a sketchy background to be legitimate.

I like Kweli's lyrical content. He raps about important social issues and often leaves the listener thinking. Kweli also has a smooth flow to his delivery, unlike Nas' slightly more hard-hitting style.

Last, Kweli has worked with some of the industry's greatest. In 1999 Kweli teamed up with Mos Def for *Black Star*, one of my all-time favorite rap albums. Kweli has also worked with Madlib, will.i.am, and Kanye West.

Honestly, my only criticism about Kweli is that he's a Yankee fan, or at least sports a Yankee cap.

—by Nick Fetty

ON THE WEB

Bounce over to dailyiowan.com for a video featuring Shawn Gude and Nick Fetty further discussing hip-hop's heaviest hitters.

Decent, though oddly removed

311 played a semi-decent show on April 18 at the Field House. Though the concert wasn't good enough to warrant day-after talk, it held its own.

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I'll be honest — when 311's Nick Hexum and S.A. Martinez started singing that first tune, I thought it was going to be like listening to Fall Out Boy live: absolutely horrible. But the band surprised me. After a brief and rocky beginning, the members hit a smooth rhythm that launched them into a good, albeit not fantastic, concert on April 18 at the Field House.

As a unit, 311 has been around since the '90s. The quintet could probably perform blind if its members really wanted to, and truthfully, it kind of felt as though they were. While they had a lot of energy onstage, it felt as if they were lacking a little when it came to actually engaging the audience. There were a few "Hey Iowa City how are you feeling tonights"

thrown out there, but it seemed rather subpar and insincere.

Despite not actively including the audience in the set, 311 did bust out a few tunes the crowd really took to. Take the band's rendition of "Amber." The song, originally released in 2001 on 311's album *From Chaos*. Here's some useless information: The track is about Hexum's former fiancée Nicole Scherzinger of Pussycat Dolls fame. "Amber" had a real reggae vibe to it, which was completely different from the other crowd pleaser, "Down."

"Down" was more of a rock-fused-with-rap styled tune and definitely one of my favorites. Judging from the screams of joy emanating from the crowd "Down" was one of its as well. The hit comes straight off 311's 1995 self-titled album. The track

is one of the band's most widely recognized, probably thanks in part to its reaching No. 1 on the *Billboard Modern Rock* chart, as well as being one of the songs responsible for helping push 311 into the mainstream.

One thing is for sure: The members of 311 proved they could play their instruments. Several highlights included solo guitar, bass, and drums. Though bassist P-Nut — who was featured during the encore — and guitarist Tim Mahoney did fantastic jobs, drummer Chad Sexton was the standout. His drumming was not only kick-ass as a solo, it was mesmerizing when he was joined by every other member of 311 banging drums and cymbals along with him.

If there is one thing that really bothered me throughout 311's concert, it's that I couldn't classify the band's sound.

Technically speaking, the quintet classifies itself as reggae fusion. However, sometimes it seemed to be hardcore rock, but then it would have more of a reggae vibe to it. To add to that, Martinez threw some rapping into the mix. Though I thought the sound was a complete mess, it does say a lot about the band and its ability to create a strong following with such a shitstorm of sounds.

Hexum looked quite studly in his white T-shirt, and he had a great stage presence to back up his fantastic vocals, but Martinez was just a massive tool. I mean, really, the guy was jumping around stage doing awkward dance moves that were just plain annoying. Not to mention that his voice is rather high-pitched and no match for the deep, sexy voice of reggae-rocker Hexum.

So here's the thing: 311's

Here's 311's set list from its April 18 performance at the Field House.

1. Beautiful Disaster
2. Homebrew
3. Prisoner
4. All Mixed Up
5. Random
6. Full Ride
7. Nix Hex
8. Down
9. Champagne
10. Applied Science
11. Crack The Code
12. Flowing
13. Amber
14. Hive
15. Uncalm
16. Visit
17. Paradise
18. Hey You
19. Creatures (For a While)
- Encore:
20. Beyond the Gray Sky
21. Feels So Good

concert wasn't bad. Am I in love with the band? No. Did I mind spending a night listening to it rock onstage? Not at all. And I wasn't even stoned.

MOVIE REVIEW

You don't know what you got till you're 17 again

Zac Efron makes us wonder if maybe everything does happen for a reason.

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17 Again is the story of Mike O'Donnell, who misses out on his chance to become a successful basketball player because he decides to remain loyal to his suddenly pregnant high-school sweetheart Scarlet (Leslie Mann). Nearly 20 years later, they're splitting up because he essentially blames her for ruining the life he could have had.

This deadbeat dad, played by Matthew Perry, gets a wake-up call when he magically turns back into his 17-year-old self (Zac Efron) and begins attending high school again — with his own children.

17 Again lays on the schmaltz to make sure this is one of the most heartwarming PG-13 flicks seen in a very long time. It is, in essence, a funnier version of *13 Going on 30*.

Still, this movie provides solid humorous entertainment, not only because O'Donnell's lifelong friend Ned (Thomas Lennon) is an absolute riot. Lennon is there to save Efron from his occasional "stand still, look pretty" moments with his extravagant nerd lifestyle, his own

Revenge of the Nerds if you will. Ned is the comedic underdog in *17 Again* and, without him, things would have gotten ugly.

I never thought I'd say it, but I believe Efron has grown on me a little. Now that he has finally (at least somewhat) broken out of his *High School Musical* pigeonhole, I've finally been able to witness the teen dream outside of his most recognized element, even though he still plays a high-school basketball whiz. He has the maturity as an actor to portray a 30-something in a teen's body,

while still laying on the charm. It will surely be a thrill to see where this and future roles take the 21-year-old star. Hopefully, it will eventually be beyond the gymnasium doors and never back to East High.

One thing that may throw many people off is the primary issue of the new kid in school actually being the father of

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5:20, 7:35, and 9:50 p.m.
Where:
Coral Ridge 10

When:
4:15, 7, 9:30 p.m.
Where:
Sycamore 12

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students Alex (Sterling Knight) and Maggie (Michelle Trachtenberg). As his teen self, Mike offers advice to his children while pulling off the classmate/friend bit at the same time. This occasionally gets him into trouble, however, as he tries to reconnect with his soon-to-be ex and is seen as a complete pervert. Other slip-ups include his daughter nearly making out with him, which was almost too cringe-worthy. Lord knows that would have made for an awkward dinner conversation.

Second, though we get our expected happy ending, very little is done to actually draw things to a complete close. Why don't Mike and Scarlet stay for

Alex's big game? What happens between Ned and his new Elfish-speaking best friend? I'll save my other questions, so as not to totally spoil the fun. However, I suppose I can come up with at least one reason: Who on Earth really wants to see Matthew Perry in a basketball uniform? Anyone?

While we've seen the story line several times over in other films, *17 Again* is still a winner in its own right. It has kept this nearly worn-out genre alive, with the help of some genuinely funny and relatable characters.

If you're not a complete Scrooge, you'll find the age-old theme of appreciating what you have and living for the moment to be a perpetual pick-me-up.



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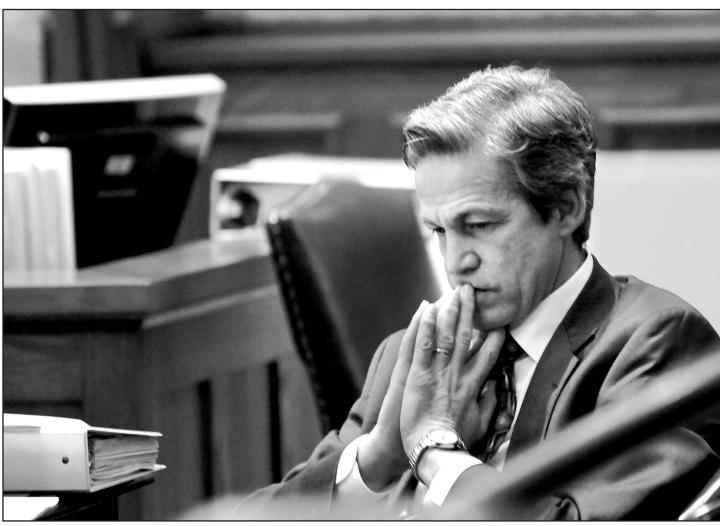
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Disputed vote to high court

By BRIAN BAKST

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Republican Sen. Norm Coleman's next and possibly last gambit for regaining his U.S. Senate seat will come before a Minnesota Supreme Court that seems built to his advantage: Five of the seven justices were put there by Republican governors.

But Coleman's edge with the court, which is expected to receive the appeal this week of his election-lawsuit loss to Democrat Al Franken, isn't all it seems.

Two of the GOP appointees will sit out the appeal because they helped referee the statewide recount. A third has drawn fire for past donations to Coleman's Senate campaigns.

And the court as a whole has a history of nonpartisanship in election-law decisions.

While courts nationwide are being increasingly drawn into political disputes, few elections reach this stage. Fewer still have such stakes: a six-year Senate term vital to the Washington power struggle.

"These aren't the kind of cases judges want to see come their way," said Michael Pitts, a professor at the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis. "It's tough to divorce what is a political judgment and what is a legal judgment."

Kathleen Blatz, a retired chief justice of the high court, said she's confident her former colleagues will reach a conclusion based on the law, not politics, in part because they know they're under a microscope.

"You are aware that what you do will be criticized," she said.

In 2002, Blatz's Supreme Court had to decide how to treat

absentee ballots when Sen. Paul Wellstone died in the campaign homestretch. The court quickly ruled absentee voters were entitled to replacement ballots by request, but not automatically. As a practical matter, that meant Wellstone voters who didn't act forfeited their Senate vote.

Coincidentally, Coleman was Wellstone's opponent, and he wound up edging the Democrats' fill-in candidate, Walter Mondale. A detailed court opinion issued six months after the ruling showed that justices confronted constitutional questions about the consistent treatment of voters — similar to concerns Coleman wants the court to address anew.

Coleman is appealing a special three-judge panel's ruling that Franken won 312 more votes in the 2008 election. The former senator argues that some local officials were more diligent than others about verifying whether voters complied with absentee ballot standards, causing thousands of ballots to be rejected that could have counted elsewhere. He plans to invoke the Constitution's equal-protection clause.

Last week's unanimous ruling by the three-judge panel said local officials used reasonable latitude in administering the election and equal protection doesn't require "rigid sameness."

A majority of the current court was selected by Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty. However, two of them, Chief Justice Eric Magnuson and Justice G. Barry Anderson, served on the state Canvassing Board that adopted the recount rules and certified Franken as its winner, and they've recused themselves from the Senate court case.


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AP probe finds drugs in water

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U.S. manufacturers, including major drugmakers, have legally released at least 271 million pounds of pharmaceuticals into waterways that often provide drinking water — contamination the federal government has consistently overlooked, according to an Associated Press investigation.

Hundreds of active pharmaceutical ingredients are used in a variety of manufacturing, including drugmaking: For example, lithium is used to make ceramics and treat bipolar disorder; nitroglycerin is a heart drug and also used in explosives; copper shows up in everything from pipes to contraceptives.

AP identified 22 compounds that show up on two lists: the EPA monitors them as industrial chemicals that are released into rivers, lakes and other bodies of water under federal pollution laws, while the Food and Drug Administration classifies them as active pharmaceutical ingredients.

Federal and industry officials say they don't know the extent to which pharmaceuticals are released by U.S. manufacturers because no one tracks them — as drugs. But a close analysis of 20 years of federal records found that, in fact, the government unintentionally keeps data on a few, allowing a glimpse of the pharmaceuticals coming from factories.

As part of its ongoing PharmaWater investigation about trace concentrations of pharmaceuticals in drinking water,

The data don't show precisely how much of the 271 million pounds comes from drugmakers versus other manufacturers; also, the figure is a massive undercount because of the limited federal government tracking.

To date, drugmakers have dismissed the suggestion that their manufacturing contributes significantly to

what's being found in water. Federal drug and water regulators agree.

But some researchers say the lack of required testing amounts to a "don't ask, don't tell" policy about whether drugmakers are contributing to water pollution.

"It doesn't pass the straight-face test to say pharmaceutical manufacturers are not emitting any of the compounds they're creating," said Kyla Bennett, who spent 10 years as an EPA enforcement officer before becoming an ecologist and environmental attorney.

Pilot studies in the U.S. and abroad are now confirming those doubts.

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Sports



BASEBALL

The Chicago White Sox take three of four from Tampa Bay, downing the Rays, 12-2, on Sunday.

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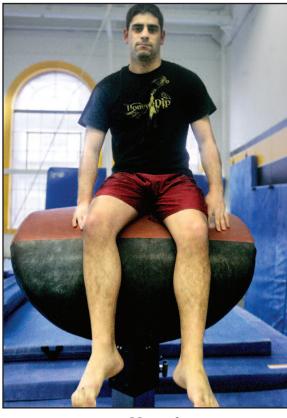
N.Y. Yankees 7, Cleveland 3
Toronto 1, Oakland 0
Boston 2, Baltimore 1
Chicago White Sox 12, Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 3, L.A. Angels 1
Texas 6, Kansas City 5
Detroit 8, Seattle 2

Milwaukee 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Florida 7, Washington 4
Philadelphia 5, San Diego 4
Atlanta 11, Pittsburgh 1
Cincinnati 4, Houston 2
San Francisco 2, Arizona 0
L.A. Dodgers 14, Colorado 2
St. Louis at Chicago, p.pd., rain

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Geoff Reins

GYMNASICS

Reins takes 2nd in vault

Iowa senior Geoff Reins earned his third career all-American selection following his vault performance in the NCAA individual event finals on April 18 in Minneapolis.

The Buffalo Grove, Ill., native finished a close second in the event, scoring 16.300, behind Oklahoma's Steve Legendre's score of 16.325. Reins earned his spot in the individual finals after earning a score of 16.30 to tie with Legendre on vault during the team finals on April 17. This is Reins' first All-American selection since 2007, when he earned the honors on the vault as well. He also was named an all-American in 2006 following a seventh-place finish on floor exercise.

Also competing in the team finals for the Hawkeyes were freshman Zach Cazabon and junior Jonathan Buese.

Cazabon posted a 13.50 to finish in a tie for 42nd on parallel bars. Buese earned 14th in the all-around competition with an 82.30, which included scores of 14.65 on floor exercise as well as 14.15 on horizontal bars.

Stanford won the national championship, scoring 362.80 as a team. Michigan, at 361.50, was the runner-up.

- by Jordan Garretson

TRACK

Docherty, White lead tracksters

The Iowa women's track and field team stayed close to home this weekend, competing at the Messermith Invitational in Cedar Falls.

The Hawkeyes competed well, with seniors Jennie Docherty taking first place in the 800 meters run and Renee White winning the long jump with a leap of 20-0 1/4,

which was good enough for a regional qualifying mark.

"It was a small meet, only us and UNI," Iowa head coach Layne Anderson said. "Even in a small meet, we still had some good competition, though."

Much of the competition was from women Anderson helped train.

Also competing at the meet were former All-American Hawkeyes Shellene Williams and Kineke Alexander, with the two of them winning the 100, 200, and 400. Fellow All-American Peaches Roach also took home first in the high jump, as did Aditya Jones in the 400-meter hurdles.

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- by Jake Krzeczkowski

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Lots of Hawks banged up



Iowa injured players Tony Moeaki and A.J. Edds watch as their teammates take a break during the Hawkeyes' final spring practice at the Kenyon Practice Facility on April 18. Edds (shoulder) and Moeaki (foot) both expect to be ready for Iowa's 2009 opener against Northern Iowa on Sept. 5.

How are the currently injured Hawkeyes holding up this spring?

By SCOTT MILLER

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Before the April 18 spring scrimmage, linebacker A.J. Edds didn't look like a player recovering from off-season shoulder surgery.

Instead of standing on the sidelines like some of his injured defenders, the senior-to-be was busy shagging punts and throwing them back, with his non-injured right arm, 40 yards to junior punter Ryan Donahue.

Edds' left shoulder required off-season surgery, much like the injuries to sophomore-to-be Tyler Sash and junior-to-be

Brett Greenwood. These players tack onto a long list of marquee Hawkeye players — Tony Moeaki (foot), Jewel Hampton (hamstring), Jeff Brinson (ankle), Cody Hundertmark (shoulder), and Andy Kuempel (shoulder) — who find themselves on the sidelines right now.

In Edds' case, he said he's nearly back to full strength, and he could have practiced in "another week or two." The Greenwood, Ind., native said that rehabbing with Sash and Greenwood in the off-season helped his progress.

"We all stayed pretty much together the whole time as far

ON THE WEB

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as how quick we got back, but it was kind of nice having those guys, especially defensive guys," Edds said. "You don't want anybody to get hurt, but it was nice to have some guys to at least be kind of going through it with."

Hampton, the sophomore-to-be running back pegged as Shonn Greene's successor, tweaked his hamstring during spring practice and did not participate in the April 18 scrimmage.

"He took a pretty good shot [April 11] in a scrimmage, and he worked [April 17] and [April 18] in non-tackling things, but we didn't want to let him get

Spring Training

All this week, the DI will explore some of the biggest questions the Iowa football team seeks to have answered before the 2009 season begins this fall. Today, we explore how injured Hawkeyes have been holding up with the conclusion of spring practices on April 18.

tackled [during the scrimmage]," head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "But the good news is that he's on the comeback trail."

Ferentz also said Hampton's potential backup, freshman Jeff Brinson, should be healthy soon after an apparent ankle injury suffered during the scrimmage. "No

SEE INJURIES, 3B

SEE TENNIS, 3B

Bruggeman just wants an opportunity

Former Iowa center Rob Bruggeman says he is more concerned with getting a chance to play professional football than where he might be picked in the upcoming NFL draft.

By RYAN YOUNG

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Playing football as a tyke in the Midwest, the only thing Rob Bruggeman wanted to be growing up was a Hawkeye.

He didn't want to be a Bear, or a Packer, or a Viking. And he certainly didn't aspire to be a Lion.

Now, as one of five former Iowa players expected to be chosen in the NFL draft, the only team he's hoping to play for is the one that will give him a chance.

From the phone calls and

workouts, Bruggeman knows he has generated interest at the next level. But the 6-4 center isn't worried about any of the rankings and analysis clipped to his name entering the draft.

"I'm not really thinking about it a whole lot, to tell you the truth," he said. "I don't really have a whole lot of expectations going into it. I'd rather be drafted, but I know at least I'll end up in a NFL camp. I'm just excited to be able to go play football again. It's been a long time."

His time away from the field has been time well spent.

After helping the Hawkeyes cap their 2008 campaign with

Softball sweeps Spartans

Missy Mazur and Brittany Weil come through for Iowa softball.

By JON LINDER

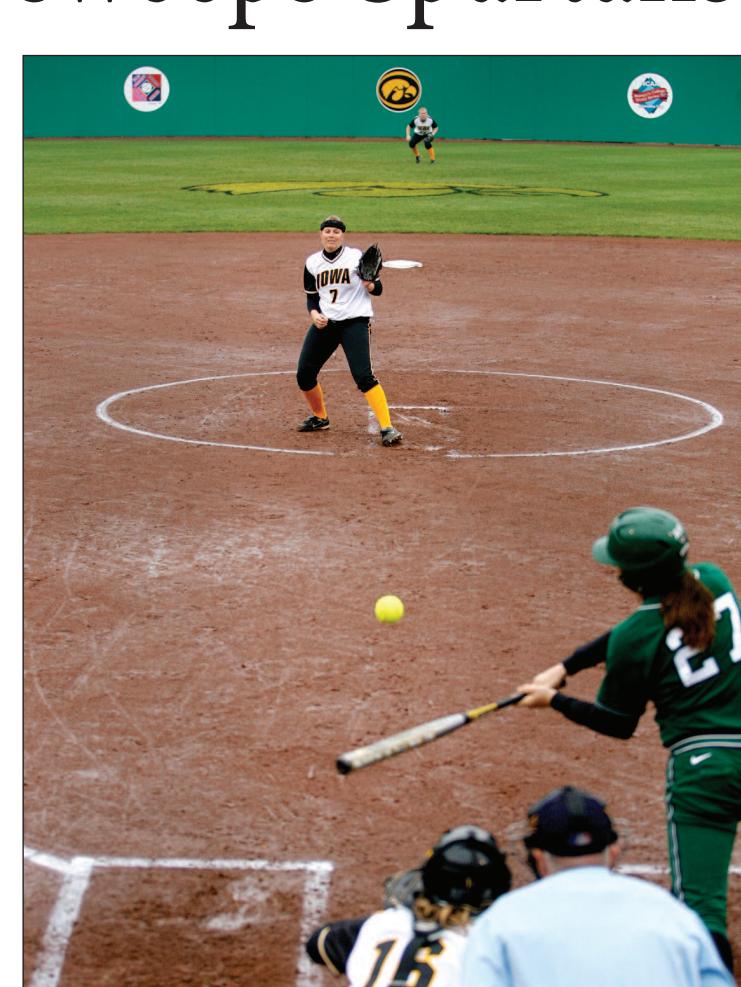
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The two games of Iowa's double-header with Michigan State on April 18 could not have ended on more contrasting terms.

The Hawkeyes (35-11, 7-5) beat the Spartans 8-0 in six innings on the run rule in Game One, before treating the 706 fans in attendance at Pearl Field to a 4-3 extra-inning thriller in Game Two.

"It's exciting to score a lot of runs, but it's also fun to get into games like this second one," senior pitcher Brittany Weil said. "These are the kind of games we're going to need to win as we go ahead."

Iowa jumped to an early lead in the first game on a string of clutch two-out at-bats. Senior



SEE SOFTBALL, 3B

ON THE WEB

Go to [dailyiowan.com](#) for an exclusive photo slide show from Iowa's double-header action against Michigan State at Pearl Field on April 18.

Iowa senior pitcher Brittany Weil tosses a pitch to Michigan State's Lauren Kramer during the first game of a double-header against the Spartans at Pearl Field on April 18. In the second game, Weil recorded her 1,000th career strikeout.

JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	11	6	.591	—
Atlanta	6	6	.500	5
New York	6	6	.500	5
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	5½
Washington	1	10	.091	9½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	7	4	.636	—
St. Louis	8	5	.615	—
Cincinnati	6	5	.545	1
Pittsburgh	6	6	.500	1½
Houston	4	8	.333	3½
Milwaukee	4	8	.333	3½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	10	3	.769	—
San Diego	9	4	.692	1
Colorado	4	7	.364	5
Arizona	4	8	.333	5½
San Francisco	4	8	.333	5½
Sunday's Games				
Milwaukee 3, Philadelphia 2, OT				
Florida 3, New Jersey 1, OT				
Vancouver 3, St. Louis 0				
Saturday's Games				
N.Y. Rangers 1, Washington 0, N.Y. Rangers lead series 2-0				
Detroit 4, Columbus 0, Detroit leads series 2-0				
Boston 5, Montreal 1, Boston leads series 2-0				
Chicago 3, Calgary 2, Chicago leads series 2-0				
Sunday's Games				
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 3, Pittsburgh leads series 2-1				
Vancouver 3, St. Louis 2, Vancouver leads series 3-0				
New Jersey 3, Carolina 2, OT, New Jersey leads series 2-1				
Anaheim 3, San Jose 2, Anaheim leads series 2-0				
Tuesday's Games				
Boston at Montreal, 6 p.m.				
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.				
Chicago at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.				
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.				
Detroit at Columbus, 6 p.m.				
New Jersey at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.				
Vancouver at St. Louis, 7 p.m.				
San Jose at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.				
Wednesday's Games				
Atlanta (D-Low 1-0) at Washington (Zimmermann 0-0), 6:05 p.m.				
Florida (A-Miller 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Ohlendorf 0-2), 6:05 p.m.				
San Diego (Correa 0-1) at Philadelphia (Moyer 1-1), 6:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Arroyo 2-0) at Houston (Hampton 1-1), 7:05 p.m.				
Colorado (Marquis 2-0) at Arizona (Garland 1-1), 8:40 p.m.				
Tuesday's Games				
Florida at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.				
Atlanta at Washington, 6:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m.				
A. Dodge at Houston, 7:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.				
Colorado at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.				
San Diego at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	10	4	.714	—
New York	7	6	.538	2½
Baltimore	6	6	.500	3
Boston	6	6	.500	3
Campa Bay	5	8	.385	4½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	7	5	.583	—
Detroit	7	5	.583	—
Kansas City	7	5	.583	—
Minnesota	7	5	.500	1
Cleveland	4	9	.308	3½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	8	5	.615	—
Texas	5	7	.417	2½
Los Angeles	4	8	.333	3½
Sunday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees 7, Cleveland 3				
Toronto 1, Oakland 0				
Boston 2, Baltimore 1				
Chicago White Sox 12, Tampa Bay 2				
Minnesota 3, L.A. Angels 1				
Texas 6, Kansas City 5				
Detroit 8, Seattle 2				
Tuesday's Games				
Baltimore (Hendrickson 1-1) at Boston (Masterson 1-0), 6:05 a.m.				
Oakland (Eveland 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 1-0), 6:05 p.m.				
Wednesday's Games				
Kansas City at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m.				
Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.				
Texas at Atlanta, 6:07 p.m.				
Minnesota at Boston, 6:10 p.m.				
Detroit at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.				
NBA DAILY PLAYOFF GLANCE				
FIRST ROUND (Best of 7)				
Saturday's Games				
Chicago 105, Boston 103, OT, Chicago leads series 1-0				
Cleveland 102, Detroit 84, Cleveland leads series 1-0				
Dallas 105, San Antonio 97, Dallas leads series 1-0				
Houston 100, Portland 81, Houston leads series 1-0				
Sunday's Games				
L.A. Lakers 113, Utah 100, L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0				
Philadelphia 100, Orlando 98, Philadelphia leads series 1-0				
Atlanta 88, Miami 64, Atlanta leads series 1-0				
Denver 111, New Orleans 84, Denver leads series 1-0				
Today's Games				
Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.				
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.				
Tuesday's Games				
Detroit at Cleveland, 7 p.m.				
Houston at Portland, 9 p.m.				
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.				
NHL DAILY PLAYOFF GLANCE				
FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)				
Friday, April 17				

NBA DAILY PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND (Best of 7)

Saturday's Games

Chicago 105, Boston 103, OT, Chicago leads series 1-0

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NHL DAILY PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)

Friday, April 17

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Baseball loses game to weather

For the first time this season, rain kept the Iowa baseball team off the field, when the rubber match of a three-game series against Northwestern on Sunday was canceled because of the weather.

Before the cancellation, the Hawkeyes snapped a nine-game losing skid with a 10-1 victory over the Wildcats on April 18 to improve to 12-2 overall, 3-8 in the Big Ten.

In the victory, freshman designated hitter Nick Brown went 2-for-3 with three runs and two RBIs, while Iowa senior shortstop Justin Toole went 4-for-6 with two RBIs.

Junior outfielder Ryan Durant also produced offensively for the Hawkeyes in the win, going 2-for-4.

On the mound, freshman Jarred Hippen (2-2) picked up his second win of the season after allowing just one run on four hits in seven innings.

- by Ryan Young

Women's tennis falls to Purdue

The Iowa women's tennis team completed its Big Ten season with a 5-2 loss to Purdue on April 18 in West Lafayette, Ind.

The Hawkeye (7-14, 2-8) No. 3 doubles team of Lynne Poggensee-Wei and Ally Majercik won, 8-5, but that wasn't enough to earn the doubles point.

Two players claimed wins in singles – freshman Sonja Molnar in the No. 1 match (6-2, 6-2) and sophomore Jessica Young at the No. 5 spot (2-6, 6-3).

After a 2-0 start with victories over Minnesota and Michigan State, the Hawkeyes lost eight-straight meets to finish tied for ninth in the Big Ten. Three conference losses were by a point and two were by one point. Iowa heads to the Big Ten championships in Madison, Wis., as the No. 10 seed. The Hawkeyes will face the host Badgers at 3 p.m. on Thursday, with the winner facing No. 2 Michigan on Friday.

"It's disappointing to go 2-8, especially when the potential was there to go 7-3," head coach Daryl Greenan said. "Purdue is a solid team, and you have to give it credit. But it was another match within our reach that we didn't get."

- by Robbie Lehman

Men's golf takes 3rd

The Iowa men's golf team captured third place at the Boilermaker Invitational on Sunday in West Lafayette, Ind., after compiling a final-round team score of 291. Iowa's 54-hole team score of 864 (even) was nine strokes off first place, which was captured by Illinois at 855.

"We played pretty well this week," head coach Mark Hankins said. "Comparatively with last week, it's just really a continuation. We started

playing well last week, and we just had a lot more confidence this week."

Pacing the Hawkeyes was sophomore Vince India's 54-hole score of 211 (5 under), which earned the Deerfield, Ill., native fourth place. India's team-low second round score of 68 on April 18 included a hole-in-one on the par-3 13. Sophomore Brad Hopfinger carded a 54-hole score of 215 to finish in a tie for seventh. Senior Cole Peevler bounced back from the Kepler Invitational in which he finished in a tie for 48th by improving to a tie for 16th with a 218. Freshmen Chris Brant and Brad George carded 54-hole scores of 220 and 228, respectively.

Iowa will next compete at the Big Ten Championships May 1-3 in State College, Pa.

- by Jordan Garretson

Women's golf finishes 12th

The Iowa women's golf team placed 12th with a team score of 962 (98 over) on Sunday at the Lady Buckeye Spring Invitational in Columbus, Ohio. Host school No. 31 Ohio State took home the team title with a score of 895 in the 15-team event.

The first round on April 18 troubled the Hawkeyes at Scarlet Course, with the team carding a 327. The team recovered in the second round, having four golfers shoot in the 70s for a score of 310, but the third round proved to be a stumbling block – the team shot 325.

Senior duo Tyrette Metzendorf (238) and Becky Quinby (240) topped the charts again for Iowa, finishing tied for 44th and tied for 48th, respectively, as individuals. Quinby

Edds will be ready



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa outside linebacker A.J. Edds sits out of Iowa's final spring practice on April 18. Edds is recovering from a left shoulder injury that required surgery after the Hawkeyes' appearance in the 2009 Outback Bowl.

INJURIES

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injury is good news, but at least he'll be fine here in a week or so."

Moeaki, however, won't be as lucky. The senior-to-be tight end, who has been hampered by a myriad of injuries throughout his Hawkeye career, missed the entire spring with a broken foot.

"During the whole season, it bothered me, but I didn't really know that it was still ... not healed," said Moeaki, who was wearing a protective boot on April 18. "I guess I'm glad we took care of it before the season

got here. I'm not worried about it at all. It's not a ligament. It's not a torn ACL. I didn't break my neck or anything, so I'll be ready to go."

One player who did get on the field April 18 was senior offensive linemen Dace Richardson. After suffering a slew of knee injuries, he made it through the spring unscathed.

"It felt really good just to be out here practicing," he said. "A year ago, I was just out here watching. I told myself I wanted to make it through spring ball and make it through it healthy and doing positive things. I did that, and now I just got to push through the next three weeks

and then the summertime, getting in shape and just progressing forward."

Ferentz and Edds both mentioned that they had doubts about Richardson's shot of coming back from another knee injury.

"That's probably one of the best stories, if not the best story, of the spring, just in that I don't think any of us would've predicted with confidence that this could happen," Ferentz said. "Most importantly, he's been out here every practice and he's got a smile on his face."

"I'm just really happy for him."

Softball takes double-header

SOFTBALL

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Colleen McGlaughlin started off the hitting with a single. Junior Katie Brown drove McGlaughlin in two batters later with a two-out RBI single after freshman Liz Watkins drew a walk.

Iowa extended the lead to 4-0 by plating one run in each of the next three innings on two-out hits by Lindsey Digmann, Katie Keim, and Watkins. The Hawkeyes stranded runners through some questionable baserunning in the third and fourth innings, when Keim and Watkins were both thrown out trying to steal second.

The Hawkeyes closed the door on Game One with a Spartan error on a pop-up by Brown and another Keim RBI in the fifth. The run rule went into effect on Missy Mazur's RBI double in the sixth that pushed the score to 8-0.

Weil took the win, throwing her 20th complete game of the season and collecting nine strikeouts while allowing just three hits.

"We always want to be in control of the game," head coach Gayle Blevins said. "We were in control of the first game, and then Michigan State really challenged us a lot in Game Two."

The Spartans struck first in the second game on sophomore Jessica Brocamonte's two-RBI double in the first inning off Iowa pitcher Amanda Zust. Brown responded with an RBI single for Iowa in the bottom of the first to pull within 2-1.

Zust continued to struggle throughout the afternoon, but she was aided by a number of impressive defensive plays, including a running catch in foul territory by McGlaughlin in the third and Keim's leaping snag of a chopper to third in the top of the fourth.

Iowa tied the game at 2-2 with Mazur's RBI single in the fourth. Zust then walked in a run in the following inning after walking Brocamonte to load the bases. Weil then came on in relief and struck out Ali Grant to end the inning. The strikeout was Weil's 1,000th of her career, making her the first at Iowa and the eighth player in Big Ten history.

tory to reach the milestone.

McGlaughlin doubled in the sixth and tied the game at 3-3 on a Watkins sacrifice bunt that was dropped at first base.

The Hawkeyes had a prime opportunity to end the game in the eighth after an intentional walk of Brown loaded the bases with one out. Mazur struck out after going ahead in the count 3-0, and Erin Riemersma followed with a groundout to end the inning and momentarily keep the Spartans' hopes alive.

Two innings later, Brown was intentionally walked for the second straight at-bat to load the bases for Mazur once again. The freshman capitalized on her chance at redemption by lining a walk-off RBI single through the left side.

"The second time around, I knew I had to take advantage," she said. "They pretty much gave me a second opportunity to get my job done, and I did."

Weil was superb in 5½ innings of relief, allowing one hit and no walks while striking out eight of the 18 batters she faced and picking up her 19th win of the season.

Bierich wins final match

TENNIS

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"I was really calm," he said. "It just feels really good, and that's what you want. It's Senior Day, I'm the last match, and that's what you want. I want that pressure. I want that feeling to win; that is so much better than anything else."

Bierich's exceptional attention along the baseline and powerful serve in the final set were too tough for Bijelica. Bierich nailed a deep corner shot to claim victory and immediately erupted, fist pumping as his team rushed the court.

Head coach Steve Houghton was ecstatic.

"He's many things, but one thing, of course, he's been is a great player," Houghton said. "One of the best I've coached

around my years, he'd be somewhere in the top three or four certainly."

The victory was also crucial before the Big Ten Tournament, which starts on Thursday in Ann Arbor, Mich. Iowa (12-8, 4-6) lost, 7-0, to No. 33 Minnesota on April 17 in Minneapolis before returning home to face Purdue.

"We struggled the last couple matches, loss a couple of tough ones, and this [win] will help a lot," Houghton said. "This will really give us a boost."

Sophomore Nikita Zotov's 7-6, 6-1 victory over Purdue's Eric Ramos also proved to be a significant confidence booster for the Hawkeyes on Sunday.

"It was a big match for us," Zotov said. "It was tough on me because the end of the season didn't go so well for me, so it was important for me to win this

match. I was struggling in the first set, but then I got back."

Zotov's transition from No. 2 to No. 3 singles appears to have been a better fit for the Russian.

"He's a guy who really lost some confidence the last two to three weeks, and luckily, he's got it back," Houghton said. "I mean, this match will help him a lot as far as the Big Ten Tournament goes."

Iowa's win put it in a three-way tie for seventh place with Penn State and Wisconsin. However, the Hawkeyes lost to both teams, making them the No. 9 seed in this weekend's tournament. Iowa is scheduled to play No. 8 Wisconsin on Thursday at 8 a.m. The winner between the Hawkeyes and Badgers will face top-seeded Ohio State on Friday.

Lineman waits for word

BRUGGEMAN

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an inspiring 31-10 Outback Bowl victory on New Year's Day, he said he went straight to work with Iowa strength and conditioning coach Chris Doyle, bettering his bench press and enhancing his agility for the NFL scouting combine in February.

A strained hamstring kept him from running at the combine, however. And as a result, the stout Cedar Rapids native could only showcase his strength, benching 225 pounds 30 times—the 10th best tally among offensive linemen at the event.

But while such scant data didn't make NFL scouts exactly salivate, Bruggeman attempted to make up for his injury at Iowa's Pro Day on March 23, when he ran a 5.05 40-yard dash, posted a 33-inch vertical leap, and raised his bench press reps to 32.

With those numbers, Bruggeman's agent, Jack Bechta, said he expects his client to be a mid-round selection and possibly even the second center taken in the draft.

NFLDraftScout.com, a CBS Sports affiliate, has Bruggeman listed as the 14th-best center in this year's draft class and the 395th-best overall prospect.

"The only challenge that is out of his control is that—and this goes for all the offensive linemen this year—Iowa was primarily a running team," Bechta said. "That's where a player playing on a more balanced offense may have an advantage because his résumé is a little stronger in both passing and running."

But even if Bruggeman isn't one of the initial 256 players drafted this weekend, Bechta said, he'd still be a highly sought after free agent because of his status as a top-rated run blocker and the past success of running back Shonn Greene last season.

Bechta declined to name specific suitors vying for Bruggeman's services, but he said run-oriented teams would be the most likely ones eyeing the former Hawkeye walk-on.

Meanwhile, Iowa offensive coordinator Ken O'Keefe said Bruggeman possess two key qualities that could bring him a lucrative professional career:



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Rob Bruggeman leads the Hawkeye football team in singing the "Iowa Fight Song" after the Hawkeyes' 55-0 win over Minnesota at the Metrodome in Minneapolis on Nov. 22, 2008. Bruggeman is among the group of Hawkeyes hoping to hear their names called during the NFL draft this coming weekend.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING...

'Possesses adequate-to-good upper body strength and flashes ability to deliver a violent initial punch.'

'Works hard to stay engaged and plays from the snap until the whistle.'

— Scouts Inc.

'He's a tough, blue-collar guy who plays with a mean streak and isn't afraid to do the dirty work inside. Bruggeman has decent footwork in pass protection but lacks the type of athleticism to make up for a false step.'

— Wes Bunting, National Football Post

'A tough center who is fundamentally sound, Bruggeman is a blue-collar player. He is not real big or strong at 6-4, 295, but he has enough athleticism to get by.'

— Dan Pompei, Chicago Tribune

'Isn't a great athlete. Lacks the ideal bulk you look for. Short arms and small hands. Poor agility, quickness, and balance. Not overly powerful.'

— Scott Wright, DraftCountdown.com

smarts and fundamentals. All that is missing is an opportunity and an ideal environment to grow in.

The biggest thing from any guy, no matter who you are, or what position you are, is being

the right guy in the right system with the right general manager or the right coach," O'Keefe said. "All those pieces have to fit together. If they don't fit together, you won't be around long."

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Daily Break

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Fun facts about hemp

- It was perfectly legal to pay your taxes with hemp in America from 1631 until the early 1800s. Now, it generally goes over better with the IRS as an under-the-table bribe.
- An acre of hemp can produce more than four times as much paper as an acre of trees. More importantly, an acre of hemp can produce more than four times as many rolling papers as an acre of trees.
- Until the around the turn of 20th century, hemp was the largest cash crop in the United States. And it may still be, but dealers keep notoriously shoddy ledgers.
- Thomas Jefferson grew hemp and actually smuggled hemp seeds to America from China through France.

Jefferson also traveled the country extensively and fathered a brood of illegitimate children. Between the drugs and the kids, he was like the antebellum equivalent of Travis Henry.

- Vincent Van Gogh painted almost exclusively on hemp canvases. Oh, and absinthe. Don't forget the absinthe.
- A ship's ropes, sails, and sometimes uniforms used to be made entirely from hemp. This is why modern-day hippies have so much in common with the seafaring pirates of old: a group of smelly, hairy, unwashed, hemp-wearing individuals who worship Johnny Depp.

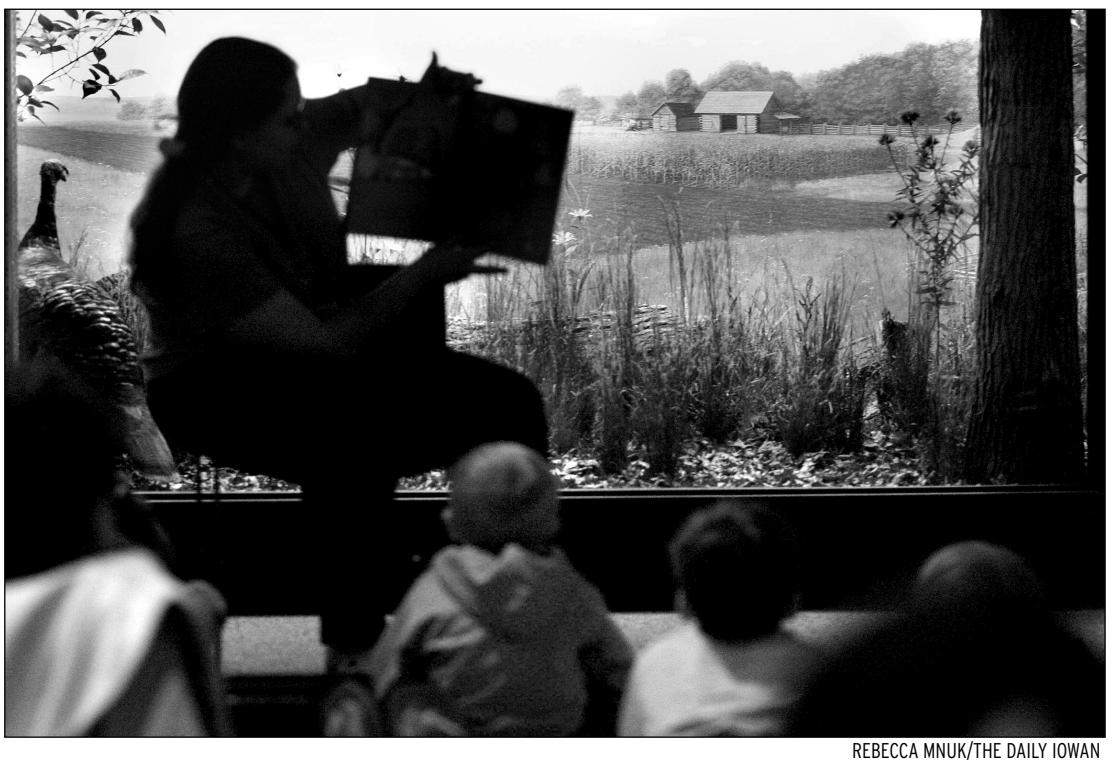
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- Andrew R. Juhl took the basis for these facts from www.secretsaboutthehemp.com.

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BIO-FRIENDLY



Museum of Natural History staffer Meghan Mahoney reads *The Lorax* to a group in the biosphere in Macbride Hall on Sunday. The story hour was part of Family Weekend, which had an environmental theme in honor of the upcoming Earth Day.

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- 12:30 p.m. News from Québec, in French
1 "Prairie Lights" Archive, Junot Diaz
2 Newcast from Germany, in German
3 Grabbing the Globe, Wind Power, Randy Swisher
3:50 "Java Blend" Encore, the 100s
4 President's Lecture 2009, Donald A. Gurnett, "Dawn of the Space Age to the Edge of the Solar System"
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"The degree of one's emotions varies inversely with one's knowledge of the facts: The less you know, the hotter you get."

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Monday, April 20, 2009

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 The more emphasis you put on your work and getting along with colleagues or others, the easier it will be to put emotional matters behind you. Work on what you can change instead of lamenting over something over which you have no control.

TAURUS April 20-May 18 Don't get all wound up because someone is trying to pull something over on you. Go to the source and you will get the facts and figures you need to make the right choice. A move may be necessary.

GEMINI May 21-June 19 Go after your dreams and focus on the things you feel passionately about. You will discover how powerful and effective you can be. You will have the wisdom and wherewithal to face any opposition. Play by the rules.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Give and take will be essential if you want to make progress. Don't avoid the truth or believe what you hear from someone trying to persuade you to try something new. Find out the facts before you get involved.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Try not to disagree with anyone who can influence your personal or professional life. Maintain a position that allows you to change your mind or your direction at the last minute, if necessary. A love connection appears to be taking on a different flavor.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 If you are honest and straightforward about your needs as well as what you have to offer, you can make a deal that will work wonders for you. Don't let a jealous peer stand in your way. Don't get involved in rumors or gossip.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You can make a financial deal that will help you with property, domestic changes, or a contract. An innovative way of dealing with peers, friends, or children will help you bring others around to thinking your way.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Keep on top of what everyone around you is saying and doing. Someone is not being forthright with you about her or his directions. Make a few personal changes that will disguise what you plan to do in the future.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You can trick most of the people you talk to, but when it comes to the ones who know you well, you may face a rude awakening. Don't play with fire, or you will get burned. You mustn't use emotional tactics in business.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Don't let love screw you up when you have so much on your plate and the ability to get ahead professionally, financially, and domestically. Make your plans and stick to them. In the end, everyone will realize you have made the right choices.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Arguments will not bring about a solution or resolution. Be honest with yourself as well as others if you want to come up with a workable idea. Protect your assets and your loved ones.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 A challenge can turn into something very lucrative. Put your heart into something you enjoy doing. A professional gain can be the start of greater recognition, but get your facts straight.

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

today's events

Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m., Iowa City Public Library

Euchre Club, 2 p.m., Legacy Senior Living Community, 1020 S. Scott Blvd.

"Live From Prairie Lights": Gerder

Lerner, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque

Tokyo Sonata, 7 p.m., Bijou

Open Mike, with Jay Knight, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

The 11th Hour, film narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, 8 p.m., 101 Biology Building East

Lola Montes, 9:15 p.m., Bijou

Blues Jam, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

Pool Night, Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville

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American Narratives: Photographs by Thomas C. Jackson, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. S.E.

Cheryll Clamon, John Colloton Pavilion, UIHC

Christian Marclay's Telephones, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

Collecting Lincoln: Three Collectors' Perspectives, Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum, 210 Parkside Drive, West Branch

Feminists, Freaks, and Fairies, photogra-

phy by stef shuster, UI Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resource Center

Fresh Threads of Connection: Mother Nature and British Women Writers, Old Capitol Museum

Interior Artifacts: Documents of an Excavation, Public Space One, 129 E. Washington

Iowa A-Z, Hoover Herbert Presidential Library, 210 Parkside Drive, West Branch

Next Generation Juried High School Art Show, Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington

No Roads Lead to Buxton, African American Museum of Iowa, 55 12th Ave. S.E., Cedar Rapids

Out of the Plains: New Works by Mary Merkel-Hess, Chait Galleries Downtown

Passages, Kathleen Rash, MidWestOne Bank, 102 S. Clinton

Persian Visions: Contemporary Photography from Iran, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. S.E.

Russell Phelps Line Drawings, United Action for Youth Center, 355 Iowa

Studies for an Imaginary Rope, UIHC Colloton Pavilion

Synergy, Karen Kurka Jensen and Dean Dunkel, Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington

The Anthropological Lens: Multiple Worldviews, Paintings by Norma Wolff, Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington

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