Ryan Farhat dodges a punch from Zach Webster during the Union Bar’s Fight Night on May 2. City Officials and other bar owners from the area are becoming curious about the legality of the fights, which take place after fighters sign release forms and talk to a ringside medic.

**FIGHT NIGHT RAISES CONCERNS**

The Alcohol Board says it has gotten complaints about the Union Bar event.

**BY TARYN DEUTSCH**

Ununited fights, injuries, and possible alcohol involvement resulting from the Union Bar’s Fight Night events have sparked concerns with the Iowa City Alcohol Advisory Board, as well as city staff members.

“The Alcohol Advisory Board has received complaints from concerned citizens,” said Leah Cohen, a co-chair of the advisory board who is also the owner of Bo-Dance. “We are trying to resolve the issues privately, and we have met with the Union and asked the city to get involved.”

Cohen said the Alcohol Board sent a letter to the Iowa City City Council asking for an evaluation of the possible repercussions of the fights.

“We really need to decide if this is something that we want in our community,” she said.

Similar events have been held at strip clubs in the Cedar Rapids area but Cohen said bringing the trend to Iowa City has some issues.

“Our main concern right now is that we just don’t have enough information about Fight Night,” said City Councilor Regenia Bailey.

**BY KAYLA KELLEY**

Marcelo Mena is looking forward to donning a cap and gown this Saturday, but not simply because he’s completed the requirements for his doctorate in environmental engineering.

Instead, he is anticipating the walk across the stage.

The honor is one he father missed in 1985, when his prompt return to Chile prevented him from accepting his UI doctorate degree on stage.

But Mena’s father and mother, Jaime and Evelyn Mena, will get to watch their son take that walk.

“It will be great to put on the robe my dad didn’t get to put on and have him there,” Marcelo Mena said.

He traveled to Iowa City from Villa Alamosa, Chile, in 1983 with his family so his father could pursue a doctorate at the UI. At the age of 12, Mena and his family returned to Chile.

“I never intended to stay here (in Iowa),” he said. “I was waiting for an opportunity in Chile.”

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The sheriff said he sees the effect of having more arrests and through space every day. Diminishing the number of people spending only a day or two in jail would relieve large amounts of the stress on the court system.

**NOT AT ALL WATERED DOWN**

The waterless urinals in the UI men’s restroom are turning more than a few noses.

**BY EMILEIGH BARNES**

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**Flag at half-staff**

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Officials discuss funding project

Local developers have requested city aid for a new downtown high rise, and they said on Wednesday they have no problem absorbing additional costs that could make the building more energy efficient.

BY COLIN BURKE
THE DAILY IOWAN

As city officials continue to mull over the potential construc-
tion of another downtown high rise, a local developer and Wednesday’s open house to city orga-
nizations on how to make the structure environmentally sustainable was in order for city res-
idents.

City economic development Director Karin Franklin, Planning and Community Devel-
opment Director Karin Franklin, said, for example, if a property’s water costs increase from $6,000 to $9,000 because of the added use, developers could repair the tanks themselves and cut the city’s costs.

On May 3, during the first pub-
lic forum of the City Council discus-
sion, officials said they were proud of the “judicious” approach the city takes to tax increment financing. Specifically, Councilor Vanessa Vandervoort said the city requested that High Street Properties, scheduled to join the cor-
ner of Clinton and Dubuque Streets, utilize reusable building materials to create a more en-
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City economic development coordinator Wendy Ford said local government specifically requested developers use materials to create an energy-
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They said the smell of the urinal was more intense than officials had originally predicted.

When the urinal is done, he looked for some way to flush, but instead found a sign above the urinal, which informed him of its use. In short, the toi-

let didn’t flush.

“After a minute or two, I walked away,” he said. “I thought maybe I was imagining it.”

Currently, sighted such water-
less urinals, he said, but recently some had been turned at their “awesomeness.”

They said there is no water, and they smell. I always use the one down there,” UL junior Ben Kelli Grey, supervisor of IMU operations, said, of the smell of the urinal at noon.

IMU custodian Lars Larson showed the cartridge is one of the new waterless urinals at IMU on Wednesday.

Underneath the grate, at the base of the urinal, sits a $38 fil-
ter lid with deodorizers and disinfectants, to rid the urines of its palpable smell, Grey said.

The building will contain commercial lofts, apartments, and condominiums.

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Waterless urinals causing a campus stink

Water has become obsolete for some urinals in the IMU, but their smell may be here to stay.

Wednesday Evening

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IMU custodian Lars Larson shows the cartridge is one of the new waterless urinals at IMU on Wednesday.

but excessive urine frequent-
ly clogs the filter — much like cholesterol chugging, heart valums, IMU custodians, who preferred not to have their names in the paper, told DITV.

The domeless urinal sits in the filter for weeks before it is replaced, said the teachers, and form a thick sludge of green-

ery urine.

It is a nuisance, Grey said. “I don’t think it is dangerous or unsanitary, but it just poses posting nuisance. You don’t need to have a poor experience when using a urinal, especially in the middle of the night.”

And the custodians absolutely hate cleaning those toilets, she said.

Such waste receptacles are intended to save as much as 40,000 gallons of water per year, but Grey said saving toilet water isn’t necessary. Urinals could just as easily use grey water — which is non-industrial wastewater — or saltwater, she said.

Some more thought needs to be put into this,” she said. “We don’t need to have the same level of water to flush the toilet that we need to wash.”

Michigan State University and a Houston elementary school system have also adopted the waterless urinals, but Grey said she doesn’t know if each tuile can now take over many urinals’ responsibilities.

She said a lot of research and experimentation needs to happen before every restroom is transformed into a waterless haven.

“I don’t see a time when all of our urinals will be waterless,” she said. “The jury is still out.”

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Dorms’ moving day puts some in bind

The residence halls' move-out policy is creating concerns for some students.

BY SAMANTHA MILLER
THE DAILY IOWAN

Final week can pickle even the most organized

BY ZHI XIONG
THE DAILY IOWAN

Dental loan program will be put on hold until repayments catch up, a UI official says.

BY AMY LORENZEN
UI SAVES LOANS OFFICE

UI graduate and professional students rely on unsubsidized loans such as the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan — a high interest loan requiring payment as students go through school — and various federal PLUS and collegiate loans. 

"I'm really afraid that the students won't have the money to go back to school," said Yvonne Chaklay, assistant director of the College of Dentistry. "They don't want to drop out, because they know that their family will have to pay the tuition...and that's why they are staying instead of leaving school," she said.

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**ON THE SPOT**

Do you think the University Board should continue to fight Night?

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**LETTER**

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Unfortunately, our instructors failed to do their jobs adequately and punctually. I, along with my parents, and all Iowans, feel that the university should take immediate action to address these issues.

I believe that the university can be a model for the world, but it all depends on what we do in the class. I, along with my classmates, are expected to function in the normal classroom setting. It is a shame that we have to worry about this, and I hope that the university will work to ensure that what should be done to the instructors of my class.

Jesse Tangkhpanya
Pot busts lead to the pack

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In testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Gates warned would be disastrous and Afghanistan through September.

"In essence, the bill asks the White House to run the Department of Defense like a skull, and I'm trying to drive the biggest operation in the world," Gates told senators Wednesday.

"We are not in a position in Afghanistan to actually be able to manage a war operation very well.

"The veto threat came from White House spokesmen Tony Snow, who is running the Pentagon's public affairs shop to combat a scoring "in the wrong direction," then that's the point at which I think we can begin to consider reducing some of those forces," Gates said.

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Looking back at the course of golf

This week, the DI continues its In the Spotlight feature with Iowa seniors Karla Murra and Amy Riepma, who played the final rounds of their Iowa careers at the Big Ten championships April 29. Riepma, a Clear Lake, Iowa, native will receive a DI golf scholarship to Arizona Western College.

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Karla Murra, who would you say you performed individually, are you happy with how the season went?

Mura: I’m happy with how the fall went, I was a little disappointed in how I played the spring, but that’s just how it goes. You can only do your best.

What was the difference between the fall and the spring for you?

Mura: I think one of the reasons that I scored better during the off-season we didn’t hit the box so much and you couldn’t rely on short game and you had to rely more on your long game on your long game is challenging when you’re a student.

Any do you feel you individually this season?

Riepma: I was disappointed, I expected a lot more out of my senior year I thought there were times when I stepped up and did well but the challenges were there and we made some mistakes that we didn’t disfigure our season perhaps. I don’t think we thought about it, we came away with what was as hard as we could and it was a great year.

Do you feel the team at the Big Ten, how you feel about that?

Riepma: It’s awesome. we have the team strength for different people to lead. You’re definitely that with coaching changes and everything I think a lot of the team responded, a lot of the team came back on the practice and was ready to try to smooth the path.

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What would you say for Indiana Western College?

Riepma: I think you’ll see I want to be in college. We’ve had a lot of fun out there, and she was really energetic and tried to motivate us.

How would you characterize your performance?

Riepma: I think it was amazing. It was everything I hoped it would be. As far as golf, in the first few years I always felt accomplished that I had set out to do. Academically, we’re graduating in four years, so we did well.

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Cleveland Cavaliers LeBron James soars in for a dunk against the New Jersey Nets in a second-round NBA playoff game Tuesday in Cleveland. Cleveland scored 36 points and handed out 12 assists in the Cavaliers’ 102-92 win.

James said with a shrug. “It’s the pressure.”

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The only reason I came to the University of Iowa was to win a national championship.'

"My goal next year is to become the national champion in every weight class," Brands said in March.

"If I think about the first place I hung on the wall, the whole season," Perry said.

"I was going to win because I was going to put my heart into it, no matter what happens — how I feel, if my knee was bothering, my back — they pretty much got me in for a 100 percent." Perry went on to beat Oklahoma State's Johny Hendricks, 4-3, to win the national title.

Hawkeye Mark Perry scores two for a near-fall in 165-pound NCAA championship bout. Perry went on to beat Oklahoma State's Johny Hendricks, 4-3, to win the national title.
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Dave Morice, Iowa City's own Dr. Alphabet, is a man on a quest for unusual poetic transformation.

By Paul Sorensen

There's something inherently intimidating about Dante Alighieri's Divine Comedy. No other classic work is so saturated with images of a char-broiled hell, stuck with similarly grim depictions of the past. But the beginning of Dave Morice's recreation, a year's project penned by the Iowa City resident, kicks around Iowa City, his nearly 40 years Morice has been ignorant of its esteem (though Morice claims to haveAllen Ginsberg's actual contribution: “apocatastasis.” Morice also illustrated Poetry Comics, a multimedia series translating serious verse into graphic form, now featuring the Leaves of Grass writer transformed into the superhero Whitman!

But in the often self-serious world of poetry, respect for the seemingly gimmick-laden and purposely nonsensical work was sometimes difficult to find. In a writing class, he read a poem about Iowa City beginning: “The streets of Iowa City / Are nice ones.” Another student responded, “That’s a bunch of shit!” and proceeded to read his own work — which graphically described an infant being killed. Thus was Morice comforted by an odd duck among an abnormal flock of poets.

For DI photographer Rachel Mummey’s photo slide show on Dr. Alphabet and to see an interview and hear Dr. Alphabet perform some of his original poetry on video, check out DAILYIOWAN.COM.

These comics, by Dave Morice, with some colored by DI Graphics Editor Nelle Dunlap, come from Morice's various works.
Dreams of LIVING IN MAY

Elizabeth Berg, the author of the 2000 Oprah's Book Club Selection Open House, will read from her new book, Dream When You're Feeling Blue, tonight at Prairie Lights.

By SUSAN ELGIN

When Elizabeth Berg prepares for a reading, she wants to make sure the book she's promoting is fresh in the audience's mind. While she's aware that her books aren't new—her 1997 novel, Dream When You're Feeling Blue, is the best-selling author's 14th—there's something about her most recent book that makes the audience want to feel as if they've just discovered it. "The beautiful thing about this novel is that it has this rapidly escalating quick glimpse into the lives of three sisters living in Chicago during World War II. The sisters, 13-year-old Carla, 12-year-old Elise and 10-year-old Val, include a trip to an airplane factory, a 42nd Street dance, a disappointingly rerouted dinner of baked beans and sausages, and a few selected letters from the airmen to their fiancés and boyfriends fighting overseas. The combination of the book's texture and its setting is what makes it so incredibly fresh and interesting, and making the audience actually feel the same as they'd like to see things up that way," said Berg.

"Oh, yeah, and there's the plot twist and the ending. That's the thing she's said, and giggled. "It's a real story, it's not a mystery. It's not a slice of life. It's not even a novel. It's a potpourri. It's a mystery. And I was asked, when they'd asked any young innocent. One of the authors said to me, "Are you making this up, or have you met some man who’s married, she’s going to marry his wife?"

"And the ending is a bit different. It's not the kind of ending that you really want to have, the kind of ending that you think, "Oh, I'm glad he's dead."

"And the book is about a woman rebuilding her life—and the book is about two women rebuilding their lives, one of whom is my own age and has lost her parents or is losing their parents, and the other one is one of many people who, when they look at that picture, they think of David."
BY BRIDGET MARSHALL

Sky Blue Sky

Tweed's alternative/country rock fits easily into the record, but the band has defi-

nantly mixed it up — most notably in the songwriting.

And perhaps that is related to the band's make-up: band members, including guitarists Jeff Tweedy and Jay Bennett, share producer and drummer Ken

Scott. Tweedy and Bennett co-produced the record's opening track, "Why was I Tired of 'playing it close to the vest'? Come out to Riverside Casino and Golf Resort

in Atlantic City to see the band. Doors open at 6 p.m., show time is 8 p.m.

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