Students send SPLATTERED thanks

UI art students sent the 46 splatter-painted T-shirts to Rep. Scott Raecker as a thank-you for withdrawing his controversial bill.

By MADISON BENNETT

It's as if mini-Jackson Pollock paintings have found their way onto 46 white shirts.

University of Iowa art students splattered each other's T-shirts last week to nudge the withdrawal of a bill that would have required the UI to sell its famous Jackson Pollock painting, Moral. On Tuesday, they packaged them up to be shipped to legislators who support the controversial idea.

Students said the gesture wasn't meant to irritate the legislator. Rather, they wanted to thank Rep. Scott Raecker, R-Urbandale, for ultimately pulling back his legislation on Jan. 27; it is being headed by UI President Sally Mason.

"We're going to have to look at some hard changes," he said about the roughly $467,000 budget reduction city councilors will have to make.

Champion said there are certain factors beyond the council's control when it comes to increasing tax levies. One of the only ways to reduce tax is to cut services and personnel.

"We do have to run a city," she said.

Champion said cuts would have to be made, even to services such as Iowa City develops economically. If taxes get too high, it could be difficult to attract residents and businesses, she said.

"Now, not particularly competitive at times with our neighbors," Champion said, noting nearby towns' lower tax rates.

Connolly has proposed maintaining current tax levy at $13.53 with no new tax cuts in city services.

Volunteers recall Peace Corps

Nearly 600 people from the UI have served in the Peace Corps.

By ALEXANDRIA SKALLA

Buddhist prayer bowls and other souvenirs decorate Scott McNabb’s office, along with portraits of Hanuman, a famous monkey warrior from the Thai Ramakien.

A photo album containing cards and old photographs rests on his desk, recalling the days the University of Iowa associate professor spent in the marketplace or playing sports with his students during his time in the Peace Corps in Bangkok, Thailand.

On the weekends back then, he visited Slam Ring Srinakriaw, a famous 80-year-old Thai writer and politician who lived in a dairy farm in the country.

Some on sports panel frustrated

Officials launched the 90-day investi- gation on Jan. 27.

By KALEY BRUCE

University of Iowa Athletic Director Gary Barta said officials won’t know changes in light of 13 officials didn’t present any new information to the UI Presidential Committee on Athletics during its monthly meeting on Tuesday.

Barta said he has not received an update on the investigation, but he expects the report to be completed before the 90-day deadline. The examination was launched on Jan. 27; it is being headed by UI President Sally Mason.

City taxes to rise

Safety officials said monetary and personnel reductions will likely hurt their services.

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Rachael Ruckes and Lindsey Burke get splattered with paint by their interim I食堂 classmates at the Studio Arts Building on Feb. 24. Students held the event to show their support and appreciation for Jackson Pollock’s famous painting, Moral.
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Gingrich may jump in soon
Former Georgia Congressman Newt Gingrich is expected to announce his Republican presidential-bid on Thursday.

By LYLE VOELZ

Former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich may be the first Republican to take a big step toward a presidential bid. Former New York Times Executive Editor David Brooks said he expects the former speaker to announce his bid in some form of a primary campaign in the coming days, the Associated Press reported.

But a local expert said the reported Gingrich run is not without other politicians considering a run.

"The Republicans are thinking about it and having serious discussions about it, with this may give them the go-ahead to jump in," said Michael Coggin, a University of Iowa political science professor. "But their decision will be based on their own interests and not what will happen at different times.

Coggin said he is not surprised to see more Republicans getting closer to making a decision, adding that when things are going to be open, people want to test the waters. "The closer we get, the more candidates that are going to be made to decide that is the time to enter their bid."

Campaigns
Signs a potential presidential run is gathering "and not just" the usual political movement, said Coggin. "They are seeing significant options for becoming a candidate."

"I understand claims that refer to his status as a candidate, but they are not yet the same as an actual campaign," Coggin continued to explain the political status to the public.

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"Each short piece has its own

comfort level," he says, "and

there are no one-size-fits-

all solutions."

In the event in the

Studio Arts Building, partici-

pants signed a letter thank-

ing the Jack of signatures, to

pledge not to exhibit their

work in the event. "I hope that

we will have many others who

come to our community and

share their knowledge with

us, so that issue prevails in

many parts of our state," he

said.

Ranckner said he was glad

that the event was a success

in the public process.

The emotional roller coasters

they experienced from being

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Administrative assistant Tara works for her desk at Student Health on Tuesday. The UI student was busy making out forms that students may deem "unnecessary," but departments can externalize some of the documentation students need to provide to verify their illnesses.

Officials weigh medical excuses

Student Health officials say they encourage students coming just to get an excuse form.

By MADISON BENNETT

There's an age-old request: If a student misses class, the professor wants a doctor's note.

But at the University of Iowa, whether students need to hand in a note for their illness is uncertain.

UI health officials implemented a policy in 1999 discouraging students from going to Student Health only to obtain an excuse form. And if a student does go to get one, most doctors will refuse to write it.

Instead, health administrators are split on how to handle students who come in just to get a note.

"We don't feel like it's a good reason," said Beth Ingram, the associate dean for undergraduate education. "If something doesn't require a doctor's note, it isn't good for the student to go to Student Health.

Because some classes require an excuse form and some classes don't, students can leave the determination up to individual departments. The university's attention to policy dictates which classes require excused absences; some classes have an "excuse-deem," but others have an "excuse-don't." What documentation students need to provide to verify their illnesses.

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Wisconsin governor announces deep cuts

By CAITLIN FRY

Kristen Jogerst's eyes soften as she gazes at a photograph of her family from the little village of Camatin. It's images such as these that are engraved deeply into her memory.

"If I could go back there now, I would, in a heartbeat," the University of Iowa junior said.

This past winter break, Jogerst and a group of around 15 others traveled to Port-au-Prince and the village of Camatin. Jogerst and others stayed for one week to directly interact with the people.

Jogerst fell torn from the damages left by the catastrophic earthquake, first hand, and returned to school with a new appreciation for the Haitian people.

"The Haitian spirit is so resilient," she said. "Some US. patients are just not as appreciative of their treatments often aren't fast enough or aren't up to their standards. Every single Haitian patient I worked with was thankful for what we did."

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By SCOTT BAKER

MADISON, Wis. — After focusing for weeks on his proposal to strip public employees of collective-bargaining rights, Gov. Scott Walker on Tuesday pressed for $3.6 billion in aid to schools, which will be asked for in part by forcing government employees to pay more for their pension and health-care benefits. The governor cut collective bargaining in July, urging a national debate over public-sector unions. He said the cuts would bring savings for his state's workers.

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Wisconsin Republic, Jack Lew, D-Clinton (center on escalator), addresses a crowd of 200,000 of the State Capitol in Madison, Wis. on Tuesday during the governor's budget address to joint session of the Legislature. The governor's budget plan to eliminate collective bargaining rights for many state workers has been pressed by the governor's budget for 14 days at the Capitol.

"Wisconsin cannot grow if our people are weighed down paying for a larger and larger government," a politician says. "It pays workers unsustainable benefits that aren't in line with the private sector," he said. "We need a leaner and cleaner government."

By eliminating collective bargaining, Walker says, state agencies, local governments, and school districts would have flexibility to raise costs to the people.

The budget will put tremendous pressure on schools and local governments, which will be asked to shoulder huge cuts with no raising of property taxes to make up the difference. Walker's budget includes a nearly 9 percent cut in aid to schools, which would amount to a reduction of nearly $800 million. The governor also proposed requiring school districts to reduce their property-tax authority by an average of $60 per pupil -- a move that makes it more difficult for schools to raise the lost money.

Additionally, cities could lose up to 80 million less aid in aid, an 8.8 percent cut in aid to cities, which would amount to more than $36 million, a 34 percent reduction. They would not be allowed to increase property taxes except to account for new construction. Walker estimates that his controls on property taxes would save $783 million over the next two years for the owner of a home valued at the median price of $185,000.

He prepared a $60-million cut in Medicaid spending, which would be achieved through a number of changes that include increasing copayments and deductibles and requiring participants in SeniorCare to be enrolled in Medicare Part D, too. Overall spending on the program would still increase, just not as much as it would have without the changes he's making.

Walker asked for $82 million in tax cuts, including an expanded exclusion for capital gains realized on investments made in Wisconsin-based businesses. The Legislature previously approved more than $117 million in Walker-backed tax relief earlier this year. The budget also cuts funding at most state agencies, by 10 percent, except for salary and benefits.
Event pushes hiring vets

The webinar focused on human-relations issues involving veterans.

By ALLIE JOHNSON

On Nov. 30, 2010, California Attorney General Kamala Harris, at her first news conference in Los Angeles, asked a federal appeals court to consider the constitutionality of the state's voter-approved ban on gay marriage. Harris said she would try to get a job if she remained on hold until the courts resolve the appeal.

"I didn't know what kind of skills employers were looking for ... but many of those skills I have done," she said.

Harris, a Democrat who sponsored the measure, said Tuesday it suspected the prospects for a successful appeal were any more dim now than they were when the California Supreme Court reinstated Proposition 8, the ban on gay marriages, in January. Brown had asked the 9th Circuit to let the measure remain in effect pending any appeal.

Harris, a Democrat who previously served as San Francisco's district attorney and who was a strong opponent of Obama's in 2008, succeeded Gov. Jerry Brown as attorney general in January. Brown had refused to defend Proposition 8 in its previous form, and his successor, California Attorney General Kamala Harris, has said the state's contentions that it would no longer defend the measure were any more dim now than they were when the California Supreme Court reinstated Proposition 8 in January.

Proposition 8 was approved in 2008 by a majority of California voters. It amended the state's constitution to prohibit same-sex marriages and allowed two California couples to ask the 9th Circuit to lift the stay just a few hours after U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder announced the administration's new position on the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

"It doesn't matter what kind of an employer you are," Brown said. "At the end of the day ... veterans have the skills you need and are willing to take an under-tapped resource with a huge pipeline."

Rossier said employers sometimes think veterans don't have necessary skills for a certain job. However, she noted 81 percent of military jobs have a direct civilian equivalent. "CEOs have never served in the military, so they have no knowledge of what they are," Rosser said. Rosser said employers can designate rehires by going to ONI, an online aid for career exploration and job analysis. It can help them cross-reference their hiring needs with military skills.

Lyra Dickerson, the U.S. assistant director of Human Resources and director of merit employment services, said universities require departmental training to explain their rehires to the student body. "The semantics is a good way to educate employers and a good resource to hire veterans," Dickerson said. A lot of people don't have family members, relatives, or neighbors that have experienced military service. This is a forum for that," Harris said.

Mark Hannessey, a technical recruiting supervisor for Vangent Inc., an information management and outsourcing services firm, said he assessed veterans to hiring veterans. "I look at a candidate who is coming out of the service who has the experience of project management that your average individual would not," Hannessey said.
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Iowa State's Steven Holmes was named the Big Ten's first-round selection, beating No. 1 Purdue. Holmes took first place at the Marion States tracksters, with the fastest 7.75 seconds in the conference. The men's squad was represented on the first-team by Steven Wiley, Cypress Patrick Richards, Shane Holmes, Tim Davis, and Jason Jones. When we do get the crowds, we are so appreciative and grateful for it," she said. "It's not something that we take for granted, which is why something like Twitter is important for us. It's another way that fans can feel connected to our team in the beginning whistle all the way through the end."

"We've got to attack from the beginning whistle all the way through the end," Lukas said. "The matches he lost, it was because he started to pull on the throttle a bit, maybe a bit too much with new people.

"I think I could be funnier," she said, "and I'm going to work on being a little more clever after the season."
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Men’s golf staying competitive

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By BEN WOLFSMANN

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Showtime leads the way for men’s tennis Hawks

Austen Kauß has made an impact on the Iowa tennis program, and hopes to stay in Iowa City after he graduates.

By BEN ROSS

With the Big Ten season looming and the first conference match next month, junior Jed Dirk has hit the ground running. While his four seasons spent at the University of Iowa have surely been filled with competitive, it

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Avoiding letdowns

Ethen Lofthouse has the talent to be a second seed at the Big Ten tournament, letdowns made his path to a championship more difficult.

By Sam Lowague

Ask Iowa wrestling and he'll tell you that the seeds of a tournament don't really matter. Head coach Tom Brands didn't say he didn't much attention to them, and Terry Ramos shrugged off being given a third seed in the unofficial preliminary selections released on Mon. day, despite having an undefeated Big Ten record.

"I don't pay much attention to the seeds," Ramos said. "They really mean nothing.

Nonetheless, the path to the Big Ten Tournament championship is more difficult if you are fifth than it is as a second seed. A second seed is what Brands suggested redshirt freshman Ethan Lofthouse could have been at the Big Ten championships on March 5-6.

Lofthouse had some strong victories this season. He scored a back-point win in a 3-1 victory over Jan. 22 over Ohio State's Nick Beilin, who will likely wrestle as No. 2 seed this weekend. He also picked up a crucial 3-2 upset of Mike Benefiel on Jan. 16 to help preserve a tie against Oklahoma State. But a few late match letdowns offset those, and a 3-2 Big Ten record made Lofthouse the fifth seed at 174 pounds in the tournament — Iowa's second-lowest seeded weight.

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FOOTBALL

Football ticket prices to increase

Iowa will increase the price of football tickets for the second consecutive year.

The department's year-to-year season ticket sales were $360, $290, $2\text{,}400, $175, $125 and $75, according to athletic department reports. Iowa also sold out its football ticket packages for the season.

The hike was announced Tuesday by Gary Barta at the athletic department's meeting.

"The cost of providing the physical demand, there are specifics that need to be handled out of the office, particularly contacting players over social media — a relatively new phenomenon in women's college basketball recruiting," Facebook and Twitter are the primary means for men's basketball head coach Fran McCaffery when he reaches out to players in November,

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