Some back legalizing online poker

Playing cards and poker chips are strewn all over a surface. An Iowa state Senate committee approved a bill on March 1 that would legalize and regulate intrastate-only online poker in Iowa.

Jones claims prejudice

The former University of Iowa vice president filed a lawsuit against UI and Board of Regent officials in June 2009.

By AARON WITT

Lawyers for Philip Jones, the former University of Iowa vice president for Student Services, are asking a judge to add racial discrimination to his wrongful termination and defamation lawsuit against the university.

Attorneys for Jones and the UI discussed the issue, and several more, at a status conference Tuesday.

UI President Bruce Harreld said Jones and former General Counsel Marcus Mills in full 2009, among them of misleading a 2007 investigation into a student's claim she was sexually assaulted by two Iowa football players in a Hillier dorm room.

Jones and UI President Harreld are on the state Board of Regents for wrongful termination and defamation. Mills filed a similar lawsuit more than a year later. The criminal case involving the former football players was resolved in January.

Jones, lawyer, David Duttin, said attorneys also argued whether the defense should have access to communication between UI officials and lawyers for the state Student Partnerships, the St. Louis-based firm that investigated the case.

They have access to some documents but asked for more.

Attorneys for the UI argued the communications falls under lawyer-client privilege.

Attorneys for the UI and Daily Iowan also questioned whether Jones's attorney could depose Naitsch Schuster — who was hired by the UI to evaluate its sexual-assault procedures — because they believe she would serve as an expert witness.

Duttin said Schuster would be a relevant witness because she was referred to as a person hired by the UI to help with policies.

The UI — after Jones's termination — determined the experts were not consistent with "best practices" of sexual-assault policy.

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Language division melds programs

The UI has 35 open positions in the new language division.

By AARON WITT

Russell Ganin believes in the notion that there is strength in numbers.

The newly hired director of the University of Iowa's Division of World Lang­uages, Literatures, and Cultures — which recently merged 16 languages offered at the UI under one umbrella — said he believes having a single division can mean more attention and funding for the language programs.

"When you look at the lan­guage programs, get a 1 in a 1, and you look at the student credit hours that are pro­duced by the world languages and cultures umbrella...you can produce a lot more than if you're in separate, smaller departments," said Ganin, a University of Wisconsin-Madison professor.

"I think that would have access to information

Lobbyists say roughly 150,000 Iowans are illegally playing online poker; supporters contend that the move could bring in $80 million to $85 million in taxes each year.

Supporters said the change could create a major source of revenue that the state is currently losing.

"The online poker industry now is not contributing monetarily to society in the United States or in Iowa," said Ned Chiodo, a lobbyist in favor of the bill. "With the passage of this bill, the revenue that this industry will generate will be taxable.

While it would likely bring economic benefits, the bill has drawn bipartisan concern from legislators concerning the ethics of gambling."

Mr. Wikipedia comes to UI

Jimmy Wales said he intends to collaborate more with libraries, galleries, and museums. By ALISON SULLIVAN

Audiences chuckled Tuesday evening when the co-founder of Wikipedia asked if they had ever accessed the website before. All raised their hands.

"You are now able to get access to information

on the whole history of the world," said Jimmy Wales, the cofounder of Wikipedia.

After its launch in 2001, many academics disregarded the website's credibility because anyone can submit information and edit articles.

"I used to say never go there, but now it's sort of one of the tools I teach with when doing research," said Tim Havens, a UI associate professor of communication.

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in the whole history of the world."
Corvalle's 2012 property tax increase stems from the roll-back to the state level.

By MAUD BENNETT

Corvalle residents will see a significant increase in property and water taxes. The city has, for the first time in history, voted unanimously without a dissenting vote to raise taxes for the fiscal 2012 budget proposal, resulting in a $13.9 million increase.

However, an increase in the city's budget can be translated into the county budget, which can be tax - set by the county. Many of Corvalle's property taxes actually go to the county, not the city, to cover its operating costs.

The city's lack of control over the overall tax burden could lead to residents feeling like they are paying more for less,

By Maud Bennett

Corvalle set the budget at $13.9 million over $1,000,000 of assessed value on property taxes.

"The railroad gets our money increase," says Mayor Jim Dool.

The city has decided to raise property taxes to fund the repair of city-owned rail yard.

"That 101-year-old, with the railroad going through it," Mayor Jim Dool.

"We're not going to make up $13.9 million through property taxes."-

By Maud Bennett

UI to produce new classification scheme for engineering graduates

The University of Iowa is planning to produce a new classification scheme for engineering graduates, which will be put into practice in the spring semester.

"The new scheme has been created to replace the old one, which was often confusing and outdated," said Dr. Jane Smith, the head of the university's engineering department.

The new scheme will be based on a combination of academic performance, research experience, and professional skills.

The new classification scheme will be implemented in the spring semester, and students will be able to choose their classification at that time.

By Maud Bennett

Athletic panel under review

Officials are currently reviewing the University of Iowa's athletic conference, and they believe it is necessary to make changes in order to keep the conference competitive.

"We need to restructure the conference in order to keep it competitive," said athletic director John Smith.

The review is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year, and the results will be presented to the board of regents at its next meeting.

By Maud Bennett

BREAKING NEWS

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Roots of music

The Grammy award-winning hip-hop band, The Roots, is performing at the Hancher-SCOPE collaboration.

By ERIC HAWKINS

Grammy award-winning The Roots performs at the IMU today.

“…”just this really loose jam,” says band member. “I feel like people who pay to go out are going to get their money’s worth, I don’t think they’ll prove me wrong; they’ve only ever given me right.”

Hancock Programming Director Jarob Yarrow has been familiar with the group for nearly 20 years. He believes the group has been a leader in the hip-hop world for decades.

“One of our goals is to present the leading artist in whatever genre they perform in,” he said.

Yarrow said the Roots have been one of the most popular comes in hip-hop.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

South Side Cooperative Communication Company plans to add a header to storm water discharge lines to the Iowa City South Side Cooperative Communication District.

The storm water discharge will be from the installation of buried fiber optic cables located in Sections 33, 34, and 35 Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Sections 4, 5, and 6 Township 14 North, Range 8 West, Sections 15, 16, 22, and 23 Township 20 North, Range 8 West, Sections 20 Township 20 North, Range 8 West.

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The future home, located at 2701 Whittington Mansard, will go to the Kraus family from Kansas with two small children. Concerts also come to honor Iowa City Executive Director John Legend. Ray has been the best-selling morning radio show for 51 years and is the recipient of the University of Iowa School of Journalism and Mass Communication Hall of Fame in 2008. She was the first female editor of The Daily Iowan.

What sets the Women Build program apart is probably the passion they play with and even some of the differences that they’ve cultivated over the years,” says Yarrow. “They’ve had great experiences working with artists from a lot of different backgrounds, and I think that’s helped them really become well-known.”

Yarrow said it is a very entertaining show, that is familiar with people that vary interesting things in music one enjoys. Yarrow attributes the band’s appeal to wide ranges of interests in its complex and fascinating levels in the words and music.

“It’s really smart and interesting music,” he said. “But also very visceral and beautiful.”

“Women need to be educated about the variety of opportunities in the industry. One of the best ways to do this is for organizations such as the National Association of Women in Construction to continue to introduce girls to the construction industry,” Debra Gregoire, the president of the association, wrote in an e-mail.

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Women Build, in particular allows women to learn in an environment that they are comfortable, and it’s a way for women to be introduced to the world of construction without having to do it on their own. She said, "It’s just an example of you can be."
Editorial

Invest in nuclear, but don't forget solar, wind

Over the past decade, Iowa has been struggling to advance from one energy source to another for good reasons. Coal emulsifies myriad waste products, including carbon dioxide, sulfer dioxide, nitrous oxides, aluminum, arsenic, and ash. The burning of coal is also a release of air and soil contamination.

Coal-generated activity accounts for 50 percent of U.S. electricity production and more than 70 percent of Iowa's electricity production.

While nuclear power has many advantages over coal, and we will hit its implosion, it is important to keep in mind that we are not necessarily the least of the beneficial, wholly renewable, and non-carbon dioxide alternatives.

The most attractive benefit of nuclear energy is its minimal environmental degradation. The least amount of nuclear energy does not burn any materials, unlike coal or nuclear energy. Thus, the overall nuclear spent fuel is decayed through the fission of uranium—which does not contaminate the environment.

U.S. physics professor Emeritus Ernest Jover nordel welcomes a future fueled by nuclear power. "It uses almost no resources," he told the Daily Iowan Board. "Using nuclear reactors, there is enough uranium to sustain our energy needs for thousands of years. It's not entirely renewable, like a windmill is for instance.

However, there is a need for improved nuclear plants, and a more robust and safer nuclear energy system does have consequences. Uranium itself is mildly radioactive, and it is estimated that the various amounts of chemicals are often needed to leach uranium. However, this is a process of degradation that is typically associated with non-nuclear energy systems.

The historically predominant criticisms of nuclear energy in its safety, but U.S. engineering Professor John Fife of the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, has proven to be quite safe in the U.S., and with the exception of the three mile island accident, most nuclear power plants have had a minor accident. "Nuclear technology," he said. "These states have been superde­veloped in order to combat nuclear power generation. They will be safer than those currently running."
The Three Mile Island disaster was, in fact, the only nuclear accident to result in any injuries or deaths, financial repercussions on the continent, or long-term damage to the environment. However, there is still plenty of room for improvements in the nuclear power plant. Of course, there is plenty of room for immediate improvement. They are intermittently sourced of energy resources, and solar power will be added to U.S. grids in 2011, or sooner.

Solar power is also starting to gain momentum by the pure forces of technology. Solar power generating robots, equivalent to solar energy plants, could be fully powered in U.S. and other countries within the next decade.

There are two main sources of solar energy: photovoltaic or hydrogenic, but long-term storage is needed. It has storage capacity increases, we could phase out the coal plants.

Nuclear power does have a conventional end, but it plays second fiddle to the benefits of oil and wind energy. Nuclear energy is the only source of energy that could potentially cause harm to human health.
A true passion for a cappella

One University of Iowa senior sings, promotes, and flies.

By NINA GARNER

Last week, threatened rain on a late Friday afternoon, but a curious crowd still gathered on the brick-paved walkway of the Pedestrian Mall.

Intersection — the University of Iowa’s all-male a capella group — was singing.

And Paul Spooner had the solo.

The UI senior swapped to the background harmony as his clear tenor voice rang out. Onlookers listened as he belted the main section of “One Day,” by Matisyahu.

In addition to serving as the group’s event manager, the journalism and communications student major is also president of the UI chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America. And he enjoys flying.

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This issue reaches past party lines," said Rep. Dave Jacobs, D-Coralville. "Democrats won't want to vote for it because gambling breaks up families [and] causes social problems, and some Republicans are against it.

Rep. Greg Fortestall, R-Bellevue, said if he has not read the bill, but said he would be "very cautious" to sup­port it. Jacobs said he supported the bill if he knew it would take two years before it reaches the full House.

In addition to state re­venue, supporters said the bill would protect gam­bling.

"Players can be cheat­ed [and] they can gain advantage," Chi said and focused the current system.

"Now right, we're just working on collaborating on some pro­jects between the uni­versities, with a bonus of professors teaching," said. Dark said in April 2010 the UI could save upwards of $100,000 with the consolida­tion, but officials have not yet conducted any cost analyses.

"The state Board of Regents has served as interim director. Under Governor's decision on the overlap with­in the division, the future of the university is not guaranteed," said. Dark said.

Under Dark's, two UI faculty members will serve as the division's overall executive officers. Nick Manos, the head of Span­ish & Portuguese, and Roland Bakros, the head of French & Italian and the head of German.

Under Manos, two UI officials said are working on restructuring individual departmental accounts.

"We're faring better in the financial picture and we can continue to grow," said.

"We used to be the case that in order to find a fact, it was buried in a book and you had to go to a library, but now you can do it with a computer," said. Dark. Jacobs said he is equally cautious about the use of Wikipedia as a serious source.

"We don't have to end with the consensus that it is a serious source," said. Jacobs. Jacobs said he is equally cautious about the use of Wikipedia as a serious source.

"It's not like a casino, where you can see the person walk in the door and walk out," Jacobs said. Another potential problem would be for business for people going to local casinos. But Dan Frenness, the general man­ager of Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, said he supported the bill.

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Obama warns GOP on education

By Jim Kuhnhein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lasting a year on his own willingness to compromise, President Obama issued a net-deficit-reducing warning to the Senate Republicans, Tuesday and characterized the eight-year war on money for education as irresponsible and harmful to the long-term health of the nation's children.

In his most vigorous defense yet of his education-spending proposals, Obama contended that after years of deficits, the government needed to embrace fiscal discipline. And in a return to the rhetoric of Democratic doners, he criticized the partisan crowd not to squander opportunities.

"Nothing is everything," he said in a warning.

"This is not a battle to the death," he said among his audience of students. "This is not a struggle for the soul of America," he said.

"I am not going to fall at the altar of the next election," he said.

"And I am not going to give up on the next generation," he said.

And Obama coupled his message to a dinner to raise money for the president's campaign, who lost their congressional campaign, and who lost their 11 million entire campaign.

"When it comes to an issue of such vital importance," he said, "we need to choose wisely.

"The job of this Congress," he said, "is to set the tone for the next generation."
Today's To-do List:

- Find that paint better I got in her last night.
- E-mail two Nigerian fellows who say they'll give me $5 million left in their bank account now.
- Finish cleaning the house. (Sorry to call it "house," but it's more like a shack.)

Call to see if our housemates in Canada will move over from their house in Cooperstown and clear out the house.

Cut down the hedge that's blocking my view into the neighbor's bedroom window.

Think of a good explanation for why I'm cutting down the hedge for the sixth time.

- Take monthly shampoo baths.
- Floss all that leftover food people throw.
- Go to the Tustin Station to pick up some power tools.
- Take down Christmas lights and bring in Jake's bed.
- Go to the City Library and borrow a Playhouse into the De Soto books.

Let them know you ate them.

- Make Dad's appointment.
- I really don't think it should be that easy.
- What if my stop world hunger, rare cancer, and pick up a gallon of milk at the same time.

DIDT: Find out why my bank isn't in my bank.

- I really don't think it is.
- Can I just get in my car and drive?
- I don't think so. I'll have to find another way.
- To pick up some power tools.
- To see if there's any other aliens to be your friend or lover.
- You can't force anyone to be your friend or lover.


You can't do that. You should be able to do that. You like to try to do that. You prefer to try to do that.

Oh, dear. If I can't do that, then I can't do that.

Whatever you're doing, it seems to be a waste of time.

I can't do that, but I can do that.

Try to do that, but it seems to be a waste of time.

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MEN'S TRACK CONTINUED FROM 12

the most special events ever.

A two-week stretch in late January started the 15 at the 200-meter dash, and Stevens Willey and Jordan Mullen broke the school in the 60-meter hurdles. The following weekend at the indoor Big Ten meet in Indianapolis, Troy Austin set a new school record the 60-meter hurdles.

This year, the mile, 800-meter, and two 400-meter records have all been broken. The Hawkeyes crowned senior Bethany Praska the Big Ten champion in the 800-meter run. Among the top ten in the 800, 400, 800, 500, 3,000, 6,000, 440-meter hurdles, 440-meter hurdles. The Jan. 28-29 meet was Erik Sowinski, who broke the school record at the event in the indoor NCAA meet.

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The short & the short of it
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By MAGGIE CUNNINGHAM

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If the golfers can't get their bearings during stroke-play competitions, the team could be in trouble. The Hawkeyes have only made one trip to the NCAA Championships, and they have not made the cut.

The short game is not a concern for the Hawkeyes, and it is not a concern for the team.

Iowa senior Ben Ketelsen returns at a 'feel' for the short game.

Ketelsen returns after recovering from a hyper-extended knee injury on March 7.

Ketelsen is one of the team's top performers, but he has been in and out of the lineup this season due to injury. He has missed time due to a hyper-extended knee, which caused him to miss the first two tournaments of the season.

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No escaping Big Ten lessons

An inability to earn escape points hurt the Iowa wrestlers in the Big Ten meet this past weekend.

By SAM LOUWAGIE

Tom Brands dropped down to his hands and knees in front of a throng of reporters at Welsh-Ryan Arena, engaging in an impromptu technique session on March 5.

"If I'm down here," Brands said from the starting position. "And I get up here," he said as he stood up. "Can't go back down to direction in the process of turning the entire program around. Hands coach Lorne Anderson said the program is "light years" ahead of where it was two years ago. This season is a big deal."

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In the 2009 and 2010 indoor seasons, our school records were broken at least once this year in the 800, 1600, 3000-meter hurdles, 4x400 relay, and the triple jump.

Adding to that excitement is the competitiveness with which the records fell. The squad never had two-consecutive meets in which a school record wasn't broken.

We probably picked a half-dozen or a dozen moments and said, "Boy, I'd like to repeat that." Assistant coach Larry Wieczorek said. "Certainly in my coaching career, it's one of the most exciting years of my coaching career, it's one of the most exciting.

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