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HURRICANE KATRINA AFTERMATH



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Sitting in the Main Library ITC on Tuesday, former LSU student Erin Cohen searches the web for the fastest way to get her transcripts to the UI College of Nursing.

KATRINA-ED INTO IC

BY DREW KERR
THE DAILY IOWAN

Erin Cohen was just three semesters away from graduating when Hurricane Katrina roared over the Gulf Coast, forcing her to toss two pairs of jeans, a handful of shirts, some lucky bamboo, and a set of scrubs in her car — leaving her Metairie, La., apartment to the whims of Mother Nature.

At a rate of about 2 mph, the Louisiana State University nursing student (whose college, Health Sciences Center, is located just across from the Superdome) joined thousands of northbound motorists on Interstate 10 on Sept. 4, headed for her mother's home in Sioux Falls, S.D.

But as Cohen numbly drove toward a home seemingly worlds away, her

own safety was the last thing on her mind.

Instead, she thought of the dozens of patients left tethered to IVs, unable to escape the confines of the downtown New Orleans Charity Hospital, where she was completing her clinical study in the intensive-care unit.

"I felt really, really guilty leaving my families," the nursing student said on Tuesday, just days after arriving in Iowa City, where she will continue her nursing education and practicum at the UI. "I told them I was going to stay, but I didn't know what to do. When I learned it was a Category 5, I had to decide right then and there."

At her parent's urging, the 22-year-old decided it was time to go. Within an hour, she was out the door.

What's transpired since

then could put even the most level of head on edge.

In just two short weeks, Cohen has said goodbye to her car, her job, her teachers, her friends, and her home.

"I was hoping it was just going to be a bad week, and I'd be back after Labor Day," she said, speaking with relative calmness about one of the largest natural disasters in U.S. history. "I packed like it was for a couple of days, and now look where I ended up."

While Cohen's former school — one of more than 40 coastal or near coastal schools that have been affected by the aftermath of Katrina — has plans to relocate to Baton Rouge, it is without a hospital to do clinical work, teachers to head the classroom, or even rooms in which to meet.

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Local crew aids Miss. coastal town

BY KATHERINE BISANZ
THE DAILY IOWAN

The scene, emergency responders said, was like one from a movie.

The coastal town of Bay St. Louis, Miss. — tucked 40 miles west of Biloxi, Miss., and once inhabited by more than 8,000 people — was buried under 4½ feet of water.

Five members of the Johnson County Ambulance Services traveled to the area soon after Hurricane

Katrina smashed into the Gulf Coast, aiding in relief efforts to a town underwater.

Now back in Iowa City, the responders say it is difficult to describe the region to which they brought their medical services.

"It was like a sci-fi movie," said Chad Andrews, an administrative officer with the county ambulance services, on Wednesday. "All infrastructure of the city was wiped out."

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River E. coli irks area

BY JASON PULLIAM
THE DAILY IOWAN

Johnson County residents expressed frustration Wednesday over the lack of progress in resolving long-standing E. coli pollution in the Iowa River.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources held a meeting at the Coralville dam to the Burlington Street dam to encourage the public to play a critical role in its water-quality improvement plan designed to remove the river from the state's list of impaired waters.

Del Holland, a retired school teacher and Iowa City resident, has volunteered in the department-sponsored IOWATER monitoring program for the past several years.

He said dialogue on the issue is a positive step, but he's "not sure there are adequate structures to provide the follow-through needed to remedy the problem."

The waters in the stretch of the Iowa River flowing from the Coralville dam to the Burlington Street dam has been considered impaired since 1998. In repeated samplings, officials identified untreated human and animal fecal material from myriad sources throughout the watershed as contributing factors of the pollution.

Failing septic systems and communities without sewers in Johnson and Iowa Counties are contributing to the pollution. Natural Resources served the Iowa County Board of Health with a notice of violation in January, after it determined that Conroy, Iowa, which is located in central Iowa County, had engaged in "prohibited discharge of sewage" into Clear Creek, which is a tributary of the Iowa River. The matter is pending resolution.

One of the central issues raised at the meeting was increasing public awareness of the pollution. Natural Resources does not post signs indicating contamination.

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Baghdad suffers bloodiest day — 160 dead

BY STEVEN R. HURST
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another 570 are wounded as Qaeda-claimed attacks rip through Iraq's capital

BAGHDAD — More than a dozen highly coordinated bombings ripped through Baghdad on Wednesday, killing at least 160 people and wounding 570 in the capital's bloodiest day since the end of major combat. Many of the victims were day laborers lured by a suicide attacker posing as an employer. Al Qaeda claimed responsibility for the attacks in the name of Sunni insurgents, saying it

was a retaliation for the rout of militants at a base close to the Syrian border.

The spasm of violence terrorized the capital for more than nine hours. The first attack, at 6:30 a.m., was the deadliest: a suicide car blast which tore through the predominantly Shiite Muslim neighborhood of Kazimiyah.

In what was believed to be a new tactic, the bomber set off the explosive after calling the construction and other workers to his small van and enticing them with promises of employment, a witness

said. At least 112 people were killed and more than 200 were wounded, according to Health Ministry officials. Twisted hulks of vehicles blocked the blood-stained main street in Kazimiyah's Oruba Square.

Al Qaeda's leader in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, purportedly declared "all-out war" on Shiites, Iraqi troops and the government in an audiotape posted Wednesday on an Internet site known for carrying extremist Islamic content.

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A Qaeda attack on Baghdad Wednesday killed more than 160 people and injured some 570 others.

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The hospital treated fewer patients last year, but the facility doesn't expect a drop in revenue. **2A**

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UIHC patients decrease



Katen-Bahensky

'I am encouraged by the fact that the revenue is still up.'

BY ELAINE FABIAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

CEDAR FALLS — Despite treating fewer patients in last fiscal year, the UI Hospitals and Clinics is expected to reach its budgeted revenue, hospital officials said.

UIHC officials told the state Board of Regents on Wednesday that the facility treated fewer 1,424 patients than it had budgeted for from July 2004 to June and 321 fewer than in the previous fiscal year. The regents aren't discouraged by the figures, however, because hospitals statewide saw a similar decrease.

"My initial reaction is, this may be a good thing, because it means that preventative medicine is working," said Regent Rose Vasquez. "It may mean that people are finding other access points to health care, which can be a good thing."

All of Iowa admitted fewer patients last year, which could mean the decline was caused by fewer outbreaks of illnesses such as the flu, said Donna Katen-Bahensky, the UIHC director.

"I don't see this as a serious issue, because [UIHC's] market share was maintained,"

NEW DEPARTMENT HEADS AT THE UI HOSPITALS AND CLINICS SINCE SUMMER 2005:

- Michael Todd, anesthesia, joined Sept. 9
- Ronald Weigel, surgery, joined Sept. 1
- Kevin Campbell, physiology & biophysics, joined July 1

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said Regent Robert Downer.

In addition to healthier Iowans, UIHC's loss of several doctors last year may have been another reason behind its fewer patients. If the hospital has fewer doctors to serve patients, it probably wouldn't be able to accept as many people, Katen-Bahensky said.

The general-surgery department is just one example of the effect of losing doctors on the number of patients admitted to the hospital. The department lost six surgeons, reducing the number of surgery out- and inpatients by 177 from the 2003-04 fiscal year. Officials expect the department to do better this year with a new surgery department head, Ronald Weigel, who started Sept. 1.

Despite serving fewer

patients and therefore having less potential revenue, officials still predict that the UIHC will meet its expected revenue. Officials will not reveal the hospital's financial information for the previous year until the state's auditing process is completed later this fall, Katen-Bahensky said.

"I am encouraged by the fact that the revenue is still up," she said.

With the help of monthly department reviews, the hospital was able to adjust to the loss of patients by changing the budgets, she said. Some departments had to send staff members elsewhere or reduce the amount of supplies they used to keep their expenses relative to the number of patients served.

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UIHC pushes to scrub theft of its scrubs

BY EMILEIGH BARNES
THE DAILY IOWAN

For those who don official hospital scrubs while trekking to class or lounging at the apartment, the UI Hospitals and Clinics called — it wants its scrubs back.

The UIHC lost nearly 6,000 sets of scrubs this year, officials said, although clinic policy bans anyone from wearing scrubs outside the complex. Wearing scrubs, valued at roughly \$10 a pair, outside the hospital is considered a theft under the policy.

But the number of scrubs snatchers seem to be waning. The UIHC began an awareness campaign in 2003, after officials projected \$1 million in scrub losses over 10 years. Approximately \$90,000 of scrubs were never returned to the hospital in 2004, but the number for this year dropped to \$58,000.

"I'm really pleased, because the scrub stealing has dropped considerably," said Steve Shaw, the supervisor of linen services at the UIHC. "I think the people just wear them out and forget to bring them back."

UIHC spokesman Tom Moore said scrubs get displaced for several reasons.

"Some are just plain forgetfulness, but, in other cases, it's a deliberate act," he said. "Some people, I'm sure, wear them home because of comfort and convenience."

As a part of the awareness campaign, bins had been placed around campus to encourage the return of stray scrubs with no questions asked.

The "Bring 'Em Back" drive, organized by the hospital's Scrubs Action Team, saw the return of 300 sets of scrubs — in an array of colors ranging from white to pink to aqua — in January 2004.

"As a matter of fact, we received scrubs that [the hospital] hadn't used for 20 years," Moore said.

According to the May inventory, the most recent available, the UIHC houses approximately 16,000 of the shirt-and-pants sets. No specific budget exists

for replacing lost scrubs, and replacement costs come out of operating revenues.

Currently, there is no written consequence for pilfering scrubs.

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Regents push Iowa investments for UI, ISU

The state Board of Regents asked Iowa State University and the UI on Tuesday to meet with the universities' investment firms to discuss opportunities to invest in Iowa businesses.

The UI will meet with each of the seven investment firms it employs before the end of the calendar year to request that the firms search Iowa for businesses that would provide a promising investment.

"I think that we're into promoting the Iowa economy through various initiatives," said Regent Robert Downer. "This may make Iowa a more attractive state for young people to look at as a place to stay."

The business must provide a safety of principal, a reasonable competitive return, and a reasonably stable return, said Doug True, the UI vice president for Finance.

UI officials said they are unsure of how able the firms will be to find an appropriate business.

"I don't know what we'll find, and I don't know how the firms will react," True said.

The regents also discussed investing in funds that invest in businesses, rather than putting money directly into the businesses.

"That way, the risk of the investment is spread out over all of the firms that invest in the fund," Downer said.

In other regent business, they approved a new UI masters program in clinical investigation after a

recommendation from UI Provost Michael Hogan. The program, which will be a part of the epidemiology department, will train students for careers in biostatistics and research ethics.

— by Elaine Fabian

Gallery to donate to artists' fund

A percentage of Iowa Artisans Gallery's September sales will be given to artists affected by Hurricane Katrina, managers said.

The gallery, 207 E. Washington St., will donate money through the Crafts Emergency Relief Fund, a nonprofit organization that helps artists financially after a crisis.

"We are very aware of how natural disasters can really affect self-employed people such as our artists," said Astrid Bennett, the gallery's manager.

The gallery decided to support the relief fund because American artists, such as those featured in the gallery, were devastated by the hurricane, she said.

"The Crafts Emergency Relief Fund is a wonderful organization that supports a segment of a community that may not get help otherwise," Bennett said.

The relief fund provides financial assistance to self-employed artisans after emergencies and other natural disasters. In the past, the organization has helped artisans affected by Hurricane Charley in Florida. Founded in 1985, the fund has helped more than 400 artists and donated more than \$650,000.

The exact amount Iowa Artisans Gallery will contribute will be decided later in September, and the donation will be made during the first part of October, Bennett said.

— by Susan Elgin

Iowa athletics to be reviewed

The UI's athletics programs are undergoing another round of re-certification by the NCAA Division I Committee of Athletics Certification.

As part of the NCAA's approval process, the Self-Study Steering Committee — designed to evaluate the UI's athletics department in terms of NCAA regulations — will host two public forums during the month of September to analyze focal areas of academic integrity and promote overall safety and health of student-athletes, said Patricia Cain, an associate vice provost and the chairwoman of the Self-Studying Steering Committee.

The 22-person panel, which was created by President David Skorton, met with NCAA representatives in February. The most recent review of the Hawkeye athletics department was in 1999.

Cain said being reassessed is a standard and routine procedure to support the well-being of student-athletes, which includes issues such as sex equity and opportunities for minorities. The procedure also ensures the athletics programs at the UI are operating correctly.

Certification standards began in 1989, and reviews now occur within a 10-year cycle; the previous norm was five, Cain said.

The first forum will be held in the Iowa City Public Library Room A, 123 S. Linn St., on Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. The second is scheduled for Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. in 335 IMU.

— by Annie Hamm

Panel pushes pedestrian safety

The UI Safety and Security Committee wants to raise awareness about traffic laws, after vehicle-pedestrian accidents at the intersection of Linn and Burlington Streets killed a UI student in 2003 and an Iowa City woman in 2004.

UI police passed out fliers on behalf of the committee Tuesday and Wednesday, featuring Iowa City right-of-way laws at intersections near the Pentacrest and T. Anne Cleary Walkway, and they will pass them out today from 11 a.m. to noon.

One side of the flier contained the right-of-way laws for pedestrians, while the other had right-of-way laws for drivers.

"The point we want to really bring home is that both sides have a responsibility for the safety of the pedestrian and the driver," said Kevin Hockett, the safety-committee chairman.

He called the initiative a success because the initial printing of 1,600 fliers ran out after the first day.

— by Sam Edsill

STATE

Army Reserve unit called to active duty

DES MOINES (AP) — Five soldiers

with a U.S. Army Reserve unit in Des Moines are being called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the military said Wednesday.

The soldiers are with the 448th Medical Detachment, which provides medical supplies, optical fabrication, and biomedical equipment support,

the 89th Regional Readiness Command in Wichita, Kan., said.

A send-off ceremony will be held Sept. 17 in Des Moines.

POLICE BLOTTER

Dominic Axton, 27, 1421 Ash St., was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Jose Robayo Barga, 24, Lincoln, Neb., was charged Wednesday with operating while intoxicated.

Jonathan Colwell, 20, 2216 D St., was charged Tuesday with keeping a disorderly house.

Makayla Comer, 19, 414 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 10, was charged Wednesday with possession of alcohol under the legal age and unlawful use of another's ID.

Rachel Curtis, 20, 305 S. Summit St., was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Gregory Davis, 36, 911 E. Bloomington St., was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Thomas Edward, 19, N371 Hillcrest, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Jeremiah Finley, 20, 2216 D St., was charged Tuesday with keeping a disorderly house.

Ryan Fisher, 19, 702 N. Dubuque St., was charged Wednesday with PAULA and possession of a fictitious driver's license.

Crystal Henderson, 22, Coralville, was charged Wednesday with simple domestic assault.

Melissa Mancini, 18, W211 Hillcrest, was charged Wednesday with PAULA and presence in a liquor establishment after hours.

Matthew Montgomery, 29, Covina, Calif., was charged Wednesday with

public intoxication.

Dean Pentaris, 19, N371 Hillcrest, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Kelly Roder, 20, 305 S. Summit St., was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Elizabeth Steele, 19, S427 Currier, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Todd White, 37, 1332 Sandusky Drive, was charged Tuesday with OWI.

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Dance Marathon pushes fundraising tempo

UI won't get 'distant'



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Morale captains shout out to the dancers during the morale dance, which attempts to rally dancers, during the 2004 Dance Marathon in the IMU ballroom.

BY SHELBY CLOKE
THE DAILY IOWAN

'Our primary goal is to simply help more kids. With more dancers, we raise more money, and we help more children fighting cancer.'

— UI senior and Dance Marathon marketing director Michael Hubbard

Because the UI Dance Marathon experienced a fundraising lull last year, the leadership team decided to pick up the tempo this fall in order to register more dancers than ever.

The organization, which provides emotional and financial support to families dealing with cancer, failed for the first time in its 11-year history to raise more money than it had the previous year. Dance Marathon ended up nearly \$50,000 short of meeting the 2004 total.

"It was really devastating," said UI senior and morale director Travis Bushaw. "We are stepping it up this year so that doesn't happen again."

UI Dance Marathon raises more money than any other

university in the country for the Children's Miracle Network, Bushaw said. Despite one stagnant year, UI senior and Dance Marathon marketing director Michael Hubbard firmly believes the organization's reputation as the most successful Dance Marathon in the country will not be damaged.

"Our primary goal is to simply help more kids," he said. "With more dancers, we raise more money, and we help more children fighting cancer."

The 300-volunteer Dance Marathon leadership team has already recruited twice the number of dancers this month — 300 — that it did last fall.

"I'm amazed with this campus,"

Hubbard said. "There has been a renewed hope that every person can make a difference."

Leadership-team members hope to double the number of dancers at the event, said UI sophomore and morale captain Brian Martin.

"We want at least 2,000 registered dancers this year," he said.

To enlist dancers, recruiters are promoting their motto, "dance for life," all over campus, as well as employing T-shirts, wristbands, buttons, posters, and fliers to do the job.

Team members are also making a strong effort to include everyone at the UI, Hubbard said.

"We are really trying to reach

more graduate students this year," he said, adding that the graduate student population has been forgotten in the past. "We have already spoken at orientation sessions for the College of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy."

However, not all UI students have been persuaded to participate in the all-night dance party.

UI junior Sarah Abel thinks Dance Marathon is a great idea but a little too time-consuming. "I don't have that much extra time to do something like that," she said.

Dance Marathon will be held Feb. 4 and 5, 2006.

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BY REBECCA MCKANNA
THE DAILY IOWAN

REGENTS ON DISTANCE EDUCATION

Despite growing advances in technology and a recent growth in enrollment in online classes, UI officials said the face-to-face classroom setup will be the norm for years to come.

Enrollment in Guided Independent Study online courses increased by 754 students over the 2003-04 academic year in the 2004-05 school year, but UI Registrar Larry Lockwood said the majority of classes will stay traditional.

"People who come to an institution such as Iowa want face-to-face interaction," he said. "They see professors as coaches or mentors, and they want to touch base with them."

While he said it is probably cheaper to provide online courses rather than pay for buildings and facilities, he believed it would be a "great period of time, if ever," before these virtual classes are in the majority.

Anne Zalenski, the UI associate director of distance education, said the main hurdle standing in the way of such a switch is philosophy rather than costs or technology.

"There will always be a substantial number of students who want to be in a class on campus," she said.

Zalenski said the point of online courses and technology is to complement the regular teaching experience, rather than replace it.

"It's an age-old teaching model," she said. "It would take so long for it to go away, if it ever did."

Kenneth Kuntz, a UI religious-studies professor who has taught many of his courses through Guided Independent Study, said he has seen the benefits of these types of classes in allowing students' schedules flexibility.

"They can be reading the lectures on their computer screen at 2 a.m., while their professor is asleep," he said.

However, he said, students who attended only virtual classes would miss out on the dynamics of the classroom

The state Board of Regents asked Diana Gonzalez, the policy and operations officer for the regents, on Wednesday to provide the board with more information on how to expand distance education. The regents are locked into an agreement with the state that requires them to pay for sufficient facilities for the Iowa Communications Network — an education system using television to accomplish distance learning — including classrooms, video cameras, microphones, and televisions. With the increase in popularity of web-based distance education courses, the board members want to invest more money in computer technology than video equipment in the network, they said.

and the interaction with other students.

"Nothing takes the place of a good classroom experience," he said, adding he couldn't imagine the UI relying completely on virtual classes.

UI sophomore Tiffanie Teeple said some subjects are less suited to online formats. The linguistics student said personal attention was especially key in studying foreign languages.

"I like talking face-to-face," Teeple said. "I don't think there would be enough communication in online classes."

It is easier for students to procrastinate and fall behind in the virtual setup, without a professor to keep students in line, she said.

Teeple, who took an online class during high school, said she felt students would always want the option of seeing their professors in person during classes.

"It wouldn't be a university experience if I was at home in my pajamas," she said. "That's the whole point of going here — meeting people and interacting."

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NEWS

Iowa lawmakers propose aid

BY COLIN BURKE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Although the federal government has been under fire recently, because many people believe it responded slowly to Hurricane Katrina, three Iowa lawmakers have each proposed legislation that would offer hope to those affected by the disaster.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Rep. James Leach, R-Iowa, have all proposed bills to aid victims through tax relief, emergency food aid, and close scrutiny of government rebuilding efforts in the affected states.

Grassley, along with Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., proposed a bill providing tax relief for those affected by the devastation. The roughly \$5 billion bill includes many provisions, such as extending the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, which is normally reserved for people who face barriers to employment, to those displaced by the hurricane.

"We know that tax incentives helped revitalize New York after 9/11," Grassley said in an e-mail. "They can do the same

for New Orleans, Gulfport, and other hurricane-hit areas."

The maximum amount of credit under the bill, which aides said Wednesday is close to being approved, is \$2,400.

The legislation also allows workers to make early withdrawals from their retirement funds without penalty and allows taxpayers who house evacuees for more than 60 days to receive a tax credit of \$500 per individual.

Meanwhile, Harkin, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Agriculture Committee, recently proposed a bill that would give \$5 million in emergency food aid to the victims of the catastrophe.

An additional \$200 million in emergency assistance could be doled out, if needed, said Dave Townsend, the Democratic press secretary for the committee.

The extra money would only be available through the end of fiscal 2006, then the effort will be analyzed to see if the funding should continue. The bill is in committee.

Overseeing rebuilding efforts also topped the lawmakers' agenda. In the House, Leach recently proposed a resolution that would create a bipartisan

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 - Allows early withdrawals from retirement accounts.
 - Tax credit of \$500 per person given to those who house refugees for more than 60 days.
- Hurricane Katrina Food Assistance Relief Act of 2005 (Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa)**
- Provides \$5 million in food assistance funds normally given to the national food

- stamp program
- Additional \$200 million in emergency assistance could be given, if needed, from funds provided by the Department of Agriculture
 - Additional funds for specialty needs food, such as infant formula for babies and supplemental foods for pregnant mothers
- House Resolution 432 (Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa)**
- Establishes a 15-member commission to oversee government reconstruction in New Orleans and other affected areas in the Gulf Coast region.
 - Uses small businesses and private and public contractors
 - Includes prevention against contract abuse and money laundering

commission of 15 representatives to monitor the reconstruction in New Orleans, as well as other cities in Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi.

"There will be a strong representation of the states affected," said Greg Wierzynski, Leach's chief of staff.

The commission will use private contractors, architects, finan-

cial planners, and government experts to contribute to the reconstruction process, enforce penalties for abusing contracts, and have safeguards against money laundering, according to the bill. The legislation has since been referred to the House Committee on Rules.

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4Cs offers childcare aid

BY DANNY VALENTINE
THE DAILY IOWAN

For Iowa City residents unable to help Hurricane Katrina victims by donating money or supplies, 4Cs Child Care Resource & Referral is presenting the opportunity to help victims through its childcare services.

An e-mail sent out Wednesday to 4Cs workers immediately yielded 20 to 25 responses from employees eager to aid the evacuees coming to Iowa.

"For now, they need someone

dependable to watch their children while they fill out paperwork, get medical attention, or simply take some much-needed personal time," said Executive Director Michelle Hanks in a statement.

In the total pool of volunteers, several UI students have already pitched in help, she said.

"Because I'm a college student, it's not like I have a lot of money, and I can't go down and help the victims," UI freshman Bethany Anderson said. "This is my way of helping out."

Aside from citing financial reasons for not donating to the relief effort, UI students said they thought volunteering with the childcare service would be a more meaningful gift.

"I felt this was more personal and would help [Katrina victims] on a more personal level," said UI sophomore Colleen Delahanty.

Hanks said this is the first time in the service's 30 years that it has ever offered free childcare.

"This is unique," she said. "There are services all across

the nation, but I don't know of any other organization like ours."

The volunteer service is only temporary, and the families may eventually need full-time childcare. The point of the free service is to aid the victims in transition, Hanks said.

All employees must go through comprehensive background checks and training and be over the age of 18. For more information, call 338-7684.

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Writer: Lobotomist no monster

BY LAURA THOMPSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

He studied the life of an American lobotomist for nearly a decade, so on Wednesday, Jack El-Hai's readers wanted to pick his brain.

The award-winning historical journalist read from his new biography, *The Lobotomist*, and answered questions from a small audience at Barnes & Noble in Coral Ridge Mall.

C-SPAN filmed the event for "Book TV," but no air date has been set.

The Lobotomist is the story of Walter Freeman, the infamous doctor who coined the term "lobotomy" and pioneered the transorbital technique of inserting a surgical "ice pick" through the eye socket. Freeman performed lobotomies on 3,400 mentally ill patients before his death in 1972. Once lauded for his revolutionary procedure, history now remembers Freeman as a sadistic physician misguided by egotism and ambition.

"Walter Freeman wasn't a monster. He was responding in his way to a very serious crisis in medicine at the time," El-Hai said.

Prior to researching Freeman's life, El-Hai said, he had his own bias but changed his mind after digging through the doctor's writings and patient records. Freeman, whose infamy increased after performing a botched lobotomy on Rosemary Kennedy, continued operating even after the successful introduction of antipsychotic drugs in the 1950s.

"He was justified trying lobotomy in the early years," El-Hai said. "Where it went wrong — and it went very wrong — was when he continued to advocate for lobotomy long past the point of reason."

El-Hai became acquainted with Freeman's work after meeting the niece of a lobotomy patient in 1996. He said he wants his biography to reveal the man behind the reviled operation.

"I wanted to understand the motivation that leads an undeniably gifted doctor to embrace a procedure that seems so brutal and barbaric," he said.

During El-Hai's 45-minute lecture, he passed around a leucotome, or medical ice pick, with



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Jack El-Hai, the author of *The Lobotomist*, displays one of the tools used while performing the operation at the Barnes & Noble bookstore on Wednesday in Coralville. El-Hai, the vice-president of the American Society of Journalists and Authors, spoke about his new book and experiences researching the life of neurologist/psychiatrist Walter Freeman.

Freeman's name engraved on one end.

"If you just looked at it, it looked like a toy — a very lethal toy," UI student Courtney Cheshier said. "I was wondering if it's actually been used in an operation."

UI senior Lindsay Clark, who wrote a paper on Freeman for her History of Medicine class, said she agreed with many of El-Hai's conclusions.

"[Freeman] did the best he

could with what he had, and he was out to help people," she said. "He wasn't the monster that everyone makes him out to be."

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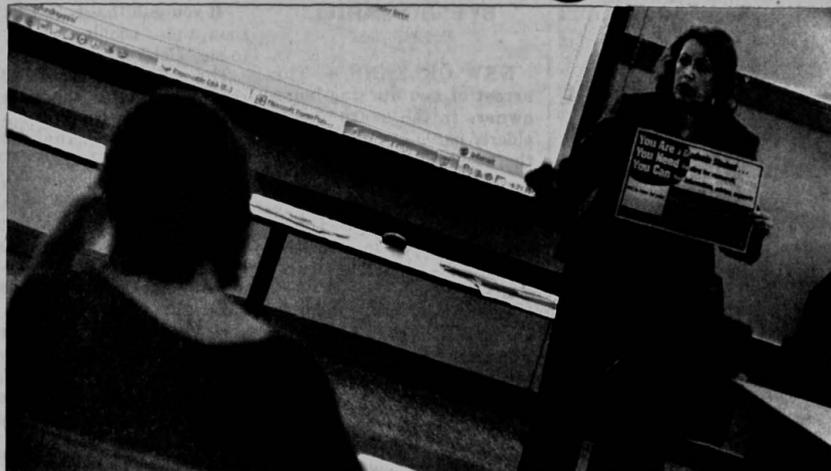
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Workshop focuses on worldwide grants



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Graduate student Damaris Boettiger speaks during the International Research Grants Workshop held in the Pappajohn Business Building on Wednesday. The workshop focused on different ways graduate and undergraduate students can obtain money for international studies.

BY MARGARET POE
THE DAILY IOWAN

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH/TRAVEL GRANTS

Damaris Boettiger knows satisfying her passion for 19th-century Austrian composer Leopoldine Blahetka won't be cheap.

But the UI graduate student in musicology was optimistic Wednesday after hearing from a number of UI faculty touting opportunities for research grants worldwide. Blahetka's manuscripts are only available in Europe, and Boettiger knows she needs money to study the composer.

A record crowd gathered Wednesday to glean advice from representatives from several university departments in a workshop on international travel and research grants. The conference room in the Pappajohn Business Building hummed with diversity as graduate and undergraduate students, Fulbright scholars, and novice researchers absorbed a wealth of resources.

Roberta Marvin, the director of the office of research and development in International Programs, led the presentations, and she happily noted that the annual workshop most likely had the best turnout ever.

While she acknowledged the difficulties of international research — it's time-consuming,

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competitive, and frustrating — she also emphasized that "broadening one's cultural horizons is an important part of the learning experience."

Bob Kirby, an assistant director of the Honors Program, said students have been very successful in winning various distinguished scholarships in the past, and honors staff are available for help in the application process.

"The Honors Program is the clearinghouse of the university for a number of national and international scholarships," he said.

Graduate College Associate Dean Sandra Barkan said applying for a number of awards was crucial.

"Often, you're going to find yourself piecing together awards; in fact, you have a lifetime of piecing together awards ahead of you," she said.

Barkan echoed the sentiments of Diane Crosby, a graduate assistant for sponsored programs, who said her goal is to provide "information, advice, and support."

The dean also emphasized the value of the Community of Science, a database that allows students to personalize a search for funding opportunities specific to their topic, desired location, and financial needs.

The database is available through the website of the Division of Sponsored Programs.

For UI graduate student Angela Collins, the costs of attending an April 2006 archaeology conference were prohibitive, but the workshop informed her about external sources to defray the expenses of the Puerto Rico event.

The anthropology student wants to make a presentation on the native ceramics of a Roman-occupied region of the Netherlands.

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Senate OKs Katrina measure

BY LARA JAKES JORDAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — More than 350,000 families made homeless by Hurricane Katrina would get emergency housing vouchers averaging \$600 a month for up to six months under a measure approved Wednesday by the Senate.

Any displaced family regardless of income would be eligible for the program, expected to cost \$3.5 billion over six months.

The action came as Senate Democrats scolded the nation's security chief for failing to take advantage of a national emergency response plan to send massive federal aid to the Gulf Coast before Hurricane Katrina hit.

Democrats said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff delayed declaring Katrina an "incident of national significance" — a designation that would have triggered a quick and massive federal response — until a day after the hurricane hit, even though weather forecasts predicted the storm would cause widespread destruction.

A Chertoff spokesman denied the charge, pointing to millions of readymade meals, thousands of blankets, and dozens of federal rescue teams sent to the region as the hurricane approached.

The housing measure, by Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., was attached on a voice vote to an unrelated spending bill covering the Commerce and

Housing and Urban Development departments. The Senate was to pass the overall bill today; a final version needs to be worked out with the House, which approved a similar spending bill for the two departments in June.

"Any person or family displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina ... could get a temporary housing voucher. This is without regard to their income situation," Sarbanes said. "It recognizes the storm hit rich and poor alike, and this is an effort to give them some immediate, short-term help so they can move out of the situation in which they find themselves."

The Bush administration also acted on Wednesday to begin covering medical costs for low-income refugees from the worst natural disaster in U.S. history.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services planned to announce today that it will pick up all costs of Medicaid care for low-income evacuees who fled to Texas. The state's senior senator, Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison, received a phone call late Wednesday from CMS Administrator Mark McClellan about the forthcoming aid, said her spokesman, Chris Paulitz.

An estimated 250,000 refugees from the flooding, an overwhelming majority of them believed to be qualified for Medicaid, are now in Texas. For five months, state matching funds that are part of the Medicaid program will be

waived, said Paulitz.

He quoted McClellan as saying the administration is looking at the Texas waivers as a possible model for other states.

Today, the Senate plans to debate a plan expected to cost between \$5 billion and \$7 billion to speed health care for people displaced by Katrina. The measure would ease rules for the Medicaid federal health care program. Also today, Congress hoped to work through a bill that would waive penalties for hurricane victims who tap their 401(k) retirement savings accounts and would allow a tax deduction to anyone who houses evacuees for two months or more.

The Senate on Wednesday rejected a Democratic proposal to establish an independent, bipartisan commission — similar to one enacted after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 — to examine what went wrong in Katrina's wake.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said Chertoff's department "should have acted faster, based on the rules and regulations that they're committed to."

He was referring to the National Response Plan, issued by the department in January, which allows federal aid before a disaster strikes. The plan states that a federal response "can be partially or fully implemented in the context of a threat, anticipation of a significant event, or the response to a significant event."

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NEWS

Crises mark Bush years

BY RON FOURNIER
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WASHINGTON — It's August in Crawford, Texas, and President Bush is on vacation. His poll ratings are slumping. He hears warnings of a looming crisis that will soon change the course of his presidency.

Is this August 2001? Or August 2005?

The answer is both. Historians will ultimately judge Bush's presidency based on his leadership through two tragedies — the 9/11 attacks and Hurricane Katrina, plus a conflict of his own design: The war in Iraq.

Katrina's lethal aftermath revealed that the Bush administration didn't learn valuable lessons from the 2001 attacks about responding to disasters. As for the president himself, since the 9/11 terror strikes, Bush seems to have lost his touch for connecting with an anxious public.

"This is someone who has staked his presidency on strong leadership through crises, and now he has faced three major challenges," said Charles Franklin, a University of Wisconsin political science professor. "9/11 fundamentally altered what this administration is going to be remembered for, which is the response to terrorism, the Iraq war, and now obviously Katrina and the aftermath."

The Iraq war is linked to both 9/11 and Katrina, a bridge of sorts between the two crises. It began as part of the 9/11-inspired war on terrorism — and is now a competitor with the Gulf Coast for money, manpower, and public support.

Back in August 2001, Bush was seven months into his presidency and trying to figure out why his job approval rating had declined by up to 10 percentage points since his inauguration. Voters still didn't know much about Bush and were getting restless.

On Aug. 6, he was given a secret document warning that Al Qaeda hoped to attack the United States with hijacked airplanes. Delivered to his Texas ranch, the memo referred to evidence of terrorists possibly casing buildings in New York.

Critics now accuse Bush of not making terrorism a priority before 9/11. Supporters say he could not have prevented the attacks.

Either way, Bush's initial response to the strikes was shaky, capped by a grim-faced address to the nation that night. He quickly gained his footing and won favor with Americans when he stood atop a charred fire truck in New York and vowed vengeance.

That bullhorn-waving event occurred four years ago Wednesday.

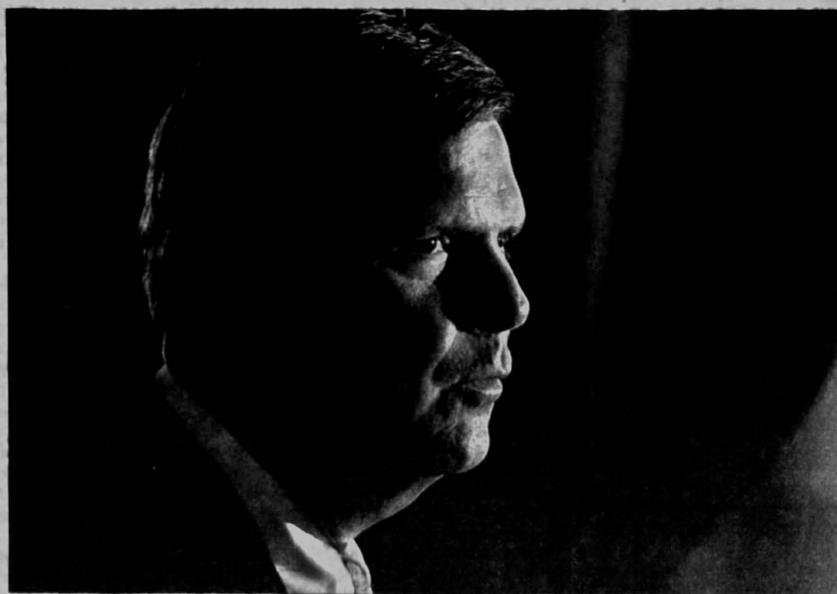
Bush could use a defining moment like that now. Katrina caught him flatfooted in Texas, though forecasters saw it coming for days. He seemed slow at the levers of power and took more than two weeks to acknowledge his own responsibility for the government's sluggish response.

Then came this stunning concession from Bush: Four years after 9/11, Katrina makes him wonder whether the country is ready for the next terrorist strike.

"Are we capable of dealing with a severe attack? That's a very important question, and it's in the national interest that we find out what went on so we can better respond," he said.

Several 9/11 commission members said it looks like little has changed in federal disaster planning since the attacks on New York and the Pentagon. A Senate Republican, Susan Collins of Maine, said the Katrina response was plagued by confusion, communications failures, and widespread lack of coordination — all of which should have been addressed by expensive post-9/11 reforms.

Vilsack: Learn from Hurricane Katrina



Charlie Neibergall/Associated Press

Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, speaking during a news conference Wednesday in Des Moines, said Iowans can learn from Hurricane Katrina by preparing their own families for disaster.

BY DAVID PITT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Gov. Tom Vilsack said Wednesday that Iowans can learn from Hurricane Katrina by preparing their own families for disaster.

"It does underscore the necessity for individuals and families to be prepared, and we want to provide Iowa families and Iowa individuals a series of tools, techniques, and opportunities to be better prepared," Vilsack said.

The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has launched an Internet site that details ways to help families and business owners prepare for disaster.

The website — www.bereadyiowa.org — explains how to develop a family emergency plan and develop a communications plan in a disaster. It also

details how to assemble an emergency home kit.

An advertising campaign will coincide with the website to promote it, said David Miller, the state's homeland-security administrator.

Miller said state, local, and federal agencies practice disaster scenarios, but the response relies heavily on individuals being prepared.

"Perhaps the most important is the role that citizens can play in disaster preparedness. It's the actions they take in the face of an emergency or disaster that makes the most difference," he said.

The news conference was held at the Des Moines Fire Department's main fire station.

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Lawsuits to follow storm

BY BRETT MARTEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — The arrest of two nursing-home owners in the deaths of 34 elderly patients could be just the beginning of an effort by prosecutors and plaintiffs' attorneys to assign blame and hold accountable those responsible for some of the lives lost in Hurricane Katrina's floodwaters.

Louisiana Attorney General Charles Foti, who announced the charges against Salvador and Mable Mangano on Tuesday, is promising to investigate every hospital and nursing-home death for signs of negligence.

And in a city where the damage is expected to reach into the tens of billions of dollars, there could be enough civil litigation to keep attorneys busy for years.

"A glut of lawsuits are going to be filed over all of this," said Rafael Goyeneche, a former Louisiana prosecutor and executive director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission of Greater New Orleans, a private watchdog group.

In the negligent homicide case against the Manganos, prosecutors allege the couple were warned of the approaching hurricane and failed to evacuate the residents of St. Rita's Nursing Home before the floodwaters engulfed the place. "Their inaction resulted in the deaths," Foti said.

The Manganos' attorney, Jim Cobb, said the couple had a tough decision, because just moving the frail patients could have killed them.

"If you pull that trigger too soon, those people are going to die," Cobb said.

The attorney general said that among other things, he is also investigating the discovery of more than 40 corpses at flooded-out Memorial Medical Center, in New Orleans' Uptown section. A hospital official has said that the 106-degree heat as the patients waited to be evacuated probably contributed to the deaths.

E. Pete Adams, executive director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, said he does not expect to see many negligent homicide cases brought by prosecutors.

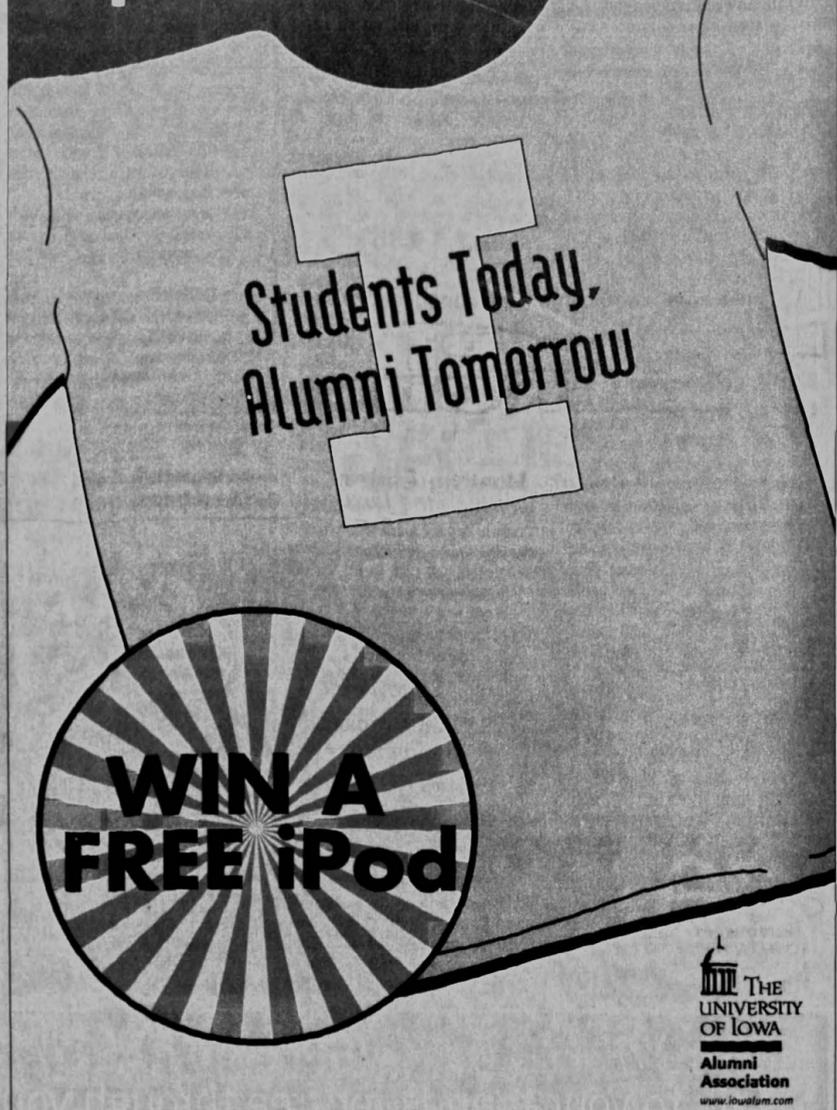
Louisiana law defines negligent homicide as a "gross deviation below the standard of care expected to be maintained by a reasonably careful" person. Adams said the question for prosecutors trying to make such a case is whether the negligence of the caretaker was a greater cause of the death than the storm.

"A lot of people have died. A lot of people have been hurt," he said. "But attributing criminal negligence to the actions of folks is something to be carefully done."

Goyeneche noted that criminal conduct is more difficult to prove, primarily because the burden of proof in such cases is "guilty beyond a reasonable doubt," versus "by a preponderance of the evidence" in civil cases.

"Being able to prove that people cut corners to the point that they exceeded negligence, perhaps with some graft in regards to something like levee construction, is going to be difficult to prove," he said.

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NEWS



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Erin Cohen browses the UI website on Tuesday in the Main Library computer lab. The 22-year-old nursing student now attends the UI after leaving New Orleans because of Hurricane Katrina.

La. student decamps to UI

STUDENT

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It was clear, she said, that home wasn't home anymore.

"It's just surreal. These are the places where I walked, and worked, and shopped, and now it's not even recognizable," said Cohen, who was born in Davenport. "They put these pictures up on television and on the paper, but I still can't comprehend the reality of it yet."

But as unreal as it all may have felt, Cohen, one of 11 Katrina transfers to arrive this

week, realized she had to put life back together quickly.

The application process had to start immediately. She also had to find a car, a place to stay, and enough student loans to make it all happen.

Now, two weeks later, she smiles widely as she sits in the downstairs lounge in the UI College of Nursing and talks about the local apartment owner who gave her free rent for the year, the notes she's collected from happy-to-help classmates, and the countless offers of clothes and furniture from

the administrators who have guided her through it all.

"There were times I felt powerless, and I didn't know what to do," she said. "But this school and this community have blown my expectations out of the water."

Linda Myers, a program associate with the nursing school who helped coordinate Cohen's transition, said that while the situation could have proved hectic, Cohen has approached it all with a trademark nursing personality.

"She's typical of a lot of nurs-

es, in that she can bring a lot of calm to a chaotic situation," Myers said. "There will be roadblocks in the future, but I imagine she's both ready and willing to handle them accordingly."

And while Cohen doesn't know which downtown bar will provide her first taste of Iowa City night life, she does know she'll probably need a couple of beers by the week's end.

"All I know is, Friday night is going to feel pretty good," she said.

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Local crew aids Miss.

AMBULANCE

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Much of the nation's attention has been captured by New Orleans, where breaches in the levee system caused massive aquatic chaos, but the communities that lined the Mississippi coast composed the real "ground zero," said Dave Wilson, a responder from the county ambulance services who was the commander of a 35-member relief team from Iowa and Nebraska.

But the five Iowa City responders on duty in Mississippi did not have time to merely gaze at the ruins.

They had to act immediately.

The responders first quickly evacuated by air residents who were still stranded in the shattered neighborhood. They later set up three large tents for a makeshift hospital, sheltering victims and tending to dehydration, lacerations, puncture wounds, and a few strokes.

"Think along the lines of [the television show] 'MASH' minus surgery, and that's what we were doing," Wilson said.

The relief team treated more than 3,000 patients in 14 days.

"It was refreshing to be able to help them through their time of need," Wilson said. "Everyone greatly appreciated everything we did to help them. It was beyond words."

Johnson County team members were selected on a basis

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— Dave Wilson

of training and availability, said county-ambulance Director Steve Spenser. The Iowa Disaster Medical Assistance Team, which aided in the hurricane relief effort, is affiliated with the state Department of Homeland Security, he said.

Despite his experience and the mass of praises he has received along with it, Wilson emphasized more than anything else his appreciation for the staff members who remained in Iowa City.

"My co-workers really stepped up to the plate to cover extra shifts while we were gone, and they were happy to do it," he said.

"They went above and beyond the call of duty."

Dave Dvorsky, the county ambulance service's assistant director, also praised the Iowa City crew that provided the emergency medical care to Katrina victims in Mississippi.

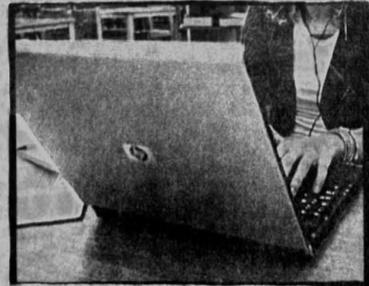
"But we are glad that everyone is back," he added.

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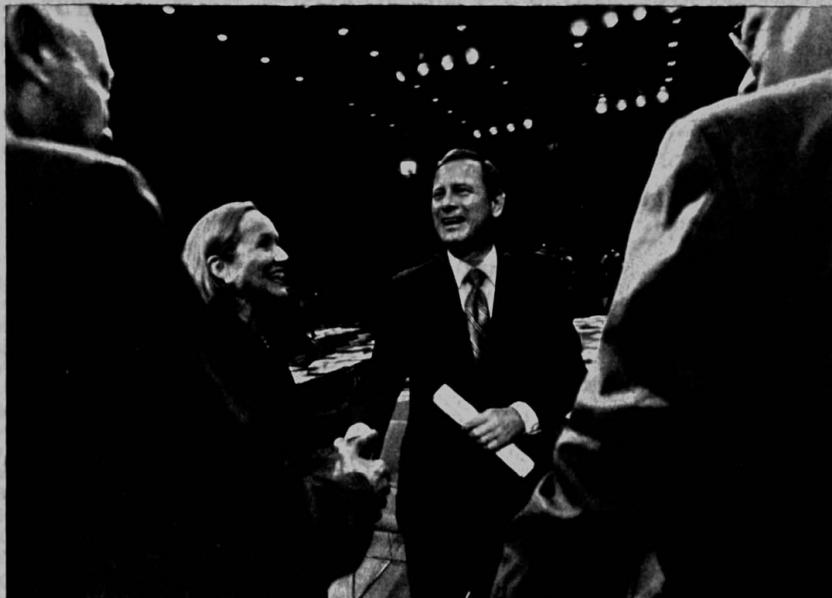
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Roberts careful on 2nd day of questioning



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Chief Justice nominee John Roberts (second from left) and his wife, Jane Sullivan Roberts, are greeted by Senate Judiciary Committee member Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah (left), and Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., on Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

BY DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee John Roberts carefully picked his way through a second day of questions from the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday as Republicans challenged Democrats to support his all-but-certain confirmation as the nation's 17th chief justice.

"If people can't vote for you, then I doubt whether they can vote for any Republican nominee," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

Minority Democrats sounded unswayed.

Sen. Charles Schumer told

Roberts he was "cutting back a little on what you said yesterday," referring to an earlier statement that the Constitution provides a right to privacy.

The New York Democrat made his charge after Roberts declined to cite any examples of disagreement with the opinions of Justice Clarence Thomas on the subject. Thomas has written there is no general right to privacy, a right often viewed as the underpinning of a right to abortion.

"We are rolling the dice with you," Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., told the 50-year-old appeals court judge, who turned aside

questions about abortion, the right to die, the permissibility of torture and other issues he said may come before the court.

Even as Roberts fielded questions, there was fresh evidence of the contentious issues that await him if he is confirmed to replace the late Chief Justice William Rehnquist. There were gasps from the audience when word was relayed from the committee dais that a federal judge in California had ruled the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools was unconstitutional because it includes the words "under God." Roberts was not asked for his opinion.

Mass. nixes constitutional ban on gay marriage

BY STEVE LEBLANC
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Legislature rejected a proposed change to the state Constitution Wednesday aimed at banning gay marriage, a striking reversal that preserves the state's status as the only place in the nation where same-sex couples can wed.

A year after Massachusetts politicians appeared destined to undo a court order that has allowed thousands of same-sex couples to marry since May 17, 2004, the Legislature voted 157-39 against the proposed constitutional amendment.

It was the second time the Legislature had confronted the measure. Lawmakers were required to approve it in two consecutive sessions before the proposal could move to the statewide ballot in 2006 for a final decision by voters.

The measure, which would have allowed Vermont-style civil unions, won passage by a 105-92 last year. But the political and social landscape had changed dramatically since then.

Gone was the intensity, the seemingly endless debate, and, in some quarters, the taste for stripping away the right to marry for gay and lesbian couples.

"Gay marriage has begun, and life has not changed for the citizens of the commonwealth, with the exception of those who can now marry," said state Sen. Brian Lees, a Republican who had been a co-sponsor of the amendment. "This amendment, which was an appropriate measure or compromise a year ago, is no longer, I feel, a compromise today."

The proposal also was opposed by critics of gay marriage, who want to push for a more restrictive measure.

"The union of two women and two men can never consummate a marriage. It's physically impossible," said state Rep. Phil Travis, a Democrat. "The other 49 states are right, and we are wrong."

Lawmakers already are preparing for a battle over another proposed amendment that would ban both gay marriage and civil unions. The earliest that initiative could end up on the ballot is 2008.

"We're excited. We're pumped. This is great. This is exactly what

we wanted," said Kris Mineau, president of the Massachusetts Family Institute.

The state's highest court ruled in November 2003 that same-sex couples had a right under the state Constitution to marry. Now, more than 6,100 gay and lesbian couples have been wed in Massachusetts, though officials have barred out-of-state couples from getting married here, citing a 1913 law that prohibits couples from marrying in Massachusetts if their union would be illegal in their home states. A lawsuit challenging the legality of that law is pending.

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Corporate FEMA

Over the last few weeks, we've all heard a lot about what went wrong in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina but not much about what actually went right. The initial responses at all levels of government were unacceptable, and it's in our interest to know what could have been done better. However, it wouldn't hurt to reflect on some of the efforts that have succeeded, many of which have come as a result of the outpouring of support from the U.S. business community.

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Center for Corporate Citizenship, aid from U.S. corporations as of Sept. 14 had reached \$614 million. But besides financial support, the more impressive aspect of the private sector response has been the ways in which companies have applied their everyday operating expertise to help administer disaster relief.



MARK SIMONS

The Business Roundtable, an association of 160 CEOs, has been at the center of organizing the corporate response to Hurricane Katrina. Following the tsunami disaster earlier in the year, the group set up the Partnership for Disaster Relief, which was an initiative to coordinate and carry out private-sector aid efforts.

Before and after the hurricane hit the Gulf Coast, the partnership communicated with FEMA and the Red Cross to ensure that donations from its member companies could best meet what was needed on the ground. It also coordinated a variety of efforts that enabled businesses to carry out many of the relief efforts. FedEx, for example, volunteered transportation and logistical support to nonprofit organizations such as the American Red Cross and Direct Relief International. Using its computer systems, which are able to automatically reroute vehicles and adjust flights, FedEx was able to efficiently ship more than 200 tons of relief supplies. It also shipped 60 tons of Red Cross equipment before the storm to receiving centers in New Orleans and Mississippi.

Microsoft promised \$9 million in cash and products and also teamed up with Intel, Cisco, and SBC Communications to provide technology infrastructure that assisted relief operations in 240 locations. IBM is working on a computerized job bank so people who lost work can begin to be matched with a willing employer. Other companies simply increased production. Black & Decker employees worked Labor Day weekend to churn out extra generators that were donated to the relief effort.

Additionally, any report about the contributions of U.S. businesses would be incomplete if it didn't mention that Wal-Mart has been the most generous company in providing aid. So far, the retail giant has donated \$17 million and has single-handedly conducted its own relief operation. Applying its regular operating practices, it has set up "mini Wal-Marts" that have handed out more than \$3 million worth of products. Many companies have also joined with Wal-Mart to carry out their donations. The pharmaceutical company Pfizer relied on Wal-Mart to transport more than \$1 million worth of medical products and supplies.

The contributions from U.S. companies have been important and have undoubtedly saved lives. For that, their efforts shouldn't be overlooked amid the majority of stories that have only highlighted government failures. More importantly, there are lessons about how to perform disaster relief more productively that public agencies can learn from these contributions.

There's an old saying that governments can "steer, but not row." That is, governments are capable of laying out broad objectives and then steering society in that direction with legislation, money, or laws. What they're not always good at is carrying out the tasks to achieve those goals.

The government's response to Hurricane Katrina highlighted this shortcoming. The government had a plan, and despite what's been reported, had enough resources to carry out that plan. The problem was about performance. Many of the public agencies who were responsible for relief efforts simply didn't carry out the tasks when it counted most. Therefore, when Congress investigates what government can do better when the next disaster hits, it might want to take a few pointers from private businesses, and nonprofit organizations. ■

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EDITORIAL

Careful with virtual classes

Imagine attending a college in which you never have to leave your room to go to class, in which you can listen to a lecture in your pajamas and have breakfast in bed in the midst of a discussion via your laptop. This may sound like a dream school, but is the virtual classroom really the ideal learning environment?

Though the desire for a flexible schedule may be strong, the convenience of an online class may not be the best choice in terms of quality. Departing from the traditional idea of hours spent in a classroom may sound alluring, but consequently, the basic interactions with peers and professors are lost.

In the virtual classroom, where courses are taught entirely online, students lose the opportunity to build rapport with their classmates and professors. As a result, students may feel disconnected from their education, and the lack of immediate feedback could make it difficult for students to stay motivated. Encouragement from professors and the opportunity to receive one-on-one attention is almost entirely eliminated, and the extra effort it may take to contact a professor could be a deterrent to those who would normally ask questions during class or visit with the professor afterward.

It could be argued that courses consisting entirely of lectures would be ideal to have online. Why sit in a classroom and listen to a professor

when the same can be done from home? For large, general-education classes, this could be an attractive alternative, especially for those with busy schedules. An online option could help expand education for those who would otherwise be unable to participate in a course because of time constraints. Yet the traditional classroom should not be replaced by the online option but rather be available for those wanting to work directly with the professor and with a smaller class.

The virtual classroom isn't for everyone, and it may present challenges for those who can't stay motivated. In a classroom, students know what they are supposed to be doing, and the many distractions of home aren't present. Your roommate isn't trying to persuade you to go out, there's no television blaring in the next room, and friends aren't stopping by to disturb you. The atmosphere of the classroom dictates that you should be listening, and immediate access to the professor makes asking questions or clarifying information as simple as raising your hand.

There are advantages and disadvantages to online courses, and when choosing between online and traditional, it is important to consider what you hope to gain from participating. The virtual classroom may be convenient, but remember your time in the classroom is time well-spent.

GUEST OPINION

Social Security number matters, too

I appreciate the *DI* pointing out the visa problem for international students ("Staying away" Aug. 31). However, even the lucky ones who get the tickets cannot enjoy the show as much as they want.

Before coming to this country, I had never been informed of any issue concerning Social Security numbers. On Orientation Day, I was told that it was impossible to obtain a Social Security number unless I was employed on-campus. "We don't make the law," said the director of the International Office on Immigration Regulation. "There is nothing we can do." The Office of International Students and Scholars did not focus much on the Social Security number issue at Orientation. According to its presentation, being without a Social Security number seemed no problem.

However, when I started to go through my life on my own, I realized nothing goes well without a such number. First, I tried to buy a cell phone. A wireless company rejected my application immediately. Later, I tried my luck with another company. Fortunately, it would take clients without a Social Security number. But I had to wait for more than a half-hour, because it had to check my passport and visa with the headquarters. I stayed in an off-campus efficiency apartment, and had to start the utilities before I moved in. Most people can do that by a phone call, but not me. "You must have a Social Security number to start your service by phone," said the service clerk. Therefore, I had to ask someone to drive me to the service location, bringing with me the passport and visa for more paperwork.

It was supposed to be no problem at all to open a bank account. No! At the beginning, I tried to open an account with the credit union, which is the closest one to my place. "You must have a Social Security number to open an account," said the

banker. In desperation, I turned to the state bank. Eventually, I opened an account and got a bank card, and the card has "VISA" written on it. However, it is not a real credit card but merely a debit card. It is all because I have no Social Security number.

"There shouldn't be any discrimination for those without a Social Security number," replied International Students and Scholars when I reported those problems to it. "But they are private companies; they can ask for anything they want to. There is nothing we can do about it." This is true, but shouldn't I be better informed? Shouldn't I have a note on my I-20 saying I might encounter some problems if I plan to stay off-campus without a Social Security number? Shouldn't I know what I can or cannot do without Social Security number? In fact, the secretary of my department was stunned when I told her the whole story. Shouldn't the department, at least, be better informed?

I was frustrated in my first week in Iowa without a Social Security number. I kept asking myself, What's the point to deprive international students of having a Social Security number? Aren't we welcomed by this place? Are we regarded as terrorist suspects or a threat to this country? Does it aim to always remind me about my foreign identity, and repeat it to me through my daily life that a foreigner should not be entitled the same rights as a native? Does it aim to produce inconveniences to ensure that international students leave the United States as soon as they complete their studies?

Despite of all these inconveniences, I still find much of merit in this country, and carry on my studies contentedly. But frankly, I seem not to be welcomed by the bureaucracy, and a Social Security number does matter.

SI-CHI Chin is a graduate student from Taiwan.

LETTERS

Cyber drawbacks

Most can agree that online courses are positive for many reasons, but why are students paying thousands of dollars to attend a university where some of the classes are online? In Elaine Fabian's article ("Students clicking on to cyber classes," Sept. 8), she comments on the positive aspects of online courses but fails to mention the negatives.

Independent-study online courses are defeating the purpose of a college education. Besides the educational values that college entails, it is also about learning on a social level. Interactions between professors and students are important for the learning process. As a student paying for my own college education, I do not support the online-class transition.

I concur with Fabian's statement, "All courses could be said to be online courses." With the growth of technology, professors are posting more and more online, and less time is spent in the classroom. I guess that as students, we should be asking ourselves, Where is our money going?

Lindsay Woodward
UI student

Smoking woes

I agree with Stacey Perk: Smoke-free is most definitely the way to be. At the Summit, we have gone totally smoke-free before 9:30 at night, and that includes our patio. Since we have gone smoke-free about a year ago, our restaurant sales have increased more than 20 percent. I'm making more money, my staff will be healthier, and I believe my customers really enjoy the atmosphere.

Unfortunately, at night during bar hours, smoke-free environments can simply not compete. When Etc. first opened, it was a smoke-free establishment. The owners were forced to change that policy after sitting empty for



several months. The other two nonsmoking bars, the Cage and the Siren, have both closed. I noticed Perk's article included a list of successful restaurants without smoking sections, which she can add the Summit to, but did not include a successful bar. I would truly like to offer a smoke-free environment at night, but it has proven to be unsuccessful here in Iowa City.

I also resent groups such as Clean Air for Everyone targeting the hospitality industry. Smoking bans should not be placed on select public places. They should be placed on all public places. This includes all businesses, public streets, sidewalks, airports, stadiums, and parks.

I also strongly believe that this ban should be done on the state or national level, not on the city level. I don't believe our city can enact a fair ordinance. We still need to compete

with Coralville, which has been increasingly difficult in the past few years.

If there is anybody out there who wants to pursue a complete ban on smoking in all public places in the entire state of Iowa, which is the only fair playing field, you have my support.

Mike Porter
owner, the Summit
Coralville resident

Turkish history

We would like to make corrections and comments regarding Jenna Sauers' article ("Unoriginal sins," Sept. 8). Many unbiased Western historians question the label of genocide for the Armenian deaths that occurred during the First World War.

Sauers starts her column with a non-fact-based Hitler quote exploiting actual events to resemble Holocaust. Clearly, she Googled "Armenian genocide" and based her column on biased Internet sites.

Armenian activists try to politically predetermine the historical debate by demanding various parliaments pass resolutions recognizing the genocide. For Belgium to label these events as genocide, as Sauers mentions, does not make it a fact. Moreover, Sauers states that Turkish Republic describes the violence between the Kurdish separatists, known as PKK, and the Turkish government as "terrorism" in a tone that suggests it is not terrorism. Again, if the author took the time to conduct more research on the subject, then she might have known that both the United States and the EU describe PKK as a terrorist group. Why does the author conclude that a genocide took place when Belgium law recognizes it, but does not recognize PKK as a terrorist group when both the United States and the EU governments declare it so? Regardless, placing bombs in public-transportation systems and shooting innocent people, etc., should be referred to as terrorism.

Another point we would like to correct is that Orhan Pamuk's books were not banned in any part of Turkey. The mayor of Sutculer, a town of Isparta province (approximate population, 18,000, constitutes 0.025 percent of the country's population), wanted Pamuk's books to be removed from the public libraries. However, before any action was taken, the governor of Isparta rightfully overruled this decision.

We would be glad to provide unbiased references upon request.

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ON THE SPOT

If you could take all of your classes online, would you?



"Negative. I tried it once in high school, and it sucked."

Matt Knudsen
UI sophomore



"I think I would."

Kayla Cole
UI sophomore



"No, I wouldn't do my homework if I did that."

Beth Travis
UI senior



"No, I just don't think that online learning should be the only way of learning. It should be a supplement."

Marina Vujnovic
UI doctoral student

Bush: Kill tariffs

BY TERENCE HUNT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — Saying poverty breeds terrorism and despair, President Bush challenged world leaders on Wednesday to abolish all trade tariffs and subsidies — worth hundreds of billions of dollars — to promote prosperity and opportunity in struggling nations.

"Either hope will spread, or violence will spread, and we must take the side of hope," Bush told more than 160 presidents, prime ministers, and kings gathered for three days of U.N. General Assembly meetings aimed at combating poverty and reforming the world body.

Wary of competition and eager to protect their own markets, nations across the globe have responded suspiciously in countless rounds of negotiations to remove trade barriers. Under global trading rules, the United States, Europe, and Japan alone are allowed \$138 billion in agricultural subsidies, and powerful interests in each country are reluctant to drop measures that protect their markets. Congress would have to approve any trade-elimination agreement.

Bush's compassionate approach was a change in tone from earlier appearances at the U.N. in which he chided world leaders for their reluctance to fight in Iraq and was criticized for what was perceived as a go-it-alone approach that ignored the views of other countries. This time, Bush stood before the U.N. with the lowest approval ratings of his presidency at a time when his administration is seen as vulnerable for its poor handling of Hurricane Katrina.

He opened his remarks by thanking the more than 115 countries and nearly a dozen international agencies that have offered disaster assistance. "We have witnessed the awesome power of nature and the greater power of human compassion," the president said.

On a day when violence killed at least 160 people and wounded hundreds more in Baghdad, Bush met with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, his chief ally in the Iraq war. In between U.N. meetings, the president also conferred with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Bush called on Arab nations to help develop a Palestinian economy. "Now is the time for people to step up," Bush said.

For the first time, Bush took the U.S. seat at the 15-nation Security Council as it unanimously passed resolutions to outlaw the incitement of terrorism, counter violent extremist ideologies, and increase efforts to prevent armed conflict, especially in Africa.

"We have a solemn obligation to stop terrorism at its early stages," Bush said, sitting at the horseshoe-shaped table.

Bush's call to eliminate all trade barriers would essentially create a worldwide free trade zone, something that goes far beyond the goals of the 148 countries who are seeking to wrap up a new round of trade liberalization talks known as the Doha Round, for the city in Qatar, where the talks were launched in late 2001.

Those discussions, which have a more limited agenda of simply reducing current trade barriers, are currently stalled. Officials are worried that an upcoming December meeting in Hong Kong could fail to make progress in such key areas as reducing barriers that rich countries have erected to protect their farmers. Poor nations see a reduction in farm subsidies as key to making their farm goods competitive on global markets.

U.S. cool to N. Korean reactor

BY BURT HERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — North Korea insisted Wednesday it should get a nuclear reactor to generate electricity in exchange for abandoning atomic-weapons development, but the main U.S. envoy at disarmament talks said Washington and its partners have no intention of meeting the demand.

After his first one-on-one meeting with the North Korean delegation at this round of six-nation talks on the communist nation's nuclear program, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill said the sides "did not make a lot of progress."

The talks resumed Tuesday after a five-week recess and also include China, Japan, Russia, and South Korea. The last session failed to yield an agreement after 13 days of meetings, and no end date has been set for these negotiations.

Under the offer on the table, North Korea would receive economic aid and security guarantees from Washington, along with free electricity from South Korea, for dismantling its nuclear-weapons program.

But the Pyongyang regime has also asked for a light-water nuclear reactor, a type believed to be more difficult to be diverted for weapons use.

The North was to get two such reactors in a 1994 deal with the United States, under which it agreed to give up nuclear arms. That project stalled in late 2002, when U.S. officials said the North admitted to having a secret arms



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U.S. top nuclear negotiator, Christopher Hill, briefs journalists before leaving a hotel in Beijing on Wednesday.

program in violation of the earlier agreement.

The White House has been highly critical of the earlier deal, which was reached by the Clinton administration, and says it will not repeat what it sees as past mistakes.

Hill noted Wednesday that North Korea has pursued a nuclear program for 25 years and used it solely to make weapons-grade plutonium for atomic bombs — not for generating electricity.

"Not a single light bulb has been turned on as a result of the nuclear reactor in North

Korea," he said, referring to the country's main atomic facility in Yongbyon.

Hill also noted that the North has withdrawn from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and expelled international atomic inspectors.

North Korean diplomats did not comment on the day's talks. But the North's chief negotiator, Kim Kye Gwan, said Tuesday that his country had a right to a peaceful nuclear program, China's official news agency reported.

Hill warned that the demand for a reactor could become a

"major problem" at the talks.

"There's not too many other ways I know how to say 'no' without slipping into another language," Hill said of his meeting with the North's delegation.

None of the other countries at the talks has stepped forward with an offer to foot the estimated \$2 billion to \$3 billion cost for building a light-water reactor for North Korea, Hill said, noting it would also take up to a decade to construct.

"These are reactors that cost a considerable amount of

money, they take a considerable amount of time, and in the meantime ... the same amount of electricity can be pumped into [North Korea] in a much shorter time, and we can get [North Korea] lit up a little more than it is today," he said, referring to North Korea by the initials of its official name.

The South Korean offer to provide the North with electricity could begin delivering power in a few years.

"It gives no one any pleasure that [North Korea] is literally one of the darkest countries in the world," Hill said. North Korea "needs to be a little realistic about what it needs to do to get its economy going and get its energy needs met," he said.

The North suffers from chronic energy shortages and disruptions that leave the country a black void on nighttime satellite photos.

Meanwhile, North Korean and Japanese diplomats at the talks met to discuss Tokyo's concerns about its citizens that the communist state admitted abducting. The North Koreans said they were studying the issue, but Japan pressed for a quick response, chief Japanese envoy Kenichiro Sasae said.

Also Wednesday, Cabinet ministers of the two Koreas met in Pyongyang. Seoul's top official on the North, Unification Minister Chung Dong-young, urged the North to abandon its nuclear-weapons ambitions.

The North "must seize on this historic opportunity," Chung said, according to pool reports. "Delaying will do no good."

Merkel may be 1st female chancellor

BY JEFFREY FLEISHMAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BERLIN — Rising in the male-dominated beer-and-BMW politics of Germany, Angela Merkel is known less for eloquent speeches and charisma than for intellectual rigor and an unabashed quest for power that have intrigued this nation for years.

Merkel may make history on Sept. 18, when polls in a tight election campaign predict the 51-year-old conservative may become the country's first female chancellor. The daughter of a Lutheran minister, raised in communist East Germany, Merkel is the antithesis of the politics that her opponent Chancellor Gerhard Schröder navigates so well.

her personal appeal and political philosophy than to Schröder's economic failures and inability to convince ultraliberals in his Social Democratic Party to reform the welfare state. The election this weekend is viewed as a protest vote with a twist of irony: Germans seeking to dump Schröder for trimming social programs are likely to get a conservative politician intent on deeper cuts.

"People see Merkel as an alternative out of their desperation," said Gerd Langguth, who wrote a recent biography of the candidate. "She may not be, but that's how they see her now."

Personalities count in German politics, but parties win elections. Polls show Merkel's Christian Democratic Union, or CDU, has slipped in recent days

but still has the backing of 40.5 percent of the public, compared with 34.5 percent for the Social Democrats. Despite many undecided voters, analysts say the gap will be tough to close — even for Schröder, who orchestrated a dramatic come-from-behind surge against the conservatives to win re-election in 2002.

Some politicians suggest that the momentum has shifted and that Schröder may have another upset in him. The chancellor has portrayed the conservatives' flat-tax proposal as an "inhuman" ploy to help the rich while further hurting the country's nearly 5 million unemployed. Many analysts now say they believe Merkel's conservative alliance may not win an outright majority in Parliament and

may be forced into a "grand coalition" with Social Democrats. Under such a scenario, Merkel would become chancellor, but she would be forced to temper her economic and social reforms.

The prospect of a Merkel victory arose in May, after Schröder's party lost control of a key state, and he called for early elections to avoid legislative deadlock. The chancellor's credibility has waned among Germans anxious that globalization and an 11.6 percent jobless rate are eroding the social ideals that helped resurrect the nation after World War II. Even Germans' pride in the nation's 1990 reunification has diminished, as unemployment approaches 30 percent in many eastern towns.

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NEWS

160 killed in Iraq

IRAQ

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The al-Zarqawi tape was a clear attempt, coming on the heels of the attacks, to create a climate of fear, sow deeper sectarian discord and scare Iraqis away from the Oct. 15 referendum on a new constitution.

Iraqi forces arrested two insurgents in connection with the Kazimiyah bombing, one of them a Palestinian and the other a Libyan, Iraqi television quoted Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari as saying. Al-Jaafari also said the suicide bomber was a Syrian, without offering any details how the identification was made so quickly.

The attacks came as U.S. and Iraqi forces pressed their offensive against insurgents in the northern city of Tal Afar and along the Euphrates River valley, striking hard at what officials have said were militants sneaking across the border from Syria.

Al Qaeda in Iraq said in a web posting that it launched the attacks, some less than 10 minutes apart, in response to the Tal Afar offensive, which began Saturday and evicted most insurgents from the city about 50 miles from Syria and 260 miles northwest of Baghdad.

"To the nation of Islam, we give you the good news that the battles of revenge for the Sunni people of Tal Afar began yesterday," said the Qaeda statement posted on a militant website.

Its authenticity could not be confirmed.



Hadl Mizban/Associated Press

An Iraqi soldier secures an explosion site, one of several in central Baghdad on Wednesday. At another site a suicide car bomber struck as day laborers gathered to find work in a Shiite neighborhood in north Baghdad, killing at least 88 people and wounding 227 in the deadliest of a series of attacks in the Iraqi capital.

'There needs to be a balance of incentives and enforcement. There's really not a whole lot of help with the solution.'

— Del Holland, IOWATER volunteer

Pollution upsets area residents

WATER

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Excessive E. coli pollution makes direct human contact with contaminated water potentially dangerous and can result in ear, skin, respiratory, and digestive infections.

High bacterial concentrations also threaten the species diversity of affected water bodies.

Natural Resources is in the process of determining the daily amount of bacterial pollution — known as a total maximum daily load — the river can sustain without exceeding quality standards.

Katie Foreman, a member of the department's water-monitoring team, has been conducting weekly sampling in the river's degraded section since June.

She said the data are "still under review," and testing will continue for the next few months to complement trend

data collected over the past five years.

Natural Resources is slated to release a report outlining its water improvement strategy on Dec. 15.

Once the report is finished, the onus for reversing the river's pollution will fall on the people and agencies of Johnson and Iowa Counties.

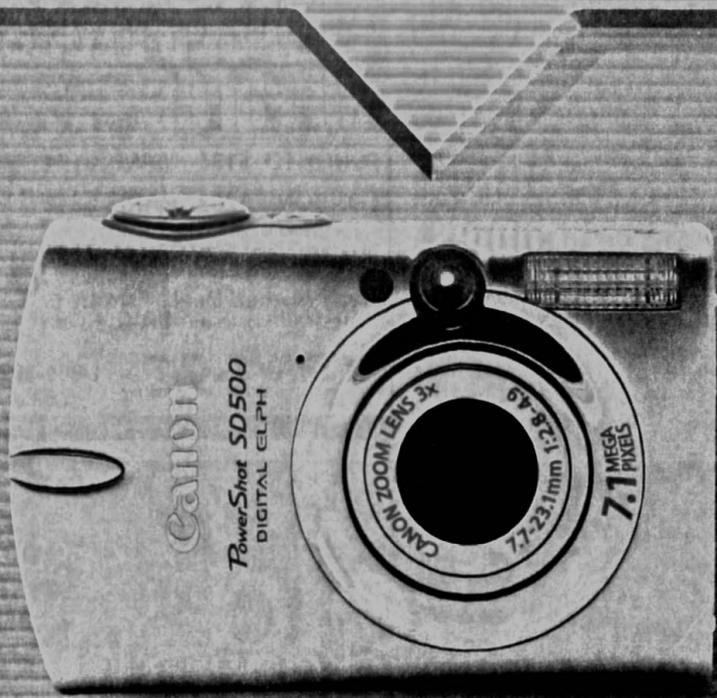
Farmers, landowners, businesses, and community groups can apply for money to address the pollution through the state's Iowa Water Quality Loan Fund.

Holland and others at the meeting were skeptical that the goodwill of private citizens alone will result in the type of stewardship necessary to reverse the river's pollution.

"There needs to be a balance of incentives and enforcement," he said. "There's really not a whole lot of help with the solution."

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Ryan Hamby

FOOTBALL

Buckeyes tight end gets hate mail

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State tight end Ryan Hamby knows what it's like to hear 100,000 rabid fans cheering for you. Now he also knows the darker side of that adulation. Hamby has received a couple of hate letters after he dropped a touchdown pass midway through the third quarter of the Sept. 10 25-22 loss to No. 2 Texas. Cutting over the middle into the end zone, Hamby caught the pass, then bobbled it into the air, then was trying to catch it for a second time when he was hit by a defender, knocking the ball loose for an incompletion.

"I can't think about it too much, because we still have a lot of football to play," he said as the ninth-ranked Buckeyes prepared for a game Saturday with San Diego State. "I'm not going to lie. I think about it some times. But you've just got to move on."

A senior from Cincinnati, Hamby said he had a sleepless night after dropping the pass, which would have given Ohio State a 10-point lead. Instead, the Buckeyes settled for a field goal and a six-point advantage.

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

Men harriers break into top 20

The Iowa men's cross-country team received a top-20 ranking in the preseason Mondo Men's NCAA-I Cross-Country poll released Tuesday.

Coach Larry Wiecezorek and his Hawkeyes were slotted 16th nationally and first in the Midwest Region. Big Ten powerhouse Wisconsin was voted No. 1, followed by defending national champion Colorado and Arkansas. The poll is conducted by the United States Cross-Country Coaches Association.

Iowa has never garnered a higher preseason rating.

"I think that's reasonable," Wiecezorek said. "Preseason rankings are just that — you haven't done anything yet. On paper, it's a sign of respect for your program."

"Now, let's go to work and try to climb the ladder."

In other men's cross-country news, Wiecezorek announced that fifth-year seniors Dan Haut and Adam Roche are co-captains for the 2005 season.

— by Michael Schmidt

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

Women harriers pull out of meet

The Iowa women's cross-country team has decided not to compete in Saturday's Midwest Collegiate at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. "We got what we wanted out of our first meet," said coach Layne Anderson.

The team performed well at the Hawkeye Open Sept. 2, winning by a margin of 15 points. The Hawkeyes are next scheduled to run Oct. 1 at the Willamette Invitational in Salem, Ore.

"We need to run better in Salem and just focus on staying healthy," Anderson said.

— by Dan Parr

'She's accustomed to a certain standard. Something she can't control is slowing her down.' — Layne Anderson, coach

Chapple battles mysterious enemy



Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye Nikki Chapple (left) pushes herself during cross-country practice Tuesday afternoon at the Finkbine Golf Course. Chapple, one of the team's best runners, missed the first meet because of unknown allergies.

BY DAN PARR
 THE DAILY IOWAN



Chapple
 Junior cross-country runner

When Iowa cross-country runner Nikki Chapple finished first on the team in her freshman appearance at the Big Ten championships two years ago, the pain was there.

And as she led the Hawkeyes with intense grace in five-consecutive meets in 2004, in one

instance breaking her own 6,000-meter school record, the fatigue was there.

But it wasn't that "I'm sure going to be sore tomorrow" feeling that she and every other normal person would get after putting her body through mile after mile of mayhem.

Something, though no spectator who felt the breeze as she

flashed past them on those days would have believed it, was slowing her down.

After flying through enough pills, screenings, and checkups to make the UI Hospital and Clinics seem more like her own personal dorm room, the native of Melbourne, Australia, still doesn't know what is stopping her from being better than good.

The 24-year-old's doctor, Susan Brigham, has found that allergy tests for fructose, sucrose, and lactose have been inconclusive. She next will investigate whether it is still being classified as an allergy is related to environmental factors.

"It never feels easy anymore," SEE CHAPPLE, PAGE 3B

ROWING HAS INT'L SPICE

The Hawkeye rowing team has women from all over the world

BY IAN SMITH
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Start with a batch of Iowans, generously add a mixing bowl of Americans, sprinkle in four Canadians, and top with two Australians. Work at a feverish pace for weeks, and be ready to serve by Sept. 24.

The flavor of coach Mandi Kowal's creation is the Iowa rowing team, which is made up of athletes from all over the world.

Six international rowers spice up the roster — Elizabeth Bauer, Kat Davy-Traynor, Kristen Kelly, and Carolyn O'Meara hail from Canada, while Laura Kanaris and Sophie Nielsen come from Down Under.

To get an idea of the distances these athletes are from their native lands, Kanaris estimates that a trip from her home of Brisbane, Australia, takes 30 hours; Iowa City and Brisbane are 16 hours apart in time difference. The flight was enough to give Kanaris jet lag for a week.

With the vast distances separating home and their rowing



Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan

Iowa rowing coach Mandi Kowal shouts words of encouragement during practice on Tuesday. This will be Kowal's 10th season coaching at Iowa.

futures, each athlete had to leave her friends and family behind.

"I was really homesick until Christmas my freshman year," junior Carolyn O'Meara said. "I have a really close group of friends from home, and I'm close with my parents. But after Christmas, we were so busy and going places all the time, I didn't have time to be homesick."

The Iowa rowing recipe has

potential to quickly go awry, but the international rowers have each other and their teammates to lean on.

"It is nice to come in and be on a team, because you can come here and do stuff with them and meet other people," freshman Kristin Kelly said. "It's nice to have someone to show you around, when you get lost."

Cultural differences also

come into play, as the rowers make the transition to Iowa City. Kanaris immediately noticed the variations in schooling. In Australia, students only have final papers and final exams, which is obviously different from the UI.

Davy-Traynor notices the cultural divide when Hawkeye fans get crazy for football

SEE ROWING, PAGE 3B

Carr wants play review

BY RUSTY MILLER
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr doesn't want the Big Ten to turn into NFL Jr. At the same time, he'd like the chance to ask to have plays reviewed — just like pro coaches do.

"If some things are reviewed, and some aren't, then you have controversy, and the whole purpose of this thing was to avoid controversy," Carr said after his team's 17-10 loss to Notre Dame on Sept. 10.

Carr didn't disagree with two plays that were overturned in the final minutes. A review of one play showed that quarterback Chad Henne had fumbled the ball at the goal line. A second review determined that Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn's knee was down before he fumbled.

Carr believed that Henne scored on an earlier play, but because coaches aren't permitted to request a review, the play stood.

"I certainly would have asked for that play to be reviewed," Carr said.

SEE BIG TEN, PAGE 3B

SPORTS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press
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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	63	63	.500	—
Florida	78	68	.534	5
Philadelphia	78	68	.534	5
Washington	75	71	.514	6
New York	71	74	.489	11 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	93	54	.633	—
Houston	77	68	.531	15
Milwaukee	72	72	.500	19 1/2
Chicago	72	74	.493	20 1/2
Cincinnati	68	77	.469	24
Pittsburgh	58	87	.400	34
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	72	73	.497	—
Los Angeles	66	79	.455	6
San Francisco	66	79	.455	6
Arizona	65	80	.448	7
Colorado	59	86	.407	13

Wednesday's Games
Detroit 4, Minnesota 2
Texas 7, Baltimore 6, 10 innings
Seattle 10, L.A. Angels 9
Cleveland 6, Oakland 4
Boston 5, Toronto 3
N.Y. Yankees 6, Tampa Bay 5
Kansas City 10, Chicago White Sox 9

Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 15-7) at Kansas City (Greinke 4-16), 1:10 p.m.
Oakland (Blanton 9-11) at Boston (Schilling 6-7), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Small 7-0) at Tampa Bay (McClung 6-9), 6:15 p.m.
Seattle (Harris 2-3) at Texas (Loe 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 12-13) at L.A. Angels (Colin 19-6), 9:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Oakland at Boston, 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 6:35 p.m.
Seattle at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.

WILD-CARD GLANCE

American League

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	84	62	.575	—
New York	82	62	.569	1
Oakland	80	65	.552	3 1/2

National League

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	78	68	.534	—
Philadelphia	78	68	.534	—
Houston	77	68	.531	1/2
Washington	75	71	.514	3

BASEBALL'S TOP TEN

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE

G	AB	R	H	Pct.	
MYoung Tex	143	606	102	199	.328
Damon Bos	132	558	103	179	.321
ARodriguez NYY	144	539	108	172	.319
SRoberts Bal	138	542	90	170	.314
VGuerrero LAA	127	473	86	148	.313
Tejada Bal	145	563	81	180	.309
Jeter NYY	141	581	108	179	.308
Crisp Cle	129	524	77	159	.303
Mauer Min	117	435	55	131	.301
Suzuki Sea	145	605	104	182	.301

Home Runs
DOrtiz, Boston, 42; ARodriguez, New York, 41; Teixeira, Texas, 39; Konerko, Chicago, 37; Sexson, Seattle, 36; Ramirez, Boston, 35; Alvarado, Texas, 34.

Runs Batted In
DOrtiz, Boston, 130; Teixeira, Texas, 126; MRamirez, Boston, 122; ARodriguez, New York, 112; Matsui, New York, 109; Sexson, Seattle, 107; Carru, Tampa Bay, 103.

Pitching (13 Decisions)
CLee, Cleveland, 16-4, .800; Colon, Los Angeles, 19-6, .760; Halladay, Toronto, 12-4, .750; Clement, Boston, 13-5, .722; Crain, Minnesota, 10-4, .714; Lackey, Los Angeles, 12-5, .706; Buehrle, Chicago, 15-7, .682.

'Clones & Horns still sky-high

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS



Dan McCarney
Iowa State coach

DALLAS — Iowa State coach Dan McCarney and Texas' Mack Brown find themselves in the same position this week. They've got to get their teams past victories over top-10 teams.

"We're very pleased, obviously, with the win over Iowa. It was a great victory," McCarney said. "We're through celebrating. It's over. It's a great memory. ... We appreciate this victory very much, but we know it's time to move on, and we're in the process of doing that."

The Cyclones beat a top-10 team for the first time in McCarney's 11 seasons. And the 23-3 victory came against archrival Iowa, which dropped from eighth in the Associated Press poll to 22nd, still two spots ahead of newly ranked Iowa State.

McCarney has some extra time to get his team refocused, with an open date before the Cyclones' game at Army on Sept. 23.

"I know Dan, and his guys are like us, trying to get back down to Earth and get back to work," Brown said.

The second-ranked Longhorns (2-0) are coming off an impressive 25-22 victory at then fourth-ranked Ohio State, the second time in nine months they had never played before. Texas beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

"It was a fun week and a great game," Brown said during the Big 12 coaches' conference call. "The difference in that and our last game with Michigan was we could enjoy that one for six months. Now, we've got to go back to work this week and look forward to Rice coming in and stop talking about Ohio State."

Brown wants to make sure that his Longhorns, suddenly considered legitimate contenders for the Big 12 and national titles, don't have a let-down against a Rice team they've beaten in 37 of the last 38 meetings. The Owls lost their season opener 63-21 at UCLA, where No. 21 Oklahoma plays this week.

The Texas-Ohio State game, that rare matchup of top-five teams in September, got all the hype and most of the attention last weekend. But the Iowa-Iowa State matchup didn't go unnoticed by other Big 12 coaches who have been part of that rivalry.

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder was an assistant at Iowa and coached there in the 1980s with McCarney and Oklahoma's Bob Stoops, a four-year starter at defensive back for the Hawkeyes before being a volunteer and graduate coach. Brown was an assistant coach for the Cyclones from 1979-81.

"I can't root for that game, so I can't pick a winner. ... But it's not surprising. Dan's done an incredible and amazing job at Iowa State. That victory was not a fluke," Snyder said.

"With all my Iowa ties, I do my best to watch the game indifferently," Stoops said. "But you have to be happy for Dan. He's been building that program, and that sure is a big step for them."

HAWKEYE SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Friday**
- Volleyball at Coastal Carolina CC Tourney, 6 p.m.
 - Soccer at Missouri State, 7 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Volleyball at North Carolina A&T CC Tourney, 11 a.m.
 - Field hockey at Duke, noon
 - Football hosts Northern Iowa, 2:35 P.M. at Kinnick Stadium
 - Volleyball at East Tennessee St., CC Tourney, 3:30 p.m.
 - Women's golf at Mary Fossom Invitational, all day
 - Rowing at Milwaukee River Challenge, all day

- Men's tennis at Purdue Invitational, TBA
 - Women's cross-country at UWP Midwest Collegiate, TBA
- Sunday**
- Field hockey at Appalachian State, 10 a.m.
 - Soccer at S.E. Missouri State, 2 p.m.
 - Men's tennis at Purdue Invitational, TBA
 - Women's golf at Mary Fossom Invitational, all day
 - Soccer hosts Wisconsin, 7 p.m. at UI Soccer Complex
 - Volleyball at Northwestern, 7 p.m.

Hawks' Swedish connection clicking

BY MASON KERNS
THE DAILY IOWAN

"Humble" is often the word used by the Iowa men's tennis players and coaches to describe Christian Bierich. That modest nature suited Iowa's newest foreign-born freshman well for star status in his native Sweden, where tennis will always be second to soccer.

Fame, luckily, was never an issue for Bierich — getting an education was his chief concern. When he got a chance to play on Sweden's elite series "Elitserien" tennis circuit, becoming a top-10 player nationally, he began to realize that tennis could help fulfill his dream.

"I had a friend who played for Minnesota, so I tried to go there," he said. "It didn't have any scholarships left. But my friend knew [Iowa] coach [Steve] Houghton."

Good thing, although Bierich's decision to come to Iowa wasn't that simple.

He had signed a letter of intent to play at a small school in Florida, where he still planned to go only a month and a half before the fall semester. After receiving an e-mail from Houghton — in which the coach told Bierich about the academics at Iowa, the warm nature of the team, and that the Hawkeyes could offer more financial aid than originally thought — Bierich decided on Iowa.

"I liked the weather better here than in Florida," he joked.

Or so he had heard, since he hadn't set foot on the campus until arriving for class this fall. Though homework sometimes takes longer for him, because he didn't start learning English until age 14, he seems to be adjusting well to American classes.

On the court, he is adjusting to a different game. He had previously mastered the art of

gliding on the predominately clay courts in Sweden, but now, he is learning to play longer volleys on a much more bouncy hard-court surface. If anyone is qualified to help Bierich adjust to American tennis, it is Houghton, who decades ago landed his first of many Swedish recruits.

"We've had a Swede on the team for virtually the last 20 years," he said. "And they've all been great baseline players."

Lately, actively recruiting in Sweden has not been necessary for Houghton. Word-of-mouth has been vital for the program, as past Iowa and Big Ten players from the Nordic country often share their positive experiences with young players at home.

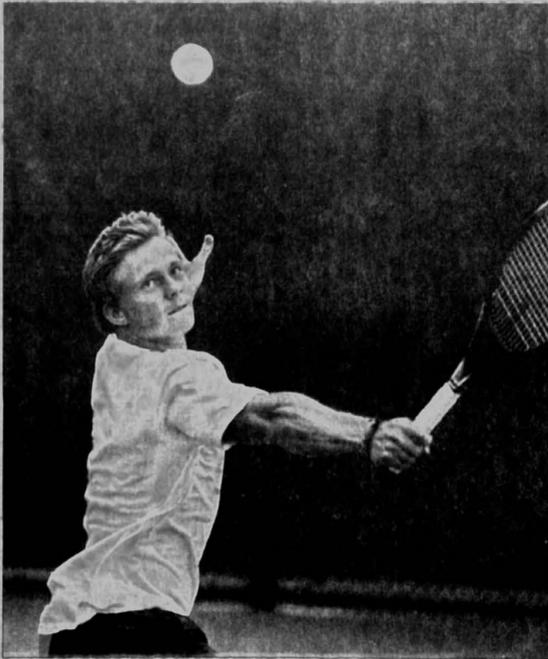
Case-in-point: Bierich.

Though predominately a singles player in Sweden, he enjoys the team aspect of doubles play and hopes to break into the doubles lineup at some point. The Hawkeyes, coming off a 10-11 record and a ninth-place finish in the rough-and-tumble Big Ten last season, are expected to improve — they returned every contributor and added a strong freshman class, led by the Swede.

Bierich must use his quickness and learn to play away from the baseline more, he said, adding he can't bank on his strong serve and forehand so much but charge the net and become a complete player. Bierich's on-court effort, though, needs little improvement.

"He comes to practice and works hard," said senior Chaitu Malempati, the team's perennial No. 1 singles player, who has played with Bierich in practice. "He's like a Leyton Hewitt on the court. He fights for every point."

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Hawkeye men's tennis player Christian Bierich eyes the ball during practice on Tuesday. Bierich was one of the top-10 players in Sweden.

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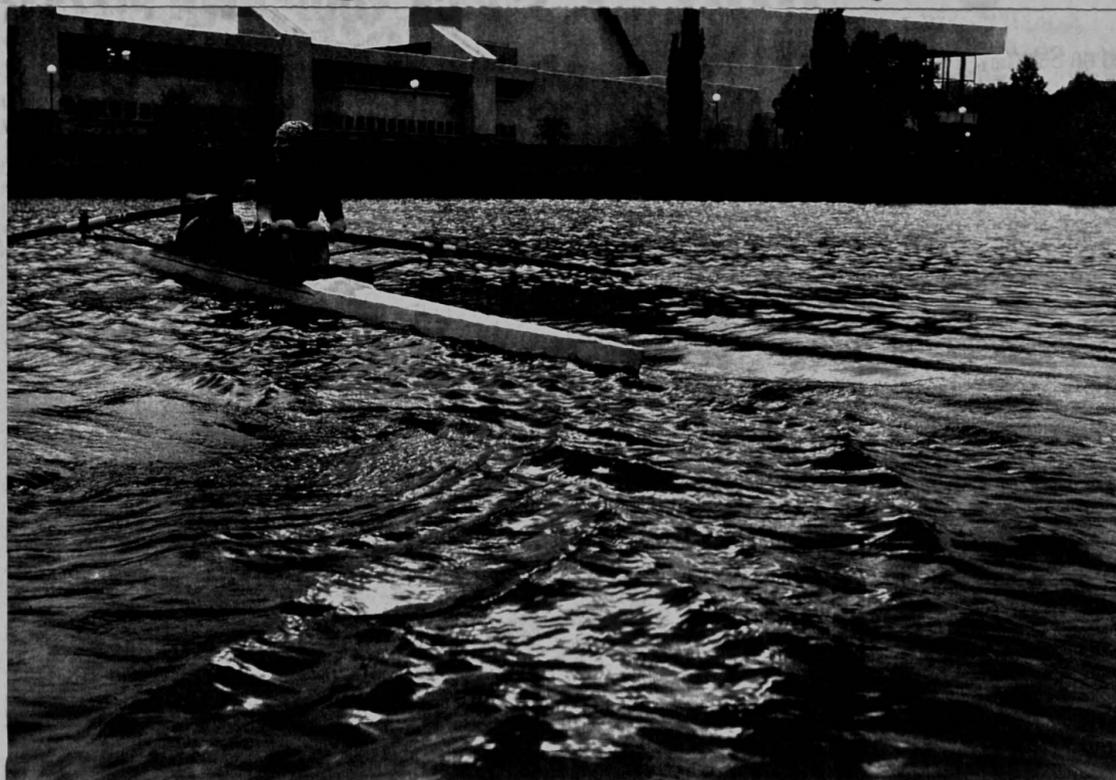
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Rowing has worldly air



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Iowa rowers Lydia McGee (front) and Kat Davy-Traynor (back) work on an exercise to improve their steering skills on the Iowa River on Tuesday. Davy-Traynor, from Chemainus, British Columbia, is one of six international students on the Iowa rowing team.

ROWING

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B

Saturdays. She was not used to anything like it in Canada.

With all the factors going against receiving commitments from international rowers, Kowal and her staff are unfazed and pursuing them as aggressive as ever. In 1984, there were only 500 college women rowing nationwide. Now there are more than 5,000, Kowal said.

"Recruiting in rowing has really turned around in the last five years. It is really intense," she said. "Now, we are doing more of it and getting

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— Mandi Kowal, coach

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Since it is impossible to actively recruit all over the world, Kowal relies on other coaches and friends in the right places. For instance, she has built a strong association with Doug Marshall, coach of the Brockville Rowing Club. The connection has allowed the Hawks to get three commitments from the

renowned rowing club, including both O'Meara and Kelly on this year's squad.

Another tactic Kowal uses in recruiting talented international rowers is building a strong relationship with the athletes and their families.

"I looked at quite a few different schools, and I ended up visiting

four in five weekends," O'Meara said. "It wasn't easy, but right after I visited Iowa, it was my No. 1 choice. I really liked the campus, and I really liked the coaches.

"I had a tremendous amount of comfort here."

With the international rowers settled into their surroundings and the preseason work almost complete, Kowal is ready to present her Hawkeyes two weekends from now. She just hopes all the ingredients come together to make it taste just right.

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Chapple fights mystery fatigue

CHAPPLE

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said the star senior of her once effortless runs. "And it has gotten worse every year."

Chapple has periodically battled a lack of energy throughout her time in college, but, on Tuesday, it reached its peak. For the first time in his three-year tenure at Iowa, coach Layne Anderson watched as his most talented weapon succumbed to the pain and stopped in the middle of practice.

"Her body feels like it's gone through a workout before she's even started," he said. "I'm frustrated for her, because she deserves success."

Anderson came into the season with high expectations for Chapple. Though he is puzzled, and Chapple is a bit discouraged, the two will not rule out a big conclusion to an already stellar career.

"She's not only one of the top women in the conference but also one of the best in the nation," said the supportive skipper. "She's accustomed to a certain standard. Something she can't control is slowing her down."

If that high-standard runner can get just a little assistance from her health, races could be less painful and a lot more fun. "My original goals were to place high at the Big Tens and run under 16 minutes in the 5K," said the art major. Fortunately for her, a little help is on the way.

In order to temporarily remedy the situation, Chapple has been prescribed a steroid, prednisone. This won't be the first time she has taken the drug — in past trials it has

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helped. She will stay on the medication for only six weeks.

Prednisone is similar to hydrocortisone — both are a natural hormone produced by the adrenal gland. It is given to many patients to treat hundreds of different conditions.

As Chapple sat against a tree while practice wrapped up Tuesday — the exasperation in her eyes was concealed by her trademark red-rimmed sunglasses — it was clear that she had finally had enough.

She needed some time to herself, away from the sport that has ruled so much of her life.

"I've been running since I was 7," said the eldest of four children. "I'm tired of it."

At points, her words and body language seem to signal an early retirement, but there are moments when that light that once beamed flickers once again.

"I will always give everything I have. That's all you can do," she said.

It's hidden, just like the pain was from all the crowds that have been awed by her talent.

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Big Ten sets ignoble first

BIG TEN

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Michigan's student section tossed water bottles and other debris on the field after the reviewed plays went against the home team.

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis, who has spent most of his career in the NFL, said Saturday's game officials used video replay as a way of confirming their calls on Brady's carry.

"It was obvious that Brady was down, but they are told to err on the side of safety," he said of the officials. "They even told me that they didn't call him down, because they knew it was correctable with the replay."

END OF LINE: For nearly two decades, Indiana fans could always count on meeting Kentucky in football each year. Next season, that will change.

Officials from the athletics

departments at Kentucky and Indiana — which will meet Saturday in Bloomington — decided not to renew the contract that has kept the neighboring state rivals playing annually since 1987. Kentucky's 2006 schedule is already set, and Indiana isn't on it.

"I think it gives both schools an opportunity to go out and play someone different," Kentucky coach Rich Brooks said this week.

Kentucky has won nine of the last 10 games, including three straight. The schools have played 35 times since 1893, with the series at 17-17-1.

Indiana coach Terry Hoepfner hates to see the series come to a halt.

"It seems like a natural," he said.

DUBIOUS DISTINCTION: Big Ten teams made history last week — but it wasn't the good kind.

No. 3 Michigan lost to No.

20 Notre Dame, No. 4 Ohio State fell to No. 2 Texas, 25-22, and No. 8 Iowa lost to Iowa State, 23-3.

It was the first time since the Associated Press began its poll in 1935 that three teams ranked in the top 10 and from the same conference lost on the same day.

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Big Ten not smelling the roses

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—Kirk Ferentz, Iowa football coach

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The Rose Bowl's dream scenario seemed like a solid possibility when the season started.

With big things expected from Michigan, Ohio State, and Iowa, and Southern California the overwhelming favorite to play for a third-straight national championship, a Big Ten/Pac-10 matchup on Jan. 4 in Pasadena with the BCS title on the line appeared to be a pretty good bet.

Traditionalists took a hit Sept. 10, when the Big Ten's big three all lost — the first time three Top 10 teams from the same conference lost on the same day in the regular season.

Michigan, then No. 3, was upset by Notre Dame, 17-10. Hours later, Iowa, ranked eighth, fell to Iowa State, 23-3. Black Saturday in the Big Ten ended with Texas beating then-No. 4 Ohio State, 25-22.

Now all three start conference play with at least one loss and needing to win out to have even a shot at playing for a national title. Making it even tougher, the

Wolverines, Buckeyes, and Hawkeyes all have to play each other.

"Every program has goals, and you have to decide, do you still have the same goals, because when you look around at what's happened in the first two weeks, a lot of very good football teams have lost," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "I don't think, at this stage, anybody is out of anything, unless you've lost two games."

Not long ago, winning the Big Ten automatically meant playing in the Rose Bowl against the Pac-10 champion, but in 1998, those two conferences joined with the other high-revenue leagues to create the Bowl Championship Series.

Before then, the Bowl Alliance tried to create a championship game of No. 1 vs. No. 2 without the Big Ten and Pac-10 involved.

"I suppose when I was here 20 years ago, I don't remember much discussion about anything other than winning the Big Ten and winning the Rose Bowl," said Ohio State coach Jim Tressel, a former assistant under Earle Bruce with the Buckeyes.

The BCS' relationship with the Rose Bowl has always been a bit uneasy. Rose Bowl officials aren't thrilled with not having a guaranteed Big Ten vs. Pac-10 game every year — such as last season, when Michigan played Texas from the Big 12.

The first year the Rose Bowl hosted the BCS title game, Miami (then of the Big East) and Nebraska (Big 12) played for the championship.

But this year, Rose Bowl officials had to like their chances for getting the best of both worlds: A BCS title game between teams from the conferences they love most.

By the numbers, the Big Ten is actually off to its best start in the last 10 years. The league has eight unbeaten teams and a nonconference record of 18-3.

But Northwestern's win over Northern Illinois doesn't have quite the ramifications of Notre Dame winning in the Big House.

So what's left for Ohio State, Michigan, and Iowa to play for? A lot, really. And that's what Tressel, Carr, and Iowa's Kirk Ferentz need to get across to their disappointed teams this week.

"We really work hard before the season and during the season ... at focusing on what's going on this second," Tressel said. "I think there's a lot more people outside of our building that talk about that [the BCS], what's going to go on in January and whatever."

The ninth-ranked Buckeyes could make quite a case for playing in the BCS title game if they finished 10-1 with their only loss coming to Texas by three points.

The 14th-ranked Wolverines need Notre Dame to keep winning to improve the look of their loss.

"Here at Michigan, the goals are always extremely high, and the expectations are always great," Carr said.

"When you stumble early, that's when you really find out how tough your team is."

The Hawkeyes fell to No. 22 in this week's rankings and play Ohio State on Sept. 24, in what will essentially be a BCS elimination game.

Out of the water, onto DVD

BY BETH HARRIS
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Michael Phelps advises a young swimmer during the launch of a youth swimming program during World Cup Swimming in Melbourne, Australia, on Nov. 27, 2003.

LOS ANGELES — Michael Phelps wants to make swimming more than a once-every-four-years sport in the United States.

He's taking a step toward that goal with *Unfiltered*, a new documentary that shows Phelps' life away from the pool and reveals the uneasy relationship between the Olympic star and his father.

The film is scheduled to come out on DVD in late September or early October.

"We wanted to try something new to get more attention from the average Joe," Phelps said. "Hopefully, everyone likes it, and it will attract new fans to the sport."

The idea for a documentary came from Peter Carlisle, an agent who represents Phelps and his 100-meter butterfly rival Ian Crocker, who is also featured.

Cameras followed Phelps and Crocker from April through the world championships in July, a schedule that took them from Indianapolis to Denver to Austin, Texas, to Ann Arbor, Mich., and Montreal.

Footage shows them rising in the early morning hours in different cities for practice, racing each other in major meets, unwinding by singing and playing guitar (Crocker) or playing cards and video games (Phelps).

There's even an appearance by the ubiquitous Donald Trump.

"Swimming is a little bit of a tough sport to become a major celebrity, yet Michael has done that," the mogul says in the film.

Phelps' celebrity is especially big with young girls, who scream and rush him for autographs. An attractive blonde named Amanda talks about what it was like to have Phelps as her prom date.

At first, the cameras felt intrusive to the shy Crocker, who laments in the film that he will end up being the guy who never gets married.

"It took some getting used to," he said in an interview. "You kind of feel pressure to act a certain way. Then you realize they're there to capture whatever is going on."

Sometimes, it wasn't pretty. Phelps' parents, Fred and Debbie, divorced when he was 7. Debbie raised her only son and two daughters.

"He got remarried and went on his way and did his thing, and we did our thing," Michael says on camera.

The elder Phelps quietly attended the 2004 Olympics, where he sat apart from his former wife and daughters to watch Michael emerge as a major star by winning eight medals, six of them gold.

"I'm very proud of him," Fred says on camera. "I'm sharing as much of his success as I can with him. I'd love to share more. I'd like to have the son back that I had before. I'd like to have the son that liked to do things with his dad."

Fred is shown wiping away tears. But 20-year-old Michael is strictly matter-of-fact about the relationship.

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—Winston Juistice, USC player

Bigger Bush leads USC



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Southern California tailback Reggie Bush stiff arms Hawaii's Leonard Peters on Sept. 3 in Honolulu.

'He is growing in ways that great players grow. He is applying himself in the manner that great players apply themselves. He is finding out what it is like to live with the expectations of playing on a really high level every time you go.'

—Pete Carroll, USC coach

BY JOHN NADEL
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LOS ANGELES — Reggie Bush has been a blur for Southern California the past two seasons. Now, as he attempts to help the Trojans win a third-straight national championship, he's a bigger blur.

"He bulked up, and he got faster. I think he's a lot more explosive," USC offensive tackle Winston Justice said.

Bush's speed and versatility have been a crucial component in USC's consecutive championships. Because he's such a good receiver, he can line up all over the field and create confusion for defenses. He's also one of the best kick returners in the nation.

But at under 200 pounds, Bush has been better suited to racing by defenders than running through them. His goal in the off-season was to change that.

He's up to 203 pounds after adding "about seven solid pounds."

"I don't think it's affected my speed at all," he said.

"It just adds another dimension, makes it harder for teams to tackle you. Everybody knows what I can do in the open field."

That's for sure. Bush entered his junior season with 3,661 all-purpose yards and 23 touchdowns in 26 career games. He has produced touchdowns by rushing, receiving, passing, and on kickoff and punt returns.

In USC's season-opening 63-17 victory at Hawaii on Sept. 3, Bush carried 12 times for 86 yards and two touchdowns, caught four passes for 58 yards, and returned a punt for another 14 yards.

Hawaii punted out of bounds most of the time, and Arkansas

coach Houston Nutt said the Razorbacks plan to do the same thing Saturday night against No. 1 USC at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

"That is a great question, because I don't think anybody has," Nutt said, when asked how to stop Bush.

"I just don't know how. I think he is going to get his. You just hope they are not all 86-yard runs or 90-yard runs, where he hits the home run every time."

Bush finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting last year. USC quarterback Matt Leinart won the award, but Bush was voted Trojans MVP by his teammates.

"I wasn't the least bit surprised," Leinart said.

"I thought he deserved it. The team is your worst critics, your best critics. They voted for him. I thought it was awesome."

Leinart called Bush one of the Trojans' hardest workers.

"You can really notice it," Leinart said. "He's always wanted to be a running back first. His role this year has definitely expanded. He can run between the tackles."

USC coach Pete Carroll said Bush, voted a co-captain by his teammates, is maturing.

"He is growing in ways that great players grow," Carroll said. "He is applying himself in the manner that great players apply themselves. He is finding out what it is like to live with the expectations of playing on a really high level every time you go."

"He is still growing. He has a lot of maturing still to come, and he is going to be a great, great player."

At age 20, Bush already is — at least on the collegiate level.

While Leinart has a chance to join Ohio State's Archie Griffin as the only two-time winner of the Heisman, he and Bush have a shot at becoming the third teammates to win the Heisman in consecutive seasons.

Army's Glenn Davis (1946) and Doc Blanchard ('46) were the last, and Yale's Clint Frank ('37) and Larry Kelley ('36) were the first.

"It would be great to win it again, obviously," Leinart said.

"I think Reggie has a great shot at winning it this year. I'm pulling for him, too. I know he'd like to win it — I'm sure he'd rather win (games) first, it (the Heisman) second."

Bush, who went to Helix High near San Diego — the same school former USC star and Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Allen attended — wouldn't mind adding college football's biggest award to his trophy case.

"Oh yeah, definitely," he said with a big smile.

Heisman or no Heisman, Bush's junior season could be his final one at USC.

"Obviously, it's logical," he said of turning pro after this year. "I'm not going to say it's not a possibility, because it is."

"I'm not going to think about it until after the season. My main focus is on this season and this season only, help us win another national championship."

McNabb questionable

BY ROB MAADDI
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PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb threw four touchdowns on a broken ankle. He won't let a chest injury keep him on the bench.

McNabb didn't practice Wednesday because of a bruised chest, but the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback said he'll play in Philadelphia's home opener against San Francisco on Sept. 18.

"Nothing will stop me from being on that field," said McNabb, who was injured in the first quarter in the Eagles' 14-10 season-opening loss at Atlanta on Monday night.



If McNabb can't play — he's listed as questionable — long-time backup Koy Detmer isn't a lock to get the start. Detmer shared reps with third-string quarterback Mike McMahon in practice, and coach Andy Reid wouldn't select a potential starter.

"We'll see as the week goes on," Reid said. "I'll evaluate it and see what we want to do with it. I know both do a nice job."

Detmer has started eight games in his nine seasons with the Eagles. He led Philadelphia to a 38-17 victory in San Francisco in a Monday night game three years ago, one week after McNabb broke his ankle. Detmer threw for 227 yards and two touchdowns against the 49ers before injuring his elbow and missing the rest of the season.

McMahon started seven games in four seasons with Detroit before signing with the Eagles in the offseason. He isn't as familiar with Philadelphia's version of the West Coast

offense but outperformed Detmer in the preseason.

"We're going to take the reps the way they want us to and see how it shakes out," said Detmer, who probably has maintained his status as the backup, because he's the holder for Pro Bowl kicker David Akers.

Detmer expects to be on the sideline watching McNabb.

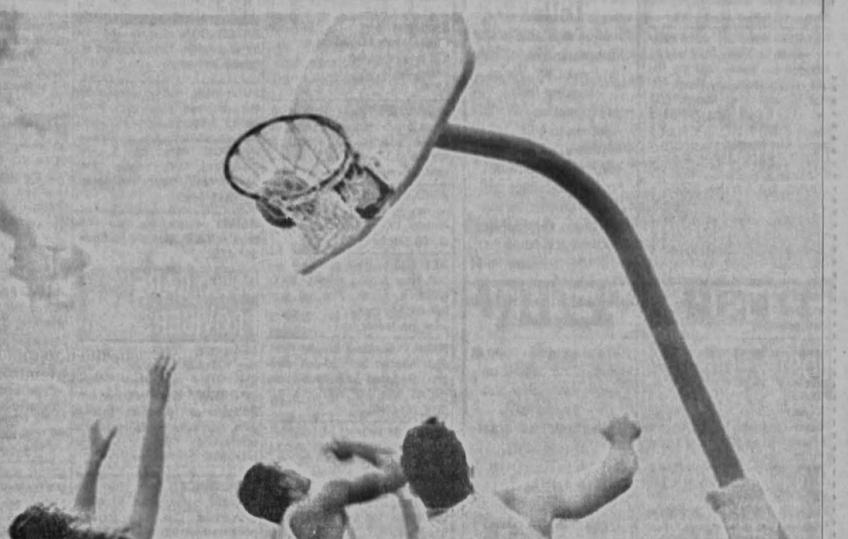
"He's a warrior," Detmer said. "We've seen him play through all kinds of things — broken ankles, everything. If he can walk, he can go. He will be out there."

McMahon said he's comfortable with the Eagles' complex offense.

"It's nothing too difficult," he said. "You just have to prepare and go out and help the offense move the ball. Don't do anything too fancy, and move the chains."

McNabb didn't miss any plays after a crushing hit from Chad Lavalais sent him wincing to the sideline, but he struggled the rest of the game against the Falcons.

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ERIC FOMON

UI FACTS

- Slater Three has a camera to stop people from pooping in the trash room.
• Shoving apples in your pockets before leaving Hillcrest gives you an easy morning meal and a noticeable bulge.
• Avoid projects with sixth-year seniors; five years means they like to party, six means they have a substance-abuse problem.
• Asian beetles bite — always wear underwear to bed.
• Former Catholic-school girls probably still have their uniform.
• Even if you and your roommate can't get any, you can still take solace in the fact that the Hillcrest mice are having orgies mere inches away from your feet.
• The chlorine in the Field House pool is not an effective contraception method.
• If a guy is wearing an Iowa letterman jacket and doesn't look particularly tall or athletic, he probably plays baseball.
• Even dorm-room moonshine is a step up from Hawkeye Vodka.
• UI squirrels are famous for playing dead in the street only to attack freshmen and steal their nuts. Watch out kids.

Eric Fomon loves to use terms from the 1920s, such as "cat's pajamas" and "Struggle Buggy."

DAILY BREAK

horoscopes

Thursday, September 15, 2005 — by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are headed upward and are definitely more in control of your life. A business partnership will allow you greater creative freedom.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll have conflict over what you should be doing versus what you want to do. If you organize well, you can take care of both needs.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Popularity won't be an issue today. An opportunity may be too good to pass up even if it does infringe on time spent with someone who depends on you.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let someone handle an investment you should be taking care of yourself.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The smallest personal concern will set you off today.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A chance to do something different will result in some fabulous ideas regarding future prospects.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Everything is going your way, so don't be lazy.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Torn between the emotional and the practical, you aren't likely to move in either direction fast.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Today is all about working alongside others.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on the here and now.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Question your motives and those of anyone with whom you are intimately involved.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Problems with colleagues or authority figures will arise if you confide in them.

ICE PICKIN'



Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City resident Kevin McConnell practices a freestyle bike trick called an "ice pick" as he lands his back peg on the edge of the railroad bed by EPB on Wednesday evening.

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- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
11 Moker
1 p.m. Music da Camera
1:30 On Main St.
2 Glory 2 Glory
2:30 Give Me An Answer
3 Divine Discourse
3:55 Silas Dement
4 The Unity Center
5 Tabernacle Baptist
Church
6 Spirit in Culture
7 Grace Community Church
8 Revival in Oxford
9 Tonight with Bradman Live
10 Radio
11 Rusty Buckets
12:05 a.m. The Bounty

UITV schedule

- 3 p.m. "Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java House," Willy Porter and a World of Writers
4 The Best Care Possible: The Role of Health Services Research in Improving Public Health
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11 SCOLA — Evening News from France (English subtitles)
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- Building Our Global Community Introductory Workshop, 9 a.m.-noon, International Students and Scholars, location TBA; to register, contact 335-2687
• "Talk of Iowa," "Big Brain," 10 a.m. Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., and WSUI
• Career Services Expo Activation Session, info session on UI Employment Expo, an online recruiting system, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., C310 Pomerantz Career Center
• M.B.A. Blood Drive, 11 a.m., Pappajohn Business Building Buchanan Auditorium Lobby
• "Crossing Borders: One Correspondent's Personal Journeys in Latin America," Franc Contreras, Opportunity at Iowa, 2 p.m., 101 Becker Communications Studies Building (reception to follow at the Latino & Native American Cultural Center)
• College for Homeschoolers, 3 p.m., Public Library Room A
• Annual Kurtz Lecture, "The Electric Energy Industry in the 21st Century," Kurt Yeager, College of Engineering, 4:30 p.m., C20 Pomerantz Center
• "Working for Economic Justice: Careers in the Labor Movement," Jen Sherer, Center for Human Rights, 5 p.m., 345 IMU
• International Classroom Journey Training Session, International Programs, 6 p.m., 335 IMU
• Global Queer Cinema Film Screenings, Fox and his Friends/Faustrecht der Freiheit, Institute for Cinema and Culture, 7 p.m., 101 Becker
• Howl's Moving Castle, 7 p.m., Bijou
• Iowa City City Council Candidate Forum, 7 p.m., Public Library Room A
• Israeli Film Series, Planet Blue, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation, 122 E. Market
• James McKean, memoir, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
• "Live from Prairie Lights," Josh Bell and Aaron Anstett, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque, and WSUI
• Prosperity, benefit for Katrina, Riverside Theatre, 7 p.m., Riverside Theatre Festival Stage, Lower City Park
• "Separation of Church and State: Facts, Fiction, and Future Challenges," John Witte Jr., Geneva Campus Ministry, 7:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
• Johnny Walker, comedian, Campus Activities Board, 9 p.m., IMU Wheelroom
• 24-7, 9 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
• Tell Them Who You Are, 9:15 p.m., Bijou

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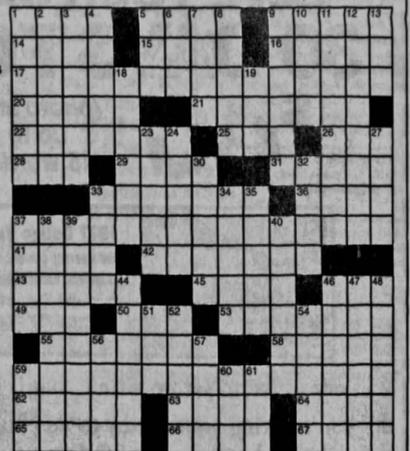


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1 Den denizens
5 Tennis lesson subject
9 "This ___ life!"
14 Ibiza, e.g.
15 "Slaves of New York" author Janowitz
16 Romance, e.g.
17 Green light
20 Mag famous for sex quizzes
21 Major artery
22 Beat in a pool
25 Where the buoys are
26 Dwindle
28 Yearbook sect.
29 "Coming" (1969 Three Dog Night hit)
31 ___ flask (lab container)
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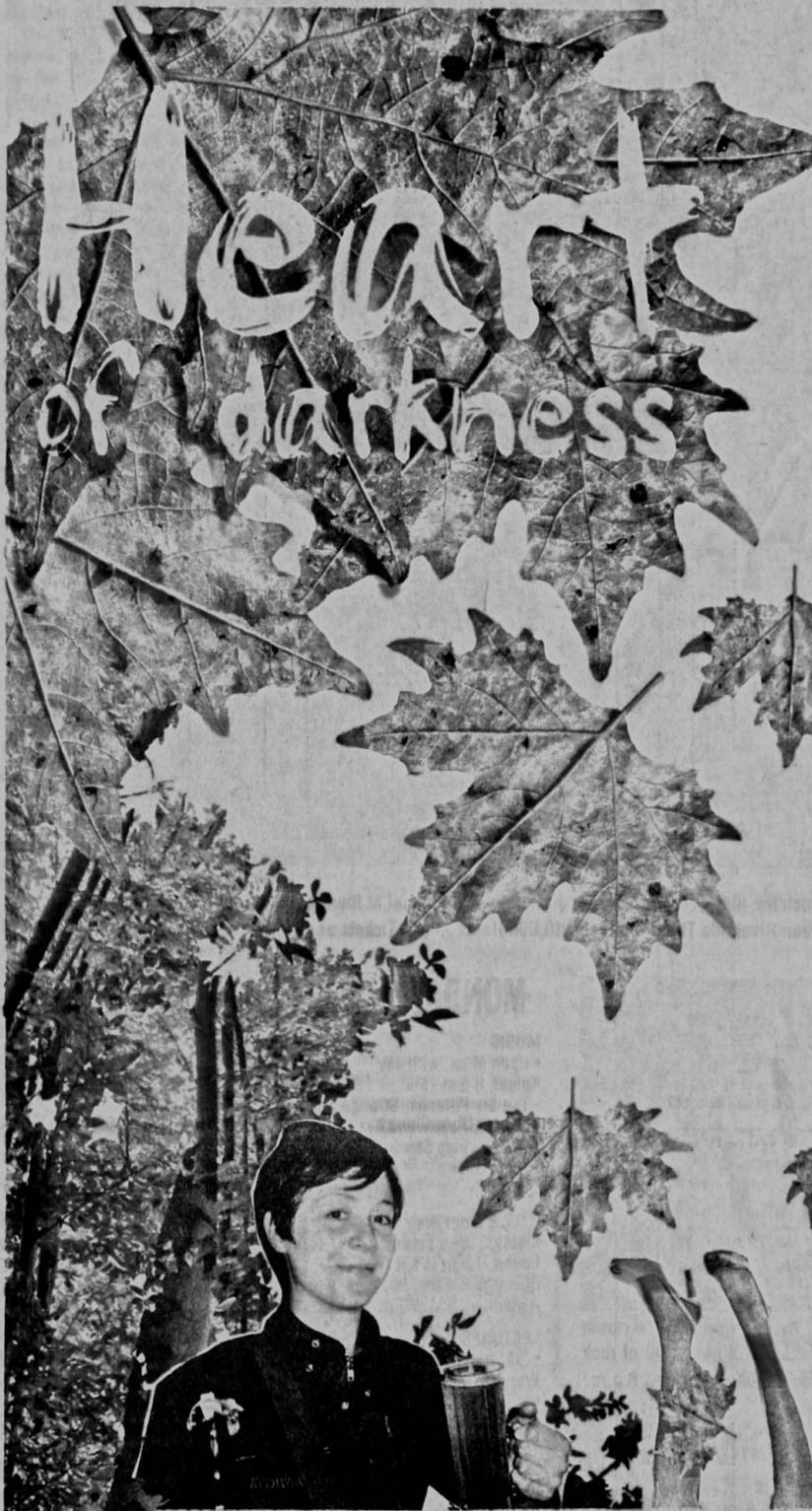
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Saturn's spindly frame crouches, the corpse of his fully grown son clenched between his outstretched hands. The head and arm of the boy's limp body already devoured. Scarlet blood spills from the open cavities. The murderous father continues his work with wild eyes, his black lips enveloping the soft flesh of the remaining arm lodged halfway into his mouth appearing to gag him.

On a wall of Madrid's Prado Museum hangs Francisco Goya's ghastly Black Period masterpiece, *Saturn Devouring One of His Sons*. When Jamie Stewart, the creative force behind the San Jose band Xiu Xiu ("Shoo-Shoo") got a chance to see the Roman mythological god's oil portrayal on a recent trip abroad, it sent bristling reverberations through his heart.

"It is the most dark and disturbing painting that I've ever seen in my entire life," he said.

The image of a father so mad with power that he would destroy his own sons, violently rerouted Stewart's mind to the political climate in his own country. "I think it reflects [President] Bush as a person, and the violence behind it reflected the crazy, unchecked rage that I was feeling towards him," he said.

Anger toward the president was the impetus behind "Saturn," just one of many politically contentious tracks on Xiu Xiu's most recent album, *La Forêt* (5 Rue Christine). As part of a nationwide effort to bang the drum for the new

album, the band will play Friday night at Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St., after Yellow Swans and Neglected Receptor.

Despite his outspoken political views and penchant for the macabre, Stewart is funny and affable. Barely 30 years old, he is gaunt and chiseled, a former preschool teacher and son of a folk musician who produced Billy Joel's *The Piano Man*.

Stewart writes and performs the bulk of Xiu Xiu's music, which wrestles with post-punk discord, modern avant-garde rhythms, and occasional New Wave flamboyance. A restless conglomeration of programmed drumbeats, synthesizers, gamelan percussion instruments, and a rusty-copper larynx, Xiu Xiu's music is clearly fixated on friction.

The band is shockingly confrontational. Like a hysterical confession from corpses buried beneath kitchen floorboards or a remorseful revelation of an unfaithful spouse caught cavorting with a smiling neighbor, one feels compelled to listen even in spite of oneself. Stewart is a visceral storyteller, but the scenes, impressions, and emotions that his lyrics evoke are all grounded in his own life as well as lives of those close to him.

The turmoil and animosity in the singer's words are reinforced by the bleeping and screeching sounds that surround them. Rough slices of

electronic synthesizer careen and caress, flow and founder, supplying dim warmth to otherwise steely musical arrangements. Brass gongs frequently spark and die with sharp, metallic intensity, all while Stewart's squelching voice carries tales of child abuse, callous violence, and gross injustice at the hands of the powerful.

These hands, particularly those of the president, seem to be on Stewart's chopping block on Xiu Xiu's latest album. *La Forêt*, French for "the forest," retains all the angst and honesty of the band's previous three albums while drawing upon nature for much of its imagery.

"I've been spending a lot of time bird-watching over the last year while the record was being made," Stewart said.

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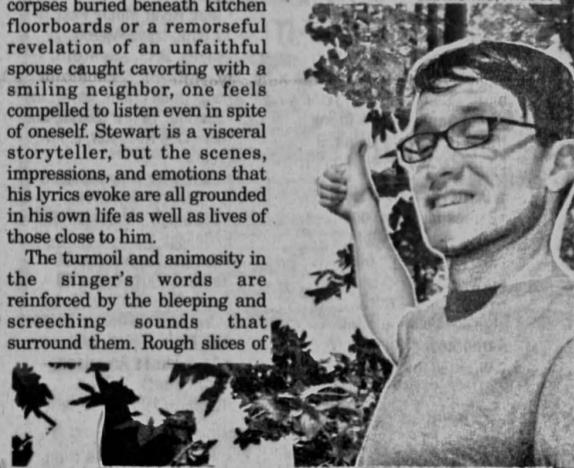
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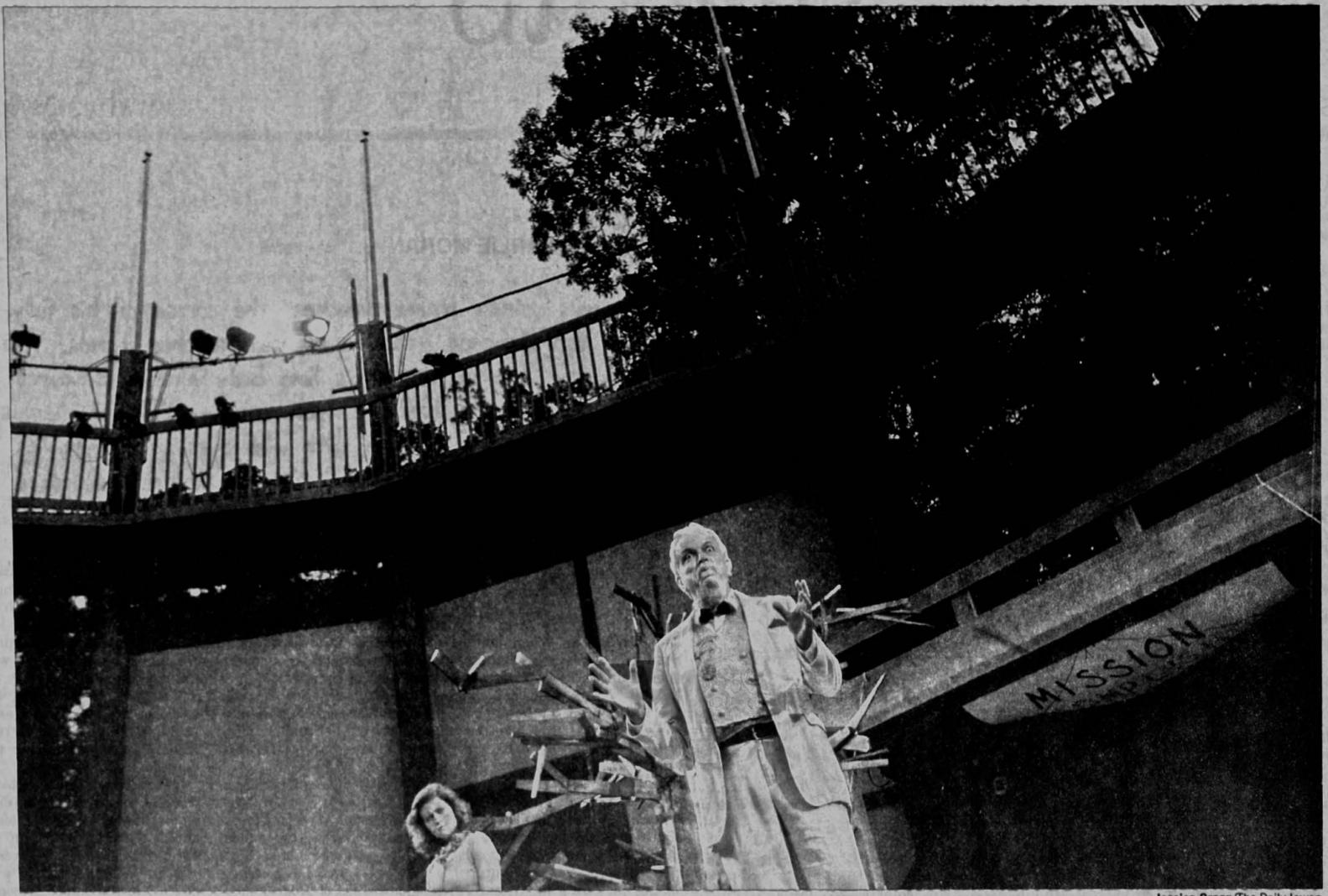
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WHAT'S GOIN' ON



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ACTORS RON CLARK AND WENDI WEBER speak to the people of Prosperity, the town in which the play *Prosperity* is set, during dress rehearsal at the Festival Stage in Lower City Park on Tuesday evening. A benefit showing of the play is scheduled for tonight as a collaboration between Riverside Theatre and the 10,000 Hours Show. Tickets are \$10 minimum; 100 percent of proceeds will go to hurricane relief.

THURSDAY 9.15

MUSIC

- Epic Hero, Amsterband, and the Moggs, 9 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- Gglitch & Papa Neptune, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- Next Sunday, with Brook Hoover and Kyle Dylow, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

WORDS

- James McKean, nonfiction, Barnes & Noble, 7 p.m., Coral Ridge Mall, Coralville
- "Live From Prairie Lights," Josh Bell and Aaron Anstett, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque, and WSUI

LECTURES

- "Crossing Borders: One Correspondent's Personal Journeys in Latin America," Franc Contreras, 2 p.m., 101 Becker Communications Studies Building
- "The Electric Energy Industry in the 21st Century," Kurt Yeager, 4:30 p.m., C20 Pomerantz Center
- "Working for Economic Justice: Careers in the Labor Movement," Jen Sherer, 5 p.m., 345 IMU
- "Separation of Church & State: Facts, Fiction, & Future Challenges," John Witte Jr., 7:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium

THEATER

- *Prosperity*, special benefit performance for Hurricane Katrina victims, 7 p.m., Riverside Theatre, Riverside Festival Stage, Lower City Park
- *Baal*, 8 p.m., Dreamwell Theatre, Old Capitol Town Center

MISC.

- Arts Focus Plein Air, 8 a.m.-11:45 p.m., downtown Iowa City
- M.B.A. Blood Drive, 11 a.m., Pappajohn Business Building Buchanan Auditorium Lobby
- Global Queer Cinema Film Series, 7 p.m., Fox & His Friends/Faustrecht der Freiheit, 101 Becker
- Israeli Film Series, *Planet Blue*, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation, 122 E. Market
- 24-7, 9 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St.
- Johnny Walker, comedian, 9 p.m., IMU Wheelroom

FRIDAY 9.16

MUSIC

- Mud River Music Fest, 4-11 p.m., Isaac Walton League, RR3
- Early Dinner Show with the Beggermen, 5 p.m., Yacht Club
- Xiu Xiu, Yellow Swans, and Neglected Receptor, 6 p.m., Gabe's
- Center for New Music, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- DJ, 9 p.m., Martinis, 127 E. College
- Jensen Connection CD Release Party & the KB Band, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- Orquesta de Jazz y Salsa Alto Maiz, 9 p.m., Mill
- Anonymous American, Sarah Benck and the Robbers, 10 p.m., Gabe's

WORDS

- "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," Stories of AA members and music from Bree Clime-White, 10 a.m., Java House, 211½ Washington, and WSUI
- International Writing Program Reading, Mona Prince, Nihad Sirees, and Laila El Neihoum, 5 p.m., Shambaugh House
- "Live From Prairie Lights," Susanna Clark, fiction, 7 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium and WSUI

LECTURES

- Student Outreach Seminar, Amy Dolan, 11:30 a.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
- "Working in the Environmental Field — What's it Really Like?," 3:30 p.m., 3505 Seamans Center
- "I'm Not Lost, I'm Exploring: An Adventurer's Guide to Change," Jana Stanfield, 8 p.m., Englert

THEATER

- Musical Theatre Workshop with Amy Dolan, 9:30 a.m., Thayer Theatre
- *Prosperity*, 7 p.m., Riverside Theatre, Festival Stage
- *Baal*, 8 p.m., Dreamwell Theatre, Old Capitol Town Center
- No Shame Theatre, 11 p.m., Theatre Building

MISC.

- Smart Start, 3-4:30 p.m., S126 Pappajohn Business Building
- Farmers' Market, 5-7:30 p.m., Lenocho & Cilek Ace Hardware, 600 N. Dodge
- Feminine Women's Spirit Circle, 6 p.m., Hillel House Braverman Chapel
- Welcoming Shabbat Celebration & Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Hillel House Braverman Chapel



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GUITARIST BILLY SATTERFIELD will play a bit of rock 'n' roll at the Blues Jam at the Yacht Club on Sunday, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY 9.16

MUSIC

- Mud River Music Fest, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, Isaac Walton League
- All String Faculty Concert, 8 p.m., Englert
- My Electric Heart, the Melismatics, and Red Letter Casino, 9 p.m., Gabe's
- 100's, with Anne Deming, 9 p.m., Mill
- Saints, 9 p.m., Martinis
- Storytime, and Damon Dotson, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- Paul Kresowik Trio, Sanctuary, 9:30 p.m., 405 S. Gilbert

THEATER

- *Prosperity*, 7 p.m., Riverside Theatre, Festival Stage
- *Baal*, 8 p.m., Dreamwell Theatre, Old Capitol Town Center

MISC.

- Supreme Court Day Moot Court Trial, 11 a.m., Boyd Law Building Levitt Auditorium
- IC Microcinema 24-Hour Video Race, noon, IMU lobby
- Night Games, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Field House

SUNDAY 9.17

MUSIC

- Mud River Music Fest, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Isaac Walton League
- Fiddlers' Picnic, noon to 6 p.m., Johnson County Fairgrounds, 3149 Old Highway 218 S.
- Blues Jam, 8 p.m., Yacht Club
- The Queers, the Independents, and Trendy Bastard, 9 p.m., Gabe's

WORDS

- IWP Reading, Marjan Strojjan and Wendy Ella Wright, 5 p.m., Prairie Lights

THEATER

- *Prosperity*, 7 p.m., Riverside Theatre, Festival Stage

MISC.

- Farmers' Market, 5-7:30 p.m., North Dodge Lenocho & Cilek
- IC Microcinema 24-Hour Video Race Screening, 7 p.m., IMU Terrace Room

MONDAY 9.18

MUSIC

- Open Mike, with Jay Knight, 8 p.m., Mill
- The Six Fifteens, Strange Attractor, Pearls and Brass, & She Swings She Sways, 9 p.m., Gabe's

WORDS

- "Live From Prairie Lights," Jane Smiley, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Pappajohn Business Building Buchanan Auditorium and WSUI

LECTURES

- "Making a Career Fair Work For You," 2:40 p.m., C310 Pomerantz Center
- Art Rosenbaum-Painter, 5:30 p.m., E109 Art Building
- "Christian Anti-Judaism & Modern Racial Antisemitism: An Introduction," Gary Bailey, 7 p.m., Macbride Auditorium

DANCE

- UI Swing Dance Club, 8-10 p.m., 462 Field House

MISC.

- Poster Sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 256 IMU

TUESDAY 9.19

MUSIC

- Atmosphere, Blueprint, DJ Rare Groove, and P.O.S. & Turbo Nemesis, SCOPE Concert, 7 p.m., IMU Ballroom
- Clumsy Lovers, 8 p.m., Mill
- Concert Night, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- Legendary Shack Shakers, the Saps, and the Voodoo Organist, 9 p.m., Gabe's

WORDS

- "Live From Prairie Lights," David Campbell, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights and WSUI

LECTURES

- The Money Game, 7 p.m., IMU Main Lounge

MISC.

- Poster Sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.,

WEDNESDAY 9.20

MUSIC

- Kevin Burt, 11 a.m., Terrapin Coffee Brewery, 1150 Fifth St., Coralville
- Kristen Hansen, horn, Patrick Creel, piano, 8 p.m., Voxman Music Building Harper Hall
- Akron Family, the Great Lake Swimmers, and 12 Canons, 9 p.m., Mill
- Jam, 9 p.m., Yacht Club

WORDS

- "Live From Prairie Lights," Whitney Terrill, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights and WSUI
- Talk Art Cabaret, 10 p.m., Sanctuary

LECTURES

- "Jewish Perspectives," Rabbi Jeff Portman, 2 p.m., Hillel House
- IWP Panel Discussion, 3:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St.

MISC.

- Poster Sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 256 IMU
- College of Engineering Career Fair, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, 210 S.

NEW MOVIES

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Tell Them Who You Are Bijou: 9:15 p.m. today, Sunday, and Tuesday; 7 p.m. Friday, Monday, and Wednesday; 7:15 p.m. Saturday
Admission: \$5
Synopsis: A mix of biography and autobiography that centers on director Mark Wexler's relationship with film legend and father Haskell Wexler, whose illustrious career includes collaborations on such classics as *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, *American Graffiti*, and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

Howl's Moving Castle Bijou: 7 p.m. today, Sunday, and Tuesday; 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday
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Synopsis: In this feature from one of Japan's grand masters of animation, the young heroine, Sophie, is rescued by Howl, a mysterious, shape-shifting wizard, only to be transformed into a withered old woman by the jealous Witch of the Waste. Sophie journeys throughout the rest of the story, searching for a

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BY AUDRA BEALS
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The entire nine-member string faculty for the UI School of Music will take the Englert Theatre stage Saturday night with a performance of classic staples in the chamber-music repertoire.

The Maia Quartet, the UI's resident string ensemble, is first on the program at 8 p.m. playing Franz Joseph Haydn's *Lark Quartet*. Five of the remaining faculty members will follow with Franz Schubert's *Trout Quintet*, and all but one will perform in the finale — Felix Mendelssohn's *Octet for Strings*.

The concert is the first in a series of 11 performances this academic year at the Englert, 221 E. Washington St., featuring either the music school or the UI dance department.

More significant for these musicians, however, is the stacked faculty roster. For the past two years, a number of overlapping position searches

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had nevertheless failed to fill departmental vacancies until mid-May. With this concert, they're revealing three new violinists — Assistant Professor Scott Conklin and Tricia Park and Zoran Jakovcic of the Maia Quartet.

Park emerged from an extensive, 10-day audition process last spring as the ensemble's first violinist, while Jakovcic was chosen to fill the second position in a less-publicized, hastily organized two-day audition shortly after, because of time constraints.

Elizabeth Oakes, the violist and the Maia Quartet's sole remaining founding member, said this is the ensemble's first



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Members of the Maia Quartet (from left) Tricia Park, Zoran Jakovcic, Hannah Holman, and Elizabeth Oakes rehearse at the Voxman Music Building on Wednesday.

public event with violinists Park and Jakovcic. Despite differing musical perspectives and familiarity with the department, rehearsals have progressed pleasantly.

"It's so thrilling not only to have these great colleagues in

the quartet but such terrific colleagues in the string department," she said. "It's such an exciting time for the University of Iowa string department, with so many new faces."

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When the Xiu gives fits

XIU XIU

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Some of these birds can be found nesting in the song, "Pox," which is told from the perspective of a tree in an old growth forest. "You look so ready to kill me with your boss' saw," the tree taunts a logger. "This is where I live / dripping and marked from your paint." Defiantly, the tree finds strength in its winged inhabitants as it sings, "a nuthatch will never bow / a crossbill will never bow / Will you turn me into money?"

"I don't know if it's so much of a conservation song, as it is [an expression of] disgust and anger directed toward the Bush administration for the destruction of the forests mentioned in the song," Stewart said, referring to the Mendocino, Klamath, Siskiyou, and Shasta forests of

Northern California. "Most of the nature imagery has to do with a nature versus greed [theme]."

Admittedly, *La Forêt* is not so easily accessible as *Fabulous Muscles*, the album's immediate predecessor. Instead of the driving, almost danceable beats and melodies of the previous album, *La Forêt* is more introspective and subdued. Persistent chiming bells give the album an ethereal beauty, and certain tracks attain a degree of serenity unmatched in previous releases.

Stewart considers the trend toward sedate tempos and sparser arrangements to be a reflection of his own dissatisfaction with America's current government. "It's a combination of helplessness and resignation, and I think it's not so much a throwing up of the hands but maybe just feeling like chopping your hands off", he said.

"There's almost nothing you can do at this point. Maybe [I am] feeling a little more defeated."

After the restoration of the Spanish monarchy and his grilling before the Spanish Inquisition, Goya was feeling similarly downtrodden. At 73, he retreated to a villa just outside of Madrid, the Quinta del Sordo, where he covered his walls with colorful landscapes full of ebullient scenes of Spanish life. But even in this seclusion, he was still unhappy.

Without warning, he began painting over the landscapes with swathes of dark paint, and his famous painting of a cannibalistic Saturn eventually and horrifically loomed. But by unleashing his gruesome demons onto his walls, he finally found some degree of tranquility. Nearly 200 years later, Stewart may have found a similar catharsis.

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Matthew Dixon knows exactly what people think of him: He's a loser, antisocial, and a geek, because he plays the massive, multiplayer online role-playing game, World of Warcraft and enjoys the creative community that has sprung up around it.

"My friends who don't play think I'm a huge nerd, but the ones who do love to talk about it nonstop," he said. "I play, because I love the Warcraft world, and it's a ton of fun."

The UI sophomore computer-science major is far from alone. By the end of August, more than 1 million North Americans had purchased the game and paid the \$14.99 monthly subscription fee, bringing the worldwide total to more than 4 million players. Launched at the end of November 2004 by Blizzard Entertainment, a division of Vivendi Universal, World of Warcraft allows players to create characters, join guilds, and work together via the Internet to battle enemies and complete quests. Such a large number playing simultaneously means they must create ways to manage in-game socialization.

Upon subscribing, participants must choose a side for their character — either "Horde" or "Alliance" — to determine the nature of their quests and select their character's ethnicity, from gnome to Orc. The population is further divided into guilds, self-selected groups of players who work toward common goals. Within these guilds, friendships are formed.

"All players have reputations and relatively human stories to them," said 19-year-old UI sophomore Ben Breuer, a political-science and pre-law major. "I love the interactions and the conflicts that develop between 'Horde' and 'Alliance' and intra-faction problems among guilds and players."

This drive to belong to an online community has inspired many of its players to create shareable videos that take one of two forms. They are either live-action, with actors portraying game characters or mocking themselves as players, or they make use of captured in-game footage, in which the players' computer avatars are themselves the stars.

The motivation for creating such productions run the gamut from personal satisfaction to a desire for World of Warcraft fame. Matthew Guttman, a UI philosophy and management major, credits their creation mostly to obsession with the game.

"They give you street cred in the game. You can point people to your site and have a reputation of being more hard-core," he said.

The current pinnacle in World of Warcraft fame is a video in which a carefully choreographed raid involving 40 people is scratched when one character charges forward screaming, "Leroy Jenkins." Becoming somewhat of a mantra for the game, the incident has been referenced on the G4 cable network's "Attack of the Show," and the game developers have started sporting "Save Leroy" T-shirts. This phenomenon is reminiscent of the 2001 "All your base are belong to us" explosion after a poorly translated version of the game Zero Wing was plastered all over the Internet.

The 20-year-old Dixon rather hopefully views this as one step in the direction of the video-game culture's assimilation into the greater mass media.

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pop culture, so will [World of Warcraft]," he said. "Enough small kids play it that it will."

Pre-med UI sophomore Jennifer Beery agrees. "Popular culture is an interesting phenomenon, and with the rise of the Internet, projects such as 'Leroy Jenkins' can become mainstream, with a few explanations and a lot of laughter," the 21-year-old said.

"One of my hopes is that people will drop that [the gaming stereotype] and realize that playing a computer game isn't all that different from some of the other hobbies that people have."

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Guttman
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Finding soul at the UI

BY ANNA WIEGENSTEIN
THE DAILY IOWAN

The door to Room 1027 is left open. This may seem an odd practice for a choir — isn't it easier to work without exterior noise? For the UI gospel chorus Voices of Soul, the idea of inclusion is more important than flawless sound.

"You don't have to sound like Beyoncé to sing here," said Voices of Soul President and UI sophomore Alexcia James, echoing an earlier mass e-mail invitation calling for everyone from "trained vocalists" to those who simply "enjoy singing in the shower."

The choir's informal nature encouraged the many first-timers attending the pre-practice social Sept. 9, including UI sophomore Abby Wright, for whom the experience was a new one.

"I got the e-mail, and I just decided to give it a shot," she said, adding, "I've never sung in a gospel choir before, but we don't have to audition, so that's good."

James said she and the choir as a whole are focused on recruiting, posting fliers on Cambuses and in residence halls and e-mailing a mass message Sept. 8. The group will welcome more potential members for its second practice Friday at 7 p.m.

When it comes to choosing the group's music, Ron Teague, who has been the director of Voices of Soul since 1985, detailed his strategy for picking songs in two words: "I listen." Teague, along with James, emphasizes the importance of listening to as much music as possible in aiding the decision on what to sing.

"In the area, you're sometimes on your own in finding gospel

music," said Teague, who added that he attends a yearly gospel workshop useful in discovering new music. James said she also relies heavily on suggestions from other choir members.

While Voices of Soul is a student organization, the choir also includes members 18 years and older from the Iowa City community. The practice is often helpful for graduates to continue singing gospel after leaving the UI, James said.

Both James and Teague said Voices of Soul can afford anyone, current student or not, a week-end catharsis. It is this aspect of the choir that James notes when asked what keeps students coming back, year after year.

"Being able to come here and sing your stress away," she said. "For two hours, you can forget about your worries and just sing."

Teague is quick to point out that while "a little breather after a week" is purgative, classes continue to come first for the student members of Voices of Soul. Putting schoolwork first is the main reason Voices of Soul does not compete.

"It may be a student organization, but we can't allow it to take time away from studying," he said. "They aren't here to be in Voices of Soul."

La Jeune Wright established the group in 1970 and was its first director. The choir began humbly, with only seven members.

"There was no black church setting for them," Teague said.

Though Voices of Soul was founded as a way to create a form of religious as well as musical unity, Teague denies any relationship between the choir and any one church.

All are welcome to join
Voices of Soul

When: Friday 7-9 p.m.
Where: 1027 Voxman Music Building
Admission: Free

"How would we choose?" he said. "There are so many churches represented in our choir, it would be difficult to pick only one."

Whatever religious affiliation one may hold, James wants as many people as possible to experience what the gospel group is all about.

"I wasn't expecting to be as involved as I am now," she said. "But it is a good way for students to try out something they might not even know they love."

It may be difficult to tell who is in love with Voices of Soul so early in the year, but one thing is certain. Standing outside the practice room, even the laughter resounding into the hall is in harmony.

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BY LOUIS VIRTEL
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THEATER Baal

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Only seconds into the Dreamwell Theatre's production of Bertolt Brecht's abstract, woozy *Baal*, the play's supposed protagonist is intolerable. Kevin Scott Burford's Baal rummages into drunkenness, spews nonsense ironies, and smirks heathenishly, sometimes all in the same swig of gin.

His poetic brilliance, while admired by many, takes an inevitable back seat to his gluttony and swagger. The characters surrounding Baal, such as the youthful Johannes (Gregory Aldrich), Lexi Chiano's naïve Johanna, and the fiery, passionate Ekart (William B. Tally), all have special relationships with Baal, communicating to the audience he is not only the most cunning but almost unfairly, the most loved man in town.

The Dreamwell Theatre's *Baal*, directed by Janet Bentley, runs Thursday through Saturday in the Old Capitol Town Center.

The audience has no choice but to act as witness to Baal's alcohol-soaked spectacle, taking notice as each mistress and mistreated acquaintance falls by the wayside. Though we as audience members sympathize with the other characters' misfortune, we spend most of the play focusing with skeptical but frightened eyes on Baal. He is charming and appalling, insightful and scattershot, shallow and deep. Throughout all his contradictions, Baal is remarkable, and it's his mystery and misogyny that compels us to dig further into his dreamlike world of sense and senselessness.

Burford is superb as Baal, and his uncompromised take on the character gives the audience a lot of sloppy chutzpah to sink its teeth into. The supporting cast is inconsistent, with obvious emoting coming from Aldrich and Schiano. We're most gripped by the scenes featuring Tally's Ekart and Daniela Thome's Sophie, whose sincere natures command glimpses of honesty from the play's often aloof main character.

But even those scenes act as sober anomalies in the play's parade of Baal's indulgent

episodes, and the play's use of surreal props and backdrops disorients the audience and Baal even further.

But it's possible this is what great theater is about: the line between reality and unreality and the tumult that comes from too much exposure to both.

In that case, Baal is a theatrical, occasionally flawed gem, a mystical foray into the throes of one man's stormy relationship with reality. Where this relationship ultimately brings him is no huge surprise; simply, the just deserts of a man who has feasted on the people and vices around him, as opposed to bringing either of them close with a gentle hand.

The audience leaves the theater nodding at Baal's plight, not surprised where he's plummeted but certainly unsure of what keeps them thinking about him.

Then is the time the audience has become a part of Baal's world, because as much as we can witness his tailspin with objective, contemptuous eyes, we gain some sort of camaraderie with him as well.

Now, the audience is a small part of each character surrounding Baal: horrified, mystified, and touched. He's our antihero, and we still find him, despite ourselves, remarkable.

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The Jensen Connection will take its CD release party literally by celebrating the coming out of its first album, *Distracted*, with a free keg, champagne, free Tater Tots, roses, and decorations of all kinds at the Yacht Club on Friday.

Although the grooving jam band has been officially together for a year, the members have played informally much longer, thanks to the open jam on Wednesdays at the Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St.

"Those open jams gave us a lot of time to get up and play in front of people during that developmental period," said electric guitarist Matt Skinner. "It allowed us to get our songs together and figure out who was really down for the long haul and who needed to be in there to get the sound we need."

Skinner and guitarist and vocalist Emmett Sheehan hosted the jam from 2003-04 before deciding to use the time for practice when the band formed last year.

"People were getting into the habit of coming to listen to the Jensen Connection every Wednesday night for free," Sheehan said. "We had to stop doing that, once we got to the point where we wanted to have shows on the weekends and charge for them."

The name Jensen Connection was Sheehan's failed attempt at keeping former drummer Pat Jensen involved. Jensen still plays with the band occasionally, but Adam Morford is the band's resident percussionist.

Bass player Ryan Casteel said Jensen's drumming was the route to unifying the band by establishing basic beats that formed a sturdy concrete. He said both drummers' styles work well for the band, describing Jensen's as reminiscent of John Bonham of Led Zeppelin and likening Morford to Carter Beauford of the Dave Matthews Band. Jensen played drums on *Distracted*, but Morford played various other instruments and made a smooth transition to drummer, because he had been

involved with the band from its beginning.

Though the group is categorized as a jam band, Sheehan hopes that audiences can appreciate the Jensen Connection for its versatility.

"Sometimes we pretend to be a jam band, but we don't get lost on 15 minutes of aimless jamming," Casteel said. "It makes it a lot more user-friendly, because people can still come to appreciate the musicianship, but we don't go off on tangents enough to get categorized as a jam band."

The band's sixth member is pianist Brian Cretzmeyer. While the group has a strong following in Iowa City and Des Moines, Sheehan said, it is beginning to expand to other cities, though frequently doing so as a trio, with Skinner and Cretzmeyer joining him. The setup is more difficult because

of the lack of a drummer and bass player, Skinner said, but it also allows for more freedom in experimenting with new songs — there are fewer musicians creating together.

The group has 80 percent of its songs for a second album, Sheehan said, but the band will not record it at least the spring of 2006, after generating some revenue from *Distracted*.

Yacht Club owner Scott Kading, who has supported the band, calls *Distracted* one of the best albums to ever come out of Iowa City.

"I think it just shows the realization of the ultimate goal of the bands that participate in the open jams, which is to get free stage time and use it to get better and evolve into a real band," he said.

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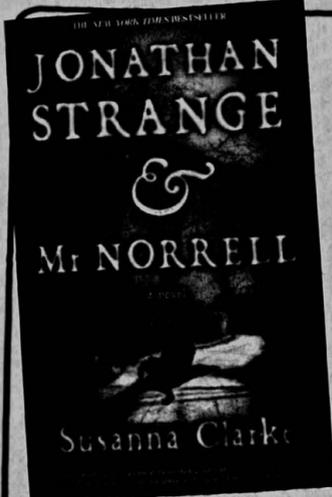
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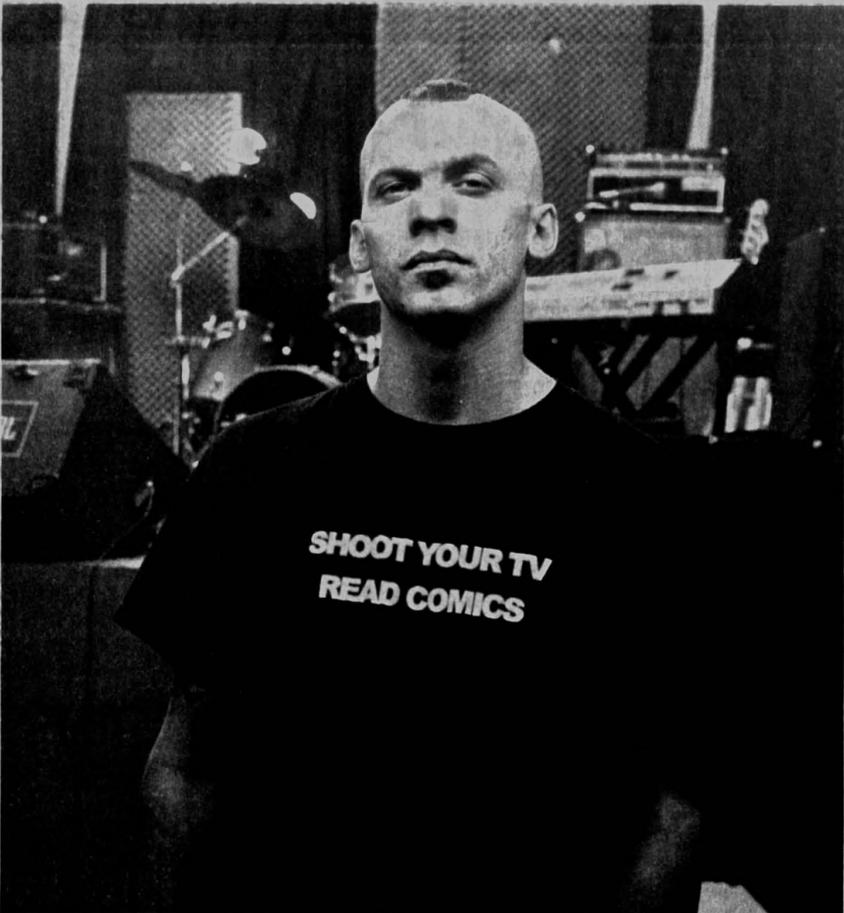
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BY JESSICA FISCHOFF
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The older Iowa City gets, the newer it seems to become, for the town modernizes as quickly as it ages. Though the many brick facades lining Iowa City's downtown streets appear as sturdy as when the town was founded, their interiors have undergone drastic alterations over the years. And as the area's longtime residents can attest, as the city has changed, so has the presence and popularity of the town's many nighttime hot spots.

Before urban renewal, a city-sponsored project aimed at revamping downtown that began in the early 1970s, such sites as the Pedestrian Mall and the Old Capitol Town Center had not yet been built.

The Ped Mall was three blocks of car-dominated streets, not the popular social setting it serves as today. Becoming amateur social historians, Iowa City veterans have witnessed how Iowa City's numerous bars, which have earned the UI the citation as one of the nation's top-10 party schools of 2005, have evolved as the city has.

Jim Harris, 58, the owner of Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., frequented Iowa City's bars in 1965, when he began as a UI freshman.

"Back when I was in college, the town wasn't as dominated by the college scene," he said. "There were still plenty of great places to go that are around today. Joe's [Place] and the Airliner were pretty hip, but the Airliner was mostly a greek bar. Donnelly's, which is gone now, was the best. It was this really well-liked, anti-establishment bar, and it just had a more sophisticated crowd."



Rachel Mummy/The Daily Iowan
A group of friends meet to talk over a pitcher of beer and some smokes at Gabe's in the beer garden on Tuesday. The historic bar and its beer garden have drawn crowds for decades.

"Sometimes, all these townies and hippies would jam Gabe's so much that there would be four bartenders on duty during happy hour. But IC had fewer bars back then as well, which didn't hurt."

— Doug Roberson, Gabe's staff

Mary Taft, a UI freshman in 1972, also said Donnelly's was one of her favorite local watering holes.

"We used to go there after class, because they let 18-year-olds drink, and there was a quarter draw in the afternoon," she said. "There would be farmers in overalls on the

barstools, and above each booth was a hand-painted mirror some drunk had done for drinks." The bar's old-fashioned owner, Harold Donnelly, lost the bar during urban renewal and then, a couple of years later, was elected to the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, she added.

The bar also afforded one playwrighting giant an advantageous perch.

"In the corner was the booth that Tennessee Williams would sit in when he lived in town," she said. "From there, he could observe the whole town."

Despite its reputation, Donnelly's was not the only area bar known as a writer hotbed.

"There definitely was always a literary element that was always part of the scene," Harris said. Dave's Fox Head, 402 E. Market St., considered by many locals and visitors the most notable literary bar in Iowa City, "was my neighborhood bar in the 1980s. Frank Conroy would

go down there and shoot pool. He made it a hip literary bar that became tagged 'the Workshop Bar.' We even get writers who come in to read at Prairie Lights today that want to go there, because they have heard so much about it."

"When I was in school, the Mill was considered to be the literary bar," Taft said about the 120 E. Burlington St. establishment, noting that bars that offered live music at the time were quite popular.

"Upstairs, in the building next to Gabe's Oasis, was this bar called the Crow's Nest," Taft said. "We used to go and dance to Bo Ramsey and the Sliders. It was great."

Doug Roberson, 43, has booked concerts at Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St., for 19 years. He began as a UI freshman in 1980.

"When I came to college, there were only three clubs to see rock shows at — Maxwell's, where the Union Bar is, Gabe's, and the Crow's Nest," he said. "During warm weather, the beer garden at Gabe's was the place to hang out."

"Sometimes, all these townies and hippies would jam Gabe's so much that there would be four bartenders on duty during happy hour. But IC had fewer bars back then as well, which didn't hurt."

Harris agreed that the city's swelling size has spurred an influx in the number of bars and has contributed to the volume of students who drink.

"Everything has just gotten so much bigger," he said. "There are more streets with more buildings, and this means more bars. The footprint of downtown

is the same, but the square footage is larger now."

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