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Live-in pros fill dorm niche



Kieran Leopold, the area coordinator for the east campus residence halls, sits in his apartment in Burge Hall and displays the treasure map he made for his 3-year-old son's pirate Halloween costume. There are 14 live-in professionals in the UI dorms.

BY MARGARET POE
THE DAILY IOWAN

On a recent afternoon, the aroma of pizza from the nearby Burge Market Place wafted into the apartment of 28-year-old

Kieran Leopold, which he shares with his wife and two young children.

Inside, framed prints accented the newly painted beige walls, a bowl of apples graced the kitchen table, and brightly colored toys

were scattered across the rug.

Leopold lives year-round in his two-bedroom Burge apartment, just a few feet away from the office where he works as area coordinator for the east campus residence halls.

Now in his ninth year living in the residence halls — first as a student, then a resident assistant, and finally as the live-in professional — Leopold said helping

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Education panel's lack of students draws fire

BY KATHERINE BISANZ
THE DAILY IOWAN



Kresowik
UI Student Government president

UI officials cited lack of student input as the major concern about a new federal commission charged with ensuring affordability and accessibility to higher education, which will hold its first meeting this week.

The 19-member panel, which includes many representatives from the business world, has received criticism because it includes many from the private sector.

Because the commission did not appoint a student representative to the panel, the group is missing important perspectives, said UI Student Government President Mark Kresowik.

"No students is definitely a problem," he said. "Interest is a big part of the curriculum, and you can't force curricula on students. It just doesn't work."

The more the commission's input strays from student interests, the less it will succeed, he added.

Despite their disapproval of the student-less commission, UI officials say appointing business leaders to the panel is beneficial, as long as

'No students is definitely a problem. Interest is a big part of the curriculum, and you can't force curricula on students. It just doesn't work.'

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Wilma threatens Cancún, Florida

BY FREDDY CUEVAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras — Hurricane Wilma rapidly strengthened into one of the Americas' most intense storms ever and lashed Caribbean coastlines Wednesday, forcing tourists to flee as it threatened to slam into Cancún and southern Florida.

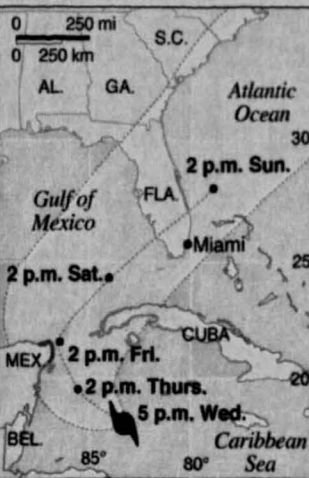
Wilma briefly grew into a monstrous Category 5 storm before weakening to a Category 4 Wednesday night. The storm forced thousands of people to evacuate low-lying areas in a 600-mile swath covering Cuba, Belize, Honduras, Jamaica, Haiti and the Cayman Islands, officials said.

At least 13 deaths have been blamed on Wilma this week, including a man who drowned Wednesday while trying to cross a river that overflowed its banks in southern Haiti.

Forecasters said Wilma has the potential to make an extremely damaging impact in a season that has already seen devastation from Hurricanes

Florida braces for 'significant threat'

The National Hurricane Center in Miami warned that Wilma would be a "significant threat" to Florida by the weekend. Officials ordered tourists out of the Florida Keys.



SOURCES: NOAA; Weather Underground; ESRI

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STUDY HELP

SWEEPING TO SWIFT READING

Effective Reading Center seminars at the IMU focus on how to read faster by using the three-finger sweep, or 'Ace-Ventura Alrighty-Then' sign



Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan

Stacey Carlson works on Wednesday afternoon in a packed IMU room with individuals eager to increase their reading speed, reduce their study time, and improve their grades. The Effective Reading Centers of Austin, Texas, offered three free seminars at the IMU on Wednesday.

BY ANNIE HAMM
THE DAILY IOWAN

To read faster, just hold up your middle, ring, and pinky fingers.

Using that three-finger sweep next time you pick up a book may help combat poor reading habits, experts say. The method is much like how people's pointer fingers steadily grazed the pages of Dr. Seuss or Winnie the Pooh books when they were first learning how to read.

One of three seminars at the IMU on Wednesday led by Effective Reading Centers focused on how to achieve a superior reading speed using the three-finger sweep, or "Ace-Ventura Alrighty-Then sign."

"This exercise teaches you to see the words faster," said Stacey Carlson, the regional coordinator of Effective Reading Centers, whose metronome-like tapping of her pen against a surface

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YOUTH MOVEMENT

It's true, the women hoopsters have five returning seniors, but they also have five very talented freshmen itching to step in. **1B**

QUAKE AID

Pakistanis living in Iowa City work to send earthquake aid back to their ravaged nation. **2A**

SADDAM ON TRIAL

The former Iraqi dictator, to no one's surprise, was a bit grumpy about being tried for the deaths of 150 Shiites. **8A**

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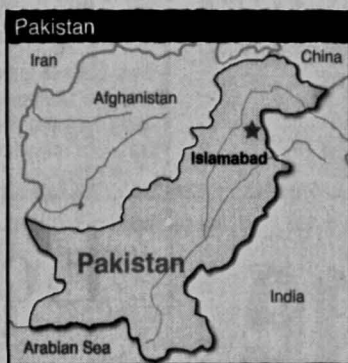
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WORLD NEWS

Students work on quake relief

The death toll from the Oct. 8 earthquake has soared to 79,000, and 3.3 million are homeless in South Asia

BY LAURA THOMPSON
THE DAILY IOWAN



For UI graduate student Amina Mahmood, the sense of loss from the Oct. 8 South Asia earthquake is enormous.

With around 79,000 people dead and an estimated 3.3 million homeless, the counseling-psychology student knew she had to do something. But it hasn't been easy to mobilize under such difficult circumstances.

Mahmood has spent the last week contacting friends and family who live in Islamabad, the Pakistan capital she used to call home. Since the quake, which devastated the Pakistan portion of the Kashmir region, aftershocks reaching a magnitude of 5.8 have continued to rattle the country.

"My aunt in Islamabad — her whole family is sleeping in the living room, which is the closest to an outside door," Mahmood said. "Everyone is really scared."

While Mahmood's family escaped physical injury from the 7.6-magnitude quake, she said many friends have lost loved ones. Shortly after the first tremors, she spoke with a friend from high school whose parents were trapped under the Margalla Towers, the only

apartment building to collapse in Islamabad.

A week later, they held the funeral for his mother.

"They found her body," she said. "His dad is still unaccounted for. But hope is really minimal right now."

Mahmood has joined with a small group of Pakistani students to raise awareness and provide relief for the victims of the world's most recent natural disaster.

Despite the recent sting left by Hurricane Katrina, the ad-hoc group has been successful at reaching the UI community.

In conjunction with the UI Association of Muslims in America, the group collected relief supplies, which it will ship today. It has also set up a donation table in the IMU basement until Friday.

Also, in an e-mail to UI community on Monday, UI President David Skorton urged students and faculty to give generously to relief agencies.

UI computer-science research assistant Imran Pirwani, who initiated the awareness effort, said the UI International Law Society has also offered to collect donations.

With the help of concerned community members, Mahmood is in the process of planning a mid-November fundraiser, which she hopes will include a silent auction.

"The best thing that people can do right now is to go online and send their checks to these agencies," Pirwani said, adding that relief organizations would know exactly what supplies victims need.

With aftershocks and the mountainous terrain continuing to limit relief efforts, Pirwani said, the need for support from the international community is tremendous.

"It's a bit frustrating and a bit heartbreaking to see all this going on, and there's so little that we can do, bound by so many things," he said. "But what can you do? You do the best you can."

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— Imran Pirwani,
UI computer-science research assistant

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IC man charged with rape

BY MARK BOSWORTH
THE DAILY IOWAN

The front door was unlocked. The 16-year-old girl was in the shower. Her parents were out of town.

It was then, authorities say, that Roger Hunter allegedly entered the South Riverside Drive home and raped the minor female on her bed after she came out of the shower. She is now pregnant, police said.

But the Jan. 24 incident was not the only time Hunter allegedly sexually assaulted his former neighbor, police said. From January to April, Hunter allegedly forced vaginal intercourse on her on at least three occasions, police said.

The 33-year-old was arrested Wednesday on a slew of charges, including first-degree burglary,

three counts of third-degree sexual abuse, and two counts of false imprisonment. Hunter also faces a second-degree theft charge from an unrelated incident from June.



Hunter

Upon discovering that the girl was pregnant, Hunter, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. 16, asked her if she was "taking care of the baby," police records contend. He then allegedly threatened to lie to the victim's mother if the girl told anyone.

The false-imprisonment charges stem from incidents in which Hunter either allegedly walked or carried the victim to his trailer. After entering his home, Hunter then allegedly

held the girl against her will and raped her, police said.

A protection order was later granted, and Hunter was asked to move out of the trailer court.

Any injuries the girl may have suffered were not reported, said Iowa City police Sgt. Doug Hart.

The reason for the delay between the dates of the alleged crimes and the arrest is the incidents were not reported until June or July, and investigation followed the complaint, Hart said.

Additionally, Hunter also was charged with second-degree theft charges on Wednesday. In late June, he allegedly stole two bikes and pawned the vehicles in Cedar Rapids for \$150, according to police records.

Hunter has a varied criminal past, court records show. He

pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and gathering for use of marijuana in June and entered an Alford plea on the same day to child endangerment.

In an Alford plea, a defendant does not admit guilt but admits that a jury may have enough evidence for a conviction.

Convictions for misdemeanors such as fifth-degree criminal mischief, interference with officials acts, fifth-degree theft, and assault also dot Hunter's record.

If convicted of all the charges, Hunter can be sentenced up to 62 years in prison and a total fine of \$40,500. He was taken by police to the Johnson County Jail, where he remained as of Wednesday afternoon.

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METRO

2 geography profs win awards

UI geography Professor Marc Armstrong and geography Associate Professor David Bennett received the 2005 UI President's Instructional Technology Innovation Award Tuesday night for their Mobile Geographic Education system.

"We have the ability to hold in the palm of our hands computing power that would have taken up whole rooms in the past," Armstrong said.

The Mobile Geographic Education system is about the size of a Palm Pilot and uses existing technology, such as wireless Internet and global positioning systems, as well as software written by the professors.

The technology can help students learn about certain objects in the environment, such as trees and

landmarks, while the students are visiting these places.

While Armstrong said the technology has many uses for geography students, it could also be applied to many other fields.

"Anything from anthropology to zoology — any social or natural science — or anything with field work could be benefited," he said.

— by Rebecca McKanna

Faculty group debates salary increase

After a presentation by UI Provost Michael Hogan, Faculty Assembly members debated the university's decision to increase salaries at the expense of filling vacated positions in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences on Wednesday.

UI faculty members must learn how to "do more with less" money, because a significant increase in state appropriations is unlikely in coming years, Hogan said.

"I could be wrong," the provost added. "We could win the lottery. We could pull out of Iraq and put billions of dollars into higher education. But I don't see any prospect of a great increase in state funding."

While some assembly members said they appreciated that the university is addressing the issue of low salaries, others contended that the new policy would force departments to abandon teaching portions of their curricula.

"You can tell us, 'You're just going to have to figure out how to do this,'" said Diane Jeske, an associate professor of philosophy. "Well, without a certain number of bodies, you can't do it."

The UI is increasing salaries at the expense of hiring new faculty because it falls near the bottom of peer institutions in average faculty salary, and budget constraints have left few funding sources to pull from,

— by Sam Edsill

Chamber hands out awards

The Iowa City Area Chamber of

Commerce held its 17th-annual awards banquet Wednesday.

Among the six awards given were Small Business of the Year, received by Whateva We Can Deliva of Iowa City, Volunteer of the Year, received by Karyl Bohnsake, and Honored Farm Family, received by Tom and Anita Wall.

Todd Jacobson of the HJR Financial Group was also named the 2006 Area Chamber treasurer.

The group serves to "support and promote a vibrant economy by providing opportunities, leadership, and services," according to its mission statement.

Businesses and individuals are nominated by people in the Iowa City community. Winners are then selected by the different committees within the Chamber of Commerce, based on the criteria set up by the particular committee, such as community involvement, extracurriculars, and one-on-one interviews.

There were 14 winners this year at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

— by Meghan V. Malloy

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Amanda Comesano, 25, 1233 Esther Court, was charged Wednesday with unlawful use of a driver's license, operating while intoxicated, possession of marijuana, possession of cocaine, and possession of drug paraphernalia.
James Conway, 36, 745 Pepper

Drive, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication, interference with official acts, and possession of an open container of alcohol in public.
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John Mast, 19, 432 S. Johnson St. Apt.

1, was charged Wednesday with possession of alcohol under the legal age.
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Lanny Williams, 48, 1205 Laura Drive Lot 16, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft and public intoxication.

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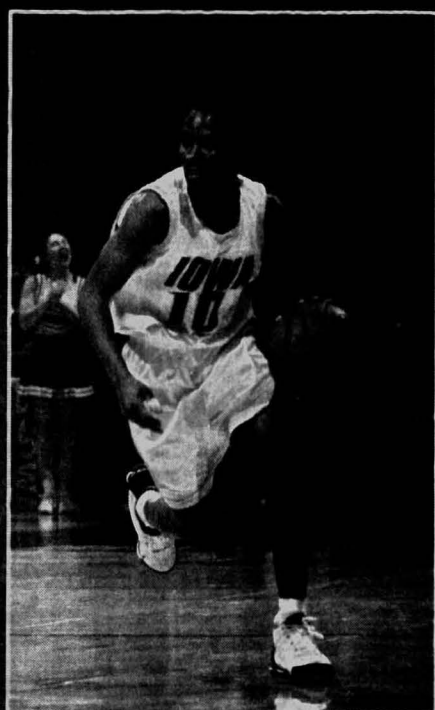
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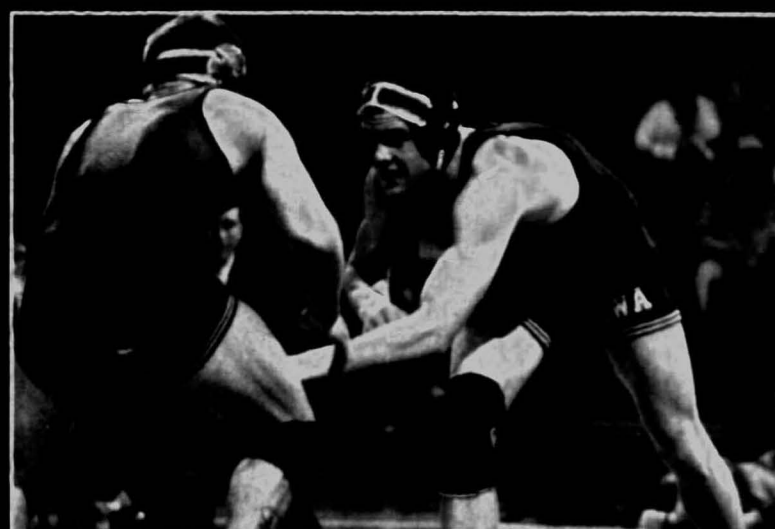
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BEFORE THE BLACKOUT



Coach Lisa Bluder's Iowa women's basketball team will be on the floor of Carver from 8 to 10.

Coach Jim Zalesky's Iowa wrestling team will be on the mat inside the Dan Gable Wrestling Room on the second floor of Carver beginning at 8:15.



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NEWS

Sinclair sues critical reporter

Ex-bureau chief Jon Leiberman, who is visiting the UI this week, was fired last year after he criticized Sinclair's anti-Kerry documentary

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The centralized news service operated by the Sinclair Broadcast Group television chain is suing former Washington, D.C., bureau chief Jon Leiberman, who was fired last year after he publicly criticized plans to air an anti-John Kerry documentary as a news story.

In the lawsuit, Sinclair NewsCentral accuses Leiberman of violating his contract for going public with confidential information about the company.

Last fall, Sinclair ordered its 62 stations to air the documentary. Leiberman told the *Sun* that he felt the program was "biased political propaganda." Leiberman, the 2005

recipient of the Payne Special Citation for Ethics in Journalism, is visiting the UI campus this week as part of the "Professionals in Residence" program in the journalism school. He had not yet been served with the papers Wednesday and could not comment.

In the lawsuit, the company says Leiberman's contract

required that he pay damages to Sinclair if he was terminated for cause. Sinclair says it is owed more than \$16,000.

The Sinclair Broadcast Group is based in Hunt Valley, and the lawsuit was filed in Baltimore County Circuit Court.

Managing Editor Annie Shuppy contributed to this report.

Former bank officer details fund misuse

BY JANE SLUSARK
THE DAILY IOWAN

Ray Glass knew better. But the stress of a tough boss and pressures to bolster the image of Hawkeye State Bank pushed the former bank president to misappropriate funds between customer accounts to pay off bad loans, he testified Wednesday.

"I wanted it to be perfect," Glass said in his civil trial, struggling to steady his voice while on the witness stand. "I wanted to please" his boss, Russell Gerdin.

Coralville businessman James Riggan is now battling his former best friend in a suit that began in 6th District Court earlier this week, demanding \$14,000 in accountant expenses and compensation for mental anguish.

In court papers, Riggan accused Glass of embezzling \$136,000 in 2001 by increasing Riggan's loan balance to a total of \$200,000 but only crediting his checking account by \$70,000, pocketing the difference.

Another \$6,000 was added to Riggan's cash withdrawals, but no evidence existed that showed Riggan received the money. The bank has since credited Riggan with a \$153,000 payment, which includes interest.

The co-owner of Riggan & Ham Concrete Finishers in Coralville also named Gerdin, the CEO of Heartland Express and former Hawkeye State Bank owner before it was sold, in his lawsuit.

In his testimony Wednesday, Glass detailed his personal struggles with Gerdin, who he

described as a "good man and good boss, but he was tough."

Glass, who worked under Gerdin for 14 years, fought tears on the stand when questioned about pay cuts and his fear of authority.

Told by Gerdin that he was "spending too much time in Missouri," Glass sold a piece of property at the Lake of the Ozarks after owning it for only five months.

But despite his claims against Gerdin's occasional rough style, he emphasized the fact that Gerdin was usually not involved in the bank's business, except for monthly board meetings.

During his time on the witness stand, Glass also repeated, "I knew better."

Much of Wednesday's testimony also focused on confusion about personal loans made between Glass and Riggan.

In a cross-examination, Riggan revealed Glass had loaned him between \$50,000 and \$55,000 — not knowing whether the funds were coming from the bank or his best friend.

Riggan did not tell the federal authorities or the bank who investigated the embezzlement because, "they didn't ask me."

As a result, the two sides grappled with how much money was drained from Riggan's account and what may have been used to repay a personal loan between friends.

Glass pleaded guilty last year to federal money laundering and embezzlement charges. He faces up to seven years in prison and will be sentenced on Oct. 26.

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Rove, Libby traded Plame info

BY JOHN SOLOMON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Top White House aides Karl Rove and I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby discussed their contacts with reporters about an undercover CIA officer in the days before her identity was published, the first known intersection between two central figures in the criminal leak investigation.

Rove told grand jurors it was possible he first heard in the White House that Valerie Plame, the wife of Bush administration critic Joseph Wilson, worked for the CIA from Libby's recounting of a conversation with a journalist, according to people familiar with his testimony.

They said Rove testified that his discussions with Libby before Plame's CIA cover was blown were limited to information reporters had passed to them. Some evidence prosecutors have gathered conflicts with Libby's account.

Rove is deputy White House chief of staff and President Bush's closest political adviser. Libby is Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff. Special

Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald must determine whether the contacts between the two men concerning Plame's CIA work were part of an effort to undercut her husband's criticism of the Iraq war or simply the trading of information and rumors that typically occurs inside the White House.

The prosecutor also is examining whether any witnesses gave false testimony or withheld information from the investigation. His spokesman, Randall Samborn, declined to comment Wednesday.

The Rove-Libby contacts were confirmed to the Associated Press by people directly familiar with testimony the two witnesses gave before the grand jury. All spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the secrecy of the proceedings.

Libby's lawyer, Joseph Tate, did not return repeated phone calls this week seeking comment.

Rove and Libby have emerged as central figures in Fitzgerald's investigation, because both had contacts with reporters who ultimately disclosed Plame's work for the CIA. Federal law prohibits government officials

from knowingly disclosing the identity of intelligence operatives.

Those familiar with the testimony and evidence said that:

During one of his grand jury appearances, Rove was shown testimony from Libby suggesting the two had discussed with each other information they had gotten about Wilson's wife from reporters in early July 2003.

Rove responded that Libby's testimony was consistent with his general recollection that he had first learned Wilson's wife worked for the CIA from reporters or government officials who had talked with reporters.

Rove testified that he never intended any of his comments to reporters about Wilson's wife to serve as confirmation of Plame's identity. Rove "has always clearly left open that he first heard this information from Libby," said one person directly familiar with Rove's grand jury testimony.

That person said Rove testified he believes he heard general information about Wilson's wife on two occasions before he talked with reporters in July 2003 and then learned her name from syndicated columnist Robert Novak.

Rove testified he probably first heard of Wilson's wife in a casual social setting outside the White House in the spring of 2003 but could not remember who provided the information.

On July 9, 2003, Novak told him he was writing a column that would report that Plame worked for the CIA, and Rove told the columnist he had heard similar information, according to his testimony.

Novak published a column the next week that said Plame worked for the CIA and suggested her agency send Wilson, a former ambassador, on a mission that raised questions about prewar intelligence the Bush administration used to justify invading Iraq.

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Minority students close some gaps

BY BEN FELLER
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WASHINGTON — Black and Latino students are narrowing the achievement gap with whites in reading and math, but, overall, the nation's progress is small or slipping.

The 2005 scores for grades four and eight come from the National Assessment of Educational Progress, the most respected measure of how students perform nationwide. The results are noted in both academic and political circles, because they cover math and reading — the two building-block subjects that schools are scrambling to improve.

Across the country, math scores were up in grades four and eight. In reading, fourth-graders virtually held steady, and eighth-graders declined.

The strongest results came in math, where black and Latino students in both grades posted their highest scores since the test began in the early 1990s. In reading and math, blacks and Latinos either shrank their test-score gap with whites or lost no ground.

That's significant, because schools face unprecedented pressure to improve achievement by minorities under President Bush's No Child Left

Behind law. Black and Latino students lag behind whites in access to quality teaching, college degrees, and other measures of success.

"This is an encouraging report," Bush declared from the Oval Office on Wednesday. "It shows there's an achievement gap in America that is closing."

In perspective, minorities still fall behind by sizable margins. Based on their average score in math, for example, many black fourth-graders don't have the skills to classify numbers as even or odd or to determine the next number in a given pattern.

"The absence of really bad news isn't the same as good news," said Ross Wiener, the policy director for the Education Trust, which advocates for poor and minority students. "If you're concerned about education and closing achievement gaps, there's simply not enough good news."

The goal of the test is for students to show they can handle challenging subject matter and apply it to real-life situations, a skill level known as proficient. Less than four in 10 students in both grades have reached at least that level in either math or reading.

In reading, almost no state improved its performance significantly in either grade, and

some states saw declines. In math, several states got better, especially at fourth grade.

"Congratulations to the states that showed progress," said John Castellani, president of the Business Roundtable, an association of corporate executives that is campaigning to improve math and science education. "But don't break out the champagne yet."

A total of 36 percent of fourth-graders were at least proficient in math, up 32 percent from 2003. Among eighth-graders, 30 percent were proficient or better, up from 29 percent.

In reading, the news was less promising, if not deflating.

The fourth-graders essentially held steady, as 31 percent scored at or above proficient, the same as last time. Their average test score did increase by one point.

Meanwhile, eighth-graders got a little worse in reading — 31 percent showed mastery over challenging work, a one-point drop from 2003.

Much higher numbers of students in both subjects showed at least basic skills.

The results in reading mirror a long-term trend in which 9-year-olds posted their best scores ever in 2004, but 13-year-olds and 17-year-olds showed no improvement.

Schools must do more to teach older students sophisticated skills, such as taking ideas from different places and drawing a conclusion, said Cathy Roller, director of research and policy for the International Reading Association. "We need to put as much emphasis on that as we are basic comprehension skills," she said.

As usual, the numbers left much room for interpretation. Education analysts said the country's focus on early math and reading was paying dividends.

But "there's no dancing around the flat eighth-grade performance in reading," said Darvin Winick, chairman of the National Assessment Governing Board, the bipartisan panel that oversees the test.

Scores for minorities rose. Among blacks, 13 percent of fourth-graders were proficient in math, up from 10 percent in 2003, when the test was last given. A total of 9 percent of black eighth-graders successfully handled challenging math, up from 7 percent.

Latino children showed a similar trend, with 19 percent of Latino fourth-graders reaching a proficient level or better in math, up from 16 percent; and 13 percent of Latino students in grade eight showing solid math skills, up from 12 percent last time.

Schools reported whether students were white, black, Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander, or American Indian. Students who identified with more than one group were listed as "Other."

Miers strategy pleasing no one

BY TOM RAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The White House is trying to have it both ways in marketing Harriet Miers to disgruntled Republicans.

To conservatives, the president's aides talk up a 1989 document showing she held clear anti-abortion views. Then they pivot and tell everyone else those were just the personal views of a candidate for the Dallas City Council and not a sign of how she might vote on the Supreme Court.

Bush emphasized last week that "part of Harriet Miers' life is her religion." Almost immediately, White House spokesman Scott McClellan complained that too much was being made of her membership in an evangelical Christian church.

Bush said he knows her heart and that she won't change. Except she has. She was a Catholic when she was young. And she was a Democrat who turned Republican.

So far, the strategy seems to have made neither side happy. Social conservatives remain skeptical of her credentials and judicial philosophy, and Democrats are finding more reason to oppose her.

That the president seems to be speaking out of both sides of his mouth escapes nobody.

"They try to reassure conservatives that she's pro-life. Then two hours later, McClellan gets out and says this doesn't say anything about how she would rule. I don't think that was very effective," said William Kristol, editor of the conservative *Weekly Standard* magazine.

"If anything, it makes you stop and think, Wait a second," said Kristol. "The case for this woman depends on a one-page, yes-or-no questionnaire from 1989? Isn't this kind of a ridiculous basis on which to make a judgment on someone for the Supreme Court?"

Democrats were saying much the same thing but from the other side of the political spectrum. "We know less about this nominee than we knew about any previous nominee, and her questionnaire shines no light on what would be the most illuminating experience — her service in the White House," Rep. Charles Schumer of New York, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said on Wednesday.

The panel will begin confirmation hearings on Nov. 7. Democrats said internal documents related to Miers' service as White House counsel were needed first.

Republican Sens. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Sam Brownback of Kansas broke with GOP colleagues and joined in the call for such documents.

To win, Bush needs to hold on to mainstream Republicans without losing too many social conservatives — while hopefully picking up the support of some Democrats. So far, no Republican senator has come out publicly against the nomination, although some like Brownback, a Judiciary Committee member, have expressed serious reservations.

Republicans hold 55 of the 100 Senate seats, so the arithmetic seems to favor the president. Yet the situation could change rapidly — either for better or worse for the White House — once Miers testifies.

"The hearings are really the place where they will get into more detailed questions about

that judicial philosophy and about her record," presidential spokesman McClellan said Wednesday. "She is someone who has a distinguished career and a long record of accomplishment."



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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

What to do with dodge ball?

What makes a good gym class? As our schools grapple with this question, we on the Editorial Board recall our impressions of our physical-education curricula. Should more time be spent on exercise and personal wellness techniques? Editorial Board members debate the state of our schooling.

NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

Let's face it: Americans are fat, and their children are fat little piggies. Kids should learn the value of being physically active in gym class, because they're certainly not going to learn it from parents who serve fast food for dinner, watch six hours of TV a night, and drive the car everywhere. They need all the help they can get. Gym classes in elementary and middle school that emphasize health and fitness, instead of throwing and dodging, are exactly what these kids need.

Fitness-based exercise should take the place of team sports. Many gym-class activities, such as baseball, football, or dodge ball, are not actually good cardiovascular exercise. A professional or collegiate ballplayer would disagree, I'm sure, but sports in gym class usually involve a lot more standing around than actual playing.

Some will protest taking team sports out of gym class, because kids will lose a chance to learn how to play the athletics classics, such as football, baseball, and basketball. But only minimal time is spent in gym class on learning the skills for these sports. Instead, the kids who already know how to play dominate, and those who don't sort of flail around helplessly and hope that no one notices. If kids like team sports and want to play them, they can join the school teams.

Playing team sports in gym class means picking teams. There is nothing more agonizing to a kid who is fat, weird, awkward, or unpopular than the ritual of picking teams. What is worse for an emotionally insecure adolescent than the shame of being the kid who was picked last? The lesson these kids take away from gym class won't be, "Physical activity is a fun way to stay healthy"; it will be, "Physical activity is a source of emotional torment that I must avoid at all costs."

Exactly what kind of fitness skills are you supposed to learn from dodge ball, anyway? How to cower in fear? Or, alternately, how to nail people in the head with stuff? I won't deny that these might be valuable life skills in general, but they're not what physical education is meant to teach.

— Jayne Lady

DOING FINE

Dodge ball is more than just a funny movie — it is a symbol for what is right about American gym classes: a fun, competitive team game with a squishy ball. Physical-education classes give students time to exercise, develop fine motor skills, and learn how to work as a team.

Some people are motivated only by competition or measurable challenges inherent in traditional PE activities. Look at all the recreation space allocated for traditional athletics at the Field House: It has more racquetball courts than it does treadmills, the Fitness Loft takes up only about two former squash courts located on the fifth floor, and intramural team sports continue to thrive.

Nutrition, flexibility, and aerobic exercise all lead to happy, healthy lives, but they are already taught in gym class, and they do not foster



I thought exercise was supposed to be healthy!

cooperation. Despite growing obesity trends, American PE teachers should focus more on fun ways for kids to be active instead of boring, individual wellness routines. Kids who learn the pleasure of dropping a dime of sweat will be less likely to need cheesy health classes.

Wellness habits should be taught in the home. Kids aren't going to absorb healthy habits through one hour of PE class every other day. Video games, cars, television, movies, and even books contribute to sedentary lifestyles. Parents must educate their children about how to strike a balance between these things and fitness activities.

In my PE classes, we started a new unit every few weeks. Sometimes it was traditional game sports, but sometimes it was tumbling or challenge courses. If I didn't particularly care for a unit (I could do a mean log roll but couldn't climb the rope for the life of me), I simply waited until a new one arrived. I acknowledge that some kids got picked on or had their self-esteem smashed by uber-competitive jocks, but the teacher should prevent those types of offenses. American schools should not remove traditional sports just because of these concerns.

If you think I'm wrong, challenge me to a game of dodge ball. Winner take all.

— Chad Aldeman

Performance culture

When I wrapped up my high school dance-team experience nearly four years ago, I thought that was the last time I would need to be performance-oriented.

High-school dance team is a world reserved for the toothy, toned, and lip-glossed. Every summer, dance-team members from around the state congregate at the mecca for the perpetually perky: National Dance Association camp. For a grueling four days, dancers are expected to be in performance mode every waking second — bruises, cattiness, and sore hamstrings be damned. After all, the dancers never know when the instructors might be watching them, ready to bestow spirit ribbons and invitations to dance at bowl games.



ANNIE SHUPPY

Little did I know that some of the lessons of high-school dance team would actually carry over into college — that is, other than discovering I didn't want to be in a sorority. Just as I begin my job search, I'm bombarded with phrases such as, "High performers start here," and "history of outstanding performance." Forgive me that this language induces flashbacks to the days when buzzwords such as "NDA spirit" and the ability to "sell it" were standards for hundreds of high-school girls to emulate.

The word "performance" reveals what our culture truly values. The optimal phrase is not "high-intelligence" nor "outstanding creativity" but implies whether the individual in question can get the tasks done. OK, highly intelligent people can be underachievers, and sometimes creative people are not the best at following the rules. I suspect, however, that there's some sort of tradeoff for the ever-coveted high performers.

That isn't to say I think every C student out there deserves a six-figure salary. Additionally, many of the "high performers" I know are also intelligent and creative. It's just that high performance does not necessarily equate with vision and leadership. If the vague notion of "high performance" is all workers have to shoot for, how are they supposed to have any real sense of purpose? Is this mentality reinforcing that the ends are more important than the means?

Case in point: My parents and I were finishing lunch at an Olive Garden a few weeks ago, when the service manager approached us rather zealously and asked about our waiter.

"Now, did Jared remember to offer you a sample of our wine?" she barked with a forced smile, inches from my dad's face.

"We're fine. Everything's fine," I answered, trying to assuage my dad's complete mortification.

The service manager was just doing her job, trying to meet performance standards. She got her results, perhaps trying to fill some mandate from corporate headquarters. Yet the means left a customer uncomfortable and perhaps even a little intimidated to return to the restaurant. How one arrives at the results matters, too.

Back at dance camp, the objective was to see who could leap highest, execute the most turns, or had the most flexible legs. In their quest to be the biggest show-off, girls would blow out their knees and twist ankles. At my first NDA camp at age 14, I wondered where the artistry was. Although years later I would accumulate all the merit ribbons and bowl-game invitations that come with being one of the camp showoffs, I sensed there was something a bit superficial about the experience.

I just wasn't sophisticated enough to realize how much dance camp can mirror corporate culture.

Professors may be able to appreciate my frustration with performance over process. Students want to do the work they have to do in order to get the grade or the credit hours. The notion of education as an experience succumbs to a need for results. Aristotle would be ashamed.

There is no empirical evidence to suggest the performance-oriented culture is leading to a decline in America's economic hegemony, but it's worth asking whether the other world powers value the process of achievement more than we do. Eventually, an obsession with performance may lead to underperforming.

Now, excuse me, I need to return to being performance-oriented. ■
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West Bank tunnel vision

I agree that sometimes things get pretty ugly between Israeli forces and the Palestinian population ("Local gets West Bank education," Oct. 18). This brings me to the eternal question: What came first — the hen or the egg?

Instead of "hen" and "egg," you can use "terror against innocent civilians" and "the protection of the Israeli civil population."

I ask myself why these protesters do not abhor the terror against civilians in Israel in the same way that they protest the Israeli occupation. The Palestinians have the right to use terror, and the Israelis have the right to cry for their victims? How many Israelis' reactions did you have since the lull in terror activity? Do you think that Israel would invest such a huge sum to build the fence if there were no terror?

Why do these Americans not protest against the rampant corruption of the Palestinian leaders who do not invest the money they get for the betterment of the "suffering" Palestinian population?

With all due respect, in my opinion, they are biased by Palestinian influence.

Tomer Ariav
Haifa, Israel, resident

UI and IDs

I absolutely got a kick out of "ID sneaks, beware" (*DI*, Oct. 18), which tells the story

of the Kinnick Stadium athletics staff confiscating student IDs that are used to sneak out-of-town friends into the stadium.

The first question I pose — what other option do we have? I hear there are these "guest tickets," but I don't think I have ever seen one. And forget buying regular tickets — the athletics department isn't worried about the money, as it claims, that would result in out-of-town guests purchasing regular tickets. Besides, who wants to come to a game and sit apart from their friends? Show us an alternative.

Why should we discourage out-of-towners from going through the awesome experience that is Hawkeye football? My friends always go back thinking Hawkeye football is the epitome of all that is fun in college. You'd think we'd like to promote our great cultural phenomenon, not make it impossible for others to experience it.

Oh, well, I suppose the reason UI officials are taking IDs is because they don't want to see an "interruption in student services that require ID cards." Yeah, right. I would like that statement to the Iowa City police saying the reason they issue a couple million dollars a year in \$300 PAULA tickets is because they are trying to look out for people's safety. Show us a feasible alternative, or please quit being a drag on Hawkeye football and

everyone's enjoyment of it.

Jason Van Zant
UI student

Bad opinions?

Besieged conservatives are upset that their opinions earn them bad grades ("Some UI students allege bias against their opinions," Oct. 17). The conclusion that allows them to take offense, however, reveals shoddy thinking. That poor reasoning may have more to do with their unsatisfactory academic outcomes than the opinions they or their professors hold.

First of all, what business does an opinion have in an academic paper? Could the professor be judging the work not on the quality of the opinion, perhaps, but on the style and manner in which it was presented? I doubt these delicate creatures are being objective enough to grant this may be the case.

Alternatively, it's possible the "opinion" is ill-founded. I can't see the academic value in rewarding positions that are patently uninformed simply because someone has a right to ignorance. For instance, three people in Monday's "On The Spot" suggested their ideal iPod should incorporate features the iPod already supports. If they were in my class on consumer technology, they'd get an A-plus for exhibiting the capacity to have an opinion and an F for taking the responsibility to inform one's self of the

relevant facts before opining. Now, which factor is more salient when measuring the quality of someone's academic work?

Chris Moseng
UI law student

Pink thought

As a graduate of the UI ('78) living outside the state, I enjoy reading the *DI* online. I have enjoyed the pink debate. I would like to compliment the staff and the excellent editorials on the subject.

It appears this issue has its own life. A quick Google search on color psychology would quickly teach anyone interested that the color pink is "tranquilizing, people-calming, makes people soft-hearted and less aggressive." (Remember, Hayden Fry was a psychology major.) It appears that the sensitivity to pink and being homophobic is perhaps more of an issue from an individual's point of reference than actually having psychological merits. One color that is mentioned as being more in line with a gender was baby blue. I don't know what that says about the schools with those colors, but I am sure someone, somewhere could find something to say about it.

Debate of issues small and large is a very important part of the college experience. Keep up the good editorials and bringing up the issues.

Mike McCracken
Safety Harbor, Fla., resident

ON THE SPOT

If you could change one thing about high-school gym class, what would it be?



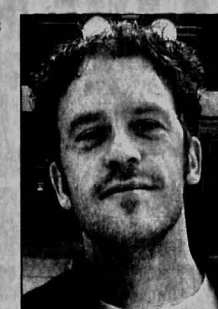
"I'd separate girls and guys, because it is harder to have a more competitive game with girls."

Chris McNelly
UI freshman



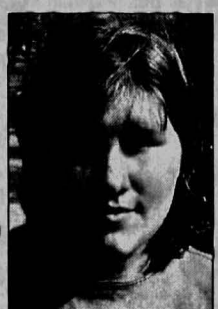
"I would change high-school gym so that everyone would play full out. When you played and got sweaty, it was more fun."

Kirstina Moreno
UI senior



"I'd make sure that the physical activities actually had some health benefit, such as cardiovascular activity or yoga."

Sean De Vega
UI doctoral student



"I would make the class period shorter to give more time to do something else."

Jennifer Clark
UI senior

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undergraduate students undergoing growing pains "continues to be a passion."

The UI hires 14 live-in professionals — a position Leopold deems "part landlord, part principal" — to preside over 5,381 students and 115 resident assistants living in the halls, said Dicta Schoenfelder, the manager of the UI housing office.

Leopold, hired by the UI in 2001, said his job entails myriad responsibilities.

"A lot of what we do is invisible," he said. "We have to wear a lot of hats."

On Wednesday, the coordinator met one-on-one with staff members, spoke with concerned parents, handled a suicide situation, filed paperwork,

and even probed the case of a missing vacuum. Because he lives in the building, work hours or not, the responsibilities never cease.

"I can't say, 'I don't feel like dealing with a fire on the fifth floor right now,'" he said.

Leopold's wife, a data manager at the UI Hospitals and Clinics, was a resident assistant in college, so she understands the burdens of his job.

But his work has not significantly burdened his social life, Leopold said.

Unlike students or resident assistants, Leopold is permitted to have alcohol in his apartment, but he said he practices "good role modeling."

"We can't ever be drunk," he said. "You're not going to find me blitzed and peeing in the hallway."

Tracy Dubs, a dorm-hall

coordinator, said she loves her lifestyle.

"I get to live vicariously through college students," she said.

Though she aspires to be a university president some day, she treasures the one-on-one contact she now has. In her office, she appeals to students with her quirky decorations.

"In a business job, I'll never get to have New Kids on the Block action figures on my desk," she said, laughing.

Dubs, 25, worked up the hierarchy in her eight years living in residence halls. Inspired by a "fantastic" resident assistant during her freshman year at Ball State University, she became involved in hall government and then served as an assistant there.

She also worked as a live-in staff member at Minnesota

State University. She moved to the UI two years ago.

Outside of her family's home, the residence-hall junkie has never lived anywhere else. Drinking a Cherry Coke and noshing on microwaved ravioli over her lunch hour, Dubs joked she was a "maladaptive adult."

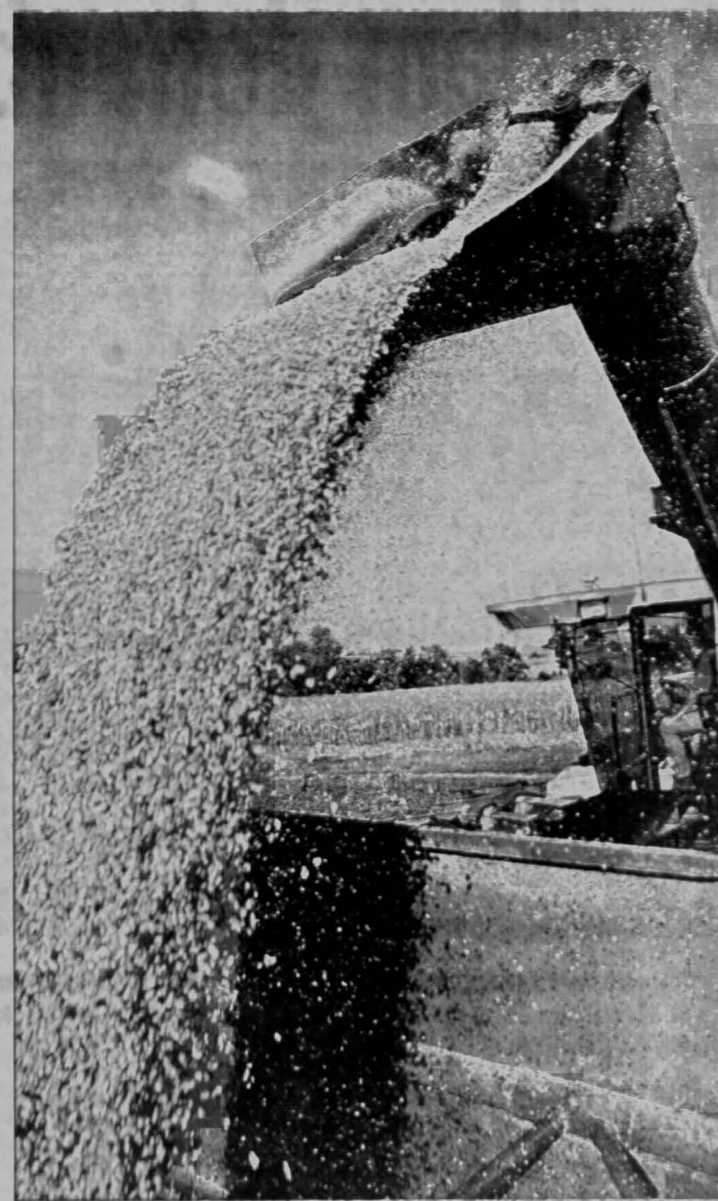
Never having had to set up cable service or even clean common areas, she said, she was a bit nervous about entering the outside world.

But for now, Dubs doesn't plan to say goodbye to her world of 1 a.m. games of pool and spontaneous chats with staff and residents.

"I won't know what to do. It will be bittersweet when I leave."

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CROPPING UP



Beth Van Zandt, Muscatine Journal/Associated Press

Theresa Eichelberger unloads corn from the combine before she continues to pick corn Tuesday in Muscatine County, Iowa.

Education panel has critics

EDUCATION

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the major missions of the universities are kept in mind.

The move to place business professionals is good, because the private sector is a stakeholder in higher education, but higher education "must be more than preparing students for their first job," said Derek Willard, the UI special assistant to the president for governmental relations.

"It can be that, but it must be more than that," he added.

Another priority of the UI is to prepare its students for changes that will occur in their lives, he added.

"If you want to maintain a vibrant economy and at the same time enable students and graduates to maintain robust lives, higher education has to prepare many changes that will occur in their professional lives, as well as in their personal lives," Willard said.

Kresowik added that it was increasingly important for public and private entities to cooperate to boost accessibility to

higher education, and communication must be crucial in the dialogue between the two sectors.

The main issue the commission will face in upcoming weeks is how to reduce the cost of university tuition while maintaining exceptional education standards, Willard said.

"The question of affordability is a key question that all institutions face but particularly public institutions like the UI that wants to make itself more accessible," he said. "At the same time, we have to keep up

with the quality to be competitive with the best education that you can get around the country."

Maintaining that balance, he said, is dealt with each year when the UI reports its budget to the state Board of Regents.

The commission will discuss what issues it will focus on concerning higher education; it is scheduled to present its ideas to Congress on Aug. 1, 2006.

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Speeding along the page

READING

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accompanied the sound of readers sweeping their hands across the surface of a paper handout.

The technique, which resembles an OK sign, positions the hand in a sweeping motion underneath the line of text to help guide the reader's eyes more quickly across the material. Most participants saw an increase in their word-per-minute rate after using the exercise, compared with their speed in an initial reading test.

The Texas-based Effective Reading Centers says it can help students when it comes to buckling down for reading a homework assignment or studying for a test.

Founded in 1984, the company travels to schools and businesses across the country to primarily do one thing — make better readers.

Nationally, the average pace at which people read is 150 to 350 words per minute with a comprehension rate falling somewhere around 60 percent, Carlson said.

The phenomenon of "sub-vocalization" — simultaneously saying the words to oneself in the head while reading — is partly to blame, Carlson added.

'My study habits are not too good right now, and my reading habits are worse.'

— Steve Bruck, UI junior and political science major

But the finger-sweep can also help eliminate sub-vocalization, she said, because the technique will not allow time for the reader to repeat the text in one's head.

"You only read as fast as you talk," she said, emphasizing that the main consequence for college students who read slowly is a lower GPA.

After coming to the UI for the first time, Effective Reading Centers will hold three more seminars today in the

IMU to give students a glimpse of concepts that will be offered in two four-week sessions over the next month.

One four-week class costs \$299, but a \$20 rebate is available to those who register early. The deadline is Saturday, Carlson said 16 people have enlisted so far.

"I've always been a slow reader," said UI sophomore Leah Miller. "This is absolutely perfect."

The pre-business major, who

said she plans to sign up for the four-week course, attended the meeting at 4 p.m. after she discovered a flier in a Jessup Hall classroom.

Carlson also advised that a "fatal mistake when studying" is highlighting, because it is inefficient, while going to the library is the best place to study.

"My study habits are not too good right now, and my reading habits are worse," said UI junior and political-science major Steve Bruck, who found a pamphlet on a classroom chair.

The speed-reading seminars continue today in the IMU at 2, 4, and 7 p.m.

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Wilma gains strength

WILMA

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Katrina and Rita. With its center still over open water, the storm's sustained winds were near 155 mph Wednesday night, down from 175 mph earlier in the day.


The National Hurricane Center Director Max Mayfield said Wilma could reach the Florida Keys Saturday, possibly toward the evening. Visitors were ordered out of the Florida Keys even as schools closed.

The White House, stung by criticism that it had not responded quickly enough to Katrina, promised to stay on top of the situation. "We are closely monitoring what is an extremely dangerous storm,"

said White House spokesman Scott McClellan. "People should take this hurricane very seriously."

Tourists packed Cancun's airport even though skies were still partly sunny, looking for flights home or to other resorts. MTV postponed its Video Music Awards Latin America ceremony, originally scheduled for Thursday at a seaside park south of the resort town.

Mark Carara cut his family's vacation short by two days and tried to get on a standby flight home to Colorado Springs, Colo. "You hear it was the biggest storm on record, and yeah, that was the clincher right there," he said. "It was time for us to go."



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NEWS

Saddam defiant at trial



Ben Curtis/Associated Press

Saddam Hussein speaks to his unidentified lawyers on Wednesday in a court set up in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone. Saddam is charged with ordering the 1982 killings of nearly 150 people in the mainly Shiite village of Dujaal.

BY HAMZA HENDAWI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — A defiant Saddam Hussein quarreled with judges and scuffled with guards at the opening of his long-awaited trial Wednesday, rejecting the tribunal's right to judge him and insisting he is still the president of Iraq.

Sitting inside a white pen with metal bars, Saddam appeared gaunt and frail, and his salt-and-pepper beard was unkempt as he pleaded innocent to charges of murder, torture, forced expulsions, and illegal detentions. He wore a suit with a white shirt and no tie.

Gone were the Homburg hat, the cigar, the shotgun fired from a reviewing stand. So were a few pounds after nearly two

years in an American military prison. Still, the swagger and the smirk remained, the bearing of a man accustomed to 23 years of unchallenged power.

If convicted, the 68-year-old Saddam and seven of his regime's henchmen who appeared with him in the hearing could face the death penalty for their role in the 1982 killing of nearly 150 people from the mainly Shiite town of Dujaal north of Baghdad, after a failed attempt on Saddam's life.

Iraqis and much of the Arab world watched glitchy television coverage of the proceedings intently, watching Saddam strike a pose reminiscent of the on-ubiquitous television pictures of him sitting at the head of a table surrounded by "yes" men.

"Since the fall of the regime,

we have been waiting for this trial," said Aqeel al-Ubaidi, a resident of Dujaal. "The trial won't bring back those who died, but at least it will help put out the fire and anger inside us."

Wednesday's session, held under tight security, was testy from the start, when the judge asked Saddam to take the stand first.

As the courtroom fell silent, Saddam got up from his chair and took the podium, holding a copy of the Quran. He refused to state his name for the record and turned the question back on the presiding judge, Rizgar Mohammed Amin, a Kurd whose identity was revealed to the public only on the day of the trial.

AP reporters Lee Keath, Mariam Fam, Omar Sinan, Qassim Abdul-Zahra, Sameer N. Yacoub, and Thomas Wagner contributed to this report.

Bird flu spreading

The U.N. warns chances are rising that bird flu will move to the Middle East and Africa

BY JUDITH INGRAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — Russian authorities detected a deadly strain of bird flu south of Moscow on Wednesday, and China reported a fresh outbreak in its northern grasslands — signs the deadly virus was spreading across Siberia to the Mediterranean along the pathways of migratory birds.

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization warned of a marked increase in chances that bird flu would move to the Middle East and Africa — and hit countries poorly equipped to deal with an outbreak. The European Union announced plans for an exercise simulating a human flu pandemic to improve readiness in case the bird virus mutates to form a strain transmissible among people.

In Asia, crucial of the virus, China's official Xinhua news agency said 2,600 birds in the northern grasslands had died of the disease. It did not give details on when the birds were found and sought to reassure the public that the outbreak was contained.

The H5N1 strain was detected in Siberia in July. Migratory birds flying over the region from elsewhere in Asia were blamed for the outbreak, and the virus had been registered



Wally Santana/Associated Press

Taiwanese emergency teams wearing contamination suits rush to contain the bird-flu virus during a practice exercise on Wednesday in Taipei.

in six districts in Siberia and the Urals region.

Preliminary genetic tests now have found an H5N1 flu virus in samples of birds taken from a village south of Moscow, the Russian Agriculture Ministry said. Further tests are needed to confirm the finding and determine whether the H5N1 strain is the same one that has devastated flocks in Asia since 2003.

If so, it would mark the first appearance of the virus in European Russia, west of the Ural Mountains.

Officials said 220 of 3,000 domestic birds in the village of Yandovka had died. Birds on the six affected farms were being destroyed, and local officials have decided to kill all poultry in the village. In addition, a quarantine was established around Yandovka. Villagers were prohibited from leaving, except in emergencies.

More than 200,000 people in the region were given standard flu vaccinations, the ITAR-Tass news agency said. Such shots are given to prevent normal flu, so that if the person gets infected with the bird virus, there is no

human flu strain inside the body to mix with and create a dangerous hybrid.

The H5N1 strain of bird flu has killed 60 people in Asia, but no one in Russia has been diagnosed with it, officials said. Most human cases have been traced to direct contact with infected birds, but scientists fear the virus will mutate into a form that can spread from person to person, possibly killing millions.

In Hungary, officials announced Wednesday that preliminary experiments with an H5N1 vaccine indicate it works. Health Minister Jenoe Racz said he and dozens of others were inoculated three weeks ago, and tests showed that antibodies to the virus had appeared in his blood.

"The results are preliminary, but I can say with 99.9 percent certainty that the vaccine works," he said.

However, the World Health Organization said it was unaware of the details of the Hungarian findings and was unable to comment on their validity or whether the vaccine — even if it works — would be viable.

AP writers Pablo Gorondi, Aidan Lewis, and Raf Casert contributed to this report.

NATION

Rice: U.S. could be in Iraq in 10 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice declined on Wednesday to rule out American forces still being needed in Iraq a decade from now. Senators warned that the Bush administration must play it straight with the public or risk losing public support for the war.

Pushed by senators from both parties to define the limits of U.S. involvement in Iraq and the Middle East, Rice also declined to rule out the use of military force in Iran or Syria, although she said the administration prefers diplomacy.

"I don't think the president ever takes any of his options off the table concerning anything to do with military force," Rice said.

Rice appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations committee for only the second time since members gave her an unexpectedly tepid endorsement to replace Colin Powell in January, and she fielded pointed questions about U.S. intentions and commitment on Iraq from lawmakers who said they are hearing complaints at home.

"Our country is sick at heart at the spin and false expectations," Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., told Rice. "They want the truth, and they deserve it."

Rice said Iraq's police and Army forces are becoming better able to handle the country's security without U.S. help, and she repeated President Bush's warning that setting a timetable for withdrawal plays into terrorists' hands.

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Bluder looks to cook up some hoops

BY RYAN LONG
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa coach Lisa Bluder uses cooking as a diversion to help her get away from her women's basketball team. However, she also finds some similarities between creating a dish and putting together a squad on the court — they both require good ingredients.

This past summer, she was feeling confident about her 2005-06 team. Then the phone calls began.

"I think after spending the last two months with the women on our team, I can say with certainty that we can whip up something pretty good, still."

— Lisa Bluder
coach



Richards
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Starting point guard Lindsay Richards sustained her third anterior-cruciate-ligament injury during a pickup game in

Pinehurst, N.C., while starting forward Johanna Solverson landed the same injury during a pickup game at a DePaul sports

camp in July. Like any good cook, Bluder believes in going back into the kitchen, revamping the recipe, taking what you have on hand,

and trying to develop something tasty. "I think after spending the last two months with the women on our team, I can say with certainty that we can whip up something pretty good, still," she said. Bluder will look to build this season's group around senior guard Crystal Smith. The third-team All-Big Ten selection averaged 16.8 points, 3.4 rebounds, and 2.4 steals during the 2004-05 campaign. Smith had a 12.9 scoring increase between her

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NBA

Hawks center Collier remembered

ATLANTA (AP) — Jason Collier's family asked that his funeral service be a celebration of his life, but grieving Atlanta Hawks teammates, as well as former high school and college teammates and coaches, were still struggling Wednesday with the death of the 28-year-old center.

"Jason's untimely death has stunned us," former Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins said. "He will always be with us in memory and soul."

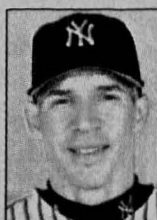
Collier, who began his college career at Indiana before transferring to Georgia Tech, played with Houston and Atlanta in a five-year NBA career that ended when he died early Saturday after he had trouble breathing at his home.

The Hawks arrived as a team and sat together during the service at All Saints Catholic Church in Dunwoody, a north Atlanta suburb.

MLB

Girardi accepts Marlins job

MIAMI (AP) — New York Yankees bench coach Joe Girardi was hired Wednesday as manager of the Florida Marlins, agreeing to a three-year contract.



Girardi

Girardi, who also interviewed for the Tampa Bay job, spent 15 years as a major-league catcher, then went into broadcasting in 2004 and came out of the booth to join the Yankees' staff this season.

He'll be introduced by the Marlins at a news conference Thursday, the team said.

"I am extremely pleased to have Joe in our organization, and I look forward to his input as we start focusing on next year," owner Jeffrey Loria said in a statement. "Joe was known as an intelligent player with great leadership skills, and he will bring those traits to his new position."

FOOTBALL

Texas defense gearing up Raiders

AUSTIN (AP) — Vince Young was feeling pretty good about his career-high 336 yards passing and two touchdowns in a win over Colorado.

Then someone told him what Texas Tech's Cody Hodges did against Kansas State: a whopping 643 yards and five scores.

"That's ridiculous," Young said with a chuckle.

While Young laughs, it's his defensive teammates who are trying to figure out how to put the brakes on the free-wheeling Red Raiders and their relentless passing offense on Saturday.

"It's like an animal that's just out there running wild," said Longhorns coach Mack Brown. "Those stats are just freakish."

That might be an understatement. No. 10 Texas Tech (6-0, 3-0 Big 12) is tearing through defenses like the Tasmanian Devil, averaging 53.7 points and 472 yards per game.

Talented newbies could help

BY MICHAEL SCHMIDT
THE DAILY IOWAN

Onto the Iowa's campus walk five freshmen, all building on high-school basketball careers studded with individual accolades and state championships.

Meet the Iowa women's basketball team's version of the Fab Five.

Even though they join a Hawkeye squad that nearly made the NCAA Tournament last season, Iowa coach Lisa Bluder is counting on the fresh presence for the 2005-06 season.

"There are players who are freshmen that could play vital roles in our team this year," Bluder said at the team's media day Wednesday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. "We could potentially have three starting for us."

The Hawkeyes have a freshman at each position. Kristi Smith is the point guard of the class, and the 5-6 newcomer from Thornton, Colo., is willing to contribute at any moment.

"I just want to come and help the team, if it needs me," she said. "I'm going to try to get my teammates involved, and, if the shot is there, I'm going to take it."

Bluder noted that Smith can help offensively, in addition to running the point.

"She is a scoring point guard."
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While sophomore Krista VandeVenter speaks to a reporter, freshmen (from left) Megan Skouby, Wendy Ausdemore, Nicole VanderPol, Kristi Smith, and Lindsey Nyenhuis talk in Carver-Hawkeye Arena during the women's basketball media day on Wednesday.

NLCS CHAMPS

Oswalt leads Astros to Series

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — On this wild night of celebration, the Houston Astros owed it all to Roy Oswalt.

He took their dreams, hopes and gritty resolve and pitched his teammates into their first World Series, beating the St. Louis Cardinals, 5-1, Wednesday night with help from Craig Biggio.

Coming off a crushing loss in Game 5 of the NLCS at home on Albert Pujols' stunning homer, the stubborn Astros refused to be shaken. They jumped to an early lead behind Biggio and Jason Lane, got perhaps a little help from the umpires and watched Oswalt shut down St. Louis for seven innings in earning the series MVP award.

Now that this wild-card team has its first NL pennant, the Astros will travel to Chicago to take on the AL champion White Sox in the World Series, which begins Saturday night.

"It's been a long time, you know. I'm not greedy, I'm not selfish, just wanted you one time," Biggio said. "I can't tell you how happy I am, it took us a long time and we've got 5 million people in Houston who are very pumped up right now."

Cameras flashed all over Busch Stadium as Dan Wheeler got Yadier Molina on a flyball for the final out.

NL champions for the first time in their 44-season history, the Astros rushed to the mound to celebrate, bouncing in unison before heading to the clubhouse for what was sure to be a more raucous party.

Houston had been 0-5 with a chance to clinch the NLCS. This time, the Astros would not be denied.



Charlie Neibergall/Associated Press

Houston Astros pitcher Roy Oswalt (left) is hugged by teammate Lance Berkman after the Astros defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, 5-1, in Game 6 to win the NLCS in St. Louis on Wednesday.

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Black is beautiful

BY BRYAN BAMONTE
THE DAILY IOWAN

You've seen it sun-drenched yellow, draped in black and bronze, and most recently, pretty in pink.

But Saturday against Michigan, Kinnick Stadium will be a beacon of black for the Hawkeyes' "Black Out Saturday."

The idea is molded on Penn State's "White Out" tradition, and the UI athletics department hopes the promotion will add "another layer of excitement" to the game against the Wolverines.

"You know, our fans are truly outstanding, and we've been familiar with the "White Out" games for several years, and I noticed they had such good success with that," said Rick Klatt, an associate athletics director. "It just seemed like the natural thing to do; let's experiment with it, let's try it."

He doesn't expect a total "Black Out" but fully expects it to come close.

The idea is to test the promotion and then implement it annually and across the board to other Iowa sports.

"You know, I haven't really thought a lot about it. I think our fans will be great, regardless," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said Tuesday. "I'm very confident of that. But I think it's a great idea. It's something that everyone can grab on to a little bit, and it's going to be hard

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HAWKEYE SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Today
Men's tennis at ITA regional in Ann Arbor, Mich., TBA
Women's tennis at Midwest regionals in East Lansing, Mich., TBA
Tomorrow
Soccer at Purdue, 4 p.m.

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Underwood takes diving award

Iowa diver Nancilea Underwood was named the Big Ten Women's Diver of the Week on Wednesday. The weekly award is the third of the senior's career.

Men harriers climb in poll

The Iowa men's cross-country team jumped three spots to No. 11 in the Mondo Men's NCAA-I Cross-Country Poll released Oct. 18.

Women's tennis off to regional

The Iowa women's tennis team will head to East Lansing, Mich., where Michigan State will host the Midwest Wilson/ITA Regional Championships today through Oct. 25.

Northwestern, and Ohio State. The Hawkeyes, coming off a successful performance at the Roberta Alison Fall Classic in Tuscaloosa, Ala., two weeks ago, will welcome back their top two players...

Merel Beelen, Kayla Berry, and Krissy Dowlin will kick off qualifying play today. Doubles and singles competition will begin Friday, led by Racette, Mintz, Milica Veselinovic, and Jacqueline Lee.

Men's tennis sends 4 to regional

The Iowa men's tennis team will send four players to ITA Midwest Regional, which begins today and runs through Oct. 24. Bart van Monsjou will be Iowa's sole representative in the main singles draw...

The regional, held in Ann Arbor, Mich., is one of five such tournaments this weekend. The field includes every Big Ten team, aside from Penn State...

Qualifying matches will be played today and Friday, with the main singles event starting Saturday. Doubles competition at the ITA will begin on Friday.

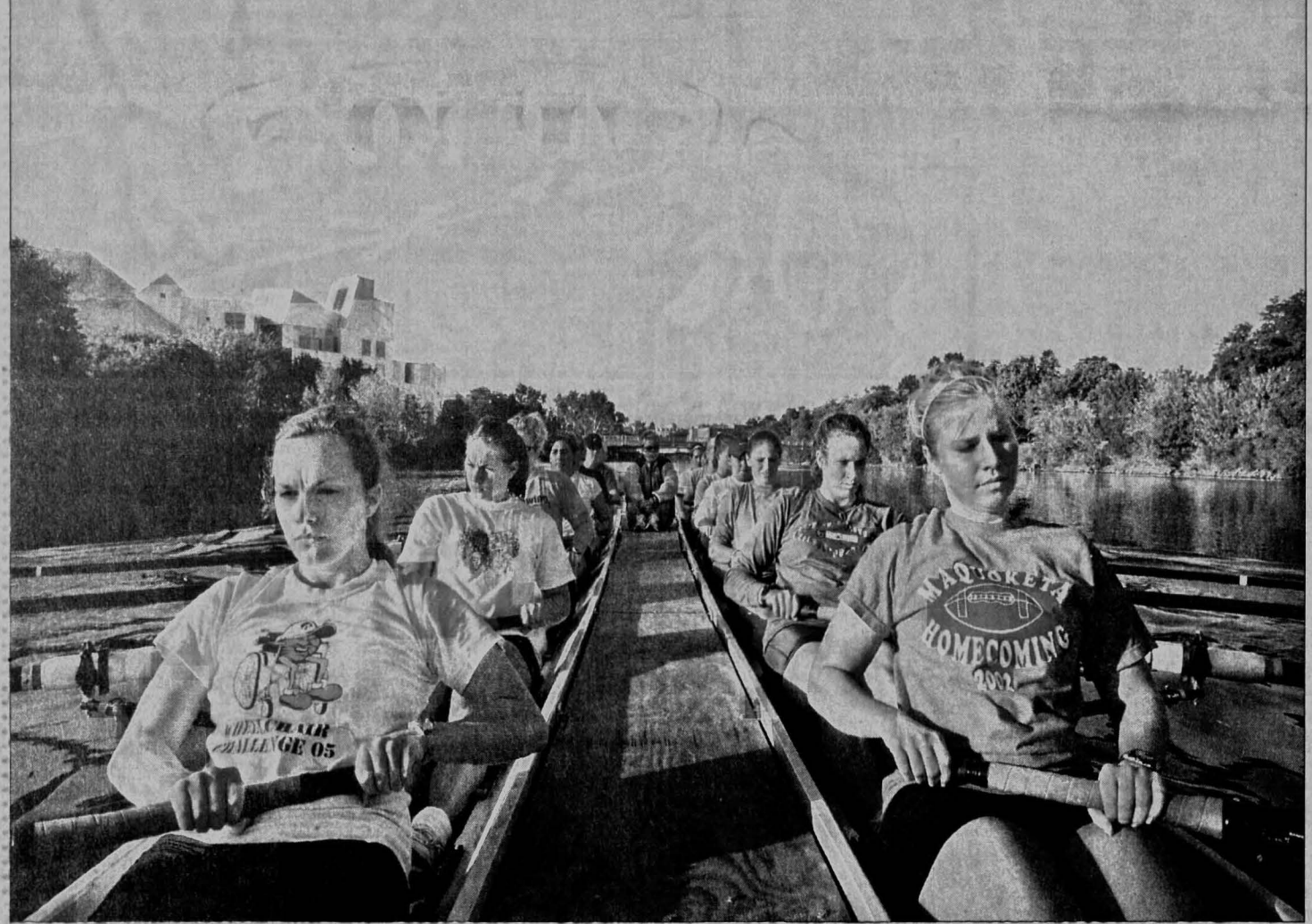
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Rowers pumped for Boston



Jamie Siers (left) and Amy Richter row during practice early on Aug. 29.

BY IAN SMITH THE DAILY IOWAN. Don't blame the Hawkeye rowers if they are a little more pumped up than usual for this weekend's regatta. It might be because they will be watched by approximately 300,000 spectators throughout the weekend. Iowa will head to Boston for the 41st-annual Head of the Charles regatta.

'I am really excited about this race, because I feel like we've been working really, really hard this fall, and there is a lot of preparation going into it. I am excited to see how we perform, in comparison with everyone else.'

— Coxswain Lori Rehel, rowing team member. point a 90-degree turn that the rowers must navigate. "I think it is the most challenging course and most challenging for our coxswain," O'Meara said. "There is one turn called Week's Bridge, and it is a 90-degree turn, and one side of the boat has to completely stop rowing, while the other side just cranks it around."

the Hawkeyes can accomplish this, they will automatically be included in next year's event, with a good possibility of more Hawkeye rowers able to make the trip in the future. Although only nine rowers are competing in this year's Head of the Charles, Kowal knows the importance of this weekend for her program. "This weekend is going to be huge for every group, whether you're going to be at Boston or not," she said. "We're getting ready for the Head of the Iowa, and, usually, we have really good racing for that."

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Rested White Sox can't wait to start Series

BY RICK GANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Standing by his locker with two souvenir champagne bottles on a shelf behind him, A.J. Pierzynski shrugged his shoulders Wednesday and said the chaos he created in the ALCS is over. Now it's time for the World Series.

"They say you get what you can handle, and I can handle it just fine," Pierzynski said as the Chicago White Sox resumed workouts after a two-day break and started to prepare for Saturday's Series opener.

The White Sox claimed their first pennant since 1959 Sunday by beating the Angels in a five-game ALCS, and they will meet Houston or St. Louis, with the first two games in Chicago.

Pierzynski was in the middle of three pivotal plays, the most crucial at the end of Game 2, when he ran to first on a third strike that the plate umpire ruled hit the dirt, was ruled safe, and set up the winning ninth-inning run, a victory that evened the series.

"The further you get in the playoffs, every little move is scrutinized. It's fine if it is on me; it means it's not on anyone else," Pierzynski said. "What happened in the last series is over. It all worked out for us. And the best part is that I didn't do anything wrong. I'm becoming a villain, and I didn't do anything wrong. I just did my job."

Pierzynski also created a ruckus by hitting the bat of the Angels' Steve Finley with his mitt in a play that should have been catcher's interference. And he was involved in yet another disputed call when he ran to first base and was tagged with pitcher Kelvin Escobar's glove



Charles Rex Arbogast/Associated Press
Todd Norris (left) and Aaron Hutchinson begin painting the 2005 World Series logo at US Cellular Field in Chicago on Wednesday.

"You never know when you're going to get a chance to be here again. I'm going to soak it all in and enjoy it while it's here."

— Joe Crede, third baseman

and not the ball in Game 5. He again reached after umpires reversed their initial decision, starting Chicago's go-ahead rally.

"You read stuff and see stuff where people are calling me [names] and that I was trying to cheat and this and that," Pierzynski said. "I don't know what I did to deserve that."

Who'll pitch to Pierzynski in Saturday's opener remained uncertain. Manager Ozzie Guillen said he'd hold off until today to make the announcement, although it'll be either Jose Contreras or Mark Buehrle. More than likely, it will be Contreras.

Contreras, who pitched Chicago's LCS-record fourth-straight complete game in Sunday's clincher, would be going on five days' rest. He started the openers of both playoff series so far and is 2-1 in the 2005 post-season. Buehrle, the winner of Game 2 against the Angels, would have 10 days off between starts, if he goes Oct. 23.

"Either way we set the rotation, it's a lot of guys who are going to have nine days off, 10 days off," Guillen said. "We have to figure out how to get them less days, but it is impossible."

If the starters are well rested, the bullpen has been on holiday,



Charles Rex Arbogast/Associated Press
Chicago pitcher Jon Garland throws during the White Sox's first workout for the World Series at US Cellular Field in Chicago on Wednesday.

throwing just seven pitches in the ALCS, all by Neal Cotts. Some relievers will be throwing simulated games this week to get ready.

"If you're a weak mental guy, it can get to you," pitching coach Don Cooper said of the long lay-off between outings. "Whether you have two minutes rest or two weeks rest, you're going to have energy. Control that energy, bring your stuff to the glove, and I guarantee we'll have a real good chance of getting people out."

General manager Ken Williams said the bullpen will have to be ready, because "I have a feeling the relievers will

come into play in a big way" in the World Series.

Several thousand available tickets sold out in 18 minutes this week, and large newspaper headlines blared Chicago's return to the World Series for the first time in 46 years.

"I'm still waiting to wake up; it hasn't sunk in yet," said lead-off hitter Scott Podsednik, who spent most of his first nine seasons in the minors.

"You never know when you're going to get a chance to be here again. I'm going to soak it all in and enjoy it while it's here," said third baseman Joe Crede, who had two go-ahead hits in two games of the ALCS.

And Williams, who rebuilt the team in the off-season, reminded that getting there was one accomplishment but not the one he's looking for.

"Right now, we're still in the grind of it. You've got to keep that edge to you. OK, yeah, [it's] a happy, joyful occasion," Williams said. "We're here at the World Series, love it. But what the heck is it going to mean, if you don't win it? I don't want to go home without that ring."

Notes: ALCS MVP Paul Konerko missed the workout after returning to Arizona to be with his wife, who is expecting their first child.



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Hungry Auburn blows into Baton Rouge

Defending SEC champion Auburn heads to LSU with five-straight wins

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Remember Auburn?
The defending Southeastern Conference champions, last season's passed-over team in the Bowl Championship Series logjam with USC and Oklahoma, started this season with a loss at home to Georgia Tech, and there's been little talk about the Tigers since.
Quietly and against less-than-noteworthy competition, Auburn has won five straight, moved up to No. 16 in the AP Top 25, and remained very much in the mix to defend its SEC title.

The Tigers (5-1, 3-0) will play at No. 7 LSU (4-1, 3-1) on Saturday, with a chance to all but eliminate one of their main competitors in the SEC West. Auburn's first major hurdle cleared on its way to an unbeaten 2004 season was a 10-9 victory over LSU.

There's no Carnell Williams, Ronnie Brown, or Jason Campbell on this Auburn team, but Brandon Cox is the third-most efficient passer in the SEC, Kenny Irons is fifth in the league in rushing, and the defense is still nasty.

Auburn regrouped from the 23-14 loss to the Yellow Jackets with wins against four opponents with a combined record of 8-16 and a victory over a I-AA Western Kentucky.

"We've been working toward this game for the past six or seven weeks," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said. "We know that we're facing one of the teams that was picked to win the SEC championship, not just the West, at the beginning of the year."

Every week seems like a big week in the SEC, where the top six teams are all ranked.

This week's other showdown is in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where No. 17

Tennessee visits the fifth-ranked Crimson Tide. The side story is this is the first time Volunteers coach Phillip Fulmer has brought his team to Tuscaloosa since it was learned he spoke to the NCAA about an investigation of recruiting violations by Alabama.
He'll surely get an unkind reception, but, more importantly, his team could do some serious damage to unbeaten Alabama's national title hopes.

The picks:

Thursday

No. 3 Virginia Tech (minus 10) at Maryland
Three straight wins has Terps confident ... **VIRGINIA TECH 23-14.**

Saturday

No. 1 Southern California (minus 30) at Washington
USC playing fourth road game in five weeks ... **USC 45-20.**

No. 10 Texas Tech (plus 15½) at No. 2 Texas
Longhorns 3-0 in Big 12 for first time ... **TEXAS 42-24.**

Arkansas (plus 19) at No. 4 Georgia Bulldogs have won four straight against Razorbacks ... **GEORGIA 36-14.**

No. 17 Tennessee (plus 3½) at No. 5 Alabama
Vols have won nine of 10 in the series ... **ALABAMA 24-21.**

No. 16 Auburn (plus 6½) at No. 7 LSU
Home team has won last five meetings ... **AUBURN 23-20.**

Oregon State (plus 9½) at No. 8 UCLA
Beavers QB Matt Moore is UCLA transfer ... **UCLA 41-30.**

BYU (plus 19) at No. 9 Notre Dame
Irish won't letdown after USC disappointment ... **NOTRE DAME 40-20.**

No. 11 Florida State (minus 30) at Duke

What better way for Seminoles to rebound from surprising loss ... **FLORIDA STATE 45-7.**

No. 12 Penn State (minus 17) at Illinois
Illini are 111th in nation in total defense; Nittany Lions are 23rd ... **PENN STATE 41-21.**

No. 14 Ohio State (minus 15½) at Indiana
Buckeyes can still take share of Big Ten by winning out ... **OHIO STATE 32-13.**

No. 15 Oregon (minus 9½) at Arizona
Ducks 9-1 against Wildcats under coach Mike Bellotti ... **OREGON 37-35.**

Purdue (plus 8) at No. 19 Wisconsin
Boilermakers look to avoid first five-game skid under Joe Tiller ... **WISCONSIN 41-24.**

No. 20 West Virginia (minus 2) at South Florida
Bulls have lost two straight since upsetting Louisville ... **SOUTH FLORIDA 28-24.**

No. 21 TCU (pick) at Air Force
Horned Frogs have won five straight ... **TCU 31-24.**

Northwestern (plus 11½) at No. 22 Michigan State
When did Big Ten become the old WAC? ... **MICHIGAN STATE 53-44.**

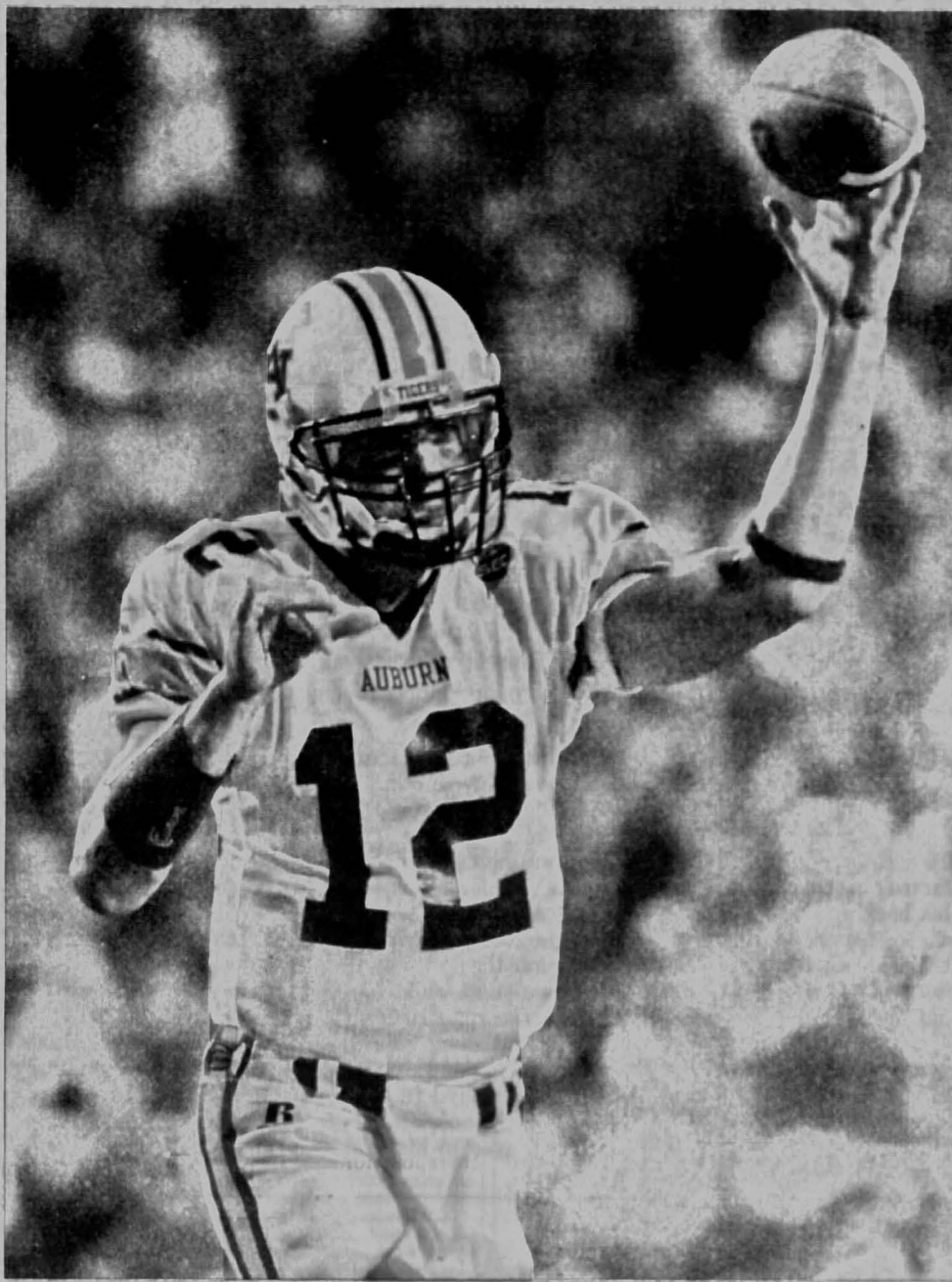
No. 23 Virginia (pick) at North Carolina
Cavaliers are tough to figure out ... **NORTH CAROLINA 24-21.**

No. 24 Fresno State (minus 28½) at Idaho
First meeting since 1979 ... **FRESNO STATE 55-20.**

Washington State (plus 12) at No. 25 California
Two teams desperately in need of win ... **CAL 34-24.**

Last week 14-4 (straight); 8-9 (vs. points).

Season 97-31 (straight); 63-55-4 (vs. points).



April L. Brown/Associated Press
Auburn quarterback Brandon Cox passes against Arkansas at Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville, Ark., on Oct. 15. Auburn defeated Arkansas, 34-17.

Michigan still in hunt

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Chad Henne will hear more catcalls this weekend, but only because Michigan will be on the road.

The sophomore quarterback silenced critics in Michigan Stadium when he hit Mario Manningham with a touchdown pass with no time left Saturday to lift the Wolverines past then-No. 8 Penn State 27-25.

"There were some games where we left some plays on the field," Henne said Monday. "But now, when big plays present themselves, we're clicking."

The win means Michigan (4-3, 2-2 Big Ten) still has a shot at the conference title, if it wins its remaining games. The Wolverines haven't won back-to-back games, however, since last season.

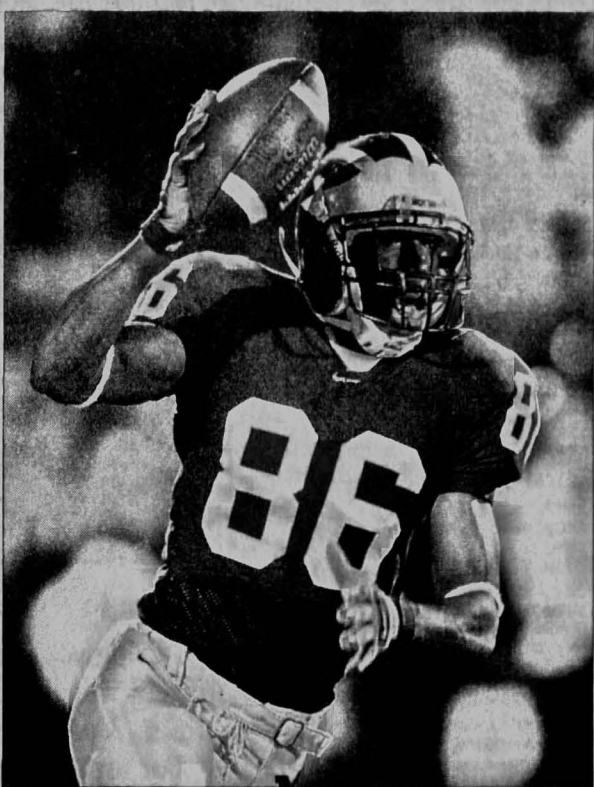
Iowa, with whom Michigan shared the Big Ten title last season, hosts the Wolverines at 11 a.m. Saturday.

"Now we need to put together two wins and come out with great emotion every time," Henne said.

Henne completed 21 of his 36 attempts on Oct. 15, and coach Lloyd Carr said he could find fault with only one of the missed passes, a third-quarter attempt where he missed a wide-open Steve Breaston, because he had been poked in the left eye on the previous play.

"When you look at what he did in the fourth quarter, there was not a lot of space in that defense on the last drive," Carr said.

Carr said forgetting the high of the Oct. 15 come-from-behind win will be as important as forgetting the disappointment of the Wolverines' Oct. 8 loss to Minnesota.



Duane Burseson/Associated Press

Michigan receiver Mario Manningham holds up the football after scoring the winning touchdown to defeat Penn State, 27-25, in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Oct. 15.

"The thing that gave us a chance to win the game Saturday was the fact that last Sunday we just talked about forgetting the Minnesota game, because there was nothing that we could do," he said, "and if we didn't let that game go, we'd be thinking about it, instead of getting ready for [Penn State]."

"Getting off a win is a lot more fun."

Special teams, a weakness at times for the Wolverines last season, also played a key part in Saturday's win.

Return specialist Breaston finished with 128 yards on four kickoff returns and took the final Penn State kickoff back 41 yards to set up the winning touchdown drive.

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— Doug Larson

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- It will severely diminish the amount of hot freshmen I can grind on.
- The bar atmosphere will go from perky and fresh to wrinkly and jaded.
- If freshmen are banned from the bars, they'll be forced to drink Hawkeye Vodka alone in their rooms, which can only lead to the dreaded parental drunk call.
- Instead of seeing hot girls in skimpy outfits at 2:30 a.m., we'll see seniors in baggy sweatpants trying to cover up the freshmen, sophomore, and junior 15.
- Without the 18-20 crowd, the Dance Marathon panhandlers won't be able to take advantage of naive drunks stumbling down the street.
- Many fine establishments will go out of business, because freshmen are the only ones who can afford \$6 burritos on a nightly basis.
- Parents won't know what to get their college student for their birthday without the need to pay for their son or daughter's PAULA.
- Seniors aren't impressed that I have my picture in the DI four days a week.
- Iowa City will turn into Ames, and there's a reason ISU sucks.

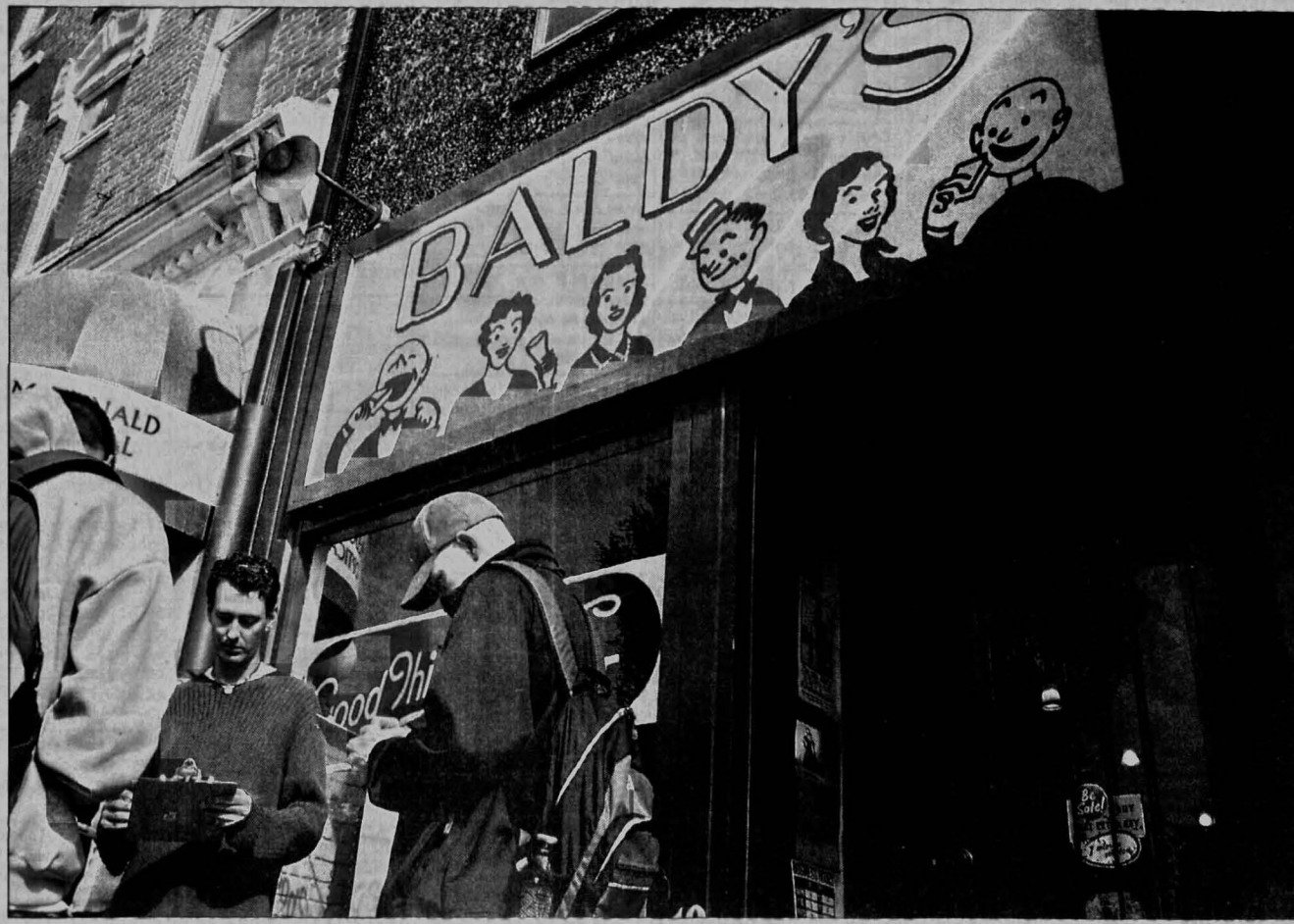
Eric Fomon feels ancient, because he can remember back in high school when it was legal for 18-year-olds to bar hop their brains out all over Iowa City.

horoscopes

Thursday, October 20, 2005
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You have the potential to do something spectacular if you set your mind to it today. Act on your gut feelings.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Today is best spent doing a good job or looking for work if you don't have employment. Family discussions will be more beneficial than you first realize.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You must keep on top of things. Problems with your boss or instructor may be upsetting. Do things your way, and move on.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have to rely on other people for help. Trying to do everything by yourself is just plain silly.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you speak your mind, you are likely to get into trouble. Take action and do things for the people you like with nothing said.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Things may not go according to plan in the romance department. Don't let your emotions get the better of you.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can play hardball in work-related matters and expect to win. Business trips will help close a deal, and the chance to learn something new is apparent.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Money should be on your mind. A chance to come into a windfall is looking good.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you are quick to react and follow basic rules, you should be able to stay on top of everything. Love should be one of your key concerns.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be your own worst enemy when it comes to your professional goals. You will have a chance to prove yourself and step into a position that can lead to advancement if you don't overestimate what you can actually do.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be able to experience a different way of doing things today. Join in cultural events or take part in a seminar.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Problems are likely today if you push yourself on others or if you are too impulsive. Slow down, and reconsider your tactics and strategies. This is not the day to make demands.

WRAP MUSIC



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

UI seniors Ethan Gill (right) and Carson Egglund (far left) fill out a credit-card survey in order to get free lunch at Baldy's on Wednesday afternoon. Wednesday was the last day the lunch offer was available before the organizers moved on to the next college town in their nationwide promotion.

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9 Tonight with Bradman Live
10 Naked
10:45 Citizens for Public Power Part 2
11 The Sports Stop: Early Edition
11:30 The Generic Sports Show (repeat)
12:30 a.m. Whatever No. 6

UITV schedule

3 p.m. "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," The 100s
4 "Pandemic Influenza: How Real is the Threat?," Public Health Grand Rounds
5 Gulf Coast Underwater: America Uncovered No. 3, Rebuilding New Orleans after the Hurricane
5:30 Gulf Coast Underwater: America Uncovered No. 4, Follow the Second Line: New Orleans Musical Rituals
6 UI President David Skorton's Annual Keynote Address
6:30 Iowa Football with Kirk Ferentz
7 "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," The 100s
8 "Pandemic Influenza: How Real is the Threat?," Public Health Grand Rounds (1 hour)
9 Gulf Coast Underwater: America Uncovered No. 3, Rebuilding New Orleans after the Hurricane
9:30 Gulf Coast Underwater: America Uncovered No. 4, Follow the Second Line: New Orleans Musical Rituals
10 Iowa Football with Kirk Ferentz
10:30 DITV News, The Daily Iowan Daily News Update
10:40 The Best of Student Video Productions
11 "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," The 100s

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today's events

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- "Who has been Shanghaied: A great change of the Shanghai Bund from 1600-2005," Danyan Chen, noon, International Center Lounge
- "Café Scientifique," Anthropomorphism and Animals, 5 p.m., Cottage Bakery and Cafe, 14 S. Linn
- Life in Iowa Series, "Iowans and the Things They Do," 5:30 p.m., 256 IMU
- Slow Food Movement Dinner, with Chef Carl Honore, 6 p.m., Cottage
- Discover Islam Lecture Series, "Islam: Questions and Answers," 7 p.m., Iowa City Mosque, 114 E. Prentiss
- "Grant Wood: The Artist in the Hayloft," Elisabeth Foxley Leach, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- Global Queer Cinema, *The Road to Love (Rarik el Hob)* and *The Pink Mirror (Gulabi Aaina)*, 7 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building
- Israeli Film Series, *Alila*, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation, 122 E. Market
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BANGING, THUMPING, WHAPPING, TAPPING, LOCAL SURFACE-SLAPPERS HAVE DRUMMED UP CIRCLES FOR THOSE PASSIONATE ABOUT ALL THINGS PERCUSSIVE

BY JESSICA FISCHOFF
THE DAILY IOWAN

Cliff Missen and Davey Collins know how to thunder. They are experts at booming. They are masters of reverberation. Fusing their drumming forces, these two men have helped Iowa City beat for 13 years.

With their Coke bottle-glasses and plaid-collared shirts, the two appear more "computer geek" than "passionate percussionist." The disguise is quite fooling, for while the two tool with computers by day, their true talent ignites in the evening, at the start of one of their many drumming sessions.

On the first Wednesday of every month, the Yahoo Drummers host a drum circle at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert St., from 7-10 p.m. The easygoing gathering allows for anyone interested in the art of drumming to learn about the music created by the growing community of local drummers. The group is open to all, no matter their musical background or skill, and the gathering welcomes even drumming ignoramuses to listen to the sound collaboration.

Missen and Collins also take part in a weekly ritual on Monday evenings, when they assemble an assortment of their instruments in the Pedestrian Mall and play a three-hour gig. Their compelling beats tend to attract an array of people passing, and many are so mesmerized by the music they stop to feed their intrigue. Missen and Collins are armed with extra drums and eagerly invite any onlooker to join the circle.

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BY ALI GOWANS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Seated barefoot on the grass, backpacks, shoes, and socks momentarily forgotten, except when a sandal was snatched to slap against a bucket, the members of drumming circle SPITATGOATS escaped the rigors of studying for a between-class moment of piercing percussion and unbridled anxiety exorcism.

A bright orange Menards bucket served alternately as a chair and a drum, alongside a set of bongos, two wooden West African djembe drums, and two ringing metal Middle Eastern dumbeks. Bare hands and scraps of wood substituted for drumsticks, accompanied by a Raging Cow Chocolate Milk bottle laden with legumes, its end swathed with masking tape — a makeshift maraca. Two tortoise shells, their former inhabitants long gone, served as additional receptors for rhythmic pounding.

There are no notes for these musicians to read. No song list. Percussionists improvise, jamming with eyes closed and pretensions abandoned. There are no goats, either.

SPITATGOATS is an acronym — Smacking Percussion In The Attempt To Groove Out All Tension and Stress. Fourth-year medical student Ian Kenning invented the title two years ago while daydreaming in a pathology lecture.

"In med school, there are lots of acronyms for things," he said. "They're usually not very fun. One day, I decided my goal was to come up with one that was."

SPITATGOATS, composed of students in the UI Carver College of Medicine, grew into more than a strange succession of Saussure's signs, as the student and several friends, many of whom played instruments as undergraduates, looked for a means to make music.

"I played in college and in high school," medical student Nathan Curl said. "I missed having a musical outlet in medical school."

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Illustration: Dan Wildberger



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WHAT'S GOIN' ON



Crawdaddy, a vocalist for the Absurd Family Cirkus, sings into the mike during a show at the Green Room on July 1. Absurd will play its last show at the Yacht Club today, after which the band members will move on to new projects.

Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan

THURSDAY 10.20

MUSIC

- Michael Franti, solo acoustic, 7 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- Absurd Family Cirkus, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- Backyard Tire Fire, with Jason Lewis and Midwest Dilemma, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

WORDS

- "Grant Wood: The Artist in the Hayloft," Elisabeth Foxley Leach, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Rob Borsellino, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque, and WSUI
- Philip Levine, poetry, 8 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium

LECTURES

- "Who has been Shanghai'd: A great change of the Shanghai Bund from 1600-2005," Danyan Chen, noon, International Center Lounge
- "Café Scientifique," Anthropomorphism and Animals, 5 p.m., Cottage Bakery and Cafe, 14 S. Linn
- Life in Iowa Series, "Iowans and the Things They Do," 5:30 p.m., 256 IMU
- "Discover Islam Lecture Series," Islam: Questions and Answers, 7 p.m., Iowa City Mosque, 114 E. Prentiss

THEATER

- A Dollhouse, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B

MISC.

- Slow Food Movement Dinner with Chef Carl Honore, 6 p.m., Cottage
- Global Queer Cinema, *The Road to Love (Rarik el Hob)* and *The Pink Mirror (Gulabi Aaina)*, 7 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building
- Israeli Film Series, *Alila*, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation, 122 E. Market
- Ramadan Awareness Week, Question and Answer session, 7:30 p.m., 346 IMU
- Scratch Track, 9 p.m., IMU Ballroom

FRIDAY 10.21

MUSIC

- Patrick Brickel, 5:30 p.m., UI Museum of Art
- Kantorei, Timothy Stalter, conductor, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- Warhammer 48k, the Tanks, Atomic Arabian Facebuster, Escape the Flood Waters Jug Band, and the Great Lakes, 8 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 401 S. Gilbert
- Jensen Connection with Chett and Miker's Mad, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- Kabaret Video Karaoke, 9 p.m., Buffalo Wild Wings, Old Capitol Town Center
- Salsa Band, 9 p.m., Mill
- Soul Power DJ, 9 p.m., Martinis, 127 E. College
- The Ponys, 9 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- Schweg, 10 p.m., Q Bar, 211 Iowa Ave.

WORDS

- International Writing Program reading, Anna Rogozhnikova and Edi Shukriu, 5 p.m., Shambaugh House
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Paul Collins, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights and WSUI

LECTURES

- "Health Insurance Theory: The Case of Missing Welfare Gain," John Nyman, noon, E331 UIHC
- Life in Iowa Series, "The English You Don't Learn in the Classroom," 3:30 p.m., 335 IMU
- "From Redemption to Revolution: Wagner and Russian Cultural Identity," 4:30 p.m., 304 English-Philosophy Building

THEATER

- A Dollhouse, 8 p.m., Theatre B
- On Golden Pond, Iowa City Community Theatre, 8 p.m., Johnson County Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall
- No Shame Theatre, 11 p.m., Theatre Building

MISC.

- Farmers' Market, 5-7 p.m., Leno and Cilek Ace Hardware, 600 N. Dodge
- Field of Screams haunted corn field, dusk-midnight, Ed Williams Farm, 2968 Black Diamond Road S.W.

SATURDAY 10.22

MUSIC

- Gratitude with Big City Rock, Small Towns Burn a Little Slower, and the Famed, 5:30 p.m., Gabe's
- Ksenia Nosikova, piano, 8 p.m., Clapp
- Natty Nation with Electric Junction, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- Pieta Brown, Bo Ramsey, and the Pines, 9 p.m., Mill
- Saints, 9 p.m., Martinis
- Schaffer the Dark Lord, with Coolzey, Kita, Liberty Leg, 9 p.m., Gabe's
- Town Crier with Bixby Lane, 9 p.m., Q Bar
- Equilateral Jazz Band, 9:30 p.m., Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert

LECTURES

- "Uses of Lasers, from Mundane to Magnificent," 4 p.m., Van Allen Hall Lecture Room 1

THEATER

- A Dollhouse, 8 p.m., Theatre B
- On Golden Pond, Community Theatre, 8 p.m., Johnson County Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall

MISC.

- Farmers' Market, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp, Gilbert and Washington Streets
- Haunted Barn, 7 p.m., 2359 Mehaffey Bridge Road N.E.
- Red Ribbon Fashion Show, 7 p.m., IMU Ballroom
- Field of Screams, haunted corn field, dusk-midnight, Ed Williams Farm

SUNDAY 10.23

MUSIC

- Camerata, Timothy Dickey, conductor, 3 p.m., Clapp
- Blues Jam, 8 p.m., Yacht Club
- Jackstraw, 9 p.m., Mill
- The Accident Experiment (formerly P.O.D.), with Presence and All But Screaming, 9 p.m., Gabe's

WORDS

- IWP/Writers' Workshop reading, Lidija Dimkovska, Said El Haji, and Julia Glassman, 5 p.m., Prairie Lights

THEATER

- A Dollhouse, 2 p.m., Theatre B
- On Golden Pond, Community Theatre, 2:30 p.m., Johnson County Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall

MISC.

- Second Spooky Sprint, 5K Fun Run, 10 a.m., Seamans Center
- Farmers' Market, 1-3:30 p.m., Leno and Cilek Ace Hardware
- Haunted Barn, 7-10 p.m., Barn on Mehaffey Bridge Road
- Pub Quiz, 9 p.m., Mill

MONDAY 10.24

MUSIC

- Bad Fathers, with Quiet Drive, Treaty of Paris, and Underwater all ages show, 5:30 p.m., Gabe's

WORDS

- "Live from Prairie Lights," Cole Swensen and Tessa Rumsey, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights and WSUI

LECTURES

- "Can We Share the World?," Hope for the Christian-Muslim Dialogue, Jane I. Smith, 7 p.m., Biology Building East

DANCE

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

TUESDAY 10.25

MUSIC

- Kay Basham, pianist, noon, UIHC Colloton Atrium
- Cafe Culture: Czech Plus Band, 5:30 p.m., Hillcrest Marketplace
- Kai Stensgaard, percussion, 8 p.m., Voxman Music Building Harper Hall
- Lotus with Jason Heyland, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- Honorary Title, with Waking Ashland, 9:30 p.m., Gabe's

LECTURES

- "Wrongfully Convicted?, Evidence of Coercion in a Police Investigation," Susan Berk-Seligson, 4 p.m., 101 Becker
- "Iowa Physicians and Poverty: Caring for the Needy, 1900-1940," Susan Lawrence, 5:30 p.m., 401 Hardin Library
- "Improvisation, Negotiation, and Organizational Creativity," Ed Sarath, 8 p.m., S401 Pappajohn Business Building

WORDS

- "Live from Prairie Lights," Poet Laureate Ted Kooser, poetry, 7 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium and WSUI

WEDNESDAY 10.26

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- "Christian-Muslim Relations: Models for Encounter and Exchange," Jane I. Smith, 6 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- Howard Zinn, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- "Improvisation, Creativity, and Consciousness," Ed Sarath, 8 p.m., Harper Hall

MISC.

- Farmers' Market, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp

NEW MOVIES

Cinevardaphoto
Bijou: 7 p.m. today, Oct. 23, and Oct. 25; 9 p.m. Oct. 21, Oct. 22, Oct. 24, and Oct. 26; 5 p.m. Oct. 22
Admission: \$ 5
Synopsis: Agnes Varda, one of the founding filmmakers of the French New Wave, compiles three short ciné-essays in her new film. Together, the films present an exploration into Varda's growth as a photographer and filmmaker, each examining the subject of still photography through video and celluloid.

The Adventures of Prince Achmed
Bijou: 9 p.m. today, Oct. 23, and Oct. 25; 7 p.m. Oct. 21, Oct. 22, Oct. 24, and Oct. 26; 5 p.m. Oct. 23
Admission: \$ 4
Synopsis: Hailed as the first full-length animated film — made by Lotte Reiniger using the silhouette technique she invented — when it premiered in Germany on Sept. 23, 1926. This enchanting work still stands as one of the great classics of animation nearly 80 years later: beautiful, mesmerizing, and utterly seductive. A wicked sorcerer tricks Prince Achmed into mounting a magical flying horse and sends the rider off on a flight to his death. The prince foils the magician's plan and soars headlong into a series of wondrous adventures.

WEB GOODIES

MP3s
Backyard Tire Fire's *Bar Room Semantics*
• "Tryin' to Get Paid"
• "The Daze"

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• DI videographer Taylor Gentry's video of Iowa City's drum circles

SLIDE SHOW
• DI photographers Jessica Green's and Patrick Reed's slide show of Iowa City's drum circles

AUDIO
• Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Philip Levine's full Q & A audio recording

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From assembly line to verse

BY MAGGIE ANDERSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Philip Levine's life is one of binary transformation: In both life and lyric, wide-eyed optimism has evolved into the weathered cynicism of a 77-year-old retired college professor. Levine will read from several of his works that illustrate these disparate life phases at 8 p.m. today in Shambaugh Auditorium.

The son of Russian immigrants who had suffered under the strict hierarchy of czarist Russia, Levine learned quickly his parents' admiration of America. Levine's father passed away when he was 5, and his mother worked to support him and his two brothers, but both parents impressed upon the family their faith in the American Dream of personal happiness and capital success via hard work.

"I believed, as a young person, in the glory of this nation, because that's what I heard at home," Levine said.

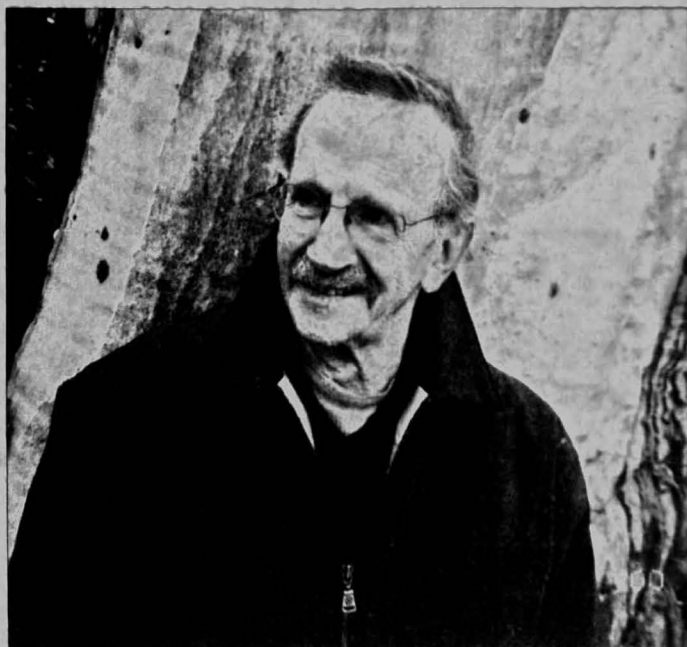
Yet, as a grandparent, he is more skeptical. "I have a bigger stake in America now," he said. Despite his parents' belief in the potential of rising from shack to mansion, Levine said, the Dream devolved into a nightmarish disappointment. Amid a collapsing educational system, polluted environment, and an "idiotic" war, Levine said the myth painting America as a country that upholds justice for all is long entombed. Christian fundamentalists have hijacked the land of the tired, poor huddled masses, he said, and "a disgusting parody of the values it spouts to other countries" now thrives.

Levine laments the societal emphasis on monetary wealth in America and young people's apparent indifference about the plight of the impoverished and the current war in Iraq. When he confronts these subjects on college campuses, students greet him with "a barrage of yawns."

"What a curse it is to be a financial failure in America," he said.

And while Levine's fellow factory workers risked losing their jobs, homes, and lives while striking Detroit's automobile factories, "teachers start talking about tenure" at the mere mention of the word, he said.

Despite Levine's current negative view of America, he recognizes the good, in such places as Wayne State University, which he attended at age 18, and the downtrodden yet persistent poor who attended. "I loved it," he said. "It had molded itself into a shape that would accept the kids of immigrants, as I was. A factory worker. Anybody. It was



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Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Philip Levine will read his work today in Shambaugh Auditorium.

READING Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Philip Levine

When: 8 p.m. today
Where: Shambaugh Auditorium
Admission: Free

an open house to people who had brains and no money."

And while his political pessimism seeps into his latest works, earlier poems convey his youthful hope.

"There's nothing more boring than a poem that preaches," he said.

He did not transcribe nor share his earliest compositions with others but spoke them into only nature's ear. Typical of most 14-year-olds, Levine said, he possessed a "profound need ... to speak to somebody. It was very comforting to go and talk to the rain, or the Moon, or the stars."

More recently, he draws inspiration from the steadfast industrial workers of his hometown of Motown, where his interest in poetry was born. He discarded the stale poetic themes of ripening romance and wildflower pastures when he was 18 and began reading modern poetry about urban life. As a former factory laborer and a son of immigrants, Levine identified strongly with its direct and informal language and its working-class subjects. While he still feels a bond with the lyrical tradition of the greats, such as John Milton, as he stepped further from the circle of his parents' beliefs, he embraced the sympathetic portrayal of the downtrodden in his poems. He writes of monotonous daily routines, the dirt, the grime, yet also the steel core within those who relentlessly endure.

"Oh, that tree is just stunning," he said, mocking his previously narrow view of poetry. "But what about the unemployed plumber next door?"

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SCOPING out comedy

BY ADAM GREENBERG
THE DAILY IOWAN

Talk about a pair. Dave Attell, the raunchy host of the late-night television program "Insomniac," will perform with the disappeared, featherbrained comedic king of the obvious, Pauly Shore at Hancher on Dec. 7. Tickets will go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. at the University Box Office or through Ticketmaster.

While Attell's desperate, horny male persona is a current staple on Comedy Central, most people's memories of Shore are inevitably linked with his performances in '90s box office slapstick capers *Encino Man*, *Jury Duty*, and *Bio-Dome*.

"We wanted to get comedy shows so everything's not just music, music, music."

— Adam Brill, SCOPE



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SCOPE breaks up the semester-long string of concerts with a comedy performance featuring Pauly Shore (left) and Dave Attell. Tickets for the Dec. 7 performance at Hancher will go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. at the University Box Office or through Ticketmaster.

UI, searched for comedians touring colleges this fall. The effort led him to Attell, whose management company handles many other comedians, including Shore. To bulk up the package, Brill asked that Shore be added to the event, and his request was granted.

Generally, the IMU Main Lounge is the site for music acts; this is the first comedy

show SCOPE has put on since last year's well-received two-night stand by Second City.

Hancher, a subtler, mid-sized venue, suits the occasion, said Allison Wells, a co-director for SCOPE's public relations.

The performers' setting should at least make for evocative contrast.

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Beyond Tigerhawk music



Bar band Backyard Tire Fire will make a stop in Iowa City today to perform at the Mill with Jason Lewis and Midwest Dilemma at 9 p.m.

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BY TONY A. SOLANO
THE DAILY IOWAN

To jock-rocker Ed Anderson in the mid-1990s, a stop in Iowa City meant tossing back beers with Tim Dwight and Mike Goff after playing to a crowd packed with Hawkeye starters.

Anderson and former bar-band brother Jed partied "like rock stars" — or, perhaps like NFL stars — a result of the fraternal link between the group's drummer and the current New England Patriot. But Anderson's current band, Backyard Tire Fire (formed in 2001), can no longer rely on a home-field advantage in Iowa City and must garner fans the old-fashioned way: playing music worth more than the price of well drinks.

Ed Anderson, 33, said successful twice yearly stops in Iowa City would be ideal while on the way to Ames, Minneapolis, or the Rocky Mountain states. Filling out the group is his brother, bass player Tim Anderson, 27, and percussionist Tim Kramp, 23.

Iowa City is a necessary stop for bands, Ed Anderson said, because it consistently showcases good local and national music.

"It's very respected as a place that when you're a musician rolling down I-80, you've got to play in Iowa City," he said.

The trio released its third album, *Bar Room Semantics*, in January, determined not to be stuck in a genre. "The Daze" features Black Crowes-like harmonic roots rock, while "Tryin' to get Paid" is a whiny country ballad paralleling the scratch-and-scrape life in a band to that of cattle-herding and custodial work. On any given song, the group could also catapult into extravagant funk beats, jagged grunge riffs, or horn-heavy blues

and jazz grooves with refrains, as in "If It Makes You Feel Good."

After forming in Asheville, N.C. in 2001, Tire Fire moved to Athens, Ga., before returning to the members' home state of Illinois. Tire Fire is now based in Bloomington, Ill., the home of Illinois State University. Anderson was critical of the music scene in his hometown, saying that although there is a large student presence, the area doesn't musically compare with Iowa City.

The band started recording its fourth album on Oct. 10. Tire Fire is signed with Originality Is Everything, an independent label that recently struck a national distribution deal with Redeye Distribution. All three Tire Fire albums will be available in retail stores, beginning Nov. 15.

"Hopefully, in a year, when we come back to Iowa City, it'll be tough to get in the door because people want to come out and hear us," Ed Anderson said. "The goal is to keep building, and that takes time."

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Rob Borsellino used to speak fast, type swiftly, visit dilapidated apartments where undocumented workers lived, attend meetings at community centers and in church basements, crank out three columns a week, and, as a volunteer, coach his son's soccer team.

All that has changed. Since being diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis 11 months ago, his speech slurs, he types with only one finger, and works at home to produce one column a week.

Nevertheless, the popular *Des Moines Register* columnist will read from his newly released book, *So, I'm talkin' to this guy ...*, at 7 p.m. today at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St. A collection of 120 of his columns, he writes about racism and people coping with poverty, injustice, and the loss of loved ones. He also discusses why he decided to go public when he learned he had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

The 56-year-old has suffered from fatigue, muscle weakness, and paralysis that make it difficult for him to speak or use a computer. Still, he manages to tell his stories and bring public awareness of the 5,000 Americans diagnosed annually with the incurable disease.

With humor, Borsellino described the alternative treatments he has tried: yoga, massage, acupuncture, and homeopathic and ayurvedic medicines.

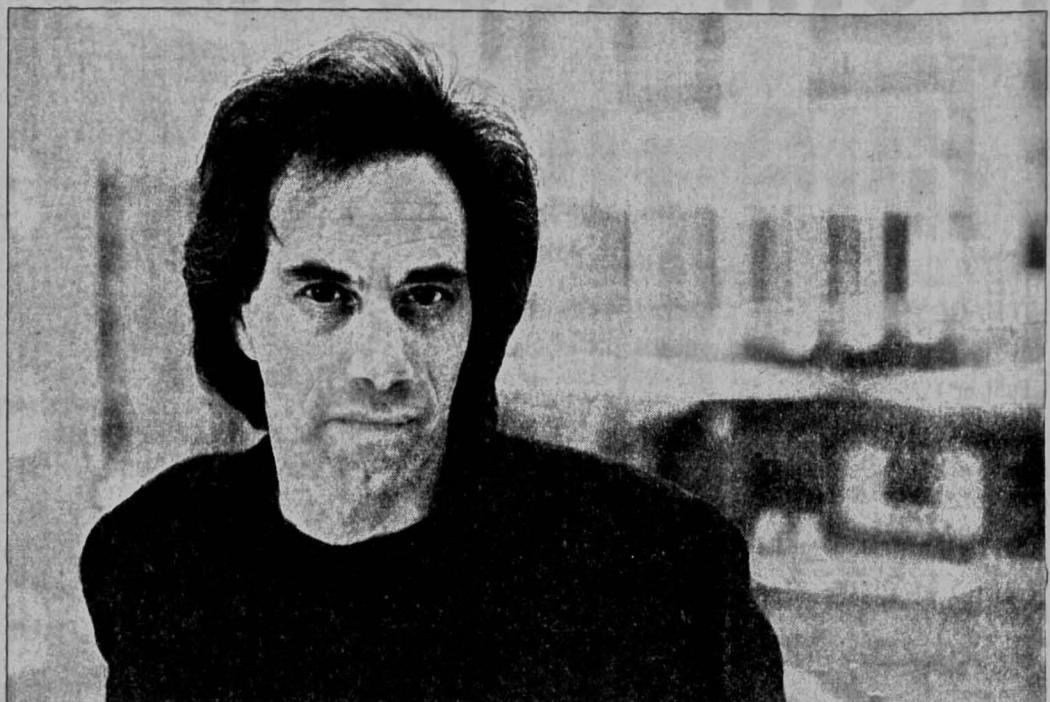
"It gets to the point you're wondering how long you really want to live if the high point of your week is some guy sticking pins in your forehead and ears," he wrote in May.

When Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, called to ask him to come to Washington, D.C., to testify before the Senate Appropriations Committee about the need for funding research on the disease, he jokes that he wanted to say, "Italians don't testify."

But he did. He told the committee about the lack of available treatment for the disease, which as many as 30,000 Americans have. He went to tell how some people have traveled to China for stem-cell therapy not available in the United States. And he went to tell the Senate panel he probably will not live to attend his sons' weddings or his grandchildren's births.

"It's Little League season right now, and I can't play catch with my son," he said.

In 1974, Borsellino got his first job as a reporter for a radio



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Author and *Des Moines Register* columnist Rob Borsellino will read today at Prairie Lights.

READING

Rob Borsellino reading from his book, *So, I'm talkin' to this guy...*

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More info: Proceeds from his book go toward his two sons' college funds

Borsellino's attraction to journalism is that he is at the forefront of news.

"I love the idea of every day being different," he said. "You never know when you get up in the morning what you are going to be doing that day."

Lou Gehrig's disease has forced him to decrease his weekly workload, and speech impairments keep him from doing many interviews, which had been his column's anchor, so instead, he writes introspective pieces and media critiques.

The subjects of recent meditations have included the state of journalism, Cindy Sheehan, Bob Dylan, and a trip he and Basu made to Italy to connect with his family.

His columns sometimes anger readers, but nearly everyone can appreciate how he illuminates the lives of those generally overlooked in the urban landscape. He seeks out the stories of underrepresented people, and their stories offer social commentary on poverty, social injustices, and bigotry.

"I think you bring those issues to life, not by editorializing but by finding those people who illustrate those themes," he said.

There are times when Borsellino talks about Iowa as if it were a foreign country he has grown to like, and his stories often feature humorous insights into differences between Iowa and New York that have defined his style.

After six years living in Iowa, he wrote in the foreword to his book, he was afraid he was losing his edge when he found himself in 1998 writing fondly of coaching his son's soccer team and visiting the Iowa State Fair. He tells the reader he's tempted

to erase the comment, because he worries about the state's effect on him. He quickly calms himself by remembering his recent utterly New Yorker behavior: chasing, for five miles, a driver who had cut him off on the freeway to deliver "the Italian salute."

"And I feel better," he writes. "I feel like myself: a New Yorker living somewhere else."

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"Drumming is really an ensemble instrument," Missen said. "One drum by itself doesn't usually sound very good. It's getting the cacophony going on and multiple rhythms that makes it fun."

As founding members of the Yahoo Drummers, a local quartet that also includes Davenport resident Howard Hilliard and UI rhetoric Associate Professor Carol Severino, the two computer scientists are a pair of the strongest vertebrae in Iowa City's rhythmic backbone. But neither tries to keep his talent a hidden secret. The two insist upon the spreading of their sound and pastime to the community.

"We get so many people who come up and say, 'In high school, I really wanted to be a drummer, but my mom made me play the flute,'" Missen said. "We used to give out business cards that said 'License to Drum.'"

In a family-friendly measure, the group has also fabricated a crying baby antibody. "We get a lot of parents with small children who are a little bit scared, but we've got a bag of things that rattle that the babies seem to really dig," Collins said.

Lately, the group has embarked on a professional route, with invitations to play at a number of statewide events including the Quad Cities' Bix Run, the Iowa City Children's Museum Arts Fair, the Alternative Energy Fair in Cedar Rapids, peace marches, and even workshops with prisoners in the Iowa Medical & Classification Center.

More than anything, the group's mission is to show Iowa City the potential power drumming possesses.

"It's an organic thing," Missen said. "It's just about getting in



Charlie Abbott rests in between drumming exercises on Oct. 5. The monthly Drum Circle is a three-hour session involving improvisational, instructional, and individual drumming activities.

touch with the root rhythm." E-mail *DI* reporter Jessica Fischhoff at: Jessica-Fischhoff@uiowa.edu

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SPITATGOATS

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With anyone welcome, any number of students now meet semi-regularly — the elusive goal is once a month — to musically release and flee from their studies, if only for an hour or two.

"We spend a lot of time indoors," Kenning said. "This is an excuse to go outside and make a lot of noise and, sometimes, play something fun."

As the drumming ended and the percussionists slowly left to resume studying, venturing to class, or to work at the UIHC, medical student Greg Parker took a moment to blow a few soap bubbles into the cloudless sky before packing up his dumbek.

"I got a drum, because I thought it'd be fun," he said. "It's definitely paid off."

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Twisting 'his-story' with a swaggering Kid

BY LOUIS VIRTEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

The pop of a hidden snare drum rings out, and a banjo twang follows. Someone has just been shot.

"The violence is so absurd, you could probably laugh at it," said Steve Ptacek, 21, a UI senior and major in theater and English. "It's a classic Western and a really, really dark comedy."

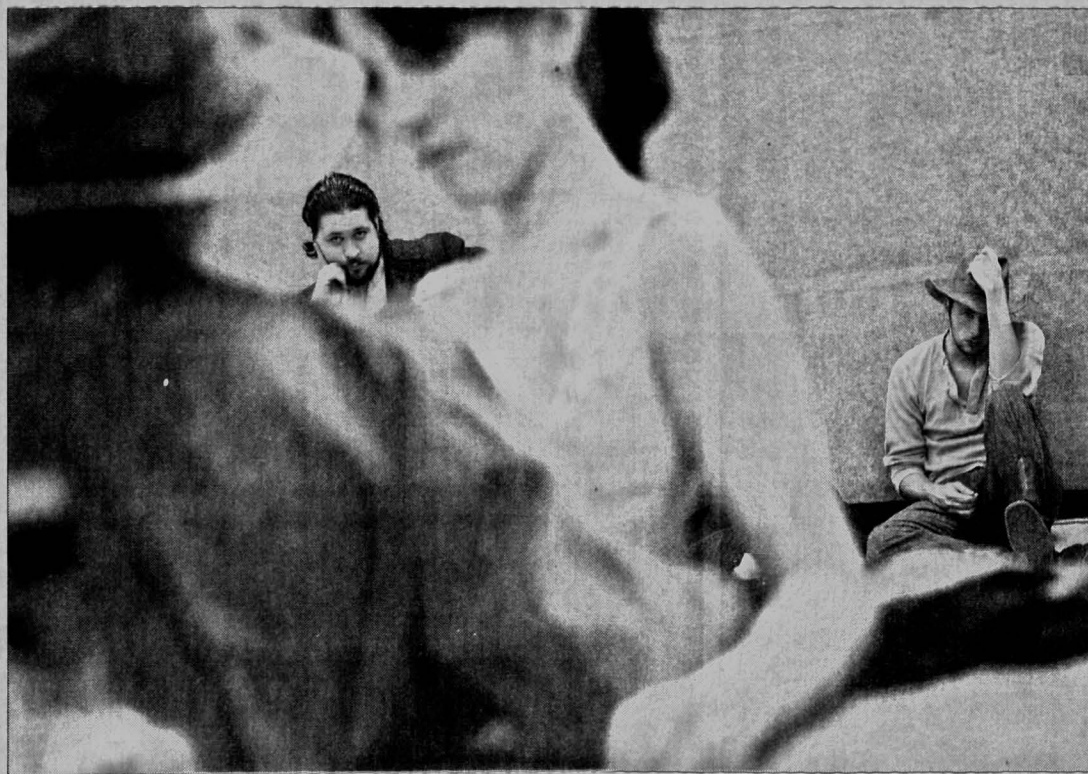
Ptacek's script for the UI theater-department workshop production of *Billy the Kid* features whiskey bottles, saloon mayhem, and grizzled, sheriff-badger-adorned poker players, but the play's end product is anything but conventional. With each drawn pistol and subsequent gunslinger death, an offstage band member hits a snare drum, while an accompanying band led by Ptacek's father follows with a live Spaghetti Western riff.

"The whole play contemplates violence," Ptacek said. "When someone onstage is shot, the dead body stays onstage until another character drags it off. It's comedic — but also serious."

The sepia-toned *Billy the Kid* digs in its sardonic spurs on Friday in 172 Theatre Building. Tickets are \$2.

Billy the Kid further deviates from the *High Noon* school of Westerns by turning "the Kid" into something all previous depictions of the mythical outlaw haven't dared to consider: a woman.

"If Billy is a woman, her actions are considered unacceptable," Ptacek said. "I'm using the story of *Billy the Kid* that people know to push my own perspective ... she even seduces a woman in the play."



Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan
Andrew Gibson and sophomore Joe Reilly train their eyes on the interactions of freshman Arielle Roberts and senior Andrea Baca as they all rehearse *Billy the Kid* at the Theatre Building on Tuesday evening. The play, written by senior Steve Ptacek and directed by third-year M.F.A. playwright Chris Leyva, will be performed Friday in 172 Theatre Building.

Ptacek's perspective includes a strong skepticism toward accuracy behind the historical legacies of so-called national heroes and celebrated figures. The breadth of his uncertainty ranges from Franklin Delano Roosevelt to railroad steel-driver John Henry, who, according to folklore, raced and beat his sadistic boss's answer to Henry: a steam-powered hammer.

"In middle school, we're taught that story," Ptacek said. "But originally, John Henry was a slave on a railroad. It's fascinating to see how myths are handled and how

history is manipulated."

After watching a 2004 Discovery Channel special listing then-recently deceased Ronald Reagan as "the Greatest American" of all time, ahead of Abraham Lincoln, Ptacek's creative spark regarding America's dubious esteem for historical figures was ignited.

"Certain legends are too touchy for people to talk about," he said. "This play is about how far people will go to protect national identity."

Director Chris Leyva, 26, a UI third-year M.F.A. playwright, relied on Ptacek's script to

create the Western ambiance, not any prior conception he had of Old West cinema.

"I just approached the play from the characters' [perspective], because they lead the play ... I'm a pretty active director, so I get up there with the actors and give them reference," he said. "My favorite Western is *Back to the Future Part III*, so everything I know about Westerns comes from Marty McFly."

Directing freshman Arielle Roberts, 18, in the role of Billy the Kid prompted him to brainstorm new gestures and



Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan
Arielle Roberts rolls her eyes over the antics of Joe Reilly's dimwitted character as they rehearse *Billy the Kid* on Tuesday evening.

THEATER

Billy the Kid, written by Steve Ptacek and directed by Chris Leyva

When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Where: 172 Theatre Building
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postures to heighten the audience's belief in the brash and swaggering outlaw.

"I found ways to walk and talk, and I'd tell her how to hold the gun [at other characters] and how to cock her head," he said. "There are moments when she's just completely there."

Roberts exudes an offbeat savvy as the Kid, sporting a devious, winking grin and a down-home accent more

Coal Miner's Daughter than *True Grit*.

"I got into her mindset," she said. "Like what made her pose as a man and the anger that caused her to kill."

The role proved to be an exciting stretch for Roberts, who previously had never embarked on such an eccentric character.

"It's kind of fun being a man," she said. "The not-crossing-legs ... there's a lot less to worry about."

Ultimately, the socially analytical *Billy the Kid* acts as a prime example of what Ptacek loves in a good play, Western or not.

"I like to convince audience members that they're seeing one play but eventually catch them off guard," he said. "I want people to question where their beliefs come from ... it's something that needs to be addressed."


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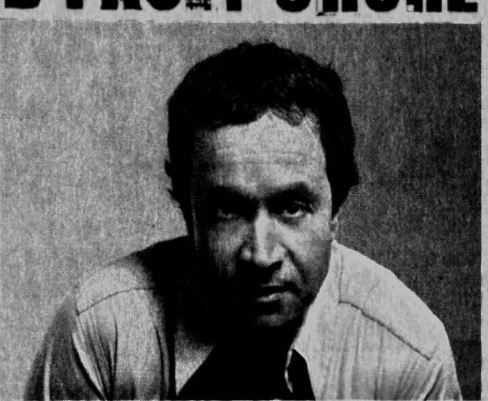
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