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Ousted lab head unveils lab fundraiser

BY **BYRCE BAUER**
THE DAILY IOWAN

She may no longer work for the UI Hygienic Laboratory, but ousted director Mary Gilchrist hasn't quelled her campaign to raise an additional \$2.5 million for the new laboratory.

A week after she announced that the UI fired her for being "too passionate" for, among other things, raising funds for a

new hygienic lab and criticizing its design, Gilchrist has launched the "Iowans Want The Best Lab" campaign to finance improvements to the state's public-health lab.



Gilchrist
former UI
lab head

"This is an initiative to find enough money to build a better building," she said on Tuesday.

On the campaign's website, www.iowanswantthebestlab.org, she outlines her "good, better, best" designations for the various building plans.

The current design is in the "good" category, but "the decision to settle for 'Good' will be irreversible. The efficiency of the Better design cannot be

restored by add-ons," according to the website.

While she was an employee at the lab, Gilchrist had advocated for the "better" model and holding off on equipment and furniture purchases while additional money was raised during the two and a half years of construction.

GILCHRIST'S NEW ORGANIZATION

Details for 'Iowans Want The Best Lab'

- An organization created by Mary Gilchrist, former director of the UI Hygienic Lab.
- The organization has set out to raise \$2.5 million to fund a larger hygienic laboratory, a model the organization terms as "better" than the current "good" design.
- The major change the organization would like to see is the reintroduction of two bays — which are, it says, lacking in the current plan and could cause problems in the future as use increases.

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Regina dropped from lawsuit

BY **OLIVIA MORAN**
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Regina Inter-Parish Catholic Education Center can no longer be held responsible for a former principal's alleged sexual abuse, but the threat of bankruptcy still looms over the school, pending results from two remaining sex-abuse lawsuits.

Judge Charles Pelton dropped Regina as a defendant in the case involving Michael Gould, who is one of 14 former students accusing Bishop Lawrence Soens, a principal at Regina for nine years, of sexual misconduct roughly 30 years ago.

Craig Levien, Gould's lawyer, said they are "seriously considering an appeal," because they still believe Regina and the diocese should take full responsibility for

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Alarm apathy worries UI

BY **JAMIE HANSEN**
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University Housing officials believe an Oct. 7 fire in Currier Hall effectively showcased the precision of the building's warning system, as well as the dangers of student apathy about fire alarms.

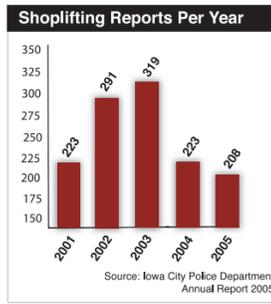
While the Iowa City Fire Department did not disclose whether it was investigating the incident, an area coordinator said the small hallway flames could have resulted from mischief, even arsonesque behavior, on the part of a resident.

The fire, which was put out quickly, did not excite some living in the facility.

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Shoplifting 'easy' in ol' IC

DITV CHECK OUT **DITV** — ON CITY CABLE CHANNEL 17, CAMPUS 4, OR ONLINE AT DAILYIOWAN.COM — TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SHOPLIFTING TRADE.



BY **DANNY VALENTINE**
THE DAILY IOWAN

The \$25 million-a-day, nationwide shoplifting business is in a recession in Iowa City — at least according to the number of cases reported to police.

Despite a recent prominent shoplifting case involving two Hawkeye basketball players, the most current shoplifting statistics report the lowest number of incidents in the past five years.

But many local businesses say they just aren't catching the culprits.

In Iowa City in 2005, 208 people were charged with shoplifting, down from 223 in 2004 and 319 — the highest single-year total for at least the last five years — in 2003. UI police charged just one shoplifter in 2005. Since 2001, only 11 cases of shoplifting have been recorded by UI police.

Iowa City police Sgt. Doug Hart said he has seen a



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An unidentified man walks out of CVS Pharmacy on Tuesday evening. In 2005, 208 people were charged with shop lifting by Iowa City police. One in every 11 Americans are shoplifters, according to a National Association for Shoplifting Prevention study.

slight decrease but could not attribute any specific reason for the change.

But local businesses argue that the crime goes unreported, and shoplifters say it is easy to steal.

An anonymous male UI student, a self-described occasional shoplifter, said he's stolen numerous items — ranging from a wireless router to medicine to gum — from Iowa City retailers.

"Shoplifting is easy and

saves money," he said. "It's also a good adrenaline rush."

The UI student said he usually steals from Wal-Mart — claiming that he would never steal from a "mom-and-pop store."

"That helps me to justify it, a little," he said.

Meanwhile, some local stores say they're getting robbed blind.

Amanda Farrell, a store manager at consignment store Stuff Etc., Old Capitol

Town Center, estimated that the business is ripped off 100 times per year.

"It's hard to catch them," she said. "After they leave, we will find tags or a security device on the ground. More often than not, it's actually a stolen item."

She said no report is issued to the police in cases like this — which is representative of most cases at the store.

Silver Spider, which sits

close to Stuff Etc. in the Old Capitol Town Center, also has a problem with shoplifters, said Elizabeth Matykiewicz, the store's manager.

Tracking all of the individual items would be virtually impossible and very expensive, she said. For now, the store keeps most of the valuable items near the counter or locked up in cases.

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New store may mean 'cold war'



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Travis Morfitt, a manager at Cold Stone Creamery in Coralville, takes an order on Tuesday evening.

DITV WATCH A **DITV** NEWSCAST — ON CITY CABLE CHANNEL 17, CAMPUS 4, OR ONLINE AT DAILYIOWAN.COM — FOR MORE ON IOWA CITY'S ICE-CREAM SCENE.

BY **SUSAN ELGIN**
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI junior Lauren Adams devours a Banana Split Smoothie custom-made with frozen yogurt every week. Sometimes she walks to the store with friends, but the self-proclaimed ice-cream connoisseur's need to satisfy her craving for Whitey's is so intense,

she'll even go for dessert alone.

So when Adams heard there will be a new ice-cream store opening down the street from Whitey's, she sprang into action to make sure her favorite business doesn't go out of business — even launching the Facebook.com group "Forget Coldstone! I'm sticking to Whitey's," which has quickly grown to 136 members and counting.

"I'll seriously cry. Not literally, but I love it," the 20-year-old said. "Out-of-town students will probably go to Cold Stone, and that's too bad. But all my friends know where I stand."

The new downtown Cold Stone Creamery will be located at the intersection of Dubuque and Washington Streets, just

down the street from Whitey's, 112 E. Washington St. The building was previously occupied by Hills Bank and Trust, which has moved to the Old Capitol Town Center.

The ice-cream shop will open in early 2007 and will hire 25 to 30 people for full- and part-time positions, owner Scott Otis said.

"We don't worry about competition," said Kirsten Runberg, the human-resources manager for Whitey's. "We just do as well as we can."

Whitey's began in 1933 in Moline, Ill., and it has expanded to 12 locations in Iowa and Illinois. Its Iowa City store opened in 1994.

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ACCELERATING HAWKS

The Hawkeye offense is starting to click, and the Hawks aim to fly this weekend in Bloomington. **1B**

GUILTY IN FATAL CRASH

Joshua Hohmann pleads guilty to vehicular homicide in the 2005 death of Roy Linnell, but he probably won't serve any time. **4A**

NOT JUST THE NOSES ARE RED

A glance backstage at *Red Noses* through the eyes of a sassy Viking stuck in a decidedly un-sassy, un-Viking job. **7A**

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A face-off over donations

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BY ASHTON SHURSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

After seemingly constant bickering over alcohol, homework, and grades, UI students and administrators are still fighting — but now for a good cause.

United Way representatives and UI community members gathered Tuesday in the IMU to launch a month-long campaign that aims to increase participation in and raise money for the charity.

This year marks the first that students are actively involved in the fundraising effort, which pits students against faculty and staff to see who can elicit higher participation rates.

"This is an effort by the university to tell we are a part of [the community] and appreciate being here and contribute back to community we live in," UI Provost Michael Hogan said.

Hogan is a co-chairman of the

Johnson County United Way Campaign this year and is also co-chairing the UI's committee with Meredith Hay, the UI vice president for Research.

A student committee, led by UI Student Government President Peter McElligott and UI senior Natalie Wicklund, began after Hogan asked the UISG leader if students could be involved in the charity effort.

"It's so important for philanthropy to start young," McElligott said. "We won't match their money, but we can beat their participation rate."

Only 4 percent of UI faculty members had contributed to the United Way in previous years, officials said. But Hogan said the faculty and staff may channel their charity through other venues — especially because the UI has not held an official campaign to raise money for United Way.

The Alexandria, Va.-based organization raises money and distributes it to various programs affiliated with the group.

Connie Benton Wolfe, the chief professional officer of United Way of Johnson County, said this opportunity will showcase the partnership between the community and the UI.

"We're excited," she said. "I think being engaged in the community is a lifestyle commitment and an opportunity to learn about the community."

The most prominent aspect of the campaign is the challenge between students and the faculty and staff, and students aren't holding anything back.

"Provost Hogan talked smack today, but he better watch out," Wicklund said on Tuesday. "If we had four people walk by and [already] donate, he has some work to do."

Hogan said he has faith in the faculty and staff to defeat their student counterparts but thinks the real winners are United Way and the people of Johnson County. Many families in Johnson



Melanie Patterson/The Daily Iowan
Lisa Troyer (right) wraps up the United Way Campaign Kickoff in the IMU on Tuesday. Troyer said the kickoff had "terrific traffic" and "a lot of positive student energy."

County depend on some kind of assistance from United Way programs, and the organization also helped students during last April's tornados, officials said.

"The United Way is so important, because its mission is so broad," Wicklund said.

McElligott added that this is an opportunity for the students to show respect for Iowa City.

The campaign will end Nov. 15, and McElligott said he is opti-

mistic for a 10 percent student turnout rate and \$10,000 to \$15,000 in donations. The students' campaign — titled Students Unite — will feature many events that include opportunities to donate money.

"Students are so willing to reap the benefits of a wonderful place like Iowa City," McElligott said. "But they need to be willing to give back."

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John Denniger, 32, 1724 Muscatine Ave., was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.
Larry Harris, 34, Westland, Mich., was charged Tuesday with public intoxication and fifth-degree theft.

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DOWN BY THE RIVER



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Despite the low light and the rain, members of the Old Capitol rowing club take to the water for some practice on Tuesday night. The club, which is open to the public, was founded in 1996, and it now has nearly 100 members ranging from adults to local high-school students.

METRO

Police charge 3 in robbery

Iowa City police have charged three Coralville men in connection to a robbery that reportedly took place on East Washington Street on Monday, authorities reported.

Sean Wiedner, 23, Steven Royer, 41, and Bryan Thompson, 27, were charged after an unidentified subject reported being attacked and robbed at 11:15 p.m. on Monday.

The incident allegedly occurred at the intersection of Clinton and Washington Streets, when Wiedner and Thompson "engaged the victim in a fight," according to police reports.

The assailants caused minor injury to the subject's face, police reported, adding that after the attack, Thompson and Wiedner allegedly took the subject's wallet, hat, and cell phone. The wallet had between \$20 and \$50 inside, reports showed.

The three suspects then left the area. UI police stopped the three men at

the intersection of Madison and Burlington Streets after a suspect description was given out to police, Iowa City police Sgt. Doug Hart said.

Royer is charged with public intoxication. Hart said on Tuesday that though Royer was reportedly at the scene at the time of the attack and robbery, officers do not yet have probable cause to charge him with the robbery.

Thompson and Wiedner are charged with second-degree robbery.

Police reported that Wiedner admitted to the attack after being arrested. On Tuesday, Wiedner was being held in the Johnson County Jail for \$15,000 bail.

— by Emileigh Barnes

Double-homicide trial delayed

The trial for Kyle Marin, a former West High student charged with double murder, has been rescheduled for Feb. 5 in Cedar Rapids, according to online records.

Marin, 20, who grew up in North Liberty, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the April 23 killings of Kirkwood Community College student Molly Edmondson and Solon High School senior Katrina Hill. The women, who were cousins, were both 18.

Edmondson and Hill were found dead at Edmondson's 6605 College Park Court S.W. Cedar Rapids apartment; Marin subsequently turned himself in to authorities.

His trial was originally set to commence Monday.

If convicted of the charges he faces, Marin will spend two mandatory life sentences in prison.

— by Kelsey Beltramea

Coralville to apply for grant

The Coralville City Council voted on Tuesday to apply for a \$125,000 grant from the Iowa Department of Economic Development in order to ren-

ovate an old industrial park southeast of Interstate 80.

In addition, the council unanimously approved agreements with the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the First Avenue revitalization area. The agreements will provide the city two grants, totaling \$361,000, to conduct environmental assessments around the area.

In other action, the council agreed to move ahead with renovating and moving the 1876 schoolhouse parking lot. The Johnson County Historical Society requested the changes. The bid date is Oct. 24.

— by Matt Synders

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 10 article "Business, fines down over Homecoming," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly spelled the name of the owner of Joe's Place. His name should have been spelled Brian Flynn. The *DI* regrets the error.

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IC shoplifting scene

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Despite the rough times faced by the two businesses in the mall, nearby Active Endeavors does not have a noticeable problem.

Brian Nerad, an assistant

manager of the store, said the end-of-the-year inventory is typically very close to where it should be. He attributed the low number of shoplifters to the prominent security system and a large number of employees.

Although youth are frequently targeted as pilferers, businesses and UI police insist

that there is no typical profile of a shoplifter.

Approximately 75 percent of shoplifters are adults, according to the National Association for Shoplifting Prevention, and around 55 percent of adult shoplifters start in their teens.

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Regina dropped from suit

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failing to supervise Soens during his years at the school.

"My prime motive in bringing the claim was to demonstrate or to show what had happened during his school years," Levien said. "It is also to help others in coming forward and to protect any children in the present."

But Lee Iben, the chairman of the Regina School Board, said school officials always believed the Catholic education center should not have been included in the civil case.

"We were prepared to abide by all legal decisions," Iben said. "This ruling will allow us to keep delivering education to our students without legal

steps."

The decision comes a day after Regina officials announced that the school is preparing to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy to protect its assets and property should they lose in court.

Meanwhile, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Davenport officially filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Tuesday, making it the fourth U.S. diocese to do so. The amount demanded by plaintiffs from the diocese totaled \$7 million, while the diocese funds are under \$6 million, officials said.

After the first victims collect damages, the Davenport diocese would be left with nothing, said Deacon David Montgomery, the director of communications. But he added that the most recent claims against Soens were not the sole factor

in filing for bankruptcy.

If Regina endures the same fate as the diocese, board Treasurer Patrice Carroll said the school will operate as normal.

"The School Board would work to develop a payment plan, [including] any court obligations it would have," she said.

Whether Regina will be dropped as a plaintiff in the next lawsuit, which involves deceased plaintiff Dennis Allen, has not been determined. The third case will involve 13 plaintiffs — two named and 11 "John Does."

The trials are scheduled to begin Oct. 23 in Davenport, but Levien said hearings this Friday will determine how the case will proceed.

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Dormies ho-hum on alarms

FIRE

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"I smelled smoke," said UI sophomore Cristin Kelly. "I've always gone outside for fire alarms, but it's always a leisurely exit. It's not a rushed thing."

Carrier residents were distracted from their Saturday afternoon activities by the loud warning of the building's fire alarm, but some students took it more seriously than others.

UI sophomore Laura Fredrickson said she was sleeping when the alarm sounded; she got up and left the building.

Carrier resident and UI sophomore Emily Doolittle has a fire-alarm ritual.

"If I hear an alarm, I'll consider if I want to stop what I'm doing, and I'll poke my head in my neighbor's door to make sure I'm not the only lame [person] taking it seriously," she said. "But I know I'll get in trouble if I stay."

Kieran Leopold, an area coordinator for the east neighborhood residence halls, said there was a fire in a main hallway: Someone lit several pieces of loose-leaf paper on fire, he said.

The most severe dormitory fire that Leopold has witnessed occurred in Daum: An entire hallway bulletin board went up in flames. "It is dangerous to think you can ignore a fire alarm," he said.

Leopold added that there have been several residence-hall fires, including a Dumpster fire at Hillcrest and a flaming garbage can at Mayflower.

If staffers catch a student deliberately ignoring a fire alarm, the student "better have a pretty good excuse," Leopold said.

Each dorm is scheduled to have one fire drill per year. Generally, the planned evacuations take place in September, and every other alarm that goes off is not planned for, Leopold said.

Enter: the Iowa City Fire Department.

For the Oct. 7 fire, Fire Marshall Roger Jensen said, authorities were notified just after 5:07 p.m., and the first unit arrived two minutes and 49 seconds later.

"We notice student apathy is a problem."

— Roger Jensen, fire marshal

"We notice student apathy is a problem," he said, adding that if anyone is in the way of firefighters, it is legal to "criminally charge people with interference [with] official acts."

Fire officials indicated they've set prerogatives for responding to emergency calls.

"Our first priority is human life," Jensen said. "We do nothing else until everyone is safe."

Our second priority is building conservation."

That means the longer it takes to make sure people are safe, it "would have potential of increasing fire loss," he said.

The residence-hall staff takes this into consideration.

"Even if we know that it's easily explained as a [faulty] detector, we treat all alarms as real emergencies," Leopold said.

Each residence hall room is hard-wired into the main command system, so staff know exactly what detector goes off.

"It is your own life you are risking," Leopold said. "Even if you hear gossip about it being a drill, don't let someone else make a poor decision for you."

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Lab fundraiser begins

GILCHRIST

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If such money weren't found, Gilchrist had said, gear could be moved from the old building, which is a former tuberculosis sanitarium built in 1917.

Before Gilchrist's firing, UI Vice President for Research Meredith Hay told Gilchrist not to speak to state officials for money without going through Hay first. But Gilchrist contended that the university wasn't pursuing the "better" model.

"I was told I could not

complain about the cut backs to [Hay] or anyone else," Gilchrist said. "I was fired, and I accept that consequence."

University officials, while aware of Gilchrist's intentions, have not discussed her latest fundraising endeavor with her.

"If the university is given money, I am sure it can find hygienic-lab purposes to use that money for," said Christopher Atchison, the lab's interim director.

He also said the university recently set Oct. 25 as the groundbreaking date for the new facility and that he had met Tuesday with lab employees to discuss building plans.

"We are going to continue to work with the workers at the lab to figure out the best configuration we can," he said.

Gilchrist said media interest in her new campaign — which is in the process of establishing nonprofit status — has been abundant. She expects that the campaign will pique enough interest to raise the dollar-per-Iowa-citizen needed to construct the lab Gilchrist had fought for before her termination.

"They told me I was too passionate before," she said. "And I didn't lose passion."

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New creamery coming

ICE CREAM

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Dana Engelbert, the communications director for the Iowa City area Chamber of Commerce, is not concerned about the proximity of the two stores, and she said she is confident the Cold Stone owners "did their homework" and feel the downtown area can support both shops.

"We certainly hope the residents of the community patronize all local businesses, whether they are locally owned or a local franchise," she said.

Otis said a Division I college campus is an ideal location for eating establishments, such as ice cream.

"Students will be a huge part of our business, because they fit our demographic," he said. "It's a 10-minute vacation."

The creamery is known for its "cold stone": a mixing slab on which employees blend premium ice cream and toppings. When a customer tips, the employees break into song to

"We certainly hope the residents of the community patronize all local businesses, whether they are locally owned or a local franchise."

— Dana Engelbert, communications director for the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce

show their appreciation.

The Tempe, Ariz.-based company began in 1988, and the first store opened in Iowa in 2003. Cold Stone currently has 1,350 operating stores — 13 in Iowa — and more than 1,000 franchise locations in development.

Eight more stores will open in Iowa in the next 12 to 18 months, Otis said. The expanding business reflects a growing trend in the general population's eating habits, which lean toward gourmet, premium

cuisine, he said.

"Cold Stone is the Starbucks of the ice-cream world," he said.

Travis Morfitt, the manager of the Coralville location, will also manage the Iowa City franchise with his wife. The Coralville store has been open for more than a year and performs in the top four of the 32 stores located in the four-state region every week, he said.

To publicize the new Cold Stone, Morfitt gave away 800 cups of ice cream to Hawkeye fans who made the trek to Kinrick Stadium for the Iowa-Ohio State game on Sept. 30.

Otis said the store will attract customers despite the competition, and Morfitt said many college students are already familiar with the business.

"I grew up in a small town, so I know locals tend to honor those stores, and we might have trouble getting those in," Morfitt said. "But college kids know us, and they'll try us and come back."

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Jennifer Karrow, University of Iowa student



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Man pleads guilty in fatal Iowa City crash

BY KELSEY BELTRAMEA
THE DAILY IOWAN

The driver of a car that fatally smashed into a SUV last year in southern Iowa City pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide on Tuesday; he will likely not spend any time behind bars.

Joshua John Hohmann, 27, admitted to driving recklessly on April 3, 2005, striking and killing Atalissa, Iowa, resident Roy Linnell.

The plea agreement approved Tuesday by 6th District Judge Mitchell Turner includes a suspended 10-year prison sentence and a \$1,000 fine, but Hohmann still must pay the family \$150,000 in restitution. In addition, he will lose his driver's license for a year.

The official sentencing date is not yet set, but Assistant Johnson County Attorney Iris Frost said it will likely be held before the end of the month.

Linnell's family will have the opportunity to talk at the sentencing, Turner said during Tuesday's hearing.

Hohmann, of Dubuque, said he was heading to the Iowa City Municipal Airport when the accident occurred. He said he "accelerated faster than I should have" through the intersection of Riverside Drive and Ruppert Road.

"I accelerated too fast to react," he said quietly in court.

The front of his Dodge Neon crashed into the driver's side of Linnell's Ford Explorer, as Linnell turned from Ruppert Road onto Riverside Drive, authorities said.

Traffic on Riverside Drive was closed for several hours that afternoon, while emergency responders and city fire officials extricated trapped passengers in Hohmann's Neon, police said. Occupants in both vehicles were transported to a hospital.

Eleven days later, Linnell died as a result of numerous blunt-force injuries suffered during the crash. He was 76.

Police allege Hohmann was speeding southbound on Riverside Drive at more than 65 mph, as Linnell drove at 8 mph. The posted speed limit is 45 mph.

Authorities also reported that a passenger in the back seat of Hohmann's vehicle told police that he buckled his seat

belt because of Hohmann's reckless and erratic driving.

By pleading guilty to the Class C felony, Hohmann admitted in court to defying the law by "operating a motor vehicle in a reckless manner with willful or wanton disregard for the safety of others."

He remains released on a previously posted \$13,000 bond.

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Sniper wants to plead GUILTY

BY STEPHEN MANNING
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ROCKVILLE, Md. — Convicted Washington-area sniper Lee Boyd Malvo is seeking a broad plea agreement in which he would plead guilty to other 2002 shootings that authorities have linked him to, defense attorneys and Maryland prosecutors said Tuesday.

The deal, announced as Malvo formally pleaded guilty to six Maryland murders, could be reached before his Nov. 9 sentencing for those killings. He is expected to receive six life sentences, without chance of parole, at that hearing.

Malvo lawyer William Brennan told Montgomery County Circuit Judge James Ryan that he hoped to use the time before sentencing to "reach a global resolution to Mr. Malvo's legal problems." Asked later by reporters for specifics, Brennan would only say that he would have "candid, frank discussions with some local prosecutors."

Montgomery County State's Attorney Douglas Gansler said such a plea deal could mean Malvo may not serve his sentence in Virginia, where he was sentenced to life for his 2003 conviction in the death of FBI analyst Linda Franklin. He also pleaded guilty to another Virginia sniper shooting.

Malvo, 21, could plead guilty to the Oct. 3, 2002, shooting of Pascal Charlot in Washington and serve his life term in the federal system, Gansler said. Federal prosecutors handle murder cases in the District of Columbia.

Gansler said the decision rests with Virginia authorities, who agreed to let Malvo and his one-time mentor, John Allen Muhammad, come to Maryland for new trials. Under an interstate agreement, Maryland must return Malvo after his sentencing.

Kevin Hall, a spokesman for Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine, said Kaine's staff has not had any recent discussions with Maryland prosecutors on a plea deal

for Malvo. Virginia prosecutors had expressed sharp disapproval when the idea was proposed before Muhammad and Malvo's first trials in 2003.

The two were originally sent to Virginia because of its tough death-penalty laws, but Malvo, 17 at the time of the killings, doesn't qualify for the death penalty after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down capital punishment for minors.

Charges are still pending against Malvo and Muhammad for sniper shootings in Louisiana, Alabama, Washington and Prince George's County, Md. In addition, authorities and published reports have tied the pair to shootings in Arizona, California, Georgia, Texas, and Washington state.

In all, 10 people were murdered and three wounded during the October 2002 shootings in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

Brennan and Montgomery County State's Attorney Douglas Gansler would not say which shootings could be included in the larger plea agreement.

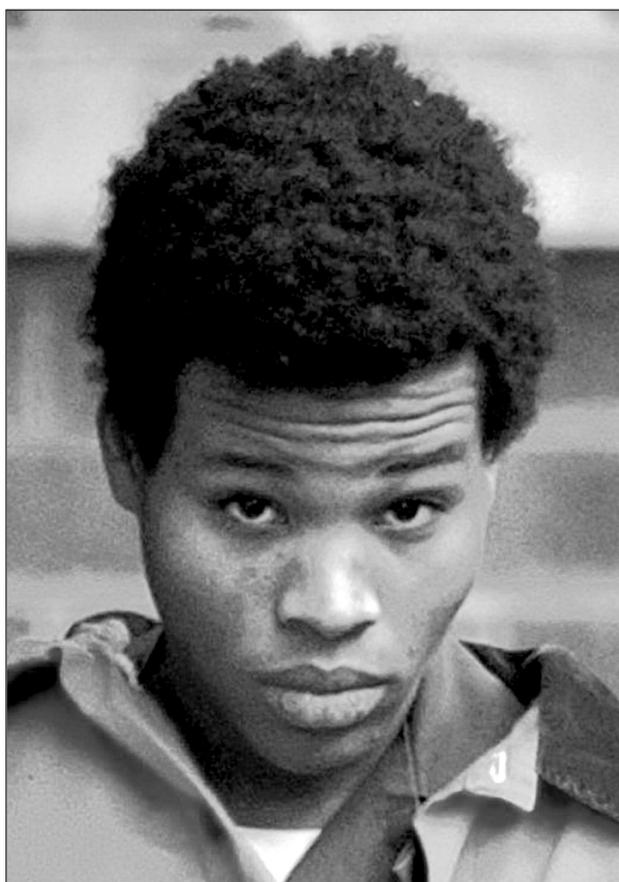
Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Paul Ebert, who tried Muhammad, said he didn't think Malvo should be able to shop around for a prison.

"I feel sorry for Mr. Malvo that he doesn't like Virginia," Ebert said. "But he shouldn't have come here and committed crimes."

Other prosecutors were more receptive. John Sinquefield, first assistant district attorney in East Baton Rouge Parish, La., said he would consider letting Malvo plead guilty and go to federal prison if he had assurances he could never be let out.

Cheryll Witz, daughter of Jerry Taylor, who was killed in March 2002 while playing golf in Tucson, Ariz., wants Malvo to be prosecuted for the murder. But she considers it far more important to hear him admit to the crime than to try him.

"We're just asking him to confess and to say how he did it," Witz said Tuesday.



Susan Walsh/Associated Press

Lee Boyd Malvo is escorted out of Fairfax Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court after a hearing in Fairfax, Va., on Dec. 30, 2002. Malvo, one of the Washington-area snipers, formally pleaded guilty Tuesday to six 2002 shootings in Maryland.

Another Malvo attorney, Timothy Sullivan, said his client has accepted responsibility for his part in the shootings and wants to make amends.

"Every single day this kid realizes the enormity of what he has done," Sullivan said. "Mr. Malvo is making attempts to redeem himself and move forward."

Muhammad, who was convicted in May by a Montgomery County jury and given six life terms, has already been sent back to Virginia, where he is on death row for a sniper shooting in Manassas, Va.

AP writer **Matthew Barakat** contributed to this report.

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Board discusses Tate, spending the 1-cent tax

BY ANDREA WATERFIELD
THE DAILY IOWAN

Encouragement for alternative Tate High School's makeshift Homecoming and discussion on the proposed 1-cent local option sales tax accounted for major portions of Tuesday's Iowa City School Board meeting.

Reports from two of the three area high schools highlighted a similar theme: high-school Homecoming. But because the district's only alternative high school did not have a homecoming, Tate High will host a "Fall Fest" in honor of one of its former students, Nick Wagner, who died in August of heart disease. The event will be held at the school Friday from 5-9 p.m.

Board member Patti Fields urged community members to attend the event.

"[Fall Fest] encourages that Tate is a holistic learning

environment," she said. "This is a real pride for them."

In addition to high-school updates, the board members attempted to discuss various portions of the revenue purpose statement drawn up to address the public on how the funds of the proposed 1-cent local sales tax would be spent.

"[The purpose statement] is just a needs list," Superintendent Lane Plugge said. "Not all projects may be possible to complete. Just because they are on the list doesn't mean that it will be done."

Plugge said technology improvements would be top priority.

"We serve approximately 11,000 students, and we have buildings that need improvements," he said. "But we are falling behind when it comes to technology."

But board member Liz

Crooks said prioritizing is unhealthy.

"[Prioritizing the purpose statement] suggests that this is the order [in which] we will get things done. It's like a promise," she said. "We just can't do that to people."

Recently elected board member Tim Krumm agreed, saying the district should be wary of putting "handcuffs" on the current board or a future board.

Noting the 10-year life of the proposed tax, Plugge said, "Our needs now are different from those 10 years ago, and they may be different 10 years from now."

Additionally, he said, the district needs to address school safety precautions in response to the recent spate of school violence and attempted school violence nationwide.

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Hamas rejects plan

Hamas, an organization now in control of the Palestinian Parliament, refuses to renounce violence, recognize Israel, and accept past peace agreements

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Qatar's attempt to end a growing crisis in the Palestinian territories appeared to end in failure Tuesday, after Hamas rejected the plan's key demands that it recognize Israel and renounce violence.

Fatah faulted Hamas for the breakdown in negotiations — the latest setback to international efforts to establish a unity government and restore much-needed aid to the Palestinians.

However, Palestinian Information Minister Youssef Rizka of Hamas said the United States was to blame for dismissing a separate Palestinian plan that would establish a Palestinian state in the West Bank but not explicitly recognize Israel. The document has been a basis for Hamas-Fatah talks.

Qatar's Foreign minister presented his country's six-point plan Monday in separate meetings with President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah and Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas. The Foreign minister, Sheik Hamad bin Jassem al Thani, said afterward there was still no agreement on the issue of recognizing Israel. He left the Palestinian territories early Tuesday.

Ghazi Hamad, a spokesman for the Hamas-led government, said his group was not ready to recognize Israel or give up its armed struggle against Israel.

"We differentiate between resistance and terrorism," he said.

Still, he said, Hamas is ready

to continue the negotiations: "The way is not blocked."

Mohammed Nazal, a member of Hamas' exiled Syria-based leadership, said later that Hamas only asked for amendments to the Qatari proposal but did not reject it outright.

Nazal accused Abbas of waging "a war of elimination" on Hamas, which holds top positions in the Palestinian government and a majority in Parliament.

"They are not after moderating us — it is about wiping us out. It is a war of elimination," Nazal told the Associated Press. He spoke by telephone from another Arab country but would not specify where.

Israel kept up its pressure on militants Tuesday. Israeli forces shot and killed an armed Palestinian near the border fence in Gaza, the military and Palestinians said. Aircraft also fired a missile at a vehicle near the Nusseirat refugee camp in central Gaza, wounding a gunman, Palestinians said. The military had no immediate comment on that incident.

Israel and Western donor nations cut off hundreds of millions of dollars to the Palestinian Authority after Hamas won parliamentary elections in January and formed a new government.

The international community wants Hamas to renounce violence, recognize Israel, and accept past peace agreements. Hamas refuses to accept the conditions, despite widespread economic hardship caused by the international sanctions.

An Israeli military offensive in Gaza, launched after Hamas-linked militants tunneled under

the border and captured an Israeli soldier in June, has added to the misery. The soldier remains in captivity.

Abbas, a moderate, has been pushing Hamas to form a coalition government, based on the international demands, as a way out of the crisis. Negotiations have been going on for weeks but without results. The rising tensions led to infighting that killed 12 people last week.

Nabil Amr, a top aide to Abbas in the West Bank, praised the efforts of Qatar and accused Hamas of stalling. "We regret the failure of this initiative," he said. "They are buying time, and time is of the essence for us."

Amr said the president is weighing other options for resolving the standoff, including replacing the Hamas-dominated Cabinet with a government of apolitical technocrats or taking steps to hold early elections.

"I don't think there is room for any more international initiatives," he said.

Qatar had emerged as a possible mediator in the standoff between Israel and Hamas. The tiny Gulf state has low-level relations with Israel and good relations with Hamas' exiled leadership in Syria.

Meanwhile, Hamas claimed it had fired a homemade rocket at Israeli troops in northern Gaza. The army said militants fired an anti-tank missile at troops, causing no injury or damage.

"Resistance is the only way to deter [Israel's] aggression," Hamas said in a statement. "Seeking flexibility, dialogue, and negotiations will not do any good."



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EDITORIAL

Remember ethics in using Foley scandal to attack GOP

Poll figures released since the Mark Foley-Dennis Hastert scandal broke almost two weeks ago show the Republican Party in trouble in the final weeks leading up to the midterm elections.

Spurred by the allegations of misconduct leveled primarily at now former Rep. Mark Foley, the majority of Americans polled by the *New York Times* feel that our congressional representatives believe themselves to be above the law, and for this, it seems that the voting public has chosen to punish the party's incumbents. An overwhelming percentage, 79 percent, believed House Republican leaders were "more concerned about their political standing than about the safety of teenage congressional pages."

This scandal has blasted an enormous hole in the GOP battleship this election season. The fact remains, however, that the scandal, no matter how morally repugnant the alleged behavior was, implicates only a very small number of the GOP leadership. Foley has resigned, House Speaker Dennis Hastert is barely standing under constant calls for his resignation from both his opponents and from within his party, and there is little reason to believe that more Republican lawmakers were complicit in Foley's folly.

Many races in which Republican incumbents held strong leads before this scandal broke, despite GOP failings in Iraq and the war on terror, have reversed themselves. In many races, the gaps have closed, with slight leads now going to Democratic newcomers. Democratic candidates, such as

Tim Mahoney and state Sen. Ron Klein in Florida, running in districts that were Republican strongholds a month ago have suddenly found themselves serious contenders in this year's elections. In light of this news, the Republican hold on Capitol Hill can be described as tenuous at best.

Candidates running in opposition to GOP candidates must recognize the limited scope of the allegations that have been made thus far; it's unreasonable to launch a smear campaign aimed at Republicans based on this scandal, when it is clear that very few people can justifiably be implicated.

This Editorial Board expects local politicians to remember their own ethics when considering whether or not to use Foley's and other Republican leaders' actions to attack Iowa Republican candidates.

As campaigns heat up leading to the Nov. 7 midterm elections, political advertisements inevitably shift focus from the issues to the opponent, becoming platforms to pick at every aspect of the opposing candidate's political record and character. While such politicking is abhorrent enough to begin with, the Democrats would be sinking to lows not seen since a congressional scandal in the mid-90s, when the tables were turned and it was the Democratic Party scrambling to make amends before election time.

It is not fair to paint a picture of the entire GOP as somehow complicit in this scandal, when that is clearly not the case.

Seeing blindfolded

Journalists walk fine lines every day. It's a tricky job, balancing fairness and accuracy against the powerful emotions that some stories evoke. When covering heinous crimes or tragedies, it's tough not to editorialize.

Look at the recent killings of Amish schoolchildren in Pennsylvania. While it's nothing compared with what the witnesses and relatives must be going through, it's still pretty galling to have to write "police say" and "alleged" in front of every sentence.

Journalists are human, too. We get outraged, and scared, and disappointed, just like everybody else. It's quite a strain to have this unprecedented opportunity to say what we think and feel and not, for the best of reasons, be able to use it for such.

Sometimes, we jump to conclusions, and, sometimes, we screw up outright. Good journalists try not to do it, and they'll apologize and correct themselves if they do.

Unfortunately, some journalists are flat-out terrible.

At the beginning of the month, when the Mark Foley scandal was just breaking, Fox News scrambled to bring the news to its viewers, like every other media outlet. Unlike every other news organization, which apparently had enough sense to look up Foley's name in the congressional directory, a Fox graphic labeled Foley a Democrat, not a Republican. Also, the network made sure to show him standing next to black people, you know, for verisimilitude. Unsurprisingly, the errant label appeared on "The O'Reilly Factor," one of the more bilious geysers of fact-free programming on the Fox network.

The graphic ran at least three times. Nobody apologized; nobody explained. And that's not all. MSNBC "Countdown" host Keith Olbermann correctly pointed out that the "Factor" is not a live show but is taped several hours in advance of its airtime. (This is probably to give "Factor" staffers plenty of time to edit Bill O'Reilly's horns out of the final product.) No one had time to even check Foley's party affiliation? Yeah, right.

Sean Hannity, another of Fox's witless wonders, likened the Foley debacle to the Lewinsky scandal. He also claimed former President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky began when Monica was 19, which is wrong. It also raises the question: What the hell does Clinton have to do with anything?

The Lewinsky hubbub revolved around a couple of encounters between consenting adults. Foley's scandal centers on what looks increasingly like a history of pathological sexual behavior toward children, with his own "family values" party hiding the facts from the public until it had no alternative. Score another one for Fox's journalistic values.

The public's interest in this case is obvious. How long did Republican leadership know that Foley had this problem? What steps were taken to solve the problem, and which were not? Was anyone told to lie? Can a political party that is willing to overlook this kind of gross misconduct be trusted to make good-faith decisions in the public interest?

Fox News never even came close to this level of inquiry. The half-hearted, error-ridden coverage it gave the Foley scandal suggests the cable network's priority is damage control for the GOP, not the right of the public to know the full details of this grievous abuse of power. Dominated by "the conservative response," Fox's main contributions to the national discourse on this issue have been spin-heavy diatribes from the far-right demagogues mentioned above, practically blindfolding the people they're supposed to be informing. It's just sickening.

At least Fox's abysmal performance is consistent with the rest of the story. Nobody is taking responsibility for anything, at all. Dennis Hastert, the speaker of the House, has danced delicately around mounting allegations that he and his office knew about Foley's predilections for months before the story broke. Foley blamed his own boyhood child abuse, alcoholism, and the fact his mother smoked while he was in the womb. Fox never issued a correction for its erroneous graphic, and neither Hannity nor O'Reilly apologized for their bluster, hyper-partisan hypocrisy.

Journalism has a responsibility commensurate with the rights granted to it under the First Amendment. Politicians, too, have a responsibility to act in the best interest of their nation and their constituents. We depend on the fulfillment of both of these duties for a functioning democracy.

After all, you can't fix what you can't see — especially if someone's trying to blindfold you. ■

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Get country on track with Loebsack

In preparing to vote this November, look ahead to what two more years of Republican control of the House and Senate would do to this country and to the world.

Imagine two more years of suppression of meaningful discussion of Iraq policy. Picture two more years of increasing concentration of power in the hands of the president in ways that defy our Constitution and basic legal principles. Foresee Congress authorizing the president to engage in "pre-emptive" wars against more Middle Eastern countries. Imagine two more years of systematic gutting of environmental protections and refusal to take national action on global warming.

The only hope for a change in direction in this country is to end the Republican majority in the House and Senate this fall. In Iowa District 2, our role is to replace Republican Rep. James Leach with Democrat Dave Loebsack.

In fairness, Leach has voted against some of the worst legislation rammed through Congress by the Republican leadership. But simply by being a Republican in Congress, Leach helps to keep the Republicans in the majority and to enable their agenda.

Vote Loebsack in November to get our country back on track.

Kate Cowles & Brendan Holly
Coralville residents

Stop reckless campaign ads

In its recent mailer that includes a picture of Republican Rep. James Leach, the Iowa Republican Party falsely tells voters that Democratic challenger Dave Loebsack wants to raise taxes on Social Security. This is a stealth attempt by the Republican Party to once again privatize Social Security.

In 2004, Leach supported the idea of individual accounts within Social Security as a way for young people to build a nest egg. Apparently, he is still misinformed. According to Princeton economist and *New York Times* columnist Paul Krugman, the facts reveal that privatizing Social Security will decrease a person's nest egg by 20 to 30 percent. The economies of

Argentina in the 1990s and Britain in the 1980s fell to near ruin over privatization. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projects Social Security will remain solvent until at least 2052. The logical and painless solution is to begin now by increasing the salary cap on the Social Security payroll tax. Loebsack was himself a recipient of Social Security survivor benefits after the death of his father in high school. Why would he want to endanger Social Security, when he openly admits the program saved his family from economic despair?

Privatization of Social Security, especially on the cusp of baby-boomer retirement, will further devastate the middle class, similar to what we are experiencing with the private insurance plan for seniors, also known as Medicare Part D. Dave Loebsack will never vote to privatize Social Security. Social Security should not be privatized.

If Leach has the integrity he claims to have, he will join Loebsack in preserving the gem of FDR's New Deal by calling the Iowa Republican Party to request it stop its reckless advertisement that puts the lives of unwitting voters on the path to economic ruin.

Lin Chavez
executive assistant, Hawkeye Labor Council,
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Checks needed on executive branch

We are deeply concerned over the direction our government is taking us. We believe in resolving conflict through negotiations and diplomacy — not war. Because "staying the course" in Iraq has not led to greater security, we believe a timetable for withdrawal should be implemented immediately.

We are now hearing plans of our government's pre-emptive attack on Iran. We remember the false premises for invading Iraq. We remember the false reasons for "staying the course." We are burdened with the misery and destruction our tax dollar has created. We do not want more of the same. War is not the answer. We have been informed by reputable and knowledgeable people that the threat of an Iran with nuclear weapons is not imminent. We feel there is time for negotiation and diplomacy to work.

It is a concern of ours that government has lost its checks and balances. We feel legislation requiring the executive branch to declare war and therefore require authorization of Congress before an invasion is a needed check. This foreign policy is destroying our country politically, ethically, and economically. We need real change.

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REP. MARK FOLEY AND THE GOP LEADERSHIP ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN THEIR BEHAVIOR IN THE E-MAIL SCANDAL

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"I think so, yes; they feel like they have to take control."

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ARTS & CULTURE

Expressing beauty with 'a sense of surprise'

'I've been interested for quite a while in looking for the connection between literature and music. I really wanted to bring all the senses together.'

— Sarah Rothenberg, pianist

BY MAGGIE ANDERSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Pianist Sarah Rothenberg knows that classical music, her chosen performance area, is perhaps not the most accessible — or popular — artistic amusement for today's media-saturated consumers. Many would rather flip on MTV and listen to Justin Timberlake's "Sexyback" or play Grand Theft Auto: Vice City.

But Rothenberg, the artistic director for Da Camera of Houston, has faith in her audience.

"We do a lot of programming that appeals to people of intelligence," she said.

With such productions as *Epigraph for a Condemned Book*, which she will perform today at Hancher Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., Rothenberg hopes to help change classical music's reputation as a pastime of the past but still avoid the dumbing-down she said

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Pianist Sarah Rothenberg will perform her multimedia piece *Epigraph for a Condemned Book*, a portrait of 19th-century Paris, tonight in Hancher.

classical musicians often feel they must resort to.

Epigraph is the latest in a series of Rothenberg's works that appeal to today's consumer's multitasking sensibilities by incorporating numerous media. The production links Charles Baudelaire's poetry with the art of fellow 19th-century Parisians — Frédéric François Chopin, the composer and pianist, and painter Eugène Delacroix. Contemporary photographs of Parisian life and theatrical lighting by designer Jennifer Tipton help to complete this portrait of a city on the verge of an industrial and technical explosion.

"I've been interested for quite a while in looking for the connection between literature and music," Rothenberg said.

She noted that she has previously created programs based on the works of authors Marcel Proust, Thomas Mann, and Franz Kafka.

In *Epigraph*, the pianist wanted to take these inter-art-form connections further.

"I really wanted to bring all the senses together," she said. "Everything in this piece is about focusing your attention."

The production's title is derived from the evolution of Baudelaire's most famous

poetry collection, *Les Fleurs du Mal* (*Flowers of Evil*). The work's first publication in 1857 led to an obscenity trial, forcing Baudelaire to remove several poems. (That same year, Gustave Flaubert's famous novel, *Madame Bovary*, was also censored.) In later publications, Baudelaire included a new poem that recalled these banned verses, "Epigraph for a Condemned Book."

For Rothenberg, Baudelaire's poetry immediately

brought to mind the music of Chopin.

"Because I live my life in music, when I look at other areas of art, I see these connections," she said.

Such similarities can possibly be attributed to Chopin's and Baudelaire's place of residence. Nineteenth-century Paris was a city under a siege by modernity. Steam-powered trains and ships and mechanized production methods were inundating the city as a

part of the Industrial Revolution, which gained momentum after 1830.

Baudelaire was one of the first poets to write about life in such a bustling, modern city. He called his protagonist *le flâneur*, the stroller and observer of the city, and he wrote about taboo topics, such as prostitution, lesbianism, and drug use. Baudelaire encouraged partaking in any aspect of life, seedy or not, in his poem "Get Drunk!" To the Romantic poet, it was, above all, important that one *feel*, never mind the object of such passion.

Though Chopin was 10 years older than Baudelaire and of a more aristocratic crowd, much of his music exemplifies what Baudelaire, who was also an art critic, considered an essential to great art: "The beautiful is always bizarre," he frequently said.

By juxtaposing Baudelaire's work and Chopin's poems and Delacroix's paintings, Rothenberg hopes listeners will be able to see the composer's oft-familiar work in a new light.

"We hear the music so much that sometimes we can't hear it anymore," she said. "They are all doing things that are very modern, and I wanted to bring out the modern aspect of Chopin's music."

"The expression of beauty should always involve in it a sense of surprise."

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Commentary

A Viking loose in the soundbooth



LOUIS VIRTEL

fending off rehearsal insanity with a clipboard and sass — the deadliest weapons of all.

That is, I expected backstage mania until I received my title: soundboard operator. Ahem. The un-sassiest job available.

My initial concern with the work: Would my Viking horns fit in the sound booth?

My concern now: not poisoning myself. You thought scanning groceries at Hy-Vee was monotonous? I receive these scintillating instructions each night over my headset:

"Sound cue BB. Go, Louis."
"Sound cue CC. Go, Louis."
"Sound cue DD. Go, monkey. I mean, Louis."

And there I am, clicking "GO!" on the computer screen when I'm told. I don't even call my own cues.

Someone with a degree does that for me. I'm just a clicker — clicking, abiding, clicking, decomposing, and, most importantly, shutting up. And then some clicking for good measure.

Admittedly, for a semester hour of credit, it's fantastic. For staying out of a coma — not as bodacious.

Red Noses tells a cute story about the Bubonic Plague and a troupe of performers that wants to make everyone laugh before they keel over. *Patch Adams 1348*, if you like. Try as the troupe might, I'm still doing some keeling. Fortunately, I summoned my Viking instincts and armed myself with some essential emergency supplies. Just call me Leif "Right Click" Ericson.

Here's my arsenal:

• *Minesweeper* — No one

THEATER
Red Noses
When: Thursday-Saturday 8 p.m., Oct. 15 2 p.m., Oct. 18-21 8 p.m., Oct. 22 2 p.m.
Where: Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
Admission: \$8 students with ID, \$17 nonstudents, \$12 seniors

suspects that I've done some extra clicking between cues.

• *Reese's Pieces* — You may take away my freedom, *Red Noses*, but you'll never take away my access to the

vending machine. OK, frankly, come showtime, you might steal that, too.

• *Jagged Little Pill* — No, Alanis, thank u. During breaks in rehearsal, I stew. The headphones pop in, and I grit my blunted chompers, commiserating via iPod with my favorite formerly angry Canadian. If I gain enough pre-teen courage, I'll growl to the stage manager over my headset during intermission, "Did you forget about me, Mr. Duplicity?" Then he'll answer, "No, get back to clicking," and I'll probably feel bad about myself.

Nonsense aside, I love the sprawling cast and crew of

this play. And I even love the easy job. But can love override my two legs that keep falling asleep and a right index finger doomed to a future of arthritis and ridicule? In my estimation, it takes a Viking's war savvy to overcome the throes of theater. Therefore, you can consider my sound booth brain-freeze clicked away to Valhalla (the Viking home for those slain heroically in battle, of course) — and the bottomless mines of boredom totally swept, in about 17 seconds, on "Beginner."

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TOMMY TATE: FROM KARATE TO RUNNING, 2B

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Q: What did Oakland A's owner Charles Finley do to promote his team in the 1970s?

Answer on page 2B



EVERY WEDNESDAY THIS FALL, FORMER HAWKEYE STARS JEFF HORNER AND ABDUL HODGE ARE BLOGGING FOR THE D/. CHECK OUT DAILYIOWAN.COM TO SEE HORNER'S LATEST VERSION, IN WHICH HE REVELS IN A MATCHUP WITH FORMER IOWA TEAMMATE "BRU" AND DISAGREES WITH THE D/'S COMMENTARY ON THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT'S PRIORITIES.

MLCS

Tigers 5, Athletics 1

OAKLAND, Calif. — Brandon Inge, Nate Robertson, and the Detroit Tigers are showing no signs of slowing down in the AL playoffs.

Inge hit a solo home run and RBI double from the bottom of the order, Ivan Rodriguez also homered, and Robertson pitched the Tigers past the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday night in Game 1 of the American League Championship Series.

The Tigers battered Barry Zito, turned four double plays, and once again relied on their flame-throwing relievers. Only one thing went wrong: Sean Casey, Detroit's No. 3 hitter, left early because of an injured left calf.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series — a rematch of the 1972 ALCS — will be tonight, with Oakland's Esteban Loaiza facing Justin Verlander.

Fresh off surprising the New York Yankees in four games in the opening round, the typically free-swinging Tigers worked the count against Zito.

"We thought if we slowed down against him a little bit, it would work a little better," Inge said.

The A's ace retired the first eight batters he faced before running into trouble, with 10 of the last 13 Tigers facing him reaching base on the way to a 5-0 lead.

The wild-card Tigers showed off their gloves, too, tying a league championship record for double plays, last accomplished by the San Francisco Giants exactly 19 years earlier — on Oct. 10, 1987.

Robertson, who lost Game 1 against the Yankees in his postseason debut, threw five shutout innings to win for the first time in the Coliseum. The 29-year-old lefty struck out the side to escape a fourth-inning jam after Frank Thomas drew a leadoff walk and Jay Payton doubled him to third.

Oakland never trailed in its division-series sweep of the Minnesota Twins, taking quick leads in all three games. This time, the A's grounded into double plays to end both the second and third innings to squander early scoring chances, then had another double play in the fifth.

The A's made mistakes resembling some of their blunders in four-straight first-round losses from 2000-03 — not the clean, crisp defense they showed in the division series. They also went 0-for-12 with runners in scoring position, leaving them 3-for-34 so far this postseason.

Hawks look to keep pedal on metal



Iowa tight end Scott Chandler waves to the fans before the start of the Sept. 30 game against No. 1 Ohio State.

Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

The Hawks analyze their progress and challenges as they prepare for Indiana; Ferentz and the players see room for improvement

BY JASON BRUMMOND
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Coming off its best performance of the season, the Hawkeye offense can't let up on the accelerator.

No. 15 Iowa accumulated more than 500 yards of offense against Purdue en route to a 47-17 win. Still, coach Kirk Ferentz and the Hawkeyes aren't satisfied, and they want to see more progress Saturday in Bloomington.

"You can't just put one game together and say you've made it," tight end Scott Chandler said. "I know we have room for improvement."

Iowa should be able to run against Indiana, which is allowing more than 200 yards on the ground a game. Running back Damian Sims, who rushed for 155 yards and two touchdowns against the Boilermakers, is slated to start, with regular starter

Albert Young listed as day-to-day.

Quarterback Drew Tate, who ranks second in the Big Ten in passing yards and fifth in efficiency, said there are areas to improve. Iowa has turned the ball over more than any team in the conference, leading to the Big Ten's worst turnover margin. And the Hawkeyes have struggled to find points on their opening drives.

"We're good, but we need to get better during the second half of the season," Tate said.

Concerning kickoff coverage:

After facing dangerous returners from Ohio State and Purdue, things get worse for Iowa against the Hoosiers. Indiana running back Marcus Thigpen averages 35 yards a return, thanks to three touchdowns, including a 98-yard score last week against Illinois to earn Big Ten Special-Team Player of the Week.

SEE PRESS CONFERENCE, PAGE 4B

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— Scott Chandler, Hawkeye tight end

HAWKEYE TICKETS

At the heart of scalping

BY BOB KONRARDY
 SPECIAL TO THE DAILY IOWAN

"We didn't know our preschool son would need a ticket," the distraught woman said at a recent Iowa football game, fanning out two passes and her souvenir money: a few 5's, a few 10's, and one 20. "Do I have enough to get him one?"

Tom Hodne, a Minneapolis scalper, giving the lady the three tickets he bought for \$300 less than an hour before.

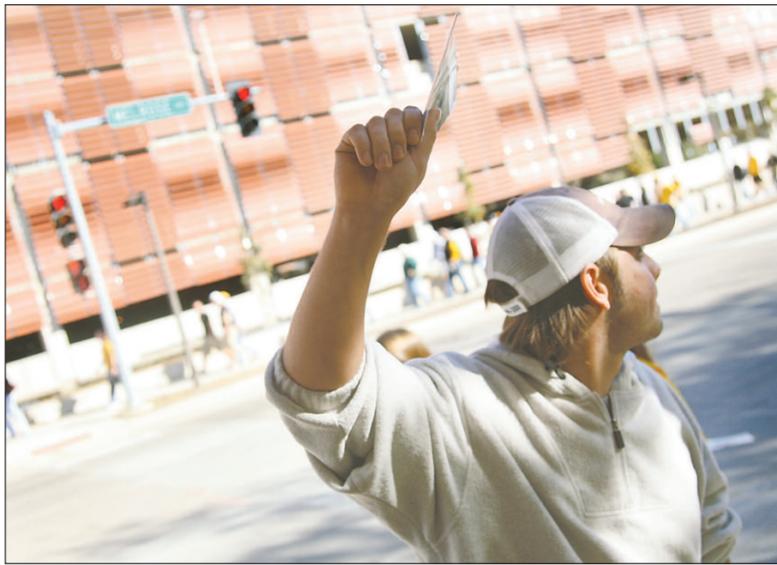
"These are good seats," he said. "Give me \$50, and have a great time."

A loss for a scalper. Less of a surprise would have been Purdue quarterback Curtis Painter giving Drew Tate five downs in the red zone. Is scalping a misunderstood art?

Thirty years ago, Hodne was in fifth grade and lived near the Minnesota Gophers' stadium. He borrowed \$50 from his mother, bought some tickets, sold them for \$75, and repaid her, making \$25. He's been scalping ever since.

Repeat customers are not only common but necessary for game entrepreneurs. The latter arrive with zero tickets and for a few hours, buy near the stadium, then sell until kickoff.

SEE SCALPING, PAGE 4B



Katrina Hawthorne/The Daily Iowan

Dubuque resident Dave Fraber stands on Melrose Avenue near Kinnick Stadium less than an hour before the Homecoming game against Purdue on Oct. 8. Fraber, who had been selling tickets for \$50, said he has scalped tickets for 11 years at such events as concerts and football and basketball games.

INTERESTED IN SCALPING?

Curious what you should be aware of as a consumer? Check out these starter's tips to the game outside the stadium, courtesy of 30-year scalper Tom Hodne.

- Regardless of kickoff time, arrive in the stadium area at 6 a.m.
- Dress sporty: a team T-shirt or sweatshirt, not from the home or opposing team, and shorts or jeans.
- Know where all active ATM machines are located.
- Buy tickets in one area, and two hours prior to kickoff, sell them in another.
- It's OK to sell as you buy, but concentrate your energies on buying sellable tickets.
- Be friendly to everyone. Anyone may someday be a customer.
- Get to know the security staff around your turf. Drunks can be very confrontational.
- Never argue or hassle with a seller or buyer. Just walk away.
- Have a current seating chart to know exactly what you're buying and to show the buyers exactly where they'll be sitting.
- Everything is opposite: A great fan's game is hard to scalp. The businessman in the Mercedes is tight with his money. People who look like they don't have much will shell out the cash.
- Respect the price and turf of fellow scalpers.
- HAVE FUN — scalping is a game, just like football.

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

POSTSEASON BASEBALL

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

American League

Tuesday's Game
Oakland 5, Oakland 1, Detroit leads series 1-0.

Today's Game
Detroit (Verlander 17-9) at Oakland (Loaiza 11-9), 7:19 p.m.

Friday's Game
Oakland (Harden 4-0) at Detroit (Rogers 17-8), 7:19 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14
Oakland (Haren 14-13) at Detroit (Bonderman 14-8), 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 15
Oakland at Detroit, 3:40 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, Oct. 17
Detroit at Oakland, 7:19 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, Oct. 18
Detroit at Oakland, 7:19 p.m., if necessary

National League

Today's Game
St. Louis (Weaver 5-4) at New York (Glavine 15-7), 7:19 p.m.

Thursday's Game
Detroit 5, Suppan 12-7) at New York (Maine 6-5), 7:19 p.m.

Saturday's Game
New York (Traschel 15-8) at St. Louis (Carpenter 15-8), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 15
New York (Perez 3-13) at St. Louis (Undecided), 7:19 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 16
New York at St. Louis, 7:19 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, Oct. 18
St. Louis at New York, 3:19 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, Oct. 19
St. Louis at New York, 7:19 p.m., if necessary

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Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Minnesota 2, Vancouver 1, SO
Los Angeles 4, N.Y. Islanders 2

Today's Games
Boston at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Baseball Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League
MINNESOTA TWINS—Exercised their 2007 contract option on OF Torii Hunter.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Purchased the contract of INF Mark Kiger from Midland of the TL. Released LHP Scott Sauerbeck.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Announced the resignation of Tom Newberg, assistant athletic trainer. Named Rob Nodine assistant athletic trainer. Announced the contract of Dave Brundage, manager of Tacoma of the PCL, will not be renewed.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Released LHP John Foster. Announced LHP Wayne Franklin cleared waivers and chose free agency. Sent OF Josh Burris outright to Richmond of the IL.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
CHICAGO BULLS—Waived F-C Scott Merritt.
DENVER NUGGETS—Exercised their option on the contract of George Karl, coach, through the 2009-10 season.
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed F Lamond Murray.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Released F Kevin Pinkney.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Promoted WR Carlyle Holiday from the practice squad. Released RB Diamond Ferris.
BUFFALO BILLS—Released TE C.J. Leak from the practice squad. Signed OT Randy Hand to the practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS—Released P Todd Sauerbrun.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Placed DT Alfred Malone on injured reserve. Signed DT Anthony Maddox from the practice squad and DT Tim Bulman to the practice squad.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Agreed to terms with CB Ahmad Carroll.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Released DT Lionel Dalton. Signed DB Michael Bragg from the practice squad.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Waived RB Lee Suggs.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed P Danny Baugher to the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Placed K John Hall on injured reserve. Signed K Nick Novak. Signed OL Nick Steltz to the practice squad. Released OL CJ Brooks.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	2	1	0	4	12	10
Philadelphia	1	1	1	3	8	11
New Jersey	1	1	0	2	5	3
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	2	4	2
N.Y. Islanders	0	3	0	0	5	12
Northeast	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	3	0	0	6	12	9
Toronto	2	1	1	5	11	8
Montreal	1	0	1	3	7	7
Boston	1	1	0	2	6	10
Ottawa	1	2	0	2	7	11
Southwest	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	2	0	1	5	9	3
Florida	1	1	1	3	9	11
Washington	1	1	0	2	7	7
Tampa Bay	1	2	0	2	5	6
Carolina	0	2	1	1	4	12
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	2	0	1	5	12	8
Chicago	1	1	0	2	12	11
Detroit	1	1	0	2	3	3
St. Louis	0	2	1	1	5	11
Nashville	0	2	0	0	11	14
Northeast	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	3	0	0	6	9	8
Vancouver	2	1	1	5	9	8
Colorado	1	0	2	4	7	8
Edmonton	1	1	0	2	4	3
Calgary	1	2	0	2	4	8
Pacific	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	3	0	0	6	8	4
San Jose	3	0	0	6	11	5
Dallas	2	0	0	4	6	3

WIECZOREK
coach

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The 'Wiz' on coaching

BY ALEX JOHNSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Daily Lowan continues its *In The Spotlight* features this week with men's cross-country coach Larry Wieczorek. Read on to see what the most difficult part of his job is, whether he likes being called "Wiz," and how he views parents sending athletes to him.

DI: What's been the most difficult thing in your coaching career?

Wieczorek: There are always challenges in coaching; there are challenges every day. I think when you don't do well, it can be one of the worst feelings in the world. ... Injuries are one of the hardest things, because they're not like football injuries,



where if you get banged up, you can come back the next weekend. ... I remember my sophomore season, I wound up coming back, and I had a real sore leg. I couldn't run at all; it was a stress fracture in the tibia, and, so, I wound up missing the whole season, essentially. But injuries have been one of the most difficult things.

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team, that's kind of a hope. Micah [VanDenend] feels like this could be the best team we've ever had. ... I don't know if that's realistic or not, to be honest with you. That's what we're working toward. That's what we're hoping for, but I think we've got a ways to go.

DI: When do you feel you've done the best coaching of your career?

Wieczorek: One of the things coaches would tell you is sometimes, you do your best job of coaching when it's not even noticed. Sometimes a coach has so much talent that you just feel, hey, I didn't do anything special there. Then there's other times where we didn't do as well, but we did pretty well, and I kept the team together and did a great job of coaching. Sometimes it's when it's most unnoticed. When I did my best job of coaching was in October and November of the fall of 2006 [laughing].

DI: What do you do to prepare as a coach over the long haul?

Wieczorek: Well, I think continual study of your sport, being a student of your sport ... I think you've got to communicate a lot with your colleagues and see what they're doing and learn from other people, that continual learning process.

DI: What has been the most important part of your job to you?

Wieczorek: I think the most important part of my job is that when the athlete looks back, after four or five years at Iowa, that he has had a great experience in all ways. ... I think the athlete is the most important thing. Am I doing the right thing for the athletes under my guidance? They're the most important person in someone's life.

When a parent sends their sons to me, they're sending me the most important thing in their life. And, so, my job is to make sure I do the best possible job with them, in all areas.

DI: What's your favorite nickname you've heard of in your career?

Wieczorek: One of my favorite nicknames of anybody that I know is my former track coach, Coach Cretzmeyer,

everyone called him Cretz. His athletes did; his five children called him Cretz; his wife calls him Cretz; they just say Cretz. ... My nickname is Wiz, and I want the guys to say that and call me that, almost in honor of Coach Cretzmeyer.

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Turning karate into running

Red-shirt freshman cross-country runner Tommy Tate draws on his karate training to stay a leg up on the competition

BY ALEX JOHNSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

He may not be a mutant, a ninja, or a turtle, but this 19-year old has experience with martial arts. Tommy Tate, a red-shirt freshman on the Iowa men's cross-country team, spent nine years in karate, something his parents placed him in after reading an article in their Galesburg, Ill., paper.



Katrina Hawthorne/The Daily Lowan

Tommy Tate listens to coach Larry Wieczorek talk about the upcoming Pre-Nationals meet in Terre Haute, Ind., at practice on Tuesday.

He believes he benefited from the experience.

"In karate, you have to be really disciplined and be able to take directions," he said. "You have to train your body to balance, and strength-wise, there's a lot of calisthenics and pushups, sit-ups, that kind of stuff."

The strength of Tate is visible — he stands out on the course as one of the physically stronger competitors. That's partially because of his continuing use of certain karate techniques.

"I don't actually remember a lot of the forms," he said. "But I still practice what I do know, such as the strength training ... the old routines I still use, sometimes, to stay in shape."

There's little surprise one technique Tate practices is with the bo.

"I still remember the one form I got my gold medal with the bo in," he said. "I still practice that whenever I can find a long stick or broom handle."

He added that he simulates a defense method against two imagined attackers because of the reaction skills it teaches.

A term for most of these tech-

niques is "kata," with different levels leading to higher ranks. Before stopping in seventh grade, Tate reached the black belt, grabbing two gold medals in weapons: the aforementioned bo and the three-tipped sai. For all the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle fans, those are Donatello and Raphael's tools.

But karate's uses went beyond the self-defense and awards.

"I think that it helps with being disciplined and the dedication in cross-country," he said. "Doing karate helped the overall strength of my body,

which just helps with running, in general."

However, the physicality hasn't meant as much to him as the mental aspect.

"I'd say the dedication [is more important], because karate can be really boring, at times," he said. "There's a lot of repetition. You have to stay with it if you want to be good ... and really listen to the instructors."

In Iowa City, Tate saw cross-country instructors who could cultivate and reciprocate his talents and dedication.

"It's really nice to be in a Division-I program," he said. "In

high school, I didn't really have a team to run with, because they were not capable. But now, at the university, there's always a group of guys there, and you have teammates that care about you."

Tate emphasizes the team first — something he learned seven years ago through karate.

"We're all just on the team together to get to the national meet," he said. "Right now, I'm just providing depth and just trying to help the team get back to nationals for the third year in a row."

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HAWKEYE SPORTS

Women's golf finishes 8th

After solid opening-day rounds of 296 and 302 put it in fourth place, the Iowa women's golf team carded a final-round score of 311 to finish eighth Tuesday at the Shootout at the Legends. The Hawkeyes rode a season-low 69

from senior Karla Murra and a one-under-par round of 71 from junior Jill Marcum to a hot start but couldn't manage to hold their spot on the leaderboard during the final day in Franklin, Ind.

Marcum, who opened with 75 and was tied for sixth place after day one, shot a final round score of 80 and finished tied for 22nd indi-

vidually. After a fantastic start to the team's fourth event, birdies unfortunately became bogeys for Murra, who fired consecutive rounds of 80 to finish 13 over-par for the event.

Sophomore Tyrette Metzendorf was steady throughout the 54-hole tournament, shooting 73, 78, and 76 to finish just behind Murra at 11 over-par. Senior Amy Riepma

followed an opening-round 80 with rounds of 78 and a team-low 75 Tuesday, and junior Melanie Boyles closed with 81 after a second-round 75.

The Hawkeyes will next travel to Fort Myers, Fla., to compete in the GSU/Pelican Preserve International, their last event of the fall season. The 54-hole tournament is scheduled for Oct. 16-17.

— by Charlie Kautz

COMMENTARY

Presenting the athlete's Cheap-Shot Bible



ERIC MANDEL

What a grandiose setting: a venue in which two impassioned groups of physical specimens at the pinnacle of athletic performance pit desire and dedication against one another, where warriors represent not only themselves but coaches, cities, states, and even nations. Some enthusiasts parade with paint encompassing whole bodies, gobbled

to the brink of absurdity, while other hordes simply gather adorned with the colors subscribing them to their inner circle of sport.

They rise to their feet. Feel the pulse of the game; pure flowing passion. What a catch ... what a run ... what dedication and respect ... and ... ohh, what a cheap shot!

Although allegations against Iowa's Mitch King and, more prominently, the Tennessee Titan's Albert Haynesworth, grab today's headlines, the cheap shot is nothing new. It's scrutinized more than in the past, but my guess is Babe Ruth may have aimed some pitches at a few ribcages and broken a couple legs with lumbering somersault slides into second base.

So, because no one can really end cheap shots, and they are sewn into the fabric of each game we love, anyway, we might as well set some

ground rules to make them as acceptable — and freakin' sweet — as possible.

Rule No. 1: Timing is everything. Yes, Zinedine Zidane's "heart-stopper" in the World Cup finals was probably the most hard-core cheap shot of all time. But, come on, Zidane, did it have to be right then? You can't go willy-nilly with your cheap shots. Let's put it into a more Iowan context. Imagine the national championship is tied 17-17 in overtime, with the Hawks having momentum and about to start their first drive.

Then, as if stuck in some horrible dream, Drew Tate nails a flying squirrel heel kick directly into No. 99's helmet on the USC D-line, for allegedly telling Tate Herky hooked up with Cy the Cyclone. The Iowa City roar of, "holy crap, Drew — NO" would shatter glass all the way in Dubuque, and Tate

would be lucky to make it out of the stadium without being lynched.

Rule No. 2: Don't step on people's faces. De-helmeting somebody and stepping on his face with your cleats is a definite no-no. Got that, Professor Haynesworth? Not cool. You belong in jail. And in case people were wondering, Mitch King's helmet-rip and punch to the jugular against Ohio State [judge for yourself at Youtube.com] is perfectly legit, because no cleats were involved. Yeah, he's good to go. See rule No. 5 for further proof of King's innocence.

Rule No. 3: When you're at home, you can do no wrong. Iowa athletes can execute no cheap shot too illegal on their homefield, in fans' eyes (this rule is superseded by rule No. 6, however).

Rule No. 4: Make it count. Make it inspirational. Motivate somebody. People

still talk about Matt Roth's jackknifing of that Purdue kicker three years ago as glowingly as if he captured Osama bin Laden. Said rule segues nicely to rule seven.

Rule No. 5: Kickers are easy targets. DO IT.

Rule No. 6: No below the belt stuff. That's not the kind of "ball-hawks" we want to be known for.

Rule No. 7: If at all possible, cheap shot legally. As Hawkeye soccer coach Ron Rainey notes, there are plenty of ways to be physical during a game by staying well within the rules. If you can lay-a-whipping on somebody without it being a penalty — more power to you. A sweet blindsiding, feet-flailing block that has a ref's hand come out of his pocket with nothing but lint always brings a crowd to its feet.

Rule No. 8: It's just sports; don't severely hurt the guy.

Iowa baseball coach Jack Dahm admits to having told at least two pitchers in his career to throw at the opposition but is born-again ever since a Wichita State player hit an opponent in the eye on a retaliation pitch in 1999, permanently damaging the batter's sight.

Dahm added that Wichita State committed two cheap shots against Iowa on March 25, 2005, breaking one Hawkeye's arm and bruising another's back. The coach won't play Wichita State anymore. This leads to a side rule: Kill Wichita State whenever given the chance.

So, let's recap what we've learned today. Never be the ruin of an entire nation; keep your cleats away from a person's grill; and anything an Iowa athlete does is fair game, just so long as it doesn't involve any flying squirrel heel kicks.

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TV burning out high-school football

BY BOBBY LOESCH
THE DAILY IOWAN

Terrell Owens, Barry Bonds, Yankees-Red Sox, blah blah blah. Sometimes, the media have an uncanny ability to — gasp — give way too much coverage to certain topics. Is high-school football entering the pantheon of burned-out stories?

Consider the facts: Prep football is no stranger to the mainstream, as such films as *Varsity Blues* (1999) and *Remember The Titans* (2000) had success in the box office. Now, it's 2006, and high-school football is becoming a staple.

MTV's "Two-A-Days," a reality show chronicling the varsity football team at Hoover High in

Hoover, Ala., has already been picked up for a second season.

NBC's recent premiere of "Friday Night Lights," a show about prep ball in a fictional Texas city, is based on a movie and book. The program placed third in its Tuesday 7 p.m. CDT premiere, but some critics are drooling — Virginia Heffernan of the *New York Times* describes it as "a wonder."

ESPN2 even sent a crew to broadcast a secondary-school contest in Venice, Calif. — a bout featuring Jimmy Clausen, the No. 1-ranked, Notre Dame-bound, prep quarterback in the class of 2007.

Is high school becoming the new college? Will groups of men flock to bars on Friday and glue

themselves to the tube for games — similar to Saturdays and Sundays? Greg Swenson, West Des Moines Valley High School's head football coach, thought probably not.

"I don't think it will ever get to that level," he said. "But there's no question that interest is at an all-time high. But in terms of college football, it's not on the same plane."

The coach, who led Valley to a state championship last season, thought the popularity of high-school football was primarily geographical.

"There's a different emphasis for high-school football in the South from that in the Midwest," he said.

"Friday Night Lights" por-

trays high-school coaching as a topsy-turvy job with little security and constant pressure from booster and alumni — but Swenson made it clear that in Iowa, the stereotype is inaccurate.

"I don't think that coaches have [pressure] in the Midwest," he said. "But in areas such as Texas and Alabama, those coaches probably do."

Beyond geographical disparities, Swenson said, "Two-A-Days" is a bit over the top, but he did support ESPN's high-school telecast.

"There's nothing wrong with televising a game," he said. "There's tremendous interest there in recruiting, so I understand why the games are

on." "Two-A-Days" is more exposure than the average kid probably needs ... I think the shows are embellished."

Swenson made it clear that being behind the scenes of a state championship football team isn't nearly as interesting or exciting as it's made out on television and thought the prospect of a camera crew following his team around was slim.

"I'm sure people, even in eastern Iowa, would have little interest in our team," he said.

Peter Berg, the creator and executive producer of "Friday Night Lights" addressed fans in a live blog following the show's pilot:

"I do feel a sense of responsibility to be as honest and authentic as possible," he wrote. "I spent half a year at a high school in Austin researching for the film, and all of our writers on the show spent substantial amounts of time in Texas with high-school students, their families, and coaches in an effort to be as authentic and honest as possible."

With skepticism from one of Iowa's top coaches and fans of the show alike, it's difficult to assume the media's spoon-fed "realism" is truly authentic — but maybe it's just a Confederate thing.

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17 Quinnipiac in the Hawkeye Challenge	January	25 Wisconsin
18 Game 2 in Hawkeye Challenge	3 Purdue	
21 Louisiana Tech	14 Michigan State	
30 Iowa State	25 Minnesota	

MARCH TO A MILLION

SPORTS

Hawks want to improve

PRESS CONFERENCE
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The Hawkeyes have allowed the second-most kick return yards in the conference, which Ferentz knows needs to improve. "I think it's strictly execution," he said. "The thing that's frustrating about it is we've been as good as you can get and as bad as you can get."

Injury report: Center Rafael Eubanks, who sprained a knee against Illinois on Sept. 23, will miss his third-consecutive contest on Saturday. Senior Mike Elgin is slated to start in Eubanks' spot, and Seth Olsen will slide in at guard.

Young, safety Marcus Paschal, and linebacker Mike Humpal are listed as day-to-day, Ferentz said. None of the three practiced on Tuesday.

Abundance of tickets available: A crowd of 30,000 is expected Saturday at Memorial Stadium, which has a capacity of 52,354. Fans interested in tickets can contact the Indiana athletics ticket office at 1-866-IUSPORTS or online at iuhoosiers.com.

The National I-Club and the UI Alumni Association invite all fans to the Hawkeye Huddle from 9 to 10:30 a.m. prior to the game on Saturday. The free event will be held at the University Plaza, 1710 Kinser Pike, in Bloomington.

Quick outs: Captains for this week will be safety Miguel Mer-

'We're good, but we need to get better during the second half of the season.'

— Drew Tate, Hawkeye quarterback

rick, linebacker Mike Klinkenborg, Elgin, and Tate. ... Klinkenborg leads the Big Ten with 11 tackles per game. ... Iowa is one victory away from becoming bowl eligible for the sixth-straight year — two seasons away from tying a school record. ... Today is defensive end Alex Kanellis' 20th birthday. ... Iowa's game at Michigan next week kicks off at 2:35 p.m. on ABC. ... Redshirt freshman Justin Collins is leaving the team, Ferentz said. The defensive lineman was not on the two-deeps.

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Scalping as an art

Scalping is a game and business that requires finesse, etiquette, and people-skills.

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"It's a challenge for us scalpers in the Peer Sports Competitor's Group," Hodne said.

The group is a self-proclaimed fraternity. Iowa's largest draw of the year — the Ohio State game — included six from Madison, Wis., four from Minnesota, 10 from Chicago, and six from Milwaukee. Numerous scalpers say competition for ticket sales is nonexistent.

Hodne said all have full-time jobs and worked 29 events in 30 days when they were younger. After kickoff, they pitched dice against the wall and played some intense hoops.

"Competition is our game," Hodne said. "Not tickets."

To prove his point, he stopped a student who had just sold Hodne's scalping companion, and childhood friend, a can of Coors Lite for a buck. After sweet talking the student out of a free beer, Hodne laughed, "My buddy paid a buck. I got mine free."

Three young kids hawking beads entered the competition zone. As they approached, Hodne asked his companion if he had any

'Competition is our game, not tickets. True scalpers screw no one.'

— Tom Hodne, Minneapolis scalper

dollar bills. His partner dug out two singles, bought two strands of gold beads, and handed one to Hodne. Returning to business, Hodne laughed, "got him again," as he reached in his left pocket and flashed some ones.

"The stadium renovation is great," Hodne said. "I had my daughter run off some copies of the seating chart, and I sell them to my [scalping] buddies for \$5 each. I love this sport."

Respect for the fans is as evident as respect for each other. Before buying or selling tickets, his seating chart is carefully studied and analyzed. Hodne said, "True scalpers screw no one," and customers are shown exactly what they get for their money.

Getting choice seats is purely accidental and is the result of fans having two tickets but going to the game alone. Ohio State passes were

tight. Hodne explained that the best game for fans is the worst for scalpers. And a team with numerous losses is a scalper's paradise.

A tailgater dropped by with free water, food, and friendly chatter.

"I did business with his dad," Hodne said. "We go back generations with lots of them."

Hodne's children do not scalp. He wants them to earn money the hard way and not get used to fast and easy. Hodne declined to say how much he typically makes, but a few years back, he pooled his profits with his scalping friend and bought rental property. But that's not for his kids. He wants them to get educated.

"Let's ticket in," Hodne told his companion. "It's almost 3. We can still make the Iowa State game."

They counted tickets and plotted prime selling turf. Hodne, grabbing the bike they hauled from Minnesota, coaxed a young man to release his girlfriend's hand and pulled him to the side.

"Here, give these beads to your girlfriend. Have a great time," Hodne said, turning and smiling. "See you at the next home game?"

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Torre to stay; A-Rod, maybe

BY RONALD BLUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Joe Torre will be back with the New York Yankees, and it looks as though A-Rod will be, too.

General manager Brian Cashman said the team had no intention of trading Alex Rodriguez, who failed to drive in a run in the playoffs for the second-straight year and was dropped to eighth in the batting order.

"I fully expect him to be here," Cashman said on Tuesday. "We're going to figure this thing out together."

Earlier, Torre said he would return as manager for his 12th season.

Rodriguez, who has a no-trade clause in his contract, struggled during his third season with the Yankees and was booed throughout the year by fans at Yankee Stadium. Cashman revealed that teams inquired about Rodriguez's availability up until the July 31 deadline to make trades without waivers.

"The first one I got hit on was late May, I think, or early June, and then it got real heavy in the deadline period," Cashman said.

Right after Saturday night's loss eliminated the Yankees, Cashman received an e-mail inquiry from a team.

"I wanted to message back: 'Buzzer,' " Cashman said, adding that he expects to receive more offers during the offseason and intends to turn them down.

Rodriguez, the reigning AL MVP, hit .290 with 35 homers and



Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

New York Yankee manager Joe Torre (left), owner George Steinbrenner, and general manager Brian Cashman watch batting practice during spring training in Tampa, Fla., on Feb. 26, 2005.

121 RBIs, and his 24 errors were the most among AL third basemen. He went 1-for-14 (.071) in the first-round playoff loss to Detroit and is 4-for-41 (.098) with no RBIs in his last 12 postseason games.

In New York, where the Yankees are always in the spotlight, Rodriguez has at times seemed uncomfortable in a clubhouse filled with other big stars. Torre said Rodriguez still feels the need to be the central run-producer, even though he has powerful hitters next to him in the lineup.

Even in an "off year" for Rodriguez, his run production was among baseball's best.

"I know there would be interest in him. There's no denying that. He's a very talented player," Cashman said. "Despite the difficult times that he's experienced here, people see the results and know that he's fighting not just the pitcher on the mound, he's fighting a lot more than that at times."

After the Yankees were eliminated Saturday, Rodriguez said he wanted to stay with the team.

He is owed, in effect, \$66.6 million by New York over the last four seasons of his record \$252 million, 10-year contract. Rodriguez receives \$95 million, with the Yankees getting \$28.4 million from Texas to offset part of that.

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SPORTS

Sex, the Green Bay Packers, and politics

Sandy Sullivan, the Republican candidate for Wisconsin secretary of State, wrote a tell-all book about her juicy book-ups with players from the Green Bay Packers

BY TODD RICHMOND
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MADISON, Wis. — Sex! The Green Bay Packers! Sex WITH the Green Bay Packers!

The usually ho-hum race for Wisconsin secretary of State is being spiced up by one candidate's naughty tell-all book about her bed-hopping exploits with Green Bay football legends during the team's glory days under Vince Lombardi in the 1960s.

Sandy Sullivan, a 65-year-old Republican with no political experience, self-published a gushing memoir in 2004 titled *Green Bay Love Stories and Other Affairs* in which she claims she was the girlfriend of Green Bay Packers Paul Hornung and Dan Currie, deflected a pass from Hall of Famer Don Hutson, and was on the receiving end of a saucy comment from Richard Nixon.

If the book is to be believed, the Packers did a lot of their scoring off the field, and Sullivan got her share of playing time.

In football-crazy Wisconsin, it is unclear whether the book will be a gain or a loss for Sullivan, who is not given much of a chance of beating Secretary of State Doug La Follette, a 28-year incumbent and a member of one of Wisconsin's most distinguished political families. But the book is getting people talking.

In it, she confides that her goal was always to marry a pro football player, saying they are "fast, sleek, and clean," are built like "Greek gods," and love women.

"The football players of the 1950s and '60s were every bit as 'HOT' as the men of the present



Morry Gash/Associated Press

Wisconsin Republican Secretary of State candidate Sandy Sullivan is pictured on Oct. 4 in Milwaukee. Sullivan has published a loose collection of her memories of an affair with Packer great Paul Hornung — and even a flirtatious moment with President Richard Nixon — in a 2004 book *Green Bay Love Stories and Other Affairs*. Her opponent, a 28-year incumbent with ties to a legendary Wisconsin politician, bemoans the attention her book gets on the campaign trail.

day, if not more so," Sullivan writes of the days when she was a trim, miniskirted brunette who did some modeling. "Remember, the '60s was the 'dawning of the Age of Aquarius' and some women ... were thrilled to experience this brave, new freedom and celebrate our sexuality ... and the football players loved it!"

Sullivan, who is now a blonde and owns a marketing company that she says sets up autograph

sessions and Packer appearances, is not hiding from her past. If anything, she is reveling in it. Her campaign website prominently mentions the book and features a picture of her with former Packer quarterback Bart Starr.

To those offended by the notion that a Packer groupie wants to run for state office, Sullivan said: "It tells a little bit about my youth, which was 50 years ago. If anybody has any

problems with it, they ought to look in their own closet."

Rick Wiley, the executive director of the state Republican Party, played down any concerns that the book could hurt her campaign. "Everyone has a past out there," he said.

He described Sullivan as a breath of fresh air and suggested her candidacy has served a useful civic purpose: "She's been a fantastic candidate for an office that not many people take a

long look at at all."

As for her opponent, La Follette — a distant cousin of Bob La Follette, a former governor, senator, and one of the foremost figures of the clean-government Progressive movement of the early 20th century — bemoans the attention the book is getting.

But "it's sort of amusing, quite honestly," the 66-year-old Democrat said. "She has a right to her life, and if she wants to put it in a book, it's OK."

Sullivan says she was 19 in 1961 when she took a job with the Packers selling tickets and met Hornung, the Heisman Trophy-winning running back. She was instantly smitten with the wavy-haired golden boy, known for his off-the-field romantic exploits.

"Here he was, in the flesh! Oh! My God! He was soooo CUTE! ... He immediately asked me out, and I immediately accepted," Sullivan wrote. She quickly learned "there are two things football players think about all the time ... FOOTBALL AND SEX ... and seldom in that order."

She recounted an encounter with Hornung during training camp in which Hornung picked her up at 5:30 a.m. and drove to a Green Bay hotel for sex. Some Packer coaches were in the lobby, so Hornung made her climb the fire escape to the fifth floor, while he went in through the lobby.

Hornung broke down the door to the fire escape, almost knocking her over the railing, she wrote. She wrote she doesn't remember having sex with him that night, "although I must have!"

Hornung did not return numerous messages left by the Associated Press. The book,

however, includes a foreword in which he describes Sullivan as a "carefree, fun-loving girl who fit right in with me and the rest of the 'Pack.'"

When she was 20, she met Hutson, who was 50 then and long past his playing days. She said Hutson asked her to sleep with him, but she turned him down, because he was a "relic from the Stone Ages," and she was in love with Hornung.

She also fell for Currie, a Packers linebacker. ("SIGH! One would have to be in a coma not to want him," Sullivan wrote.) She later married Currie's dentist, Matt Sullivan. He died in 1984.

AP writer **Colin Fly** in Green Bay contributed to this report.

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Walk-on kicker to debut

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BOSTON — Steve Aponavicius remembers with pride his role in last year's Boston College football highlights video: He was in the stands, with his face painted, cheering on the team.

On Thursday night, the left-footed walk-on will sub for suspended placekicker Ryan Ohliger against No. 22 Virginia Tech. It's not just Aponavicius' Boston College debut; it will be the first time he's played in a football game.

"It's a good way to start: against Virginia Tech on national TV," he said with a laugh before practice Tuesday. "I was happy with an opportunity just to make the team."

Aponavicius — a Lithuanian name pronounced AH'-pah-nah-VIH'-chis — chose soccer over football at Easton (Pa.) High, playing defender with a specialty in long goal kicks. He also played baseball and cheered on the football team as the founder of an informal fan club he dubbed "Red Rover Nation."

Aponavicius broke out the face paint again when he got to Boston College, but he found that he missed being on a team. So, on the first day of classes as a freshman, last year, he grabbed a football and headed down to Alumni Stadium to find out for himself if he had any placekicking prowess.

"I thought if anyone saw me, they wouldn't say anything good," he said. "I was thinking, 'Wow, they are really good. And I am not.'"

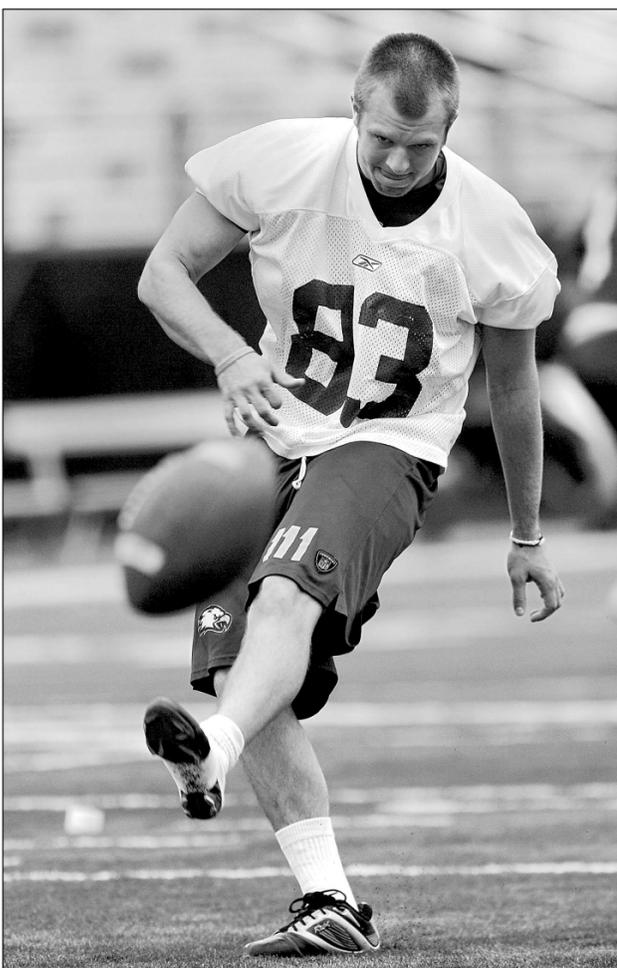
A member of the coaching staff happened by and approached him.

"I thought he was kicking me off the field," Aponavicius said. "He said, 'We're kind of low on kickers, right now. We could use another one.'"

"I ran back to my room faster than I've ever run before."

Aponavicius e-mailed the special-team coach, and soon he was being fitted for shoulder pads. One problem: He didn't know how to put them on.

"I had to ask everyone how to do it," he acknowledged.



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Boston College kicker Steve Aponavicius boots the ball during football practice Tuesday in Boston. Aponavicius will start against Virginia Tech on Thursday.

Aponavicius was limited to cheering again last year, suiting up for a handful of games but never playing. He seemed destined to stay in that role until Ohliger got tangled in a fight outside a Boston bar last weekend, apparently with fellow students heckling him for his struggles. (Ohliger missed three extra points in a two-week span, and he told the *Boston Herald* that might have been what prompted the altercation.)

Coach Tom O'Brien wouldn't comment on Ohliger except in a statement that said the kicker was suspended indefinitely for a

violation of team rules. Ohliger told the *Herald* he was defending himself and apologized, but that wasn't good enough for O'Brien, a Navy grad and stickler for discipline.

So out went Johnny Rotten. In came Sid Vicious.

"That's what I call him," O'Brien said when asked if he could pronounce his new kicker's name. When it was noted that his fresh-faced sophomore bore little resemblance to the punk-rock icon, O'Brien said, "I don't know who Sid Vicious is, so it doesn't make any difference."

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