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Fixing New Orleans

BY ERIC RODRIGUEZ
THE DAILY IOWAN

The fountain in New Orleans City Park was trashed, swarming with snakes and bugs, and cluttered by debris from one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history.

Thirty-seven UI students and three professors from the university's graduate program in urban and regional planning assisted in the rebuilding effort. Initiatives such as these were highlights from their Oct. 23 through Sunday trip to New Orleans, during which the group tried to understand the obstacles in rebuilding the Big Easy.

UI graduate student Kara Homan traveled with the group to survey the urban-planning challenges firsthand.

"In the historic district, there's nothing wrong," she said. "Then you drive a couple blocks away, and it's pure destruction."

Bob Becker, a UI alum who is the CEO of New Orleans' City Park, organized tours of the heavily damaged Ninth Ward and other neighborhoods, booked speakers from urban planning, FEMA, and various city communities, and enlisted the UI group to clean the fountain at City Park — which is bigger than New York City's Central Park.

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WHAT THEY DID

The UI's Program Planning group during its trip to the Big Easy

- 120 hours spent aiding in the cleanup of City Park.
- Attended lectures and meetings with officials from organizations such as FEMA, City and Regional Planning Commission, and other neighborhood leaders in the reconstruction process.
- Witnessed the first meeting of the New Orleans Community Congress for Unified New Orleans Plan.

Group wants delay in regent planning

BY MATT NELSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Motivated by a recent e-mail from state Board of Regents President Michael Gartner, UI Faculty Council members will ask regents today to suspend the "strategic change process" that purportedly would revamp the structure of the state's public universities.

The council, acting on behalf of the Faculty Senate and with the full support of

The Faculty Council will request that the regents put off long-term planning meetings until the UI has a permanent leader

the Staff Council, passed an initiative on Tuesday to request that the plan — drafted by an informal committee composed of Gartner, Regent Teresa Wahlert, and the three state university presidents — be suspended

until a permanent UI president is selected.

A similar resolution, presented by Professor Steve Collins, had been discussed at the Oct. 4 Faculty Council meeting. The proposal would have asked regents to delay

long-term planning meetings, pending the selection of a new UI leader.

At that time, the resolution was "a bit hasty," Faculty Senate President Sheldon Kurtz said.

But after the contents of an

Oct. 26 e-mail — which indicated that informal committee meetings had already transpired — were brought to his attention, Kurtz said, he and other faculty councilors drafted a resolution that was nearly identical to Collins'.

"Things have moved faster than they were four weeks ago," he said. "Four weeks ago, the thought was that [the resolution] was a little premature."

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JOE BIDEN — Possible Democratic candidate for 2008

Biden campaigns for Loebsack

'I've known Dave a long time. We go back 20 years. I was out here years ago when we bounced around campaigning.'

— Senator Joe Biden, D-Delaware

BY MATT SNYDERS
THE DAILY IOWAN

While in eastern Iowa on Tuesday morning, Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., used his refined campaigning skills to bolster support for 2nd District congressional candidate and fellow Democrat Dave Loebsack at two Cedar Rapids Hy-Vees.

Biden — who announced in June 2005 that he will run for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2008 — schmoozed with deli patrons at a Hy-Vee on Cedar Rapids' North End for around an hour. The 63-year-old senator took an up-close-and-personal approach when it came to introductions, often clasping the hands or grabbing the shoulders of those with whom he conversed.

"If I win, will you be my secretary of State?" he quipped to an older woman who had suggested a multilateral foreign policy would pay off for American interests. "Because you got it exactly right."

When he wasn't jostling with



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(From left) Cindy Morris and Barb Taylor and (from right) Katie Morris and Mercedes Morris talk politics with Delaware Sen. Joe Biden in a Cedar Rapids Hy-Vee on Tuesday morning. Biden is in town to campaign for Dave Loebsack.

supporters, Biden focused his efforts on stumping for Loebsack in his bid to oust incumbent Republican Rep. James Leach.

"I've known Dave a long time," Biden said. "We go back 20 years. I was out here years ago when we bounced around

campaigning." For the most part, those in the Hy-Vee deli were receptive to the duo.

"We've come to wish them well," said attendee Bill Grove.

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MATH AND SEX-STEREOTYPES

Women bad at math? Locals mostly say no

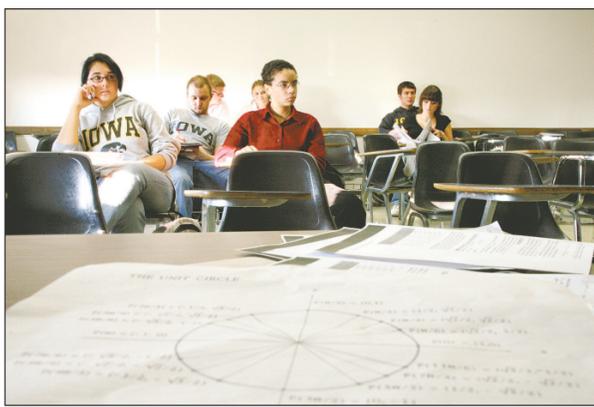
BY JAMIE HANSEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

A new twist on an old war: the battle of the sexes — but this time around fought with numbers and equations?

As reported by a study published in the Oct. 20 issue of the journal *Science*, two researchers might have found a link between sex-stereotype reinforcement and women's performance in math.

All participants of the study took a mathematics test after reading one of several different essays. The women who scored the lowest on the test first read an essay that reported men are

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UI trigonometry students sit in class on Oct. 27 in MacLean Hall. On that afternoon, the class consisted of four women and three men.

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In Iowa, immigration accounts for most growth

As part of The Daily Iowan's 2006 midterm-election coverage, this week, DI reporters will explore key issues on voters' minds. Today's story breaks down various aspects of immigration.



Grey

director of Iowa Center for Immigrant Leadership and Integration

BY KELSEY BELTRAMEA
THE DAILY IOWAN

The face of Iowa is changing.

Two-thirds of the state's growth in the past 15 years can be attributed to immigration, said Mark Grey, the director of the Iowa Center for Immigrant Leadership and Integration.

"If it weren't for immigration, we wouldn't have nearly the amount of population growth that we have," he said.

After years of young people flee-

ing the state and a burgeoning elderly population ready to retire, officials look to these immigrants to help invigorate the economy. Meanwhile, politicians look to the immigration issue to help define their platforms for the upcoming Nov. 7 election.

"In the state's small, rural cities, the younger population is leaving in great numbers, and immigrants are taking those jobs," Grey said.

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GETTING A FROSH START

The Hawkeye field-hockey team seemingly gets younger each year. **1B**



WATER WORKS

Using a group of taste-checkers and employing the aquifer, city officials say they've made Iowa City water pretty good. **5A**

RUNNING IN THE LITERATURE

For Thomas Pletzinger, a former semipro athlete, writing comes easier after a good, loosening run. **9A**

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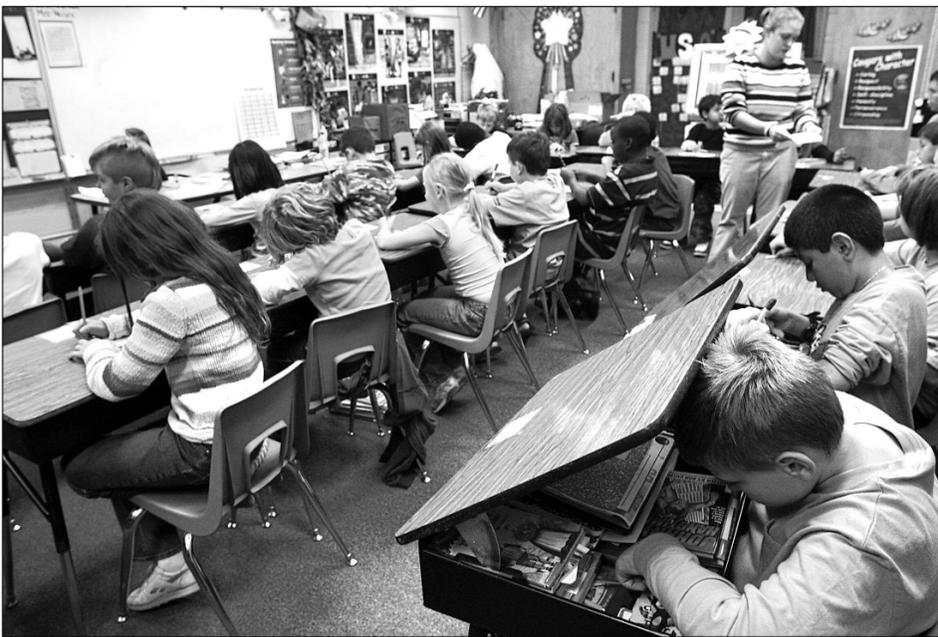
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Single-sex classes not for IC



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Dana Vernon's fourth-grade class at Coralville Central Elementary School has a discussion on Sept. 21.

BY KURT HIATT
THE DAILY IOWAN

The prospect of single-sex classes makes Jack Beaumont a little leery. He likes his co-ed classes because it helps him learn how to talk to girls. "Most of my friends are guys," the 13-year-old said. Co-ed classes, he added, "help you with your social skills." But elementary- and middle-school children such as Beaumont may soon face a single-sex class following the U.S. Department of Education's Oct. 24 decision that makes it easier to institute such a segregation. The Bush administration has backed the decision, although experts don't yet know whether the change would serve a definite purpose. At least 241 of the roughly 93,000 public schools nationwide have either single-sex institutions or some type of

single-sex class, according to the National Association for Single Sex Public Education. But that scenario won't come to Iowa City anytime soon, officials said. Jim Behle, an associate superintendent of the Iowa City School District, said any request for a single-sex classroom would have to be approved by the district. A lack of definitive research and benefits, unanswered legal challenges, and whether it has community value are reasons behind why a sex divide in the classroom is unlikely in Iowa City schools, he said. Peter Hlebowitsh, a UI professor of curriculum and instruction, said it is not a good idea for schools to offer single-sex classes. "My view on this ... is that single-sex schools and classes are largely violations of good social democratic theory," he

said. "We don't segregate by race or class, and we shouldn't segregate by sex." While most advocates of single-sex classes support them to further girls' achievement in school, girls often achieve higher grades and test scores than boys, he said. "The fact is that if you look at sex differences, it's awfully hard to make a case that girls are shortchanged," he said. Despite the drawbacks, one school — the Cunningham School for Excellence in Waterloo — said there are benefits to single-sex classrooms. Kathi Latta, the lead teacher at Cunningham Elementary, said an entirely single-sex school "will never be a goal" for the school. Cunningham Elementary has three classrooms that are separated by sex. But she added that she wouldn't be surprised if more

SINGLE-SEX CLASSES AROUND THE COUNTRY

- Public schools can now more easily create single-sex classes with support of the U.S. Department of Education.
- A school can create a single-sex class if it meets needs of its students, helps them academically, or creates diversity.
- Single-sex classes must have equal classes for students who choose a coed class
- At least 241 of 93,000 public schools have either single-sex classes or are a single-sex school, according to the National Association for Single-Sex Education.
- Only one school in Iowa — Cunningham Elementary in Waterloo — offers single-sex classes

school districts investigated the option. "We don't think [single-sex class] is an experiment," Latta said. "This is a recipe that is successful." Cunningham Elementary Principal Elizabeth Crowley attributed the success of its single-sex classes to the dedication of its teachers, professional development, and support of students' parents. Though he wouldn't want to be separated from girls in the classroom, Beaumont, a student at Regina Inter-Parish Catholic Education Center, said a single-sex P.E. class might not be all that bad. "Boys are normally better at dodge ball and all," the eighth-grader said. "It would be embarrassing for a guy if he got out by a girl." E-mail DI reporter Kurt Hiatt at: kurtis-hiatt@uiowa.edu

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Michael Freshwater, 33, Williamsburg, was charged Oct. 30 with driving with a suspended/canceled license. **Travis Randels**, 40, address unknown, was charged Oct. 30 with third-and-subsequent public intoxication. **Jonathan Walker**, 23, 102 West Side Drive, was charged Tuesday with obstructing emergency communications and second-offense domestic assault.

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UI senior Matt "Disco Chicken" Winter struts along Washington Street on Halloween night. Winter wore the costume to all three of his classes on Tuesday.

METRO

UI to remember victims of '91 shootings

Although 15 years have passed since a former UI graduate student killed five individuals before taking his own life, the UI has not forgotten. Today, the university will mark the 15th anniversary of the shootings by hosting a remembrance for the victims on the T. Anne Cleary Walkway. The shooter, Gang Lu, fatally shot three faculty members in the physics/astronomy department in Van Allen Hall — Christoph Goertz, Dwight Nicholson, and Robert Smith — and research associate Chin Linhua. Lu then went to Jessup Hall, where he killed university Vice President T. Anne Cleary and seriously injured student Miya Rodolfo-Sioson, a temporary employee. Rodolfo-Sioson remains paralyzed. "That was one of the worst things

that occurred in my life," said George Knorr, a speaker at the remembrance and professor emeritus of physics/astronomy. "You don't forget those things very easily." Weather permitting, the event will be held on the speakers' platform on the Cleary Walkway, otherwise, the commemoration will be moved to C107 Pappajohn Business Building. — by Terry McCoy

1 charged in break-in still in jail

Only one of three Clinton men charged with burglary over the past weekend remained in the Johnson County Jail on Tuesday afternoon. Bond for Zachary Geary, 21, is set at \$45,000. He and two other men, all listed as residents of 529 Fifth Ave. S., Clinton, have been charged in connection with an Oct. 28 Market Street break-in.

The other two men, Michael Shepard, 21, and Zachary Zubrod, 20, were released on Tuesday. Police alleged that the three "friends" kicked in the door of the 1006 E. Market St. residence, causing the frame to break at about 2:30 a.m. Once inside, the men allegedly assaulted the residents and guests at the home. Geary, Shepard, and Zubrod face felony charges of first-degree burglary causing bodily injury. If convicted, each could face up to 25 years in prison. — by Emileigh Barnes

Voter registration in Iowa up

In the midst of a hotly contested gubernatorial election, voter registration in Iowa topped off at just above 2 million — up 5.6 percent from the previous midterm election, the Office of the Iowa Secretary of State announced Tuesday.

Registration in Johnson County also increased, jumping 6.6 percent from the 2002 election, with 79,137 people registered, according to the Johnson County Auditor's Office. Oct. 28 was the final day to register to vote for the Nov. 7 elections. Across the state, 30 percent of people are registered Republicans, and 39 percent are registered Democrats, and 29 percent have no party affiliation. Democrats in Johnson County represented a much higher percentage in Johnson County, however. Of the nearly 80,000 people registered, 44 percent are Democrats, 20 percent are Republicans, and 36 percent have no party affiliation. A total of 421,318 people are registered to vote in the 2nd Congressional District, which contains Johnson County and 14 other eastern Iowa counties. — by Danny Valentine

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Immigration changing the look of the state

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The Latino population, alone, grew by 30.9 percent, or 24,079 people, in Iowa from 2000 to 2005, according to the Pew Hispanic Center, a non-partisan research organization based in Washington, D.C. That's a little more than a third of a soldout Kinnick Stadium.

In Iowa City, the Workforce Development office — which matches employers and workers — has tried to compensate for the rising local Latino population; two bilingual staff members have joined the office in the past four years, said Brenda Dodge, the organization's development manager.

The new arrangement seems to work. "We have seen an increase in the Spanish-speaking population coming into our office, because they feel more comfortable asking questions and getting information that way," Dodge said.

Recently, Iowa City joined a growing number of state programs that offer "New Iowan Centers," which provide information, job placement, and translation services, said Oscar Rosales, the head of the Iowa City division.

Rosales himself immigrated to the United States from El Salvador 20 years ago, and the day he gained citizenship is one he will never forget, the now 39-year-old said. But speaking from his current vantage point, he said he wishes he had the same opportunities as immigrants today.

As the nation continues to diversify and expand, the issue of immigration has been brought to the forefront, as politicians decide just how legislation should regulate America's workforce and borders.

Both Republicans and Democrats in Iowa have expressed concern about current controls on illegal immigration.

"If it weren't for immigration, we wouldn't have nearly the amount of population growth that we have. In the state's small, rural cities, the younger population is leaving in great numbers, and immigrants are taking those jobs."

— Mark Grey, director of the Iowa Center for Immigrant Leadership and Integration

In a public signing only 12 days before the election, President Bush endorsed the Secure Fence Act of 2006, approving the development of 700-mile project to fence one-third of the nation's Southwestern border. The fence legislation passed in Congress in September.

But the Minutemen Civil Defense Corps — a vigilance operation that monitors immigration, business, and government — isn't waiting for the federal government to begin construction.

"We're not sitting back, waiting, relying on our government to build that wall," said Craig Halverson, the director of the western Iowa division.

Federal efforts to secure borders are not advancing fast enough, he said.

"People who immigrate here legally, we have no problem with, because they came to the front gate," he said. "It's people who go around and over that gate we have problems with."

Local military were deployed in mid-October to help secure the pre-fenced border. As a part of Bush's "Operation Jump Start," approximately 35 Iowa Army National Guard members were sent to the border to aid in growing security measures, Lt. Col. Greg Hapgood said.

CANDIDATES' STANCES ON IMMIGRATION



Culver candidate

Governor

• **Chet Culver (D):** Enforce tough civil and criminal penalties for companies hiring illegal immigrants when they could be hiring Americans at higher wages, including denying the companies' state tax breaks and assistance.

• **Jim Nussle (R):** Voted for bills that have: Increased border security, enhanced enforcement of immigration laws, and increased penalties for individuals who enter the country illegally.



Nussle candidate



Leach candidate

U.S. House, Iowa's 2nd District

• **James Leach (R-incumbent):** Voted to prevent Mexicans from gaining prior knowledge about Minutemen operations; voted in 1998 for more visas for skilled immigrants; voted in 2001 for English immersion rather than bilingual education.



Loebsack candidate

• **Dave Loebsack (D):** Enforce stronger penalties for employers who hire undocumented workers, increase enforcement of current immigration laws, encourage immigrants to join unions, initiate talks with Mexico about economic issues, and give select undocumented workers a chance to earn citizenship.

Sources: Candidates' websites, ontheissues.org

"This is one mission we are superbly suited for," he said.

Though the National Guard troops won't directly interact with people attempting to cross the border, he said, the Guard's efforts will support Border Patrol agents in numerous ways.

The troops of citizen-soldiers, which are commanded by the Iowa's governor, joined the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Border Protection officials' efforts by constructing roads and fences, fixing machinery, and operating vehicles.

Meanwhile, local immigration attorney Cheryl Mason said she is also dealing with immigration issues in her Iowa City office. A growing number of people call for her legal advice, she said.

For instance, more employers

want to know how to comply with the law, and more couples call with questions about mending situations in which one partner is not a citizen, she said.

"I've had people calling to say, 'My next-door neighbor might be an illegal immigrant. How do I report that?'" she said.

She attributed the growing attention paid to immigration to "purportedly post-9/11 security measures." Before, it wasn't on people's radars, she said.

As for Rosales, the increased prominence of immigration issues on the national agenda hasn't made him feel more discriminated against.

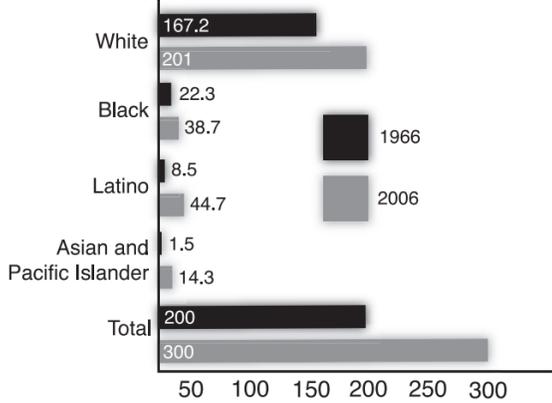
It's just made him more intrigued.

Demographic shifts

The number of Latinos in Iowa has increased in recent years, mirroring a nationwide trend.

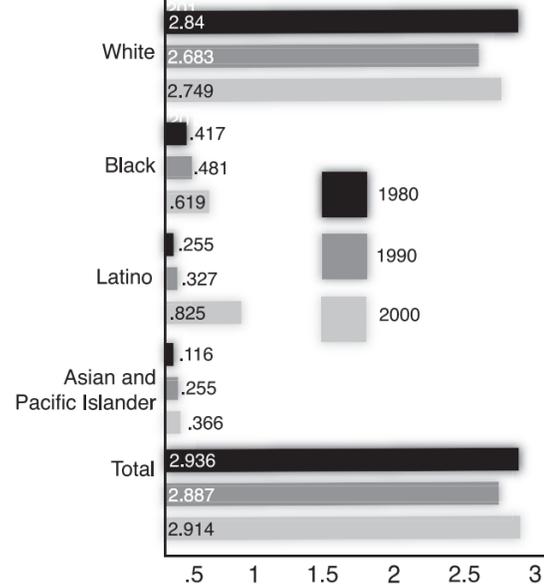
U.S. population in 1966 and 2006

By ethnicity, in millions



Iowa population in 1980, 1990, and 2000

By ethnicity, in millions



Source: Office of Social and Economic Trend Analysis and the Pew Hispanic Center
Brittany Volk/The Daily Iowan

"I remember the very first time I voted, I didn't really know what I was doing," he said. "But now, with all this attention on the issues, things

that really affect me, I realize there's a lot more to it than that."

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Faculty: Slow planning

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A previous resolution sent to the regents on Oct. 25 asked that the strategic change process be made public and allow for input from stakeholders, was "not well-received," Kurtz told the Faculty Council on Tuesday.

Kurtz said he was told by an unidentified regent that if certain wording on the resolution were "tailored," then faculty representatives could be added to the agenda of the upcoming regents' meetings on Nov. 8 and 9. Furthermore, Kurtz said he was told that

the request to be on the agenda was not submitted in a "timely manner."

But UI Student Government President Peter McElligott told Kurtz that the faculty were already added to the agenda.

"It's our opportunity to make our case," Kurtz said.

Meanwhile, a proposal asking professors to set deadlines for submitting their textbook lists to UI-affiliated bookstores passed despite reservations from some councilors.

McElligott, UISG Vice President Addison Stark, and student senator Pamela Brande had presented the resolution for the upcoming semester.

The measure would help expedite the process for publishers to approve changes that would make the books accessible for disabled students.

The resolution now goes to the Faculty Senate for final approval.

Also, during a closed-door session, councilors heard an update on the progress of the UI presidential search committee. Though no names of candidates were formally listed, panel members told faculty that they would be able to interview the hopefuls when they visited the UI.

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Biden stumps in Iowa

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Grove's breakfast companion, Kay Hale, joked: "We're political groupies."

But there were not smiles on every side of the political aisle. "Don't shake my hand," snapped an elderly gentleman to a befuddled Biden before the angry citizen promptly left.

Staying true to the political nature of the event, both Biden

and Loeb sack were quick to decry the Bush administration's unpopular policies.

"His war in Iraq — by his own intelligence community's acknowledgment — has promoted terrorism, not hurt it," said Biden, who then segued into an endorsement of Loeb sack:

"If the Democrats win this race, I think you'll see a fundamental shift in foreign policy in the U.S. because a Democratically controlled House of Representatives will put a break on

Bush's dangerous policies."

Despite the polarized political climate associated with election seasons, the hectic home-stretch leading up to the Nov. 7 mid-terms has left Loeb sack and his opponent in agreement on at least one issue.

"When [Leach and I] did Iowa Press, we did some talking," Loeb sack said. "We both agreed that, no matter the result, we'll both be happy when it's over."

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Aiding the Big Easy

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"They certainly saw the scope of the situation that's facing us," Becker said.

UI graduate student Bill Micheel said it was "heartbreaking" to witness the lack of help some parts of New Orleans had received. But he added that the experience was a great opportunity to learn about urban planning.

"It takes all of the theories and concepts you have learned in your courses and shows you how to apply them to the real world," he said.

However, there are still a number of ancillary problems facing the city: A shrinking tax infrastructure caused by a fleeing city population is dramatically cutting the number of staff members available to help rebuild the park, Micheel said.

UI Associate Professor Jerry Anthony said he was amazed at the first meeting of the New Orleans Community Congress for the Unified New Orleans Plan. The group, composed of representatives from the city and various wards, marked

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— Bill Micheel,
UI graduate student

the first time New Orleans' neighborhoods gathered to assemble the final plans for reconstruction.

While Anthony applauded some of the efforts in New Orleans, he said, the biggest obstacle to rebuilding will be for the local and federal government to gain the people's trust.

Because of the lack of resources, parts of the park remain in a post-Katrina shamble.

Lucie Laurian, a UI assistant professor, said that while some parts of the city need improvement, other areas are getting better.

Streets are being cleaned, while electricity and running

water is functioning in most areas. But a good portion of the city's population have not returned, and some of New Orleans' schools and hospitals are not in full operation, she said.

"It's easy to think there's an easy fix, but there's not," Laurian said.

The New Orleans trip is one of several that the group has taken to cities to witness community projects, said Jim Throgmorton, a UI professor of urban and regional planning.

While group members had different views on how to repair the city, they unanimously agreed that stronger levees could help prevent such destruction from recurring.

The current levee is being built to handle Category 3 storms. But New Orleans officials are considering erecting a levee that could withstand a Category 5 storm, if they receive enough federal funding.

"Unless that guarantee is there, the people won't want to come back to New Orleans," Anthony said.

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WOMEN
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more proficient in math than are women.

"It is interesting that being told something like that would affect performance," said Amy Hummel, a UI sophomore enrolled in Statistics for Strategy Problems. "I could see psychologically why it could make a difference."

She said she never really thought about rumored disadvantages based on sex but added that she could see women not trying as hard if they were told they could not do as well.

But does sex really make a difference in the UI mathematics department?

"Men are more inclined to speak out in lecture," said William Kirk, a UI mathematics professor. "They tend to congregate near the front."

Kirk, who has been teaching math classes for more than 40 years, noted that there are more women enrolled in his courses today than when he began his career.

UI STUDENT NUMBERS FOR FALL 2006:

- Undergraduate Mathematics Majors:**
 - Men: 77
 - Women: 43
- Mathematics Graduate Students:**
 - Men: 59
 - Women: 28
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 - Men: 45
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calculus for business, there are more men," she said.

However, she said, there is no inequality between the performance of either sex in the classes she has taken.

"If you think you can do as good as anyone else, you will do just as good," she said.

UI sophomore Amanda Emrick, who took Mathematics for the Biological Sciences, said the numbers of women and men enrolled in the course are roughly equal.

Stereotypes on sex "never held me back," she said. "I did well in class."

Male students generally agree that both sexes perform equally in mathematics classes.

Mike Archer, a UI freshman enrolled in Calculus, said he does notice, however, that two-thirds of the students in his class are men. He added that it is mostly men who ask questions in his discussion section.

He said that in his class, men and women excel at different times.

"It doesn't matter what [sex] you are; if you can do it, you can do it," he said.

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Excerpts of remarks delivered by Congressman Jim Leach in favor of overriding the President's veto, House of Representatives, July 19, 2006.

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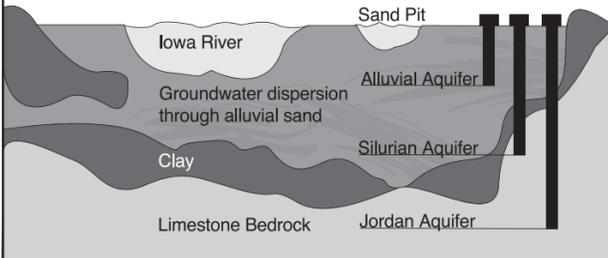


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Mari Sindt, a water taster, samples Iowa City water Tuesday morning in City Hall.

Watering Grounds

Iowa City's water-purification system uses ground water as the primary source for drinking water. The sand and gravel in alluvial aquifers help to naturally filter the water.



Source: Iowa City Water Division • www.icgov.org/water

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BY BEN FORNELL
THE DAILY IOWAN

It's only 8:30 a.m., but officials in a City Hall conference room are testing their palates at a tasting.

In its quest to maintain some of the highest quality water in the state, the Iowa City Water Department uses a group of six volunteer water-tasters. Trained in the art and science of flavor discrimination, they provide feedback to the city's "watermaster" — Craig Meacham.

"We're pretty critical, actually," said Jim Gulland, one of the volunteers and a safety specialist for Iowa City. "I don't think purposes would be served if we weren't honest

about our opinions."

On Tuesday, the testing panel gave the water a two on a one-to-nine scale, with one the highest possible rating and nine the lowest. Some said the water had a slight chemical or chlorine taste to it, but all indicated they'd be "happy to accept this water as my everyday drinking water," according to the evaluation form.

With the United States consuming roughly 41 billion gallons of bottled water in 2004, as P.H. Gleick wrote in *The World's Water: 2004-05*, Americans are clearly moving away from tap water as a source for personal hydration. But Meacham said the water he serves his children dramatically improved three years ago, when the city began

tapping a different water source.

Almost all the water running through faucets and toilets in Iowa City ultimately comes from the Iowa River. The distinction between UI water — which Meacham called inferior — and Iowa City water is that the majority of the university's water comes directly from the river, while in 2003, Iowa City began taking most of its water from an aquifer that is replenished by the river.

The alluvial-aquifer wells,

from which the city draws most of its water, naturally filter river water through a thick layer of sand. The water is then sent through an aerator, where it is agitated with air to remove any foreign gasses. Next, it enters a 60-by-37 foot blue cone, where lime is added to remove particles from the water. This is called "softening" the water, because the process reduces its density.

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At least one local businessman, who turns Iowa City water into an entirely different product, said it wasn't too bad.

"I've always heard horror

stories about the water here, but I think that was in the past," said Paul Krutzfeldt, the brewmaster at the Old Capitol Brew Works and a major consumer of Iowa City water. "I used to brew in West Des Moines, and the water was unbelievably hard."

About his water, Meacham spreads his hands and shrugs his shoulders in concession, saying, "It's impressive, I know, I know."

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Today: Secretary of Agriculture Thursday: Secretary of State
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Hopefuls offer differing views of agriculture

As part of The Daily Iowan's 2006 midterm-election coverage this week, DI reporters will explore the races that are not as well known. Today's story examines the Secretary of Agriculture race.

BY KELSEY BELTRAMEA
THE DAILY IOWAN

The landscape of Iowa City, dotted by apartment complexes and crossed by mass-transit routes, is vastly changed from the agricultural plains Grant Wood once depicted.

But candidates for secretary of Agriculture — up for grabs on Nov. 7 — say this year's race is just as much for the future as the farm-minded.

Republican hopeful Bill Northey, a corn and soybean farmer, offers a more business-oriented perspective, which includes utilizing the two-crop, corn-soybean system to maintain Iowa's position as a leader in the ethanol and renewable-energy industry.

Meanwhile, Democrat Denise O'Brien — who raises poultry, apples, and strawberries — said she offers a "broader vision" that comes from a more conservationist perspective; it includes diversifying Iowa's crops so the state can help steer the nation toward progressive, ecologically sustainable agriculture.

Both candidates claim to offer the most ideal vision for the future of Iowa farming and say they possess superior leadership skills for overseeing the department's 400 employees — 200 of whom work in the department's division of soil and water conservation and 200 of whom are responsible for food safety and restaurant inspections.

"It's a very exciting time and a great opportunity for agriculture in our state," Northey said. "We need good leadership to bring the opportunity to bear."

Northey, a soil and water conservation district commissioner for Dickinson County, has sat on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency State Committee and served as president of the National Corn Grower's Association, among other activities.

He has also traveled to a number of countries to represent Iowa farmers and study agriculture production and policy.

"The biggest industry that creates thousands of jobs and makes the biggest impact is pro-

cessing corn and soybeans in the state, while continuing to encourage some niches," Northey said.

O'Brien's résumé includes involvement in statewide farming organizations, such as the Community Food Security Coalition and the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards, in addition to international participation in farmer-exchange programs and U.N. assemblies.

"I feel like I'm at the time in my life when my experiences and leadership positions have prepared me for this role," she said.

The current conditions of the state's "niches," or subordinate crops, does not please O'Brien.

"There's a lot of different things that can come from our land that can raise the profitability of our land so we're not just stuck on corn and soybeans," she said, mentioning possibilities with energy crops, food crops, and fiber crops. "I believe there's many opportunities in Iowa to continue raising corn and soybeans, but I believe we also have other opportunities, and I believe I represent those endeavors."

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O'Brien
Democrat



Northey
Republican

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— Bill Northey, Republican candidate

'I believe there's many opportunities in Iowa to continue raising corn and soybeans, but I believe we also have other opportunities ...'

— Denise O'Brien, Democratic candidate

Hezbollah: Talks underway on Israelis

BY JOSEPH PANOSSIAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah said Tuesday that "serious negotiations" were under way over the fate of two Israeli soldiers whose July 12 capture by his militant group sparked a month of brutal fighting in Lebanon.

In a three-hour taped television interview, Nasrallah said a negotiator appointed by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has been meeting with Hezbollah and Israeli officials.

He would not provide details about the negotiations but told Hezbollah's TV station, "We have reached a stage of exchanging ideas, proposals, or conditions."

Officials from the Israeli Defense Ministry and Foreign Ministry were not available for immediate comment.

Nasrallah has offered to exchange the two Israeli soldiers for Arab prisoners in Israeli jails, but Israel has repeatedly refused. Although the U.N. resolution that ended the 34-day war called for the soldiers' unconditional release, Israel has exchanged prisoners in the past.

"They are serious negotiations ... It's better to keep it away from the media ... this issue is on track. We are moving ahead. How long does it take? It's up to the nature of the negotiations," Nasrallah said.

In the same interview, Nasrallah warned that any attempts by an international force to disarm Hezbollah would transform Lebanon into another Iraq or Afghanistan.

Nasrallah said there are fears that the beefed up U.N. peacekeeping force in south Lebanon would be transformed into a multinational force whose mandate would be to disarm Hezbollah.

"This is dangerous and will lead to transforming Lebanon into another Afghanistan and another Iraq," Nasrallah said in a taped interview on Hezbollah's television station Al-Manar.



Hussein Malla/Associated Press
Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah gestures as he delivers a speech to supporters during a Hezbollah "Victory over Israel" rally in Beirut's bombed-out suburbs on Sept. 22.

A U.N.-brokered cease-fire that ended the 34-day Israel-Hezbollah on Aug. 14 does not give a direct mandate to the peacekeepers to take Hezbollah's weapons by force, unless the guerrillas are encountered in the buffer zone along the border with Israel.

A resolution passed by the

U.N. in 2004 did call for the disarmament of all militias in Lebanon. But Hezbollah has refused to lay down its arms, and the 15,000 Lebanese troops patrolling the buffer zone in south Lebanon, along with U.N. peacekeepers, don't have the political will to take the group's weapons by force.

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MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

Afghan bomb kills 3 soldiers

Many areas of Afghanistan remain volatile and dangerous for NATO troops

BY JASON STRAZIUSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — A roadside bomb ripped through a NATO vehicle on Tuesday, killing three soldiers on patrol in a mountainous region of eastern Afghanistan.

NATO said two soldiers were killed in the blast in Nuristan province, and two wounded troops were taken to a military medical facility, where one of the soldiers died of his injuries.

The Western alliance did not release the nationalities of the soldiers, but U.S. troops are the primary NATO component in the area.

The three deaths brings to five the number of troops who have died in Afghanistan in the last week. A NATO soldier died Monday in a battle in Zabul province, where U.S. troops also make up the bulk of Western forces, and the Department of Defense said a U.S. soldier died on Oct. 27 from non-combat related injuries.

At least 65 U.S. troops were killed in Afghanistan this year, according to the Department of Defense. Around 70 U.S. troops died in Afghanistan last year.

U.S. Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns insisted, however, that there was reason to be optimistic about Afghanistan's future.

"We don't believe the Taliban represents a strategic threat" to the central government, he told reporters after addressing a U.S.-Afghan business group in Washington. He said the reason for rising casualties is that "we are taking the battle to the Taliban."

He also told the business group he would go to Kabul in January to hold strategic talks with Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

NATO, meanwhile, said 12 Taliban militants were killed Monday night in the southern province of Kandahar, after insurgents were identified setting up a firing position on a roof. Maj. Luke Knittig, a spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force, said air support was used during the attack in Zhari district.

Afghanistan has seen a spate of battles and attacks in the last week that has left more than 150 insurgents dead, according to NATO. Part of that violence comes as soldiers participating in a joint NATO-Afghan offensive have been moving into areas where insurgents are active in order to increase security there.

A suicide attacker also blew himself up Tuesday outside the Andar district chief's office in the central Ghazni province, killing one policeman and wounding another, provincial police chief Gen. Abdul Ghafar said. Ghafar said the attacker tried to enter the district chief's office but was stopped by police.

Two NATO soldiers also were wounded in the attack, Knittig said.

Afghanistan has seen a sharp rise in violence the last several months, particularly in the southern and eastern provinces near the border with Pakistan. Militants have been increasingly using roadside and suicide bombs in their attacks against Western and Afghan security forces.

Big moves for Rentertainment

Ross Meyer puts his business acumen to use after moving the store across the street

BY BRIGID MARSHALL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Wearing a red "Autodramatics" band T-shirt, black pants, and a black hoodie, the new owner of That's Rentertainment doesn't seem like your typical boss. Twenty-seven, career driven, and in control, Ross Meyer just bought the Iowa City gem after being a loyal employee for the past seven years.

"I don't know if people will be renting DVDs forever," he said. "But it's got a good 10 or 15 years left, enough to live comfy for a little while."

On Sept. 28, you might have noticed That's Rentertainment moved across the street from its previous location. A white sign with a cartoon sketch of movers adorned the doors of the magenta- and aqua-colored building, stating the move, plain and simple.

When the original owners chose to end their run in the movie-renting business, long-time employee and manager Meyer decided to invest in the business a little bit further past his regular shifts.

The eight-year Iowa City resident took out a loan from Hills Bank and Trust to buy the store, while downsizing the business at the new location just across the street.

"[The old] location has been a great location for us," he said. "And we didn't want to leave the neighborhood."



Katrina Hawthorne/The Daily Iowan

New That's Rentertainment owner Ross Meyer switches around movie tags to make room for the new releases that arrived Tuesday. Meyer worked at That's Rentertainment as a manager for four years before buying the business.

Meyer was a UI business student for three years, and during that time, he worked at Rentertainment, operated the Bijou, and held a side job at Campus 3. He dropped out of the university because he said the lifestyle wasn't for him.

"I didn't find anything I liked, so I just kind of quit," he said. "I don't want to go [to school] just to take up my days."

When he dropped out, he opted to stay in Iowa City to become the video store's manager, a post he's held for four years.

So far, the young owner finds most difficult the sorting and selecting process of videos and DVDs for shelving in the smaller location. Meyer said that because "you can't rely on what big corporations want you to see," ordering

"[The old] location has been a great location for us, and we didn't want to leave the neighborhood."

— Ross Meyer, owner of That's Rentertainment

new films and nixing old ones has been a challenge.

Having only unpacked A-H thus far, he said there is not enough space for all of Rentertainment's movies, especially VHS tapes. Because the establishment didn't end up "landfilling" any excess movies, he said, it's been a chore to figure out which films to keep. He added he will only keep ones unavailable on DVD.

"Sometimes, I'm in here 15, 16, 17 hours in a row," he said.

Although he works relentlessly these days, he said, most of the employees' hours have been sliced down a bit, because

of the need for his presence in the store.

"The store's still a work in progress," he said. "But within the next few weeks, it won't be a mess."

While the store continues to have a regular group of moviewatchers that comes in "up to three times a day," he said the new location shouldn't throw people off too much.

"As more and more realize that the guy behind the counter is the owner [keeping] customers happy, they'll hopefully come back," he said.

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EDITORIAL

Single-sex schooling not a viable option for education

The move for equality of the sexes in education has come a long way since the times when taking home economics was seen as quality higher education for women. The results have been terrific, though some reports are showing girls beginning to overtake boys and that boys are falling behind. Strangely, though, with the deficiencies that still exist, there is growing support for returning to schools segregated by sex. Now, the Department of Education has changed rules to make the option of single-sex schools available. Apparently, some believe the drawbacks of segregated schooling have disappeared over the past 35 years.

The Education Department modified the rules regarding single-sex schooling: Before, schools had to show a "compelling reason," now, it is sufficient to set up a single-sex school as long as enrollment is voluntary and there is a "substantially equal" coeducational alternative. It is yet to be seen if this change violates the equal-protection clause of the Constitution.

The glaring problem that must be confronted is cost. As it stands, schools are having difficulty meeting their financial needs, with concerns over teacher salaries and overcrowded classrooms. To pay double for such an option would be a terrible burden to impose. It would also be difficult to explore unpopular academic areas in single-sex schools. If there aren't enough students to take a class, the school won't be able to provide it, whereas coed schools would have an easier time because they likely have more students.

Extreme measures can, indeed, be effective in relieving some problems, but that does not mean the benefits outweigh the costs. Take the problems sex relations can bring into schools: jealousy, flirting, or competition to attract the opposite sex. While these problems can be lessened by single-sex schooling, it is still a dramatic solution.

Proponents for single-sex schools may cite girls feeling that appearing smart is unattractive and thus, will not apply themselves in coed schools. This is not necessarily a result of the school system but rather, one of larger social influences. Because the school environment is not the cause, the problem will still persist. The accuracy of the claim is also questionable given recent reports of superior performance of female students over their male counterparts.

There is also the loss of qualitative experiences. It may seem questionable whether interaction among sexes is really important, but this discussion wouldn't be occurring if there weren't some presumption that, for better or worse, one's sex plays a role in development.

Despite the positive aspects that may come from single-sex schooling, it is an unreasonable change that costs more and turns back the clock. It would serve education better to put more resources into education across the board and to better deal with societal constructs that push students toward complying with gender stereotypes.

Religious polity

With mid-term elections rapidly approaching, Iraq policy unsurprisingly has been a target for debate. Violence made the headlines once again; a bombing in Baghdad on Sunday killed 26 people. Additionally, the U.S. death toll for October reached its highest level since January 2005.

It is commonly assumed that civil conflict, as we are seeing in Iraq, in which various sects are locked in a death grip with one another, is the result of primordial, primitive, and tribal forces.



LYDIA PFAFF

Sectarianism and minority status as concepts, however, are quite modern, only emerging after European expansion into the Middle East. Because these ideas are constructed by human discourse, understanding their emergence is the only way that their devastating effects can be reversed.

Iraq, along with most other Middle Eastern states, was formed out of former Ottoman provinces. It is impossible to analyze sectarianism without discussing the role of the concept of modernity. Modernity is an idea that shaped European relations with the Ottoman Empire during the 19th century.

In the mid-19th century, the Ottoman sultan issued a set of reforms stating that all Ottoman subjects were equal before the law. These decrees were issued in response to a demand from Europe, which deemed itself obligated to protect Christians from what it saw as a system of Islamic decadence. Ostensibly, these reforms were well-intended; however, they defined religious interactions as the sole determinant of modernity, and this definition opened a Pandora's box of trouble.

Much has been written exploring the cultural, political, economic, and social causes and effects of European imperialism. When European markets expanded into the Middle East, business networks that had existed for years were suddenly disrupted. The dynamics of these relationships are fascinatingly manifested in the cities where different religious groups lived in close quarters. We can see this today in a cosmopolitan urban space such as Baghdad, where various factions are competing to determine the rules and structure of a new system, and contact is inevitable.

As an example similar to Iraq, Lebanon is notorious in modern history as being a powder keg of violence delineated along religious lines, yet the relationship between religion and conflict is often misconstrued and misunderstood. The first instance of widespread religious conflict in Lebanon occurred in 1860. Despite this fact, it is not uncommon to encounter a dominant discourse that maintains that these tensions are ancient and an inherent part of Lebanese society.

Previous social patterns were aligned upon a hierarchy of familial status. However, the Ottoman and European discourse of reform that dominated the empire revolved around religion as the only viable delineation of political reform. These changes created a high degree of instability and unrest. The ground was fertile for tragedy, and the repercussions of this resulting violence are still very relevant and alive today.

One exit strategy that we are beginning to hear more about argues for partition of Iraq. Under this plan, Iraq would be divided into three separate regions: one controlled by Sunnis, one by Shites, and one by Kurds. This is not a viable alternative, because the country is not so evenly divided as to lend itself geographically to the delineation of borders. Furthermore, these sects are not as homogenous as many have come to believe. Sectarian identities are not static notions; rather, they bend and change with varying circumstances.

The only solution in which a mildly favorable outcome can be anticipated is political. For all the discussion about the preparedness of the Iraqi security forces, military, and police forces, the most important component to a settlement is ensuring everyone has a stake in a representative government. Without a viable and legitimate government, the strength of security forces means nothing. They simply would not be able to function, and the country would spin into civil war.

We must analyze not just the international causes of sectarian violence but also state, regional, and local realities, as well. Conflicts that we refer to as ethnic or religious in nature have political and economic roots dating back only two centuries. Although political rhetoric often takes on a religious facet, we must acknowledge that, ostensibly, religious conflicts are really about politics. Thus, these differences are not inherently irresolvable, as undoubtedly many have come to believe. ■

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LETTER

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Women deserve choice

Abortion is perhaps the most vexed of political issues and certainly the most difficult in the lives of many women.

Before you vote for a gubernatorial candidate who wants to make abortion available only to save the mother's life, please consider these questions: If your daughter, or another woman you love, were raped or became pregnant through incest, would you insist that she bear the rapist's child? Or would you feel, as a very casual acquaintance once confessed to me, that to prevent the suicide of a friend in an abusive marriage, you would support her choice to terminate her pregnancy — even if it went against your religion and hers? Might your compassion for a friend outweigh your concern for a pregnancy?

If you cannot turn your back on a friend or a loved one who needs support, please join me in voting for Chet Culver for governor. His defense of the Supreme Court decision of 1973 allows all of us, women and men alike, to make the choices our conscience dictates.

Andrea Jansa
UI student

STEWART



DR. LIMBAUGH OPENS HIS PILL HOLE

GUEST OPINION

15 years later, remember victims of Nov. 1 shooting

At 3:55 p.m., an officer wearing a flak jacket and carrying a rifle burst into the classroom, declaring, "A gunman is loose in the building; turn off the lights, get under the tables, and be quiet." I thought this was another stunt by our speaker, who began our weekly colloquium wearing Dracula fangs from Halloween festivities the night before. The 40 of us slipped off our chairs under the tables, flicked off both the room lights and the overhead projector, and waited in stunned silence. At 4 p.m. — after the longest five minutes of my life — the officer returned, ordering us to leave Jessup Hall immediately, without returning to our offices. Most of us hurried to Macbride Hall, where we learned the facts of the awful story.

The brutal reality was that a disgruntled doctoral graduate just executed a cold-blooded attack. Six UI community members (including the gunman) were dead, one permanently paralyzed.

Though the gunman, Gang Lu, graduated with a doctorate earlier that year, he harbored two grudges, both involving Chin Linhua, another recent doctoral graduate of the UI's physics/astronomy department. Linhua was not only awarded for producing the best UI science doctoral thesis that year, he was also hired as a research scientist, while Lu continued searching for a position.

The revenge began in Van Allen. Lu attended the meeting of a research group, during which he took a pistol and rifle and proceeded to shoot three team members: his rival Linhua; the team leader and doctoral mentor of both Lu and Lin-Hau, Professor Christoph Goertz, and Professor Robert Smith. Elsewhere in Van Allen, he killed Dwight Nicholson, the head of the physics/astronomy department.

Having completed his murders in Van Allen, Lu headed to take on the UI administration he thought responsible for the injustice of awarding Linhua the best thesis award. He entered the provost's office and asked to see Peter Nathan, only to learn he was in Venezuela negotiating an exchange program. Dr. T. Anne Cleary, the vice president for Academic Affairs, asked if she could help. Lu killed Cleary. When Miya Rodolfo-Sioson, a geography undergraduate intervened, Lu

shot her — she is paralyzed from the neck down.

Having wreaked his vengeance, he entered a geography seminar room and ended his life. Witnesses later recalled having seen Lu actually walk through his room the morning before the shootings, including entering the seminar room. Had he turned right rather than left, he would have entered the room where 40 people were involved in that afternoon's Geography Colloquium.

Fifteen years later, the events of that wintry day are vivid in my mind. The loss was great — six lives ended, one changed unalterably. A person as deranged as Lu could have done more damage; we need to remember with love and respect the victims of that day.

The events of Nov. 1, 1991, prompted several people in Iowa City and surrounding areas to form the November First Coalition, now Iowans for the Prevention of Gun Violence, to work to reduce violence, particularly gun violence, in our culture. I am privileged to serve as treasurer. On this anniversary, we need to remember how, as a society, we are too quick to use violence, particularly gun violence, to resolve slights, real and otherwise.

We lead the world in the use of guns for both homicide and suicide. We need to learn other ways of dealing with our problems. Our challenge, to honor the victims of 15 years ago, is to become a more humane society with less violence. We could honor them by having all newspapers cease classified ads for guns, because this is a way those not legally authorized to possess guns get them; by having all judges enforce gun-confiscation laws for anyone given a no-contact order; by expanding the anti-bullying and other violence-reduction education throughout our schools; and recognizing that almost all are suicidal at some point in their lives and that having guns around when someone is depressed is a ticking time bomb.

Rex Honey

UI professor of geography and international studies

ON THE SPOT

Do you think grade schools should be segregated by sex?



"No, it would have a negative impact on gender activities as they develop."

Brandon Smith
UI junior



"No, it's part of growing up; it just sounds ridiculous."

Shelby Poore
UI junior



"No, because people aren't going to be [separated] for life, and it sends the wrong message early."

Andrew Staudt
UI senior



"No, because it's important to teach kids how to interact at an early age with each other."

Scott Hansen
UI senior

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ARTS & CULTURE

Loosening the literature; I run, therefore iamb

Iowa City is known as a home for writers year round, but every fall, a particularly international tribe of scribes hits town with the UI International Writing Program. This week, the Arts & Culture section is profiling a selection of the novelists, poets, essayists, screenwriters, and journalists who have spent the past three months calling Iowa City home. Today, in the fourth installment of our six-part series, the DI talks to German writer Thomas Peltzinger:



BY VANESSA VEIOCK
THE DAILY IOWAN

The world of athletics and literature don't often cross. They routinely remain two separate entities — and, sometimes, they're even considered opposites. But if you're the type who believes sports and esteemed writing clash, Thomas Peltzinger will say you're severely mistaken.

Peltzinger, representing Germany this fall in the UI International Writing Program, isn't just any ordinary writer — but an endorphin-addicted writer. A former semipro basketball player in Germany and a marathon runner, the tall, blue-eyed author insists that running is an analogy for writing.



Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan

IWP writer Thomas Peltzinger sits in the Java House working at his computer Tuesday. Peltzinger, a retired semi-professional athlete and marathon runner, has translated his regimen into his writing routine.

"Writing is working out," he said, "When you write every day, you expand your repertoire. You shape and polish your style. You become better at it."

But he didn't always exercise his writing skills. Following his passion for basketball at age 14,

he turned his focus to sports, reading basketball statistics and famed players' autobiographies for his five-year tenure on league teams. As one of only a few semipro players on his pro team, Peltzinger said, his ferventness for literature eventually drove

him out of the game and into college, where he became a "semi-professional basketball player turned culturally interested long-distance runner."

A graduate of the University of Hamburg in American studies, Peltzinger worked at a publishing house in New York before he realized he wanted to write. Supplementing his new-found writing career, he started working for a film-production company as a script translator for German-dubbed television shows. He started with a home-decorating show hosted by a gay couple, and he now translates BMX, motocross, the X-Games, and other extreme sports.

"That's how a writer makes his money," he laughed, relating that as a young writer, he depends on grants and prize money as well. His latest award was the 2006 MDR-Literature-Prize for his short story "Bruck on the Floor Sings as Quietly as Monk Plays."

Peltzinger, who is working on a Ph.D. from the University of Hamburg, said living in Iowa City is like taking a vacation.

Relieved from the pressure of making a living, he estimates that he has written between 50 and 60 pages in his first novel, *A Dog's Funeral*, scheduled for publication in 2007, as well as several poems since his arrival — not to mention scripts for a television series he's drafting with some friends. He frequents Java House to do most of his work, spending two to three hours a day in the cozy local favorite on East Washington Street in what he calls his "office."

"I like the distraction," he said, motioning toward the tables of people socializing and studying from the desk he shared with a friend.

A regular patron at Dave's Fox Head, he said, "I like to mingle" — and not just with other writers but "theater people and doctors," too. Though he hasn't taigated, he has noticed one key difference between his home and here: "Germans don't fall down, but American students do."

Yet his favorite thing about Iowa City is running, "every day, if I want to." For Peltzinger, his

morning run remains essential to his creative drive. "I never start with flowing ideas and fluid language — the moment of actual writing is always at the end of a chain of rituals."

So connected are writing and running that he insists he writes well only when he trains well. "I write like I run. My writing only has the desired physical quality when I do physical work, as well. In a way, my body is my pen."

Using his runs to loosen his ideas and refocus, the ebullient writer-athlete asserts, "If you have at least a little bit of talent, you can mechanically provoke good writing, once you understand the ritual and the mechanics of it," much like running.

Whether socializing at the bars, drafting at the Java House, or running through City Park, Peltzinger capitalizes on every opportunity to explore his artistic instinct. As one of his favorite mottos by Joyce Carol Oates goes, "You have to start moving your literary feet."

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COMMENTARY

Prelude to the afternoon of fawning celebs



SUSAN ELGIN

I recently spent an afternoon chatting with Tom DeLonge of Angels and Airwaves and Blink 182, Slug from Atmosphere, William Beckett of the Academy Is ..., and Imogen Heap. Jealous?

You shouldn't be. Sure, I love to drop names as much as the next person, but I feel slightly guilty when I tell people I've interviewed the heartthrob Beckett or DeLonge. Because I'll be honest — conference calls don't count.

To hype its Woodie Awards, mtvU hosted a group interview with approximately 24 university newspapers. With my ear glued to the phone, I sat in the tiny DI conference room until I no longer had any feeling left in my tush, just to collect a few quotations from celebrities selling me their latest project. To ask a question, you punch some

buttons and get placed in the long line, and when it's your turn, you ask one question. It's mtvU's way of coercing dozens of journalists to write about its award show without exerting much effort. But given that I'm writing this, I guess it worked, right?

DeLonge, who lately has spent his time spewing about his hatred for his Blink 182 bandmates, went first. I knew his reputation — a Jesus complex — and the caffeine-fueled frontman didn't let me down.

"I hope and feel inspired by things around me," he said. "I want it to be political, optimistic, and inspirational. I want to help people think in a certain way and create an emotional dent in somebody."

One student journalist from El Paso certainly felt the emotional dent. He gave us all an example of how *not* to act professionally by beginning every question with, "Oh my gosh, first I have to say, I'm such a big fan."

After DeLonge's verbose interview, his optimism was juxtaposed with Slug. The rapper refused to answer many questions about his self-described "crappy" music, saying, instead, that he just wanted to discuss the culture and technical world of hip-hop.

"I see myself as a historian on hip-hop, and I like to analyze the minds of kids who are into rap," he said. "Who cares about my last record? Or my next record? Let's talk

about how Ice-T just went to jail."

Hmm. I'm pretty sure Ice-T is still kicking ass on "Law and Order: SVU," but hey, if Slug thinks the man is in jail, let's talk about it.

Soon, when the rapper began discussing how he didn't care if his music was successful, his laziness, and how he enjoys smoking cocaine, the people at mtvU quickly cut away to Beckett, who took the conversation in an opposite direction.

"I believe I was put on

Earth to write songs. I'm not cut out for the glitz, and glamour, and shit. I want to let people know it's all right to be who they are. You have to believe in yourself, be honest, be true to yourself."

With that so-inspirational response, Beckett's time was up, and Heap was on. Despite the fact that she was adorable, ending her answers with "thanks, darling," in a soothing British accent, my ear was ready to fall off. But I was apparently alone.

"I'm so excited to speak

with you! I'm such a big fan!" said Mr. El Paso, and with that, I hung up the phone. I stretched, attempted to regain the feeling in my legs, and coax my ear into hearing again. While spending hours of time on the phone with these half-celebrities, it's really pretty lame. I think I'd prefer just watching their absurdity on TV Thursday night. At least I'll be able to shut it off when I can't take it anymore.

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N. Korea agrees to talks



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South Korean protesters burn a North Korean flag and portrait of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il during a rally in front of the National Intelligence Service building in Seoul, South Korea, on Tuesday.

BY CHARLES HUTZLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — The U.S. and Chinese governments announced Tuesday that North Korea agreed to rejoin six-nation nuclear-disarmament talks, a surprise diplomatic breakthrough that comes only three weeks after the communist regime conducted its first known atomic test. The agreement was struck in a day of unpublicized discussions between the senior envoys from the United States, China, and North Korea at a government guesthouse in Beijing. The U.S. negotiator, Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, said the six-nation negotiations could resume as early as November or December. "We took a step today toward getting this process back on

track. This process has suffered a lot in recent weeks by the actions the DPRK has made," Hill told reporters afterward. The abbreviation stands for Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the North's official name. The agreement is one of the first signs of easing tensions since North Korea conducted the underground detonation on Oct. 9, defying warnings from both the United States and Japan and its staunchest ally, China. It also marks a diplomatic victory for China and the United States, which worked closely together in the wake of the test, but especially for Beijing. Though stung by Pyongyang's test, China had counseled against punishing North Korea too harshly, weakening a U.N. resolution sanctioning Pyongyang, and suggested leaving a path for diplomacy.

In a possible sign of Beijing's growing impatience with Pyongyang, Chinese exports of diesel and heating oil to North Korea dropped substantially in September from a year ago, though exports of gasoline, liquefied petroleum gas, kerosene, and jet fuel rose, according to Chinese customs data. China provides most of the North's oil. President Bush hailed the agreement and credited China with helping to bring it about: "I am pleased, and I want to thank the Chinese." But he said the agreement would not halt U.S. efforts to enforce the U.N. Security Council resolution that imposed sanctions on trade in military materials and luxury goods in response to the North's atomic test. AP reporters Burt Herman, Bo-mi Lim, Meraiah Foley, and Jennifer Loven contributed to this report.

HUMAN RIGHTS

China to require court approval for executions

BY AUDRA ANG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — China, believed to carry out more court-ordered executions than all other nations combined, took a step toward human rights Tuesday by enacting legislation that requires approval from the country's highest court before putting anyone to death. Human-rights activists expressed hope the country will reduce its use of the ultimate penalty. The amendment to China's capital punishment law follows reports of executions of wrongly convicted people and criticism that lower courts have arbitrarily imposed the death sentence.

China is thought to execute hundreds, and possibly thousands, of people each year for crimes ranging from murder to such nonviolent offenses as tax evasion. Amnesty International says China executed at least 1,770 people in 2005, but the true number is thought to be many times higher. In a statement Tuesday, the London-based rights group cited a senior member of China's national legislature as saying some 10,000 people are executed each year. By Amnesty's figures of known executions, China was responsible for more than 80 percent of the 2,148 people executed last year around the world, including 60 in the United States. "Clearly the changes are going in the right direction," Mark Allison, a Hong Kong-based researcher for Amnesty, said of the new legislation, which takes effect Jan. 1. "But we're still calling for China to go further — to abolish the death penalty." China's official Xinhua News

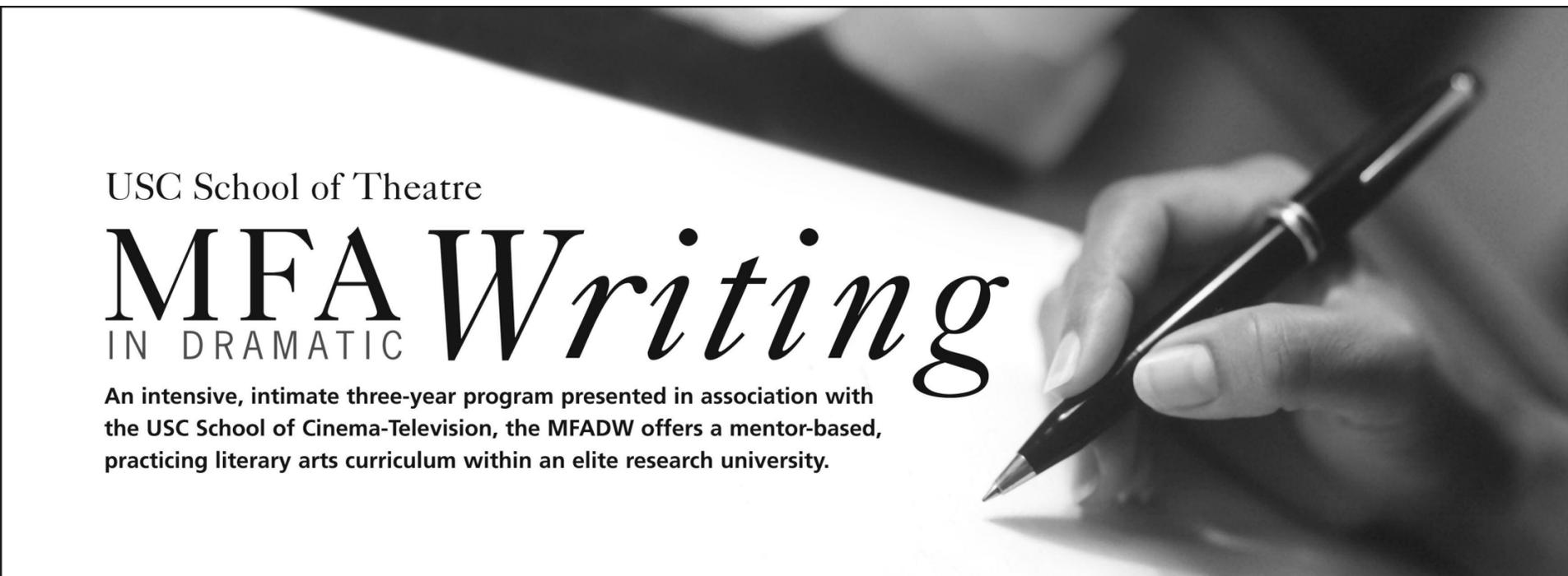
'It's great news. This is a big step forward for China's legal system and human rights.'

— Li Heping, activist lawyer

Agency hailed the amendment as "the most important reform of capital punishment in China in more than two decades." The change "deprives the provincial people's courts of the final say on issuing death sentences," the agency said. "Death penalties handed out by provincial courts must be reviewed and ratified by the Supreme People's Court."

The change adopted by the legislature Tuesday enshrines last year's announcement by the Supreme People's Court that it would start reviewing all death sentences, ending a 23-year-old practice of giving the final review to provincial courts. "It's great news. This is a big step forward for China's legal system and human rights," said Li Heping, a prominent activist lawyer. "It's going to have a psychological effect on local judges when they are making decisions because they are going to be afraid that if they approve capital punishment, the supreme court will overrule them," Li said. Jerome Cohen, an American expert on Chinese law, called the new law "encouraging and significant" but said the next challenge will be enforcing the change. "The court has been working hard to recruit a sufficient number of judges. It's proving to be slow going," Cohen said. "That

itself tells you what a huge burden it is to adequately review the large number of death sentences." Details about criteria for reviewing death sentences, as well as the standards and procedures, have to be worked out, he said. In June, Xinhua said 30 judges from lower-level courts had been selected as the first trainees for death penalty tribunals. It said they will get three months of training and be on probation for a year before receiving a final appointment. The court was also considering lawyers and law school teachers for the tribunals, Xinhua said. Complaints have been common that lower-level courts mishandle death penalty cases. Last year, a woman believed murdered in the 1980s in the central province of Hunan reappeared, 16 years after the man convicted of killing her was executed. At the time of the execution, the court reportedly said the defendant confessed. Chinese police often are accused of torturing suspects into making confessions. The case is one of a number of high-profile cases that state media has publicized in recent years highlighting the flaws of an aggressive policy of judicial executions. Death penalty lawyers and legal scholars in China have also begun discussing more openly the need for China to establish clearer procedures for the death penalty. There has not been any debate, however, about abolishing capital punishment. T. Kumar, the advocacy director for Asia for Amnesty International USA, said the shift came from a sense in the Chinese state media and academic community that the current system was unfair.

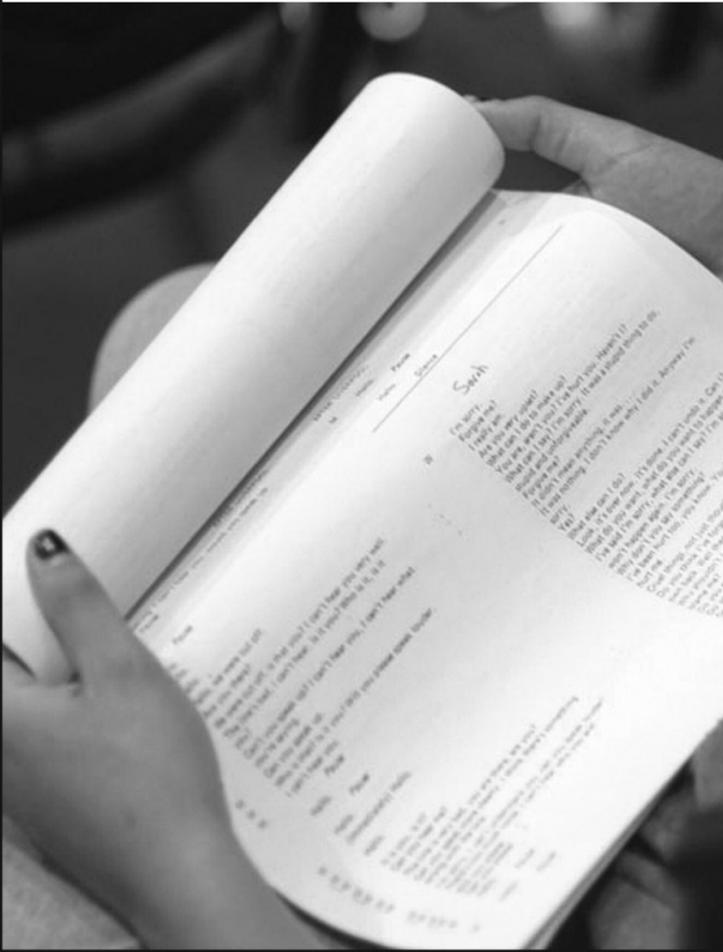


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Answer on page 2B



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women hoops opens with exhibition

Fans can catch their first glimpse of the Iowa women's basketball team in action today at 6:35 p.m., when the Hawkeyes host Northern State in an exhibition contest.

It will be the first of two exhibitions to take place in Carver-Hawkeye Arena before Iowa opens its 2006-07 campaign as participants in the WBCA Classic, taking place in Kansas City, Mo., on Nov. 11-12.

Northern State is a Division-II institution located in Aberdeen, S.D. The Wolves have been dubbed preseason favorites to win the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

Meanwhile, Iowa comes into this season with a preseason ranking of 24th by Lindy's. Recently, the Hawkeyes were picked to finish fifth in the Big Ten by both the coaches and media, with sophomore center Megan Skouby selected to the preseason All-Big Ten team by both the coaches and media, as well.

Tickets for tonight's game are priced at \$3 for adults, while UI students with a student ID will be admitted free of charge, as will children aged 18-and-under.

— by Brendan Stiles

RATINGS

Cross-country teams ranked

Both Iowa's men and women cross-country teams are ranked in the country's top 30 in the most recent polls issued by the United State Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association.

The women are ranked No. 23, good for third best in the Midwest region, while the men are pegged No. 28, which places them fourth in the region.

Each team is preparing for the NCAA Midwest Regional on Nov. 11 in Minneapolis, which will determine the national qualifying field. The women's team, in particular, is running with momentum after placing sixth at the Big Ten championships last weekend — its best finish since 1993. The men finished fifth in their competition.

Wisconsin is the only program ranked in both the men's and women's top five.

— by Tyson Wirth

Field hockey served by youth



Ed Bornstein/The Daily Iowan

Iowa field-hockey player Tricia Dean fights for the ball against Stanford's Bailey Richardson on Sept. 13 at Grant Field. After the Iowa women took an early 2-0 lead in the first half, Stanford came back with a goal, which was not enough to beat the Hawks. The final score was 2-1 Iowa.

'I had really high hopes of starting and getting playing time. I feel I get better every game. There's always competition in practice with people playing for starting spots, so that's always pushing you to be better.'

— Tricia Dean, freshman

BY TONY GATZ

THE DAILY IOWAN

Last year, the Iowa field-hockey team was considered to be young; the roster included eight freshmen, three of whom started every game.

Fast forward to 2006, when the Hawkeyes have nurtured five new

freshmen, and three of the first-year players are again making an impact.

Tricia Dean did not know her role for Iowa entering the season, but her preseason efforts earned her a slot in the Hawkeye midfield.

"I had really high hopes of starting and getting playing time," she said. "I feel I get better every game. There's always

competition in practice with people playing for starting spots, so that's always pushing you to be better."

As a starter in all of Iowa's 17 games, not only has Dean helped out defending, she has ripped off six shots and found the net once.

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STRIVING FOR SOME VISIBILITY

In order to raise interest in smaller sports programs, Hawkeye teams are holding events such as kid's fun zones, Girl Scout Nights, Boy Scout Nights, and a Breast Cancer Awareness Night

BY PAUL KAZMIERCZAK

THE DAILY IOWAN

When the Hawkeye men hoopsters play in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, the Hawks Nest rattles opposing teams more than Thunder Doug used to rattle the rim. At Kinnick Stadium, opposing teams have trouble calling audibles because of the deafening cacophony. While the excitement on campus is palpable during the basketball and football seasons, the same cannot be said for some of the Hawkeyes' smaller programs. Most of these teams maintain a small but loyal contingent of diehard fans, but popularizing the sports is a tough task.

Publicizing these squads rests with the athletics department's marketing and promotions team. Together with coaches of the various programs, they devise strategies

aimed not only at getting more people into the games but getting them to return.

To maintain a loyal fan base, the marketing team targets young Hawkeye fans with such promotions as the kid's fun zone during women's basketball games. Families are drawn to games by such social outings as Girl Scout Night for women's basketball or Boy Scout Night for baseball, where scouts can stay the night in the outfield and eat breakfast at Duane Banks Stadium.

The thinking is, these social outings help occupied parents invest time in their families and the university.

"People are so busy, you have to cultivate relationships to be successful," said Toby Trail of the athletics department.

Sometimes, teams reach

SEE SMALL SPORTS, PAGE 3B

FERENTZ: Tate can go



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Iowa linebacker Edmond Miles (27) dives for Michigan wide receiver Steve Breaston (15) during Iowa's contest against the Wolverines on Oct. 22, 2005, in Kinnick Stadium. Miles will start at linebacker Saturday against Northwestern.

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BY JASON BRUMMOND

THE DAILY IOWAN

Quarterback Drew Tate should start against Northwestern on Saturday, barring unforeseen setbacks in practice, Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said.

Tate missed last week's 24-14

win over Northern Illinois while recovering from surgery on his left thumb. The senior signal-caller was fitted with a protective splint on Sunday, and he met with a hand specialist Monday.

"I think, unless we see something in practice the next two days, the worst is behind him," Ferentz said. "Hopefully, what we have right now is very operable and is going to work real well. He's very upbeat about it."

Tate, not available for comment Tuesday or after the Northern Illinois game, took snaps from under center and

shotgun during the team's off-day Monday. He didn't report any problems. Ferentz indicated the only difference for Tate may be on handoffs, because he can't isolate his left hand.

Ferentz tried on Tate's splint and said the protector wasn't awkward or cumbersome.

"You can drink coffee with it, so if he wants to have a cup of coffee out there, no problem," quipped Ferentz, who's often seen with a cup of joe.

Tate — who ranks second in

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SPORTS 'N' STUFF

BIG TEN FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

At Ann Arbor, MI. All Times CST
Friday's Games
 Game 1: No. 2 Indiana vs. No. 7 Michigan State, 9 a.m.
 Game 2: No. 4 Michigan vs. No. 5 Iowa, 11:30 a.m.
 Game 3: No. 3 Penn State vs. No. 6 Northwestern, 2 p.m.
 (No. 1 Ohio State receives a bye)
Semifinals
Saturday's Games
 Game 4: No. 1 Ohio State vs. Michigan-Iowa winner
 Game 5: Indiana-Michigan State winner vs. Penn State-Northwestern winner
Championship Game
Sunday
 Semifinal Game 4 winner vs. Semifinal Game 5 winner. Noon.

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Dallas	0	0	.000	—
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Memphis	0	0	.000	—
New Orleans	0	0	.000	—
San Antonio	0	0	.000	—
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	0	0	.000	—
Minnesota	0	0	.000	—
Portland	0	0	.000	—
Seattle	0	0	.000	—
Utah	0	0	.000	—
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	1	0	1.000	—
Golden State	0	0	.000	—
L.A. Clippers	0	0	.000	—
Sacramento	0	0	.000	—
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1
Tuesday's Games				
Chicago 108, Miami 106				
L.A. Lakers 114, Phoenix 106				
Today's Games				
Chicago at Orlando, 6 p.m.				
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.				
Indiana at Charlotte, 6 p.m.				
New Orleans at Boston, 6:30 p.m.				
Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m.				
New York at Memphis, 7 p.m.				
Sacramento at Minnesota, 7 p.m.				
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7 p.m.				
Washington at Cleveland, 7 p.m.				
Houston at Utah, 8 p.m.				
Portland at Seattle, 9 p.m.				
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.				
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.				
Thursday's Games				
San Antonio at Dallas, 7 p.m.				
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.				

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	6	4	1	13	28	32
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	12	33	24
N.Y. Islanders	5	4	2	12	31	34
N.Y. Rangers	5	6	0	10	40	43
Philadelphia	3	7	1	7	23	43
Northwest	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	10	0	1	21	53	28
Montreal	6	2	3	15	38	35
Toronto	6	4	3	15	44	49
Ottawa	5	6	0	10	35	27
Boston	3	5	1	7	19	33
Southeast	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	8	2	3	19	47	35
Carolina	5	5	2	12	40	45
Florida	5	7	2	12	37	47
Washington	4	3	4	12	35	38
Tampa Bay	5	5	0	10	33	31

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Named Juan Samuel 3B coach, Sam Mejias 1B coach, Tom Trebelhorn bench coach and Rick Dempsey bullpen coach. Activated LHP Kurt Birkins, LHP John Parrish and RHP Aaron Rakers from the 60-day DL.
 BOSTON RED SOX—Named Allard Baird assistant to the general manager.
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Named Anthony Shines 3B coach and Joey Cora bench coach.
 MINNESOTA TWINS—Exercised their 2007 contract option on RHP Carlos Silva.
National League
 HOUSTON ASTROS—Declined their 2007 contract option on 1B Jeff Bagwell.
 MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Activated 3B Corey Koskie, 2B Rickie Weeks and RHP Matt Wise from the 60-day DL.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
 CHICAGO BULLS—Re-signed G Kirk Hinrich to a multiyear contract extension.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
 GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed RB P.J. Pape from the Chicago Bears' practice squad. Released C Chris White.
 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released CB Chidi Iwuoma. Released C Brian Barthelmes from the practice squad.
 NEW YORK GIANTS—Waived OT Na'Shan Goddard. Waived CB Dennis Davis from the practice squad. Signed OL Todd Londo to the practice squad.
 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed CB William James to a one-year contract. Released CB Dexter Wynn.
 SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Announced LB Shawne Merriman dropped the appeal of his four-game suspension for testing positive for steroids.
 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed CB Donald Strickland. Waived CB B.J. Tucker. Re-signed LB Renaud Williams to the practice squad. Waived K Shaun Suisham and T Sam Wilder from the practice squad.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 ANAHEIM DUCKS—Recalled D Ian Moran and LW Stanislav Chistov to Portland of the AHL.
 CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled C Dustin Boyd and LW Brandon Prust from Omaha of the AHL.
 NEW YORK RANGERS—Assigned D Darius Kasparaitis to Hartford of the AHL.
American Hockey League
 HARTFORD WOLF PACK—Recalled F Jakob Petruzalek from Charlotte of the ECHL.
 IOWA STARS—Announced the Dallas Stars assigned D Matt Nickerson to Idaho of the ECHL.

Law student pitches in

The Daily Iowan continues its *In The Spotlight* feature this week with new volunteer assistant Chris Lueth of the women's tennis team. See if he dressed up for Halloween, what college he loves to hate, and whom he's cheering for in Iowa's basketball game with his alma mater, Drake.

The Daily Iowan: What's your long-term career goal in law?

Lueth: To be honest, most law students don't have any idea what they want to do. We haven't been exposed to enough areas of law ... I think I'm interested in corporate law, financial law, civil litigation, or criminal defending. I'm not sure if it's one of those things you see on "Law and Order" and think it's cool or if it's actually cool in real life.

DI: Does being a law student make you more argumentative?

Lueth: That might be a misconception about law students. While it's true we like to argue, it makes me less argumentative, because I can sit back and analyze an argument to come up with a clear and concise answer. As opposed to having a long argument, it's easier to find a solution than sitting back and arguing.

DI: Are you more of a "nice guy" coach or "tough guy" coach?

Lueth: I think right now, because I'm new, I see myself as a "nice guy" coach. I'm not the head coach or the first assistant. I'm the volunteer assistant coach. I'm not the guy who lays down the law. Maybe later on, once they get to know me a bit better, I can put my foot down, a little bit more.

DI: As a former Drake Bulldog, who do you root for in the Iowa-Drake basketball matchup?

Lueth: That's a tough call. Right now, my loyalties still lie with Drake — even though I

don't think it has much of a prayer. It depends on where the game is played. If it's here at Iowa, I'll probably wear black and gold. If it's at Drake, I'll wear blue and white.

DI: Any universities you love to hate?

Lueth: I love to hate Wichita State. We had a big tennis rivalry with them over the course of my four years at Drake. I'm from Ames, so the university I used to hate was Iowa, until I came here.

DI: What tennis players do you grow up idolizing?

Lueth: Definitely Andre Agassi. I was a huge fan of him growing up. The rebellious attitude on the prissy little tennis court. He went out there and did his own thing, despite all the rules and regulations. I also loved [Pete] Sampras for his style. I was never a baseline grinder like Agassi; I played more like Sampras did. Sampras for his style, Agassi for his attitude.

DI: Will Roger Federer be known as the best tennis player of all-time when he eventually retires?

Lueth: I would say that's probably going to be the case. The fact that he's so dominant on every surface all the time. Sampras was unstoppable on grass but human on other surfaces. Federer is too good at everything — it's almost like he doesn't have a weakness.

DI: Favorite part about Iowa City?

Lueth: The nightlife. Growing up in Ames, it doesn't have much of a downtown. Des Moines doesn't really, either. In Drake, it's pretty limited. The great downtown area really is a draw.

DI: Did you dress up for Halloween?

Lueth: Yes, I did on Oct. 28 for Halloween. It was probably the best costume I've ever come up with. Unfortunately, I can't tell you what it is. It's kind of an inside joke.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	7	3	1	15	38	33
Detroit	6	4	1	13	29	27
St. Louis	3	4	3	9	27	36
Chicago	4	8	0	8	34	45
Columbus	3	5	1	7	19	26
Northwest	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	9	2	0	18	33	21
Vancouver	7	5	1	15	34	29
Edmonton	7	4	0	14	33	28
Colorado	5	4	2	12	37	34
Calgary	3	6	1	7	25	29
Pacific	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	9	0	3	21	41	27
Anaheim	9	2	0	18	35	21
Dallas	9	4	0	18	42	29
San Jose	4	8	2	10	29	38
Los Angeles	4	8	2	10	29	38
Phoenix	3	9	0	6	28	53

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Today's Games
 Carolina at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
 Colorado at Columbus, 6 p.m.
 Calgary at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
 St. Louis at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
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Indiana	0	0	.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	—

WESTERN CONFERENCE

A: The Reggie Miller-led Indiana Pacers.

Balancing books, tennis

BY BOBBY LOESCH
 THE DAILY IOWAN

For new Iowa women's tennis volunteer assistant Chris Lueth, every individual day requires a strict regimen to accomplish just about anything. Lueth, who doubles as an Iowa law student, constantly juggles duties with textbooks and tennis balls.

"Half the week, I don't go to team practices, and I work out or study," he said. "It doesn't leave a lot of leeway for random things that you wanna do on the daily basis. You have to be pretty disciplined, sticking to your schedule."

Mixing a heavy dose of academics and athletics is nothing new for Lueth, named to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's scholar-athlete team as an undergrad during his playing

days at Drake University.

Lueth's position at Iowa is his first in the collegiate coaching ranks. His previous experience comes from teaching junior tennis players in the Ames Recreation Department and at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club.

The former player embraces his new role as an instructor.

"My favorite thing about coaching is seeing people improve," he said. "No matter what it is, my girlfriend will tell you, I love to coach — even if it's playing catch with a Frisbee or football."

"Improve, get better, take knowledge you have, and use it to make better players."

Head coach Daryl Greenan sings Lueth's praises.

"I think he's going to be a great sparring partner," Greenan said. "And he's a smart guy who

knows the game well. In the short period of time he's been with us, he's earned my and the women's respect. He'll help us out a lot on match days."

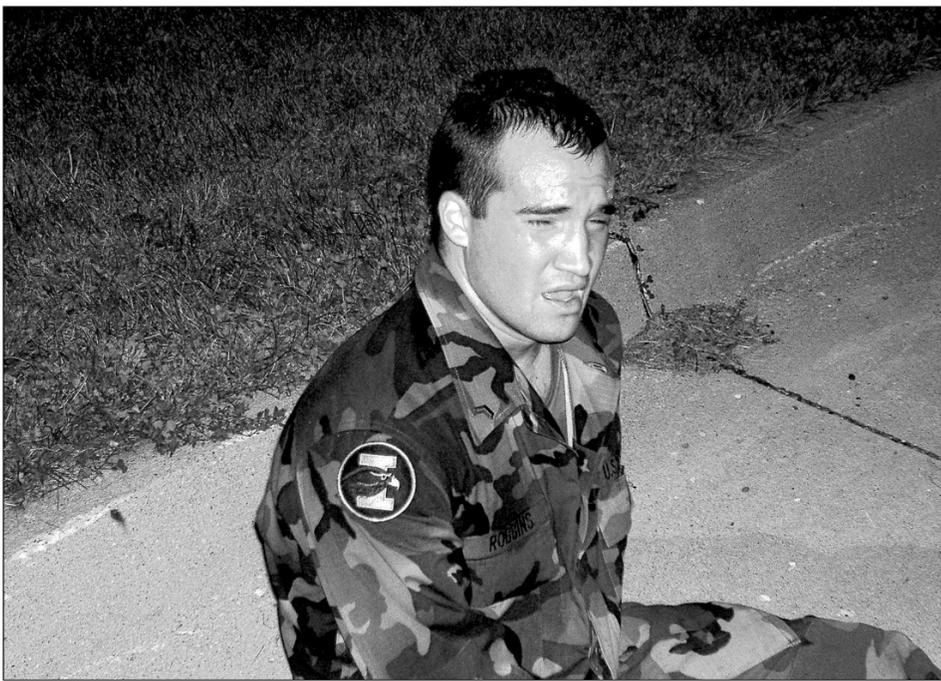
With Greenan handling most of the practice planning, Lueth works with players on specific skills.

"I go to practice about three days a week to hit with the women," he said. "I help them on technical questions they might have ... If I work with one person for the majority of practice, I'll focus my efforts onto that individual's strengths and weaknesses."

Lueth said sex differences will be his biggest obstacle.

"The biggest change I have to get used to is being part of a women's team, as opposed to being part of a guys' team," Lueth said. "Let's just leave it at

AFTER THE PAIN



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Iowa ROTC cadet Craig Robbins tries to recover after completing the Ranger Challenge Competition on Oct. 28. Robbins and the Iowa ROTC squad won the annual event, nicknamed "15 hours of pain."

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Fresh look to field hockey

“Every time I put on that jersey, it’s like I get a new feeling I’ve never felt before. It’s such a great opportunity. You just have to take each day day-by-day, and live in the moment, and experience everything that’s going on.”

— Meghan Beamesderfer, freshman

FIELD HOCKEY

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Joining her in the 17-starts club is fellow freshman Meghan Beamesderfer. Lining up as one of Iowa’s defenders, she also did not know how she would factor into the program but has not looked back since day one.

“Every time I put on that jersey, it’s like I get a new feeling I’ve never felt before,” the Lilitz, Pa., native said. “It’s such a great opportunity. You just have to take each day day-by-day, and live in the moment, and experience everything that’s going on.”

Jess Werley has seen action in every game this season, including 16 starts. She had an idea when she committed to Iowa that she would see quality playing time early, and she said the season will prepare her for the rest of her Hawkeye career.

“It’s definitely going to get me stronger for next year,” Werley said. “I am going to know what to expect. As for people who come in and don’t get a lot of playing time, it’s hard for them to know [what to expect].”

When asked about the leadership provided by the team elders, Dean called it “awesome.”

“They always push us harder. They always expect so much out of us,” she said. “But it’s not to the point that we can’t do it. They always believe in us, and they’re just really supportive.”

Beamesderfer said fellow back Kadi Sichel and forward Caroline Blaum, both juniors, have provided her with guidance throughout the year.



Werley
freshman



Beamesderfer
freshman

“Even with Caroline being injured,” Beamesderfer said. “They both kind of took me under their wing and showed me how much heart you have to put into the game, and they’re just some of the best role models I’ve ever been around.”

Rounding out the five newcomers to the program are Kelly Hondros and Sarah Stark. While most of their action has come off the bench, Hondros made six starts during the regular season and scored one goal.

Notes: In the spirit of Halloween, Beamesderfer and Dean arrived at Tuesday’s practice dressed as Thing One and Thing Two from *The Cat in the Hat*. Kara Zappone put on her best imitation of Sichel, and Heather Schnepf wore an outfit complete with a knee brace while pretending to be fellow captain Blaum.

Head coach Tracey Griesbaum got a good laugh out of her players’ antics but was not expecting a squad of trick or treaters.

“I guess they kind of took it into their own hands and decided to be goofy,” Griesbaum said. “It just proves the spirit they have. They’re a fun group.”

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FOOTBALL

Tate a good bet to play

The Hawkeye QB is expected to play in Saturday’s game against Northwestern after having surgery on his left thumb last week

FOOTBALL

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the Big Ten in passing yards — should help boost a team shooting for its fifth-straight January bowl game.

“With Drew coming back, it gives us another edge,” senior Mike Elgin said. “He’s a tough competitor.”

Miles expected to start Saturday: Linebacker Ed Miles, charged with simple assault Sunday after an incident at Brothers Bar & Grill, won’t miss Saturday’s game against Northwestern.

Ferentz made a point not to minimize the incident but said unless new information surfaced, Miles would face discipline within the team and won’t miss playing time. The eighth-year coach, who discussed the situation with Miles and other parties, felt confident about his view of the incident.

Miles wasn’t available for comment Tuesday.

“Right now, based on the information I have, it will be handled in-house, and we’ll go from there,” Ferentz said. “What happened [Oct. 28], I’m pretty comfortable I can handle that one. If there’s more to it, then you’ll know about it, because Ed won’t be out there.”

Miles faces a charge of simple assault, a simple misdemeanor. If convicted, he could face up to a \$500 fine and 30 days in jail. His Nov. 28 court date comes 10 days after Iowa’s regular-season finale at Minnesota.

Miles, a six-time captain this season, is second on the team with 68 tackles, includ-

ing a team-high nine stops for losses. The senior from Tallahassee, Fla., has recorded one sack and one forced fumble.

Injury report: Cornerback Adam Shada (ankle) and running back Shonn Greene (knee) are out for Saturday’s game, Ferentz said. Neither played last week, but they might play against Wisconsin on Nov. 11.

Defensive end Kenny **Webb** (shoulder), who didn’t travel to Michigan two weeks ago, played a few snaps against Northern Illinois and should fully return to the defensive-line rotation. Left tackle Dace Richardson (ankle) didn’t play last week but could see action against the Wildcats.

Quick outs: Captains this week are Marcus Paschal, Bryan Mattison, Miguel Merrick, and Jason Manson. ... Approximately 500 tickets are still available. ... Albert Young is only 32 yards away from tying Levi Mitchell for 10th (1,927 yards) in career rushing at Iowa. ... Only three offensive players — Scott Chandler, Tom Busch, and Mike Elgin — have started every game for the Hawkeyes. ... Over the last four years, Iowa is 10-2 in November. ... Iowa’s game against Wisconsin, next week, will kick off at 11 a.m. on ESPN.

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Miles
linebacker

Rowin set to go

ROWING

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The first thing that caught her off-guard was that the majority of athletes were in good condition before practice began, allowing the team to get going right away.

“The other thing was just from how they raced, and how consistent they raced from the beginning of the race to the end of the race,” Kowal said. “There wasn’t these peaks and valleys in terms of speed.”

As the team stands, Kowal likes the base built throughout the season, in addition to the aforementioned consistency. The coach does not feel the team has any weaknesses, and the only thing capable of holding her squad back next spring would be a lack of size, which she felt the team overcame this season.

“I feel like for their size, and for who they are, we’re getting a lot of good things out of them,” the coach said.

In order for any team to overcome a small size, it must exhibit an excellent work ethic. Kowal said her “hard workers” did just that.

The work left the team physically and emotionally exhausted, the coach added, leading her to believe her squad could use a break.

The team will most certainly get that break heading into the off-season, but the Hawks will not simply rest over the winter.

Kowal wants to use the off-season as a chance to greater improve the team’s fitness, bring more diversity to some of the workouts, and unite the roster even more.

The head coach wants to go into the spring season with a highly competitive team, and this fall’s experiences, combined with the work Kowal hopes for in the off-season, should have it more than ready to do so.

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NBA

Bulls stun Heat in opener

BY TIM REYNOLDS
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MIAMI — The Chicago Bulls left the court during Miami’s championship-ring festivities, then returned to emphatically spoil what was left of the Heat’s celebration.

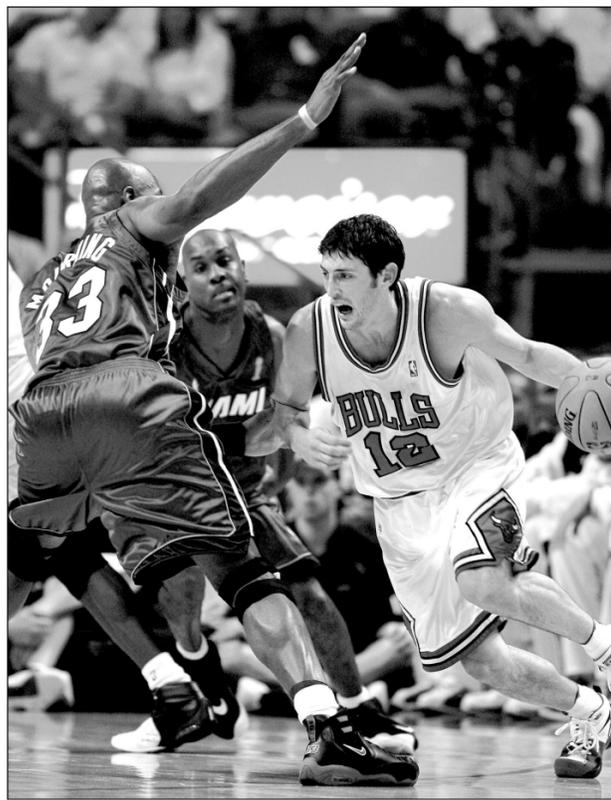
Kirk Hinrich — who signed a five-year extension just hours before tip-off — scored 26 points, Chris Duhon added 20, and the Bulls delivered a huge stunner in beating the defending NBA champion Heat, 108-66, in Tuesday night’s season-opener.

It was — by far — the worst loss in NBA history for a defending champion on opening night; the previous low was the Los Angeles Lakers’ 132-117 defeat to Golden State on Oct. 29, 1982. The Lakers went on that season to win 58 games and return to the NBA finals under coach Pat Riley, the same man guiding the Heat these days.

Chicago seized command with a 37-14 second-quarter burst, a stretch where the Bulls connected on 79 percent of their shots — compared with 29 percent for the Heat, who simply never got rolling. The lead was 59-30 at halftime and just kept growing.

Dwyane Wade had 25 points before sitting out much of the fourth quarter for Miami, which didn’t even have anyone else reach double figures. The Heat turned the ball over 23 times, leading to 32 Chicago points, and were outrebounded 49-29.

Luol Deng had 12 points, and Thabo Sefolosha — the league’s first player from Switzerland — added 11 on 4-of-4 shooting for Chicago.



Luis M. Alvarez/Associated Press

Chicago Bull guard Kirk Hinrich (12) drives past Miami Heat center Alonzo Mourning and guard Gary Payton on Tuesday in Miami.

Antoine Walker had nine for Miami, while Shaquille O’Neal had seven points and five rebounds before sitting out the final 14:01.

The Heat donned the same red uniforms they wore June 20 in Dallas when they won the franchise’s first title and got their rings in an elaborate pregame ceremony capped by raising the commemorative banner to the rafters.

SPORTS

Small but lively

SMALL SPORTS

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out to the community at large. The volleyball program held a Breast Cancer Awareness Night on Oct. 20, which drew more than 1,000 fans. The softball team is working with Habitat for Humanity this fall, literally helping to build the community it leans on for support. Additionally, the squad plans to conduct clinics for youth and high-school players in January and a Meet the Team Night in the renovated Kinnick Press Box, where kids will have the chance to meet the team, get autographs, and take pictures.

“It allows people to get closer to the team,” said coach Gayle Blevins.

Indeed, approachability is one aspect smaller programs

hang their hats on. Hawkeye fans might not be able to meet Drew Tate or Kirk Ferentz as much as they’d like, but they have ample opportunity to talk with members of non-revenue teams.

The unavoidable factor driving events and publicity is money. Trail, however, maintains that the university has given him enough financial support to market smaller programs effectively. The fates of more diminutive groups, however, are inextricably linked with those of larger ones.

“The success of the football team benefits all of the programs,” Trail said. “It raises awareness for the entire school.”

The key for smaller sports is to spread that awareness to fans.

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Iowa State men's hoops starting over

BY LUKE MEREDITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMES — Iowa State forward Rashon Clark is happy he returned to Ames, as is his new coach, Greg McDermott.

Why? Well, Clark can block shots, dunk from 10 feet out, and wreak havoc in transition. But there's something else — he's also one of the only players McDermott has that doesn't need directions to Hilton Coliseum.

The 2006-07 Cyclones met the media for the first time on Tuesday. For nine of Iowa State's players, it was the first time they've donned a Cyclones uniform — which, like everything else in Ames, is new.

The newcomers run the gamut from wide-eyed freshmen to wily veterans of the junior-college circuit, but they all have one thing in common: None of them feel weighed down by last year's misery, which included a disappointing 16-14 record and a messy divorce between former coach Wayne Morgan and the school.

"It's new to me. Everything's new to me," said freshman guard Dodie Dunson. "McDermott has a different philosophy about things. He's coming in here to change the program."

Whether that future will include a winning season is anyone's guess,

but most pundits don't believe it will. After losing Curtis Stinson and Will Blalock, Iowa State's top two players from a year ago, and promising youngsters Shawn Taggart, Tasheed Carr, and Farnold Degand, expectations are low for McDermott's first season at Iowa State.

But there's also reason for optimism. McDermott spent his first six months on the job looking for players willing to work in his system.

Junior Mike Taylor, who is expected to see major minutes in the backcourt, came to Iowa State from Chipola Junior College, spurning offers from Minnesota, Tennessee, and Iowa, among others. Taylor postponed his decision on where to continue his career until after his sophomore season at Chipola. Once he was ready to make his selection, McDermott was in Ames, and he sold Taylor on the program.

"They're a bunch of great guys," Taylor said of the coaching staff, which is also entirely new. "Besides the basketball aspect, I know they have my best interests off the court and in the classroom."

Taylor will be joined in the backcourt by fellow junior college transfer Corey McIntosh, who is slated to start at point guard. Freshman forwards Wesley Johnson and Cory Johnson (no relation) are in the mix for minutes in the frontcourt, and

redshirt freshman guard Brock Jacobson, from Webster City, has been impressive in pre-season camp.

Hawkeye transfer Alex Thompson, who won't be eligible until next season, has also been a key contributor to the practices that have begun to define this team's personality.

They bring "athleticism, hard work, and heart. They're ready to play, just like me," Clark said about his new teammates. "I've taken a lot of the new guys under wing."

Still, the Cyclones are picked to finish 11th in the Big 12 preseason coaches' poll, mostly because they lack experience. Clark, along with centers Ross Marsden and Jiri Hubalek, are the only players with any significant experience that stuck around to play for McDermott, and both Hubalek and Marsden struggled as first-year players in 2005-06.

McDermott has been happy with his team's work ethic and enthusiasm. But he is well aware that the beginning of the season will be a struggle, no matter how excited his players are.

The Cyclones will open exhibition play Friday night at home against EA Sports.

"You're probably all wondering whether we're ready to play a game on Friday," McDermott said. "Well, so am I. So, we've got that in common."



Charlie Neibergall/Associated Press
Iowa State's Rahshon Clark laughs as he speaks to reporters during the school's annual basketball media day Tuesday in Ames.

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Green Bay Packer cornerback Charles Woodson avoids being tackled by two Arizona Cardinals on a punt-return in the first quarter of the Packers' 31-14 win on Sunday in Green Bay, Wis.

BY CHRIS JENKINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre was chuckling after his graceless attempt at a celebratory Lambeau Leap on Sunday. More importantly, he's no longer serving as the NFL's Midwest distribution center for interceptions.

Wide receiver Donald Driver is even talking (cue squeaky Jim Mora voice) playoffs?

Perhaps no team in the NFL has shown as much improvement from Week 1 to midseason as the Green Bay Packers, who lost four of their first five games but now have won two straight.

And with a very winnable game at Buffalo on Sunday, the Packers (3-4) could equal their victory total from last season before the Lambeau grass becomes tundra and — gasp! — reach the .500 mark.

This is a big deal in Green Bay, only because so little was expected out of a young team with a relatively unknown rookie head coach.

But is the Packers' momentum swing an indication Mike McCarthy is engineering a turnaround or simply a function of a schedule that's as squishy-soft as the foam they use to make cheeseheads?

The Packers' three victories have come against Detroit, Miami, and Arizona, teams with a combined 3-19 record.

"A win is a win," Packers cornerback Charles Woodson said. "I don't care if we win against Green Bay High."

Green Bay High? Hey, at least then the Packers might be favored.

But after playing the Bills, the Packers go to Minnesota — where Favre couldn't win when the Packers had players you've heard of — and then play New England at home.

McCarthy seems to be cautioning against irrational exuberance. Asked Sunday how he expected his team to handle success, he responded, "I don't know if we're quite to that point, right now."

McCarthy, a former Packers quarterback coach who went on to become the offensive coordinator in New Orleans and San Francisco, wasn't on many coaching search short lists in the off-season.

But he was on the only list that mattered, the one put together by Packers general manager Ted Thompson, who lauded his new coach as "Pittsburgh macho" in January.

The Steel City native's most macho move so far has been talking Favre into playing another season, then reining him in. The three-time MVP seems to have bought into McCarthy's controlled passing game, and McCarthy has offered mild public criticism when Favre has thrown the ball up for grabs.

After throwing a career-worst 29 interceptions last year — a performance that looked at times like a passive-aggressive protest over his lack of a supporting cast — Favre has thrown only five this season and is pick-free in his past three games.

Another modest triumph for the coach: McCarthy and offensive coordinator Jeff Jagodzinski have taught a new zone-blocking scheme (think Denver Broncos) to an offensive line that starts two rookie guards. That's no small feat, particularly when you consider they can't really practice those controversial "cut" blocks against their own guys' legs during the week.

Ahman Green, coming off a season-ending ruptured quadriceps, and backup Vernand Morency each gained more than 100 yards rushing against Arizona on Sunday, a major confidence boost for the Pack.

How major? "It's not over," Driver said. "We're still in the hunt. I think a lot of people kind of ruled us out. But the Pack is back."

Better? Perhaps. Back? Not until the Packers prove they can run and pass without turning it over against decent teams. And will the defense, which won at Miami despite giving up more than 400 yards passing to Joey Harrington, be able to stop anybody?

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DAILY BREAK

“There was a First Amendment this morning when I woke up. I don't know how it evaporated with the dawn.”
 — Tom Connolly of Maine, who was arrested Tuesday after he was spotted on a highway overpass wearing an Osama bin Laden Halloween costume and holding a toy gun. Connolly is the lawyer who, days before the 2000 election, divulged President Bush's past drunken-driving arrest.

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ANDREW R. JUHL

Re-examining a few well-known sayings

- “You are what you eat.” Then I'm fast, cheap, and easy. Also, I make horrible leftovers.
- “If something's worth doing, it's worth doing right.” If something's worth doing, then why isn't it already done?
- “Getting there is half the fun.” Really? What if you're walking four miles through a blizzard with crippling diarrhea?
- “Nice guys finish last.” No, fat guys finish last. It just so happens that a lot of nice guys are also chubby.
- “Many hands make light work.” ... And one hell of a formidable wrestler.
- “You can't take it with you.” Unless, of course, you invest your money into full-body tattoos.
- “You're the apple of my eye.” This would be a compliment, if only eyes had apples. It's the same as telling somebody “I love you, Baby; you're the gorilla of my shin.”
- “There's no time like the present.” Actually, the very recent past and immediate future both resemble the present to a fairly high degree.
- “A penny saved is a penny earned.” Actually, a penny, in order to be either saved or spent, has to be earned first. But who cares about a penny, when gum-balls cost a quarter?
- “The early bird gets the worm.” Perhaps, but Andrew R. Juhl doesn't like worms, so he rises around midday in order to partake of Eggs Benedict with a side of bacon at his local Village Inn.

— Andrew R. Juhl knows that beggars CAN be choosers; it's just ill-advised. E-mail him at: andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu.

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today's events

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- **UI Faculty and Staff Health Fair**, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Field House
- **Art Sale**, 9 a.m., UIHC Pomerantz Family Pavilion
- **Gilead** Discussion, noon, Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Event to Mark 15th Anniversary of UI Campus Shootings, a commemorative event**, 3:30 p.m., T. Anne Cleary Walkway, rain location: C107 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Tow Seminar, “Efficiency of Competitive Search Under Symmetric Information,”** Veronica Guerrieri, University of Chicago, 3:30 p.m., 106 Gilmore Hall
- **Writing Workshop**, 6:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 1451 Coral Ridge Ave.
- **Half Nelson**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **“Peace Prayer for Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation in a Turbulent World,”** 7 p.m., Danforth Chapel
- **Dia de los Muertos (Day of The Dead)**, 7:30 p.m., Latino Native American Cultural Center
- **Musicians from Marlboro**, 7:30 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- **Alejandro Escovedo**, 9 p.m., the Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Spirit of the Beehive**, 9 p.m., Bijou

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- 3 p.m.** “Live from Prairie Lights,” Nell Freudenberger
- 4** The End of Postwar Japan: (May it Be) A Premature Declaration
- 5:30** The Word, Hip-Hop Music
- 6** College of Education Presents: Child-Abuse Issues
- 7** “Live from Prairie Lights,” Nell Freudenberger
- 8** The End of Postwar Japan: (May it Be) A Premature Declaration
- 9:30** DITV News, *The Daily Iowan* Daily News Update
- 9:45** Iowa Football with Kirk Ferentz
- 10:30** DITV News, *The Daily Iowan* Daily News Update
- 10:45** Kirk Ferentz, Northern Illinois Postgame News Conference
- 11** “Live from Prairie Lights,” Nell Freudenberger

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Wednesday, November 1, 2006
 — by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You can have a powerful effect on others if you talk about your beliefs and life philosophy. An older individual will make sense to you on many levels. Don't invest your money to support someone else's concept. Invest in yourself.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You can make magic today if you spend time with someone you care for deeply. The ground you can cover through the discussions will lead to something very special. A satisfactory deal can be struck.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Someone will grant you a favor or help you acquire what you need to move forward. Time spent developing a good rapport with your clients or boss will be to your benefit. You can motivate and inspire people with your vision.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You can get ahead this week by making a few changes. Getting together with people who can help you or just hanging out with friends will lead to a business or personal partnership. Children will play a role in your life.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Someone may try to limit what you can do. Be ready to take care of your own business, and forget about relying on others. You can make some alterations to your living space, with the approval of the people it might affect.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Upgrade your skills if you aren't happy with your current position. A love relationship can be taken to new heights. Doing something special with someone you enjoy will introduce you to a new hobby that will bring you satisfaction.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** The work you put in today will count. You will impress everyone with your ability to get things done in a timely fashion. An interest in someone you work with will be reciprocated. Base what you do on your own experience.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Do whatever it takes to make your point heard. Make changes to your personal life or residence so your environment can aid you in doing the things you enjoy the most. Love and romance are in a high cycle.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Be very careful what you say today. You will be blamed for something you may not have done. Stay in the loop, and you will avoid being talked about. Someone you think you can trust will probably be working against you.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Your ability to take control and make things happen will be what gets you where you want to go. Presenting, promoting, and prosperity will be your world today. Don't hesitate to speak your mind and go after your goals.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't say another word, or it may be used against you. Be careful how you proceed, especially if it concerns changing your lifestyle or getting involved with people who do things a little differently. You may be confused or misled.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Travel, talks, and looking for good buys or investments will pay off. A contract will be worth signing, and a commitment or promise will be worth making. Legal matters and settlements should be dealt with immediately.



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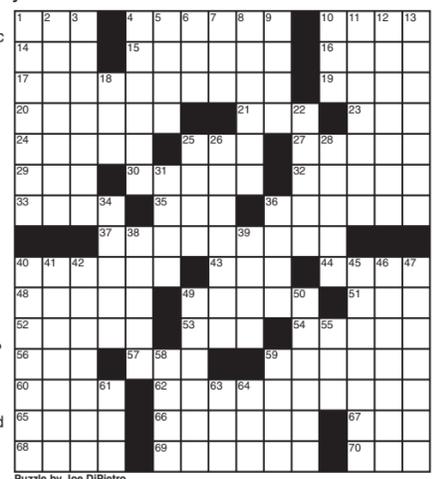
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- 1 “The Family Circus” cartoonist Keane
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 - 10 Early late-night name
 - 14 Big bird
 - 15 Big bow
 - 16 Avatar of Vishnu
 - 17 Very cool 1970's N.F.L.er?
 - 19 Painter Nolde
 - 20 Medical facility
 - 21 Some nods
 - 23 Feverish
 - 24 Nobel or Oscar
 - 25 Watch readout, for short
 - 27 Dwight beat him twice
 - 29 Wipe out
 - 30 Girl rescued by Don Juan
 - 32 “Fiddler on the Roof” matchmaker
 - 33 Like Beethoven
 - 35 Menu words
 - 36 Strapped
 - 37 Fresh-squeezed ex-football star/pitchman?
 - 40 Pill variety
 - 43 Set of wedges?
 - 44 Doesn't shut up
 - 48 Hoagy Carmichael's “Star Dust,” e.g.
 - 49 Was sweet (on)
 - 51 Turn
 - 52 Blair's predecessor
 - 53 “___ calls?”
 - 54 Course coup
 - 56 Alley org.
 - 57 Sample
 - 59 ___-faire
 - 60 Novelist Janowitz
 - 62 Novelist/poet not playing the field?
 - 65 Harbinger
 - 66 In the least
 - 67 Prefix with -lithic
 - 68 Illustrator Thomas
 - 69 Musically connected
 - 70 Both Begleys

DOWN

- 1 Like some whales
- 2 Company in the Marsha Stewart stock trading scandal
- 3 Country singer Williams
- 4 Eddying
- 5 Rash response?
- 6 Judge in I Samuel
- 7 Word on both sides of “to” and “for”
- 8 Gong site
- 9 City in SW Russia
- 10 Opposite of post-
- 11 Children's author trying to dry out?
- 12 Tardy person's question
- 13 Came from behind
- 18 “The fifth Beatle”
- 22 Decline
- 25 Leslie Caron musical
- 26 Fasten firmly, as to a bench
- 28 1960's Detroit Tigers star McLain

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- Puzzle by Joe DiPietro
- 31 Right on the map
 - 34 Leaf
 - 36 Shrink's statement
 - 38 Boos
 - 39 Compassion
 - 40 City SE of downtown Los Angeles
 - 41 Auburn foe
 - 42 Mystery writer with a badge?
 - 45 W.W. I battle locale
 - 46 Maintained order over
 - 47 Sound systems
 - 49 Nymph loved by Apollo
 - 50 Loved by
 - 55 “___, Caesar!”
 - 58 “American ___”
 - 59 Loretta of “M*A*S*H”
 - 61 Colony member
 - 63 Still's place
 - 64 Litigator's org.

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