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While students were away for the summer, the UI and Iowa City underwent some changes. A new UI president, a string of attacks on women, and a \$15 million naming controversy were among the top headlines. Here's a glance at what happened over the summer.

Not quite a sleepy Iowa summer

May — July

Six sexual attacks are reported over the summer. Incidences of forcible fondling are at record levels for the past five years, leading police to declare that a "serial groper" is behind the attacks.



The Iowa City City Council votes to put the highly contentious 21-ordinance on the Nov. 6 ballot. If passed, the ordinance would ban those under the age of 21 from bars after 10 p.m.

June 19

June 21

Sally Mason is appointed the 20th UI president, replacing former President David Skorton after a long and tenuous search.



The UI College of Public Health faculty turns down a \$15 million gift from Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield in exchange for naming rights, generating controversy and concerns about potential conflicts of interest. Other names involving the health-insurance provider are still up for consideration.

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August 1

UI Provost Michael Hogan announces he will leave the UI to head the University of Connecticut. The UI is in the process of finding an interim replacement.

TURN TO 3A FOR A TIMELINE OF SUMMER POLITICAL EVENTS.



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Fires break out on the porches of four houses near downtown, resulting in \$158,000 in damages and two injured firefighters.

August 17

The state Board of Regents will decide whether to arm the UI police. At present, the UI is the only university in the Big Ten without armed police.

Continuing

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Mason named 20th UI president

After a failed first presidential search and months of controversy, the UI finally tapped Sally Mason to be its 20th president.

Mason was chosen by the state Board of Regents over three other finalists on June 21 to replace former UI President David Skorton, who left in June 2006 to become the 12th president of Cornell University.

She began her UI position on Aug. 1.

The three other finalists, interviewed on campus between June 11 and June 15, included Philip Furmanski, the Rutgers University executive vice president for academic affairs; Mark Becker, the University of South Carolina executive vice president for academic affairs; and Charles Bantz, the chancellor at Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis.

Prior to taking the UI job, Mason was the Purdue provost for six years, and she served in various positions at the University of Kansas for 20 years before that. Her academic area of focus is in biology — specifically frog and salamander research.

The 57-year-old received a Ph.D. in cellular, molecular, and developmental biology from the University of Arizona in 1978.

During her interviews for the presidency, Mason expressed her support for diversity on campus. So far, Mason has attended a regents meeting, the Iowa State Fair, and various UI meetings.

— by Ashton Shurson

UI college embroiled in naming controversy

The UI gained national attention in July after its College of Public Health declined a \$15 million gift in

exchange for naming rights to the school.

Wellmark, a health-insurance company, is a major provider to the UI Hospitals and Clinics and distributes insurance plans for the three state universities.

The company's preferred name choice for the public-health school was Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield College of Public Health.

The college's faculty voted against the move on July 5 at an emergency meeting, expressing concern that there may be a conflict of interest with the school's research. The faculty said they were interested in other naming options, however.

After the decision, Wellmark CEO John Forsyth withdrew the gift, saying that the offer would remain withdrawn unless there was "unwavering" support from the university. Furthermore, former state Board of Regents member and UI philanthropist Marvin Pomerantz resigned as

the chairman of the fundraising committee for the College of Public Health, saying he was embarrassed by the faculty's decision.

The public-health school plans to meet soon to discuss the gift offer, and the regents plan to discuss a naming-rights policy at their September meeting.

— by Clara Hogan

Sex attacks continue over the summer

Six incidents over the summer brought the tally of attacks on women in Iowa City to 26 since Sept. 1, 2006, and caused police to say that a "serial groper" is on the loose.

Three cases occurred in a little over a week's time, with the most recent attack reported early on July 22 on the 800 block of East College Street. In that incident, a woman said a man came up behind her, knocked

her to the ground, and put his hand up her dress. After a struggle, the assailant fled.

Two separate reports from women July 14 detail similar occurrences, one on the 100 block of North Dodge Street and the other on the 900 block of East Burlington Street.

Prior to those, a woman reported an assault June 15 at Bloomington and Dubuque Streets.

Also, two women reported separate attacks around 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. on May 12, one on Summit Street near Sheridan Avenue and the other on the 400 block of S. Johnson Street.

Police said they are still uncertain if the cases are connected, though they don't think all the cases are isolated events. Descriptions of the assailant differ in each case, but many of the victims report the perpetrator to be a dark-haired, white male in his 20s, average in height and weight.

SEE SUMMER, 4A

Declining gas sales hurt road fund

For only the second time in 26 years, Iowa isn't making money on its gas tax — meaning fewer federal highway dollars.

BY AMANDA MCCLURE
THE DAILY IOWAN

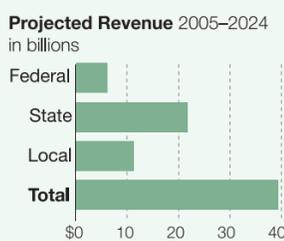
With declining gas sales meaning fewer federal highway dollars, Iowa officials are considering several options to bolster funding for the state's transportation infrastructure.

One of the biggest problems facing road funding is that residents are gassing up less often, officials said. For the second time in 26 years, Iowa isn't making money from its gas tax, said Dena Gray-Fisher, the director of media and marketing at the Iowa Department of Transportation.

"The cars on the roads are turning to hybrid and electric, so people are spending less money at the pump," Gray-Fisher said.

Road Revenue

Iowa's Public Roadway System is considering a per-mile tax or a gas tax to gain more revenue in the face of the Highway Trust Fund decrease.



Nelle Dunlap/The Daily Iowan

To remedy this, the state is considering a per-mile tax on drivers in which officials would charge the owner of a vehicle based on miles driven. This would be done using smart odometers that register miles to a GPS device. The GPS system would recognize vehicles driving in and out of state borders, and the owner of the vehicle would receive a bill based on miles driven within state borders.

"With Iowa's transportation revenue declining, Iowa needs to look other ways to make up

SEE ROADS, 4A

Low rating for bridge doesn't worry officials

BY GEORGE SWEENEY
THE DAILY IOWAN

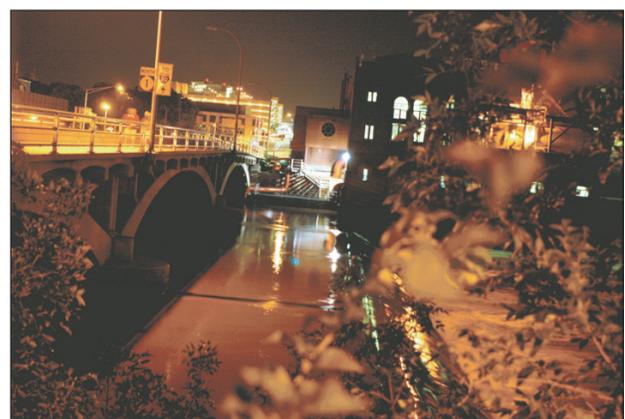
While its sufficiency rating of 51 out of 100 may seem low, Iowa City engineer Ron Knoche says the eastbound section of the Burlington Street bridge is structurally safe.

The rating, which measures the likelihood that a bridge will need repairs, is a reflection of many factors, he said. These range from the number of vehicles that travel across the bridge on an average day to the condition of horizontal beams underneath it.

"The ratings are not an imminent issue," said Michael Vander Wert, the president of Calhoun-Burns and Associates Inc., the West Des Moines firm hired to inspect the bridge as part of the regular analysis. "They are more of a way to prioritize which bridges most need maintenance."

It is rare for even a newly constructed bridge to rate higher than 98 or 99, he said.

One factor that lowered the bridge's rating was the estimated 26,800 vehicles that travel on it every day, thousands more than the other Iowa City river crossings. Also, the bridge received low ratings for superstructure and substructure, which were both listed in "poor condition."



Ariana McLaughlin/The Daily Iowan

The Burlington Street bridge's eastbound section recently scored a 51 out of 100 in a sufficiency rating. Officials say the bridge will last another 10 years before needing serious repairs.

The superstructure consists of the horizontal beams beneath the bridge's deck. The substructure is made up of everything below the superstructure. The bridge's deck, the surface on which cars and pedestrians travel, was listed in "satisfactory condition."

The numbers come in the wake of the Aug. 1 I-35W bridge collapse in Minneapolis, which has prompted increased scrutiny of bridges across the country.

In the wake of the disaster, Iowa Gov. Chet Culver has issued

a mandatory inspection of all bridges that share the same design as the one in Minneapolis. Three Iowa bridges underwent inspection: the I-74 bridge in Davenport, the Highway 9 structure in Lansing, and the Highway 926 bridge in Fort Dodge.

All were found up to code and satisfactory.

Analysis of the eastbound span of the Burlington Street Bridge estimated it has 10 more years before it will need an overhaul. Ratings for the westbound span of the Burlington

SEE BRIDGE, 4A

Public-health head steps down

By Lauren Skiba
THE DAILY IOWAN

After serving for six years as the Johnson County director of Public Health, Ralph Wilmoth will step down to be closer to his family in Colorado.

Because the move is motivated by family ties, he said, he is unsure of what work he will do in the Centennial State.

"My family, our children, have all left the state of Iowa," Wilmoth said.

As the head of the health agency, Wilmoth's responsibilities included the management and oversight of public health, which offers a variety of programs to Johnson County residents.

The department is divided into four divisions — administrative support services, assessment and health promotion, disease prevention, and women, infants, and children/maternal and child health.

"My responsibility on the Board of Health is to see that these are delivered," Wilmoth said.

While he prepares to leave, health department employees Paul Deaton and Laura Reed are searching for a new director.

The first step in finding a replacement director is to put together a search committee.

"This is an opportunity to



Ralph Wilmoth sits in his office at 1105 Gilbert Court. The public-health director will leave his post to be closer to his children in Colorado.

reassess strategies for where we're going as a public-health department," Deaton said.

On Aug. 16, the Board of Health met to discuss the new director search. The members framed an approach to the process, talked about advertising, and noted that the search process would be open to the

public under the state's sunshine law.

According to the Drake University Freedom of Information website, Iowa meetings and records must be open to public inspection.

"It's a very important position in Johnson County, and we're going to try hard to get the best

person for the job," Deaton said. "We're very committed to finding this person."

Wilmoth said he sees the period of transition as a time to recognize Johnson County public health as one of the leaders in the state of Iowa.

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Michigan move roils race

By Kathy Barks Hoffman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan Senate voted Wednesday to move the state's presidential nomination contests to Jan. 15, further roiling an already turbulent nomination schedule that has raised the possibility of primaries before New Year's.

Approval of the switch is far from sure. The Michigan House still must approve the measure, and a disagreement among state Democratic leaders over whether to hold a primary or a caucus is complicating final action.

Republicans control the state Senate, Democrats the House, so changes in the measure are likely. State Democratic Chair-

man Mark Brewer said the Senate bill contains language that doesn't comply with national party rules and therefore is unacceptable.

Because of that, the Senate unanimously approved an amendment moving the primary date to Jan. 15, but no Democrat voted for the final bill.

If Michigan moves to a mid-January primary, it's likely Iowa and New Hampshire will move up their first-in-the-nation contests.

As a state with a large number of delegates to the nominating conventions, Michigan would command considerable attention from candidates if it moved to a mid-January date.

A number of prominent

Michigan Democratic leaders, including Gov. Jennifer Granholm, favor holding a presidential primary with the Republicans. State GOP Chairman Saul Anuzis has agreed on a Jan. 15 primary if the Democrats agree to hold one.

Supporters of presidential candidate John Edwards are pressing for a Democratic caucus instead of a primary in Michigan. Edwards has strong support among organized labor, whose influence might be magnified in a caucus where the ability to turn out voters willing to attend party meetings is critical.

Edwards said Wednesday in an AP interview in Nevada that "I'm going to campaign in the states that are participating in the process. ... My job is not to

make the rules, my job is to run."

National Democratic leaders have threatened to penalize any state that attempts to hold its nomination contest in January with the exception of four states designated to lead off the nomination season — Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire and South Carolina.

However, that hasn't stopped Florida from moving its primary for both parties to Jan. 29 and South Carolina Republicans from moving theirs to Jan. 19.

Those moves have led Iowa and New Hampshire, which jealously guard their positions as the nation's first presidential caucus and primary states, to consider moving up their contests as well.

Credit piggybacking to end

By George Sweeney
THE DAILY IOWAN

People looking to boost their credit score by listing themselves as authorized users on others' credit cards now need to find a different way to improve their reputations with lenders.

Fair Isaac, one of the companies responsible for formulating credit scores, announced it will no longer allow credit from someone else's account to factor into a person's credit score.

The change is meant to protect lenders from loaning money to people with artificially inflated scores, according to a Fair Isaac statement.

The new policy will affect college students using a parent's

account because the good credit score can no longer help them when making an expensive purchase, such as a car, unless the parents cosign the loan.

Michael Young, a senior consultant at Community Auto Group in Iowa City, said it is not uncommon for young people to be disappointed when trying to buy a car and they have never had their own credit card.

Though some manufacturers have first-time buyer programs, in which no credit history is needed to be approved, he said, it's usually difficult to get a loan without history.

While having made student loan and rent payments regularly and on time positively affects credit by showing stability, Young said, they are no substitute for a solid credit score

when it comes to receiving a good loan rate.

J. Tyler Leverty, a UI assistant professor of finance, described the change in policy as "a proper incentive to get good credit."

The changes will hurt people with bad credit in the short run, he said, but they will help people with good credit, because lenders will be more likely to trust the high score knowing that it has not been bolstered by someone else's credit.

He emphasized the importance of young people building their rating by using credit wisely, such as not accepting a credit card offer from a telemarketer.

He also recommended applying for a credit card with a low spending limit and only using it for purchases when cash is

already on hand.

"Use it as a debit card," Leverty advised.

He also emphasized the importance of paying the bill every month, before enough interest can accrue to put a dent in a credit rating.

Both Young and Leverty stressed the importance of a high credit score even beyond getting loans, noting a bad credit rating affects insurance rates as well.

Young also recommended against applying for larger loans than one can handle, saying that a first-time car buyer should borrow \$10,000 or \$15,000 at the most.

"Crawl before you walk," Young said.

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METRO

Flood warning issued

Officials issued a flood warning for Johnson County, predicting that the Iowa River will rise above its flood stage because of recent heavy rainfall and storms moving through the area today.

Over the past several days, heavy rainfall has pushed the soil to near saturated levels in parts of northwestern Illinois and Iowa, according to the National Weather Service.

Iowa City residents have witnessed 14.13 inches of rain in July and thus far in August, almost 5 more inches than the historical average during that period.

A separate flash-flood watch for Johnson County and other surrounding counties will stay in effect until this afternoon.

Johnson County Emergency Management Coordinator Dave Wilson said particular attention is being paid to river levels in Johnson County and its surrounding areas.

Wilson advises residents of these communities to monitor local television and radio reports on the situation.

He also stressed the importance of heeding traffic signs in these areas and traveling around standing water if one should come across it on the road, because depth cannot

often be determined.

— by Danny Sullivan

UI center gets \$4.5 million grant

A UI research center that studies prevention and control of injuries has received a \$4.5 million grant from a national agency.

Researchers at the UI Injury Prevention Research Center received the grant this month from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, a division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to continue their studies

of a wide variety of topics, including college athletics injury recovery and children's decision making when crossing intersections on bicycles.

The center's 39 researchers come from 16 university departments and also work as injury prevention and control advocates and policy makers.

Currently, the researchers are studying the effect of court-ordered educational programs for repeat domestic abusers. They are also evaluating whether a video monitoring system installed in the vehicles of newly licensed drivers can help reduce driver errors.

— by Kelsey Beltramea

POLICE BLOTTER

Jon Jorgensen, 52, 331 N. Gilbert St., was charged Tuesday with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Jennifer Lekwa, 24, Columbus Junction, Iowa, was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft.

Craig Millsbaugh, 19, 417 S. Gilbert

St., Apt. 2314, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Dale Novak, 45, 331 N. Gilbert St., was charged Tuesday with possession

of an open alcohol container in public. **Shelby Walker**, 21, 819 E. Fairchild St., was charged Wednesday with disorderly conduct.

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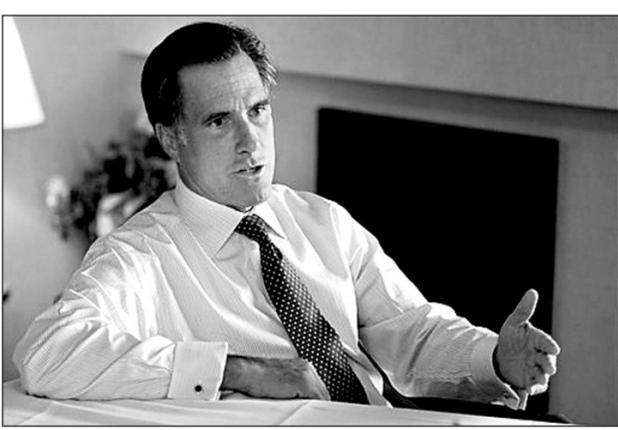
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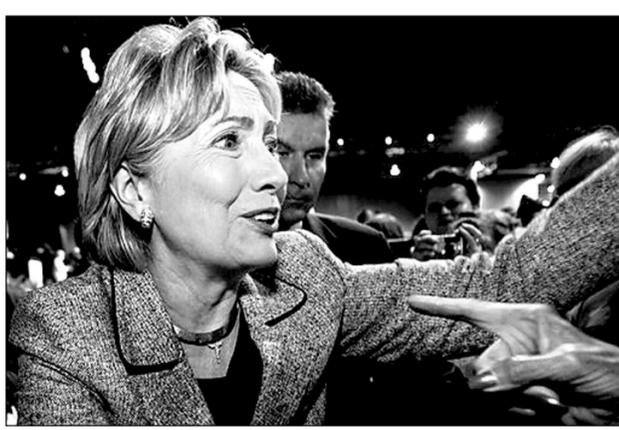
WHILE YOU'VE BEEN AWAY

Political scuffles continue over summer

Other states close in on Iowa's first-in-the-nation status as the election season heats up.



Cathleen Allison/Associated Press
Republican presidential-nomination hopeful Mitt Romney on Wednesday in Reno, Nev., talks about giving states more control over water, mining, and public lands.



Charlie Riedel/Associated Press
Democratic presidential-nomination hopeful Sen. Hillary Clinton greets members of the audience after speaking at the Veterans of Foreign Wars national convention on Monday in Kansas City, Mo.



Bebeto Matthews/Associated Press
Democratic hopeful. Sen Barack Obama, D-Ill, reacts to cheers from supporters after speaking to grass-roots activists and Camp Obama graduates in New York on Wednesday.

By Dean Tretz
THE DAILY IOWAN

Since most UI students left in May, the Republican presidential race has become clearer, the Democratic field has become muddier, and Iowa is fending off other states to remain the first nominating state in the nation. Among the Republican presidential candidates, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney's Iowa focus has paid off, increasing his advantage in state polls over former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani from one point in May to 19 points last week, according to Zogby surveys.

Partially as a result of this past spring's immigration-reform bill, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., lost most of his Iowa support along with his front-runner status. Replacing him is former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson, who has yet to formally declare his candidacy. Thompson is likely to declare his intentions in early September, possibly over the Labor Day weekend. Conversely, the Democratic field has become more of a tossup. The clear front-runner at the beginning of 2007, former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, slowly lost ground to Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and, to a lesser extent, to Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. Recently, polls have conflicted, both putting the three in a dead

heat and giving Rodham Clinton a healthy lead. Challenges to Iowa's first-in-the-nation status defined much of the state's summer, yet most eyes are still trained on the Hawkeye State. Several states have openly attacked Iowa's position on the political map. On Aug. 10, South Carolina moved its primaries to Jan. 19, 2008. By law, New Hampshire's primaries, scheduled for Jan. 22, must be held at least one week before any other primary. Iowa's law mandates its caucuses precede any other nominating contest by at least eight days, prompting speculation that the caucuses may land in December. Iowa Gov. Chet Culver

responded by promising to hold the caucuses in January, though that may be tested when Michigan Democrats and Republicans choose the state's new primary date. Most reports put the likely date on Jan. 15. Even the campaigns themselves implicitly challenged Iowa's status on several occasions. The first candidate forced to restate her commitment to campaigning in Iowa was Rodham Clinton following a leaked internal memo advising her to skip Iowa and focus on subsequent primaries and caucuses. She immediately vowed to ignore the memo and toured

Iowa several times, including a swing through Iowa City with her husband, former President Bill Clinton. McCain and Giuliani also angered some Iowa voters when they announced in early June that they would not attend the Republican Party of Iowa's Ames straw poll in August, a longtime pre-caucus tradition. Neither candidate focused much on Iowa up to that point. Giuliani, who was losing ground in Iowa despite strongly leading national polls, said he didn't have the organization to do well in the straw poll. McCain followed suit, saying with Giuliani's exit, the straw poll would no longer be

a legitimate test of strength. The Arizona senator has had a tenuous relationship with state Republicans ever since he skipped the 2000 Iowa caucuses. With high expectations, Romney focused on the straw poll. His formidable campaign organization was on display in Ames, and he won handily. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee finished a strong second, spending considerably less than Romney. With a disappointing fifth-place finish, former Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson dropped out of the race. E-mail D/reporter Dean Tretz at: dean-tretz@uiowa.edu

STATE

State looks for donors for \$1 million fountain

DES MOINES (AP) — The state is looking for private donors to help pay for a \$1 million fountain to be built on the grounds of the Capitol. Members of the Capitol Planning Commission are reviewing designs for the fountain. The fountain is included in the Iowa Department of Administrative Services' five-year plan, to be considered by the Legislature next year. It includes \$1 million for the fountain in 2010. But state officials hope private donors will step up to pay for the project so the cost won't fall on the shoulders of taxpayers. The fountain would be intended to be focal point of the West Capitol Terrace, a park that is under development between the west side of the Capitol and downtown Des Moines. Some residents told the commission on Tuesday that they want the fountain to serve as monument to peace. "The fountain and the water is a symbol that would have great meaning for

Appeals court overturns DUI conviction over phone call question

DES MOINES (AP) — The Iowa Court of Appeals on Wednesday overturned the drunken driving conviction of a man because police failed to let him make a phone call after he was arrested. The court said that the failure to let Thomas J. Tracy make a phone call means the chemical breath test he submitted to should be suppressed. Tracy was pulled over in Waukee on March 6, 2006, after a police officer noticed him swerving and driving 62 mph in a 45 mph zone, court records show. The officer also noticed that Tracy smelled of alcohol, had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. Tracy was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which court records show he failed. Tracy made two requests to call a family member to get his van, which was owned by his employer, records show.



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The women typically targeted are in their 20s, wearing skirts or dresses and talking on their cell phones.

Officers are still investigating the attacks and working special patrols to prevent further attacks. Police are encouraging people to walk with others in well-lit areas, pay attention to surroundings, and call police regarding suspicious activity.

This year's September to July sexual-assault statistics are three times higher than the past two years' numbers.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Hogan to leave for top spot at UConn

UI Provost Michael Hogan announced on Aug. 1 he would leave the UI to take the role of president at the University of Connecticut.

"It was odd timing," Hogan said. "When [new UI President Sally Mason] found out, she was at her first meeting with the regents. Unfortunately, I couldn't help when I would be appointed to the presidency."

Mason now must appoint an interim provost to fill UI's empty No. 2 position. Hogan is set to leave for the University of Connecticut on Sept. 14.

Mason has asked top UI officials to help compile a list of people qualified for the interim position, and Hogan said to expect an interim provost by Sept. 1 and a permanent provost by this spring.

Hogan said he is excited to lead the consistently highly ranked Eastern university, but he said leaving the UI will be hard. He noted he received his undergraduate education at the UI, and he will be leaving several generations of family behind in the Hawkeye State, proving he will still stay attached to the state and the school.

"Every year I wasn't at Iowa in the past, I kept track of how the university was doing, and I'm sure that will not change when I leave," he said.

— by Clara Hogan

UI settles stuttering case out of court

After four years of litigation, a lawsuit stemming from a 1939 UI experiment that caused orphans to stutter came to a close last week.

The UI agreed to pay \$925,000 to six of the orphans who participated in the university experiment, commonly referred to as the "monster experiment." The lawsuit, filed in 2003, claims psychological pressure was purposefully inflicted upon them during the research — led by the late UI Professor Wendall Johnson — in order to induce stuttering.

In the settlement, the university denied liability, as it did throughout the litigation, during which the school maintained that the Tort Claims Act prevented the filings of any lawsuits prior to 1963.

The plaintiffs argued they had not known they had participated in the study until 2001, when an article concerning the research was published in the *San Jose Mercury News*, a Californian newspaper. The reporter

who wrote the story later resigned because he neglected to say he was a reporter when he obtained the UI research on the experiment.

As part of the agreement, which originally sought \$13.5 million from the university, the plaintiffs — Hazel Potter Dornbush, Kathryn Meacham, the Betty Romp estate, and the Clarence Fifer estate — will pay their own court costs and will not pursue any further legal actions against the university.

— by Samantha Miller

21-ordinance to appear on November ballot

On June 19, the Iowa City City Council voted to put the fate of the controversial 21-ordinance on the Nov. 6 ballot, but the summer months saw no debate on the matter.

If passed, the ordinance would ban those under the age of 21 from bars after 10 p.m. To pass, the ordinance must garner a simple majority of voters.

Some city officials are waiting for what they see as an imminent storm of campaigning.

"I expect a rush [of campaigning] in September and October," City Councilor Connie Champion said.

The discussion on the 21-ordinance began when the Committee for Healthy Choices presented the City Council with a petition supporting stricter age policies for local bars. The petition, submitted to the council in May, had 3,576 certified voters' signatures.

"It all started with the petition," Champion said, adding that the committee "has been quiet since then."

Champion said she thought implementing the ban could be difficult because although bars are responsible for checking IDs at the door, they can't be held responsible for fakes or missing IDs after the person enters.

Mayor Pro-Tem Regenia Bailey, who has been skeptical about the ordinance in the past, noted that "many people signed so there would be an election. I've heard that from a lot of people."

Bailey and Champion both believe the public vote is the right choice in the matter.

"It's good," Champion said. "Let the public decide."

— by Ben Travers

Regents to discuss arming UI police

The UI remains the only school in the Big Ten with unarmed police after the state Board of Regents postponed discussion of the matter to its meeting in September.

Officers on the forces at the three Iowa regent universities — the UI, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa — do not carry firearms; the decision to provide the police forces with such weapons lies with the regents. Officials from each university submitted reports on campus security to the board earlier this summer at the request of Gov. Chet Culver.

Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, said in July he supports arming the UI officers.

"[UI police officers] meet the same qualifications as any law-enforcement officer in the state," he said.

Currently, officers have access to firearms stored at the UI police headquarters, but they are only permitted to retrieve them in case of an emergency.

The UI police underwent a four-day audit of its program by university law-enforcement heads from the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Officers. The group is in favor of arming the UI officers.

The regents are expected to make a decision on the campus-safety issue this fall.

— by Brian Stewart

4 'suspicious' fires break out, causes still unknown

No cause has yet been determined for the four fires that broke out within a few blocks of each other in an eight-minute period during the morning of Aug. 4, although authorities have labeled the blazes as suspicious.

Iowa City Fire Marshal John Grier said investigations into the fires are underway as the Fire Department continues to rule out possible causes for the fires.

The fires, which struck 322 S. Johnson St., 424 S. Johnson St., 526 S. Johnson St., and 618 Bowery St., were reported between 4:51 a.m. and 4:59 a.m.

Both 322 S. Johnson and 618 Bowery were heavily damaged, with an estimated \$90,000 in total losses at the Johnson Street residence and an estimated \$68,000 at the Bowery Street residence.

Additionally, three people were rescued from the fires and two firefighters were injured while fighting the blaze. One firefighter was treated for heat exhaustion at the scene and released, while the other was taken to the hospital for minor injuries.

Because of the short time span, fire fighting units from Tiffin, Coralville, West Branch, North Liberty, Hills, Solon, Lone Tree, and Iowa City were called in to combat the flames.

— by Nicholas Kelly

UI jumps a spot in magazine's ranking

The UI ranked 24th out of the best public national universities, up one from previous years, according to the newest ranking from *U.S. News & World Report*.

The school was also ranked 64th for best national university.

The 24th place for the magazine's "The Top 50 Public National Universities," ties the UI with Purdue University — the former home of new UI President Sally Mason — and the University of Connecticut, which UI Provost Michael Hogan is set to head beginning in September.

"I'm very, very pleased with the university to move from 25," Hogan said. "It stops what would have been a substantial [downslide] in the national reputation."

The UI's rankings has precipitously dropped over the past few years, he said, noting that the UI has worked hard to earn better rankings.

— by Ashton Shurson

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the difference," said UI Professor Jon Kuhl, who is researching the per-mile tax.

Concerns over funding stem, in part, from statements by national transportation officials that federal transportation funding could be up to \$4.3 billion less than had been predicted. The state DOT is projecting it will receive \$386.6 million from the Federal Highway Trust Fund for 2009. This would account for 26 percent of Iowa's highway funding program, which is less than officials said they had expected to receive.

Although decreasing funding isn't a shock, it is a concern, said Iowa DOT Director Nancy Richardson.

"The impact of the projected shortfall would be dramatic for Iowa," she said. "It could mean a 38 percent cut in the national federal-aid program. Iowa could simply not meet its transportation demands in the face of such a cut."

The news of the decreasing Highway Trust Fund comes at a time when many states, including Iowa, are starting to take a closer look at their roads and bridges following the collapse of the I-35W bridge in Minneapolis.

Members of the Senate State Transportation Committee have proposed a program to deal with the future highway deficits.

DOT officials have proposed that Legislature create a \$27.7 billion fund to repair the state's weakened transportation system and

make up for the current levels of state revenue.

Currently, increasing the gas tax is the front-runner among proposed initiatives to make up for lost revenue. DOT officials expect to generate \$22 million for every penny increase in the gas tax, which was last raised in 1989 and now stands at 21 cents a gallon, placing it 24th in the nation.

Gov. Chet Culver opposes such increases. Spokesman Brad Anderson said, "With

gas prices on the rise, Culver doesn't believe that raising gas taxes will help the falling revenue."

Another proposed solution is increasing vehicle registration charges. Right now, all trucks pay a flat fee of \$65, which is kept low for farmers and small businesses. If trucks were registered like all other vehicles, Iowa could net an extra \$57 million annually, officials say.

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Officials: Bridge safe

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Street bridge, which is maintained by the Iowa Department of Transportation, were not available at press time.

Iowa City's other river-spanning bridges fared better.

The Benton Street bridge received a sufficiency rating of 89, and officials estimated it

had 35 years left before a major overhaul would be necessary. The Park Road bridge was rated a 78, with an estimated 10 years before it needed major repairs. The Iowa Avenue bridge was rated a 70, with an estimated remaining life of 20 years.

Knoche emphasized that the bridge inspection report is not complete, because the parts of the bridge that are submerged beneath the Iowa River have

yet to be inspected. *DI* reporter **Amanda McClure** contributed to this report. E-mail *DI* reporter **George Sweeney** at: george-sweeney@uiowa.edu

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Northern Iowa girds for more flooding

'We're crossing our fingers. There's water everywhere.'
— Steve Samuels, Humboldt mayor

BY MIKE WILSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Officials in already saturated areas of northern Iowa braced for more rain Wednesday as they scrambled to repair levees and warned residents to be prepared to head to higher ground.

Rain continued to fall Wednesday afternoon on Fort Dodge, as officials monitored levees that were shored up earlier in the day.

Penny Clayton, a spokeswoman for the city, said officials have advised residents in housing additions north of Fort Dodge that they may have to leave if the Des Moines River begins rising again.

The river, which had been at 14 feet — 4 feet above flood stage — earlier in the day, had begun a slow fall by midafternoon to 13.2 feet, Clayton said.

"However, with additional rain, we don't know what effect that will have on the river level," she said.

A levee near the city's old hydroelectric dam had begun to give way earlier in the day, but it was shored up with rocks and sandbags, Clayton said.

"It's been sandbagged for additional heights in case the river rises more," she said.

Officials were continuing to monitor the river and surrounding areas as they eye the forecast for the next few days.

"We're being told by the

National Weather Service to expect a couple of inches of rain each of the next few evenings," Clayton said.

In Humboldt, more than 30 residents of Humboldt Care Center South were evacuated to another care center, a church, and a hospital after water poured into the building's basement, threatening the structure's electrical system.

Susie Hilton, the care center's assistant administrator, said no one was hurt.

The town's mayor, Steve Samuels, said basements in the city were flooded as water seeped through walls and windows.

"The ground is just saturated," Samuels said.

He said he has received 14 inches in his rain gauge since Aug. 17, including 5 1/2 inches overnight Tuesday.

"We're crossing our fingers," he said. "There's water everywhere."

The counties included in Culver's disaster declaration were Boone, Humboldt, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, and Webster.

The declaration triggers the state's individual disaster-assistance program for low-income residents. Residents with household incomes up to 133 percent of federal poverty guidelines can apply for grants of up to \$3,300 to help recover from flood damage.

A flash-flood watch remained



Mark Johnson of Lehigh, Iowa, and brother Mike paddle for shore as the family dog, Lexie, swims alongside of the canoe Wednesday in Lehigh. The men are paddling across River Street, completely underwater from the flooded Des Moines River. Johnson's home is surrounded by water on all sides and can only be reached by canoe.

in effect for much of the northern half of Iowa until Thursday.

another 6 inches of rain by late Tuesday night, said Gary Forster, a forecaster with the

National Weather Service. Similar scenes have occurred across the region since last

weekend, when heavy rains first began falling, dropping up to a foot of rain in some areas.

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New Iowa energy czar eager to jump in

By HENRY C. JACKSON
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Roya Stanley

Age: 53
Position: Newly appointed director of the Iowa Office of Energy Independence.
Education: Undergraduate degree from University of Illinois, M.B.A. from Colorado State University.
Experience: Worked for 18 years in Iowa Department of Natural Resources, including time as Energy Bureau chief. Focused on energy policy, including wind energy and switchgrass initiatives. In 2000, left Iowa for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo., where she served as the primary conduit between the lab and state and local officials.

managing such a significant outlay of state money, Stanley knows she's been put in charge of one of Culver's pet issues. There is an obvious pressure to deliver, she said in an interview with the Associated Press. "There are many challenges and many opportunities," she said by telephone from Colorado. "And perhaps in order to have the opportunities, you have to recognize the challenges. There's a great deal to do with this job very quickly."

Stanley will arrive in her new post with a deep background in both Iowa and renewable energy. She spent 18 years in Iowa working for the Department of Natural Resources, primarily developing energy policy. Her time in Iowa included a stint as the department's energy-bureau chief and work on a handful of renewable-energy efforts, including projects exploring the uses of wind power and switchgrass.

Stanley left Iowa in 2000 for a position with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo., where she was the primary conduit between the lab and state and local officials.

She said Culver's enthusiasm and financial commitment drew her back to Iowa.

"The fact that this is a real key part of the governor's vision for Iowa makes it more exciting for me," she said. "At a number of points in my career, I've been the key person or been involved with start-ups as well as organizations in transition, and it's in those kinds of situations that you have real opportunities."

Those opportunities, of course, come with a certain risk. The state's financial commitment to the Iowa Power Fund in particular — approximately \$25 million a year for the next four years — ensures that both Stanley and Culver will be under the microscope.

Some are already taking shots. Earlier this year, House Minority Leader Chris Rants, R-Sioux City, dismissed the Power Fund as "a slush fund for the governor's office."

Stanley said she is ready for scrutiny.

"Let me put it this way ... I recognize the magnitude of the opportunity and therefore, the magnitude of the work. I certainly recognize that," she said.

Radiologist probes Davenport mummies

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DAVENPORT — Officials hope modern technology will help unwrap the history of two mummies at the Putnam Museum.

The mummies were carefully removed from their cases on Tuesday and taken to a local hospital where they underwent CT — computed tomography — scans. Museum officials hope the scans will reveal more about the mummies.

Radiologist Andrew Berkow said he likely won't be able to determine the exact ages when the mummies died but that their remains could hold other information.

He hopes to determine whether they were adults or children when they died and if their deaths were caused by traumatic injury. He also may be able to determine if they suffered from any diseases or malnutrition.

Berkow said he will study the images from the scans, and he expects to present his findings with museum officials by the end of this week.

"I think it's fascinating," he said. "It really offers the people



Kevin E. Schmidt, Quad-City Times/Associated Press
Putnam Museum volunteer John Bourg, left, Chuck Gipson, education manager from MEDIC EMS, Christina Kastell, the Putnam's curator of history and anthropology, Eunice Schlichting, the chief curator of the Putnam Museum, and Jerry Williams, the community-relations manager for MEDIC EMS, secure the approximately 3,000-year-old remains of Isis Neferit to a gurney for its ride to the Genesis Medical Center West Central Park campus Tuesday in Davenport.

who need to study these a lot of new insights they never had before." One mummy, which remains wrapped, was estimated to be 2,000 years old, and its pelvic bone structure shows it is male, Berkow said.



Stanley
Office of Energy Independence director

DES MOINES — Gov. Chet Culver has never shied away from staking his reputation on Iowa's success with renewable energy.

His first press conference as a candidate for governor started with a promise to pour millions of dollars into the renewable-energy industry and a pledge to create a Cabinet-level adviser on renewable energy. Iowa, he proclaimed, could "fuel the world."

Culver's commitment, both verbally and financially, has only increased since then, and it now has a public face. Culver's office announced earlier this month that Roya Stanley will serve in the newly created position of director of the Office of Energy Independence.

She assumes a broad portfolio that includes administering the Iowa Power Fund, a \$100 million state initiative that's designed to spur investment in renewable-energy projects. The Power Fund will invest state money in commercial projects involved with renewable energy, a move Culver argues will harness Iowa's natural resources to create new jobs. Critics have said the fund's parameters are opaque and that the effort will spend state money to create more bureaucracy.

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In the dog-day underworld

BY PAUL DUGGAN
WASHINGTON POST

It's a disturbing narrative, the 19-page indictment of football star Michael Vick and three of his friends. Perhaps the details shocked people unfamiliar with the secretive world of illegal dogfighting: the breeding and training of pit bulls for savage, high-stakes combat and the brutal executions of dogs that fail to measure up.

Dogs shot, hanged, drowned, beaten, electrocuted. An awful story.

Yet to animal-welfare workers, the ugly particulars were far from surprising. They said the dogfighting subculture is deeply entrenched in the United States. And in that shadowy realm, they said, the sort of business conducted on property owned by Vick in rural Surry County, Va., has been going on for generations, especially in the rural South.

"For us, the Vick case has had tremendous value," said Jeff Dorson, a Louisiana Humane Society official. "We've been trying to tell the public how typical this is, how widespread it is, the horrors the animals go through. ... It's opened the curtain so everyone can see what's going on."

Vick, the quarterback of the Atlanta Falcons and a former Virginia Tech All-American, is scheduled to plead guilty next week to dogfighting-related offenses, with federal guidelines calling for a prison term in the range of 12 to 18 months, according to his attorneys and sources familiar with the case. His co-defendants have pleaded guilty.

The blood sport goes on. "Dog men," they call themselves, the untold numbers of breeders and fighters. With their pastime illegal everywhere in the country, they stay in touch through secret networks and underground magazines. They say they love to compete. They tell themselves the pit bulls love it, too.

"The reason for the Michael Vick thing ... is because athletes have a keen insight into courage and determination, which is what pit bulls possess," said Bill Stewart, a breeder in Romance, Ark., who publishes the *Pit Bull Reporter*. "Athletes understand better than anyone what dogfighting is about. It's about two highly conditioned athletes going at each other with everything they have to try



Chris Schindler, a Humane Society officer in Washington, D.C., says the group has found dogs left to die in fields, buildings, and trash bins. "We had an incident where somebody threw a trash bag out of a car, and it was one dog that was alive and one that was dead — all fought up, really bad injuries. Just threw them out the window."

Carol Guzy/Washington Post

to win. It's the purest form of combat on Earth."

To dog men, all dogs are curs except the American pit bull terrier, descended from canines used in English blood sports centuries ago.

Animal-protection workers and others who have infiltrated the underworld of pit bull fighting say dog men train their animals for weeks before bouts, perverting the dietary and fitness sciences to build ferocious canine maulers.

They perform unlicensed veterinary surgery on the grievously wounded and stud their battle-scarred champs, often for fees in the hundreds of dollars. A pit bull in its prime with a string of victories can fetch \$10,000 or more. To save on upkeep and preserve the breed, weaklings are destroyed, either painlessly or with a vengeance.

The illegal bouts, in carpeted, 16-by-16-foot pits surrounded by four-foot walls, are staged in hidden venues, usually with no more than a few dozen spectators allowed. Elaborate, decades-old rules are followed. Bets are posted in cash, sometimes five figures. Afterward, dog men tend to their pit bulls'

injuries, provided the animals fought gamely. They won't tolerate dogs that quit.

Young pit bulls that survive training become "match dogs," weighing 35 to 55 pounds and fighting in weight classes. With a pile of cash riding on the outcome, a regulation match is officiated by a referee. A typical bout lasts 45 minutes to an hour, usually ending when one of the bloodied combatants is too torn and gouged to go on.

Dog men have too much invested in their animals to let them fight to the death, so fatalities in the pit are rare. But grave, disfiguring wounds are the norm.

"At the top level, there are probably several thousand guys," said John Goodwin, the national Humane Society's manager of animal-fighting issues. "When you include the guys who are part of organized dogfighting but don't have quite as sophisticated an operation as we saw in Surry County, we're talking about upwards of 40,000."

The July 17 indictment accused Vick and the others of running Bad Newz Kennels, a boot camp for fighting dogs on

15 acres near Vick's home town of Newport News, Va. Starting in 2001, officials said, the men entered pit bulls in more than two dozen fights in several states, with bets of up to \$13,000 per side. Officials said they seized 66 dogs, pit bull carcasses, and training gear at the compound.

Authorities say the pit bull fighting subculture encompasses not only "dog men" with their training kennels and scheduled matches; it also includes less organized dogfighting that frequently takes place in poor urban neighborhoods.

NATION

Pit bulls seized in Vick probe face deadline

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — More than 50 pit bulls seized from Michael Vick's property face a deadline today to be claimed. If no one comes forward, they could be euthanized.

Federal prosecutors filed court documents last month to condemn 53 pit bulls seized in April as part of the investigation into dog-

fighting on the Vick's property. No one has claimed any of the dogs, which are being held at several unspecified shelters in eastern Virginia, the U.S. Attorney's Office said Wednesday.

The civil complaint filed by federal prosecutors does not name the Atlanta Falcon quarterback and is separate from the criminal case against him. But it does state the pit bulls were part of the dogfighting operation known as Bad Newz Kennels, which Vick and three cohorts are accused of operating.

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Editorial

Welcome to the same page, Mr. President

We the people of the United States, or at least those of us on this Editorial Board, wish to thank you, President Bush, for setting the record straight on the Iraq war.
In your speech to the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention on Wednesday, you pointed out American sacrifices in defeating Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan and how such sacrifices aided in bringing democracy to those countries. Your speech was unlike past criticisms of our military operations in Iraq in that it used Vietnam in the proper context. You scolded the doves and the naysayers and pointed out that they didn't know the real meaning of the term bloodbath but that they would if we pulled out of Iraq, because, after all, it's relatively peaceful in Baghdad today.
"One unmistakable legacy of Vietnam is that the price of America's withdrawal was paid by millions of innocent citizens," you said. It's this clarity of vision that the Democratic right lacks; the understanding that invading Iraq and being in Iraq aren't nearly as damaging as withdrawal; Iraq needs our presence right now in order to be a stable nation. You made the point that if we were still in Vietnam fighting for democracy today, life for the average Vietnamese would be much better than it is.

You reminded us of the words of our enemy Osama bin Laden, "The American people had risen against their government's war in Vietnam. And they must do the same today." Obviously, if our enemies say something is bad for us, it must be the opposite. This is exactly the type of reverse psychology our foes try to trick us with, but luckily we have a president such as you with the wisdom to see through their ruse.
"In a world where the terrorists are willing to act on their twisted beliefs with sickening acts of barbarism, we must put faith in the timeless truths about human nature that have made us free." Timeless is right, Mr. President! We must not adhere to the wicked constraints of the clock or the calendar, because if we did so, the terrorists would win. As a nation and as a military, we have to stay committed, much more so than we were with Vietnam. The real enemy for our troops isn't the insurgents, but the members of Congress who would pull out the rug from underneath them and bring them home.
"Today, the violent Islamic extremists who fight us in Iraq are as certain of their cause as the Nazis, or the Imperial Japanese, or the Soviet communists were of theirs." Thanks to you, Mr. President, we will not ignore the obvious; the similarities between Charlie and Al Qaeda are obvious, and eventual American victory in Iraq is just as certain.

Elvira Arellano entered America illegally in 1997. She gave birth to a son, Saul, and acquired a job cleaning airplanes at O'Hare Airport. Convicted of a felony for using a fake Social Security number in 2002, she was deported, only to re-enter the revolving door known as the U.S./Mexico border shortly thereafter. Last August, she was contacted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials, who informed Arellano that her time was up (again) and she was to be deported (again). She took sanctuary in the Adalberto United Methodist Church in Chicago, eluding officials until last weekend, when she left to visit churches around the country and raise awareness of how deportations can separate families. She became an example of her own cause when she was arrested in Los Angeles on Sunday and taken back to Mexico.
It's immensely troubling, for reasons other than protecting American jobs or simply upholding the law, that someone can casually stroll into our country and land a job working on the tarmac at America's second-busiest airport. Preventing terrorism is only one reason — as evinced by the ballad of Elvira Arellano — our border security needs to be made less Spongebob Squarepants and more The Thing. It's amazing that Al Qaeda hasn't yet taken advantage of the gigantic game of red rover going on between San Diego and Tijuana, though simply by my mentioning it to the three people who read this column I'm sure some sniveling conservative somewhere will accuse me of giving away national-security secrets and contributing ideas to our enemies.
I'm not a fan of building a great big ugly wall on our border. I don't like the message it sends to our neighbors, and I don't think it represents the fact that our nation has been built from scratch, using only the finest ingredients: immigrants from all over the globe willing to do just what Arellano wanted to do by working to support their families and build better futures for them. These dreams were held by the Polish immigrants of Chicago and the Cuban immigrants who sustain Miami, just as they are by Arellano, but she went about making her dream happen in a completely different way. It's hard for my feeble little brain to figure out how someone can want to be in this country so badly, admire it so much, and still call it home, while ignoring its laws. It's even harder for me to muster an ounce of sympathy for someone jumping up and down screaming for legislation to protect illegal immigrants' "rights." Why bother with new laws when we ignore the old ones?
While I agree with Arellano that it's sad her son must be separated from her, I question whether it's necessary. Why not take her son back to Mexico if the separation is truly so damaging to their relationship? Was this not something she considered before deciding to raise the child in America? Does she deserve special treatment that other illegal immigrants — who have worked just as hard as she — do not receive simply because she has a son?
One of Arellano's supporters, Alexia Salvatierra, hopes this situation will help bolster support for the larger issue. "Immigration-rights activists are going to be unified and galvanized by this. There is a Rosa Parks quality to this." I'm sorry? Rosa Parks? While it's true Rosa Parks was denied equal treatment under the law, her case differed in that she was, in fact, a citizen of this country and protected by the Constitution as such. Her struggle and the struggle for civil rights were vastly different from that of someone who crusades for changes in laws in a country in which they cannot pay for lawmakers' salaries through taxes or take part in the political system, let alone be a recognized member of society. The illegal immigrants in this country have their sweat and sacrifice belittled and their cause set back by those such as Elvira Arellano, who make a spectacle of turning their back on something they claim to want and respect so dearly. The immigration issue needs significant revision and demands our immediate attention, just as those in this country who toil for such a small reward deserve understanding. Elvira Arellano, however, deserves exactly what she got: a ticket home.



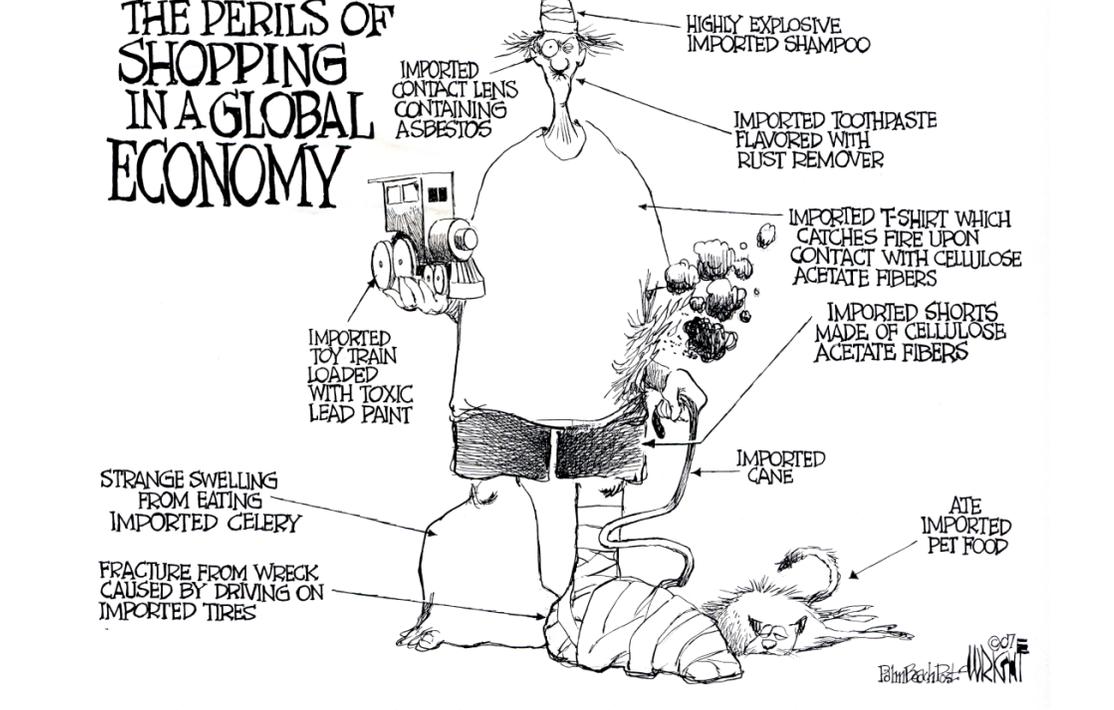
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Letter

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False democracy

During the 1980s, when I was a UI student in the Army National Guard, we were told the Soviet Union was our enemy because people there lacked democracy and freedom. Now, due in large part to strong U.S. support during the 1980s for such dictators as Saddam Hussein, the Soviet Union broke apart. Many former Soviet republics, including Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, are ruthless dictatorships — but they receive U.S. funding.
Obviously, the goal of the U.S. government is not to combat dictatorship or terrorism. The goal is to destroy socialism — even if socialist democracies were free and democratically elected, as was the case in Chile. Corporate fascism cannot compete with free enterprise, or socialism, or any combination of the two. The only way our current fascist system can survive is through the perpetual use of war, torture, terrorism, and deceptive propaganda. Corporations steal wealth by taking over governments and using their military forces to conquer other countries, so that the locals can be forced to work in sweatshops. In Iraq, our military was used to seize their oil fields. Now with Halliburton, et al., in charge, billions of barrels of Iraqi oil go "missing."
Tyrannies such as Saudi Arabia are aided, while countries such as Venezuela



are condemned, not because Hugo Chavez is somewhat dictatorial but because he has nationalized the oil industry and is using profits to build medical clinics and schools. This could eventually undercut the ability of corporations to gouge consumers on gas prices.
In the U.S. Army I did not really "serve" my country or freedom and democracy, as was my intention. I was just used as a bouncer for big corporations and our corrupt, fascist-leaning government.

Jay Miller
UI alum

Commentary

DEATH PENALTY DECISIONS MUST STAY OUT OF WRONG HANDS

Asking Attorney General Alberto Gonzales to be the arbiter of the quality of legal representation for death-row inmates is a little like asking the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys to pick the starting lineup for the Washington Redskins, just before the two teams are set to play. It's a bad idea, even if the Dallas coach were the most honorable person in the land. Yet that's the situation created by a little-noticed change in death-penalty law, with obviously higher stakes and with an attorney general who has been less than trustworthy.
Under a provision of the USA Patriot Improvement and Reauthorization Act, states may ask the attorney general to approve their programs for providing lawyers to death-row inmates who appeal their convictions in federal courts. As the *Los Angeles Times* first reported last week, states whose programs are certified by the attorney general will then have the right to fast-track those appeals. After exhausting their appeals, inmates would have six months to file federal habeas-corpus petitions; they now have one year, although that deadline is often ignored or extended.
Judges would also be under greater time pressure because of extraordinary deadline provisions in the law. Appeals courts, for example, would have at most four months to rule on the merits of challenges. The attorney general's decisions would be subject to review by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, but neither the law nor the rules crafted by the Justice Department to implement the law specify how much leeway that court will have.

The idea of allowing states a more efficient way to process federal habeas petitions in exchange for providing qualified counsel for death-row inmates is not new. The same principle was incorporated into a 1996 federal law. But that law, unlike the present one, called for the federal courts — not the country's top prosecutor — to decide whether state programs were up to snuff.
The law and the new Justice Department rules governing its use lack specificity on what constitutes litigative counsel, especially in the labyrinthine world of capital-punishment litigation. The rules also suggest that a state's certification cannot be revoked even if the state changes the program or fails to follow its own dictates. The Justice Department should address these flaws and provide clearer guidance through the ongoing rule-making process.
What is not fixable through administrative tinkering is the absurd provision that the attorney general certify the state programs. Congress should rewrite the law to restore the courts as the first and final arbiters. No attorney general should be making these decisions — especially not Gonzales, who as legal counsel to then-Gov. George W. Bush of Texas gave notoriously short shrift to death-row inmates seeking clemency from the governor.
We oppose capital punishment, but if the criminal-justice system is to impose the ultimate penalty, it must do so with exacting standards and fairness. This law lacks both.

This editorial appeared in Wednesday's *Washington Post*.

On the Spot

On a scale from one to 10, how excited are you about this semester?



"Seven or eight, just because I'm a transfer and I can afford it better here."

Curt Steckel
UI sophomore



"Eight. It's something new, lots of changes."

Justin Lemke
UI freshman



"Nine, because I'm almost done."

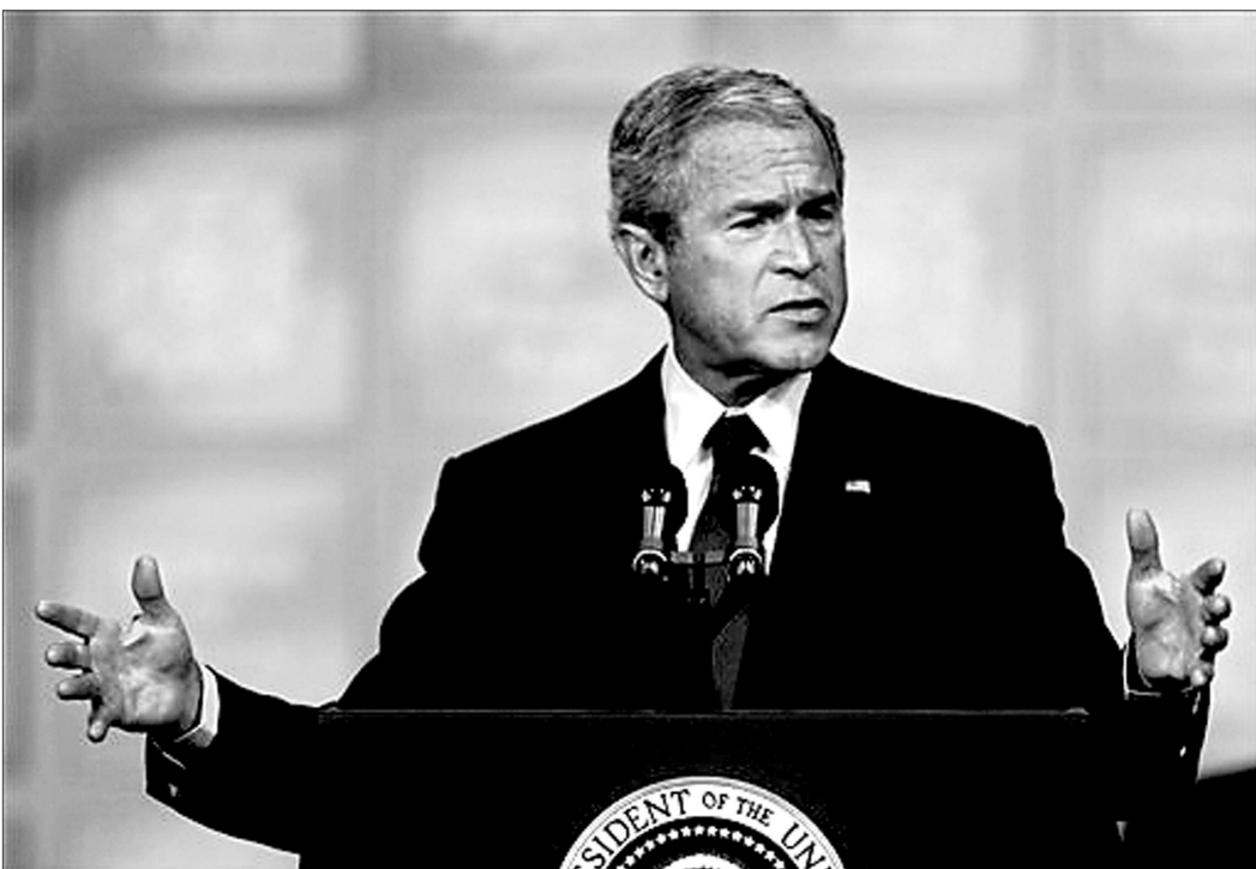
April Gonzalez
UI graduate student



"Nine. I'm done with gen-eds. I get to start with stuff I'm interested in."

Jessica Nelson
UI sophomore

Bush reaffirms support for al-Maliki



Charlie Riedel/Associated Press

President Bush addresses the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Wednesday in Kansas City, Mo.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — President Bush devoted just one sentence of a lengthy speech Wednesday to emphasizing his support for Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki. Yet the president's folksy endorsement sucked the wind out of his latest justification for the war in Iraq.

Having appeared to distance himself from al-Maliki the day before and under pressure to reaffirm his backing for the Iraqi leader, Bush uttered a few words that stole the spotlight: "Prime Minister Maliki is a good guy, good man with a difficult job, and I support him."

Bush's validation of al-Maliki, inserted at the last minute into his speech to the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention, detracted from Bush's attempt to buttress support for the war by likening today's fight against extremism to past conflicts in Japan, Korea, and Vietnam.

The president's speech — and another one like it scheduled for Aug. 28 at the American Legion convention in Reno, Nev. — are intended to set the stage for a crucial report next month on the progress of the fighting and steps toward political reconcil-

iation in Iraq. Democrats in Congress and some Republicans are pressing to start the withdrawal of U.S. forces.

Arguing that the buildup of U.S. forces was showing results, Bush said, "Our troops are seeing this progress that is being made on the ground. And as they take the initiative from the enemy, they have a question: 'Will their elected leaders in Washington pull the rug out from under them just as they're gaining momentum and changing the dynamic on the ground in Iraq?'"

Comparing Iraq with earlier wars, Bush said, "The question now before us comes down to this: 'Will today's generation of Americans resist the deceptive allure of retreat and do in the Middle East what veterans in this room did in Asia?'"

Bush had appeared on Tuesday to be distancing himself from the Iraqi leader when he said at a North American summit in Canada: "Clearly, the Iraqi government's got to do more." The White House denied Bush was backing away from al-Maliki, but it was lukewarm endorsement compared with Bush calling al-Maliki "the right guy for Iraq" last November in Jordan.

some things that are obvious that, gee, maybe you should have done that, but I think at the time we were doing the best we could, and we're going to learn from this and try to make it a more secure campus," he said.

Black Hawk helicopter crash kills 14 U.S. soldiers

BAGHDAD (AP) — Fourteen U.S. soldiers were killed Wednesday when a Black Hawk helicopter crashed during a nighttime mission in northern Iraq, but the military said it appeared the aircraft was lost because of mechanical problems and not from hostile fire.

It was the Pentagon's worst single-day death toll in Iraq since January and indicated how forces are relying heavily on air power in offensives across northern regions after rooting out many militant strongholds in Baghdad and central regions.

But extremists are striking back. A suicide truck bombing against a police station in the northern oil hub of Beiji claimed at least 45 lives — 25 policemen and 20 civilians — amid a series of deadly attacks north of the capital.

Utah mine boss defends search efforts

HUNTINGTON, Utah (AP) — Lashing out at criticism he was abandoning six trapped coal miners, the mine chief promised Wednesday to keep searching through the weekend and punch yet another hole into "this evil mountain."

Bob Murray, the face of the rescue effort since the Aug. 6 cave-in, dropped from public view for a time after three men died trying to tunnel toward the miners, but he said he's always been focused on finding the six — dead or alive.

"I didn't desert anybody," Murray, the mine's co-owner, told the Associated Press. "I've been living on this mountain every day, living in a little trailer."

Hurricane Dean slams into Mexico for 2nd time

TECOLUTLA, Mexico (AP) — A sprawling Hurricane Dean slammed into Mexico for the second time in as many days Wednesday and quickly stretched across to the Pacific Ocean, then weakened as it drenched the central mountains with rain that flooded houses along the coast.

Coming ashore with top sustained winds of 100 mph, Dean's center hit the tourism and fishing town of Tecolutla shortly after civil defense workers loaded the last evacuees onto army trucks and headed to

inland shelters.

There was no escaping the wide storm's hurricane-force winds, which lashed at a 60-mile stretch of the coast in Veracruz state.

"You can practically feel the winds, they're so strong," Maria del Pilar Garcia said by telephone from inside the hotel she manages in Tuxpan, a town some 40 miles north of where Dean made landfall. "I hope this passes quickly and the rivers don't overflow."

Sounds of crashing metal prompted farmer Moises Aguilar to take a dangerous risk in Monte Gordo, 20 miles down the coast from Tecolutla. At the height of the storm, he dashed outside his house, about 300 yards from the sea, and struggled against the wind as his neighbor's roof ripped apart.

Pigeons took toll on failed Minn. freeway span

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Pounded and strained by heavy traffic and weakened by missing bolts and cracking steel, the failed interstate bridge over the Mississippi River also faced a less obvious enemy: birds, specifically pigeons.

Inspectors began documenting the buildup of pigeon dung on the span near downtown Minneapolis two decades ago.

Experts say the corrosive guano deposited all over the Interstate 35W span's framework helped the steel beams rust faster.

Although investigators have yet to identify the cause of the bridge's Aug. 1 collapse, which killed at least 13 people and injured about 100, the pigeon problem is one of many factors that dogged the structure.

Rangers become 1st team in 110 years to score 30 runs

BALTIMORE (AP) — Five runs in the fourth inning.

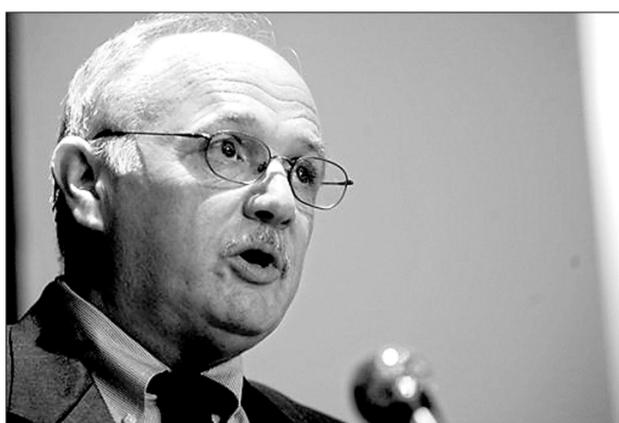
Nine runs in the sixth. Ten in the eighth.

Six more in the ninth.

The Texas Rangers rounded the bases at a dizzying pace and became the first team in 110 years to score 30 runs in a game, setting an American League record Wednesday in a 30-3 rout of the Baltimore Orioles.

"This is something freaky. You won't see anything like this again for a long, long time. I am glad I was on this end of it," said Marlon Byrd, who hit one of two Texas grand slams.

Trailing 3-0 in the opener of a double-header, Texas couldn't be stopped. At last, the last-place Rangers did something right.



Jeanna Duerschler, Roanoke Times/Associated Press

James Hyatt, the chairman of the Security Infrastructure Group, discusses the recommended changes and strategies at Virginia Tech during a news conference at the Holtzman Alumni Center in Blacksburg, Va., on Wednesday.

Va. Tech panel recommends reforms

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Virginia Tech recommended monitoring troubled students and increasing security Wednesday in an internal report that didn't address one of the most troubling questions about the massacre: Should administrators have locked down the campus after the first two deaths?

In another outside report due next week, a panel established by Gov. Timothy Kaine is expected to examine that issue and the other actions school staff took in the two hours between the killings of two people in a dormitory and the deaths of 31 more in a classroom building.

University President Charles Steger acknowledged the school could have taken some steps it didn't.

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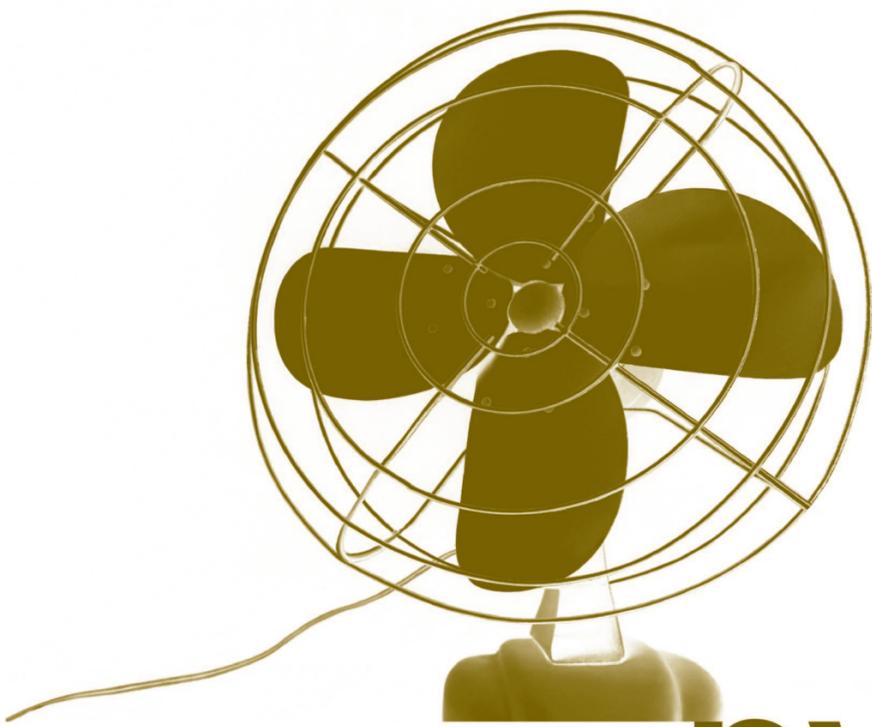
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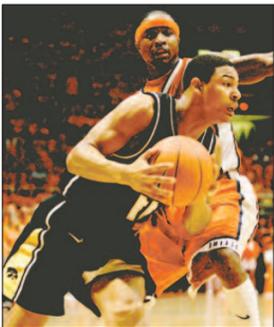
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Tony Freeman

MEN'S HOOPS

Hawks announce hoops slate

The Iowa athletics department announced Tuesday that the Iowa men's basketball team will play nine nonconference home games this season, beginning with a matchup against Idaho State on Nov. 9.

With four-straight home games scheduled to start the season, this year marks only the fourth time in school history Iowa will host as many as 18 contests, with last time coming in 2003.

Coming off a season in which the Hawkeyes went 14-2 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, first-year coach Todd Lickliter is happy about the team's upcoming schedule.

"With the success this team has had in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, we are excited about the number of home games," he said. "We would like to continue, and build on, that success. The support of our fans plays a key role in that home-court success."

As a part of the annual ACC/Big Ten Challenge, Iowa will host Wake Forest on Nov. 26 following the South Padre Invitational.

— by Charlie Kautz

VIOLATIONS

Purdue women's hoops on 2 years' probation

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Purdue women's basketball team will lose two scholarships for this season, and the school will spend two years on probation as the NCAA ruled Wednesday that a former assistant coach wrote a research paper for a player and made more than 100 improper recruiting calls.

The NCAA, however, did not punish current Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry, who was Purdue's head coach when the violations happened — during the 2005-06 season. That decision was made even though the NCAA infractions committee said it was "troubled" that Curry had been told about the violations twice and did not immediately report them to Purdue officials.

MLB

Butler helps Royals snap 3-game skid

CHICAGO (AP) — Billy Butler homered and drove in three runs to back Brian Bannister's strong outing, and the Kansas City Royals held off the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday.

Kansas City ended a three-game skid and kept the White Sox from completing their first series sweep at home since Aug. 11-13, 2006, against Detroit. The Royals and White Sox are tied for last place in the AL Central at 56-70.

Bannister (10-7) won for the fifth time in seven starts and lowered his ERA to 3.28, eighth-best in the American League. After giving up two runs, three hits and a walk in the first inning, the rookie right-hander retired 18 of 21 batters.

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Hawkeye defensive linemen (from left) Ken Iwebema, Matt Kroul, Mitch King, and Bryan Mattison pose for the press at the Hawkeye football team's media day on Aug. 6.

Rick Kaczenski is entering his first season as the Iowa defensive line coach after having worked with the offensive linemen the last two seasons as a graduate assistant.

By Brendan Stiles

THE DAILY IOWAN

Rick Kaczenski's football background had always been offensively oriented.

The Notre Dame alum was an offensive lineman for coach Lou Holtz, and prior to his arrival at Iowa, he was an offensive-line coach at both the high-school and collegiate levels. For the last two years, Kaczenski has been on coach Kirk Ferentz's staff as a graduate assistant working primarily with the offensive line.

But when the position for Iowa's defensive-line coach recently opened, head coach Kirk Ferentz had confidence in Kaczenski.

"Rick is a good football coach, and we wouldn't have hired him if we didn't feel that way," Ferentz said. "He has already worked extremely hard, and he'll do a great job. The players have responded very well to him."

The good news for Kaczenski as he takes over for Ron Aiken, who left to become the defensive-line coach for the

Rick Kaczenski

Playing background:
High school — TE, Erie Cathedral Prep (Erie, Pa.)
College — OL, Notre Dame (1993-96)

Coaching background:
1998 — Offensive Line coach, Erie Cathedral Prep
1999-01 — Offensive Line/Wide Receivers coach, South Carolina
2002 — Offensive Line coach, South Carolina State
2003 — Offensive Line/Tight Ends coach, East Tennessee State
2004 — Offensive Line/Tight Ends coach, Elon
2005-06 — Graduate Assistant (Offensive Line), Iowa
2007 — Defensive Line coach, Iowa

Information gathered from hawkeyesports.com

Arizona Cardinals, is that the Hawkeyes' front four will consist of seniors Kenny Iwebema and Bryan Mattison and juniors Mitch King and Matt Kroul for the third-consecutive year.

SEE DEFENSIVE LINE, BACK PAGE

Douglas gone, but his jersey stays

Despite the charges brought against sophomore wide receiver Dominique Douglas and his resulting suspension, local retailers say No. 88 jerseys will stay on the shelves — for now.

By Charlie Kautz

THE DAILY IOWAN

Three days after the team's leading receiver was suspended indefinitely by Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz, local retailers aren't exactly scrambling to remove select Hawkeye merchandise from the shelves.

"We still do sell No. 88 football jerseys," said Cory Tweden, the store manager at Scheels in Coralville.

While the replica Iowa jerseys sold in stores do not bear a last name because of NCAA regulations, the one worn on the field at Kinnick Stadium last season does.

That one, of course, belongs to sophomore receiver Dominique Douglas.



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan

Children-sized jerseys of suspended Hawkeye wide receiver Dominique Douglas hang in Iowa Book on Wednesday. Douglas has been suspended indefinitely from the team following his arrest for unauthorized use of a credit card.



Suspensions hurt Hawkeyes

Watch Daily Iowan Television and learn more about the suspensions of two Hawkeye wide receivers at dailyiowan.com.

SEE JERSEYS, BACK PAGE

Life among the Big Ten also-rans

With fewer than two weeks remaining before college football's opening kickoff in 2007, the *DI*'s Big Ten preview separates the front-runners from the bottom feeders and ranks all those in between.

Ringer
running back

By Diane Hendrickson

THE DAILY IOWAN

The Bottom Feeders

11. Michigan State (4-8, 1-7 Big Ten in 2006)

After earning one conference win last season, it doesn't look as though the Spartans will improve much

under first-year head coach Mike D'Antonio. The former Cincinnati skipper, who was 18-17 in three seasons, will run more with talented backs Javon Ringer and Jehuu Caulcrick, who amassed fewer than 950 yards combined last season. The Spartans ranked last in the Big Ten in rushing with

an average of 66 yards per game.

"The past few years, I had been here with [former quarterback] Drew [Stanton] and the spread offense, I only got the ball eight, 12, 13 times a game," Ringer said. "Now that we're a run-first offense,

SEE BIG TEN, BACK PAGE

Predicting the Big Ten

In today's first of a four-part series, the *DI* breaks down the Big Ten, starting at the bottom three. Check back in the coming week to see how we believe the season standings will shake out:

11. Michigan State	8. Friday	4. Next week
10. Minnesota	7. Friday	3. Next week
9. Northwestern	6. Friday	2. Next week
	5. Next week	1. Next week

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	71	54	.568	—
Philadelphia	66	59	.528	5
Atlanta	66	61	.520	6
Washington	57	70	.449	15
Florida	56	71	.441	16
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	65	60	.520	—
Milwaukee	65	62	.512	1
St. Louis	61	62	.496	3
Houston	57	70	.449	9
Cincinnati	56	70	.444	9½
Pittsburgh	54	71	.432	11
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	72	56	.563	—
San Diego	67	58	.536	3½
Los Angeles	65	61	.516	6
Colorado	64	62	.508	7
San Francisco	55	72	.433	16½

Wednesday's Games
 L.A. Dodgers 15, Philadelphia 3
 San Diego 7, N.Y. Mets 5
 Cincinnati 4, Atlanta 2
 Houston 3, Washington 2
 St. Louis 6, Florida 4
 Pittsburgh 11, Colorado 2
 Arizona 3, Milwaukee 2
 Chicago Cubs 4, San Francisco 2, 10 innings
Today's Games
 L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 7-4) at Philadelphia (Castro 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Maholm 9-14) at Colorado (Morales 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 14-9) at San Francisco (Cain 5-15), 2:35 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Garcia 6-7) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 11-6), 6:10 p.m.
 Atlanta (Carlyle 7-5) at Cincinnati (Ramirez 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
 Washington (Lannan 1-2) at Houston (Gutierrez 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
 Florida (VandenHurk 3-4) at St. Louis (Reyes 2-12), 7:10 p.m.

WNBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-3)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Detroit vs. New York
 Friday, Aug. 24: Detroit at New York, 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday, Aug. 26: New York at Detroit, 12 p.m.
 Tuesday, Aug. 28: New York at Detroit, 6 p.m., if necessary

Indiana vs. Connecticut
 Today's Game: Indiana at Connecticut, 6 p.m.
 Saturday, Aug. 25: Connecticut at Indiana, 3 p.m.
 Monday, Aug. 27: Connecticut at Indiana, 6 p.m., if necessary

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Phoenix vs. Seattle
 Friday, Aug. 24: Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m.
 Sunday, Aug. 26: Seattle at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
 Tuesday, Aug. 28: Seattle at Phoenix, 8 p.m., if necessary

San Antonio vs. Sacramento
 Today's Game: San Antonio at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
 Saturday, Aug. 25: Sacramento at San Antonio, 12 p.m.
 Monday, Aug. 27: Sacramento at San Antonio, TBD, if necessary

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	76	51	.598	—
New York	71	56	.559	5
Toronto	63	63	.500	12½
Baltimore	58	67	.464	17
Tampa Bay	48	78	.381	27½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	69	56	.552	—
Detroit	68	58	.540	1½
Minnesota	63	63	.500	6½
Chicago	56	70	.444	13½
Kansas City	56	70	.444	13½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	74	52	.587	—
Seattle	71	53	.573	2
Oakland	64	64	.500	11
Texas	56	70	.444	18

Wednesday's Games
 Oakland 7, Toronto 1
 Minnesota 8, Seattle 4
 Kansas City 7, Chicago White Sox 6
 Texas 30, Baltimore 3, 1st game
 Texas 9, Baltimore 7, 2nd game
 Cleveland 11, Detroit 8
 Tampa Bay 2, Boston 1
 N.Y. Yankees 8, L.A. Angels 2
Today's Games
 Cleveland (Westbrook 4-7) at Detroit (Robertson 7-10), 12:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Bonser 5-10) at Baltimore (Trachsel 6-7), 6:05 p.m.
 Oakland (Gaudin 9-9) at Tampa Bay (Hammel 1-3), 6:10 p.m.
 Boston (Beckett 15-5) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 6-11), 7:11 p.m.
 Seattle (Weaver 5-10) at Texas (Loe 6-9), 7:35 p.m.
 Toronto (Litsch 4-6) at L.A. Angels (Santana 5-11), 9:05 p.m.

WILD CARD GLANCE

American League

W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	71	53	.573	—
New York	71	56	.559	1½
Detroit	68	58	.540	4

Wednesday's Games
 Minnesota 8, Seattle 4
 Cleveland 11, Detroit 8
 N.Y. Yankees 8, L.A. Angels 2

National League

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Diego	67	58	.536	—
Philadelphia	66	59	.528	1
Atlanta	66	61	.520	2
Los Angeles	63	61	.516	2½
Milwaukee	65	62	.512	3
Colorado	64	62	.508	3½

Wednesday's Games
 L.A. Dodgers 15, Philadelphia 3
 Cincinnati 4, Atlanta 2
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 Pittsburgh 11, Colorado 2
 Arizona 3, Milwaukee 2

V-ball puts last year behind it

Coming off a disappointing finish last season, the Iowa volleyball team's turnaround will rely on young talent.

BY ERIC MANDEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

With two-a-day practices inside the sticky, humid days that is Carver-Hawkeye Arena finally completed, the Hawkeye volleyball team is getting past the sting of an unsatisfying 2006 campaign.

For most of the current roster, the previous season, marred by a 2-18 conference record after an 11-1 start against nonconference foes, is a rough reminder of how difficult competition in the Big Ten can be. This year's crew starts fresh with a relatively young group that features nine underclassmen and just five upperclassmen.

"They definitely want to improve on their Big Ten record — that is probably their No. 1 goal at this point," said fourth-year head coach Cindy Fredrick. "They felt they really let themselves down during the season after a strong preseason, so their goal is to really show some improvement in the conference during the season."

Nine of Iowa's losses last season came against top-25 teams, with seven ranking No. 12 or higher. Once again, the Hawkeyes travel a road filled with stout competition, with six of Iowa's opponents ranked in the preseason top-25 — five of which are from the Big Ten.

Fredrick said this year's nonconference schedule, however, is even more formidable than the last year's, beginning Saturday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena against No. 17 BYU in the Hawkeye Challenge.

"The Hawkeye Challenge is going to be really tough ... We start off by jumping right into the fire this year, and last year we didn't do that," Fredrick said. "You know that the Big Ten is going to be an outrageous challenge, and that already gives you a strong RPI. We could have gone with a lesser nonconference schedule, but we looked at it as we need to go a little tougher and expect more from our team."

The squad will lean heavily on lone senior Stacy Vitali for leadership, with hopes of starting anew after losing its last seven matches and 14 of 15 overall. Fredrick said she expects big production from juniors Laura Kremer, Catherine Smale, Kiley Fister, Emily Hiza, and 6-3 redshirt freshman Becky Walters.

Despite Iowa's youth and tough schedule, Hiza said the team needed only a small learning curve and progressed through drills more rapidly this year than last, allowing the Hawkeyes to start playing at full speed early on. She said the lack of experience couldn't bury the team's overall increase in talent.

"It's way different [from last year]," said Hiza, who last year ranked second in the Big Ten in digs. "From the very first practice, everything was so competitive. Everyone was looking for her spot on the court, and that made everything so much more fun, because every play and every touch of the ball counted."

"We burned last year's bridge, and it is a brand-new year. We are very optimistic about this year."

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Field hockey faces tough slate

With nine starters returning, the No. 10 Iowa field-hockey team seeks to contend with another arduous schedule in 2007.

BY RYAN YOUNG
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Hawkeyes are the defending Big Ten Tournament champions — a collegiate crew composed of two seniors, eight juniors, four sophomores, and five newly recruited freshmen lead by eight-year head coach Tracey Griesbaum.

Ranked 10th in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association preseason poll, the Iowa field-hockey team is preparing to take on yet another challenging slate of opponents.

This fall, the women face a schedule similar to that of a year ago. Eleven of their 16 contests are against teams that were ranked at the end of last season, four of which were in the top five and eight in the top 10.

Ten opponents on the Hawkeyes' schedule are ranked in the top 20 preseason poll.

"We've always had a tough schedule, and that's the way we want it, because we consider ourselves one of the top teams in the country," Griesbaum said. "We have a lot of experience returning, so the schedule is something we can handle, and we're going to."

While the squad's high standing is indeed honorable, the head coach said she isn't putting much stock in the prognosticators — especially because it's a coaches poll that excludes postseason performance.

Junior forward Caitlin McCurdy agrees with Griesbaum's abdication. "It's a nice honor to have, but it



Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan
 Junior goalkeeper Lissa Munley goes for a save during field-hockey practice at Grant Field on Wednesday morning. The team, ranked 10th in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association preseason poll, will play its first game against Wake Forest in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Saturday.

doesn't really mean anything because last year we got a bid to go to the [NCAA] Tournament, and we weren't even ranked in the top-10 for a couple weeks," she said.

During the last near-decade of the Griesbaum era, teams have had to field unseasoned freshmen because of a lack of depth in the roster. At times, up to four freshmen have started games.

But with 10 experienced upperclassmen — five of whom are former USA Under-21 team members, including McCurdy and senior back Kadi Sickel, who competed in China over the summer with the national team — this year's team won't be one to follow suit.

Iowa's five freshmen — Amy Baxter, Paige Lowrey, Chelsea

Miller, Maggie Neill, and Sarah Pergine — each possess résumés with accolades that establish them as some of the best new faces in the country. Griesbaum noted that competition for positions is still underway, even with two days of the preseason remaining, and the coaching staff is considering two freshmen for potential starting spots.

"They're really progressing," she said. "I think they started preseason wide-eyed and really scared, but that happens every single year. They've really settled down."

"They've taken to [the game] like nothing," said junior forward and midfielder Caroline Blaum. "I think it was the normal college experience at first, a

little overwhelming, but they've adapted perfectly in our system, our program, and our ideals."

Blaum, a member of the 2005 USA Under-21 squad, missed the full season last year with a knee injury; she is expected to return to the starting lineup this fall.

The Hawkeyes are scheduled to open their season in Ann Arbor, Mich., with a pair of away matches between No. 2 Wake Forest and No. 3 North Carolina — two of the nation's top squads.

"We're ready," Griesbaum said. "We're going to be prepared for anything — very wide-open, very athletic, very fast, and a high skill level."

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Chicago Bear quarterback Rex Grossman is tackled by Indianapolis Colt cornerback Marlin Jackson after Grossman recovered his own fumble during an NFL preseason game in Indianapolis on Monday.

Bears still back Rex

BY ANDREW SELIGMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Rex Grossman struggled, the Chicago Bears won, and teammates and the coach defended the quarterback.

Yes, a new season really is approaching, no matter how vivid those flashbacks to 2006 seem.

The scene at Halas Hall on Wednesday was a familiar one, ripped straight out of last year's playbook, after Grossman's spotty showing two nights earlier in a 27-24 preseason win at Indianapolis.

The quarterback fumbled two exchanges with center Olin Kreutz, lost another fumble after being sacked, and threw an interception.

It was a performance that did nothing to ease doubts about whether he can lead the Bears to another NFC championship. For now, however, Grossman just wants to fix the problems before San Francisco visits on Saturday.

"With the snaps, that should never happen," said Grossman, who was 9-for-11 with 59 yards. "It just looks sloppy. It doesn't look sharp. I want to come out and look sharp in the game against the 49ers, continue the

progress that I made and take that next step."

On Monday, he stagnated.

Grossman blamed one fumbled snap on the noise at the RCA Dome and the other on sweaty hands. While Kreutz took "full blame" for the botched exchanges, Grossman pointed the finger at himself, saying he pulled away from the center too soon. Both vowed that won't be a problem again.

"The center-quarterback exchange, I should always get it no matter what," Grossman said.

Obviously, there is an overriding question as the season approaches. How long will coach Lovie Smith stick with Grossman?

He stayed with the quarterback when he struggled last season, but it's unlikely Smith will show as much patience this time. Not with the Bears' expectations soaring.

Grossman figures to start the remaining two preseason games and the opener against San Diego, but if he continues to falter, the calls for backup Brian Griese will likely reach a deafening level. On Wednesday, the Bears were quick to point out that this was only a preseason game.

"If there's any time to do that

stuff and get it out of the way, now's the best time," running back Cedric Benson said. "The games don't count."

Veteran guard Ruben Brown recalled his first few years in the league, when he had a tendency to jump offsidelines and hold opponents.

"The years after that, I could have one holding penalty and then they'd say, 'Oh, Ruben has a problem with holding,'" the nine-time Pro Bowl selection said. "That's the nature of the beast. We understand it. It doesn't really affect us."

Still, what happened on Monday was a bit unsettling. The Bears are counting on Grossman to stop teasing them. It's telling that while cornerbacks Charles Tillman and Nathan Vasher signed long-term extensions during the off-season, the quarterback has an expiring contract.

Limited by injuries the previous two seasons, Grossman showed last year he can be brilliant.

He played at a Pro Bowl level the first five weeks, posting a quarterback rating of 98.6 or better four times. That included a gem against Detroit in which he was 20-for-27 with 289 yards, four touchdowns, and no interceptions.

PGA tries 'playoffs'

BY DOUG FERGUSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARRISON, N.Y. — No one was tailgating in the parking lot behind the driving range at Westchester Country Club. The cool, damp air at the Barclays did not smell of bratwurst and beer. There was idle chatter on the putting green, just like any other week.

The PGA Tour playoffs sure don't resemble the postseason in other sports.

"I think in our sport, 'playoff' is a very loosely used word," Jim Furyk said with a smile.

The Barclays will begin today as the first of four-straight tournaments that conclude the FedEx Cup, a radical change on the PGA Tour designed to hold interest after the majors and to reward the guy playing his best golf in the final month of the season.

The winner gets \$10 million in deferred money.

Furyk poked fun at the tour marketing the final month as "playoffs" because 144 players qualified for the first event and because it's possible that Tiger Woods or Vijay Singh could capture the FedEx Cup without winning any of the last four tournaments. Unspoken by most is that it doesn't feel like the playoffs without Woods at Westchester for the opening round.

But there are some viable similarities.

For starters, 24 golfers will be sent home Aug. 26 if they don't finish among the top 120 on the points list after the Barclays. Fifty more players will be eliminated after the Deutsche Bank Championship outside Boston a week later, then 40 more after the BMW Championship outside Chicago, until only 30 are left at the Tour Championship.

And just like most playoff systems, this represents a second chance.

Paul Goydos started his year by winning the Sony Open, but he hasn't done much since then, and he starts the playoffs as the No. 53 seed. The man sarcastically known as "Sunshine" for his dour outlook had no problem filling his glass with optimism.

"This is the second season," he said. "The reality is, if I win this week, I pass Tiger Woods."

Even though Woods already has won five times this year — no one else has won more than twice — his 11,000-point lead in the FedEx Cup was reset to 1,000 points over the second-seeded Singh, with Jeff Gove at No. 144 and 15,300 points behind.

Mathematically, everyone has a chance to win the \$10 million prize.

"I had a good start to the season, but then I fell back into a well," Goydos said. "Now, the tour has thrown me a rope."

Woods figured he didn't need a lifeline and decided to stay home this week, knowing he likely will be passed by a little if it's a player from the bottom half of the seedings, by a lot if it's someone such as Singh, a three-time winner at Westchester and the defending champion.

Woods still will have three weeks to make up the difference, two of those on courses on which he has won.

For now, the focus tends to shift toward the bottom of the food chain.

In NCAA basketball terminology, Gove would be golf's version of Coastal Carolina. He snagged the final spot by a mere 23 points — that translates to one putt in this case — and his immediate goal is simply to keep playing. Gove needs to finish at least fifth at the Barclays to have any hope of moving inside the top 120 in points.

"I could finish sixth and not be in the tournament next week," he said. "But at least I get to play."

The playoffs could be a boon for someone such as Joe Durant, who went on a tear at the end of last season. He was worried about keeping his card until finishing with five top 10s, including a victory at Disney, a playoff loss in Mississippi, and third place at the Tour Championship. Durant wound up a career-best 13th on the money list.

But as the No. 123 seed, he has no margin for error.

"If you're in the position I'm in, you really have to go deep and play well," Durant said. "I don't have the luxury of coming out this week and performing mediocre and knowing that I still have three more weeks. Guys in my position don't have that ability. We have to step up this week and play."

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Sports

Wolverines want final roar

BY LARRY LAGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — If Lloyd Carr is indeed entering his last year on the sidelines at Michigan — and there's been plenty of speculation about that — then he's got a shot to go out on top after 13 years leading the Wolverines.

The Wolverines have four-year starters at quarterback, running back, and left tackle to go along with a pair of sensational receivers in forming one of the best offenses in the country.

Michigan's defense will have a lot of new names in the line-up, but there's talent befitting the nation's winningest football program. The schedule sets up favorably, too, with eight home games, including matchups against Ohio State, Notre Dame, and Oregon.

Michigan is not about to get cocky, however. It has lost three-straight games to the Buckeyes and four-consecutive bowl games.

"We have to work on finishing every drill, every practice, and every game the right way after not doing that well enough the last three years," said All-American offensive tackle Jake Long, who anchors an offense that includes quarterback Chad Henne and running back Mike Hart. "If we do, we'll give ourselves a chance to go out on top as champions."

Michigan won its last national championship in 1997, when Carr claimed the first of his five Big Ten titles.

The ongoing speculation about Carr's future picked up momentum in December, when he changed his contract.



Four-year starting quarterback Chad Henne leads a dangerous Michigan offense into 2007.

File photo/The Daily Iowan

The 62-year-old coach now can collect a deferred compensation account if he is employed by the school in any capacity until July 1, 2008. In the previous version of Carr's contract, he had to be the head football coach until July 1, 2007, to earn it.

It appears that Carr's contract addendum lets him make this his final season as coach before moving into another role

at the university and collecting about \$1 million in deferred compensation next summer.

Even though the contract details are public knowledge, Carr has steadfastly dodged questions about it and has said people can read into it whatever they want.

"I'm just not going to get into it," he said in an interview with the Associated Press, adding that it would be hypocritical to

talk about his future when he tells his players and coaches to focus only on the present. "That will be addressed at the appropriate time.

"Really, the team is what's important right now," said Carr, sitting in his office down the hall from his mentor's, where the door has been closed since Bo Schembechler passed away on the eve of last year's Ohio State game.

Buckeyes face many questions

BY RUSTY MILLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Here are nine questions facing the 2007 Ohio State Buckeyes as they prepare for their Sept. 1 opener against I-AA Youngstown State:

1) Who's the QB?

There are four candidates, but not one has been on the Ohio Stadium field with a game hanging in the balance. Todd Boeckman is the odds-on favorite to start, backed by Robbie Schoenhardt and Antonio Henton, with all likely to get some snaps in the early games. An intriguing possibility, if not for 2007 at least in the future, is Joe Bauserman. An acclaimed high-school QB, he disclaimed Ohio State to play minor-league baseball. Now he's in camp trying to switch back to football.

2) How good's the D?

It ought to be pretty good, although it lost a chunk of good players from last year's unit, including three top linemen and two DBs. James Laurinaitis is an animal in the middle, Vernon Gholston is a superb end, and Malcolm Jenkins at LB and Marcus Freeman at CB are fine players. The DBs are promising but unproven, much like the line. Don't count on the D holding six-straight teams to 10 or fewer points as it did last year.

3) What's the O look like?

Unsettled. A lot is riding on Boeckman (or whomever the QB is) making good decisions. But that will be affected by two new starters on the line, Beanie Wells' running (and not fumbling), and the dependability of WRs Brian Hartline and Brian Robiskie.

4) How hard is the schedule?

It's a breeze, really. The toughest early test is at Washington, traditionally a difficult place to play, although the Huskies remain a team in the middle of reconstruction under Tyrone Willingham. Barring a mammoth upset, the Buckeyes should be favored in every game until they play at Penn State on Oct. 27. That's eight games to sort out the problems and tune up for the stretch run. The final four games are a killer, though: at Penn State, Wisconsin, Illinois (which gave the Buckeyes fits last year), and then at Michigan.

5) Is there a Florida hangover?

You betcha. No one has forgotten that 41-14 pasting in the BCS championship game in January. It can serve as a downer, or incentive.

"We all have to live with that and we all know that's going to motivate us," offensive coordinator and line coach Jim Bollman said. "We can't sit here and dwell on that too long. That doesn't do us any good either. There's a positive and a negative on those kind of deals, so carry on."

6) Where are the biggest strengths?

If Wells has erased his freshman-year propensity to fumble, he can give the offense a chance to grow. With no turnovers and 100 yards or so a game, he provides the QBs more time, the line confidence, and the WRs room to maneuver. On the other side of the ball, Gholston will terrorize the QBs, and Laurinaitis may rack up some stunning tackle totals.

7) What about the frosh?

The Buckeyes need depth at running back, where the two unrelated Wellses (Beanie and Maurice) ply their trade. Reigning AP Mr. Football in Ohio Brandon Saine will get a genuine shot to play if he devours the playbook. Same thing out wide, where Dane Sanzenbacher may see time right away. Don't discount Cameron Heyward, son of the late ex-NFL running back Craig "IronNFL" Heyward, getting in on the DL and Donnie Evey insinuating himself into the CB picture.

8) What are the biggest worries?

This isn't a deep team. If Jenkins, Wells, Laurinaitis, Beanie, or a couple of the OL went down, the rest of the year could be a scramble. PK Aaron Pettrey and P.A.J. Trapasso also must be at least as good as they were a year ago.

9) What's the deal with TV games?

A number of games are scheduled to be carried by the fledgling Big Ten Network. That's good. Most people, however, do not GET the Big Ten Network. THAT's bad. Unless conference Commissioner Jim Delany and cable carriers Comcast and Time Warner have a meeting of minds, and soon, this may be a return to the days when only a handful of games were on the tube.

Florida Cheetahs set to roll

The defending champion Gators have no shortage of speed and talent.

BY MARK LONG
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GAINESVILLE, Fla. — In the bottom left corner of Florida's game-plan sheet, coach Urban Meyer writes the names of certain players who need to touch the football.

The list has grown considerably since his first season. Meyer's options now are seemingly endless.

Although the defending national champion Gators have concerns on defense after losing nine starters, they have no such worries on offense. In fact, Tim Tebow's toughest task in his first season as Florida's No. 1 quarterback might be keeping all his playmakers happy.

"Offensively, we're on a different planet than we were our first year," Meyer said.

Percy Harvin, Andre

Caldwell, Cornelius Ingram, and Jarred Fayson return, giving the Gators one of the best speeds of freshmen in the country. Speedy freshmen Chris Rainey and Deonte Thompson make Florida's spread-option offense deeper and even more dangerous.

"We have a lot more speed out there at the skill positions," Caldwell said. "We've got a lot more players who, when they touch the ball, they can take it to the end zone anytime."

"You can see the speed out there, and it's going to show. We've got a lot more game-changers."

It starts with Harvin.

The 5-11, 180-pound sophomore was the difference in wins last season against Florida State and Arkansas, then came up big again in the BCS championship game against Ohio State.

He ran four times for 86 yards, including a 41-yard touchdown run, against the Seminoles. Despite leaving the game with a neck injury, he played the following week against the Razorbacks and ran six times for 106 yards and a touchdown and caught five passes for 62 yards and a score.

He was nearly as effective against the Buckeyes in the title game, gaining 82 total yards and scoring once in the 41-14 blowout.

"If Percy Harvin says Percy Harvin, watch out," Meyer said. "I love speed, and I love skill, and the ball will be in his hands."

Harvin needs to stay healthy, though. He missed most of fall practice last year with a hip flexor, then sat out one game

and was slowed in several more games by an Achilles' tendon.

Now, he has a nagging injury that has limited him during fall practice this year. The sixth-ranked Gators believe he'll be ready for the Sept. 1 season-opener against Western Kentucky.

"We better make sure the ball's in his hand an awful lot," said offensive coordinator Dan Mullen, who has lined Harvin up at running back, quarterback, and receiver. "He gives you a lot of flexibility."

The same could be said about Caldwell, a senior who caught 57 passes for 577 yards and six touchdowns last season. He also ran 21 times for 102 yards and a score and threw a five-yard TD pass in the SEC title game.

Caldwell, whose brother Reche plays for the New England Patriots, probably could have left school after his junior season and been selected in the NFL draft. But he decided to come back for a shot at repeating.



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BIG TEN

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hopefully, I should get as many carries as all the other running backs in the Big Ten, so hopefully, we could establish more of a physical-type offense."

Without three-year starter Stanton, Michigan State will turn to Brian Hoyer. He appeared in eight games in 2006 with nearly a 57 percent completion percentage. His receivers, however, are less certain. Gone are all three starting wideouts, and in their place are two receivers who caught a combined 43 passes last year.

"Inexperienced but talented," D'Antonio said.

Defensively, the Spartans need to improve on a squad that gave up slightly more than 30 points a game last season. The rookie head coach expects his squad to play tougher.

"We won't accept a soft defense," he said.

10. Minnesota (6-7, 3-5 Big Ten in 2006)

Like Michigan State, the

Golden Gophers have a new head coach in Tim Brewster, only he inherits a better squad than his neighbor to the east. Minnesota sent Glen Mason packing after the season culminated with the 31-point collapse against Texas Tech in the Insight Bowl.

Last season's second-ranked Big Ten passing offense has a lot of question marks without quarterback Brian Cupito, as well as wide receiver Logan Payne and John Mackey Award winner Matt Spaeth, the team's two top receivers.

Leading rusher Amir Pinnix returns for his senior season, having run for 1,272 yards and 10 touchdowns a year ago.

The Gophers bring back most of their defensive starters — with the exception of second-leading tackler Mario Reese — but that lineup surrendered 455 yards and more than 30 points per conference game.

"[Brewster has] brought a new-found intensity to the program with enthusiasm and confidence," Pinnix said. "When a

[coaching] change comes in, you don't know what to expect. But the addition of Coach Brewster and his staff has been a good change."

9. Northwestern (4-8, 2-6 Big Ten in 2006)

With one of the best running backs in the conference, the Wildcats will base their attack on the run.

"It's obvious that the key to our offense moving successfully will be Tyrell Sutton," said Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern's head football coach. "Back-to-back 1,000 yard seasons, he's healthy, he has really matured this off-season and has really developed as a leader, and really has taken our offense where I believe it has to go, up to the top of the Big Ten."

C.J. Bacher has undoubtedly won the spot at signal caller after passing for almost 1,200 yards and six touchdowns in eight games last year, although the team only averaged 15.6 points per game.

"He's going to move the ball down the field and get our

offense where it really belongs," the second-year head coach said. "C.J., I believe, is poised to take the next step in his career. From his dedication in the weight room, to the little details that I've seen from him, I'm excited."

Fitzgerald is also eager about his incoming receivers, who should add spark to a squad without a proven go-to wideout.

Although ranked low on the defensive side of the ball as well, Northwestern returns all but three starters.

A strong line, highlighted by Corey Wootton, should halt some of the ground game, but inexperienced linebackers could give up yards through the air.

After the hardships the squad went through last season, they remain optimistic.

"I think the cohesiveness of the team is really where it needs to go," Sutton said. "I think the maturation and the leadership of this team is really going to take this team very far."

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D-line intact for third year

DEFENSIVE LINE

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"Obviously, knowing what the guy beside you is going to do is a big step up from playing next to a complete stranger," Iwebema said. "It's a good thing to have and not a lot of people are that lucky to have three years with the same guys up front."

Kaczenski believes knowing the personalities of the players left behind by Aiken made the transition to coaching the other side of the ball easier.

"These guys didn't have to get to know me, and I didn't have to get to know them," Kaczenski said. "Coach Ferentz makes it clear what's expected of them and how they're supposed to handle themselves."

"Obviously, I was a little nervous about learning schemes and things such as that, but football is football. It all comes down to fundamentals, and that's one of the things we stress here."

Working with Kaczenski has given some of the returning defensive linemen a new point of view when battling in the trenches.

"I think it's a different perspective that we're getting," Kroul said. "You see the other side and he knows what O linemen hate. That's what he's teaching us, and I think that opens up a whole new window for us."

King summed up all of Kaczenski's attributes into one word.

"A spark," King said. "Every day, he's going just as hard as we are. He brings a spark, and he's exciting to watch and to have coach you."

The players seem to enjoy the energy and exuberance the 32-year-old coach provides on a daily basis.

"He's a younger guy; he's got a little bit of fire to him, and he's fun to play for," Mattison said. "He just wants us to play as hard as we can, stop the run, and hopefully, get some sacks in there."

As the season gets underway in Chicago next week, Kaczenski is full of excitement knowing that his first go-around defensively comes working with players he says "have the right attitude and the right demeanor."

"Being an offensive lineman or coaching offensive line or playing defensive line, I think you got to have a little intensity about yourself," Kaczenski said. "It's a privilege to be out here, and I hope I get across to my players that 'Hey, I'm enjoying this as much as you are.'"

"When we come out here, it's a work day for me, just as it is for them."

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Douglas jersey still on shelves

'When Jermelle Lewis was here, the No. 29 was a huge jersey. When he got hurt and didn't play all year, we kind of learned from experience.'

— Ron Christensen

JERSEYS

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Douglas and fellow Iowa wideout Anthony Bowman were arrested Sunday on charges of unauthorized use of a credit card, and they were suspended from participation in all team activities Monday.

Having allegedly made purchases of more than \$2,000 with stolen credit cards, the two players have inherently created negative associations with the numbers on their uniforms and in turn, problems for retailers.

Unlike the NFL, which recently faced a merchandising problem in the Michael Vick dogfighting scandal, the NCAA's regulations mean athletics apparel will not carry the burden of a tainted last name.

"The nice about the college jerseys is that they do not have names on the back," said

Tweden, adding that Scheels recently pulled all of Vick's jerseys off the floor, and they are no longer sold.

While Scheels plans to sell the remaining No. 88 Iowa jerseys in stock before discontinuing the item, another retailer simply aims to keep selling them.

"They are still on the shelves today," said Kurt Vanderhoef, an employee at Iowa Book, 8 S. Clinton St.

Douglas, who led the Hawkeyes with 49 catches and totaled 654 receiving yards a season ago, practiced with the second team last spring following a poor academic semester in the fall of 2006.

The issues appeared resolved in early August at the team's media day, and Douglas spoke with a renewed sense of confidence that his off-the-field

troubles were over.

"Just on and off the field, you'll never hear anything about me," he said. "For that to happen to me and not playing all the spring, it hurt me — not to just be around the fans, but just myself, basically almost destroying my college career."

Even after the breakout season made Douglas a household name and, hopefully, a big seller for retailers, one local shop lucked out in not overstocking the now-stained No. 88s.

Ron Christensen, the owner of Game Day Iowa in Coralville, said his store only picks a select few Hawkeye jerseys when making pre-season orders for merchandise. This year's rotation included quarterback Jake Christensen (no relation, No. 6), linebacker Mike Humpal (No.

44), and wide receiver Andy Brodell (No. 80), but not Douglas' jersey.

"If we had No. 88 jerseys, we would have left them out for people to buy," Ron Christensen said.

When asked if he would expect a sales hit were the store to have Douglas jerseys in stock, he recalled a situation the establishment dealt with following a former running back's injury.

"When Jermelle Lewis was here, the No. 29 was a huge jersey," he said. "When he got hurt and didn't play all year, we kind of learned from experience."

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The number of incarcerated women is growing exponentially each year, separating thousands of children from their mothers — sometimes indefinitely. The UI Museum of Art welcomes a traveling exhibit that examines the lives of these women in the often prejudicial U.S. justice system.

MOTHERS ON ICE

By Tessa Ruddy • Photos by Wesley Cropp

THE DAILY IOWAN

Judy White has five children and eight grandchildren.

For the last 28 years, however, a prison cell has been her home, and at times, she saw her young children fewer than once a month. In 1979, the former Iowa City resident was convicted of first-degree murder and received a life sentence. Despite her not having committed the killing, complicity in hiring a hit man was enough to land her behind bars indefinitely.

“Our punishment here is that you don’t get to see your kids,” White said. “It’s not like you’re there every day to tuck them in and say goodnight.”

LeAnn Werts, who shares a cell with the silvery-haired, 61-year-old grandmother at the

Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville, Iowa, nodded her head in agreement. This mother of two was convicted of child endangerment in 2001 after the death of a child in her daycare. The soft-spoken 37-year-old was sentenced, after numerous hearings, to approximately 16 years in jail.

These types of mothers are the inspiration for the latest exhibit at the UI Museum of Art, *Interrupted Life: Incarcerated Mothers in the United States*. It examines the lives of mothers behind bars as well as the quality and equality of the American justice system through eight linked art installations. The traveling exhibition is on display through Sept. 23.

Sitting cross-legged in baggy navy-blue scrubs, Werts described a recent phone conversation she had with her youngest child. After correctly guessing her daughter’s McDonald’s dinner, the 6-year-old was convinced of her mother’s psychic abilities: The girl was, as it turned out, having a cheeseburger deluxe (no onions), fries, and a Sprite.

Werts sees her children every weekend and talks to them nightly on the phone. During the school year, they bring their schoolwork with them for her to look over.

“My children are the biggest part of my life; they keep me going every day,” she said. “A lot of [my children’s] teachers have said that even though I’m not home with them full-time, I play a bigger part in their life than most parents.” Werts still has around

10 years left in her sentence. Her daughters live in Altoona, Iowa, with their grandmother.

Although White and Werts maintain close contact with their children, their relationships are not typical of incarcerated mothers. Many women seldom see their children, and some lose contact with them forever.

According to the Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership, 2.4 million American children have a parent behind bars. Seven million, or one in 10, of the nation’s children have a parent in jail or prison, on probation, or on parole.

And the number is steadily rising each year. To address these issues and propose solutions, incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women, academics, artists, and activists created the traveling public-art

installation to “interrupt the curriculum,” said historian and exhibit curator Rickie Solinger.

“At some point, I realized there was something insufficient about writing books,” she said. “Making art exhibitions was another way of transmitting information and doing political education.”

The third traveling art exhibit Solinger has organized, *Interrupted Life* is booked until 2011 in museums across the country. With help from UI art Associate Professor Rachel Williams and art teacher Lynne Vantriglia of the Monroe County Detention Center in Key West, Fla., the exhibit questions the equality of the American justice system with regard to ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and sex.

SEE MOTHERS, 4C

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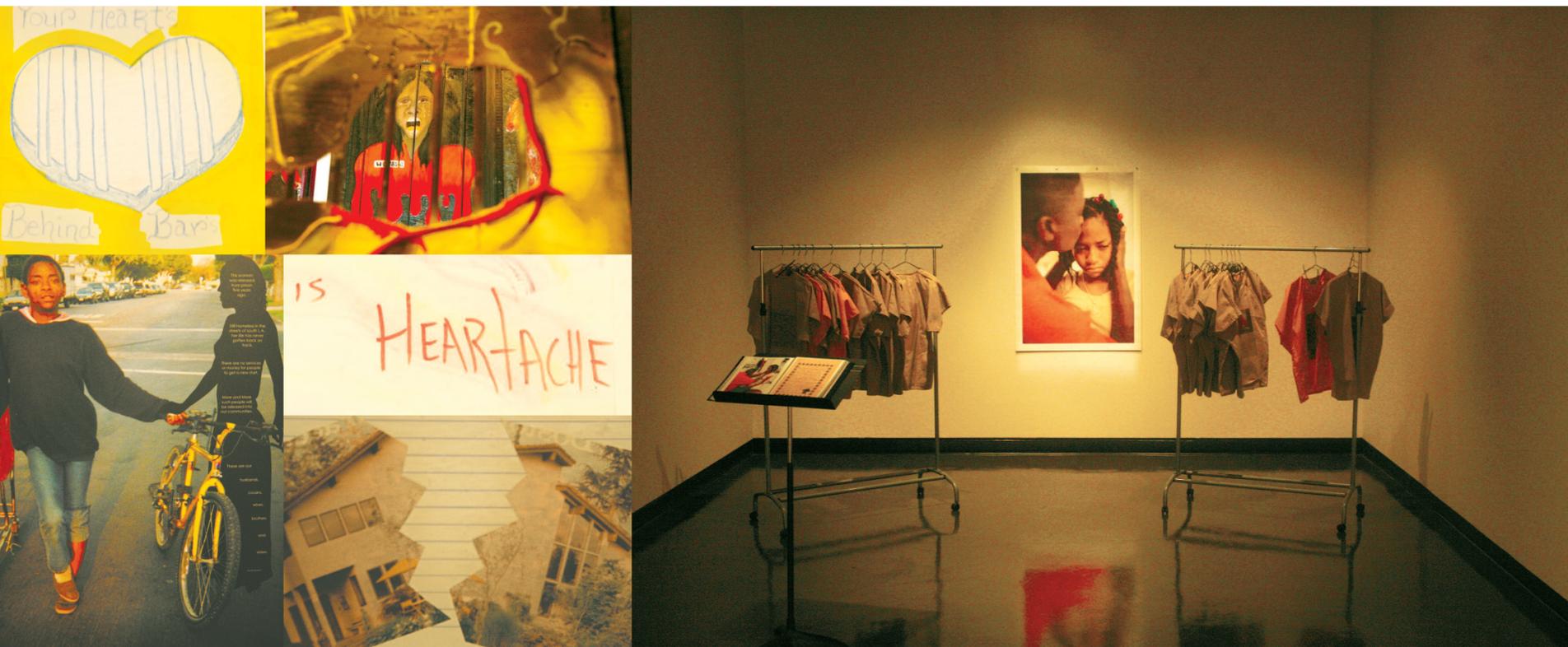
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coming UP this weekend:

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Death by Cosmetics

Looks just might be able to kill with Lipstick Homicide’s Friday performance at the Picador, carrying the arsenal of Roanoke, Sherpa’s Ruse, and I’m on Neptune to shoot the show off at 9 p.m.



Flying to Freedom

A Jayhawk no more, Mark Olson arrives at the Mill today at 9 p.m. to tout *The Salvation Blues* — a solo album he hopes to inspire his musical revival.



weekly calendar of events

Today 8.23

MUSIC

- **Coalesce, with This Is My Condition and The Serpent Son**, 6 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Escape the Floodwater Jug Band**, 9 p.m., Picador
- **Mark Olson (former Jayhawks founder)**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Run Side Down, with Independent Progress**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Thursday Night Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- **Sangria Night, singer/songwriter Dustin Louis Blank**, 9:30 p.m., David's Place, 100 S. Linn

LECTURES

- **"On the Invention of Imitation Parchment: Papermaking in Europe 1300-1500,"** Timothy

Barrett, 7:30 p.m., UI Museum of Art

WORDS

- **Sandra Dyas book signing**, 3 p.m., 2000 Voxman Music Building

DANCE

- **Country Dance**, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Preschool Bus Story Time to Witty Kitties**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Teen Tech Zone**, 2:30 p.m., Public Library
- **Coralville Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Coralville Community Aquatic Center, 1513 Seventh St.
- **Lebanese Favorites**, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St. Coralville



Returning to home from a national tour, **Escape the Floodwater Jug Band** will play for local fans at the Picador. Performing in prairie dresses and suspenders, the band's tunes echo its motto: "Whiskey will fix it."

Friday 8.24

Singer-songwriter Dave Moore will perform as part of the Iowa City Friday Night Concert Series on the Pedestrian Mall. Moore's style is highlighted by guitar, accordion, and harmonica in a dusty, sweet mix of folk and roots rock.



MUSIC

- **Friday Night Concert Series, Dave Moore and Glitch**, 6:30 p.m., Pedestrian Mall
- **"Live at the Java House," Great Lakes Music**, 9 p.m., Java House, 211 1/2 E. Washington
- **Lipstick Homicide, with Roanoke, Sherpa's Ruse, and I'm on Neptune**, 9 p.m., Picador
- **Sublime Tribute with Second Hand Smoke**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- **The Benjy Davis Project**, 9 p.m., Mill

WORDS

- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Matthew Rothschild, nonfiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **DANCE**
- **Country Dance with DJ Scoot-A-Boot**, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge
- **Big Band Ballroom Dancing**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Travelers Dance**, 8 p.m., Englert, 221 E. Washington

- **Retro Club Night**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **"Java Blend,"** noon, Java House
- **"Know the Score Live," with Joan Kjaer, an exhibition of books and manuscripts from the Middle Ages**, 5 p.m., UI Museum of Art

Saturday 8.25



Backed by the Diplomats of Solid Sound, the three fresh-faced Diplomettes sing a mix of funk and soul.

MUSIC

- **Hip-Hop Show**, 5 p.m., Yacht Club
- **Indie Dance Party Blowout**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- **The Diplomats of Solid Sound featuring the Diplomettes, with The Surf Zombies**, 9 p.m., Picador
- **The Jody Foster Connection benefit concert**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **David Rogers' Captains Verses**, 10 p.m., Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert

FILM

- **Saturday Night Free Movie Series, Step Up**, 6:45 p.m., Pentacrest

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Iowa City Farmers'**

Market, 7:30 a.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp

- **Drop-In Arts**, 9 a.m., Chauncey Swan Park



- **Barn Tour**, 9 a.m., Johnson County Historical Society, 904 Quarry Road, Coralville
- **Family Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Family Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Game Night**, 6 p.m., Fair Grounds Coffee Shop, 345 S. Dubuque

Sunday 8.26

MUSIC

- **Tony and Friends, chamber music**, 3 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- **Legendary Deke Dickerson**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **Reggae Night**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club

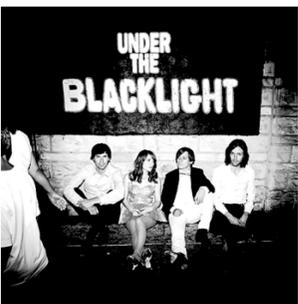
MISCELLANEOUS

- **Iowa City Sertoma Club's Pancake Breakfast and Fly-In**, 7 a.m., Iowa City Municipal Airport, 1801 S. Riverside Drive

Video Story Time

- **Video Story Time**, 2 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Sunday Pub Quiz**, 9 p.m., Mill

CD REVIEWS



RILO KILEY'S NEW VIDEO

Featuring some amateur photography, Rilo Kiley's video for the single "The Moneymaker" follows three sexually promiscuous characters into their gloomy, shallow lifestyles. Band members told the actors they were auditioning for a porno, so everyone in the video is ultra-sultry and ultra-sexy. Add the band's gritty groove, and both the image and sound of "The Moneymaker" will drive deep in your senses.

smooth guitar line and hints of a backup gospel choir.

If you love to sing along, turn up "Close Call." Picture Vivian Ward from *Pretty Woman* getting a serious talking-to as Lewis sings about the viciously cyclical world of paying for sex. "Her good looks coulda sailed a ship / but her will alone coulda sunk it. / Funny thing about money for sex / You might get rich / but you die by it."

Under the Blacklight proves that not all indie bands suck after signing on a major label. The Latin-beat-backed "Déjalo" has a chorus in Spanish; "15"

feels ska-like. "Dreamworld" almost has an '80s synthesized feel, and listeners absorb a refreshing sound as Lewis shares the mike with a male voice. Hints of hip-hop fly in such tracks as "Give a Little Love."

Fans, don't fret — even though *Under the Blacklight* boasts a more radio-friendly feel, it's a hit.



Architecture in Helsinki
Places Like This
by Ann Colwell

★★ 1/2 out of ★★★★★

Ever been caught in that dreadful place between almost liking people and finding them incredibly, relentlessly

BEFORE ARCHITECTURE

Architecture in Helsinki core members Cameron Bird, Jamie Mildren, and Sam Perry began in high school as The Pixel Mittens. Wacky lead singer Bird rode a stationary bike onstage to lead exercise sessions with the audience — foreshadowing the current band's quintessential energy.

annoying? This is how I feel about Architecture in Helsinki. Somehow, after that last track plays, I'm left feeling like I just baby-sat a posse of hyperactive pixies on speed.

Somebody grab the aspirin. Australian band Architecture in Helsinki released *Places Like This* on Tuesday, and most of the 10 tracks vacillate between borderline brilliant and painstaking.

"Heart it Races" and "Feather in a Baseball Cap" easily stand out as instant favorites on the catchy, lovable side. "Heart it Races" is a song for dancing moods. Electronic steel drums and calypso Afro beats make the tune a mischievous and playful

track headed straight for your iPod.

"Feather in a Baseball Cap" slows it way down. Poor diction normally plagues this band like herpes, but the words are decipherable, and the rhythm is irresistible. It rocks.

Unfortunately, most of the other songs are just too much. The yelling in unison could have been kept to a minimum. One definitely can't accuse Architecture in Helsinki of lacking energy, but the group packs a little bit of everything into each song, and it gets to be a little excessive.

Such songs as "Hold Music" or "Nothing's Wrong" seem to flow just fine, and then all of a sudden, the band explodes into something really, well, wrong. Shrill voices, frenetic fast-talking, repetitive muddled lyrics, uncomfortable rhythm changes — it's frustrating.

Lesson: When it slows things down and sticks to normal themes, Architecture in Helsinki offers something worthwhile. Unfortunately, a lot of these tracks just don't click, and *Places Like This* falls into that awkward musical purgatory between decent and just plain irritating.

new movies

OPENING THIS WEEKEND



Mr. Bean's Holiday

Coral Ridge 10
Rowan Atkinson revives his claim-to-fame character in another go-around at what can only be assumed are dumb jokes and even worse physical comedy. Viewers will probably wish this bean had never sprouted.



Resurrecting the Champ

Sycamore Cinema 12
Starring Josh Hartnett and Samuel L. Jackson. Initial reviews have been positive, and with no other boxing movies this summer season, *Champ* could be a sleeper. Plus, if all goes well, the bum Samuel L. will be screaming for people to burn in hell all movie long.



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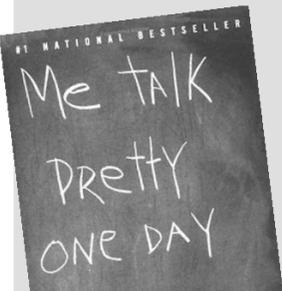
Sycamore Cinema 12
Jason Statham and Jet Li star in another revenge movie in which someone's family dies and someone else has to pay for it. Jet Li asserted that *Fearless* would be his last film, but apparently not, with another planned for a 2008 release. At least it has a unique title, right?

WHAT ARE YOU READING?



Each week, the *DI* finds an individual in Iowa City raving about his or her favorite book of the moment. This week, the *DI* talked to Trevor Lee-Hopkins, the booking manager of the Mill, about his nonfiction reading habits — both on and off the porcelain throne.

“ I've listened to every David Sedaris book on tape and right now when I'm on the toilet, I usually read *Me Talk Pretty Someday*. ”



DI RECOMMENDS

Being outside this Thursday to enjoy Skirt Day during sorority rush. The freshman women will be showing off their stuff while all the guys on campus secretly thank the love gods for bestowing good fortune.

QUOTABLE

“ I was like, 'Oh, his name is Nick and he's a deadpan, sarcastic asshole. It's going to be a real reach for me. ”



— NICK KROLL

(starring in the new ABC comedy "Cavemen," based on the Geico commercials)

The heart is a funny hunter



Publicity photo

Don't act too surprised — *Superbad's* Seth Rogen poses as the boyish Officer Michaels in his and superproducer Judd Apatow's newest polish of comedic gold. With both this and *Knocked Up* under his large belt, America has finally felt the effects of the Rogening.

Superbad continues Judd Apatow's streak of producing super comedies that make the tired frat-boy alternatives just look bad.



FILM REVIEW

by Paul Sorenson

Superbad

Where:

Coral Ridge 10,
Sycamore 12

★★★★ out of ★★★★★

parenting. Here, comedy god (and producer) Judd Apatow passes the phallic bar to protégé Seth Rogen, who started writing *Superbad* with buddy Evan Goldberg when he was merely 13. Its roots can be found in the simple story — horny dudes try to score alcohol for a big party and are thwarted by hilarious mishaps — but luckily the aged writers inserted the patented Apatow brand of emotional resonance and made the movie more than just a smarter *American Pie*. It's not quite as polished or poignant as *Knocked Up*, but it might be funnier, and certainly cements Rogen as the first purely Apatow-made star.

As Seth, Jonah Hill is good in a squeaky, desperate way, but he pales in comparison with his character's model — and his costars. The vulgarity generally works, but when it fails, it almost always does with Hill — too much “vagine” dropping is bad for any movie. Newbie Christopher Mintz-Plasse, forever known as “McLovin,” thankfully skirts the quirk-for-quirk's-sake of Napoleon Dynamite he threatens early on, largely due to the absurd and consistently amusing buddy-cop subplot (I won't spoil it).

But it's Michael Cera's Evan, whose presence is neither as loud as Seth's nor as colorful as McLovin's, who serves as *Superbad's* anchor. Evan isn't too different from George Michael, Cera's memorable “Arrested Development” debut, though with Evan, he perfected the character — too awkward to let his intelligence shine through, and too intelligent not to realize it. A union with his desire's desire (named Becca) reveals more ethical astuteness than a teenager's assumed libido, and while its collapse is one of the funniest scenes in the movie, it's also one of the most affecting.

When Seth takes a breath and Evan stops looking anxiously over his shoulder, we get the rest of *Superbad's* emotional center — a dynamic duo who realize they'll soon be reduced to occasional weekend friends. After some affectionate nose-touching and a drunken, semi-heterosexual sleepover,

they wake up to realize their closest years are over, and the remainder plays as an unexpected breakup film.

Luckily, we know the epilogue: Seth and Evan reunite, edge their way into Hollywood, and make an almost illegally

funny movie about the good ol' days. With another film in line for this time next year (*The Pineapple Express*), let's hope

these friends don't part again anytime soon.

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Doing time proves to be hard for mothers

EXHIBITS

Sonic Wallpaper
Distorted sound resonates from five black duffel bags sitting around the perimeter of a rectangular room. Like the noise that ricochets off the immense empty common rooms of a real prison, this hodgepodge of digitally manipulated voices fill the exhibit with the eerily incomprehensible stories of real prisoners.

Stretched Thin: Irishtine and her mother

Pages of correspondence between 11-year-old Irishtine and her incarcerated mother are assembled in a binder. Above hangs a large photograph of mother and daughter, tears sliding down the child's cheek as the mother cradles her daughter's face in her hands.

The Rules

A Plexiglas-covered list of typed rules outlining visitation guidelines for the family of incarcerated women, including strict protocol for physical contact with small children. An excerpt:
"Physical contact between visitors and inmates is limited to a brief kiss and short embrace at the beginning and end of the visit. Inmates may be permitted to hold children ages 3 and under during visits. No children ages 4 or above are allowed to sit on inmates' laps. Violation of any visiting rule outlined in this policy may result in the termination of the visit, disciplinary action against the inmate, and restriction of any future visiting privilege."

MOTHERS

CONTINUED FROM 1C

Solinger has devoted much of her life to two questions: Who gets to be a mother and what does bigotry look like in the United States? The traveling art exhibit was a marriage of these social-justice issues.

"As a person who is engaged in objecting to this institutional solution to poverty, to race, to a medical problem such as drug addiction, there are many reasons that I am joining my voice with voices of many other people in this country," the 60-year-old former UI visiting scholar said. "[We] find that the use of prisons have become an addiction to American authorities."

Despite the commonly held belief that bigotry in the United States was curbed after the civil-rights movement, Solinger said, there are still glaring examples of prejudice toward minorities in the U.S. justice system. For instance, to receive a five-year federal mandatory minimum sentence, it takes possession of merely five grams of cheap crack cocaine, used predominantly by poor minorities; it takes possession of 500 grams of expensive powder cocaine used by those better off to receive the same sentence. This facilitates the imprisonment of impoverished minorities for their drug addictions while rich, white celebrities such as

Lindsay Lohan are sent to rehabilitation. The majority of incarcerated women in the United States were convicted of nonviolent drug and property offenses.

"If you walk inside a prison in most places in the United States, and you see that almost everyone in there is a poor person or a person of color, you begin to understand something about how racism functions," Solinger said. "The prison system actually becomes a vehicle of making and enforcing racial distinctions in the United States."

According to the Real Cost of Prisons Project, women incarcerated in the United States are among the poorest in the nation: Two-thirds have less than a high-school education, and one in five is homeless. More than half of these women have been abused physically, sexually, or both.

"I work with a lot of women who have committed homicide," said Williams, an art educator at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women. "If you listen to their stories, [the crime] often involves a partner, and it's usually a crime of passion. Often times, it's very circumstantial, and if you follow the course of their lives and follow their stories, there will probably be points where you think, 'I would probably have done the same thing.'"

Personal testimony also

creates the centerpiece of the exhibit: A collection of more than 400 4-by-6 note cards are grouped in sectional squares of 16, creating a melancholic rainbow. The large mosaic of cards was assembled from seven different prisons across the United States, including the one in Mitchellville.

Women were simply given a blank note card and the prompt: "From where I sit, this is what being a mother means to me."

The cards are all the same size and shape, which represents how prison tries to reduce a person from an individual to a faceless member in a group of homogenous beings. But the messages are diverse, from uplifting confessions of faith to hand-drawn portraits and collages from magazines to personalized letters to their children, and each card shows a distinct personality.

"Women in prison, while many of them may not have high levels of education, are often very articulate, and intelligent, and very capable of intellectual pursuits," Williams said. "They're some of the best students I've ever had ... just because you've committed a crime does not mean you're a poor mother."

Another installation, created by nine teenagers from CAPACITY, a summer arts program in Columbus, Ohio, is composed of a series of paintings assembled

to create a corridor. Many of the young artists had family members in prison, which helped to inform their work.

One of the young artists, Salim Jett, whose brother was recently released from prison, was deeply affected by the stories of incarcerated mothers. He recounted a disturbing story of a mother forced to give birth in shackles, only to have the infant taken away a few days later.

"It's sad, because they miss so much," he said, describing his brother's shock at seeing cell phones with ear-pieces for the first time. "When I think about women having children and being in jail, that's even worse. They can't even nurture their own children, and those children might grow up thinking their moms hate them because she never took care of them. It's real hurtful."

Living behind bars isn't easy, said White and Werts, although they admit that it's not so horrible as many people believe.

"You make your life the way you want to make it here," White said. "You can either make it miserable, or you can get involved and do things that you enjoy and make the best of it."

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FACTS FROM THE REAL COST OF PRISONS PROJECT

- There are more prisons in America than Wal-Marts. There are more prisoners in America today than farmers.
- National average cost to imprison a person for one year: \$29,041
- National average cost of one year of community college: \$1,518
- Seven million children in the United States have a parent in prison, on probation, or on parole.
- Half of all women in prison are incarcerated more than 100 miles from their families.
- Blacks make up 13 percent of U.S. population, 13 percent of drug users, 35 percent of drug arrests, 55 percent of drug convictions, and 74 percent of those sentenced to prison for drugs.

Source: <http://www.realcostofprisons.org>

Tango, Charlie, Foxtrot

Tangoing its way into the heart of Iowa City, ballroom dancing hopes to instill culture and find a vigorous following.

BY NATHAN LEY
THE DAILY IOWAN

When you think of ballroom dancing, do you see old people in a stuffy room desperately clinging to each other (and life)? Do you see men in white wigs and women with powdered faces dancing with an air of perceived superiority beneath giant crystal chandeliers?

If the above describes your attitude toward ballroom dancing, you may be in for some culture shock. With the emergence of the modern DanceSport — formal dance competitions — the ballroom has been plucked away from the privileged and deposited straight into the middle of mainstream American pop culture. Such TV programs as "Dancing with the Stars" and "So You Think You Can Dance?" have recently dominated prime-time slots, drawing viewers of both sexes who cheered on athletes Jerry Rice and Emmitt Smith.

Now, Iowa City is joining the fray. All summer long — and starting up again Friday with Big Band Ballroom Dancing — Old Brick, 26 E. Market St., has hosted ballroom dancing nights. USA Dance, as well as the Friends of Ballroom/Social Dance and Old Brick Club have entertained their diverse

DANCING
Who: The D. Anthony Moonglow Orchestra
What: Big Band Ballroom Dancing
Where: Old Brick, 26 E. Market
When: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday

members once a month with a night of friendly frolicking and dynamite dancing.

David Wellendors, the Old Brick building manager, credits the atmosphere for the unique range of participants. "Young people will hear the music and laughter from outside and come in to take a look," he said. "Once they get inside, their faces instantly light up with smiles — they just have a hoot."

On Friday, Old Brick will host the D. Anthony Moonglow Orchestra, which specializes in performing the music of the Glenn Miller Band and the Duke Ellington Big Band. "During the summer, we could draw 100 to 160 people for a dance event," Wellendors said. "The Moonglow Orchestra has a pretty regular following, though, so we are expecting a bigger turnout for Friday's event."

Friday nights usually see the young of Iowa City polishing their fake IDs and scanning the



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Building manager David Wellendors tests the audio equipment in the Old Brick. The room will be used as a venue for Big Band Ballroom Dancing.

downtown bars looking for Mr. or Ms. Right (for that night, at least), but this year could be different. Ballroom dancing is off-beat (not literally), and, in turn, might draw interest.

"The two clubs that use the ballroom not only host dances, they offer dancing lessons," Wellendors said. "Each club has professional teachers, and USA Dance is headed by a professor of dance at Kirkwood in Iowa City."

Old Brick also opens its doors to art shows, poetry readings, and theatrical productions,

while using the auditorium/ballroom for birthday celebrations and wedding receptions. On Sept. 3, the venue will have a "Funky Informal," with dancing, live music, art exhibits, and a "scrabble-fest" for the kids.

The doors will open Friday at 7:30 p.m. and the movin' and groovin' will last until 10:30 p.m. So if you're restless and not in the mood to follow the crowd downtown, stop by Old Brick and keep yourself current and cultured.

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Summer of some content

As the networks stocked their summer schedules with 'real people,' cable TV gave audiences a different kind of reality in drama.



MERYN FLUKER

Discriminating viewers can and do discover respite in cable television, which has consistently picked up innovative and challenging programming to fill in the shortcomings of broadcast TV. The only place television fans are going to find first-run scripted shows during the hot season (summer, of course) is further up the dial. This summer was no exception.

"The Closer" has been a ratings winner for TNT, often the most watched cable show of the week. It rejects the expectations of a traditional TV drama, which is why it fits perfectly into the summer schedule. The protagonist, Brenda Johnson (played by Kyra Sedgwick), is a cunning crime investigator — and also refreshingly flawed. She has no problem displaying aggression or appearing unattractive-to-both her male colleagues and, in turn, to the audience.

Essentially, viewers (including myself) found Sedgwick's scripted performance more realistic than the supposedly real-time antics of want-to-be Shyamalans. It is doubtful whether most viewers can relate to the trivial struggles of the contestants on "So You Think You Can Dance?"; but even though the vast majority of viewers aren't alcoholic firefighters who talk to dead people, FX's "Rescue Me" can actually

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speak to the honest relationships of the everyday.

After years of seeing viewership increase during the summer, cable seems to be rewarding its legion of steadfast viewers. This summer saw the premiere of scripted dramas, such as "Damages," that feature protagonists of questionable ethical codes and bumpy interpersonal relationships. The tendency of broadcast TV's lead characters is to encounter moral struggles but ultimately come out on the side of "the good." Just look at "ER." Viewers see characters doing bad things but are trained to sympathize with them. The issues are very black and white, and even if our hero steps briefly into the cloudy dark side, he always lands on virtuous ground.

By embracing the gray areas of drama, cable television produced more shows to please the discerning viewer. As cable dramas end and broadcast networks trot out their new series for fall, a question arises: Will networks be able to sate the appetites of cable drama's now-addicted fans?

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Letters to Louis



LOUIS VIRTEL

You want professional advice? Dear Abby sure doesn't have it. Does she even have a degree? A non-theater degree? Whatever — Abby's not even her real name.

I'm Louis Virtel, the new *Daily Iowan* advice columnist. You can call me Louis. It's on my birth certificate.

I'm also an upcoming blogger for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender magazine *The Advocate* and a resident assistant in Daum. I used to be the *DI* arts editor and theater critic, but those jobs didn't provide me enough chance to make bad decisions for others. Voilà — *Letters To Louis* is conceived.

I want YOU to write in your questions about personal issues, pop culture, worldly matters, and ... well, whatever. I'll take anything. They're paying me (in hugs). It should work out for the both of us.

Here are the kinds of questions I'm looking for, as well as some scintillating, poetic responses:

Louis, I'm new to Iowa City. I don't know where my friends and I should hang out in town. We're 18, so no bars will do. Was I stupid to leave the Chicago suburbs? — Restless in Rienow.

Dear Restless, You didn't mess up — yet. You've got to push forward.

With Iowa City's looming possibility of a 21-ordinance stinking up the town, I also sometimes wonder how 18-year-olds will occupy themselves on weekends. Granted, Iowa City's coffee joints rule, and you might meet some sexy new male (or female) friend there — even at late hours. Hell, I'll be there. Most importantly, though, you've got to join something: Become the rowing team coxswain or the inhaler caddy for the debate team. Academic or hobby-related clubs are key:

As you find like-minded friends, you'll start "belonging" in Iowa City. Just like how you found a niche in high school, you must do the same here. And if you play Scrabble, I'll be happy to defeat you. We'll consider it a hazing ritual, except without strippers punching you in the face (for right now, anyway).

Louis, I know it's been more than a year and a half, but I still don't know what went wrong with the second season of "Project Runway." Chloe's final

collection looked like furniture from *The Joy Luck Club*. The puffy magenta dress was straight-up Kool-Aid Man. Where is justice, and why won't these tears dry? — Sad in stitches, Susan

Dear Sissy,

We might never recover. I wasn't traumatized by only Chloe's nightmarish Christmas collection but also by her 21 identical sisters. You'd think one of them would get a sex change just so Dad could throw the pigskin around with someone. Hmm. I can only conclude that Santino (who created the best collection, by far) was too much of a risky choice for the win. Jay won the first season, and his aesthetic combined eclecticism, splashy color, and sumptuous, layered clothing. Santino, therefore, would've represented a retreat if he won; Chloe, however, had a different (read: stupid) aesthetic that combined radioactive blue and slight retardation. Daniel was allegedly too inexperienced to win it, but just wait: Next season, some extremely young designer will win, just to shake things up. The judging system is b.s., but worst of all, it's kind of predictable. Pray for Season Four, Suze.

Get it? Send me your wildest questions about binge drinking, boyz, and Britney. Hit me. Deliver yourself from ignorance once and for all and bathe in this wisdom.

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ANDREW R. JUHL Some songs I dislike, and why

• **“Someday” — Nickelback:** To be fair, I’m not sure if I hate this song or “Photograph” or “Too Bad” or some other Nickelback song. It would be easier to tell if ... say ... they didn’t all sound exactly the same.

• **“If I Am” — Nine Days:** Congratulations, Nine Days, you wrote an anti-suicide song so annoying it made me want to slit my wrists. I hereby nominate you for the Alanis Morissette Ironic Songwriting Award.

• **“If I Am” — Good Charlotte:** Please, let’s all take a moment, bow our heads, and consider the plight of white teens growing up today in suburban America. When will they get their telethon?

• **“War” — Edwyn Starr:** Governmental reform and profiteering, that’s what war is good for. Don’t shit on our heritage, Edwyn Starr.

• **“My Humps” — Black Eyed Peas:** No. No no no no noooooo. NO.

• **“I’ll Be Missing You” — Puff Daddy feat. Faith Evans & 112:** It’s like Diddy said, “Notorious B.I.G., you meant so much to me, and I’m so saddened by your death that I just had to write this song for you ... sort of.” It’s really quite touching ... sort of.

• **“I Left My Heart in San Francisco” — Tony Bennett:** To be perfectly honest, I have nothing against this song; but every time I hear it, my reminds of the time I left my hat in San Francisco, and I get a little sad.

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Thursday, August 23, 2007
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotions will be running at a fever pitch, so avoid impulsive actions, words, or decisions that could result in a business loss. Concentrate on love, travel, and spending time with someone who means a lot to you.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Learn all you can about whatever interests you. A one-time deal may be on the table, but before you take a financial leap, be sure you can afford it. A clear head will lead to profits. You can talk your way into anything.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Think about how to make your home more comfortable all work-estate deals, working from home, or discussing refinancing to free up some cash will be in your favor. A chance to talk about your career goals with someone of influence will be a surefire way to get ahead.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don’t make claims you cannot live up to. Schedule in a course or a means to learn something that will help you out professionally or financially. Be willing to adapt to the changes required. Unexpected cash is headed your way.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Network all you can by getting involved in fundraisers or functions with the heavyweights in your industry. You’ll be right on the money with your ideas and plans. An old love interest may come back into your life full-steam.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Tread carefully, especially around colleagues, your family, and close friends. Nothing will be as it appears; to fly off the handle will only result in extended problems. Take a wait-and-see approach.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don’t sit around when there is so much you can do. Plan a vacation, take a short trip, or get involved in physical activities. You will meet someone who will influence your life; love is on the rise.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Use your head; don’t let anyone coerce you into doing things her or his way if you don’t agree. Handle your projects the way you see fit, and you will have no regrets in the end. It’s time to make some personal changes.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You’ll be excited about the prospects and possibilities that arise today. Keep moving from place to place or group to group. The more you interact with others, the greater your potential to make deals or decisions regarding your future.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look at the ups and downs of whatever deal is on the table. You stand a good chance to make a profit if you take a unique and original path. A hunch you have will prove to be correct.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The more you do for others, the more you will get in return. Your heart is in the right place, and your humanitarian attitude will win you points and favors. You can take your relationships or partnership to a higher level.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Readdress an old idea to see how well it will fly. Your timing is better, and the possibilities are endless. Be a little understated, and you’ll surprise others when you are ready to reveal your thoughts, ideas, and concepts.

IT’S A BUYER’S MARKET



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Patrons purchase produce at the Iowa City Farmers’ Market in the Chauncey Swan parking ramp on Wednesday. The open-air market welcomes customers Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:30-11:30 a.m. through Oct. 31.

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- **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., African American Historical Museum/Cultural Center, 55 12th Ave. S.E., Cedar Rapids
- **Preschool Bus Story Time to Witty Kitties**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Teen Tech Zone**, 2:30 p.m., Public Library
- **Book signing, Down to the River: Portraits of Iowa Musicians**, by Sandra Dyas, 3 p.m., 2000 Voxman Music Building
- **Coralville Farmers’ Market**, 5 p.m., Coralville Community Aquatic Center, 1513 Seventh St.
- **Animal Care Task Force**, 5:30 p.m., Public Library Meeting Room E
- **Bicyclists of Iowa City Leisure Ride**, 6 p.m., Best Buy, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Coalesce, with This Is My Condition and The Serpent Son**, 6 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Lebanese Favorites**, 6 p.m., New

- Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St, Coralville
- **Country Dance**, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Holistic Moms Network, new member open house**, 7-9 p.m., Public Library Meeting Room A
- **Johnson County Reserve Officers Association Meeting**, 7 p.m., Public Library Meeting Room B
- **“On the Invention of Imitation Parchment: Papermaking in Europe 1300-1500,”** Timothy Barrett, 7:30 p.m., UI Museum of Art
- **Escape the Floodwater Jug Band**, 9 p.m., Picador
- **Mark Olson (former Jayhawks founder)**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Run Side Down, with Independent Progress**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Thursday Night Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Charlie’s, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- **Sangria Night, Singer/songwriter Dustin Louis Blank**, 9:30 p.m., David’s Place, 100 S. Linn

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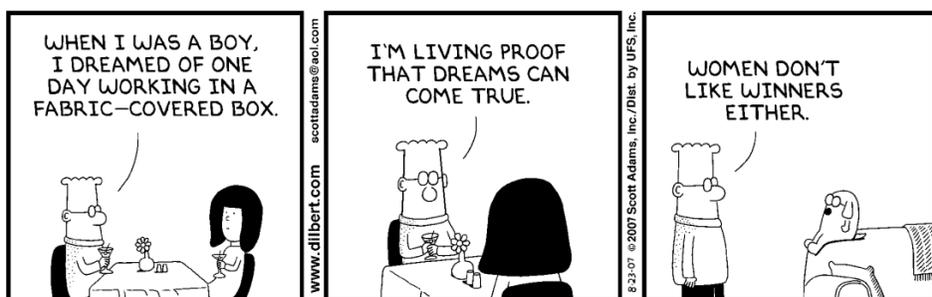
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- 12:30 p.m. News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
- 1 A Prairie Lights Reading from the UITV’s Archive
- 2 News from Germany (in German)
- 3 “Java Blend,” Music from Public Property
- 4 Civil Liberties vs. National Security, Tung Yin
- 5:30 Intellectual Property and Patent Law, Greg Kirsch
- 7 “Java Blend,” Music from Public Property
- 8 Community Conversations with the UI Provost
- 9:30 News from DITV
- 9:45 Incompetent Sports Talk, from Student Video Productions
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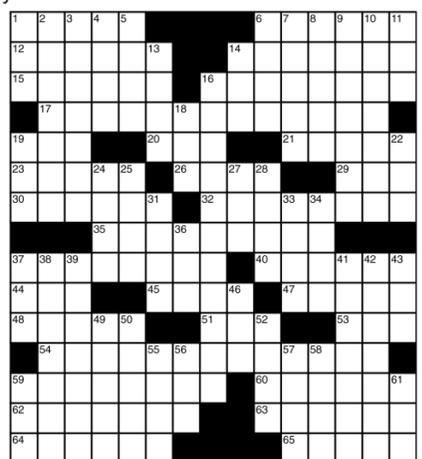


The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0712

- Across**
- 1 Part of Poor Richard’s Almanack
- 6 They clear the way
- 12 Think over, in a way
- 14 Wearing white after Labor Day, e.g.
- 15 Rest
- 16 Border in the border?
- 17 It might help you take a turn for the better
- 19 “See ___ care”
- 20 Bill and Hillary Clinton, e.g.
- 21 Fast pitch
- 23 Place to get a C.D.
- 26 Gaelic tongue
- 29 Cinnabar, e.g.
- 30 Emperor under Pope Innocent III
- 32 Early Surrealist
- 35 Ten minutes in a laundry, maybe
- 37 Hangar site
- 40 Upper armbones
- 44 Byron’s “___ Walks in Beauty”
- 45 Pay (up)
- 47 Nutcases
- 48 Pilgrim to Mecca
- 51 Fundamental of philosophy
- 53 First U.S. pres. to travel in a submarine
- 54 “You’ll have to take my word for it”
- 59 Informal words of concurrence
- 60 Attribution
- 62 Strife
- 63 A Lennon sister
- 64 Song from “The Music Man” with the lyric “What words could be saner or truer or plainer”
- 65 Word that can precede the starts of 17-, 35- and 54-Across and 16-Down
- Down**
- 1 Band score abbr.
- 2 Frying medium
- 3 Designate
- 4 U.F.O. feature, maybe
- 5 Minimal effort
- 6 Commanded
- 7 They are sorry
- 8 Yellow spring flower
- 9 Perspective
- 10 Stable places
- 11 Abilene-to-San Antonio dir.
- 13 Unlikely party animal
- 14 Cry of disgust
- 16 Low pressure area
- 18 Good name for a trial lawyer?
- 19 Abbr. on a film box
- 22 Tennis call
- 24 Columnist Maureen
- 25 Word repeated in a child’s taunt
- 27 For example
- 28 Kind of rate in a bank: Abbr.
- 31 Letters on a Rémy Martin bottle
- 33 Jewish month
- 34 San ___, Italy
- 36 Grp. handling insurance forms
- 37 Wood for oars
- 38 “Ugh!”
- 39 Rummy
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