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HERKY THROUGH THE YEARS

MUM'S THE HERKY WORD



Facts about Herky

- Created in 1948 by Dick Spencer III, a UI journalism teacher and former reporter and staff artist for *The Daily Iowan*
- Named after Hercules, the mythical Greek hero known for brute strength
- First landed on the sidelines during the 1959 football season
- Donned a military uniform during the Korean War and became the insignia of the 124th Fighting Squad

Source: hawkeyesports.com, uiowa.edu



By Clara Hogan and Lauren Skiba • The Daily Iowan • Photos by Ed Bornstein

Choose to be a Herky, and you'll lose your identity. When two *Daily Iowan* reporters decided to pursue what they thought might be the simple task of finding out what it's like to be a Hawkeye mascot, the psyche behind the raptor became immediately clear: The person behind the mask 'becomes' the bird. Animated by a variety of people, from women to men, freshman to seniors, the Herky players are a loyal troupe who stick to the rules. No names, no faces, no individual details.

Living in the shadow of Herky

Six UI students will take on one beloved bird's costume this fall. But if you ask Iowa spirit coach Gregg Niemiec how many mascots there are, he'll tell you there's only one Herky the Hawk, and he is adamant that Herky be a family-oriented mascot with no human attributes. But despite the secretive mystique, one of this season's Herkys agreed to open up anonymously about her experiences as the famous mascot. Ms. Herky — sole woman in the current mascot squad — called the bird a symbol of the university and said keeping her identity secret is just part of her job. "It's an honor to represent Iowa, and I've always been sort of an entertainer," she said. "In that costume, you can get away with anything, and you make people happy." Ms. Herky auditioned for the spot at the end of her freshman year at the UI. Ten Herky hopefuls attended the tryout. "I had no idea what to expect," she said. "We did a skit, put on the costume, and learned the Herky walk — which is pretty funky, by the way."

SEE MASCOT, 3A

Once a Herky, always anonymous

It's a Herky thing. Keeping their identity hidden is a commitment that continues way beyond college years. What started in the past makes it hard to forget that once someone becomes a Herky, he or she is a Herky for life. "He's his own entity," said one previous Herky. "You learn that when you become Herky, you are Herky. You are not Joe Schmo, you become that bird. It's interesting, because when you get into the costume, you become something completely different." Hiding a mascot's identity is a common tradition for college and professional athletics teams across the nation, he said. And, Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta said, that's exactly what it is — a tradition, not a written rule. In fact, unlike the Herkys, the seven Iowa State University students in the Cy costume — the cardinal mascot that recently won the title of Most Dominant Mascot on the Planet in an MSNBC competition — will willingly tell their names. "My friends know I'm Cy, and I've been profiled by the *Iowa State Daily*, but with a school of around 28,000 people, no one really knows who is Cy," said junior Brent Behrenf, the captain of ISU's mascot squad. "When Cy's out on the field, no one thinks of him as an individual student, so it doesn't really matter who knows."

SEE ANONYMOUS, 3A

BIG TEN NETWORK

Network misses most of IC area

By Brian Stewart
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Big Ten Network, a 24-hour cable TV channel that will televise solely Big Ten athletics programming, will go on the air today at 7 p.m. — but not for the majority of cable subscribers in the Hawkeyes' hometown.

Mediacom, which services more than 400,000 households statewide and a majority of Iowa City residents, will not carry the network as part of its basic-cable package. Phyllis Peters, the Mediacom communications director, said discussions with the Big Ten Network are occurring "almost daily."

"This is not a matter of Mediacom versus Big Ten [Network]. It's a matter of Big Ten [Network] versus customers," she said. "It's a matter of choice."

Mediacom hopes to provide the channel on its "digital tier" package — which 40 to 50 percent of its customers buy. Without that package, it could cost viewers an extra \$1.10 each month to receive the network on their basic package.

Mike Vest, the media relations manager for the Big Ten Network, said adding the channel to basic-cable packages wouldn't have to raise rates.

"The bottom line for us is that you can't find 70 channels more important than the Big Ten Network in Iowa," Vest said. "There are a lot of avenues for Mediacom to make money by taking on the Big Ten Network."



Barta
athletics director

Network launch

Led by former ESPN personality Dave Revsine, the Big Ten Network hopes to succeed with a closely knit main cast. **Sports, 1B**

SEE BIG TEN, 3A

The Big Ten Network Launch Party

Hosts: Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta, President Sally Mason, and Hawkeye athletics coaches

Where: IMU Hawkeye today from 6:30-8 p.m. Food and drink will be provided. Door prizes will include car flags, T-shirts, and game tickets.

The network

- 24-hour network will feature collegiate sporting events and programming from the Big Ten's 11 member institutions.
- The channel will air more than half of all Big Ten football games, 92 percent of those in high-definition.
- Approximately 60 Hawkeye sporting events will be broadcast live nationwide in 2007-08 on the network.
- In addition, the station's programming will include historical footage, classic sports games, coaches' shows, and 60 hours of original material from Big Ten schools.

Source: uiowa.edu, bigtennetwork.com

String of bomb threats continues

By Kurtis Hiatt
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI officials are "disgusted" after receiving the third bomb threat via e-mail this week and fourth this month, Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations, said on Wednesday. "What we'd like people to do is be alert but not alarmed," he said. The latest threat was sent to a generic e-mail address in the Admissions Office in Calvin

Hall, he said; once again, the e-mail did not mention a specific building or time. The e-mail was sent around 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, he said, but it wasn't opened until employees arrived at Calvin after 8 a.m. The UI police conducted a search of the



Parrott
director of University Relations

interior and exterior of the building; they did not employ the bomb-sniffing dog, Aro, and officers ultimately declared the building bomb-free, Parrott said. The UI police are handling the threats, he said. "They're professionals," Parrott said. "They know they have to [respond] when they get these threats. They do what they have to do." The UI police have been in contact with other universities

and the FBI and Department of Homeland Security to make sure authorities know about the flood of threats, he said. Officials have determined the e-mails are not coming from the campus itself, the university's chief spokesman said. The UI received a few concerned e-mails Tuesday after that threat, asking why officials aren't sending out mass e-mails

Third bomb scare

UI police search Calvin Hall in response to another bomb threat received via e-mail.



Source: UI police
Dylan Salisbury/The Daily Iowan

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Good news on poverty, not so good on health insurance

By Stephen Schmidt
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A recent government report had good news for poverty levels both nationally and statewide, but bad news for the total number of uninsured Americans — and it received mixed opinions from state and local officials.

The report, released by the U.S. Census Bureau on Tuesday, touted the first decrease in the national poverty rate this decade, falling from 12.6 percent in 2005 to 12.3 percent in 2006.

Iowa followed national trends, with its poverty rate falling from 10.9 percent to 10.3 percent between 2004 and 2006. Meanwhile, Iowa's median household income rose from \$47,170 to \$48,075 over the same period, according to census data.

Gov. Chet Culver lauded Iowa's position in poverty and health-service coverage and said the state should use it as a springboard for future developments in a statement Tuesday.

"It is critical that we build on our strengths in renewable energy, manufacturing, biosciences, and information technology to continue to bring the quality jobs of the future to our state," he said in the statement.

services coordinator for Johnson County, said she was skeptical about the news of any marked decrease in poverty.

"I think people realize that statistics are numbers, and behind the numbers there is a story," she said. "There are still a lot of people living in poverty."

Crissy Canganelli, the executive director of Shelter House, agreed.

"We're always full; we're turning the same number of people away as we always have, so I don't see a decrease in demand."

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa also saw both positives and negatives in the report.

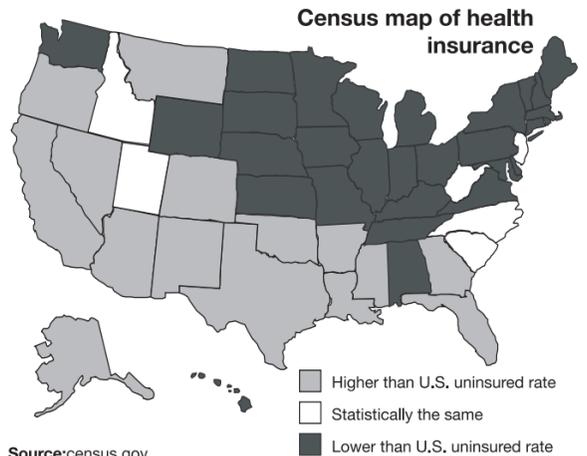
"I was pleased to see the percentage of people living in poverty declining," he wrote in an e-mail. "However, in a country as wealthy and advanced as ours, it is unacceptable to have a record number of people, many of them children, living in poverty and without access to health care."

Nationally, the number of uninsured children rose from 8 million in 2005 to 8.7 million in 2006, according to the data. The amount of Americans without health insurance also ballooned by 2.2 million in fiscal 2006, to a total of 47 million uninsured — or approximately 16 percent of the population — according to census data.

The data showed that from 2004-2006, Iowa tied with four

Poverty vs. health insurance

A recent U.S. census reports that poverty rates are down, and Iowa's poverty rate follows the trend. However, the number of Americans living without health insurance is increasing. Iowa tied with Minnesota, Wisconsin, Hawaii, and Maine for having the lowest percentage of uninsured.



Source: census.gov
Dylan Salisbury/The Daily Iowan

other states — Minnesota, Wisconsin, Hawaii, and Maine — for having the lowest percentage of uninsured citizens. Iowa's average over the three-year-period was 9.3 percent.

Even with Iowa's lofty insurance status compared with the rest of the nation, Iowa City Free Medical Clinic co-director Sandy Pickup said it has had no shortage of clients.

"We're full all the time basically," she said. "There are just a lot of people who don't have the health insurance for the things that they need."

The clinic has seen an increase in recent years in patients who need help for chronic, long-term problems, such as diabetes and hypertension, she said.

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Keeping faith alive in the dorms

When religious and dorm lives cross, students of non-Christian creeds find challenges keeping their faith.

By Shajia Ahmad
THE DAILY IOWAN

When UI junior Nataly Arber lived in the dorms her freshman year, the conservative Jewish student was unable to welcome the Sabbath on Friday nights — she wasn't allowed to light a candle in her dorm room.

"I went to public school, and I was used to leaving religious life at home," Arber said. "But I couldn't light a candle in the night, and it was kind of an inconvenience."

For students who belong to smaller religious communities — Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, and many more — the lines between religious and dorm life can often blur.

Because candles and other open flames are prohibited in the dorms, Arber said, she began attending Friday night services at the Hillel House — something she considered an important part of her first-year experience, even though she never considered her floor uninviting.

Sean Hesler, a manager of student engagement in the Office of Residence Life, said his department trains its resident assistants to set a tone of acceptance and openness in the dorms.

"We've got kids from all over the U.S. and the world — they each bring with them their unique perspectives, unique cultures, and unique religions," he said.

UI freshman Ambica Nakhasi said she has found the atmosphere on her floor in Daum welcoming, which for her, a Hindu student, erased any worries about being open about her religious practices.

"You always have to deal with it, because you come from a place where you're a minority," Nakhasi, a Waterloo native, said.

UI sophomore Prateek Tiwari, also a Hindu student, said he had a similar experience when he lived in Burge last year.

The Cedar Rapids native, who comes from a very religious Hindu family, said that

although the topic of faith was rarely ever discussed, his roommates and neighbors were interested in learning about his religious practices, including prayers in the morning — a common Hindu ritual.

"When you're at home, it's much more silent, and you can be alone," Tiwari said, adding that he sometimes prayed in the morning to the inch and a half miniature replica of Ganesh, a Hindu deity, in his room. "But you're not as alone in the dorms, so it's not as easy."

Yet, for some, the lines between religious and dorm life don't always cross.

UI sophomore Nati Kiferbaum, who identifies himself as a conservative Jew, was very discouraged that he could not light candles for the Sabbath in his Mayflower dorm or eat kosher meals at the dining hall. He also missed the strong Jewish community he had in his hometown.

"The thing is, it's hard to celebrate things on your own," he said, noting he was the only Jew on his floor. "At home, I was

never doing these things alone, always with others. It's more comforting. I didn't want that to stop at Iowa."

Kiferbaum petitioned to break his living contract and is now a member of Alpha Epsilon Phi, the sole UI Jewish fraternity.

"It's very important to me to be with these guys," he said. "Judaism is a top value."

For UI junior Areeba Fatima, who considers practicing Islam a strong part of her life, living in Stanley for three years has not conflicted with her values.

The Davenport native said she's never had any trouble performing her daily prayers in the dorms and attributes the positive reactions she receives to greater societal openness to religion.

"I've been doing this since I was a kid — my parents are pretty religious, too," she said. "I have a feeling that if I prayed outside, like the park maybe, I could do it, and I don't think people would care."

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METRO

Man charged with sexual abuse

An Iowa City man was charged with second-degree sexual abuse for allegedly molesting an 11-year-old girl.

Police allege that Victor Hasvold, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4410, approached the girl as she was walking home around 4:44 p.m. on Monday. Hasvold allegedly asked to use the bathroom in the girl's home

and then, once inside the residence, sexually assaulted her, police said.

The second-degree sexual abuse charge is a Class B felony, punishable by up to 25 years behind bars.

Hasvold, 22, was being held at the Johnson County Jail at \$10,000 bail on Wednesday.

— by Kelsey Beltramea

6 profs win Regents Awards

The state Board of Regents

awarded six UI professors the 2007 Regents Award for Faculty Excellence Wednesday. The honor recognizes Iowa professors for their contributions in public education; each recipient will receive \$1,000.

This year's winners include law Professor Randall Bezanon, internal medicine Professor Beverly Davidson, chemistry Professor James Gloer, English Professor Adalaide Morris, education Professor Ernest Pascarella, and

biochemical engineering Professor Alec Scranton.

Scranton, who also serves as the associate dean in the College of Engineering for academic programs, said learning he received the Regents Award for Faculty Excellence came to him as a "very nice surprise."

"I was delighted and flattered about [receiving the award]," he said. "It's quite the honor."

— by Samantha Miller

POLICE BLOTTER

John Ashby, 22, Coralville, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and possession of marijuana.

Rose Bentline, 23, Osage, Iowa was charged Aug. 11 with violating a no-contact domestic abuse protective order.

Lucas Blair, 28, 1956 Broadway Apt. 3B, was charged Wednesday with violating a no-contact domestic abuse protective order and domestic

abuse.

Beau Bunce, 18, 441D Mayflower, was charged Wednesday with unlawful use of a driver's license or identification, presence in a bar after hours, and PAULA.

Danielle Davis, 20, Lombard, Ill., was charged Wednesday with interference with official acts and PAULA.

Sara Dietz, 19, 804 Iowa Ave., was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Jenna Garlisch, 20, 201 Hawkrigde Drive Apt. 2309B, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Harold Howard, 19, 214 N. Dubuque St., was charged Aug. 28 with disorderly conduct, improper use of 911 and joint criminal conduct, and third-offense public intoxication.

Sammy Inarrito, 21, 1206 Lakebend Road, was charged Wednesday with OWI and driving while barred.

Christine Lynch, 20, Tinley Park, Ill., was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Joseph Miller, 37, Tiffin, was charged Aug. 8 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Spencer Pierce, 21, 120 N. Johnson St. Apt. 3 was charged Wednesday with urinating in public.

Craig Wymore, 21, 921 E. Burlington St., was charged Wednesday with urinating in public.



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CORRECTION

In the Wednesday article "U.S. recruiting int'l grad students," The Daily Iowan incorrectly reported that 8 percent more graduate students applied to U.S. universities in 2007 than in the previous year. The 8 percent increase refers to offers of admission, not applications. The DI regrets the error.

Most of Hawkeye Land to miss network

BIG TEN

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Vest said the network will televise around 60 Hawkeye events — including at least three football games, and 15 men's basketball games — as well as wrestling, volleyball, and other NCAA sports.

"That level of programming is going to be really important to the people of Iowa," Vest said. "The biggest impact on fans is that they will get more programming than ever before."

The UI Campus Video Service, which provides cable access in residence halls and campus buildings, and

DIRECTV are the only two providers that will carry the channel in the Iowa City area beginning today.

"Obviously, we are delighted that the Big Ten Network will be available inside our residence halls and in other locations throughout campus," said Gary Barta, the Hawkeye athletics director, in a statement.

"The UI is committed to the broadest possible distribution of the network, and this is one important piece of that plan."

Iowa head women's basketball coach Lisa Bluder shared Barta's enthusiasm.

"I think [the network is] going to have a significant impact in a positive manner for all of our athletics pro-

grams," she said. "The more television exposure we get for our teams, the better."

The Big Ten Network has also announced a plan for equal coverage of men's and women's athletics on all forms of Big Ten media by 2010, which Bluder calls "great news."

Peters said Mediacom

customers will still be able to view four of the first five Iowa football games on channels the provider currently carries.

"[The university] knows we have a genuine interest in bringing this program to our customers," she said. "But we still have some time."

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Anonymity prized

MASCOT

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Her enthusiasm got her the job, and since then, she has spent five to 15 hours a week at Hawkeye sporting and community events across the city. And no matter how much time she clocks behind the beak, all Herkys are unpaid.

The mysterious Herky said going to the UI Children's Hospital is "heart-warming" and one of her favorite events.

Although that department already has a mascot, Perky, who is "Herky's younger cousin," Herky can often be found dancing through the hospital halls, said Gwen Senio, the manager of

the Child Life Program at the hospital.

"Herky helps the kids take their mind off the fact that they're ill," she said. "They get autographs and photos with Herky — for them it's like meeting one of the Hawkeye football players, or better."

Despite a 30-pound football mask, the Herkys are serious about their pep.

Ms. Herky, along with other Midwest mascots, attended a mascot camp last summer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison to enhance their skills.

"Imagine around 40 mascots in a bus," she said. "It's as crazy as it sounds."

At camp, the mascots learn each other's walks and at one

point they all go to Lake Michigan, in costume, to entertain on-lookers.

"It's like you're in a cartoon, with all the oversized animal mascots around you," Niemiec said.

The interviewed Herky said though she has academic aspirations, she is considering being a mascot for a professional team after college.

"Being a mascot isn't like being a doctor — when people go to the doctor's office, they are tense and annoyed," she said. "I see people when they are happy and relaxed, and I love adding to that atmosphere."

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Ex-Herkys true to code

ANONYMOUS

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However, another Big Ten school, Michigan State University, gives the sole student who plays its mascot anonymity.

Though the *DI* interviewed two former Herkys, neither one of them agreed to disclose their names. One even hinted that his former coach, Gregg Niemiec (who's still with the UI), warned him before the interview not to reveal this information.

"The basic rules of being a mascot are not talking or taking off your head in public," Niemiec said. "And to keep the idea that he's real for kids, we like to keep the image that there is only one Herky."

And this Herky coyness has dated back years.

Herky was born on the field of the football stadium in 1959; before then, he was just a drawing.

After only a few short years as a living mascot, one of the Herkys got into some personal trouble, and he was told to leave. That's when UI fraternity Delta Tau Delta, took the weight of Herky upon itself, and for years, he lived as one of the frat brothers, under their wing. But when the greek chapter was kicked off campus, Herky the Hawk went under the care of the athletics department, where he has lived to this day.

For some modern mascot alumni, he is a symbol that just seemed to stick long after they left school.

"Being Herky led me to everything," said a now 27-year-old, who works in education. "It

got me into going to grad school and trying to search for coaching experiences. It's what led me into wanting to be a coach."

And for some previous Herkys, the job can even become a post-graduation, professional gig.

One former Herky landed a job as mascot for the Minnesota Vikings right after college. Professional mascots get paid on average \$30,000 per year, so for many, including him, it's a full-time job.

"I have a fun life," he said. "I have great experiences."

Even so, years after they have left UI, it seems impossible to uncover who the men and women behind the bird really were.

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Threats not from campus

BOMB

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to faculty and students in every case, Parrott said.

"If we have specific, credible information of a threat, we want people to know right away," he said. "If we have suspicions it's a hoax, we don't want to send out an alert."

Still, he said, officials send out a news release regardless of

credibility. "We don't want to pretend it didn't happen," he said.

Even though the number of threats is the highest in years, Parrott encouraged students to stay in their routines.

"I think students should go to class ... go about [their] business," he said.

Wednesday's threat is part of a three-day string of e-mailed bomb threats at the UI.

Hardin Library received two e-mail threats Tuesday, and

three UI-connected people received threats targeting Jessup Hall and another UI building Sunday.

Prior to that, the university received an anonymous e-mail Aug. 13 saying that four pipe bombs had been placed on campus.

Officials have not discovered bombs in any of the cases.

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Growing popularity of drugstore clinics indicate a greater need for better care, local experts say.

In-store health clinics draw scrutiny

By Zhi Xiong
The Daily Iowan

With hundreds of health clinics jostling for space in such retail chains as CVS, Walgreens, and Wal-Mart nationwide, the idea of store-brand products is extending to health services.

Such quick, relatively cheap treatments are attempts to plug the nation's gaps in health care — with 1,200 disadvantaged areas in the country still lacking access to care and 44.8 million uninsured, according to government figures.

Though such organizations as the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Family Physicians have reportedly dismissed such clinics as low-quality, the need for more sources of primary care is undeniable, said Paul James, head of the UI family-medicine department.

"As a business model, if such clinics are successful, it means there is not enough primary care available," he said. "It's nice for people like me, because it forces attention on the issue."

Drugstore clinics play up their availability to those who



Wesley Cropp/The Daily Iowan

Curaquick Clinic nurse practitioner Anne Pollock checks Sarah Engler on Tuesday in a clinic at the Waterfront Hy-Vee. Engler said she goes to the clinic frequently to get her blood pressure checked.

are uninsured. And for those who are covered, the costs can be submitted to insurance in

some cases. For \$40 and a possible 20-minute wait at Curaquick in

Hy-Vee, 1720 Waterfront Drive, patients receive treatment or prescriptions for such things as

ear infections, pinkeye, and flu vaccinations. Additional labs and shots costs extra, the priciest being a \$100 meningitis shot, said Anne Pollock, a nurse practitioner at the clinic.

A visit for such basic care at a hospital could cost as much as \$150, said James, adding that the costs even out when considering the portion paid by insurance companies.

Inconsistencies in the regulation of such clinics have also arisen in recent reports. Run by state-licensed nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, and sometimes M.D.s, the services and practitioners are regulated by the Iowa Department of Public Health, said Beverly Zylstra, a liaison for the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals.

"It's not like a normal clinic of a hospital," she said.

The Curaquick Clinic is a privately run establishment that uses the store as a space, said Chris Friesleben of the Hy-Vee corporation in West Des Moines.

Friesleben equated Hy-Vee as a landlord who has no part in hiring physicians or other

aspects of the operation.

With 40-50 walk-ins at the clinic daily, the most persuasive of all factors is perhaps the ease of multitasking — getting groceries, treatment, and prescriptions filled all in the same place.

While commonly cited as benefiting a patient, James said he and other physicians consider this symbiotic relationship one unsavory aspect.

"I do think it's the further introduction of big business in health care. Wal-Mart and Target know the longer people are in their store for any reason, the more they'll buy," he said.

Pollock said the clinic is not allowed to direct patients when it comes to prescriptions. Nevertheless, eight out of 10 patients choose to get their orders filled at the Hy-Vee pharmacy.

"As long as there are educated patients making the right choices, these clinics encourage competition," James said. "But if people can afford it, they aren't going to choose limited care."

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People split on UI police guns

By Ben Fornell
The Daily Iowan

No one knows whether the UI police will be armed after the mid-September meeting of the state Board of Regents, but almost everyone says the issue is complicated.

"I'd feel safer if no one had guns, but that doesn't seem to be the case," UI President Sally Mason said.

Her responsibility is to watch out for everyone in the UI community, she said, but a few guns in the hands of properly trained individuals can be important in making campus safer.

"It isn't until something happens that we begin to think about this differently," Mason said, describing an incident when she was provost of Purdue University, and an enraged student stormed into her office, demanding to speak with her. She said she was comforted when armed police arrived to diffuse the situation.

"I'm not a fan of guns," she said. "There have been times that I very much appreciated the fact that there were university police there to protect me."

Students around campus differ in their views on the subject, but whatever their opinion, many recall last spring's shootings at Virginia Tech. The police there were armed at the time of the shooting.

"Has the environment on campus escalated that much?" said Demetria Haywood, a second-year pharmacy student. The Chicago native said she felt



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UI police Lt. Lucy Wiederholt stands in the department's training room on Wednesday. UI police officers are permitted to carry several nonlethal weapons, including pepper spray, Tasers, and expandable batons.

the main issue with the large number killed at Virginia Tech was the response time of campus police.

"I've been here since '01, and I have yet to see a situation that X, Y, or Z would have gone differently if police had had firearms," she said. "I believe that police all over the country are trained, but for some reason, people are still getting shot. In the back. By police."

Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, said a gun is one of the tools of the trade for police officers.

The UI police officers "receive the same training as other officers in the state of Iowa, so it goes to the larger question: Should law-enforcement officers be armed, and my

answer is yes," Green said. "It's a part of the job."

Others in the university community said they would feel safer if the UI police were prepared at all times to handle an armed attacker.

"I feel pretty safe," said Daniel Marie, a first-year graduate student in library sciences, who said he grew up with guns because his father was a hunter. "Iowa seems like a pretty safe place, but you never know."

Marie said the campus would be safer if officials added new staff to the UI police, some specifically to handle bombs, and offered more education about what students should do during a security emergency.

Some university community

Should campus cops carry guns?

• The UI is the only university of its size or larger that has an unarmed police force.
• At present, UI police officers are issued semiautomatic handguns that they must store — locked — at police headquarters.
• UI police officers may only carry their guns when authorized by Doug True, the UI senior vice president of Finance and Operations. Typically, this happens when dignitaries visit the university and police must provide added security.
• If the UI police officers need guns to respond to an emergency, they must bypass True's office but can return to headquarters to retrieve their pistols.

Source: UI police

members said they feel that the discussion on security may be headed in a wrong direction altogether.

"It seems so unnecessary. More guns cause more problems," said Julia Schwadron, a visiting assistant art professor from New York. "I don't know if we've correctly identified the problem, if that's the answer."

Regent President Michael Gartner said many voices will weigh in before the regents decide at the two-day meeting starting Sept. 18.

"Everyone will be listening very carefully to everything before everyone makes up his or her mind," he said.

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City High faces staff shortage

City High mirrors nationwide staffing problems, while West High hasn't yet experienced any.

By Carla Keppler
The Daily Iowan

Similar to high schools nationwide facing shortages in teaching staff, City High finds itself struggling to maintain a full-time staff. West High, however, has so far been able to avoid the problem.

City High Principal Mark Hanson attributed the staffing troubles plaguing Iowa and national schools to a wave of baby-boomer retirements as well as the propensity of younger people to change jobs.

He sees this as a statewide problem over recent years and one that is still affecting Iowa City's oldest high school.

"[Problems are] typically isolated in content areas like special education," he said. "Math and science are getting more and more difficult to hire."

Like many high schools nationally, City High uses long-term substitute teachers to remedy its lack of full-time staff. A special-education math position at the school is temporarily being filled by someone not fully qualified, Hanson said.

After he finishes the rest of his classes and becomes certified to teach special education, City High hopes to hire him full-time, Hanson said.

Pressures associated with teaching and the high level of accountability teachers now face cause people to choose other career paths, he said.

"You have to be patient, persistent, and just keep coming back," he said.

Salary issues and increasing problems reaching beyond academics are factors contributing to the problem, West High Assistant Principal Molly Abraham said.

West hasn't faced staffing issues in recent years, but she recognized that it is a problem elsewhere. She attributed her school's lack of problems to luck, although West, too, employs a long-term

substitute because of a recent resignation. The long-term substitute at West, however, is qualified to fill the position.

Abraham said the school is seeking someone to hire full-time.

Neither school has had to use financial incentives to fill positions, but both said they would if necessary.

"It will probably have to happen," Hanson said. "I think

Staffing struggles

Long-term substitutes at local schools:

- City High — A special-education math position
- West High — A science teacher

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Electronic Markets turn 20

Nearly 20 years after its conception, the Iowa Electronic Markets continue to predict political campaigns.

By Shawn Gude
THE DAILY IOWAN

It all started with an upset. The year was 1988, and Democratic presidential nomination hopeful Jesse Jackson had just shocked the nation by winning the Michigan primary. It was an upset that pollsters hadn't predicted, and UI

faculty members Nelson Forrest, George Neumann, and Robert Forsythe wondered "why the polls did such a bad job," in Forrest's words.

So the three devised what Forrest called "a tool for collecting information about certain events" — the Iowa Electronic Markets.

Instead of polling, the newly formed entity relied on the market. That is, traders bought and sold shares for certain outcomes.

And now, almost 20 years later, the most popular items in the Electronic Markets remains the presidential-nomination markets, with approximately 40,000 shares owned between the Republican and Democratic sides.

"There's interest in the elections. Not a single day will go by without an article in the newspaper about the presidential race," Forrest said. "There are people around the world interested. It's promoted in the press, and that feeds interest in it ... It's important to everyone."

Such an important race demands accuracy in predicting, something Electronic Markets officials argue they are exceptional at.

"We've looked at 600 polls in the past. In 74 percent of those, the market has been [more accurate] than the polls," said Joyce Berg, a UI associate accounting professor and Electronic Markets board member. "That gives us a lot of confidence."

With this type of success rate, the market has become a player in predicting outcomes. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., leads the Democratic market, with Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards trailing. On the Republican side, Rudolph

Giuliani, ex-mayor of New York City, is on top, with former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney in second and former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson in third.

In no way have the Electronic Markets overtaken traditional election-predicting devices, however.

American Research Surveys is one of these. The key, according to Senior Executive Vice President Machan Pavelek, is to correctly carry out polling.

"I don't dispute that [the market is accurate]," Pavelek said. "[But] if done properly, polling works."

Scott Rasmussen, the president of Rasmussen Reports, another polling firm, acknowledges that the Electronic Markets and other market-based predictors "are certainly a valid tool as part of the mix."

In an e-mail, he also noted that it has had "no impact" in altering the company's polling methods or changing the polling market.

David Redlawsk, a UI associate professor of political science, has a different way of

Election Projections

The Iowa Electronic Market's predictions for the 2008 presidential nominations

- Republicans**
- First — Rudolph Giuliani
- Second — Mitt Romney
- Democrats**
- First — Hillary Rodham Clinton
- Second — Barack Obama

looking at it: He said comparing the two methods is like "comparing apples and oranges."

"The people who run Electronic Markets claim it's more accurate than polling, but I just see it as looking at it two different ways," said Redlawsk, who occasionally uses the market in class and has also conducted polls of his own. "It's not that the [Electronic Markets] traders know more than the average person ... [But] polling isn't in real time. Polling is a slice of time. Electronic Markets can adjust every day."

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Peeking into Wikipedia

By Nicholas Kelly
THE DAILY IOWAN

If people on the UI's campus have recently edited a Wikipedia page, their changes may not be so anonymous as they think.

Wikipedia, the world's largest online encyclopedia, which is updated continuously by numerous, and usually anonymous, volunteer writers and editors across the globe, has long contained a wealth of knowledge. It is also the focus of much controversy and often a target of Internet vandalism.

"Some people do it just to get laughs. They use it as a forum," UI senior Joe Reichle said.

Recently, Cal Tech graduate student Virgil Griffith reported discovering a way to undo some of the anonymity that may have made Wikipedia an apt target for vandalism in the past.

This is accomplished through WikiScanner, a data-mining service that compares the IP addresses of Wikipedia edits to the IP addresses of major corporations, political organizations,

'I don't think it's a big deal, but I think that's why Wikipedia isn't considered credible.'

— Karen Saetre, UI sophomore

and universities.

One of the networks identified on WikiScanner's database is the UI.

As such, according to the service, any edit to Wikipedia made since February 2002 is logged and available for view across the Internet.

Included in the thousands of edits WikiScanner attributes to the UI are a variety of anecdotes.

One such post included the phrase, "Hawkeyes Rule" on a Wikipedia entry about Kinnick Stadium. Other entries may simply be acts of Internet vandalism, such as claims that an alias of former university President David Skorton was an "Eater of Monkey Brains."

"I don't think it's a big deal, but I think that's why Wikipedia isn't considered credible," UI sophomore Karen Saetre said.

In order to identify which posters come from the UI's computer system, the program matches IP addresses in Wikipedia's history of edits to the range of IP addresses that are known to originate from the university's network.

According to Microsoft's online support page, each computer logged into a network connected to the Internet receives a unique IP address. Internet sites such as Wikipedia can log this IP number when a user posts or edits information.

This number can be divided into two parts; the first part of the number identifies the network that a computer is connected to and the second portion identifies the individual computer that is connected to the network accessing the Internet.

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Through a WikiScanner Darkly

• Oct. 4, 2005 — The phrase, "Hawkeyes rule!" was added to the Wikipedia page about new construction on Kinnick Stadium.

• April 28, 2006 — Under the listing of the UI's accomplished alumni, an edit added the name Eric Cartman, a popular character on the cartoon "South Park."

• Oct. 2, 2006 — An edit to the Wikipedia entry for Nile Kinnick placed the phrase "big balls" under the topic describing Kinnick's 1939 season.

• April 10 — An edit to the Iowa State University page described the school as "one of the most worthwhile colleges in the nation, and it's [sic] graduates can verify this."

• Sixteen edits dealt solely with various "Dark Lords of the Sith," from *Star Wars*.

• Three edits were made to the Wikipedia entry for Cambus, one of which stated, "You stay classy ... Planet Earth!"

Source: WikiScanner

NATION

FBI investigating string of bombing threats

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Large grocery and discount stores across the country have been targeted by a caller who threatens to blow up shoppers and workers with a bomb if employees fail to wire money to an account overseas, authorities said.

Frightened workers have wired thousands of dollars — and in one case took off their clothes — to placate a caller

who said he was watching them but may have been thousands of miles away. The FBI and police said Wednesday they are investigating similar bomb threats at more than 15 stores in at least 11 states — all in the past week.

"At this point, there's enough similarities that we think it's potentially one person or one group," FBI spokesman Rich Kolko said on Wednesday.

No one has been arrested, no bombs have been found, and no one has been

hurt, though the calls have triggered store evacuations and prompted lengthy sweeps by police and bomb squads.

Law-enforcement officials say the caller claims to have a bomb and orders the store to send money to an account through an in-store money transfer service such as Western Union. He often claims to be able to see inside the

store, but officials believe he was making it up.

In Newport, employees at a Wal-Mart got three calls Tuesday morning and wired three payments totaling \$10,000 to an account out of the country, Sgt. James Quinn said. A spokeswoman for Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said the company was assisting in the investigation, but offered no further comment.

STATE

Boeing contract could be boon for Rockwell

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) — Iowa could get up to 1,600 jobs if the Boeing Co. is selected to build a new tanker aircraft fleet for the U.S. Air Force, company officials said Wednesday.

Boeing is partnering with a handful of companies including Cedar Rapids-based Rockwell Collins to make the KC-767 Advanced Tanker, which is designed for aerial refueling of other aircraft and can transport cargo and passengers.

Rockwell Collins would make the communication avionics and navigation system for the aircraft, and Boeing officials said other Iowa industries would provide electrical systems and raw materials.

They said there could be an estimated \$60 million impact in annual economic activity in Iowa from the contract. A proposal was submitted in April and Boeing officials expect to hear back by

the end of the year.

"Selecting the U.S. Air Force's next generation air refueling tanker is a critical decision for our nation," Iowa Gov. Chet Culver said in a statement released by Boeing. "Teaming with Boeing, Iowa industry and the state's economy will benefit with jobs that help deliver the best choice for our military forces — the KC-767 Advanced Tanker."

Mark McGraw, vice president of Boeing Tanker Programs, said that "building the most capable, advanced tanker in aviation history can only be accomplished by the best aerospace team in the world."

"That's why we have Iowa and its experienced work force playing a key role on our KC-767 Advanced Tanker," McGraw said in a statement.

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Prayers, disgust mark Katrina day

By Mart Foster
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NEW ORLEANS — Prayers, protests, and a lingering disgust with the government's response to Hurricane Katrina marked the disaster's second anniversary Wednesday, with a presidential visit doing little to mollify those still displaced by the storm.

Clarence Russ, 64, took a dim view of politicians' promises as he tried to put the finishing touches on his repaired home in the city's devastated Lower Ninth Ward.

"There was supposed to be all this money, but where'd it go? None of us got any," said Russ, whose house was the only restored home on an otherwise desolate block.

Not far away, President Bush visited a school. "We're still paying attention. We understand," he said before heading to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, also devastated by Katrina.

But Gina Martin, who is still living in Houston after Katrina destroyed her New Orleans home, was unconvinced. "Bush was down here again making more promises he isn't going to keep," she said. "The government has failed all of us. It's got to stop."

Martin was among an estimated 1,000 people taking part in a protest march that started in the Lower Ninth Ward. It was a uniquely New Orleans-style protest: There were signs accusing the Bush administration of murder and angry chants about the failure of government. But marchers also danced in the street accompanied by two brass bands.

Katrina was a powerful Category 3 hurricane when it hit the Gulf Coast the morning of Aug. 29, 2005, broke through levees in New Orleans, and flooded 80 percent of the city.

By the time the water dried up weeks later, more than 1,600 people across Louisiana and Mississippi were dead, and a shocked nation saw miles of wrecked homes, mud, and debris from one of the worst natural disasters in its history.

In New Orleans, recovery has been spotty at best. The historic French Quarter and neighborhoods close to the Mississippi River did not flood and have bounced back fairly well. The city's population has reached an estimated 277,000, approximately 60 percent its pre-storm level of 455,000. Sales-tax revenues are approaching normal, and tourism and the port industry are recovering.

But vast stretches of the city show little or no recovery. A housing shortage and high rents have hampered business growth. The homeless population has almost doubled since the storm, and many of those squat in an estimated 80,000 vacant dwellings. Violent crime is also on the rise, and the National Guard and state troopers still supplement a diminished local police force.

Bush, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, and Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco all have drawn harsh criticism in the storm's aftermath. Blanco, who appeared with the president at the Ninth Ward school, opted not to run for reelection this year after polls showed her popularity at rock bottom.

While Bush visited, Blanco said she asked him to, among other things, cut through red tape that she said has delayed the distribution of federal aid.

Bush optimistic on rebuilding New Orleans, Mississippi

By Jennifer Loven
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — President Bush delivered an optimistic promise to residents of this battered city Wednesday. "New Orleans, better days are ahead." But many wondered why it is taking so long and whether better times really are coming.

Two years after Hurricane Katrina smashed through levees in New Orleans and flooded 80 percent of this beloved city, many neighborhoods still look like a wasteland. The faltering performance by the president and the federal government after the storm severely dented Bush's image as a take-charge leader, and the unflattering impression still lingers.

"It angers me. Not that we don't see him more often, but that his compassion to me is so phony and staged. He's not having dinner in a FEMA trailer with the people who are living in them. He's having dinner in fancy restaurants," said David Kopra, a volunteer from Olympia, Wash., who attended a Katrina memorial ceremony with his wife, Ann Drorbaugh.

"The government has failed all of us. It's got to stop," said Gina Martin, exiled to Houston because Katrina destroyed her eastern New Orleans home.

Martin returned to take part with approximately 1,000 others in a New Orleans-style protest — anger mixed with dancing and music — against all that remains undone a long

two years after one of the worst natural disasters in the nation's history.

The massive hurricane obliterated coastal Mississippi, buried most of the Big Easy in water, and killed 1,600 people when it roared onto land the morning of Aug. 29, 2005.

In New Orleans, the population has rebounded to around 60 percent, and a few neighborhoods thrive. The French Quarter survived Katrina, and the music and restaurant scenes are recovering, as is the port business. Sales-tax revenues are approaching normal.

"This town is better today than it was yesterday, and it's going to be better tomorrow than it was today," Bush said from the Dr. Martin Luther King Charter School for Science and Technology. The school, though, is the first to reopen in the hard-hit Lower Ninth Ward.

"We're still paying attention. We understand," he said in New Orleans. Later in Missis-



Evan Vucci/Associated Press

President Bush talks about post-Katrina rebuilding efforts in Mississippi on Wednesday in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

ippi: "We haven't forgotten and won't."

But much of New Orleans still looks like a wasteland, with businesses shuttered and houses abandoned. Basic services such as schools, libraries, public transportation, and childcare are at half their origi-

nal levels, and only two-thirds of the region's licensed hospitals are open. Workers are often scarce. Rents have skyrocketed. Crime is rampant.

Along Mississippi's 70-mile shoreline, harsh economic realities are hampering rebuilding. Such cities as Biloxi and

Pascagoula are making progress, but areas nearer to Katrina's original landfall look barely improved, with most oceanfront lots still vacant and weedy.

Many projects are hamstrung by the soaring costs of construction and insurance, while federal funding has been slow to flow to cities. Other economic indicators are down — such as population, employment and housing supplies.

The performance by the president and the federal government in the immediate aftermath of the storm severely dented Bush's image as a take-charge leader. So, as on other visits, the president and his team arrived here armed with facts and figures to show how much the Bush administration has done to fulfill his promise 2 1/2 weeks after the storm that "we will do what it takes, we will stay as long as it takes, to help citizens rebuild."

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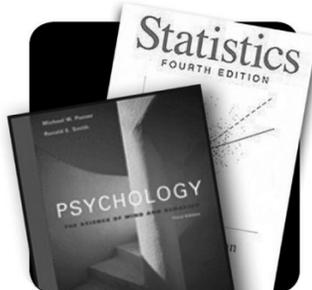
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Editorial

A different kind of political landscape

It is as regular a feature of a presidential primary season as holly at Christmas. That the heated rhetoric about *Roe v. Wade* will appear once again in the run-up to November 2008 should surprise no one. It is a rallying point for the true believers on both sides of the political spectrum, a universal shibboleth for political hopefuls of all stripes. What, then, would the American political landscape look like if it were removed?

The immediate effect would be startlingly different from either the pro-abortion rights vision of gloom and destruction or the conservative vision of joy unconfined. The repeal of *Roe* would not criminalize abortion in the United States, it would merely leave states that option. A 2005 poll conducted by SurveyUSA suggests that the population of roughly 10 states is sufficiently anti-abortion rights to pass a ban on abortion. The rest are either pro-abortion rights or within the margin. This is hardly the apocalypse that pro-abortion rights activists fear. That said, even if a state's population would not choose to ban abortion, its representatives in the state Legislature could choose to do just that. For example, the SurveyUSA poll shows residents of Georgia clearly leaning pro-abortion rights at 52 to 43 percent, but it's hard not to imagine the heavily conservative Georgia Legislature attempting to ban abortion, if given the chance.

Politically, the upheaval would be more meaningful, though less noticeable. Beating the drums for the repeal of *Roe* has been one of the single greatest fundraising tools the GOP has ever had. If the Republicans were ever to succeed, they would lose a powerful electoral weapon to wield

against the Democrats, who would then have a commensurately larger microphone through which to cry, "Injustice!"

Perhaps most interesting, though, is a little-acknowledged facet of the political discourse on abortion: Relatively few voters consider it one of their most important political issues. A *Newsweek* poll conducted just before the 2006 congressional elections showed that a mere 5 percent of voters considered abortion to be their most critical issue. This raises the question: Would the high volume of the abortion debate subside with the repeal of *Roe*?

It's certainly possible. Wise liberals should realize that their position would improve radically with one of the cornerstones of the conservative "values" removed. Wise conservatives, of course, should realize this, too. Overturning *Roe* would be very much a Pyrrhic victory for the Republican Party. Of course, it's also possible that the Democratic Party will take a page from their opponents' book and make *Roe's* reinstatement into a fundraising tool.

Either way, it's not likely to happen anytime soon. Even though the Supreme Court has shifted heavily to the right in recent years, an outright repeal of *Roe* seems highly unlikely. What really makes this hypothetical interesting is that it illustrates both parties' use of an issue that is critically important to very few people as a political weapon. While this Editorial Board strongly supports a woman's right to choose, we feel that the leaders of this country would best serve us by concentrating on issues of greater importance to the majority of its citizens.

How many of the 2008 presidential candidates can you name?

Whenever I ask that question, the person I'm speaking with usually comes up with two or three names right away. Then there is a pause — followed by an "oh yeah ..." and then he or she can generally name one or two candidates from the opposing party. (It's easy to forget the ones you would never even consider voting for.) On average, people come up with around five candidates, and once they can't think of any more, they become apologetic or embarrassed and say, "I know, I should really pay more attention. I'm going to start as it gets closer."

I'm not trying to make anyone feel bad. My response is, "It's not your fault." The media coverage of politics seems to be catered toward fans of reality television. I've heard the issue of "Is Barack black enough" debated more times than I've heard any policy debates. The media love to talk about the candidates and their campaign funds. It's ironic, really. The candidates who raise the most money for advertising are effectively given free advertising via the media's constant discussion of how much money they've raised ... for advertising. Amazing.



KATHLEEN WATSON

With the presidential election 15 months away, many Iowans are getting burned out by all of the media coverage. They feel that the election seems too far away, and I used to feel the same way. Politics seemed complicated and dull to me, so I never paid much attention until a month or two before the election. I felt that I was making an educated choice after watching two candidates debate in September or October. Then, 2004 came along, and I realized that my lack of attention was part of the problem.

In November 2004 I, like many other independent voters, walked into the booth having to decide whom to vote against instead of casting a vote with a sense of hope. I felt disgusted as I considered who would do the least amount of damage as my president. As much as I disliked George Bush, I just couldn't figure the Democrats out. John Kerry was the best they could do?

Now, before the Democrats out there start to write angry letters using "Swift Boat" as a verb, just hear me out. In 2004, I was unhappy with the status quo, but when I listened to Kerry, all I could hear was about how badly Bush had screwed everything up. I knew how screwed up everything was; I had no faith in either one of them to fix it. I voted for Nader. Even though I had been living in Iowa, somehow the whole caucus process passed me by.

I think that there are others similar to me who are frustrated with the entire political process. Many people feel that they don't know enough to make an informed decision, so they choose not to participate. In my view, the people who tend to retreat from the political process are exactly the kind of individuals who *should* be involved. If you're smart enough to know that you're uninformed — start paying attention now, because I'm taking you to the caucuses! If you're one of the Iowans who feels that it's too early to pay attention, stop focusing on the election and begin considering the caucuses. As of press time, there are 17 officially declared candidates for president. It is much more likely that one out of the 17 will reflect your views more than the two that will be chosen for you in November. The Iowa caucuses are currently scheduled for Jan. 14, 2008, but that is subject to change (because of clashes between convoluted tradition and cutthroat modernity.) In Iowa, we have a unique opportunity to see many of the candidates in person. Many of the candidates will visit the Iowa City area between now and January. If you're new to the state, or if you're new to politics, I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity and participate in the caucuses.

To sum it up for readers accustomed to the reality TV-like political coverage, let me put it to you like this: If you choose not to participate in the Iowa caucuses (or your state's primary, and instead allow others choose the nominees for you, don't be upset when you walk into the ballot box next November and find that your choice is between the Republican Sanjaya and the Democrat William Hung. Don't wait until November 2008. ■

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Letter

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Keep life fresh

I challenge each of us to make each moment of this school year truly worthwhile and extraordinary. Let's be conscious to not spend so much time playing Wii and going to the same bar that we've been comfortable with the past couple years. Let's not be complacent with the friends we have nor underestimate the effect that each of us can have on this university, this great city, and ourselves within the next nine months.

Do something different. It is time to recognize how much influence each of us has. Before we get into the seemingly endless cycle of attending class, dreading homework, and working, the time is now to pledge to ourselves, and each other, that we will not be complacent with life.

Join an organization such as I-Envision, the 10,000 Hours Show, APO, the Knights of Columbus at the Newman Center, or the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in the greater community. As you know, service

is the ideal way to strengthen the community while strengthening ourselves.

Begin to write letters to the editor. Start to discover and execute solutions to problems we complain about. Try actually contacting our congressional representatives and let them know students actually care. Let's get crazy and actually vote in a city election this November. We need to start spending our time on things that produce more than just a passage of time.

If you choose to not be active through politics or service, just do something new. Try a new bar, or better yet, check out the arts that the university hosts or be a spectator at a lacrosse, rugby, gymnastics, volleyball, or field hockey game. When deciding what to do during our free time, let's ensure that it is positively affecting at least ourselves and that it is decreasing the chance of a "stale" life. We are in the days of our youth — let's not waste them with something ordinary.

William James Heathershaw
UI student



Guest Opinion

The View from the Corner

Twenty-five years ago this month, I got my first look at Iowa City through the windows of a westward-bound cross-country Greyhound bus. Two things struck me as we glided through the town at 6 a.m.

First, barely emerging from late-summer slumber, the place looked placid and sweet. I could live here, I thought.

Second was the color of the fire engines — a Day-Glo yellow back then! I remarked on this to the driver. Yeah, he said, that's where that lady firefighter brought her baby to work, and nursed it, and got fired, and sued the city, and won.

I'd read about that. Cool, I thought. Real-world issues conquer unreasonable convention. Seems appropriate that, after completing the hazing known as a doctoral program, I returned to this locale. I've taught at the University of Iowa ever since. My two California-born babies grew up Iowa boys.

That placid-bombian I remember still settles over Iowa City each August. We call it "parking season." Then cars with young drivers going through red lights or the wrong way down one-way streets appear, harbingers of fall semester.

Resumption of classes is always a shock. Despite my three-plus decades of teaching (beginning as a swim teacher, starting year 19 here), my first response is panic: Can I do this again?

Once I realize I can, the next sensation is relief: Thank God for the students.

If sounds like gratuitous flattery, let me explain.

For the majority population most of the year — i.e., students — lovely Iowa City is a transitory, if important, stop on the road of life. For permanent residents, it's a lucky, often unreal, oasis away from much of the hurly-burly of the world. Rush hour lasts but minutes. Cultural events are manifold and affordable. The plumber comes the same day.

Indeed, one must leave periodically for planetary grounding. New York City and Beijing are my wake-up calls.

But living here is not unmitigated heaven. For faculty, the campus is a bureaucratic quagmire, and the academic world an increasingly malevolent place. I used to think my university was, oh, different. It's not.

I've worked under six UI presidents, the gaps plugged by two able caretakers as three who'd vowed lifelong fealty to our institution left for more money and prestige, the newest still in her honeymoon period. I liked all three formers, and their departures were understandable, but such betrayal makes one jaded. Our hopes for the current are high, but we don't believe presidential vows anymore.

I've seen two provosts clamber up to university presidencies elsewhere. One of them accomplished little here. The other, in my view, has accomplished a bit too much in the direction of establishing a lean, mean corps of well-compensated elite faculty supplemented by lecturers and adjuncts and other forms of indentured servitude. Let's just say inertia and politics at the highest levels, occasionally amusing to the masses, more often foster exasperation and cynicism below.

Then there's the legendary gen in my field — journalism — who turns out to be a First Amendment scofflaw when it comes to presiding over the state Board of Regents. I won't belabor the fallout from that.

I'll also spare you details of college debacles and departmental histrionics — suffice it to say that incompetencies illustrate all those truisms about people rising to the level of their incompetence and no good deed going unpunished. We've seen it all: rewards for administrative ineptitude and sloth, needlessly ugly tenure battles, lack of regard for those toiling in the trenches.

Which brings me back to you, the students. Few of you stay long enough to accumulate the burdens of all that nastiness we know as history. Some of you enter our portals truly fresh — that's why you're called freshmen. Even as you begin to wise up, you remain refreshingly open-minded and spirited.

Sure, some of you are slackers; many of you are confused. Few undergraduates arrive having thought this college thing through. No matter, you'll figure things out. Graduate and professional students sometimes start off ridiculously single-minded. No matter, you'll turn out to be as pliable and resilient as the rest.

Meanwhile, you give us all a new start, and hopes for a great semester and a great year. You make this racket worthwhile.

Judy Polumbaum teaches journalism and mass communication.

On the Spot

Considering the recent bomb threats, are you at all worried about your safety on campus?



"Not really. I feel as though [officials] are doing as much as they can."

Gina Imperial
UI junior



"Yes. I think it's important that we know what's going on on campus."

Stephanie Bunting
UI senior



"There are a lot of students, and a bomb will only kill a small percentage, so I'm not that worried."

Lee Willett
UI junior



"I'm a little worried, but it's not the first thing on my mind."

Holly Jensen
UI senior

Iraqi cleric orders freeze on Mahdi Army

BAGHDAD (AP) — Anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr took his Mahdi Army out of action for up to six months Wednesday to overhaul the feared Shiite militia — a stunning move that underscores the growing struggles against breakaway factions with suspected ties to Iran.

A spokesman for al-Sadr said the order also means the Mahdi Army would suspend attacks against U.S. and other coalition forces.

But it's unclear how much influence al-Sadr still wields over Shiite groups blamed for waves of attacks, including powerful roadside bombs that remain the chief killer of U.S. troops. American officials, meanwhile, reacted with skepticism and urged al-Sadr to show tangible steps to rein in his fighters.

The announcement by al-Sadr — who formed the militia after the fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003 — appeared aimed at distancing himself from suspected Iranian-backed Mahdi factions he can no longer control. It also sought to deflect criticism for his followers' perceived role in this week's fighting in Karbala that aborted a Shiite religious festival and claimed more than 50 lives.

Thousands of pilgrims fled in terror as fighting erupted Tuesday between Mahdi Army members and security forces linked a rival Shiite militia, the Badr Brigade.

GOP colleagues urge Craig to resign in restroom arrest

WASHINGTON (AP) — Idaho Sen. Larry Craig's political support eroded by the hour on Wednesday as fellow Republicans in Congress called for him to resign, and party leaders pushed him unceremoniously from senior committee posts.

The White House expressed



A young boy drinks a glass of milk next to a poster of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in the Shiite holy city of Najaf on Wednesday. Al-Sadr has ordered a six-month suspension of activities by his Mahdi Army militia in order to reorganize the force.

disappointment, too — and nary a word of support for the 62-year-old lawmaker, who pleaded guilty earlier this month to a charge stemming from an undercover police operation in an airport men's room.

Craig "represents the Republican Party," said Rep. Pete Hoekstra of Michigan, the first in a steadily lengthening list of GOP members of Congress to urge a resignation.

Craig said Tuesday he had committed no wrongdoing and shouldn't have pleaded guilty. He said he had only recently retained a lawyer to advise him in the case that threatens to write an ignominious end to a life-

time in public office. Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Norm Coleman of Minnesota joined Hoekstra in urging Craig to step down, as did Rep. Jeff Miller of Florida.

Richard Jewell, ex-guard erroneously linked to '96 Olympic bombing, dies

ATLANTA (AP) — Richard Jewell, the former security guard who was erroneously linked to the 1996 Olympic bombing, died Wednesday, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation said.

Jewell, 44, was found dead in his west Georgia home, GBI spokesman John Bankhead said.

"There's no suspicion whatsoever of any type of foul play. He had been at home sick since the end of February with kidney problems," said Meriwether County Coroner Johnny Worley.

The GBI planned to do an autopsy Thursday, Bankhead said.

Lin Wood, Jewell's longtime attorney, said in an e-mail to the Associated Press that he was "devastated" by the news. He declined to comment further, saying he was in New York trying to get back to Atlanta.

Jury reprimands only officer charged in Abu Ghraib scandal

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP) — A military jury recommended a reprimand Wednesday for the only officer court-martialed in the Abu Ghraib abuse scandal, sparing him any prison time for disobeying an order to keep silent about the abuse investigation.

The jury had acquitted Army Lt. Col. Steven Jordan a day earlier of all three charges directly related to the mistreatment of detainees at the

U.S.-run prison in Iraq. Those acquittals absolved Jordan, 51, of responsibility for the actions of 11 lower-ranking soldiers who have already been convicted for their roles at Abu Ghraib. The allegations surfaced after the release of photographs showing U.S. soldiers grinning alongside naked detainees held in humiliating positions at the prison.

Jordan was convicted of a single charge: disobeying a general's order not to discuss the abuse investigation. The defense conceded that Jordan e-mailed a number of soldiers about the investigation after meeting with Maj.-Gen. George Fay in spring 2004.

"We believe that for Col. Jordan, the vindication arises out of the 'not guilty' findings on the Abu Ghraib abuse charges, and we view that as very much a victory," said Maj. Kris Poppe, his attorney. Jordan could have been sentenced to up to five years in prison, though prosecutors had recommended a reprimand and a fine of one month's pay, about \$7,400.

Governor troubled gunman's writings weren't shared

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Seung-Hui Cho's violent essays — including one similar to the Virginia Tech massacre he carried out — weren't widely shared with law enforcement, the governor said Wednesday in a preview of a key report on the shootings.

Gov. Timothy Kaine said officers' lack of access to the student gunman's class compositions before the attack is "a significant feature" in the report, due for release Thursday by the panel Kaine appointed to review Cho's killings of himself and 32 others.

"There's a lot of instances where information was out there or different people had information where it needed to be put together," Kaine said.

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Non-lethal 'ray gun' might have saved Iraqi lives

By Richard Lardner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Saddam Hussein had been gone just a few weeks, and U.S. forces in Fallujah, west of Baghdad, were already being called unwelcome invaders. One of the first big anti-American protests of the war escalated into shootouts that left 18 Iraqis dead and 78 wounded.

It would be a familiar scene in Iraq's next few years: Crowds gather, insurgents mingle with civilians. Troops open fire, innocents die.

All the while, according to internal military correspondence obtained by the Associated Press, U.S. commanders were telling Washington that many civilian casualties could be avoided by using a new non-lethal weapon developed over the past decade.

Military leaders repeatedly and urgently requested — and were denied — the device, which uses energy beams instead of bullets and lets soldiers break up unruly crowds without firing a shot.

It's a ray gun that neither kills nor maims, but the Pentagon has refused to deploy it out of concern that the weapon itself might be seen as a torture device.

Perched on a Humvee or a flatbed truck, the Active Denial System gives people hit by the invisible beam the sense that their skin is on fire. They move out of the way quickly and without injury.

On April 30, 2003, two days after the first Fallujah incident, Gene McCall, then the top scientist at Air Force Space Command in Colorado, typed out a two-sentence e-mail to Gen. Richard Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"I am convinced that the tragedy at Fallujah would not have occurred if an Active Denial System had been there," McCall told Myers, according to



Anja Niedringhaus/Associated Press

On Nov. 14, 2004, U.S. Marine Maj.-Gen. Richard Natonski stands at the bridge in the western part of Fallujah, Iraq, where the bodies of two American contractors killed by militants were strung up the previous March. Natonski has in the past requested for U.S. troops in Iraq the non-lethal Active Denial System.

the e-mail obtained by AP. The system should become "an immediate priority," McCall said.

Myers referred McCall's message to his staff, according to the e-mail chain.

McCall, who retired from government in November 2003, remains convinced the system would have saved lives in Iraq.

"How this has been handled is kind of a national scandal," he said by telephone from his home in Florida.

A few months after McCall's message, in August 2003, Richard Natonski, a Marine Corps general who had just returned from Iraq, filed an "urgent" request with officials in Washington for the energy-beam device.

The device would minimize what Natonski described as the "CNN Effect" — the instantaneous relay of images depicting

U.S. troops as aggressors.

A year later, Natonski, by then promoted to major-general, again asked for the system, saying a compact and mobile version was "urgently needed," particularly in urban settings.

Natonski, now a three-star general, is the Marine Corps' deputy commandant for plans, policies, and operations. He did not respond to an interview request.

In October 2004, the commander of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force "enthusiastically" endorsed Natonski's request. Lt. Gen. James Amos said it was "critical" for Marines in Iraq to have the system.

Senior officers in Iraq have continued to make the case. One December 2006 request noted that as U.S. forces are drawn down, the non-lethal weapon "will provide excellent means for economy of force."

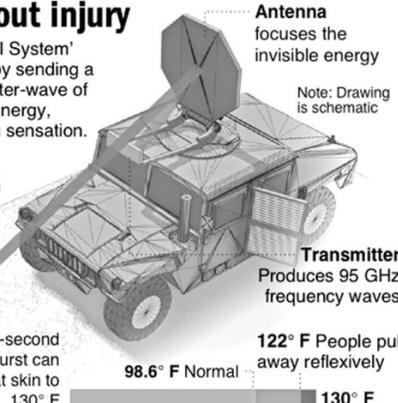
The main reason the tool has been missing in action is public perception. With memories of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal

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AP

still fresh, the Pentagon is reluctant to give troops a space-age device that could be misconstrued as a torture machine.

"We want to just make sure that all the conditions are right, so when it is able to be deployed the system performs as predicted — that there isn't any negative fallout," said Col. Kirk Hymes, the head of the Defense Department's Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate.

Reviews by military lawyers concluded it is a lawful weapon

under current rules governing the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to a Nov. 15 document prepared by Marine Corps officials in western Iraq.

Private organizations remain concerned, however, because documentation that supports the testing and legal reviews is classified. There's no way to independently verify the Pentagon's claims, said Stephen Goose of Human Rights Watch in Washington.

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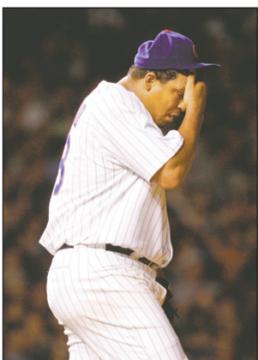
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Brewers rebound to beat Cubs 6-1

CHICAGO (AP) — Ben Sheets came off the disabled list to give the sagging Milwaukee Brewers a lift, and Ryan Braun hit a bases-loaded double during a four-run seventh inning Wednesday night in a victory over the Chicago Cubs.

With just their fourth win in the last 15 games, the Brewers moved within 1 1/2 games of the first-place Cubs in the NL Central.

Sheets (11-4) worked six innings, allowing six hits and a run to get his first win since June 30 as Milwaukee kept Chicago right-hander Carlos Zambrano winless over the last month.

Sheets was activated before the game. He'd been on the DL since July 16 with a sprained finger on his pitching hand and had also been slowed by a blister. But he made 85 pitches Wednesday night and showed why he is the ace of the Brewers' staff.

BIG TEN

Taylor holds off Sheets in Purdue RB competition

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Jaycen Taylor has held off Kory Sheets in the race for the starting running back job at Purdue.

Sheets ran for 780 yards and 11 touchdowns and caught 28 passes for 213 yards and two scores last season. Taylor, a junior-college transfer, ran for 677 yards and four touchdowns and caught 26 passes for 261 yards.

Sheets was the starter last season, but Tiller promoted Taylor this spring, saying Sheets needed to mature. Sheets obliged, but Taylor still held onto his spot, and he is scheduled to make his first career start Saturday at Toledo.

Hoosiers looking for more consistency

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Bill Lynch expects Indiana to take care of its homework this season, and he's not talking about study tables.

What Lynch wants from these Hoosiers is consistency, especially in front of fans who have watched a roller-coaster ride the past decade.

Just last year, the Hoosiers were upset by Division I-AA Southern Illinois, 35-28, at Memorial Stadium, then turned around a month later and shocked No. 15 Iowa, 31-28. If the Hoosiers intend to end their bowl drought, Lynch knows they cannot afford those lapses.

TV TODAY

College Football
 LSU at Mississippi State, 7 p.m., ESPN
MLB
 Brewers at Cubs, 7 p.m., WGN
 White Sox at Rangers, 7:35 p.m., CSN
NFL Preseason
 Bills at Lions, 6 p.m., NFL Network
 49ers at Chargers, 9 p.m., NFL Network
Tennis
 U.S. Open, early round play, 10 a.m., USA

Young Hawks ready for test

Expecting two-thirds of the Soldier Field crowd to be in the Black-and-Gold, Kirk Ferentz and the Hawkeyes keep focused on their game Saturday against Northern Illinois.



Scott Walstrom/Northern Illinois Sports Information

Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz (left) and Northern Illinois head coach Joe Novak stand inside Soldier Field in Chicago on Wednesday. The kickoff for Saturday's Iowa-Northern Illinois game is set for 2:34 p.m.; it will mark the first time in history the Hawkeyes play at the historic NFL stadium.



By Alex Johnson
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa Hawkeyes will travel to Soldier Field to face Northern Illinois on Saturday, playing their first game in school history at the stomping grounds of the Monsters of the Midway.

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz leads a young and inexperienced Hawkeye team looking to rebound from last season's 6-7 campaign.

"I think it's a great matchup, and it makes perfect sense for us to play there," Ferentz said. "It's going to be a great event."

According to College Football Data Warehouse, Iowa's last game in the city of Chicago was more than 60 years ago — the Hawkeyes lost a 1943 matchup against Great Lakes NTS. The Hawkeyes' all-time record in the Windy City is 4-13-2.

Despite the bad record, Saturday's 2:34 p.m. matchup seems to be in Iowa's favor. The Hawkeyes are 6-0 in the series versus Northern Illinois, and of the 61,500 fans in Soldier Field, as many as 40,000 are expected to support Iowa.

"That sounds like the [2003] Orange Bowl," Ferentz said. "Hopefully, it's a different outcome."

Although the Huskies aren't likely to humiliate Jake Christensen in the fashion of the USC Trojans' march on Brad Banks, Soldier Field is a similar venue to Pro Player; both are NFL arenas.

"I know we've got a great stadium our-

selves," Hawkeye junior safety Harold Dalton said. "But just being in a historical stadium like the Bears stadium will be special."

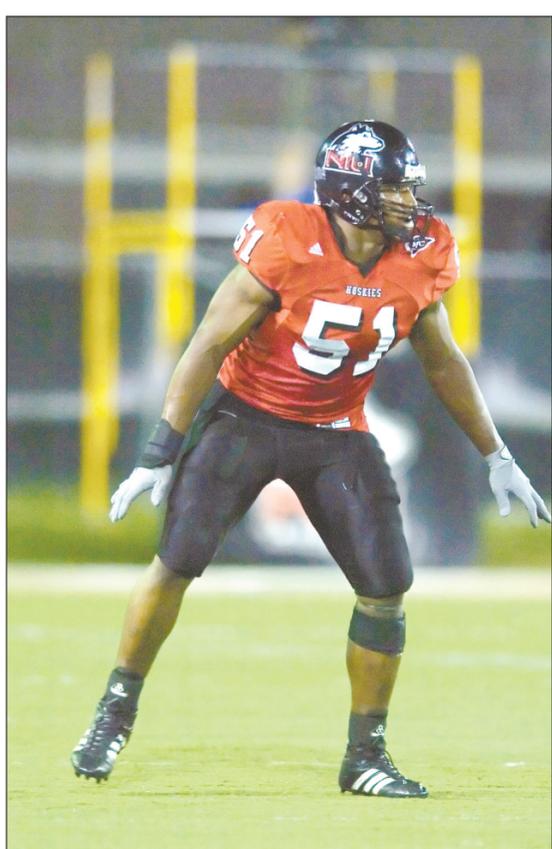
In the thick fog of exciting, big-city glamour, Ferentz is keeping Iowa's mindset on game time.

SEE CHICAGO, 3B

Iowa festivities on Friday in Chicago

"Iowa Day" at Wrigley Field. Hawkeye Athletics Director Gary Barta will throw out the ceremonial first pitch, and former Hawkeye B.J. Armstrong will sing the seventh-inning stretch. Game time is 1:20 p.m.
 "Hawkeye Huddle" at the Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier, downtown Chicago. Open to the public from 6:30-9 p.m.

SEE BIG TEN, 3B



Northern Illinois Sports Information

Northern Illinois defensive end Larry English was recently named to the Bronko Nagurski watch list, and he is a preseason favorite for All-MAC status. The junior is coming off a season in which he recorded a career-high 12 sacks — including one against the Hawkeyes.

English lesson coming

The Hawkeyes' O-line could have a long day against Northern Illinois defensive end Larry English, who ranked 10th nationally in 2006, averaging just under one sack per game.

BY DIANE HENDRICKSON
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Since the final seconds ticked off the clock in January's Alamo Bowl, the Iowa offensive line has been anything but certain. After graduating three starters, the Hawkeyes had considerable holes to fill in front of quarterback Jake Christensen.

Against a seemingly lesser MAC opponent on Saturday in Soldier Field, however, the squad will not get any reprieve in its first game of the year.

Northern Illinois' defensive end Larry English, named to the Bronko Nagurski watch list and preseason favorite for All-MAC, can create havoc for oppos-

ing quarterbacks and the running game. He tied a Northern Illinois record last season for sacks with 12, including one against Iowa — as well as a forcing a fumble.

Although Kirk Ferentz says nothing is settled yet, he has lined up his lone assured starter since spring ball, Seth Olsen, across from the Huskies' biggest threat.

"We are going to be young," Ferentz said. "We're going to be inexperienced."

"We haven't nailed anything down yet, and we'll just kind of see how the week plays out."

With an extra year of experience — a key to his development, English says — the explosive No. 51 could be in Christensen's face on every down.

"That's the one individual goal I have is to always improve," he said in a phone interview. "I'm hoping to get better literally every snap. Because every snap, every play, every game, I learn something."

"That's one thing I try to do is learn from mistakes ... I try to only make mistakes once."

English has had the past 10 months to think about last year's game at Kinnick Stadium, when Iowa, with Christensen starting for an injured Drew Tate, stormed out to a 17-0 lead before Northern Illinois cut the deficit to 14-17. A late Iowa score put the game out of reach.

SEE NORTHERN ILLINOIS, 3B



SPORTS 'N' STUFF

New ISU coach psyched up

By Luke Meredith

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMES — Asked about the last time he was so excited for a football game, Iowa State coach Gene Chizik delivered a quick and somewhat surprising answer.

The 2006 Rose Bowl. Yes, that 2006 Rose Bowl.



Chizik head coach

It's tough to think that Iowa State's season-opener against Kent State could match one of the most thrilling games in college football history, when Texas — with Chizik as its defensive coordinator — stunned top-ranked USC to win the national title.

That doesn't matter to Chizik. He's been in coaching for 22 years, and today will mark the first time he walks onto a field as the top dog.

"I'm fired up, man. I'll tell you, I am so stinking fired up. It can't get here quick enough," he said.

Iowa State's fans seem to be thinking the same thing. They've snatched up a record number of season tickets, even though the Cyclones are coming off a 4-8 season and have been picked to finish last in the Big 12 North.

Folks expecting to see what kind of system Chizik has planned for Iowa State might have to wait a bit, however.

He has been coy about his head-coaching philosophy. His defenses at Texas were aggressive, showing plenty of blitz packages to its opponents, and offensive coordinator Robert McFarland oversaw some of the nation's top passing attacks while serving in the same capacity for Central Florida from 2000-04.

So far, Chizik will only say that winning teams "run the ball, stop the run, and play great special teams." But the two main weapons Iowa State has on offense are quarterback Bret Meyer and wide receiver Todd Blythe, and its defense struggled to pressure opposing quarterbacks or stop the run last season.

"I don't think you're going to see what Iowa State football is for a while. You're going to see some good, some bad, and some ugly out there Thursday night. That's just the way it's going to be," Chizik said. "It's going to be a new program, new coaches, new system."

Kent State doesn't look like the typical sacrificial lamb that many BCS-conference teams fatten up on before conference play. The Golden Flashes return 16 starters from last season's team, which went 6-6 a year after winning just one game.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------------|----|----|------|----|
| New York | 73 | 59 | .553 | — |
| Philadelphia | 70 | 62 | .530 | 3 |
| Atlanta | 65 | 67 | .515 | 8 |
| Washington | 58 | 76 | .433 | 16 |
| Central Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Chicago | 67 | 64 | .511 | — |
| Milwaukee | 66 | 66 | .500 | 1½ |
| St. Louis | 64 | 65 | .496 | 2 |
| Cincinnati | 61 | 72 | .459 | 7 |
| Pittsburgh | 59 | 73 | .447 | 8 |
| Houston | 59 | 74 | .444 | 9 |
| West Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
| San Diego | 73 | 59 | .553 | — |
| Arizona | 74 | 60 | .552 | — |
| Los Angeles | 70 | 63 | .526 | 3½ |
| Colorado | 69 | 65 | .511 | 5½ |
| San Francisco | 61 | 73 | .455 | 13 |

WILD CARD GLANCE

| American League | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------------|----|----|------|----|
| Seattle | 73 | 58 | .557 | — |
| New York | 74 | 59 | .556 | — |
| Detroit | 71 | 62 | .534 | 3 |
| National League | W | L | Pct | GB |
| San Diego | 73 | 59 | .553 | — |
| Philadelphia | 70 | 62 | .530 | 3 |
| Los Angeles | 70 | 63 | .526 | 3½ |

FIBA AMERICAS GLANCE

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| Team | GP | W | L | Pts |
|-----------------|----|---|---|-----|
| x-Argentina | 6 | 6 | 0 | 12 |
| x-United States | 6 | 6 | 0 | 12 |
| Brazil | 6 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| Canada | 6 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| Puerto Rico | 6 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| Uruguay | 6 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| Mexico | 6 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Venezuela | 6 | 1 | 5 | 7 |

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Sunday's Game: Indiana at Detroit, 12 p.m.

Monday's Game: Indiana at Detroit, 5 p.m., if necessary

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Phoenix vs. San Antonio

Phoenix's Game: Phoenix at San Antonio, 7 p.m.

Sunday's Game: San Antonio at Phoenix, 6 p.m.

Saturday's Game: San Antonio at Phoenix, 4:30 p.m., if necessary

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Boston | 80 | 53 | .602 | — |
| New York | 74 | 59 | .556 | 6 |
| Toronto | 67 | 66 | .504 | 13 |
| Baltimore | 58 | 73 | .443 | 21 |
| Tampa Bay | 53 | 80 | .398 | 27 |
| Central Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Cleveland | 75 | 57 | .568 | — |
| Detroit | 71 | 62 | .534 | 4½ |
| Minnesota | 67 | 66 | .504 | 8 |
| Kansas City | 59 | 72 | .450 | 15½ |
| Chicago | 57 | 76 | .429 | 18½ |
| West Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Los Angeles | 79 | 54 | .594 | — |
| Seattle | 73 | 58 | .557 | 5 |
| Oakland | 66 | 69 | .489 | 14 |
| Texas | 60 | 72 | .455 | 18 |

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

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L.A. Angels 8, Seattle 2

N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 3

Cleveland 4, Minnesota 3

Kansas City 5, Detroit 0

Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 4, 12 innings

Texas 5, Chicago White Sox 4, 11 innings

Today's Games

Boston 5, Chicago White Sox 4, 11 innings

Texas (Schilling 8-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Wang 15-6), 12:05 p.m.

Harriers have high hopes

By Nick Compton

THE DAILY IOWAN



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan

The Iowa women's cross-country team begins a workout on the Finkbine Golf Course on Tuesday. The team will compete in the Western Illinois Open on Friday.

conference. The ongoing march toward the top of the highly competitive Big Ten will not stop this year, Anderson said, emphasizing the outstanding group of returnees who will compete for the Hawks.

"It's like the saying, 'You wouldn't go into a gunfight with a knife,'" the coach said. "And now, we've got plenty of ammo."

Among the key returnees for the Hawkeyes, whose appearance in the national championships last year snapped a 14-year dry spell, is highly decorated senior Nukuri. She transferred to Iowa in the fall of 2006 after attending two-years of Butler County Community College in Kansas, where she was a nine-time National Junior College

Athletic Association national champion and a 17-time NCJAA All-American.

The 22-year-old native of Burundi quickly adapted to Division-I competition last season, setting a Hawkeye women's record of 9:47 in the three-kilometer race during Iowa's second meet and lone home event. Her distinguishing moment, however, was an eighth-place finish at the NCAA championships in Terre Haute, Ind., which cemented her place as an All-American.

"It was great to finish in the top 10 last year," Nukuri said. "But this year I'll try to get in the top five."

Also hungry for national prominence are seniors Marchand and Meghan Armstrong. Marchand capped off a successful

2007 Fall Schedule

- Aug. 31 — Western Illinois Open, 6:30 p.m., Friday
 - Sept. 15 — Iowa Open
 - Sept. 21 — Augustana Invitational
 - Sept. 22 — Roy Griak Invitational
 - Sept. 28 — Notre Dame Invitational
 - Oct. 5 — Coe Hawk Invitational
 - Oct. 13 — La Crosse Open
 - TBA — Pre-NCAA Invitational
 - Oct. 28 — Big Ten Championships
 - Nov. 10 — NCAA Midwest Regional
 - Nov. 19 — NCAA Championships
- * Information gathered from hawkeyesports.com
Note: Bold indicates home competition

2006 season by placing 30th at the NCAA meet, earning All-American status. Armstrong, who has been a solid competitor for the Hawkeyes since her freshman year in 2004, came up just short of earning All-American status last year, missing the cutoff by one spot and a mere three seconds.

Even with the highly anticipated season and the potential for soaring successes, the Hawks have stayed grounded.

"We know we're in the spotlight now, and we must take it one step-at-a-time," Anderson said. "We can't wait to prove we're capable of competing on the national scale."

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Entries must be submitted by noon on Friday. No more than one entry per person. Winners will be announced in Monday's *DI*.

Hawks off to Windy City

CHICAGO

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"Like all first games, our focus really has been as much on us as it has been on any opponent," Ferentz said. "Any first game, you're going to get wrinkles; we have to be prepared for that."

Sophomore Jake Christensen will officially take hold of the reins at quarterback as Drew Tate's successor — unlike most gunslingers, No. 6 has the benefit of facing the same team for the first two starts of his career.

Christensen led the Hawkeyes in '06 to a 24-14 victory over Northern Illinois in Iowa City.

"It's probably a lucky coincidence in that regard because again, we don't know what they're doing right now, but we

expect them to be somewhat similar philosophically," Ferentz said. "I think that's probably a good thing."

While Christensen and an inexperienced offensive line will take their knocks, senior backs Albert Young, Damian Sims, and Tom Busch will pack a punch behind the line, and a shuffled but talented receiving corps should give the Hawkeyes offense plenty of weapons.

"Certainly, you never plan the kind of week we had last week," Ferentz said. "I think the good news is I really feel better about the [receivers] now than I did a year ago, because it was not a group to feel good about a year ago."

Led by junior Andy Brodell, the wideouts may have lost Dominique Douglas and Anthony Bowman, but sophomore

Trey Stross showed ability last year, and three newcomers — James Cleveland, Derrell Johnson-Koulianos, and Colin Sandeman — all are promising young targets for Christensen.

The safety positions are also up in the air, but Ferentz has confidence in all the candidates.

"We're not displeased with any of them," he said. "[They're] doing a great job, and we'll see how things go."

Position questions will get some answers Saturday, and they'll be heard by all of Chicago's Hawkeye faithful.

"It'll be exciting," Christensen said. "But you know it's just like any other game; you've just got it take it like that."

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Huskies are hungry

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

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"We've got a little bit of familiarity," the junior said. "We've got a feel for the offense they run, as a defense, and I think our offense has a good feel for what they do."

English headlines a defense that while young, head coach Joe Novak says, may be the best he's ever coached in De Kalb, Ill.

"There is a lot of good chemistry with this defensive group and more athleticism than in years past," he said at his weekly press conference. "Our approach, our enthusiasm, our chemistry, I like all those things, but we have to be willing to execute the tackle."

The Huskies do have pride to play for, after they were voted in preseason polls to finish fifth in the western division of the MAC despite winning four of the past six conference championships. They also want to show

major conferences that they were overlooked as recruits.

"You've got a bunch of kids who think Iowa should have recruited them, and Wisconsin should have recruited them, and Notre Dame," Novak said. "So they all have a chip on their shoulders."

Despite being a mid-major, Northern Illinois has built a winning tradition under Novak as a team that can never be

counted out.

"As a team, we're very confident in the possibility of coming out with a win this week," English said. "Anything can happen, and, hopefully, we'll be on the winning side of that."

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"Obviously, in the state, there's no major-league professional sports. The Hawkeyes, and the Cyclones for some people, this is what it is, and I think he got that at its most fundamental level."

Griffith and DiNardo both have some moments involving Iowa. As an Illinois fullback, Griffith received a firsthand exposure to "Hayden Fry Psychology 101."

He said he was aware the visitors' locker room was pink, but his coaches would get people to cover the walls within with newspapers so that the players wouldn't actually see the color.

"There's just a great sense of history and intrigue with Hayden Fry running this program that has done great things," said Griffith, who won two Super Bowls with the Denver Broncos.

"For me, [Iowa] was a tough team to compete against."

As Indiana's head coach, DiNardo lost his lone battle with Kirk Ferentz — a 24-8 Hawkeye victory during Iowa's magical 2002 season. It wasn't the game itself that stood out for DiNardo but what he told Ferentz afterwards because Iowa's next contest was at Michigan the following week.

"I thought that the Iowa team was a little flat, and that's why the game was close," DiNardo said. "We lost."

"After the game, I said something to Kirk I regretted saying that was to that effect. I didn't mean to say that he was looking ahead to next week, but it came out wrong."

Despite the Hawks' 6-7 record last year, DiNardo was persuaded during the trio's visit to Iowa City last week that Ferentz has this year's team primed for a big season.

"I think he's very detailed in his approach," DiNardo said. "He doesn't get too far from the fundamentals of the game, and I believe as we go into 2007, we're going to see him at his best."

"There's enough people who know the way it's supposed to be done. The kids here, there has been enough of them here who have had the success that's acceptable, and they're going to get back to it."

With the waiting now complete, all three look set to just kick back and talk Big Ten football.

"Since we've been doing a lot of traveling already, there's not a better situation we could be in, being prepared to give the fans exactly what they want," Griffith said. "When you talk about must-see TV, this is what it's going to be for Big Ten fans."

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Sports

Bid adieu to I-A, IAA, college football

By Ralph D. Russo
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Division I-A and I-AA football no longer exist.

In an effort to make the schools formerly known as I-AA feel less like second-class institutions, the NCAA has divided Division I football into the Football Bowl Subdivision (I-A, which uses bowl games as its postseason) and the Football Championship Subdivision (I-AA, which uses a play-off and actually crowns an NCAA champion in the postseason).

So when Louisville beats Murray State by around 40 Thursday night, remember the Cardinals aren't playing a I-AA team, they're playing an FCS team.

Same goes for Ohio State vs. Youngstown State; Michigan vs. Appalachian State (the

defending FCS champ); Florida vs. Western Kentucky; Texas A&M vs. Montana State; and Boise State vs. Weber State.

As for the competitive games in this opening weekend of college football, No. 12 California hosts No. 15 Tennessee in a Pac-10-SEC matchup Saturday. On Monday night, the Bowden family gets together for No. 19 Florida State at Clemson.

The picks:

Thursday

No. 2 LSU (minus 17 1/2) at Mississippi State

Tigers have won seven straight over Bulldogs ... LSU 42-14.

Murray State (no line) at No. 10 Louisville

New Cardinals coach, same potent offense ... LOUISVILLE 50-10

Buffalo (plus 32) at No. 16

Rutgers
Scarlet Knights used to lose games such as this ... RUTGERS 42-7

Weber State (no line) at No. 24 Boise State

Broncos break in new starting QB Kyle Tharp ... BOISE STATE 55-14.

Saturday

Idaho (plus 45 1/2) at No. 1 Southern California

All the USC tailbacks get into the end zone ... USC 60-9.

West Virginia (plus 23 1/2) at No. 3 West Virginia

WMU ranked fourth in nation against run in '06 ... WEST VIRGINIA 40-14.

Arkansas State (plus 39) at No. 4 Texas

Texas WR Limas Sweed (wrist) will play ... TEXAS 66-12.

Appalachian State (no line) at No. 5 Michigan

First I-AA, whoops, FCS team to

visit Big House ... MICHIGAN 44-20.

Western Kentucky (no line) at No. 6 Florida

QB Tim Tebow's first start for Gators ... FLORIDA 53-10.

Washington State (plus 14) at No. 7 Wisconsin

Badgers 7-1-1 in last nine vs. Pac-10 ... WISCONSIN 30-17.

North Texas (plus 40 1/2) at No. 8 Oklahoma

DeMarco Murray could be Sooners' next star TB ... OKLAHOMA 54-10.

East Carolina (plus 26) at No. 9 Virginia Tech

Should be emotional opener for Hokies ... VIRGINIA TECH 39-7.

Youngstown State (no line) at No. 11 Ohio State

Coach Jim Tressel faces his former school ... OHIO STATE 35-13.

No. 15 Tennessee (plus 6) at No. 12 California

Vols beat Bears 35-18 in Knoxville last season ... CALIFORNIA 35-18.

Oklahoma State (plus 6 1/2) at No. 13 Georgia

Bulldogs have won 25-straight regular-season nonconference games ... GEORGIA 31-28.

No. 14 UCLA (minus 17) at Stanford

Bruins blanked Stanford in two of last three meetings ... UCLA 28-6.

Florida International (plus 38) at No. 17 Penn State

First game against Big Ten for Golden Panthers ... PENN STATE 45-13.

Kansas State (plus 13 1/2) at No. 18 Auburn

First meeting since 1979 ... AUBURN 27-16.

Nebraska (plus 21) at No. 20 Nevada

Huskers haven't lost home opener since 1985 vs. Florida State ... NEBRASKA 44-20.

Troy (plus 24) at No. 21 Arkansas

Darren McFadden's Heisman

campaign starts with bang ... ARKANSAS 50-17.

Baylor (plus 20 1/2) at No. 22 TCU

Big 12 tune-up for Horned Frogs with Texas next week ... TCU 38-7.

North Colorado (no line) at No. 23 Hawaii

Colt Brennan throws five TDs for Warriors — by halftime ... HAWAII 60-14.

Montana State (no line) at No. 25 Texas A&M

Montana State upset Colorado last season ... TEXAS A&M 42-13.

Monday

No. 19 Florida State (minus 3 1/2) at Clemson

Tigers have won three of last four Bowden Bowls ... CLEMSON 24-21.

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Daily Break

“There was supposed to be all this money, but where'd it go? None of us got any.”

— Clarence Russ, whose house is the only restored home on an otherwise desolate block in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward. Wednesday marked the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, whose flooding hit the Lower Ninth particularly hard.

the ledge

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ANDREW JUHL

Welcome (Back) Advice Week!

- If you live off campus, you can save money on electricity, water, and air conditioning by spending as much time in the IMU and library as possible. Bonus: You can also save money by being single because nobody's going to date your cheap ass.
- Smoke cigarettes? Try giving them up. If you want to stop being cool, that is.
- For the sake of your high-school teachers, learn the difference between your and you're. Just because English is a bastard language doesn't mean you should abuse it like a child that nobody wanted.

- Whatever you do, never plagiarize. It's lazy, and you'll eventually get caught.
- Dance as if nobody's watching; love as if you've never been hurt. Sing as though nobody's listening; live as though it's heaven on Earth. (I just made that up. Just now. It was all me.)

Google it. Please.)

- Many of you will end up with degrees in social science, such as psychology, sociology, cultural anthropology, or something just as vocationally useless. My advice to you is to continue on to grad school: The road is long, demanding, and financially unrewarding, but at least when you're finished, you'll be a doctor.

Though, again, not one of a useful variety.

- As a student, first dates get pretty freaked out when you tell them you've already read and memorized their Facebook profile. So don't tell them.

— Andrew R. Juhl advises you to never take seriously any piece of advice you read in the Ledge.

E-mail him at: andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu.

Think you're pretty funny? Prove it. *The Daily Iowan* is looking for Ledge writers. You can submit a Ledge at dailyiowan@uiowa.edu. If we think it's good, we'll run it — and maybe contact you for more.

horoscopes Thursday, August 30, 2007

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Let your feelings be known. Plan a romantic date, or do something that will please someone you care about. Look after some of your own personal needs. Spend a day pampering yourself for a change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look on the positive side, and avoid anyone who is leading you down a dark path. Take charge of your life. Secrets regarding someone you like will be revealed. Base your decision on the facts, not something conjured up by someone who is meddling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Just because someone is talking about something you'd rather not discuss doesn't mean you have to get all wiggled out. Excuse yourself; gravitate toward someone with whom you have more in common. A creative partnership can lead to a prosperous endeavor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may find it difficult to follow through with your plans — torn between what you want and what you are allowed. You will be confused if you can't make needed alterations to your life. Originality will be required.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get away from it all, and put the past in perspective so you can take advantage of upcoming opportunities. Now is the time to make your way into the spotlight and reveal your true feelings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A look at your personal papers and you will realize what you must do. Money will be made available through an investment, payoff, contract, winnings, or debt owed. Focus on home and family and what you can do to make things better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sign up for anything that will get you out and participating. Travel, education, and getting together with friends, relatives, or neighbors will do you good. Attend a reunion, or visit old familiar places.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be surprised how much you can get for how little if you use your ingenuity. By changing a few little details, you can get on with your plans. Redefining what you do for a living will make more sense once you get started.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are the one who can make things happen, so don't give up on something because it requires too much work. Dig in, and you won't be sorry. Work from home where you can remain the most relaxed and get the most done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Check out some investment possibilities. Money is in the picture, and with a little push on your part, you can complete a deal that has been pending. Don't count on getting emotional support from the people you are closest to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Money should be on your mind. You have talents that can be sold if presented the right way. Build on something you are familiar with, and people will be interested in what you have to offer. Love is on the rise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take a greater interest in what others are doing, and forget about being self-absorbed. The less time you spend worrying about something you can't change, the more likely you are to find a way to get something else going. Trust in your abilities.

ACTIVITY ENGAGED



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan
Jennifer Bui, 18, is surrounded by members of the Vietnamese Student Association at the Student Organization Fair on the IMU terrace on Wednesday. Students represented their clubs or organizations by setting up tables to advertise their activities.

today's events

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- **Devonian Fossil Gorge**, 7 a.m., Coralville Reservoir
- **Welcome Week Student Job Fair**, 9:30 a.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Forms and Shapes: Inspired by Architecture**, 10 a.m., AKAR, 257 E. Iowa
- **Get Organized Seminar**, 10 a.m. or 7 p.m., Quality Inn Suites Highlander Conference Center
- **Indonesia: Land of Diversity, featuring The Many Colors of Islam Exhibit Opening**, 10 a.m., Iowa Children's Museum
- **Julia Kottal: Abstract Paintings at Iowa Artisans**, 10 a.m., Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington
- **Sen. Joe Biden, book signing**, 10 a.m., IMU
- **Para los Ninos Spanish Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Dr. Gregory A. Poland**, 11 a.m., Eckstein Medical Research Facility
- **Fresh Fish**, 11 a.m., Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington
- **Stylistic Serenity**, 11 a.m., Chait Galleries Downtown
- **Burgers and Blues with blues artist Kevin Burt**, 11:30 a.m., IMU River Terrace
- **"From Monks to Masters: The Medieval Manuscript and the Early Printed Book,"** noon, UI Museum of Art
- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Lecture Series, "A Levantine Journey,"** Christopher Merrill, noon, Congregation Church, 30 N. Clinton
- **Ten Tech Zone**, 2:30 p.m., Public Library
- **Watermelon Feed and Spitting Contest**, 2:30 p.m., Walden Place, 2423 Walden Road
- **Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Coralville Community Aquatic Center, 1513 Seventh St., Coralville
- **Tai Chi Fundamentals**, 5 p.m., Kahraman Dance Studio, 330 Second St.
- **Bicyclists of Iowa City Leisure Ride**, 6 p.m., Best Buy, Coral Ridge Mall
- **King of the Tailgate**, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- **Through the Eyes of the Dead**, 6 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Change Your Mood, Change Your Life**, 7 p.m., Public Library
- **Conversation with Mike**, 7 p.m., Public Library
- **Country Dance**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Country Dancers, Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Fall 10,000 Hours Show Concert Showcase**, 7 p.m., Pentacrest
- **Alpha Phi Omega Informational Meeting**, 7 p.m., 347 IMU
- **Karaoke and Jam Band**, 7 p.m., Kandy Land, 928 Maiden Lane
- **Lamrim Buddhist Center General Program**, 7 p.m., Java Juice, 122 E. Washington
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Sen. Joe Biden, nonfiction, Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Moque**
- **Moque Trial Informational Meeting**, 7 p.m., 341 IMU
- **moMentum Game Night**, 7 p.m., Public Library
- **Early Modern Typography**, Sara Sauers, 7:30 p.m., UI Museum of Art Carver Gallery
- **Hapkido Club Martial Arts demonstration**, 7:30 p.m., S511 Field House
- **Sean Boarini**, 8:30 p.m., Piano Lounge, 217 Iowa
- **Public Property**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Thursday Night Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- **People Noise**, 9:30 p.m., Picador
- **Sangria Night**, 9:30 p.m., David's Place, 100 S. Linn
- **Billy Howke, and The Hoax**, 10 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington



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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

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Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
- 1** A Prairie Lights Reading from the UTV Archives, James Canon
- 2** News from Germany (in German)
- 3** "Java Blend," Music from Anna Laube
- 4** Breakdown in the Gray Room: Reconsidering Images from Abu Ghraib
- 5** Obscenity, Offense, and Monotheistic Jealousy
- 6** The Obscene in Everyday Life
- 7** "Java Blend," Music from Anna Laube
- 8** Piano Performances from the Old Capitol, May 6
- 9:30** Daily Iowan TV News
- 9:45** Incompetent Sports Talk from Student Video Productions
- 10:30** Daily Iowan TV News
- 10:45** Student Video Productions, TV-14
- 11** "Java Blend," Music from Anna Laube

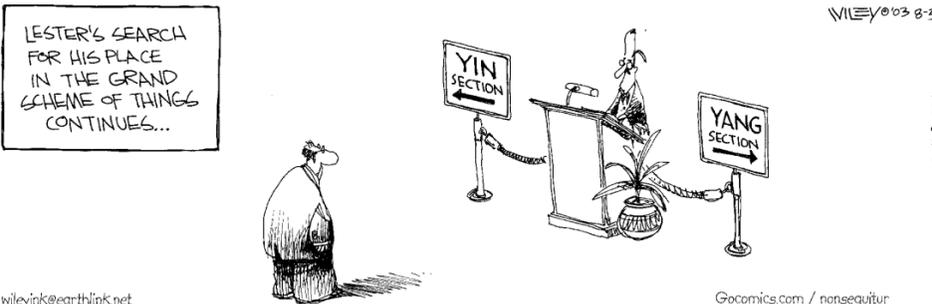
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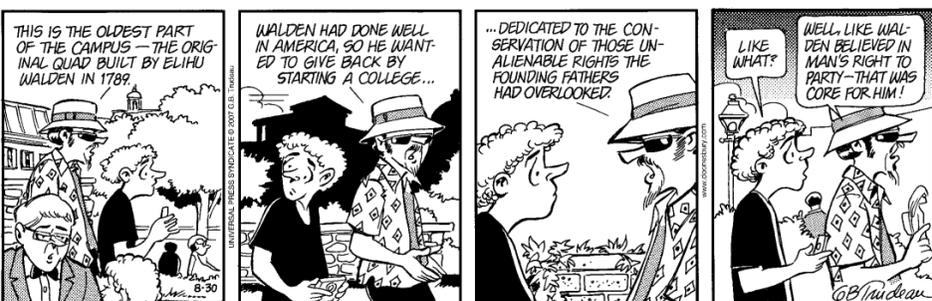


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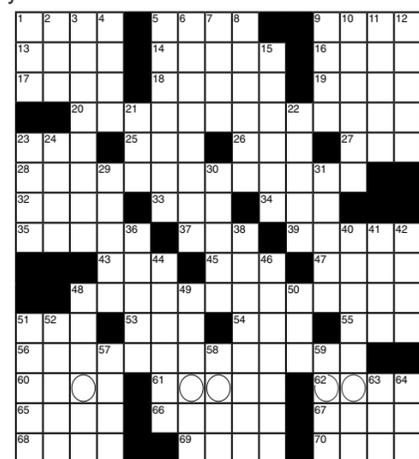
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- 19 Abbé de l'___, pioneer in sign language
- 20 With 28-, 48- and 56-Across, riddle whose answer appears in the circled squares
- 23 "Who ___?" (common riddle ending)
- 25 Camp seat
- 26 Largest geological division
- 27 "Don't wanna"
- 28 See 20-Across
- 32 Like frittatas
- 33 Sun. discourse
- 34 Year in the reign of Justinian the Great
- 35 Answers the call, maybe
- 37 Affluent duo?
- 39 Fortuneteller
- 43 Satisfied reactions
- 45 Suffix with profit
- 47 Movie featuring Peter O'Toole as Priam
- 48 See 20-Across
- 51 Kentucky's Athlete of the Century
- 53 Goose egg
- 54 Plugs
- 55 "Bells ___ Ringing"
- 56 See 20-Across
- 60 Like worms
- 61 Computer unveiled in 1946
- 62 Cold feet
- 65 Store drawer
- 66 See 58-Down
- 67 Concerning the Great
- 68 Suit to ___
- 69 Spin
- 70 Frequent gift for a PBS donation

Down

- 1 Trucker's place
- 2 Resort to
- 3 N.H.L. team at Joe Louis Arena
- 4 Big party
- 5 Pulls the plug on
- 6 Fine metal openwork
- 7 Reproductive seed
- 8 Tricked
- 9 "Odyssey," for one
- 10 Attach (to)
- 11 Tuscan city
- 12 Canines that bite
- 15 Comparatively noisy
- 21 Bass ___
- 22 Bottom-of-letter abbr.
- 23 One with a sterling service
- 24 Ancient gift givers
- 29 How some music is played
- 30 Monteverdi opera
- 31 Takes off

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by David J. Kahn

- 36 Stood out
- 38 Plan for nuptials
- 40 Musician who created the Windows 95 start-up sound
- 41 Watch-step connection
- 42 ___ disease
- 44 Beamed
- 46 Avant-garde
- 48 Changeable on a whim
- 49 Power tool in woodworking
- 50 Ukr., once
- 51 California's Santa ___ Park
- 52 Kosher
- 57 MacLachlan of "Desperate Housewives"
- 58 With 66-Across, Egyptian agricultural area
- 59 "What ___?" (snippy reply)
- 63 Knack
- 64 "Riddle-me-___"

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While their guitars gently screech

The rise of Guitar Hero has turned legions of amateurs into guitar 'demigods.' Many must brace themselves for holy war, as video-game tournaments invade Iowa City nightlife.

by Brent Johnson

Photos by Ariana McLaughlin

TAP ONE OR A COMBINATION OF COLORED BUTTONS AS THEY APPEAR ON THE SCREEN.

PRESS THE STRUM BAR AT THE SAME TIME AS STRIKING THE COLORED BUTTONS.

SHAKE THE WHAMMY BAR DURING SUSTAINED NOTES, WHICH HELPS INCREASE YOUR SCORE.

Shannon Miller played it cool during the Picador's Guitar Hero video-game tournament. The 40-plus crowd cheered more wildly when other contestants jumped across the floor or swung their guitars in large arcs, but he remained aloof, transfixed by the flashing images on the large projection screen. His laid-back style paid off. Miller pummeled each challenger, one by one.

On Aug. 16, the Picador, 330 E. Washington St., celebrated its first year of business. The first floor contained much of the chaos — a capacity crowd fought for a space without a proper dance floor. Upstairs, however, the atmosphere remained relaxed, as Miller and a dozen others battled at the bar's first Guitar Hero night.

Although these public competitions are relatively new to Iowa City, gamers have quickly migrated from their homes to the bar scene since the sequel's release last November. Bedroom rock stars can now show off their video-game skills and their sweet stage moves in front of an animated crowd.

At the end of the tournament, organizer Kevin Koppes announced the game's most difficult song: Lynyrd Skynyrd's Southern-rock anthem, "Free Bird." After a grueling nine and a half minutes, Miller set down the guitar controller, shook his opponent's hand, and walked away. The tournament was finally over — he had won.

He said that his success came from the hours of practice leading up to that night. However, one other factor seemed decisive: Scores began to plummet as many contenders drank heavily. Miller himself only sipped two drinks while tearing through four songs in the expert division.

"I'm sure it's easier riding a motorcycle drunk than playing Guitar Hero that way," he later joked. "I was coming down with a cold, and it's really hard to play when you're drunk. Your eyes and hands don't work together."

VERSE ONE

Guitar Hero has quickly saturated American culture since its debut in November 2005. Today, game tournaments have spread to public places, especially bars. Although it mainly features covers of such songs as Guns 'N' Roses' "Sweet Child O' Mine" and Thin Lizzy's "Bad Reputation," this phenomenon became one of the more popular pastimes of the new millennium by fusing five decades' worth of guitar anthems with the celebratory amateurishness of karaoke.

There are no story lines to follow or monsters to destroy. Simply put, players score points by hitting colored buttons on a guitar-shaped controller. On screen, the corresponding colors scroll down an endless vertical fretboard. In competition mode, the most note-accurate player wins.

Koppes, who fronts the local noise-bearer the Tanks and organizes the Picador's event, said his version of the tournament wasn't about rewarding the best player.

"[Contestants] could pick their level [of difficulty] and their comfort zone," he said during a break from his job at the Java House. "I wanted to be sure that everyone wouldn't be completely blown out of the water."

Koppes said he and the Picador had hosted the tournament solely for the one-year anniversary, but the event could become a regular event.

"We wanted to have something different from DJs, dancing, or music," he said. "I was encouraged to see people watching [Guitar Hero]. No one thought it was totally lame."

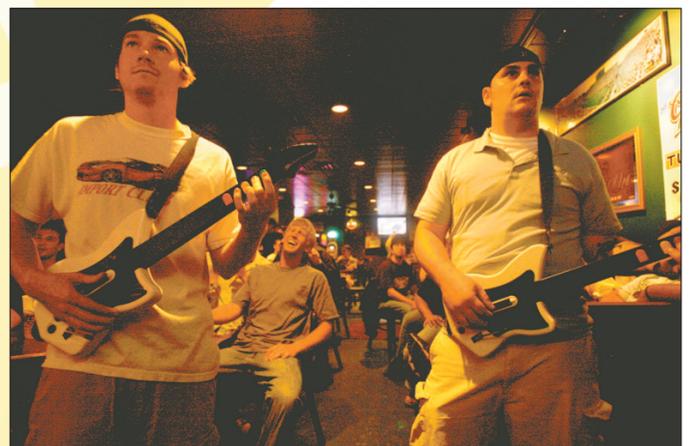
SEE GUITAR HERO, 3C



Bryan Wattems (center) battles for bragging rights and cash during a Guitar Hero competition at the Vine on Aug. 23.

GUITAR HERO NIGHT

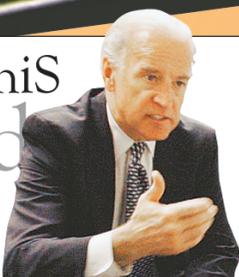
When: 10 p.m., every Thursday
Where: The Vine Tavern & Eatery, 330 E. Prentiss St.
Admission: Free
Perks: First place in competition wins \$50, second wins \$25 Vine gift certificate.



During a Guitar Hero competition at the Vine on Aug. 23, Jacob Winn (left) battles Cam Gauthier. "I could have done better, but it's been awhile," Winn said.

coming up this weekend

Check out 2B for a complete list of Iowa City events



Abidin' by Biden

Democratic presidential-nomination hopeful Joe Biden visits Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque, today at 7 p.m. to read from his memoir, *Promises to Keep: On Life and Politics*. In doing so, Biden hopes to secure the coveted Midwest intellectual vote.



Paleo-ntology

UI- and D-I-alumnus-turned-folk songwriter David Strackany returns to Iowa City at 9 p.m. Sept. 2 at the Picador, 330 E. Washington. He comes as Paleo, a stage identity who once dug deep enough to write and record a song every day for 365 days ("The Song Diary" project).



weekly calendar of events

Today 8.30

MUSIC

- **Burgers and Blues with Kevin Burt**, 11:30 a.m., IMU River Terrace
- **Through the Eyes of the Dead, with As Blood Runs Black, Beneath the Masacre, and Ion Dissonance**, 6 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Public Property**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **People Noise, with Spider Gear, Between Me and You, Western Front**, 9:30 p.m., Picador
- **Billy Howke and The Hoax**, 10 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

LECTURES

- **"A Levantine Journey," Christopher Merrill**, noon, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton

- **"Early Modern Typography," Sara Sauers**, 7:30 p.m., UI Museum of Art

WORDS

- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Joe Biden, Prairie Lights Book**, 7 p.m., 15 S. Dubuque

DANCE

- **Country Dance**, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Kindermusik**, 9 a.m., West Music, 1212 Fifth St., Coralville
- **Welcome Week Student Job Fair**, 9:30 a.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Para los Ninos Spanish Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Tai Chi Fundamentals**, 10:45 a.m., Kahraman Dance Studio, 330 Second St.

- **Teen Tech Zone**, 2:30 p.m., Public Library

- **Watermelon Feed and Spitting Contest**, 2:30 p.m., Walden Place, 2423 Walden Road

- **Coralville Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Aquatic Center, 1513 Seventh St., Coralville

- **King of the Tailgate**, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville

- **Change Your Mood, Change Your Life**, 7 p.m., Public Library

- **moMENTum Game Night**, 7 p.m., Public Library

- **Lamrim Buddhist Center Program**, 7 p.m., Java Juice, 122 E. Washington

- **10,000 Hours Show Concert Showcase**, 7 p.m., Pentacrest



Local band the Western Front joins a full lineup tonight at the Picador. The Iowa trio plays rock with a poetic edge, with accordion, mandolin, and a drum machine.

Friday 8.31

MUSIC

- **Houston Calls, with Self Against City, The Pilot, and Inept**, 6 p.m., Picador
- **Friday Night Concert Series, Public Property**, 6:30 p.m., Pedestrian Mall
- **Filling Space, with Super Hot Horseradish**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- **Highway Shelter**, 9 p.m., Java House, 211½ E. Washington
- **Marvey Sid Fisher, with Samuel Locke Ward**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **PeaceFest Benefit, with Twelve Canons, Illinois John Fever, Rusty Buckets, and Family Van**, 9:30 p.m., Picador

WORDS

- **International Writing Program reading, Elena Bossi and Beaudelaine Pierre**, 5 p.m., Shambaugh House

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Kindermusik**, 9 a.m., West Music
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Public Library
- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Public Library
- **"Java Blend"** noon, Java House
- **Family Free Friday**, 5 p.m., Coral Ridge Mall



New-wave reggae band Public Property will grace the stage of the Pedestrian Mall for this week's Friday Night Free Concert series. The band is a staple of the Iowa City music scene, offering its blend of gospel, ska, hip-hop, funk, rock, and of course, roots reggae.

Saturday 9.1

Based on the 1930s detective novel by Dashiell Hammett, *The Maltese Falcon* is considered a first in the *film noir* genre. The movie stars Humphrey Bogart as a private investigator and Mary Astor as the archetypal femme fatale. Come to the Pentacrest for an evening of classic thievery, mystery, and murder.

MUSIC

- **Deathships, with Pine Box Rhythm Review**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **Dennis McMurrin and The Demolition Band**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club

FILM

- **The Maltese Falcon**, 6:30 p.m., Pentacrest

LECTURES

- **"Dancing in the Dark with Termites," Barbara Stay**, 10 a.m., Schaeffer Hall

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Iowa City Farmers' Market**, 7:30 a.m., Chauncey Swam parking ramp
- **Family Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Public Library
- **Zombie March 2007**, 4:30 p.m., Happy Hollow Park
- **Game Night**, 6 p.m., Fair Grounds, 345 S. Dubuque



Sunday 9.2

MUSIC

- **Brian Whitson and the Night Wolves**, 7 p.m., Hall Mall, 114½ College
- **Quadrasonic Sound, Lawrence Fritts**, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- **Paleo, with Skursula, Quiet Bears, and Bare Bone Orchestra**, 9 p.m., Picador
- **Reggae Night**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club

WORDS

- **International Writing Program reading, Tom Dreyer, Sasa Stanic, Matt Davis**, 5 p.m., Prairie Lights

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Kripalu DansKinetics**, 11:30 a.m., Arts à la Carte, 20 E. Market
- **Video Story Time**, 2 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Pub Quiz**, 9 p.m., Mill

TOM DREYER



SASA STANISIC



MATT DAVIS



READING

Who: Tom Dreyer (poet and novelist from South Africa), Sasa Stanic (novelist from Germany), Matt Davis (UI Nonfiction Writing Program graduate)

When: 5 p.m. Sept. 2

Where: Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque St.

Admission: Free

new movies

OPENING THIS WEEKEND



Balls of Fury
Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10
The writing team behind "Reno 911" and *Night at the Museum* are attempting to find box-office success with *Balls of Fury*, a (hopefully) funny story about crime and revenge set against the backdrop of the underground world of extreme Ping-Pong. Starring Christopher Walken, Masi Oka of "Heroes," and George Lopez, audiences will just have to see it to believe it.



Halloween
Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10
Appropriately in time for Labor Day (seriously — why now?), Rob Zombie resurrects Michael Myers one more time. Big names such as Brad Dourif, Malcolm McDowell, and William Forsythe flesh out the cast of gore-mongers hope will be a horror-movie classic.



Death Sentence
Coral Ridge 10
Kevin Bacon shows off his versatility, this time playing an even-tempered businessman who becomes violent and obsessed with protecting his family after the events of one tragic night. Bacon's portrayal may make viewers wish that they couldn't be connected to him by just six degrees (although it may be slightly more welcoming than *The Woodsman*).

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Each week, the *DI* finds an individual in Iowa City raving about her or his favorite book of the moment. This week, the *DI* spoke to Matthew Wright, manager of the Java House, 211½ E. Washington, about what he reads while the espresso brews.

"I read mostly at home, because if I read at work, I tend to have to work. But I'm a big Vonnegut fan ... I bought it last year, and I forgot that I had it."



DI RECOMMENDS

Cleaning your ears with a wet cotton swab. Make sure not to put the swab into the ear canal, no matter how good it may feel. There's even a warning on the box, in case the idea didn't cross your mind.

QUOTABLE

"We push each other. I look at me and Justin [Timberlake] like Prince and Michael Jackson in their day."

— Kanye West, in an apparent slap in the face to 50 Cent, whose new album debuts on the same day as West's next month.

Blowing off summer with seeds

By Nathan Ley
THE DAILY IOWAN

Summer is officially over. Classes have started, books have been bought, and homework has, unfortunately, been assigned. But while most Iowa City residents are slowly succumbing to the drudge of another school year, one group is still clinging to sun-filled days.

The residents of Walden Place, a retirement community at 2423 Walden Road, will host a watermelon feed and spitting contest today at 2:30 p.m. Four large and luscious watermelons will be set up outside on the front lawn for both community residents and Iowa City to enjoy — and eventually spit out.

"We try to hold one fun event a week for our live-ins," activity director Cindy Hanson said. "Last week, we had an Italian dinner night, where people got all dressed up and dined by candlelight. We charged \$10 a plate to nonresidents and used the money to buy school supplies for a local elementary school."

In the past, Walden Place has hosted a magician and raised money with a pancake breakfast, and soon, it will have a professional from Mercy Care conduct free

How to hawk a loogie

1. Push all the saliva into the front of your mouth. Don't forget to suck in hard with your nose in order to reach maximum loogie potential.
2. Cup your tongue around the wad of spit.
3. Rear neck back while straightening spine.
4. Thrust head forward.
5. Open mouth.
6. Cave in your cheeks and blow to give the spit a boost.
7. Watch in satisfaction as it splats on concrete or in an adversary's face.

bone-density tests. Many of the events are used as fundraisers to help the local community; the rest to keep the residents active and entertained.

But what about the spitting contest? Today, not only will the juicy watermelons be devoured, but those who attend will have the chance to rear back their necks, thrust their heads forward and launch seeds in an attempt to spew themselves above the rest. Prizes will be awarded for



Carolyn Wiand hands a cookie to Gwen Pierce as Madeleine Sauer watches at Walden Place on Wednesday afternoon. Walden Place will hold a watermelon feed and spitting contest today at 2:30 p.m. in the parking lot.

the longest, shortest, loudest, and quietest loogie.

"We're hoping 20 to 30 residents will participate, though a lot of them are worried about losing their teeth," Walden manager Carolyn Wiand joked.

Along with those few dozen, an additional 70 invitations were sent out to area residents and people interested in taking up residence at Walden. Don't feel dejected if you weren't among the 70, though: The contest and feed are both open to

the public. All are invited.

Summer may be technically over, but what better way to send it off than with a face full of watermelon and a contest-winning saliva missile?

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Guitar Hero sweeps into IC nightlife

GUITAR HERO
CONTINUED FROM 1C

VERSE TWO

On Aug. 23, the Vine Tavern and Eatery, 330 E. Prentiss St., was brimming with college students as the looming fall semester threatened to displace summer. The crowd casually watched nine TVs blaring an ESPN toughman fight while waiting for the weekly Guitar Hero tournament. Since mid-July, this has been one of the first public tournaments in eastern Iowa.

Hip-hop and nu metal had blared through the bar, but as the game started, Nirvana's "Heart-Shaped Box" usurped the sound of the pub's speakers. Two men began to tap on their guitars furiously. To them, the emphasis seemed to be on technical ability rather than theatrics and style. And for the next several hours, a cheering crowd hailed the video game.

Between running the competition and managing the bar, Luke Allen spoke enthusiastically about the success of Guitar Hero night at the Vine. Six months ago, he said, while at Wrigley Field in Chicago, he saw a marquee across the street highlighting a similar event. Realizing its potential, he later imported the idea to the Vine in order to attract more customers during the perennially slow summers of Iowa City.

"Guitar Hero is kind of like karaoke," he said while mixing drinks behind the bar. "It's something you can do hammered drunk and still have a good time."

Though the tournament was fairly casual, he said, he uses the single-elimination bracket often found in sporting events. Two contestants stand in front of a large plasma-screen TV and try to win two out of three songs. Each contestant picks one tune; in case of a tie, Allen picks the last. After more eliminations, the game shifts from the medium to the hard setting. The victor receives a \$50 gift certificate to the bar.

Though he was knocked out early, Jacob Winn appeared to have every technical advantage to take first place. Two months ago, he moved to Iowa City to test video games for Budcat Creations, which was contracted to fine-tune Guitar Hero III for its PlayStation 2 October release. Only after moving did he learn that Guitar Hero had made the jump to bars.

"I'm not really surprised," he said. "The game lends itself well to tournaments. It's fun to get drunk and play with your friends."

"And everyone wants to be a rock star."

GUITAR SOLO

For several years, Massachusetts-based Harmonix Music Systems has developed a glowing reputation throughout the video-game industry for releasing innovative rhythm-based products. Early on, the company's Karaoke Revolution series transformed video-game consoles into competitive karaoke



During a Guitar Hero competition at the Vine on Aug. 23, Mitch Thompson attempts to master a song and take first place.

machines. Numerous players could compete by singing the correct pitches to famous pop songs.

By November 2005, Harmonix built upon the concept and developed Guitar Hero for the PlayStation 2, which included the guitar controller and a price tag of \$80 instead of the typical \$50. The video game soon racked up numerous awards in the industry for its reinvention of a medium often blamed for gratuitous violence.

Although the first version contained a multiplayer mode for competition, bar tournaments appeared more frequently after Guitar Hero II's massively successful release in November 2006. According to the NPD Group Inc., which tracks retail information, the game sold more than 1.3 million units in the last months of 2006, with 800,000 units sold in December alone. Despite the extra \$30 for the guitar controller, it was the year's fifth-best seller.

CODA

That night at the Picador, tables overflowed with empty plastic cups and beer bottles, which were occasionally cleared off by staff but more often than not by drunks slamming against them. The Guitar Hero tournament was underway.

The dim main floor was lit solely by flickering stage lights and the soft glow from the video game. Energetic crowd members banged their heads to a version of Danzig's metal classic "Mother" as if watching a bizarre futuristic cover band. Fists pounded in the air. Drinks spilled. Two young men battled furiously to avoid elimination. As the song veered toward the climatic guitar solo, someone hit pause on the controller, silencing the game.

Awkward pause. The crowd erupted with boos and hisses. Both contestants looked confused; neither knew how to proceed.

From behind the mixer, Koppes called out, "Oh, just finish it."

GUITAR FEEDBACK

After last call, the bar staff began screaming at people to get out, herding them into the alley and onward to after-hours parties. The bedlam gone, the Picador's staff could now relax.

A lone voice of dissent rose above the rabble while walking toward the exit. Matt Show, the owner of Scenester Credentials Records and guitarist for local band Race to the Bottom, spoke about his reservations about the tournament. He had planned to compete, he said, but changed his mind at the last minute, disturbed by the spectacle.

"It blows my mind that people are excited about this at a rock club that would normally play live music," he said. "The phenomenon of Guitar Hero as an actual event is weird. We've progressed to watching others play video games at a bar and not live music."

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Pop Culture Lexicon

FRETBOARD — a part of the guitar covering the neck against which strings are pushed in order to strike a note.

THIN LIZZY (1969-1983) — often considered one of the greatest hard-rock bands of the '70s, this Irish powerhouse transcended the genre with its dualing guitars and legendary anthems, such as "The Boys are Back in Town" and "Jailbreak." Lead singer and bassist Phil Lynott died in 1986 as a result of drug abuse.

NU METAL — a form of heavy metal that emerged in the mid-90s, fusing with hip-hop and funk. See Korn and Rage Against the Machine.

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Houston Calls will success answer?

Houston Calls writes some of the happiest pop-punk melodies this side of the Top 40. So what are the members doing still struggling with rent checks?

By Anna Wiegenstein
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Houston Calls with Self Against City, The Pilot and Inept

When: 6 p.m. Friday
 Where: Picador, 330 E. Washington
 Admission: \$7

Halfway through a *Daily Iowan* interview, Jarrett Seltzer pauses and murmurs something to someone in the background. He gets back on the line, saying, "Um, sorry—it's just, apparently some cops are parked next to our van right now."

Seltzer, 25, keeps answering questions deftly as he walks. When asked if his band, Houston Calls, is on the verge of getting towed, Seltzer just chuckles and says, "It'll be cool. Don't worry about it."

Rather a predictable sentiment for anyone familiar with the Jersey-based pop-punkers, who specialize in a don't-worry-be-happy style of rock, decked out with noodling guitar licks and plenty of sweet, sweet synthesizer action.

What's more surprising is the direct honesty Seltzer answers with. When asked if the band is ready to play new material, the bassist exclaimed, "Are you kidding me? God, yes."

Seltzer speaks rapidly in a mildly exasperated tone, "We've been giving the crowd what they want for three years."

Yet Houston Calls has yet to find mainstream success. It has toured relentlessly. Its website's description of its sound — "Green Day had sex with Motion City Soundtrack" — isn't that far off-base.

However, Houston Calls is merely one of a flood of pop-punk bands not enjoying wide success, and often, not having enough money to continue the lifestyle the members love.

"All bands want to be as big as they can be, hopefully able to live comfortably off their music," Seltzer said. "Driving around in a 15-passenger van, eating at McDonald's all the time — it'd be nice to get away from that."

Since a follow-up to the band's 2005 full-length debut, *A Collection of Short Stories* has yet to be recorded, the group is enduring financial hardship. Some — such as Seltzer and lead vocalist Tom Keiger — have taken initiative to begin a clothing line to supplement their incomes.

"You can't work a 9-to-5 job, doing what we do," the bassist said somewhat morosely to the inevitable "sell-out" charges.

The business venture serves to help pay for the necessities, not to mention finance any unforeseen expenses for the band. "The more you can do within the scene, the more you can do with your band. You can pay your rent easier," he said simply.

Of course, that doesn't always work. Look no further than the case of Houston Calls' previous guitarist, Kenny Ryan, who left the band because of credit-card fees and college debt.

For Seltzer, who attended high school with Ryan, the departure was clearly tough.

"There comes a point when you have to make a decision," he began somewhat guardedly. "It's one thing to join a band at 15 [but another] to stay with it at, say, 25. Can you afford health insurance?"

And while Seltzer understands Ryan's reasons for departing, the member switch-up caused moments of

doubt for the remaining performers.

"It's one of your own, walking out on what you've been working on together," Seltzer said, still sounding perturbed by the idea. "I mean, no one would leave a band he thought was going to be huge."

The story of Houston Calls may seem less bouncy than the



Publicity photo
 Houston Calls member Jarrett Seltzer watches as his frontman catches some air. Hopefully he lands in time to catch the band's big break dream.

one told through its melodies, yet a sense of embattled optimism still remains. Maybe this next album will be the Big Break.

For right now, his sound bite about the next record may in fact

be the best way to cap the story of the band itself.

"We're evolving, but we're not letting go."

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Undead, marching — and hungry for IC

The undead are coming to town for Iowa City's second Zombie March. All proceeds will go to local charities, which, fortunately, don't aim to consume the living.



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Corbin Booth and Rodney Arthur stumble through the Pedestrian Mall during Iowa City's first-ever Zombie March on July 22, 2006. Booth and Richmond have made gore movies together since junior high and have honed their skills as amateur makeup artists. The pair spent roughly two hours applying their makeup and prosthetics.

By Tessa Ruddy
THE DAILY IOWAN

The sounds of low, guttural moaning — coupled with decay and tattered clothing — will infest this niche of Iowa as hordes of expressionless zombies shuffle rigidly toward confounded victims.

These undead have only one desire: devour the living.

Iowa City residents are left with only two choices: kill the enemy, or join their flesh-eating ranks, for the zombies are coming to town Saturday at 5 p.m. in celebration of Iowa City's second Zombie March. And this year, not only will they march, they will protest as well. Because, after all, zombies are people, too.

"Zombies are overlooked," said event coordinator Shawn Beatty. "While vampires are powerful, sexy, and articulate, zombies are slow, gross, and inarticulate. Their rights are often ignored."

Although the march was started by zombie enthusiasts to celebrate all that is zombie, this year the money raised at the event through T-shirt sales

'I will not torment any children until they're old enough to agree.'

— Kirstin Pfeiffer

will be donated to local charities Table-to-Table, the United Way of Johnson County, and the Iowa Center for AIDS Resources and Education. Participants are also asked to bring two nonperishable food items.

"It's always good to have things that pique the community's curiosity," said Table-to-Table director Bob Andriik. "It's a way to raise community awareness and, by extension, get food to the people who need it."

The march will start at Happy Hollow Park and end at the Deadwood, 6 S. Dubuque St. Participants will then make their menacing way over to Studio 13, 13 S. Linn St., for a costume competition.

"I originally wanted to start in the cemetery, by the Black Angel," Beatty said. "But people who have relatives there might not think it's so funny."

There are some living folk, of course, who do not appreciate a

procession of zombies staggering through the streets of Iowa City, although enthusiasts attest their aim is not to harass the unwilling.

"Last year, people who smiled and were curious, those were the people the zombies tended to try to move toward," said UI geography major Ellen Madden. "For those who might be put off, we certainly have no intent of trying to accost them in any way."

In order to help out a good cause, and munch on some living, but compliant, flesh, Kirstin Pfeiffer will drive from Chicago for the second year in a row. She first heard about the march from Beatty on MySpace after listing one of her interests as "zombies" on her profile.

"I really fell in love with zombies in junior high after watching *Return of the Living Dead*," the 39-year-old law firm employee said. "I don't know what it is, but it's something

Zombie March

When: Arrive Saturday at 4:30 p.m. March starts at 5 p.m.
Where: Happy Hollow Park
Admission: Free; people are encouraged to bring two nonperishable food items.
Website: Zombiemarch.org

that's inside every zombie [enthusiast], and a lot of people can't really express what it is. It may be the unstoppable power; who knows?"

This year, Pfeiffer will be the mother in a zombie family.

"The babies will be formulated this week," she said, laughing. "They're just dolls. I will not torment any children until they're old enough to agree."

Beatty has high hopes for greater turnout this year, given that this weekend also brings the first Hawkeye football game.

"It's pretty innocent," he said. "What's more fun than dressing up like a zombie and walking through town?"

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Who's having the worst week ever? Could it be Paris Hilton? Nicole Richie? Michael Vick? Lindsay Lohan?

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Nathan Ley

Dear Lindsay Lohan, Congratulations! Not only did you get two DUIs in three months, but you were also caught with crack both times. Talk about overachieving.

Recently, I found myself in dark times. I saw the celebrity world falling apart before my eyes. Paris was crying away her 23 days in prison, and Nicole was pregnant, driving drunk and about to serve 82 hours in the pen. I was heart broken. Celebrities were being tickled by the long arm of the law. But then you gloriously came to my rescue. You outdid both Paris and Nicole. Your arrests tore the attention away from Mike Vick (a.k.a. Ron Mexico) and the dogs (hanging) in his family tree.

It's been an extremely messed-up summer for celebrities. So many DUIs. So many pregnancies. So many international adoptions. I swear that adopting a child from a Third World country makes a celebrity look conscientious just like having a Mohawk or a nose ring makes

Oops — They Did it Again!

Summer Celebrity Mishaps:

- **Britney Spears** went into rehab and shaved her head.
- **Britney Spears** fed her infants Doritos and soda.
- **Amy Winehouse** carved her husband's name on her stomach.
- **Tom Brady** had a baby with ex-girlfriend Bridget Moynahan.
- **Tank Johnson** was cut from the Chicago Bears after another alleged DUI.
- **Star Jones** had gastric-bypass surgery.
- **Pete Doherty** checked into rehab.
- **Uncle Kracker** was arrested on a second-degree forcible-sex charge.

a UI student look original or unique.

Sure, this summer saw high jinks by the usual over-publicized celebrity riff-raff. Brad and Angelina had problems. Rappers called each other out (50 better start packing his bags if the downloads of "Stronger" are any indication). Football players found themselves released from their teams, suspended from the league, and one even found himself involved with pro-wrestling (I wonder if Pac Man will be his wrestling name, too).

However, it had been a while since a child star really biffed it and landed on her face. We waited for Hillary Duff to do it, but instead she started "working out," lost weight, and found herself on the cover of *Maxim*. Naturally, we turned to you, Lindsay, and last week you delivered. Last week you plea-bargained. You pleaded a few guilty, a few no-contests, and had two charges dropped. And what did you win? One

day in jail. A single freaking day!

Yes, they threw in some community service, a couple rehab programs, and a short probation, but one day in the can is like a day at a nice spa! (Free meals and a little alone time, right?) Oh, and don't let me forget the apology you issued. It was so cleverly crafted by your lawyers — so not you. "It is clear to me that my life has become completely unmanageable because I am addicted to alcohol and drugs." You and Rep. Mark Foley both, sister.

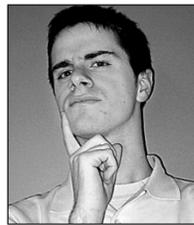
So thank and kudos to you, Lindsay, and the rest of Hollywood and professional sports. You were all a shining, glimmering, and sterling example for our children this summer.

Sincerely, Nathan Ley.
P.S. Michael Vick recently bit the bullet (one not in his pit bulls) and pleaded guilty. He'll probably be playing football by the time you actually make it to rehab.

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Are they out to lunch?

Letters to Louis



Louis Virtel

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Dear Louis,
My boyfriend and I broke up months ago. At the time I was devastated, but because it's long over, I thought I was through dealing with our drama. Unfortunately, we're from the same town and we both attend the university. Our mutual friends want to come visit us at school and hang out with us — together. As you might've guessed, there are plenty of unresolved issues between us. I can't imagine even spending time in a room with him, let alone enjoying myself with our home friends together. Should I bite the bullet and just deal with him for a couple evenings with our friends, or should I resist? — Best, "Lindsay"

Listless "Lindsay,"
Nothing like some unnecessarily resurrected drama. We're talking some Kevin-Winnie Wonder Years post-

breakup trauma here. Is your life also set to a 1960s soundtrack? I fear what you'd do if I sang out of tune, Lindsay.

Let me get this straight — your home friends want to spend their vacation time hanging out with two people who've endured a difficult breakup and don't really speak? How much fun would that be? Maybe afterwards they can wear Kevin Federline shirts to a Britney concert or drop by the Emma Goldman Clinic with Rush Limbaugh. Your friends are definitely asking too much of you, and frankly, they're in denial if they think it'll be like old times. I'd hope they wouldn't make you feel selfish because you won't revisit such a tough, trying issue. Are they sadists? They can grab Pita Pit with your ex, drop him off, and take you out to Studio later. That'll be a wonderful Iowa City trip. Trust me, I do it almost daily.

Dear Louis,
I read that you're an RA, a perfect source for this question. I'm part of a camp-counseling staff in which team morale is essential — much like RA staffs. One member is a very friendly guy, someone I could become great friends with. But now, he's seeming less and less interested in us. I also get the feeling he thinks he's smarter or better than us. He has that way about him. I want him to become more involved with us again, because I know he's got a great personality. What can I do? — Jim

Jim,
Oh wow, is that your real name? No quotation marks? The intimacy is startling. It's

like we're longtime Facebook friends. I'm thinking of all the ways I could poke you — and giggling. I hope that's comforting.

So this schmuck's got a great personality, but he acts like he's better than everyone? This is a rare feat, but I'll take your word for it. Thing is, he applied for this camp job just like everyone else — why should he feel "better" than anyone? Or is he like the head chief of popsicle-stick crafts? Sounds to me like he feels out of place and uses condescension to mask his insecurity. As a matter of fact, that's always the case with pretentious lame asses — I mean — nice people like your friend.

If you want him to rejoin, you've got to make him feel heard. Approach him — by yourself. Ask him what's up. Listen for awhile, then tactfully remark that you've noticed he's distancing himself. If he's at all as smart as he thinks he is, he'll understand your concern even before you ask. Just don't ambush him with accusations or bombard him with him prodding questions. Your sincerity should be enough to make him reconsider his actions. As an RA, I can tell you my residents respond best to me when I'm (caution: awesome lingo ahead!) "real" with them. They can tell when I'm doing something out of obligation and not because it means something to me.

If he responds negatively to such sensitivity, he sucks. He can have his own bonfire and listen to his own ghost stories for hours — much as how I imagine Gary Busey spends his time.

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