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Faculty group backs guns for police

The UI Faculty Council, in a 12-3 vote, supports a recommendation to arm UI police officers.

By Clara Hogan
THE DAILY IOWAN

After an hour-long debate Tuesday, the UI Faculty Council voted in favor of arming UI police.

By a 12-3 vote, the council solidified its support of a recommendation — from officials at the three Iowa regent universities — to give guns to the university force.

The UI started to review public-safety measures following the Virginia

Tech shootings in April.

The University of Northern Iowa Faculty Senate voted 11-3 last week against arming the police; the Iowa State University Faculty Senate is scheduled to vote next week.

A few UI Faculty Council members expressed concern about law-enforcement officers accidentally shooting someone, as was the case in 1996, when an Iowa City police officer shot and killed local artist Eric Shaw in his studio. The officer said he thought

Shaw was holding a gun; he was holding a phone.

UI Faculty Council President Victoria Sharp said the group's decision will provide "positive guidance" to UI President Sally Mason, who plans to submit a report on the issue to the state Board of Regents on Sept. 10.

The regents will discuss the matter at this month's meeting.

Because the UI Faculty Senate will vote on the matter Sept. 11, the day after Mason's proposal is due, Sharp

said she will see if Mason can delay her proposal until after that vote.

"There is an open forum on Thursday, and [Mason] has been reaching out for advice from faculty and the community," Sharp said. "But it is important for her to hear the [Faculty Senate's] voice."

The three state universities are the only schools in their conferences whose police forces do not carry guns.

SEE GUNS, 3A



Sharp
UI Faculty Council president

KICKOFF CELEBRATES GAY PRIDE

By Lauren Skiba
THE DAILY IOWAN

Three words. Proud, inclusive, connected.

This was the mantra Tuesday night as the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender organization Connections held its fall kickoff.

The event was held at hotelVetro, where many of the 200 in attendance spent the evening celebrating a new magazine and a new season for the organization.

The fourth-annual Iowa City gala also had an unexpected surprise, coming as it did in the wake of a recent ruling by a 5th District judge declaring Iowa's gay-marriage ban to be unconstitutional. The judge the next day stayed his ruling pending appeal.

"We have been working hard for a long time on what we have accomplished when it comes to the marriage law," said Robin Bulter, a Connections board member.

The 40 tables scattered around the spacious room brought together such gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender groups as One Iowa, Iowa City Pride, and various presidential-candidate representatives.

"It's a great mix of people here," said Marc Moen, a Connections board member and real-estate mogul. "There are very few organizations like this one."

Moen has been on the board for a year and a member of the group since its inception four years ago.

While the first meeting was held in the basement of a church with 10 members, it now has attendance that fills a whole room, Moen said.

Next to Moen, his partner, Bobby Jett, talked animatedly about the organization and the religious community coming



Members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allied Union chat with guests during Connections' Fall Kickoff Forum, held at hotelVetro on Tuesday. Connections is a community organization dedicated to "forming, building, and sustaining queer communities."

together.
"A lot of [gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender] people were raised in a religion that they ran away from or were

driven away from," said John Harper, the group's treasurer. "We try to make a place in which they are accepted as couples, and that will affirm who they are, where they

have access to a meaningful relationship with God."

SEE GAY PRIDE, 3A

Iowa forges ahead with energy office

Ahead of the curve, a new initiative strives to free Iowa from foreign energy.

By Margaret Poe
THE DAILY IOWAN

Local advocates applauded Tuesday's dedication of the Iowa Office of Energy Independence, noting its potential to harness UI brainpower.

But the allotted resources will only go so far, some warned, and they stressed the need to make the most of the available dollars.

Gov. Chet Culver and Lt. Gov. Patty Judge named Roya Stanley the director of the office, which coincides with the Iowa Power Fund, a \$100 million, four-year project that forms the bedrock of the state's energy efforts.

The office will strive to eliminate Iowa's reliance on foreign energy sources by 2025, according to a statement released Tuesday.

"The plan shall provide options and strategies for reducing Iowa's consumption of energy, dependence on foreign sources of energy, use of fossil fuels, and greenhouse-gas emissions," the document states.

In association with the 18-member Power Fund board, Stanley will draft the

goals by December, the statement reports.

UI geography Professor Raj Rajagopal said there are many sources of inspiration on campus.

"Everybody has his own ideas about how to provide energy independence," he said.

The key is to harness these ideas to unite Iowa's economic and environmental needs, he said. The professor, who has taught at the UI nearly 28 years, suggested that the new energy office follow the lead of the national Small Business Innovation Research Program. Since its inception in 1983, the program has nurtured myriad proposals into profitable industries.

"I have always been worried why the brightest of Iowa kids go to California and become superstars," Rajagopal said. "Why don't they stay in Iowa and do economic development?"



Rajagopal
UI geography prof

SEE ENERGY, 3A

Traffic fatalities in Iowa jump in July

The number of traffic deaths in July were the most for the month since July 1999.

By Melanie Kucera
THE DAILY IOWAN

Traffic fatalities in Iowa in the month of July were at their highest level since 1999, 12 deaths above average for the same month in the previous five years.

The Iowa Department of Transportation said 51 people were victims of deadly crashes in July, compared with an average of 39 in July during 2002-06.

The Iowa DOT attribute the spike to a rise in the number of motorcycles on the road, as well as the July 2005 change in the Interstate speed limit from 65 to 70 mph, said Tom Welch, a DOT traffic-safety engineer. He said many drivers also continue to be distracted by cell phones.

Getting Iowans to buckle up also been an ongoing struggle, he said.

"It continues to be a problem especially with back-seat occupants ... half of these fatalities [occurring in July] were not wearing seat belts," Welch said.

Iowa law does not require back-seat passengers to buckle up.

Dena Gray-Fisher, a spokeswoman for the Iowa DOT, said unbuckled back-seat passengers become "projectiles in the back seats" that lead to other deaths.

"[The jump in fatalities] do make sense," said UI sophomore Kelly Trettin. "I always thought they should possibly raise the driving age" or younger drivers should have their learner's permit longer.

Although officials say Iowa has a 90 percent seat-belt compliance rating — high compared with other states — the state nevertheless has seen many people unbuckled, especially teens.

Car crashes are the No. 1 killer of those 16-24, according to the Iowa DOT website.



Gray-Fisher
DOT spokeswoman

SEE FATALITY, 3A

Officials focus on improving mental-health services

By Danette Kapler
THE DAILY IOWAN

Many questions remain nearly five months after the Virginia Tech University shootings in which gunman Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people in the worst mass shooting by a single person in the nation's history.

Some of those questions focus on the mental-health treatment Cho received prior to the rampage.

In a report released Aug. 29 by a panel investigating the shooting, researchers said the university "failed to connect the dots" on Cho's numerous mental-health issues.

Virginia Tech officials failed to notify Cho's parents and didn't share information between the counseling center and the administration because of privacy laws restricting information that can be released.

But those laws may have been interpreted too strictly.

"Mental-health and substance-abuse information are protected at the highest level of medical confidentiality," said

Virginia Tech Report's Findings

- Virginia's mental-health system has "major gaps in its entirety," suffering from vague privacy laws and lack of funding.
- Virginia Tech gunman Seung-Hui Cho was not given the proper treatment for his illness prior to the shootings.

Iowa City social worker Stephen Trefz of the Mid-Eastern Iowa Community Health Center. "Privacy laws are there for a variety of reasons."

While Trefz agreed it is important to protect the individual, he also noted that mental-health workers have a responsibility to notify those who may be in harm's way.

"If there is reason to believe a person is in danger, the people treating the individual are required to inform authorities and people directly being threatened," he said. "It's the

clinician's call, and this often presents a challenge."

Sam Cochran, the director of the UI Counseling Service, said that when his organization identifies a person who might be dangerous, the proper parties are notified.

"If a person is thought to be dangerous, we are required to inform the people who are in danger," he said, noting that protecting privacy laws and protecting victims is a difficult balancing act.

In light of the April 16 Virginia Tech shootings and the panel's report, Virginia plans to increase funding for its mental-health system.

Some things officials hope to improve with the increased money include monitoring out-patients and ensuring that a "broader range of cases" will be treated by mental-health professionals.

Officials also hope to define privacy laws more clearly, making it easy for everyone to understand what information is confidential and what is able to be shared.

Virginia is not the only state

allocating more funds to mental health. Trefz said Iowa also has similar plans.

"The state of Iowa is looking to increase mental-health funding for services across the state, and it has been since before the Virginia Tech events," he said. "I don't think its decision was based on what happened at Virginia Tech."

Protecting individuals goes beyond mental-health services, he said.

"It is not the responsibility of mental-health providers to prevent crimes," Trefz said. "Gun control is a big factor. If the shooter had not had an automatic weapon, there would have been fewer casualties."

While Virginia and other states, including Iowa, recognize the importance of the mental-health system and plan to make improvements, no system is foolproof.

"You'll miss some of these people sometimes," Cochran said. "It's a tough reality. There aren't enough counselors to prevent something like this from happening again."

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Project promotes service

The Iowa City Youth Advisory Commission is providing money for youth with creative community-service projects.

By Jennifer Delgado
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City Youth Advisory Commission is hoping a little seed money can go a long way.

The commission's newest creation, the Youth Empowerment Grant Program, is promoting an initiative to give grants to youths who want to improve Iowa City through community-service projects.

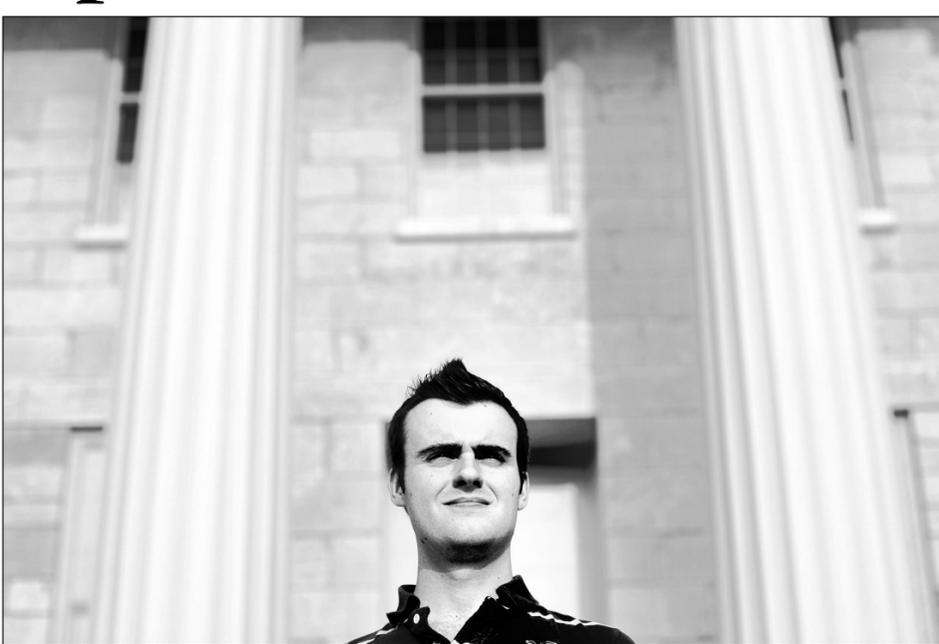
Anyone between the ages of 15-21 living in Iowa City can apply for the grant, which awards up to \$500 per project for a total of \$1,500 every fiscal year.

The program, created in August, allows applicants to create their own service projects — there is no set list.

"Sometimes, the youth can surprise you on what they think the community needs," said commission member and UI senior Michael Nelson.

The committee is accepting applications, and it will look at them on a first-come, first-serve basis. Final projects must be completed by June 30, 2008.

The decisions will be based on several factors, including uniqueness of the project, how the money will be used, likelihood that the project can be completed by the deadline, and the positive effect it will have on the community.



Chris Vanderwall/The Daily Iowan
UI student Mike Nelson stands outside the Old Capitol on Tuesday. Nelson, a member of the Youth Advisory Committee, said he joined the group after reading about it in local newspapers.

Youth Empowerment Grant Program

Who: Anyone living in Iowa City between the ages of 15-21 can apply.

What: For mini-grants up to \$500.

Why: To help improve the community through service projects.

Source: www.icgov.org/youthcommission

Student Assembly Budgeting and Allocations Committee and a Youth Advisory Commission member.

"The commission did research on what similar organizations were doing across the country and saw that the Youth Empowerment Grant was successful," Karr said.

The youth commission approached the City Council in January and requested money for the project.

"At the time, we were still working with vague ideas, but the city believed in it enough to grant us \$1,500," Nelson said.

Nelson hopes the grants will add to currently existing community-service projects.

"They don't necessarily have to be about cleaning the river or picking up trash; it can be an educational forum about the crisis in Darfur," he said. "As long as it's benefiting Iowa City in some way, we'd be accepting of a wide variety of projects."

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METRO

Man charged with endangerment

Carlston Donald, 46, was arrested Tuesday on child-endangerment charges after his 3-month-old daughter reportedly tested positive for marijuana and cocaine metabolites, Iowa City police said.

Officers went to Donald's residence on Nov. 22, 2006, in response to a report of a domestic incident involving Donald and his

wife and subsequently investigated the couple's child, officers said.

The baby allegedly tested positive for marijuana and cocaine, and a toxicology report showed the drugs' byproducts were found in the infant's hair follicles. This means the baby had to ingest the drugs in some way, whether she breathed them or absorbed them through her skin when the drugs were in use, Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said.

Police reported Donald was the only person in the home who admitted to using the drugs; his wife tested negative for any illicit drugs.

Kelsay said Department of Human Services was involved in the investigation and the time between the alleged offense and Donald's arrest could have been due to the wait for the child's toxicology report.

Child endangerment is classified as an aggravated misdemeanor,

punishable with up to two years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

In the past, Donald has faced charges for assault causing injury, violating no contact/domestic-abuse protective order, domestic-abuse assault causing bodily injury, and obstructing emergency communication.

On Tuesday afternoon, he was being held at Johnson County Jail on \$2,000 bond.

—by Kurtis Hiatt

POLICE BLOTTER

Joseph Burton, 32, 315 Myrtle Ave., was charged Tuesday with OWI.

Matthew Butler, 33, 802 E. Washington St., was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Kendra Dereus, 40, Wellman, Iowa, was charged Monday with driving

with a suspended/canceled license. Susette Eckhardt, 35, 204 Friendship St., was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Carlos Fuentes, 27, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3007, was charged Sunday with second-offense OWI,

interference with official acts, and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Joseph Randolph, 35, 2229 Arizona Ave., was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Caleb Reynolds, 24, 1916 Western Road, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.

Paulino Saenz, 37, 2018 Waterfront Drive Apt. 47, was charged Sunday with OWI and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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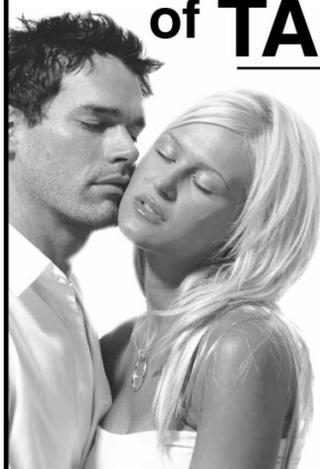


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Traffic deaths surge in July



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Iowa City police officers talk over the trajectory of the Chrysler Sebring that careened down Jefferson Street, eventually colliding with a tree near Hubbard Park on Dec. 29, 1999. Emergency responders work to remove the driver from the vehicle.

FATALITY

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To help push the seat-belt issue, the Iowa transportation authority has created the Sweet Ride Contest.

Targeted at people between 14 and 24 years old, visitors to the website are able to watch a short video regarding car safety, and they can potentially win a new car if they score high enough on a safety exam, Gray-Fisher said.

"It is something educational, something fun, and a great way to win a car," she said.

During the recent Labor Day weekend, there were two car crashes causing teenage fatalities in Iowa. One occurred in Des Moines, leaving three people dead and four injured — all were between 14-22 years old.

On Aug. 31, a 14-year-old teenager was killed and four others were injured when their minivan swerved off the road.

Only four car accidents resulting in fatalities have occurred

Iowa's traffic woes

- In July, 51 people died in car crashes on Iowa roads. Between 2002 and 2006, an average of 39 people died in July on Iowa roads.
- Iowa has seen an increase in the number of crashes involving more than one fatality.
- Car crashes are the No. 1 killer of teenagers ages 16 to 24.

Possible causes:

- An increase in the number of motorcycles on the road.
- A 5 mph increase in Iowa's Interstate speed limit.
- Cell-phone distractions, such as text messaging.

SOURCE: Iowa Department of Transportation

this year in Johnson County as of Tuesday. During the same period of time in the county in 2006, seven fatalities were reported.

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State opens energy office

ENERGY

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Working with a team of Iowa State University researchers, the UI professor submitted a biomass-based energy proposal to Stanley 15 years ago, when she worked in the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. If invited, he said he'd be delighted to collaborate with her in her new role.

Though every state has resources devoted to energy issues, Iowa is the second state to organize an office specifically for energy independence. Wisconsin inaugurated its own center in April. There, the office serves as a clearinghouse for anyone proposing new energy projects, said Judy Ziewacz, the director of the Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence.

Each state has to weigh the possibilities of its own natural resources to decide what alternative energy route is most feasible, she said.

"We're not all going to all take the same path," she said, stressing the importance of state-by-state development.

Local environmental activist Mike Carberry was enthusiastic about the new state efforts, yet he warned that the funds will go fast.

"We need to leverage that \$100 million into a lot of jobs for the future," said Carberry, who chairs the Iowa City division of the Sierra Club.

Carberry, who also advo-

Iowa's Energy

The Iowa Office of Energy Independence hopes that by 2025, the state will not have to rely on foreign energy sources.

Iowa Net Electricity Generation in thousands of MWh

Petroleum-Fired	8
Natural Gas-Fired	296
Coal-Fired	2,454
Nuclear	451
Hydroelectric	90
Other Renewables	295
Total	3,594

Consumption (by source)

Total Petroleum	86,508	in thousands of barrels
Natural Gas	241,387	in million cubic feet
Coal	24,276	in thousands of short tons
Total	1,205,807	in billions Btu

Source: Energy Information Administration

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cates for the Iowa Global Warming Campaign, noted that energy independence is not the only goal. The development of coal and nuclear plants may free Americans from foreign oil, but they are not environmentally sound alternatives, he said.

"The other side of the coin is global warming, and the serious pickle we're in there," he said. "We really need to reduce the burning of fossil fuels."

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UI POLICE

Council favors arming police

GUNS

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Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, told the Faculty Council members that the university officers are not security guards, they are sworn police officers who have received the same training as the Iowa City police.

Although the UI's officers can get permission to be armed in special situations, he noted that in an unexpected situation, they would be unprepared.

"If there was a shooting situation, my officers would be running out of the building with everyone else," Green said. "They would be in more danger than anyone else — the gunman would take out that uniform first."

He said he was losing top

officers to other police departments because of the lack of resources.

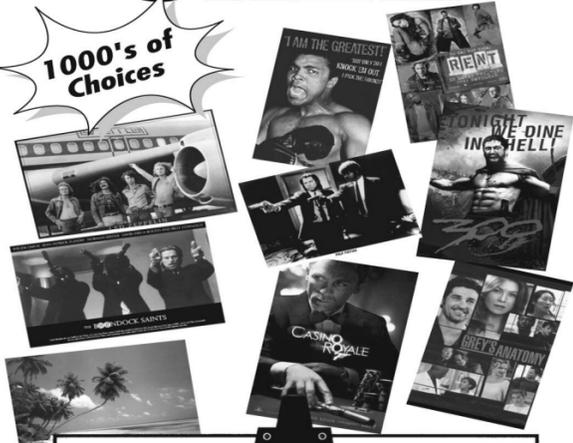
"They are put in situations that armed police officers are put in all of the time, but they don't have the appropriate protection," he said. "If we decided not to arm them, I ask that we don't put them in these unsafe situations."

Faculty Council Vice President Michael O'Hara, one of the 12 to vote for the recommendation, said he held a lot of concerns before educating himself.

"I am now reassured that we would be better off rather than worse off," he said. "This would bring us into the complete mainstream of America policing and campus policing."

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Iowa City kickoff forum connects

GAY PRIDE

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Harper sat at the Connections table in the front of the room and he spoke about his involvement with most of the organizations in the room. Harper also was one of the Connection's first members.

At another table, James Taylor, the caucus director for One Iowa, was working hard to get people's attention.

His goal was to persuade people to attend presidential forums and ask questions concerning the Matthew Shepard hate crimes and the U.S. military's "don't ask

don't tell" policy.

The controversial military policy hit close to home when Taylor himself was discharged from the Army in May over "don't ask don't tell." Now, he strives to raise awareness through his work at One Iowa.

With drink and food and good

company, Connection's fall kickoff was a success in the eyes of members and supporters alike.

"There's never been anything like this community," Jett said. "We've come together."

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LOCAL PUBLICATION

New zine focuses on gay community

The editor of *Outlook* hopes the publication will 'give some unity to the community.'

BY SHAJIA AHMAD
THE DAILY IOWAN

Outlook Zine By The Numbers

- 46 pages
- 39 businesses advertise
- 2 issues per year
- Available Sept. 1

Piled on a clean white linen cloth, stacks of *Outlook* — a magazine catering to the gay community — lay free for the taking during the Connections annual kickoff Tuesday night.

The nearly 50-page zine published by a local gay-community organization, released its first issue this month.

"If [new Iowa City residents] don't know anyone here, they don't know what resources could be safe for them," said Scott Hoffman, the magazine's designer, noting that the publication will be especially helpful for them. "There's the phonebook — then there's this."

Personal stories and gay-issue-oriented articles grace the colorful pages, and a

30-page business directory lists companies that are "gay-friendly," said Carlton Blackburn, the magazine's editor.

Blackburn, who is also the president of Connections, said he hoped the magazine will serve to "give some unity to the community."

"Part of our mission is to connect the [gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender] community to the broader community," he said. Blackburn wants to distribute the publication in high-traffic areas.

The idea for the resource guide had been in the works for several years, said Hoffman, but

the group was not able to procure the resources for publication until this year.

Mark Signs, a local real-estate agent who helped generate advertising for the zine, said he had a difficult time transacting with gay and lesbian customers when he first began business in Iowa City 10 years ago. Signs, who has also advertised in the magazine, said the feedback from local businesses was instantaneous and positive.

"The response that I got was that this is so good, we need something like this — we should have had something like this sooner," said Signs, who is gay.

Thomas Avila, the deputy executive director of the National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association, said many gay communities now have their own publications.

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Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan
Carlton Blackburn, the president of Connections, speaks with members and guests during the group's Fall Kickoff Forum, held at hotelVetro on Tuesday. Connections is dedicated to "forming, building, and sustaining queer communities."

Immigration concerns voters



File Photo/The Daily Iowan

Carlos Merlos plays with an American flag during the Rally and March for Comprehensive Immigration Reform on the Mississippi River bridge in Dubuque on Aug. 31, 2006.

Importance of immigration issues increased in voters' minds, a recent UI poll shows.

growing number of illegal immigrants in the country by establishing a legal framework for illegals already in the country to stay.

Activists on both sides, especially conservatives, attacked the bill, and it eventually died.

"[The results aren't] surprising because certainly immigration has gotten a lot of attention on the Republican side," said UI political-science Professor Peverill Squire.

While he said there wasn't any single candidate who has gained a lot from the increased focus on immigration, Squire identified Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., as the trend's biggest loser.

McCain's relatively moderate stance on the issue, highlighted by his work on this year's bill, wins him few friends among the conservative Iowans he has to win over, Squire said.

Furthermore, those who were identified as more likely to go to the caucuses tended to feel even stronger — Republicans likely to attend the nominating event were even less likely to support a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants than merely registered Republicans. Democrats likely to go to the caucuses supported earned citizenship more than registered Democrats.

Immigration will definitely play a roll in the upcoming nominating process, but will likely still be around by 2008's

November elections, Squire said.

"Given that we're not going to solve the immigration problem, it will probably still be an issue" in November 2008, he said.

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In wake of attacks, officials eye measures

UI Student Government is looking at using \$18k toward a grant program.

By Karina Schroeder
THE DAILY IOWAN

Amid a recent increase in nighttime sexual attacks, campus leaders are considering reviving a program to help UI students get home safely.

The last known escort service was called Safewalk, in which UI Student Government members would walk with students who felt unsafe at night.

UISG Vice President Carole Peterson said the service has not run for at least the past couple of years because of extreme underuse.

But with 28 attacks on women since Sept. 1, 2006, the organization is attempting to find alternatives to Safewalk that are more effective and that students will feel more comfortable using.

"No one trusted somebody

from Student Government [whom they didn't know] to come and walk them home," Peterson said. "Safewalk was a system that needed a better home."

Frequent leadership and membership turnover in UISG made Safewalk hard to maintain, she said.

There is still \$18,000 left in funds from the cancellation of Safewalk, and UISG is looking into putting that money toward a grant program, Peterson said.

This program, one of three options, will be funded by the UI or a UI-affiliated group whose leaders are more stationary and who will be able to run the program more efficiently.

UISG is asking all groups interested in handling a public-safety program to submit their ideas by October, and it will choose which one



File Photo/The Daily Iowan

Then-UI students Allison Page (left) and Steve Dillon (middle) collect money for the Iowa City Antiviolence Project on Sept. 16, 2005. The project gives free escorts home.

will receive the remaining \$18,000.

A second effort by UISG to make the student population safer will be to hold a women's safety forum on Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. in the IMU second-floor ballroom. The event will focus on nighttime awareness and making proactive choices.

Another option, although still in its infant stages, is a program similar to Safewalk known as Saferide. The program is still

being researched by both UISG and the UI police, which are collaborating to find ways to make Iowa City safer.

If implemented, the program would use UI police-employed drivers, who would be on call to give students rides back to their dorms or apartments on nights that they may not feel comfortable walking home alone.

"I think it's a great idea," said UI student Cally Williams. "It's definitely safer than walking home."

Several other major U.S. universities, including the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Vanderbilt University in Nashville are already using a similar system.

With the combination of these efforts, Peterson said, UISG hopes to give UI students better safety alternatives.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy

UI Student Government Women's Safety Forum

What: The event will focus on nighttime awareness and making proactive choices.

When: 6 p.m. Sept. 12

Where: IMU second-floor ballroom

Kelsay said the city's police force never have offered and never will offer a similar program for UI students. In response to the string of sexual attacks, the city police are paying close attention to certain areas near downtown that have been the location of attacks.

The most recent attack occurred Aug. 31.

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Lack of interest kills 3 scholarships

Three scholarships at the UI are no longer available because no one applied for them.

By Patrick Larkin
THE DAILY IOWAN

Three scholarships are no longer available to students this semester because of a lack of applicants, said Barrett Anderson, the president of the UI Student Government.

The scholarships included an "earn while you learn" scholarship for students who work 15 hours a week or more, a scholarship for students with children to be used toward daycare costs, and an "earn while you learn" scholarship for international students.

In total, the three scholarships would have provided \$17,000 last year.

Maison Bleam, the head of the Student Assembly Budget and Allocating Committee, which allocates funds to university-registered student organizations, pointed out that many students were eligible for the scholarships.

"I don't understand why someone wouldn't apply for [the earn while you learn scholarship]," he said, pointing out that many full-time students work at least 15 hours a week and would be eligible.

Although the UISG had allocated \$17,000 for the scholarships for the 2006-07

academic year, it gave out only \$7,200.

The \$17,000 that had previously been allocated for the scholarships will go toward funding student organizations this year.

Bleam said the reason for the death of applicants lay in advertising. The Office of Student Services was responsible for advertising, he said, while noting that UISG was expected to advertise as well but has not done so during the three terms he has served.

Phillip Jones, the vice president for Student Services, said UISG was responsible for advertising.

Information about the scholarships was available on the UI Financial Aid website as well as the UISG website until the scholarships were zero-funded.

Robert Upmeyer, an assistant director of UI Student Financial Aid, said that the scholarships had roughly a dozen applicants each and

that approximately half of the applicants were granted scholarship money. The Financial Aid Office determined whether applicants were eligible and referred eligible applicants to UISG, which made the final decision about who would receive aid, said Upmeyer.

Bleam said the funds were allocated by UISG but were handled by Student Services.

Recipients of the scholarships had to wait two semesters before they were allowed to reapply.

UISG is funded by student activity fees. Each student pays the fees, which Anderson estimates to be approximately \$58 year, though students can request to have the fee waived.

Altogether, UISG collects around \$1.4 million in student fees, Anderson said. Of this amount, \$800,000 is divided among nearly 400 student organizations.

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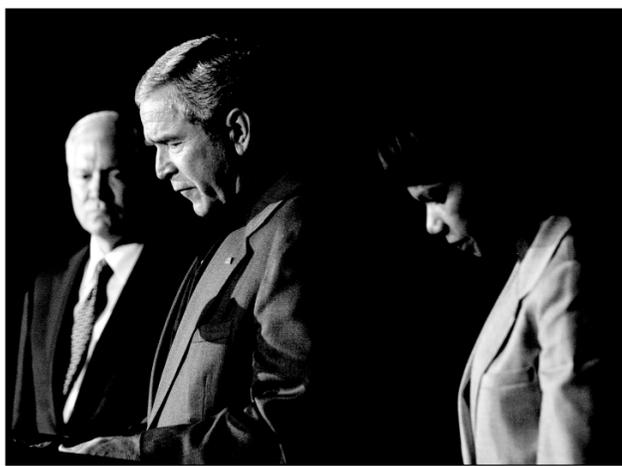
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's senior advisers on Iraq have recommended he stand by his current war strategy, and he is unlikely to order more than a symbolic cut in troops before the end of the year, administration officials told the Associated Press Tuesday.

The recommendations from the military commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, and U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker come despite independent government findings Tuesday that Baghdad has not met most of the political, military, and economic markers set by Congress.

Bush appears set on maintaining the central elements of the policy he announced in January, one senior administration official said after discussions with participants in Bush's briefings during his surprise visit to an air base in Iraq on Monday.

Although the addition of 30,000 troops and the focus on increasing security in Baghdad and the formerly restive Anbar province, officials said. They spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe decisions coming as part of the White House report on Iraq due to Congress next week.

They plan they described is fraught with political risk. Republican leaders on Tuesday suggested the GOP may be willing to support keeping troops in the region through spring.



President Bush, center, accompanied by Defense Secretary Robert Gates, left, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, pauses while making a statement to reporters at Al-Asad Airbase in Iraq on Monday.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell told reporters he would like to ensure a long-term U.S. presence in the Middle East to fight Al Qaeda and deter aggression from Iran.

Lawmakers face Iraq, home mortgage, health issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like many schoolchildren, members of Congress were back at their desks Tuesday after a summer break. Unlike the students, lawmakers will immediately face major tests: on Iraq, children's health care, a home-mortgage crisis, and the budget.

The Senate reconvened at noon

EDT and started work on a military construction and veterans spending bill. The first vote wasn't scheduled until 5 p.m., so few senators were on the floor. The House was scheduled to reconvene at 2 p.m.

Minutes after the session opened, several dozen antiwar protesters were escorted by police from the spectators' gallery after standing silently as Majority Leader Harry Reid brought up the subject of Iraq. Three wore T-shirts of the group Iraq Veterans Against the War.

Republicans returned relieved that Idaho Sen. Larry Craig decided to resign at month's end rather than prolong a scandal over his arrest in a men's room sex sting.

Democrats, meanwhile, were divided over the next step to take on Iraq. This month could be pivotal to the mission's future.

Thompson will preview candidacy with ad

WASHINGTON (AP) — As a veteran actor, Fred Dalton Thompson knows something about entering a stage. It's all about the buildup. The former Tennessee senator plans to announce his official entry into the Republican presidential-nomination conteston Thursday. But he'll pique interest first on Wednesday with an ad aired during a GOP presidential debate from New Hampshire that Thompson will otherwise skip.

By then, he will have taped an appearance on NBC's "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno," which will air about an hour after the debate ends in many U.S. households. Come midnight, he'll post a 15-minute video announcement on his official website.

The face time with Leno and the debate ad on the Fox network are the coquettish moves of a candidate who has already proven his aptitude using the media, from television to the Internet. While his main rivals — Rudy Giuliani, Mitt Romney, and John McCain — parry debate questions, Thompson will pretty much control his own message.

Thompson aides want as many eyes on the web video as possible. The debate ad and a follow-up commercial on Thursday will instruct viewers to go online and get their undiluted message straight from the candidate.

"We think one of the strongest weapons this campaign has is Fred Thompson's ability to connect directly with the public," said Todd Harris, Thompson's communications director. "We want to drive as much traffic as possible to the website."

Nussle in thick of budget fight

By Andrew Taylor
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Former Rep. Jim Nussle, President Bush's new budget director, is likely to find himself in the middle of a series of fights with the Democratic-controlled Congress.

Foremost among challenges for the Iowa Republican — confirmed by the Senate on a 69-24 vote Tuesday — is a glut of unfinished spending bills. Other budget battles between the administration and congressional Democrats include extending farm subsidies and a popular health-insurance program for the poor, and renewing more than 40 expiring tax cuts.

The Oct. 1 beginning of the 2008 budget year is looming, and the Senate has passed just one of 12 bills to fund the agency budgets that Congress is required to pass each year.

"We must work together quickly to get the people's work done on time," Bush said in a statement after the vote.

Veto threats hang over most of the bills, and a long and contentious fall budget season is expected. It's commonly assumed that whichever bills are vetoed or not even passed by the Senate will be bundled into a multi-bill "omnibus" measure.

Some Democrats questioned whether Nussle — who gained a reputation as a partisan unpopular during eight terms in the House — is the right choice to be Bush's point man in budget talks with Democrats. At some point, it will take backroom talks to produce a deal on the

unfinished appropriations bills.

But Bush has staked out a hard line in his public statements so far, vowing to veto spending bills that exceed his \$933 billion "cap" on the one-third of the federal budget dished out by the appropriations committees each year. Democrats exceeded Bush's appropriations limits by about \$23 billion in drawing up their budget plans.

"I look forward to helping to develop and implement the president's agenda by working with Congress on our common goal of balancing the budget and making government more efficient," Nussle said after the vote. "We also need to hold the line on spending."

However, the Senate on Tuesday took up a bill providing \$64.7 billion in discretionary budget funding for veterans' programs and military base construction. Bush has not threatened to veto that bill — funding politically sacrosanct veterans medical programs — even though it's \$4 billion higher than his request.

Some Democrats such as Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., opposed Nussle's nomination to make a statement against Bush's fiscal record. When Bush came to office, both White House and congressional estimators predicted large budget surpluses for many years.

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Editorial

A brief glimpse of a just society

For a while late last week, a hateful 1998 Iowa law banning gay marriage was no more, thrown out by Judge Robert Hanson as unconstitutional. Something given to heterosexuals as casually as a hunting license, dished out daily like burgers and fries at a drive-through chapel in Nevada, a simple piece of paper legally recognizing commitment between two individuals became a hot commodity, if only for a few hours. A stay was granted Aug. 31, and the hand of equality that had grasped the state loosened its grip just as quickly. Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain; a motto for all Iowans. Unless they're gay, in which case a sizable asterisk is placed next to the word "rights."

It wasn't long (enough) ago that two Iowans applying for a marriage license would have been turned down if they had different skin color. Two people of two different ethnicities being wed was seen as socially taboo and against decades of "moral" tradition. Gay marriage and inter-ethnic marriage share an equal enemy in the cold and simple shadow of bigotry. Fortunately, the 29th state in the union had the ethical foresight to become the second state to throw out laws banning inter-ethnic marriage, and it did so before change on a national scale emerged from the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Loving v. Virginia*. Iowa was a leader,

and it can be again.

House Republican Leader Christopher Rants recently issued a statement calling for legislative action, urging on the state's Democratic majority. "The Democrats should call a special session immediately to take up such issues and to introduce a marriage amendment for Iowa's Constitution. House Democrats need to start leading or get out of the way." Rants has a sad idea of leadership, wishing to take us backwards, not ahead. Leadership amending the state Constitution to specifically ban gay marriage would only lead Iowa back in time and further into another period of social inequality, issuing what would essentially be a state sponsorship of hate and prejudice. Earlier this year, the state Legislature demonstrated the true leadership needed on this issue by banning sexual-orientation bias in employment, housing, and public accommodations. It was a step forward in the fight for equality, but Iowa isn't quite there just yet.

Denying two individuals the right to be legally recognized as a couple is simply wrong. Religion cannot and should not be used to justify bigotry, but for the state we call home to do so in writing in the laws of the land is beyond injustice. Hanson believed this, as should the rest of us.

Ancient history

Yes, yes; we all get it: Great Britain is to Greece as the United States is to the Roman Empire. We've heard the comparison from every sciolistic intellectual wannabe who wants to say something that sounds profound about America's role in geopolitics. Having spent a significant stretch of my recent free time playing a video game about late Republican-era Rome — take that, barbarians! — I feel qualified to disagree. We're not the Roman Empire, we're the Roman Republic. And by no stretch of the imagination could the British Empire be compared to Greece. The British talked a lot about "liberty," which was actually "the liberty to savagely and bilk dark-skinned people and make ourselves ludicrously rich." The Greeks, in their heyday, were much more focused on philosophy and sex, making them one of the most fun civilizations in history.



JON GOLD

Rome, along with the ancient world in general, has been enjoying a curious resurgence in popular culture, though toga parties are seemingly eternal. I think it began with *Gladiator*, in which Russell Crowe butchers a bunch of bad guys while growling a lot and Joaquin Phoenix entirely fails to be as crazy as the historical reality of his character; the deranged, bloodthirsty Emperor Commodus. (Do we have him to thank for the word "commode?" Let me know, philologists.) Then we reached further back, to *Troy*, where Achilles, in the guise of Brad Pitt, bravely battled the Trojans and a terrible script. *Alexander* followed hard on its heels, proving once and for all that we're a lot more uncomfortable about homosexuality than the Greeks were. Heck, just this year we got *300*, which was — and I choose my words carefully — wicked awesome. And that's just in the movies!

The movies, though, don't teach us anything particularly insightful about the cultures and politics that they portray. And that, more than anything else, is why we're beset by these phony-baloney analogies. We're nothing like the Roman Empire. The Empire was a dictatorial state, plagued by vicious infighting, assassination, incompetence, and fear. One emperor, Maximin, was a professional wrestler. How ridiculous! Rome wasn't Minnesota, after all.

We're much more the Roman Republic than the Roman Empire. Specifically, we are the Republic in decline, after most of those glorious victories over the "barbarians" — who would later conquer Rome — and a few decades before Julius Caesar and his hojillion soldiers asked politely if they might be in charge.

Of course, every historical analogy is fatally flawed. No specific historical moment is precisely comparable to any other. History — or, rather, its interpretation — is the product of an immense galaxy of interrelated facts, people, and drives. That's why it's always so easy to poke holes in historical comparisons: Something is always different.

That said, there really are too many similarities between late-Republic Rome and present-day America to ignore. We are conflicted conquerors. We've recently vanquished a big, huge enemy that we've been fighting, on and off, for the better part of a century. (Of course, Rome had more enemies). We have "American Idol" in place of the arena, complete with decisions from the crowd as to who stays and who goes.

There are limits, of course. *Caveat lector*, as the Romans might say. Nobody's saying that dictatorship is lurking murkily in our immediate future, no matter how much people — including, on occasion, myself — like to deride the ways of the current administration. But the tension and fear that seems to envelop our nation at the beginning of this new historical era is very real. We're jumpy, paranoid and at war with ourselves and with others. And when the superpower is jumpy, everyone else is absolutely calisthenic.

Some say that the Roman world collapsed as a more-or-less direct result of its cessation of conquest; that the great Imperium required constant expansion in order to remain stable. I fervently hope that our society has evolved beyond this need. But the only time that we have truly been united in the last few years was after one of the greatest national traumas in our history. We are fighting to "bring democracy to the Middle East" because we're still a young nation. We still retain vestiges of the great vision that animated our founding. Rome fought to civilize, too; to bring "Roman virtues and civilization to the barbarians."

Civilization is dangerous indeed. ■

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Letters

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Support for Obama is support for public education

I am proud to be a public-school teacher who supports Sen. Barack Obama for president.

I am confident that Obama respects the fundamental role of public-school teachers in strengthening our nation's future. He is reaching out to teachers as full partners in forming our nation's public-education policy. Obama is listening to us — and learning from us. He truly understands that the involvement of teachers is essential to realizing the incredible potential of our nation's public schools.

There is a definite sense of urgency among teachers in our public schools to eliminate the punitive effects of No Child Left Behind and inspire positive changes that will once again engage our students in meaningful learning. We know what we

as educators need to do to bring about these changes — and Obama as president is committed to supporting us in this extraordinary effort.

Obama has given hope to many of us. Hope that our ideas are still valued, that our actions make a difference, and that through our efforts, change is possible. I am excited to join with public-school teachers across the country to work in support of our students, our profession, our great public schools, and our next president — Barack Obama.

Carol Kula
Iowa City resident

Focus should be on sexual predators

Three years ago, we sat down with members of the Iowa City Antiviolence Project, the chief of police, and the Johnson County county attorney to

discuss the rash of homophobic, racist, and sexual violence taking place in Iowa City. We wanted to know what the city was doing to stop this. The police politely asked that we leave things to them, as we'd only be "putting [ourselves] in harm's way." We responded that we *are* in harm's way, every day — we may as well be organized and in a group.

Men have attacked 28 women in Iowa City in the last year alone. The year before, it was a similar number; one can only imagine how many more go unreported. If sexual violence is going to end, we need to stop looking away from the heart of issue: Men rape women.

Sexual violence is an epidemic (Men sexually assault one in three women). Ninety-nine percent of rapes are committed by men; 88 percent of men who have committed an act that meets the legal definition of rape don't think they raped a woman.

Something is seriously wrong. *The Daily Iowan's* emphasis on what women must do to "avoid" sexual assault focuses on the wrong group and erases those who are truly responsible: the men who sexually assault women. Furthermore, the Iowa City police and UI need to take measures to curb sexual violence. At other Big Ten schools, students have access to services that provide them with safe ways home — anywhere, anytime — whereas the UI is still without any such resource.

These are baseline preventative measures. Dorms should have mandatory training with first-years about what rape is and what consent is. These discussions should be ongoing at every level. Sexual violence will not end until our culture and institutions stop looking away.

Allison Page
UI alum

Steve Dillon
UI alum

Opinion - A Healthy Dose Of Facts

Fat is in the air



HEATHER BYERS

We all know that friends can influence our habits. Smoking, eating, drinking, spending, style-savviness: From adolescence on, friends provide an idea of what is hip or "normal." Now, it appears friends also have a strong effect on our waistlines. Through an incredibly complete, 32-year study, involving more than 12,000 people by Harvard Medical School Department of Health Care Policy, obesity reveals itself as having strong social links. While in adolescence it may be easier to see the effect friends have on one another — remember dressing up for "twin day?" — this study reveals that friends continue to exert influence on one another throughout adulthood.

The study considered friendship to be directional and looked at all three directions, using the terms "ego" (the person being studied), "alter" (the person the ego is considering), and "mutual" (when both ego and alter consider the other one a friend). In ego-perceived friendships, if the alter became obese, the ego was 57 percent more likely to become obese. However, in an alter-perceived friendship, there was no correlation between higher obesity rates in the ego if the alter became obese. This is likely because the person the ego considers a friend is someone that he or she holds in high regard and wants to emulate, whereas the perceived friendship of another person on ego would have no personal effect. In mutual friendships — where both the ego and alter consider one another a friend — if one became obese, the other was 171 percent more likely to become obese, suggesting its strength of the friendship also plays into one's habits and perception of what is acceptable size.

The principal investigator, Nicholas Christakis of the Harvard Medical School, said, "What spreads is an idea. As people around you gain weight, your attitudes about what constitutes an acceptable body size changes, and you might follow suit and emulate that body size. It may cross some kind of threshold, and you can see an epidemic take off. Once it starts, it's hard to stop it."

Even more amazing was that strength of friendship predominated in influencing obesity even when friends lived several hundred miles apart. Close

mutual friends strongly influenced obesity rates in one another, whereas neighbors who did not consider each other friends showed a negligible correlation in obesity rates. This finding suggests that not only do social circles play a large role, but environment also plays a smaller role in obesity than previously thought.

Same-sex friendships influence obesity rates more than opposite-sex friendships, which showed to have a negligible effect. In an ego-perceived, same-sex friendship, the chance of the ego becoming obese was raised to 71 percent if an alter became obese. Guys should especially look out if their friends start adding a spare tire: In ego-perceived male-to-male friendships, the ego's likelihood of becoming obese was doubled. Ladies, on the other hand, showed only a 38 percent increased chance of ego obesity, which was not considered significant.

Siblings also had a strong effect on one affecting the waistline of another. In brother-to-brother relationships, if one became obese, the other had a 44 percent increased chance of becoming obese. For sisters, the ego's likelihood to become obese increased 67 percent if another sister passed 30 on the Body Mass Index scale.

This study is so interesting and revealing because it sheds light on why obesity rates have continued to escalate despite greater awareness of the problem. It also reveals that obesity is a public-health problem: Social connection correlates with health.

Most positively, this study also provides insight to how to best approach a solution to obesity. Given the health problems linked to obesity — such as diabetes, cholesterol, heart disease, and many other issues — insight to making meaningful change in the obesity epidemic could be invaluable.

As a state, Iowa ranks 20th in obesity, with 24.9 percent of its population considered obese. It is also 35th in childhood obesity, with 12.5 percent of Iowa kids between the ages of 10 and 17 considered obese. Its statewide weight-loss program, "Lighten Up Iowa," maximizes social connections by encouraging individuals and businesses to create a team to lose weight. Created in 2000, this program is looking particularly insightful in light of this new data. Now, if only egos can persuade their friends to join.

To comment or suggest a future health-related topic, write *DI* columnist and UI medical student **Heather Byers** at: heather-byers@uiowa.edu.

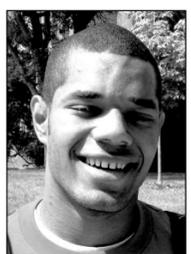
On the Spot

Are civil unions sufficient for establishing equality for gay and lesbian couples?



"Civil unions have been doing the job, but marriage is the next step."

Eric Nelson
UI graduate student



"I don't have a problem with gay people getting married."

Dowlin Johnson
UI freshman



"All people should be allowed to love whom they want."

Carissa Karr
UI junior



"As long as marriage is a cultural privilege as an institution and gays and lesbians aren't allowed to marry, there won't be equality."

Kristin Olson
UI graduate student

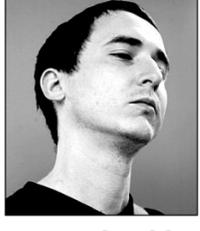
DI How excited are you for *The Darjeeling Limited*? We can't wait for the newest Wes Anderson film, and *DI* reporter Anna Wiegenstein has written about the hype on the *DI* arts blog (dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com). Lucky for you, she even included a picture of adorable Jason Schwartzman.

Arts & Culture

ARTS COMMENTARY

Enjoying the blood & guts

Although the Iowa City City Council hates it, Extreme Challenge returned to the area last weekend. *DI* reporter Brent Johnson ruminates on the phenomenon.



BRENT JOHNSON

I had no idea who Vedepo was until his name boomed over a dozen black speakers scattered throughout the casino's banquet hall. The crowd erupted with applause. Joe "The Doctor" Vedepo moved quickly into the makeshift arena and shadowboxed the smoke from the smoke machine. In the middle of the room, Todd Carney paced slow circles in the cage, waiting for the fight. He looked twice as mean and, in my eyes, had the advantage. Although Vedepo himself looked tough, he chose the wrong song to introduce himself to the crowd. "This emo bullshit is a stupid song to kick someone's ass to," I said to some biker to my left. "You know he's gonna get his ass whupped." The biker laughed at me without smiling. I felt kind of sorry for Vedepo, poor guy. You know,

being from Iowa City and all. But my opinion only lasted a few seconds until Vedepo beat Carney so hard with his elbow that his mouth guard flew out and bounced off the *DI* photographer. The crowd went apeshit. I've seen a lot of fights, but I've never seen someone get his ass beat like that. Vedepo tossed Carney around like a rag doll. When the fight was over, and he struggled to stand, his entire face was bloody. So I was wrong. Good thing I don't gamble. On Sept. 1, the Riverside Casino hosted the 83rd Extreme Challenge, which featured 16 fighters in a tournament similar, more or less, to the Ultimate Fighting Championship. But this version is found mainly in the Midwest, with past fights held at the Union Bar. Using mixed martial arts, fighters are sealed in an octagon-shaped cage surrounded by a black chain-link fence; then they beat the shit out of each other. To be fair, there may be more to the sport than brutality, but really, people didn't jump out of their seats while fighters choked each other on the ground. And Riverside Casino didn't sell more than 600 tickets, priced from \$35 to \$125,

because of strategy and intricate technique. Only when punches connected and blood splattered did the crowd go wild. So why is live violence so popular? It's nothing new. The Romans loved it. Bullfights have been popular for ages. Something in humans is attracted to brutality, something which causes them to strain their necks to find blood while passing by a car wreck. On Sept. 1, the crowd, largely white guys over 25, relished every moment of the beatings. Watching their faces, I could see their fascination with the small details, ones that a TV could never convey: The rhythmic dull thud of punches to the head, the sick shutter of a body after a solid shot to the face, and the referee's mundane task of casually mopping up blood with his foot on a towel. We want to see this blood. We want to know how much abuse a body can withstand. More specifically, we want to know how many times someone can punch another person in the head before knocking him out. The 8-year-old in me thought it was badass. E-mail *DI* reporter **Brent Johnson** at: brent-johnson@uiowa.edu

'JOURNALISM' with a twist

A journal-sharing project allows creative individuals an outlet to share experiences and foster connections around the globe.

By **Lauren Matovina**
THE DAILY IOWAN

Want to start your own journal-sharing project?

Riding the success of confessional, yet anonymous, blogs such as PostSecret.com and FoundMagazine.com, 1,000 Journals was born. The idea was simple: Distribute journals throughout the world. To create interest globally and locally, the documents were tracked online as each person passed them along to another, adding a few pages of content and essentially creating a paper time capsule in the process. Originally started in San Francisco by an anonymous person (he prefers to be known only as "Someguy"), the idea has spread throughout the world. However, even though there are 1,000 of these floating around, it's not easy to obtain one of the journals. Only three have been tracked through Iowa, and the images from those are scanned and available online. This openness may attract some to the project, but may also deter others from contributing, said Hugh Ferrer, the associate director of the UI International Writing Program. "Nothing is odd these days. But there is a fault line that these journals explore between what is public and private," he

The instructions inside the original 1,000 journals was simple: "1. Take this journal, and add something to it. Stories, photographs, drawings, opinions. Anything goes. 2. Visit the website, and tell everyone where you found it. If possible, scan what you added, and send it to us. 3. If the journal is full, e-mail us, and we'll arrange for its return. Contents will be shared with the world. 4. If the journal isn't full, go to the site, and connect with someone who wants it, or give it to a friend/stranger."

journals are as intensely personal as a private diary. The idea of sharing these intimate insights may foster connections around the world between different religions, nationalities, sexes, and ages. "Journals are helpful to any student, any writer, any person," Ferrer said. "They are a mirror and a garbage bag at the same time, based on how you want to use it. It is someone to talk to when you yourself have no one to talk to." Now, following the popularity of the original project, "Someguy" has started 1,001 Journals. This new endeavor allows anyone to start a journal and register it on the website, instead of hoping to one day stumble across one of the original 1,000. However, none of the journals have been registered in Iowa — yet. It's only a matter of time before the phenomena reaches the literary capital of the Midwest. "I feel that a project such as this one would be successful at the university because we have such a strong influence of young writers," said *Earthwords* Editor Molly Gallentine. "They come here eager to be inspired by the faculty and graduate writers of the program." E-mail *DI* reporter **Lauren Matovina** at lauren-matovina@uiowa.edu

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Daily Break

“The metal roofs are coming off like straight razors and flying against the trees and homes.”

—Lumerto Campbell, an official in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, near the landfall of Hurricane Felix, a Category 5 storm. The 160 mph winds peeled roofs off shelters and a police station, knocked down electric poles, and stripped humble homes to a few walls.

the ledge

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ANDREW R. JUHL Notes to self

- Take off socks BEFORE stepping into the shower.
- You look good in mustard shirts (the color, not the condiment).
- When shaking a bottle of Thousand Island dressing, be sure to check that the bottle's cap is, in fact, securely screwed on.
- Chocolate-chip cookies speckled with Thousand Island dressing = crazy delicious.
- Buy the world a Coke. Drink it on the world's behalf so it doesn't go flat.

horoscopes Wednesday, September 5, 2007 — by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): So much can be achieved if you refuse to let emotional issues stand in your way. Don't let other people get involved in what you are doing. Go it alone, and do things your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Clear up any misunderstanding you have with a relative or friend. Dealing with children will be easier if you set boundaries and keep a tight rein. Don't be fooled if someone leaves out some important facts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't feel bad because you want to make more alterations to your life. You need to do something to spice things up. Consider making some new friends, trying a new activity or hobby, or even changing your professional direction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Talk to people with experience, and you will pick up valuable information. Make an adjustment at home. Someone you work with or who has jurisdiction over you may cause your emotions to swell.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Networking or doing something to help your community or an organization you believe in will pay off. Love is on the rise, and now is a good time to let someone you like know how you feel. Pay close attention to detail.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may find yourself getting too serious about what's going on around you. Don't meddle or let anyone else do so either. Keep things clean, separate, and in perspective if you want to avoid an argument or a falling-out that can't be rectified.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): With a little effort, you can pull off some remarkable feats that will impress people, and challenge you, and put you in a leading position today. You may need to travel to get things done properly. You will be successful in the end.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You've got your moves, and you are well on your way to having your dreams come true. This is no time to second-guess yourself. Just go for it; positive changes will take place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't worry about moving three steps forward and four steps back. In the end, you will accomplish what you set out to do. Someone is likely to mess up or cause you a little frustration, but the lesson you learn will be one to remember.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Invest, collect old debts, or close deals— but don't act on a whim or because someone has upset you. You may let your love life get the better of you, but that is no reason to lose money. Keep business and personal matters separate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have a good mind when it comes to cash and closing deals. Your ability to talk your way in and out of things will be a marvel, so don't hold back. Go after what you want with confidence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Not much can stand in your way today. Action will be required to get your way. Don't get too cocky in the process, or the very person who is praising you will cut you down.

A PIECE OF THE NEW SOD



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan
Olson Brothers Sodding crew member Josh Boll watches as Dave Neyens uses a tractor to lay out a roll of sod on Tuesday. The crew was sodding the south end of Gibson Square.

today's events

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- **Energy Expo**, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., UISG, Pentacrest
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **WhistleSAFE Table**, 11 a.m., RVAP/UISG, Mayflower Lobby
- **College of Public Health Student Association general meeting**, noon, B111 Medical Laboratories
- **Volunteer Fair**, noon-4 p.m., IMU
- **Hawkeyes for John Edwards Kickoff Barbecue**, 4-7 p.m., City Park Shelter 5
- **Energy Expo, Hunter Lovins, energy-conservation speaker**, 5 p.m., Macbride Auditorium
- **Taste of Farmers' Market, featuring Big Wooden Radio**, 5 p.m., Chauncey Swan Park
- **Bicyclists of Iowa City Wednesday Night Ride**, 5:30 p.m., Hills Elementary, 301 W. Main
- **CIVIC Fundraising Dinner**, 5:30 p.m., "Lessons from Pigg Farm," Keynote Speaker: Alan Brody, UNICEF officer, 7 p.m., Brown Deer Golf Club, 1900 Country Club Drive, Coralville
- **ITS Help & Information Tables**, 5:30 p.m., Mayflower
- **Kripalu DansKinetics**, 5:30 p.m., Arts à la Carte, 20 E. Market
- **Welcome reception for Sally and Ken Mason**, 5:30 p.m., Hancher
- **Vocal Master Class with Scott McCoy**, 6:30 p.m., Voxman Music Building Harper Hall
- **Aikido Fall Demonstration**, 7 p.m., S511 Field House
- **Iowans for Hillary volunteer meeting**, 7 p.m., Public Library
- **Kripalu Gentle Yoga**, 7 p.m., Arts à la Carte, 20 E. Market
- **Mock Trial Student Group, informational meeting**, 7 p.m., Mock Trial Student Group, Purdue Room, IMU
- **Public Property, Energy Expo**, 7 p.m., Pentacrest
- **Introduction to Meditation General Program**, 7:30 p.m., J.R. Miller Fitness, 69 Second Ave., Coralville
- **Gemini Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Grizzly's Southside Pub, 1210 Highland Court
- **Jason Boland and The Stragglers**, 8 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Peace Concert, with Harvey and Lipstick Homicide**, 8 p.m., Hall Mall, 114½ College
- **"The Naked Roommate: and 107 other issues you might run into in college,"** 8 p.m., Macbride Auditorium
- **Alpha Phi Omega informational meeting**, 8:30 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega, 347 IMU
- **Talk Art Cabaret**, 10 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Poster Sale, Office of Student Life**, IMU South Lobby

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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 Archives, John Woodward, Leslie Lewis
 - 2** News from Germany (in German)
 - 3** "Live from Prairie Lights," Jim Autry
 - 4** Seminar on Deep Vein Thrombosis, with Melanie Bloom
 - 5:30** The Best of Music from "Java Blend"
 - 6** Provost Michael Hogan Farewell Reception
 - 7** "Live from Prairie Lights," Jim Autry
 - 8** Seminar on Deep Vein Thrombosis, with Melanie Bloom
 - 9:30** News from Daily Iowan TV
 - 9:45** Provost Michael Hogan Farewell Reception
 - 10:30** News from Daily Iowan TV
 - 10:45** The Best of Music from "Java Blend"
 - 11** "Live from Prairie Lights," Jim Autry

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• Thursday and Friday are still workdays; quit referring to them as "drinky-drinky warm-up time." Especially when at work.

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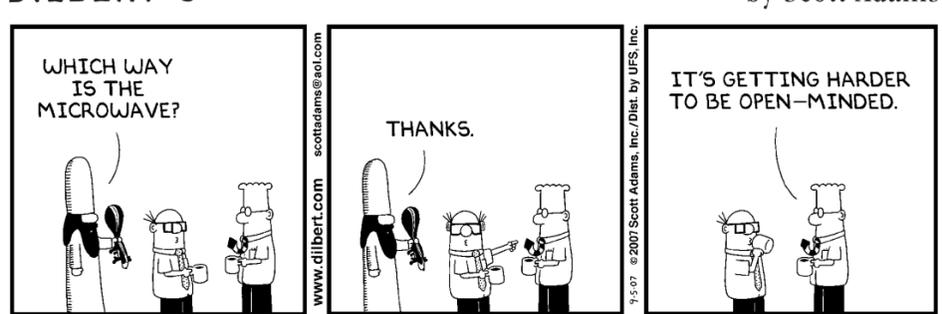
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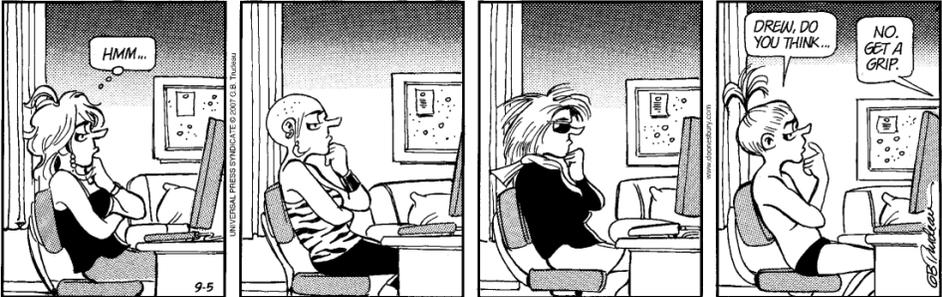
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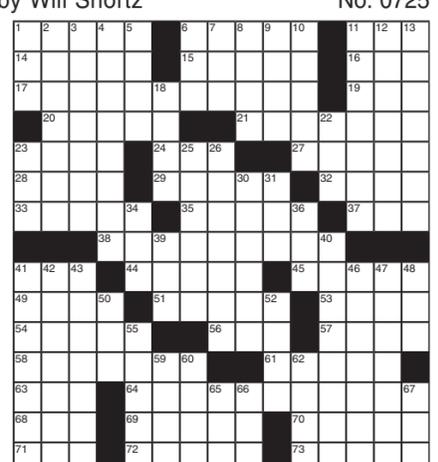


The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0725

- Across**
- 1 "Vissi d'arte" opera
 - 6 Rx, for short
 - 11 Fed. holiday, often
 - 14 Not just question
 - 15 Evidence of pain
 - 16 So-so grade
 - 17 Part 1 of a snarky quote by 54-Across
 - 19 D.C. clock setting
 - 20 Admiral Bobby who directed the N.S.A. under Jimmy Carter
 - 21 Unwordy
 - 23 Prime status
 - 24 Photo ____
 - 27 Sibling of 54-Across
 - 28 With 53-Across, noted comedy group, in brief
 - 29 Geisel's pen name
 - 32 ____chef (kitchen #2)
 - 33 "It's nobody ____ business"
 - 35 Picks off, as a pass
 - 37 Proposal fig.
 - 38 Middle of the quote
 - 41 Take steps
 - 44 Showed fright
 - 45 ____ Ark
 - 49 "Cheers" character
 - 51 Baseball exec Bud
 - 53 See 28-Across
 - 54 Speaker of the quote
 - 56 General on Chinese menus
 - 57 Celeb fired in 2007
 - 58 Pale yellow Danish cheese
 - 61 Ribbed, like corduroy
 - 63 Japanese waist material?
 - 64 End of the quote
 - 68 Narrow inlet
 - 69 Some are Dutch
 - 70 Web mag
 - 71 N.L. insignia
 - 72 Iran-contra name
 - 73 Prepare to fire again
- Down**
- 1 ____ Friday's
 - 2 1st or 2nd, e.g.
 - 3 Parties to a contract
 - 4 Punch lines, e.g.
 - 5 Menlo Park middle name
 - 6 Farm enclosure
 - 7 Golden parachute receiver, maybe: Abbr.
 - 8 Actor Julia
 - 9 Rombauer of cookery
 - 10 Coll. course
 - 11 Tennis star-turned-analyst
 - 12 Antigone's father
 - 13 What you pay
 - 18 Slaughter in baseball
 - 22 Western treaty grp.
 - 23 Cockney's abode
 - 25 Apothecary tool
 - 26 Snowbirds' destination
 - 30 Some OPEC officials
 - 31 ____ Snorkel of the funnies



Puzzle by Ed Early

- 34 National Chicken Mo.
- 36 Thing to confess
- 39 Some batteries
- 40 Put into action
- 41 Firmly ties (to)
- 42 Share digs
- 43 Worth bubkes
- 46 Yerevan's land
- 47 Master escapist
- 48 Radiator sound
- 50 Longtime Elton John label
- 52 Cap's partner
- 55 Bean on-screen
- 59 Record for later viewing
- 60 Anatomical canal
- 62 Golden ____ (senior)
- 65 "We know drama" channel
- 66 Sort of: Suffix
- 67 Pro ____ (for now)

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IOWA FOOTBALL

Hawkeyes seeing Orange

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz says the Hawkeyes aren't taking Syracuse lightly and need look no further than last year's double-overtime thriller for proof the Orange will compete.



Wesley Cropp/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye quarterback Jake Christensen calls the cadence in Chicago's Soldier Field on Sept. 1. Christensen hit 12-of-29 passes for 133 yards and one touchdown.

DI Ferentz talks home opener

Watch Daily Iowan Television to hear what Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz has to say about the Hawkeyes' second game of the season.

BY CHARLIE KAUTZ
 THE DAILY IOWAN

With a season-opening victory in the books and just two home games on the September schedule, the Iowa football team knows it can't look past Syracuse this Saturday.

Despite the Orange's 42-12 home loss at the hands of Washington in week one, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said that last season's goal-line stand escape should provide enough reminder that Greg Robinson's team will come ready to play.

"This is a week big for everybody in college football," Ferentz said at his weekly press conference Tuesday. "You know, I look at us, too. I think this is a big month."

"We really need to make a lot of strides the next few weeks if we're going to have a chance to be a good football team."

Coming off a 16-3 victory over Northern Illinois in Chicago, Ferentz addressed the team's two biggest concerns — penalties and dropped passes — and said that watching last week's game film will only help in correcting the mistakes.

SEE FOOTBALL, 3B

UP NEXT: SYRACUSE

Orange try to regroup

By John Kekis
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Andrew Robinson's first start at quarterback for the Syracuse Orange didn't turn out as he imagined, but he did do some good things in spite of what the scoreboard said.

The sophomore was 20-for-32 passing for 199 yards and a touchdown, completing nine of his first 11 throws to five different receivers, and he did not commit a turnover.

Still, the score Aug. 31 — Washington 42, Syracuse 12 — was what stood out the most.

"I think I'd give myself a below-average grade," Robinson said on Tuesday. "The stats looked pretty good on paper, but there were some things I didn't do well enough. It put our team in a hole a couple of times."

He repeatedly displayed his inexperience against the Huskies, taking several sacks instead of throwing the ball away when he easily

SEE SYRACUSE, 3B



Kevin Rivoli/Associated Press

Syracuse quarterback Andrew Robinson is sacked by Washington defenders Donald Butler (9), Caesar Rayford (bottom), and Wilson Afoa (right) during the third quarter in Syracuse, N.Y., on Aug. 31. In his first start at quarterback for Syracuse, Robinson was 20-for-32 passing for 199 yards.

Michigan plummets in poll

Michigan takes a huge fall in the AP football rankings, tumbling from No. 5 to unranked.

By Ralph D. Russo
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Thud! The final fallout from a disastrous opening weekend for Michigan came Tuesday, when the Wolverines dropped all the way out of the Associated Press Top 25, an unprecedented fall from No. 5 to unranked.

Since the AP poll expanded to 25 teams in 1989, no team has taken a bigger tumble in one week.

After an opening college football weekend filled with blowouts and highlighted by Appalachian State's stunning 34-32 upset of Michigan at the Big House, there was little notable movement in the Top 25 other than the Wolverines.

Southern California was voted No. 1 by the media panel, but the Trojans lost some support. USC received 62 first-place votes in the preseason poll. A lackluster 38-10 victory over Idaho led to the Trojans dropping to 59 first-place votes.



Carr
 Michigan head football coach

No. 2 LSU picked up those first-place votes, receiving five. No. 3 West Virginia received one first-place vote, the same as it did in the preseason.

No. 4 Florida and No. 5 Wisconsin moved up two spots. Oklahoma, tied for fifth, moved up three spots. No. 7 Texas fell three spots after slogging through a 21-13 home victory over Arkansas State.

No. 9 Virginia Tech held its place; it will play at LSU on Saturday.

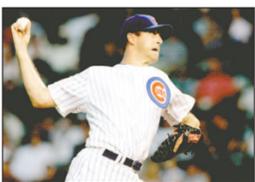
No. 10 California moved up two spots after a 45-31 victory over Tennessee. The Volunteers dropped eight spots to No. 23.

Florida State also fell out of the rankings. The Seminoles were 19th heading into their season opener at Clemson and lost 24-18 in the Bowden Bowl.

Clemson moved into the rankings at No. 25, and Georgia Tech also moved into the Top 25. The Yellow Jackets were 21st after winning at Notre Dame 33-3.

As for Michigan, the Wolverines became the first ranked team from Division I-AA, now known as the Bowl Subdivision, to lose to a team from I-AA, now known as the Championship Subdivision.

SEE MICHIGAN, 3B



Steve Trachsel

MLB

Penny wins No. 15 in beating Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Brad Penny earned his 15th victory, Matt Kemp had four hits, and the Los Angeles Dodgers spoiled Steve Trachsel's return to the Cubs, beating Chicago, 6-2, Tuesday night.

The Cubs lead in the NL Central was reduced to a half-game over Milwaukee and a game over St. Louis, both of whom won. The Dodgers, who won for the seventh time in nine games, were in third place in the NL West, four games back.

Rebounding from a rough outing in his previous start against the Nationals when he gave up eight hits and six runs in five innings (a no-decision), Penny (15-4) got his first win since Aug. 15. He allowed seven hits and two runs — one earned — in seven innings.

BASEBALL

Ex-Hawkeye dies

Former Hawkeye baseball player and Marshalltown, Iowa, native Brad Trickey died in Kingwood, Texas, over the weekend. He was 54.

A two-sport athlete who played both football and baseball at Iowa, Trickey was a member of the Hawkeyes' 1972 College World Series team. After graduating from the university in 1975, Trickey went on to play professional baseball for the Montréal Expos.

Trickey is survived by wife Kathryn Trickey, mother Vivian Trickey, his two children, and two brothers, B.J. and Bob Trickey.

Memorial contributions are asked to be made to Golfers Against Cancer, c/o Kingwood Country Club, 1700 Lake Kingwood Trail, Kingwood, Texas, 77339.

— by Charlie Kautz

FOOTBALL

Lynch tells Hoosiers to be wary of W. Mich

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Indiana coach Bill Lynch glanced down at his watch contemplating the message he was about to give players.

It took only a few seconds for him to find the right words: Stay focused.

"That's been our philosophy all summer, and that will be our philosophy till the last one," he said.

It's become a familiar refrain for Lynch since taking over the Hoosiers after Terry Hoepfner's death in June.

But this week his clichés will take on new meaning.

The Hoosiers (1-0) are coming off a 55-7 win, their most lopsided season-opening victory since 1944, and they now face seemingly beatable Mid-American Conference schools the next two weeks. They will visit Western Michigan on Saturday and host Akron the following week.

TV TODAY

MLB
 Phillies at Braves, noon, TBS

Dodgers at Cubs, 7 p.m., ESPN, WGN
 Indians at White Sox, 1:05 p.m., WGN

Tennis
 U.S. Open, men's and women's quarterfinals, 10 a.m., USA

DI'S FALL SPORTS POWER RANKINGS

Haven't kept up with all the Hawkeye sports action this fall? We'll fill you in. Today marks the first edition of the DI's weekly fall sports power rankings, which will run every Wednesday and rate all the Iowa teams competing in season. Check back each week to see how your favorite team stacks up with in-school competition and read a quick outlook on each team's status and upcoming schedule.

- 1 Field hockey**
 The defending Big Ten champs debut in our top spot after knocking off No. 4 Duke.
- 2 Football**
 The Hawkeyes (1-0) hope to enjoy some home cooking against Syracuse (0-1) Saturday.
- 3 Men's cross-country**
 Five Iowa harriers placed in the top-six at the Hawkeye runners' fall opener.
- 4 Volleyball**
 A perfect 3-0 record led to a shared tournament title at Northern Colorado last weekend.
- 5 Women's cross-country**
 Four underclassmen showed promise for young Iowa squad in its first event.
- 6 Soccer**
 After two scoreless draws in two games, the Hawkeyes get No. 25 Missouri this weekend.
- 7 Men's golf**
 The Hawkeyes finished in second place at Tuesday's season-opening Big Four Championships.

TEAMS YET TO COMPETE

TEAM	FIRST COMPETITION	LOCATION
Men's tennis	September 29	at Notre Dame
Women's tennis	September 28	at Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rowing	October 7	at Rockford, Ill.
Women's golf	Saturday	at East Lansing, Mich.



SPORTS 'N' STUFF

Illini play irks Coach Zook

By David Mercer ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michigan on Sept. 1, 34-32.

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Zook Illinois coach

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — It was obvious Tuesday that Illinois football coach Ron Zook was still angry about the five turnovers in the season-opener.

Zook's voice was even as he talked during his regular Tuesday news conference about the lack of consistency among his veteran players in the Sept. 1 40-34 loss to Missouri.

And he was calm until he mentioned the big plays of the Illini gave up, several of them among those turnovers.

"We gave up five big plays, five big plays you can't give up," Zook said, his voice rising. "I told them in the very beginning, 'You're gonna play to our expectations, not yours.'"

Illinois now has four days until its home opener, Saturday against Western Illinois, a team that Zook says is good enough to beat the Illini.

In any other week, that would sound like coach speak — polite words intended to avoid insulting a lesser opponent.

But Western Illinois plays in the Football Championship Subdivision, the division known until this season as I-AA and the same level as Appalachian State. That would be the team that, against all odds, knocked off

Michigan on Sept. 1, 34-32. Zook said he expected inconsistent play from young players. That would seem to excuse red-shirt freshman quarterback Eddie McGee, forced into action in the second quarter when sophomore starter Juice Williams was injured.

McGee fumbled three times and threw two interceptions, but he rebounded to lead Illini back from a 24-point hole to a shot at a win.

Williams, who took a shot to the head, is expected to start against Western Illinois. But Zook noted McGee's hand in Illinoi's comeback.

"He can play quarterback at any level," Zook said.

And a true freshman, Regus Benn, was Illinoi's leading receiver with five catches for 74 yards.

Zook's criticism was aimed instead at veteran players. He named few, but noted that junior running back Rashard Mendenhall — who had just 33 yards on 11 carries but scored twice — failed to convert a key third-and-one play.

"Rashard's gotta get it up in there and get it," Zook said. "Those plays make the difference between a good and great back."

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: East Division, Central Division, West Division, W, L, Pct, GB

Toronto (Marcum 12-5) at Boston (Schilling 8-6), 6:05 p.m. Seattle (Washburn 9-12) at N.Y. Yankees (Hughes 2-3), 6:05 p.m. Chicago White Sox (G.Floyd 1-2) at Detroit (Rogers 3-2), 6:05 p.m. Baltimore (Liz 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Sonnanstine 4-9), 6:10 p.m. Kansas City (Davies 2-3) at Texas (Padilla 4-9), 7:05 p.m.

WILD CARD GLANCE

Table with columns: American League, National League, W, L, Pct, GB

U.S. OPEN AT A GLANCE

A look at Tuesday's play at the \$19.653 million U.S. Open tennis championships: WEATHER: Mostly clear and warm. High of 84. ATTENDANCE: Day, 26,810. WINNERS: Men, No. 3 Novak Djokovic, No. 17 Carlos Moya and No. 20 Juan Ignacio Chela. Women, No. 1 Hrinin LOSERS: Men, No. 23 Juan Monaco, Ernests Gulbis and Stanislas Wawrinka. Women: Serena Williams

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed TE Ben Patrick to the practice squad. BUFFALO BILLS—Signed QB Kevin Eakin to the practice squad. CAROLINA PANTHERS—Released TE Michael Gaines after reaching an injury settlement. CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed C Ryan Pontbriand to a four-year contract extension through 2011. DENVER BRONCOS—Released LB Wesley Mallard. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Claimed LB Johnny Baldwin off waivers from Detroit. Signed WR Bobby Sippio to the practice squad. MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed G Tala Esera, WR Kerry Reed and WR Chandler Williams to the practice squad. TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Signed LB Jeremiah Trotter to a one-year contract. Released WR Tave Biddle. Signed WR Michael Spurlock to the practice squad.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: East Division, Central Division, West Division, W, L, Pct, GB

Penn St. looks for revenge

By Genaro C. Armas ASSOCIATED PRESS

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Thinking about last year's loss to Notre Dame made Penn State's Dan Connor cringe.

The 41-17 score was bad enough for the linebacker, but the way the Nittany Lions flubbed their way to the team's worst loss of the 2006 season stuck out even more when Connor watched film of the game over the summer.

Finally, the 14th-ranked Nittany Lions (1-0) get their shot at redemption Saturday, when Notre Dame visits Beaver Stadium.

"That stuck with the defense," Connor said Tuesday. "We had an ugly game. We weren't on our assignments. To get another shot at them is something we've been looking forward to."

The talk Tuesday in Happy Valley stopped short, though, of taking advantage of a Notre Dame team embarrassed by a 33-3 home loss to Georgia Tech last week.

"Notre Dame was good, solid," Penn State coach Joe Paterno said. "When you look at them, don't look at the scoreboard."

The Nittany Lions seem to be heeding their 80-year-old coach's advice about not giving the Irish any bulletin-board fodder for their trip east.

"We're not going to be very good anyway if we're that dumb," said Paterno, in his 42nd year at the Penn State helm. "It's Notre Dame, for crying out loud. They're not going to come in here with their tail dragging."

Anxious Penn State fans, though, have been waiting for this rematch for months. Fumbles, missed assignments, and a botched field-goal attempt

doomed Penn State last year against the Brady Quinn-led Irish.

"Beat Notre Dame" T-shirts are hot sellers in State College. People on eBay are trying to sell their tickets for as much as \$500 per seat. A makeshift tent city called "Paternoville" has already sprouted on the sidewalk outside Beaver Stadium, filled with excited students.

"Paterno ... whatever they call that thing," the coach said inside the stadium. "You know, where the tents are."

And if there weren't enough hype in Happy Valley, Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis on Tuesday said heralded freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen would make the first start of his collegiate career on Saturday in hopes of sprucing up a struggling offense.

Call it a baptism by fire for Clausen into the world of big-time college football — a night game on national television in front of 100,000-plus hostile fans.

"As a freshman, any time you come to a place like Penn State, it's going to be a challenge for you," said linebacker Tyrell Sales after being informed by reporters that Clausen would start.

Sales said he guessed the defense wouldn't change its approach for Clausen. That's potentially bad news for Clausen, because Penn State flustered Florida International and its inexperienced quarterbacks in a 59-0 rout last week.

"There's a lot of things you can do. You can just keep him guessing basically," Sales said. "It's going to be his first time in a big game in a big atmosphere."

Notre Dame and Penn State used to play meaningful games



Pat Little/Associated Press

Penn State football coach Joe Paterno answers questions during a news conference in State College, Pa., on Tuesday. Penn State will play at home against Notre Dame on Saturday.

every year between 1981 and 1992, when both were independent powers. The Irish fell off the schedule in 1993 when Penn State joined the Big Ten, before the schools met again last year in South Bend, Ind.,

for the start of a two-year series. Notre Dame is making its first trip to State College since 1991, when the Nittany Lions won, 35-13. That is also the last time Penn State won a game in a series led by Notre Dame, 9-8-1.

The Daily Iowan ON THE LINE CONTEST

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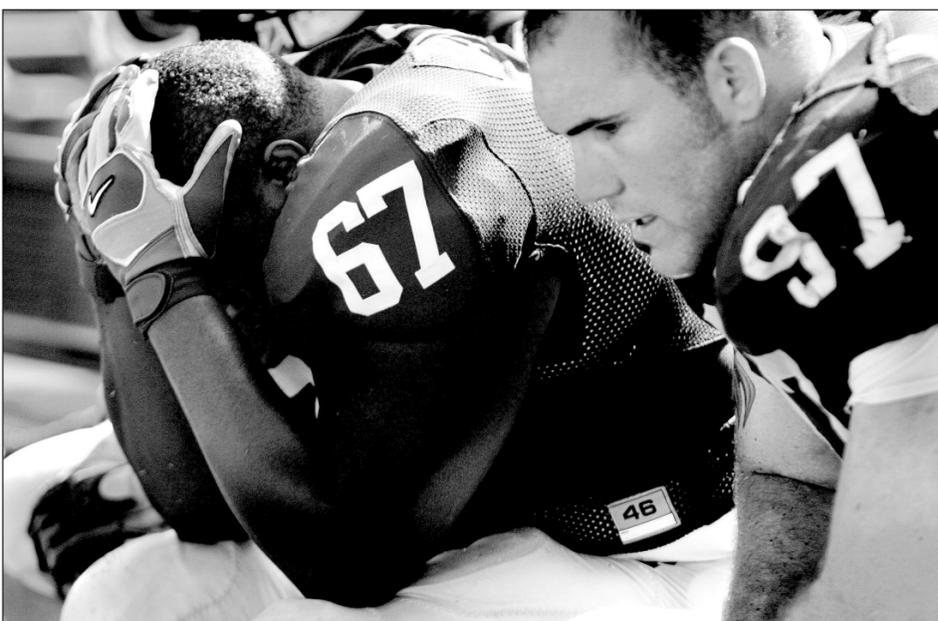
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Michigan out of poll



Mandi Wright, Detroit Free Press/Associated Press
Michigan defensive Tackle Terrance Taylor (67) holds his head in his hands as defensive tackle Will Johnson (97) looks on in the closing seconds of then-No. 5 Michigan's 34-32 loss to Appalachian State on Sept. 1 in Ann Arbor.

MICHIGAN
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"It hurts because you don't like losing," Michigan linebacker Chris Graham said Monday. "But how far can you hold your head down? I'm not holding my head down at all. You've got to move on forward."

Michigan received 39 points from the media voters in the Top 25, including a 16th place vote by Wayne Phillips from the *Greenville Sun* of Tennessee.

"I still think Michigan has a good football team," he said. "I think it's worthy of being ranked. It may prove me wrong."

Phillips said he gave Michigan some leeway because he's very familiar with Appalachian

State, the two-time defending I-AA champions.

"They're a pretty darn good football team," he said. "If Michigan had lost to some of the other patsies some of the big teams played I could see dropping them out."

Appalachian State is not eligible for the AP Top 25, which only ranks Bowl Subdivision teams. The Wolverines will host Oregon on Saturday.

Before Michigan's fall, Notre Dame held the ignominious record for largest drop in the rankings in the Top 25-era. The Fighting Irish dropped 16 spots — from No. 9 to No. 25 — after losing to Northwestern, 17-15, on Sept. 3, 1995.

Texas dropped 15 spots in 1997, going from ninth to 24th after a 66-3 loss to UCLA in September 1997. Louisville also

fell 15 spots — 11th to unranked — in September 2005 after losing to South Florida.

The highest ranked team to fall from the poll after one loss was No. 2 Oklahoma in 1959, when the AP was ranking the top 20 teams. Later that season Army went from No. 4 to unranked.

In 1950, Tennessee went from No. 4 to unranked in October and in 1960 Illinois fell out of the ranking from No. 4.

In the latest poll, No. 11 Georgia moved up two spots and was followed by Ohio State, UCLA, Penn State and Rutgers.

No. 16 Nebraska jumped four places. Auburn is 17th, and Arkansas, TCU, and Hawaii round out the first 20.

The final five are Georgia Tech, Boise State, Texas A&M, Tennessee, and Clemson.

Syracuse preps for Iowa

SYRACUSE
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could have, and that translated into minus-17 yards rushing on 13 carries.

"I just have to use those things as learning experiences, learn from things while they happen," said Robinson, who was sacked seven times.

The Orange, who have won only one Big East game in the two-plus years since Greg Robinson replaced Paul Pasqualoni as head coach, began preparing for Saturday night's game at Iowa with this in tow: After one week, Syracuse is last in the conference in scoring offense, scoring defense, rushing offense, rushing defense, total defense, pass efficiency, pass defense efficiency, total offense, total defense, first downs, sacks, sacks against, opponents' third-down conversion rate, etc.

Greg Robinson knows the facts, too, even though he never would repeat them.

"If you remember, we were pretty well buried after the Wake Forest game," he said, referring to the 2006 season-opener, a 20-10 road loss in which Syracuse gained just 45 yards passing and 91 rushing. "You looked at me like I had three eyes when I said I saw a lot of good things in that ball game. But I did see good things in that Wake Forest game, and I thought I saw an improved football team when we played Iowa [the next week, a 20-13 double overtime loss at home]. And I'd like to believe I'm going to see the same thing this week. We're going to be a better team than we were last week."

"I think the second time around is going to help this team. Getting a game under your belt is very beneficial.

Going out for the second time is an opportunity to make a big jump. I would like to believe that's what's going to happen."

If it happens, it will have to happen in the unfriendly confines of a sold-out Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City.

"To me it's an opportunity," Greg Robinson said. "When you go on the road, that's a great challenge, especially in an environment like this. It's a prideful place. I just know that environment will be a great challenge for us. It's a good thing. I'm not big on superlatives, but I will tell you this — going into Iowa and beating Iowa would be a great thing for our team and for our program."

The 30-point loss to the Huskies, who won with a red-shirt freshman quarterback starting his first college game, came on national television, which has become an unwelcome showcase for the slide the Syracuse football program has

undergone since quarterback Donovan McNabb graduated in 1998. It was the second straight defeat of 30 points or more — the Orange lost their season finale in the fall by 31 points to Rutgers, the largest margin of defeat by a Greg Robinson-coached team.

"Obviously, if the whole country is watching and you kind of get blown out at home, it's not necessarily a good thing," Andrew Robinson said. "But we're a pretty resilient bunch. We have a lot of work ethic and a lot of guys who know what this team can do, what our potential is. We plan on reaching our potential."

Whatever that potential might be.

"They've been scrutinized," Greg Robinson said. "But they can deal with it."

No overlooking Orange

FOOTBALL
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"As far as places to start, I think first thing that comes to my mind would be penalties," he said. "I think we had 10 penalties and six of them were on special teams. It's kind of hard to be a good special-teams unit if you get penalized, and that's an area where they tend to pop up a lot, illegal blocks, things of that nature."

"We've talked about that and had good film to look at."

And although Syracuse allowed 302 yards on the ground in its opener — a statistic that must have senior tailbacks Albert Young and Damian Sims licking their chops — Ferentz expects a tough game on both sides of the ball.

"[The Orange] weren't that far away last year from getting over the hump, and my guess is that's their goal right now," he said. "There's no better way than to come in here and beat us."

"We need to be ready to battle here."

Injuries end Kanellis' career

In a somber point during his opening comments, Ferentz announced Tuesday that sophomore lineman Alex Kanellis decided last week to end his football career, suffering a series of

concussions and resulting migraine headaches, Kanellis made the decision with his family after consulting numerous experts on the recurring conditions.

"Obviously, we're sorry to see that happen," Ferentz said. "It's really, I think, the worst thing you deal with in football."

"... I know he had high expectations and was doing a great job."

Richardson has 'a lot of catching up to do'

On the other end of the injury spectrum, Ferentz said the coaching staff expects sophomore lineman Dace Richardson to return to practice this week.

"Dace Richardson worked on Sunday, and he should be back working full speed this week," he said. So we'll see how he comes along here. But hopefully, we'll get him

back in the mix." Ferentz didn't specify whether he thought Richardson would be ready to start this weekend, but did say freshman wide receiver Paul Chaney will miss his second-straight game with a foot injury.

Notes:

Sophomore receiver James Cleveland had the number "88" drawn on his right wrist during the Northern Illinois game, only weeks after Iowa teammate Dominique Douglas — jersey No. 88 — was suspended indefinitely from all team activities. ... After compiling a 56-43 record in his first 99 games at Iowa, Ferentz will coach his 100th game on Saturday. ... Iowa holds an 2-1 advantage in its all-time series with Syracuse, having won last season's contest, 20-13.

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By Dave Carpenter
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CHICAGO — Five months after Tribune Co. announced plans to sell the Chicago Cubs, the first-place ball club is making much more noise on the field than its corporate owners have been about the slow-moving sale process.

But whether the Cubs make the playoffs or even manage to capture their first World Series in 99 years, an emerging lineup of deep-pocketed bidders has put Tribune in strong position to net a record sale price for the franchise.

Tribune put the team and historic Wrigley Field on the block in April, saying it would sell the team after the season and intended to do so by the end of the year. But its bankers have yet to send out detailed financial information to prospective bidders, and they are not expected to do so until mid-September, jeopardizing that timetable.

A source familiar with the sale process said there's no chance of the sale being completed this year, with a more realistic target now baseball's

opening day in the spring of 2008. The source, who declined to be identified out of concern about disrupting the process, said "five or six legitimate groups" have emerged as would-be buyers but declined to give details.

Tribune, which is in the process of going private in an \$8.2 billion buyout being led by real-estate magnate Sam Zell, isn't talking about dates, names or numbers. A spokesman for the media conglomerate, Gary Weitman, said the company doesn't want the process to be a distraction to the season.

"We'd like to get the sale done as soon as possible after the baseball season ends," he said. "But I can't and wouldn't predict what the timing will be."

The Cubs are clinging to a slim — and rare — lead in the National League Central, and they are trying to get to the World Series for the first time since 1945. They haven't won one since 1908.

That legacy hasn't scared off potential buyers.

While the price remains impossible to peg before the first bid is even placed, sports

economists say the expressed interest of several billionaires, among other well-heeled investors, make it a good bet it will exceed the record \$660 million paid for the Boston Red Sox in 2002 by a group headed by billionaire commodities trader John Henry.

The Cubs' package includes not only Wrigley but Tribune's 25 percent stake in the Comcast sports channel in Chicago, fueling widespread speculation the total could reach \$1 billion.

That wouldn't scare off Internet billionaire and Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban or the family of TD Ameritrade Holding Corp.'s founder Joe Ricketts, both listed among the world's richest people. Neither responded to queries about their interest in the Cubs, although Cuban confirmed this summer that he had submitted an application to Major League Baseball to examine the team's finances.

They aren't even considered the favorites. That role falls, at least publicly, to a powerhouse group of Chicago-based investors headed by John Canning, the chairman of private equity firm Madison Dearborn

Partners LLC and a longtime friend and business partner of baseball Commissioner Bud Selig.

Canning, who would have to sell his 11 percent ownership in the Cubs' rival Milwaukee Brewers if the bid is successful, put together a group with McDonald's Corp. chairman Andrew McKenna, who also was Cubs' chairman from 1982-84, that includes approximately two dozen members of Chicago's business elite. Among them are Duvoshin, Michael Craig, Edward Kaplan, Michael Krasny, Larry Levy, Richard Melman, Patrick Ryan, and Michael Sacks.

"I think it's very clear at this point that [Canning is] the favorite," sports economist Andrew Zimbalist, an economics professor at Smith College, said. "He's got a strong group, and he's got very good connections."

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