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2008 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Think small, Thompson says



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Republican presidential-nomination candidate Fred Thompson speaks to supporters at the Coralville Marriott on Tuesday evening. During his speech, Thompson iterated his stance on tax legislation, radical Islamic fundamentalism, and congressional spending.

Former Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., speaks in Coralville on Tuesday about the need he perceives to limit the federal government's size.

By Christopher Patton

THE DAILY IOWAN



Slide show

To see more photos of the Thompson rally, check out dailyiowan.com

Accusing Democrats of favoring unnecessary increases in governmental spending and bureaucracy, former Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., said the United States needs to rely on individuals and the free market to solve its problems.

"We need to adhere to the principles that made this party great and made this country the greatest country on the face of the Earth," he said.

The former senator said the United States is standing at a crossroads and that Americans will soon need to decide which way to go. Thompson said going

down the path of big government would increase Americans' dependence on federal bureaucrats, asserting that Democrats are trying to win votes by bribing the American people with government handouts.

Though the GOP-nomination hopeful didn't mention any of his Republican rivals by name, he highlighted what he labeled the consistency of his principles, suggesting he thinks not all of the other candidates have been sufficiently stalwart in their views.

"My philosophy does not depend on geography," Thompson said, contending that he has stood by his positions regardless of where he has campaigned or what office he has sought.

Some conservatives have criticized former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, two of Thompson's chief rivals, for having been too liberal when they held those previous offices.

Recent polls provide some evidence that these concerns are affecting potential voters' preferences.

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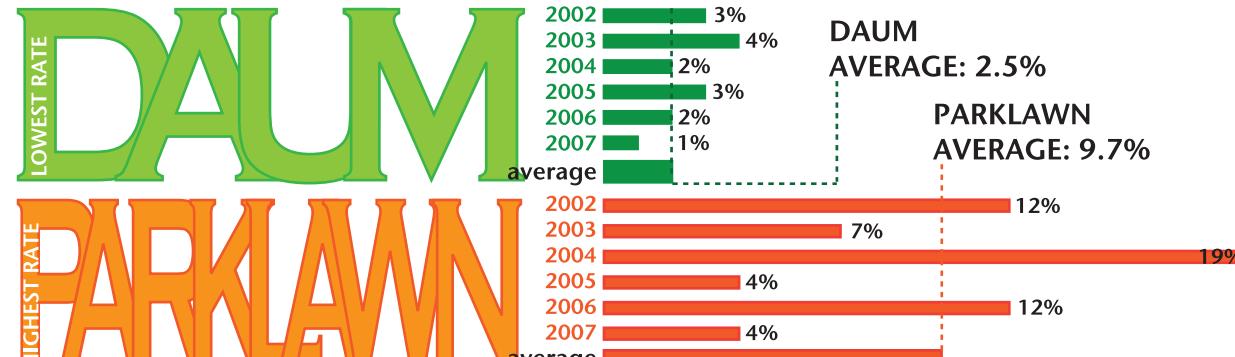
Steinke leaves post

To find out more about why Executive Director Gary Steinke said he's leaving the state Board of Regents, watch Daily Iowan Television, at dailyiowan.com

Steinke has been executive director of the board since 2005, and he was with the regents during the oft-criticized search for a new UI president. He said these controversies did not affect his decision to leave.

SEE STEINKE, 3A

Percentage of students in residence halls charged for alcohol- or drug-related offenses by UI police, 2002-07



DAUM NOT WILD WEST

Residence Life officials are not concerned about the possibility of a poor dorm reputation because of student offenses.

By Olivia Moran and Kurtis Hiatt
THE DAILY IOWAN

When it comes to nighttime debauchery, Daum residents are likely the designated drivers — not the students accumulating PAULAs.

A Daily Iowan analysis of UI police dockets since 2002 — with citations including PAULAs, public intoxications, and possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia — revealed Daum and Stanley residents received the fewest number of offenses per student, and Parklawn aggregated the largest.

"A lot of the students [in Daum] are recruited for their academic ability," said Jonathan Sexton, the Daum Hall coordinator. "A lot of those students are really focused."

Since 2002, Daum had two offenses per 100 students, compared with 10 offenses per 100 students for those who lived in Parklawn during the same years.

While some halls had a higher number than others, they also house more students.

Mayflower generated 409 citations in the last six years, and Burge had 344. Both east and west dorms had a significant number of offenses.

Andrew Borst, west neighborhood area coordinator, attributed high numbers of offenses for first-year resident dorms to the students' transition from high school to college.

He added he wasn't sure if the amount of charges at Slater and Rienow were historically high or low.

"I would prefer the number be zero," he said.

Mayflower and Parklawn accounted for some of the highest statistics. While Mayflower's 6,156 residents over the last six years received 409 offenses, Parklawn's 822 residents received 80.

North neighborhood area coordinator Wolfgang Homolka said it was his "professional stance" to decline comments to media. Elizabeth Spotts, an assistant hall coordinator for Parklawn, also declined to comment Tuesday.

Over the years, Parklawn and Mayflower were consistently high in the number of citations received versus the number of students. This could put the dorms in a negative light.

SEE DORMS, 3A

TOP CHEF

Slicin' & dicin' for real tonight

By Brian Stewart
THE DAILY IOWAN

For Dale Levitski, the best dorm food at the UI was the all-you-can-eat breakfast cereal.

"We got the good stuff [in the Quad Cafeteria]," he said. "[It] was pretty awesome."

Now — 10 years later — the former UI student has swapped the cereal bowls for a white jacket and a chef's knife, and he could become the next "Top Chef" on season three of Bravo's culinary-elimination series.

Levitski, a 34-year-old Chicago native, will face off tonight against two other "chef-testants" in the season finale in Aspen, Colo. The winner will be announced live from Levitski's hometown.

While attending the UI as a sociology major, he worked as a line cook at the Ground Round Grill and Bar, 830 S. Riverside Drive, where he got his first taste of the restaurant industry.



Top Chef finalist

SEE TOP CHEF, 3A

UI Chef on Top?:

- Dale Levitski, former UI student
- Finalist on BravoTV's Top Chef Season 3
- Season finale airs tonight on BravoTV, 9 p.m.
- While at the UI, Levitski was a competitive diver.
- Levitski's first restaurant job was at the Ground Round in Iowa City.
- Linn Street Cafe is Levitski's favorite Iowa City restaurant.



News

UI group holds 'chalk-in'

Antiwar Committee chalks for rights

To find out more on why a UI group openly violated the university's chalking policy, watch Daily Iowan Television at dailyiowan.com.

By Kathleen Olp
THE DAILY IOWAN

Red and white bandanas concealed faces of UI Antiwar Committee members Tuesday morning, revealing only their eyes, as they chalked the First Amendment in front of Jessup Hall, asserting their position against the university's ban on chalking its sidewalks.

"It's friggin' chalk," one member of the group said anonymously, representing the group's desire to be quoted as a collective committee.

Around 6:30 a.m., members embellished the sidewalk with colorful chalk, writing such slogans as "legalize chalk" in bubble letters and "the environment loves chalk."

They said they chose Jessup Hall because of its central location on campus, as well as being the site of many administration offices. The group members said they chalked in response to an unanswered e-mail that they sent to the Office of Student Life requesting a policy change to the chalk ban.

"Chalking is a form of speech that everyone has an opportunity to witness," group members argued. "It's a public university, and the Constitution applies."

UI law Professor Randall Bezanson said if the university's policy prohibits chalking on the sidewalks by anyone, whether for speech or not — such as hopscotch — then the policy applied to the student organizations is



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan

Members of the UI Antiwar Committee reproduce the First Amendment using chalk adjacent to Jessup Hall on Tuesday. The university recently reminded student organizations of the costs associated with removing chalk on campus.

likely constitutional. The university, he said, has an interest in

appearance of the campus and expense of cleaning the chalk up.

Thomas Baker, the UI associate dean of students, said chalking on sidewalks without authorization has been prohibited on campus for a number of years but that proposals for amending the policy would be considered.

"Chalking on sidewalks and walls on campus was prohibited because there is no reasonable way to regulate time, place, and manner for chalking," he said.

Baker added that the cost of chalk cleanup would vary from case to case and depend on the extent of the chalking.

Chalking by student organizations is allowed at the University of Northern Iowa, while Iowa State has designated chalking zones on sidewalks, according to those schools' student organizations' websites.

"We've never seen any problem with it," said Pam Creger, the secretary of student involvement and activities at UNI. "It's pretty easy to get rid of if it's offensive."

Stephen Mahieu, a member of the American Constitution Society at the UI, said he thought prohibiting the chalking of university buildings and other vertical surfaces was in order but that a total chalking ban was "misguided and unfortunate."

"Once again, it's amateur hour with the university administration," he said. "It seems the university is overly concerned with micromanaging petty student issues."

The Antiwar Committee members left the scene Tuesday morning raising their fists and flashing peace signs. "It will wash away tomorrow. It's chalk," they said.

Rain fell later Tuesday afternoon, leaving the sidewalk without a trace of chalk.

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So you wanna be in movies

By Nicholas Kelly

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Ross Meyer stands behind the counter at That's Rentertainment, the video store he owns and operates in Iowa City.

The 27-year-old looks more like a rocker than a boss. Bearded, shaggy-haired, and sporting a Fugazi T-shirt, he makes tags for a stack of new releases.

Occasionally he looks at the TV to his left. A bizarre, late-60s children's show called "H.R. Pufnstuf" is playing. The screen awash in psychedelic colors and giant anthropomorphic creatures, Meyer explains the show's plot. It's about a boy stuck on the "Talking Island," where apparently everything from dragons to flutes to trees, well, talks to him.

Meyer looks at the screen for a second, "It's popular with the druggie culture."

The vibrant colors on the screen are matched by the décor of Meyer's store. Alternating panels of orange and blue line the walls. Filled from top to bottom with movies, they evoke a vibe that is equal parts '80s neon nostalgia and video wonderland. The titles run the gamut from the top of the A list to what seem to be refugees from the island of misfit cinema.

For Meyer though, sometimes the B list is his favorite.

"I love legitimately good films," he said. "But when I was in school, I ran the Bijou for like three years, so that sort of filled my quota for really artsy, good films. Now, I kind of like the bad stuff."

Perhaps to prove his point Meyer puts a new title in DVD player: *Komodo vs. Cobra, The Ultimate Battle*.

Ross Meyer

Age: 27

Home Town: Storm Lake, Iowa

Occupations: Owner/Manager, That's Rentertainment; Drummer, Rusty Buckets

Favorite Movie: *The Last Picture Show*



Peter Klopstein/The Daily Iowan

That's Rentertainment owner Ross Meyer stands in the cult section of the store on Monday. The movie-rental store offers offbeat movies that other chains do not.

Max Radl, an long-haired and bespectacled employee of Meyer's, comes into the store. He and Meyer make small talk: movies, the day, and the new comic book Meyer picked up. Meyer offers a synopsis.

"It's about mice in a backyard. Sometimes they ride rabbits. It looks pretty cool," he said.

Meyer's interest in movies is shared with his staff.

"Everybody on the staff has that encyclopedic movie knowledge, and I think the customers really like that," said Meyer.

A customer walks in. She's looking for a movie called *Priscilla* and an Italian-language film. Meyer checks the computer. Both are in stock.

"We've got lot of customers who are really into a lot of things," Meyer said. "We've got a lot of

people who really love us because we've got a great foreign-language section, and then there's a whole other batch of customers who love us because we've got a great kung-fu section. What I love is those are both great customers to have."

But for Meyer, experience with cinema isn't just trivia. He's worked at video stores and theaters for almost 12 years and been with That's Rentertainment through four different incarnations, beginning at a location in Coralville and finally arriving at the current location at 211 N. Linn St.

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Thompson backs small government



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Republican presidential-nomination candidate Fred Thompson, a former senator from Tennessee, speaks in the Coralville Marriott on Tuesday. Thompson is leading Republican nomination-hopefuls in the national Rasmussen Poll with 24 percent of the vote.

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The most recent Rasmussen national poll placed Thompson first in the Republican field with 24 percent support. Giuliani, the front-runner for the Republican nomination in most polls until Thompson entered the race, came in a close second with 22 percent; the other candidates all trailed significantly.

'The best thing we can do is have a president of the United States who will appoint people onto the Supreme Court who will follow the law and the Constitution and not make it up as they go along.'

Fred Thompson, presidential candidate

Wanting to help Thompson win the Republican nomination, Kreft said he is working to create a UI Students for Thompson group. But because the deadline for registering student groups has passed, he said, his group will not be official until the spring semester.

Thompson further stressed his conservative credentials when he discussed the importance of appointing conservative justices to the United States Supreme Court.

"The best thing we can do is have a president of the United States who will appoint people onto the Supreme Court who will follow the law and the Constitution and not make it up as they go along," he said.

Iowa City resident Pauline McIntosh said picking a candi-

Obama to hold IC meeting

At 11 a.m. today Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., will hold a town-hall meeting focused on foreign policy in the IMU.

Obama's Iowa City event is part of his four-day "Judgment and Experience" tour across the Iowa. The senator timed his tour to coincide with the fifth anniversary of a speech he gave announcing his opposition to invading Iraq, said his campaign in a press release.

On Tuesday, Obama delivered speeches in Des Moines and Coralville, highlighting his reasons for opposing the Iraq war in 2002.

In 2002, Obama called the war "a U.S. occupation of undetermined length, at undetermined cost, with undetermined consequences."

Tuesday, he recalled the speech, as well as the political atmosphere in which he gave it, saying that many around him advised against publicly opposing the war.

He also spread blame for the war beyond the White House.

"The American people were not just failed by a president who rushed to war, they were failed by much of Washington," he said.

Obama blasted those in Congress who voted to give the President Bush the authority to go to war initially, asking, "How can you give the president a blank check and then act surprised when he decides to cash it?"

date to support this election cycle has been difficult.

"For me the big issue is life — not just abortion, but war and the death penalty, as well," she said.

Though she liked much of what Thompson said, McIntosh said, she needs more information.

"I want someone who's strong on national defense and open to diplomacy," she said. "Someone who will try everything else before resorting to war."

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"Reputation is a really interesting phenomenon, considering almost our entire population turns over every year," Borst said.

Sexton said Daum's "innocent" reputation can be largely attributed to the Blank Honors Center, which is connected to the building. The center offers alternative programs for the students on weekends, in addition to activities organized by resident assistants.

Mark Hernberg, a first-floor Daum resident assistant, organized a Twister tournament and root-beer-float party two weekends ago that more than 100 people attended.

"I think it's more important just making sure that people

actually do feel safe and comfortable in Daum than having a reputation of being smart and nerdy," he said.

Sexton agreed that reputation isn't one of his highest priorities.

"I don't see Daum as an ideal place to live. I see it as a place that has established a good community," he said. "We don't try to sit on a pedestal."

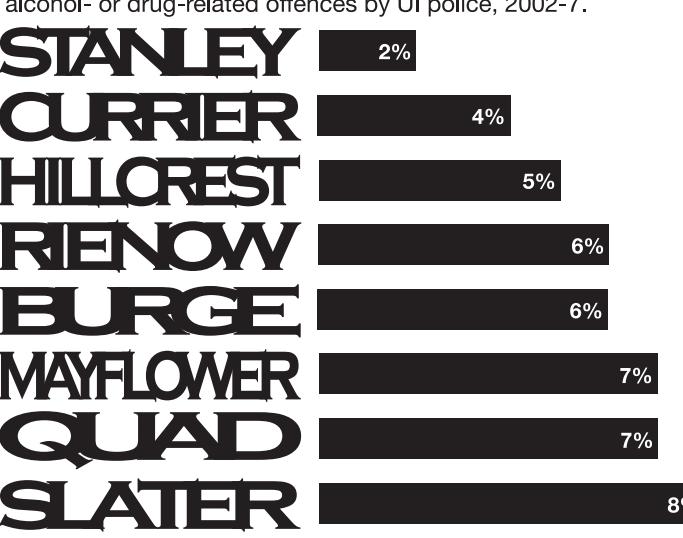
First-year Slater resident Morgen Sedlacek has overall not had a good experience, especially the lack of sleep, she said.

"I'm not that surprised [Slater's offenses are high], considering that people are up at all hours of the day, every day of the week, no matter if it's a Friday or a Tuesday," she said.

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Dorms, Drinking, Drugs

Percentage of students in residence halls charged for alcohol- or drug-related offenses by UI police, 2002-7.



Nelle Dunlap/The Daily Iowan

Heeding the call of top cuisine

TOP CHEF

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"I just fell in love with the rush of the line," he said. "I fell out of love with academics and fell in love with the kitchen."

Without completing a degree at the UI, he moved back to Chicago and plunged into the culinary macrocosm of the Windy City, first working with Carol Wallack, the chef and owner of the restaurant sola .

"He's a great guy to be around — he's a lot of fun," said Wallack, who is Levitski's mentor. "But he's a great worker, and he's really talented, and those things shine through in everything that he does."

Wallack will join Levitski's immediate family tonight at the final "judges' table," where the winner of the series will be announced. One of the three finalists will leave with a \$100,000 cash prize, along with

a feature in *Food & Wine* magazine and the title of Top Chef.

Throughout the competition, Levitski, who has cooked for 14 years, said he's tried to stay true to his cooking philosophy.

"You have to cook as yourself — from your heart," he said. "When you're cooking for someone, when you make a dish and give it to someone — that's a gift."

Levitski — who is working on opening an upper-scale diner in Chicago soon — said he's trying not to think about the potential outcomes of tonight's finale, but he said he's preparing to put "an end to the most amazing experience I've ever had."

Having never trained professionally, he thinks the difference had little effect on his life.

"When I first started cooking seriously, the chefs I worked for had never been to culinary school, either," he noted. "If you know how to learn, you're going

to be golden."

Levitski also noted the "incredible" talent of all the contestants this season and said the competition was "anybody's game" from the start.

"I really don't envy the judges' decision," he said.

Whether Levitski is crowned this year's Top Chef or not, he said, cooking remains his passion because it changes every day.

"You get to listen to music, laugh, and swear, and just be a jackass all day if you want to," he said.

While on his way to get his now-signature mohawk trimmed, Levitski said his experiences at the UI have never left him. "Once you're a Hawkeye, you're always a Hawkeye," he said, adding that he hopes Iowa Citians tune in for tonight's episode.

"I spent seven years in that damn town," he joked. "Someone

better be watching."

And Levitski finds time to show off his Hawkeye pride when he can.

"I can guarantee [UI students] will see me at Hawkeye games this fall," he said.

Wallack noted that Levitski had given up cooking for a while — something he publicly revealed in a speech during the judging of last week's episode — but said she thinks he's done the "only thing that really matters" — proving his success to himself.

"Win or lose [tonight], [Levitski] is a winner because he showed himself with nothing less than pure dignity, incredible talent, and just the decent person that he is," Wallack said. "[In Chicago], people have their eyes on him. Now, whatever he does is important."

"He's proven to the culinary world that he's back."

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Steinke to quit post on regents' staff

STEINKE

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"I'm a private-college person," Steinke said, a graduate of Loras College in Dubuque and Drake University, where he earned a master's degree in political science. "I've always had a great affinity for private colleges."

Both public and private colleges have a role in Iowa's uni-

versity community, he said.

Steinke — who is paid \$149,802 per year in his regents' job — said that a salary increase was a factor in his decision, but he declined to elaborate.

"It's a great professional opportunity for me," he said.

Regent President Michael Gartner said Steinke would be difficult to replace.

"I'm saddened," he said. "I'm

happy for him. He did an absolutely spectacular job for us."

Gartner noted that, though, that he did not feel the regents' business would be significantly delayed by the transition.

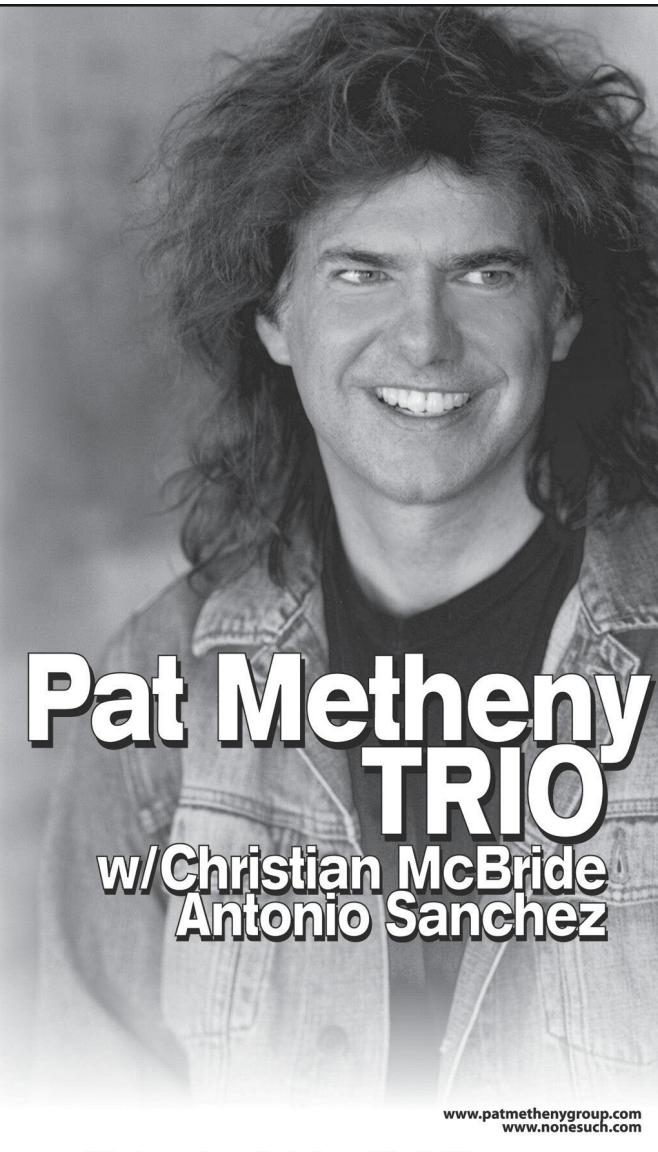
Steinke first came to the board in 2004 as the deputy executive director and chief public affairs officer. Prior to his employment with the regents, Steinke served as special assistant to the president and director of governmental relations at

Iowa State University.

Before his position at ISU, Steinke worked as special assistant to former Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad. He has also been employed by the Republican Caucus in the Iowa House of Representatives and the American Petroleum Council.

Steinke will replace John Hartung, who has held the private-college position for 23 years.

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News

Bloody-minded, but in a good way

UI DeGowin Blood Center employs various techniques in rewarding, attracting blood donations.

By Shawn Gude
THE DAILY IOWAN

Only 37 percent of Americans are eligible to donate blood, 66 million people fewer than previously thought, according to a study released earlier this year in *Transfusion*.

It's just the kind of research that blood-center professionals such as Erin Marzen, the UI DeGowin Blood Center blood-drive coordinator, point to when they talk about the ongoing need for the vital fluid.

"Each donation counts for a lot," Marzen said. "We definitely need people to keep giving."

And to get more people to the center, the UI organization is offering such rewards as the video game *Guitar Hero* and a four-day cruise.

The promotions have a dual motive of persuading new people to donate and to reward existing contributors, Marzen said.

"We'd like to think that people don't donate just for the prizes," Marzen said. "We'd like to think that they'd enjoy this enough to come back."

The *Guitar Hero* promotion, which allows the winner to substitute *Dance Dance Revolution* instead of the guitar-based video game, is only available in the residence-hall blood drives, while all DeGowin donors are eligible for the cruise contest.

The video-game incentive is just one of the most recent ways

Details on the Promotions

Guitar Hero Promotion (sponsored by Coralville Best Buy)

- At residence-hall blood drives
- First-semester winner announced Dec. 12
- Second-semester winner revealed May 1, 2008

Cruise Promotion (sponsored by Winebrenner Red Carpet Travel)

- At all DeGowin blood drives
- Must donate four times between Sept. 1 and Aug. 31, 2008
- Winner announced Sept. 5, 2008

the blood center has attempted to attract students to the program; past promos include T-shirt handouts and bike raffles.

"There's a group of students who will donate no matter what," said UI donor-recruitment coordinator Paula Dayton said. "But there's also a group of students who may be on the fence. And this may persuade them to donate."

Another means the center uses to increase donorship is bringing blood drives directly to the dorms, including the one today at Hillcrest from 4 to 8 p.m.

On Tuesday afternoon, residents had mixed feelings on how well the promotions would increase participation at their west-campus dorm.

UI freshman Brent Heddens said that because "a lot people

like to play *Guitar Hero*," it should be an effective way to attract students.

But fellow Hillcrest freshman Shane Swords said there are much better ways to persuade potential student donors to roll up their sleeves, including monetary incentives or iPhone giveaways.

"Plus, a lot people already have *Guitar Hero*," he said.

The main thing isn't the prizes, Dayton said. And the true benefit of blood-drive participation, she said, is sometimes lost in the shuffle when blood is given solely for the rewards that come with it.

"The downside is people lose focus of what really matters when giving blood, which is to get blood for patients in the hospital," she said. "The true message is you're saving lives."

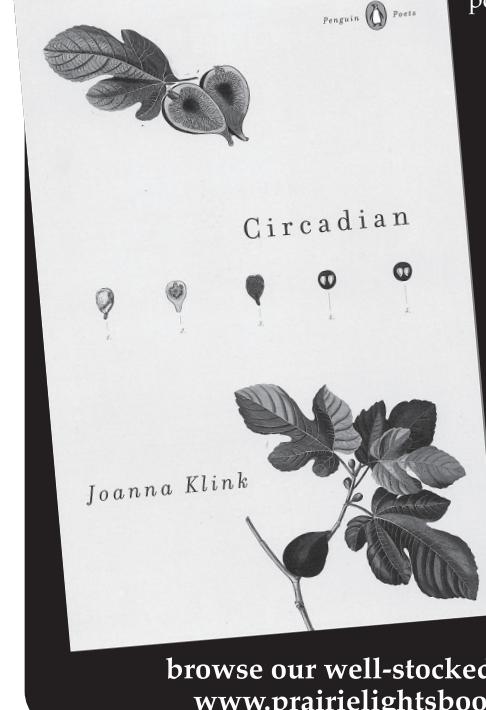
Spreading that message is another one of the ways Dayton said the blood center is trying to encourage donorship. The Oct. 7 annual DeGowin Blood Center Donor Recognition Event, to be held in the Kinnick Stadium press box, is an additional effort by the center to encourage people to give blood.

"Most of the time, people don't know where their blood is going," Dayton said. "This gives them the chance to see what it really does."

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Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan
Chuck Augustine of Cedar Rapids donates blood in the Levitt Center Hawkinson Assembly Hall on Tuesday. Blood donors received a free tailgating apron if their donation was successful.



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10 waterways get \$\$

By Kayla Kelley

THE DAILY IOWAN

Ten water-quality improvement projects will receive \$10 million in funds from the Watershed Improvement Review Board and individual project groups to restore Iowa waterways, beginning in the spring of 2008.

And the Iowa River, labeled by some as one of the most unhealthy in the country, will not be among them.

The process to approve funding began in May, when groups applied for the grant money, and the 15-member board approved the applications on Sept. 24.

Jolee Belzung, the chairwoman of the watershed board, said the problems cited on the applications were quite diverse.

"We looked at applications that did a good job of assessment and knew what caused the impairments," she said.

The governmental body consists of representatives from agriculture, drinking-water and wastewater utilities, environmental organizations, agribusiness, the community, two state representatives, and two state senators.

Belzung said the board ranked projects, discussed them, and then voted on which projects to accept.

The board will give \$2.6 million in grants to the 10 projects, while individual groups that applied will contribute \$7.4 million to revamp their local water quality.

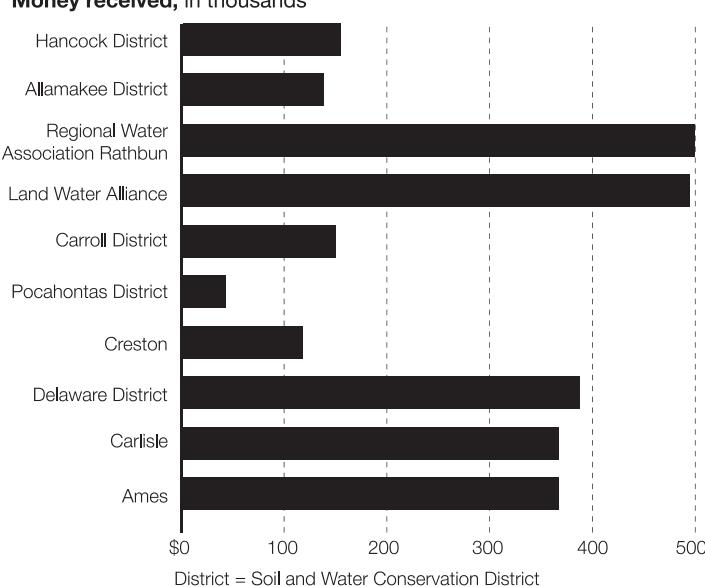
The 10 water segments run through 16 counties: Allamakee, Appanoose, Carroll, Cerro Gordo, Clarke, Decatur, Delaware, Hancock, Lucas, Mills, Monroe, Pocahontas, Story, Union, Warren, and Wayne. The projects are expected to take 10 months to three years to accomplish.

The initiatives cited agricultural runoff, stream bank erosion, municipal discharge, storm-water management,

Waterways Receive Aid

The Watershed Improvement Review Board announced how much aid organizations will receive for watershed improvements.

Money received, in thousands



Danielle Miller/The Daily Iowan

unsewered communities, industrial discharge, livestock runoff, and other impairments as reasons for corrupt water quality.

Jerry Neppel, who lends administrative support to the watershed board, said the official starting date for the projects is Jan. 1, 2008.

The board developed the Request for Application, a three-page document detailing criteria such as eligibility for funds and project assessment factors, he said.

The nine factors for the organization are accountability, assessment, goals, results, collaboration and local leadership, leveraging and cost effectiveness, project monitoring, public outreach, and innovation.

"The board [members] felt those projects they selected filled

the criteria best," Neppel said.

He said the board received "no submissions from anything that drains into the Iowa River," despite its earning the title of one of America's most endangered rivers earlier this year.

The specific cleanup plans for these waters must be spelled out in the Request for Application by the applicant and the improvement method depends on the water's impairment, Neppel said.

However, these are not the only waters in need of improvement — 15 applications were turned down by the board.

Belzung said that because the watershed board has \$2.4 million left to allocate, it will accept more applications, due Feb. 22, 2008.

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Editorial

Blood is thicker than water — almost

The local Blood Drive, located at the University's DeGowin Blood Center, wants *your* blood. Probably. The Blood Drive cannot take blood, in good conscience, from someone who has HIV, has AIDS, has hepatitis B, has hepatitis anything, hooks up with prostitutes, has sex for money or drugs, uses those drugs, has had a tooth fall out or pulled in the last three days, has been gay in the last 30 years, has taken aspirin in the last three days, gotten a tattoo within the last half year, has sniffed cocaine in the last year, or had sex with someone who has sniffed cocaine in the last year ... Wait. Gay? Why?

Because back in 1983, when this policy was instated, HIV and AIDS ran rampant, and some cases were linked to blood transfusions from members of the homosexual community. This caused the Food and Drug Administration to panic and put a lifetime ban on homosexual males donating blood. Nearly three decades and countless blood-screening advancements later, the same policy is still in place. Blood tests can now detect almost every disease that could ever be contracted through sexual intercourse. So why, if the problem can be identified with the test

officials already run, do they care if the donor is gay or not? Why would it matter to the Blood Drive with whom you are having sex if you are not contracting a disease? The Food and Drug Administration stood beside its policy on its website in May. This comes more than a year after three blood-donation organizations, including the Red Cross, criticized the ban on homosexual males as "medically and scientifically unwarranted."

So what is the reason? What rationale could the FDA possibly be clinging to? The Blood Drive policy says repetitively that the reason for screening homosexuality in men is strictly for prevention of HIV and AIDS, but a test for those afflictions is already run on every blood sample regardless of the donor's age, sex, or sexual preference.

There is no reason this kind of discrimination should continue with the advances we have made in securing the safety of donated blood. If this were anything else, it would be an outrage and a scandal. If a charity screened for homosexuality, citing some illusory risk of HIV-tainted money, people would riot in the streets. Why, then, when blood donations demonstrably save lives and help others, do we turn a blind eye?

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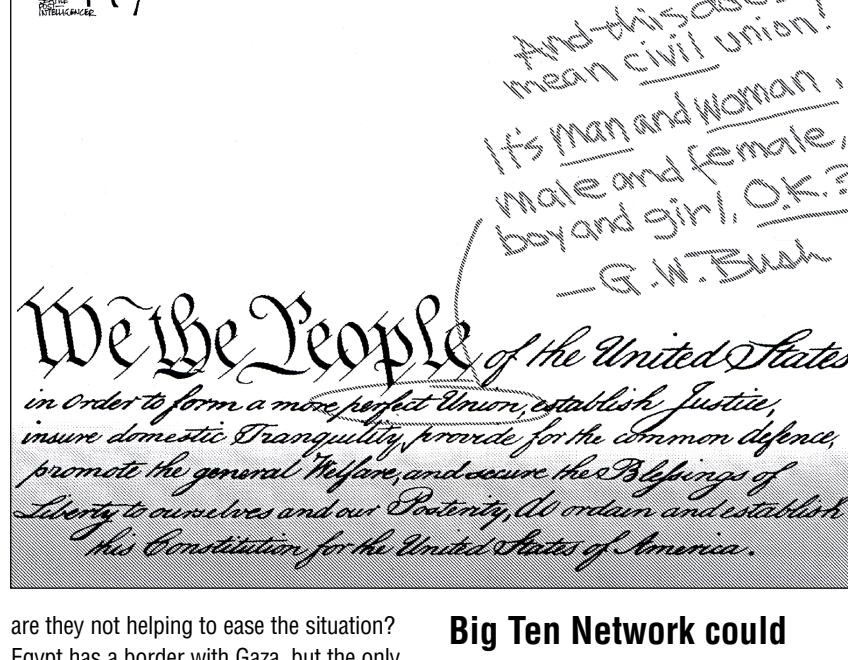
Israel can't be blamed for defending itself

In his letter to the editor from Sept. 24, titled "Stop Israeli aggression," Yaser AbuDagga writes that the decision of the Israeli government to impose sanctions on supplies of electricity, fuel, and other basic goods to Gaza is cruel, illegal, and immoral.

What AbuDagga does not tell us is that this decision by the government of Israel came after years of Kasam rocket fire from Gaza into Israel and three years after Israel's withdrawal from Gaza. Another thing AbuDagga conveniently omits is that the decision of the government was to impose such measures only as a response to Kasam rockets fired on crowded Israeli cities and that the sanction will be to reduce the electricity supplied to Gaza, not to disconnect it, and only for a small period of nighttime.

Israel gave Gaza back to the Palestinian Authority. The only occupier in Gaza today is Hamas. Show me one country in the world other than Israel that will not respond to rain of thousands of rockets on its cities. Show me one country in the world other than Israel that allows people from an enemy country to cross its borders to find work.

Yes, the people of Gaza are in a very desperate situation. But where are all the "brothers" from other Arab countries? Why



are they not helping to ease the situation? Egypt has a border with Gaza, but the only thing crossing this border is more armament for the Hamas and drugs.

In Gaza, the Palestinians showed everyone what will happen when Israel withdraws its forces from the West Bank. Israel can not afford it.

Naftaly Stramer
Iowa City resident

Big Ten Network could have been big mistake

Having experienced the joy of tailgating and the sorrow of seeing the Hawkeyes lose on Sept. 29, I would like to ask you this: When are the 400,000 people in eastern Iowa who have no Dish network or cannot make it to a local bar going to have the opportunity to show their support for the Hawkeyes?

I came home on Sept. 29, and the neighborhood was enjoying itself. When I explained I had been to see the Hawkeyes, I was met by a stone-cold response.

People are turning their backs on Iowa teams, because they can no longer follow them on TV. Couple this with the increased ticket prices last year, a losing season in the offing, and the disinclination to give up high-speed cable Internet for the below-par Dish network, and I can see troubled skies developing over Iowa City.

If the fans are going to turn their backs because of this exploitation and their own inability to get involved, I suspect that we will see attendance figures drop and revenues decrease.

I think the University of Iowa should think about whom it is targeting. That the UI Foundation sent its letters to ask for renewed financial support didn't go down well, and several of my neighbors told me they had torn it up ("in disgust") as soon as they received it. So much for the community involvement that our leadership in the university has been promoting!

All in all, maybe the Big Ten Network wasn't such a good idea.

Edwin van Beek
UI Carver College of Medicine faculty

A Healthy Dose of Facts



HEATHER BYERS

The first time a young woman told me she had been raped, I was nauseous for days. The emotional impact of hearing her story — a young girl I didn't even know — fired my realization that rape isn't just something that happens to other people, somewhere else. It was powerful enough that I felt it physically. She was raped by a friend of hers and decided not to report the crime. Despite her obvious effort to be strong, she couldn't say more than two sentences without starting to cry.

Needless to say, this experience left an impression on me. So when the wave of attacks on women near downtown kept continuing and "Wanted" posters were taped up in downtown businesses, I decided to get more information. I sat down with the executive director and a member of the Rape Victim Advocacy Program's Advisory Board.

Sexual violence is a disturbing crime for both the individual and the community. For the individual, rape may have many long- and short-term consequences for one's physical and emotional health. Survivors react in different ways. According to the American Psychiatric Association, many experience a type of posttraumatic stress disorder, with symptoms such as persistent re-experiencing of the event, avoidance of places and things associated with the sexual assault, and hyperarousal. Others may experience a grieving process or complete silence and repression.

Beyond rape, sexual violence also includes harassment, window peaking, obscene phone calls, unwanted touching, exhibitionism, and stalking. Typical reactions to sexual violence may include: trouble sleeping, hypervigilance, anxiety, numbing, loss of self-confidence, mood swings, difficulty concentrating, eating disturbances, and sexuality issues, among others. Victims typically report feeling fearful, angry, depressed, confused, or shamed following a sexual assault. For victims of sexual violence who recognize these symptoms in themselves, the RVAP Rape Crisis Line or the Iowa Sexual Abuse Hotline are two local resources. For non-victims, these symptoms are just part of the reason many in the community work diligently for prevention and increased awareness.

That sexual crimes are generally underreported and that young people are often embarrassed talking about sexual issues combine to create a lack of openness that masks how widespread the problem of sexual violence really is. It is statistically very likely that all of us know someone who has been sexually attacked. According to a report on rape in Iowa, published by the National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center, one in eight women has been the victim of rape. Nationally, the estimate is one in six. Worse yet, according to a report published in 2000 by the National Institute of Justice, between one in four to one in five women are the victims of completed or attempted rape during their college years.

Sexual violence deeply wounds a free society by curbing some of women's rights through fear and eroded trust. Attacks of women on the street are a brazen and disturbing violation of women's rights. While the 33 attacks on women reported to the police since September 2006 have made the headlines, most rapes occur by someone known to the victim. Moreover, the street attacks are only a small percentage of the sexual attacks that have occurred in our community this year — and those reported a small percentage of those that occurred.

In addition to specific programs aimed at improving women's safety, the community can play a role in risk-reduction by creating an environment of positive social norms. The community can take leadership by not tolerating words, pictures, and actions that degrade women. When violations of this sort do occur, the outcry and response should be swift.

It is also critical for the community to recognize that sexual violence is never the fault of the victim. Blaming the victim — asking if the woman was drinking, what she was wearing, if she was walking alone — only serve the perpetrator by deflecting attention from the injustice of the crime and work to keep sexual violence an underground topic.

Women, trust your intuition, use the Night Ride service, or walk in groups late at night, and be safe. Men, confront other men on disrespectful behavior. Sexual violence is both an individual and societal problem; each of us can play a role in working toward prevention.

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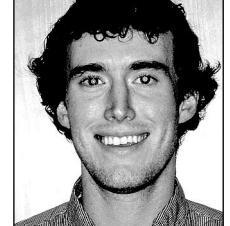
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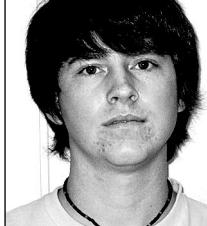
"No, I tried before, but they turned me down. I haven't tried since, but it's a good idea."

Chelsea DePree
UI senior



"No, I just don't want to get involved with all the needles and diseases. It's a good cause, though."

Ryan Watson
UI graduate student



"No, I haven't gotten around to it. I've donated plasma, though."

Keith Dennie
UI sophomore



"No, I'm scared of needles."

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Iowa City stereotype theater — Act I

Hello! I'm a hipster. Please have a seat. I do love the atmosphere here in the Tobacco Bowl, don't you? Excuse me while I hand-roll a cigarette. They always fall apart, but I'm DIY till I die. No corporate death sticks for me. Are you staring at my skeletal physique in admiration or in horror? It doesn't matter. I don't care what you think. Unless you're a hipster, too. Then I care.

You see, my hyper-tight T-shirts and girl jeans are a powerful, countercultural statement. What is that statement, you ask? Duh. It says "Virginia is for lovers." I don't know what that means, but if you

ask, I'll pretend that you just asked

me a stupid question that doesn't deserve an answer. I will, under no circumstances, admit that it's because I enjoy looking like a pot-smoking metrosexual who doesn't shower. Nor will I ever admit that it's because all of my friends look like this. I had to fast for two weeks and develop borderline bulimia to get this skinny. I got so anemic that I didn't bleed when I got my septum pierced. I'm so glad I'm back on my PBR and vegan-food diet. I was worried about my health. My beard's even growing again! Grow like the oak tree, little hairs.

But hey, I'm not totally self-involved. I've been really getting into politics lately. Not the kind with voting and elections, of course. That's totally mainstream, according to my girlfriend, Starfire. She once pretended to be a slaughtered goat for four hours outside of Sen. Charles Grassley's office to protest the treatment of Caprids in Latin America, so she should know.

I should get back into protesting myself, but I'm a little gun-shy after that Starbucks in Madison. They made me put down my sign when I used their bathroom. Bunch of fascists. I was so mad, I didn't even leave a tip. Still, there have been better protests. There's nothing like lying in the Ped Mall, pretending to be a corpse to pull fine-assed hippie chicks. Whoops, I meant "womyn" or however the hippie chicks say it now.

I'm more into the kind of politics where you argue about whether Noam Chomsky is awesome or really awesome for five hours at a time, regardless of whether you understood his books or not. I also like to chalk campus buildings. But not, you know, in a kiddie, Dance Marathon kind of way. More in a subversive, revolutionary kind of way. I'm a difference maker. Did I mention that I've seen Broken Social Scene 18 zillion times? They really appeal to my sense of affluent disaffection. But I'm not affluent. My parents are.

I think I'm in rebellion against my parents' button-down sensibility. I hate things that are overprocessed and standardized. I blog about that a lot from my MacBook. My MySpace page is an expression of my individuality. I like that there's free music, too.

Yes, I'm a musician. My band is called Liver Hussar, because those were two random words I found in the Bukowski novel I'm reading. He's awesome. He makes dissolute, joyless partying and self-righteous rationalization seem cool. My kind of guy. I can only play four of my guitar's strings, and I learned from a Mel Bay book when I was 7, but that's OK.

It's awesome when bands barely know how to play their instruments and sing in nasal, high-pitched voices, and I think we pull that off with distinction. We are the lo-est of the lo-fi. We've had more time to practice since Broken Social Scene took out that restraining order against me. (The next open mike night we play is going to be awesome.) But I don't mind. After all, I'm totally disaffected and jaded, in a byronic kind of way. Who's Byron, anyway? Isn't he the guy who runs Slam Poetry Smackdown?

Wait, let me dig through my olive-drab canvas bag and find my notebook. It's moleskin, by the way. (I'm vegan, but, dude; I'm not, like *religious* about it.) That's where I write my poetry. A lot of it is ironic, and I'm writing this opus now that sounds like one big run on sentence that rambles and rambles about a lot of everyday things but is still totally meaningful and deep. (Ooh, I should write that down. That would be ironic to put in. God, I love irony. I want to be ironic enough to make horseshoes on.)

Hey, where are you going? ■

DI Opinions Editor **Jonathan Gold** really is going to do four or five of these. Stay tuned, because he might insult you next. E-mail him at jonathan-gold@uiowa.edu.

Top Chef finale tonight

Contestant Dale may work at an upscale Chicago restaurant, but he has some lingering traces of his Iowa City background. According to Bravo's website, his favorite midnight snack is vodka. Some things never change.

Arts & Culture

Wanting an audience, needing a smoke

By Lauren Matovina

THE DAILY IOWAN

Ryan Adams needed a cigarette. The singer-songwriter spent the duration of the time between songs vocalizing this desperate need to the audience.

"Do I sound bad now that I quit smoking?" he inquired at one point. The concert-goers responded with minimal clapping and cheering — the default response to most of Monday night's show in the IMU Main Lounge.

Adams sounded fine musically, but he just couldn't keep the crowd engaged with his song selections. While there was energy, passion, and intensity on stage, the audience was much less lively — forcibly. The 926-person crowd remained seated, a requirement that quelled much of

the excitement exhibited by fans before the performance. In fact, several people even left early.

Adams tried to keep toes tapping (because, really, that's all the audience members could do from their seats) during the lengthy set list. The show opened with "Two" and "Goodnight Rose" from his most recent album, *Easy Tiger*. While Adams normally cuts the songs on his albums to a typical three-minute length, the band took liberties with the live performance. Every selection included a jam session by Adams and The Cardinals, his accompanying band, which started out interesting but eventually lost the novelty once it dragged on too long.

Adams' selection of crooning, desperate ballads made for an intense set of lyrics and instrumental sounds. For more than 2½ hours, he played such tunes as "Dear John," "Shakedown," and many other songs that haven't received much hype during his career. Many concert-goers, who came expecting to hear hits "Wonderwall" and "When the Stars Go Blue," were disheartened. One ambitious fan yelled a request, only to be quickly shot down.

"I can't control the universe," Adams responded. "We just came here to play."

Despite that, Adams appeared to be good-natured, as he attempted to work the crowd members and laugh along with them (or at them). His sardonic humor included mocking famed country stars Kenny Chesney and Don Henley, as well as those who cheered too loudly in the

audience — engaging in a little impromptu songwriting based on his perception of the crowd's hooting and hollering (like animals).

Fortunately, the singer didn't stage a meltdown as he did in Minneapolis a few days earlier; instead, he only had brief moments when he screamed for caffeine and nicotine, slapping his forearm where the patch was supposed to curb his cravings.

Although the show started late and was less than satisfactory, I have to give Adams and The Cardinals credit for their cross-genre abilities and desire to put their music out there — and to be bold enough to ignore the fan-adored singles. But will someone please give that man a cigarette, already?

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Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan
Ryan Adams and The Cardinals play to a crowd of 926 in the IMU Main Lounge on Monday. SCOPE put on the show, which featured many songs from Adams' newest album, *Easy Tiger*.

Coming through sorrow, with 3 dogs

After her husband sustained a traumatic brain injury, Abigail Thomas was forced to recreate a life for herself — with the support of her three dogs.

By Ann Colwell

THE DAILY IOWAN

Abigail Thomas says the problem with cats is "they just don't give a shit."

She needs her dogs as much as they need her. Australian Aborigines describe the most bitter, hardest nights of the year — nights cold enough to necessitate sleeping with three dogs for warmth — as three-dog nights.

Thomas has this experience each time she crawls into bed.

"It's hard to find something so easy to love," she said. Her voice fills with sincerity as she describes the adoration she feels toward them. "People say all this stuff about a dog's unconditional love, but the best part is you love them unconditionally. I'm so grateful for the way the dogs really brought out the best in me after what happened with [my husband] Rich."

Thomas will read from her memoir, *A Three Dog Life*, Thursday at 7 p.m. at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St. The book reflects about how her life was altered after her husband sustained a permanent traumatic brain injury.

After a car hit Rich Thomas while he was taking their dog for a walk in Manhattan, his frontal lobe was damaged, and he lost most of it. Afterwards, he became raging and psychotic, unable to control what he thought or did. Once a gentle man, he was trapped "at the mercy of his own Pandora's box of fears."

"With an injury like this, there's going to be an inability to complete tasks. You get stuck," Abigail Thomas said. "Which I thought meant he'd have to relearn to scramble eggs. In reality, he would be standing there an hour before he brushed his teeth. He didn't realize he had no short-term memory."

Shortly thereafter, Rich hit premature dementia. *A Three Dog Life* details the poignant things he said, as well as his uncanny and unexplained ways of commenting on things he couldn't possibly have known about.

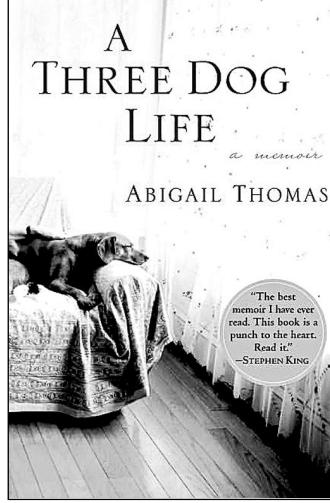
"We're bathed in some kind of consciousness that we can't all get

at," Thomas said. "When the upper layers of his brain were destroyed, I think he was able to tap into a different kind of way we as humans used to communicate. The mystery was so comforting to me."

The danger with a book like this is the ease with which an author slips into a depressing form of writing. Thomas insists, and the writing itself attests, that *A Three Dog Life* is not a downer. She wrote this memoir before he died in January because she found that there wasn't much support out there for people going through an experience such as hers.

"People always ask if writing this book was a good catharsis," she said. "I've always thought of catharsis as a way to get over something. I want to absorb this, metabolize it — what I am and what I know. It's such a funny idea that I'd want to get over it. I wrote things down so I wouldn't forget them. Some things are not supposed to be gotten over."

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Abigail Thomas

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Controlling the chaos with more chaos

Put away your Bibles, folks. Old Time Relijun finally makes it to Iowa City to roil nonbelievers and exercise demons — without all the religion.

By Brent Johnson

THE DAILY IOWAN

Old Time Relijun is one of the strangest bands around, bar none.

For 12 years this Portland, Ore.-based quartet has mangled countless genres, including free jazz, manic rhythm-and-blues, and balls-out punk, sung in Hebrew, Portuguese, and Italian, among other languages.

To shake it up even more, founding vocalist and wayward son of Methodist ministers Arrington de Dionyso even busts into Mongolian throat singing, allowing him to hit two notes at once. The result isn't exactly top-40 material; it sounds more like a swarm of locusts hooked up to a distortion pedal.

"It's a weird story," said de Dionyso, who spoke from his ex-wife's driveway in the lush, forested outskirts of Olympia, Wash. "I used to make strange sounds as a kid, like dinosaur noises. Then later, one night, I heard Mongolian throat singing on the radio, and these shamans were doing the same thing that I used to do. And I just wanted to make monster and Darth Vader noises."

On the heels of its eighth record, *Catharsis in Crisis*, Old Time Relijun will bring its semi-controlled chaos to the Picador, 330 E. Washington St., after years of passing the area for smaller cow towns, such as Ames and Sioux City.

"I don't know why we've haven't been there," de Dionyso said. "I'm excited to come down, because I've been hearing that Iowa City was a great place to play for years."

Having formed the group on New Year's Day in 1995, de Dionyso and two friends quickly found a rabid following with



Publicity photo
With a revamped lineup, Old Time Relijun will roll through the Picador to promote its eighth album, *Catharsis in Crisis*.

their intense live shows, falling somewhere between a madhouse dance party and Pentecostal snake handling.

De Dionyso stressed the relevance of these wild performances in an age when other bands often appear apathetic about the crowd.

"There's gotta be energy and communication," he said from his car. "Because if there's no energy, then what the hell are you doing there. If there's no communication, then [the audience] might as well be watching it on TV."

Catharsis in Crisis features a revamped lineup, including Germaine Baca on drums and original member and bass player Aaron Hartman's little brother, saxophonist Benjamin Hartman.

Chris Wiersema, general manager and booking agent for the

Picador, said he was excited finally to see the band in Iowa City.

"[It has] a programmed sloppiness," he said. "And I find that attractive aesthetically in the music. It's always about to fall apart, but never does. I like that tilt."

The newer recordings still contain white hot rock 'n' roll, embroiled with noise and gutbucket Americana, but the production is more polished than before.

De Dionyso said he wanted the sound to come across as bigger and more aggressive on the lower frequencies.

"I only hope that people are ready for it," he said. "We don't pander to the lowest common denominator. It takes a more discerning audience to listen to our music."

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Wal-Mart in France?

The ubiquitous chain even seems foreign in France. *D*/ reporter Brigid Marshall is navigating her way through Europe this semester and recording her adventures on our blog, *D*-eye) on Arts. Read her entries at dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com.

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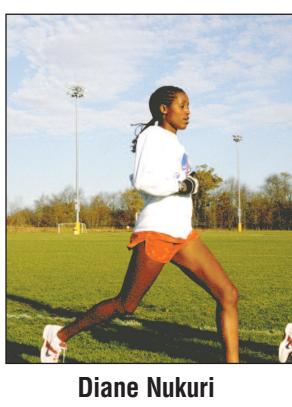
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Diane Nukuri

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

Nukuri honored again

Hawkeye senior Diane Nukuri was named the Big-Ten women's cross-country Athlete of the Week for the second time in three weeks Tuesday, after her record-shattering, first-place finish at the Auburn Invitational on Sept. 29.

Nukuri dominated the field, galloping to a Hawkeye and course-record, 15:55. The 5K mark eclipses a mark of 16:10 that she set on the same course in last season's Auburn Invitational.

The Big Ten distinction is the third of Nukuri's career, and it comes just two weeks after being named Athlete of the Week on Sept. 19 for her first-place finish at the Hawkeye Invitational on Sept. 15. In that performance, she set a Hawkeye and Ashton Cross-Country Course 4K record, finishing in 13:14.

"It feels like I can run with anybody," she said. "I definitely seem to have more confidence this year."

The Hawks' next competition will be at the Pre-NCAA Invitational, held in Terre Haute, Ind., on Oct. 13. The 6K competition will serve as a staging grounds for the NCAA championship meet, held Nov. 19 in the same location.

— by Nick Compton

FOOTBALL

Michigan QB Henne ready to play

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Chad Henne says he's back.

The senior quarterback sat out home wins against Notre Dame and Penn State while nursing a knee injury. But he returned on Sept. 29 to lead Michigan past Northwestern.

On Monday, Henne pronounced himself ready to go for Saturday's game against Eastern Michigan at the Big House.

Henne said the injury involved a partial ligament tear, which occurred when his

Henne
Michigan QB

knee was driven into the ground after being hit from behind in the week-two loss to Oregon. Henne played in the first series against Northwestern before yielding to freshman Ryan Mallett.

TV TODAY

MLB Playoffs

Rockies at Phillies, Game 1, NLDS, 2 p.m., TBS
Angels at Red Sox, Game 1, ALDS, 5:30 p.m., TBS
Cubs at Diamondbacks, Game 1, NLDS, 9 p.m., TBS

College Football
Rice at Southern Miss, 7 p.m., ESPN2

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

HAWKS A STRIDE OR TWO AWAY



Photos by Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan

Iowa seniors Jessica Schmidt (left) and Molly Esche practice with the rest of the Hawkeye women's cross-country team on a gravel road outside Iowa City on Tuesday. Schmidt and other members have had to step up in the absence of senior All-American Racheal Marchand, who is redshirting this season.

TOP: Jessica Schmidt practices with the Hawkeye women's cross-country team on Tuesday. Coming off a personal-best time that earned her 17th place in the 5K at the Auburn Invitational, she is doing her part in helping the team close the gap between its top three runners and the inexperienced athletes.

By Nick Compton

THE DAILY IOWAN

By all means, things are going well for the Iowa women's cross-country team.

In the first two competitive meets of the season, senior Diane Nukuri's national stock continues to soar — the All-American followed one record-setting, first-place performance at the Hawkeyes Invitational on Sept. 15 with another at last weekend's Auburn Invitational.

Senior Meghan Armstrong and sophomore Jolly Burke both posted glittering personal-best performances in the same event, capturing third and fourth place respectively at Auburn. Senior Jessica

"The first two races were all about testing ourselves and getting better. Now, we get into real competition. Competition is what matters."

— Diane Nukuri,
senior cross-country runner

Schmidt continues to improve, setting a personal-best 5K time on Sunday en route to a 17th-place finish.

But for coach Layne Anderson and the 14th-ranked Hawks, the difference between good and phenomenal is merely a stride away.

Stung by the loss of redshirting senior Racheal Marchand, who earned All-American distinction last season

and was a steady competitor for Iowa, the team is digging deep to cover her footsteps and close the gap between top-three finishers and the lower-spots.

"It's the difference between winning comfortably and not," Anderson said, emphasizing the importance of earning points behind the front three. "If we keep four and five a little closer, we're a top-10 team, easily."

In most competitions, points are divvied out on the basis of a team's top-five finishers. The team whose top-five runners finish with the best total score captures the team crown.

At the Auburn Invitational on Sept. 29, despite placing three runners in the top four, the Hawkeyes were nipped by Florida in total team points, which bested Iowa, 41-45. It was the lag between Burke's fourth-place finish and the Hawkeyes' next best finishers, Schmidt in 17th and Krista Anderson in 25th, that cost them the competition. Florida's depth, placing five runners in the top 12, won it the team title, the coach said.

SEE CROSS-COUNTRY, 3B

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 fifth 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	Coming off overtime victory over Indiana, No. 6 Hawks continue Big Ten play at Northwestern on Friday.
2	Women's cross-country	Paced by senior Diane Nukuri's first-place finish, the women harriers finished 2nd at Auburn's Tiger Invitational.
3	Soccer	Hawkeyes ride six-game winning streak into weekend road tests at Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Illinois.
4	Men's cross-country	Finished a strong second in a 50-team field in Chicago last weekend.
5	Volleyball	Hope to build off of come-from-behind victory over No. 11 Michigan in two road matches this weekend.
6	Men's golf	Men follow up 10th-place finish at Fightin' Irish Classic with weekend trip to Durham, N.C., for Duke/Coca-Cola Classic.
7	Women's golf	Junior Tyrette Metzendorf and the squad play on the familiar confines of Finkbine in Hawkeye Invitational this weekend.
8	Football	At 2-3, Hawkeyes need to right the ship quickly or it could be a long season.
9	Men's tennis	Minus its top three players, the team finished the Notre Dame Invite 11-20 in singles matches and 7-8 in doubles.
10	Women's tennis	After rough start to season at Roberta Alison Classic, team will compete in Indiana Invitational this weekend.

TEAMS YET TO COMPETE

TEAM	FIRST COMPETITION	LOCATION
Rowing	Oct. 7	at Rockford, Ill.

↑ Moved up in the rankings from last week

↓ Moved down in the rankings from last week

— Stayed at the same ranking as last week



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HAWKEYE FOOTBALL

No quit in Hawks

Kirk Ferentz, Iowa players answered tough questions Tuesday about the perception of fans and how to move forward after three straight losses.

Ferentz talks team mentality

Watch Daily Iowan Television to hear more about what Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz and the Hawkeye players had to say about a third-straight loss and a tough Penn State matchup Saturday at dailyiowan.com.

By Charlie Kautz
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa football team isn't oblivious to what Vegas oddsmakers, opinionated columnists, and close-minded fans have said, written, and estimated about its chances to rebound from a seven-straight Big Ten loss.

While supporters showed their scorn by leaving Kinnick Stadium early against Indiana, the team's third defeat in as many games, the big-money bookies have tabbed the Hawkeyes as eight-point underdogs heading to State College, Pa., on Saturday.

But judging from players' comments and coach Kirk Ferentz's press conference Tuesday, there's one sure bet you can make this weekend — Iowa isn't rolling over, no matter what those outside the Hayden Fry Football Complex think.

"We hear it, regardless of if we take it," sophomore linebacker A.J. Edds said. "We hear it from everybody. We watch TV, we read the paper and see what's going on with people and what the general concept of how we're doing is."

"We just have to know as a team what we're doing, improve things, and get going on the right track. We need to make sure as a team we stay positive."

Seconding Edds' sentiments, Ferentz said all the Hawkeyes can worry about is how the positive changes that can be made in preparations for Penn State.



Ferentz
head coach

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POSTSEASON BASEBALL

DIVISION SERIES
American League
Boston vs. Los Angeles
Today's Game
Los Angeles (Escarab 18-7) at Boston (Beckett 20-7), 5:37 p.m.
Friday's Game
Los Angeles (Escarab 18-7) at Boston (Matsuzaka 15-12), 7:37 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 7
Boston (Schilling 9-8) at Los Angeles (Weaver 13-7), 2:07 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 8
Boston (Beckett 20-7) at Los Angeles (Lackey 19-9), 8:37 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, Oct. 10
Los Angeles (Escarab 18-7) at Boston (Matsuzaka 15-12), 7:37 p.m., if necessary

CLEVELAND VS. NEW YORK
Thursday's Game
New York (Wang 19-7) at Cleveland (Sabathia 19-7), 5:37 p.m.
Friday's Game
New York (Petitte 15-9) at Cleveland (Carmona 19-8), 4:07 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 7
Cleveland (Byrd 15-8) at New York (Mussina 11-10), 5:07 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, Oct. 9
New York (Wang 19-7) at Cleveland (Sabathia 19-7), 4:07 p.m., if necessary

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Arizona vs. Chicago
Today's Game
Chicago (Zambrano 18-13) at Arizona (Webb 18-10), 9:07 p.m.
Thursday's Game
Chicago (Lilly 15-8) at Arizona (Davis 13-12), 9:07 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
Arizona (Hernandez 11-11) at Chicago (Hill 11-8), 5:07 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 7
Arizona (Owings 8-8) at Chicago, 12:07 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, Oct. 9
Chicago at Arizona, 9:07 p.m., if necessary

PHILADELPHIA VS. COLORADO
Today's Game
Colorado at Philadelphia (Hamel 15-5), 2:07 p.m.
Thursday's Game
Colorado at Philadelphia (Kendrick 10-4), 2:07 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
Philadelphia (Loche 9-12) at Colorado, 8:37 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 7
Philadelphia (Moyer 14-12) at Colorado, 9:07 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, Oct. 9
Colorado at Philadelphia (Hamel 15-5), 5:37 p.m., if necessary

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
American League
Friday, Oct. 12
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Saturday, Oct. 13
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Tuesday, Oct. 16
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Thursday, Oct. 18
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Saturday, Oct. 20
Cleveland-New York winner at Boston OR Los Angeles at Cleveland OR New York at Los Angeles, if necessary
Sunday, Oct. 21
Cleveland-New York winner at Boston OR Los Angeles at Cleveland OR New York at Los Angeles, if necessary

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Thursday, Oct. 11
Colorado-Philadelphia winner at Arizona OR Chicago at Philadelphia OR Colorado at Chicago
Friday, Oct. 12
Colorado-Philadelphia winner at Arizona OR Chicago at Philadelphia OR Colorado at Chicago

SUNDAY, Oct. 14
Arizona at Colorado—Philadelphia winner OR Philadelphia at Chicago OR Chicago at Colorado winner
Monday, Oct. 15
Arizona at Colorado—Philadelphia winner OR Philadelphia at Chicago OR Chicago at Colorado winner
Wednesday, Oct. 17
Arizona at Colorado—Philadelphia winner OR Philadelphia at Chicago OR Chicago at Colorado winner, if necessary
Friday, Oct. 19
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Saturday, Oct. 20
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ATLAS
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Saturday, Oct. 27
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Sunday, Oct. 28
AL at NL, (n)
Monday, Oct. 29
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Wednesday, Oct. 31
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New England	4	0	0	1.000	148	48
Buffalo	1	3	0	.250	41	93
N.Y. Jets	1	3	0	.250	72	103
Miami	0	4	0	.000	78	119
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
PA	4	0	0	1.000	131	74
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	64	46
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	46	34
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	46	34
Houston	2	2	0	.500	94	80
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	111	47
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	109	118
Baltimore	2	2	0	.500	79	90
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	106	129
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
PA	2	2	0	.500	72	95
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	56	66
Oakland	2	2	0	.500	102	100
San Diego	1	3	0	.250	68	102
NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	4	0	0	1.000	151	72
Washington	2	1	0	.667	53	49
N.Y. Giants	2	2	0	.500	88	100
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.250	84	73
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
PA	3	1	0	.750	81	44
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	82	87
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	56	80
New Orleans	0	3	0	.000	38	103
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	4	0	0	1.000	105	66
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	114	121
Chicago	1	3	0	.250	60	95
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	67	59
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	87	53
San Francisco	2	2	0	.500	56	93
Arizona	2	2	0	.500	84	80
St. Louis	0	4	0	.000	39	103
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Baltimore at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.						
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Arizona	2	2	0	.500	84	80
St. Louis	0	4	0	.000	39	103
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Cleveland at New England, 12 p.m.						
Jacksonville at Kansas City, 12 p.m.						

Top runners look for help

CROSS-COUNTRY

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But, as the team gears up for the Pre-NCAA Invitational held in Terre Haute, Ind., on Oct. 13, Layne Anderson sees reason for encouragement.

"We continue to improve and continue to chip away at those personal bests," he said. "We definitely have people with potential."

While Anderson says the team's dynamic would be completely different if Marchand were competing, he is confident of the abilities of those stepping up in her absence. Included in this pool are Krista Anderson and Schmidt, who have both shown great promise, the coach said.

Schmidt, who attributes her progress to a strict off-season training regimen and the realization that her senior year is her final opportunity to compete, vowed she will continue to work hard for the sake of the team.

"It's now or never," she said. "I only have one more chance, and I'll do everything I can to help make us better."

Nukuri, whose early season dominance has cemented her name among the top distance-runners in the country, shares that sense of optimism, and she believes the team has a deep reserve of untapped potential.

"I'm excited," she said. "The first two races were all about testing ourselves and getting better. Now, we get into real competition. Competition is what matters."

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Focus on A-Rod as playoffs open

By Ronald Blum

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Everywhere Alex Rodriguez went, the lenses were on him.

When he took batting practice, the cameras clicked. In the clubhouse, so many mini-cams wanted to capture his words and image that he had to move away from his locker to the center of the room.

Not that he had much to say, just a collection of clichés so old that he probably chucked to himself as he said them. He's made a concentrated effort since spring training not to reveal his thinking, to focus on the field.

And who could blame him? Why concentrate on his past postseason performances? He is 4-for-41 (.098) with no RBIs in his last 12 playoff games and hitless in his last 15 postseason at-bats with runners in scoring position. His own failures are a big reason baseball's best player has never reached the World Series.

When the Yankees were eliminated during each of his first three seasons in New York, A-Rod was the top target in the blame game. Chances are, the fate of the pinstripes this October will turn on his performance starting Thursday in the first-round series against Cleveland.

"I think his mind-set definitely changed," Johnny Damon said. "He was always out trying to please people, try to do, say the right things."

MEN'S GOLF

Men golfers improve

In any tournament, you want your team members to improve their play as competition goes on. The Iowa men's team accomplished that this week at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic in South Bend, Ind.

After a first round score of 299 on Sunday, the Hawkeyes carded a 297 on Monday and then saw a drastic drop in scoring Monday with a 290.

Coach Mark Hankins said he would have preferred to see the team finish higher than its 10th-place result but pointed out that part of the problem was the team had to take an 84 during Sunday's round.

Todd Larson highlighted the first day of competition with a 1-under 69. The redshirt senior shot 78 on Monday and 73 Tuesday to finish off a top-30 performance.

After Larson's outstanding first round, true freshmen Vince India took a crack at breaking par on Monday — matching his teammate's total of the previous day.

Junior Cole Peevler finished in the top 40 for the Hawkeyes. After a first round that saw him fire three birdies on the back nine to finish 2-over, Peevler finished 76, 75 for the Hawkeyes.

After a disappointing start of the tournament, senior Dan Holterhaus returned to his steady form. He carded a 74 on Monday and closed the tournament out with a 1-over 71.

— by Sean Monahan

'I don't think we would have made the playoffs if it wasn't for him.'

— Andy Pettitte,
Yankees starting pitcher

A-Rod cut down his appearances in the media and increased 'em on the leader board.

Rodriguez hit 54 homers and had 156 RBIs this season, an onslaught likely to earn him his third AL MVP award. From the seventh inning on, he batted .349. Yankees captain Derek Jeter said he'd never seen an offensive performance like it.

New York fizzled to a 21-29 start. Had Rodriguez not hit 14 home runs in April, the Yankees could have been about 15-35.

"I don't think we would have made the playoffs if it wasn't for him," Andy Pettitte said. "Without him, I don't think we would have really had a shot down here at the end."

These could be Rodriguez's final games in New York. Since his very first day at spring training, he's been asked about that opt-out clause, the one that allows him to bolt the final three seasons of his record \$252 million, 10-year contract and seek even more money in the free-agent market.

Hawks look for turnaround



Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye A.J. Edds tackles Iowa State running back J.J. Bass during Iowa-Iowa State game at Jack Trice Stadium on Sept. 15. Coming off the team's third-straight loss and seventh Big Ten defeat in a row, Edds said on Tuesday that now's not the time to pay attention to outside opinions and that the Hawks must stay focused on things they can control in preparing for Penn State.

FOOTBALL

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"What is important is what we do this week," he said. "It's really about all we can worry about, how much improvement can we make, what can we do to clean up the things we didn't do well. You know, hopefully, get ourselves in position to play a game where we give ourselves a fighting chance to win the thing."

Below .500 for the first time all season and joining the Nittany Lions in the conference cellar at 0-2, the eight-year coach was indifferent when asked if he thought "unstable" was a fair descriptor for the program's current state.

"Call it whatever you want," Ferentz said. "I mean, all I know is we lost Saturday, we lost the Saturday before, the Saturday before. We looked like a pretty good football team, what's it been, about 10, 11 days ago, and four days ago we didn't look so good."

"I think if you looked at the last two games, you could say that. But I don't think anybody's ready to throw in the towel right now."

With its otherwise ironclad defense allowing 38 points in the latest loss and the injury-stricken offense struggling to find a rhythm, senior tailback Albert Young won't let recent history play a factor when Iowa takes the field in front of an expected sellout crowd of 107,000 at Beaver Stadium.

"You might say it's cliché, but we really just need to just take it one game at a time," he said on Tuesday. "You know, a bowl game is the

last thing on our mind right now, but I'm definitely confident that it can get turned. I'm not just saying that because I'm on the team."

"We've definitely got the people out there to do it."

Moylan, Klinkenborg among doubtful for Saturday

Three days after defensive starters Mike Klinkenborg and Devan Moylan sat out against Indiana with injuries, Ferentz said on Tuesday that he isn't optimistic that either player will be ready to return by Saturday.

"Mike Klinkenborg, Devan Moylan, Jacody Coleman, and Trey Stross are all iffy," he said. "My guess is we'll know more [today]. We'll see how it goes."

After moving to free safety against the Hoosiers, senior defensive back Adam Shada is listed as the starter in Moylan's absence again this week. Junior Bradley Fletcher will start opposite Charles Godfrey at cornerback, while redshirt freshman Derrell Johnson-Koulianios will fill in for Stross at wide receiver.

Extra Points

Receiving the opening kickoff in all five of its games, Iowa is yet to score points on an opening drive this season ... By entering the Indiana game last weekend, wide receiver Allen Reisner became the 11th true freshman to

Douglas, Bowman to face arraignments

A arraignment date has been set for suspended Hawkeye football players Dominique Douglas and Anthony Bowman, according to court records.

The sophomore wide receivers are scheduled to appear at the Johnson County Courthouse on Oct. 18 to enter a plea to separate charges of unauthorized use of a credit card.

The two Detroit natives were arrested in August after allegedly making unauthorized purchases totaling more than \$2,000 on credit cards. After being charged, Douglas and Bowman were suspended indefinitely from participating in any Hawkeye football-team activities on Aug. 24, only a week prior to the team's opener against Northern Illinois.

Unauthorized use of a credit card is a Class D felony, which can net the players up to five years behind bars and \$10,000 in fines.

— by Samantha Miller

play for Iowa this season. The highest previous number of true freshmen to compete in a single season under Ferentz was seven, a mark set in 2000 and matched in 2003.

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NL DIVISION SERIES: GAME 1

Cubs, D-backs toss aces



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Chicago Cubs Craig Monroe (right) and Jacque Jones share a light moment during practice on Tuesday at Chase Field in Phoenix. The Diamondbacks and the Cubs will face off in Game One of their National League Division Series today.

By Bob Baum
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Brandon Webb is a quiet Kentuckian, Carlos Zambrano an emotional Venezuelan.

Their common bond is talent, and their duel in the desert tonight will go a long way toward determining the outcome of the division series between Webb's Arizona Diamondbacks and Zambrano's Chicago Cubs.

Chicago second baseman Mark DeRosa called Webb "one of the best pitchers in the game."

"But they've got to face 'Z,' too, so it's not going to be easy for them," DeRosa said Tuesday. "It's going to be one of those things where the first team to grab the momentum is going to have a nice day."

Going into Game 1 of the best-of-five NL Division Series, both aces are on a roll.

Webb (18-10) is 10-2 since the All-Star break. He allowed two runs in seven innings Sept. 28 at Colorado in a 4-2 victory that clinched a playoff berth for the young Diamondbacks. It was the Rockies' only loss in their last 15 games.

"He's the most even-keeled guy you could ever meet," Arizona catcher Chris Snyder said. "He's not going to get too high, he's not going to get too down on himself."

He's just going to go about his business, throw his game and whatever happens, happens."

Zambrano (18-13) didn't allow a run in his last two outings, six innings in an 8-0 victory over Pittsburgh on Sept. 23 and seven innings in a 6-0 win at Cincinnati on Sept. 28, when the Cubs clinched the NL Central title.

"He's probably the most competitive guy I've ever met," DeRosa said. "Just a fiery individual who wants the ball in the big moment, and he's going to get it."

Arizona won the season series with the Cubs 4-2 but never faced Zambrano. It could be an eye-opener for the youngsters Diamondbacks manager Bob Melvin will have in his lineup.

"We don't have a lot of postseason experience," he said. "We'll see how that plays out. Our guys are pretty excitable. They like to go out there and play."

Zambrano insists he won't wear his emotions on his sleeve when he takes the mound.

"I don't want to be pumped up," he said. "I just want to be calm and let the moment come, let the game come and pitch my game. I don't want to be too excited. Sometimes, when you are too excited, you're trying to do too much — that's when the problem comes, when you don't have control of yourself."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Young Bucks coming fast

By Rusty Miller
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — This wasn't the way the season was supposed to go for a young Ohio State team.

The Buckeyes were blessed with a weak early schedule, from which they hoped to glean some experience and get comfortable with their roles before moving on to what passes for the toughies in the Big Ten in the back half of the season.

Instead, little more than a month in, the Buckeyes find them-

selves ranked No. 4 and a national-championship contender.

"You know, we're a young team, but I would like to think that we're mature enough to think on Oct. 2 where you're ranked doesn't really have much credence," coach Jim Tressel said on Tuesday. "Hopefully, they'll stay focused on the task at hand as to what we need to get better at. And I think they will."

Somebody in the USA Today coaches' poll even tossed the Buckeyes a No. 1 vote.

Tressel wouldn't bite when asked if his team was indeed the best in the country.

"We've got a long way to go if we're going to be the best team in the nation," he responded.

The first major obstacle comes up on Saturday, when the Buckeyes travel to play No. 23 Purdue, which, as is Ohio State, is 5-0 overall and unbeaten in the Big Ten.

The Buckeyes are enjoying their rapid climb up in the polls. They were No. 11 in the preseason Associated Press poll, then dropped a spot after struggling early against

Youngstown State of the Playoff Subdivision (formerly I-AA). They climbed two spots the next week, two more the next, and then, after sitting at No. 8 for two weeks, they took advantage of four of the top seven teams losing last week to move up four notches.

Linebacker Marcus Freeman said he and his teammates keep a close watch on the teams at the top of the polls and how they're doing each Saturday.

MLB PLAYOFF PREVIEW

Look for Rockies, Cubs, Yankees, Angels to advance

By Tim Dahlberg
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Philadelphia Phillies were celebrating at City Hall as if they had just done something, and maybe they had. For a long time, it looked as though this season was going to be remembered for the 10,000th loss in the history of the franchise and this team was going to be remembered as yet another group of underachievers.

That changed when the New York Mets collapsed, and the Phillies got into the postseason for the first time in 14 years. So thousands gathered Monday to pay homage to the National League East champions.

But the Yankees do have the two best players in baseball on the left side of their infield, and they do understand what the postseason is all about.

Best of all, the pressure is off this Yankees team, which comes into this postseason as a hungry wild-card contender. That may be just what Alex Rodriguez needs to prove himself in October the way he has over and over again in the regular season.

Prediction: Yankees in four.

RED SOX-ANGELS

The Red Sox are a religion in the Boston area, while the Anaheim/Los Angeles/California Angels are merely something else to take the kids to after a day at Disneyland. But the two teams from opposite coasts are a lot alike when it comes to the product on the field.

Both have big sluggers in David Ortiz and Vladimir Guerrero, but it is pitching and speed that will matter most in this series. The Angels have the edge in both categories, though they would have been

feeling better about the series if they had not blown a chance at home-field advantage by losing three in a row to last-place Texas last week.

Prediction: Angels in five.

DIAMONDBACKS-CUBS

They say money can't buy happiness, but it did buy Chicago a spot in the postseason. The Cubs spent \$300 million in the off-season, and a big chunk of it went to Alfonso Soriano, who responded with 14 home runs in September to help the Cubs win the most mediocre division in baseball.

Soriano nearly broke the hearts of Diamondbacks fans when he hit a home run to put the Yankees ahead in the final game of the 2001 World Series, and it wouldn't be surprising if he is the difference for the Cubs, who might have more fans cheering them on at Chase Field than the home team.

Prediction: Cubs in five.

Prediction: Angels in five.

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Daily Break

horoscopes

Wednesday, October 3, 2007
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let someone who doesn't understand what you are trying to do get you down. An opportunity to learn something will open up if you attend a class, conference, or trade show. You'll be able to spin what you learn into something unique.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone in your community will shed light on an emotional situation you are facing. It's time to open up and talk about your feelings. Put the past behind you, and venture into new spiritual, mental, and emotional territory.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You need a change of scenery. Visit someone from your past, or get involved in a group that has an uplifting message. You need to surround yourself with positive energy that will reinforce the reasons you want to journey down a certain path.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be highly emotional, making this the perfect day to drum up the courage to say what you think, what you want, and how you see things unfolding in the future. Don't hold back now. Be brave, and you will take others by surprise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The more secretive you are about your personal life and your home, the better. You can make some fabulous changes to your residence or to the way things are run. A different approach dealing with loved ones will bring good results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get involved in something you believe in. Don't let anyone put you down for what you want to do. A change is in order at a personal or partnership level. You can obtain what you want if you go about it the right way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't fall short of your goals because you let people get in your way. Make changes you feel are necessary. Emotional issues are likely to plague you, but as long as you realize you can't maintain peace by being silent, you can move on unscathed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't stop now while the momentum is flowing and the options are available. Change is apparent, but if you fight it, you will only slow your progress. Embrace what comes your way, and make it work to your advantage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your best foot forward, roll up your shirtsleeves, and do your best to make a difference. Someone you meet while you crusade for your beliefs will join forces with you on many different levels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may feel drawn to someone who appears to understand your position, but be careful — ulterior motives may be involved. A money deal may take a turn that leaves you confused. When in doubt, don't make a move.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A change of scenery will do you good. Plan a little outing, or take on a new or unusual project. A project that interests you may also make you some extra cash. Broaden your horizons, and you will get ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick to basics, watch how you spend your money, and everything will pay off. Take the initiative if you meet someone who sparks an interest. Get serious about the direction your personal life is taking.

WEATHER TO FLOAT IN



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan
A parade float sits in a soggy parking lot near Stevens Drive on Tuesday. An afternoon of showers and thunderstorms was followed by a tornado warning for Johnson County, issued at approximately 7 p.m.

today's events

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- Ceramics Demonstration by Dean Adams & J. Daniel Murphy, 9 a.m., Ceramics Studio Area
- Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Barack Obama Foreign Policy Town Hall Meeting, 11 a.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- Campus Activities Board musical event, Amy Anderson, noon, IMU Hawkeye
- Intellectual Freedom Festival Brownbag Lunch, noon, Iowa City Public Library
- Iowa City Farmers' Market, 5:30 p.m., Chauncy Swan parking ramp
- Kathryn Goeldner, Master Class, 5:30 p.m., Voxman Music Building Harper Hall
- Kripalu DansKinetics, 5:30 p.m., Arts à la Carte, 20 E. Market
- City High Homecoming Parade, 6 p.m., Mercer
- Best Buddies Organizational Meeting, 7 p.m., 348 IMU
- Killer of Sheep, 7 p.m., Bijou

- Kripalu Gentle Yoga, 7 p.m., Arts à la Carte
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Zakes Mda, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- "The Disparity of African Americans in the Iowa Jails and Prisons," 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- "You're on the Air ... How to Really Make it in Voice-Overs," 7 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert
- Introduction to Meditation General Program, 7:30 p.m., J.R. Miller Fitness, 69 Second Ave.
- UI Symphony Band, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- King of Kong: Fistful of Quarters, 9 p.m., Bijou
- Old Time Relijun, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- Talk Art Cabaret, 10 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- The Jam, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

"What I did here, I did for every working woman in America. And that includes everyone who gets up and goes to work in the morning, everyone working in a corporate environment."

—Former New York Knick executive **Anucha Browne Sanders**. A jury ruled in favor of Sanders in her sexual-harassment lawsuit and ordered the Knicks to pay her \$11.6 million.

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ANDREW R. JUHL
Words I recently learned, their definitions, and what I originally thought they meant

- Soporific (causing sleep): fantastically drenched.
- Paucity (smallness of number): a cat metropolis (a catropolis).
- Nescience (lack of knowledge): the scientific study of horse whispering.
- Delectation (enjoyment): the opposite of lection.
- Grubstake (material assistance provided for launching an enterprise): one of the most expensive items on the menu in any restaurant catering exclusively to birds.
- Gentrification (the displacement of poorer resident by richer ones following urban renewal): the process Pip goes through in the middle of *Great Expectations*.
- Dearth (an inadequate supply): an inadequate Sith lord.
- Gnomic (characterized by aphorism): characterized by being small and hangin' around in gardens.
- Volplane (to glide): to create one massive plane out of five smaller lion-shaped planes.
- Propaedeutic (preparatory study or instruction): a paediatric that got drafted by the majors.
- Snickersnee (a large knife): the sound I make when I know someone around me has a chocolate bar.
- Wetware (the human brain's computational capabilities): bikinis!
- Andrew R. Juhl thanks Merriam-Webster and his own bad vocabulary for helping with today's Ledge. E-mail him at: andrew.juhl@uiowa.edu

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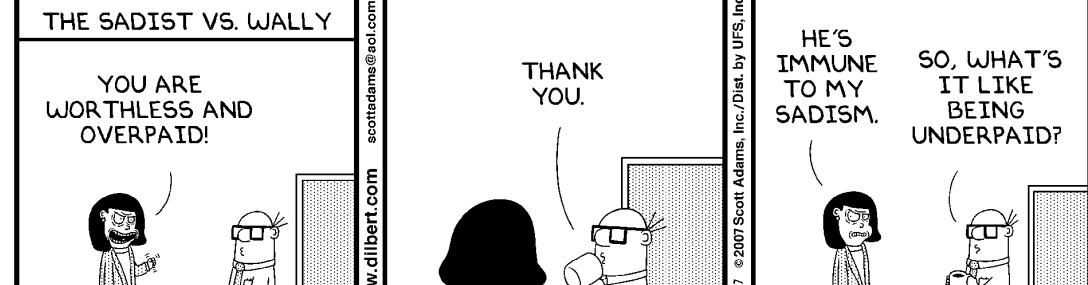
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| 2 News from Germany (in German) | 10 Ueye: Insight and Information about Student Life, Activities, and Recreation |
| 3 A Book Reading by Author Junot Diaz | 10:30 News from Daily Iowan TV |
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| 6 College of Education Presents | 7 A Book Reading by Author Junot Diaz |

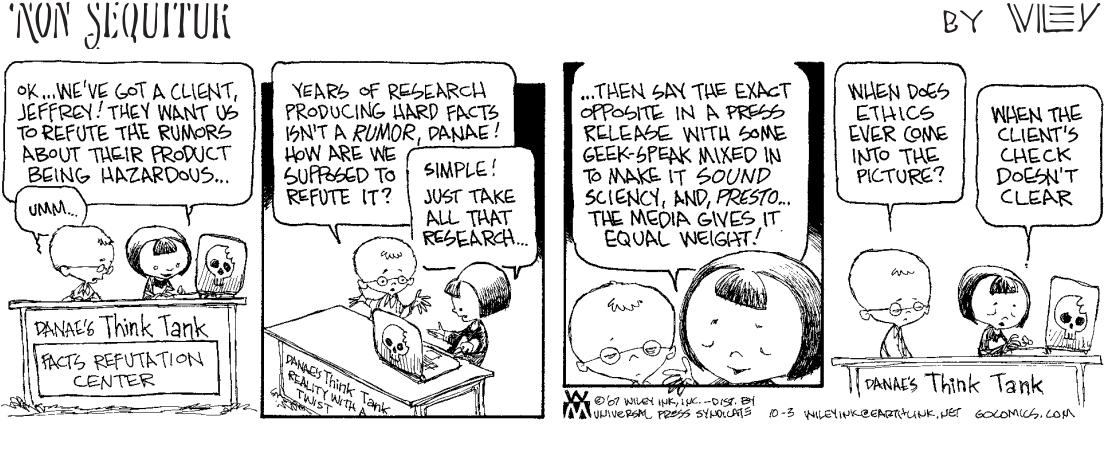
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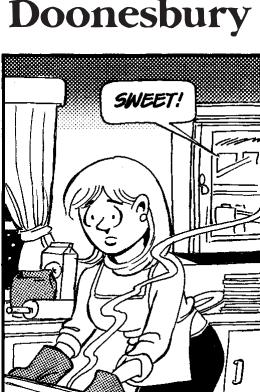
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