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MELROSE RIDGE APARTMENTS

15-year wait over

At long last, an apartment complex opens its doors to the mentally ill.



Ariana McLaughlin/The Daily Iowan

After a day at work breaking in horses, Luke McClimon enjoys his new independence with the help of Jeff Knock, the on-site manager (left) of Melrose Ridge. Knock helps in the facility by keeping up a daily routine.

By Margaret Poe
THE DAILY IOWAN

In the common area uniting the eight apartments, a plush maroon couch and a scattering of painted wooden pumpkins evoke home.

Down to a resident's photo of a white silo framed on the wall, the aura contrasts with the scent of newness wafting through the corridors.

The Melrose Ridge Apartments, which cater to low-income mentally ill residents, may have just opened last month, but the facility is an effort 15 years in the making.

Today, an open house and ceremony will officially dedicate the 18 apartments housed in two buildings on the western edge of Iowa City. Iowa first lady Mari

Culver will tour the complex, which is funded by federal, state, and local sources.

The new apartment complex is the first of its kind in Johnson County, developers say. By offering a transitional option between full institutional care and independent apartment living, the new housing fills a need for residents such as Luke McClimon, who moved into Melrose Ridge after living for two years at Chatham Oaks, a private nonprofit care facility adjacent to the new property.

"It gives people with mental illnesses the opportunity to live like a normal adult," he said as he sat in his spacious new home.

SEE HOUSING, 6A

New facility

For the last 15 years, mental-health advocates have tried to build a new facility on the western edge of Iowa City. Today, their vision is realized.

1992

Johnson County chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill members begin lobbying for an apartment complex.

1994

Johnson County Board of Supervisors agree to support the plan and submit a federal grant application. But largely because the land is outside city limits and not connected to city bus service, the effort fails.

2002

Alliance members renew struggle to build an eight- to 12-unit complex, again seeking federal funds. The site now falls within city boundaries and on bus routes.

2003

A Johnson County needs assessment finds serious gaps in housing options for mentally ill residents.

2006

Iowa City City Council rezones the Melrose Avenue plot to house two nine-unit buildings, which will become the first such accommodation in the county.

September 2007

Residents begin moving into the completed apartments, which open onto a common living area.

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First Lady of Iowa, Mari Culver, dedicates the residences.

UIHC moves on errors

The medical facility was found violating federal health and safety standards.

By Zhi Xiong
THE DAILY IOWAN

Cited by federal regulatory entities for several health and safety violations, officials at the UI Hospitals and Clinics said on Wednesday that there are still numerous chances for them to make corrections before losing accreditation.

"Hospitals almost have to try to lose accreditation," said Tom Moore, a UIHC spokesman. "Our goal is to get it right on the first try."

Initial investigations by the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals were catalyzed by a June incident in which the hospital failed to report the release of a patient to the nursing home. The patient was later found miles away at a relative's house.

The UIHC was given 30 days to respond to suggestions of improvement, but a subsequent visit by inspectors in August combed out the newest set of violations.

The inspections department found that nine unreported deaths where patients were restrained or secluded occurred since Feb. 2007, which was revealed at the request of the *Des Moines Register*.

The inspectors also discovered outdated medical equipment in several units, such as labor and delivery, pharmacy, bone-marrow transplant, and "crash carts" that support emergency victims.



Katen-Bahensky
UIHC director

SEE VIOLATIONS, 3A



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UI as political sounding board

The UI continues to serve the double function of higher-learning institution and political playground.

By Abby Harvey
THE DAILY IOWAN

The IMU, Hancher, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, and the Pentacrest are among the most highly used venues at the UI by political candidates and stumpers.

Although the political leaders who make appearances at the university have a seemingly endless supply of campaign dollars, they are, for the most part, able to rent space and speak their piece at the same rate charged to student organizations — what amounts to pocket change for campaigns with multimillion-dollar coffers.

"The student rates are, basically, quite a deal compared to public rates," said Cory Lockwood, the manager of IMU event services, who works in conjunction with student organizations to set up various political events.

The public base-rate for the IMU Main Lounge, for example, is \$3,600; student organizations can rent it for a \$565.

Political leaders are able to rent space at student rates because all campaign activities that take place on the UI campus — including the sciences and UIHC — must be sponsored by a recognized UI student organization.

"By sponsorship, it actually means that the student group is putting on the event," Lockwood said.

Lockwood, and other venue managers who set up student-sponsored events, often do the brunt of the work: setting up, making arrangements for parking and food service, and meeting, if necessary, with the Secret Service.

SEE IMU, 6A

Obama knocks Dems

Presidential hopeful Barack Obama said Wednesday that U.S. troops aren't in Iraq just because of President Bush.

Obama speaks in Iowa City

To see more on Sen. Barack Obama's town-hall meeting in Iowa City, watch Daily Iowan Television, dailyiowan.com.

By George Sweeney
THE DAILY IOWAN

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., said on Wednesday that his judgment is more valuable than the experience of other candidates for president to a packed IMU second-floor ballroom.

Obama also said the war in Iraq is not just the work of the Bush administration — the members of Congress who voted in 2002 to give Bush the authority to send troops are also to blame.

"They argue that they were really voting not for the war, they were voting for inspectors, or they were voting for diplomacy," he said. "But the American people understood in 2002 what we were debating.



Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., calls on an audience member after his speech on foreign policy on Wednesday in the IMU. After a speech criticizing the private security contractors such as Blackwater and current diplomatic stagnation with such countries as Iran, Syria, and Venezuela, Obama answered a handful of questions from the audience.

This was a vote about whether or not to go to war. Without that vote, there would be no war."

Shifting his focus against

criticism that he lacked experience, Obama again turned to the Iraq war.

SEE OBAMA, 3A

UIHC reacts to violations

VIOLATIONS
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Some equipment for wound care and tubing were more than five years past their expiration date.

They found inadequate infection control, with sullied and clean supplies kept together in the same utility rooms. In addition, inspectors found food that did not meet patients' specific nutritional needs, even under physicians' orders.

The UIHC received a copy of the report on Sept. 11 from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which ordered the investigation. No press releases were issued.

"It was never intended to be secret," said Donna Katen-Bahensky, the UIHC director and the UI senior associate vice president for Medical Affairs.

She said it was "unfair" that the inspectors' report was released without the UIHC's corrective plan attached.

The deaths under restraint were not reported to the Medicare/Medicaid Services, which Katen-Bahensky said was due to the national agency changing its rules for reporting such incidents.

The fatalities resulted from medical causes, not the restraints themselves, she said. Deaths from January to August are currently under review.

Finding three inadequacies out of approximately 490 "conditions for participation" or criteria is "not a sufficient amount of deficiency," said

'It was never intended to be secret.'

— **Donna Katen-Bahensky, UIHC director and the UI senior associate vice president for Medical Affairs**

Deborah Thoman, a UIHC senior assistant director.

"They went through every single drawer and cupboard," she said, adding that finding three violations in a 3-million-square-foot facility is not unusual.

There have been no such incidents in other hospitals around the state in his recollection, said David Werning, an inspections-department spokesman.

The UIHC is under a 90-day review period that started Aug. 10, Moore said.

The inspections department will return for an unannounced visit sometime this month.

Despite violations at the federal level, Katen-Bahensky said, the hospital is not losing accreditation with the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

In the meantime, UIHC officials are working on a formal corrective plan involving additional education of staff and labeling inspected equipment among other details. The plan must be approved by the Medicare/Medicaid Services before the hospital can regain its deemed status.

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PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN 2008

Obama jabs opponents on war

OBAMA
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"Who got the single most important foreign policy decision since the Cold War right, and who got it wrong?" he asked the crowd, referring to a speech he gave in Chicago Oct. 2, 2002, against the war, before Congress voted to authorize it.

He also blasted the use of private security firm Blackwater USA in Iraq, calling it an "unaccountable contractor." Obama also unveiled a plan to improve companies' accountability, including "a special FBI unit devoted entirely to investigating abuses by contractors."

Wednesday's speech was part of the Illinois senator's "Judgment and Experience Tour," which began Tuesday with a speech at DePaul University in Chicago. Obama held events in Des Moines and Coralville that same day, accompanied at both by Ted Sorenson, former adviser to President John F. Kennedy.

The first-term U.S. senator has been targeted by Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign because of his alleged lack of experience, an issue Rodham Clinton exploited following the July 23 Democratic debate in South Carolina, when Obama said he would be willing to open direct dialogue with the leaders of Iran, Syria, Venezuela, Cuba, and North Korea.

A former secretary of State under President Clinton, Madeleine Albright, publicly disagreed with Obama's answer,



Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan

Supporters and audience members fill the IMU Ballroom to listen to Democratic presidential-nominee hopeful Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., speak on Wednesday.

backing Rodham Clinton's position that she would not agree to meet with leaders of those countries. Rodham Clinton said she didn't want such meetings "to be used for propaganda purposes" and possibly further worsen relations with those countries.

In an interview with *The Daily Iowan*, Obama pointed out that former Carter administration National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski took his side.

"Obviously, Madeleine Albright has loyalties to Sen. [Rodham] Clinton, because President Clinton gave her her job as secretary of State. But I think that if you talk to thoughtful foreign-policy analysts, they'll tell you that we need to open up a new era in diplomacy," Obama said.

He gave the speech on the heels of a poll released Monday by the *Washington Post/ABC News*

showing a 12 percent jump for Rodham Clinton from three weeks previously and a 7 percent slip for Obama in the same period.

"Hillary Clinton enjoys more support nationally," said UI political-science Professor Peverill Squire, noting that Obama will feel more pressure to close the gap with Rodham Clinton and that as the Iowa caucuses near, "things could potentially

Rodham Clinton v. Obama in Primary Polls

Respondents to a Sept. 27-30 *Washington Post/ABC News* nationwide poll of Democrats:

- Rodham Clinton: 53 percent
- Obama: 20 percent
- Margin of error: 4 percent
- Oct. 3: Rasmussen Reports nationwide poll of likely Democratic primary voters
- Rodham Clinton: 44 percent
- Obama: 23 percent
- margin of error: 4 percent
- Sept. 26-27: *Newsweek* poll of likely Iowa caucus attendees
- Rodham Clinton: 24 percent
- Obama: 28 percent
- margin of error: 4 percent

grow nastier."

Rodham Clinton also won the third quarter's fundraising battle over Obama, though he still has raised more money raised overall. The New York senator raised \$27 million in the third quarter of 2007, while Obama pulled in \$20 million.

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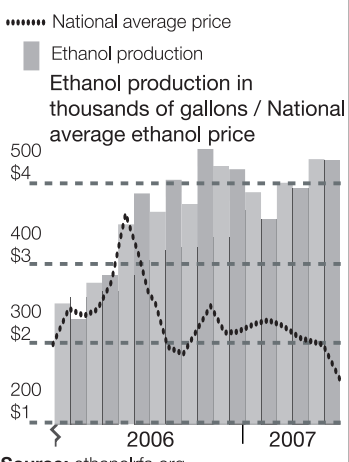
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Ethanol production up, price down

Fueled by an alternative-energy boom in Iowa, corn and ethanol production has jumped significantly, but the market outpaced consumer demand to drop the price.

Looking at ethanol

With production outpacing current demand, some worry that the development of ethanol production may start to slow.



By Matt Nelson
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Four years ago, Renewable Fuels Association President Bob Dinneen told a Senate environmental subcommittee that when need was mandated, the ethanol industry would step up.

“The U.S. ethanol industry has proven it can supply such demand, if necessary,” he said at that hearing.

The industry supplied it and more — since mid-2006, ethanol prices have dropped. Fueled by an alternative-energy boom in Iowa, corn and ethanol production has skyrocketed, creating what the U.S. Department of Agriculture expected to call the largest corn crop in U.S. history this year.

“When you look at the price of corn, there are so many variables. The demand for ethanol has been positive, but I think the price of ethanol and corn will always fluctuate.”

— Pam Johnson,
 Floyd County corn farmer

But a market flooded with ethanol and outpacing consumer demands is slowing the development of ethanol production.

“It’s time to sit back and take stock of where we are,” said Pam Johnson, a Floyd County corn farmer.

Though positive about the growth of ethanol, she noted that the industry has started to affect corn prices in mercantile exchanges.

“When you look at the price of corn, there are so many variables,” Johnson said. “The demand for ethanol has been

2009. Current estimates of production are just under 2 billion gallons, but new plant construction is expected to slow as expansions are added to current plants.

“There’s no big hand guiding the ethanol industry,” said Department of Agriculture Communications Director Dustin Vande Hoef. “The price of ethanol has gone down some recently, but I don’t think it’s overwhelming and completely unexpected.”

Vande Hoef pointed out that the ethanol market is reacting

as it naturally would to an excess of supply, highlighting the need for ethanol investors and Iowa industry to find new markets for the corn-based fuel.

The investing approach favored by Johnson, however, is a bullish one — steady and cautious.

“I’m positive about ethanol’s effects on economics and especially economics in Iowa,” she said. “If you’re a corn grower and investor, you just try to do the best job you can.”

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METRO

County officials study global warming

Global warming and the measures the county can take to combat it were major points of discussion at Wednesday night’s joint informal meeting between the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and Johnson County Board of Health.

Board of Health member Maureen McCue presented her group’s concerns on climate change, saying that the “health implications are quite long.”

“This is going to affect everyone,” she said. “I can’t say strongly enough how much we need to be a part of the solution and not the problem.”

One of the actions the Board of Health decided to take was to send a letter to Iowa Gov. Chet Culver, urging him not to support additional coal plants in Iowa because of the “increase in local and global warming pollution ... which is a cost to our health.”

Although no additional plants are planned to be built in Johnson County, the members stressed that

it was more than just a county problem.

Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said that although he agreed with the sending of the letter, he maintained the need for the Board of Health to address other county health issues as well.

“It seems very reasonable to do what you’re doing,” he said. “But there a lot of things out there that are worthwhile causes that may have even a closer effect on residents. And we hope that you’re sending those letters too.”

— by Shawn Gude

Forum probes incarceration of blacks

With a significantly higher black incarceration rate in Iowa, officials search for solutions at local forum.

By Nicholas Kelly
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City Human Rights Commission held an open forum Wednesday night on the disparity of black incarceration in Iowa prisons.

The forum, held in the Iowa City Public Library, was led by Cedar Rapids attorney Anthony Haughton, who said systemic issues in the Iowa legal structure have led to a situation in which black Iowans are finding themselves in the penal system more often than whites.

Relations between law enforcement and the community need to improve to rectify problems such as heightened incarceration rates, he said.

“Communication is key,” Haughton said. “How do you speak to the people, how do you treat them, how do they feel they’re being treated? If they feel that they’re being treated unfairly, it undermines the system as a whole.”

He also argued that increased representation of blacks in the law-enforcement field, especially in positions such as judges and litigators, would lead to a more balanced representation of ethnic groups in the penal system.

“There are very few African-American attorneys, and there is only one African American that I know of in the 6th Judicial District who practices in the area of criminal defense, and you’re looking at him,” said Haughton to the crowd.

Attendees at the forum were pleased that dialogue on disparity among ethnic groups in the penal system was being addressed in an open forum.

“The whole criminal-justice system in the Iowa City, and in the entire state I think needs at least some review and some consideration,” said Richard Klausner, Iowa City’s chief public defender. “The statistics are disturbing.”

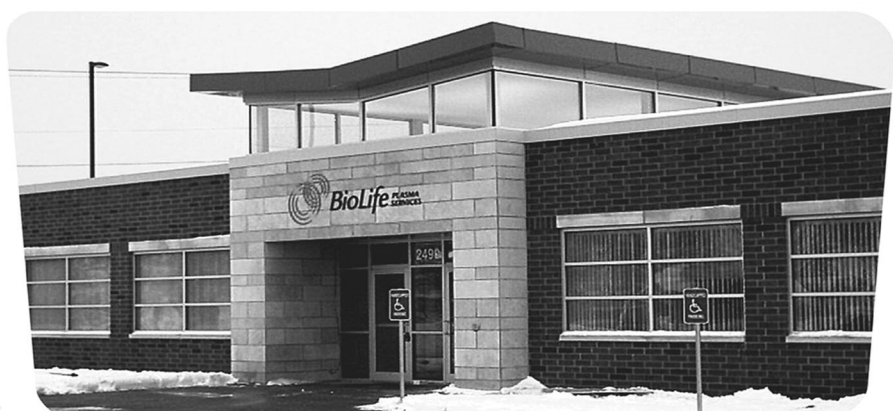
Others hope the forum is just the start of dialog on the issue.

“I think we need a part two, a continuation,” said Iowa City Human Rights Commission coordinator Stefanie Bowers. “I just don’t think we could do it all tonight. I don’t think everybody’s questions were answered, all the solutions, all the problems, I think it’s an ongoing debate.”

Some felt though the current system may not be perfect, the most permanent solution to the incarceration of Iowans, regardless of ethnic group, may be to foster environments that discourage criminal behavior and advocate personal responsibility.

“If you automatically assume criminal, and your environment is criminal, and people tell you you’re criminal then of course, over time you’re going to have a criminal,” said Doyle Landry of Positive Vision, a Cedar Rapids based career development program for high school students.

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Congress eyes private-security law



Price
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By Anne Flaherty
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Congress is moving to close a loophole in the law that has left private security contractors in Iraq such as Blackwater immune to criminal prosecution, despite warnings by the White House that expanding the law could cause new problems.

The House was expected to pass legislation today by Rep. David Price, D-N.C., that would extend criminal jurisdiction of U.S. courts

to any federal contractor working alongside military operations. Senate Democratic leaders said they planned to follow suit as soon as possible and send the measure to President Bush.

The legislation comes amid a string of allegations involving Blackwater USA employees hired by the State Department to protect diplomatic personnel in Iraq. In one case, a drunk Blackwater employee left a Christmas eve party in Baghdad and fatally shot the guard of one of Iraq's vice

presidents. The contractor was fired, fined, and returned home to the United States, but no charges have been filed.

More recently, Blackwater guards were involved in a Sept. 16 shootout that left 11 Iraqis dead. The FBI is currently investigating the incident.

But whether charges can be brought against any of the contractors is unclear, with federal officials citing murky laws governing the conduct of U.S. personnel abroad not hired directly by the military. The current law,

called the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act, covers personnel supporting the mission of Defense Department operations overseas.

Because Blackwater's primary mission is to protect State Department officials, defense lawyers would likely argue successfully that the law doesn't apply.

At the same time, U.S. contractors are immune from prosecution by Iraqi courts.

White House officials say they support increasing accountability of contractors abroad, but worry

that the House bill is too vague and may go too far. An administration statement issued Wednesday said the bill would have "unintended and intolerable consequences for crucial and necessary national security activities and operations."

But the statement did not explain further or give examples on how the bill would affect national security. The White House referred questions to the Justice Department, which declined to comment.

Farmers hearing bad pop

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANTHON, Iowa — Farmers in western Iowa are hearing a sound they'd rather avoid — pop.

It's the sound of soybeans springing from their pods, an aftereffect of a hail storm that smacked parts of western Iowa on Sunday afternoon.

For some, like farmer Eric O'Connell, the damage could end up costing thousands of dollars.

"You hear that?" he asked, standing in one of his fields three miles east of Anthon. "Those are soybeans. The pods are popping open, and the soybeans are falling off."

O'Connell estimates that damage he suffered across 400 acres of farmland will cost him tens of thousands of dollars. It's the result of the storm, which swept quickly west to east, affecting farms in several northwestern Iowa counties, including Woodbury, Ida, Sac, Buena Vista, and Plymouth.

This week, crop adjusters are expected to flock to northwest Iowa to estimate the damage brought by the storm.

O'Connell estimated that his gross soybean revenue would have been about \$650 per acre, based on a yield of 65 bushels per acre. His estimate takes soybeans at their current price, about \$10 a bushel.

Multiplied by 400 acres, that means his farming operation could have taken in roughly \$260,000 in bean crops. But after the hail storm knocked his soybeans from their pods, his combine can't gather them in.

He expects that they will go to waste leaving him with gross revenue of around \$28,000 — a difference of \$232,000. He doesn't believe his crop insurance will cover the hit, either, because when he bought the insurance soybeans were only trading at \$7 per bushel.

O'Connell tried to make the best of his problem, combining his fields earlier this week to collect as much as he could before the soybeans popped. Still, fields he expected to yield 60 bushels only netted seven.

He is taking a philosophical approach to the setback.

"You're at Mother Nature's mercy," he said staring at thousands of healthy soybeans in the muck beneath his boots. "You play the hand she deals you."



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Politics no stranger to UI

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Lockwood pointed to Wednesday's Barack Obama event as an example, saying that with all the time required, the compensation is meager.

"It's a whole new level when the Secret Service is involved," he said.

The UI Democrats is one student organization that aids political candidates in their desire to speak to the liberal-leaning campus.

"Campaigns contact us," said Atul Nakhasi, the president of the UI Democrats. "Often, we don't have to even take part in any transactions; the campaign itself will write a check to the venue managers."

But precautions have been taken to ensure that speakers are not being paid to campaign for themselves, as happened with Wesley Clark who declared his candidacy on Sept. 17, 2003, and then spoke two days later at the Boyd Law Building. Clark then returned the nearly \$30,000 he garnered for the speech.

"Within the event into form, we do ask that question, 'Are you paying this person?'" said Lockwood, in regards to student organizations giving money to the candidates or stumpers.

Single-candidate events are an easy feat in comparison with setting up an event such as a debate, Nakhasi said. The UI Democrats are making

arrangements to host the top six Democratic candidates and more than 1,500 students representing 47 higher-education institutions across the state for a presidential-youth discourse at Hancher in November.

Nakhasi said that with Hancher, it will be a little different, with numerous candidates.

The student base price for renting Hancher is around \$7,000, a far cry from the cost of renting IMU space — especially when it is the student organization pursuing the candidates and coughing up the money. But funding for events such as this does not rest solely on the shoulders of the UI Democrats. The Young Democrats of America and the local Democrat Party has been very generous, Nakhasi said.

Greg Baker, the chairman of the UI College Republicans, said there has been talk of hosting both Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney in late October or early November on campus.

"We've never hosted a large campaign on campus yet," said Baker. "They usually tend to use the hotels in Coralville; they think they'll have better luck out there."

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Facility finally open

HOUSING
CONTINUED FROM 1A

McClimon has dealt with symptoms of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder for nearly a decade, ranging from delusional episodes to extreme emotional swings. The structured lifestyle at a facility helps level him, he said, but he also treasures the freedom of coming and going as he pleases.

In McClimon's living room, cowboy hats hang above his couch, and a saddle is propped in the corner, reflecting his weekly horseback rides. In the kitchen, the gleaming stovetop range is like that in any local apartment — though a bit cleaner. But unlike most landlords, Melrose Ridge staff can quickly deactivate the appliance if residents feel it poses a safety risk, given their current mental conditions.

Such safety features make the apartments unique, said on-site manager Jeff Knock. A trained supported community living associate, he spends most of his day between the two apartment buildings.

While residents are free to go about their own lives, he coordinates group sojourns to the grocery store and other activities. Several times weekly, employees check on residents, making sure they are taking their medications and maintaining their homes. And they always offer a listening ear, he said.

"If they're having a bad day, they can step out and say hi," Knock said.

The new housing option complements the services offered by Chatham Oaks, which houses around 80 men-

'There was a turnover in the Board of Supervisors, and we managed, little by little, to persuade the social workers this was a good idea.'

— **Gene Spaziani, 12-year member of the Johnson County chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and UI biology professor emeritus**

tally ill patients, said Vivian Davis, the facility's director.

"Melrose Ridge is a big step toward independence," she said. "Ultimately, the biggest benefit is to be living kind of a typical life."

Yet, as anyone involved with the project declares, achieving that goal wasn't easy.

Along with other committed mental-illness advocates, Rose Marie Friedrich envisioned the complex 15 years ago. That initial group drew out the plans with the help of Burns & Burns L.C. But some supervisors worried the land was too far out of town, and local social workers worried that the far-west location was merely an attempt to "warehouse" the

mentally ill, said Gene Spaziani, a 12-year member of the Johnson County chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

But over the ensuing years, the advocates doggedly fought for their vision.

"I never gave up, not even for a minute," said Friedrich, a former psychiatric nurse and instructor in the UI College of Nursing. "It was frustrating, but if I really believe in something strongly, I'll continue to work on it."

By 2002, the project renewed its momentum.

"There was a turnover in the Board of Supervisors, and we managed, little by little, to persuade the social workers this

was a good idea," said Spaziani, a UI biology professor emeritus.

As is the case with many alliance members, Friedrich has a family member, a daughter, who deals with a mental illness.

At the urging of advocates, the supervisors offered a 50-year, \$1 annual lease on the land. Supervisor Terrence Neuzil committed himself to the project, in part because his aunt dealt with mental illness.

"[Affordable housing] is a need in this county like no other," he said. "In this case, we've found a way to help that issue."

Ultimately, the project united the community, he said.

"There have been many people within the community that wanted this for a very long time," Neuzil said. "It was a matter of putting the resources and the ideas together to really make this happen."

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North Korean workers and students perform North Korea's biggest propaganda spectacle, the Arirang, at the May Day stadium in Pyongyang, North Korea, on Wednesday. North Korea pledged Wednesday to disable its main nuclear-weapons facilities by the end of the year, while leader Kim Jong Il huddled with his South Korean counterpart at the two Koreas' first summit in seven years to talk about a greater peace on the peninsula.

N. Korea agrees to disable reactor

By Burt Herman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea pledged Wednesday to detail its nuclear programs and disable all activities at its main reactor complex by the end of the year, its firmest commitment to disarm after decades seeking to develop the world's deadliest weapons.

The agreement at talks in China came on the same day North Korean leader Kim Jong Il held talks in the communist nation's capital of Pyongyang with South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun at the first summit between the two countries in seven years.

In Washington, President Bush hailed the nuclear deal and said it reflected the "common commitment" of the talks to shut down North Korea's atomic-weapons program.

Under an agreement reached in February, Pyongyang was required to shut down and seal

its sole operating reactor at its main nuclear complex, which it did in July after the United States reversed its hard-line policy against the regime. The second phase required it to disable the reactor and provide a full description of all its nuclear programs. Wednesday's agreement calls for that to happen by the end of the year.

The North said it would allow the United States to lead a group of experts to Pyongyang within two weeks "to prepare for disablement" of its nuclear facilities, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wu Dawei said in Beijing. The United States wants the dismantling process to be so thorough that a nuclear facility could not be made operational for at least 12 months.

The United States was secretive about what it promised in return.

The United States has agreed to lead disablement activities and provide the initial funding for them. Washington also iterated

its willingness to remove North Korea from a list of countries that sponsor terrorism, a key demand of Pyongyang.

No timetable was set for this action, but a joint statement said it will happen "in parallel with" the North Korean government following through on its commitment.

"The two sides will increase bilateral exchanges and enhance mutual trust," the statement says.

Besides the United States and China, three other countries — Russia, South Korea, and Japan — participated in the talks with the North.

The five countries reiterated a commitment to deliver aid under the February disarmament deal granting the North the equivalent of 1 million tons of fuel oil. On Sept. 28, in anticipation of the new agreement, the United States also announced it would spend up to \$25 million to pay for 50,000 tons of heavy fuel oil for North Korea.

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Bush vetoes health bill



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President Bush speaks to the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the J Group in Lancaster, Pa., on Wednesday.

By David Espo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — It was a quiet veto, but one certain to produce a big echo.

President Bush rejected a politically attractive expansion of children's health insurance, triggering a fierce struggle with the Democratic-controlled Congress certain to reverberate into the 2008 elections.

"Congress will fight hard to override President Bush's heartless veto," vowed Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Republican leaders expressed confidence they have enough votes to make the veto stick in the House, and not a single senior Democrat disputed them. A two-thirds majority in both houses of Congress is required to override a veto.

Bush vetoed the bill in private, without the television cameras and other media coverage that normally attend even routine presidential actions. The measure called for adding an estimated 4 million mostly lower-income children to a program that currently covers 6.6 million. Funds for the expansion would come from higher tobacco taxes, including a 61-cent increase on a pack of cigarettes.

"Poor kids first," Bush said later in explaining his decision, reflecting a concern that some of

the bill's benefits would go to families at higher incomes. "Secondly, I believe in private medicine, not the federal government running the health care system," he added in remarks to an audience in Lancaster, Pa.

The president said he is willing to compromise with Congress "if they need a little more money in the bill to help us meet the objective of getting help for poor children."

It was the fourth veto of Bush's presidency, at a time his popularity is low, the legislation popular enough to draw support from dozens of GOP lawmakers, and an override certain to seal his lame-duck status.

Democratic leaders scheduled the showdown for Oct. 18 to allow two weeks for pressure to build on Republicans. A union-led organization said it would spend more than \$3 million trying to influence the outcome. "It's going to be a hard vote for Republicans," promised Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Criticism of the veto was instantaneous, from every quarter of the Democratic political firmament.

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, a presidential hopeful, called it unconscionable, party chairman Howard Dean labeled it appalling, and Pelosi said, "It's very sad that the president has chosen to veto a bill that would provide health care for 10 million American

children for the next five years."

Republicans said none of the criticism would matter. "I'm confident that the more time we have to explain the veto, the more people will be with their position," said Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, second-ranking GOP leader in the House.

Longer term, Republicans said their goal was to sustain the veto and force Democrats into negotiations on a compromise GOP lawmakers could embrace.

"Democrats now face an important choice: either work with Republicans to renew this program or continue to play politics on the backs of our nation's children," said Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the House Republican leader.

He and other Republicans said Democratic plans to delay an override vote revealed an eagerness to score political points.

Democrats were in no mood to compromise. Several officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity because they were discussing strategy, said Pelosi and Reid seemed set on sending Bush successor bills that are

nearly identical with the one he just vetoed. The goal would be to force him — and his congressional allies — to repeatedly expose themselves to criticism that they were denying health care for kids.

Both sides took comfort from polling data as they settled in for their struggle.

House Republicans said its poll showed the public sides with Democrats by a margin of 60-35. The veto battle "gives Democrats a large advantage with independents, as well as mobilizing democratic supporters. Indeed, the president has not won over Republican voters on this issue," said an accompanying memo.

House Republicans quietly distributed a survey by David Winston, who is close to Boehner, that came to a different conclusion. It said critics of the legislation can win the public debate if they say they favor "covering uninsured children without expanding government coverage to adults, illegal immigrants, and those who already have insurance ..." A copy of the poll was obtained by the Associated Press.

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Burma steps up pressure

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RANGOON, Burma — After crushing the democracy uprising with guns, Burma's junta stepped up its campaign to intimidate citizens Wednesday, sending troops to drag people from their homes in the middle of the night and letting others know they were marked for retribution.

"We have photographs. We are going to make arrests," soldiers yelled from loudspeakers on military vehicles that patrolled the streets in Rangoon, Burma's biggest city.

People living near the Shwedagon Pagoda, Burma's most revered shrine and a flash point of unrest during the protests, reported that security forces swept through several dozen homes about 3 a.m., taking away many men and even some women for questioning.

A U.N. Development Program employee, Myint Nwe Moe, and her husband, brother-in-law and driver were among those detained, the U.N. agency said.

Dozens of Buddhist monks jammed Rangoon's main train station after being ordered to vacate their monasteries — centers of the anti-government demonstrations — and told to go back to their hometowns and villages.

It was not clear who ordered them out. Older abbots in charge of monasteries are seen as tied to the ruling military junta, while younger monks are more sympathetic to the democracy movement.

"People are terrified," said Shari Villarosa, the acting U.S. ambassador in Burma. "People have been unhappy for a long time. Since the events of last week, there's now the unhappiness combined with anger and fear."

In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he would meet with the Security Council on Friday to discuss possible actions for addressing human-rights abuses in Burma, calling the situation here a top international concern.

Ban said his special envoy, Ibrahim Gambari, delivered "the strongest possible message" to Burma's military leaders during a four-day visit to this Southeast Asian nation but added that he could not call the trip "a success." The junta has not commented on Gambari's visit.

Gambari called on the regime to stop repression of peaceful protests, release detainees, and move more credibly toward democratic reform, the U.N. spokesman's office said.

Anti-junta demonstrations broke out in mid-August over a fuel price hike, then ballooned when monks took the lead last month. But the military crushed the protests a week ago with bullets, tear gas, and clubs. The government said 10 people were killed, but dissident groups put the death toll at up to 200 and say 6,000 people were detained.

New video broadcast on CNN showed police and soldiers rounding up demonstrators and beating them before loading them on trucks. In one view, around six young men squat on the street, hands on their heads, cringing. One in a red shirt — the color adopted by the protest movement — is singled out for particular abuse.



Villarosa
U.S. ambassador in Burma

Carter confronts Sudanese

By Alfred de Montesquiou
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABKABIYA, Sudan — Former President Jimmy Carter confronted Sudanese security services on a visit to Darfur Wednesday, shouting, "You don't have the power to stop me," at some who blocked him from meeting refugees of the conflict.

The 83-year-old Carter wanted to visit a refugee camp in South Darfur, but the U.N. mission in Sudan deemed that too dangerous. Instead, he agreed to fly to the World Food Program compound in the North Darfur town of Kabkabiya, where he was supposed to meet with refugees, many of whom were chased from their homes by militias and government forces.

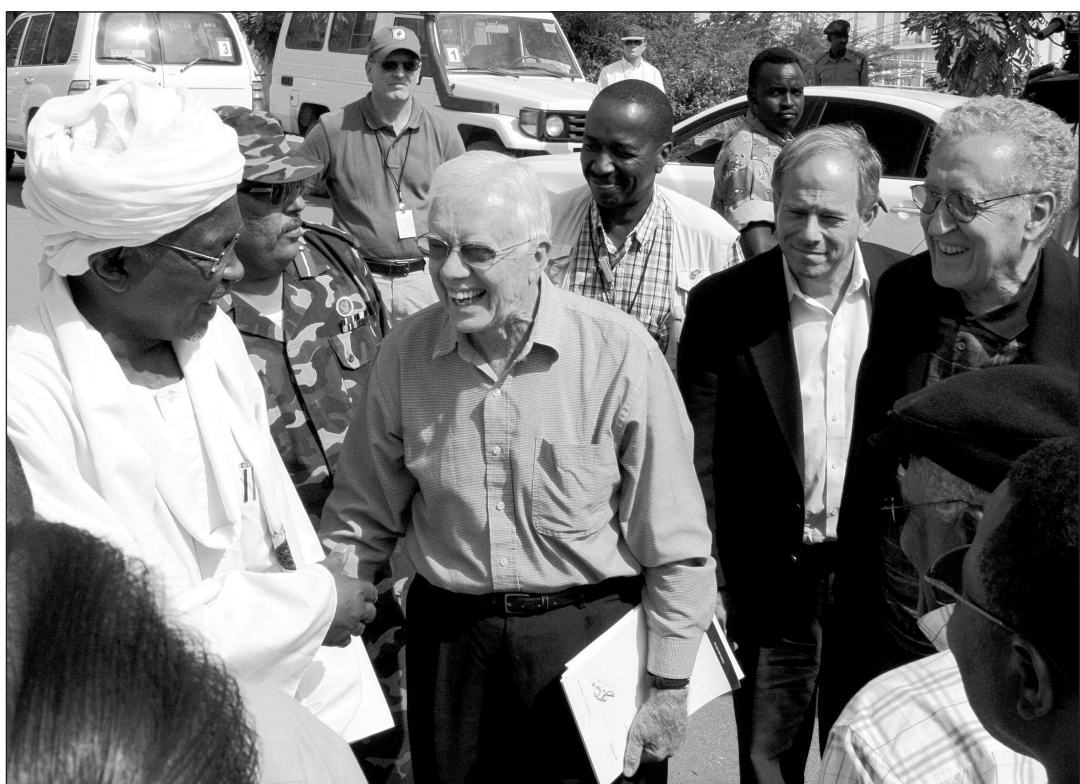
But none of the refugees showed up, and Carter decided to walk into the town, a volatile stronghold of the pro-government Janjaweed militia, to meet refugees too frightened to attend the meeting at the compound.

He was able to make it to a school where he met with one tribal representative and was preparing to go farther into town when Sudanese security officers stopped him.

"You can't go. It's not on the program," the local security chief, who only gave his first name as Omar, yelled at Carter, who is in Darfur as part of a delegation of respected international figures known as "The Elders."

"We're going to anyway," an angry Carter retorted as a crowd began to gather. "You don't have the power to stop me."

However, U.N. officials told Carter's entourage the Sudanese state police could bar his way. Carter's traveling companions, billionaire businessman Richard Branson and Graca Machel, the wife of former South African



Alfred de Montesquiou/Associated Press
The governor of North Darfur, Youssouf Kebir (left), greets former U.S. President Jimmy Carter (third from left) and U.N. diplomat Lakhdar Brahimi, right, at his residence in El Fasher, North Darfur, Sudan, on Tuesday. A group of elder statesmen, including former Carter and Nobel peace laureate Desmond Tutu, urged all sides in Darfur's bloodshed to reach a peace deal as they began touring the region Tuesday.

President Nelson Mandela, tried to ease his frustration, and his Secret Service detail urged him to get into a car and leave.

"I'll tell President Bashir about this," Carter said, referring to Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir.

Omar, the security chief, said Carter had already breached security once by walking to the school and would not be allowed to breach security again.

"We are in the security field. We're not that flexible," he said after the confrontation ended.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Carter later played down the encounter, saying the security chief was

only doing his job.

"But it's true that I'm not accustomed to people telling me I can't walk down the street and meet people," he told the AP after returning to a United Nations compound in El Fasher, the capital of North Darfur state.

Branson said some refugees had slipped notes in his pockets.

"We (are) still suffering from the war as our girls are being raped on a daily basis," read one of the notes, translated from Arabic, that Branson handed to the AP.

The note said that on Sept. 26, a group of girls had been raped and a refugee had been shot two days ago. Branson

said it had been handed over by an ethnic African man.

For the most part, the refugees in Kabkabiya appeared too frightened to speak to the visiting delegation. Most of the community leaders the mission met during its two-day visit to Darfur appeared to be government-vetted, and several ethnic African delegates told AP they had been intimidated by authorities into turning down invitations from "the Elders."

"This illustrates the challenges that communities and humanitarian workers face in Darfur," said Orla Clinton, spokeswoman for the U.N. Mission in Sudan, who witnessed the incident.

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Editorial

GI bill needs reinforcements

The Montgomery GI Bill for soldiers in active duty was intended to provide a means for returning soldiers to gain access to higher education or job training. Initially a resource for returning World War II veterans, the GI Bill has devolved into a complicated system that provides limited financial aid to soldiers meeting the program's qualifications. For many years, the system was an extremely helpful tool for American veterans. However, in recent years, the high costs of education have vastly outstripped the financial assistance provided by the bill — greatly reducing its potential to help veterans seeking higher education.

The assistance provided by the active-duty GI Bill is not without cost. Over the course of a year, soldiers must take a monthly pay cut of \$100 in order to qualify for the benefits provided by the bill. Furthermore, potential recipients must have been on uninterrupted active duty for a period equal to that of her or his initial enlistment. This means soldiers must spend a substantial amount of time in active duty in order to receive the maximum benefits. Thus, the GI Bill essentially provides assistance to those brave enough to risk their lives in active duty. It would seem that such a great risk would merit an equally substantial amount of aid, but this is, unfortunately, not the case.

The GI Bill provides a multitude of payment plans depending on the amount of time that the recipient spends in the pursuit of education or job training. For veterans enrolled as full-time students, the bill provides a monthly check of \$1,101 for a period of three years. Conversely, recipients enrolled in a minimal amount of course work can stretch the period out for as long as 10 years, though they will receive only \$275.25 per month. For returning soldiers seeking job training, this might suffice. Many on-site

training programs, such as trade schools, pay trainees for their time. However, for veterans hoping to receive a four-year degree, the assistance provided by the GI Bill is far from sufficient.

According to U.S. Census Bureau statistics for 2003-04 enrollment — the latest available data of attendance costs — the average cost of attending a public four-year institution is \$15,039 per year. Full-time attendance at a private four-year institution requires an average of \$26,790 per year. Clearly, \$13,212 — the maximal yearly aid provided by the GI Bill — cannot support a student attending a four-year institution. In fact, because the maximum amount of aid encompasses only three years, veterans attending four-year programs will not receive any aid in their fourth year.

There are, of course, sacrifices that could help veterans to make the most of their GI benefits. Returning soldiers could simply attend less expensive two-year colleges or make up the monetary difference through work. However, this should not be necessary. The GI Bill was intended to reward those who risked everything by giving them a head start in their pursuit of a better life. American veterans have done everything in their power to help their country. As such, when they finally come home, it seems right that their country return the favor.

The lacking provisions of the GI Bill complement the already insufficient treatment of American veterans. Scandals such as that concerning the neglected patients at Walter Reed Army Medical Center cast a skeptical shadow over the notion of veteran "benefits." Clearly, a portion of American soldiers continue to slip through the cracks of the system intended to support them — an unacceptable reality in consideration of what veterans have done to merit such benefits.

— I'm thinking those not native to the Iowa City/Coralville area might understand my point of view on this a bit better than "corridor" lifers, but is anyone else baffled at how ridiculous our local television market is? When I moved here, I was blown away by the fact that Dubuque is in our market, as well as Cedar Falls/Waterloo and Cedar Rapids. I can turn on the local news and see maybe one story relevant to my municipality, but hear weather warnings for Lafayette County. What's that? You've never heard of Lafayette County, Iowa? That's understandable, seeing as Lafayette County is in freaking Wisconsin. How can a station effectively cover such a large geographic area? Answer: It can't.



NATE WHITNEY

— I, like most hairy, testosterone-riddled Adam's apple-having 20-somethings, am hooked on sports. Because of the sad state of affairs that is modern FM radio (excluding you, of course, KRUI) I usually listen to AM sports radio when I don't have a CD in. I've noticed that, as I drive within a mile of the Dodge Street exit on Interstate 80, KXIC's signal almost always bleeds over, no matter what station I'm trying to listen to. If it's amplitude modulation, it's completely hijacked by AM 800. This creates a strong urge to intentionally steer my car into oncoming traffic when my sports talk radio suddenly mutates into the crystal clear blather of Sean Hannity. Isn't there some kind of FCC rule that should prohibit a signal from being so intense as to be heard through your fillings while driving by the broadcast tower?

— This just in: O.J.'s been arrested again.

— CNN.com featured a story Tuesday with the headline "Halle Berry: Pregnancy took a lot of work." Clicking on the story link (I know, I shouldn't have) pulled up a bulleted list of "story highlights," the first of which was "Halle Berry and boyfriend Gabriel Aubry worked on getting her pregnant." The story makes it sound like knocking Berry up involved a New England think tank, a team of NASA researchers, and the original construction crew of the Panama Canal.

Yeah, I'll bet that process was quite the tedious drag for Mr. Aubry. I'll bet he had to put in a lot of long (watch yourself, now) days to achieve his objective. I feel so bad for you, Gabriel Aubry. Some advice for the tired couple; when you begin "work" on your second child — which the story explains you'll do in the near future — let me know. Hell, let just about any guy know, and I promise he'll be willing to help with that burdensome task. Whatever.

— Lots of people were frustrated with the high price of the iPhone when it debuted, but Dongmei Li of Queens, N.Y., is suing Apple because it cut the cost of the phone. She had the misfortune of purchasing her eight gigabyte paperweight for \$499 just before its price was slashed by \$200. Li somehow figures that her impatience and bad luck — oh, and that \$200 — could easily be made up for with a nice seven-figure check from Apple. So we're really suing companies now for lowering prices? I'm guessing Dongmei Li is just a bent Mets fan.

— This just in: O.J.s been acquitted again.

— Various Democrats proposed a "war surtax" on Tuesday, aiming to assist in paying for the war and provoking me to wonder again why I recently registered as a Democrat. Much as Republicans think everything from AIDS in Africa to pigeon poop on federal buildings can be fixed by cutting taxes (I know that was ridiculous; Republicans would never consider ways to end AIDS in Africa), the old stigma of Democrats hiking taxes is just as true, evidently.

— It's a futile pursuit, and I know I'll pay for it emotionally further down the road, but I'll be cheering on Lou Piniella and the North Siders this week, so I'd be remiss if I didn't say GO CUBBIES! Whoo. ■

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Don't blame Big Ten Network for football woes

I'm still not sure who Edwin van Beek is asking his questions of, or what his point really is, but there are a few things from his recent letter to the editor (Oct. 3, "Big Ten network could have been big mistake") that I can clear up.

How can the "400,000" people in eastern Iowa support their Hawkeyes when the game is on the Big Ten Network? Simple. Keep calling Mediacom and Comcast and impress upon them your passion for college athletics. They foolishly believe that more people would rather have numerous shopping-at-home channels than a network that contains the local favorite team and the ability to watch the rest of its brothers. Not only does this channel air the most recent Big Ten football contests all week long, but it also takes you down memory lane with previous great

games from the gridiron. And it has been a boon to women's athletics, providing a place for women's soccer, volleyball, and other nonrevenue sports to finally get more exposure. And this network is somehow a mistake? Just wait until basketball season.

Edwin, if you truly believe that Iowa fans are turning their backs on the Hawkeyes because of a sports channel that is readily available to most people, then you haven't been an Iowa fan very long. Through 19-straight non-winning football seasons, Iowa fans showed up at Kinnick, averaging more than 50,000 per game, to support teams they knew were not very good. Disappointment in losing to Iowa's favorite Homecoming foe should not be misconstrued as lack of support. That is just what happens when your team gives a game away, a game they needed badly.

Ben Bessman
UI staff



Commentary

Cruel but not unusual

In agreeing to decide whether some executions by lethal injection are so painful as to violate the Constitution, the Supreme Court has given at least some death-row inmates a reprieve. After deciding last week to hear a lethal-injection case from Kentucky, the court stayed a scheduled execution in Texas. Executions in California already were on hold pending a federal judge's approval of new lethal-injection procedures.

Opponents of the death penalty — including this page — must welcome any legal development that leads to fewer executions, even in the short term. But it would be a mistake to regard the Supreme Court's decision to review Kentucky's lethal-injection procedures as the beginning of the end of the death penalty.

In the debate over capital punishment, lethal injection is a sideshow. To be sure, some death-penalty opponents have sought to make it the main event. Last year, after a federal judge in San Jose postponed the execution of Michael Morales because of defects in the lethal-injection procedure, one lawyer observed that states were "hitting the wall in the futile search for a humane death penalty."

We wish that were so. But if the definition of a "humane" execution is one in which there is no "unnecessary risk of pain and suffering" — the standard being urged on the high court by lawyers for two Kentucky inmates — it is clearly within the ken of science to provide such a procedure. If surgical patients can be reliably anesthetized, so can prisoners. Given that fact, it is shocking that with present protocols, an inmate may not be unconscious when he is injected with drugs that cause paralysis and then death.

By all means, the high court should require states to ensure that inmates facing the death penalty don't suffer unnecessary pain. But that is a gesture of basic humanity, not the ultimate solution. It isn't the "how" of capital punishment that has led other civilized societies to abolish the death penalty. It's the "what" — the taking of a human life by the state when there are other ways to both punish the perpetrator and protect society.

Paradoxically, then, if the Supreme Court authorizes more humane methods of execution, it may abet an increase in state-sanctioned killing — and thus deepen this nation's inhumanity and moral isolation.

This editorial appeared in Wednesday's Los Angeles Times.

On the Spot

Should the financial aid provided to veterans by the GI bill be increased?



"Definitely, it should be increased considering what they have done."

Heather Quigley
UI senior



"Obviously, it should be increased. It's not fair for them to come home and not get enough money."

Tim Reed
UI freshman



"It should be increased for students going to school, and other benefits should be increased, too."

Kyle Sieck
UI senior



"If you want to be a full-time student, it's not enough money, so they should be increased."

Bryan Welch
UI freshman

Envoy survives ambush

By Kim Curtis
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — A daring ambush of bombs and gunfire left Poland's ambassador pinned down in a burning vehicle Wednesday before being pulled to safety and airlifted in a rescue mission by the embattled security firm Blackwater USA. At least three people were killed, including a Polish bodyguard.

The attack — apparently well planned in one of Baghdad's most secure neighborhoods — raised questions about whether it sought to punish Poland for its contributions to the U.S.-led military force in Iraq. But Poland's prime minister, Jaroslaw Kaczynski, said his nation would not retreat "in the face of terrorists."

The diplomatic convoy was hit by three bombs, and then attackers opened fire in the Shiite-controlled Karradah district. Polish guards returned fire as the injured ambassador, Gen. Edward Pietrzyk, was pulled from his burning vehicle. At least 10 people, including four Polish security agents, were wounded.

U.S. Embassy officials dispatched Blackwater helicopters to evacuate the ambassador and others. Blackwater was not involved in protecting the Polish convoy.

Pietrzyk, who was commander of ground forces in Poland before taking the ambassador post in April, suffered minor burns over 20 percent of his body, including his head and right arm and leg, said Polish Charge d'Affaires Waldemar Figaj.

"They were waiting for us," Figaj told the Associated Press as he gave details of the attack.

Shortly after the assault, Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki renewed his



U.S. soldiers inspect damaged vehicles, including the one (top) in which Polish Ambassador to Iraq Edward Pietrzyk was traveling when he was injured in a car-bomb attack in central Baghdad on Wednesday. The ambassador was slightly wounded, and one civilian was killed in the attack.

Khalid Mohammed/Associated Press

government's offensive against Blackwater.

"There have been 190 victims of Blackwater ... The kind of accusations leveled against the company means it is not fit to work in Iraq," he told a news conference.

It was not known if al-Maliki knew Blackwater rescued the Polish envoy. It also was not clear if the 190 victims represented a new figure arising from an Iraqi investigation or a reference to the 195 incidents involving the U.S. security company outlined in a House report earlier this week.

Congress is looking into Blackwater's role in a Sept. 16 shootout that left 11 Iraqis dead in a west Baghdad intersection and other incidents by the Moyock, N.C.-based company, which protects U.S.

diplomats and others in Iraq.

Diplomatic missions or foreign envoys in Iraq have been attacked at least seven times since the war began, including the July 2005 kidnapping and murder of Egypt's ambassador.

Poland, a staunch U.S. ally, contributed combat troops to the 2003 U.S.-led invasion and has since led a multinational division south of Baghdad. About 900 Polish troops remain in the country training Iraqi personnel; 21 Poles have died during the conflict.

Last year, the Polish government extended its mission in Iraq until the end of 2007, but has made no decision on next year.

Pietrzyk was treated at the U.S. military hospital in the fortified Green Zone and later flown to Warsaw.

"He is going to be fine," Figaj

said. "He is stable, but he needs rest."

Two Iraqi passers-by also were killed in the 10 a.m. blasts, according to an Iraqi police official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information.

A Polish security guard, Bartosz Orzechowski, 29, died at the hospital, said Poland's Interior Minister Wladyslaw Stasiak. The slain guard had been employed by the service since 2004.

Robert Szaniawski, a spokesman for the Polish Foreign Ministry, said officials "don't have the reasons for the attack," which destroyed three armored vehicles just a few hundred yards from the Polish Embassy.

AP correspondents Katarina Kratovac and Ryan Lucas contributed to this report.

Panel: Raise vets' benefits

By Hope Yen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Veterans disability payments should be increased immediately by up to 25 percent as part of a sweeping overhaul designed to compensate for a wounded warrior's lost "quality of life," a special commission recommended Wednesday.

The 2 1/2-year study released by the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission offers the most comprehensive look yet at the ailing government benefits system that provides millions of injured veterans with a total of about \$30 billion a year in payments.

Tracking the findings of recent reports that detailed flaws in veterans care, the 13-member congressional commission concluded in its 544-page report that both the Defense and Veterans Affairs departments fall woefully short in providing adequate mental health care as well as timely and fair disability payments.

But going a step further, the commission also recommended immediate extra payments to injured veterans, many of whom feel they lose out on benefits because of an overly narrow government focus on earnings losses or other reasons.

That could offer veterans some stopgap relief as the Bush administration and Congress consider proposals from an array of task forces and commissions aimed at fixing an outdated system that critics have long said was broken. Such changes could take into account new medical therapies, prosthetics and other effects of war injuries on the daily functioning of wounded warriors.

"Congress should increase the compensation rates up to 25 percent as an interim and baseline future benefit for loss of quality of life, pending development and implementation of quality of life measures," the report states. "In particular, the measure should take into account the quality of life and other non-work-related effects of severe disabilities on veterans and family members."

In an interview with the Associated Press, retired Lt.-Gen. James Terry Scott, the commission's chairman, said the disability system must be revamped, saying the Army might be trying to lowball veterans' disability ratings to avoid paying more benefits.

A key commission recommendation seeks to bring more fairness to the government system by shifting more responsibility for assigning benefits from the Pentagon to the VA, which tends to rate disabilities higher, even if it ran the risk of putting more strains on an already backlogged VA.

Scott cited a Pentagon policy established in the mid-1980s at a time of budget restraint that calls for consideration of only one disability when determining benefits, not numerous ones as the VA does.

That policy remains in place today, creating a climate in which Army officials might consider — at least subconsciously — cost-saving factors when awarding benefits, he said.

"We have come up with 113 recommendations — some of them are cheap. Some are easy. Some are extremely hard and complex. Some of them, there is a significant bill attached to it," Scott said. "But what we're hoping is that the Congress carefully looks at all 113."

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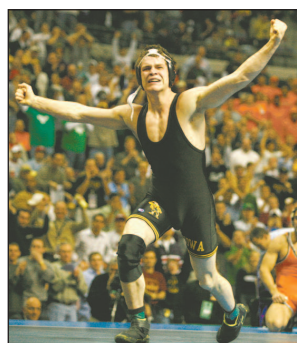
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HAWKEYE SPORTS

Wrestling schedule released

The 2007-08 schedule for second-year coach Tom Brands and the third-ranked Hawkeye wrestling team was released on Wednesday.

Among the 18 dual meets total, the slate has the Hawkeyes at home for key dates with Northern Iowa on Dec. 13, Oklahoma State on Jan. 5, Penn State on Jan. 20, and Michigan on Feb. 17.

After trouncing the Cyclones at Carver-Hawkeye Arena last season, Iowa will take on Iowa State in Ames on Dec. 9. Perennial Big Ten power Minnesota (Feb. 1) is among the important road dates for the Hawkeyes.

Led by senior Mark Perry, who won the 165-pound NCAA championship in the spring and is ranked first in the country in his weight class, Iowa has four other wrestlers ranked in the top 10 individually by *W.I.N. Magazine*.

As a team, Iowa is behind only Minnesota and Iowa State in the national rankings.

— by Charlie Kautz

Women's hoops gets more TV dates

The Big Ten Network announced Wednesday that it will televise eight Iowa women's basketball games from the upcoming season, with seven of them against conference foes. Included are home games against Ohio State, Michigan, and Minnesota.



Bluder
head coach

"The expanded Big Ten television package is great exposure for us and the league," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said in a release. "Hawkeye fans and recruits will be able to enjoy unprecedented television coverage of the Hawkeyes."

The Big Ten Network will televise 55 regular-season women's games along with the Big Ten Tournament's opening, quarterfinal and semifinal rounds.

Iowa will be televised locally an additional four times.

— by Mike Brownlee

TICKET SALES

MLB sets attendance record

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball drew a record average of 32,785 fans to games this season, breaking the previous mark of 31,423 that was set in 1994 — before a 7½-month players' strike caused a steep drop.

The major leagues set a total attendance record for the fourth straight season, drawing 79.5 million, an increase of 4.5 percent from last year's 76 million.

TV TODAY

MLB Playoffs

Rockies at Phillies, Game 2, NLDS, 2 p.m. TBS
Yankees at Indians, Game 1, ALDS, 5:30 p.m., TBS
Cubs at Diamondbacks, Game 2, NLDS, 9 p.m., TBS

College Football

Kentucky at South Carolina, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

D'Backs get 1st bite



DIAMONDBACKS 3, CUBS 1
ARIZONA LEADS SERIES, 1-0



Ross D. Franklin/Associated Press

Chicago Cub Carlos Zambrano (38) wipes his face after Arizona Diamondback Chris Young steals second base in the first inning in Game 1 of their playoff game Wednesday at Chase Field. Cubs' Ryan Theriot walks past.

By Bob Baum
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Brandon Webb won the duel in the desert.

Webb shut down the Chicago Cubs with his superb sinker, and the young Arizona Diamondbacks got home runs from two of their kids in a 3-1 victory Wednesday night in their NL playoff opener.

Stephen Drew homered in the fourth off Chicago ace Carlos Zambrano, who was pulled after six innings and only 85 pitches.

Right after he left, Mark Reynolds homered on the fourth pitch from reliever Carlos Marmol to break a 1-1 tie in the seventh. Pinch-hitter

Conor Jackson added a sacrifice fly, and the Diamondbacks got two scoreless innings from their strong bullpen.

Webb, the reigning NL Cy Young Award winner, allowed four hits and struck out nine over seven outstanding innings in his postseason debut. He walked three and hit a batter.

"The most exciting game so far," Webb said. "I was able to keep them off-balance. I had pretty good stuff tonight, great off-speed. Had some great strikeouts, key situations."

Game 2 will be tonight, with Ted Lilly on the mound for Chicago against Doug Davis.

SEE CUBS, 6B



Lilly
pitcher



Davis
pitcher

TONIGHT'S GAME

LHP Ted Lilly (15-8, 3.83) vs. LHP Doug Davis (11-8, 4.25)

First pitch: 9:07 p.m. TV: TBS

Ballpark: Chase Field, Phoenix, Ariz.

Breakdown: One night after righties Carlos Zambrano and Brandon Webb dueled in the series opener, both squads send their top southpaws to the bump for Game 2. Neither scorched opposing hitters in September, but they did fare similarly in their final starts.

While Lilly finished 2-1 in the last month of the regular season with three no-decisions, Davis finished 1-1, with the Diamondbacks splitting his four starts. Right-handed batters had better luck against Davis (.290) than Lilly (.230) this season, but the stats didn't seem to matter when the duo squared off in August.

The only regular-season start for either pitcher against the playoff opponent came in the same game on Aug. 25, when Davis and the D'Backs beat the Cubs at home, 3-1. Both hurlers struck out eight batters in the previous meeting, and fans should expect another tight contest in pitcher-friendly Chase Field.

SACK CITY

Refusing to play the blame game for Iowa's nine sacks allowed last weekend, the Hawkeyes must protect Jake Christensen better at Penn State.

By Charlie Kautz
THE DAILY IOWAN

Junior offensive lineman Seth Olsen watched as the pocket collapsed around Jake Christensen like a cardboard box.

With grass stains prevalent on his gold pants, facing a 18-point deficit in the fourth quarter, the sophomore quarterback picked himself off the turf for the ninth and final time against Indiana.



Christensen
quarterback

As the few fans who remained for the play — a first-and-10 situation with 1:03 left in the game at Kinnick Stadium — booed audibly down to the field level, Olsen headed back to the huddle hoping to keep Christensen upright.

If only for the final minute. "It's tough watching him take some of those shots, even on plays where he gets the ball off," Olsen said. "It's tough to see him take those shots, and it makes you feel bad that you didn't hold your block long enough, and it kind of motivates you to hold that block longer."

SEE FOOTBALL, 6B

UI ROWING

Rowers eager to take to the water

Loaded with a group of talented youngsters, the Iowa rowing team is ready to race on Oct. 7.

By Mike Brownlee
THE DAILY IOWAN

Fall Rowing Schedule

Oct. 7 — Head of the Rock Regatta, Rockford, Ill.
Oct. 19-21 — Head of the Charles Regatta, Boston
Oct. 28 — Head of the Iowa Regatta, Iowa City

coxswain, meaning the rowers have to steer and row all while having their backs to where they're going.

"Imagine biking backwards and seeing where you're going. In the pairs, you're rowing, steering, and trying to motivate each other," Kowal said. "We're putting in lots of miles and working on our technique in the two-person boat. We're rowing the pairs really well for how young we are."

Kowal will be counting on her only seniors, Brittany Keyes and Jessie McBride, to lead their younger brethren this weekend and throughout the season.

SEE ROWING, 6B



Members of the Iowa rowing team practice on the Iowa River, starting at 5:45 a.m., on Wednesday. The team is preparing for its season-opener this Sunday in Rockford, Ill.

Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan

Women face challenge

The Iowa women look to turn the lessons from its opening week struggles into success at the Indiana Invitational.

By Lars Headington
THE DAILY IOWAN

The early season jitters and off-season rust have both been shaken off.

Despite falling short in several close matches and finishing the Roberta Alison tournament last weekend 6-12 in singles competition, head coach Daryl Greenan and the Iowa women's tennis team are confident they are improved heading into the Indiana Invitational on Friday.

"We were up against very good competition, which was a real good test for us," Greenan said. "I thought we got better every day. Our goal was to go down there and get better and I think we did that."

He said that what held his players back in the opening weekend was not a lack of physical ability.

"We identified a few things we really need to focus on when we go to Indiana this weekend," he said. "We don't have a lot of time to work on it, but a lot of it is mental adjustments, attitude adjustments, tactical adjustments — it's not how they're hitting the ball."

Returning to bolster the Iowa roster at Indiana are senior Jacqueline Lee and freshman Alexis Dorr, who both competed in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's All-American Championships in California last weekend.



Sarah O'Brien/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye freshmen Jessica Young (left) and Lynne Poggensee-Wei practice at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center on Tuesday. The team will travel to Bloomington this weekend for the Indiana Invitational.

Despite an early exit from that tournament, Lee says the tournament made her a stronger player.

"I was a little disappointed because I didn't play as well as I'd hoped — up to my expectations," Lee said. "But I'm just going to take it and learn from it. I learned a lot from the loss, and because of the loss, I'll win a lot more matches."

With Lee returning to the top of the Hawkeye lineup, last week's order will shift down to comparatively less difficult competition at Indiana, creating many favorable pairings for the Iowa women.

Senior Milica Veselinovic, who competed in the No. 1 bracket at Roberta Alison with a 1-2 singles result, will slide back into her No. 2 spot for the Hawkeyes. She posted a 16-3 Big Ten record in the spot last year.

Veselinovic also believes the tough competition last weekend will improve her play for Indiana this weekend.

"I played with some good players — those were players who would play the All-American main draw — so I actually got really good competition," Veselinovic said. "I tried to do my best. I played some really

good matches, and that was our first tournament, so I didn't expect that I was going to play perfect."

Other players look to use their performances from last week to move up in the lineup. Freshman Jessica Young finished 3-0 at Roberta Alison, winning her bracket and showing poise in playing close points and close sets.

"I didn't wear out — I didn't mentally wear out," she said. "I mentally prepared for every match. If I lost a point, I would forget about it, and set up for the next point and go from there."

Greenan gave full credit to his freshman's successful start.

"There really wasn't much separating some of our wins and losses," he said. "In Jessica's case, she just had a little bit more than her opponents."

"Her tools are there and if she can manage her game, she's a very dangerous player."

The Hawkeyes last participated in the Indiana Invitational in 2004, before Greenan took the helm. Similar to the Roberta Alison, he said, the Indiana will include some top-notch teams that he wants to challenge his players with.

"It's really good competition, and we get some really good in-region play," he said. "It's all high-quality opponents."

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Rockies take pitchers' duel

By Rob Maaddi
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — So much for a slugfest. This was a pitchers' duel.

Jeff Francis held the league's highest-scoring team in check, and the Colorado Rockies took advantage of one shaky inning by Cole Hamels to beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 4-2, in Game 1 of their NL playoff series Wednesday.

"Who would've thought a good old-fashioned National League game would break out in this ballpark?" Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said.

Making just the second post-season appearance in the franchise's 15-year history, the Rockies played like October regulars. Colorado posted only its second post-season victory, the other coming in 1995.

Matt Holliday, his chin still cut up from the face-first slide that won Monday's wild-card tiebreaker over San Diego, hit a solo home run. Colorado carried over its momentum from that victory, and won for the 15th time in 16 games.

Francis pitched six effective innings and stayed out of big trouble, mostly by shutting down the Phillies' top trio of Chase Utley, Ryan Howard, and Jimmy Rollins.

Utley, Howard, and Rollins combined to go 0-for-11 with eight strikeouts. Utley, a .332

hitter, struck out four times for the second time in his career.

"Some of the hitters may have been uptight, but Francis was way better than the other times I've seen him," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "His command was excellent, and maybe we tried too hard."

Francis' lone problems came in the fifth when Aaron Rowand and Pat Burrell hit consecutive homers.

Francis gave up four hits and struck out eight. Once the 17-game winner departed, three relievers pitched three hitless innings, with Manny Corpas closing for a save.

With the two highest-scoring teams in the league playing in two of the most hitter-friendly ballparks in the majors, this series figured to see plenty of runs.

Instead, the clubs combined for six runs and 10 hits in the opener. Many hitters expected the late-afternoon shadows to be a problem, and they certainly struggled.

Game 2 will be this afternoon with rookies Kyle Kendrick and Franklin Morales taking the mound.

Kendrick (10-4) made the jump from Double-A to bail out Philly's depleted staff in June. Morales (3-2) made eight starts for Colorado, which also lost two starters to season-ending injuries.



Mel Evans/Associated Press

Phillies' Tadahito Iguchi looks back as he is forced out a second by the Rockies' Kazuo Matsui in the eighth inning against the Phillies in Game 1 of their NLDS playoff series Wednesday in Philadelphia. The Rockies won, 4-2.

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Rowers ready to dip the oars

"It's fun to work with this group. I haven't had this much fun in a while. I love going to practice every day, it's all I want to do."

— Mandi Kowal, rowing coach

ROWING CONTINUED FROM 1B

"Keyes has an incredible work ethic," Kowal said. "McBride wants to prove herself this year. I hope she comes out this year and leaves on a high note, doing everything she intended to do at Iowa."

With the paucity of seniors, Kowal is expecting greater contributions from her sophomores and juniors this year, a task Kowal feels they're ready for.

"We've got a strong underclassmen group that I feel good about. I've asked them to step up into some leadership roles more than usual and they've done a really good job of that," Kowal said.

Kowal expects to use a number of her rowers in two events Sunday, but final lineups won't be determined until later today. Along with Keyes and McBride, juniors Stacy Dettmann, Laura Kanaris, Kristin Kelly, Hannah Miller, and Melissa Wordelman and sophomore Romy Post are among the many vying for key positions on the team.

"Overall, the entire team is really competitive, they know what it takes to get to the next level," Kowal said.

In collegiate rowing the fall and spring seasons differ greatly. During the fall, races are always down a river, at varying lengths ranging from two to three miles and boats leave the starting line in 10-second inter-

vals. On the river setting, the ability to maneuver the boat can be crucial, and slower boats are required to give way to faster ones.

With the staggered start, "you don't know how you did until the end of the race when you get your time," Kowal said. Fastest time wins.

In the spring rowing season, each boat has a lane, the race is straight, and the length is always 1 1/4 miles long. Each boat starts at the same time with the first to finish winning. The competitions are generally on a lake or a wide river with a long enough straight-away.

"The fall gets you ready for the spring. You get to feel yourself out and see how you stack up against the competition," Kowal said. "Everything we do now is to make us better for the spring."

No matter what the setting or racing style, she said she's enjoyed the beginning of the season and expects a good year from her team.

"It's fun to work with this group. I haven't had this much fun in a while," she said. "I love going to practice every day, it's all I want to do."

"I'm looking forward to the weekend, seeing how we do. My expectation is that we will make a clear step forward this year. People will see we're back on the rise."

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SACKS A WORRY FOR HAWKS

FOOTBALL CONTINUED FROM 1B

Starting under center in all five of Iowa's games this fall, Christensen has been banged around like a pinball in the backfield, absorbing a bone-bruising total of 20 sacks this season.

Without a single senior on the offensive line and a handful of aerial threats succumbing to injuries, Ken O'Keefe's unit has struggled to find a rhythm and more importantly, protect No. 6.

Of the 119 teams in Division-I football, only Syracuse (22) and Notre Dame (29) have allowed more sacks than the Hawkeyes.

"The sacks aren't all [the offensive line's] fault," Christensen said. "Some of them are my fault, and it's everybody. We do everything together, and getting sacked is just part of playing quarterback, so it's no big deal."

While Christensen shrugged off the skeleton-shaking hits he's endured behind the line of scrimmage, the guy snapping him the football wasn't shy in taking responsibility for the sacks.

"That starts with us up front," said sophomore center Rafael Eubanks. "We're not giving him the confidence he needs to sit in the pocket and really make the plays."

"As soon as we give him the confidence and give the chance for the skill players to make the plays, that's when stuff will really start happening."

Despite Christensen's finishing the game 24-for-42 for 308 yards and three touchdowns, fans and analysts alike have questioned the first-year starter's comfort level in the pocket.

Insisting that the offensive woes are too complex to fault only one party, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz knows Christensen has room to improve and will

undoubtedly benefit from better protection.

"You've got to be logical when you analyze performance," Ferentz said on Tuesday. "It's just like the sacks. Are some of those his fault? Certainly they are. But some of them aren't and until we can support him a little bit better it's going to be tough to evaluate him realistically."

"That's the goal right now — to get him in situations to find some success."

Aware that responsibility falls on the running backs, as well, senior Albert Young said a film session on Sunday helped pinpoint the root problems of the negative-yardage plays.

"It's really just a fundamental thing; it's not that guys don't know who to pick up," he said. "It's really not as bad as it seems — trust me after we saw the film."

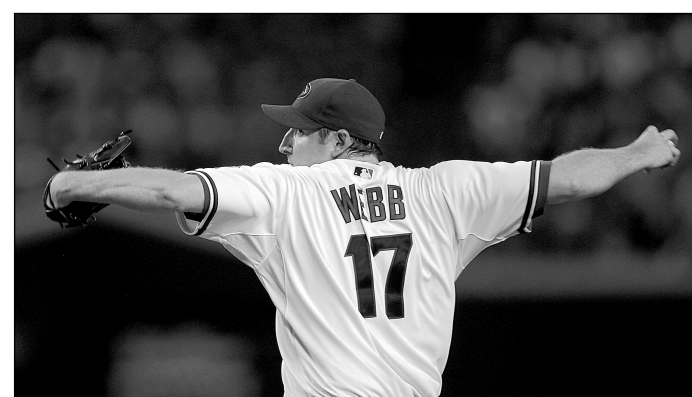
Again without sophomore tight end Tony Moeaki and junior receiver Andy Brodell, who is almost certain to miss the rest of the season with a torn hamstring, the offense can't get any older than another start this week.

Hoping to hold a seventh-ranked Penn State defense in check on Saturday, Eubanks vowed to improve the line's stability this week — starting with himself.

"Being the center and the leader of the offensive line, I think I need to really try to work to get this group going, because I really think it does start with us," he said. "We saw the effect we had last weekend on the game with some of the things we did, and we really need to pick it up at this point."

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Cubs fall to Webb



Ross D. Franklin/Associated Press

Arizona Diamondback Brandon Webb throws a pitch against the Chicago Cubs in the first inning in Game 1 of their National League playoff series Wednesday in Phoenix.

A pair of solo homers from Stephen Drew and Mark Reynolds help the Diamondbacks top the Cubs.

CUBS CONTINUED FROM 1B

Zambrano gave up four hits, struck out eight, and walked one before he was pulled by manager Lou Piniella in a move that could be questioned. Before the game, Piniella said he likely would limit Zambrano's pitch count because he would probably bring him back on three days' rest to pitch Game 4 on Sunday.

Piniella said he trusted his bullpen to take over. But planning for Game 4 might

have cost the Cubs in Game 1.

The showdown between 18-game winners was advertised, with Zambrano matching Webb pitch for pitch through six innings.

With Zambrano gone, the Diamondbacks went ahead in the seventh. Reynolds hit Marmol's 2-1 pitch just over the left-field fence for a 2-1 lead. Chris Snyder walked and went to third on Augie Ojeda's single before Jackson came through while batting for Webb.

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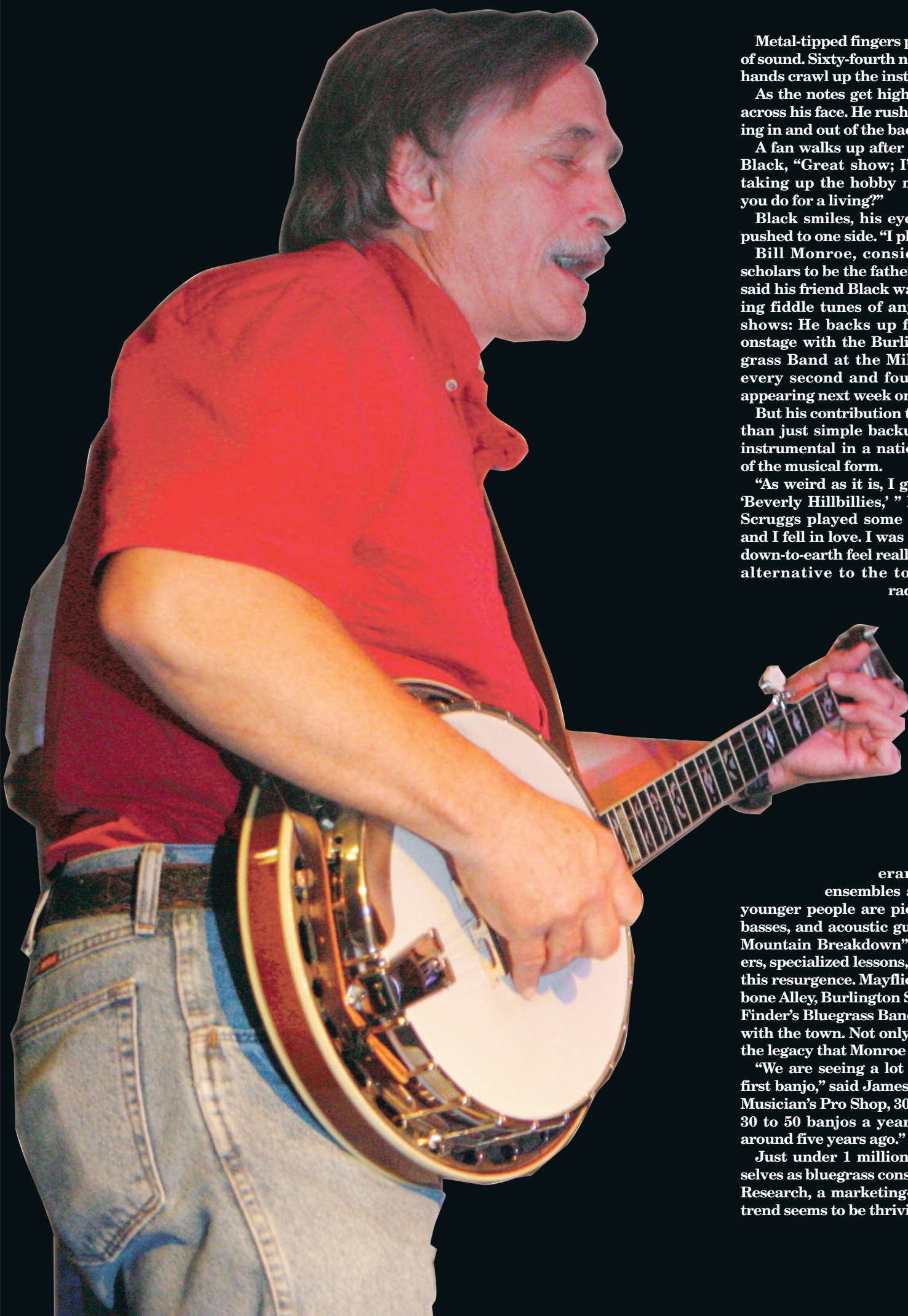
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MOON AS ROUND AS A

BANJO

Professional banjo player and Iowa City native Bob Black sparks the return of bluegrass, which goes beyond the AARP crowd and has kids plucking banjos and strumming acoustic guitars.



Metal-tipped fingers pluck at five strings, releasing a flurry of sound. Sixty-fourth notes fly out of Bob Black's banjo as his hands crawl up the instrument's neck.

As the notes get higher, his eyes close, and a smile shoots across his face. He rushes the beat, then falls behind it, winding in and out of the backup band's sound.

A fan walks up after a show and says to Black, "Great show; I'm thinking about taking up the hobby myself. So what do you do for a living?"

Black smiles, his eye-brow length hair pushed to one side. "I play the banjo."

Bill Monroe, considered by musical scholars to be the father of bluegrass, once said his friend Black was "the best at playing fiddle tunes of any banjo player." It shows: He backs up fiddler Al Murphy onstage with the Burlington Street Bluegrass Band at the Mill, where he plays every second and fourth Wednesday — appearing next week on Oct. 10.

But his contribution to the scene is more than just simple backup. Black has been instrumental in a nationwide resurgence of the musical form.

"As weird as it is, I got started with the 'Beverly Hillbillies,'" Black said. "[Earl] Scruggs played some stuff on the show, and I fell in love. I was a teenager, and the down-to-earth feel really spoke to me — an alternative to the top-40 commercial radio."

Legendary three-finger-style banjo innovator Scruggs was said by the Eagle's drummer and vocalist Don Henley to be "one of the true pioneers of American music. He is a living example of a strain of musical authenticity that runs back to the earliest musical traditions of this country." Black went on to form a friendship with his idol Scruggs.

The attraction to this type of Americana doesn't stop with a veteran such as Black. Twanging string ensembles are appearing all over the Midwest; younger people are picking up mandolins, banjos, upright basses, and acoustic guitars to play such classics as "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" and "Rocky Top." Regular performers, specialized lessons, and festivals, all in Iowa City, extend this resurgence. Mayflies, Bluegrass Pals, Castle Ridge, Shinsbone Alley, Burlington Street Bluegrass Band, Mike and Amy Finder's Bluegrass Band, and Banjoy all share a relationship with the town. Not only are these musicians locally carrying the legacy that Monroe laid down, but so are music stores.

"We are seeing a lot of people interested in buying their first banjo," said James Kipp, the owner and manager of the Musician's Pro Shop, 309 E. College St. "The figures are up to 30 to 50 banjos a year, which is a definite increase from around five years ago."

Just under 1 million 18- to 24-year-olds identified themselves as bluegrass consumers in 2006, according to Simmons Research, a marketing-analysis company in New York. The trend seems to be thriving, well beyond the old-timers.

(Immediate) future of IC bluegrass

- 10.10 — Burlington Street Bluegrass Band, 7 p.m., Mill
- 10.12 — Gilded Bats, 9 p.m., Java House
- 10.24 — Burlington Street Bluegrass Band, 7 p.m., Mill
- 10.25 — Mike and Amy Finders, 8 p.m., Mill
- 11.14 — Burlington Street Bluegrass Band, 7 p.m., Mill
- 11.9 — Corneal & Electric Junction, 9 p.m., Yacht Club

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Remember the local musicians

To celebrate the Sept. 25 release of her new CD, *Remember the Sun*, Iowa native Pieta Brown returns to the Mill. The songwriter is on a promotional tour, and she recently collaborated with indie fave Calexico.



West Africa meets Eastern Iowa

Gambian Alhaji Papa Susso brings his unique mastery of the kora, a 21-string bridge harp, to Iowa City Friday for a particularly colorful gallery walk at the Iowa Artisans Gallery.

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Bluegrass comeback

BANJO

CONTINUED FROM 1C

"Young kids and adults alike can understand it, and it's happening here," said the salt-and-pepper-mustached Black.

"I've traveled all over, but somehow, I just keep ending up back here," he said, his eyes animated and direct. Finding opportunities to play, he commutes to Iowa City from the nearby North English almost as often as his wife and bandmate, Kristie Black, an orthopedic nurse at the UI hospital.

She had little musical knowledge when she met Bob Black. Years of being around him "rubbed off," she said. Acoustic guitar in hand, she gradually integrated herself into the local music scene. Her latest song with Bob Black, "Blood on the Moon," will be featured in the PBS prairie ghost-town documentary *Rediscovering Hinkletown*.

"We are trying not to look like ancient dinosaurs stuck on old-time music," she said. "We play and respect the tradition, but do it our way and have fun doing it. I wasn't always a folkie person, but now I'm noticing the strong connection I feel with anyone I can talk music with, and [Iowa City] is the place to do it."

While her initiation into the bluegrass scene was subtle, her husband found a different path.

The banjo took Bob Black by storm, and as a young man, he tried out for Monroe's Bluegrass Boys. After he finished playing, Monroe told him, "Get your stuff together; we leave at 4 this morning for the tour." Since then, Black has played with Ricky Skaggs, Rhonda Vincent, Sam Bush, and Tony Trishka, and he has also often performed onstage at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

The beauty of venues such as the Opry dwells within the live stage, which Iowa City also supplies. Wednesdays at the Mill, the Fiddlers' Picnic, Sweethearts' Serenade — all bring forth this overflowing talent.

"We're not pushing to get out and about, we just get together for our common love of the music," Bob Black said. "And I think people sense this and gravitate toward us because of it. That's what makes it so fun to play here and want to be heard."

"People didn't know the gross politics behind corporate radio years ago," Kristie Black said. "Things have changed, and more informed people understand the jockeying and foul play behind mainstream music. Suddenly, bluegrass has a whole new appeal."

"It's an acquired taste," said UI freshman Adam Locke, referring to a Burlington Street Bluegrass Band show he attended at the Mill. "I stumbled on these guys while I was eating here and realized I really liked it. This band is, like, the best in Iowa City."

First United Methodist Church pastor John Raab has led



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Banjo master Bob Black performs at the Mill during one of his Wednesday performances. Black, who lives in the nearby town of North English, has played with significant bluegrass legends, including the "father of bluegrass," Bill Monroe.

philanthropies around town with a bluegrass theme. "I'm watching kids come to our jams and charity shows — it's great. People are loving it, and, obviously, we are, too."

While charities are supported, the artists find that it is sometimes tricky to make ends meet. The line between love and making a living is continually an issue.

"We are at a tough part in the progression of bluegrass," Bob Black said. "Record labels are seeing that the genre is starting to make money, and they want in. It happened with country a few years back, when producers began churning out artists based a formula that told them 'what sells.' Artists are feeling pressure to conform to powers that have an influence on their income — not what bluegrass is about." With more than 10 self-produced albums on the Blacks' own record label, Green Valley, this note of independence rings true.

This separation of bluegrass from the mainstream is appealing, drawing more pickers and strummers, for, some say, one reason alone.

O Brother, Where Art Thou?, a Coen brothers film released in late 2000, is the cause, maintains Van Hayes, the executive director of the International Bluegrass Music Association in Nashville. According to Simmons research, a 42 percent increase was documented for bluegrass inventory in stores during 2001. "The build up of young, innovative talent from people such as Allison Krause, Del McCoury, and the String Dusters that transcended genres was pushed into the limelight by the buzz of the film."

Bob Black agreed with this notion, though it took him time to appreciate it. "When it first came out, I thought, 'Oh no, another movie that places bluegrass in the

back country, connecting the music with illiteracy and prison work camps.' Instead, the movie was a smash hit and actually made some of my fellow musicians' careers."

Media crossovers of bluegrass, such as the one into cinema, have helped blend folk seamlessly into the modern American music scene. Even pop bands have taken note: both Matchbox-Twenty and the Counting Crows feature songs with a strong banjo lead and R.E.M. features the mandolin. Modest Mouse lead singer Isaac Brock plays the banjo during his concerts, while the growth of indie-folk acts such as Iron and Wine and Sufjan Stevens help bring the instrumental arrangements to a new demographic.

"Some would say it's the dilution of our style, but we can't all sound alike. That, and it attracts a wider audience," Bob Black said.

Hayes of the bluegrass association agreed: "Any exposure is good exposure — it will lead people to seek the sound."

The sound hasn't only permeated the Midwest or just soaked the United States. Thousands of bands are sprouting up all over the world.

"In Japan, Bill [Monroe] and I were treated like rock stars. In Australia, they had made specialty banjo for me. In the Czech Republic, I found literally hundreds of bluegrass brands following the style Bill laid down," Black said. "You see, there is research into the fact that nearly every aboriginal culture has some form of an instrument where strings are plucked over animal hide. There's some universal sound that appeals to mankind."

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A History of Banjo Picking

Enslaved Africans in the American South and Appalachia fashioned the earliest banjos after instruments they knew in Africa, with some of the earliest instruments sometimes being called "gourd banjos."

During the 1800s, the banjo gained international popularity, when traveling American minstrel shows such as the Virginia Minstrels toured England, Ireland, and France.

Today's banjo took shape in 1878, when frets, or narrow strips of wood glued across the fingerboard, were added by New Yorker Henry Dobson.

The following songs are staples for any bluegrass musician:

- "Foggy Mountain Breakdown," by Earl Scruggs
Most famous banjo song of all time, prerequisite for professional banjo player, Steve Martin played it live onstage with Earl Scruggs on "The Tonight Show"; no vocals, breakneck banjo speed.
- "Rocky Top," by Felice and Boudleaux Bryant, one of seven state songs of Tennessee, uses odd minor chorus uncommon to bluegrass.
- "Grandfather's Clock," by Henry Clay Work in 1876, went on to be covered by Johnny Cash, said to be responsible for the common name "grandfather clock" for what is properly called a "long-case clock."

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Endless horizons, no vacuums

The multi-talented Rinde Eckert kicks off his UI residency with a performance of his latest piece of musical theater, *Horizon*.

By Tessa Ruddy
THE DAILY IOWAN



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Rinde Eckert, a finalist for the 2007 Pulitzer Prize in drama, talks in the Theatre Building on Sept. 28 about his play *Horizon*, which he will perform at Hancher today. "I'm very much a collaborator," he said.

ethics, the show's protagonist, Reinhart Poole — modeled after a combination of 20th-century Christian theologian Reibhold Neibuhr and Eckert's grandfather and Lutheran minister Thomas D. Rinde — has been asked to leave his seminary home. Poole must make the transition from the insular, academic environment of the

seminary to the real world — and he's scared. "I think he has a reason to be frightened," Eckert said. "Just today, you open the paper, and a whole group of church people are trying to make gay marriage illegal ... it's madness." After tonight's performance of *Horizon*, Eckert will spend a yearlong residence at the UI,

Horizon

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made possible through a Creative Campus Innovations Grant. He will compose an original piece of theater, which will examine visual impairment and visual loss through the eyes of a painter. He's started a process of interviewing and observing patients, doctors, and medical students for his new piece, which will premiere in November 2008. He is already brimming with ideas, paging through a notebook with snippets of dialogue between two medical interns about a costume party, drawings of the personification of disease (a child stabbing hemispheric eyeballs with a stick), and a dream involving Oedipus and Themis, the blind goddess of justice. "It's something that's just not seen very often," Eckert said. "You don't see many people on

the street with canes, yet it's one of the most terrifying things to imagine — your world going dark." Hancher's goal with sponsoring the new work is to bridge the gap between art and science on campus.

"The arts can really get into things deeper and bring people together, said Hancher director, Charles Swanson. "We hope this can make an impression and a difference." E-mail *DI* reporter Tessa Ruddy at: tessa-ruddy@uiowa.edu

Madness ensues when girls talk

The top-40 mixing, club-rocking giant Girl Talk lands at the Picador this Saturday at 9 p.m.

By Ann Colwell
THE DAILY IOWAN

"You know, I sit in my bedroom all day mixing music," he said. "So when I see people getting into it, it's pretty cool. I really like interacting with the audience, especially at club-level shows, where I can really hang out with everyone there."

Musically, just imagine around 20 of your favorite top-40 hits rearranged and collaged to form one new song. It's a mash-up lover's dream come true, even though Gillis wouldn't classify his songs under that genre. After his third album, *Night Ripper*, exploded onto the scene in 2006, his live show became famously and typically sold out. So picture Gillis with his laptop, mixing and matching music samples on the fly, surrounded by dancing fans.

Kick off a song with Ciara's "Oh," layer in the Black Eyed Peas' "My Humps," throw in some Paula Abdul, and close things out with Kansas, Boyz II Men, Kelis, and Smoky Robinson. Final result? A two-minute long contagiously catchy song that makes people want to get naked. But as Gillis said, it requires a little more to faze him.

"Probably the most extreme thing happened at a sold-out show in [my hometown] Pittsburgh," he said. "My parents and family were all there. I jumped off the stage over my dad's head

and landed on my sister's friend. My face hit her shoulder, and when I got up, my front left tooth was missing. My mom started screaming that I had to go to the hospital; my parents were freaking out in front of everyone."

Having gone from playing tiny commonplace shows in friends' basements to this madness, Gillis and Williams take the pandemonium with a sense of humor.

"[Gillis] gave me his tooth after he broke it," Williams said, laughing a little. "I'm supposed to turn it into a necklace."

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The Anatomy of a Girl Talk song

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- "Hold Up" — 2:50
- 0:00 Mariah Carey — "It's Like That"
- 0:00 James Taylor — "Your Smiling Face"
- 0:12 Ludacris — "Number One Spot"
- 0:21 50 Cent — "In Da Club"
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- 0:32 Pixies — "Where Is My Mind?"
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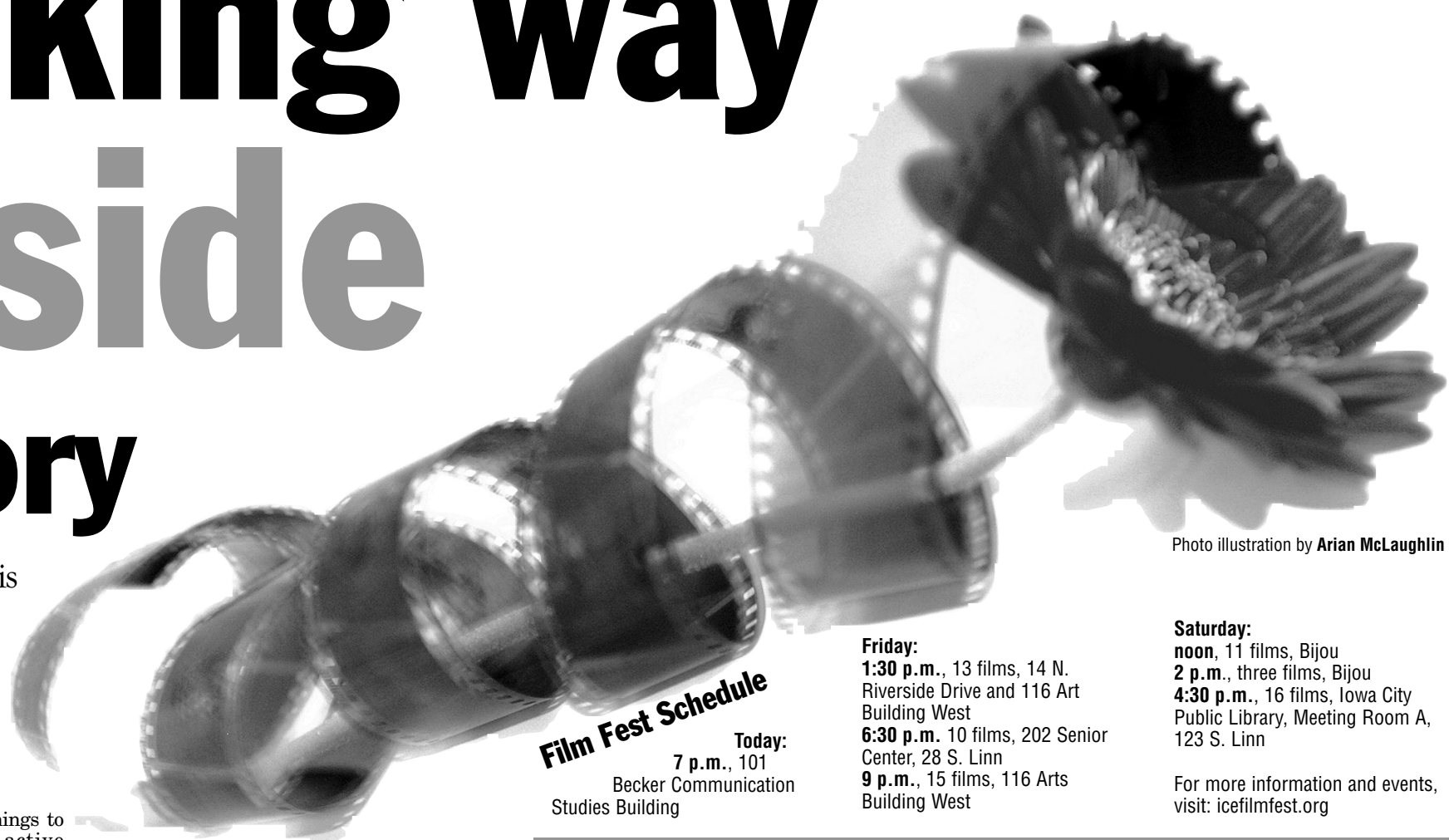


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Step aside, Hollywood. This weekend, experimental filmmakers celebrate the art and the freedom of underground cinema.

By Brent Johnson
 THE DAILY IOWAN

In the often murky and elusive world of experimental filmmaking, many creators abandon storytelling altogether and use the freedom for strange abstractions of color and sound. Jean-Patrick Mahoney laughed while describing his short film, "Arhat (The Shoten Zenjin of David Carradine)," in which he manipulated yoga and kung-fu exercise videotapes. "It kinda deals with the Westernization of Eastern concepts and ideals through work-out videos," he said. "But I edited it in a way to give it a dark, meditative quality that the originals obviously lack for being so bad."

Mahoney's film will be one of 65 competing in the first Iowa City Experimental Film Festival, showing local, national, and international film around campus on Friday and Saturday. These works challenge the conventions of filmmaking with categories including animation, installation pieces, and meditative documentaries.

Co-directors Chris Renaud and Charlotte Taylor, both graduate students in film and video production, spoke enthusiastically from a hidden, cramped office in the Becker Communication Studios Building. They agreed that Iowa City needed some outlet to promote the often opaque world of experimental film.

"[The festival] is a way for filmmakers to see what others are doing," longtime resident Renaud said. "It's a barometer for what types of film are circulating."

"We wanted to show people here what's going on," Taylor said. "But it's hard to know what's going on in experimental film without going to a festival — it's hard to go to a festival when there aren't any."

"I'm excited about the festival," Mahoney said. "Because, as it turns out, [Iowa City] used to be a good place for experimental film. It's nice to see things happen like this in the Midwest. I'd

like for things to be more active here with film in general — especially with the avant-garde variety."

Although Renaud appeared to struggle with a concrete definition of the term "experimental," he said one criterion in the festival's mission statement says these films should fall outside of commercial exhibition and distribution.

Taylor nodded. "For the selection, we were looking for films that push the boundaries of film itself, genre, and form: things that we haven't seen before, things experimenting with content and form."

One filmmaker, Austrian Peter Miller, took this formula to fantastic realms with his submission, "Firefly." In this camera-less exploration of light and darkness, Miller allowed a collection of fireflies to expose the film with their bioluminescence, resulting in poetic pulses of light.

North Carolina native Richard Wiebe, now a UI graduate student of film, worked as assistant director and editor for his submission "Ringo," which won Grand Jury prize for best animated short film at the Seattle International Film Festival. Over the course of several years, the filmmakers took footage from 20 public-domain clips featuring silver-screen cowboys John Wayne and Roy Rogers and edited them into a bizarre music video.

"We were a bit surprised to get an award for it because it wasn't

properly animated," Wiebe said. "We just took an empty landscape [from a video] and placed characters in it."

After the first Iowa City Experimental Film Festival ends, it seems unlikely that a consensus will be reached for what constitutes an experimental film. But the event's celebration of the independent spirit and the joy of filmmaking, regardless of mainstream viability, supersedes any need for one.

"In eighth grade, I got a camcorder and messed around with a lot of friends," Mahoney said. "And I remember how much fun it was and the sense of accomplishment that came along with it. I never expected to make any money."

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Film Fest Schedule

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 9 p.m., 15 films, 116 Arts
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Saturday:
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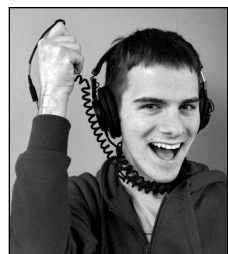
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Adieu to albums



LOUIS VIRTEL

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there's no sense resenting popularity. However, let's not kid ourselves, there's no "exile" occurring. I'm reminded of Avril Lavigne's once-persistent insistence that she was no pop tart — or rather, that she was, in fact, "the Sid Vicious of her generation." Never mind the bollocks, guys ... especially if you're a sk8r boi.

All this frivolity points to one dubious reality: Not only does the iPod generation disregard the weight and importance of classic albums, it also prefers not to regard albums at all — except in senseless, ironic references, as Matchbox-Twenty exhibits.

Album sales, besides the recent surge ignited by the 50 Cent/Kanye clash, sink lower every year. Double platinum albums are now considered, by and large, major successes. If you glance at the "5 Years Ago" rewind chart at *Billboard's* website, you're treated to a smorgasbord of smashes: the 8x platinum *Come Away With Me*, by Norah Jones, the quintuple platinum and Nelly's quintuple

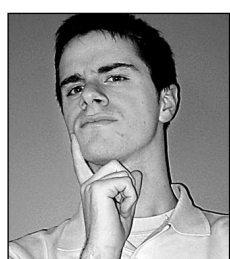
platinum *Nellyville*. And don't even think about the '90s, when at least one or two albums topped 10 million every year (or, if you're Shania Twain, 20 million).

I'm mad because we're all missing out. As much as I can always appreciate a new Rihanna single (and believe me, I do), it benefits me more to hear a cohesive selection of songs that surrounds a theme or follows a creative impulse through several tracks. Joni Mitchell's *Blue* riffs on one emotion but paints several portraits of isolation, homesickness, and despair. Prince's *Sign O' the Times* approaches urban violence and drug abuse but turns those sun-streaked alleys into welcoming block parties.

Exile on Mainstream is, meanwhile, mostly a collection of singles. Here's the real self-exile I'm looking for: a band that opts only to sell its complete album online, insisting it has a sensibility, and not just a single, that's worth buying. Mind you, it may not even be a self-exile for that renegade band: Judging by the popularity of singles, the ever-distracted, radio-listening populace will likely run the group out of town first.

E-mail *DJ* advice columnist **Louis Virtel** at louis-virtel@uiowa.edu

Letters to Louis



LOUIS VIRTEL

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Dear Louis, OK, a friend of mine browsed your Facebook photo albums and saw that you met Perez Hilton. I'm so jealous! What was he like in person? Was he funny? Did you get any good dirt from him? Love the column, keep up the sass! — Anonymous

Oh, anonymous. You're so nice — almost ... too nice. I fear you are fragile, and thus,

I warn you with utmost affection: You may be disappointed at the end of this column. Grab some comfort food, and let's settle in to talk about our favorite (and least favorite?) pink-haired blogger.

I spent my summer in LA, working an internship for *The Advocate*, the big national queer mag. While I was there, I decided to get all entrepreneurial and try to seek out big stories. Because Perez is so accessible (all I had to do was e-mail the address on his website), I thought I could make a big splash and write some funny, frilly story on how he treats celebs. At first, things went swimmingly — we talked on the phone a couple times, and he was nothing but cordial and professional. He told me I could attend whatever event I wanted with him, and he made a few suggestions. I was all set to meet up with him at a barbecue Tori Spelling was hosting — for real — but then my credentials fell through, and an evil lady publicist/Kodiak bear kicked me out.

But don't worry, I got to meet him! I covered a Bravo party for "Tim Gunn's Guide to Style," and after I interviewed (and seduced!)

Tim, I found Perez. What can I say? Um. He was sort of boring. I asked him to respond to how condescendingly the ladies on "The View" treated him, and he just said, "People have their opinions." Um, what? You can dish it out on your website, but you can't tell lil' ole country bumpkin Louis that Joy Behar needed to get off the soapbox?

Here's the thing: Perez Hilton, in my mind, peaked two years ago. I remember when he wasn't so obnoxiously famous, when he *everyone*, including Paris Hilton. Of course, he's now BFF with Paris and everyone in LA, for that matter, which totally souars his appeal for me. Seriously, an editor at *The Advocate* said to me:

"Jeez, who *hasn't* met him?" Essentially, here's what I think of him: He's loud, a little gross, a little kickass, but most of all unavoidable.

Someone, somewhere could write a dissertation on how healthy this is for society. I would, except I'm too busy checking his site for updates every minute of the day. Perhaps you can relate?

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