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Iowa GOP moves caucuses

Iowa Democrats, New Hampshire yet to move.

By Dean Treftz
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Republican Party of Iowa's central committee moved its presidential-nominating caucuses up from Jan. 14, 2008, to the night of Jan. 3 in a vote Tuesday.

The new date could help ensure that Iowa's caucuses remain the first Republican nominating contest in the nation.

The change is the most recent shift in an already turbulent nominating calendar. Pressure to move the caucuses up first began when Florida and Michigan moved their dates into January. Florida's primaries are at present scheduled for Jan. 29, and Michigan's are on Jan. 15.

"With under 80 days to go, this is a huge help to our counties and

county heads to get the ball rolling and start organizing," said Chuck Laudner, the Iowa Republican Party's executive director, in a statement announcing the decision. "They have 1,784 precinct caucus meetings to run, thousands of volunteers to recruit, and our presidential candidates deserve a set date."

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Early 2008 presidential nominating contests

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2008 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Obama pushes health plan

Sen. Barack Obama also discusses energy independence in Amana.



Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan

Illinois Sen. Barack Obama talks to a packed audience in a barn at the Amana Colonies Visitors' Center on Tuesday. Obama spent an hour and a half speaking about his plans for the country then answered questions from the audience.

By Christopher Patton
THE DAILY IOWAN

AMANA — Surrounded by cornstalks and pumpkins in the cold, drafty Festschalle Barn in Amana, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., pledged that as president he would unite the country and move it forward.

"People don't want to just be against something, but to be for something," he said. "They want

to get a sense that we can still come together as a nation."

Making the case that he is the candidate most able to foster cooperation between Republicans and Democrats, the senator said people at his campaign events often quietly confess their support for him despite identifying as Republicans.

Mary Roberts, a Coralville resident, lent credence to the senator's claim during the

question-and-answer session after Obama's speech. She said her husband used to be a Republican, but he has recently registered as a Democrat so he can caucus for Obama.

Continuing with his bipartisan theme, the senator said the United States faces challenges too great for any one politician or party to surmount.

"It's not just enough to change political parties in the White

House," he said. "We also have to change our politics."

As evidence of the nation's need for political cooperation, Obama cited the lack of progress on health-care reform and energy independence. Politicians have talked about such issues for decades, but neither Republican nor Democratic administrations have made significant progress, he said.

SEE OBAMA, 3A

911 faux calls common

Iowa City police dispatchers answered 911 misdials or hang-ups 88 times in the past month.

By Kurtis Hiatt
THE DAILY IOWAN

It's not just little Timmy playing with the telephone anymore.

Nancy Sereduck, the Iowa City police emergency-communications director, said that years ago, emergency dispatch would only have to deal with 911 hang-ups from landlines — normally children playing with the telephone.

"We check on those, and get moms on the phone," she said.

If that's not possible, "we go and check on them, and make sure everything's OK," Sereduck said. "And that's always a surprise."

Today, the Iowa City police deal with an array of other 911 hang-ups — from fax machines incessantly dialing dispatch to cell phones with emergency speed dials.

SEE 911, 3A

Sallis trial opens

By Samantha Miller
THE DAILY IOWAN

As an eight-man, six-woman jury listened to the opening statements in the Robert Sallis prostitution-ring trial on Tuesday, defense attorney Pat Ingram made it abundantly clear he believed much of the state's witness testimony was rubbish.

"The testimony you'll hear today will be from a collection of people who don't want to go to jail," Ingram told the jury. "The only way they can do that is to blame Robert Sallis."

Many of the witnesses who were called to the stand by prosecuting attorney Anne Lahey at the Johnson County Courthouse appeared to have much at stake. Numerous men testified to paying for sex from Sallis' "escort service," numerous women confessed to prostituting for Sallis, and 36-year-old Betty Thompson admitted to facilitating many of the "tricks," or sessions carried out between the prostitute and client.

SEE SALLIS, 3A

Welcome Freshmen | **ERNESTO HENDERSON**

Breaking down Iowa stereotypes

Freshman turns to flute, extracurriculars to relieve stressful first semester.

By Kelli Shaffner
THE DAILY IOWAN

Ernesto Henderson said that if it weren't for his flute, he'd be pretty tense.

"It's a stress reliever, because all my classes are math and science," the eight-year flutist said, adding that if he did not have his instrument, he wouldn't have the opportunity to express his creativity that math and science really don't.

Henderson said his involvement in Iowa Edge and the Iowa Bioscience Advantage also continue to help him throughout his first semester by keeping him focused on grades.

"[The programs] do help you," the Fort Washington, Md., native said. "They provide you with tutors."

His tutor, UI student Laboni Ghosh, said she sees Henderson

as a very motivated freshman. Although the Bioscience Advantage does not officially meet as a group until next semester, Henderson said he

SEE FRESHMAN, 3A

Ernesto Henderson

- Age: 17
- Hometown: Ft. Washington, Md.
- Major: Chemistry, pre-med
- His semester so far: He's aiming for all A's and a B, but he has been having trouble taking tests.

Getting fresh(men)

This week, we're catching up with our five freshmen profiled in September's *DI*. Read Thursday's edition to find out more about Will Downey.



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan

Freshman Ernesto Henderson plays his flute, a passion of his, in the Stanley lounge on Tuesday. Henderson, who hails from Maryland, is studying to become a doctor. When he is not studying, he said, he plays his flute to relieve stress.



Ethanol as food villain

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As food prices continue to rise, some officials point fingers at biofuel production for the drop in U.S. food aid.

By Kayla Kelley
THE DAILY IOWAN

As ethanol-production mania increases, Third World countries are feeling the effect of the high food prices caused by the phenomena.

The United States is not buying as much food aid for developing countries because of rising food prices, largely attributed to the growing popularity of alternative fuels.

Josette Sheeran, the executive director of the U.N. World Food Program, unsuccessfully asked Congress on Oct. 2 to increase its food-aid budget. For fiscal 2008, \$1.2 billion was allocated to the program.

Jennifer Parmelee, a public-affairs officer for the aid fund, said that the need for food will soon rise to 700,000 tons a year. The number of people who didn't receive 2,100 calories a day increased by 45 million from 2005 to 2006, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service 2006 Food Security Assessment.

World hunger

- By the numbers:**
- **700,000** — the number of tons that soon will be needed in food yearly
 - **45 million** — the 2005-2006 increase in people who didn't get 2,100 calories a day
 - **\$1.2 billion** — the amount allocated to the U.N. World Food Program for fiscal 2008

Source: U.N. World Food Program

higher food prices, which compound economic pressure for the low-income countries.

"The value of the [United States'] contribution is now decreased," Parmelee said. "It is not keeping pace with the situation of the world today, and that is why we asked Congress for more aid."

She went on to say the United States is the behemoth of food aid, raising nearly half of the world's total.

Stacey Rosen, an economist and coordinator of the report, said that ethanol and biodiesel fuels are most of the problem, but that several countries had bad weather that resulted in food loss. Farmers in foreign countries don't have the capacity

to respond to biofuels that same way Americans do, she said.

"Poor farmers are facing too many restraints," Rosen said. She also said other factors, such as poor weather, contributed to the leap in food costs, but that biofuels were the major cause for the price increases.

But not all experts feel ethanol is a large factor in the cost increase of food commodities.

Amani Eloheid, who is an ethanol and sugar analyst for the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute at Iowa State University, worked with eight staff members to produce a report titled "Emerging Bio-fuels: Outlook of Effects of U.S. Grain, Oilseed, and Livestock Markets," which shows how ethanol affects the price of food.

The May report states, "Many countries do not have free trade in either meat or feed grains, so trade barriers would need to be accounted for to obtain a good estimate of the impact of U.S. ethanol on world food prices."

Eloheid said that while ethanol is a factor in rising food prices, only around 1 percent is attributed to the increasing costs of food.

"The first thing to point out is that ethanol production has

some impact but not all," she said. "To say that ethanol expansion is causing higher food prices is incorrect."

The food-security assessment also says that food prices are expected to decline in all areas except sub-Saharan Africa by 2016.

Eloheid said that the security assessment's speculation that world hunger will decline could be plausible, because it has happened in the past.

"It is related to things other than food access," Eloheid said. "We can't really say it is ethanol expansion."

She said that sub-Saharan Africa is experiencing other factors that make it harder to obtain food, such as internal conflicts and civil wars as well as extreme floods.

In fact, Parmelee said, the bulk of people who are in need are in Asia, because of the higher population.

"We are only reaching a fraction of the people in need," she said. "There is so much involved in ending hunger."

Parmelee said one solution farmers are looking into is using non-food based crops such as grasses to create an alternative energy source that doesn't affect food prices.

"In the long run, it could help farmers in lower-income countries," she said.

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Not open for business

Don't get sick on Saturday.

By Lauren Skiba
THE DAILY IOWAN

Where have all the doctors gone?

If it's the weekend, you won't find them at the UI Student Health Service. In fact, the only place that seems to be open to students is the emergency room. But there are a few problems with this arrangement, Student Health Director David Braun, admits.

Up until six years ago, Student Health did keep Saturday office hours. But because of a reported scarcity of students, the past director closed it down. Iowa State University, by comparison, offers services on Saturday mornings; the University of Northern Iowa is only open four days a week.

Braun noted that weekend appointments at Iowa typically resulted from women wanting to purchase a morning-after pill.

Since that pill became available over the counter in 2006, he said, the demand for Saturday hours is less.

"What would be easier to staff and most beneficial to students are not always the same," he said. Still, people get sick on the weekends, and the alternatives are not ideal. Students who are



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan
UI senior Claire Goldenberg approaches the Student Health building to pick up a prescription from the Westlawn Pharmacy on Sept. 18. Earlier this year, Goldenberg suffered an ear infection on a Friday; because Student Health is closed over the weekend, she was not able to get proper care for her infection until the following Monday.

in need of medical attention on the weekends are advised to go to the UI Hospitals and Clinics emergency room or the Mercy Hospitals emergency room.

There is also Mercy OnCall, a telephone service open seven days a week, on which the caller is often asked to hold or leave a message. But students who have illnesses not severe enough for the ER or, for that matter, the budget for it, have very few options.

"We are familiar with the

problems and understand the concerns," said Marina Usacheva, a Student Health medical staff member.

Despite knowledge of the problems, officials have no plans to change the schedule or make different accommodations for students.

If a student comes down with something during office hours, a long list of things can be done, Usacheva said. The best thing to do is call to make an appointment — the earlier the better,

she said. If the matter can't wait, the website lists a phone number that will connect students with the nurse line but only during clinic hours.

These nurses can advise the student on whether to sleep it off, make an appointment, or head over to the ER. Finally, a student can find the health blog on the website, where questions can be asked over the Internet. Again, students must wait for Monday if they e-mail over the weekend.

As the weather continues to get colder and the flu season nears, students report they are having a hard time getting into see a doctor in a timely fashion. UI freshman Reyna Schwartz waited a week to get in after making an appointment to get birth control.

"If I had an emergency on the weekend, it would be easier if it were open," she said.

After the 2002 change, Student Health did add more hours to the weekdays and more nurses to its staff to accommodate an increase in student traffic.

Every week, Student Health sees between 700 and 800 patients, although that number is subject to seasonal fluctuation and hard to predict, Braun said.

"We are trying to work very hard to help you guys stay healthy and happy," Usacheva said. "We really want to work with you."

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METRO

Marin lawyers file evidence motion

The Kyle Marin defense team filed a motion for limine on Tuesday, less than a week before his double-homicide trial is set to begin.

A motion for limine is made before the start of a trial, requesting evidence or testimony be or not be permitted during a trial.

Marin was charged in April 2006 with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of 18-year-olds Molly Edmondson and Katrina Hill.

The two were found dead in Edmondson's Cedar Rapids apartment on April 23, 2006.

Marin turned himself in to authorities the next morning, allegedly telling them "I just killed two girls."

He has pleaded not guilty to the

charges; he will reportedly use an insanity defense in his trial, which is set to start on Oct. 22.

If Marin is convicted of the charges, he could serve a life sentence in prison without the possibility of parole.

— by Samantha Miller

POLICE BLOTTER

- Aaron Amundsen**, 18, Homewood, Ill., was charged Oct. 13 with PAULA.
- Brian Boock**, 19, Darien, Ill., was charged Oct. 13 with OWI.
- Jamie Buckles**, 18, Davenport, was charged Oct. 13 with PAULA.
- Ryan Case**, 23, Bloomington, Ill., was charged Oct. 13 with public intoxication.
- Jarro Christensen**, 298 Hawkeye Court, was charged Sept. 14 with possession of a controlled substance and OWI.
- Andy Chuquina**, 19, 724 E. Burlington St., was charged Oct. 13 with PAULA.
- Douglas Dickey**, 27, Ankeny, was charged Oct. 13 with public intoxication.
- James Dillon**, 51, Cedar Rapids, was charged Oct. 13 with public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and interference with official acts.
- Thomas Drake**, 19, 201 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1531, was

- charged Oct. 13 with keeping a disorderly house, interference with official acts, and assault on emergency personnel.
- Jacob Gear**, 19, 511 S. Johnson St. Apt. 8, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.
- Seth Hite**, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with possession of stolen property.
- Nicolas Johnson**, 18, Johnston, Iowa, was charged Oct. 13 with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Jesse Karpen**, 26, Packridge, Ill., was charged Oct. 13 with public intoxication.
- Peter Kauss**, 19, 108 S. Linn St. Apt. 4, was charged Oct. 13 with public intoxication.
- Kurt Klopmeier**, 25, University City, Miss., was charged Oct. 13 with public intoxication.
- Julian Kosinski**, 22, Oaklawn, Ill.,

- was charged Oct. 13 with public intoxication and simple assault.
- Alexandria Levan**, 18, LG10 Rienow, was charged Oct. 13 with PAULA.
- John Lynch**, 20, was charged Oak Park, Ill., was charged Oct. 13 with public intoxication.
- Jeffery Manning**, 20, 24 Lincoln Ave. Apt. 18, was charged Oct. 13 with OWI.
- David Martyn**, 38, 224 N. Dubuque St., was charged Sunday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.
- Erik Melloy**, 26, Coralville, was charged Oct. 13 with having an open alcohol container in a vehicle.
- Casey Nauman**, 23, Epworth, Iowa, was charged Oct. 13 with public intoxication.
- Lindsey Niego**, 20, Homewood, Ill., was charged Oct. 13 with PAULA.
- Collin Peterson**, 20, 30 W. Court St. Apt. 419, was charged Oct. 13 with PAULA.

- John Radecki**, 46, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.
- Juan Saldana-Herrer**, 26, 1956 Broadway Apt. B7, was charged Oct. 13 with second-offense OWI and driving with a revoked license.
- Jennifer Sanchez**, 18, 1047 Slater, was charged Oct. 13 with public intoxication.
- Emily Stoffels**, 19, 130 N. Linn St. Apt. 2436, was charged Oct. 12 with keeping a disorderly house.
- Joshua Wardenburg**, 24, 1932 Grantwood St., was charged Oct. 13 with public intoxication.
- Rush Weigelt**, 18, N312 Currier, was charged Monday with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.
- Nicholas Williams**, 18, 2209 Quadrangle, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

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METRO

Biology prof wins \$1.1 million grant
A UI biology professor recently received a \$1.1 million grant to study whether a particular type of microscopic animal is capable of having sex.

Associate Professor John Logsdon received the five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health with hopes of deciding if bdelloid rotifers will be forever asexual.

A rotifer is defined as any microscopic animal found in fresh and salt waters.

Bdelloid rotifers have produced asexually for at least 35 to 40 years, Logsdon said in a UI press release.

Before the grant's effective date, which was Aug. 1, Logsdon said he and his colleagues had already gathered preliminary results.

"We've already found bits of these genes in some of these organisms," he said. "The grant is really to complete that work."

Logsdon said it's a biological question of whether the organisms have figured out how to remain asexual and avoid becoming extinct.

— by Olivia Moran

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911 getting wrong numbers

911
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A *Daily Iowan* analysis of police phone records from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 showed the emergency dispatchers fielded 88 misdials or hang-ups. Dispatchers usually answer 1,100 to 1,300 emergency calls every month. Sereduck said the past month's number isn't particularly high or unusual. "We get tons of them," she said.

And with the 1,000-plus calls, the lines can get congested.

Sereduck said normally only two or three dispatchers are on a shift, taking calls from eight emergency lines.

Non-emergency calls could "potentially" take away from more serious calls, but Sereduck said dispatchers learn how to arrange the calls in priority.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said an officer will typically be dispatched to check on 911 hang-ups a couple times a week and at times, as often as once a day. It is procedure to send an officer to a landline location if dispatchers can't reach someone on a call back.

"More times than not, they end up being nothing," he said, but added, "You never know."

Sereduck said many 911 misdials come from telephones where a caller must dial 9 before the telephone number. Of the 88 misdials in the last month, 30 of them — more than one-third — came from UI buildings, which require "dialing out." UI Hospitals and Clinics accounted for 16 of the 30 misdials.

"My biggest issue is with fax machines dialing 911," Sereduck said, adding that they may not be programmed to pause between dialing 9 and then subsequent 1's.

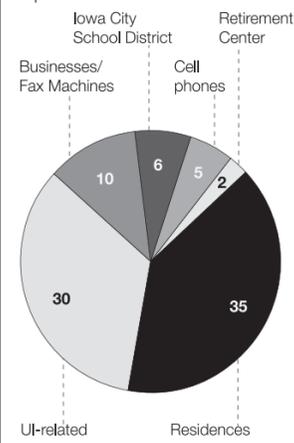
Cell phones with unlocked keypads often dial an emergency, too. Even if dispatchers can't make contact on call back, they likely will not send authorities — it's "futile to try to locate someone in the downtown area," Sereduck said. Police can normally track a cell phone within 300 feet from its calling location.

It Happens

With cell phones, fax machines, and "dial out" numbers, the Iowa City police deal with a wide range of calls each month.

911 hang-ups and misdials

Sept. 15–Oct. 15



Danielle Miller/The Daily Iowan

Kelsay said dispatch "does a pretty decent job" of determining whether a call was a misdial or if the hang-up occurred because of an actual emergency.

He added that dispatch knows the history of the incoming caller's telephone number, and prior incidents at a residence can help discern the urgency of the problem.

Keith Nuehring, the acting communications director for the Cedar Rapids police, said he sees a 911 hang-up or misdial at least every hour.

"I mean, with 911, people call accidentally all the time and hang up," Nuehring said. "It's one of your pretty common calls."

He said he hasn't seen misdials take away from real emergencies. The department has three or four dispatchers per shift and 12 emergency lines.

Nuehring attributed most of the 911 misdials to "kids and all sorts of stuff like that going on."

Police departments almost expect the extraneous calls. "You know, it happens," Sereduck said. "That's just part of doing business."

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2008 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Obama says he's a uniter

OBAMA
CONTINUED FROM 1A

While discussing past attempts at health-care reform, Obama criticized Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., for the way she handled the issue when her husband, former President Bill Clinton, was in office. Rodham Clinton's efforts failed, Obama said, because she developed her health-care plan behind closed doors without sufficient transparency.

Regarding the quest for energy independence, the senator said no magic bullet exists. However, he said, the country can pursue a number of strategies simultaneously that will help end American dependence on foreign oil.

Obama said scaling up the use of solar power and biofuels in conjunction with capping carbon emissions and increasing fuel-efficiency standards in cars would put the country on the right path. Though moving away from oil will not be easy, the senator insisted that doing so is essential.

"We give \$800 million a day to hostile nations, fueling terrorism and melting the polar ice caps," the senator said noting the nation's current level of oil consumption.

Not limiting his discussion of national security to the nation's use of fossil fuels, Obama also discussed Iraq. Upon being elected president, he said he would immediately begin withdrawing American combat forces from that country.

West Amana resident Julie LeClere said she likes Obama's stance on the Iraq war.

"I appreciate that he never supported the war, but I wouldn't rule out voting for someone who changed his mind," she said.

Byron Preston, who lives in Homestead, also said the Iraq war is a major issue for him this election cycle.

"I think it shows character that he opposed the war from the beginning," he said. "Some candidates, like Hillary Clinton, were not willing to do that."

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Alleged prostitution-ring trial opens

SALLIS
CONTINUED FROM 1A

Thompson said she assisted Sallis in the alleged prostitution business, which ran advertisements in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* under the name "Naughty by Nature," because she feared what he might do to her and her five children if she were to refuse.

"He said if I tried to leave he would kill me," Thompson said tearfully. "He drove me to Kent Park and showed me where he would dump my body — in the cage in the middle of the lake."

Thompson said she was responsible for taking all of Naughty by Nature's business calls, setting up the "tricks," and collecting the money — which she said she always gave to Sallis. The business made "out-calls" to numerous customers in Johnson, Iowa, Linn, and Clayton Counties from its site in

Cosgrove, Iowa, and later Williamsburg.

One of the women she said she facilitated "tricks" for was 13-year-old Majesta Block, who was abducted in Minneapolis by Demont Bowie, Sallis's son. Block, now 16, took the stand Tuesday and recounted her involvement in the escort service.

Block testified that before she was recruited into prostituting for Naughty by Nature, she was brought to Iowa against her will by Bowie, who Block said beat her daily, starved her, and made her sleep with men for money and drugs.

"He told me I was his bitch, and if I tried to escape he would kill me and my family," Block said.

She said Bowie brought her to Sallis' and Thompson's Williamsburg residence on Easter 2005. While there, Bowie and Sallis got in an physical altercation, she said. Bowie fled, and the minor said she was stuck at the home, where she was forced to perform sexual acts against her will that same day. Block

said she started prostituting for the escort service shortly after taking residence at the Williamsburg home.

Ingram pointed out the inconsistencies between Block's previous depositions and the testimony she gave at trial, visibly annoying Block. After her cross-examination, she could be clearly heard muttering obscenities on her way out of the courtroom.

If Sallis is convicted of ongoing criminal conduct, a Class B felony, he could serve up to 25 years behind bars.

The trial is set to resume today with the cross-examination of Thompson. Other witnesses for the state are set to

Democratic Party."

The two most likely dates for the Democratic caucuses are Jan. 3 and Jan. 5.

"We'll do what we have to do stay in the line ahead of New Hampshire," said Bonnie Eggers, a Democratic Central Committee member from Agency, Iowa. As a member of the Wapello County Democrats, Eggers might have to shift precinct caucus locations should the Democrats move their caucus date.

Though Eggers said she would like to see a Saturday caucus so more can participate, that's not a deal-breaker for her. Keeping Iowa first is the most essential, she said.

The caucuses must be important to the presidential-nominating process both for the state and for candidates who have devoted resources here, Eggers said.

The candidates "are spending millions of dollars here, and in some cases, years of their lives, so they should get that bounce," she said.

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Timeline of events

- Fall 2004** — Robert Sallis allegedly begins operating a prostitution business.
- December 2004** — the prostitution service allegedly begins running out of second front, the residence of Felicia Thompson.
- Easter 2005** — Majesta Block is brought to the Sallis home.
- Spring 2005** — Block begins to work for the escort service.
- September 2006** — Sallis arrested and charged with ongoing criminal conduct.

take the stand as well.

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Frosh says Iowa full of surprises

FRESHMAN
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may already be behind because he never really worked in a science lab until this semester in his classes.

"Our school was underprivileged, so we never got to actually use lab equipment," Henderson said. "So this is my first time using gas, or Bunsen burners, or chemicals. It's all new to me."

The UI has 11 labs in the chemistry building.

Henderson said coming to UI

altered his view of his hometown. "Before, I kind of hated it," he said. "I didn't like it. But I always heard when you leave your hometown, it's gonna be different."

Henderson tells the story of his last day home as an example. "I was sitting with one of my best friends," he said. "We were saying, 'God this place is crap. But it's always gonna be our crap. This is where we came from.'"

In addition to altering his views about his city, the UI has also changed his perception of Iowa and the university.

"It was a culture shock coming from an all-minority area and also from a very conservative area," Henderson said. "This is a very liberal, white area, so I was very surprised."

The Mexican-American said the most important learning experience he has had from Iowa is stereotypes, and his first impression was incorrect.

He expected it to be conservative and "field-ish."

"Field. Like corn and flat land," he said. "I was surprised how many hills there were. I thought

it was going to be completely flat."

In addition to the geographical aspects, he said he has found his stereotypes about people broken down as well.

"I thought specific people had specific morals, and that was it," he said. "Depending on what the concentration was, that was going to be it."

He said these broken archetypes have helped him become a better person and have broadened his perspectives.

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UISG votes to fund men's rowing club

UI Student Government breaks tradition when it allocates supplemental funding to a sports club.

By **Carla Keppler**
THE DAILY IOWAN

After contentious debate, UI Student Government voted Tuesday in favor of allocating an additional \$2,000 to the UI men's rowing club.

Student Assembly Budgeting and Allocating Committee supplemental funding statements had recommended the senate allocate \$7,000 to fund a used eight-person rowing shell, leaving the additional cost of the \$9,000 boat to the team.

UI men's rowing team President Myles Melyon presented the request to the senate, noting the significant number of team members lost each semester because insufficient equipment.

"The longer we wait to get money, the more guys the teams loses," he said.

The budget committee had internal debate on the issue, but committee leader Maison Bleam rallied the group in favor of the measure. He said the team did everything it could to

generate money to improve the "horrible condition" of its current equipment.

Director of the Office of Student Life Bill Nelson said that as current UISG policy stands, UI sports clubs go unrecognized as far as funding is concerned.

The \$1,800 provided for annual funding came from Recreation Services which, Meylon said, is barely enough to cover U.S. Rowing membership, travel costs, and race entry fees.

Bleam said the budget panel recently adopted a procedure to entertain sports-club funding if unique situations such as this arise.

The issue, as argued by numerous senate representatives, lies in the UISG's inability to define sports clubs.

"We shouldn't wait [to give

them money] just because the student government can't get its act together," Bleam said.

The student government provided sports clubs money in the past, he said, pointing to the \$500 provided to the bass-fishing club last year.

On the opposing side, UISG senator Johnathon Racine said that approving the team's request "feels like writing a blank check" and will likely lead to future UISG funding issues.

"There are a lot of options to consider," Nelson said. "It's important to look into the recognition policy to fully understand the funding process for sports clubs."

Also approved was \$500 for a student group motor pool and \$225 for an upcoming Habitat for Humanity service project.

Future projects for the UISG include a satellite-voting registration, a voting process for the 21-ordinance, and a chalking forum.

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Nelson
director, Office of Student Life

Hospitals buzzing

Local hospitals give patients pagers to avoid a tedious wait.

By **Zhi Xiong**
THE DAILY IOWAN

At a restaurant, a turn around the bar will eventually be punctuated by a buzzing coaster-like device signaling, "Your table is ready."

The same concept also applies to local hospitals, where patients are provided pagers to alert them when their doctor is ready. Though waiting rooms are by no means obsolete, the technology allows patients to avoid thumbing through outdated magazines or eavesdropping on the conversations of other bored patrons.

Waiting times in various clinics remain a concern for the UI Hospitals and Clinics. But the pagers, which were initially purchased in the late 1990s, are a way to alleviate the onerous experience, said John Swenning, the senior associate director of nursing at the UIHC. Mercy Hospital of Iowa City also employs the devices.

"Patient satisfaction can really be affected if you have a long wait," Swenning said. "We try to communicate with them if they have been sitting there too long."

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— **John Swenning**, senior associate director of nursing at the UIHC

One component of using pagers is confidentiality, said Keri Semrau, a nurse manager in the UI allergy and immunology clinic. The pagers eliminate the need to shout out patients' names in the waiting rooms.

Not every clinic uses them, however. There is no formal hospital-wide initiative to use the pager system, Swenning said.

"Any clinic choosing pagers is usually driven by patients asking for one," he said.

At roughly \$80 to \$120 a pop, some pagers are small, traditional square-shaped while others are flat and round — "like you'll see at Olive Garden," Swenning said.

The cost of pagers is included in the telecommunications budget, which is approximately 1-4 percent of the total operating budget for each clinic.

He estimated the hospital has several hundred such pagers in use among various clinics, and the number has been growing slowly over the past decade.

Since the allergy clinic moved across the hospital in June, Semrau purchased 45 pagers to make it easier to call patients from across an expanded waiting room. The pagers are rotated throughout the day and are cleaned with sanitizing wipes between uses.

While the use of pagers has been reported to ease the pressure of being in a waiting room, Semrau said the flow of the clinic, which typically receives 150 patients daily, has remained normal.

"I wish I could say the pagers do that, but it's mostly a nice added benefit," she said.

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NATION

Third-quarter campaign spending increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fergus Cullen, New Hampshire's youthful Republican Party chairman, takes notice of these things: the ninth piece of mail from Rudy Giuliani, the second missive from Mitt Romney in two weeks, a new campaign staffer for one of the presidential campaigns.

John McCain is renewing his television ads in the state. Romney is airing a new commercial. Barack Obama is up with his second ad. Hillary Rodham Clinton is on the air, and Ron Paul is on the radio.

In Iowa, Democratic presidential-nomination candidates have already spent as much time in the state in the past two weeks as they did the entire month of September.

Candidates, some flush with money in the bank, are ramping up their mail and media and travel in

Iowa and New Hampshire, continuing a trend that began in earnest last month. Rodham Clinton and Obama are especially well-positioned to spend, ending the third quarter with nearly \$35 million and \$32 million. That's more than twice what Giuliani, who led the money race for Republicans, had in hand.

Overall, the campaigns spent \$123 million in the third quarter, compared to \$107.4 million in the second quarter and \$51.5 million in the first three months of the year.

Campaign-finance reports filed Monday with the Federal Election Commission show a post-Labor Day spending increase in several of the campaigns as they headed into the fall stretch — the final push before the early contests that can make or break a presidential bid.

"This is the time when the money is going to go out the door very quickly," said Tad Devine, a top adviser in Al Gore's and John Kerry's presidential campaigns. "In large part that's because the process is so front-loaded."

Several campaigns spent more than they raised in the July-September period, a function of dry summer fundraising and a need to use paid media — television, radio, mail — sooner than ever before. Of the leading candidates in both parties, only Rodham Clinton and Republican Fred Thompson raised more than they spent.

McCain also raised more than he spent, but that amount included paying off a hefty debt.

Obama hit the Iowa airwaves in July and spent \$3.5 million on media buys

and production during the quarter. Rodham Clinton, who went on the air in Iowa in September, spent \$1.7 million on media during the quarter. Romney, who has been airing ads in Iowa since January and has also been frequently on the air in New Hampshire, spent \$6 million for the quarter on media, his biggest single expense.

"There is more money being spent," said former Iowa Democratic chairman Gordon Fischer, an Obama backer. "There are more ads than we've seen in the past."

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CITY COUNCIL

1st MidAmerican consideration OK'ed

Councilors passed the first consideration of a MidAmerican Energy franchise proposal 6-1.

By Kelli Shaffner
THE DAILY IOWAN

Several Iowa City city councilors continued the Oct. 2 debate on the proposed extension of the MidAmerican Energy franchise at their Tuesday night's meeting. Opinions were divided, both on

the council and in the audience. The councilors debated several possibilities, then passed a first consideration to replace language in the proposal. This will allow the councilors and MidAmerican Energy members to go over the specifics of the offer, possibly changing "may terminate" to "may continue," as

well as the structure of how the franchise would be renewed. The motion was passed 6-1, with Councilor Amy Correia the lone dissenting vote. Mayor Ross Wilburn was quick to point out that, although the first consideration was passed, the topic would have to go through a second and third con-

siderations. The proposal could be denied at each of these points. If passed with the changes, a future council would have to debate and decide if it wanted to continue with the franchise for the next set of years. Those against the proposal say the latter option would make a 25-year monopoly easy for MidAmerican. Councilors would also have to pick renewal process. Currently, two renewal options are available, with varying renewal periods.

Terry Smith, who is running in the upcoming City Council election, spoke on behalf of the MidAmerican "negotiating team," pointing out that section 21 in the agreement stated converting methane gas to electricity would be a new revenue source. Karen Kubby was one in the audience who spoke for this change in language. "At least go back to the negotiating table," she said. Councilor Bob Elliott made

it clear that he did not want to spend any more time on the subject, noting that he would support the proposal with or without the changes. "Almost 30 percent voted against," he said, adding that this was an overwhelming amount for the proposal. "We cannot have gas and electric without a franchise." Elliott added that they should "get on with it." E-mail DI reporter Kelli Shaffner at: kelli-shaffner@uiowa.edu

Medical industry ties examined

By Lindsey Tanner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Nearly two-thirds of academic leaders surveyed at U.S. medical schools and teaching hospitals have financial ties to industry, illustrating how pervasive these relationships have become, researchers say.

Serving as paid consultants or accepting industry money for free meals and drinks were among the most common practices reported by the heads of academic departments.

Drug companies and makers of medical devices often use these connections to influence doctors to use products that aren't necessarily in the patient's best interest, said Eric Campbell, the study's lead author. He is a researcher at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

Because academic department heads set the tone for appropriate conduct at their institutions, their actions signal to medical students and others that this is appropriate behavior, Campbell said.

The survey went to all 125 accredited medical schools and the nation's 15 largest teaching hospitals. Around two-thirds of the department heads responded. The study gave no specific examples, nor did it name any institutions.

Many studies have examined doctor ties to drug companies. Campbell co-wrote research last year that found company ties were common among hospital review boards that oversee experiments on patients.

The new study shows that drug companies "are involved in every aspect of medical care," Campbell said.

Overall, 60 percent of department heads reported some type of personal financial relationship with industry. More than one-quarter — 27 percent — said they had recently served as a paid consultant. The same percentage reported serving on a company scientific advisory board; and 21 percent who headed departments of medical specialties closely related to patient care said they had served on speakers' bureaus for industry.

The results appear in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

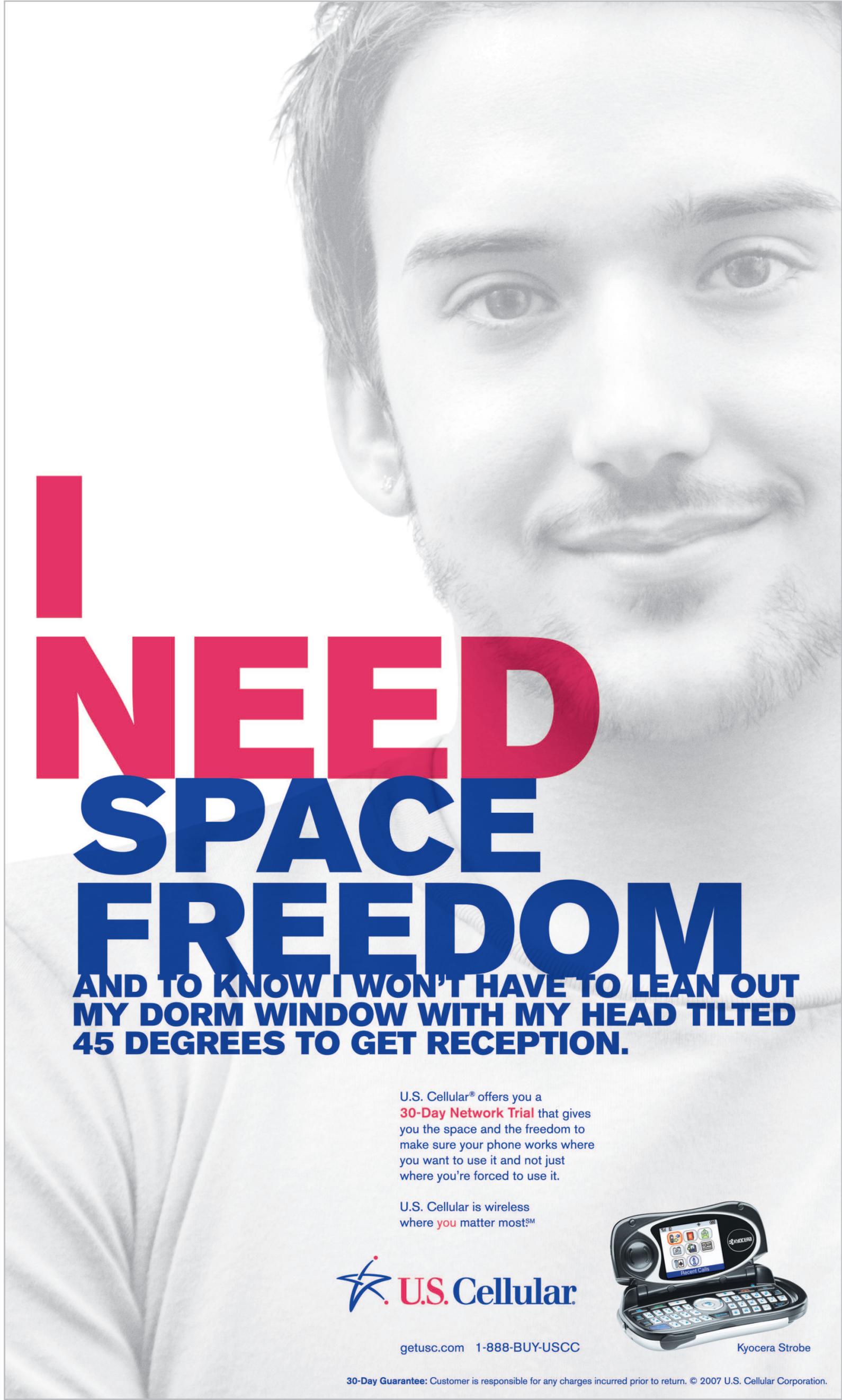
Alan Goldhammer of the industry group, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, said the study results don't mean these relationships are a problem. He said it makes sense to reach out to academic heads because they have the most expertise.

But Dr. Jerome Kassirer, a former *New England Journal of Medicine* editor and frequent critic of industry influence over doctors, called the study eye-opening.

"I was appalled by the results," Kassirer said. "No one knew that so many chairs of medicine and psychiatry were paid speakers. We've never had that data before."

He noted that financial ties can benefit patients when they are related to research or other scientific purposes that increase doctors' education or lead to the development of better drugs or medical products.

But they are dangerous when doctors are so beholden to the company that they withhold safety concerns or push the newest or most expensive products when they aren't necessarily best for the patient, Kassirer said.



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Editorial

Tax could cap use of bottled water

Last week, Chicago's Mayor Daley proposed, among other things, a tax of 10 cents on each bottle of water sold in the city. The tax would partially cover a \$214 million hole in the municipal budget while improving the city's environmental impact — an effort that fully recognizes the ecological cost of growing bottled-water consumption and increases the cost for consumers. San Francisco's all-out ban on bottled water goes a bit too far, and one wonders how one of the most earthquake-prone cities in North America would deal with a crippling blow to the municipal water structure.

While a deposit system's effectiveness could be debated, it would need to be implemented on a statewide level and wouldn't supply the same kinds of funds for expanded recycling programs and further municipal water-system filtration as a tax could. Iowa City, already leading the state in other green efforts, would be smart to follow the Windy City's lead and institute a similar bottled-water tax.

Some critics warn that a tax on bottled water would only further encourage obesity by discouraging water consumption and pushing consumers toward soft drinks and other less healthy options. What's more likely is a return to tap water. Bottled water is less regulated than tap water, and 40 percent of the bottled stuff is taken from municipal taps to

begin with. A bottled-water tax will likely encourage further use of reusable bottles and home filters for those who may still be finicky about the taste. Price could be an additional factor in avoiding a move away from designer water, as refilling a reusable bottle before you leave home is quite a bit cheaper than high-priced teas, sports drinks, sodas and "juices" that contain very little — if any — actual juice.

Drinking from the tap isn't just physically and fiscally responsible, it's one of the most basic ways to shrink our eco-footprint. The lobbying group Corporate Accountability has developed thinkoutsidethebottle.org to help drive a public pledge to return to the tap, asking for individuals to promise to stay away from the bottle and encourage others to do the same. The group points out that 4 billion pounds of plastic bottles are discarded in landfills or left as litter every year and that the creation of the bottles themselves requires 17 million barrels of oil annually, not including the additional energy used to transport the product or even the water itself from places as far away as Fiji.

It's important to realize that it's the bottles that are being taxed, not the water; conservation shouldn't take a back seat to convenience. It's time for Iowa City to reach for the tap, not the cooler case.

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A Healthy Dose of Facts

Don't let Bush sink SCHIP

The State Children's Health Insurance Program, or HAWK-I as it is known in Iowa, was created in 1997 by Sens. Ted Kennedy and Hillary Rodham Clinton to provide health insurance for the nation's then-5 million uninsured children. The program authorized \$40 billion over 10 years to provide health insurance for children whose parents made too much money to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to afford private health insurance. Over the previous 10 years, the army of the uninsured — as well as the cost of health care — has ballooned, and most of us understand that health insurance is simply unavailable to many Americans.

Not only was (and hopefully is after Thursday, when the House and Senate will vote on overturning the veto) SCHIP noble in ideals — it also worked. Nationally, SCHIP served 6.6 million children. In Iowa, 35,627 children were enrolled by the end of 2006. The Policy Center at the UI evaluated the effectiveness of HAWK-I and found that SCHIP was undeniably improving the lives of Iowa children and families. Access to health and dental care was significantly improved in all areas of medical care. Unmet need was reduced by 70 percent in general medical care, dental care by 68 percent, behavioral and emotional care by 66 percent, and prescription medicines by 50 percent. Children had fewer sick days, and their health status was rated higher once enrolled in SCHIP. Children were more likely to receive preventative care, the number of emergency-room visits dropped, and 95 percent of enrolled families reported a decreased level of stress.

Yet, even with SCHIP's success, it still didn't solve the problem. In 2005, 8.3 million children were uninsured. Many states — including Iowa — are experiencing a shortfall of funds. An expansion of the program was not only needed, but given its proven success, was also responsible spending. Therefore, President Bush's Oct. 3 veto is all the more perplexing. He argued that expanding SCHIP from \$5 billion to \$35 billion per year will push families out of private insurance. He answered a question of health-care access

by noting that children can always go the emergency room.

To evaluate Bush's claims, I looked at what the average family in Iowa City makes and what it costs to live here. The median household income is \$43,318 (2007) and the mean is \$35,499. For a family of two parents with two kids, the minimum cost of living is \$42,252. Assuming a family earns the median income, it's a thin line between debt and budget. A full 20 percent of Iowan families do not earn enough to cover their basic necessities.

The list of minimum expenses includes housing, food, childcare, transportation, health care, household necessities, and taxes — and it is not generous. Homecoming dresses, school trips, vacations, and family movie nights — let alone college — are not affordable on this budget. The list of basic necessities is composed primarily of pressing, short-term necessities. One doesn't have to look too closely to see where families may have to make a choice — groceries or health care?

Besides the numbers that show children with public insurance get better care, it also costs 10 percent less to run than private insurance companies. Instead of subsidizing private insurance companies, wouldn't it make more sense for the government to continue SCHIP?

Finally, anyone who has ever received an emergency-room bill knows that this is not a good alternative for health-care access. The uninsured — 20 percent of whom rely on the emergency room as their primary source of health care — are 30-50 percent more likely to be hospitalized for an avoidable condition, with an average bill of \$3,300. Moreover, given that hospitals currently absorb \$34 billion worth of uncompensated care, Bush's suggestion is deleterious to the nation's emergency rooms.

The House and Senate will vote on Thursday to overturn Bush's veto of the Children's Health Care Insurance Program. I would encourage you to send an e-mail to your representative letting her or him know your support for this program.

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On the Spot

How much bottled water do you use in a week?



"Four bottles. I prefer bottled."

Jason Goslinga
UI senior



"Ten bottles. We got a letter in the mail saying our tap water failed inspection."

Corey Kitzmann
UI sophomore



"Two or three bottles. I trust tap; I'm old fashioned."

Jamie Sweet
Edinburgh, Scotland



"Two, maybe three. When a tap isn't around."

Joe Bogaard
UI sophomore

Iowa City stereotype theater: Act III

Hey, there! I'm an alpha girl. No, no; that's not my sorority or anything. Why would I be in a sorority? Like, duh. It's more that I'm popular and have a close clique of friends that I never talk about behind their backs. For someone so cute, you're kind of dumb. Want a shot?

Can you believe what Caitlin is wearing?

Seriously, two or three centimeters more and you couldn't see the bottom of her ass at all. I mean, why not flaunt it if you've got it? Is she trying to look unavailable? It's like she's been totally letting herself go since she hooked up with that guy from Eta Beta Pi. We all have weak moments, I guess, but pick yourself up already! God, I can't even watch anymore. It's like watching some kind of sexy fruit rotting in front of my eyes.

Oh my god, it's cold out here! I almost wish I was wearing something besides a skirt with a sheer top and Ugg boots. Not really, though. I mean, I have standards. Still, my North Face fleece would be pretty nice right now. Maybe I could have brought some sweats with "Iowa" written on the butt. (No, not the ones with Greek letters on it. What's with you?) That way, I wouldn't have goose bumps the size of softballs on my legs, and more people would look at my ass! Win-win, most def. On the other hand, I wouldn't be able to show off my awesome tan. I tell everybody I got it at South Padre, but it's really from the lamp. I was in the *Girls Gone Wild* trailer with Snoop Dogg most of the time I was down there. It was done, like, totally tastefully. At least, that's what they told me while I was signing those consent forms. Don't tell my dad, though: He's a lawyer, and he'd freak if he knew I signed something without letting him read it, especially because I was really hammered at the time.

Oh, don't look at me like that. I'm not objectifying myself. If I don't want to leave anything to the imagination, it's my choice, not yours. I personally think it's empowering to show off as much skin as possible. You don't think it's feminist to get all sexified and sleep with hot boys? Again, my choice. Doesn't this tube top totally say "respect me as a woman?"

You're right; though, it's not always the best idea. I got my ass grabbed like 20 times when I was collecting for Dance Marathon this year. (Were what sisters there? I don't have any sisters.) And I went through this total hippie phase once when I was seeing this way-cute guy who smoked a lot of pot. (My friends freaked!) That totally affected me as a person. Dave Matthews sang me to sleep every night. But that was just a fun interlude. Pot was kind of cool, but I'd take rum and cokes any day, baby! Whooo!

I'm single now. Braden and I were just too different. I'd always want to go dancing at the Field House, and he'd want to go for Bud Light pitchers at SpoCo. Plus, he was always busy with his business classes and hazing his fraternity pledges with an ironing board. I mean, what kind of relationship can you have when the only times you see each other are at the Marco's stand at 2:30 in the morning and his arms are already sore from paddling freshmen? (I think he might have written an article for you guys last week, or something.) The curse of true love never did go smooth, I guess.

But hey, being single is pretty cool. I can sleep with whomever I like — which is a lot of people, FYI — and don't have to apologize for it. Like I said, that's what feminism is all about. *Cosmo* said so, so it must be true. Did you read that article about the way to pleasure a man? I think it was in all of their issues ever. Ha ha! J/K, I like them a lot.

And I am serious about my feminism, which is why I'm so concerned about this creep who's grabbing girls on their way home. I think the best solution is to hire bouncers for every street corner east of Gilbert. End of story! Plus, they could totally enforce a real dress code. It's time for a change, Iowa City! ■

DI Opinions Editor Jonathan Gold acknowledges that he clearly doesn't know much about popular girls, because they never talk to him. You can, however, at: jonathan-gold@uiowa.edu

Jonathan Gold

Englert Theatre spring lineup

In addition to Thursday's Drive By Truckers concert, directors at the local Iowa City theater announced the schedule for the spring of 2008 last week. Highlights include the Second City comedy troupe, guitarist Leo Kottke, and 1964: *The Tribute*, rated by *Rolling Stone* as the top Beatles tribute show.

Arts & Culture

Bending genres

By Ann Colwell

THE DAILY IOWAN

Patterson Hood isn't keen on making political statements.

The lead singer of the Southern rock band Drive By Truckers said a band can cover a lot of ground if it simply tells the story rather than trying to push an agenda.

"We focus more on telling the personal side of the story, whatever that story may be," he said, referring to songs about individuals in Iraq rather than speaking out against the current political ideology. "It's pretty hard-hitting stuff. Some of the stories we tell are pretty intense, but we also use a lot of humor."

Drive By Truckers will bring its storytelling version of rock 'n' roll to the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St., Thursday at 8 p.m. Ryan Bingham and The Dead Horses will open the show.

The Alabaman band won't commit to a single subcategory of rock, although the group's website labels the music as "psychobilly." Upon first listen, music fans might label Drive By Truckers as Bruce Springsteen-meets-Willie Nelson-meets-Ben Harper and the Blind Boys of Alabama. The music touches on everything from soul, R&B, old townie country, and '70s arena rock.

Wanting to step away from that typical, well, loud performance, the sextet embarked on a riskier acoustic tour in April. Since then, the members have split shows between that old rock style and the quieter concerts.

"The project is called 'The Dirt Underneath,'" Hood said, speaking with a sultry Southern twang. "This has been our chance to take it back down to the elements, and rebuild the music from scratch.



Publicity photo

Concert

Drive By Truckers, with Ryan Bingham and The Dead Horses

When: 8 p.m. Thursday
Where: Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
Admission: \$24

It's much more intimate. Instead of going out there and blasting it, it's like having us come over to your living room and tell you what it's all about."

This personal touch easily lends itself to Drive By Truckers' storytelling trend. Fans can expect to see the re-energized effects of this tour on the band's newest album, courtesy of New West Records. Due to drop in stores Jan. 22, 2008, *Brighter than Creation's Dark* should be as "all over the map" as Drive By Truckers' loose genre definition. Recently added bandmate and longtime friend Mike Cooley influenced a majority of the tracks.

"Music just kind of pours out of him," Hood said, laughing a little as he spoke about Cooley's long

track record of working with the big names in music — Bob Dylan, Neil Young, and Aretha Franklin. "Just having him in the room with us is inspiring. There's always music coming out of him."

Although he was influential in the Dirt Underneath project, Cooley won't perform on Thursday at the Englert. However, Hood said he expects a wide demographic to turn out to hear the group's new twist on its music.

"We do really well in bigger cities — these have been our strongest markets since day one," Hood said, mentioning New York, Chicago, Seattle, and a number of other metropolitan staples. He sounded a bit puzzled as he tried to explain the connection. "Maybe what we do is based around coming from a really small town, somewhere far away for city people. There seems to be a lot of common ground, and it connects on a pretty personal level. That's why people keep coming back and bringing their friends."

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An icon of poetry returns to Iowa City

Former Iowa Writers' Workshop faculty member Marvin Bell will return to Iowa City with a new book brimming with emotion about life during wartime.

By Meryn Fluker

THE DAILY IOWAN

Throughout American history, wartime has provided a context for stirring art — whether in the form of Vietnam-era protest songs or the literature that arose during the Civil War. The current U.S. involvement in Iraq has, as in those conflicts before it, set the stage for creative expression.

The war in Iraq simmers at the core of *Mars Being Red*, the latest collection of poems from former Iowa Poet Laureate Marvin Bell. He will read from the book tonight at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

"Writing is a survival skill. And right now, wartime is the matrix of our survival," he wrote in an e-mail to *The Daily Iowan*.

Mars Being Red is not a parade of pro-American and anti-Iraqi sentiment but rather a criticism of the officials that Bell feels led (or misled) the American military into the current situation. Despite his antiwar remarks, Bell remains supportive of the

American soldiers, even if he doesn't agree with the mission they've been assigned.

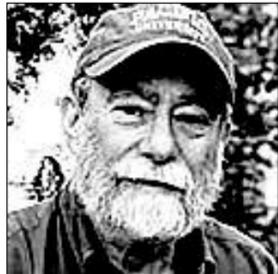
"I have great respect for the military, which is being misused and destroyed in a war based on lies," Bell wrote.

The writer's history — he served as an Army officer in the Vietnam War, a situation that draws comparisons with the current war — compelled him to craft poems of protest.

Bell wrote the poems in *Mars Being Red* between May 2005 and the beginning of this year.

While the Iowa Writers' Workshop alumnus makes it obvious he disagrees with the war, he is not angling to convert or convince his audience of anything. Those expecting any sort of antiwar rally at Bell's reading tonight may be disappointed, but it may be a good idea to expect the unpredictable.

"I don't plan a reading in detail. I prefer to think on my feet," he wrote the *DI*. While the audience members' response matters, Bell wrote that he doesn't consider them while initially crafting his poems, which he is constantly writing.



Publicity photo

Marvin Bell, Iowa's first poet laureate, often writes poems with protest themes or political slants.

Reading

Marvin Bell, poetry

When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque St.
Admission: Free

Some of Bell's inspiration comes from a place other than Iraq — the students he teaches poetry to at Pacific University in Oregon.

"For a writer, there isn't that much difference between teaching and writing," he wrote. "They are both like giving blood. I always write alongside my students, even when I teach by e-mail. I am an example to them, and they are examples to me."

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Turn your Radioheads on

In Rainbows may not be as bright and happy as the title implies, but Radiohead's seventh album is its most exacting batch of songs since 1995's *The Bends*.

By John C. Schlotfeld

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY IOWAN

★★★★ out of ★★★★★

Radiohead has always been confounding and experimental, so causality has never seemed to be at play (because *everybody* saw *Kid A* coming after *OK Computer*). However, if there was ever an appropriate follow-up to 2003's *Hail to the Thief*, *In Rainbows* is it.

Where the anti-Bush (and-Blair as well, I'm sure) diatribe was constantly at odds with itself — the knob-noodling of *Kid A* butting heads with the revitalized role of the guitar — *In Rainbows* finds a more exact synergy. You need only look to album opener "15 Step" to see the interplay between the rock band and the electronic twiddlers, as a rumbling bass line and slippery guitar duck in and out of a tittering fuzzy beat. Also, check the Kidz Bop choir chiming in at the end, probably the most deliriously chilling addition to the entire album.

Arguably the primary reason for this agreeable arrangement between the "warring factions" of the band would be the group's apparent maturity — all the blokes are in their mid- to late-30s.

Previously, Radiohead made the listener aware of the little tricks and tweaks it was employing,

nudging the audience, pointing out how clever and rich the compositions were. Now, instead of constructing orchestral-swells of blips and blops, the boys are accenting and perfecting the heart of their opuses, allowing you to play hide 'n' seek with the shrouded accents and flourishes.

The more focused and confident band also allows for a more confident Thom Yorke (I know, weird, huh?).

The perpetually paranoid frontman always helped steer the cacophonous surges toward their inevitable, entropic ends, but there's something refreshing about Yorke crooning "You are all I need." The twitchy lead singer exhibits no qualms about admitting his dependence in the touching yet frightening "All I Need."

Radiohead rescues what could be a trite sentiment reserved for the worst groan-inducing prom dances with a lyrical delivery devoid of pretense. Yorke is supported by an assured four-four beat and a bottomless, propulsive bass line. But it's the plumes of synthesizers running minor scales through the bottom of the mix and the little squealing stings that make this confession so bittersweet.

It's songs such as "All I Need" and "House of Cards" on which the band shows the most vulnerability, and they also provide the make-or-break moments for *In Rainbows*. Unlike "All I Need," "House of Cards" relies a little too heavily on the titular cliché, and the almost beach-bum strum driving the track a little too close to saccharine for my taste.

However, amid the densely populated mixes, "House of Cards" feels like a light dessert after a heavy meal, and it is appropriately disposable, making way for the one-two-punch of "Jigsaw Falling into Place" and "Videotape" at the end of the album. This necessary filler is what separates *In Rainbows* from its predecessor. The meticulous attention to detail that has gone into each and every sound throughout the forty-plus minutes of the record shows.

With each listen, songs take on more shape, lyrics burrow a little deeper, and suddenly you can't imagine skipping "House of Cards" because it's not really separate from "Reckoner" or "Jigsaw Falling into Place," it slowly becomes part of one big piece: *In Rainbows*.

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PLAY LIST

UI Visiting Assistant Professor Russell Peterson

1. "Cottontail" — Duke Ellington: One of the first tunes constructed on what jazz musicians call "rhythm changes." The original version, recorded 66 years ago by Duke's best-ever lineup, is as exuberant and "alive" as anything recorded since. It's like audio proof of immortality.
2. "Genius" — Warren Zevon: Anybody who could write a love song with a lyric comparing Albert Einstein to Charlie Sheen, and still break your heart, deserves respect, if not awe.
3. "Quick" — Eddie From Ohio: Another Einstein song, from this Virginia

(not Ohio) band. It's not very famous, but it has a dedicated cult following, and I'm definitely a member.

4. "Pretty Good Day So Far" — Loudon Wainwright III: He may be better known these days as the father of Rufus, or a Judd Apatow bit player, but he is one of the great singer-songwriters — a Dylan without the defensive air of mystery.

5. "Hail Against the Barn Door" — The Gilded Bats: A real yeehaw! foot-stomper from Iowa City's own Old Time Music masters. First cut on its new CD.

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HEART QUEST

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19
Finding the One Who Has Loved You All Along: What God is Really Like

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
Jesus, Your Heart's Desire

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
Map Quest: How the Bible Guides Your Search for God

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23
Laws for Lovers

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24
Intimate Conversations: Finding Closeness Through Prayer

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26
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CORRECTION

In the Oct. 16 article "Wilco rogers the crowd's energy," the *DI* incorrectly identified the windmilling guitarist as John Stirratt instead of Pat Sansone. The *DI* regrets the error.

Putin warns against attacking Iran

By Vladimir Isachenkov

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — Vladimir Putin issued a veiled warning Tuesday against any attack on Iran as he began the first visit by a Kremlin leader to Tehran in six decades — a mission reflecting Russian-Iranian efforts to curb U.S. influence.

He also suggested Moscow and Tehran should have a veto on Western plans for new pipelines to carry oil and

natural gas from the Caspian Sea, using routes that would bypass Russian soil and break the Kremlin's monopoly on energy deliveries from the region.

Putin came to Tehran for a summit of the five nations bordering the Caspian, but his visit was aimed more at strengthening efforts to blunt U.S. economic and military ties in the area. Yet he also refused to set a date for completing Iran's first nuclear reactor, trying to avoid

'We are saying that no [Caspian] nations should offer their territory to outside powers for aggression or any military action against any of the Caspian states.'

— Vladimir Putin

an outright show of support for Iran's defiance over its nuclear program.

Putin strongly warned outside powers against use of force in the region, a clear reference to the United States, which many in Iran fear will attack

over the West's suspicions that the Iranians are secretly trying to develop nuclear weapons.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made similar comments.

"We are saying that no [Caspian] nations should offer

their territory to outside powers for aggression or any military action against any of the Caspian states," Putin said.

The five national leaders at the summit later signed a declaration that included a similar statement — an apparent reflection of Iranian fears that the United States could use Azerbaijan's territory as a staging ground for military strikes in Iran.

Putin has warned against such attacks previously, but

iterating them in Tehran gave them greater resonance — particularly at a summit for a region where Moscow deeply resents U.S. and European attempts at greater influence.

The Russian leader also used the occasion to make a nod to Iran's national pride — describing it as a "world power" and referring to the might of the ancient Persian empire.

AP writers Ali Akbar Dareini, Nasser Karimi, and Steve Gutterman contributed to this report.

Militants hit Iraq

By Kim Gamel

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — An explosives-laden sewage truck blew up near a police station, and a car bomb struck an Iraqi army checkpoint Tuesday — attacks that bore the hallmarks of Al Qaeda in Iraq and showed extremists can still hit hard despite recent gains by U.S.-led forces.

A U.S. military spokesman said the terror network is on the run in some areas, but it "obviously remains very lethal."

The bombings and a series of shootings mainly targeted Iraqi security forces and tribal leaders facing internal rivalries, but bystanders also were struck. At least 25 people were killed or found dead nationwide.

The deadliest attack occurred when a car blew up near a gas station across the street from an Iraqi army checkpoint, killing four civilians and two Iraqi soldiers and wounding 25 others.

Flames shot out from a military pickup as ambulances raced to the scene, driving past a long concrete barrier that recently was decorated with murals by local artists in an attempt to beautify the city.

It was the latest in a series of car bombings in the capital despite stringent security measures put in place as part of a U.S.-Iraqi military operation — now in its ninth month — and celebrations marking the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

In the northern city of Mosul, a suicide bomber in a sewage pump truck detonated his payload as he approached a police station recently rebuilt after four previous attacks, police said.

The blast collapsed most of the building, killing at least four policemen, including the station chief, and wounding 75 people, police said. A police spokesman, Brig. Gen. Mohammed al-Waqqa, said several nearby shops and cars were damaged.

Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, has seen a rise in violence that many blame in part on an influx of militants who fled the Baghdad security crackdown.

Nobody claimed responsibility for the attacks, but both bombings bore the hallmarks of Sunni Arab insurgents, particularly Al Qaeda in Iraq. The terror group had promised to step up attacks during Ramadan, which ended over the weekend with the Eid al-Fitr holiday.

Gunmen also killed a Sunni tribal leader who recently turned against Al Qaeda in Iraq in an ambush west of Baghdad that also left his son and another relative dead, police said.

A Shiite tribal chieftain was killed in a drive-by shooting in the southern city of Nasiriyah, the latest victim in violence between Shiite groups jockeying for power in the oil-rich region.

U.S. commanders have said the increase in troops ordered by President Bush in January — and the increased operations that followed — have left Al Qaeda in Iraq fractured and pushed militants into remote parts of the north and south. Additional operations have been going after those pockets of fighters.

Officials have cited a drop in suicide bombings, from more than 60 in January to some 30 a month since July, along with a decrease in the flow of foreign fighters across the borders. But they acknowledge they have been unable to stop the car bombings and suicide attacks usually blamed on Al Qaeda in Iraq.

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FOOTBALL

Humpal rakes in another honor

Iowa linebacker Mike Humpal has racked up the accolades after his spectacular game against Illinois last Saturday.

The senior from New Hampton was named the FWAA/Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week in addition to being named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week.



Humpal
linebacker

Humpal had a career-high 18 tackles, including 2.5 for loss, and a fumble recovery in the Hawkeyes' 10-6 upset victory over the 18th-ranked Illini.

Humpal led the Iowa defense in holding Illinois 24 points and 124 rushing yards below its season averages.

He will be placed on the 2007 Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List, which is presented to the best defensive player in college football.

Humpal and his Iowa teammates return to the field Saturday in West Lafayette, Ind., for an 11 a.m. tilt with Purdue.

— by Mike Brownlee

Bowman pleads not guilty

A suspended Hawkeye receiver filed a written plea of not guilty to charges of unauthorized use of a credit card on Tuesday, according to online court records.

Anthony Bowman, 19, followed the lead of fellow suspended player Dominique Douglas, who pleaded not guilty to the same charge earlier this month.

Bowman is set to go to trial for the charge Jan. 28, 2008, according to online court records. Unauthorized use of a credit card is a Class D felony, which could net the Detroit native up to a five-year prison sentence.

Bowman and Douglas were charged of the offense in August after allegedly making more than \$2,000 worth of purchases on an unauthorized card, according to police. After the charges were filed, the players were indefinitely suspended from the Hawkeye football team.

Douglas is set to go to trial on Dec. 10.

— by Samantha Miller

TICKETS

Hoops tickets on sale

Weekend package tickets for this season's Iowa men's basketball games officially went on sale Tuesday.

The packages will include contests against Michigan State on Jan. 12, Penn State on Jan. 26, Ohio State on Feb. 2, and Illinois on either March 1 or March 2. The total package will cost Hawkeye fans \$100.

Single-game tickets are also now on sale for Iowa's 10 nonconference games. The tickets will cost \$20 for seven of the 10 games, with contests against Wake Forest on Nov. 26 and Drake on Dec. 14 drawing \$25 per ticket. The exhibition game against Simpson College on Nov. 1 will cost \$10.

Single-game tickets for Big Ten games will not go on sale until Dec. 4.

— by Sean Monahan

TV TODAY

NBA Preseason
Cleveland vs. Orlando, in Shanghai, China, 7 a.m., ESPN2

PGA Tour
PGA of America, Grand Slam of Golf, final round, 4 p.m., TNT

“We did better, but we're hardly contenders for anything right now. Reality is we're still 1-3 in Big Ten play. So we have a lot of work to do.” — Kirk Ferentz

Win only a baby step



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan

ABOVE: Iowa wide receiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianos sprints during an 11-yard return in the third quarter as Iowa takes on Illinois at Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 13. The Hawkeyes scored the only touchdown of the game during the third quarter to win, 10-6. Iowa travels to Purdue on Saturday.

BELOW: Charles Godfrey (left) and Bryon Gattas take down Illinois' Jacob Willis during the fourth quarter in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 13. Godfrey finished with six tackles, while Gattas added two. The Hawkeye defense faces Purdue quarterback Curtis Painter on Saturday. Painter ranks second in the Big Ten with 275 passing yards per game.

With the program's losing streak in the rearview mirror, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said Tuesday that a win over No. 18 Illinois is only one small step on the team's Big Ten path.

By Charlie Kautz
THE DAILY IOWAN

DI Hawkeyes prepare for Purdue

Watch Daily Iowan Television at dailyiowan.com to see more of Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz's press conference and player interviews on Tuesday.

Having overcome an eight-game conference losing streak to win a border war with Illinois, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz made it clear Tuesday that the Hawkeyes aren't yet waving the victory flag after capturing their first Big Ten battle.

“There's still a lot of work to do,” the coach said at his weekly press conference. “We did better, but we're hardly contenders for anything right now. Reality is we're still 1-3 in Big Ten play. So we have a lot of work to do. I think we all know that.”

“The only important thing really is what we do these next five weeks, what kind of strides can we make, are we going to keep pushing for

it. If we do, hopefully, it'll end up in the winning column. But there are no guarantees.”

Coming off the 10-6 win over the then-No. 18 Fighting Illini, Iowa (3-4, 1-3) certainly has some positives to take from the skid-stopping home victory.

Controlling the football more consistently on offense and holding the opponent to a pair of field goals after allowing 27 points at Penn State, the Hawkeyes could make .500 a reality in West Lafayette on Saturday.



Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan

If Hawkeyes are to earn their second-straight win this weekend, they will have to keep up with a potent Purdue offense led by senior quarterback Curtis Painter. Ranked second in the Big Ten and 18th nationally in passing offense, the Boilermakers are plenty capable of turning week seven into a track meet — an unfamiliar scenario for the grind-it-out Hawkeye offense.

“I think we saw [Oct. 13] nothing is going to come easy

for our football team,” Ferentz said. “It's just the way we're built. This will be a tough challenge too, because [Boilermakers] are a good football club, a lot like Indiana, a lot like Illinois in that they've got a ton of veterans back.”

“... They're a good ball club, vintage Boilermakers. Purdue has done what it takes to win through the years.”

SEE FOOTBALL, 3B

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Strange teams on top

Only six teams remain unbeaten in college football, including Big Ten leader Ohio State.

By Andrew Bagnato
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kansas, Hawaii, Arizona State, Ohio State, Boston College, South Florida.

Sounds like the field at the Maui Invitational.

They are, in reality, the remaining unbeaten in major college football.

It's mid-October, and six of 119 teams have navigated their way to a perfect record in this stormiest of college football seasons.

They're a combined 40-0.

Hang on, Sloopy. It's too early for any of these teams to put down a nonrefundable deposit on a block of rooms in New Orleans, site of the Bowl Championship Series title game.

We expect perfection from the top-ranked Buckeyes, who have become a monotonous victory machine under Jim Tressel, notwithstanding their embarrassing loss to Florida in the Bowl Championship Series title game last January.

That's twice-beaten Florida this season, by the way.

But what do the six unbeaten have in common, aside from unbeaten records?

Time zones ... no.

Tradition ... no. South Florida moved to college football's top level in 2001.

Rankings ... no. They range from No. 1 (Ohio State) to No. 17 (Hawaii).

“They've all traveled different paths,” Big East Commissioner Mike Tranchese said this week from Connecticut, where he was making a campus visit.

Chalk their records up to a combination of talent, coaching, parity and forgiving schedules.

Or maybe “forgiving” is too kind.

The NCAA ranks schedules in a variety of ways, but the most telling is based on a team's previous opponents.



Tressel

Ohio State coach

SEE UNBEATENS, 3B

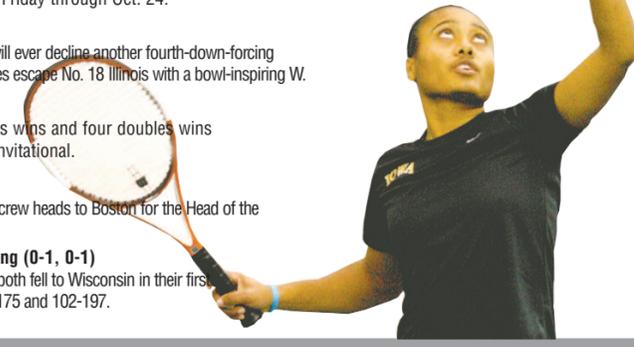
DI'S FALL SPORTS POWER RANKINGS

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

- 1** — **Field hockey (12-2, 3-1)**
The fourth-ranked squad just keeps rolling along, disposing of Ohio State, 2-1, over the weekend.
- 2** — **Women's cross-country**
Diane Nukuri's third place, school record run in the 6,000 m paced the squad toward an eighth-place finish at pre-nationals.
- 3** — **Men's cross-country**
Placed 25th out of 37 teams at pre-nationals, with each Hawkeye running a personal best.
- 4** — **Soccer (6-4-4, 2-3)**
Stung by overtime losses at Purdue and Indiana to end its four-game road trip.
- 5** — **Volleyball (9-10, 1-7)**
Record-setting attendance against No. 9 Wisconsin couldn't save it from dipping below .500 for the first time with a pair of weekend losses.
- 6** — **Women's golf**
Finished fourth in the Hawkeye Invitational, snapping its three-year run of winning the event.

- 7** — **Men's golf**
No competition over the weekend; the team tees off in Wilmington, N.C., for the Landfall Tradition Oct. 26-28.
- 8** — **Women's tennis**
No weekend action; team gears up for the Midwest Regionals Friday through Oct. 24.
- 9** — **Football (3-4, 1-3)**
You think Ron Zook will ever decline another fourth-down-forcing penalty? The Hawkeyes escape No. 18 Illinois with a bowl-inspiring W.
- 10** — **Men's tennis**
Claimed four singles wins and four doubles wins at the Purdue Fall Invitational.
- 11** — **Rowing**
Idle this weekend; the crew heads to Boston for the Head of the Charles on Oct. 19.
- 12** — **Swimming and diving (0-1, 0-1)**
The men and women both fell to Wisconsin in their first meet of the year, 125-175 and 102-197.

- ↑ Moved up in the rankings from last week
- ↓ Moved down in the rankings from last week
- Stayed at the same ranking as last week



SPORTS 'N' STUFF

POSTSEASON BASEBALL
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
American League
Friday, Oct. 12
Boston 10, Cleveland 3
Saturday, Oct. 13
Cleveland 13, Boston 6, 11 innings
Monday, Oct. 15
Cleveland 4, Boston 2
Tuesday, Oct. 16
Cleveland 7, Boston 3, Cleveland leads series 3-1.

Minnesota 5 0 0 10 11 4
Colorado 4 2 0 8 21 18
Vancouver 3 3 0 6 18 21
Calgary 2 2 2 6 21 22
Edmonton 2 4 0 4 13 20
Pacific
W L OT Pts GF GA
San Jose 3 2 1 7 14 15
Anaheim 3 4 1 7 19 23
Dallas 2 2 2 6 16 16
Phoenix 2 3 0 4 12 14
Los Angeles 1 5 0 2 16 27
Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

WORLD SERIES
Wednesday, Oct. 24
Colorado at Boston-Cleveland winner, (n)
Thursday, Oct. 25
Colorado at Boston-Cleveland winner, (n)
Saturday, Oct. 27
Boston-Cleveland winner at Colorado, (n)
Sunday, Oct. 28
Boston-Cleveland winner at Colorado, (n)
Monday, Oct. 29
Boston-Cleveland winner at Colorado, if necessary, (n)
Wednesday, Oct. 31
Colorado at Boston-Cleveland winner, if necessary, (n)
Thursday, Nov. 1
Colorado at Boston-Cleveland winner, if necessary, (n)

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Announced the retirement of Bill Stoneman, general manager, who will remain with the team as senior advisor. Named Tony Reagins general manager and Abe Flores director of player personnel.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Named Ron Romanick bullpen coach.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Frank Francisco on a one-year contract.

ALCS LINESCORE
Game 4
Boston 000 003 000 — 3 8 1
Cleveland 000 070 000 — 7 9 0
Wakelfield, Delcarmen (5), Lester (6) and Mirabelli, Varitek (6); Byrd, Lewis (6), RBetancourt (8) and Shoppach. W—Byrd 1-0, L—Wakelfield 0-1. Hfs—Boston, Youkilis (1), DOrtiz (1), MRamirez (2), Cleveland, JhPeralta (2), Blake (1).

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
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FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed QB Tim Hasselbeck. Released DE Quentin Moses.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed LB Jordan Beck. Released LB D.D. Lewis.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Waived S Donovin Darius.
PLACED DT Chase Paga on injured reserve.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Acquired WR Chris Chambers from Miami for a 2008 second-round draft pick.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed DT Howard Green.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Acquired RB Michael Bennett from Kansas City for undisclosed 2008 and 2009 draft picks.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Released G Kili Lefotu and FB Brian Bell from the practice squad.
Signed T Kevin Sampson and T Calvin Armstrong to the practice squad..
COLLEGE
NCAA—Placed Ball State on two years probation and reduced the number of football and men's tennis scholarships for violations in its athletics program.
ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK—Promoted Wes Flanigan to men's associate basketball coach and recruiting coordinator.

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Which of the remaining three teams left in the MLB playoffs will win the World Series?

INDIANS

Apparently, the Indians didn't get the memo.

Cleveland was supposed to be this year's sacrificial lamb. Few gave the team a chance at toppling the Yankees and their \$195 million star-packed roster. They did, in four games. Nearly everyone expected them to assume the position of minuscule bump in Boston's road to the World Series, a blip on the radar of Red Sox destiny.

After Game 1 against Boston, that stance was thought was only strengthened. A 10-3 shellacking of the Indians, and Red Sox fans were already debating their rotation for the World Series.

But the Indians fought back, and answered with a come-from-behind, extra-innings thriller in Game 2. They put up an absurd seven runs in the 11th inning to steal the game, and with it, the momentum of the whole series.

Cleveland has the pitching to not only close out the Boston series, but to sluggers — including designated hitter Travis Hafner — to topple the Rockies, as well. The Indians endured shaky outings by C.C. Sabathia and Fausto Carmona, the both 19-game winners during the regular season.

It could come down to a battle between bullpens, where Cleveland is surprisingly strong, if not well-known. After Carmona went only four innings in Game 2, Rafael Betancourt kept the team in it with 2 1/2 innings of scoreless relief, and Tom Mastny (who?) mowed through David Ortiz, Manny Ramirez, and Mike Lowell to get the win.

If the Indians make the World Series, they'd likely be cast as the underdogs against Colorado, which has won 21 of its last 22 games. That's OK — it's nothing new for Cleveland.

— by Sam Martin

ROCKIES

As improbable as it sounds, how do you pick AGAINST the Colorado Rockies right now?

The Rockies are 21-1 since Sept. 15th. They're 7-0 in the post-season, including 4-0 on the road. The one loss was in the last regular-season series of the year, against the Diamondbacks and pitcher Brandon Webb. They avenged that loss in Game 1 of the NLCS.

Arizona wore its black jerseys in the Oct. 12 Game 2 to keep Colorado from wearing its, which they'd won seven games in a row in. The Rockies still won the game, 3-2.

Black jersey, gray jersey, the Rockies don't care. The only color that matters when discussing Colorado is red; they're on fire.

National League MVP-contender Matt Holliday has hit four home runs this post-season, and New York Met cast-off Kaz Matsui is fulfilling his promise, with a six-game hitting streak and eight post-season RBIs.

The Rockies aren't crushing the ball per se, but are coming up with timely hits. Despite only batting .222 in the NLCS compared with Arizona's .254, the Rockies scored 18 runs in the series to Arizona's eight.

It isn't offense, however, that has the Rockies in the World Series, it's pitching and defense. Colorado had a 1.89 team ERA against Arizona. Its bullpen of Matt Herges, LaTroy Hawkins, Brian Fuentes, and closer Manny Corpas has been lights out.

The Rockies will be confident and rested when they play their American League counterpart, and they'll win the World Series.

— by Mike Brownlee

WOMEN'S XC

Nukuri honored again

In a routine that Hawkeye senior Diane Nukuri in now accustomed to, the All-American harrier was named the Big-Ten women's cross-country Athlete of the Week after posting a third-place, record-setting finish at the Pre-NCAA Invitational meet over the weekend.



Nukuri senior

Competing in three meets this season, Nukuri has set lowa records in each and has garnered three Big-Ten accolades for her achievements.

In her first performance, at the Hawkeye Invitational on Sept. 15, Nukuri shattered the Hawkeye and course 4K record, posting a first-place finish in 13:14. At the Auburn Invitational, on Sept. 29, Nukuri again bested the field in the 5K distance, running to an lowa and course record in 15:55.

At the Pre-NCAA Invite, Nukuri's third-place finish in the 6K, at 20:11, eclipsed the previous Hawkeye best of 20:34, a mark Nukuri set at last year's Midwest Regional Championship meet. All three performances earned her the conference's weekly honors.

Nukuri's strong performance and an eighth-place team finish in the Oct. 13 competition earned the team a ranking of 18th nationally in the latest U.S. Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association poll. Previously, the team was ranked 23rd.

— by Nick Compton

'Rocktober' in Denver

By Eddie Pells
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — It's October in Denver. The Broncos are playing. Snow showers are in the forecast. The leaves are turning red and yellow and brown.

The dominant color in the Mile High City these days, though, is purple. It's "Rocktober" in Colorado. The Rockies, crazy as it sounds, are in the World Series. No Curse of the Bambino. No Wrigley Field goat. Just pure Rockie magic.

Sad-sack losers almost all their 15 seasons of existence, the Rockies have won 21 of 22 games and seven in a row in the playoffs.

Suddenly, it's cool to wear a black and purple Rockies cap around town. First baseman Todd Helton is a bigger star than Bronco quarterback Jay Cutler.

"I didn't see this happening," Colorado fan Jeff Zebrowski said before the Rockies defeated Arizona on Monday night to win the National League pennant and make it to baseball's biggest stage. "Maybe two or three years from now, but not now. We're too young as a team."

As fantastic and unlikely as it may seem to that handful of long-suffering season-ticket holders who watched their team veer from early success to unbecoming circus act to essentially irrelevant, it carries an even more poignant meaning in a city that cruelly flirted with baseball for decades, only to have its heart broken again and again.



Colorado first baseman Todd Helton (left) celebrates with Troy Tulowitzki after Helton wrapped up the last out to win Game 4 of the NLCS against the Arizona Diamondbacks, 6-4, and advance to the World Series on Monday in Denver. The Rockies will play either the Boston Red Sox or Cleveland Indians.

Today, the thought of the one-time purveyors of the unwatchable, four-hour, 12-11 slugfest in the World Series sounds every

bit as outlandish and tantalizing as the idea 30 years ago that Major League Baseball would someday land in Denver.

But Denver finally did get its team. And now the city stands one step from the next baseball milestone in what has been an emotional, memory-filled ride for any native who also happens to be a sports fan.

Yes, Denver has always been a football town — a city that attached itself to the Broncos and married much of its self-esteem and hope to heroes wearing orange and blue.

There probably will never be a feeling like the one this city enjoyed in 1977, during that improbable, impossible first trip to the Super Bowl. The Orange Crush, Broncomania. Nobody expected that. Denver had finally arrived.

And 20 long years later, when the Broncos finally won the Super Bowl — "This one's for John!" — nobody could smirk anymore when someone referred to Denver among the most credible of sports towns, right there with Philly or Houston or Chicago.

But in between those football-filled autumns, there had to be something to do to pass the time. There was. It was just on a much smaller scale.

Mile High Stadium — the real Mile High Stadium that is now a parking lot adjacent to the new Invesco Field — was originally Bears Stadium, a 17,000-seater built on the corner of 19th and Clay in 1948 for the Denver Bears of the old Western League.

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ALCS GAME 4: INDIANS 7, RED SOX 1

Indians one step away from Series

A strong pitching performance by Paul Byrd and a seven-run fifth inning propels Cleveland to a 3-1 lead in the AL Championship Series.

By Tom Withers
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Led by a throwback pitcher who looks as if he stepped out of their 1948 team photo, the Cleveland Indians moved one win from another crack at winning an elusive World Series title.

Pumping his arms with an old-school windup from yesterday, Paul Byrd blanked Boston long enough, and the Indians used a seven-run rampage in the fifth inning to beat the Red Sox, 7-3, Tuesday night for a 3-1 lead in the ALCS.

The Indians, who knocked out the New York Yankees and their monstrous payroll in the first round of the playoffs, now have the free-spending Red Sox on the ropes. Even three-straight homers couldn't rally Boston.

A victory in Game 5 on Thursday night would send Cleveland back to the World Series for the first time since 1997, when the Indians lost a seven-game thriller to the Florida Marlins.

After a day off, the Indians will turn to ace C.C. Sabathia, their left-handed leader. Boston's Josh Beckett, who beat Cleveland in Game 1 at home,

will try to send the series back to Fenway Park.

Another Series first-timer — the amazing Colorado Rockies — are patiently waiting for an opponent.

And it just might be the Indians, who haven't won a world championship since '48, when they beat the Boston Braves. Cleveland's 59-year drought is only eclipsed by the Chicago Cubs, those lovable losers whose futility now extends to 99 years this fall after an early-October flame out.

These Indians are burning brightly.

Casey Blake homered leading off the fifth inning against Boston knuckleballer Tim Wakefield, whose now-you-see-it-now-you-don't pitch had Cleveland's hitters swinging at air for nearly four innings.

But in the fifth, helped by a dropped foul pop and a ball seemingly destined for an inning-ending double play that tipped off Wakefield's glove, the Indians blew it open by hanging a seven spot on the scoreboard — just as they did in the 11th inning at Fenway Park to win Game 2.

Cleveland batted for 35 minutes in the fifth, and the down time

seemed to hurt Byrd, who gave up back-to-back homers in a seven-pitch span to Kevin Youkilis and David Ortiz to open the sixth before Indians manager Eric Wedge rescued him.

As Byrd walked to the dugout in favor of rookie Jensen Lewis, Cleveland's towel-twirling fans saluted the 36-year-old, who instead of trying to blow pitches past hitters, uses off-speed stuff to fool them.

Lewis gave up a homer to Manny Ramirez, who posed to admire his 451-foot shot, as the Red Sox became the first team in ALCS history to hit three-straight homers.

They came too late as the Red Sox missed a chance to even the series and now must hope they can conjure up some of their 2004 magic, when they came back from an 0-3 deficit, beat the Yankees four straight and swept the St. Louis Cardinals in the Series.

Byrd found his unique windup almost by accident. Following shoulder surgery in 2002, he began swinging his arms, hoping the momentum it created might give him more velocity. After trying it out during batting practice, a few teammates told him they had a hard time picking up the ball. That's all he needed to hear.



Amy Sancetta/Associated Press

Cleveland Indian first baseman Victor Martinez (right) celebrates with second baseman Asdrubal Cabrera after the Indians beat the Boston Red Sox, 7-3, in Game 4 of the ALCS on Tuesday in Cleveland. Cleveland leads the series, 3-1. Cleveland starter Paul Byrd blanked Boston long enough and Casey Blake homered to start Cleveland's seven-run rampage in the fifth inning. "We want to put them away here," Byrd said as Indians fans kept rocking after the final out. "That's a great team over there. They can easily come back and win three. We're taking absolutely nothing for granted. We'll enjoy the win for now, but we want to put them away at home in front of these great fans."

Injured Hawks may return

"The thing I just want to share is that when you're talking about people in college, you know, these guys are people. They're working through issues, problems, they're trying to get their feet on the ground, they're doing the best they can."

— Kirk Ferentz,
responding to negative newspaper articles
written about his team's performance

FOOTBALL

CONTINUED FROM 1B

While the Boilermakers didn't have what it takes in a 47-17 loss at Kinnick Stadium last season, they proved plenty capable of finishing games in five-straight wins to start the season. Hoping to inch closer to a pack of 5-2 conference teams that includes Purdue, Ferentz feels the Hawkeyes will be ready for another road test this weekend.

"We're going to go into battle and see what happens, but we've got to figure out a way to get some points up there," he said.

Ferentz responds to articles

Opening his weekly media briefing by saying he tends to ignore what outsiders say, write, and publish about his Hawkeye football team, Ferentz couldn't help but respond to a pair of "disheartening" articles written last week.

Without naming names, the coach mentioned one article that targeted the play of the offensive line against Penn State, while the other involved negative comments made by a former Iowa player.

"The thing I just want to share is that when you're talking about people in college, you know, these guys are people," he said. "They're working through issues, problems, they're trying to get their feet on the ground, they're doing the best they can."

"Boy, I'd really encourage everybody to be careful with the kind of expectations you put on individual players. I struggle with that."

Feeling especially dispirited by the former player's comments, Ferentz said he felt the second article wasn't a fair assessment.

"The article really wasn't very complimentary I don't think for our program, how he was representing the program," Ferentz said. "I don't think it was fair to the player or representative of the player."

Hawkeyes getting healthy

Having been without senior defensive starters Mike Klinkenberg and Devan Moylan the last three weeks, Ferentz said on Tuesday that he was hopeful that one, if not both, players could return Saturday.

"Klink has been — since Friday, he's been really upbeat and feeling good. But he hasn't really worked out yet, either. He's finally worked out the last couple days, so hopefully, when we go out there and push hard, he won't revert."

Adding that the Hawkeyes were thin at the safety position, the coach said Moylan's return is less realistic this week.

Recovering from a separated left elbow injury suffered in the Wisconsin loss, sophomore tight end Tony Moeaki could return this weekend, as well.

"If it was just on his attitude, 100 percent [that he'd return]," Ferentz said. "He was telling us last week he could play. The problem was the doctors weren't agreeing. They get the final vote. But his attitude has been great."

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Some oddities among unbeatens

UNBEATENS CONTINUED FROM 1B

By that measure, South Florida's schedule ranks 12th. Among the other unbeatens, the next-toughest schedule belongs to Ohio State at No. 72.

Arizona State ranks 84th, Boston College 92nd, Kansas 100th.

Hawaii has played the easiest schedule so far, according to the NCAA — and the Warriors had to go into overtime to beat Louisiana Tech and San Jose State.

No. 2 South Florida can hang its hat on wins over Auburn (on the Plains) and West Virginia.

The other five don't have a suitable-for-framing victory among them.

The Buckeyes may or may not win the national title. After whipping Youngstown State, Akron, and Kent State, they're a lock for state honors.

But we shouldn't mock perfection. Salute these half-dozen teams for what they've achieved so far — bowl eligibility, or close to it.

Southern California, LSU, and Oklahoma would gladly swap records with any one of them.

Tressel knows how hard it is to go unbeaten across a season. His 2002 team went 14-0, surviving numerous scares on its way to the Fiesta Bowl, where it had still more scares before defeating Miami for the national title.

"It's extremely hard," Tressel said Tuesday on the Big Ten coaches teleconference. "It doesn't happen very often. Sometimes the ball bounces your way and sometimes it doesn't."

Sometimes the official calls pass interference in the end zone, and sometimes he doesn't. That one went the Buckeyes' way in the Fiesta.

"To go through with winning all your games obviously is the most difficult thing there is," Tressel said.

In this loony autumn, just winning is difficult. Every team in The Associated Press preseason Top 10 has lost. (Ohio State opened at No. 11).

So congratulations to the Buckeyes, Jayhawks, Sun Devils, Eagles, Bulls, and Warriors. And take a good look at them

now, because their ranks may thin in the next few weeks.

Five of the unbeatens are about to face rugged road tests. Only Hawaii gets a hall pass — and the way Colt Brennan has been going lately, it might be intercepted.

South Florida visits Rutgers on Thursday night.

On Saturday, Kansas plays at Colorado, where Oklahoma went down a few weeks ago.

Boston College goes to

Blacksburg to take on No. 11 Virginia Tech on Oct. 25.

Ohio State visits Penn State on Oct. 27. And if that's not hard enough, the Buckeyes take on resurgent Michigan in Ann Arbor on Nov. 17.

Arizona State plays at No. 7 Oregon on Nov. 3.

One look at that list makes you wonder if anyone can go unbeaten. What if South Florida and Boston College are the only

survivors? They're already No. 2 and No. 3 in the BCS standings, so they won't need much help to move up.

The Eagles, remember, fled the Big East to join the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Big East then plucked the Bulls away from Conference USA.

Tranghese chuckled at the suggestion that they might meet in New Orleans.

"Wouldn't that be something?" he said. "There's a long way to go."

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BIG TEN FOOTBALL

Penn St. hopes to build on streak

By Genaro C. Armas
ASSOCIATED PRESS

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Beaver Stadium provided Penn State's sickly offense a nice environment to get better.

After outscoring opponents 65-14 in two-straight easy wins, it's time again for coach Joe Paterno's crew to hit the road, where the Nittany Lions have had far more problems with the ball.

"I hope we can build on it," receiver Dean Butler said Tuesday about the momentum from the two-game home winning streak. "To see something good like that, to get in a rhythm and control the ball, it's something we can build on the rest of the season."

Next stop: Indiana (5-2, 2-2 Big Ten) on Saturday. Every game is critical now for Penn State (5-2, 2-2), especially if the teams above

the Lions in the standings — Ohio State, Michigan, and Illinois — should fall back to the pack over the last five weeks of this topsy-turvy regular season.

"People don't realize it, but Indiana is in the same situation we are," Paterno said. "It's a very crucial game for us and for Indiana as well."

At least Penn State heads into Bloomington on a roll. The defense stuffed the Badgers' solid offense, and the offense steam-rolled to a 38-7 victory in the Nittany Lions' most complete win of the season.

But the game didn't feature the typical "run, run, pass" offense that hardened Nittany Lions fans are used to — Penn State threw Wisconsin off-balance by throwing often on first downs. Quarterback Anthony Morelli looked sharp.

"Definitely every time the ball goes in the air, it's more fun for receivers," said Butler, who had nine of his team-high 26 catches last week. "To be a two-dimensional team, both running and passing, is something we can build on."

One of the keys to success, Paterno said, has been the offensive line. After preseason lineup shuffles and an injury to former starting guard John Shaw, the unit is keeping the mostly immobile Morelli upright in the pocket.

Running lanes are opening for the new tailback tandem of Rodney Kinlaw and Evan Royster, who combined for 183 yards on 31 carries last week.

JoePa likes it when his linemen start getting mentally sharp on the field.

"They've made some adjustments, and some of the kids started to anticipate certain

things, which happens when you get experience," Paterno said. "They're getting better all the time, and hopefully, they can hold up."

But the Nittany Lions haven't executed nearly as well on the road as they have playing in front of 100,000 friendly fans on home turf.

Penn State was held to three field goals in the loss to Michigan, when turnovers and red-zone miscues cost them. The following week against Illinois, Morelli & Co. moved the ball with ease in the first half but the offense came to a screeching halt in the second — just when the defense was coming around versus the Illini.

Game-plan differences aside, preparing for a road game isn't any different from getting ready to suit up at Beaver Stadium, linebacker Dan Connor said.



Carolyn Kaster/Associated Press
Wisconsin's P.J. Hill is tackled by Penn State defenders Anthony Scirrotto (left) and Tony Davis (11) in State College, Pa., on Oct. 13.

Hoosiers shrug off blowout defeat

By Michael Marot
ASSOCIATED PRESS



Al Goldis/Associated Press
Michigan State's Jonal Saint-Dic hits Indiana quarterback Kellen Lewis before knocking the ball out of his hand during the third quarter on Oct. 13 in East Lansing, Mich. The Spartans won, 52-27.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Neither the rallying cry, nor the determination to become bowl eligible, has changed at Indiana. Not even after the Oct. 13 blowout loss at Michigan State.

The resilient Hoosiers — who have succeeded in the face of tragedy, who overcame a home loss to Illinois, who continue to sit on the cusp of reaching their first bowl game since 1993 — were undeterred when they returned to work Tuesday.

"Last year, you put your head down after a loss," quarterback Kellen Lewis said. "This year, we lose a game, we look at the film, we get over it. You've got to go on to the next game. Obviously, our goal is to win way more than six and to play 13."

It might be easier for Indiana (5-2, 2-2) to wallow this week after getting destroyed by a Michigan State ground game that controlled the clock and overpowered what had been a relatively stout defense before Oct. 13.

That's not how these Hoosiers operate, though.

After late coach Terry Hoepfner died in June from complications of a brain tumor, Indiana responded by winning their first three games. After losing 27-14 to Illinois at home, they pulled a 38-20 shocker at Iowa.

Now comes the hard part — rebounding to win No. 6.

Indiana faces perennial Big Ten powers No. 25 Penn State and Wisconsin the next two weeks, then finishes the season by hosting Ball State, visiting Northwestern, and hosting

archival Purdue. All they need is one victory.

A year ago, they faced a similar scenario with three games left, but Indiana lost all three and fell one win short of qualifying for a bowl game.

The second time around, Indiana has taken a different perspective. Yes, the Hoosiers are excited, but they're also focused.

"We're really not changing our approach from last week or the week before," first-year coach Bill Lynch said Tuesday at his weekly news conference. "We don't get too excited when we win or too down when we lose. It's a matter of getting ready to play the next game."

This week, that means another challenge against a traditionally strong running team.

Penn State (5-2, 2-2) beat Iowa and Wisconsin by a combined

65-14 the last two weeks and comes to Bloomington with some different names but its usual array of talent.

Rodney Kinlaw has given them a powerful runner, quarterback Anthony Morelli is a senior quarterback, and of course, the Nittany Lions defense is strong.

Joe Paterno couldn't script it any other way.

But the Nittany Lions also come to town with an 0-2 road record this season and face a Homecoming crowd that has visions of making early postseason plans.

While the Hoosiers understand the stakes, they must also get beyond the obvious expectations and the pressures that those outside the locker room keep discussing.

Buckeyes enjoy life on top

By Rusty Miller
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Every time Ohio State's coaches and players used a keypad to get into their reconstructed practice facility, they were reminded of their biggest humiliation.

Coach Jim Tressel confirmed in a roundabout way Tuesday that 41-14, the score by which Florida whipped the Buckeyes in the national-championship game last January, used to be part of the code that the team used to get into the building for workouts and conditioning.

That loss — and the lingering reminders of it — might just be a major reason why the Buckeyes (7-0, 3-0 Big Ten) find themselves ranked No. 1 heading into Saturday's game against Michigan State (5-2, 1-2).

"Anytime you come up short in anything, it helps you," Tressel said. "We don't start every team meeting with, 'Now don't forget,' because you don't have to. Now, if you thought there was ever a point in time where someone forgot, then it would be a good time to remind him."

The Buckeyes, No. 11 in the preseason after losing many of their offensive stars, have benefited from a steady series of upsets in front of them.

Having lived through an upset of their own — they were solid favorites to knock off the once-beaten Gators — they've learned to take nothing for granted.

"Just watching college football and how it has been these last couple of weeks, you never know what to expect," quarterback Todd Boeckman said. "Teams are going to give everybody their

best shot. Every team that was ranked in the preseason top 10 has at least one loss. There are so many good teams out here now."

Many people around the country still have grave doubts about the Buckeyes. Those doubts started with what happened last year against Florida, and have grown as Ohio State rolled over a schedule that has included three overmatched in-state opponents and three more members of what most observers consider to be a weak Big Ten.

There is a simple solution to answer any questions, defensive lineman Dexter Larimore said.

"There might be a couple of people out there who doubt us. But nobody's going to doubt us if we can keep winning. That's the biggest thing," he said. "If you can get a W every week, then that's all that really matters."

Boeckman, a first-year starter completing 66 percent of his passes with 16 TDs and six interceptions, said the current Buckeyes' success stems from last year's Buckeyes' biggest failure.

"We use that for a motivational factor," Boeckman said. "We went out there through the winter and the spring and the summer, and we used that to push ourselves because we don't want to have that feeling again."

Tressel and his staff have tried to downplay the Buckeyes' ascent to No. 1.

"I don't know if there's any euphoria; I hope not," Tressel said. "The only euphoria about being No. 1 is if you're that in the middle of January."

Before coming to Ohio State seven years ago, Tressel spent 15 years as the head coach at Youngstown State, then a member of Division I-AA. He guided four teams to national championships. Some were not comfortable being No. 1, while others basked in that glow.



Tressel
Ohio State coach

Zook expects new contract

In the process of negotiating a three-year contract extension at Illinois, Ron Zook believes the secured length will boost the program's recruiting

By David Mercer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Illinois football coach Ron Zook says the contract extension he is expected to receive today sends a signal to prospective recruits that the coach they sign up to play for will be there all four years.

And the prospect of raises for his assistants helps, too, the third-year coach said.

"You look at the programs that have been successful and the length of their coaching staffs, continuity is a big, big thing," Zook said on Tuesday during a news conference.

The University of Illinois's Board of Trustees is expected to consider an extension and a raise for Zook at a meeting today in Chicago.

The deal, which both university President Joseph White and Chancellor Richard Herman have recommended, would extend Zook's contract by three years, through January 2013, and increase his pay from \$1.055 million to \$1.305 million next season, according to the board's meeting agenda.

Zook's pay would increase by another \$200,000 a year if Illinois makes it to a bowl game, bringing his total compensation to \$1.505 million.

The Illini, who haven't been to a bowl game since 2001, are one win away from bowl eligibility this season.

Zook and Athletics Director Ron Guenther began talking

about the possibility of a contract before the season began, Zook said.

The AD said in an interview with the Associated Press just before the season started that, "If everything's going the way it's going, we're gonna' extend the relationship."

At that point, Zook had four wins to show for his two years in Champaign-Urbana.

Since then, Illinois is 5-2 and 3-1 in the Big Ten.

Now, Zook said, he and Guenther — a former football coach — are talking about possible raises for Illinois' nine paid assistants. Decisions about those raises will happen after the season, Zook said.

"The one great thing about Coach Guenther is that he understands this profession," Zook said. "He knows that for us to continue to do things that we need to do, we need to do everything in our power to keep our coaches here."

Zook said he tells potential recruits that they'll play in the same system — same offense, defense and special teams — all four years at Illinois, a pledge he says he couldn't think about keeping without job security.

Illinois' turnaround has surprised a lot of football experts.

The Illini haven't had a winning season since 2001, and won a combined four games in Zook's first two seasons.

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