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Another Hawkeye charged

Reserve running back Dana Brown spends a night in jail after being charged with domestic assault.

By Kurtis Hiatt and Charlie Kautz
THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye reserve running back Dana Brown has been kicked off the team, Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz said Wednesday.

The dismissal comes after Iowa City police charged Brown on Tuesday with domestic assault for allegedly punching and slamming

his live-in girlfriend onto the floor.

In a statement, Ferentz cited a "violation of team policies" as the reason for Brown's dismissal. Brown is the seventh UI football player to face charges in the last four months.

According to authorities, Brown's girlfriend reported she and Brown, a 20-year-old sophomore, were in a "verbal altercation that turned physical" at their residence, 2427 Bartelt Road Apt. 2D.

The woman, a 19-year-old UI student, alleged that Brown picked her up, slammed her onto the floor, punched her in the stomach, and shut her leg in a door.

Brown also took his girlfriend's phone and threw it outside into the street, breaking it, Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said.

Officers reported the victim suffered minor abrasions to her leg and

hand. She did not receive medical attention, Kelsay said, adding Brown said the argument was two-sided.

"It's certainly not acceptable behavior regardless of if it was one-sided or two-sided," Kelsay said. "He's a considerably bigger individual than his victim was." Brown is 5-10, 205 pounds.



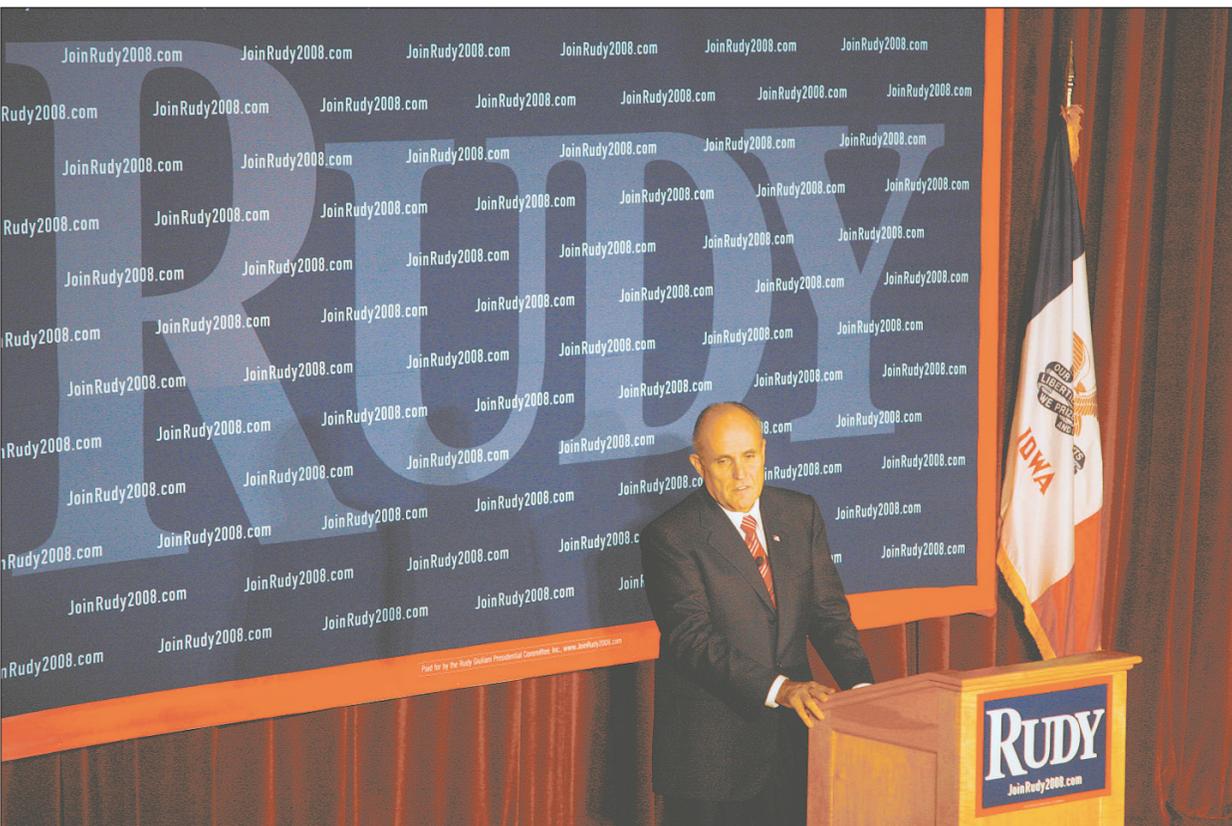
Brown
sophomore

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2008 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Giuliani takes aim at Dems

Presidential hopeful Rudy Giuliani skips criticizing his fellow Republicans Wednesday night, going straight for Rodham Clinton, Edwards, and Obama.



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan

Republican-nomination hopeful Rudy Giuliani speaks in the IMU on Wednesday. Giuliani covered controversial topics such as tax cuts and the war in Iraq.

By George Sweeney
THE DAILY IOWAN

Republican presidential-nomination front-runner Rudy Giuliani blasted Democrats in a speech in the IMU second-floor ballroom Wednesday night.

In an address that lasted fewer than 30 minutes, he did not once mention another GOP contender.

"You want a growth economy. You don't want an economy controlled by a bunch of bureaucrats put in charge of your health care, put in charge

'You want a growth economy. You don't want an economy controlled by a bunch of bureaucrats put in charge of your health care, put in charge of your schools, put in charge of your tax money.'

— Rudy Giuliani,
Republican presidential nomination front-runner

of your schools, put in charge of your tax money," Giuliani said to the restless crowd that had waited more than 45 minutes to see him.

This focus on Democrats is

strategy of focusing on Democrats allows him to avoid criticizing other Republicans, something that hurt Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., in his 2000 campaign for the GOP nomination.

The perceived divide between McCain and Bush in 2000 hurt McCain's ability to win over Bush supporters, Hagle said.

Giuliani briefly discussed national security, saying it's the most important issue of the campaign.

SEE GIULIANI, 4A

Sallis trial to jury

The state wraps up witness testimony on Wednesday, and the case should be sent to a jury today.

By Samantha Miller
THE DAILY IOWAN

The state on Wednesday rested its case against Robert Sallis, who is accused of organizing a prostitution ring, after hearing testimony from an ex-girlfriend who allegedly worked for the escort service.

Felicia Thompson, 22, took the stand to speak about her involvement in the service, which operated under the name "Naughty by Nature."

She admitted to prostituting for the escort business between 2004 and 2005, as well as setting up the calls for the service. She said she operated phones for Naughty by Nature after Sallis' girlfriend, Betty Thompson (no relation), left him after reportedly being domestically abused. Felicia Thompson alleged she was also abused by Sallis.

"He beat me up for not having the right amount of money," she said.

Under cross-examination, defense attorney Patrick Ingram questioned whether she had been abused by Sallis, comparing her testimony with supposedly conflicting previous depositions. She said she misunderstood what Ingram had asked her in her earlier statements.

SEE SALLIS, 4A

Welcome Freshmen | **WILL DOWNEY**

Barely slowing for an improvised nap

By Nicholas Kelly
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI freshman Will Downey may need to take a nap. The question is, where?

Halfway through his first semester of college, Downey has been busy. Classes, intramural football, marching band, badminton, video games, and of course, chilling, have led Downey to keep strange hours.

So he may have to be forgiven if, on occasion, he falls asleep in the strangest of places. Downey shows a photo. Four college

students lie snuggled in an elevator in Daum, with Downey clad only in a pair of cross country shorts and a long black cloak.

"We were cramped in there," said Downey. "Not quite spooning but ... spooning."

Shouting erupts from behind Downey. The new futon behind him is full of students, most the same strange bedfellows from the photo. They are playing video games, one of the many community rituals on the sixth floor of Daum.

Will Downey

Age: 18
Major: Biology
Hometown: Cedar Rapids
His semester so far: "I definitely thank my teachers for being such hardasses on me in high school. It definitely makes things easier in college."

Getting fresh(men)
This week, we're catching up with our five freshmen profiled in September's *DI*. Read Friday's edition to see the last installment.



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan

UI freshman Will Downey visits with fellow band member Pam Schroeder between songs during indoor marching-band practice in the James Dixon Rehearsal Room of the Voxman Music Building on Wednesday. The biology major choose to attend the UI because he had the opportunity to play in the Hawkeye Marching Band. In addition to his trumpet playing duties in the band, Downey also enjoys playing badminton and intramural football.

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Slowing it all down



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Kim Zesiger, the owner and chef of the Redhead Restaurant in Solon, bastes a pork tenderloin at her restaurant for the "Slow Food" dinner on Wednesday. The Slow Food movement is committed to moving away from the "destructive effects of the industrial food system and fast life" and toward the "regenerative cultural, social, ecological, and economic benefits of a sustainable food system."

By Brian Stewart
THE DAILY IOWAN

From Farm to Harvest Dinner

Where Kim Zesiger's products hail from:

- **Cocktail weenies** — Highland Vista Farms, Wellman
- **Eggplant amuse-bouche** — Kroul Farm, Mount Vernon
- **Buffalo carpaccio** — Jordan Creek Bison Farm, Solon
- **Chorizo stuffed pork-loin roast with butter-roasted potatoes and sautéed green beans** — pork, chorizo: Pavelka's Point, Mount Vernon; potatoes, green beans: Kroul Farm, Mount Vernon
- **Pumpkin Mousse** — Kroul Farm, Mount Vernon

It was a dark and stormy night. The candles on the assorted wood-top tables flickered, and the Christmas lights shimmered in the front window of the Redhead Restaurant of Solon, where hungry guests dined on locally grown food at Slow Food Iowa's sixth-annual Harvest Dinner.

Jim Kirk, who oversees the Iowa City "convivia," or chapter, of Slow Food USA with wife Mary Kirk, planned this year's event, bringing on board Redhead chef and owner Kim Zesiger to prepare the array of autumn-theme courses.

"The big message [of Slow Food] is sustainability," Jim Kirk said, noting that Zesiger procured a majority of the evening's food products from local farmers and growers.

The event's menu — colorfully chalked onto the black-board-wall — presented a variety of courses featuring locally raised pork and buffalo, along with eggplant, green beans, butter squash, potatoes, pumpkins, and honey all tapped from local sources.

And Zesiger kicked off the evening with a surprise hors d'oeuvre — cocktail weenies from Highland Vista Farms in Wellman, Iowa.

"I catered an event for Sally Mason at the university, and I had the guts to serve [the weenies], and they were a hit," she beamed, chuckling about her story. "They are so good."

Zesiger, moving back and forth between a prep table in the kitchen and a pan of chorizo-stuffed pork loin fresh from the oven, said she wanted to feature local farmers in the meal.

"These [producers] are people that I know and adore," she said.

The concept of conviviality — or enjoying good food, drink,

and company — is central to the dinner, and to Slow Food as a whole, Jim Kirk said.

"Tonight is the embodiment of conviviality," he said. He hoped people could slow down, share a bottle of wine, and enjoy good food over the course of the evening. "Our culture is really starving for that."

Josh and Grace Nimmons had just signed up as members of Slow Food the day of the event.

The two said they have recently begun buying from local farmers' markets, which "makes things more interesting if you go by the seasons," Josh Nimmons said, noting that waiting to enjoy a product until it's in season means

it will taste better.

Kurt Michael Friese, a former head of Slow Food Iowa who has since been appointed to the organization's national Board of Directors, said his eight-year involvement with the group comes from his "passion for great food and the aspect of conviviality."

Jim Kirk, who is also a doctoral student at the UI, said he first learned about Slow Food while on a trip in Italy.

"It's my way of having a political impact; it's my way of being a good citizen of Iowa City," he said. "I think it's really important that we think about this stuff in the age of McDonald's and 'rush, rush, rush.'"

Before sitting down with his wife and other Slow Food members to enjoy the culinary creations of Zesiger, Kirk noted why he continues to advocate the consumption of locally grown food.

"I'm in it to advance a cause and make sure that farmers in this area can sell their products and that there's a market for it," he said.

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TOP STORIES

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1. Win only a baby step
2. Not open for business
3. Obama pushes health plan
4. Breaking down Iowa stereotypes
5. Iowa City stereotype theater: Act III

POLICE BLOTTER

Adam Anderson, 26, Des Moines, was charged Oct. 13 with public intoxication.

Jill Charbon, 20, Oxford, was charged Oct. 12 with PAULA.

Charles Evans, 19, 1871 Wayne Ave. Apt. 10, was charged Sept. 20 with fourth-degree theft.

Garret Evans, 21, North Liberty, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. **Wesley Holtkamp**, 19, 327 E. College St. Apt. 1722, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Zachary Holub, 25, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft.

Kyle McKay, 22, E146 Currier, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Kevin Perry, 19, 1607 Aber Ave., was charged Tuesday with carrying a concealed/dangerous weapon.

Jeremy Posner, 19, E136 Currier, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Nathan Soat, 19, 36 W. Court St. Apt. 413, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Kitungano Shabani, 62, 2401 Highway 6 E., was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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FORUM TACKLES ALT-ENERGY

By Kayla Kelley
THE DAILY IOWAN

Under the premise that biofuels will be the solution to the United States' oil problems, Iowa and Washington, D.C., experts debated Wednesday night the effect that the alternative resources have in American policies.

Eight panelists answered questions at the forum titled "Energy and National Security: Biofuels and Alternative Energy in America's Policy Debate," which discussed issues ranging from global warming to alternative biofuels.

Moderator Dean Borg of Iowa Public Radio led the debate, which was divided into two panels: one to focus on energy security and alternative sources for energy and another to look at energy's role in America's foreign policy.

William Antholis, the managing director of the Brookings Institution, a left-leaning, Washington, D.C.-based think tank, said that the forum has already had around half a dozen sessions in Washington, and it will continue to travel through February. "We have five research programs

at Brookings, and energy is a priority for the institute," he said. "As a general issue, it is in our top five."

David Sandalow, Michael O'Hanlon, and Antholis, the three representatives from the institute, were the first group of panelists to grace the blue backdrop.

Sandalow is a guest scholar at the think tank and the former director of environmental affairs in the Clinton administration, while O'Hanlon is a senior fellow there.

"Every president since Richard Nixon has said the U.S. needs to become independent of foreign oil," Antholis said. "But no president has really put together a comprehensive plan."

The second forum consisted of Tonya Peoples, a UI associate professor of chemical and biochemical engineering, Mani Subramanian, the director of the UI Center for Biocatalysis and Bioprocessing, and Jerry Schnoor, a UI professor and co-director for the UI College of Engineering's Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research.

John Miranowski, an Iowa State professor of economics and director of Institute of Science and Society, and Steve

Fales, an associate director of ISU's Biorenewables programs, joined the second debate with the UI panelists.

"Part of my message is about the serious environmental constraints involved with reaching the goal of \$35 billion gallons by 2015," Schnoor said.

Even though corn is a major crop in Iowa, he said, it would require the state to more than double its current output of ethanol.

This forum in part of the Brookings Institution's Opportunity '08 series with ABC News to aid presidential-nomination candidates and the public in facing critical environmental issues.

The UI Lecture Committee and the UI Office of the Vice President for Research also sponsored the event.

The group of approximately 200 people gathered to hear the experts' thoughts and to ask questions of the panelists. The forum was preceded by a book signing by Sandalow of his new release, *Freedom From Oil: How the Next President Can End U.S. Oil Addiction*.

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Opportunity '08
Panelists at the forum at the IMU at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday:
• **William Antholis** — managing director of the Brookings Institution
• **David Sandalow** — guest scholar at the organization, the former director of environmental affairs in the Clinton Administration, and author
• **Michael O'Hanlon** — senior fellow at the Brookings Institution
• **Tonya Peoples** — an associate professor in chemical and biochemical engineering
• **Mani Subramanian** — director of the UI Center for Biocatalysis and Bioprocessing
• **Jerry Schnoor** — UI professor and co-director for the UI College of Engineering's Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research
• **John Miranowski** — Iowa State University professor of economics and director of the Institute of Science and Society
• **Steve Fales** — Iowa State University associate director of Biorenewal Programs

METRO
UIHC passes inspection
UI Health Care leaders received a fax Wednesday morning bearing some much needed good news. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services restored the

status of the UI academic health center Wednesday after the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals completed final investigations on Monday and Tuesday. The inspections and appeals department confirmed that the hospital staff had complied with the hospital's

corrective action plan since the investigation began in August.

The centers requested a survey be done by the inspections and appeals department after a state inspection found 41 violations at Iowa's only comprehensive academic health center.

The restoration of deemed status means the UIHC meets federal regulations according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services through its accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.
— by Ben Travers

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Hawkeye charged with abuse

ARRESTS

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Kelsay said it's difficult to gauge whether the domestic assault is more severe than other cases. This type of offense can range from verbal to physical, he said.

Police received the assault report at 8:05 p.m. Tuesday from the victim, who fled her residence and went to a friend's apartment, also in the 2400 block of Bartelt Road, Kelsay said. Reports show two officers responded.

Brown was taken to Johnson County Jail and released Wednesday morning. He did not need to post bail, jail officials said.

Kelsay said officers reported that Brown was "polite and forthcoming with them and admitted his involvement in the physical altercation."

Brown is a sophomore and native of Clairton, Pa. He played sparingly on specialty teams this

season and gained 16 yards on four rushing attempts last year.

Domestic assault is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail and a fine of up to \$1,500.

Brown's record in Iowa includes two fifth-degree thefts in May and July and a speeding ticket in February, according to court records.

In the May incident, Brown drove over a curb in a parking lot to avoid paying a parking fee. In the July case, Brown allegedly stole two shirts from Dillard's at the Coral Ridge Mall. Both offenses are simple misdemeanors.

In each incident, Brown was found guilty and ordered to pay fines of \$307. He was also ordered to 40 hours of community service for the July incident.

In the last four months alone, Brown and six of his teammates have had run-ins with the law.

Police charged backup quarterback Arvel Nelson with driving

Hawkeye football players charged since July



Dana Brown
running back
• charged Tuesday with domestic assault



Lance Tillison
safety
• charged Sept. 16 with OWI



Clint Huntrods
long-snapper
• charged Sept. 6 with public urination, interference with official acts, and public intoxication



Dominique Douglas
receiver
• charged Aug. 19 for unauthorized use of a credit card



Anthony Brown
receiver
• charged Aug. 19 for unauthorized use of a credit card



Bradley Fletcher
cornerback
• charged July 15 with OWI



Arvel Nelson
quarterback
• charged July 2 with driving with a suspended license, arrest warrant issued after he failed to appear in court

with a suspended license July 2. Authorities issued an arrest warrant for Nelson after he failed to appear in court Aug. 16, according to records.

In another incident, officers charged cornerback Bradley Fletcher with OWI on July 15. The junior was suspended for the first game of the season.

On Aug. 19, authorities arrested receivers Dominique Douglas and Anthony Bowman on suspicion of unauthorized use of a credit card. Both players have pleaded not guilty; Ferentz has suspended them indefinitely from team activities.

Less than a month later,

police arrested long-snapper Clint Huntrods on charges of public urination, interference with official acts, and public intoxication. Ferentz dismissed the senior from the team four days after the Sept. 6 incident.

On Sept. 16, police charged safety Lance Tillison with OWI,

just hours after the Hawkeyes' 15-13 loss to Iowa State. Ferentz suspended the redshirt freshman for two games, and the incident prompted the coach to impose a 10 p.m. downtown curfew for the entire team.

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At play in fields of academe

FRESHMAN

CONTINUED FROM 1A

The commotion dies down, and Downey shows more photos while speaking of his nocturnal exploits.

The tunnel connecting Burge and Daum, the sixth-floor lounge and hallway of Daum have all graced by Downey and Co.'s pattern of surreptitious slumber. Downey's dozing is rarely done without accomplices.

This holds true for most activities on the sixth floor.

"There's always someone willing to do something not school-related," Downey said.

Evidence of his point is in abundant supply as heads pop into the dorm room to see what's going on.

Players alternate in and out of the video games and lighthearted teasing continues unabated on the futon.

"Tell the fish story! Tell the fish story!" shout the other players at UI freshman Derek Jones.

Apparently, it's become an inside joke since the last time Downey's press-sanctioned "stalker" wrote a story about him.

To watch Downey speak about his floor mates is like watching an author describe characters in a story that's still being written: The traits are in place, but anecdotes, plot arcs, and misadventures are still being developed.

The heads keep popping in. There's Mike Beals, Downey's roommate, whose devotion to

carbonated beverages has created a never ending supply of Dr. Pepper for the entire sixth floor. Then, Andreas Damianides, whose comic narration can enliven even the most staid program on Telemundo.

Adorned with a fresh black eye is Kyle Berthel, known mostly as Bert, who espouses the notion that house parties should be an element of the UI's Orientation Program.

"They're the best way to learn your way around," he said.

And Jones, who's self-appointed moniker, "Derek the Great," and constant attempts to be quoted in *The Daily Iowan* either betray a youthful bravado or a practiced sense of sarcasm.

"He inflates himself so that we can deflate him," Downey said.

As the game goes on players continue to file in and out. Some go to the responsibilities of a week's worth of midterms, others come in to unwind from those same responsibilities. But as the heads pop in again and again to say hello and the revolving doors or the video-game circle keeps spinning to admit new players one thing is for certain, the cast of characters in Downey's story is growing.

Such business must be exhausting for Downey, so it's only reasonable he needs that nap every once and a while.

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PROSTITUTION TRIAL TO JURY

SALLIS

CONTINUED FROM 1A

Ingram called into question Felicia Thompson's motives for testifying as well. Upon asking her if she was promised any deals for cooperating with investigators, she said she was guaranteed no charges would be pressed against her. Ingram pointed out these charges could include pandering and prostitution.

The state also called Johnson County Sheriff's Detective Kevin Kinney to take the stand on Wednesday. Kinney said he became involved when Sallis domestically abused Betty Thompson.

"[Betty] told me she'd be killed if Robert knew she was talking to me," Kinney said.

He began following the alleged prostitution ring, investigating its use of an abducted 13-year-old, Majesta Block. She testified Oct. 16 to working for Naughty by Nature under Sallis.

After the state's last witness stepped off the stand, Ingram closed the defense's case as well — but not before requesting that District Judge Marsha Bergen drop the ongoing criminal-conduct charge against Sallis, citing insufficient evidence.

Ingram contended that most of the state's evidence against his client relied on the testimony of accomplices to the prostitution ring, therefore making it unreliable. Johnson County prosecutor Anne Lahey contested that, though, arguing that many of the witnesses were forced to participate in Naughty by Nature against their will and therefore cannot be considered accomplices.

Bergen denied Ingram's motion and set closing statements to be delivered this morning.

The case will go to the jury today. If Sallis is found guilty of ongoing criminal conduct, a Class B felony, he could serve up to 25 years in prison and pay up to \$10,000 in fines.

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Giuliani bashes Democrats

GIULIANI

CONTINUED FROM 1A

"We are at war. It doesn't feel like we're at war sometimes, but we are," he said, reminding the crowd of the danger posed by "Islamic terrorists."

But the former mayor of New York City focused most of his attention on defeating Democrats, not terrorists.

"You want to be able to make your choices about your medicine with a doctor, not with a Hillary bureaucrat," he said.

He also compared Democrats' positions on universal health care with a system he claims has failed in France.

"America works because it has a big private sector, not because it has a big central government," he said.

The former U.S. attorney also said tort reform is neces-

sary, advocating a \$50,000 cap on noneconomic damages in lawsuits. Giuliani pointed to a \$54 million lawsuit brought by a man against a dry cleaner who had lost a pair of his pants. Though he lost the case in a trial, Giuliani said, it cost the owner of the small business \$100,000 in legal fees. The Republican candidate also said people who sue and lose should have to pay for the defendant's legal fees.

Giuliani's visit to the UI campus was his first this election season and the first by a Republican candidate in the 2008 race.

Giuliani has held 34 events in the state of Iowa since January, second only to New Hampshire, where he's held 38, according to the *Washington Post*.

He's also the only GOP contender with an office in Iowa City.

A Rasmussen Reports poll conducted between Oct. 11 and Sunday shows Giuliani trails ex-Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., with 13 percent of Iowa Republicans. Romney and Thompson carry 25 and 19 percent respectively.

But out of likely Republican primary voters nationwide, Giuliani takes 27 percent and Thompson

carries 21 percent, Rasmussen reported on Wednesday.

Giuliani empathized with the crowd, many of whom support the Republican candidate in a city known for its leftward lean.

"There are more Republicans on this side of the room than in New York City, so I'm used to being in Democratic territory seeking votes," he joked.

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UI aims to hike int'l enrollment

By Amanda McClure
THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI's Graduate College has experienced a consistent decline in international-student enrollment despite a steady rise in national figures.

The level of foreign graduate students at the UI sits at 1,564, a 14 percent decline from 2004, when enrollment peaked at 1,822. This number bucks the 8 percent national rise in enrollment in 2007 of international participation in graduate programs.

"We haven't been out recruiting," said Scott King, the director of the Office of International Students and Scholars. "Other schools have been doing this for years, but this is the UI's first big attempt to reach out."

The UI undergraduate program has also seen low levels of enrollment, totaling 2,095 in 2006 — the lowest in the Big Ten.

Recently, King and other officials have updated recruiting funds and techniques in the hopes that international enrollment totals will rise. King said he expects to see a significant increase in international students at the UI after these recruitment tactics have had time to take effect.

"It took us a while, but we're getting there," he said. "It was really a matter of getting the programs started."

Recently, the UI Provost's Office budgeted \$100,000 toward the development of stronger recruiting programs and methods.

"This is an issue that has become more of a campuswide concern so we're able to achieve more funding," said William Reisinger, a UI associate provost and the dean of International Programs.

This year's programs include traveling abroad to high schools and college fairs in Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Brazil, as well as allocating funds for website development and other forms of media advertisement.

Maureen Burke, the coordinator of the English as a Second Language program at the UI, recently returned from a three-week tour of Singapore,

UI foreign enrollment decline

UI international enrollment has seen a decline, after an increase in 2004.

International graduate students at the UI:

2003:	1,793
2004:	1,822
2005:	1,755
2006:	1,624
2007:	1,564

UI international enrollment compared with other public Big Ten Universities in 2006:

Illinois:	5,069
Indiana:	3,373
Michigan:	4,689
Michigan State:	3,525
Minnesota:	3,325
Ohio State:	3,650
Purdue:	4,828
Wisconsin:	3,158
Penn State:	3,086

Source: UI Office of International Students and Scholars

Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam. King will travel later this month to various sites in the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait.

On her tour, Burke participated in college fairs and in scholarship selection committees in order to interview and encourage students to come to the UI.

"My job at the fair is to promote the UI, and it's not a hard thing to do considering it's prestigious educational programs," she said.

She attributed the lack of UI action in past years to a number of different circumstances, including lack of funds and recruiting programs.

"Iowa has gotten into on-site recruitment a lot later than other schools, leaving us at a disadvantage when international students decide to study in the United States," Burke said.

King noted that on-site recruitment will highly benefit both the students abroad and the university. "You gotta let people know you're here," he said.

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PROTEST ON THE PENTACREST

Preacher draws skeptics

Hundreds of UI students gathered to protest some religious 'instruction.'

By Lauren Skiba
THE DAILY IOWAN

As protesters gathered in a circle around a single woman reading notes from the Bible on Wednesday afternoon, it became obvious she was a bit outnumbered. Almost 300 students stood around the woman who calls herself Sister Cindy and preaches about feminism, sinning, and gay marriage.

Next to Sister Cindy, UI student Preston Moore held a sign close to her mouth with a word bubble that read, "Do not listen to me. I have self-respect issues, and standing here yelling rubbish makes me like myself better."

Onlookers mocked her with questions that she usually didn't answer and called out responses to her far-right ideas.

Between preaching, Sister Cindy did admit that she hadn't always been a "good girl." At this, the crowd erupted with questions. She simply answered that she used to be a disco queen and a sinner.

As a few passersby decided to leave her, Sister Cindy broke off from her story with advice for those departing, such as "No masturbating," and "Repent pervert."

"I think it's ridiculous," UI student Alice Arnold said. "She knows she's not convincing anyone, and she's not saving people, she's just discriminating."

At one point, Brett Smith, a U.S. Marine for five years, stepped out into the middle of the circle and revealed his Marine T-shirt to the crowd.

"Who thinks I've done more for my country than she has?" he said.

The crowd cheered as Smith vanished into the swarm of people.

When Sister Cindy was



Samantha Miller/The Daily Iowan

Sister Cindy, as she is known, attempts to preach to hundreds on the Pentacrest on Wednesday, arousing contempt in and sparking jeers from onlookers.

'I think it's ridiculous. She knows she's not convincing anyone, and she's not saving people, she's just discriminating.'

— Alice Arnold, UI student

interrupted numerous times by the spectators while reading a story about the roles of a wife, she proclaimed that the onlookers should all shut their mouths.

"Like a good woman," mocked an onlooker. Kollan Kolthoff, another

UI student, was one of the protesters at the front of the crowd.

"It's radical," Kolthoff said. "Their views about women are completely against equality. She says the woman lives only to serve man and take care of the children."

Sister Cindy is the wife of Jed Smock, a traveling preacher who was also on campus, speaking to an undisclosed class.

When he finally arrived in the pouring rain, he was bombarded with crude statements from onlookers.

"When we got here, they were shouting at us saying we were going to die in a few days," said onlooker Skuyler Van Fossen. "I guess they have the right of freedom of speech, but so do I."

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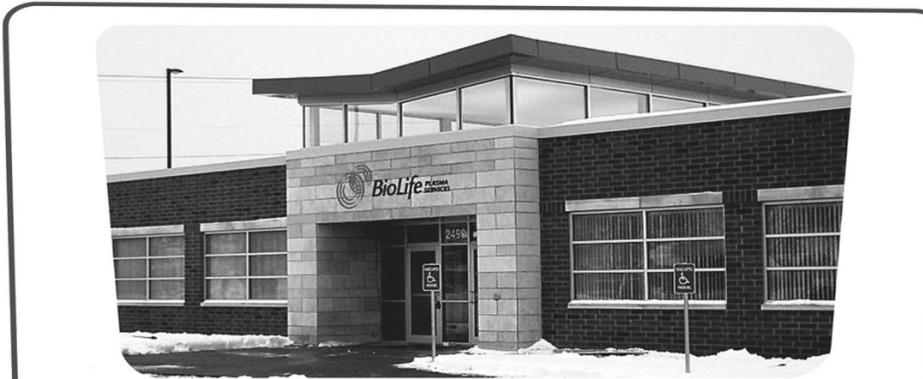
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Editorial

Proposal for mandatory health insurance a sick joke

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wants it for California, Mitt Romney instituted it last year in his home state of Massachusetts, and it's the centerpiece of Hillary Rodham Clinton's health-care plan. The individual mandate requires people to purchase health insurance much the same way they are required to purchase car insurance. On Oct. 10, former Iowa Govs. Terry Branstad and Tom Vilsack proposed to a health commission formed by state legislators that they make individual mandate into Iowa law. This week, the commission will begin work on finding ways to enhance health care in our state, and the Branstad/Vilsack proposals will be on their list. Trying to thwart chronic diseases and keep overall costs low by preventing the need for substantial and expensive procedures are admirable goals. Doing so is especially critical in a state where more than 9 percent go uninsured, but forcing Iowans to purchase health insurance is neither the most proper or most effective way of achieving these objectives.

Unlike the decision to drive without auto insurance, living without health insurance is a decision that truly affects only the individual. Lost on our two former governors is that the uninsured only choose to live unprotected because they cannot afford to do otherwise. Most of these people would not ask their fellow citizens to pay for their health insurance, which is how the

Massachusetts plan works. The creation of public subsidies allows lower-income individuals to have their insurance paid for by the rest of society and allows for some citizens to drop their current insurance in favor of having someone else foot the bill. The Massachusetts plan's flaws were evident less than a year after its inception, when authorities had to exempt 20 percent of the uninsured from tax penalties for noncompliance. The simple fact is that some people will disobey the mandate and choose to live without health insurance. Attempting to rid society of a problem by making it illegal doesn't always work, as speeders on Interstate 80 can attest.

Predictably, Branstad and Vilsack have assured us that ways to lower insurance costs will be developed and implemented should an individual mandate become law. This Editorial Board wonders how, after not doing so during a combined 24 years in office, the former governors will somehow produce these magical solutions in three months. If the concept of individual mandate continues to grow in popularity among states and even be implemented on a national level by our next president, it would be a further example of the destructively cozy relationship between the insurance industry and the government. Universal health care needs to be realized, soon, but forcing coverage is futile, irresponsible, and misguided.

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Guest Opinion

The real Iraq: from 12 former Army captains

Tuesday marked five years since the authorization of military force in Iraq, setting Operation Iraqi Freedom in motion. Five years on, the Iraq war is as undermanned and under-resourced as it was from the start. And, five years on, Iraq is in shambles.

As Army captains who served in Baghdad and beyond, we've seen the corruption and the sectarian division. We understand what it's like to be stretched too thin. And we know when it's time to get out.

What does Iraq look like on the ground? It's certainly far from being a modern, self-sustaining country. Many roads, bridges, schools, and hospitals are in deplorable condition. Fewer people have access to drinking water or sewage systems than before the war. And Baghdad is averaging fewer than eight hours of electricity a day.

Iraq's institutional infrastructure, too, is sorely wanting. Even if the Iraqis wanted to work together and accept the national identity foisted upon them in 1920s, the ministries do not have enough trained administrators or technicians to coordinate themselves. At the local level, most communities are still controlled by the same autocratic sheiks who ruled under Saddam Hussein. There is no reliable postal system. No effective banking system. No registration system to monitor the population and its needs.

The inability to govern is exacerbated at all levels by widespread corruption. Transparency International ranks Iraq as one of the most corrupt countries in the world. And, indeed, many of us witnessed the exploitation of U.S. tax dollars by Iraqi officials and military officers. Sabotage and graft have had a particularly deleterious effect on Iraq's oil industry, which still fails to produce the revenue that Pentagon war planners hoped would pay for Iraq's reconstruction. Yet holding people accountable has proved difficult. The first commissioner of a panel charged with preventing and investigating corruption resigned last month, citing pressure from the government and threats on his life.

Against this backdrop, the U.S. military has been trying in vain to hold the country together. Even with "the surge," we simply do not have enough soldiers and Marines to meet the professed goals of clearing areas from insurgent control, holding them securely, and building sustainable institutions. Though temporary reinforcing operations in such places as Fallujah, Najaf, Tal Afar, and now Baghdad may brief well on PowerPoint presentations, in practice they just push insurgents to another spot on the map and often strengthen the insurgents' cause by harassing locals to a point of swayed allegiances. Millions of Iraqis correctly recognize these actions for what they are and vote with their

feet — moving within Iraq or leaving the country entirely. Still, our colonels and generals keep holding on to flawed concepts.

U.S. forces, responsible for too many objectives and too much "battle space," are vulnerable targets. The sad inevitability of a protracted draw-down is further escalation of attacks — on U.S. troops, civilian leaders, and advisory teams. They would also no doubt get caught in the crossfire of the imminent Iraqi civil war.

Iraqi security forces would not be able to salvage the situation. Even if all the Iraqi military and police were properly trained, equipped, and truly committed, their 346,000 personnel would be too few. As it is, Iraqi soldiers quit at will. The police are effectively controlled by militias. And, again, corruption is debilitating. U.S. tax dollars enrich self-serving generals and support the very elements that will battle each other after we're gone.

This is Operation Iraqi Freedom and the reality we experienced. This is what we tried to communicate up the chain of command. This is either what did not get passed on to our civilian leadership or what our civilian leaders chose to ignore. While our generals pursue a strategy dependent on peace breaking out, the Iraqis prepare for their war — and our servicemen and -women, and their families, continue to suffer.

There is one way we might be able to succeed in Iraq. To continue an operation of this intensity and duration, we would have to abandon our volunteer military for compulsory service. Short of that, our best option is to leave Iraq immediately. A scaled withdrawal will not prevent a civil war, and it will spend more blood and treasure on a losing proposition.

America, it has been five years. It's time to make a choice.

This column was written by 12 former Army captains: Jason Blindauer served in Babil and Baghdad in 2003 and 2005. Elizabeth Bostwick served in Salah Ad Din and Najaf in 2004. Jeffrey Bouldin served in Anbar, Baghdad, and Ninevah in 2006. Jason Bugajski served in Diyala in 2004. Anton Kemps served in Babil and Baghdad in 2003 and 2005. Kristy (Luken) McCormick served in Ninevah in 2003. Luis Carlos Montalvan served in Anbar, Baghdad and Nineveh in 2003 and 2005. William Murphy served in Babil and Baghdad in 2003 and 2005. Josh Rizzo served in Baghdad in 2006. William "Jamie" Ruehl served in Nineveh in 2004. Gregg Tharp served in Babil and Baghdad in 2003 and 2005. Gary Williams served in Baghdad in 2003.

This column first appeared in Wednesday's Washington Post.

On the Spot

Should government force citizens to purchase health insurance?



"No. People have enough problems paying the bills they already have."

Trish Feldman
UI senior



"It should, but it should help those who can't afford it."

Quentin Collier
UI senior



"No. Government shouldn't force anyone to do anything."

Beth Andorf
UI sophomore



"No. Freedom of choice."

Hollie Bartlett
UI freshman

Hands off

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and any donations in the fight against breast cancer are obviously welcome.

Check that — most donations. During October, Delta Airlines is offering its passengers pink lemonade at \$2 a glass, and it's donating the proceeds to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. According to Delta senior manager Katie Connell, "Delta employees and customers have raised more than \$400,000 for [the foundation] through donations, as well as the sale of pink lemonade onboard and pink products."

Sounds like a good deal to me. Not so much to Richard Schmitz, who is communications director of the Society for Women's Health Research and president of the killjoy club. Schmitz: "On two recent flights, I was struck by the irony of breast-cancer-prevention messages being immediately followed by a reminder that you could add alcohol to the drink." Schmitz is noting that flight attendants also sell tiny bottles of alcohol to add to passengers' soda or coffee or, yes, lemonade. The bottles barely contain a shot, and they can go a long way to making a flight more tolerable — as anyone who has been on a 747 from LAX to LaGuardia will tell you, after the baby in the next seat finally stops crying.

"I think the efforts of Delta and other companies to raise awareness of and money for important health conditions should be applauded. I just want to make sure that women are mindful of the health risks they face and the factors that can increase those risks," says Schmitz. The latest studies have confirmed that alcohol is a contributing factor for breast cancer, and drinking large amounts can significantly raise a woman's chances of contracting breast cancer. My question is this: Is an airplane the place to fight binge drinking? Has there been an epidemic of travelers getting sauced on jets? I'm inclined to believe that the vast majority of the men and women who purchase pink lemonade and liquor together aren't going to get wasted. Not selling liquor to those who purchase lemonade is a slippery slope. Suggesting women shouldn't drink at all, which is what Schmitz's comments sound like to me, is even worse. "Everything in moderation." You don't stop doing something altogether just because it may end bad. The late comedian Mitch Hedberg often told monologues about friends who warned him not to drink red wine. He would tell them of the headaches he always got after drinking red wine, and they would suggest he stay away from it, at which point Hedberg would ask if they stopped eating apples simply because they knew they would be left with cores at the end.

Then there is the backlash against the "Save the ta-tas" campaign. Founder of the Ta-tas brand clothing line, Julia Fikse donates a percentage of her gross sales to cancer-fighting organizations. Evidently, her use of the less-sanitized term for breasts is frowned upon by some who are stupid enough to claim she is trivializing or making a joke out of breast cancer.

We're still talking about the same thing, right? Boobs? Cans? Sweater puppies? If the goal of an individual or business is to contribute funds toward the fight against cancer, are we really going to be fussy about it? These people aren't auctioning off their bodies or gambling on dog fights, they're selling lemonade and making T-shirts. The form is irrelevant, because it's the same battle; they're fighting against breast cancer, and that's what matters. If we're going to beat this, we're going to have to be less dainty, less easily offended — less ridiculous. We're going to have to focus not just on raising obscene amounts of money but even higher levels of awareness. Without a cure, 10 million people will die from breast cancer in the next 25 years.

I'm going home. I'm going to make a cocktail, and I'm going to think of Richard Schmitz. Or maybe Dolly Parton. ■

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Republican presidential-nomination hopeful former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney listens to a reporter's question during a news conference in Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday.

Romney: Link aid, occupations

By Nafeesa Syeed
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAVENPORT — Republican Mitt Romney said Wednesday he'd like to link financial help for college students to the occupations they pursue.

"I like the idea of linking the level of support that we're able to provide to young people going to college to the contributions they're going to make to our society," Romney told more than 200 people at a campaign event in a Davenport hotel.

Asked about the high cost of college, Romney also said his plan to end taxes on savings for those who earn \$200,000 or less would enable parents to save more for their children's education. And he noted his support for scholarships based on merit, such as a program he supported as governor of Massachusetts that provided free in-state tuition to students with high scores on the state's standardized exams.

As governor, Romney said, he also began a program that gave full tuition at state universities to those who served in the National Guard.

"Those kinds of principles make a difference," he said. "So I would look to see if we can't find a way to link our programs to reward excellence, to reward people that are able to make a

contribution to our society in the military or in other ways."

Asked by an audience member why young people aren't more engaged in the political process, Romney said they don't feel the same sense of urgency about issues facing the country.

"Maybe it's partly our fault, those of us that are running for office," Romney said. "We don't spend more time on campus, and we probably should spend some more time with students and say, 'Guys get involved; get educated.'"

During a one-day visit to eastern Iowa, Romney made stops in three towns. During a walking tour of downtown businesses earlier in the day in DeWitt, he said reaching out to voters would be his main focus in the next several months.

"You're going to see more and more of our time focused on doing that personal campaigning, not as much fundraising this quarter, because we really want to get out and meet the individuals who'll be doing the voting as much as we can," he said.

In his stop, Romney frequently criticized Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton. Asked about his comments, Romney said he mentions other Democrats but acknowledged that Rodham Clinton most frequently draws his attention.

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— Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

No meddling, Mukasey says



Susan Walsh/Associated Press

Michael Mukasey (left), President Bush's nominee for attorney general, listens to a question from Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas (right), during the Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearing on his nomination Wednesday.

By Lara Jakes Jordan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Attorney General nominee Michael Mukasey told senators Wednesday he will reject White House political meddling and overstepping its authority in terrorism cases if approved to run the Justice Department.

He said he would resign if his legal or ethical doubts about administration policy are ignored.

Mukasey's plans for the scandal-scarred Justice Department starkly contrast with how it operated under the man who would be his immediate predecessor — former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

Mukasey, a retired federal judge, said he also would review opinions issued by the department's Office of Legal Counsel to make sure they are legally sound. He described as "defective" a 2002 memo that defended

the Bush administration's use of torture techniques against terrorism suspects.

That opinion "was worse than a sin, it was a mistake," Mukasey told the Senate Judiciary Committee. "It purported to justify measures based on broad grants of authority that were unnecessary."

Likewise, on politics, Mukasey said, he would discourage his prosecutors from bringing charges against political candidates shortly before elections and would not let party loyalty be a consideration for people applying for Justice Department jobs.

"That's the standard I'm going to make very clear, very precise, and I'm going to enforce," Mukasey said.

It was a far cry from the policies Gonzales allowed before he resigned in September after months of criticism and questions about his honesty.

An internal Justice Department investigation is

looking into whether Gonzales lied to lawmakers about the administration's terror programs and illegally let politics influence hiring and firing of prosecutors. Gonzales, a close friend of President Bush and a former Texas Supreme Court justice, has denied any wrongdoing.

The scandal tainted the Justice Department's long-cherished independent image and has demoralized its 110,000 employees.

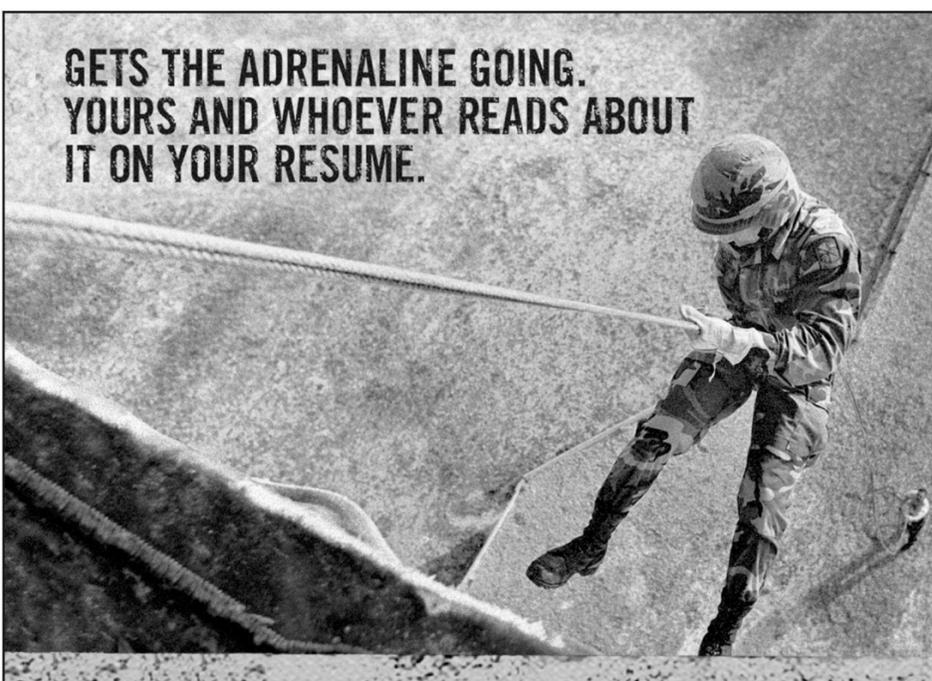
"This is a job interview for a big job, a big job that has become even bigger," said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. "The next attorney general has to begin to regain the public trust."

"I'm awaiting an attorney general who will tell the president some things he may not like to hear," added Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, the panel's top Republican.

Mukasey will all but certainly be confirmed as the nation's 81st attorney general, and Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., predicted he may win unanimous support from Democrats who control the Senate Judiciary Committee — a panel generally suspicious of Bush's nominees.

As Mukasey was testifying on the first of potentially three days of committee hearings, Bush urged the Senate to confirm the attorney-general hopeful next week. Democratic aides would not predict if that will happen.

In a calm, measured tone, Mukasey addressed a half-filled hearing room in a daylong appearance that was pre-empted for about two hours by the Dalai Lama's visit to the Capitol. His family and friends, including former FBI Director Louis Freeh, filled most of 30 reserved chairs in the room.



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Bush gives Dalai Lama medal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, raising Beijing's ire, presented the Dalai Lama on Wednesday with the U.S. Congress' highest civilian honor and urged Chinese leaders to welcome the monk to Beijing.

The exiled spiritual head of Tibet's Buddhists by his side, Bush praised a man he called a "universal symbol of peace and tolerance, a shepherd of the faithful and a keeper of the flame for his people."

"Americans cannot look to the plight of the religiously oppressed and close our eyes or turn away," Bush said at the U.S. Capitol building, where he personally handed the Dalai Lama the prestigious Congressional Gold Medal.

The Dalai Lama, chuckling as he stumbled over his remarks in English, said the award will bring "tremendous joy and encouragement to the Tibetan people" and he thanked Bush for his "firm stand on religious freedom and democracy."

He said he supports the 2008 Beijing Olympics in the hopes China would become a more open and tolerant country. He also addressed Chinese suspicions of his advocacy for Tibet, saying, "I have no hidden agenda."

Pentagon to alert 8 Guard units for duty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is preparing to alert eight National Guard units that they should be ready to go to Iraq or Afghanistan beginning late next summer, the Associated Press learned Wednesday.

The U.S. military is reaching out to more Guard units in an effort to maintain needed troop levels, ease some of the strain on the active duty Army, and provide security for ports, convoys, and other installations.

According to Defense officials, seven of the units would deploy to Iraq and one to Afghanistan. The officials spoke on the condition of



The Dalai Lama (left) holds up the Congressional Gold Medal during a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday. Looking on (from second from left) are House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Sen. Robert Byrd, and President Bush.

anonymity because the orders had not yet been signed and the announcement is not expected until the end of this week.

Two of the units will be full combat brigades heading to Iraq — between next summer and into 2009, to serve as part of the rotation with active duty troops. There are currently 20 combat brigades in Iraq, but under plans mapped out by President Bush and his top commanders, that number will gradually drop to 15 next

year, as the United States reduces its troop presence there.

Those two Guard brigades would include about 3,500 soldiers each — generally the size of a combat brigade. But the other five going to Iraq will be much smaller brigades that are tailored for specialized support operations, mostly security and detainee operations. Their sizes vary, but some would be approximately 1,000 troops.

Social Security benefits to rise 2.3%, smallest hike in 4 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Social Security benefits for nearly 50 million people will rise 2.3 percent starting in January, the smallest increase in four

years. The typical retiree will face the challenge of using the extra \$24 to cover higher costs for everything from gasoline and food to medical care.

The new cost-of-living figure announced Wednesday by the Social Security Administration means the typical retired worker's benefit check will go from \$1,055 per month to \$1,079.

The increase is the smallest since a 2.1 percent boost in 2004 and is a full percentage point lower than the 3.3 percent adjustment for 2007. In 2006, benefits rose by 4.1 percent, the biggest gain in 15 years.

The adjustment is based on the change in consumer prices from this July through September compared with the same three-month period last year. Benefit payments have been tied to inflation since 1975.

In the past two years, retirees have benefited from the time frame the government uses to set the adjustment for the next year. The 2006 increase picked up a jump in energy prices from that occurred in September 2005, reflecting the impact of Hurricane Katrina on production at Gulf Coast refineries.

Oral Roberts U president asks for leave of absence

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Oral Roberts University President Richard Roberts asked the school's Board of Regents for a leave of absence Wednesday amid accusations of lavish spending at donors' expense and illegal involvement in a political campaign.

The 58-year-old son of the evangelist who founded the school said he would continue in his role as chairman and chief executive of Oral Roberts Ministries.

"I don't know how long this leave of absence will last, but I fully trust the members of the Board of Regents," Roberts said in a statement released by the university. "I pray and believe that in God's timing, and when the Board feels that it is appropriate, I will be back at my post as president."

An Oct. 2 lawsuit filed by three former Oral Roberts professors says they were wrongfully dismissed and accuses Roberts of mispending at donors' expense, including numerous home remodels and a senior trip to the Bahamas for one daughter on the ministry's dime.

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Hawks see O-line revival

After helping the offense move the chains in the 10-6 win over Illinois, Dan Doering and Bryan Bulaga have shaken up and offensive line that desperately needed a wake-up call.



Hawkeye offensive lineman Bryan Bulaga (left) protects quarterback Jake Christensen as he tosses a 20-yard touchdown pass against Illinois on Oct. 13. Inserted into the offensive-line rotation in week seven, Bulaga and sophomore Dan Doering provided help to a struggling Iowa unit that allowed nine sacks against Indiana.

Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan

TENNIS

Men's tennis in regional

The Hawkeye men's tennis team will send eight players to compete at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Midwest Regional Championships this week in Minneapolis.

Starting today, the tournament will include players from all the Big Ten schools except for Penn State, as well as other quality regional programs, such as Notre Dame and Louisville — matchups that head coach Steve Houghton said should make for a strong field.

Hawkeye sophomores Reinoud Haal, Tommy McGeorge, and Patrick Dwyer will begin play in the qualifying round beginning today. Quarterfinalists in the qualifying round will advance to the main draw on Saturday.

Seniors Bart van Monsjou and J.P. Ritchie and junior Christian Bierich were selected to begin play in the main draw on Saturday. Iowa will also enter three doubles teams, including sophomore Walker Grimes and junior Gregory Holm.

One of the nine men's regional tournaments being played, finalists in singles play and the winner of the doubles tournament will advance to the National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in Columbus, Ohio, beginning on Nov. 1.

— by Lars Headington

HONOR

Grant named to most-influential list

Former Iowa women's Athletics Director Christine Grant was named one of the 100 most-influential sports educators in America by the Institute of International Sport on Wednesday.

Now an emeritus associate professor of sports administration at Iowa, Grant joins a list honoring those who "had a profound impact on the sports experience of great athletes but who receive little public recognition," according to a release from the Hawkeye athletics department.

Throughout her storied 27-year career as women's athletics director at Iowa, she publicly advocated sex equality in sports and played a significant role in raising the awareness about Title IX.

"On behalf of the entire University of Iowa family, I'd like to congratulate Dr. Grant on this wonderful honor," Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta said. "People around the country are now finding out what we Iowans have known for a long time: Dr. Christine Grant was a wonderful teacher, coach, athletics administrator, and proponent of women's athletics."

— by Charlie Kautz

TV TODAY

MLB Playoffs

Red Sox at Indians, Game 5, ALCS, 7 p.m., Fox

College Football

South Florida at Rutgers, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Utah at TCU, 7 p.m., Versus

By Diane Hendrickson

THE DAILY IOWAN

In the past two weeks, fans have seen the best and the worst of the Iowa offensive line.

The line looked nonexistent in the Penn State game, in which it allowed five sacks, and the Hawkeyes could

only muster 48 yards rushing. Against the Illini, however, the unit conceded two early sacks, then held firm for the run and quarterback Jake Christensen. In the second half, the insertion of Dan Doering and Bryan Bulaga at the guard positions because of injuries to Julian Vandervelde and Travis Meade provided a much-needed

spark that propelled Iowa to the win.

Doering, a highly touted member of the 2005 recruiting class, has seen limited time this season. Bulaga, a freshman, has been hindered by a shoulder injury since the first week of the season.

Their success against Illinois has put pressure on Vandervelde and

Meade, who have played most of the snaps so far.

The latest depth chart has the two listed as co-starters on their respective sides of center, and Kirk Ferentz has not made a decision yet on who will start.

SEE O-LINE, 6B

Aqua-Hawks back home

The Hawkeye women swimmers will take on a tough Minnesota team in their first home competition of the season Friday.

By Mike Brownlee

THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa women's swimming and diving will return to the water Friday with a home dual meet against Minnesota.

Hawkeye coach Marc Long is looking forward to building on the positives he saw in last Thursday's 197-102 loss at Wisconsin.

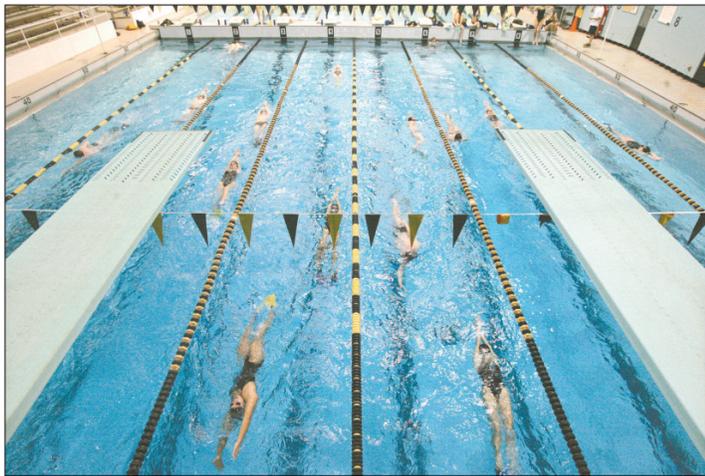
"I thought we raced well, competed well," Long said. "Obviously, we're never happy with a loss, but it was nice to see our team compete."

The positives included a strong performance by freshman Katarina Tour, who began her Hawkeye career with wins in the 100 breast-stroke and 200 individual medley.

"Wisconsin has performed very well the last few years, and for her to get wins in her first meet, up there, is great," Long said.

Leading the Hawkeyes on the diving board against Wisconsin was sophomore Deidre Freeman, who won both the 1-meter and the 3-meter events.

Long is happy about the experience the team gained by beginning the season in the tough atmosphere at Wisconsin, but he is glad to have his team swimming in the friendly waters of the Field House this weekend.



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan

Members of the men's and women's Iowa swimming teams do laps at the Field House pool on Tuesday. The Hawkeyes hope to improve their standing when they host their first home meet, on Friday against Minnesota.

"Going on the road with so many new people and being able to race hard was good. We can take away from the experience," Long said. "But it's nice to race at home, in the pool you train in. It's great to race and dive in front of friends, family, and fans."

Men's team preparing for home opener

To read more about the preparations of the Iowa men's swimming team for its upcoming home meet, check back in Friday's Sports section of *The Daily Iowan*.

SEE SWIMMING, 6B

Burke arriving just in time

Hawkeye sophomore harrier Jolly Burke's improvement and flashes of potential have given coach Layne Anderson some lofty expectations.

By Nick Compton

THE DAILY IOWAN

Under gray skies at the Pre-NCAA championship meet on Oct. 13, Iowa women's cross-country coach Layne Anderson offered sophomore harrier Jolly Burke a sunny prediction.

"I told her it was going to be a fast day," the fifth-year coach said. "Looking at the course and competition, I knew records would be falling."

Burke didn't disappoint him.

The second-year Hawkeye posted a career best 6K, finishing in 17th place with a time of 20:41. For much of the race, Burke was running alongside the leaders, an elite group that included some of the best runners in the country, Anderson said.

"It was very much Jolly's coming-out party," he said. "Through 3,000 meters, she was in the lead. If you would have told me that before the race, I wouldn't have believed you."

SEE BURKE, 6B



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's Game
 Cleveland 7, Boston 3, Cleveland leads series 3-1.
Today's Game
 Boston (Beckett 20-7) at Cleveland (Sabathia 19-7), 7:21 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 20
 Cleveland at Boston, TBD, if necessary
Sunday, Oct. 21
 Cleveland at Boston, TBD, if necessary
National League
Monday, Oct. 15
 Colorado 6, Arizona 4, Colorado wins series 4-0

NBA PRESEASON GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	3	0	1.000	—
New Jersey	1	1	.500	1½
New York	1	1	.500	1½
Toronto	0	1	.000	2
Philadelphia	0	4	.000	3½
Southeast				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	4	1	.800	—
Orlando	3	1	.750	½
Washington	3	1	.750	½
Charlotte	2	2	.500	1½
Miami	0	4	.000	3½
Central				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Indiana	4	0	1.000	—
Chicago	2	1	.667	1½
Detroit	3	2	.600	1½
Milwaukee	2	2	.500	2
Cleveland	1	3	.250	3
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Dallas	2	2	.500	—
New Orleans	2	2	.500	—
Memphis	1	1	.500	—
Houston	0	1	.000	½
San Antonio	0	1	.000	½
Northwest				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	2	1	.667	—
Denver	3	2	.600	—
Utah	3	2	.600	—
Seattle	1	2	.333	1
Minnesota	0	3	.000	2
Pacific				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	2	1	.667	—
Phoenix	2	1	.667	—
L.A. Clippers	1	2	.333	1
Sacramento	1	2	.333	1
L.A. Lakers	0	2	.000	1½

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)
Tuesday, Oct. 31
 Colorado at Boston-Cleveland winner, if necessary, (n)
Thursday, Nov. 1
 Colorado at Boston-Cleveland winner, if necessary, (n)

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Philadelphia	4	1	0	8	21	10
New Jersey	3	3	0	6	18	20
N.Y. Islanders	3	3	0	6	14	20
N.Y. Rangers	2	3	0	4	10	10
Boston	2	3	0	4	18	20
Northwest						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Ottawa	6	1	0	12	22	14
Boston	3	2	0	6	15	14
Buffalo	3	2	0	6	24	16
Montreal	2	1	2	6	11	13
Toronto	2	3	2	6	26	29
Southeast						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Carolina	4	1	1	9	21	11
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	6	14	10
Washington	3	2	0	6	11	12
Florida	3	3	0	6	15	16
Atlanta	0	6	0	0	9	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	4	1	9	23	20	20
St. Louis	4	1	0	8	18	9
Chicago	3	3	0	6	12	11
Columbus	2	2	1	5	11	12
Nashville	2	4	0	4	18	21
Northwest						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Minnesota	5	0	11	14	8	8
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	
Anaheim	4	4	1	9	22	24
Dallas	3	2	8	19	18	14
San Jose	3	2	1	7	14	15
Phoenix	2	3	0	4	12	14
Los Angeles	2	5	0	4	20	30

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Wednesday's Games
 Dallas 3, Columbus 2, SO
 New Jersey 5, Pittsburgh 4
 St. Louis 3, Chicago 1
 Anaheim 3, Nashville 1
Today's Games
 N.Y. Rangers at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Boston, 6 p.m.
 New Jersey at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 6 p.m.
 Montreal at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
 Florida at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Calgary, 8 p.m.
 Edmonton at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Detroit at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
 Columbus at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
 Carolina at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
 Colorado at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Named Rick Kranitz pitching coach.
 TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Promoted Anthony LaCava to assistant general manager, player development.
National League
 WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Named Kerrick Jackson area scouting supervisor and Martese Robinson east coast cross checker. Promoted Jeff Zona to special assignment scout.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
 CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed LB Kevis Coley to the practice squad.
 CLEVELAND BROWNS—Waived TE Jonny Harline from practice squad. Signed TE Richard Angulo to practice squad.
 DETROIT LIONS—Released LB Donte Curry. Signed CB Davonte Edwards.
 GREEN BAY PACKERS—Announced the NFL has reinstated WR Koren Robinson from his one-year suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy, effective Oct. 18.
 MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed DT Jesse Mahelona and DE Derreck Robinson.
 ST. LOUIS RAMS—Placed LB Raonall Smith on injured reserve.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 ATLANTA THRASHERS—Fired Bob Hartley, coach.
 DALLAS STARS—Activated G Mike Smith from injured reserve. Assigned G Tobias Stephan to Iowa (AHL).
 NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled F Nigel Dawes from Hartford (AHL).
 OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned D Tomas Kudelka and RW Jim McKenzie from Binghamton (AHL) to Elmira (ECHL).
 PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Assigned F Jesse Boulerice and F Stefan Ruzicka to Philadelphia (AHL).
 WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled D Jeff Schultz from Hershey (AHL).

India calls Iowa home

By Sean Monahan
THE DAILY IOWAN

During his senior year at Deerfield High School in Illinois, attending Iowa wasn't exactly in Vince India's plans. India was ranked as the 63rd-best golfer in his class by the American Junior Golf Association, and he was being recruited by big-time programs such as Michigan State, Notre Dame, and Illinois. Yet, for reasons unclear to India, the schools backed off him.

The offers that seemed looming never arrived. His phone calls were often unanswered. "I kind of got screwed by all of them all at the same time, when I really need one of them just to come out and say, 'Hey, here's an offer,'" India said. That's where interim Iowa golf coach Adam Kaufman came in. Kaufman gave India the offer he so desperately wanted, and he quickly snatched up what seemed to be his last chance.

"I came out here; I really liked the city, liked the golf course, I liked the environment and all," he said. "I just made the decision before they backed out on me, because I didn't want to be left in the dark."

With the turmoil of recruiting behind him, the true freshman is beginning to reward Iowa for the opportunity it gave him. After failing to qualify for the opening tournament of the season, India finished in a tie for eighth place at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic, shooting five over par. "Honestly, he played great all week," men's golf coach Mark Hankins said. "He handled the pressure of playing in college, his first meet, all that stuff very well."

The following weekend at the Duke/Coca-Cola Classic, the Deerfield native was once

Fellow freshman adjusting to States

Watch Daily Iowan Television at dailyiowan.com to hear about Vince India's teammate, James Reiss, who is adjusting to the United States during his freshman year after being recruited from Aldeburgh, England.

again at the top of the scored card for the Pkeyes — tying junior Cole Peevler and senior Todd Larson at six over.

Heading into the Landfall Tradition in Wilmington, N.C., on Oct. 26, Hankins said India will not have to go through with the traditional pre-tournament qualifying rounds for a roster spot. Even if he was required to do so, the six-under-par 30 he shot on the front nine at Finkbine surely would have been a convincing enough performance.

"He's really starting to feel comfortable and be consistent, consistently good scores; [we're] excited about that," Hankins said. India said he was playing well over the summer, and while he acknowledged it's hard to expect to play so soon, he knew that if he continued his pace of play and kept a level head, he might have a chance to compete at Iowa.

He's no longer just competing for playing time in Iowa City, however; he's now playing against the best other schools around the country have to offer. "It's a good feeling, because I know, this team, it's a young team and we need all the help we can get," he said. "We got a lot of potential in this squad right here, and we just need that fourth and fifth man to step up."

"I know that if I put in good play, I always have that chance to be that fourth or fifth man to really help out the team." E-mail reporter@uiowa.edu: Sean Monahan

Hawk volunteers as 'cuddler'

Iowa women's tennis player Jacqueline Lee spends her Friday evenings helping underdeveloped babies at the UIHC neo-natal unit.

By Lars Headington
THE DAILY IOWAN

At 7 p.m. on Fridays, when many Iowa students are stepping out for FAC activities downtown, one of Iowa's stand-out tennis players is clutching something other than a glass of beer — or a tennis racket. In her hands she cradles a child born too small, too underdeveloped — a premature infant who is receiving care at the UI Hospitals and Clinics' neonatal unit. This semester, senior Jacqueline Lee has spent three hours every Friday night holding premature infants, a process called "cuddling."



File photo/The Daily Iowan

Jacqueline Lee stretches to return a shot against Christine Bader of Michigan State on April 8 at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center. Helping out at the UIHC this fall, Lee spends three hours every Friday caring for underdeveloped babies.

clerk to become oriented with the sounds and activities of the unit. After several shifts of filing paperwork and showing parents to their babies' rooms, Lee is now on her third semes-

ter of "cuddling" premature infants. The unit cares for 25-30 premature infants at a time, separated into four different bays based on their growth and

progress. The youngest babies in the unit can weigh as little as a pound. "Some of them can be as small as your palm," Lee said. "The first one that I held, I was so scared that I would drop it. But you're sitting on a chair, and you have a pillow under your arms that kind of supports you." An exciting job it isn't. "I've held babies for hours at one time. They'll cry, they'll sleep, they'll just look at me," Lee said. Lee began volunteering for the UIHC in order to accumulate 1,000 hours of volunteer time for her graduate-school application.

Lee, a biology and pre-physician's assistant major, plans to work in pediatrics once she completes her education and said that the neonatal unit fit her desire to volunteer in a position where she would gain experience caring for children. E-mail reporter@uiowa.edu: William Headington

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BIG TEN FOOTBALL

Zook gets hefty raise

By David Mercer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The University of Illinois rewarded Ron Zook on Wednesday for the football team's 5-2 start, extending his contract and giving him a raise that will put more than \$1.3 million in his pocket next year.

Zook now makes around \$1.06 million a year.

The new deal would further increase his pay to about \$1.51 million if the Illini make it to a bowl game. Illinois hasn't been to the postseason since the 2002 Sugar Bowl, but it's one win away from bowl eligibility this season.

The three-year extension, approved at a meeting in Chicago by the Board of Trustees' executive committee, also will keep Zook on the Illinois payroll through January 2013.

"I think he has succeeded beyond anyone's expectations," Trustee Robert Sperling, the head of the board's athletics committee, said before the unanimous vote. "He has done an excellent job in turning our football program in the right direction."

Zook was not at the meeting, but he had said beforehand that the new deal — which was widely expected to be approved — was a welcome vote of confidence.

"It makes you feel good when your bosses and the administration feel like everything's going in the right direction," said Zook, who came to Illinois in 2005 after being fired at Florida.

The raise will make Zook one of the top earners among Big Ten coaches, behind only Iowa's Kirk Ferentz — the top dog at \$2.84 million a year — Jim



Seth Perlman/Associated Press
Illinois head coach Ron Zook reacts during his team's 31-26 win over Wisconsin in Champaign, Ill., on Oct. 6. University trustees on Wednesday gave Zook a three-year contract extension and agreed to pay the third-year coach \$1.3 million a year, a \$300,000 raise. If the Illini make it to a bowl game, his salary will go up to \$1.5 million a year.

Tressel at Ohio State, Michigan's Lloyd Carr, and Brett Bielema at Wisconsin. Longtime Penn State coach Joe Paterno may be in that group, too, but the school doesn't provide salary information for him.

Zook's new deal keeps his base salary at \$205,000 but

would increase it by \$200,000 with a bowl appearance. He also will be paid \$900,000 a year for radio, TV, and promotional appearances, an increase of \$150,000, and \$200,000 in deferred compensation, up from \$100,000.

Athletics Director Ron

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— Robert Sperling, head of the trustees' athletics committee

Guenther talked before the season about progress Zook's teams made in his first two seasons and the likelihood the school would extend the coach's contract.

At that point, progress amounted to two wins and a handful of close losses last season, compared to two wins and a long list of blowouts in 2005.

But under Zook this year, Illinois is 5-2 and 3-1 in the Big Ten, including wins over a pair of ranked conference opponents, Penn State and Wisconsin.

Zook's progress can also be measured in sought-after players he's persuaded to come to Champaign-Urbana rather than Notre Dame, Florida State, or other football hotbeds. They include freshman receiver Arrelious Benn, a Washington, D.C., product who chose Illinois over Notre Dame and Maryland; freshman defensive end Martez Wilson from Chicago, who was recruited by Ohio State, Notre Dame, and others; and Juice Williams, the sophomore starting quarterback from Chicago who has struggled but was highly sought.

Yanks mum on Torre's fate

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — This business with Joe Torre is getting kind of bizarre.

After two days of much-hyped meetings, owner George Steinbrenner and the New York Yankees still won't say whether they plan to bring back Torre for a 13th season as their manager.

"We hold Joe Torre in the highest regard and, obviously, that's why we're taking the time ... to determine what's best for us as we move forward and whether he's a part of that or not," general manager Brian Cashman said on Wednesday outside Legends Field, the team's spring training home.

A person familiar with the meetings, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the Yankees aren't making details public, said it was possible a decision would be made today or Friday.

Cashman returned to New York, along with chief operating officer Lonny Trost and assistant GM Jean Afterman. Team President Randy Levine remained in Florida.

Steinbrenner, who has the final say, also was in Florida, along with sons Hal and Hank and son-in-law Felix Lopez.

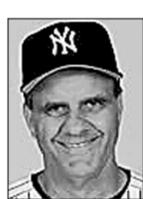
Cashman wouldn't give any timing for a final say on Torre, whose \$19.2 million, three-year contract expires Oct. 31. He said that if the decision is made to keep Torre, "then there's a negotiation. ... And that takes time. It's as simple as that."

"As long as it takes. So give it the time it needs."

While the team's top officials met in Florida, some fans signed a petition Wednesday at a "Save Joe Torre" rally near Times Square in New York.

Steinbrenner did not comment — he hasn't discussed Torre's future publicly since he told the *Record of Hackensack*, N.J., on Oct. 6

that he didn't think he'd bring back Torre if the Yankees failed to advance to the AL championship series. Cleveland then eliminated New York in four games, the Yankees' third straight first-round exit.



Torre manager

Cashman said that he has remained in contact with Torre.

"I talk to Joe as a friend and colleague," he said.

The Yankees also have not yet reached out to Ray Schulte, the agent for bench coach Don Mattingly, who is the leading contender to take over if Torre doesn't return.

Cashman did indicate a subtle shift in the Yankees' power structure. Asked whether the 77-year-old owner will pick the manager, the general manager responded: "The Boss owns the franchise, so obviously, the Boss, Hank, and Hal Steinbrenner are obviously the ownership group that I answer to."

Before the afternoon meeting, there was a morning session that also included senior vice president of baseball operations Mark Newman, scouting director Damon Oppenheimer, and special adviser Gene Michael.

Cashman said the Yankees are maintaining their position that they will not negotiate with Alex Rodriguez if he terminates his \$252 million, 10-year contract.

Rodriguez, who has three seasons left on the deal, must decide by the 10th day following the World Series.

"I can reaffirm that, if Alex Rodriguez opts out of his contract, then we will not participate in his free agency," Cashman said. "That is accurate, and that is definitive."

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Sports

From doublewide to No. 2

By Pual Newberry
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — Wally Burnham was one of the lucky ones. From his desk in the doublewide trailer, he actually could see the world beyond.

"Some of the offices had windows. Some didn't," he remembered. "I had a window. It came with the job. I had a palm tree right in front of my window."

A palm tree and a dream. That was about all South Florida had going for it in those early years.

"We were selling the dream," said defensive coordinator Burnham. "We were trying to sell guys on the idea of building something."

Just over a decade removed from starting a college-football program from scratch — or, more specifically, from a trailer park on this sprawling urban campus — South Florida finds itself lording over such mighty powers as Florida, and Southern Cal, and Notre Dame, with all their trophies and traditions.

Trophies? The most prominent piece of hardware in South Florida's athletics building is from its one and only postseason victory, the PapaJohns.com Bowl fewer than 10 months ago. The Rose Bowl, it ain't.

Tradition? The closest thing around here to Touchdown Jesus was the "Touchosa" — the affectionate nickname for a now deposed group of trailers that once housed the coaches' offices and meeting rooms. That's where the Bulls cut their teeth, enduring floors pocked with holes, huge young men crammed into tiny spaces, and the occasional drive from the baseball field next door.

"We don't have the tradition of those other schools," said



Kevin Rivoli/Associated Press

Rutgers' Ray Rice (right) tries to elude Syracuse's Arthur Jones (97) during the second quarter in Syracuse, N.Y., on Oct. 13. Rutgers will face undefeated South Florida on Saturday.

South Florida's high-strung coach, Jim Leavitt. "We do have a story to tell."

Ten years after taking the field for the first time, facing schools such as Kentucky Wesleyan and Cumberland, the Bulls are one spot away from being the No. 1 team in the land.

The only school ahead of them is Ohio State, a regal program that was winning national titles before South Florida even existed — and we're talking about the university, not just the football program.

"I always knew there was a lot of potential here," said Doug Woolard, the Bulls'

athletics director. "But it's like a switch flipped on."

Call it the Sunshine State miracle.

About quarter-century ago, a tip of America known for its beaches, retirement homes, and Mickey Mouse suddenly emerged as the hub of college football.

There was brash, cocky Miami, winning one national title after another with rebellious players and an outlaw attitude. There was high-scoring Florida State, which seemed to stake out a permanent place in the top five with its homespun coach, Bobby Bowden. There

was "Fun 'n' Gun" Florida, completing the Big Three once Steve Spurrier settled in the Swamp.

Year after year, they played in the most crucial of games and the biggest of bowls — often against each other.

Now all of them are looking up at this Johnny-come-lately to the Sunshine wars. Florida is No. 14 in this week's Associated Press rankings. Florida State and Miami aren't ranked at all. There's South Florida, sitting at No. 2.

"I'm not surprised at all," said Miami linebacker Colin McCarthy, who is from nearby Clearwater. Then he comes clean. "OK, a little bit. I'm not going to lie."

Where did this school come from?

From the state, most people outside the state are likely to guess South Florida is in Miami, or Fort Lauderdale, or West Palm Beach. Actually, the flat, bland campus — its architectural theme has all the charm of an office park or military base — blends into a seemingly endless stretch of strip malls and fast-food restaurants on the northern edges of sprawling Tampa.

Founded in 1956, the school held its first classes four years later. Mimicking the state's explosive growth, South Florida has ballooned to nearly 45,000 students, making it the ninth-largest university in the country.

The rise of the football program was just as hasty, and with success has come plenty of whispers.

Jealous rivals believe South Florida's rapid rise can be attributed to its willingness to cut corners academically. Alabama coach Nick Saban actually went on the record a few weeks ago, saying the Bulls have benefited from taking players who didn't qualify at other schools.

Same old Big Ten

By Rusty Miller
ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's been a topsy-turvy year in college football: Upsets everywhere, football powers getting cut down to size, and upstarts rising in the polls.

Yet some things never seem to change.

A quick glance at the Big Ten standings, and you'd think it was the 1970s all over again. Tied for first place are Ohio State and Michigan.

Twenty times since their annual rivalry game was shifted in 1935 to the final Saturday of the season, the Ohio State-Michigan showdown has decided the Big Ten title. It appears that might be the case again this season.

The Wolverines opened with two shocking losses at home, first an inexplicable upset at the hands of last year's I-AA national champion, Appalachian State, followed by a rout at the hands of Oregon.

Five consecutive wins later, the Wolverines are 3-0 in the conference, the same as top-ranked Ohio State.

"It's nice to play well and improve," coach Lloyd Carr said about his team's climb back to No. 24 in the poll. "The thing that is important is that we improve. If we can do that

on a week-to-week basis, day-to-day basis, we can know that we have got a chance to do something."

Michigan has won at least a share of 42 Big Ten titles, Ohio State 31. They will meet Nov. 17 at the Big House.

NIGHT MOVES: Michigan will play under the lights Saturday at Illinois, setting up a unique atmosphere.

"A year ago, one of the great environments I've ever been in college football was at Penn State," Carr said about Michigan's win in Happy Valley. "There was an electricity there. The game had great significance. I think the same thing will happen this week."

The last time Illinois beat Michigan in Champaign, Ronald Reagan was a first-term president, no current member of the Illini roster had been born, and the Illini made a rare appearance in blue pants.

Coach Ron Zook said someone e-mailed him this week suggesting Illinois break out the blues again for Michigan, but Zook says that's not going to happen.

The last time Illinois wore blue pants was two years ago when the Illini lost to Penn State, 63-10.

Picking no football picnic

By Ralph D. Russo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

It had been 11 years since Nos. 1 and 2 lost on the same day before LSU and California pulled the trick last week.

In this unpredictable college football season, would it be all that surprising to see the top two teams in the AP poll and the BCS standings go down in the same weekend again?

Top-ranked Ohio State and No. 2 South Florida both face unranked opponents. But 10 teams with top-10 rankings have already lost to unranked opponents, so what's a couple more?

The Buckeyes' (7-0, 3-0 Big Ten) first game this season as No. 1 will be at home against Michigan State and former Ohio State defensive coordinator Mark Dantonio, who in his first season as head coach has the Spartans (5-2, 1-2) well positioned for their first winning season since 2003.

South Florida, the feel-good story out of the Big East, faces

last year's feel-good story out of the Big East. The Bulls (6-0, 1-0) will visit Rutgers on tonight.

The picks:

Today
No. 2 South Florida (minus 2½) at Rutgers

Scarlet Knights stopped late 2-point conversion to beat Bulls last season ... South Florida 24-23.

Saturday's Games
Michigan State (plus 17) at No. 1 Ohio State
Buckeyes have won 10 of 12 against Spartans ... OHIO STATE 28-10.

No. 4 Oklahoma (minus 29) at Iowa State
Cyclones have worst offense in Big 12 ... OKLAHOMA 48-14.

No. 18 Auburn (plus 11) at No. 5 LSU
Auburn won last season's Tiger Fight, 7-3 ... LSU 21-13.

Vanderbilt (plus 13) at No. 6 South Carolina
Gamecock coach Steve Spurrier has never lost to Vandy ... SOUTH CAROLINA 34-17.

No. 7 Oregon (minus 11) at Washington
The 100th meeting between Ducks and Huskies ... OREGON 35-21.

No. 14 Florida (minus 7) at No. 8 Kentucky
Gators have won 20 straight against Wildcats ... FLORIDA 34-28.

Mississippi State (plus 23½) at No. 9 West Virginia
Mountaineers won first meeting 42-14 last season in Starkville ... WEST VIRGINIA 41-17.

No. 10 California (no line) at UCLA
Status of Cal QB Nate Longshore (ankle) questionable ... UCLA 28-24.

No. 13 Southern California (minus 18) at Notre Dame
USC has won five straight vs. the Irish, though last trip to South Bend needed Bush Trip to win ... USC 34-14.

No. 15 Kansas (minus 4) at Colorado
QB Todd Reesing debuted vs. Buffs last season with three TDs ... KANSAS 29-17.

No. 22 Texas Tech (plus 3½) at No. 15 Missouri

Red Raiders and No. 1 passing team in nation; Tigers are fifth ... MISSOURI 54-43.

No. 19 Texas (minus 24½) at Baylor
Longhorns have scored 125 points in last two seasons against Bears ... TEXAS 50-17.

No. 20 Tennessee (plus 1) at Alabama
Volunteers have won 10 of 12 in rivalry ... ALABAMA 31-28.

No. 23 Cincinnati (plus 9½) at Pittsburgh
How bad has it gotten for Panthers? Their coach is injured ... CINCINNATI 33-21.

No. 24 Michigan (minus 2½) at Illinois
Wolverines are 38-4-2 against Illini since 1959 ... ILLINOIS 28-24.

No. 25 Kansas State (plus 3) at Oklahoma State
Cowboys have run for more than 200 yards in six straight games ... KANSAS STATE 34-30.

Last week's record: 15-6 (straight); 13-7-1 (vs. points)
Season: 123-25 (straight); 67-62-2 (vs. points)

Best, worst at halfway point

By Ralph D. Russo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — South Florida ranked ahead of Southern Cal.

Appalachian State beats Michigan, and it's not even by the most surprising result of the season.

Looking for a Heisman front-runner? Good luck, though you might want to try Kentucky.

And who would have thought after watching last season's BCS national-title game that Ohio State would be No. 1 before Florida?

At the midway point of an unpredictable season, it's time to hand out some awards. Not everybody will be happy to receive one:

Most surprising team (positive)

SOUTH FLORIDA — Coach Jim Leavitt's squad had been tabbed a team on the rise, and there was some preseason buzz about the Bulls. However, it's safe to say no one saw South Florida as the No. 2 team in the country halfway

through the season. How serious should South Florida be taken? Well, it has the best set of cornerbacks in the country in Mike Jenkins and Trae Williams, the best pass rusher in defensive end George Selvie, and a dynamic dual-threat quarterback in Matt Grothe. So the answer is: very.

Most surprising team (negative)

TCU — The Horned Frogs were talked about as a BCS buster when the season started, with a defense that figured to be one of the best in the nation. Instead, TCU is 4-3 and already in a big hole in the Mountain West with a 1-2 conference mark and losses to Wyoming and Air Force. With defensive end Tommy Blake away from the team for most of the season — for reasons that remain somewhat unclear — the Frogs' highly touted defense has been a bust. TCU has allowed 60 points and 402 yards rushing the past two games.

Best coaching job

JIM GROBE, Wake Forest — Expectations were modest for the

Demon Deacons after last year's dream season. Then they opened the season with losses to Boston College and Nebraska, and quarterback Riley Skinner was hurt in the process. It looked like Wake was about to go back to being Wake. Instead, Grobe has guided his team to four-straight wins, including a big comeback against Maryland and a second-straight victory against a Florida State team with twice as much talent as Wake.

Worst coaching job

BILL CALLAHAN, Nebraska — Year 4 of the Callahan era may very well be the last. The Cornhuskers' biggest problems are on defense, where the Blackshirts rank last in the Big 12. Callahan's an offensive guy, but the head coach has to take at least some of the blame when his coordinator doesn't get the job done. And it's not like that West Coast offense has been humming along. The Huskers are seventh in the conference on that side of the ball and lucky to be 4-3.

Best games

1) Kentucky 43, LSU 37, 3 OT.

2) Boise State 69, Nevada 67, 4 OT.
3) California 31, Oregon 24.

Most exciting team

NORTHWESTERN — Led by quarterback C.J. Bacher, the Wildcats have won two-straight games in overtime by a combined score of 97-89. They also beat Nevada 36-31 and lost to Duke 20-14, which snapped the nation's longest losing streak.

Worst team in BCS conference

MINNESOTA — The Gophers' only victory was over Miami of Ohio in double overtime, and Minnesota became the first team from a BCS automatic-qualifying conference to lose to Florida Atlantic. First-year coach Tim Brewster gets a pass because there wasn't much left behind by Glen Mason.

One voter's Heisman Trophy ballot

Subject to change at any moment.
1) Andre Woodson, QB, Kentucky
2) Chase Daniel, QB, Missouri
3) Mike Hart, RB, Michigan.

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O-line puts on a show



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Iowa wide receiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianos runs during an 11-yard return in the third quarter of the Iowa-Illinois game in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 13. The Hawks scored the only touchdown of the game during the third quarter and went on to win, 10-6.

O-LINE

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"[It's] probably safe to say all the guys will play," he said. "But the amount of playing time will be dictated by how they practice."

Christensen finished 8-of-10 in the second half against Illinois, leading the Iowa march downfield for the go-ahead touchdown, a 20-yard pass to tight end Brandon Myers. The Hawkeyes could have added another score, but the Lockport, Ill., native fumbled a snap in the red zone.

"That second half, it showed if we give [Christensen] time, the things that he can do," center Rafael Eubanks said. "We haven't really given him the time or confidence that he needs to perform, and I think we showed that in the second half, the things that he can do."

Iowa did not have a three-and-out the entire game, and the running game returned to the tune of 141 yards on the

ground. The Hawkeyes held the ball for nine minutes longer than the Illini, giving the worn-down defense some crucial rest.

"[The offensive line] got the job done," coach Kirk Ferentz said. The unit had given up nine sacks in Iowa's last game at home, against Indiana.

While Bulaga and Doering looked like the missing pieces on Oct. 13, teammates point out they were just executing, something the Hawkeyes have lacked during the losing streak.

"I just think most of all, they didn't just tread water," junior Seth Olsen said. "They carried their own weight, and that really helped the team. They weren't just guys sitting around in there. They're pulling their own weight, doing their part, and helping us get better. I wouldn't say it was anything spectacular that they did."

"They just did their job, and that's what we need."

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Burke gets jollies running

BURKE

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With consistently stellar performances coming from senior All-Americans Diane Nukuri and Meghan Armstrong, who have crossed the line as the team's first and second finishers in each of its three competitive meets, Burke's latest finish marks an important evolution in her career, Anderson said.

"I knew she was capable of performing at a high-level," he said. "But now, she's shown she is capable of moving up to that All-American level."

Last year, as a true freshman, Burke showed flashes of brilliant potential. She followed a 42nd-place finish at the Big Ten meet with a 71st-place finish at the regional and a 211th-place finish at the nationals.

Burke earned national recognition in February, when she ran to a fifth-place finish at the U.S. Junior Cross-Country Meet in Boulder, Colo. Her 6K time of 22:16 was good enough to earn her a spot on the U.S. Junior National Team, but she was unable to attend this summer's World Championships held in Kenya because of security concerns.

Even with the past success, her teammates and coach say Burke's improvement heading into this year's Big Ten meet, slated for Oct. 28, has been vast.

"She's a much smarter runner this year," said senior harrier and Burke's roommate, Jessica Schmidt. "She knows how to push herself without overdoing it. She's really receptive about what coach wants her to do, and it has shown."

While she attributes her improvement to competent coaching and a strict regime of high-elevation running in Colorado over the summer, her teammates tell a different story.

"She works harder than anyone I know," said redshirt sophomore Krista Anderson. "She trains hard, is determined, and has been running awesome."

For Layne Anderson and the 18th-ranked Hawkeyes, Burke's improvement has come none too soon.

Faced with the daunting task of heading to Columbus, Ohio, on Oct. 28 to compete against a Big Ten field so stacked it's "almost scary at times," the Hawks will rely on the steady strides of its seasoned harriers, supplemented by a boost from Burke.

"The Big Ten field is amazingly talented this year," Layne Anderson said, adding that improvement on last year's sixth-place finish will take solid performances from all the team's competitors.

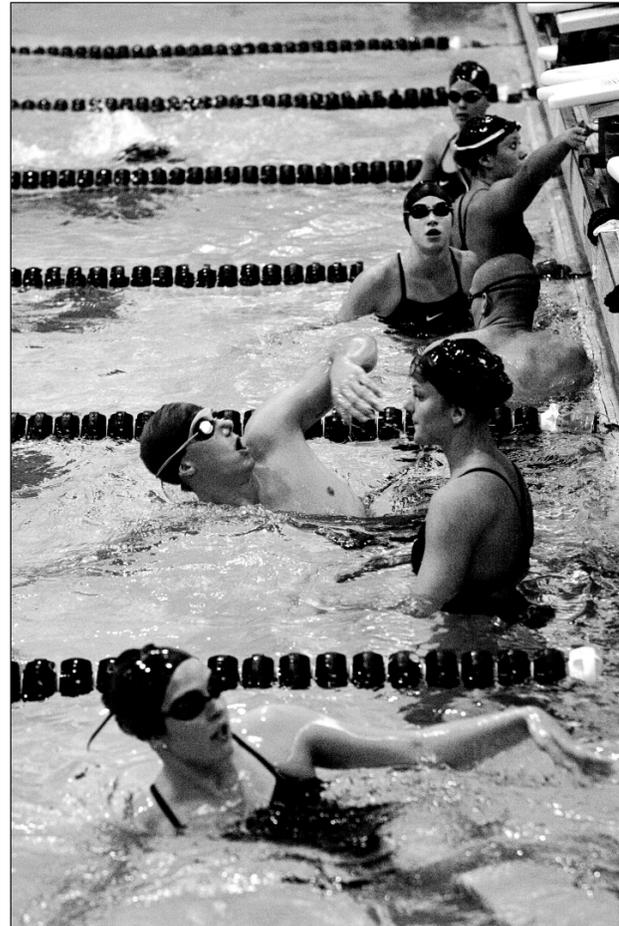
But, despite the early success and lofty expectations, Burke has remained grounded. With talk of All-American status swirling around her, she's turned a deaf ear, choosing to focus instead on personal-improvement, team goals, and the utter simplicity of striding on grass.

"I just love to run," she said. "Of course, I want to set a personal record every time I compete, and I want to help out the team however I can, but I don't focus on the awards."

"Running is my passion; I'm addicted."

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Swimmers face daunting task



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Members of the Iowa men's and women's swimming teams take a breather during practice in the Field House pool on Tuesday. The women Hawkeyes will hold their first home meet Friday against Minnesota.

SWIMMING

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The Gophers will bring a veteran team — 14 upperclassmen — to Iowa City, along with Big Ten Swimmer of the Week Jillian Tyler, a freshman. Tyler earned the honor after winning three events, and qualifying for the NCAA championships in two of them, in a dual with Florida Oct. 13.

"We're missing, arguably, the best team Minnesota has ever had," Long said. "It's tough top-to-bottom and certainly is a favorite to win the Big Ten."

As the season progresses, Long is stressing to his young team to get better with each fall meet. Starting the season with two of the Big Ten's top squads can only make his team stronger, he said.

"It's a good opportunity early in the season to race teams that are among the best in the Big Ten and in the nation," Long said. "We're looking to compete. We're still learning a lot about how our young team competes."

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Michigan State looks loaded

By **Tim Martin**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State may have exceeded expectations last season, pulling off some surprising victories and making its 10th-straight NCAA tournament.

But the Spartans won't sneak up on anyone this year. Weeks before their first game, most everyone expects they'll be one of the nation's top 10 or 15 teams in the 2007-08 campaign.

That's fine with coach Tom Izzo, who has run one of the nation's most successful and consistent basketball programs over the past decade.

"The bull's-eye is back on us, and I'm really happy that it is," Izzo said on Wednesday during

Michigan State's annual pre-season media day.

Just about all the significant players are back from last year's team, which finished 23-12 and made it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in what was supposed to be a rebuilding year. The Spartans have more experience and talent this season as they're expected to contend for the Big Ten championship and possibly make a deep postseason run.

Drew Neitzel and Travis Walton, who had to play more minutes in the backcourt than Izzo wanted last season, should get some assistance from a trio of promising freshmen and returning guard Isaiah Dahlman.

Raymar Morgan, Goran

Suton, Drew Naymick, Marquise Gray, and Idog Ibok are all back up front. Seven-footer Tom Herzog, who redshirted last year, will join them.

Fatigue shouldn't be a factor for anyone, and Izzo expects to exploit that depth with a more up-tempo playing style than last season.

"After being forced to slow it down last year, I am pretty determined to run from the day we start," Izzo said.

Neitzel is back for his senior season, coming off a breakout year in which he averaged 18.1 points per game. He started an NCAA Final Four game as a freshman and wants to get back there again this season.

"It's great to be rated high in the preseason. But we know as a team that it doesn't matter

where we are right now," Neitzel said. "Come March, that's when we want to be ranked really high. ... We want to take care of business and keep growing as a team."

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Laylah Ali, Untitled, 2006-2007. Ink and colored pencil on paper.



Laylah Ali, Untitled, 2006-2007. Ink on paper.



Laylah Ali, Untitled, 2005. Ink on paper.

The identity of ANOTHER COUNTRY

The exhibits of two black women artists are united in the halls of the UI Museum of Art, posing powerful questions about the role of identity.

By Claire Lekwa
THE DAILY IOWAN

Placed in side-by-side UI Museum of Art galleries, the work of two black women constitutes a dialogue between the past and the present, raising questions of prejudice and identity that continue to resonate.

One collection tells the story of a struggle for human rights: An overworked sharecropper turns her face to the distance, lifted high in dignity, her straw-brimmed hat circling her head like a halo. Three black women link hands in strength. Young, dark-skinned faces are surrounded by the fire of justice, the "second generation" of a people, led by such names as Malcolm X and Thurgood Marshall, who march toward a future of freedom.

Moving into the next gallery, the human emotions and social activism are replaced by a disturbing ambiguity. Here, black-rimmed eyes of unearthly beings peer out from two-dimensional isolation. The strange, cartoon-like characters of these black-and-white ink drawings seem otherworldly. Some of the figures tongue each other but lack the intimacy

Lecture by Laylah Ali
Artist of the Drawings from the Typology Series exhibit
When: 7 p.m. today
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A reception at the UI Museum of Art will follow.

of a kiss. With holes for noses and little facial definition, the question of these characters' ethnicity and sex is left unanswered.

The two exhibits, *I Am: Prints by Elizabeth Catlett* and Laylah Ali's *Drawings from the Typology Series*, will be displayed together in the Museum of Art starting Saturday, bridging a generation gap between the two artists, who were born 53 years apart.

"Although the artists don't have anything to do with each other — don't know each other or anything — they both actually deal with a lot of the same issues," said Howard Collinson, the museum's director. "For both of them, it's about race and race relations."

Now 92 years old, UI alum Catlett studied under Grant Wood and received the

university's first ever M.F.A. in sculpture in 1940. She paved the way for black women in the black arts movement of the '60s and '70s, using her prints as a political and social tool.

Contemporary artist Ali, 39, has achieved widespread recognition in the past 10 years. She was featured in PBS' "Art in the 21st Century" series in 2005, and she has had solo exhibitions in the Museum of Modern Art in New York and many other major art museums.

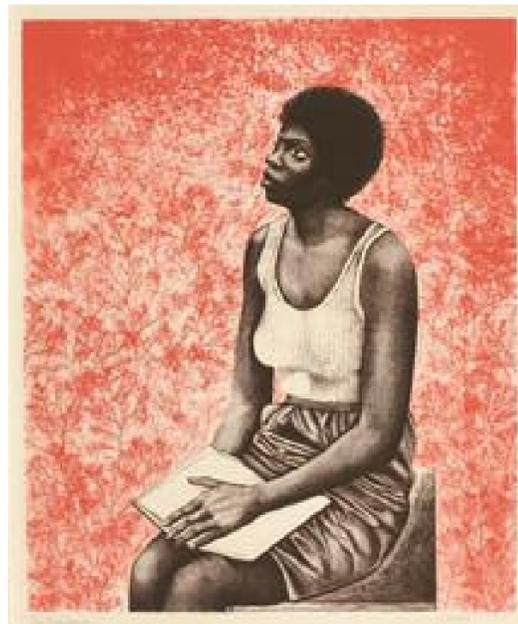
"It is an honor to be having a show at the same time [as Catlett]," Ali said in an e-mail interview with *The Daily Iowan*.

Museum curator Kathleen Edwards speaks highly of the pairing.

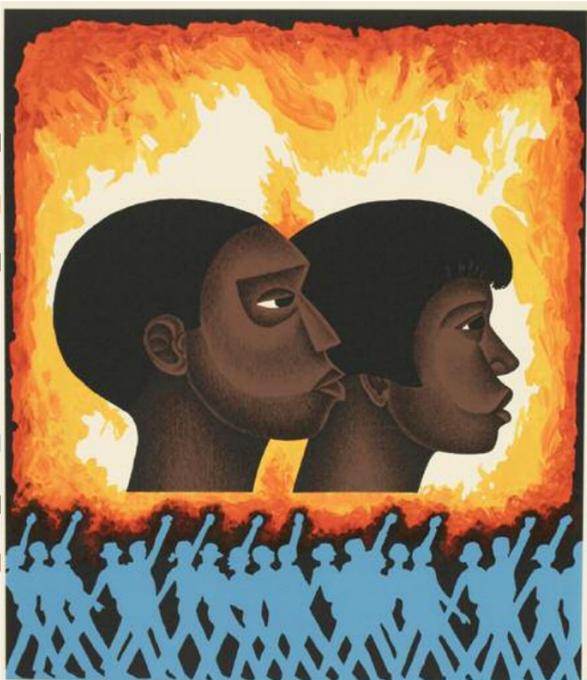
"I think it's a wonderful opportunity to see both an icon of American art and an emerging American artist together in the museum," she said.

However, the exhibits were not constructed by the museum as linked companion pieces — merely thematic next-door neighbors.

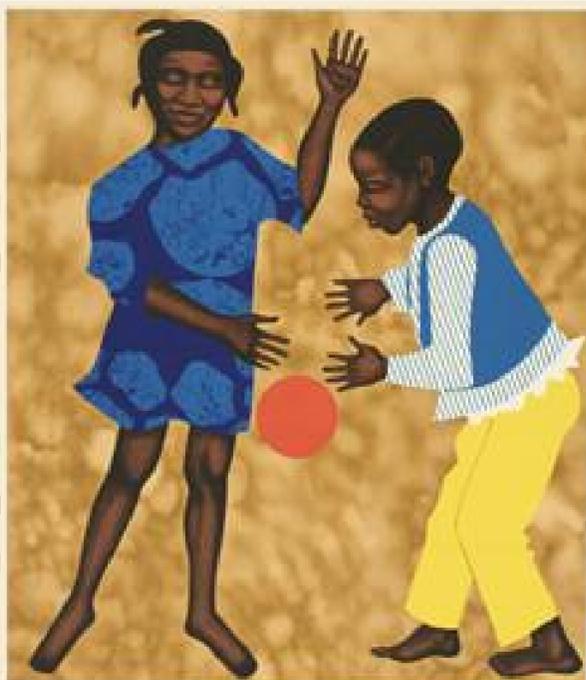
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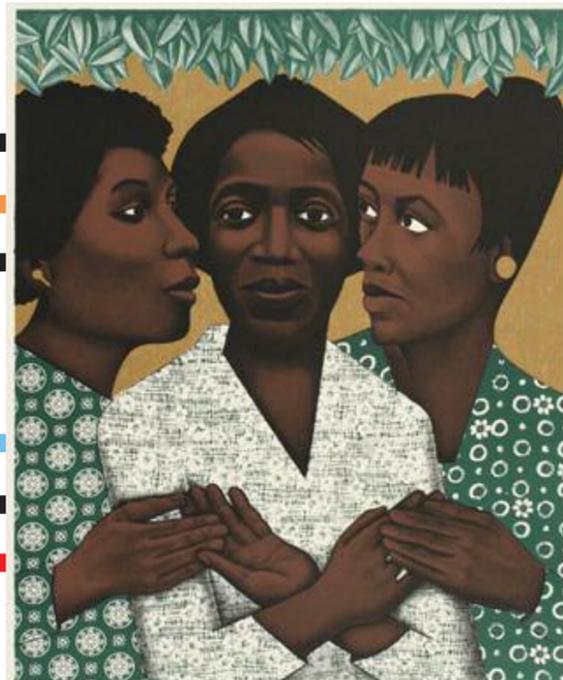
Elizabeth Catlett, *Red Leaves*, 1978, Lithograph



Elizabeth Catlett, *A Second Generation* from *For My People*, 1992



Elizabeth Catlett, *Play Mates*, from *For My People*, 1992



Elizabeth Catlett, *Links Together*, 1996, Lithograph

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Welcome to the Birdhouse

Though not quite a fungus-enhanced romp in Vegas (see *Knocked Up* for details), Cirque du Soleil brings its trademark weirdness to Hancher this weekend for Cirque-Works' *Birdhouse Factory* to astonish audiences of all ages.



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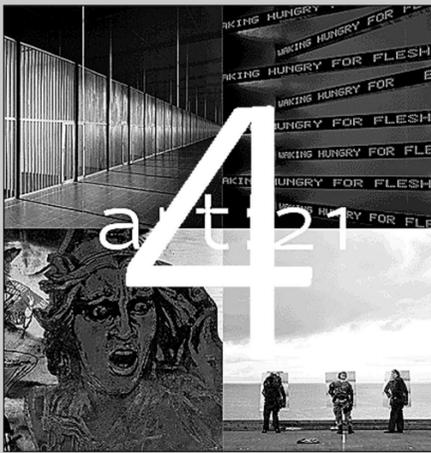
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Today 10.18

Stop by the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art and Legion Arts/CSPS for a free preview of all four episodes from the new season of Art:21 — Art in the Twenty-First Century. Focusing on contemporary artists and art, Romance will be the subject at hand for this week's viewing.

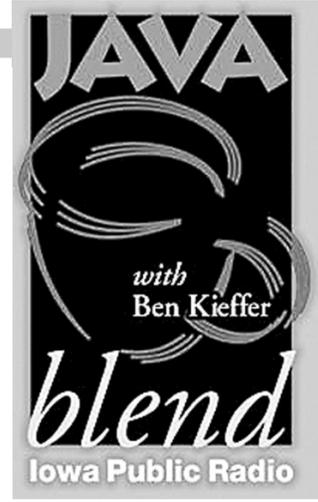


- MUSIC**
- **Drive By Truckers**, 8 p.m., Englert, 221 E. Washington
 - **Lucy Kaplansky**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
 - **The Jack and Jim Show**, with Eugene Chadbourne and Jimmy Carl Black, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
 - **Sangria Night**, Dustin Louis Blank, 9:30 p.m., David's Place, 100 S. Linn
 - **David Zollo and The Pines**, 10 p.m., Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert
- LECTURES**
- **Gallery Talk, "The Writer's Desk,"** Kevin Kopelson, 3 p.m., Old Capitol
 - **Layla Ali**, 7 p.m., Art Building West
- WORDS**
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Jeff

- Porter, nonfiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **International Writing Program reading**, Peter Cole, 8 p.m., Shambaugh House
- THEATER**
- **The Long Christmas Ride Home**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
 - **A Perfect Wedding**, University Theatres Main Stage Production, 8 p.m., Theater Building Mabie Theater
 - **Undergraduate Directors Festival**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- MISCELLANEOUS**
- **21-Only Forum**, 7-9 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
 - **Art:21 — Art in the Twenty-First Century**, 7 p.m., CSPS, 1103 Third St. S.E., Cedar Rapids

Friday 10.19

- MUSIC**
- **"Java Blend,"** The Pines, noon, Java House, 211½ E. Washington
 - **Mad River Band**, noon, MC Ginsberg, 110 E. Washington
 - **Rock and Roll Jam Session**, 7 p.m., Kandy Land, 928 Maiden Lane
 - **Afro/Cuban Drum and Dance Ensemble**, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
 - **Women's Chorale**, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
 - **Lucky Boys Confusion**, with Treaty of Paris and Inept, 9 p.m., Picador
 - **Baby Teeth**, Skursela, Glowing Glass, and Mannix, 9 p.m., Mill
 - **Dance Party**, with music by Rock and Thunder, 9:30 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- LECTURES**
- **"Desert Spirituality for City Dwellers,"** Bradley Nassi, 7 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College
- WORDS**
- **IWP reading**, Simone Ingunez and Lo Yichin, 5 p.m., Shambaugh House
 - **Writers' Workshop reading**, Edward P. Jones, 8 p.m., Becker Communication Studies Building
- DANCE**
- **Public Dance**, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 221 Highway 1 W.
 - **Dance**, 8-11 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- THEATER**
- **Cirque-Works' Birdhouse Factory**, 7:30 p.m., Hancher
 - **The Long Christmas Ride Home**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre



Want to witness and be a part of a radio broadcast? Stop by the Java House, 211½ E. Washington for "Java Blend," an Iowa Public Radio Program that mixes music and discussion. This week will feature a live performance by The Pines, whose members, David Huckfelt and Benson Ramsey, are Iowa natives.

- **A Perfect Wedding**, University Theatres Main Stage Production, 8 p.m., Mabie Theatre
- **Undergraduate Directors Festival**, 8 p.m., Theatre B
- **No Shame Theater**, 11 p.m., Theatre B

MISCELLANEOUS

- **"Java Blend,"** The pines, noon, Java House, 221½ E. Washington
- **An Endangered River Runs Through Us: Three Iowa River Events**, 3 p.m., UI Main Library

new movies



Rendition
Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10
Reese Witherspoon and Jake Gyllenhaal try to make magic off and on the screen in this political thriller directed by Gavin Hood about a CIA analyst who questions his agency after witnessing an interrogation at a secret detention facility.



Gone Baby Gone
Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10
Can Ben Affleck direct? Can Casey Affleck play the starring role? Who knows, but the film centers on two Boston area detectives investigating a little girl's kidnapping. Initial word is that *Gone* is no *Gigli* — this Affleck has talent.

AT THE BIJOU



Brand Upon the Brain!
When a man returns home to await the family orphanage and await his mother, he finds he must also question the strange goings-on in his family and the family home. The Guy Maddin film is shot in black and white, with title cards and narration by Isabella Rossellini.

Saturday 10.20

St. Jude is hosting a Trike-A-Thon aimed at raising money for the St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. Designed to promote tricycle safety among preschoolers, the event is open to anyone wishing to donate money to the cause.



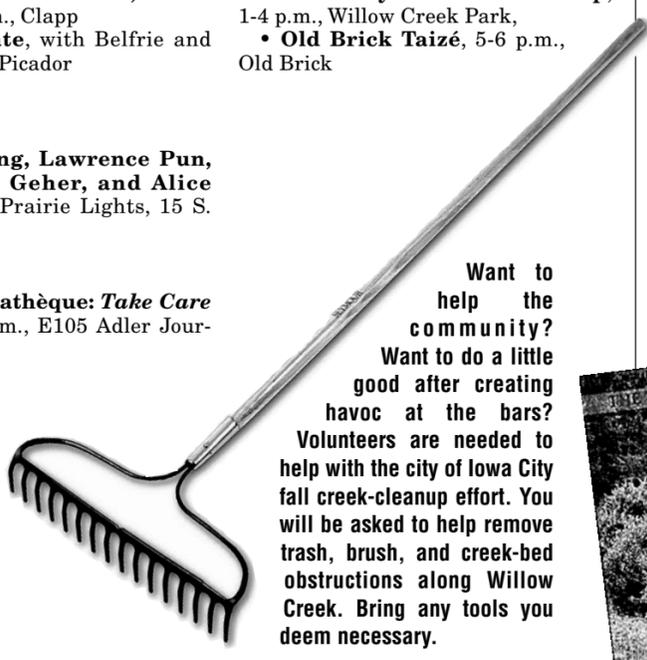
- MUSIC**
- **New Horizons Band**, 3 p.m., Clapp
 - **Todd Warner Moore**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's Small Mall, 401 S. Gilbert
 - **UI Camerata Singers**, 8 p.m., Clapp
 - **Orquesta de Jazz y Salsa Alto Maíz**, 9 p.m., Mill
 - **Rock 'n' Roll/Country Night**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
 - **Dance Party**, with music by Rock and Thunder, 9:30 p.m., Charlie's
 - **Mark Gratama Band**, with saxophonist Cyrille Oswald, 10 p.m., Sanctuary
 - **Nevervoid**, with Indian and The Horde, 10 p.m., Picador
- LECTURES**
- **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Saturday Scholars Series, "Ethical Activism in the Poetry of Adrienne Rich and Mary Oliver,"** Linda Bolton, 10 a.m., 40 Schaeffer Hall
 - **Bradley Nassif: Desert Spirituality for City Dwellers**, 7 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College
- MOVIE**
- **Lost Nation: The Ioway**, special

- viewing of the documentary followed by a discussion with the producers, 7 p.m., Macbride Auditorium
- THEATER**
- **Cirque-Works' Birdhouse Factory**, 7:30 p.m., Hancher
 - **The Long Christmas Ride Home**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre
 - **Undergraduate Directors Festival**, 8 p.m., Theatre B
 - **A Perfect Wedding**, University Theatres Main Stage Production, 8 p.m., Mabie Theatre
- MISCELLANEOUS**
- **39th Annual Festival of Books for Young People, "Nature's Narrative,"** 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
 - **Popo Puppet Festival**, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
 - **Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude research hospital**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Kiwanis Park
 - **Light the Night Walk**, 7:30 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall

Sunday 10.21

- MUSIC**
- **Piano Sundays**, UI music students Yee Sik Wong and Seong-Sil Kim, 1:30 p.m., Old Capitol
 - **Music at the Museum**, Baroque arias and sonatas, 2 p.m., UI Museum of Art
 - **UI Philharmonia Orchestra**, 3 p.m., Clapp
 - **Center for New Music**, David Gomper, 8 p.m., Clapp
 - **CoupleSkate**, with Belfrie and Ed Gray, 9 p.m., Picador
- WORDS**
- **IWP reading**, Lawrence Pun, István László Geher, and Alice Miller, 5 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- MOVIE**
- **IWP Cinémathèque: Take Care of My Cat**, 8 p.m., E105 Adler Journalism Building
- THEATER**
- **A Perfect Wedding**, University Theatres Main Stage Production, 2 p.m., Mabie Theatre
 - **The Long**

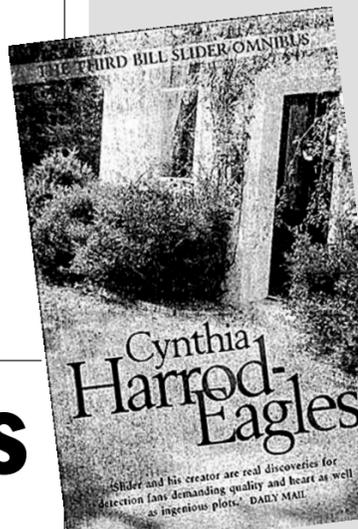
- Christmas Ride Home**, 2 p.m., Riverside Theatre
- MISCELLANEOUS**
- **Zeta Tau Alpha 5K for Breast Cancer Awareness**, 11 a.m., City Park
 - **Book Sale**, noon-4:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
 - **Iowa City fall creek cleanup**, 1-4 p.m., Willow Creek Park,
 - **Old Brick Taizé**, 5-6 p.m., Old Brick



Want to help the community? Want to do a little good after creating havoc at the bars? Volunteers are needed to help with the city of Iowa City fall creek-cleanup effort. You will be asked to help remove trash, brush, and creek-bed obstructions along Willow Creek. Bring any tools you deem necessary.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?
Each week, the *DI* asks an Iowa City resident with a particular literary bent. Pamela Trimpe, a director of the Pentacrest Museums (Old Capitol and the Natural History), is reading *The Third Bill Slider Reader*, by Cynthia Harrod-Eagle.

“It's written in British vernacular, and I've been to London, and I enjoy it there, so I really like reading the way people there talk.”



DI RECOMMENDS
Trying the methods of YouTube favorite, "Will it Blend?," on your midterm papers — can the babbling of Freud be mixed with Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and produce a coherent substance? Only you can discover the truth.

QUOTABLE
“I want software to understand whom I work with and how I want them to be able to get hold of me.”
— Bill Gates, commenting on the future of technology and the end of voice mail.

It's feeling a lot not like Christmas

By Anna Wiegenstein
THE DAILY IOWAN

For many children (this reporter's past-self included), the characters on such shows as "Sesame Street" and "The Muppet Show" seemed very real at a young age. In fact, I might still not be over being unable to marry Kermit the Frog. Despite Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch being, well, puppets, their humanity was obvious, and millions of children worldwide became kin to them.

The puppets featured in Riverside Theatre's upcoming production, *The Long Christmas Ride Home* are equally as lifelike, if perhaps not quite so kid-friendly.

"At one point, I realized I was talking to the puppet," said Ron Clark, a lead actor in the production. "They become very human to you."

"It's really remarkable how audiences endow the puppets

with recognizable human characteristics," said Christmas director Mark Hunter.

The Long Christmas Ride Home, Riverside's second production of the season, is a heap of contradictions. It's set on Christmas Eve, but it's not a holiday show. It's got puppets in three of the starring roles, but it's no "Avenue Q." It centers on an American family celebrating a Western religious holiday, but its aesthetics come from the traditions of Japanese theater.

No wonder, then, that Hunter described Riverside's selecting the Paula Vogel play as, "Theatrically, we thought it would provide a fascinating experience for the audience."

To begin with point one: "It's not a Christmas play in the sense of 'oh boy, cocoa and carols,'" said Clark, who, in addition to playing the role of the paternal figure in *Christmas'* family unit, is Riverside's co-artistic director.

The Long Christmas Ride Home
When: 7:30 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays through Nov. 3, 2 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 4
Where: Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert St.
Admission: \$21-\$24
Note: Not suitable for young children.

Rather, he said, Vogel's script specifically directs theater groups to *not* perform the play in December in order to avoid the idea that it's standard holiday fare. While the events in the play are set on Dec. 24, don't necessarily expect goodwill to men. Or women.

"It explores the extent to which we're expected to observe a certain level of family togetherness around Christmas, which isn't always the case," Hunter said.

Not to mention that most families aren't populated by puppets ... for the most part. *Christmas* begins its first act narrated by the parental units of the family, while the children are represented by muppet-like entities. Halfway through, though, the puppeteers — student actors from Cornell College — reveal themselves as the adult versions of their puppet selves and begin reacting to the events in their pasts.

"People have said, 'I keep forgetting that there are people up there manipulating them,' and that's the best thing I could possibly hear," said the production's resident puppeteer, 2003 UI M.F.A. graduate Stephanie Braun Johnson.

Johnson, who has previously worked for the Jim Henson Company in New York City on such projects as "Bear In The Big Blue House," "Fraggle Rock," and yes, even "Sesame Street," recently

moved to Omaha. She joined the Riverside production for seven weeks, teaching the Cornell students the basics of puppetry from the ground up.

"I'm just amazed at how much they have learned in five weeks," she said.

"[Puppeteering] is just like acting, except that it's very specific — each move the puppet makes has to be very economical. You can't hide behind anything."

Though they may not be as cuddly as Kermit, those involved with *The Long Christmas Ride Home* say that the puppets add a depth to the production unexpected to even the company itself.

"People ask, 'Why should I go to the theater?' I think this play answers that question," Clark said. "There are some things you just *have* to see live, and this is one of them."

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ELIZABETH CATLETT AND LAYLAH ALI ART EXHIBIT

Breaking down walls

ART EXHIBIT

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"The museum's not presenting them to play off each other, but I think that the viewers might set up relationships in their own minds," Edwards said.

Ali's exhibit was coordinated to coincide with her time as a visiting artist with the UI School of Art and Art History. She will give a lecture today at 7 p.m. in 240 Art Building West and will also spend time critiquing graduate students' work throughout her stay, today through Saturday.

Unlike Catlett's direct political message, Ali does not see her work as having such a clear purpose.

"[Catlett's pieces] are perhaps more based in reality than mine are," she said. "I don't see my work as having a message. In some ways, my work doesn't make much sense at all."

Though purposefully ambiguous, she said, her drawings aim to play on the role of identity and how it's formed.

"I think I am more interested in confusing and confounding identity and race rather than making it more delineated," Ali said. "We treat 'race' and 'identity' as though they can stand on their own, whereas they are really mixed up with all sorts of other things — such as gender, and one's economic status, one's education, one's level of fluency in a native tongue, one's size and strength and beauty; the list goes on and on."

Identity is often constructed through outward appearances, such as clothing, which Ali uses to approach viewers' perceptions of different cultures. By combining clothing patterns and hairstyles from different ethnicities, Edwards said, Ali's work transforms into a satire of people's conceptions of the exotic other, an idea ingrained by such magazines as *National Geographic*.

But Ali does not aim to manipulate viewers' reactions to her work. By leaving her artwork untitled, she lets people create their own meaning for her pieces.

"I am definitely responsible for setting up the situation they are looking at," she said. "But ultimately, it is only the viewer and the drawing together, without me, and there is a great deal of room for interpretation."

Unrelated to Ali's collection, the idea for an exhibit of Catlett's prints began with Edwards' surprise that the university did not own more of the alum's work. The UI housed only two pieces by Catlett, the well-known *Sharecropper* linocut print and *Stepping Out*, a sculpture in the IMU's student lounge. The curator made it her mission to bring more of Catlett's work to her alma mater.

In the summer of 2006, Edwards traveled to Cuernavaca, Mexico, and spent five days in the artist's home, looking through her prints and even watching such movies as Woody Allen's *The Purple Rose of Cairo* with her. While she was there, Edwards selected 27 prints that the museum purchased for around \$100,000 — an affordable



I Am: Prints by Elizabeth Catlett is an exhibit featured in the Hoover-Paul Gallery at the UI Museum of Art. Twenty-seven of UI alum Catlett's prints will be exhibited at the Museum of Art from Oct. 20 through Jan. 6, 2008.

Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan

price that corresponds with Catlett's belief that everyone should be able to own art. Catlett donated the purchase price of the prints to the UI Foundation, setting up the Elizabeth Catlett Mora Scholarship Fund, a scholarship for black or Latino print-making students. The exhibit will feature the prints purchased from Catlett.

Collinson appreciates Catlett's generosity toward the university, noting that the time she spent here was during a period of unofficial segregation.

"We don't think of Iowa as being a place that would have had segregation, but it was a pretty segregated place when she was here," he said. While the artist attended the university, she was forced to live in boarding houses off-campus, because blacks were not allowed to live in university housing.

Segregation, however, is just one hardship Catlett faced during her career.

"It was very hard for women, especially black women, to get the recognition that they needed," said Barbara Mooney, the head of the art-history department who taught an African American art class last fall that discussed Catlett's work. "So I think it's very easy to forget the struggle that she had to go through that would make somebody like Laylah Ali's path a lot easier."

For 11 weeks, the two artists — Catlett a social-art pioneer, Ali an explorer of a strange realm — will share corresponding spaces, allowing the museum's visitors to experience both women's perspectives nearly simultaneously.

"The older Elizabeth Catlett is from a generation that really had to break down all the walls. Not that we're living in an unbiased paradise now, but Laylah Ali would have had a very different life experience," Collinson said. "Yet, it's still such an aspect of life in the 21st century, and that's

what Ali's art is about too — identity."

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Elizabeth Catlett, *Maternity*, 1959. Lithograph

Elizabeth Catlett

Age: 92
Born: Washington, D.C.
Education: B.A. at Howard University, M.F.A. from UI
Currently: Residing in Cuernavaca, Mexico, the country she's called home since 1946
Techniques: Printmaking, sculpture
Themes: Social activism for blacks and Mexicans, dignity of black women, images of mother and child
Depiction of family in her work

Maternity: This beautifully crafted image shows a black mother cradling her baby boy close to her face. The woman's strong, defined hand provides gentle support on the boy's back as her eyes pore over the infant in unconditional love. The son wraps his tiny arm around the mother's neck, leaving no visual space between their two bodies, a message of the intimate relationship between mother and child. The intense contrast and shading of the faces make the figures' skin look luminous, almost glowing in purity.



Laylah Ali, *Untitled*, 2005. Ink on paper.

Laylah Ali

Age: 39
Born: Buffalo, N.Y.
Education: B.A. from Williams College, M.F.A. from Washington University (St. Louis)
Currently: Working as a painting professor at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.

Techniques: Gouache paintings, ink drawings
Themes: Social and political issues, violence, construction of identity

Depiction of family in her work, Untitled: Unlike the mother's gentle touch shown in Elizabeth Catlett's work *Maternity*, Ali's drawing shows children tightly confined with fabric and treated with little warmth by the adult figures. In *Untitled*, one child is hung around the neck by a thin, noose-like cord that is attached to the adult's amputated leg, almost suggesting that the child is on a leash. Another child hangs conspicuously upside-down, speared by a branch-like appendage growing out of the adult's tall, bulging head. Similar images of harsh treatment are shown in other works by Ali, which depict children of all sizes, even some adolescents, physically strapped and bound to their parents' backs.

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Comic justice



Illustration by R.M. Guera, courtesy of Jason Aaron

By Brent Johnson
THE DAILY IOWAN

The stigma of super heroes has long obscured the dynamic evolution of the comic book.

Characters such as Batman and Spiderman have fueled American mythology for decades, but the industry has changed dramatically since their genesis. Today, writers and artists often submerge their stories in dark human waters and the sordid aspects of modern life.

On Saturday at Daydreams Comics, 21 S. Dubuque St., one of the industry's most innovative writers, Jason Aaron, will discuss his small yet complicated body of work. In promotion of his latest collection, *Scalped*, a tale of organized crime set on an Indian reservation, Aaron will travel here from Prairie Village, Kan., to meet his fans.

"Writing comics is a job where you spend so much time on the computer and at a desk," he said. "So it's great to meet people face-to-face."

Adam Mix, the owner of Daydreams, said that Aaron was a solid choice for his establishment's first in-store appearance in years.

"He writes in genres that aren't normally associated with comics, such as crime and the Vietnam War," Mix said. "This will be a way to exhibit the way comics have changed — because when people think of comics,

they associate them with super heroes."

Five years ago, Aaron won a talent-search contest for Marvel Comics, and in 2006 he received widespread acclaim for *The Other Side*, a grim tale following two soldiers on opposite sides of the battlefield in Vietnam. This five-issue miniseries was soon nominated for an Eisner Award, one of the industry's top honors.

"I was ecstatic, because I was still working one of my crappy day jobs and had been turned down by everyone," Aaron said. "I never knew how to break into [the industry]. It seemed like such an impenetrable wall."

In January, Aaron introduced *Scalped*, a bleak series set among meth labs, casino backrooms, and the grim plains of South Dakota. Through twisted plot lines, the snake-pit narrative follows FBI agent Dashiell Bad Horse who, after 15 years, returns home to infiltrate Chief Red Crow's criminal empire.

"I've always been interested in Native American culture," Aaron said. "Combined with the [Leonard] Peltier case and the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, this seemed like a great setting for a crime story."

Because Vertigo allows more graphic content than its parent company, DC Comics, Aaron and the Serbian-born artist R.M. Guera could construct violent

This weekend, writer Jason Aaron testifies to the glory of comic books — and murder — and meth labs — and nunchucks.

characters are complicated characters with complicated motivations — characters that are flawed, that are haunted and tortured."

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The poetry of the atom

UI faculty member Jeff Porter entwines Cold War history with his own to create a memoir, *Oppenheimer is Watching Me*.

By Lauren Matovina
THE DAILY IOWAN

"Working-class people, some say, are not particularly interested in their own history," writes Jeff Porter, a UI assistant professor of English. At least until one discovers that his blue-collar father not only played the bass guitar on the weekends but worked on the missiles for Bell Aircraft, a U.S. defense contractor. In his memoir, Porter vividly recalls his personal experiences growing up as a child of the Cold War under "radioactive skies" while weaving in the intricate historical details of the time. Considered a nonfiction connoisseur, and teaching in the nonfiction writing program, his writing skills are apparent in his first full literary work, *Oppenheimer is Watching Me*.

The book is "a memoiristic cultural history that revisits America's atomic past and its legendary heroes," Porter said. In conjunction with the

memoir's release, he will read from the work at 7 p.m. at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

Porter integrates crucial historical elements, incorporating important figures such as Francis Gary Powers, an American pilot whose U-2 spy plane was shot down over the Soviet Union, Fidel Castro, the communist leader of Cuba, and Porter's middle-school science teacher, whom he refers to as Mr. Moody.

From Moody, Porter received his "adaptation to the culture of disaster," as well as his particular interest in atomic bombs and nuclear warfare. One day, his teacher, obsessed with national security, marched to the blackboard and wrote in large print, "What to Know about a Nuclear Attack," before proceeding to describe (in an eerie voice) the effects of nuclear bombs. From that point on, Moody held a weekly doomsday talk — and Porter became obsessed with this supposed

impending doom. To top it off, he even made his own fallout shelter and read scientific magazines that were, at the time, "way over his head."

Vivid descriptions and anecdotes such as this enhance the text, making this memoir no mundane historical account. Besides his childhood baseball career, Porter describes to his time as a Boy Scout, particularly his desire for the atomic-energy merit badge, as well as his unsuccessful petition to the Office of Civil Defense to obtain a crisis ID card in case of a nuclear attack.

"[Analysts] were watching

Jeff Porter
UI assistant professor
What: Reading from his memoir, *Oppenheimer is Watching Me*
When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque

the sky and scanning subfrequencies, tireless men in olive-drab fatigues with closely cropped hair (you did not have to be there to see this — you know this scene from the movies)," writes Porter. The sardonic humor spans throughout the 132 pages.

Innovative in style, Porter uses parallelism to weave his past with the world's during the Cold War era. He compares Oppenheimer, the "father" of the atomic bomb, to his father, the Cuban missile crisis to his childhood baseball game, his pole-vaulting experiences to America's rocket culture, and his father's Parkinson's disease to radioactive contamination.

"I find the poetry implicit in the structure of the atom irresistible," Porter said. "I have tried to tap into its paradoxes as a way of promoting connection between events and characters, small and large, that might otherwise collapse into meaninglessness."

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Rolling Stone gathering some moss

ROLLING STONE MAGAZINE RECENTLY PUBLISHED ITS ANNUAL 'HOT LIST' ISSUE, BUT AS THE MAGAZINE'S CREDIBILITY WANES, READERS ARE LEFT TO WONDER: HAS THE PUBLICATION ITSELF LOST ITS CULTURAL COOL?



MERYN FLUKER

Forty years is a long time to stay relevant. Only a handful of musicians have successfully achieved that goal, and odds are that none of them will be prominently featured in *Rolling Stone* any time soon.

In 1972, Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show released "The Cover of the Rolling Stone," a song about the thrill of (you guessed it) being on the cover of the *Rolling Stone*. That position carried a certain amount of weight with hippies/hipsters/rock fanatics when Shel Silverstein wrote those lyrics many moons ago but, as a guy who used to dominate the magazine's attention once said, "The times, they are a changin'."

This year, as *Rolling Stone* celebrates its 40th anniversary, longtime readers must find the magazine unrecognizable in comparison with its former incarnation. *Rolling Stone's* change from cultural dictator to cultural spectator is apparent to anyone who's familiar with it now. The magazine is losing credibility with its main demographic: 20-something music lovers.

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Rolling Stone's most recent issue featured two pieces chronicling the downfall of MTV in relation to its flagship awards show, the "Video Music Awards." *Rolling Stone* should be careful of where its writers cast their stones (so to speak), because the network and the magazine are the pop-culture equivalent of Thelma and Louise, holding hands as they drive off the cliff of relevance. Just as MTV is being criticized for relying on manufactured drama (also known as "reality shows") instead of music-driven content to gain an audience, *Rolling Stone* is relying on pretty pop princesses and rock "bad boys" in place of artists with integrity.

Judging a book by its cover is apparently unfair, but that doesn't apply to aging rock periodicals. Panic! At the Disco, Fall Out Boy, and *High School Musical* heartthrob Zac Efron all had their own *Rolling Stone* covers this year. Without criticizing the talent of any of the aforementioned celebrities (well, at least not Zac), it's necessary to call into question the decision to put any of them on the cover. *Rolling Stone*, the magazine that once displayed a naked John Lennon in the fetal position next to Yoko Ono, is now trying to court that

all-important tween market?

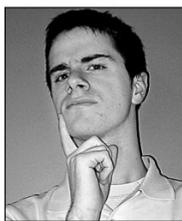
The magazine is no longer at the forefront of music, ushering unknown bands into the realm of the "big time," but it also isn't reserving its cover for people of a certain level of substance (the next issue's cover features Kid Rock and some very classy lingerie-clad models). This predicament holds *Rolling Stone* between, forgive me, a rock and a hard place.

In the magazine's pages, many of the music reviews and articles focus on making established acts more popular and relegating less famous (but sometimes more talented) musicians to sidebars and briefs. In a recent issue, British vocalist M.I.A. garnered a lengthy feature review in *Rolling Stone*, which is an amazing feat for someone releasing her second studio album, someone who is not a platinum-selling artist or an A-List celebrity. But that is rare. Editorial decisions to highlight deserving content are usually reserved for *Spin* magazine, *Rolling Stone's* closest competitor.

Rolling Stone's struggle to maintain its reputation as the voice of youth culture ultimately boils down to age, and Generation Y trendsetters aren't going to take their cues from 40-year olds, not even a 40-year-old who used to party with the Beatles.

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Letters to Louis



LOUIS VIRTEL

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Dear Louis, I'd like to say I don't watch much trash TV. However, I admit I try to catch "What Not to Wear" every time it's on. You'd think I'd be sick of it by now, but that's not the case. Anyway, I was wondering what you thought of "What Not to Wear" and if you think it actually helps people. My friends are even more addicted than I am, and we're starting to wonder if we're lame.

Adios, Lauren
Dear Lame-ren,
Before I school you, I need you to cut the self-deprecating crap. The only kind of TV viewing that's inherently lame involves Lifetime original movies and a box of Franzia.

Some necessary preface: "What Not to Wear" is a makeover show in which frumpy/skanky women receive tips and new wardrobes from two giddy, asinine hosts who shriek such things as "Fabulous,"

"You're fabulous," and "Sleek lines will conceal that belly ... fabulous" — complete with some exclamation points this geeky *DI* copy guy wouldn't let me print because it screws up the punctuation. The show's idea is basically awesome. I nearly thought of it first (in a way).

Now that I'm rest assured you won't kill yourself, or worse, stop reading my column, I can promise you "What Not to Wear" is an acceptable show to forfeit the outdoors for. In fact, TLC plays a marathon of "What Not to Wear" almost every Friday, and much of the time I sashay with hosts Clinton and Stacy the entire 26.2 miles. Meanwhile, there's plenty wrong with the program's proceedings. Lucky you, Lauren, I made a list:

1. Clinton Kelly is not Louis Virtel: Clinton Kelly, one of the show's hosts, dresses just fine, I guess, but never with much flavor. His patterned pants are admirable, but they're missing something ... what could it be? Hm. Oh, right, gay-gangsta flair and a blazin' ass. Hark, what do I have here? Oh yeah, both of those. Mysteriously, they're not being filmed for a national television program right now. Injustice much? See you in court, Kelly. I'll be the one in pinstripes who controls the weather.

2. Fakeovers: I have a hard time believing even half of the targets of "What Not to Wear" maintain their new images. The spaced-out freak-ho who makes sweaters out of, ahem, *glow worms she raises herself* probably isn't going to keep shopping at DKNY, guys, or stop eating cat food. I realize

"What Not to Wear" stages reunion shows, but still, who's actually keeping track of these so-called "made-over" women? Besides animal control, that is.

3. Hair-assment: Nick Arrojo, the hairstylist of "What Not to Wear," may cut chic coifs for his clients, but who can trust a man with hair similar to Rowlf's of *Muppet Babies*? Plus, he always, without fail, wants a hug. He insists on them. That's not too unusual — if you're John Wayne Gacy. The kids are in the freezer, officer.

4. New Clothes! Better wear them until you're dead: Some of the show's targets are teachers, social workers, or, yes, dog walkers. When it comes time for such folks to buy designer clothes (after Clinton's and Stacy's recommendations become dated), how are they expected to afford similar pairs of \$250 jeans? With the exception of H&M, all of the stores featured on the show are high-end, while almost all of the contestants are not. So good luck with that lavender tunic, Mrs. Crabtree, better pawn it before you bless the thing with a deodorant stain.

Still, I can't play down the importance of slamming women who wear busty, leopard-print gowns plucked from the red-light district. Quoth Clinton: "I'm starting to see why you have all those kids." OK, fine, in the jealousy-laden, mostly telepathic relationship I have with Clinton, I concede, he sometimes wears the fabulous pants.

Xoxo,

Louis

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Daily Break

“A very early January caucus clearly means that instead of taking a break during the holidays and then having two more weeks to ramp it up, candidates could have no choice, I think, but to be in Iowa Dec. 26 on through. I guess we could imagine candidate-based New Year’s Eve parties.”
— David Redlawsk, a UI associate professor of political science.

the ledge

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ANDREW R. JUHL

If I had a million dollars ...

- I'd take my girlfriend to Starbucks for coffee, then give the leftover \$1.47 to the first homeless person I saw.
- I'd buy a kidney-shaped pool. Actually, I'd buy two — just in case later I needed to donate one to a sick relative.
- I'd finally become the woman I always wanted to be.
- I'd buy a fleet of vipers! The snake, not the car.
- I'd bet it all on black. If Wesley Snipes taught me one thing, it's to always bet on black. (If Wesley Snipes taught me two things, it's to always bet on black and to always pay my taxes.)
- I'd donate it to the McDonald's on Riverside Drive because I think that it's important to support local businesses.
- I'd breed kittens for food and profit.
- I'd ... I'd ... well ... so you know that Disney movie *Blank Check?* I'd totally go and buy it on DVD.
- I'd have brain surgery to correct my forgetfulness.
- I tell you what I'd do, man. Two chicks at the same time, man. Damn straight. I've always wanted to do that, man. And I think if I were a millionaire, I could hook that up, too. 'Cause chicks dig dudes with money. Well, the type of chicks that would double up on a dude like me do.
- I'd have brain surgery to correct my forgetfulness.
- I'd be rich.

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horoscopes

 Thursday, October 18, 2007
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't get all worked up over nothing. When one door closes, another will open. Trust in your own judgment, and avoid getting angry with the people you are dealing with. Stand tall.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Travel, entertainment, love, and romance should just about sum things up for today. You should plan a day trip that will allow you to relax, enjoy the luxury of someone's company, and give you a chance to regenerate. Visiting someone you don't get to see often enough will help resolve this issue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The more involved you become in events, activities, or organizations, the better it will be for you from a networking standpoint. Do something to help out the older and younger friends or relatives. You will build stronger relationships with the ones you love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotional matters regarding money will surface. You should be able to collect old debts or resolve whatever issues arise with friends, neighbors, or family members. You will make a lot of sense, and others will trust that you have a handle on things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You mustn't take life too seriously today. People will come and go, and situations will change, so don't dwell on things that really don't matter. Get out and challenge your intelligence, wit, and physical endurance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Call the shots, but don't expect everyone to agree with you. Emotional issues can be resolved — but only if you get them out into the open. You may have to alter the way you do things or the way you live.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may end up second-guessing what you should do next. Don't let someone back you into a corner or pick a fight with you. Use your ingenuity and originality to stay one step ahead of someone who tries to bully you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Travel or visiting someone with experience should be on your to-do list. Talk will provide you with information that allows you to move forward. You may have to make a few adjustments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep everything in perspective and low-key, and you will do amazingly well. Don't let a troubled love matter stop you from being productive. Travel will be riddled with delays and frustration.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your emotions will be close to the surface, and staying composed will be difficult to maintain. Guard yourself against people who want to get a rise out of you. Concentrate on moneymaking deals and being the best you can be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): By nurturing what and who you care about, much can be accomplished. Don't let anyone talk you out of your hard-earned cash, but do spend a little on yourself. Self-improvement projects will pay off.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Think about what you want, and go after it. A clear-cut method that will enable you to cash in on a good idea will surface. Do whatever is required to make financial gains.

ICE-CREAM POWER



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan
Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream co-founder Ben Cohen displays the Priorities Campaign pie chart during an event featuring the two ice-cream moguls in the IMU Richey Ballroom on Wednesday. Cohen is also the founder of the Priorities Campaign, which is in alliance with SensibleIowans.org, which sponsored the event. Also pictured is Jerry Greenfield, Ben and Jerry's other half.

today's events

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- Iowa City School District Barriers to Learning Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Graduate College Open House, 8:15 a.m., IMU Main Lounge
- UI Study Abroad, ISV Volunteer Projects and Overseas Adventure Tours meetings, hourly 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 348 IMU
- Preschool "Cuentos" Spanish Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- Thursday Wee Read, 10:30 a.m., Coralville City Hall, 1512 Seventh St.
- UI College of Public Health Information Fair, 11 a.m., Eckstein Medical Research Building Atrium
- Fall 2007 Grand Rounds Series, "Implementation of the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza," Kenneth Staley, director of biodefense policy on the White House Homeland Security Council, 11:30 a.m., E331 UI Hospitals and Clinics
- Third Thursday: Alternative Energy, Iowa City Public Library
- Pharmacology Graduate Student Workshop, "Synthetic Schweinfurthins: Examination of an Undefined Mechanism," 12:30 p.m., 2 Bowen Science Building
- Teen Tech Zone, 2:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Gallery Talk, "The Writer's Desk," Kevin Kopelson, 3 p.m., Old Capitol
- "Remarkable Women in Health Care," 4 p.m., Medical Education and Research Facility Atrium
- UI Linguistics Department Fall 2007 Colloquium Series, "The Combinatorial Variability Hypothesis in the Second Language," Roumyana Slabakova, 4 p.m., 214 English-Philosophy Building
- Pizza from Scratch, 6 p.m., New Pioneer

- Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- *La Vie en Rose*, 6:30 p.m., Bijou
- 21-Only Forum, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- Laylah Ali, 7 p.m., Art Building West
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Jeff Porter, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- Journeys in Faith Weekly Discussion Series, "The Life and Times of Shakespeare: Should Anyone Care?" 7:30 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Center, 104 E. Jefferson
- *The Long Christmas Ride Home*, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- *A Perfect Wedding*, University Theatres Main Stage Production, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Mabie Theatre
- Bergmann Lecture, "What is Relativism," Paul Boghossian, New York University, 8 p.m., reception to follow, 304 EPB
- Drive By Truckers, with Ryan Bingham and The Dead Horses, 8 p.m., Englert, 221 E. Washington
- Free karaoke, 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- IWP reading, Peter Cole, 8 p.m., Shambaugh House
- Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
- Karaoke, 9 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- Lucy Kaplansky, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- The Jack and Jim Show, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- Rules of the Game, 9:30 p.m., Bijou
- Sangria Night, Dustin Louis Blank, 9:30 p.m., David's Place, 100 S. Linn
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- 3:23 Energy Expo 2007, Peter Duprey
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- 5 Energy Expo 2007, Hunter Lovins

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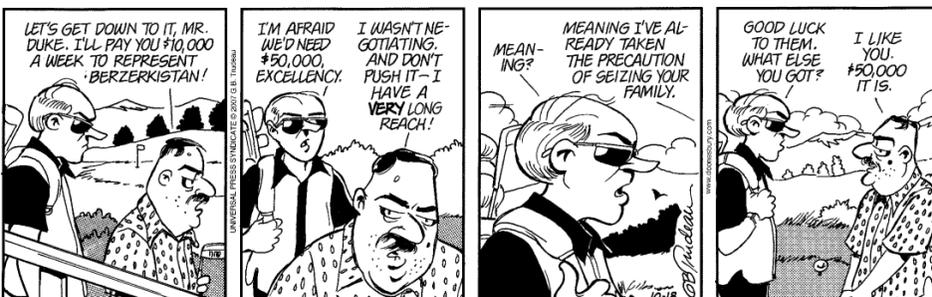
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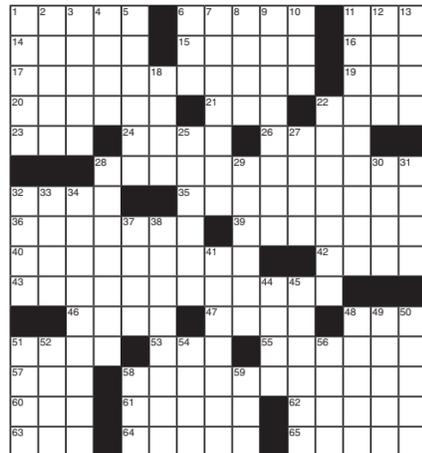


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 - 17 Wardrobe malfunction?
 - 19 Atlantic City hotel, informally, with "the"
 - 20 "Blah blah blah blah"
 - 21 Start of a musical scale
 - 22 Arias, usually
 - 23 "___ Time" (1952 million-selling Eddie Fisher hit)
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 - 6 Org. that lends to countries
 - 7 Arrive with authority
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 - 10 Boomer, once
 - 11 Director Michelangelo
 - 12 Warranty feature
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 - 22 Emmy-winning Phil
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