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Meghan Mellecker, 15, comforts her daughter, Sophia Grace, as her little sister Morgan brushes her hair in the Mellecker family home in Hills on Monday. Mellecker became pregnant with Sophia, who is now almost a month old, when she was a 14-year-old freshman at West High.

Teen pregnancy went up 3 percent in 2006 — representing the first increase in 14 years.

By **Briana Byrd**
THE DAILY IOWAN

Sophia Grace Mellecker is 26 days old today, and her mother, 15-year-old Meghan Mellecker, is “cherishing every moment.”

Mellecker became pregnant when she was a freshman at Iowa City West High, and she is one of the millions of teenagers each year who become pregnant in the United States. In 2006, the birthrate among those 15 through 19 rose by 3 percent, the first increase in 14 years, according to a recent report issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center for Health Statistics.

“When I found out I was pregnant, I was half scared to death and really excited,” Mellecker said. “Sometimes, I didn’t know what I was going to do.”

This birthrate increase has sparked debate about abstinence-only sexual-education programs and if they are contributing to the problem. The Bush administration spends \$176 million a year on abstinence-only programs.

UI sophomore Elizabeth Mooney said other factors, aside from sexual education, contribute to a teenager’s decision to have sex.

“I think it’s more of a personal choice,” she said. “There are other ways to learn about sex than through school.

Teen parents

- Teenagers between the ages of 15 and 19 had a 3 percent increase in pregnancy between 2005 and 2006.
- Birthrates among women in their 20s, 30s, and early 40s also increased between 2005 and 2006.
- This is the first such increase in 14 years.
- The Bush administration spends \$176 million annually on abstinence-only sexual education.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Parents, friends, and the media all play a role.”

Mellecker’s mother, Melody Mellecker, said abstinence-only classes should offer options for those who choose to have sex despite the warnings, but she stressed that the increase in teenage pregnancy had to do with issues affecting society.

“Sex has lost its sacredness among kids,” she said. “I think there are a lot of social factors that have to do with the decisions they make and the way they relate to each other. Sex has gotten so disordered for some of these kids, and as a parent, it’s frightening.”

SEE **TEEN PREGNANCY, 3A**

Welcome Freshmen | **WILL DOWNEY**

Switching it up

UI freshman learns to look both ways.

By **Nicholas Kelly**
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI freshman Will Downey sits down for his last interview. But he may have some competition.

“It’s my favorite news reporter,” said UI freshman Derek Jones as he entered the room. “Unfortunately, I have to go to class right now, otherwise, I would be happy to provide idiotic quotes for you.”

He may never learn. On the other hand, since agreeing to be one of the subjects in a series of *The Daily Iowan* stories chronicling the lives incoming freshman, Downey has learned much about life in academia — and not just in his crash course on media relations.

“This opportunity, it was completely random,” he said, “I almost didn’t accept it.”

But as Downey’s exploits have shown, the UI freshman has come to believe that accepting

Will Downey

Age: 18
Major: Biology
On finishing up the semester: Downey is looking forward to getting a fresh start on his classes next semester. Also, he and floormates and looking into the possibility of engaging in Nerf toy-gun warfare throughout Daum’s sixth floor next semester.



the random, the ridiculous, and the unexpected is just part of making the most of life in higher education.

“Look for the things you wouldn’t normally do in your regular lifestyle and take the alternative routes,” he said. “Switch it up, that’s my advice to anyone who comes to college.”

SEE **FRESHMAN, 3A**

2008 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Clinton leads charge for Rodham Clinton

By **Dean Treftz**
THE DAILY IOWAN

Former President Bill Clinton touted his wife’s record, mostly outside of public office, as evidence of her ability to fix large problems in a speech at the IMU Monday night.

He repeatedly described Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., as an agent of change, citing her time in the Children’s Defense Fund, as the head of an Arkansas education taskforce, in her various duties during his presidency, and as a senator.

“All of her life, she’s been a change agent,” he said.

Clinton described the term as “someone who’s proved she can see a problem and fix it.”

Rodham Clinton is especially prepared for the current times, Clinton said, comparing



Chris Vanderwall/The Daily Iowan

Bill Clinton speaks in the IMU Main Lounge on Monday night. The former president called his wife a “change agent” because of her thoughts and actions over the years both in and out of the public eye.

her with other presidential candidates since he became eligible to vote in 1967.

“In all those 40 years, she

has been the best-qualified for the particular time she’s

SEE **CLINTON, 3A**



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Council goodbyes



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Iowa City City Councilor Dee Vanderhoef (right) reacts on Nov. 6, when it seemed as though the 21-ordinance for Iowa City bars had passed. However, the majority of Iowa City voters voted against the ordinance, and Vanderhoef also lost her re-election bid.



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City City Councilor Bob Elliott (right) watches City Council election results with longtime friend Tim Brandt (middle) at the Okoboji Grill on Nov. 4, 2003. Elliott, who won that election with 68 percent of the vote, will step down from the council after serving one term.

The ups, downs, and the joys

By Melanie Kucera
THE DAILY IOWAN

On a cold and snow-speckled Friday afternoon in Iowa City, outspoken City Councilor Dee Vanderhoef sat comfortably in her Iowa City home, sipping coffee and smiling while recollecting some ups, downs, and career plans.

An Iowa resident for more than 40 years and a member of the Iowa City City Council for 12 years, she says that after having three kids, working as a nurse, and traveling the United States with her husband, a U.S. Air Force pilot, the City Council was not on her to-do list.

"You got to be kidding me," Vanderhoef said in response to being asked to participate in the 1995 election. "It had not even crossed my mind."

She said the out-going mayor at the time, Susan Horowitz, had to persuade her to run — Horowitz, she added, was one of the most influential people thus far in her life.

The city councilor learned fast that being well-educated about every issue and topic presented to her, or at least offering to learn, was a necessity. Vanderhoef confessed that she averaged roughly 40 hours a week reading packets in their entirety every week for every committee — something she called "unique" and not what the average member does.

"She takes her work very seriously and works very hard," City Councilor Regenia Bailey said.

Bailey specifically remembered Vanderhoef taking the time to help her understand issues she was not familiar with when she first joined the council.

Vanderhoef did not let being a conservative in a liberal city ever get to her.

"When you are the minority you just work with everybody," she said. "I don't care if you are Republican, Democrat, independent, or anything else; if we can work together to make it happen and provide the service and the amenities for our citizens, that is the whole."

Over the years, Vanderhoef was not afraid to take the opposing side of issues, such as the construction of hotelVetro and a desire to see the 21-ordinance to pass.

After sitting on the board with Vanderhoef for 10 years, City Councilor Connie Champion said there is no doubt that she will miss her.

"She was very involved in national and state legislations, which was incredibly valuable,"

Dee Vanderhoef

Hometown: Sulphur Springs, Iowa
Education: UI
Family: Husband, Pete, 3 children, and 5 grandchildren
Residency in Iowa City: More than 40 years
Source: Iowa City City Council website

Champion said, "It takes a lot of time, and she got us all involved by doing that."

As for future plans, the grandmother of five has already sent in her application to the State Transportation Commission of Iowa.

Working on all different kinds of transportation systems in Iowa City over the past 12 years, Vanderhoef declared, was one of her biggest accomplishments.

As for disappointments, she said she is upset that she will not have the opportunity to participate in the future discussion of certain issues.

However, Vanderhoef said not being re-elected was not a huge shock to her on the night of Nov. 6. She said she isn't bitter, only "disappointed." She believes that people wanted a change in office, and her seeking a fourth term was something no one had seen since the 1960s.

With no other wage-earning job, Vanderhoef said, "The City Council was my job." She added that she is disappointed that all of the city councilors in this next term do have full-time jobs.

Though Vanderhoef believes that Iowa City has many challenges to face, such as the construction of a new fire station, housing issues, and hiring more police officers, she had only positive things to say about the city.

"The sky's the limit; there is not anything Iowa City can't do if it chooses to make it the priority," she said.

Her husband, Pete, of more than 40 years, along with her three children and now five grandchildren, have always been supportive.

To describe the experience, she said, "It has been all the joys, the disappointments, the ups, the downs, the opportunities with policy, but opportunities with people. The opportunity to expand my world and how I function in this world, and how other people can and do function in this world. There is no right way to do it. You just do it."

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A literary life awaits Elliott

City Councilor Bob Elliott plans to spend his free time writing after his departure from the council.

By Kelli Shaffner
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City City Councilor Bob Elliott has been called everything from a flaming liberal to a conservative Republican — but he said he finds himself somewhere in the middle.

The one-term city councilor said he can understand both sides of an issue, and that was one of the reasons he was elected in 2003.

"People kind of resonated to what I said," he said.

Elliott noted that he's had friends who have said, "Hell, Bob, you're not a moderate. You just can't make up your mind."

And while he said he doesn't agree with that statement, he does think "almost nothing is ever black and white."

He chose not to run for the council again in the November election, and Councilor Amy Correia said his decision to move on after one term was admirable. But Elliott said it was simply his age.

"I'm too old," he said, adding that he has no definite plans for the future except to write more. "If I were 50 years old, I would have probably tried to run again."

The 72-year-old said he was never really interested in running; rather, he was more focused on working for other campaigns, such as City Council, Board of Supervisors, and the state Legislature. He's worked on approximately eight or 10, starting in the 1970s.

"And finally, I got tired of trying to talk people into running for City Council and thought, 'What the hell, I'll do it myself,'" he said. "So I did. It was a great experience."

Matt Berry, Elliott's grandson, said there was a lot of support for his campaign because he knew so many people.

Bob Elliott won with 68 percent of the vote.

Berry said that without fail, every time he goes out with his grandfather, there is always someone who knows him. But when the UI journalism alum cleans his desk in January of all the documents and papers

Bob Elliott

Education: UI
Family: wife, Maggie Elliott; daughter, Laura Elliott; Laura's partner, Dan Terrell; grandson, Matt Berry
Residency in Iowa City: More than 40 years
Some other community involvement: former member of the Board of Directors, United Way of Johnson County; former member of the Board of Directors, Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce; public-relations volunteer, Boy Scouts of America.
Source: Iowa City City Council website

he has had to keep because of council business, his feeling probably won't resemble a sense of longing for more.

"I'm looking forward to dumping a bunch of that stuff," Elliott said. "Cleaning out my office."

He said it won't look different, "just better."

And while he will miss having his say in things, he doesn't anticipate returning to the chambers anytime soon.

"My wife threatened me with great bodily harm if I went down and made an ass of myself at the council after I'm done," Elliott said.

But he has enjoyed the experience, and compares the council to a "wonderful stew" — when the mix is just right, the result can be fantastic.

"The good thing about our council is that we have some very significant, philosophical, political differences," Elliott said. "But virtually all the time we can disagree without being disagreeable."

He said one of the nicest things about council was when they awarded "grade-school youngsters" for their service in the community.

"Most of them were just so tickled, so happy; their parents were proud of them," he said. "Wouldn't it be nice if we adults could be that nice. That good. That decent."

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METRO

Sallis appeals conviction

Promptly following his sentencing, convicted prostitution-ring leader Robert Sallis filed a written notice of appeal, according to online court records.

Sallis, 39, was sentenced on Dec. 7 to serve 25 years in prison after being convicted of ongoing criminal conduct.

Sallis was found guilty in October of the charge, a Class B felony. He received the maximum punishment for the offense for his involvement in the prostitution ring Naughty by Nature.

The self-advertised "escort service" operated in five Iowa counties,

including Johnson, in 2004 and 2005, out of Sallis' Cosgrove and later Williamsburg homes.

At one point, a 13-year-old girl prostituted for Naughty by Nature. Sallis' son, Demont Bowie, was sentenced earlier this year in a federal prison for kidnapping the now-16-year-old girl.

— by **Samantha Miller**

Charges queuing up

Iowa City police filed two more charges Monday in an alleged burglary against a man who already faces four charges in connection with a Nov. 29 burglary, authorities reported.

Jaquinn Dawson, also known as "Que," 18, 2631 Indigo Court, is

now also charged with second-degree burglary and second-degree theft — both felonies.

He remains in Johnson County Jail, according to police.

The two new charges stem from an incident that reportedly occurred Nov. 14 at 2606 Whispering Prairie Ave. While officers investigated the Nov. 29 burglary, they allegedly found property taken from the Nov. 14 incident.

Dawson allegedly admitted to taking the items and said he pawned the other items, which police later recovered, reports said.

Police had previously charged Dawson with second-degree burglary and drug tax-stamp violation, both felonies, possession of marijuana, and third-degree criminal mischief.

Dawson was initially arrested after a man saw either him or one of two juveniles fleeing an Indigo Court residence Nov. 29. Police tracked down the trio at Dawson's residence. Dawson allegedly admitted the marijuana police found in his bedroom was his and also allegedly admitted to his role in the burglary.

On Dec. 3, Dawson was charged with drug tax-stamp violation and criminal mischief after he reportedly smashed a window and damaged \$500 worth of a fence at the Indigo Court residence.

Dawson's charges range from serious misdemeanors to a Class C felony, punishable by between one and 10 years in prison and \$1,500 and \$10,000 in fines.

— by **Kurtis Hiatt**

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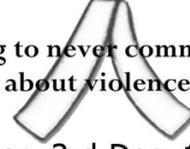
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POLICE BLOTTER

Shane Bowman, 22, 516 S. Lucas St., was charged Oct. 19 with fifth-degree criminal mischief and false reports to law enforcement.
Brittany Coulter, 19, Chicago, was charged Monday with public intoxication.
Seth Cowie, 22, 612 E. Court St. Apt. 4, was charged Dec. 7 with public intoxication.
Craig Crawford, 29, 1227 William St., was charged Dec. 8 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.
Andrew Hayden, 21, 130 N. Linn St. Apt. 2415, was charged Nov. 30 with keeping a disorderly house.
Yvette Hernandez, 20, West Liberty, was charged Dec. 8 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.
Peter Lower, 19, N126 Currier, was charged Monday with interference with official acts.
Jeremy Manley, 28, address unknown, was charged Dec. 1 with public intoxication.
Jose Quintero, 19, Denison, Iowa, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.
Austin Rogers, 21, Spring Grove, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.
Charles Ryherd, 20, 2781 Triple Crown Lane Apt. 5, was charged Monday with urinating in public.

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Teen birthrate rises

TEEN PREGNANCY
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Meghan Mellecker has been involved with local teen-parent programs, such as United Action for Youth and the Nest, a program for high-risk parents that offers classes once a week on safety, nutrition, and early childhood development. "You can never be fully prepared for when a baby comes," said Abbey Muhlenbruch, a pregnant freshman at Kirkwood Community College. "It's not about me now, there's some-

one else who comes before I do." This lesson has already been applied to Meghan Mellecker's life. Last week, a close friend committed suicide, but she couldn't immerse herself in the grieving process because "being a mom never stops," she said.

"I couldn't just sit in my room and look at all the old pictures," she said. "I didn't have that luxury."

Although being a teen parent forces her to take on responsibilities she didn't have before, she said, she thinks of her baby as a blessing.

"I know people who would give anything not to be a parent, but I could never give that up," Mellecker said. "When she wakes up, it does something to me. She knows me from everyone else. It makes me feel needed and that's a great feeling."

Mellecker plans to graduate from West and attend to the UI to study either education or social service.

"The hardest part is not looking back and asking the what ifs," she said.

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Keeping it always fresh

FRESHMAN
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The UI Honors student admits, though, that adapting to every facet of college life is not always as easy as it sounds.

"My schedule kind of worked against me, waking up at 7:30 in the morning," Downey said. Combined with extracurricular activities, intramurals, and spending time with his rapidly expanding circle of friends, he said, he found little time to sleep, even in atypical locations, during his first semester of college.

"I just work in naps whenever," he said. "Collectively, I get six or seven hours of sleep a day, it's just none during regular hours."

Downey shows off his class list for next semester. It includes accelerated rhetoric, the 7:30 class Downey will now retake.

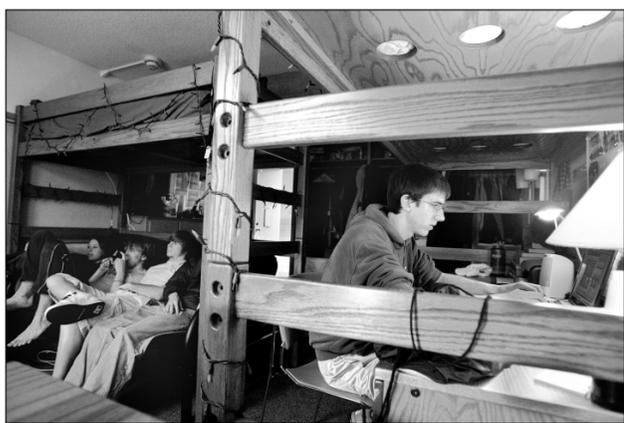
"At 9:30," he noted. "I can't wait to start anew," he said. "I don't think I performed up to my own standards this term. And next semester I know exactly what to do."

But what exactly Downey may do is anyone's guess.

From fish funerals to trumpets, barely pausing for an improvised nap, Daum sixth as chaos theory is the usual modus operandi for Downey and Company.

And it's this opportunity to embrace the random that he has come to love about life at the UI.

"Every now and then, I just



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

UI freshmen (from left) Katy Houselog, Mike Beals, Nick Head, and Chris Rhombs keep Will Downey company in his Daum room while he studies calculus on Monday afternoon. Downey says that although he has enjoyed his first semester at the UI thus far, he is excited about the spring semester because he will be able to attend classes in biology, his intended major.

think, 'Wow — I'm in college,' " he said. "Sometimes, I don't even realize how lucky I am to have the guys on my floor behind me and with me all the time. It's just kind of surreal."

Nevertheless, as much as Downey has enjoyed his first semester in college, he's the first to admit there's much more ahead than there is behind. "I realize I've got another three and a half years left to get things done," he said. "I really look forward to all the activities, all the people."

High up on that list of

activities is Marching Band. Still a major passion in his life, it is also the place where he met some of his earliest friends at the UI.

And next fall, it's the place where Downey will first meet some students in a very familiar position.

"Next year, I'll immediately be introduced to the new class of freshmen, all the ones who are in Marching Band, and you know I'll be," he takes a moment to find his words. "I won't be the freshman."

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Romney faces bias

MORMONS
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He acknowledges that there are negative views, but many Iowans don't judge a person by her or his religion.

"[Overwhelmingly in Iowa] religious bigotry has no base in the voting process," Albrecht said.

Some UI professors said that Romney's being a Mormon could have an effect on voters. David Redlawsk, a UI political-science associate professor, said that outside of Utah, people usually don't really have a sense of what Mormons believe. From polls, he said, this could certainly sway votes.

"It's socially incorrect to say you oppose a candidate's race and sex, but it's less socially incorrect for religion," he said.

UI religious-studies Professor

David Klemm said that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (the official name) is a distinct and very different religion from mainstream Protestant Christianity, and he would be surprised if there wasn't a bias against it. Mormonism, he said, is totally outside mainstream religious beliefs.

Todd Murdoch, the director for the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints Institute in Iowa City, said he has noticed biases against Mormons.

"I don't know the reasons for it at all, and I rarely meet someone who has taken the time to learn about the church," he said.

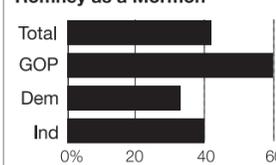
He supports Romney, but not because of his religion, he said. He supports Romney's economic plans and his definition of family.

"I don't vote for a person

Mitt Romney

People demonstrate limited knowledge about personal backgrounds of some of the top 2008 presidential nomination candidates. Only 42 percent of the public correctly identified Mitt Romney as a Mormon.

Percentage who identified Mitt Romney as a Mormon



Source: Pew Research Center
Carli Schultz/The Daily Iowan

just because he is a member of my church," he said.

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Bill lauds Hillary résumé

CLINTON

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asking to serve of any nonincumbent," he said.

Rodham Clinton has been the national front-runner since she announced her candidacy, and in Iowa, she has been in a very tight race, first with former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and now with fellow Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill.

Clinton also brought up one of the more controversial aspects of his wife's résumé — the 1993 panel she headed that attempted, and failed, to implement universal health care.

He said that in assigning her the task, "I basically threw her overboard," because of how difficult it was. Clinton credited her with later helping in passing the State Children's Health Insurance Program, which gives states grants to cover families who can't afford health insurance.

"She threw herself against the wall again to see what she

'In all those 40 years, [Rodham Clinton] has been the best-qualified for the particular time she's asking to serve of any nonincumbent.'

— Bill Clinton, former president

could get done," Clinton said.

At one point, Clinton's speech was bizarrely interrupted by UI Associate Professor Kembrew McLeod, who sneaked into the press risers dressed as a robot and cut the former president off. McLeod, known for his media pranks, called for the former president to apologize to '90s hip-hop artist Sister Souljah, whom Clinton criticized on the 1992 campaign trail, before being led off by staffers.

Many of the non-protesters in the crowd were less politically inclined than the average caucus-speech attendees.

UI sophomore Kirsten Jacobsen said she doesn't remember all that much about

Clinton, but she showed up in support of Rodham Clinton.

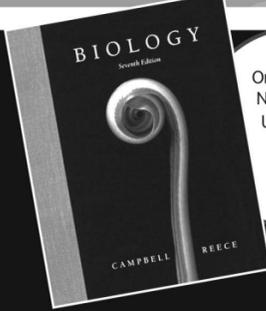
"I just know her as a senator," she said. "My parents both really liked him."

Andrew Wallace of Iowa City said he may caucus but hasn't been to too many political events. He came to watch Clinton to see if he can distinguish Rodham Clinton from the other Democratic candidates.

"I think he was a good president, certainly better than the current president," he said. "I think he'd make a good first lady."

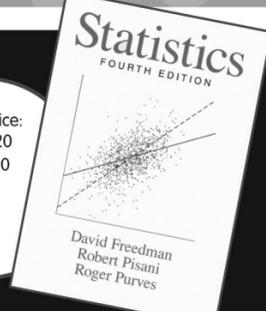
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Principals push security

By Olivia Moran
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City School District recently expanded an off-site temporary school program aimed at helping students who have committed violent acts in school to hold 15 students instead of 10.

Although City High has had twice as many fights as West High in the past trimester, City High Assistant Principal Bernadette Thomas said West has at least seven off-site students, and City High has none.

However, in its first trimester, City counted 24 fights, compared with five during the entire 2006-07 school year.

"I think that pretty much sums it up," Thomas said.

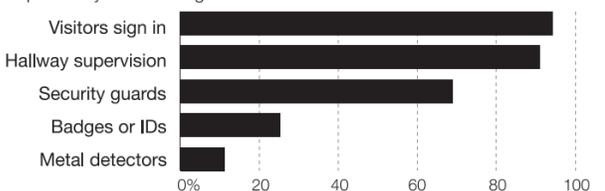
School violence has been a hot topic within the district recently; City High Principal Mark Hanson and West Principal Jerry Arganbright requested hiring police officers for their schools at the most recent School Board meeting.

Arganbright said West recorded four fights — two of which were serious and involved at least four people — and eight additional incidents of physical altercations in this year's first trimester. There have been no fights in the current trimester to date.

School Safety

In the 2005-2006 school year, 68 percent of students nationwide reported the presence of a security guard or assigned police officer in their school, a 14 percent increase since 2001. Iowa City's one of the few school districts that has not yet employed some sort of security personnel.

National Safety and Security Measures
Reported by Students Ages 12-18 in 2005



Source: National Center for Education Statistics
Carlri Schultz/The Daily Iowan

A physical altercation could range from a student spitting on another student or someone inappropriately shoving another, Arganbright said.

Both principals were hesitant to say violence is a big issue in the schools but agreed that security is a necessity.

"It's not so much because of the violence; it's just having a presence," Thomas said.

In the 2005-06 school year, 68 percent of students nationwide reported the presence of a security guard or assigned police officer in their school, according to a 2007 report on school crime and

safety from the National Center for Education Statistics. That is a 14 percent increase over 2001.

In addition, 86 percent of public schools reported at least one violent crime, theft, or other offense.

Thomas said Iowa City is one of the few districts that has not yet employed some sort of security personnel. She said many of the fights that occur in school are because of "a lot of disagreements."

Associate Superintendent Jim Behle said students are normally sent to the off-site program after a significant fight or

numerous incidents of aggression, but only after the principal determines it is necessary.

Students are evaluated after four weeks of the program and may go for another two weeks or more, he said.

"It's a national model that helps groups with social skills, moral reasoning, and anger control," he said.

Behle highlighted the program's three main points: It allows students to continue their education as opposed to expelling them from school, it provides certain structure and support to make the misbehavior less likely to occur, and it teaches the appropriate way to behave.

Although students are reviewed after four weeks, Behle said, district officials believe it takes a minimum of six weeks to complete the program.

If the program does become full, both principals said they would simply suspend the student. Arganbright said his policy is a 10-day suspension from school.

"When you deal with the whole safety issue, you don't want to leave any option not considered," he said.

The School Board will continue its student safety discussion at tonight's meeting.

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Suit against COGS dismissed

By Ben Fornell
THE DAILY IOWAN

A suit filed by the state Board of Regents intended to keep employment records out of the hands of the UI graduate-student union was dismissed Monday, and the issue will be settled through arbitration.

But the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students has filed a complaint with the Iowa Public Employee Relations Board contending that the UI never intended to honor that part of the contract when it first signed it.

Sixth District Court Judge Douglas Russell said in his ruling that the university must honor the terms of its contract with COGS and have the dispute — which centers on how to comply with federal student-privacy laws while also providing contractually mandated data to unions — resolved in arbitration.

COGS President Gwen Gruber called the UI's position a "union-busting effort."

COGS needs access to

information about how graduate students are being paid so the union can verify that its agreement with the UI is being honored, she said.

"We use that information to defend the contract," she said. "The contract should be a sacred kind of covenant."

The UI contends that it must follow the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, which does not allow for anything more than basic directory information, including that of graduate teaching assistants, to be released to anyone — including unions.

"We had attempted to resolve it at negotiations," said Kevin Ward, the executive associate director of UI Human Resources, who was actively involved in the bargaining.

COGS has produced a memo from Ward dated six days before the contract was signed that states the UI "cannot provide the union with salary or other appointment information as required."

"I believe I made it clear to them that we would need to find

a way to comply with [the privacy act]," Ward said.

He met with members of the Iowa Public Employee Relations Board Monday, who will try to resolve the dispute. Gruber said that COGS is not looking for a punishment for the UI.

"Hopefully, we can find a way to work together on this," she said.

The UI allows members of the union to give their permission for pay data to be released.

"As they provide us with that permission, we will provide the information to COGS," Ward said.

Regent Robert Downer said he does not agree with the charge that the regents' lawsuit is "union-busting," because there is a legitimate concern over releasing data protected under the privacy act. He is an attorney, but said his practice has little experience with public-employment law.

"I do think it's a legit question whether the disclosure of this information is or is not prohibited under federal law," he said. "I want to see it worked out to everyone's satisfaction."

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Council looks at public safety

By Kelli Shaffner
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City city councilors on Monday addressed a request by Councilor Bob Elliott to consider ways to increase funding for the city's police and fire departments.

The council decided to adopt a new resolution before the end of the calendar year, placing it on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Elliott asked for more money so the departments can hire additional firefighters and police officers, something the two groups have requested.

"I think over past four years, the fire chief and police chief have made recommendations and backed them up with statistics," Elliott said, noting that bolstering the departments would bring them up to par.

The councilors agreed that action needed to be taken, but there were disagreements among them on how to disburse money so that it was divided up fairly.

Interim City Manager Dale Helling said the current budget for next year includes three more firefighters and two more police officers, but with Elliott's proposal, it would not be balanced because the revenues would be less than the expenditures for fiscal 2009.

Councilor Connie Champion said she would like to come up

with an alternative measure of handling the issue, and Councilor Mike O'Donnell said it just comes down to reallocating money from another area of interest and moving it to public safety.

"We have to ask ourselves the question, 'What are we willing to cut?'" O'Donnell said. "What are we willing to do without so we can have this additional fire and police protection? Which I think we really need at this point in time."

O'Donnell said he has never before persuaded himself to touch the money on reserve, but it's now time.

"I think, Bob, this is a good idea," he said. "But I don't think that this is necessarily the way to do it. I think this is an increase in costs yearly."

O'Donnell thinks there are other ways to improve public safety, he said, but the city needs to make a commitment to take action on the issue.

Councilor Regenia Bailey also disagreed with Elliott's proposal but agreed with the sentiment.

Bailey, along with O'Donnell and Champion, wanted to take it off the agenda for tonight's formal meeting, but they failed to muster enough votes.

Champion said she plans on making a motion to withdraw it at tonight's meeting.

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School District switches test-tracking program

Standardized test scores among Iowa City students in grades three to 11 dropped this year, but education professionals expect good things from a recently implemented growth-tracking program.

By Carla Keppler
THE DAILY IOWAN

The scores of two standardized tests in the Iowa City School District this year failed to meet proficiency requirements under the category of reading comprehension.

City High Principal Mark Hanson said that no single reason for the decline in test scores exists, but the School District did receive a crop of new students from outside areas, possibly bringing scores down.

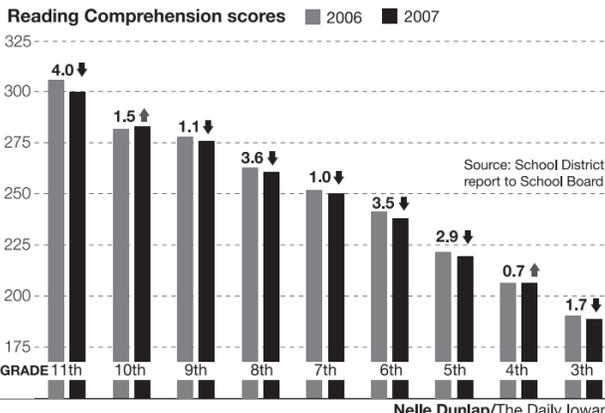
Deb Wretman, the principal of Southeast Junior High, agreed, saying that though the increase of the student population in the Iowa City schools is one of many factors that contribute to the drop in test scores, it's the most prevalent.

School District spokeswoman Pam Ehly said the results are misleading and that Iowa City schools saw an increase in test scores, not a decline. She said the state heightened standards from 70 percent to 76 percent since last year. The area school district landed at the 75.6 percentile this year, and "didn't make the cut" as far as state proficiency standards go.

This academic year, Iowa will use a new program to track individual student test scores in hopes of holding schools more accountable.

Drop from the top

Basic Skills Test and ITED reading comprehension scores fell in the School District from last year, as did scores in other sections. This drop could have been caused by an influx of students from outside areas.



Ehly said that she supports the Expanded Growth Model pilot program, a standard that measures individual academic growth over time rather than grade-level growth over time, because of its improved method of judging schools. She feels the current method of comparing scores based solely on grade level is ineffective.

The new program allows educators to look at the same group of children over time.

"It's what several states

wanted to do, and it's a more effective way of tracking growth," said Elaine Watkins-Miller, a spokeswoman for the Iowa Department of Education.

Iowa, along with eight other states, has the growth model in place to track students.

Though it is impossible to determine the effect of this program at this point, because not all test scores are in, Ehly said it's important to constantly evaluate school systems.

"Using test data is objective, and I believe schools have to be accountable to their public," she said. "It's logical to compare children with themselves over time to see if they're getting better."

Last week, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced that she is opening the progress-tracking plan to all eligible states.

The plan aims to allow states a more effective method of measuring yearly progress in learners and to continue to expand the flexibility available to states under No Child Left Behind, she said.

"We think [the program] will have a fairly positive impact," Watkins-Miller said. "It sends a positive message to teachers who are doing good work and the messages that we want all students to move forward."

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Court tosses 'Indian child' definition

By Jennifer Delgado
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa Supreme Court ruled Nov. 30 that the state's definition of an "Indian child" is an ethnic classification breaking the 14th Amendment equal-protection clauses in both state and federal Constitutions.

In the future, Iowa will have to come up with a new definition of what constitutes an "Indian child" — one that could possibly be based on tribal membership, UI law Professor Ann Estin said.

The decision comes after a custody case that began in Woodbury County, Iowa, involving two children born in Sioux City. The state removed the children from their home because of their parents' record of substance abuse. Their mother is a member of the Winnebago tribe; their father is white.

The Winnebago tribe, located in northeastern Nebraska, tried to intervene in the custody proceedings, claiming the children fit the definition of "Indian child" under Iowa law and should be returned to the tribe. But because of this new ruling, the tribe cannot legally get involved in the custody battle.

In the Winnebago tribe, children of members are only eligible for membership if they have at least one-fourth degree Winnebago blood — the two children are only one-eighth degree.

In 2004, the Winnebago tribe passed a resolution stating that the offspring are seen as "children of the Winnebago tribal community" because their mother is a member.

"The Winnebago tribe tried to establish this definition, but the court won't let it fly," said Estin, who teaches Indian law.

According to the Iowa Indian Child and Welfare Act, any unmarried Indian who is under the age of 18 or a child who is under 18 that an Indian tribe identifies as a child of their community. Enacted in 2003, its purpose is to clarify state procedures and policies for the federal act. Estin said she believes this ruling is not a step backwards because the federal legislation is still in place, which trumps the state legislation. The 1978 federal law is similar to the Iowa statute but includes Indians who are eligible for membership and who are biological children of a tribal member. Estin said a law based on ethnicity is difficult to uphold,

and the Iowa statute has gone beyond the federal law.

"The biggest problem is Iowa's definition of an Indian child is it turns on the child's ethnicity," she said. "If Iowa wants to revise the Iowa Indian Child and Welfare Act, it has a clear signal from the Supreme Court that it's going to have to have some tie to tribal membership."

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Quantum flu

You gotta admit — as far as bad weeks go, George W. Bush hit the trifecta this past one. I mean, even I, who's been known to mildly criticize the Cowboy in Chief from time to time, felt a twinge of pity. It passed quickly.

But there was a twinge. (Maybe I need some more vitamin C.)

When a guy has the intelligence community turn his Iran policy topsy-turvy, has the CIA admit to possibly committing obstruction of justice, and also quite publicly gives out the wrong telephone number for a toll-free federal help line — well, that's the kind of week in which you wished you had just stayed in bed all week. Pled the flu.

Of course, a great many Americans wish he had stayed in bed and pled the flu all through his presidency, if that's what it's been.

Maybe in his memoir he will. (Oh, yes; that memoir is inevitably coming. I think the Stealth President already has a multimillion-dollar contract to ghostwrite it.)

About that federal toll-free help line — OK, sure, we're all human. And as humans, we all make mistakes. I make mistakes, you make mistakes, the president makes mistakes. "Even the president of the United States must sometimes have to stand naked," Bob Dylan famously sang, which is something I really don't want to imagine in my mind. (As opposed to imagining something outside my mind, which is a trick with quantum mechanics I sometimes do, usually at after-hour parties.)

But the Cowboy made something of a whopper last week.

In unveiling his plan to deal with the subprime-mortgage crisis, Bush noted that the federal government had set up a toll-free hot line and proceeded to give the number — 1-800-blah-blah-blah. Actually, he gave the number twice. (Listening on the radio, I momentarily thought NPR was holding another fundraiser.)

The problem was, the Cowboy gave the wrong number. Twice. As Peter Sagal of NPR's "Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me" pointed out, this president likes to persevere.

An NPR reporter tried to call the 1-800 number Bush gave out (it's a real number; it belongs to some business), but the voice mail was full.

Well, of course the voice mail was full. Can you imagine the tens of thousands of people who tried to call Bush's number? It would be funny, except that a rather large number of people are being hurt by the subprime-mortgage crisis. (The word "mortgage," according to the *American Heritage Dictionary*, comes from the French word "mort," meaning "death," and the Germanic word "gage," meaning "pledge." I don't know about you, but that's not the kind of pledge I want to make.)

Maybe the president could try to make mistakes. Then, perhaps, things would turn out right.

Nah. You can't fool quantum mechanics like that. At least in my meager experience. Every time I try to fool quantum mechanics, I wind up with a lot more uncertainty than I started with, and the cat always scratches its way out of the box.

Thus proving that a little bit of knowledge is a quite dangerous thing, and it generally produces one truly pissed-off cat.

Speaking of a little bit of knowledge, that's apparently what the United States had when it was making all those war-like noises about Iran's nuclear-weapons program.

Now, according to the most recent National Intelligence Estimate (known as the NIE as part of our culture's mad rush to speak only in abbreviations), it turns out that Iran halted its nuke-weapons program in 2003.

You'd think that our leaders would look at that and say, See, diplomacy and sanctions work. (And, indeed, some have.) But others (Bush, Rudy Giuliani, just for example) want to continue to wave the big U.S. military stick.

It's the Jack Bauer theory of the universe: Beat everybody up, because that's the only thing they understand.

Some have even gone so far as to say it's because of the U.S. military threat that Iran halted its WMD program.

Let's see. The United States started seriously beating the war drums in the last year and a half. So, what America did in 2006 and 2007 caused Iran to halt its program in 2003.

Yeah, and Boston getting Josh Beckett in 2006 caused the Red Sox to win the World Series in 2004.

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Beau Elliot doesn't actually put cats in boxes, he assures us. On the other hand, there are all those soccer matches he plays with them.



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Editorial

U.S. intelligence: The Emperor has no clothes

Seven years ago, the administration heralded intelligence showing Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and used the reports to bolster an invasion of Iraq. Last week, a National Intelligence Estimate was released that contradicted the dire and immediate situation the administration has been describing in terms of Iran's nuclear-weapons abilities. These findings, however, don't seem to be as important to the administration as their predecessors.

Wary of another invasion under false pretenses, critics of the Bush White House believe the new NIE points out a need for a change in policy — a movement away from saber-rattling and threats of World War III to diplomatic engagement and a calming of the minds. Our president stays mired deep in his convictions and — staring in the face of contradiction — claims nothing has changed. The situation is becoming more a black comedy than a lesson in how to blindly march to war, as President Bush grows more comfortable with the stick in his hand while the carrot rots unused on the ground.

Whether they support Bush or just cleave to the politics of fear in anticipation of the upcoming election, others have also thumbed their nose at the report compiled by 16 separate American intelligence agencies. On Sunday, John McCain spoke on "Fox News Sunday" about AT&T being the ace up our proverbial international sleeve. "The most overrated aspect of our dialogue about international relations is direct face-to-face talks," he said. "BlackBerrys work." So instead of physically meeting with Mahmoud

Ahmadinejad, we should display our commitment to peace by trusting in AT&T's wireless network, hoping our call doesn't get dropped and using text messages to communicate our policy for us? LMAO!

House Minority Leader John Boehner flinched, waffling between common sense and the word of his party leader sitting in the Oval Office. "Let's just understand that Iran continues to be a threat," he said last week on CNN's "Late Edition." "Its leadership is on the verge of being crazy." Iran is indeed a threat, if now less so than previously thought, but if our president ignores the intelligence efforts of his own government — as he has ignored the demands of the American people in regard to Iraq — then which leader of which nation is truly on the verge of being crazy?

The NIE does not describe Iran as a good candidate for the next Olympics or a great vacation spot. "We assess with moderate confidence that persuading the Iranian leadership to forgo the eventual development of nuclear weapons will be difficult." There are issues to be dealt with in regards to Tehran, but the best way to deal with these issues is through diplomacy and discussion. Bush and Cheney are trigger-happy (the latter literally so), but denying such a significant report is simply daft. As a nation and as a member of the international community, we cannot afford another rash leap to war. For Bush to flippantly disregard the NIE as insignificant is not only hypocritical but simply stupid. The ultimate measure of his intelligence is yet to come, however, and it will be determined by what comes next in the administration's efforts on American-Iranian relations.

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Free speech no joke

I usually find myself nodding in agreement when I read Andrew Swift's columns, but his article "Bad Jokes" (Dec. 10) left me surprised and angry. It is absurd to suggest that we ought to ban hate speech in order to better defend our liberal democracy. A representative system of government is useless if the powers that be are able to silence certain viewpoints. The First Amendment was the first for a reason, and the founders had the wisdom to realize that any opinion, no matter how hateful and illogical, should not be silenced.

Nutcase neo-fascist groups pose no real threat to the security of our country, but the response that Swift has suggested would threaten to destroy the liberties that we should be proud to have. I do not envy those European countries that have given

their governments the power to strip citizens of a right as basic as free speech.

The beauty of our system is that it allows everyone to have a voice in public discourse. That those who use their constitutional rights to spew hate speech represent such a small, ridiculed portion of the population prevents them from ever earning any real power in the country. It is much more effective to wield your own First Amendment right in defense against hateful rhetoric than to take a page out of the fascist handbook and start stripping citizens of their constitutional rights. If Americans have, as Swift called it, a "fetish for individual liberty," then this is an instance where I would hope all Americans could be fetishists.

Max Turner
UI freshman

'08 a vitally important election

Since leaving Iowa government 20 years ago, I have been traveling internationally through the Iowa Peace Institute and Iowa Resource for International Service. I recently returned from Europe, and I have never seen the image of the United States so low among our friends abroad. Now, the criticism has expanded from a negative attitude toward our government and the president to questioning whether American voters believe in our own ideals and our political system. Our foreign policies over the last 20 years have been a disaster. We have ignored genocide in Rwanda and Darfur, failed to respond effectively to Al Qaeda and other terrorists, and declared war in Iraq based on misinformation.

The next election is critical, and I urge Democrats, Republicans, and independents

to get involved prior to presidential caucuses in Iowa. Personally, I have decided to support Sen. Barack Obama. He had the wisdom to publicly oppose the invasion of Iraq at its earliest stage, and he refused to trust President Bush in dealing with Iran. While Obama is older than President Kennedy was when he was elected, he has that same youthful vision and the ability to motivate people of all ages. He has demonstrated his leadership by raising millions of dollars while avoiding contributions from political-action committees and special-interest groups. Whether you join me in supporting Obama or support another candidate, you'll demonstrate your commitment to our country by attending your caucus on Jan. 3.

Bob Anderson
UI alum

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Commentary

A 'defining' issue: presidential candidates in two groups on torture

For most of this year, there has been a stark divide in the presidential campaign on the subject of torture. The candidates have repeatedly been asked whether they would subject suspected terrorists to waterboarding, an ancient torture technique that was prosecuted as a crime by the United States for more than 100 years before the Bush administration adopted it for use on captured Qaeda leaders. The Democratic candidates have ruled it out, while most of the Republicans have either hinted that they would allow it or refused to respond. The noble exception has been Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the only candidate ever to experience torture, who has spoken repeatedly and with great eloquence about the harm it causes to American interests.

Now a second Republican candidate has broken with the Bush administration's shameful record. After meeting in Iowa last week with a group of former senior military officers who oppose torture, Mike Huckabee told reporters that waterboarding is torture and that "torture should not be the policy of the United States of America." Although interrogations of enemy detainees should be "thorough," he said, "when we go to the point of violating our own moral code, then instead of advancing our country, its safety and our security, we in fact jeopardize it."

It's a measure of how far President Bush has departed from fundamental American values that Huckabee's statement would be at all remarkable. Yet it immediately placed him at odds with Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney, both of

whom have said they oppose torture while refusing to condemn, in practice, common methods of illegal abuse. Giuliani has been positively enthusiastic in his endorsement of "intensive questioning" and sleep deprivation — which was the torture most commonly employed in Soviet gulags. Last May, he said he would tell interrogators to use "every method they can think of," including waterboarding, if he believed a prisoner had vital information.

At least Giuliani has the courage of his convictions. Asked about waterboarding at the last Republican debate, Romney ducked and dodged, saying that "as a presidential candidate, I don't think it's wise for us to describe specifically which measures we would and would not use." That drew an immediate response from McCain, who said he was "astonished" that "anyone could believe that's not torture."

"My friends, this is what America is all about," McCain said. "This is a defining issue and clearly, we should be able, if we want to be commander in chief of the U.S. armed forces, to take a definite and positive position on, and that is, we will never allow torture to take place in the United States of America."

McCain has taken a stand, and now so has Huckabee. That leaves Giuliani and Romney on the wrong side of an issue that should indeed be fundamental to the choice of the next president.

This editorial appeared in Monday's *Washington Post*.

On the Spot

Do you think the Bush administration is pushing for conflict with Iran?



"Sometimes it seems like it. I don't think it'll happen."

Lucas Hanson
UI sophomore



"Yes. Kind of a world police thing."

Cassie Kendzora
UI senior



"Yeah, it's similar to Iraq."

Brianne Tainter
UI freshman



"Yes. Given the recent report, I think [the administration is] making it out to be a bigger threat than it is."

Sara Batkie
UI senior

Arts & Culture

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Dinosaur's comeback

As Rodney Dangerfield would say, It's not easy being me. Legendary rock band Dinosaur Jr. has been through a lot — namely, a two-decade split. Today, the members will bring their prevailing music to the Picador at 7 p.m.

By Ann Colwell
THE DAILY IOWAN

Rock music: It gives us all a reason to curse and get angry, pretend we're invincible, and dream big. When it comes to the few rowdy juvenile garage bands that make it, expectations are high. The music world looks to them to carry that success like a torch for youth craving a slice of those rebellious desires.

Dinosaur Jr. bassist Lou Barlow stands at the center one of these quintessential legends in rock history. Though few young music fans were even alive at the peak of Dinosaur Jr.'s success, the band is rekindling its influence over the industry after reuniting in 2005 — nearly 20 years after a nearly irreparable split in 1989.

The band will take the stage today at 7 p.m. at the Picador, 330 E. Washington St., with opening bands Awesome Color and The Reaction. A rare humble gem in an industry built on ego, Barlow might not agree he's part of a legacy.

"I don't know that I've made much of an impression musically as philosophically," he said, refuting the claim he might just be the idol of every college bassist in America. "People might say, 'Wow, he's the guy who says you can write your own songs, record them at home, say what you feel, and be heart-broken and sensitive about it.'"

A lot of eager indie kids might beg to differ. In fact, pick up almost any professional music magazine or review of Dinosaur Jr.'s newest album *Beyond*, released in May, and reviewers throw around some seriously heavy terminology. *Pitchfork* called it the American indie elite; *Billboard* asserted that the group is an alt-rock pioneer, and if you're lucky, the undertone of Dinosaur Jr. being classic naturally arises.

"I like the idea of us being classic rock, in that Black Sabbath sense," Barlow said and laughed. "I'm kind of down with that. I don't think we're as good as Led Zeppelin, but in a



Dinosaur Jr. bassist Lou Barlow (center), with bandmates J Mascis and Murph, will play the Picador tonight.

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punk-rock or indie-rock sense, I do think we have that classic idea. Our music is a unique cross between what people think of as classic guitar rock and fast, loud, and aggressive. We really cut that as our tour coupon."

Communication issues in Dinosaur Jr.'s past linger like a bad aftertaste. Making a comeback on a previously rocky foundation ignited cynical views, and the musical snots of

alt-rock land are a bloodthirsty bunch. So when high expectations loom on the horizon, Barlow said, it's important to step back and remember your roots.

"Over the past few years, I've had to stop reading anything anybody writes about music I'm involved in," said Barlow, who spent the past two decades playing in bands Sebadoh and Folk Implosion. "I've really stepped away. I just can't care about what people think my motivations are, if my music is as good as the music I made when I was younger. It just becomes incredibly irrelevant to me. The only thing that is important is focusing on what I'm doing, the people I'm working with, what I want to hear, and not looking over my shoulder at the past."

Time may heal wounds, but it usually just forebodes change. The music fans who adored Dinosaur Jr.'s rough and loud style in 1989 have aged quite a bit, and Barlow can sense a change in that die-hard fan base.

"A lot of people who embraced me in '89 don't embrace me now," the 41-year-old bassist said. "They don't go to our shows or buy our records anymore. You can count on a third of the original fan base still being there. We sold a

Dinosaur Jr. bassist Lou Barlow's thoughts on:

• **Small venues versus huge shows:** "When you get a really packed club full of people, the denser flesh soaks up the sound in a really cool way. Our band absorbs that in the audience."

• **The record industry:** "It's obviously collapsing. There's been a massive amount of waste. When I look in my own garage, there's tons, no, there are *drifts* of CDs I've never listened to. The record industry just can't go on."

• **What he's currently spinning:** "Panda Bear's *Person Pitch* — it's a beautiful record. I listen to it all the time."

• **Dinosaur Jr.'s archetypal style:** "That very loud jump from quiet to loud in our songs — we've had a lot to do with bringing that to the mainstream, even more than, say, the Pixies or Nirvana."

respectable number of records with our last album, so there are enough younger kids interested in the legacy of the band."

So despite the criticism, the changes, and the bitter trace of what used to be, the music endures. The pubescent hormonal urges of rock and the wisdom accrued with his age. Dinosaur Jr. can attest — live on.

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RECORD REVIEW



Wu-Tang Clan

8 Diagrams

★★★½ out of ★★★★★

Like every Wu-Tang Clan record, the fifth studio album, *8 Diagrams*, opens with a sound clip from an old kung-fu movie. Instead of two Shaolin masters comparing their styles or preparing to fight, a sensei instructs a student on the values of "kindness, justice, faith, and courage." This is indeed a more mature Wu-Tang — the youngest member, Method Man is 36.

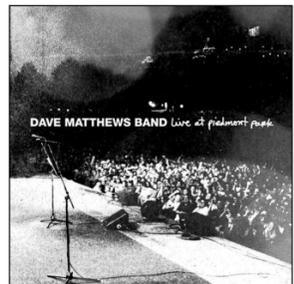
Album standout, "Wolves" is proof of the Clan's seasoned demeanor. On a track titled "Wolves," a younger MC might be lashing his forked tongue trying to prove himself with each clipped, explicative-laden rhyme. However, U-God, Method Man, and Masta Killa are confident and cunning, rapping with the kind of restrained ferocity that is more impressive and horrifying than the indiscriminate young pup.

These men have also experienced the loss of a member, Ol' Dirty Bastard, who passed away in 2004. Seven of the eight members — Ghostface is absent — eulogize O.D.B. and go to the cliché well one too many times on the (overly long) "Life Changes."

But for all the evolution and growth, the star of *8 Diagrams* is Method Man. Meth comes out of the gate as though he has something to prove, rapping with the precision and intensity of his youth and the wisdom accrued with his age.

John's Picks: "Rushing Elephants" and "Wolves"

— by John C. Schlotfeld



Dave Matthews Band (featuring the Allman Brothers Band)

Live at Piedmont Park

★★★★ out of ★★★★★

With seven live albums, 10 online "Livetrax" concerts, and an innumerable number of bootlegs, this concert is seemingly a drop in the Dave Matthews bucket. This show, however is timeless because of the combination of new and old forces. The Allman Brothers Band, the show's opener, was not constrained to the first portion of the show; instead, both Dave Matthews and the Brothers mastered "chill" rock while cruising together through Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower," among others.

Beyond paying tribute to the forefathers of rock, Dave Matthews showed it had extended the tradition with new songs that fans have been pleading for. Tracks, "#27," "Cornbread" and "Eh Hee" all graced the set and allowed the members to show that their creative genius is far from spent.

Cole's Picks: "Two Step" and "Melissa"

— by Cole Cheney

Go to dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com to read Cole Cheney's review of Alizee and Lauren Matovina's review of Bow Wow and Omarion's collaboration on *Face Off*.



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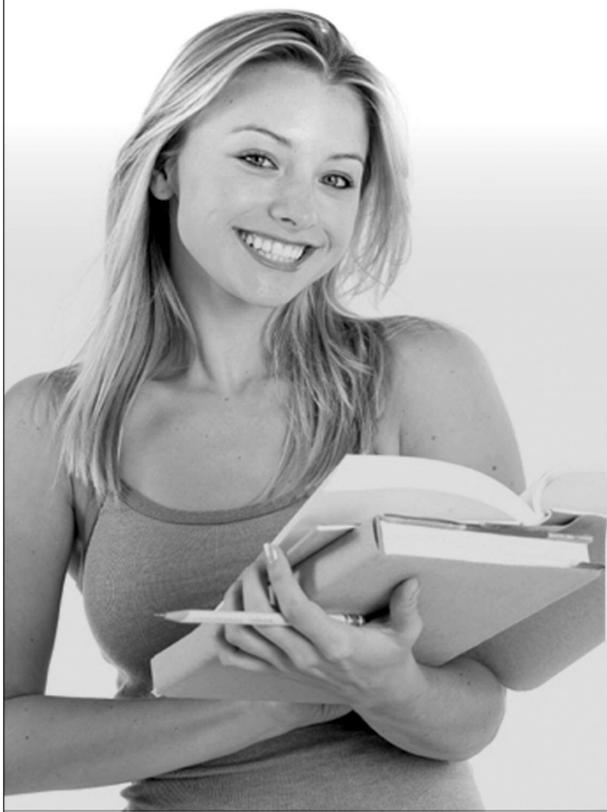
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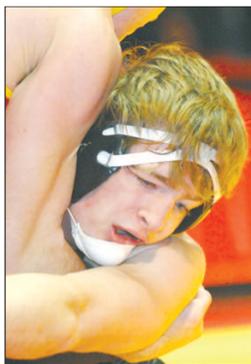
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No. 1 — but not cocky



Jay Borschel

WRESTLING

Hawk wrestlers No. 1

After subduing former-No. 1 Iowa State, 20-13, in Hilton Coliseum on Sunday, the Iowa wrestling team has obtained collegiate wrestling's top spot according to *W.I.N. Magazine*, which released its fifth NCAA Division-I rankings of the season on Monday.

Previously slotted at No. 3, the Hawkeyes moved above both ISU and Minnesota.

Meanwhile, Penn State also climbed drastically in the polls, advancing from No. 10 to No. 4 where the Nittany Lions stand one spot higher than Oklahoma State.

In the 133-pound rankings, Iowa sophomore Joe Slaton slid up from No. 13 to No. 10 after his 6-5 win over No. 6 Nick Fanthorpe of Iowa State.

Hawkeye senior heavyweight Matt Fields also moved up in his weight following his weekend victory, swapping places with Cyclone sophomore Dave Zabriske at No. 5 and No. 6.

Despite earning a 14-4 major decision against ISU's Mitch Muller, Brent Metcalf fell from No. 5 to No. 6 at 149 pounds.

Ryan Morningstar dropped one spot in the 157-pound ranking, going from No. 17 to No. 18 after his 10-5 major decision loss to Iowa State sophomore Cyler Sanderson. Sanderson stayed at No. 4.

Jay Borschel (174) and Phillip Keddy (184) remain the same, ranked at No. 17 and No. 16, respectively.

— by Ryan Young

FOOTBALL

Douglas sentencing date set

A date for sentencing has been scheduled for Hawkeye sophomore Dominique Douglas, who pleaded guilty earlier this month to credit-card fraud.

The suspended Hawkeye receiver is set to receive his sentence on Jan. 25, 2008, according to online court records.

Douglas, 19, was arrested in August for buying more than \$2,000 worth of merchandise with a credit card that wasn't his. He was charged with unauthorized use of a credit card, a Class D felony, along with fellow Iowa football player Anthony Bowman. The charge can carry a sentence of up to five years behind bars.

The Detroit native pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of credit-card fraud on Dec. 4, an aggravated misdemeanor that could put him in prison for up to two years.

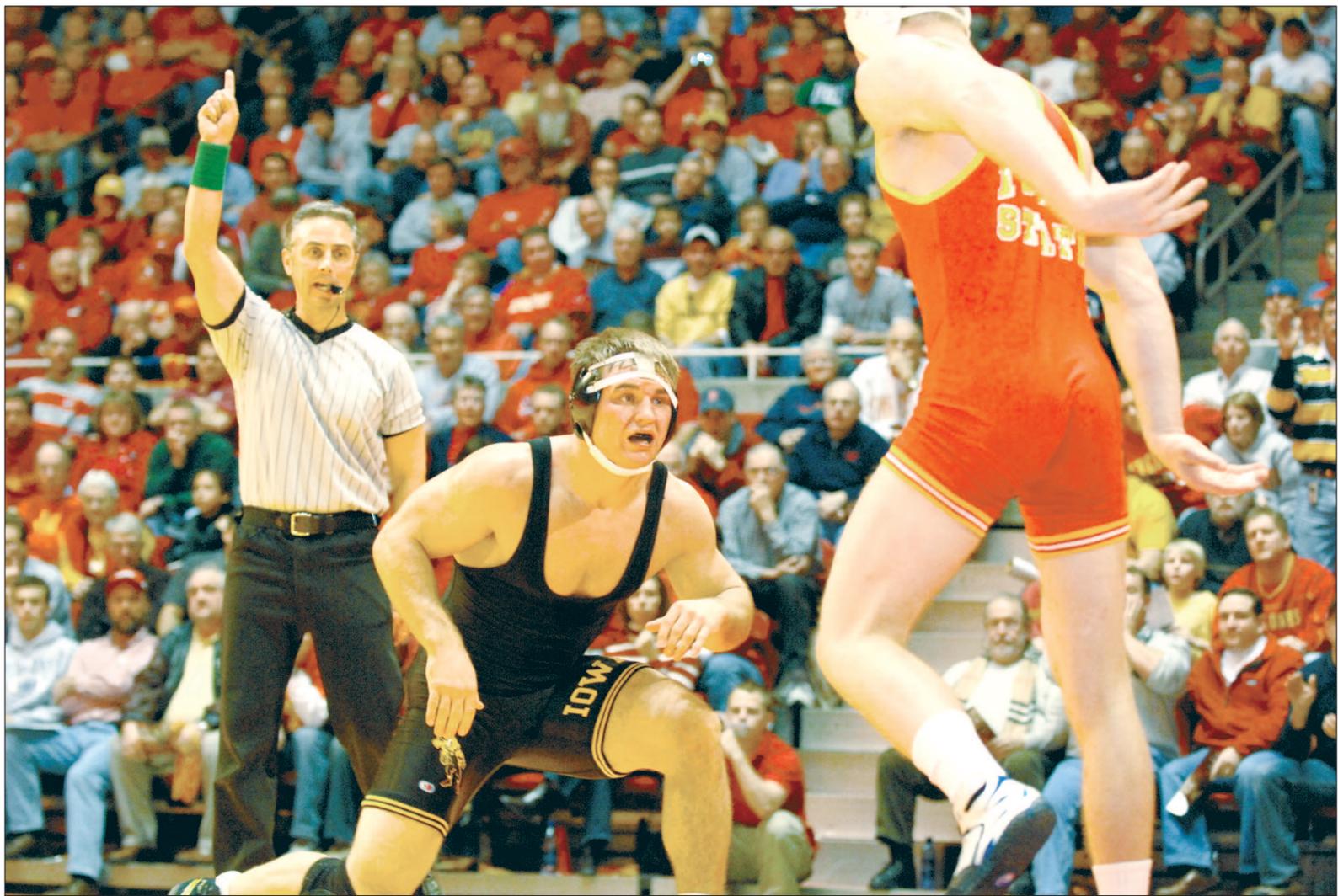
In the plea agreement, Douglas asked for a deferred sentence. The state, represented by assistant Johnson County prosecutor Michael Brennan, said it would not raise any objections to the request.

Bowman's case is still set to go to trial, which is scheduled for Jan. 28, 2008.

TV TODAY

NBA
Seattle at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., WGN

NHL
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., Versus



Ariana McLaughlin/The Daily Iowan

A crowd of 8,998 watches Hawkeye wrestler Phillip Keddy escape from Jake Varner during the Iowa-Iowa State wrestling meet Sunday. After defeating the previously top-ranked Cyclones, 20-13, the Hawkeyes moved up to the No. 1 national ranking Monday.

Iowa wrestling coach Tom Brands knows the view from the top of the wrestling world doesn't guarantee championships.

By Eric Mandel
THE DAILY IOWAN

A No. 1 ranking isn't important to Tom Brands — the lone digit doesn't demonstrate a fair evaluation of how advanced the Hawkeye wrestling program is at this point in the young season.

But it sure is cool. After toppling top-ranked Iowa State on Sunday in Ames, the Iowa wrestling team jumped to the No. 1 spot in the latest *W.I.N. Magazine* poll, and it will in all likelihood be ranked first again when the updated Intermat rankings are released later this week.

Iowa now sits in the top spot for the first time since former head coach Jim Zalesky roamed mat-side in November 2000.

"I don't think Iowa State thought much about No. 1 except for maybe right after the Minnesota dual; [the Cyclones] are getting ready to win the national tournament," Brands said following the Hawkeyes' 20-13 win in Hilton Coliseum. "It is a nice tag to put on your program this early in the season, especially with the firepower that Minnesota has coming back. [Iowa State was] ranked No. 1; it was an opportunity for

us to meet the No. 1 team in the country in their home arena."

Coming off consecutive weeks in which the nation's No. 1 was upset by another team ranked in the top five nationally, the field looks to be as fickle and interchangeable as it was on the college gridiron.

"We are not resting on this," Brands said. "We have to go forward from here and spring-board off it. Last year, I think we rested on it a little bit."

While the Hawkeyes realize their time at the top could be as short-lived as one week or as long-standing as nine-straight

Hawkeyes earn No. 1 ranking

Watch Daily Iowan Television at dailyiowan.com to hear more about the Hawkeyes' 20-13 triumph over Iowa State Sunday and Iowa's new No. 1 national ranking.

years (it's happened before in Iowa City), the prospect of having any athletics squad ranked among the country's elite is a positive for the Iowa athletics department and fan morale.

SEE WRESTLING, 3B

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Getting comfortable

After sitting out last season, redshirt sophomore JoAnn Hamlin made her presence felt during last weekend's Hawkeye Challenge.

By Brendan Stiles
THE DAILY IOWAN

At this time two years ago, JoAnn Hamlin was becoming a rising star on the Kansas State Wildcats and leading them to the 2006 WNIT championship.

But after one season in Manhattan, Kan., where she started 31 games at center for Kansas State, Hamlin made the decision to transfer to Iowa and play for coach Lisa Bluder. Because of the transition, she was forced to redshirt last season, and the Hawkeyes went on to finish with a disheartening 14-16 record.

Now, 10 games into the 2007-08 season, she has finally gotten her opportunity to show the Hawkeyes what she can do. Perhaps no better example of that came this past weekend during the Hawkeye Challenge.

In the semifinal game against Northern Illinois, Hamlin came off the bench and was one of three Hawkeye reserves to



Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye center JoAnn Hamlin jostles for a rebound against Missouri Western forward Jill Johnson in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 8. After sitting out one season following her transfer from Kansas State, Hamlin is playing a key role for Bluder's Bunch.

score double figures in Iowa's 87-43 win over the Huskies, finishing with 12 points.

Starting the game by missing all three of her first-half shots against Northern Illinois,

Hamlin went on a tear during the game's latter 20 minutes, ending the game shooting 6-of-10 from the field.

SEE BASKETBALL, 3B

YOUTH ADAPT TO TIME LIMITS

With more than half of the roster composed of underclassmen, the MEN'S SWIMMING TEAM has adjusted its goals this season.

By Jonathan Groves
THE DAILY IOWAN

This season, the Iowa men's swimming and diving team has 13 freshmen and 11 sophomores, meaning well over two-thirds of the team has had fewer than two years of experience. For Iowa head coach Marc Long, the young team has forced a new evaluation of team goals and a deeper analysis of how the Hawkeyes prepare for individual meets.

For the freshmen, the acclimation to the life of a collegiate swimmer is more than just increased workouts. Time management, nutrition, and the academic workload are factors for first-year swimmers.

"It takes a couple weeks to adapt to how much little time you have," said freshman

swimmer Conor Dwyer. "You have to manage your time, all the while making sure you are eating right."

The typical day in the life of a college swimmer involves more structure than just attending class and swimming practice.

The day for the entire team begins at 5:30 a.m., when the Hawkeyes wake up to lift weights or practice in the pool. After the early workout, they eat breakfast together around 7 a.m., well before most UI students have even arisen for their classes.



Long
Iowa coach

SEE SWIMMING, 3B

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Indiana	0	0	.000	8	1	.889
Michigan St.	0	0	.000	8	1	.889
Minnesota	0	0	.000	6	1	.857
Wisconsin	0	0	.000	6	2	.750
Purdue	0	0	.000	5	2	.714
Illinois	0	0	.000	5	3	.625
Ohio St.	0	0	.000	5	3	.625
Iowa	0	0	.000	6	5	.545
Northwestern	0	0	.000	4	4	.500
Penn St.	0	0	.000	4	4	.500
Michigan	0	0	.000	3	6	.333

Monday's Games
Ohio State 47, Coppin State 39
Wednesday's Games
Princeton at Penn State, 6 p.m.
Oakland at Michigan, 6 p.m.
Wisconsin at UW-Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
South Dakota State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Friday's Games
Drake at Iowa, 7:05 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Presbyterian at Ohio State, 11 a.m.
Denver at Penn State, 1 p.m.
Central Michigan at Michigan, 1 p.m.
Louisville vs. Purdue at Indianapolis, 2:30 p.m.
IPFW at Michigan State, 4:30 p.m.
UW-Green Bay at Wisconsin, 4:30 p.m.
Western Carolina at Indiana, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Michigan State	0	0	.000	2	7	.778
Ohio State	0	0	.000	6	2	.750
Minnesota	0	0	.000	8	3	.727
Illinois	0	0	.000	7	3	.700
Penn State	0	0	.000	7	3	.700
Michigan	0	0	.000	6	3	.667
Wisconsin	0	0	.000	3	6	.333
Iowa	0	0	.000	4	6	.400
Indiana	0	0	.000	4	5	.444
Purdue	0	0	.000	3	5	.375
Northwestern	0	0	.000	3	7	.300

Monday's Game
Michigan 82, USC 64
Today's Game
UW-Green Bay at Wisconsin, 7 p.m.
Thursday's Game
Mississippi at Penn State, 7 p.m.
Friday's Game
South Dakota State at Wisconsin, 7 p.m.
Saturday's Game
Penn State at Bucknell, 6 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
x-New England	13	0	0	1.000	503	222				
Buffalo	7	6	0	.538	222	291				
N.Y. Jets	3	10	0	.231	239	315				
Miami	0	13	0	.000	213	355				
Washington	11	2	0	.846	381	217				
Indianapolis	9	4	0	.692	305	229				
Jacksonville	7	6	0	.538	249	264				
Tennessee	6	7	0	.462	291	305				
Houston	6	7	0	.462	291	305				
North	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
Pittsburgh	9	4	0	.692	309	189				
Cleveland	8	5	0	.615	360	356				
Cincinnati	5	8	0	.385	310	326				
Baltimore	4	9	0	.308	226	314				
West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
San Diego	8	5	0	.615	308	250				
Denver	6	7	0	.462	282	336				
Oakland	4	9	0	.308	241	298				
Kansas City	4	9	0	.308	179	271				

NATIONAL CONFERENCE										
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
x-Dallas	12	1	0	.923	423	275				
N.Y. Giants	9	4	0	.692	290	270				
Washington	6	7	0	.462	253	273				
Philadelphia	5	8	0	.385	271	262				
South	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	.615	255	215				
New Orleans	6	7	0	.462	300	293				
Carolina	5	8	0	.385	210	294				
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	185	306				
North	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
x-Green Bay	11	2	0	.846	361	229				
Minnesota	7	5	0	.577	365	244				
Detroit	6	7	0	.462	294	339				
Chicago	5	8	0	.385	253	296				
West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
x-Seattle	9	4	0	.692	315	228				
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	302	322				
San Francisco	3	10	0	.231	171	312				
St. Louis	3	10	0	.231	206	316				

Monday's Games
New Orleans 34, Atlanta 14
Thursday's Game
Denver at Houston, 7:15 p.m.
Saturday's Game
Cincinnati at San Francisco, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 16
Baltimore at Miami, 12 p.m.
Arizona at New Orleans, 12 p.m.
Green Bay at St. Louis, 12 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at New England, 12 p.m.
Buffalo at Cleveland, 12 p.m.
Seattle at Carolina, 12 p.m.
Tennessee at Kansas City, 12 p.m.
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 12 p.m.

Balancing routines

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By Nick Compton
THE DAILY IOWAN

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Becker: The blunt answer is gymnastics. I really enjoyed the team and everything, and I've really enjoyed the experience so far. Coach [Dunn] impressed me when I first visited and I had a lot of fun on campus.

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Becker: Growing up, I was what you call a "gym brat." My dad was a gymnastics coach, and ever since I was 2, I was around the mats. My mom was a preschool teacher at the gym, so I was really raised up around it. Through my early years on up through high school, I'd practice around three hours a day, five days a week. It's one of those things that you really have to be devoted to, and it gets to a point where you have to ask yourself, "Do I really want to live like this?" or see what other alternatives are out there. Around high school, a lot of kids give up and quit.

DI: Growing up in Pennsylvania, Iowa wasn't on your radar. What made you decide to become a Hawkeye?

Becker: The blunt answer is gymnastics. I really enjoyed the team and everything, and I've really enjoyed the experience so far. Coach [Dunn] impressed me when I first visited and I had a lot of fun on campus.

DI: What has been your most memorable moment in Iowa City?

Becker: I think living in a house with six of my teammates last year ranks right up there. It was a great experience — living with all of them was a ton of fun. In August, the house caught fire, and we all had to move out. Luckily, none of my stuff was damaged, but one of my teammates [Diego Mercado-Austin] lost almost everything.

DI: Practicing for three hours every week day must burn up a ton of calories. How do you refuel?

Becker: I try to watch what I eat. I eat when I'm hungry, and in season, I eat more frequently and not as heavily. Usually, I eat the same stuff, a lot of pasta, a lot of freezer food. I'm definitely not a huge fan of ramen, though.

DI: What do you like to do to unwind?

Becker: Video games. Right now, I'm playing Warcraft on the PC. We've got a couple video-game systems in the house, and we all like to play.

DI: Your coach describes you as the "ideal student-athlete." How do you maintain All-Big Ten academic status while devoting so much time to gymnastics?

Becker: You just kind of manage. It gets rough sometimes. Right now, around finals, it's hell. My mind is constantly on gym and how I can improve there, but I'm also expected to get straight A's. You do what you have to get by, use breaks in the day to study, study at night, and pass out when you're done.

DI: With a history major and political-science minor, are you planning on caucusing?

Becker: Yes, definitely. I'm a strong supporter of a certain candidate; I don't want to mention which one.

DI: Any big plans for Christmas break?

Becker: No, I plan on going back to Pennsylvania for a week or two. I have to be back on Jan. 2 for practice. No big plans, just a low-key family celebration.

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Becker
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Tinsley just glad to be alive

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INDIANAPOLIS — Jamaal Tinsley knows he has to make lifestyle changes, and he feels blessed to have the chance. That was the Indiana Pacers guard's mindset 36 hours after being shot at with an assault weapon in front of a downtown Indianapolis hotel. He was not injured.

"The man upstairs, he gave me another opportunity to see another day. When athletes step out, anything can happen," the sixth-year player said after Monday's practice.

Tinsley met with coach Jim O'Brien and team president Larry Bird a day after the guard and several companions were targeted in the early Sunday morning shooting that wounded the team's equipment manager. The suspected shooters have not been arrested as police continue to investigate.

The team didn't punish Tinsley in the latest instance of Pacers players finding trouble — or trouble finding them.

First-year coach O'Brien said Tinsley did nothing wrong, other than making bad decisions, but he knows the damage might already have been done to an image the franchise has worked frantically to rebuild.

"Of course, you worry about your fans and the community and how people look at you," Tinsley said. "I made a stupid mistake, again."

This episode was Tinsley's third late-night incident in about 14 months. It is the latest in a three-year string of off-court problems that have engulfed the franchise, starting with a brawl with Detroit Pistons fans in 2004.

The Pacers have since traded two of the main participants in



Indiana Pacer guard Jamaal Tinsley talks with the media following practice in Indianapolis, Monday. Tinsley and several companions were targeted in an early Sunday morning shooting that wounded the team's equipment manager. Police say the shooting followed a confrontation at a nightclub.

the brawl — Ron Artest and Stephen Jackson — but the franchise still is digging out, and Tinsley continues to find trouble.

He was there when then-teammate Jackson fired a gun into the air several times before being hit by a car at an Indianapolis strip club in October 2006. Tinsley and another Pacers player, Marquis Daniels, face a Jan. 14 trial on charges stemming from a bar fight nearly a year ago.

In the latest incident, Tinsley's group had arrived at the Cloud 9 club in a Mercedes, a Rolls Royce and a Dodge Charger, all owned by Tinsley. Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Sgt. Paul Thompson said a group gathered around the Rolls Royce and gave Tinsley a

hard time about his cars and his earnings.

The group realized after leaving the club that a car and a pickup truck were following them, Thompson said.

Instead of going home, Tinsley's group pulled into the Conrad Hotel, where someone in the vehicles that were following opened fire, spraying bullets on the hotel, Tinsley's cars and nearby buildings. Tinsley said he pulled into the Conrad because he didn't want the people following him to know where he lives.

Rich pro athletes getting into trouble isn't new. Examples are found in all pro sports.

But the Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts — despite

having a higher profile in the city — haven't had the same problems with their athletes.

Colts coach Tony Dungy said Tinsley's trouble scratches the surface of a larger problem — violence towards athletes — that has been spotlighted since the murder of Washington Redskins defensive back Sean Taylor last month.

"I didn't really think of it as a Pacers issue, I thought about it as an American issue," Dungy said on Monday. "There's a lot of that going on around the country. Somehow, we have to get the message out to the whole country that this is not the way to go. Life is too precious."

Dungy said his team polices itself.

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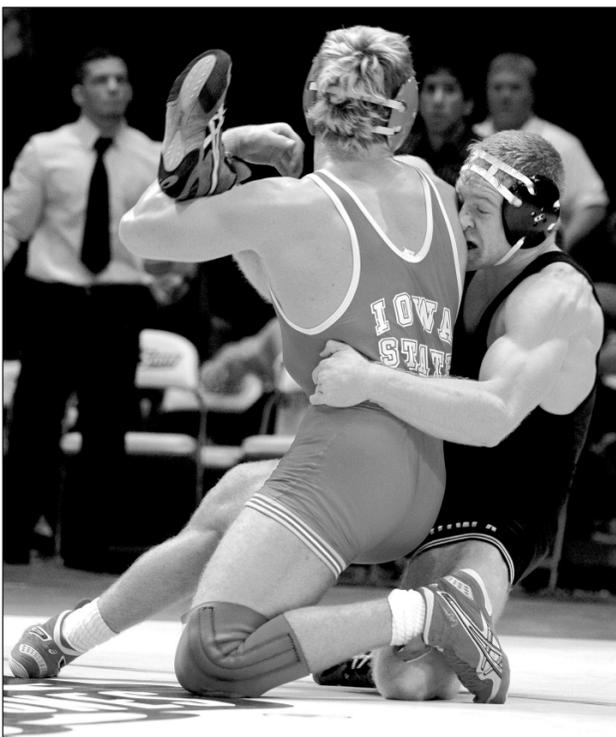
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— Fred Mims, Iowa Associate Athletics Director



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In the 197-pound matchup of the Iowa-Iowa State meet, Hawkeye Chad Beatty is pushed down by David Bertolono on Sunday in Ames. While Beatty lost a major decision, the Hawkeyes escaped with a 20-13 win and gained the No. 1 ranking Monday.

WRESTLING CONTINUED FROM 1B

"Fans love to see their teams as No. 1," Iowa Associate Athletics Director Fred Mims said on Monday. "Our field-hockey team set the stage by winning the [Big Ten] championship. It allows each and every program to contribute to add to the national reputation of the program."

"Some didn't reach their goals this year, but that doesn't mean the other programs can't reach the goals that they'd like to get to."

Outside of the once fifth-ranked field-hockey team, which was upset in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the only other Hawkeye squad to sniff a top-10 ranking in 2007 was the women's cross-country team.

Until now, that is. "All it says is that we are on the right course to get our program back to where it has been," Mims said. "That ranking is important, but it is not the ultimate — the goal is to be No. 1 at the end of the year after the wrestling tournament."

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Pool of young talent

SWIMMING CONTINUED FROM 1B

The Hawks fit their classes into the late morning, then have a second practice session, followed by dinner and evening studies.

While Dwyer said the sports-related training is nothing new to the younger Hawkeye swimmers, the routine and requirements pose a difficult adjustment in their first semester on campus.

"Everyone has had training," Dwyer said. "It is harder to get used to all the classes and routines. You can't skip meals, or you will be hurting in practice."

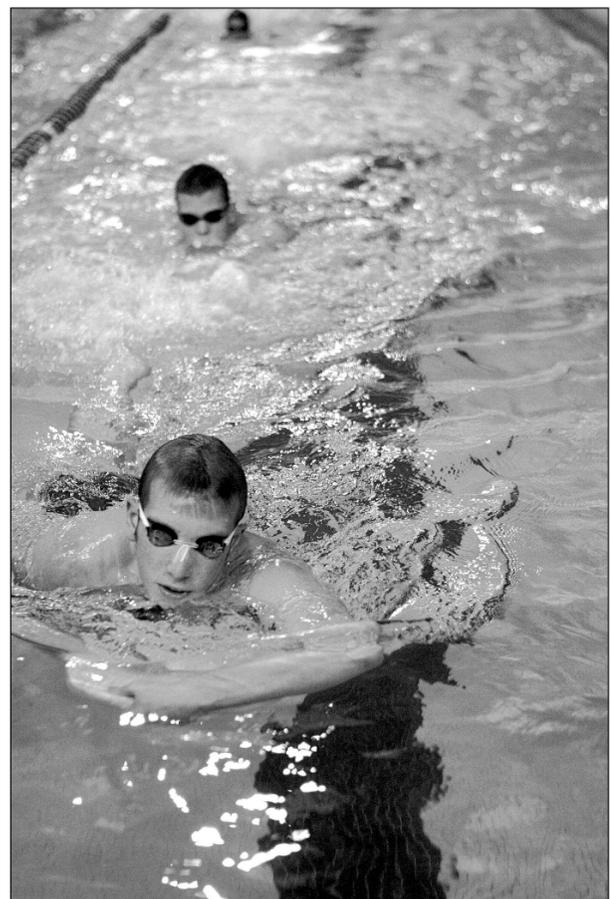
In order to advance the team, the upperclassmen take it upon themselves to mentor the younger swimmers, not just in the pool but in time management.

"This year we are learning a lot — we want to get better for end of the year and into next season," Dwyer said. "All of the older guys help us learn how to manage our time."

Now, midway through the long swimming schedule, one that covers the fall and spring semesters, the results show the young Iowa team has adapted to the changes well.

Freshmen and sophomores have combined for 20 individual first-place finishes — five of which came against nationally ranked competition in Minnesota and Purdue — through two months so far this season. During the Michigan State meet Oct. 26, four individual victories, as well as contributions by freshman relay team members, allowed the Hawkeyes to pull out a one-point victory against the Spartans.

While the Iowa swimmers have made a substantial



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan
Hawkeye swimming team members Damjan Strbac, Tyler Verink, and Caitlin Carlyle practice in the Field House pool on Monday. The team's next meet is the Florida International Invitational on Jan. 5.

splash in the early development of their careers, a pair of sophomore divers, Michael Gilligan and Frank Van Dijkhuizen, have also excelled this season. As success has come, so have conference accolades — Van Dijkhuizen was named Big Ten Diver of the Week in consecutive weeks after sweeping the diving

events against Minnesota and Michigan State.

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Transfer aids Hawks

BASKETBALL CONTINUED FROM 1B

After the win Dec. 8, Hamlin said the adjustments she made at halftime built her confidence.

"In the first half, my shots weren't falling, and I was a little frustrated," she said. "But in the second half, you just got to come back in with confidence and know that you're a good shooter and that your shots are going to fall."

Even though the Hawkeyes lost the championship contest the following afternoon to No. 22 Wyoming, Hamlin, while only scoring five points, provided Iowa with a major boost. She led the team in rebounding with six boards, and not only did she come off the bench and play 25 minutes, but she actually started the second half in place of an injured Krista VandeVenter.

'With JoAnn Hamlin, I think we're starting to see her grow. It was very, very positive to see her feel a lot more comfortable out there.'

— Lisa Bluder, Iowa women's basketball coach

"That was necessary," Bluder said after Sunday's loss to the Cowgirls. "Obviously, with Krista VandeVenter being out with an ankle sprain, it's 'next man up.' She responded well to it."

Somewhat surprisingly, Hamlin made this assessment of her play thus far after returning to the hardwood for the first time in two seasons.

"Honestly, I think I've struggled a bit," she said after the Wyoming defeat. "Coming in, maybe I put too much pressure on myself, but the last couple of games, I feel like I've done better. "I know that I can do better,

but the last two games have been more of a confidence builder, knowing that I can go in and show what I can do."

Now that Iowa is finally reaping the reward that comes with Hamlin's on-the-court qualities, Bluder notices vast improvement from game-to-game, and she is confident that Hamlin will only get better from here.

"With JoAnn Hamlin, I think we're starting to see her grow," the coach said. "It was very, very positive to see her feel a lot more comfortable out there."

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NFL

Falcons see Vick sentenced, then get blown out

ATLANTA (AP) — The Falcons awoke to news of their disgraced quarterback being sentenced to nearly two years in prison for dog-fighting.

The day never got any better. With Reggie Bush watching from the sidelines, Drew Brees passed for 328 yards and three touchdowns as

the New Orleans Saints bounced back from a devastating loss with a 34-14 rout of Atlanta on Monday night.

The Falcons (3-10) showed just how much they miss Michael Vick, who was sentenced to 23 months in federal prison about 10 hours before his ex-teammates kicked off another game in a lost season.

Even though Bush wasn't able to play because of a partially torn knee ligament that reportedly will keep him out the rest of the season, the Saints (6-7) had no trouble getting

over the disappointment of their last-minute loss to Tampa Bay a week earlier.

Brees shredded the Falcons' defense for four scoring drives that covered at least 75 yards, including a 99-yarder that used up nearly the entire field. He opened with a 25-yard touchdown pass to David Patten, hooked up with Marquis Colston on a pair of shorter TD throws, and would have had another score if Eric Johnson had not dropped a pass in the end zone.

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Daily Break

“There is still no formal charge against Bilal, and the Associated Press continues to believe that Bilal Hussein was a photojournalist working in a war zone and that [U.S.] claims that he is involved with insurgent activities are false.”

— AP spokesman Paul Colford. AP photojournalist Bilal Hussein had his first hearing Monday, in an Iraqi court, after being held by the U.S. military without charges for nearly 20 months. Hussein was a member of an AP team that won a Pulitzer Prize for photography in 2005.

the ledge

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MATT GORMAN

Beck lyrics interpreted

• “You can’t write if you can’t relate/trade the cash for the beef for the body for the hate” — Beck doesn’t want you to write if you don’t know what he’s feeling, but he does want you to buy his beef, body, and hate. No checks or credit cards.

• “I’m mixing business with leather/Christmas with Heather” — Beck runs a small leather-clothing store and celebrates Christmas with someone named Heather.

• “I’m mixing fitness with leather/homework with Heather/freaks flock together/and make all the lesbians scream.” — Beck wears said leather clothing while doing homework with Heather. This makes weird people gather, which frightens lesbians greatly.

• “Yo soy un disco quebrado, yo tengo chichle in el cerebro” — Beck speaks Spanish.

• “Give the finger to the rock and roll singer/who’s dancing upon your paycheck/sales climb high through the garbage-pail sky/like a giant dildo crushing the sun.” — Beck doesn’t like the record industry but likes to think about giant dildos.

• “See me kickin’ the door with my boots/broke down out in a ditch of old rubbish/snakes and bones in the back of your room/handing out a confection of venom” — Beck is on hallucinogenic drugs.

• “¿Que onda Guero? ¿Que onda Guero?” — Beck still speaks Spanish.

— Matt Gorman is a loser baby, so why don't you kill him. E-mail him at: matthew-j-gorman@uiowa.edu.

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horoscopes

Tuesday, December 11, 2007
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do your best to avoid arguments. If you react, you will have more to deal with than expected. Information is a powerful tool, and today is a perfect day to arm yourself with added knowledge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Watch your spending. You may want to be generous with family and friends, but don’t go overboard. Find ways to have fun without its costing you. A trip to visit old friends and family can be done cheaply.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don’t let confusion lead to mistakes, especially costly ones. A disagreement doesn’t have to end in an ultimatum or no reconciliation at all. Don’t let things get blown out of proportion. Keep your thoughts to yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotions will cause problems, especially if someone is waiting for you to finish a job. Focus on completion. By doing so, you can think things through, and love is likely to find its way back into your heart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can entertain, but don’t pay for everyone. Save your money, don’t squander it. You’ll be impulsive, so concentrate on being strong and budgeting wisely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A look at the year past will give you some good ideas as to how you can make next year better. Set a game plan and goals that are attainable. Make a to-do list, and vow to stick to it. Make things happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Check out the possibilities, but don’t leave someone out who counts on you for friendship and support. An argument will lead to a devastating turn of events. Back off, compromise, or do whatever is necessary to keep the peace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your undivided attention may be required to set things up for the future. You can make your plans by learning new skills and gathering information. Don’t be fooled by someone you think you can trust.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Think about the people you have known in the past, and consider who you feel should still be in your life. You may want to backtrack and re-establish your friendship with someone who you felt inspired you years ago. Change is upon you, like it or not.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have to consider love, partnerships, and what works best for you. If you have someone in your corner who supports your actions, support that person. Ride yourself of the dead weight you’ve been carrying around.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can do something that you enjoy, or you can continue down the same old path that leads to no stimulation, passion, or future. Shake things up a little, and make a choice that will enable you to feel satisfied. Set your priorities, and stick to them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do something nice for someone, and you will get something nice in return. Money can be spent on items that are pure luxury today, but keep in mind that they should be for someone else, not for you. The satisfaction is in the giving.

FEAST OF LIGHTS



Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan
Rabbi Avrohom Blesofsky (left) watches as his friend Sergio Kerbis lights the Grand Hanukkah Menorah on the Pedestrian Mall on Monday. Hanukkah, or the Feast of Lights, began at sundown on Dec. 4; it lasts for eight days, with another candle lit each night until the full menorah is lit on the final night.

today’s events

Want to see your super special event appear here? Simply e-mail the name, time, date, and location information to: DAILY-IOWAN@UIOWA.EDU.

- **Molecular Physics and Biophysics Faculty Candidate Seminar, “Selective Autophagy in Aging and Neurodegenerative Disorders,”** 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen Science Building
- **Pharmacology Faculty Seminar, “Exon-Level Analysis of Gene Expression,”** 10:30 a.m., Bowen Science Building 5th Auditorium
- **Story Time with Linda,** 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Toddler Story Time,** 10:30-11 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Christmas Convocation and Christmas Vespers,** 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Coe College, 1220 First Ave., Cedar Rapids
- **Brown Bag Discussion, “When Someone’s Not Safe at Home,”** noon, Women’s Resource and Action Center
- **Holiday Concert, Mediapolis High School Band,** noon, UIHC Colloton Atrium
- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Lecture, “North Korea: Looking Beyond the Demilitarized Zone,”** noon, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton
- **Tannenbaum Forest,** 1-3 p.m., Festhalle Barn, 4707 220th Trial, Amana
- **New Horizons Band Woodwinds Ensemble Concert,** 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Faculty Council meeting,** 3:30 p.m., 337 IMU
- **Library-Community Writing Center,** 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Santa, Snacks, and Stories,** 5:30 p.m., Bruce-more Mansion, 2160 Linden Drive, Cedar Rapids
- **Old Capitol Toastmasters Club,** 5:45 p.m., Masonic Temple, 312 E. College

- **Caregivers Take Care,** 6 p.m., Legacy Pointe Assisted Living, 1020 S. Scott Blvd.
- **Holiday Cooking,** 6-7:30 p.m., Van Allen Elementary, 170 Abigail Ave.
- **Lake of Fire,** 6 p.m., Bijou
- **Universal Design, informational program,** 6 p.m., Senior Center
- **Axis and Allies Miniatures,** 6:30 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 89 Second St., Coralville
- **UISG Senate Session,** 6:30 p.m., 140 Schaeffer Hall
- **Cedar Rapids Chapter of the American Sewing Guild,** 7 p.m., Community of Christ Church, 1500 Blairs Ferry Road, Hiawatha
- **Inclusive Ballroom Dance,** 7 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Movie Night,** 7 p.m., Alexis Park Inn, 1165 S. Riverside Drive
- **Slavic Movie Night, Something Like Happiness,** 7:30 p.m., 315 Phillips Hall
- **Actors Dance Theatre,** 8-9 p.m., Old Brick
- **Flamenco for Beginners,** 8-9 p.m., Old Brick
- **Iowa Woodwind Quintet,** 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- **Crass Brass,** 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Cria Cuervos,** 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Free Dance Party,** 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St.
- **Free Pool,** 10 p.m. - midnight, Charlie’s, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- **Cash for Books, book buy-back,** TBA, IMU and residence halls



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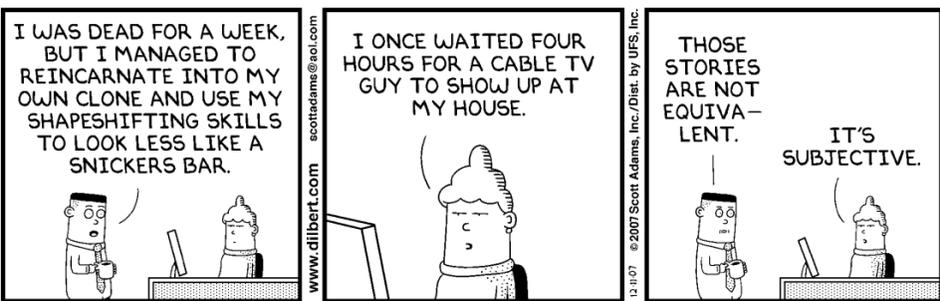
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Loudest Shouts

- Shout out from a proud wrestling parent to the Iowa team for a job well done this weekend. You make us proud to be Hawkeyes!
- Shout out to the Asian cat talking to himself in the Stanley laundry room. An extended shout out to dorm dryers that don’t completely dry your clothes — someone needs to program an extra 15 minutes on those things.
- Shout to Hillcrest food for keeping me in my room all weekend.

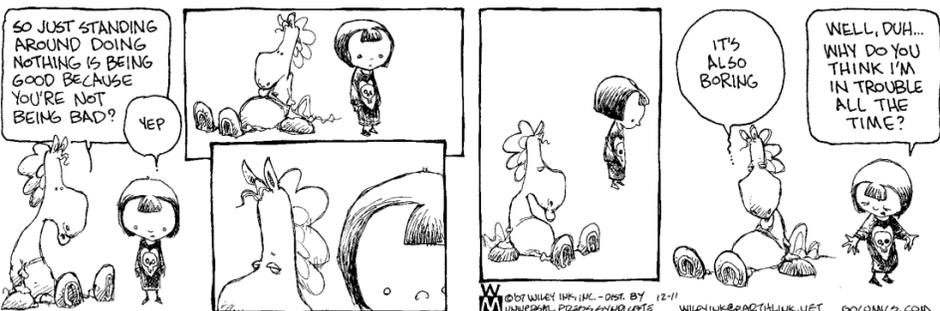
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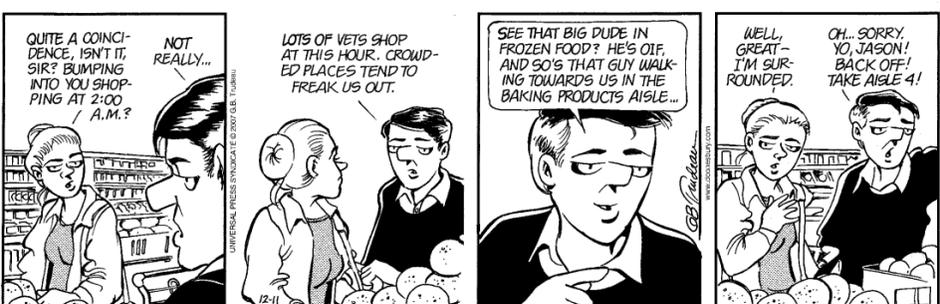
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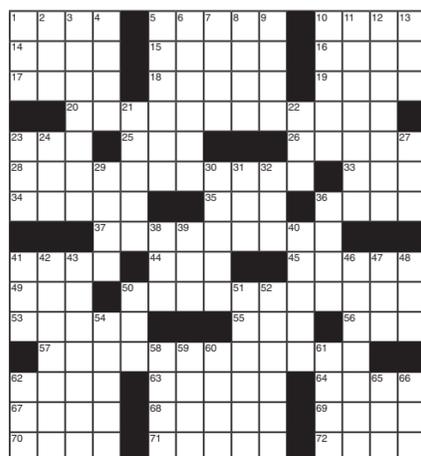
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- Across**
- Peak
 - Chattered incessantly
 - TV horse introduced in 1955 ... or a Plymouth model introduced in 1956
 - Partiality
 - Seeing red
 - Prime draft status
 - Drug-yielding plant
 - Opposite of serenity
 - Cartoonist Al
 - Scary sound from the ocean?
 - Park, e.g., in N.Y.C.
 - “Sting like a bee”
 - Having seniority
 - Scary sound from a war zone?
 - Juillet’s season
 - Kodiak native
 - Physics unit
 - Theory’s start
 - Scary sound from a cornfield?
 - Splinter group
 - Motel-discount grp.
 - Sales slips: Abbr.
 - Galley implement
 - Scary sound from a steeple?
 - Tedious
 - Boot part
 - “Whew!”
 - Misspell, say, as a ghost might at 20-, 28-, 37- and 50-Across?
 - Abominate
 - African antelope
 - Hot rod’s rod
 - Lackawanna Railroad
 - Countryside
 - Boat part
 - Card game for three
 - Walk leisurely
 - Stealth bomber org.
- Down**
- Charles Gibson’s network
 - A.F.L. —
 - Cane cutter
 - Biblical son who sold his birthright
 - Wavelet
 - Language whose alphabet starts alif, ba, ta, tha ...
 - Child’s caretaker
 - Suffix with hyphen or a guitar
 - Kind of point
 - Helpless?
 - Filled to the gills
 - Big fat mouth
 - Country just south of Sicily
 - Moo goo gai pan
 - Lawyers’ org.
 - Kilmer of “The Doors”
 - Irvin, classic artist for The New Yorker
 - Cowlick, e.g.
 - Fit for a king
 - Blunder
 - “Long ___ and far away ...”
 - Creep (along)
 - Name that’s an anagram of 27-Across
 - ___ de mer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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AROSE OKRA OVAL
GENERATION ROSA
ENG WON LEEWAY
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MAJOREDIN PIANO
STONEAGE REO
ASHE SEANCES
BLOTTO APE OVO
RAVI REVELATION
OREO SPIN SANKA
WARN EAST POSER



Puzzle by Gary Steinmehl

- Egyptian dry measure equal to about five-and-a-half bushels
- Soak (up)
- Tag for a particular purpose
- Neighbor of Slovenia
- Co. addresses, often
- A duo
- Crafty
- Tournament pass
- Like some music
- Musically improvise
- Sport utilizing a clay disk
- Hospital shipments
- Styptic agent
- Part of a fishhook
- Island with Waimea Bay
- Gentlemen
- Meadow
- Shoemaker’s helper, in a fairy tale

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