

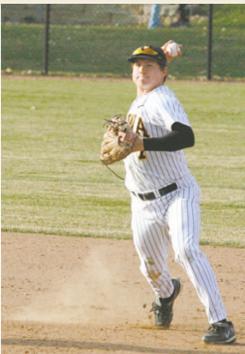
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FOURTH IN A FOUR-PART SERIES NURSING ENROLLMENT

Nursing needs teachers



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

First-year nursing students watch Peg Hyndman, a nursing school assistant of instruction, demonstrate how to prime IV bags and hang IV piggy backs Thursday at the UIHC. The College of Nursing recently decided to cut the B.S.N. program admissions from 150 students to 80 while increasing its graduate-level programs.

Stymied by faculty shortages, limited resources, and low pay, nursing education programs can't meet demands.

By Kelsey Beltramea
THE DAILY IOWAN

Critics say the UI's approach to combating the nursing shortage seems counterproductive — even backwards. Why cut the number of students admitted into the bachelor's nursing program when there is an acute need to train more nurses?

"We have to," said Rita Frantz, the dean of the College of Nursing. "We can't admit all the qualified students who apply, because we don't have a faculty

to teach them, and because we aren't able to admit them, we aren't able to keep up with the need of practicing nurses at clinical sites throughout the state and throughout the country."

The hope is that reducing the B.S.N. program and increasing master's and doctoral class sizes will expedite the university's production of nurse educators.

Officials anticipate that some would-be nurses who don't gain entry into the traditional B.S.N. track can acquire bachelor's degrees in non-nursing areas.

Program changes

The UI predicts the nursing program will maintain the current total number of graduates. Though the number of beginning bachelor's students admitted annually will decrease from 150 to 80, more advanced programs will expand. According to the UI's report to the Board of Regents:

- The number of registered nurse students admitted to a more advanced R.N.-B.S.N. program will increase from 151 to 200.
- The master's program will grow by one-third to 80 students annually.
- Advanced practice nurse programs will increase from 48 to 160.
- A new doctoral program, approved by the regents last June, will have an enrollment of 50 students.

They then could apply for the UI's Clinical Nurse Leader Master's program — a recently accredited 18-month degree that prepares students for nurse-leadership positions, including roles as professors.

It typically takes twice that amount of time to graduate

B.S.N. students.

"To really get to the heart of this shortage, we need to do something to get the faculty numbers increased, and soon," Frantz said. "One way our institution is uniquely positioned to assist with the nursing shortage

SEE NURSING, 4A

Senate OKs HPV move

Insurance companies in Iowa could be required to cover Gardasil.

By Alyssa Cashman
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa Senate overwhelmingly passed a bill this week that would require insurance companies in Iowa to cover the vaccination against human papillomavirus.

"It's great prevention, and we want it to be affordable and accessible to all women," said Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City. He is a member of the Senate Human Resources Committee, which recommended passage to the Senate. The bill was passed in a 41-8 vote. It is now set to reach Iowa Gov. Chet Culver's desk sometime next week.

Officials at Culver's office could not predict if whether he will sign the bill, which has broad bipartisan support in both the Senate and House.

Iowa is one of 41 states that have looked at legislation concerning HPV. Many states have considered requiring girls be vaccinated before junior high or high school. Officials in Nevada passed a bill last year that's similar to Iowa's proposed law.

If approved, the law would take effect on Jan. 1, 2009.

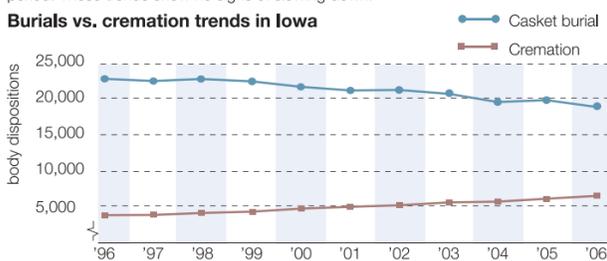
"I think it's a great step in the right direction," said Rachel Scott, the executive

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Cremation numbers up

Cremation rates on the rise

There has been a 78 percent increase in the number of cremations in Iowa between '96 and '06. Conversely, casket burials have decreased 17.4 percent over the same period. These trends show no signs of slowing down.



Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

Dylan Salisbury/The Daily Iowan

Cremations may some day surpass burials, one official predicts.

By Samantha Miller
THE DAILY IOWAN

More Iowans than ever are turning to cremations instead of casket burials, local officials say — a trend that shows no signs of slowing down.

"I suspect there will be a day where there will be more cremations than caskets — I think I'll see it in my lifetime," said Dan Ciha, the director of Gay and Ciha Funeral and Cremation

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Death's cleanup squad

The only way to get through the job is to fool yourself that you're not cleaning the sites of homicides and suicides.

By Terry McCoy
THE DAILY IOWAN

HIAWATHA — Back and forth, back and forth, Barb Kellogg mops the floor, concentrating on the task at hand, but not the actual job. If for a moment she thinks about what she's swabbing, she says, she'll lose her mind. So back and forth, eyes down, she mops.

She's a cleaner. A scrubber of the most heart-wrenching surfaces, a scourer of death's mark.

After the officers have cleared and the police tape



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Servpro employee Chad Scarbrough and Fritz Frederick of Ross Electric work Thursday afternoon on a house in Hiawatha, Iowa, that was recently struck by lightning. When asked about cleaning crime scenes, Scarbrough said he would not consider doing certain jobs: "Some smells you just can't deal with."

reeled back, Kellogg's crew is sent in. She and six others at the Servpro here clean the vacant sites of suicides and homicides in eastern Iowa. Other than Servpro, only one or two other organizations handle such scenes in the area.

"We don't want to know who it was. We can't care. We don't want to know the details. We all talked about the one in Iowa City, and wondered,

"What if we get that call?" Kellogg said, referring to the Sueppel family deaths last week. Servpro didn't get that call. "But you can't worry about it. You just clean."

But it's a job, as repugnant and saddening as it may seem, that must be done. Horrific, but necessary.

She said it's this detached

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Delving into 'No Child'

Contemporary education issues are on the agenda for this weekend's law symposium.

By Carla Keppler
THE DAILY IOWAN

Symposium Events

- Today:**
- 12:15 p.m. — No Child Left Behind Act panel discussion
 - 2:15 p.m. — Multicultural Education panel discussion
 - 6:30 p.m. — Banquet and Reception
 - 7:30 p.m. — Former Gov. Tom Vilsack speech
- Saturday:**
- 9:40 a.m. — Alternative Education panel discussion
 - 1:00 p.m. — Tracy-Elizabeth Clay speech
 - 2:30 p.m. — Teacher Recruitment Programs for Hard to Staff Schools panel discussion

UI law students say the No Child Left Behind Act is leaving Iowa students and teachers in a jam. And now, with the possible reauthorization of the act, law students here want to discuss the act and potentially change the direction of education in the U.S.

The Journal of Gender, Race, and Justice is using its 12th-annual symposium to do so.

The event focused on the country's education law and policy begins today and carries on through the weekend.

The symposium, titled "No Child Left Behind: Providing Equal Educational Opportunities," will look at how current policy shapes students and address the resegregation of schools by ethnicity and socioeconomic class.

Journal Editor-in-Chief Josh Williams said that this year's symposium focused on the No Child Left Behind Act because future law and policy of education depend upon this piece of legislation.

"We think No Child Left Behind has proven to be one of

the most polarizing pieces of legislation in the past decade — arguably the most significant in the realm of education ever," he said. "We hope that this symposium will shape future policy and future law of education."

As a former elementary school teacher, Williams has firsthand experience with the act. The policy pressures students to perform well on a single test, he said, leading to consequences for educators and students.

Senior symposium Editor Karen Kopitsky, also a former teacher, believes the No Child Left Behind policy is an inaccurate measure of student and instructor performance. She said the act leads to lost opportunity in terms of educational experience.

These are issues she feels are important to discuss in the UI community, especially during a presidential race.

"The consensus is that No Child Left Behind hasn't been a success or a positive thing for educators," she said. "This is a presidential election year and whoever is elected will look at educational policy. We want people to inform themselves about current concerns with education."

Williams agreed and pointed specifically to Democratic presidential-nomination hopefuls' call to modify and abolish the act.

"A component of a well-rounded legal education is exposing people to different ways of looking at an issue," he said. "Our hope is that people come to share their research and that practitioners share how they've been forced to acclimate

themselves to the law."

In addition to discussing the effect of the No Child Left Behind Act, today's symposium events include panel discussions on multicultural education — specifically English as a second language, student ethnicity, and immigration ordinances.

Concluding the evening is a banquet and speech from former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack.

Kopitsky and Williams said they look forward to hearing how the former governor addressed education issues while in office and how he plans to do so in the future.

Saturday's panel discussants will address alternative education — such as charter schooling — and teacher recruitment. Keynote speaker Tracy-Elizabeth Clay, general counsel for Teach for America, will address her thoughts on "closing the gap" between governmentally set standards and student achievement.

The symposium will take place today and Saturday at the Boyd Law Building.

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The Muslim transformation

A UI professor speaks on vast changes in modern Muslim countries.

By Shawn Gude
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI geography Professor Rex Honey has visited six continents and seen the "very interesting" modern Muslim world firsthand.

With a bevy of anecdotal observations on hand for his Thursday afternoon lecture, he highlighted the transformations in the Muslim world.

"The changes are enormous," Honey said at a meeting of the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council. "We've gone, in a couple generations, from people living the way their families lived for 1,000 years to living very modern, ultra-modern lives."

Although some things haven't seen huge shifts from the past — namely, many of the countries' patriarchal, male-dominated societies — Honey highlighted intense modernization in others areas: technologically, politically, and economically.

"These transitions will be influenced by Islam, but they're also going to be influenced by other things — old and new," he said. "The transitions are interesting ones. The transitions will be painful ones; they will profitable ones."

And the importance of this cannot be understated, he argued. With Middle Eastern, predominantly Muslim countries controlling the vast majority of the world's oil supply, they wield tremendous power — and probably will for some time, he said.

"Everybody else is using up oil faster than they are, which



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan

UI geography Professor Rex Honey speaks during a meeting of the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council at the Congregational Church on Thursday. Honey discussed "Transitions in Modern Muslim Societies."

means every day, their share of the remaining reserves is higher," Honey said.

Honey pointed to the oil crisis in the early 1970s, when the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries cut oil supplies, sending gas prices skyrocketing, as an example of the considerable power the countries have. That control of the world's oil supply has also led to the transformation and modernization, the UI professor said.

Although some may view Muslim countries as a fairly homogenous group, he noted the countries' diversity in a few categories: quality of life, interpretations of Islam, and connections to global forces. For the final one, he gave one poignant example: Bangladeshi sweatshops versus indoor ski runs in the United Arab Emirates.

"Now, that's rich," he said.

In a question-and-answer session, Honey touched on the war in Iraq, which the UI professor

said has hurt the region. He also noted the importance of encouraging an interpretation of Islam that focuses on what he sees as its core teaching.

"The kind of Islam that we need to be supportive of is an Islam that looks at justice — an Islam that sees jihad as an internal struggle to live life, rather than as a war in which you're going to convert people of another view to your view."

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METRO

Man faces 9 drug, endangerment charges

Police arrested a man on nine drug and child-endangerment charges after allegedly finding marijuana and cocaine in his residence with three toddlers present, authorities said.

The man reportedly admitted to selling and doing drugs on a daily basis with the three children — ages 1, 3, and 4 — present.

Eric McDonald, 21, 2630 Whispering Prairie Ave., faces four felonies — two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, gathering where controlled substances are used, and drug-tax stamp violation. He is additionally charged with three counts of child endangerment, keeping a drug house, and possession of a controlled substance.

As of Thursday, McDonald was not being held at Johnson County Jail.

According to reports, the Iowa City police Street Crimes Action Team served a search warrant

March 28 at McDonald's residence and allegedly found more than 85 grams of marijuana, one-eighth of an ounce of cocaine in his pocket, and more cocaine in his garage.

Reports show officers also found packaging materials, a safe, digital scale, cash, and other drug paraphernalia items.

McDonald reportedly told officers "he smokes marijuana, snorts cocaine, and sometimes smokes crack in the house and around the children" and they were within reach of the drugs.

The 1-year-old is McDonald's child, Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said. Officers reported that that child is "terminally ill with cancer."

During the search, police said, several people came to McDonald's residence to "party," and two of them were later arrested on drug-possession charges. Police allege that the friends were planning on smoking marijuana there while McDonald snorted cocaine, which he said he "would share ... with whichever friends wanted some."

McDonald's charges range from a serious misdemeanor to Class C

felonies, generally punishable between a year in jail to up to 10 years in prison and fines between \$1,500 and \$10,000.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Man faces additional drug charges

Iowa City police filed additional drug-related charges Thursday against a man after officers raided his residence March 30. He now faces six felonies, reports show.

Shannon Swartzendruber, also known as "Dooby," 25, 720 N. Dubuque St., now faces three additional felonies: delivery of a controlled substance with a firearm, controlled-substance violation with a firearm, and third or subsequent possession of drugs. He is also now charged with keeping a drug house and unlawful possession of prescription drugs. Swartzendruber was charged Wednesday with three other drug-related felonies.

As of Thursday, Swartzendruber was still being held at Johnson County Jail on a \$55,000 bond.

According to reports, officers used a person to purchase a quarter

ounce of cocaine from Swartzendruber for \$225 in bills whose serial numbers had been noted. Police then served a search warrant at his residence and allegedly found marijuana, cocaine, Ecstasy, and trazodone.

Police also allegedly found drug paraphernalia and some of the \$225, along with a .25-caliber handgun under Swartzendruber's mattress. Swartzendruber is a convicted felon and is prohibited from having a firearm.

Just 20 minutes after authorities arrested Swartzendruber, they responded to the Dubuque Street residence again and charged two sisters, Julia Alvarez, 22, 720 N. Dubuque St., and Jessica Alvarez, 18, 331 S. Lucas St., with drug possession.

Reports show that Swartzendruber has seven prior drug-related convictions.

Swartzendruber's most severe charges are Class C felonies, generally punishable by up to 10 years in prison and fines of up to \$10,000, though some carry fines much larger.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

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CORRECTION

In the March 31 story, "Some bills funneled out," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported that SF 2332 failed to meet last week's funnel deadline in the Iowa Legislature. The bill was deferred and is now in the Senate Labor and Business Relations Committee. The *D/* regrets the error.

POLICE BLOTTER

Donyetta Barnes, 24, 1960 Broadway Apt. 9C, was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft.

David Davidson, 48, Lucas, Iowa, was charged Thursday with OWI.

Stephen Roskop, 57, 50 Thistle Court, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

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Cremations rising



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Gay and Ciha Funeral and Cremation Services employee Andy Newhouse demonstrates the operation of a crematorium furnace on Thursday. The funeral-service provider has seen an increase in cremations in past years, he said.

CREMATIONS

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Services, 2720 Muscatine Ave. In the decade between 1996 and 2006, there was a 78 percent increase in the number of cremations in the state, according to recent figures released by the Iowa Department of Public Health. Conversely, traditional casket burials have decreased 17.4 percent.

These numbers correlate with the increasing popularity of cremations in Johnson County, said Mike Hensch, the county's medical examiner administrator. Since the medical examiner's office began tracking cremations in 2003, there has been a 30 percent increase.

In 2003, there were 313 cremations in Johnson County. Last year, there were 407 cremations, Hensch said. In the first quarter of 2008, there have been 125 — which, he said, could indicate as many as 500 by the end of the year.

Bob Deatsch, an employee at the Iowa City's Oakland Cemetery, said he has seen a 30- to 40-percent increase in the number of cremated bodies being buried in the cemetery in the past decade.

So what is persuading people to turn away from conventional casket burials?

Money. "I go on hundreds and hundreds of death scenes a year, and many people are up-front that cost is an issue," Hensch said. "Many families will ask that right up front: How much it will cost and who will provide it the cheapest?"

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— Mike Hensch, county medical examiner administrator

He said that he can't suggest specific services for families to pursue, but cremation costs are in almost all cases less expensive than traditional burials.

"It's not an issue about whether the families loved the deceased, it's an issue of what they can afford to do," Hensch said.

Cost is the No. 1 factor for choosing cremation, according to a 2005 survey compiled by the national opinion research firm Wirthlin Worldwide.

Ciha, who has worked at Gay and Ciha funeral services for 30 years, said he has noticed a dramatic increase in cremations since began working there. He estimated when he started, only cremation was only used for body disposition 2 percent of the time.

Now? Nearly 50 percent and steadily increasing every year, he said.

He also said cost is a huge issue, adding that simple cremation will cost around \$2,000, while a standard casket burial can run as high as \$10,000. He noted that Iowa City probably has higher cremation rates than the state average because of the "liberal-mindedness" that comes with the UI's influence.

Both Ciha and Hensch agree the American stigma

about cremations is changing. "In the past, it has been part of the American culture, the whole idea of a traditional burial," Hensch said. "But I think because of media and other cultural influences, people are hearing that [cremation] is an acceptable alternative."

Ciha said that religion may play a role in the evolving perception of cremation. "In the past, there were some religions that didn't advocate it, but now that most mainstream churches are more open to it, so is the public," he said.

Other factors that may influence those who choose cremation over casket burials include land-use concerns and the ability to personalize the act.

Some people appreciate how personal cremation can be, Ciha said. He has had families use motorcycle gas tanks, sewing boxes, cookie jars, tackle boxes, and even liquor bottles as urns.

"The thing I encourage families to think about is to talk about [body disposition] before death," Ciha said. "When people have options available, they can make the best decision."

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HPV move OK'd

HPV

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director of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women. "The governor is usually very supportive of women's issues."

Unlike some laws being considered by other states, money to pay for the vaccination would be coming out of insurer's pockets, not taxpayers', Bolkcom said.

Without insurance, the vaccines cost \$360. UI sophomore Tina Weinert said she would not have gotten the shots if her insurance hadn't covered it.

"My mom has HPV, so she was very adamant that my sister and I get it," said Rachel McNamee, another UI student who received the vaccine.

Many major insurance companies in Iowa already cover

'I think it's a great step in the right direction. The governor is usually very supportive of women's issues.'

— Rachel Scott, executive director of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women

the preventative measure, but Bolkcom would like to see widespread adoption. The law would also prevent "backsliding" — or cutting coverage — on the part of major insurers, he said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 20 million people are affected by the HPV virus, with 6.2 million new cases every year. The virus is known to cause cervical cancer, which is the second leading cancer killer of women.

The vaccine is nearly 100

percent effective against four strains of the virus; these four strains cause 70 percent of all cervical cancer cases.

While the bill will protect the insured, no laws concerning HPV prevention for the uninsured have been discussed. Scott said women's health in Iowa is much better compared with other states, but some sectors of the population, such as younger females and immigrants, still need attention.

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Death be not proud

CLEANUP

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pragmatism that's her life jacket as she wades through the bloody sites.

"You're not a cold person if you do this," said Kellogg, who's been performing these jobs for more than 15 years. "People say, 'Oh, you do that?' But we look it as a cleanup job. The person's dead. Gone."

The stares are always the hardest part. Looking like a infectious-disease scientist diving into a quarantine zone, she enters the deceased homes while neighbors look on.

The cleanup costs anywhere from \$500 to \$15,000, determined on a case-by-case basis.

Inside, Kellogg said she and her crew meticulously document everything with photographs, leaving a slew of chilling images. It's a liability issue. The family of the dead often don't trust anyone to view or touch the remains of their loved one, she said.

"But not everyone can do this," she said. "You got some people who can't tolerate it."

Chad Scarbrough is one of those people. He also works at Servpro, which specializes in "hundreds of jobs," such as carpentry but refuses to touch any task that involves blood.

"Knowing what went on in the house, you know, I just

'We don't want to know who it was. We can't care. We don't want to know the details. We all talked about the one in Iowa City, and wondered, 'What if we get that call?' But you can't worry about it. You just clean. You're not a cold person if you do this. People say, 'Oh, you do that?' But we look it as a cleanup job. The person's dead. Gone.'

— Barb Kellogg, Servpro employee

can't deal with it," he said.

Like so many others, he said, he never thought about those who expunge the remains of violent deaths before he started a few years back at Servpro, which typically takes one or two such jobs a month.

The police dominate the headlines, the coroner the analysis, but who ever wonders about the cleaners?

"No one thinks about the low man on the totem pole, the one who has to take care of the rest," he said. "I always thought it was just left up to crime scene investigation."

The payment, however, is always left up to the family. There just isn't insurance coverage for the cleanup of violent deaths, Kellogg said.

Though it occurred more than 15 years ago, Kellogg

said, her memory of her first homicide job is vivid.

"I was so nervous," she said. "It was scary. When you're there, that's how you feel. You don't like them. No one does."

But for these cleaners, the job's never over even after they leave.

"It's quite psychological," said Kellogg's husband, Rob Kellogg. "You walk into these scenes, and they play on your mind. You did just clean up after someone who died. But I definitely try to forget about it if I can."

After the cleaning's finished, Barb Kellogg said, the area looks completely different, remodeled. She said the product is in Servpro's motto: "Like it never even happened."

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The UI Center for Ethnic Studies and the Arts, Department of American Studies presents

Food, Ethnic Identities, and Memory

Friday, April 4, 2008
Iowa Memorial Union

Morning Lectures: 9:00-Noon • Illinois Room
 Lisa Heldke, Professor of Philosophy, Gustavus Adolphus
 "Staying Home for Dinner: Ruminations on Local Foods in Cosmopolitan Society"

Jeffrey Pilcher, Professor of History, University of Minnesota
 "Who Chased out the Chili 'Queens':
 Food, Race and Gender in San Antonio, Texas, 1880-1943"

Afternoon Lectures: 1:00-3:00 • Illinois Room
 Riki Saltzman, Iowa State Folklorist, Iowa Arts Council
 "Pork, Place and Praxis: Foodways in Iowa"

Psyche Williams-Forsen, Asst. Prof. of American Studies, U. Maryland, College Park
 "Culinary Polygamy: Food, Place and Memory in an African and African American Household"

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Nursing seeking more educators



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

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to prepare nurses with the appropriate credentials to be nurse educators to teach throughout the state."

Otherwise, if faculty numbers decline at current rates, she said, the shortage of practicing nurses will worsen.

Wanted: nursing teachers

Across Iowa, there are 101 faculty vacancies in schools of nursing, the state's Nursing Task Force reported — and nearly three quarters of faculty at the UI are eligible to retire within the next five years. This pattern is echoed around the nation, with 344 nursing schools reporting 767 faculty vacancies in 2007, according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Because of faculty and resource constraints, more than 40,200 qualified applicants were turned away from entry-level and graduate nursing programs across the country last year, the association reported in March. It happens regularly at the UI, with approximately 250 students turned away from the B.S.N. program annually.

Meanwhile, the most significant obstacles to increasing program sizes persist: There are not enough faculty and not enough clinical placement sites.

"We have this real dire need to educate nurses beyond our current capacity," said Cheryl Peterson, senior policy fellow at

the Maryland-based American Nurses Association.

She noted the graying nursing workforce has an average age of 45, and almost half of nurses retire around 54. That's why the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says more than 1 million new and replacement nurses will be needed by 2016.

"We have got to increase the number of nurses we are educating from a twofold perspective," Peterson said. "We've got to increase those teaching, and we've got to increase those out there practicing to treat aging baby boomers. So there's a lot of pressure on our education system."

The UI is feeling the pressure.

Training professionals sans professors

As Iowa's main university that prepares nurses at master's and graduate levels, the UI College of Nursing is among 71 percent of U.S. nursing schools that say they can't accept all qualified applicants into their programs because of faculty shortages, in response to the American Association of Nursing Colleges' annual survey.

So working with the other 17 Iowa colleges and universities that offer B.S.N. degrees, UI officials developed a possible solution. They will direct more resources to graduate and doctoral programs to turn out nurses with more advanced degrees.

Frantz said that's what the state needs, and that's what the market wants, noting a movement within the discipline to

produce nurses with higher education levels.

Jane Stanley, who serves as senior director of education policy for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, agreed.

"Pushing for higher education is really in response to the changes we see going on in the health-care system," she said. "Things are getting more complex; patients' needs are getting more complex. We need to have additional education in order to practice."

Stanley rejected criticisms that Clinical Nurse Leader programs create less-qualified professors, saying specific program requirements instead attract students who have made more conscious decisions to pursue nursing.

"I don't believe the quality of student is an issue, because those people make a clear decision about their careers and have time to investigate other fields and opportunities," she said. "Nursing then can take advantage of that."

Other health and science areas are working to raise the educational standard for their professionals. Physical therapy, audiology, and pharmacology oversight groups have all moved to require a professional doctorate in order to enter their workforces.

Similarly, Stanley said the American Association of Colleges of Nursing aims to set a Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree standard by 2015 for new advanced practice nurses and nurse practitioners. This fall the UI became one of 200 schools that offered this degree,

opening with 22 students — a number the nursing program hopes to expand to 50.

Fifty doctoral-educated professionals who stay in the education circuit that is.

Follow the money

Now, with the failure of educator salaries to remain competitive with industry standards, Frantz said there is little incentive for these well-educated nurses to teach.

"What we're facing is that the master's nurses and these more highly credentialed nurses we're producing are being lured into the private sector, where they can make more money," she said.

A 2007 National League for

Nursing-Carnegie study on nurse educator compensation found striking salary differences between those in faculty positions and those in practicing, professional roles. Those in the field earn \$30,000 more annually than those teaching at the UI — which mirrors the pay problem statewide for nurses, whose average salary places 42 in the nation, even after the cost of living is adjusted.

"If I decided to leave the nursing practice to become an educator, I'd unfortunately have to take a large pay cut," said Anne Gentil-Archer, the president of the UI chapter of the Service Employees International Union, who is also working on her nursing master's degree

at the UI. As a staff nurse for 25 years at the UI Hospitals and Clinics, she said her salary is close to top of pay scale and more than what a new faculty member would earn at around \$50,000.

For hospitals to continue employing well-trained, highly qualified nurses, Gentil-Archer said the places where nurses work and the places where nurses are taught will need to have better collaboration — or face the consequences.

"As a profession, we really need to start making decisions about where we want to be," she said. "And the time is now to decide."

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No taking wind out of Iowa sails

By Lauren Skiba
THE DAILY IOWAN

It only took a gust of air for Iowa to be swept into the No. 1 slot for the largest producer of wind energy per capita in the nation.

Iowa is leading the nation on a percentage basis — the state receives 5.5 percent of its electricity from wind power, according to an April 2 release from the American Wind Energy Association.

"Everyone is afraid of greenhouse gasses," said UI Professor Andrew Kusiak. "We don't pay for the wind."

Wind, unlike ethanol, doesn't generate many of the concerns

that ethanol does, Kusiak said. "It is still out in the open," he said. "While in wind energy, the equation is very clear."

Iowa is also doing well in the manufacturing aspect of this relatively new energy source as well. Wind-turbine manufacturers, such as Clipper, TPI, Siemens, Hendricks, and MidAmerican, are all working in Iowa to send their parts all over the world.

And now there is a new manufacturer to add to the list in the state. Acciona Energy, a leader in renewable energy, has a site in West Branch that opened around four months ago. The facility has produced between 100 and 140 new jobs,

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Kusiak said. "It gives people in West Branch a chance to work inside

their community, and it's been, for the employees, a very exciting ride for them," said West Branch Mayor Sandy Hatfield.

Though the percentage of energy produced in Iowa changes often, around 9 percent of the United States' energy is from Iowa. But Kusiak said the goal is to be 16 percent higher in 20 to 25 years.

"There's no other industry right now that is going to grow by 25 percent," Kusiak said.

Gov. Chet Culver has plans to keep Iowa's wind-energy industry whirling. In the next four years, Culver plans to pump \$100 million into alternative energy, including wind power.

"I've made growing the wind industry in Iowa a top priority for my administration, and our investment is paying off for Iowans with hundreds of green-collar jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars invested in our communities," Culver said in a recent statement.

One megawatt of energy made by the turbines can power 225-300 households annually in the United States, Kusiak said. Each small turbine can produce about 1.5 megawatts, which is approximately 450 households. A large turbine can create 2.5 megawatts, enough to power 700 households. In 2007, the wind industry grew by 45

percent and added \$9 billion to the economy.

Kusiak said there are some very good reasons Iowa is a wind hot spot for energy companies.

"We have fairly good wind," he said. "But we can also manufacture it in one location and send it to neighboring states."

And in West Branch, Hatfield said she believes the new industry will only be a positive.

"It's exciting for us," she said. "We're not just West Branch, because of this business we are part of expansion in the region, state, and even in the country for renewable energy."

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Rape Victim Advocacy Program volunteer Soumya Palreddy and RVAP county coordinator Jill Buchheit carry out the gong at the end of a Silent Witness demonstration on April 12, 2007. Today's demonstration is scheduled for noon on the Pentacrest.

Event to bear silent witness

Rape Victim Advocacy Program and Greek Week to host Silent Witness protest against sexual violence.

By Lauren Sieben
THE DAILY IOWAN

Today, victims of sexual violence and their supporters are fighting back against assault through silence.

The Rape Victim Advocacy Program and Greek Week will host a Silent Witness event at noon today on the Pentacrest. Participants will stand in silence for 15 minutes to honor survivors of sexual assault.

"We are trying to do several things here," RVAP Executive Director Karla Miller said. "One is to say that as a community, we are coming together to show that victims are not alone and also that we as individuals are not alone in facing this overwhelming problem."

This is the second year RVAP has coordinated the Silent Witness event and the first year that Greek Week and the Panhellenic Association have cosponsored the event.

"I know a lot of the sororities and fraternities have been paying very close attention to the assaults on the streets," Miller said. "Several of the individual houses have arranged to give each other rides, make sure that nobody's left behind, that people are watching out for each other, and that's been a powerful action that I think has brought people together."

Among other goals, the group plans to provide information about resources offered by RVAP, said the group's prevention education coordinator, Alondra Canizal. The organization offers medical and legal advocacy for sexual-assault victims, as well as counseling and support groups.

Silent Witness Protest

- Today, noon, Pentacrest.
- Participants stand in silence for 15 minutes to honor survivors of sexual assault.
- The Rape Victim Advocacy Program and Greek Week are sponsoring the event.

The event aims not only to demonstrate solidarity among victims and their supporters, Miller said, it also sends a message to perpetrators of sexual crimes.

"It sends a message to men who would be sexually aggressive or disrespectful that a lot of people are paying attention to this," she said. "Offenders want people separated and not talking to each other and sharing stories because they have to operate in the dark to be able to operate, and to be able to hurt people."

Canizal said that slightly more than 200 people participated in last year's Silent Witness and that projecting the number of participants for this year is difficult.

"I hope it's a whole lot of people," Miller said. "I know it's been announced in the fraternities and sororities, and I know we've done a lot of publicity in the community. I think it's going to be an amazingly powerful event."

Silent Witness is one event that RVAP sponsors during April, which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. RVAP will also sponsor the Clothesline Project on April 23 in the Pentacrest, a visual display of T-shirts designed by victims of violence. The UI Global Health Club will co-sponsor that event.

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Glitches confound census

By Stephen Ohlemacher
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Forget those newfangled cell phones and that high-speed Internet. To conduct the 2010 census, the government is going retro.

It's back to paper and pencil for the door-to-door census-takers.

Years ago, the Census Bureau scrapped plans to use the Internet to help count the nation's 300 million residents. On Thursday, Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez told Congress his department also will shelve plans to use handheld computers to collect information from the millions of Americans who don't return the census forms that come in the mail.

The decision was one of a number of changes that will add as much as \$3 billion to the constitutionally mandated 2010 count, pushing the overall cost to more than \$14 billion.

This was to be the first truly high-tech count in the nation's history. The Census Bureau had awarded a contract to purchase 500,000 of the computers, at a cost of more than \$600 million. The contract is now projected to balloon to \$1.3 billion, even though the bureau will scale back its purchase to only 151,000 computers.

The devices, which look like fancy cell phones, will still be used to verify every residential street address in the country, using global positioning system software.

But workers going door-to-door will not be able to use them to collect information from the residents who didn't return their census forms. About a third of U.S. residents are expected not to return the forms. The Census Bureau plans to hire and train nearly 600,000 temporary workers to do the canvassing.

Gutierrez blamed many of the problems with the handheld computers on "a lack of effective communication with one of our key

'As I have said before, the situation today is unacceptable, and we have been taking steps to address the issues.'

— Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez

contractors."

"As I have said before, the situation today is unacceptable, and we have been taking steps to address the issues," Gutierrez, who oversees the Census Bureau, told a House Appropriations subcommittee.

In fact, interviews, congressional testimony and government reports describe an agency that was unprepared to manage the contract for the handheld computers. Census officials are being blamed for doing a poor job of spelling out technical requirements to the contractor, Florida-based Harris Corp.

At one point, the Census Bureau identified more than 400 new or clarified technical requirements for the computer system, Gutierrez said.

The computers proved too complex for some temporary workers who tried to use them in a test last year in North Carolina. Also the computers were not initially programmed to transmit the large amounts of data necessary.

Gutierrez said the Census Bureau was unaccustomed to working with an outside vendor on such a large contract. For example, he said, the original contract called for paying Harris \$36 million to operate a help desk to assist census-takers who have computer problems. That figure has since jumped to \$217 million.

"It was a bad estimate. I can't think of a better way to say it," Gutierrez said. "Harris gave us the number. We accepted it. It was totally underestimated."

The Harris Corp. issued a statement saying it still

looks forward to playing a large role in the 2010 count.

"The wireless handheld devices are part of a larger, multifaceted process to move from a 'paper culture' to a more 'automated' culture appropriate for the 21st century," the company said. Despite the problems, company officials said they were "encouraged that automation and the adoption of new technology is moving forward, even if in a more narrowly focused fashion."

Harris spokesman Marc Raimondi said the cost of the contract increased as the requirements increased.

"The increased funding is required to cover additional sites, equipment, software and functions added by the bureau to the program in January of this year," Raimondi said in an e-mail. "The handheld devices make up only a portion of the overall automation program."

Rep. Alan Mollohan, chairman of the appropriations subcommittee, said both the Census Bureau and Harris Corp. "contributed to today's crisis." However, the Census

Bureau's failure to address problems with the computers early on has "turned the crisis into the emergency that we now face," the West Virginia Democrat said.

Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, the ranking Republican on the subcommittee, noted that Census Director Steven Murdock was just confirmed by the Senate in December.

"You've inherited one hell of a mess," Frelinghuysen said to Murdock as Thursday's hearing began. "Good luck to you."

The 2010 census was already on pace to be the most expensive ever. Officials now are scrambling add money while trying to ensure the count produces reliable population numbers — figures that will be used to apportion seats in Congress and divvy up more than \$300 billion a year in federal and state funding.

The success or failure of the census could have widespread repercussions. The Constitution has required a census every 10 years since the first one in 1790. It is used to apportion the 435 seats in the House of Representatives among the states. And states and many cities use census data to draw legislative districts.

Population numbers are used to calculate billions in state and federal grants for transportation, education and other programs. Private businesses use census data to identify labor and consumer markets.

Cul-de-sacs draw frowns

Iowa City Planning and Zoning Commission proposes new subdivision standards.

By Lauren Sieben
THE DAILY IOWAN

For Iowa City's streets, new cul-de-sacs could be a thing of the past.

In a Thursday night meeting, Iowa City Planning and Zoning Commission member Karen Howard presented proposals on updating the city's land use and transportation, environmental protection, parks and open space, and public safety.

Howard emphasized the importance of an interconnected street system, and said that the city's current street standards have "basically no effect whatsoever" on keeping the streets in a grid pattern. She cited benefits of interconnected streets including more connected and logical street patterns and encouragement of walking and biking.

The commission also proposed that the city discourage cul-de-sacs in an effort to develop an interconnected street system. Howard said that limited entry to cul-de-sacs is also risky for residents in the event of an emergency.

The commission proposed an increased sidewalk width standard from 4 feet to 5 feet on some larger residential streets, and sidewalk widths of 5 feet on one side and 8 feet on the other for big commercial streets.

Howard also presented proposal to increase the number of trees on the sides of streets, which would also require more space than current city standards require.

"When you want the large trees, you really need eight to 10 feet for those trees to be successful over time," Howard said.

After Howard finished, the floor opened to the public to suggest changes to the proposal.

Iowa City resident (and former city councilor) Bob Elliott commended the commission for its interconnected-street-system proposal but asked the members not to submit any proposal to narrow the streets. In his neighborhood, he said, there is not enough room on the streets for two cars to drive past each other at the same time.

"To me, that's embarrassing, when a car has to stop to let another vehicle or automobile go by," Elliott said.

The commission will use the comments provided by the public to develop a decision matrix that it will use in revising its proposals. The City Council will not make a final decision regarding the commission's proposals until either April 17 or May 1.

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Al-Maliki talks tough

By Robert H. Reid
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BAGHDAD — Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki pledged Thursday to expand his crack-down on Shiite militias to Baghdad, despite a mixed to poor performance so far against militants in the southern city of Basra.

The U.S. ambassador, meanwhile, said that despite a “boat-load” of problems with the Basra operation, he was encouraged that the Shiite-led government was finally confronting extremists regardless of their religious affiliation.

Iraqi forces launched a major operation March 25 to rid Basra of Shiite militias and criminal gangs that had effectively ruled the city of 2 million people since 2005. But the offensive stalled in the face of fierce resistance from the militiamen and an uprising across the Shiite south spearheaded by the Mahdi Army of cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Fighting eased Sunday when al-Sadr ordered his fighters to stand down under a deal brokered in Iran.

Nevertheless, al-Maliki, himself a Shiite, insisted that the campaign to reclaim Basra was on track and that he would soon go after “criminal gangs” in Baghdad and elsewhere.

Al-Maliki specified two Baghdad neighborhoods — Sadr City and Shula — where the Mahdi militia holds sway and where U.S. and Iraqi forces have clashed with militants in recent days.

Both areas remain under a vehicle ban imposed last week throughout Baghdad but which has been lifted elsewhere in the capital.

“We cannot remain silent about our people and families in Sadr City, Shula, and other areas ... while they are held hostage by gangs that control



Nabil al-Jurani/Associated Press

Iraqis grieve by the rubble of a destroyed house in Basra, Iraq, on Thursday. A U.S. air strike destroyed a house in the southern city of Basra, killing a militant, the U.S. military said Thursday. Iraqi witnesses and hospital officials said at least three civilians were among the dead.

them,” al-Maliki said. “We must liberate [them] because we came into office to serve them.”

It was unclear whether any new operation was imminent, but residents of Sadr City and other Shiite areas of the capital said many people began stocking up on food and water after al-Maliki’s remarks.

Al-Maliki also said the government would spend \$100 million to improve public services in Basra and create 25,000 jobs there — moves aimed at weaning away support for the militias as security forces revamp their tactics to combat the extremists.

Last week’s offensive in Basra resulted in a dramatic spike in violence — including rocket and mortar attacks on

the U.S.-controlled Green Zone in Baghdad.

The violence erupted as the two top American officials in Iraq were preparing to brief Congress on prospects for further U.S. troop cuts.

U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker, who will appear before Congress on April 8 with top commander Gen. David Petraeus, said he was surprised at the way the Basra campaign unfolded.

“I had the understanding that this was going to be an effort to get down, show they were serious with additional forces, put the squeeze on, develop a full picture of conditions, and then act accordingly,” he told reporters Thursday. “I was not expecting, frankly, a major bat-

tle from Day One.”

Still, Crocker said he was encouraged that the Iraqi government was willing to take on Shiite militias, some of which maintain close ties to major political parties in the national leadership.

STATE

Culver calls for keeping kids in school

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Chet Culver pressed lawmakers Thursday to support a measure raising Iowa’s compulsory school-attendance age to 18 despite concerns that the proposal might be costly and lead to more disruptive students.

Culver said increasing the compulsory attendance age from 16 to 18 was necessary a time when Iowa’s economy was

demanding a better-educated workforce.

“The higher we set the bar for young people, the higher we will get them to reach,” said Culver.

Although the issue has been debated for years, Culver said it was time to make the change.

“This is a new 21st century, global economy,” he said.

Some have worried, however, that raising the compulsory age would increase costs for school districts and lead to more disruptions as teenagers who want to quit are instead forced to remain in class.

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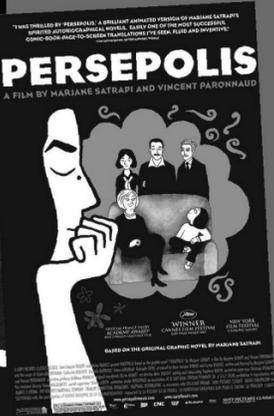
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Mugabe foes' offices raided

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Intruders ransacked offices of the main opposition party, and police detained foreign journalists Thursday in an ominous sign that President Robert Mugabe might turn to intimidation and violence in trying to stave off an electoral threat to his 28-year rule.

Earlier, Mugabe apparently launched his campaign for an expected run-off presidential ballot even before the official results of Saturday's election were announced, with state media portraying the opposition as divided and controlled by former colonial ruler Britain.

Five days after the vote, the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission still had not released results on presidential election despite increasing international pressure, including from former U.N. chief Kofi Annan, who recently mediated an end to Kenya's postelection violence.

The opposition Movement for Democratic Change already asserted its leader, Morgan Tsvangirai, won the presidency outright, but said it was prepared to compete in any run-off.

The police raids came a day after official results showed Mugabe's party had lost control of Parliament's 210-member lower house. The election commission was slow on the 60 elected seats in the Senate, releasing the first returns late Thursday that gave five seats each to the opposition and ruling party.



Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe (second left) meets with the head of the African Union Observer Mission, former Sierra Leone President Ahmed Tejah Kabbah (left), and other unidentified Observer Mission members at Zimbabwe House in Harare on Thursday.

Associated Press

Obama outraises Rodham Clinton 2-1

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama raked in \$40 million in March, leaving Hillary Rodham Clinton and her \$20 million in the fundraising dust and stuffing his campaign treasury so he can outspend her in the crucial Pennsylvania primary.

His haul in new donations also buttressed his argument to Democratic superdelegates that he has built a vast network of donors and volunteers that they wouldn't want to lose by denying him the nomination.

Obama has attracted nearly 1.3 million donors, largely through the Internet.

He has raised \$131 million in just the first three months of this year to \$70 million for Rodham Clinton. Republican John McCain's campaign has not revealed his March fundraising, but he has been far behind the Democrats, raising less than \$23 million in January and February combined.

Obama's campaign manager, David Plouffe, claimed a double benefit from the Illinois senator's fundraising. "Many of our contributors are volunteering for the campaign, making our campaign the largest grass-roots army in recent political history," he said.

NATO gives Bush support on missile shield

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — NATO allies gave President Bush strong support Thursday for a missile defense system in Europe and urged Moscow to drop its angry opposition to the program. The unanimous decision strengthened Bush's hand for weekend talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said it was "a breakthrough document on missile defense for the alliance." At Bush's first NATO summit in 2001, "perhaps only two allies gave even lukewarm support for the notion of missile defense," Rice said.

This was Bush's final meeting with members of the 26-nation alliance, and White House officials described it as a day of freewheeling talks in which leaders and their foreign ministers got off script and gathered in crowds to debate the wording of a statement. "It doesn't happen in NATO meetings a lot," said Bush's national security adviser, Stephen Hadley.

He said a group of leaders — "men in suits" — gathered around German Chancellor Angela Merkel to talk about putting former Soviet republics Ukraine and Georgia on a path toward NATO membership, a step she opposes. Moscow heatedly opposes any further eastward expansion of the alliance.

Summit leaders refused to grant the two countries a membership plan now, but said they would look at the issue again in December and they empowered their foreign ministers to decide it. The Balkan nations of Albania and

Croatia were invited to join the alliance. Macedonia was turned aside at the insistence of Greece, which says the country's name implies a territorial claim to a northern region of Greece, also called Macedonia.

Carter hints that he'd support Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Carter wouldn't quite say it, but he left little doubt this week about who he'd like to see in the White House next year. Speaking to local reporters Wednesday on a trip to Nigeria, the former Democratic president noted that Barack Obama had won his home state of Georgia and his hometown of Plains.

"My children and their spouses are pro-Obama. My grandchildren are also pro-Obama," he said at a news conference, according to the Nigerian newspaper *This Day*. "As a superdelegate, I would not disclose who I am rooting for, but I leave you to make that guess."

Carter's spokeswoman confirmed the remarks.

Asked about the comments, Hillary Rodham Clinton's communications

director, Howard Wolfson, said: "Both Sen. Rodham Clinton and President Clinton have a great deal of respect for President Carter and have enjoyed their relationship with him over the years. And, obviously, he is free to make whatever decision he thinks is appropriate."

Asked if there was concern that Carter would be regarded as particularly influential, Wolfson said Carter is "clearly a distinguished former leader of our party and is a superdelegate. And I'm sure that people will be interested in the choice that he makes. But no, nothing beyond that."

States facing budget trouble consider releasing inmates early to save millions

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Lawmakers from California to

Kentucky are trying to save money with a drastic and potentially dangerous budget-cutting proposal: releasing tens of thousands of convicts from prison, including drug addicts, thieves, and even violent criminals.

Officials acknowledge that the idea carries risks, but they say they have no choice because of huge budget gaps brought on by the slumping economy.

"If we don't find a way to better manage the population at the state prison, we will be forced to spend money to expand the state's prison system — money we don't have," said Jeff Neal, a spokesman for Rhode Island Gov. Don Carcieri.

At least eight states are considering freeing inmates or sending some convicts to rehabilitation programs instead of prison, according to an Associated Press

analysis of legislative proposals. If adopted, the early release programs could save an estimated \$450 million in California and Kentucky alone.

A Rhode Island proposal would allow inmates to deduct up to 12 days from their sentence for every month they follow rules and work in prison. Even some violent offenders would be eligible but not those serving life sentences.

New evidence puts humans in North America 14,000 years ago

WASHINGTON (AP) — New evidence shows humans lived in North America more than 14,000 years ago, 1,000 years earlier than had previously been known. Discovered

in a cave in Oregon, fossil feces yielded DNA indicating these early residents were related to people living in Siberia and East Asia, according to a report in Thursday's online edition of the journal *Science*.

"This is the first time we have been able to get dates that are undeniably human, and they are 1,000 years before Clovis," said Dennis Jenkins, a University of Oregon archaeologist, referring to the Clovis culture, well known for its unique spear-points that have been studied previously.

Humans are widely believed to have arrived in North America from Asia over a land-bridge between Alaska and Siberia during a warmer period. A variety of dates has been proposed and some are in dispute.

Few artifacts were found in the cave, leading Jenkins to speculate that these people stayed there only a few days at a time before moving on, perhaps following game animals or looking for other food.

The petrified poop — coprolites to scientists — is yielding a look at the diet of these ancient Americans, Jenkins said.

More teens can do writing basics

WASHINGTON (AP) — More and more middle- and high-school students understand the basics of writing, but there's been no increase in the ranks of top-performing teenage writers.

The federal government released the scores Thursday of writing tests given to eighth- and 12th-graders nationwide last year. Students had to demonstrate narrative, informative and persuasive writing skills.

As in the past, girls did much better than boys at both grade levels. Eighth-grade English teacher Amanda Avallone, a member of the board that administers the national test, said the gap "troubles and mystifies" her.

"Nothing in my experience tells me that boys can't write," said Avallone, of Boulder, Colo. She said expectations appear to be lower for boys when it comes to writing.

Overall, eighth-grade scores rose modestly from the last time the test, known as the Nation's Report Card, was given in 2002.

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Southwest whistleblowers report intimidation

By Dan Caterinicchia
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WASHINGTON — The whistleblowers who exposed maintenance and inspection problems at Southwest Airlines told Congress their jobs were threatened and their reports of noncompliance were ignored for years.

Federal Aviation Administration inspector Douglas Peters choked up Thursday at a House hearing and needed a few sips of water to tell lawmakers about how a former manager came into his office, commented on pictures of Peters' family being most important, and then said his job could be jeopardized by his actions.

Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., said FAA managers' actions displayed "malfeasance bordering on corruption," adding that if presented to a grand jury, the evidence would result in an indictment.

The FAA last month took the rare step of ordering the audit of maintenance records at all domestic carriers following reports of missed safety inspections at Dallas-based Southwest. The airline was hit with a record \$10.2 million fine for continuing to fly dozens of Boeing 737s, which carried an estimated 145,000 passengers, that hadn't been inspected for cracks in their fuselages. Southwest has said it will appeal the penalty.

Both FAA whistleblowers — Charalambe Boutris and Peters — said the agency views the airlines as its "customers" instead of companies to be regulated. They said the FAA's chief maintenance inspector at the time, Douglas Gawadzinski, knowingly



Charalambe Boutris (left) an aviation safety inspector with Southwest Airlines testifies on Capitol Hill on Thursday before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hearing on FAA safety oversight of airlines.

Lawrence Jackson/Associated Press

allowed Southwest to keep planes flying that put passengers at risk, and that another inspector knew of the problem and did nothing.

Transportation Department Inspector General Calvin Scovel III echoed concerns about the FAA's inspection office responsible for Southwest Airlines, testifying that it had "developed an overly collaborative relationship" with the carrier.

"FAA's oversight in this case appears to allow, rather than mitigate, recurring safety violations," Scovel said.

His office found that the

agency fails to protect employees who report safety issues and doesn't adequately respond to problems when they are identified. He recommended immediate action be taken to fix the air carrier oversight programs.

Herb Kelleher, Southwest's founder and executive chairman, apologized for allowing planes to fly that should not have. "Our people made engineering judgments they were not entitled to make," he said, adding that passenger safety was never compromised.

Southwest Chief Executive Gary Kelly said the airline

increased the number, scope and frequency of audits and implemented more stringent requirements of maintenance plan changes after the problems were discovered. The airline will take further action after independent investigators, the FAA and Southwest staff finish their reviews, he said.

When FAA inspectors blew the whistle in March 2007, Gawadzinski was their superior. He's still employed by the FAA, but has no responsibility for safety decisions, said Nicholas Sabatini, the agency's associate administrator for aviation safety.

Killings rattle Madison

By Ryan J. Foley
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADISON, Wis. — Three unsolved killings in less than a year share at least one thread: They've spread fear among college students and downtown residents in Wisconsin's normally laid-back capital.

A college student vanished in June after a night of barhopping; her body was found in the woods days later. In January, a 31-year-old man was stabbed to death with a paring knife in his home near the University of Wisconsin-Madison in what police called an apparently random act.

And a few blocks away, police on Wednesday found the body of Wisconsin-Madison junior Brittany Sue Zimmermann in the apartment she shared with a boyfriend. Police aren't saying how she died, only that she was the victim of a homicide.

They say it's too early to tell whether the three cases are linked. That's little comfort to wary residents.

"I'm extra scared because of the little bit of information that's been released," said Christian Cafilisch, 23, a recent Wisconsin-Madison graduate who lives less than a block from Zimmermann's apartment. "They are basically telling us, 'A killer is out there. Be safe.' It's a bit disconcerting."

Madison police on Thursday continued looking for evidence in the neighborhood — a mix of large old houses packed with students and new condominiums popular with upscale residents. Several officers remained in front of Zimmermann's green apartment, interviewing neighbors and passers-by.

Lori Berquam, Wisconsin-Madison dean of students, called Zimmermann's death "extremely unsettling." She described Zimmermann, who studied medical microbiology and immunology, as a dedicated student and employee of the registrar's office who had planned to attend medical school.

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Missouri seeks to kids' 'cage fighting'

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP) — Legislators are seeking to ban mixed martial-arts competitions — sometimes called "cage fighting" — among children in Missouri, which appears to be the only state where youth matches are allowed.

The sport is a blend of martial-arts styles made popular by cable television's "Ultimate Fighting Championship." Republican state Reps. Bryan Stevenson of Webb City and Steve Hunter of Joplin introduced the measure Monday, days after an Associated Press report about the practice.

"I think it borders on child abuse. I just don't think it's appropriate behavior at all," said Stevenson, adding that he has never attended a youth fight but has seen video clips.

A trainer in mixed martial arts who is trying to organize a national youth league warned that bans will just drive an increasingly popular sport underground.

Nathan Orand, the owner of a fighting studio in Tulsa, Okla., whose young students have fought in Missouri, also defended the kids'

version as having safety rules and protective gear that make it no more dangerous than more established children's sports such as wrestling.

Stevenson said he believes mixed martial arts is brutal and more dangerous for kids than other sports. He also said he was already alarmed by reports of youth competitions in southwest Missouri before the AP report.

Missouri law allows sanctioning bodies to permit youth fights. It is a misdemeanor in many states for children to participate, while a few states have no regulations.

Stevenson said doctors told him maneuvers used in mixed martial arts can cause permanent damage in children by putting pressure on still-developing joints.

Orand said his startup youth league, called Freestyle Combat League, is adding new safety rules on top of ones already in place to make sure joints and bones aren't damaged.

Youth mixed martial arts, as Orand teaches it in Tulsa, requires padded head gear, shin guards, groin protectors, and gloves. It also bars elbows and any strikes to the head of an opponent who is on the ground.

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Editorial

Do not go gentle through that 'don't walk' sign

Springtime is here, even if the weather isn't ready to oblige just yet. As temperatures rise, so, too, will the number of bicyclists on city streets. Iowa City residents, UI students, and even a handful of professors are tuning up their Schwinn's and taking to the road. You may recognize them peddling along while speeding by in your cars. Biking to campus is a popular mode of transportation for many, but local roadways and sidewalks are hardly accommodating for riders. At the end of March, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reported that more than two dozen bicyclists took to the streets there in an event dubbed Bike Lane Friday. Its intent was to occupy an entire road lane to show motorists that bicycles are a legitimate form of transportation.

According to the Iowa City code, bicyclists here are forbidden from riding on sidewalks in the "central downtown business district." This provision is appropriate because of pedestrian congestion on downtown sidewalks when university classes are in session. Unfortunately for riders, pedestrians — particularly of the student variety — aren't so cooperative when taking to the roads. The laws against jaywalking are mostly treated as an afterthought in this town: Wait for the cars to pass, and go along your merry way. For bicyclists, who are required to obey traffic laws similar to those for motor vehicles, rows of wandering students crossing

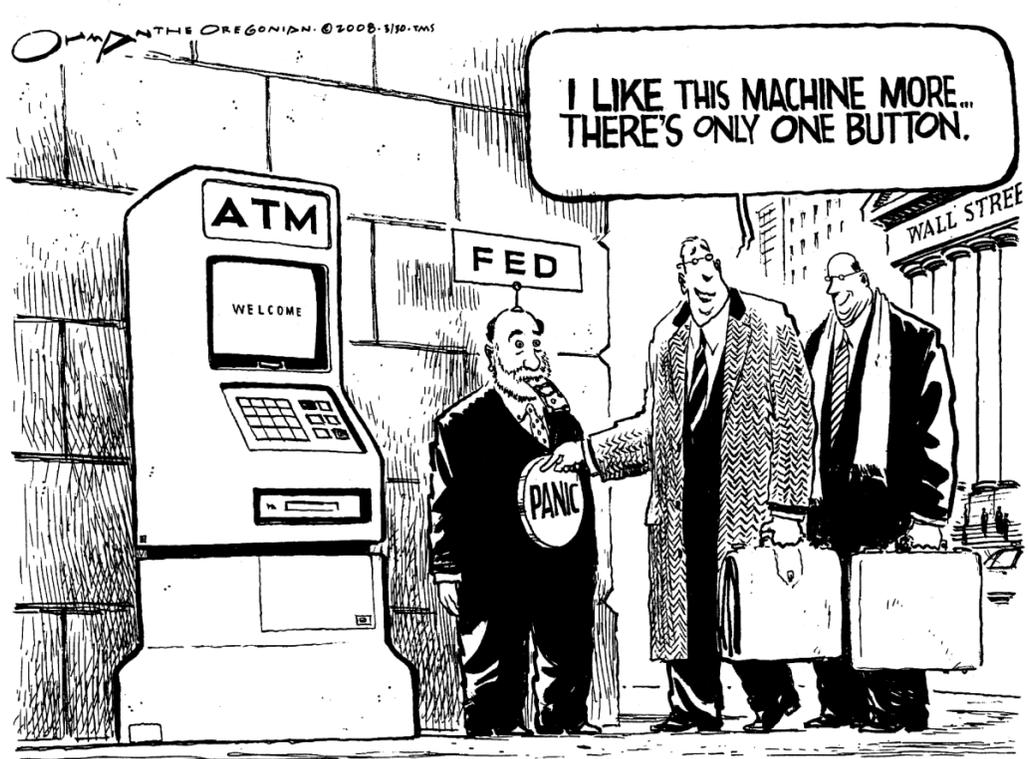
streets illegally poses an unnecessary danger to riders.

Kent Ralston, the assistant transportation planner for Iowa City, said downtown Iowa City once had bicycle lanes, but they were removed because of some safety concerns. Because there are no designated bicycle lanes downtown, however, riders are forced to share the road with aggressive drivers who often show contempt for slow-moving bicyclists. It's not uncommon to see cars swerve around cyclists and come dangerously close to causing an accident that would certainly do more damage to the bike than the driver's SUV. Cyclists must, unfortunately, make a choice between riding on impassible downtown sidewalks — legal issues aside — or streets where drivers make few attempts to accommodate them.

Iowa City is in dire need of cooperation among motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. Until local residents, no matter which method of travel they choose, show a better respect and understanding for city laws regarding transportation, these unnecessary issues will continue to arise. There's no reason bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians can't share our sidewalks and streets without outbursts of anger. Until then, however, motorists and pedestrians take note: Watch out for that bike!

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Guest Opinion

THE THEFT OF PEACE

March 19 marked the five-year anniversary of the Iraq war, and last week, we witnessed the 4,000th death of a U.S. soldier in combat. More than 65,000 troops have been physically injured or infected with disease since the invasion, and more than 100,000 have been diagnosed with mental illnesses. Deaths of Iraqi civilians are harder to quantify, but most recent estimates claim that more than 655,000 people have died. Beyond these obvious and direct effects on the lives of Iraqi citizens, U.S. soldiers, and their families are the hidden costs of this war due to diversions of resources.

Spending on the Iraq war has reached more than \$500 billion, and it is projected to surpass \$3 trillion. According to the National Priorities Project, Iowa City taxpayers have already paid more than \$74.5 million for the Iraq war. This is money that could have been spent here, in our county, to improve our schools, health-care system, and economy. With this \$74.5 million, Johnson County could have paid for 1,669 schoolteachers, 1,782 more public-safety officers, or 12,150 Pell grants for college students. Instead, our money is used to pay for tanks, bombers, and the rehabilitation of those this war has destroyed.

A recent Associated Press poll reveals that most Americans believe that the best way to stimulate the economy and avoid recession is to remove our troops from Iraq. The money that the United States is borrowing for the war, a whopping \$343 million every day, is only sinking us further and further into economic despair and pushing the burden of the war onto the next generation — ours.

The economy suffers from the absence of thousands of healthy, young men and women — both those serving in the armed forces and those who have died. This is most evident when crises such as Hurricane Katrina hit — 425,000 members of the National Guard and Reservists have already been deployed to

Iraq or Afghanistan. As a result, there were simply not enough troops or equipment to properly respond to this crisis — they were all tied up thousands of miles from home. Not only are these Guardsmen and -women unable to respond to domestic emergencies, they are not here to do their regular work, either. Many Guard troops and reservists hold jobs as police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical responders. Communities that have to function without these key public-service workers feel the sting of their absence every day.

As body armor and helmets become stronger and more effective, more soldiers are surviving enemy gunfire and the strong blasts of bomb and rocket attacks. While their lives are saved, these men and women often suffer serious injuries that affect them for the rest of their lives. The "trademark" injury of this war is traumatic brain injury. This kind of wound often leads to permanent brain damage and can affect a soldier's motor skills, personality, memory, and cognition. A common condition of returned soldiers is posttraumatic-stress syndrome. It is estimated that 1 in 8 soldiers return home from Iraq with that syndrome, a disorder characterized by flashbacks, nightmares, trouble concentrating, and insomnia. The injuries that plague returning troops, whether physical or psychological, affect their ability to reintegrate into their old lives and contribute to society.

In this time of war, the famous words of President Dwight D. Eisenhower ring truer than ever: "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed."

Mariei Bryden
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On the Spot

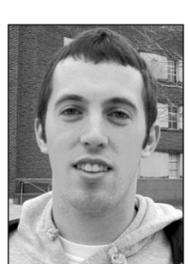
Which mode of transportation do you use to get to class?



"Cambus. I live in the dorms."
Jordan O'Brion
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"I walk."
Josh Heyer
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"Walking."
Jack Mailander
UI sophomore



"I walk."
Staci Klonglan
UI senior

Please (don't) leave a message

They say revenge is a dish best served cold, but what's the recipe for dishing out rejection?

I've been intimately acquainted with rejection lately and pondered this way too much. Last month I sent my résumé to 20 potential employers. I had a few interviews, but most of them simply didn't respond. Today, I got my first rejection letter via U.S. Mail. It reads: "... We reviewed your application and were impressed with your skills and background. We are grateful that you took the time to apply. Unfortunately, we will be unable to consider your candidacy further because of the abundance of applications that we received."

"Thank you again for your interest, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors."

I wasn't really bothered by my poor return rate until the letter came. To the establishment's credit, it is a formal letter with an actual signature from the vice president. I appreciate the effort; I understand she had an "abundance" of them to sign. But there's something very annoying about the whole thing. I think it's the ambiguity: Does "abundance of applications" imply, "With this many applications, we obviously found someone better than you," or did it receive so many applications it didn't have time to consider mine? If it's the latter, I appreciate the official taking the time to glance long enough to be impressed.

It's not about the letter or the job; rejection just really sucks. Whether it's done via U.S. Mail, in person, or on a post-it, it's never easy to accept that you put yourself out there for someone to say, "Pass."

It happens; and the truth is, if I had an "abundance" of job offers, they wouldn't be my first choice. But that doesn't matter. Compatibility and logic are washed away by the misery of not being the first to say, "No thanks." In the job search, just as in relationships, it's all about how you dish out the dismissal. My rejection letter is the professional equivalent to the easy lockdown. They went with the compassionate break-off: "It's not you, it's Me. rather than the truth: "We found someone we like better."

There is no good way to tell someone you're not interested. After a bad blind date, a friend recently asked for advice. The date was clearly into my friend more than my friend was into the date. He wanted to know how to get rid of the latch. My guidance was solid: "Don't call him back." A girlfriend frowned at me as if I had hurt her feelings just by the suggestion. Her advice was, "Be honest."

That's terrible advice. If he were honest, he'd tell the guy, "You're 50 pounds heavier than your profile photo, you're boring, I'm not attracted to you, and we have nothing in common." Her version of honesty condensed it to the "We have nothing in common" part.

I think it's all crap. How do you prefer to be rejected? Personally, I'm happy with no response at all. I don't want an excuse or a list of my faults, just don't call me back. Then, in the future when I want to hook up with one of your friends, I can say "It just didn't work out. I didn't call him, he didn't call me — it was mutual."

Whomever the object of unrequited love, I guarantee they have friends who are way hotter. Take comfort in this fact.

Same goes for the job search. Most places I applied to didn't respond at all. No e-mail, no phone call, no letter from a VP. I appreciate that. Now I can tell myself they never received my application; they hired the boss's wife instead; they went to Iowa State and don't recognize quality ... I'm perfectly happy with my no-call-back rejections. I've already assured myself there's nothing wrong with me. I don't need it in print.

It may seem cruel to those who wait by the phone, but trust me; No-Call-Back is as good as it gets. It's the ultimate pride-saver. No explanations, no lies, no criticism; you just move on. It's the kindest form of rejection.

My rejection letter was depressing, but it wasn't the worst thing imaginable. When your partner sends a text message to your buddy and asks him, "How did I wake up next to this guy and not you?" ... Then you will know the cruelest form of rejection. ■

We're still waiting to hear more about these hotter people that DI columnist **Kathleen Watson** makes reference to. You can e-mail her at: kathleen-watson@uiowa.edu if you, too, are curious

More Mission Creek coverage!
GO to dailyiowan.com for extended coverage and interactive graphic with band profiles, schedules, and maps to the show. Also, check dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com throughout the weekend. We'll be bringing you updates and reviews of the shows.

Arts & Culture

Missionaries of the music

TODAY 4.4

Today is the Day, with **Lair of the Minotaur**, **Mouth of the Architect**, **Complete Failure**
When: 5 p.m.
Where: Picador, 330 E. Washington
Admission: \$10

The Mayflies, with **Kelly Pardekooper**, **Sarah Cram** and **the Derelicts**, **Shame Train**
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Picador
Admission: \$6

The Gglitch, with **Master/Slave**, **Mannix!**
When: 10 p.m.
Where: Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
Admission: \$6

Cursive, with **Capgun Coup**, **the Blacks**, **the Poison Control Center**
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Mill, 121 E. Burlington St.
Admission: \$15

WRITING FILM, WRITING CURSIVE

By **Jarrett Hothan**
THE DAILY IOWAN

It's an idea that would strike fear in the hearts of any music fan: Tim Kasher has gone Hollywood. The Cursive frontman relocated from Omaha to Los Angeles, yet don't count on seeing the oft-bearded, always reflective, sometimes maniacal songwriter rubbing elbows with the LA party-going celebrity elite anytime soon. It's hard enough to just get out of the driveway.

"I love the energy of big cities, but the traffic is just disgusting," he said. "If I have to go somewhere at 4 in the afternoon, it's a death sentence."

Kasher is back in the Midwest, reuniting with his signature band, Cursive, for a spring tour after last year's outing with his other project, the Good Life.



Publicity photo

Cursive will play at the Mill today at 7 p.m.

Cursive will play tonight at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., headlining one of the Mission Creek Festival's most sought-after shows.

One of Kasher's recent projects isn't related to his bands at all — it is, instead, an exploration

into the realm of screenwriting. He penned the script *Help Wanted Nights*, which ultimately inspired the creation of last year's album of the same name by the Good Life.

"It's always something I've been interested in. It's a pursuit I've wanted to be involved with since I was young," Kasher said. "Music was just something more accessible at the time, something stable to start with. I'm psyched now that I finally have the time to do both."

As a songwriter, he is able to evoke a broad emotive spectrum in the ears of listeners. However, toying with the medium of film brings new opportunities to define his art.

"One aspect of film, why I prefer that form of storytelling, is that it's both visual and audio," Kasher said. "You don't have to abandon the musical side of it

either. I recognize music and film as similar projects, yet I see making an album as, maybe, 12 small stories, while a film can be one big chunk."

You can't blame him for picking up a new pursuit to relax with after the whirlwind Cursive experienced after the release of *Happy Hollow* in 2006. The record generated raves from everyone from *Entertainment Weekly* to *Rolling Stone*, closing the door forever on people's disillusioned idea that the band was still their best-kept secret.

"It's impressive that we're still hanging in there. It's so easy to fold in the music field," Kasher said. "If you told me when I was starting out that I would have made six records with one band, I would have said, 'What's the point?'"

For *Happy Hollow*, the lyrical

subject matter shifted from the usual self-reflection and introspection to empathetic, cynical, sarcastic, storytelling tales of a fictional small American town and its residents. Writing from an outsider's prospective proved an interesting changeup for the band, Kasher said. "It was a good writing challenge. We did a ton of rewrites. I thought it was really important to branch out."

One of tonight's opening acts, fellow Nebraskans Capgun Coup, is a burgeoning band that Kasher cites not only as peers but as continued inspiration.

"I definitely feel influenced by it, [but] I feel those lines go both ways," he said. "It really reminds me of what we were like, the spirit of it all, when we were starting."

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TODAY IS THE DAY



Genre: Metal/Noise Rock
From: Nashville

Ever since its conception in 1992, Today is the Day has been one of the foremost leaders in pushing the creative envelope of heavy metal, an accomplishment, considering how stubborn some purists are about seeing the genre evolve. Whether it's combining elements of noise rock, subtle hints of obscure indie-rock legends Slint, or releasing 2½-hour albums, founder Steve Austin and his rotating lineup have never been shy to think outside of the box.

Even with such originality considered, the band's music is still brutal and uncompromising in nature. Today is the Day runs the gamut from thrash metal to brooding and monolithic riffs — a body of work serving as Austin's ode to the music he loves.



Genre: Rock and Bluegrass
From: Iowa City

The Mayflies has been pushing the outer limits of bluegrass in the greater Midwest region since 2001. The band's shows are rife with hot

banjo pickin', stellar three-part vocal harmonies, funky drums and bass, and blustery psychedelic electric guitar work. The concerts range from wildly energetic to beautiful and introspective.

"Having performed together for seven years, we have a large body of material, and often play three sets of 50 minutes each," said vocalist/guitarist Stacy Webster. "A typical night for us is 80 percent original music, 20 percent covers, but we can tailor our sets for the venue, and play popular music from many genres"

With its most recent album, *Jerusalem Ridge*, the Mayflies pays tribute to the bluegrass greats who preceded it. Amid a city of strummin' masters of grass, the Mayflies members hold their own against Iowa City contemporaries Burlington Street Bluegrass and the Fenders.

THE GGLITCH



Genre: Psychedelic and experimental
From: Iowa City

An Iowa State-turned-UI classic, the Gglitch is an accordion-flaunting and humility-laden "five/seven" piece entourage. Renowned for his live musicianship, Brian Cretzmeyer's kooky vocals and Byron Steven's hard double-bass provide an experience, as opposed to a mere song. Otar Taktakishvili's guitar solos, sporting hints of a Spanish-y jam band, lace perfect articulation

with the occasional swelling bend. The final product: a sound as odd, yet as satisfying as the name.



Genre: Folk-Rock/Punk
From: Omaha

Iowa City concert-goers may remember Capgun Coup from the show at the IMU last year as the opening act for fellow Nebraska-based act Bright Eyes. The foundation of what would become Capgun Coup was put in place in 2005 when

Greg Elsasser and Sam Martin started playing music with one another, both sharing an appreciation for musical avant-garde. Eventually, the duo recruited a rhythm section, and the outfit was born.

The group released debut album *Brought to You By Nebraskafish* in 2007, a ramshackle celebration of the few scant years together as songwriters. The band hops from genre to genre, swinging through elements of punk, folk and R&B, along with mixing in a heavy dose of the members' irreverent sense of humor.

"It was more of a byproduct of the members of the band and recording at different places over a long amount of time," said drummer Eric Ohlsson. "It was like trying to make Three Zords into a Mega-Zord. Go Go Power Rangers!"

SATURDAY 4.5

Reading, with **Ben Marcus**, **Robin Hemley**, **Andre Perry**, **Mark Leidner**
When: 2 p.m.
Where: Mill
Admission: \$5

Bon Iver, with **Sam Locke-Ward**, **Mit'n**, **Caleb Engstrom**
When: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Black Box Theater, IMU
Admission: \$8

Dan Deacon, with **Baby Teeth**, **Porno Galactica vs. ZAP!**, **Rowdower**, **Foul Tip**
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Picador
Admission: \$12

Dennis McMurrin and the Demolition Band, with **Highway Shelter**
When: 9 p.m.
Where: Yacht Club
Admission: \$6

THE PHILOSOPHY OF REALLY WEIRD

By **Ann Colwell**
THE DAILY IOWAN

Eccentric, bizarre, wacky, quirky, Dan Deacon. A musician by any other name would be just as crazy, and no other musician wears his quirky so well.

Let's examine exhibit A: A typical Dan Deacon show. The Mission Creek Midwest headliner normally shows up wearing thick-rimmed glasses coated in layers of multicolored electrical tape. Deacon usually appears donning bright socks with his scrubby New Balance sneakers, ratty pastel shorts, and fitted T-shirts covered in designs of tropical birds,



Publicity photo

Dan Deacon will play at the Picador at 8 p.m.

Fred Flintstone, or giant piliated fish.

"I think I'm kind of eccentric," the electronic musician said. "I think I've always been drawn to things a bit bizarre or nontraditional. I think maybe that's just an extension of that philosophy of weird."

The Baltimore native has a number of set gimmicks — sassy dance contests, full blackouts, and (perhaps most famous) a light-up neon green skull on a stick, which floats above Deacon's electronic board and roams around the crowd at his shows. As evidenced by his tour with Girl Talk, which dance-ably shredded the Picador last October, Deacon's shows are a famously raging good time.

And although he's not Trent Reznor or Radiohead, Deacon jumped straight into the mindset of free music for all — not one to take the traditional route of trying to suppress the spread of his own work. After Googling his

name and realizing that most of his music was already on the Internet for free, he put all of his MP3s up for grabs on his website.

"I just thought it was stupid to put up this charade that people can't find my music," he said. "I thought, I should just give it away for free. It doesn't make sense not to. The digital revolution has really changed the way people value and look at information as a tangible object or idea. It's much less of a physical commodity and much more of an idea."

And think about it. How much of the music in your iTunes have you actually paid for? With flash drives,

e-mail, and a huge infrastructure of music blogs and message boards, Deacon said, musicians are only fooling themselves if they think they can avoid it. As a 26-year-old musician, he sees the scope of his decade-long music career as the main focus of his life and one that he plans to fully embrace, for lack of a sane alternative.

"I definitely think I'll be involved in this art in some capacity for the rest of my days," he said, yawning. "Either that, or I'll just become a nutcase sage or some apocalyptic seeker."

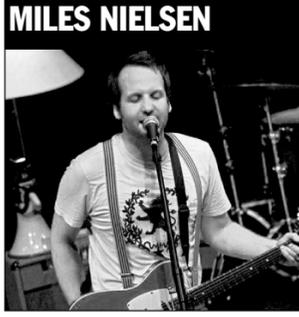
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BON IVER



Genre: Acoustic folk
From: Northwestern Wisconsin
Hibernation has never sounded this good. Justin Vernon, using the meaningful pen name Bon Iver (sort of French for "good winter"), took to a secluded cabin following the breakup of his former band and came out with the album *Indie Muse*, called the best independent release of last year. *For Emma, Forever Ago*. Bon Iver sounds similar to fellow

singer-songwriter Iron and Wine, yes, but also sounds like the season he takes his name from — quiet and contemplative like snowfall, but as warm as an old quilt. This first-ever show in the IMU Black Box Theatre should provide a fitting breaking-in for the intimate venue.



Genre: Rock
From: Elburn, Ill.

The tag line on Nielsen's MySpace page reads that "silence can sound like

thunder," but don't worry — Saturday's show will be anything but quiet. The former lead singer of Harmony Riley, Nielsen comes from nothing if not great rock stock, with Cheap Trick's Rick Nielsen as his father (brother Daxx was also in the group). In a previous interview with the *D/*, though, Nielsen said his brand of songwriting is based mostly on his own life, rather than that of his paterfamilias — however, he noted, "I write from life experiences mostly, so in a roundabout way, I suppose it does affect my writing."

The younger generation sounds closer akin to his listed influences of Ray Lamontagne and Jeff Buckley than "I Want You To Want Me," and his cover of bluesman Robert Johnson's "Hellhound on my Trail" speaks to a wealth of axman influences. His striking voice can do sleepy and sad ("Lost My Mind") just as well as he does harder-edged and persistent ("Hey Hey Hey"), a sign that points to good things for the live experience.

SAM LOCKE WARD



Genre: Psychedelic pop death metal
From: Iowa City

It's hard to pin a title down on Sam Locke Ward, and that might be because it's hard to pin him down at all. An Iowa City native, Locke Ward has done solo work as well as work with other bands since 1995, when he was 14. The now 26-year-old has released an impressive 23 albums under different names. Although his genre

is constantly shifting, Locke Ward said his next album is a gospel. His last one was a one-man band approach at playing all the instruments live at once, and the one before that boasted 30 songs in 30 minutes of different genres.

If you do the math, that's almost two albums a year. And when he's not busy planning another album or singing in the pop band Miracles of God (which formed in 2003), Locke Ward writes graphic novels.

Locke Ward has put together a 12-piece anti-gospel band of horns, drums, and wires for the next show. Anti-gospel, you say? What about the genre-crossing thing? Not exactly "anti-gospel," he says. He loves gospel, but this music is a bit different. It's gospel without the religion — music akin to a drum line or a New Orleans to a drum line or a New Orleans kind of punk, sort of scary, more or less honest and uneasy. Hard to pin down? *Exactly.*

MATTHEW GRIMM & THE RED SMEAR



Genre: Punk-inflected powerpop rock
From: New York

Matthew Grimm is pretty incendiary, but it gives him character. The former frontman of what he calls New York's most famous obscure rock and roll band, the "late-ish, great-ish Hangdogs," Grimm trekked back to the Great Plains a few years ago to start another, less-famous eccentric band — Matthew Grimm and the Red Smear.

Recalling King

By Woody Baird
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — It was 40 years ago that Martin Luther King Jr. collapsed on a motel balcony, dying from a gunshot. But for those who were there with him, the crack of the rifle was barely faded.

"Sometimes, there are playbacks in my head," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, a former King aide. "I see him talking and laughing and going to dinner."

"All of a sudden," he said with a clap of his hands, "it was over."

Jackson joined the Rev. Billy Kyles, a Memphis pastor, at the site of the assassination recently to talk to the Associated Press about April 4, 1968, the day King died.

Kyles was a few feet from King on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel when the bullet struck. Jackson was below, joking with King about going to dinner at Kyles' house.

Then King fell, and panic ensued.

"Blood was everywhere," Kyles said. "The nightmare was that I was awake. This really was happening."

King was in Memphis helping lead a strike by city sanitation workers. The civil rights leader had shifted his focus to helping the working poor of all ethnicities and opposing the Vietnam War, which was stirring up a whole new wave of enemies, Jackson said.

"He is a beloved man today, but a hated man when he was killed," Jackson said.

King had hoped to lead a peaceful protest march with the garbage workers as a sort of dress rehearsal for the Poor People's Campaign he was preparing to take to Washington.

But a march through downtown Memphis on March 28 fell apart when small groups of unruly protesters and looters began breaking store windows. Police rushed in with nightsticks and tear gas, leaving many of the marchers — the peaceful and unruly alike — bruised and bloodied.

King, whose career was built on nonviolent opposition to the powerful, was accused of hypocrisy and of having lost control of his followers. Doubts were raised over his ability to lead the Poor People's Campaign.

King was warned he could be in physical danger if he returned to Memphis, Jackson said, but he came back anyway vowing to lead a second march, this one peaceful.

In his last public address, King told a packed house at Mason Temple in Memphis that he had been to the mountaintop and seen "the promised land."

"I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land," he shouted to thunderous applause. "And I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man."

The "mountaintop speech" on April 3 and King's apparent reference to the possibility of an early death showed he was under more stress than even those closest to him had realized.

"We had no way of knowing how much pain ... he was internalizing. How much more he knew than we knew about the threats," Jackson said. "But his courage rose above the threats."

The following day, King and his associates mostly stayed in their rooms at the

Lorraine. The conversations were light, "just cracking jokes and having fun," Jackson said.

About 6 p.m. the group prepared to go to dinner.

"I said, guys, come on let's go. We have a rally after dinner," Kyles said. "I turned and walked away, got a few steps, a few feet, and that's when I heard the shot."

The .30-caliber bullet hit King in the jaw, severed his jugular vein and spine and knocked him to his back.

There was little anyone could do but cover him with a blanket and wait for the ambulance. Jackson went into one of the rooms and called King's wife, Coretta Scott King, telling her she had better come to Memphis.

Jackson said he told her King was shot in a shoulder, though it was obvious he was mortally wounded. "I just couldn't say it," he said.

James Earl Ray, a career criminal and prison escapee from Missouri, confessed to killing King and drew 99 years in prison. Numerous conspiracy theories have cropped up over the years, but none has been proven. Ray died in prison in 1998.

It's unlikely Ray could have killed King alone, Jackson said, and King's vilification by the FBI and other champions of the status quo had created a dangerous emotional climate that led to the murder.

"He was trying to live in peace and they just blew him away," Jackson said. "They didn't have to kill him."

Jackson's voice began to break as he talked with Kyles on the Lorraine's balcony.

"I don't come back much. It's a lot to take," Jackson said, his eyes growing wet. "It's still a lot to take."

DM part of gov't business program

By David Pitt
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — When many businesses are hunkering down to slug through an economic downturn, some small-business owners in Des Moines and 10 other U.S. cities will take part in a federal program designed to help them expand.

The Small Business Administration has selected the cities to participate in its Emerging 200 Initiative, a pilot program to help inner city small business owners develop a business plan for growth.

Last year, the agency commissioned a study to identify large inner cities — those with 40,000 or more jobs — with low or negative job growth between 1998 and 2005. Fifty-five cities were identified, then the agency invited them to participate in the pilot program.

Of the eligible cities, 23 sent in proposals and 11 were selected.

Des Moines is the smallest of the cities chosen to participate. The others are Albuquerque, N.M., Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Memphis, Tenn., Milwaukee, Wis., New Orleans, Oakland, Calif., and Philadelphia.

The Des Moines proposal was chosen because of the unity, collaboration, and breadth of partners willing to help small business owners, said Anoop Prakash, an associate administrator for entrepreneurial development with the agency.

"It seemed right for major growth transformation in the urban core of the city," he said. "The city has an ongoing transformation, and we think sustainable investment in the inner city will continue to help accelerate that transformation in Des Moines."

Prakash said the agency chose to start the project because it found the agency was lacking a program targeting inner cities and focused on expansion rather than business startups.

He said it may seem counter-intuitive to target a growth program to small business at a time when the economy seems to be softening, but that's when small business should be strengthened.

"That's the perfect time to invest in small businesses," he said. "They're the ones who are going to anchor the success and jobs for the longer term in our economy."

He said more than 80 percent of job creation comes from small businesses generally, but that statistic is higher in inner cities.

"If we find resilience in our economy today, it's the small businesses and the small business economy and we want to continue to invest in that and I think, frankly, we need to be doing more for small businesses when we see an economic downturn."

Martha Willits, CEO of Greater Des Moines Partnership, a local economic-development group, said the agency program will help businesses in the city meet their greatest obstacle — a worker shortage.

"Our biggest challenge in this area over the next half decade or so is work force. We are looking for 10,000 great workers a year. That means we're going to grow our own workers into great opportunity and this will be a major part of that."

Small businesses may participate if they have been operating for at least three years, with at least \$400,000 in gross revenue a year and are located in the inner city areas defined by the agency.



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Iowa eyes ending skid



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Kyle Heim delivers a pitch to Illinois State's Gabe DeMarco at Banks Field on Wednesday. The Hawkeyes host Purdue for a four-game series beginning tonight.

With the Iowa baseball team on a seven-game skid, sound mental performances are key this weekend against Purdue.

By Ryan Young
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Moments after Iowa's 7-6 loss to Illinois State on Wednesday night, Iowa baseball head coach Jack Dahm did a lot of chewing. And unfortunately for his players, it wasn't on sunflower seeds or a piece of bubble gum.

A pair of errors proved to be costly for the Hawkeyes late in the game, and with a few choice words, the fifth-year skipper gave his squad a lot to mull over. His main point of emphasis: concentration.

When Iowa (7-14) takes on Big Ten foe Purdue (10-13) for a four-game home stand beginning today at 6 p.m., the Hawkeyes are going to need a lot of it when trying to break a seven-game losing streak.

"You know, we're beat up a little bit," Dahm said. "When a

plane goes down, they go find the black box. We have to find our black box right now and figure out what we have to do to get this thing back on track for us.

"We have to find a way to get ourselves being aggressive again."

But aggressiveness hasn't been the forte of the Iowa pitching staff, which holds a 5.28 ERA. Starters Brock Alberts and Nick Erdman have been Hawkeyes' most potent hurlers, leading the rotation in strikeouts with 23 and 22 respectively.

Offensively, his team has been combative. Junior lead-off batter Kevin Hoef is one of three Hawkeyes with white-hot aluminum, taking a .317 average and a four-game hitting streak into this weekend's series with the Boilermakers.

Senior Caleb Curry and junior Justin Toole have also been key Iowa run producers, combining for 48 of the Hawkeyes' 115 RBIs so far this season.

Toole also ranks No. 4 in the Big Ten for doubles with eight.

"I think we'll be fine," he said. "You know, we're just beating ourselves right now, and if we come out and play our game, we'll be fine. We just have to get playing the way we were."

That may be difficult, however; the Purdue pitching staff leads the Big Ten with a 3.61 ERA, surrendering a total 78 earned runs.

The Boilermakers also have two superstar-caliber hurlers in righty sophomore Matt Bischoff and senior Allan Donato — a dual threat to lower Iowa's .283 team batting average.

With a 1.67 ERA, Bischoff has amassed 32 strikeouts in 32 innings pitched. He's only allowed two homers and five extra-base hits.

Donato looks no different on the stat sheet, standing with a 2.00 ERA, 16 strikeouts, with only four doubles against him.

Additionally, Purdue boasts an offense led by redshirt junior Brandon Haveman, who went 8-for-16 last week during the Boilermakers' four-game conference series against Northwestern. The Boilermakers hit .286 with 10 homers, placing them seventh in the Big Ten.

"Hopefully, we show up with a better effort this weekend," said Iowa senior Matt Mossey. "We have to come out attacking people and take the game."

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SOFTBALL

Softball heads to Michigan

After stepping out of the Big Ten on Tuesday and beating Iowa State, 3-1, the Hawkeyes will resume conference play with four tough contests on the road.

The action begins today at 3 p.m., when Iowa faces No. 5 Michigan in Ann Arbor. Today's bout will be televised by the Big Ten Network. The Hawkeyes will play the Wolverines again Saturday at 11 a.m., then conclude the weekend with a double-header at Penn State on April 6 at 11 a.m.

Iowa enters today's game with a 22-11 overall record, 1-1 in Big Ten play after splitting two games with Ohio State last week in Columbus.

Given how the Hawkeyes have played away from home thus far, coach Gayle Blevins wants to see more of her squad being able to apply pressure offensively from the get-go. She also said solid pitching and defense would also be critical this weekend.

"It's real simple," Blevins said. "It's not a big complex game plan, and that's something we know we want to be accomplishing every time we step on the field."

— by Brendan Stiles

TRACK

Men's track to split squad

The Iowa men's track team opens outdoor competition this weekend in split-squad action.

A group of 21 Hawkeyes will travel to Auburn, Ala., for the Tiger Classic today and Saturday, while the remainder of the team will compete at Central College after Northern Iowa's cancellation of the Messersmith Invitational.

Head coach Larry Wiecezorek says the team needs to start fast and make NCAA regional qualifiers this weekend. Auburn should provide the environment for quality performances.

"There are going to be a lot of terrific teams down [at Auburn]," Wiecezorek said. "It's a terrific opportunity for us to put up some big marks right away and really see where our track and field team is."

Taking another large group of Hawkeyes to Pella, Iowa, Wiecezorek likes his team's chances of equally impressive performances despite a weaker field.

Without a competition over the last three weeks, the Hawkeyes can start fast in the outdoor season.

"The Big Ten meet was a long time ago," Wiecezorek said. "We've had a chance to train, I think we've got to do something this week."

— by Alex Johnson

TV TODAY

MLB
 • White Sox at Tigers, noon, WGN
 • Astros at Cubs, 1:20 p.m., Comcast
NBA
 • San Antonio at Utah, 7 p.m., ESPN
 • Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

No. 20 Irish roll into IC

By Brian Cardile
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Still searching for a signature win, the Iowa women's tennis team tightens the nets today for a meet against perennial power and 20th-ranked Notre Dame.

The Fighting Irish (13-7) are the highest ranked team the No. 46 Hawkeyes have faced this spring, and they will be Iowa's fourth top-30 opponent in its past five meets. In that span, the Hawkeyes have lost to No. 28 Indiana, No. 29 Ohio State, and No. 22 Michigan, but all three defeats were competitive, and the team is eager for another shot at a top-flight foe.

"We've played some pretty good teams pretty close," said senior Jacqueline Lee, Iowa's No. 1 singles player. "We're looking

forward to playing another good opponent."

While Notre Dame has three more losses than the 11-4 Hawkeyes, that measure of comparison is deceptive — all but one of the Irish losses have come against top-15 teams — including No. 2 Georgia Tech, No. 4 Baylor, and No. 7 Duke.

Still, this year's Notre Dame squad could be the most beatable version in recent memory. In the last two meetings between these teams, the Irish were ranked No. 2, boasted numerous top-100



Lee senior

SEE WOMEN'S TENNIS, 3B

No letup for men's tennis

By Bobby Loesch
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Oklahoman complained about the cold as the Russian enjoyed the warmth.

On Wednesday, for the first time in the spring season, the Iowa men's tennis team practiced outdoors. The low-50s, high-40s temperatures are about the best the team can hope for in the next couple days, but Iowa head coach Steve Houghton expects to play at least one of the two weekend home meets in the elements.

"Pretty much if it's 50 degrees or higher and not excessively windy," he said.

Battling through a grueling stretch which featured six-straight road meets against five nationally ranked teams, the schedule finally eases up on the 52nd-ranked Hawkeyes, who will play host to a pair of winless Big Ten teams on Saturday and April 6.

The Hawkeyes (9-6, 1-3) first take on Minnesota (2-14, 0-4) at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The next day, the Hawkeyes square off against 70th-ranked Michigan State (11-8, 0-5) at 11 a.m. — a meet more likely suited for indoor play at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center.

"Minnesota's in a little bit of a rebuilding mode, but it's got plenty of good players," Houghton said. "Michigan State's got a lot of firepower up high in the lineup. Early this year, it had some good wins."

Coming off last weekend's tough losses against upper echelon Big Ten programs Michigan and Penn State, No. 5 singles player Tommy McGeorge doesn't expect the team to become complacent against weaker competition.

"We were a little down after last weekend, but every Big Ten match is a big match," he said.

The sophomore said the team's goal is still an NCAA Tournament bid.

"That's one of the reasons why we've got to stay fired up for every match," he said. "To make sure we give ourselves the best possible chance to make the NCAAAs."

Greg Holm, who played No. 6 in the team's last six meets, still isn't a lock for the final singles spot heading into the weekend.

"I don't really know," Houghton said. "We'll just kind of see. Greg's certainly done fine, but other guys are doing well, too."

Meanwhile, at the top of the lineup, Bart van Montsjou's national rank



Houghton head coach

SEE MEN'S TENNIS, 3B

Gym sense

The Iowa men's gymnastics team is hitting its stride in time for postseason competition.

By Lars Headington
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa men's gymnastics team looks to climb out of the conference basement and solidify its national ranking tonight when it competes in the Big Ten championships in College Park, Pa.



Dunn head coach

Along with avenging last season's sixth-place finish at the event, the Hawkeyes — currently ranked 10th nationally with a 343.917 team average — look to post a solid team score, which will be doubled and averaged into Iowa's NCAA ranking score.

Only the top-12 teams will go on to NCAA qualifiers April 17 in Stanford, Calif.

With all six Big Ten teams ranked in the top 10, tonight's mix of competition will test the Hawkeyes' mettle.

"We're a better team this year, but the whole Big Ten is a little better I think," said Iowa head coach Tom Dunn. "But I think we're better than we've been all year health-wise, and we've prepared better and are ready to do our routines."

The Hawkeyes couldn't break the 340 mark over the seasons' first five matches, but they have been on a scoring upswing the past month averaging 347.51 over their past three meets.

During the span, the Hawks have also posted their season highs in five events. The improved numbers are a credit to a team that's healthy and hitting its peak.

This week, the GymHawks have been running through the order they will compete in at Big Tens and working out rough spots in their routines.

SEE MEN'S GYMNASTICS, 3B



Sports

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

Self happy at Kansas

By Andrew Bagnato
ASSOCIATED PRESS



Self coach

SAN ANTONIO — On the day Sean Sutton resigned as Oklahoma State's coach, Bill Self walked into Kansas Athletics Director Lew Perkins' office. Self told Perkins what he already knew: there would be speculation that Self was a candidate to return to his alma mater.

Perkins said on Thursday that Self told him: "I'm staying. I'm not going anywhere."

The only destination on Self's mind these days is the national-championship game.

He's already reached another elusive goal — the Final Four. Self had been one step away four times until the Jayhawks held off Davidson on Sunday in the Midwest Region final. Think he was relieved? When Davidson launched its last-gasp shot, Self crouched in front of his bench, as if he almost couldn't bear to watch, and Self had erased the one glaring gap on his resume.

"I don't know if it was on his back or anything, but I think it was on his mind quite a bit," Perkins said. "He's been so close. I'm glad for him that he was able to break through. I don't think he lay awake at night saying, 'If I don't do this, I'm not a good coach.'"

Self's reward for breaking through is a date in the national semifinals with mighty North Carolina (36-2), the top overall seed. As if the matchup wasn't intriguing enough, it also pits Self against his predecessor, Roy Williams, still vilified by many Jayhawks fans despite leading Kansas to four Final Fours.

"Fans will make a big deal of it," said Self, who is 140-32 in five seasons at Kansas.

Some Kansas fans are still mad at Williams for leaving for

his alma mater. The same people might be worried about Self doing the same thing. He graduated from Oklahoma State in 1985. The coaching merry-go-round has become a fact of Final Four life, with speculation about coaches' moves filling the idle time until tipoff. Perkins said he's not concerned. "He's given me no indication he's leaving," Perkins said. "Bill's not a phony."

Self has made it clear he wants to stay at Kansas. The school gave Self a five-year contract extension last season, increasing his annual compensation to more than \$1.3 million with a chance to make another \$350,000 each year if he meets incentives. Perkins said he and the 45-year-old Self will meet after the season to talk about a new deal — and Self stands to capitalize on his newly minted status as a Final Four coach.

Self had been agonizingly close to the Final Four four times, reaching the regional final with Tulsa in 2000, Illinois in 2001 and Kansas in 2004 and 2007. As if Self's near-misses weren't painful enough, he had to watch from afar as Illinois went 37-1 on its way to the 2005 championship game, where it lost to North Carolina. In a case of spectacularly bad timing, Self had left Champaign — and a potential national championship roster — for Kansas in 2003.

"I really thought that that team had a chance to be special," Self said. "That group of players — turned out five of those guys all played in the NBA. But it was tough watching them play, because I know I could have been a part of that."

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	3	1	.750	—
New York	2	2	.667	½
Philadelphia	1	2	.333	1½
Florida	1	2	.333	1½
Atlanta	1	3	.250	2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	2	1	.667	—
Cincinnati	2	1	.667	—
Milwaukee	2	1	.667	—
Pittsburgh	2	1	.667	—
Chicago	1	2	.333	1
Houston	1	3	.250	1½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	3	1	.750	—
Los Angeles	2	1	.667	½
San Francisco	1	2	.333	1½
Colorado	1	2	.333	1½
Arizona	1	2	.333	1½

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Detroit	53	21	.716	—
x-Cleveland	42	34	.553	12
Indiana	31	44	.413	22½
Chicago	30	45	.400	23½
Milwaukee	26	48	.351	27
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	52	22	.703	—
San Antonio	52	23	.693	½
Houston	50	25	.667	1½
Dallas	47	28	.627	5½
Memphis	20	55	.267	32½
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	50	26	.658	—
Denver	46	29	.613	3½
Portland	38	38	.500	12
Minnesota	19	55	.257	30
Seattle	17	58	.227	32½
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	51	24	.680	—
Phoenix	50	25	.667	1
Golden State	45	30	.600	6
Sacramento	35	40	.467	16
L.A. Clippers	23	53	.303	28½

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	2	1	.667	½
Baltimore	1	1	.500	1
Tampa Bay	1	1	.500	1
Toronto	1	2	.333	1½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	3	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	2	1	.667	1
Chicago	1	2	.333	2
Minnesota	1	3	.250	2½
Detroit	0	3	.000	3
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	3	1	.750	—
Seattle	2	1	.667	½
Texas	1	2	.333	1½
Oakland	1	3	.250	2

NCAA TOURNAMENT				
FINAL FOUR				
At The Alamodome San Antonio				
National Semifinals				
Saturday, April 5				
Memphis (37-1) vs. UCLA (35-3), 5:07 p.m.				
North Carolina (36-2) vs. Kansas (35-3) 40 minutes following				
National Championship				
Monday, April 7				
Semifinal winners				

NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT				
Championship Game				
Ohio State 92, Massachusetts 85				

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT				
FINAL FOUR				
At St. Pete Times Forum Tampa, Fla.				
National Semifinals				
Sunday, April 6				
Connecticut (36-1) vs. Stanford (34-3), 6 or 8:30 p.m.				
LSU (31-5) vs. Tennessee (34-2), 6 or 8:30 p.m.				
National Championship				
Tuesday, April 8				
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.				

WOMEN'S HIT				
Championship				
Saturday, April 5				
Marquette (20-14) at Michigan State (23-13), 3 p.m.				

TRANSACTIONS				
By The Associated Press				
BASEBALL				
MLB—Suspended Peoria RHP Robert Hernandez (Chicago Cubs) for 50 games for testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance in violation of the minor league drug prevention and treatment program.				
American League				
TEXAS RANGERS—Sent Of Nelson Cruz outright to Oklahoma (PCL).				
National League				
COLORADO ROCKIES—Traded INF Matt Kata to Pittsburgh for a player to be named.				
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with LHP Tim Lincecum on a minor league contract.				
Atlantic League				
NEWARK BEARS—Signed RHP Richard Scalapandrea, and RHP Joshua Fields, and LHP Cory Willey.				

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	60	15	.800	—
Philadelphia	38	37	.507	22
Toronto	38	37	.507	22
New Jersey	31	44	.413	29
New York	20	55	.267	40
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Orlando	47	28	.627	—
Washington	38	37	.507	9
Atlanta	35	40	.467	12
Charlotte	28	47	.373	19
Miami	13	62	.173	34

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Which of the NCAA Tournament's Final Four will win the national championship?

Kansas

Kansas is the best team in Division I basketball. That's all the reason I need to pick the Jayhawks as this year's national champion.

Of all the No. 1 seeds that pleased the selection committee last weekend, Kansas is the best.

No, it doesn't have college basketball's best blue collar in North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough, or the tallest freshman targeted by puns in Kevin Love of UCLA, and no, it doesn't have the most athletic team in the country, a title belonging to Memphis.

What the Jayhawks do have is incredible balance and an ability to make everything look easy. Their leading scorer — Brandon Rush — is a perfect example. Just as Kansas never seems to try but almost always dominates its opponents, Rush never seems to — forgive me — rush.

I've never seen anyone else elevate head and shoulders over opponents without breaking a sweat the way he does and do it with the same facial expression he wears on the free-throw line — even the bench.

He embodies everything Kansas is, effortlessly better than who he's facing — except for when he faced Stephen Curry of Davidson in the Elite Eight, the mightiest Cinderella in years. The Jayhawks' ability to win with ease isn't the only reason they have a crown in store.

Kansas passes and rebounds like North Carolina, out-runs and out-jumps foes like Memphis, defends like UCLA, and the Jayhawks do it shooting better than all three of them.

The Jayhawks might have fallen short the past few years, including in football, but Bill Self is about to bring home a title and some frayed nylon to drape over the spankin' new hardware.

— by Alex Johnson

North Carolina

All season long, I was convinced Kansas was the best team in the country. So much so that I even picked the Jayhawks to win it all when I filled out my bracket on Selection Sunday.

But after watching North Carolina lately, I've come to realize I made a big mistake.

This team is on a mission to make up for last year's debacle against Georgetown in the Elite Eight. Not only are the Tar Heels the best team left, but they're going to win their second national title in four years April 7 in San Antonio.

For starters, they have the best college basketball player in the country in junior Tyler Hansbrough. Yes, Kansas State freshman Michael Beasley will be the top pick in this year's NBA draft, but at the collegiate level, no one means more to his team than Hansbrough does to North Carolina.

Sophomore Ty Lawson is much healthier now than during the ACC slate of the Tar Heels' season, and he'll be a major factor in their success against Kansas and whoever wins the first game between Memphis and UCLA.

North Carolina has also shown it can win games in any which way. The Tar Heels have won with last-second shots (at Clemson), defense (at Duke), playing at the other team's tempo (Washington State), and with "Psycho-T" carrying the team on his back (Louisville).

Coach Roy Williams may be bombarded with questions about facing his former school Saturday night, but none of that will faze a team whose elite players are pretty much sophomores and juniors and who have shown they're the No. 1 overall seed in this year's tourney for a reason.

— by Brendan Stiles

Memphis

After two years of not being able to get over the hump in the Elite Eight, the Tigers finally did it this year. With the win over Texas in Houston on Sunday, John Calipari has led his team to the Promised Land this season.

The missing ingredient before now? Derek Rose. The super frosh has been lights out for Memphis all year and especially in the tournament. The 6-3 guard can do it from outside or slashing to the basket, scoring 14.6 points, grabbing 4.4 rebounds, and doling out 4.6 assists per game.

Rose isn't a one-man show, however. Junior guard Chris Douglas-Roberts has led the team with 22.5 points per game in the tournament. Down low, the Tigers trot out the three-headed monster of Robert Dozier (9.2 points, 6.8 rebounds), Joey Dorsey, and Shawn Taggart. Throw in defensive stopper Antwan Anderson, who shut down Drew Neitzel and D.J. Augustin in consecutive games, and you have the most complete team in the nation.

The Tigers' Achilles heel — free throws — has been thrown in their face by pundits since the beginning of the tournament. True, the Tigers have had their woes at the line, but they hit them when it mattered most: They shot 83 percent against the Longhorns.

The Tigers' Final Four meeting with UCLA is a great matchup, but Memphis will advance to the title game. In the championship, Memphis will be able to run with and match points against either North Carolina or Kansas, a couple of squads who like the transition game as much as Memphis.

But in the end, the Tigers will cut down the nets in the Alamo Dome and have a few drinks (nonalcoholic, of course) on the Riverwalk.

— by Mike Brownlee

UCLA

This is UCLA's third trip to the Final Four, and it should be the Bruins' second to the title game in the last three seasons. Both of the past two years, the Bruins have fallen just short of glory because of the long limbs of the Florida Gators' front-court.

This time around, the Bruins have Kevin Love, who in Dick Vitale terms has gone from "Diaper Dandy" to a prime time player over the course of the season. No longer can a team such as the Memphis Tigers or North Carolina Tar Heels bully the guard-run Bruins with such players as Robert Dozier and Tyler Hansbrough.

Love won't have to do it alone, either. Since Darren

Collison returned from an early season injury, his replacement, Russell Westbrook, has helped form one of the best back-courts in America — averaging more than 12 points per game. At 6-5, Josh Shipp gives head coach Ben Howland an experienced guard who can put up double figures on the board, as well.

Any one of the Final Four teams can point to statistics, however. They all have great players. They wouldn't have made it this far if they didn't.

What the Bruins have is the intangible.

Hunger. With the exception of Love, all of the major contributors on this squad have tasted defeat in the Final Four at least once, most of them twice. With Collison, Westbrook, and Love all potential lottery picks this season, this may be the last shot for this UCLA team.

Rather than a strikeout, the third time should be the charm for UCLA.

— by Sean Monahan

TRACK

Women's track to split squad

The Iowa women's track and field team will split the squad this weekend, as some Hawkeyes will travel to Stanford and some to Auburn.

Meghan Armstrong, Diane Nukuri, Jolly Burke, Rachele Marchand, and Jessica Schmidt, all distance runners, will compete in the Stanford Invitational — traditionally one of the best distance meets in the nation.

"[The Stanford meet] is the

premier distance meet in America," head coach Layne Anderson said. "It's a very important meet at a beautiful venue with perfect conditions to run."

The rest of the squad, including the middle distance, sprints, and field events, will travel to Auburn to compete in the Tiger Classic. Headlining that group is Kineke Alexander in the 200 meter and 4x100-meter relay, as well as Tammilee Kerr and Renee White competing in the jumps and hurdles.

— by Jeff Pawola

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MEN'S GYMNASTICS

Hawks head to Big Tens

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"We've been going in our competitive order and fine-tuning a little bit," Dunn said. "If somebody has a problem in the same area, we eliminate that problem area and try to be more consistent, and I think we will be."

"We've fine-tuned pretty well — the guys are looking good."

Iowa will be going first on vault, an event that bears higher scores typically than the other five events. A strong showing out of the gate would put the GymHawks up early and give the team momentum.

"We get to start on a high-scoring event like vault, so that will hopefully get us right to the top to begin with," said senior Curt Kleffman. "It's just a matter of doing the next five events to our ability."

"It definitely builds our confidence."

Confidence is something the Hawks must maintain throughout the meet to stay competitive.

Overall, Iowa sits at sixth in the Big Ten with last-place conference rankings in floor, rings, parallel bar, and high bar.

Missing two of last year's seniors, who finished first and sixth on rings at the 2007 conference meet, the Hawkeyes have slid from fifth to sixth in that event.

"You can't really dwell on that," Kleffman said. "I just go out and focus on events we have improved a lot on from last year."

On pommel horse, where Kleffman placed 10th at last year's event while senior Jacob Becker took third, Iowa is fourth in the conference and led by Becker's 14.583 average and No. 6 ranking. Two other gymnasts rank in the Big Ten top-20.

The Hawkeyes are fifth in the conference with a 62.233 in vault with three top-20 gymnasts, including second-ranked junior Geoff Reins' 16.133 average.

Reins is also ranked 10th in the Big Ten on floor exercise, where Iowa has averaged 58.833.

But no matter the numbers going in, the Hawks' labor in the gym will be on display tonight in the arena where solid execution will determine the final conference standings.

"When it comes down to Friday night, it's who's going to hit the most routines, what team is going to really perform under the Friday night lights," Kleffman said. "If we hit, we're as capable as everybody else."

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Steve Lexa/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye sophomore Tommy McGeorge faces Ohio State's Drew Eberly in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Center on March 7.

Men seek rebound

Whether its battling the wind or the air conditioning, the Hawkeyes won't overlook a pair of Big Ten cellar dwellers

MEN'S TENNIS
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reached No. 69 — his highest ever — after wins over two nationally ranked opponents last weekend. The senior said he feels a "little bit" of pressure playing with his highest ranking yet.

"I'm expected to win this weekend," he said. "I feel more pressure about getting high enough up to make NCAA's

than losing matches to guys ranked lower than me or not ranked."

Van Monsjou said an end-of-the-year finish in the top 55 is the goal to help secure a bid. Looking to hold back van Monsjou are two other nationally ranked seniors. Minnesota's Raul Schwark (No. 88) will get the first crack, and Michigan State's Nick Rinks (No. 105) gets the second chance.

The big picture is a bid to the NCAA Tournament, but this weekend, the aim should be

separation. With only one conference win separating Iowa from Minnesota and Michigan State, a solid showing could distance the Hawkeyes from the conference's basement. Like McGeorge, Houghton said the team will be ready.

"There wouldn't be a chance in the world they would overlook two teams like this," Houghton said. "These are two good teams."

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Women face powerhouse

The Hawkeye women's tennis team will host its highest-ranked opponent of the season, No. 20 Notre Dame.

WOMEN'S TENNIS
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players, and beat Iowa by a combined score of 13-1.

At present, Notre Dame's highest ranked player is No. 122 Cosmina Ciobanu.

"They're a whole different team from last year, and so are we," Lee said. "We've played them close before, even if the score didn't show it, so if we play well we could beat them."

Lee is the only Hawkeye on the roster who holds a singles win against the stokers from South Bend. That victory came two years ago, against Kelcey Tefft, in Iowa's 6-1 loss to the Irish. Lee hopes she can reprise that performance today.

"Any time you get a win against a team, it gives you

confidence," Lee said. "Even if you aren't playing that same person again, it makes you feel good about your chances."

Iowa is 7-1 at home this spring, with wins over No. 75 Alabama, No. 64 Mississippi, and No. 59 DePaul. But, with the DePaul win as their most notable, the Hawkeyes hope to legitimize their preseason goal of reaching the top 30 with a win today against a big-name nemesis.

"If you just beat the teams you're supposed to beat, you don't really move up the rankings that much," Lee said. "This is the kind of win that, if we could get it, would give us a big jump up [the rankings]"

To earn the win, Iowa will need continued strong play at the top of its roster, where Lee and fellow senior Milica

Veselinovic have combined for a 24-6 record at the Nos. 1 and 2 singles positions. Doubles play could be a deciding factor also; the Hawkeyes dropped the doubles competition in each of their four losses.

"The doubles point has decided a couple meets against us this season, so we've focused on that a little bit more," Lee said. "They have some great doubles players, so we'll just go out there and play well and see what happens."

The overall series record is 12-1 in Notre Dame's favor, with the last Iowa win coming in 1999. The meet is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

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MLB

Former closer Dempster lifts Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Talk about role reversals.

Converted closer Ryan Dempster was solid as a starter and got the win. One-time ace Kerry Wood, now called on to finish games, earned his first career save.

Chicago's offense, meanwhile, thawed out. Aramis Ramirez homered, Alfonso Soriano had two RBIs, and the Chicago Cubs got their first win, 6-3 over the Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday.

Dempster knows how tough the closer's role can be, and as he waited for Wood to wrap it up, he could hear the crowd chanting "Kerry, Kerry" in the ninth inning.

"Part of me was nervous. ... A couple of the pitches I turned away and stuff like that," Dempster said. "He's come a long way, battled through a lot of things to be where he is now. It's pretty remarkable what he's done to bounce back."

His once promising career as a starter slowed by arm injuries, Wood made a miraculous recovery from shoulder problems last season and rejoined the Cubs as a reliever for the final two months. This spring he won the closer's role that Dempster vacated when he rejoined the rotation.

"It's been a long road," said Wood, the 1998 NL Rookie of the Year, who once fanned 20 batters in a game.

In a non-save situation Monday, Wood gave up three ninth-inning runs. He had to wait three days to atone.

"If I go out and do my job, it should be quick. Obviously, it's not going to work every time. ... So you try to get comfortable, and get a routine down, and just go to work," he said.

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Sports

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

ISU requires season tickets for Nebraska seat

AMES (AP) — Iowa State fans will again have to buy season tickets to get a seat for the Cyclones' top home matchup. As it did for last year's game with Iowa at Jack Trice Stadium, Iowa State will not offer single-game stadium seating for the Nebraska game Oct. 18. Hillside tickets, however, will be available for \$60. That

option was not offered for the Iowa game.

"If you want to sit in a seat you have to buy a season ticket," said Steve Malchow, Iowa State's senior associate athletics director. "You can't afford to let your fans cherry-pick one game. You have to sell season tickets."

The strategy seemed to work last season for Iowa State, which sold a school-record 36,610 season tickets.

Season tickets to ISU's six home games this year will cost

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Attendance for ISU-Nebraska games in Ames have topped 50,000 three of the last four meetings.

ISU opens its season Aug. 28 against South Dakota State.

ChiSox nip Indians

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CLEVELAND — Even though his pitchers allowed 17 runs in losing the first two games of the season, White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen maintained a positive outlook. "We expected to win at least one game this year," Guillen said after Chicago defeated the Cleveland Indians, 2-1, on Thursday.

John Danks didn't allow a hit until Casey Blake singled leading off the sixth inning, and Joe Crede hit a tiebreaking home run off Jake Westbrook to lead off the eighth.

The win prevented the Indians from sweeping the three-game series. "It's big to come in here and win a game against these guys," Crede said.

Octavio Dotel (1-1) retired Blake on a flyout with runners on second and third to end the seventh, Scott Linebrink pitched a perfect eighth, and Bobby Jenks retired the side in order in the ninth for his first save.

Westbrook (0-1) gave up two runs and six hits in 7 1/3 innings, leaving after exactly 100 pitches. He didn't allow a hit until A.J. Pierzynski grounded a single to right with one out in the fifth.

Cleveland pounded Chicago pitching in the first two games but managed two hits against four pitchers. Although Danks didn't receive credit for the win, the 22-year-old left-hander played a big role.

The Indians' only runner in the first five innings came on a one-out walk to Ryan Garko in the second. Garko broke up the no-hit bid with a single up the middle in the sixth. "The thought never crossed my mind," Danks said. "I just knew my pitch count was low."

Danks allowed one run and two hits in 6 2/3 innings. He was 6-13 with a 5.50 ERA in 26 starts as a rookie last year and entered winless in his previous seven starts, going 0-6 with a 7.84 ERA and a .321 opponents' batting average.

Danks' last win came at Cleveland on July 16. He didn't pitch after Sept. 11 because he had thrown 139 innings and the White Sox wanted to protect him from overuse.

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"I'm still shocked, but I feel good. I've still got a lot of adapting to do. A lot of things have changed, and I don't want to try to rush anything."

— Glen Edward Chapman, who was released from a North Carolina prison Wednesday after 14 years on death row. His murder convictions were thrown out because investigators had withheld evidence that someone else committed the murders.

the ledge

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Things it is acceptable to only do in college

- U-billing condoms. The U-bill that your parents pay.
- Paying \$500-plus a month for an apartment that smells like feet and stale beer, with mysterious stains on the carpet and hallways that smell like Port-A-Potties.
- Drinking Keystone.
- Wearing caution tape to anything but clothes party.
- Attending an anything but clothes party.
- Drinking on a Monday ... Tuesday ... Wednesday ... Thursday ... Friday ... Saturday and Sunday and not getting put into AA.
- Not remembering when your last shower was.
- Eating day-old pizza that was not found in your refrigerator.
- Dancing on tables at bars ... actually, if you are not a first-semester freshman ... REFRAIN.
- Wearing tailgate shirts in public that include: being drunk, blacking out, passing out and/or making out.
- Spending \$50 on booze a night, but only buying toilet paper when all other paper products have been used.

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horoscopes Friday, April 4, 2008

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An open mind and willingness to compromise will save you from making a mistake that could cost you a friendship. If you are considerate and sensitive, you will build a rapport with others that will help you in the future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A business trip will be successful. You will discover something about yourself that will make a difference to the way you do things in the future. Learning to be more adventuresome will help you readjust to a healthier lifestyle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Understand the implications of not following through with a promise. You may not be able to live up to your reputation, causing a falling out with someone you need on your side. Be prepared to turn a wrong into a right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Trust in yourself, and you will succeed. You will have some great ideas that can lead to some serious cash. A partnership will give you momentum and help ease the stress of the workload. A love commitment will be reciprocated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let temptation get the better of you. You'll upset your world if you do, and all you will get in return is a moment's pleasure. Pick and choose wisely if you want to keep your life running smoothly both professionally and personally.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are heading into good times, personally and financially. A partnership will be beneficial. A little creative accounting, and you will turn a little into a lot. An opportunity will develop through networking or socializing with industry people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look at the whole picture before you decide what needs to be done. Be more concerned with your own responsibilities than those of others. If you overspend or take on too much, you will appear unreliable or disorganized.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Travel, and you will experience something unique. New activities, events, or hobbies will give you more to work with professionally. Love is heading your way, so mingle if you are single or do something memorable with someone you love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Arguments are likely to break out over money, agreements, or what takes priority. The changes you make at home may not please some of your friends and relatives, but they will work in your favor. Trust your own judgment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Expect opposition, and you will be ready for whatever challenge comes your way. Preparation will be the key to getting your way and winning whatever competition you encounter. You can maneuver into a power position.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have to think on your feet and act quickly, but that doesn't mean you should be impulsive or erratic. Fast talk will work wonders and buy you the time required to figure things out as you go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional temptation is apparent. Passion is in the stars. Think matters through so that you don't lose sight of the consequences that can occur if you don't make the right decision. Compliments are nice, but don't let them go to your head.

DRIZZLE DRAZZLE DRAB



Ben Roberts/The Daily Lowan

Pedestrians pass the Pentacrest at the intersection of Capitol and Washington Streets on a drizzly Thursday afternoon. Sunshine and warmer temperatures can be expected today, as spring slowly crawls to the Iowa mountains.

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-calendar@uiowa.edu

- Collegiate Entrepreneurs Iowa Conference, 9 a.m., IMU
- Food, Ethnic Identities, and Memory Symposium, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., 348 IMU
- Molecular Physiology and Biophysics Faculty Candidate Seminar, "MicroRNAs in Muscle Development and Function," Da-Zhi Wang, 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen Science Building
- English Conversation Group, 10-11:30 a.m. Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Electronic (e-file) Tax Filing, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- Small Business Innovation Research and the Small Business Technology, Transfer Overview Session, 10 a.m., 2520B University Capitol Center; Registration required, contact paulamcmartin@uiowa.edu/phone: 335-3742
- Greek Week Event / Sexual Assault Awareness Month Event, RVAP Silent Witness Program, 11:20 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Pentacrest
- Finding God at Iowa Lunch Forum, "Quo Tolis Peccata Mundi? U.S. Foreign Policy on Religious Persecution," Christopher Rossi, noon, 337 IMU
- "Java Blend," River & the Tributaries, noon, Java House, 211 1/2 E. Washington
- Nova School Left Behind: Providing Equal Educational Opportunities (12th-annual symposium), The Journal of Gender, Race, & Justice, noon-4:30 p.m., Boyd Law Building Levitt Justice Center
- Noon Knits, noon-1 p.m., Hardin Library
- Silent Witness, noon-12:30 p.m., Pentacrest
- Adult Ballet, 1:30-3 p.m., Arts à la Carte, 20 E. Market
- Knitting Nurse, 2-6 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- "Too Early, Too Late: Danièle Huillet and Jean-Marie Straub, Selected Films 1969-1984," 3 p.m., E105 Adler Journalism Building
- Food, Ethnic Identities, and Memory Symposium, Iron Chef Competition, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- First Fridays, 5-8 p.m., Downtown Iowa City
- Family Fun Night, 6-8 p.m., Mercer Park Aquatic Center, 2701 Bradford

- 2008 Cedar Rapids Independent Film Festival, 6-10 p.m., Collins Road Theatres, 1462 Twixtown Road, Marion
- Friday Night Magic, 6:30 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 89 Second St. No. 5, Coralville
- First Friday Fellowship, 7 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 405 Myrtle
- Kevin B.F. Burt, 7 p.m., Wallace Winery, 5305 Herbert Hoover Highway, West Branch
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Joshua Ferris, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- Mission Creek Music Festival, Cursive, with Capgun Coup, the Blacks, and the Poison Control Center, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington.
- Splash-tacular Movie, 7 p.m., North Liberty Community Center, 520 W. Cherry
- Apartment 3A, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- Movin' Out, 7:30 p.m., Hancher Auditorium
- Dance and West Coast Swing Lesson, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- Bill Carrothers, piano with UI jazz faculty, 8 p.m., Voxman Music Building Harper Hall
- Rain/Ryan Dance Thesis, Sinners and Saints, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- Viva la Mamma!, UI Opera Theater, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- Karaoke by Klub Karaoke, 8 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars, 609 Highway 6 E.
- Retro Club Night, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
- Friday Night Karake, with Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m., American Legion, 3016 Muscatine
- Mission Creek Music Festival, the Mayflies, Kelly Pardekooper, Sarah Cram and the Derelicts, Shame Train, 9:30 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- Mission Creek Music Festival, the Gglitch, with Master/Slave and Mannix!, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- No Shame Theatre, 11 p.m., Theater Building
- Ninth Annual Crossing Borders Convocation, "Transitions in Modern Muslim Societies," time TBA, 1117 University Capitol Centre; contact heidi-vekemans@uiowa.edu/Phone: 335-3862



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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

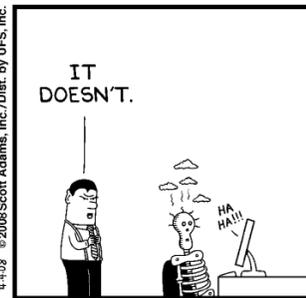
- 12:30 p.m. News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
- 1 A Prairie Lights Reading from the UITV Archives, Patti Frazee
- 2 News from Germany (in German)
- 3 "Know the Score"
- 5 Piano Sundays from the Old Capitol, March 2

- 6:30 Piano Sundays from the Old Capitol, Feb. 17
- 8:30 Faculty Dance Concert from Space/Place
- 9 Target Family Concert, "Drum Idol" Contest from Clapp Hall
- 10:30 Piano Sundays from the Old Capitol, March 2

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DILBERT

by Scott Adams



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BY WLEY



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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0222

- Across
- 1 Awfully accurate?
- 11 California wine center
- 15 Salade niçoise ingredients
- 16 "The company for women" sloganer
- 17 Providers of exceptional service?
- 18 Neural network
- 19 With 50-Across, surmount
- 20 Turn out to be
- 21 Middle name
- 22 Queen in a long-running comic strip
- 24 "What's ___?"
- 26 Pal
- 27 Disconcert
- 28 Strip alternative
- 30 Change from two to one
- 32 They might indicate hunger
- 33 "Centuries"
- 34 Where to find pop art?
- 37 Turns up
- 38 Start of some how-to titles
- 39 One who brings bad luck
- 40 Childish comeback
- 41 Some are manicured
- 42 NATO member: Abbr.
- 45 Boulogne-sur-___ France
- 46 Response of feigned innocence
- 48 Lose successfully
- 50 See 19-Across
- 52 Parry
- 54 Holder of many tracks
- 55 ___-Mints (Roloids rival)
- 56 Singer of the 1967 hit "California Nights"
- 58 Incomplete picture?
- 59 Subject of the 2004 book "Dancing Revelations"
- 60 Jarro's river
- 61 Outdoor toy that attaches to a garden hose

- Down
- 1 Mil. V.I.P.
- 2 Eye component
- 3 Where I-25 and I-70 meet
- 4 Poet who won a Pulitzer for "The Dust Which Is God"
- 5 Prefix with directional
- 6 Shortening in the kitchen?
- 7 Level
- 8 Kinkajou's kin: Var.
- 9 1883
- 10 Maupassant novel
- 11 Dine, in Düsseldorf
- 12 Bit of kitchen wear
- 13 Execute exactly
- 14 Over, with "of"
- 23 Suffered a blow to one's pride
- 25 Magazine holder
- 29 Creation of 31-Down
- 31 See 29-Down
- 32 "Underboss" author Peter
- 33 Smythe of hockey
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Mike Nothnagel and David Quarfoot

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