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- I-80 cameras
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Local 'Lorax' Zac Wedemeyer hopes to develop a regional center for environmental awareness for a year-round Earth Day.



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

Taproot Nature Experience leader Zac Wedemeyer holds a fish in front of Elias Roller-Matthews' face on April 18 in the flooded area of Lower City Park as Ayla Canin, 8, watches. After school, Wedemeyer took the kids to explore the flooded area and explain why fish were stranded away from the Iowa River. He began taking children on field trips in September. [For more photos, 5A.](#)

## Way, way INTO THE WOODS

By Kelsey Beltramea  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The shin-deep flood waters pooling above the riverbank at Lower City Park served as the perfect playground for 10-year-old Theo Van Meter and his fellow Taproot adventurers. With their eyes fixed on the water's quivering surface, Theo and the other children didn't seem to notice the rain ricocheting onto their faces and seeping through their long-drenched jackets and sweats.

Instead, they watched the water, waiting for creatures to stir below.

"There's one over there," Theo shouted, leading the group toward a john-boat-sized wake streaming farther into the field. But his 31-year-old leader Zac Wedemeyer got there first, scooping up the 25-pound bigmouth buffalo barehanded.

As the children giggly passed the flopping fish nearly twice their sizes, Wedemeyer described what the fish ate.

He explained how largemouth bass breathed and how it was different from the carp swimming afoot. He then returned the fish to the river, and Theo began another adventure belly deep in the cool water, army crawling his way toward an unsuspecting mallard.

Just another lesson. Just another afternoon in the Taproot Nature Experience.

SEE TAPROOT, 4A

## Eye in sky

By Clara Hogan  
THE DAILY IOWAN

If a car crash takes place on I-80 near Tiffin, law-enforcement dispatchers can now see it in Iowa City.

And as of Monday, they can also zoom in on the image and check surrounding traffic to inform police of the best route to the accident.

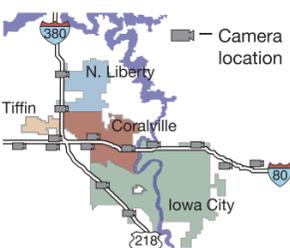
Though the Iowa Department of Transportation's interstate highway webcam system has been activated for the past couple of weeks in the Johnson County area, the county Sheriff's Office just got control of the cameras on I-80 and I-380 on Monday.

Dispatchers and supervisors can now see full-screen images of the interstates, zoom in on

SEE CAMERAS, 3A

### Traffic Cameras

On Monday, Johnson County officials first got access to a series of cameras on I-80, I-380, and Highway 218. The cameras help monitor traffic flow and spot accidents. They can show full screen images, zoom in, and rotate 180 degrees. There are 14 cameras as of now.



Source: Iowa Department of Transportation  
Dylan Salisbury/The Daily Iowan

## A yen for volunteering

Beach started a Spanish language group as a part of her volunteering efforts for the Domestic Violence Intervention Program.

By Ashton Shurson  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Some people are content with simply volunteering 10 hours to get into the 10,000 Hours Show and calling it quits, but not Rachel Beach.

While the 2004 UI graduate and part-time student is planning to attend the 10,000 Hours Show tonight, Beach said volunteering is a "top priority" in her life.

"Ten hours doesn't mean anything to her," said Mark Anthony Dingbaum, the group's executive director of outreach. Beach, 25, first started volunteering when she was a Rockford, Ill., high-school sophomore. She painted murals for local elementary schools and coached soccer for first graders. But the bulk of her volunteering efforts didn't start until she came to the UI.

While riding the Cambus, Beach saw an ad looking for volunteers at the Johnson County Crisis Center, and she has worked for the crisis hotline ever since. For the past six years, she

**Rachel Beach**



- Age: 25
- Year: 2004 UI graduate and current part-time student
- Current volunteering efforts:

Johnson County Crisis Center  
• Past volunteering efforts: Domestic Violence Intervention Program, Dance Marathon, a local daycare, and NAMIWalk

has volunteered at least three hours a week answering phones and helping callers.

"The intimacy you get with other people is really inspiring," she said.

Beach said she enjoys helping callers work through their troubles.

Keri Neblett, the crisis intervention program director who has worked with Beach for five years, said she "always brings a smile to my face."

SEE VOLUNTEERING, 3A

## Passion drives 10K volunteer

By Alyssa Cashman  
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI junior Laura Fredrickson feels the need to keep herself busy.

Even as a pre-med major, she still finds the time to fit in volunteering, something that has grown to be a huge part of her life.

"I work better with a packed schedule," she said.

Right now, she volunteers as a tutor on the pediatric inpatient ward and adolescent psychiatric floor at the UI Hospitals and Clinics — where she teaches chronically sick kids. She sees herself as not just a tutor but also as a confidant.

"I feel like I improve their quality of life a little bit," said Fredrickson, who had just enough time in her already hectic day to talk about her experiences. "It's nice for them to have someone closer to their age."

On the pediatrics floor, she has worked with the same two kids the entire semester. Although sad that they've had to be in the hospital for so long, she's cherished the time spent with them, getting to know them and just joking around.

**Laura Fredrickson**

- Age: 21
- Year: junior
- Current volunteering efforts: UIHC pediatrics inpatient and adolescent psych wards, Dance Marathon morale captain
- Past volunteering efforts: Big Brothers, Big Sisters; Ottumwa Regional Health Center

As the 10,000 Hours Show approaches, Fredrickson is one of the program's more involved volunteers. She spends about three or four hours each week at the hospital, and she is going to be a morale captain for Dance Marathon next year.

"Dance Marathon is kind of consuming my life right now," Fredrickson joked, adding that the experience and friends she's made have been great.

She's logged her volunteer hours with 10,000 Hours since she was a freshman, but this is the first year she will actually be able to attend the show. Excited, she's done her homework.

SEE 10K, 4A



# Finding joy in discontent

OK Go may dance on treadmills and wear matching paisley suits, but the quartet from Chicago plays songs that package fist-pumping awesomeness with political discontent.

by Susan Elgin  
THE DAILY IOWAN



Publicity photo

**OK Go will perform tonight at the Englert as the fifth installment of the 10,000 Hours Show. Go to dailiowan.com to hear a track off its album *Oh No*.**

**10,000 HOURS CONCERT**  
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Admission: 10 hours of community service



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**Featured Tracks:**

- "Here It Goes Again"
- "A Million Ways"

"As musicians, the Internet is where everything happens now. It's how music is distributed. It's how music and ideas are spread through the world," he said. "Of course, we've personally benefited a lot from the openness. Our videos, which we made for pennies, have been downloaded millions of times around the world. If we had to pay a huge gatekeeper fee to get those videos available to the universe, I'm not sure that we would still be here as a band."

While OK Go's *Oh No* sounds like an anthem for unadulterated fun, more serious issues lurk beneath the carefree surface — much of which is a reflection of the frustration Kulash felt while writing songs for the album during President Bush's re-election campaign. "I wanted to party during a (f-----) up time," he said,

describing the album as a Titanic dance party. "Everything was going to shit in 2004 election. The world is in a downward spiral, but we need rock songs. We need happiness and joy."

Even though that was four years ago, Kulash said his feelings haven't changed. But music, he said, gets him past the "static of rational thought," and that's all that matters.

"At some point, there is a point of no return. I hope that we as of a society are not past it yet," he said. "But I do think that it is important for us to have the ability to believe in a realistic future that's good. People have to love being alive. No matter how (f-----) up things are, you have to find a way to love it, right?"

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**Kulash on writing OK Go's new album**

"My relationship with rock and roll is fun, excitement, and a rush. The greatest moments of my life I can remember are having the car stereo on as loud as it can go and listening to fist-pumpingly awesome wonderful loudness. We want to write music that you're able to understand at a completely base, emotional way. I want something that can totally kick you in the stomach or make you want to jump on your bed. But I also don't want to make something completely disposable, either. So we're somewhere tricky, that place where Elvis Costello was so good at living in. It had immediacy and an aspect of pure joy, but it's not cheap and disposable. It's something you can actually think about."

**Kulash on politically active musicians**

"I feel like it's important for people to do [not just musicians]. I don't think it's different because we're musicians or a duty specific to musicians. I think that being engaged and being an active part of the process is important for everyone. Apathy and cynicism open the door for abusive power and corporate interests, so I'm not shy about sharing my political views. But I don't think that because I write rock songs, it gives me a perspective that is any better formed than anyone else's. But I have my voice in the fray."

**Kulash on why he would never run for elected office**

"The thing I like the least about being in a rock band — and I should make it clear that I feel super lucky that I get to do this for a living — is that a lot of it is [B.S.] politics. We're working in an industry where there is a lot of dumb business politics. You smile, and shake hands, and be nice to people you aren't fond of. I'd rather just write songs and be a selfish brat, you know? Wait. I'm sorry. I didn't say that. That's exactly wrong. But to be a politician, you need to be what everyone wants and be something for all people. So being a politician would not be well-suited for me."

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3. Still a work in progress
4. Vets speak out on war
5. New digs for Willowwind

**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Lawrence Jones**, 24, 2109 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.  
**Clare McDonnell**, 21, Chicago, was charged April 19 with OWI.  
**Matthew Shultz**, 23, Coralville, was

charged Sunday with possession of an open alcohol container in public.  
**Martin Wolfe**, 19, Park Ridge, Ill., was charged April 19 with interference with official acts causing/intending injury.

**METRO**

**Relay raises \$71,000**

Relay For Life raised more than \$71,000 this past weekend, said Molly Bartlett, student marketing assistant for UI Recreational Services. The event — which raises money to fight cancer — is in its second year at the UI. This year's \$71,085.19 is well over the prior year's \$49,635.51. Relay for Life events are held around the world, Bartlett said. During this past weekend's event, participants walked around the track in the UI Recreation Building, ran races, sang karaoke, and were involved

in speed dating, among other activities. "We also have a Luminaria ceremony to celebrate survivors and to remember those who have lost battles to cancer," Bartlett said in a statement.

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# Dining out for a good cause

North Liberty residents gather to support the community's food pantry.

By Carla Keppler  
THE DAILY IOWAN

**Food and Clothing Pantry service in 2007**  
• Served 424 families  
• Received 3,151 visits  
• Provided more than 37 tons of food  
• Divvied out more than 7,700 pieces of clothing

challenge but did not attend the event.

The contest grossed nearly \$1,000 last year. Money earned from the \$10 meal tickets funds day-to-day operational expenses as well as other events hosted by the pantry.

Last year's Chef's Challenge took place on a Saturday, and moving to a weekday had Wilkerson concerned a bit about the size of the crowd. She said 80 to 100 guests would be an accomplishment but that even if not a huge monetary success, other reasons

exist for hosting the event. "I think that sometimes the poor are easily overlooked," she said. "With events like this, we actually focus the light on the poor — the people who work hard every week to get by."

And although the cooks each felt confident their dishes would win, they agreed their attendance was to bring awareness to a community issue rather than to win a contest.

"It's for a very good cause, so we really can't go wrong," Eggy's chef Paul McDermott said.

McDermott prepared beef and noodles with marinated steak and ramen noodles. He specially concocted the menu for Monday night's event. "I used ramen noodles because I figured the food pantry gets a lot of them," he said. "I went from there and ran with it."

The restaurant also combined canned green beans and cream of mushroom soup topped with French fried onions to make a traditional green-bean casserole.

Rugger's Café cook Trina Ritter served stuffed chicken breast topped with creamy parmesan sauce and sided with a cran-raisin coleslaw. Brown Bottle

kitchen manager Sharief Selim covered his herb-crusted tenderloin with a citrus vinaigrette alongside Italian potatoes.

Like McDermott, Selim's meal is not sold in his restaurant but was formulated for the cook-off.

"I brainstormed for a while trying to think about things you can show people how to make with food from the pantry," Selim said. "We've prepared something with a lot of flavor that's really simple to make."

After attendees sampled each dish, they dropped their ticket stubs into buckets to determine a winner.

Though the count was close, Rugger's captured the bulk of the votes.

North Liberty resident Evelyn Moore accompanied her husband to the event to celebrate her birthday and their wedding anniversary, and while she enjoyed the dining experience, she was there to support the community. She is a frequent donor to the food pantry.

"It's good to get to know your neighbors and have a sense of supporting your community," she said.

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**METRO**

**Local woman faces numerous charges**

Police arrested a local woman on Sunday after she allegedly chased her boyfriend with a chef's knife and resisted arrest.

Dameka Bryant, 33, 2203 Hickory Court, was charged with domestic-abuse assault while displaying a weapon, going armed with intent, interference with official acts causing bodily injury, assault on a peace officer, and interference with official acts.

She is being held at the Johnson County jail on a \$20,000 cash-only bond.

According to reports, Bryant reportedly got into an argument with her boyfriend of about six months. When he left the apartment, she allegedly grabbed a 10-inch chef's knife and started to chase him. During the incident, an uninvolved person reportedly yelled at Bryant to drop the knife. She allegedly

responded by lunging at the person, throwing rocks, and yelling, "I'm gonna kill you," police said.

Police arrived at Bryant's residence around 3:45 p.m. When officers attempted to make contact with her, Bryant allegedly fled into an apartment and tried to flee to a back room.

Officers attempted to stop her and she tried to fight, according to reports. She allegedly had to be physically restrained and taken to the patrol car where she fought again.

As she was being put in the police car, she reportedly kicked an officer's leg, injuring his knee. The officer was unable to return to work during the watch, according to reports.

Domestic-abuse assault while displaying a weapon and interference with official acts causing bodily injury are both aggravated misdemeanors, punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$6,250. Going armed with intent is a Class D

felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500.

Assault on a peace officer is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$1,875.

Interference with official acts is a simple misdemeanor, punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to \$625.

— by Clara Hogan

**Prairie Lights adds two owners**

Prairie Lights Books is under a new arrangement of owners, officials at the businesses announced in a press release Sunday.

The independent Iowa City bookshop, 15 S. Dubuque St., now has a trio of equal owners. Previous sole owner James Harris is now a co-owner with employee and book buyer Jan Weissmiller and customer and author Jane Mead. The idea for the change, which struck Harris a year ago when he was

walking his dog, is intended to "ensure continued independence and [a] bright future," the release said.

"It's no secret that independent bookstores face huge challenges from chains and megastores," Weissmiller said in the statement. "Our agreement means Prairie Lights will stay in the hands of individuals who know and love the store. The shared responsibility will ensure stability and security."

Prairie Lights was founded in May 1978 by Harris, and it has grown to offer an inventory of more than 80,000 titles. In January, the Associated Press said the business was a "destination bookstore." The establishment also hosts "Live from Prairie Lights."

All three owners are UI graduates; Weissmiller and Mead attended the Iowa Writers' Workshop.

The business will celebrate its 30th anniversary May 4 with a community event at the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

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# Cameras aid local dispatchers



A camera monitors traffic on Interstate 80 near the Highway 965 interchange on Monday.

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## CAMERAS CONTINUED FROM 1A

objects, and rotate the cameras 180 degrees — giving them nearly the same control as the state DOT.

Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek said he was surprised by the advanced clear images the cameras showed when he first watched one of his deputies respond to an accident on the interchange of I-80 and I-380 last week.

"I could see him walking down the road with cars whizzing by," Pulkrabek said. "I haven't been out on duty for a few years, and it reminded me of what it was like."

Fourteen webcams were installed along the interstates to help with the predicated traffic that will come along with upcoming major projects — I-80 will expand to six lanes and I-380 will be resurfaced. The webcam system will extend north on I-380 to the south of Cedar Rapids by the end of summer. The dispatch room in the Sheriff's Office now features computer screens constantly rotating images of all cameras.

Pulkrabek noted the devices won't be used to ticket people, adding they aren't capable of

tracking speeding or zooming in on license plates.

"They aren't meant to be like Big Brother watching," he said.

Jim Thaymer, the dispatchers' supervisor and one of the people to receive training on the new system, said the cameras now allow dispatchers to pinpoint the exact location of an accident.

"Currently, officers have no problem driving on the shoulder to get to an accident if necessary," Thaymer said. "That won't be possible during construction, so [the cameras] will help find the best way to get there."

Pulkrabek agreed, saying the cameras won't necessarily help with discovering an accident because dispatchers are usually bombarded with 911 calls anyway.

The new system cost about \$1.2 million, a part of the DOT's \$3 million project that includes new message signs and a radio traffic-alert system set for activation later this summer.

The agency also installed sensors that alert workers when traffic slows down or speeds up.

The cameras will also be convenient to the general public to check traffic, Pulkrabek said. To watch the images go to [www.511ia.org](http://www.511ia.org).

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# A standout volunteer



Rachel Beach stands in front of the Johnson County Crisis Center on Monday. She has volunteered at the center for the last six years and has worked in a variety of other volunteer programs as well.

Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan

## VOLUNTEERING CONTINUED FROM 1A

said she admired the strength and resilience of the women and how, in a matter of months, they were newly empowered.

This year, she decided to log her hours with 10K when Dingbaum, Beach's classmate, told her about the program and OK Go.

Dingbaum said he considers her to be one of the 10,000 Hours Show's most engaged volunteers. He said it's obvious how much the Crisis Center has had an effect on her life.

"I picked her because of her dedication," Dingbaum said. "It's something very apparent when you talk to her."

Beach said that lately, she has been thinking about how to

incorporate philanthropy in her future — she values how just a little effort can make a big difference in someone else's life.

"It's really important to me, and I'm definitely going to continue in any way I can," she said.

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## METRO

### Three charged with burglary

Police charged three men April 15 for allegedly injuring the occupants of an apartment after kicking and punching them.

Brooks O'Conner, Thomas Burke, and Jeffrey Hasmonck — all 20 years old and of 313 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2031 — were charged with first-degree burglary.

As of Monday, the men were not being held at the Johnson County jail.

According to police, the three men entered an occupied apartment at 500 S. Gilbert St. around 2:30 a.m. on April 11 and started throwing items around. They then allegedly began kicking and punching the people inside the apartment.

One of the men was reportedly yelling "I'll kill you" as he struck

one of the people in the apartment, police said.

Two of the people who were beaten had to be taken to the hospital to be seen for head injuries, and one person needed a plastic surgeon to fix a major cut on his upper lip, police said.

First-degree burglary is a Class B felony, punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

— by Clara Hogan

## STATE

### Closing arguments given at scandal trial

DAVENPORT (AP) — Attorneys for three job-training officials accused of conspiring to mispend nearly \$2 million in government funds said during closing arguments on Monday that their clients had nothing to do with the alleged scheme.

The defense lawyers blamed much of the trouble at the Central Iowa Employment and Training Consortium on former CEO Ramona Cunningham. She faces numerous charges and was supposed to stand trial this month, but a mental-competency hearing has been ordered in her case for next month.

On trial are former chief accountant Karen Tesdell, who is facing 29 fraud and conspiracy charges; Jane Barto, former Iowa Workforce Development deputy director, who faces two counts of conspiracy and obstruction; and former board member Dan Albritton, who faces a conspiracy count.

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# Taproot aims to spur understanding

## TAPROOT

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### 'A STRONG ANCHOR IN NATURE'

Last September, Wedemeyer and wife Elesa Wedemeyer began the Taproot Nature Experience nonprofit organization, seeking to help strengthen children's and adults' inherent bond with nature.

"Our overarching goal is to improve the situation of the Earth, but the way we plan to do that is by helping people reconnect or strengthen their connections to the natural world by giving them more contact with the natural world," Zac Wedemeyer said.

Taproot offers an after-school enrichment program that begins a few afternoons each week, when he picks up around six children from different elementary schools in his biodeisel-powered Dodge Sprinter.

The Sprinter, whose license plate bears the name "Lorax" after Dr. Seuss' tree-minded, mustached, man-like being, takes children to the day's special destination. Wilson's Apple Orchard, the South Sycamore Wetlands, and Hickory Hill park have all been "Loraxed."

In snow, sleet, and rain the children bundle, piling into the van, envisioning an unscripted afternoon in the outdoors. For

Wedemeyer's group, there is no such thing as curriculum.

"It always works out that nature comes up with something," he said, detailing a hike-turned-deer carcass examination. "Nature and the kids, I've seen over and over, have just a very easy partnership. Something will come up. They'll find something to do, to explore."

The former Willowwind elementary teacher traded the confines of the classroom for the expanse of the environment in the spring of 2007. Always an outdoorsman, he said there were times during his teaching career when, like the children, he, too, looked out the window and longed for the fresh air.

Moving around a lot as a kid may have made him that way, he said. Journeying from Iowa to Pennsylvania to Missouri to Kansas to West Virginia allowed the UI graduate to learn where to plant his roots the deepest: in the soil.

It is that lesson, combined with the example of an oak tree, that inspired the name of his newly founded organization, he said.

"One of the first things oak trees start doing right out of the acorn is send a strong root, before making leaves or anything," Wedemeyer said. "It's one of the things that allow the tree to be completely burned off but to grow back or to survive a drought by digging deep into water ...

"I think sinking your own metaphorical root into the Earth and into nature when you're young, if you have this strong anchor, it will give you the strength and sustenance to carry you through your whole life. My hope is that I'm helping these kids to grow a strong anchor in nature."

### 'HOW MUCH SCREEN TIME IS TOO MUCH?'

The nationwide push to re-evaluate children's experiences with the outdoors was largely catalyzed by the publishing of Richard Louv's 2005 novel, *Last Child in the Woods*.

The *San Diego Union-Tribune* columnist detailed the detriments of the current generation of media-consuming children who experience a "nature-deficit disorder."

Since Louv's book hit the shelves, back-to-nature campaigns around the country have spawned to reconnect children with the outdoors.

The U.S. Forest Service has launched More Kids in the Woods to fund local efforts to get children outdoors. The National Wildlife Federation initiated a "Green Hour" campaign, encouraging parents to have their children spend one hour each day in nature. And a "Leave no Child Inside Act" for federal funding in environmental education under a new Office of Environmental

### Earth Day Events Today

- **Preschool Storytime: Earth Day**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble
- **Earthapalooza, Global Warming: The Signs and the Science**, documentary hosted and narrated by Alanis Morissette, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **"Earth Day at East Side,"** noon to 6 p.m., East Side Recycling Center, 2401 Scott Blvd.

Education in the U.S. Department of Education was proposed, but not passed, in both the House and Senate.

Wedemeyer said the growing attention paid to children's mobility show steps in the right direction.

But researchers say it still may not be enough.

A new study soon-to-be-published in the *Journal of Pediatrics* found that fewer than 20 percent of Iowa and Minnesota children from public elementary schools met daily guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics for limiting screen time and taking a minimum number of steps.

In attempts to help parents promote childhood health and fitness, the academy has recommended boys take at least 11,000 steps per day, girls 13,000 steps

per day, and their total screen time should not exceed two hours each day.

But the 709 children studied by Iowa State University and the National Institute on Media and the Family are failing horribly: The girls had a mean screen time of 3½ hours, the boys had 4½.

"I hope this puts things into perspective a little bit about how much is too much," said Kelly Laurson, an Iowa State kinesiology doctoral candidate who led the study. "Parents often hear their child should be physically active, but how much physical activity is enough? They hear their child shouldn't watch too much TV, but how much screen time is too much? Maybe now they'll pay more attention."

### 'KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT IN MIND'

Barb Canin is. Her daughters, 8-year-old Ayla and 11-year-old Amiela, have participated in several Taproot programs.

"Even though [Wedemeyer]'s an adult responsible for them, he's not really controlling them," Canin said, taking a bite of her natural syrup-soaked pancake on Taproot Family Day a few weeks ago. "He's going with them, seeing what they explore, what they discover."

Canin's daughters huddled with a crowd of children around a smoldering fire pit where Wedemeyer cooked pancakes and

boiled fresh maple sap from a nearby tree.

Ayla, a Taproot regular, later discussed catching and eating blue gills and mushroom hunting, saying: "I don't think I've ever had a day when it's not fun."

Wedemeyer agreed. He has big plans for Taproot and his new sustainable home sprouting up on 80 acres of land near North English.

The 3,500-square-foot renovated barn — with straw-baled walls, flooring from the demolished St. Patrick's Catholic Church, masonry heating, and solar-electric generation — will one day be a regional center for environmental education for adults and children, he said.

Wedemeyer dreams of holding sustainability conferences and environmental seminars along with the existing children's programs and family camping workshops that teach metropolitan-minded parents the ways of the wild — such as the one next August.

But he's starting with the kids. "I'm trying to think locally and act locally and do what my strengths are," he said. "I think having a bond with nature will help them be peaceful and help them keep the environment in mind when they're making decisions for the rest of their lives."

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# Student prepares for career by volunteering

## 10K

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"As soon as I found out the band was OK Go, I downloaded all its music, so I know all the words now," she said.

Fredrickson is among 2,000 volunteers to register with

10,000 Hours in the past two years. But she knows it's about more than just a ticket.

"Laura is one of those individuals who really understands what it means to give back to the community," said Mark Anthony Dingbaum, executive director of outreach for the organization. "She knows that she can have an

impact on her community."

Health care and kids have driven the 21-year-old to volunteer since high school. In her hometown of Ottumwa, she volunteered at the local hospital. Once she arrived at the UI, she took a break from the health sector but kept up with her kid time, becoming involved with Big

Brothers, Big Sisters.

But now that she's a junior, Fredrickson has decided to refocus on health care before she needs to apply for medical school. UIHC has been one of her favorite spots to volunteer thus far.

As the hours of service continue to pile up, Fredrickson doesn't

pretend it won't help her on her path to becoming a pediatrics doctor. She was told that schools often value service over research experience. But she insists her passion for helping others is what motivates her.

Fredrickson doesn't have any patience for those who say they don't have the time to volunteer.

"Everyone has the time," she said. "If you have the ability to help others, you should. Think about how much time students set aside for their favorite TV shows every week."

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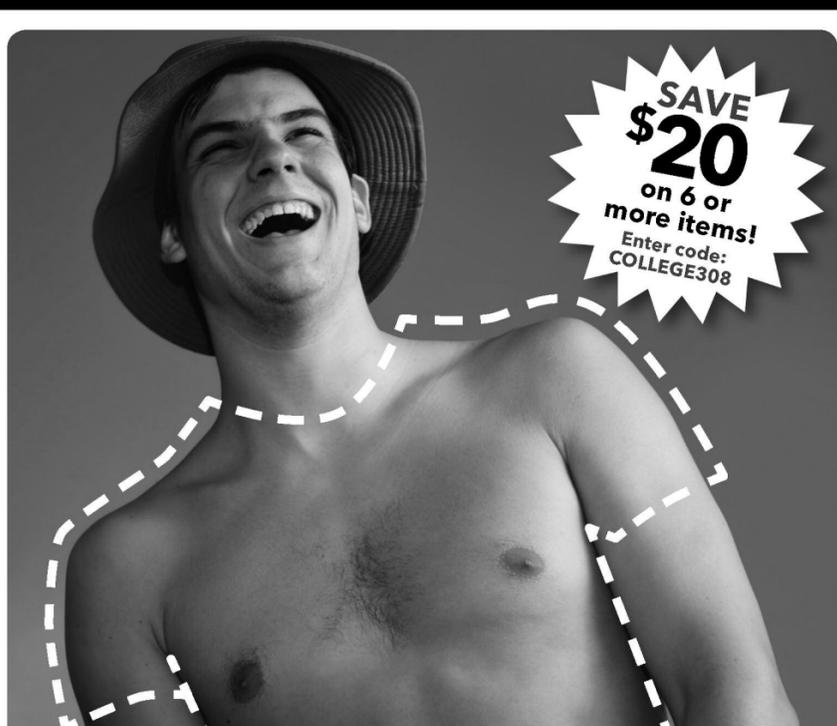


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# Nurturing the future stewards

Photos by Beth Skogen  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Zac Wedemeyer began the Taproot Nature Experience nonprofit organization last September — the same month he began construction on his eco-friendly home in North English. By taking children out regularly in the wild, he hopes to help them grow their own roots in nature and become better stewards of the environment.



Taproot kids and Zac Wedemeyer find a deer carcass at Wilson's Orchard April 1. The group has found many things, including animal tracks, oyster mushrooms, and antlers, on their excursions.



Taproot kids walk toward the top of a hill to sled down on March 4. Zac Wedemeyer drove kids out to Lynn Simmons family's property to explore animal tracks and look for maple trees.



ABOVE: Zac Wedemeyer drives the Taproot kids back to Iowa City after visiting Dick Schwab's home near Solon on April 11. Wedemeyer picks kids up at various schools Tuesday through Friday for two hours to explore nature.

RIGHT: Zac Wedemeyer and Ani Willow Wedemeyer, 18 months, walk toward their new eco-friendly home in North English on Monday. Wedemeyer and his family hope to move in June.

BELOW: Dick Schwab explains a current project to Taproot kids at his woodworking shop near Solon on April 11. Depending on the weather, Zac Wedemeyer takes five to seven kids to explore nature after school.



“Zac [Wedemeyer] is such an inspiring model for our kids, and for all of us, really, of the values he holds and lives by — values such as the importance of honoring and nurturing community, other people, and the natural world; honesty, curiosity and kindness; a rejection of materialism . . . It is really very moving to witness, and wonderful to have our children get to be part of it when they're out with him tromping through the woods. ”

— Barb Canin, whose daughters Amiela, 11, and Ayla, 8, have participated in the Taproot after-school program



UI Assistant Professor Cornelia Lang socializes with other Taproot parents during the Taproot Family Day on April 4 at Lynn Simmons' land, located near North Liberty. The organization has various activities planned for families to bring them closer to nature.

‘One of the most important things, I think, is to let the kids have their own time outside. For much of it, I just act as safety supervision, and I've been studying nature all my life, so I add in some research and answer their questions.’

— Zac Wedemeyer, the leader of the Taproot Nature Experience



Tobias Timofeyev (left), 9, and Mason DeGrazia (right), 8, explore an area of Wilson's Orchard on April 1. “With these kids, I hope to help grow a strong anchor or taproot in nature,” Zac Wedemeyer said. The name of the organization came from oak tree roots.



# Arts & Culture

Going to the OK Go show tonight? Read Wednesday's *DI* for a breakdown and review of the 10K event. We have our fingers crossed for treadmills, or at least a choreographed dance to "A Million Ways." Iowa City locals Diplomats of Solid Sound will open the show, which will start at 7 p.m. at the Englert, 221 E. Washington.

## Live men wear plaid

Daily Iowan reporter Terry McCoy takes on an issue of paramount importance: Is flannel cool? And more importantly, is it coming back?



TERRY MCCOY

Another battle of the sexes: I love flannel. My girlfriend, undoubtedly representing the vast majority of you women out there, hates flannel.

Yeah, I know — I don't get it, either. So what if I look like a walking fractal? Math is sexy. Or so I convinced myself in high school.

Hell, right now I'm probably wearing flannel or plaid. And loving it.

Drawn are the lines along the 90 degree angles of my shirts. My girlfriend on one side, myself on the other.

But enough about me (I know, I know, there's never enough); let's talk about what's going out there. In the world, flannel is coming back. Slowly, but definitely surely.

Walk around campus; you'll see it for yourself. Or better yet, go to Old Navy — that store's still cool, right? — and relish in all the flannel- and plaid-clad mannequins.

"Someone is starting this trend, and people are following it," said Jessica Santillan, the apparel merchandising consultant for Kirkwood Community College, adding that she hasn't yet noticed a total flannel explosion in the fashion world. But that doesn't mean it won't happen.



Phoebe Webb/The Daily Iowan

Cinema majors Jamie Niebuhr, Josh Becker, and Ben Kaplowitz show off their plaid pride at the Hamburg Inn on Sunday.

"Someone has got to be the innovator, may it be in the subculture, a celebrity. Someone has got to start the trend somewhere," she said. "And then the designers pick it up."

But — and there's always a but — flannel does face some obstacles before a complete resurgence.

**No. 1:** grunge music. Convincing people it's not depression but just a love for colored squares that dictates your clothing choices might be more difficult than it seems. And the Eddie Vedder jokes could, and will, get old.

**No. 2:** lumberjacks. Unless it has to do with pancakes, count yourself out.

**No. 3:** your dad. We all know the dad ensemble — glasses, tight blue jeans, and yes, a flannel shirt tucked in. Surely, moms across the nation are giddy with their husbands' fashion acumen.

But flannel and plaid use conjures up a different image for UI sophomore Teresa Erbacci.

"It only makes me think of Al Borland from 'Tool Time,'" she said. "I can't tell you why, I just don't like it."

Adds UI junior Courtney Porter: "I'm not attracted to the woody, and that's the persona [flannel-wearers] give off."

It comes down to how bad do you want it, said UI graduate student and veteran flannel-wearer Rob McLoone. OK, so attracting the opposite sex and fashion is important and all, but isn't flannel, too? It's a question everyone needs to tackle himself.

"Flannel is good because it's fairly cool." — Really, Rob? — "Wear it inside, wear it outside, wear it as a jacket. It's just comfortable."

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## RECORD REVIEWS



Ashlee Simpson  
*Bittersweet World*

★★★ out of ★★★★★

There has always been a slight sense of desperation surrounding the younger Simpson. Perhaps it's the general "little sister" syndrome, illustrated in her regrettable and tellingly titled songs such as "Shadow." Maybe it's the mutability of not only her hair color (a quick trip through the tagged photos of me in the last few years will show that I have no room to judge), but her very face, as evidenced by a downsized nose.

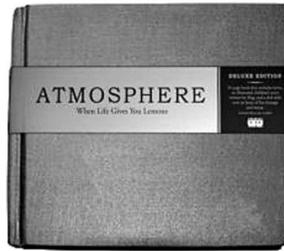
Seriously, a side-by-side look at Jessica versus Ashlee shows that the latter Simpson is clearly ahead in the game — all her songs are better, if not quite Hall of Fame material (yet?), and it's a trend that continues on her third full-length, *Bittersweet World*.

With this album, Simpson moves from her former writing/production team (responsible for such guilty pleasure tracks as "Pieces of Me" and "Boyfriend") to creative backing led by Timbaland, Kenna, and the Neptunes. The results are tinged with Cyndi-Lauper-style sass at best, a persona that Simpson could do worse than to emulate.

Upcoming single "Boys" is far and away the album's best, a cheeky number about how Ashlee just can't help having the fellas "follow her voice." Timbaland's production manages to freshen itself up from the past few months' samey-Justin-Timberlake-style.

Ashlee: You're doing fine. Deep breaths, and stick with the redhead look.

**Anna's Picks:** "Boys" and "Ragdoll"  
— by Anna Wiegenstein



Atmosphere  
*When Life Gives You Lemons You Paint That Shit Gold*

★★½ out of ★★★★★

Slug once rapped "Atmosphere/Just a 10-letter word," an idea that now couldn't be further from the truth. Minneapolis rap duo Atmosphere, composed of rapper Slug and DJ/Producer Ant, have grown into a franchise, the face of the influential Minneapolis hip-hop label Rhymesayers. The group's latest release sees Slug's lyrical aspirations continue to grow, but he unfortunately loses his trademark flow in the process.

Being in the game for more than a decade, I know an artist has to evolve to a certain extent to avoid complacency. However, I grow nostalgic for Slug's angsty, melodramatic middle-finger flow. *When Life Gives You Lemons* has Slug primarily delivering his rhymes in a mellow, sing-song relaxed musing, reminiscent of that guy sitting at the bar alone, listening to everything happening around him. Opener "Like the Rest of Us" and the piano-driven "Puppets" fail to verbally grab your attention, something that once was Slug's premier intention.

The true savior of the album is Ant's production work, Rhymesayer's secret weapon. Branching out from his standard use of retro-soul samples, he harnesses Death row-era West

Coast G-Funk on such songs as "The Skinny" and "Shoulda Known." I can't blame Slug for reaching for elevated artistic grandeur, but I have to feel fortunate that Ant is there to make sure my head will nod.

**Jarrett's Picks:** "The Skinny" and "Shoulda Known"  
— by Jarrett Hothan



Goldfinger  
*Hello Destiny*

★★ out of ★★★★★

After six full-length albums and 13 years in the business, it may be comforting for long-time Goldfinger fans to know that the band's sound has neither evolved or matured. But for the rest of us, such banal lyrics as "It's time to get up, get/why don't you stand up, stand up" from *Hello Destiny* are getting a little tiresome.

Even through the shallow lyrics and expected pop/punk/ska sound, Goldfinger, led by frontman/music producer John Feldman (known for working with Mest, the Used, and Hilary Duff) manages to crank out another full-length album full of catchy guitar riffs accompanied with loud horns. While good on the surface, the problem is that the last five albums have consisted of the same exact thing.

Collaborations with the Used and Save Ferris on "Handjobs for Jesus" weaken the album with questions about the meaning of the Bible juxtaposed with oddly placed screams and clashes with sound of the rest of the album.

**Gina's picks:** "If I'm Not Right" and "One More Time"  
— by Gina Pusateri

## Showcasing the culture of original inhabitants

By Brigid Marshall  
THE DAILY IOWAN

American Indians have a rich history of culture, which unfortunately isn't showcased much at the UI and across the Midwest.

Events during Native American Arts Week, which began Monday, are aimed to dispel incorrect or dated ideas about American Indians, said UI American Indian Student Association co-head Theresa Heitz.

Monday's lecture, "Native American Religious Revitalization," was given by Iowa State University Assistant Professor Dennis Kelley. Today, there will be a screening of the documentary *Playing Pastime: American Indian Fast Pitch Softball and Survival* by filmmakers LeAnne Howe and James M. Fortier.

The week will culminate Friday in the IMU Black Box Theater with a social starring a Meskwaki drum group playing traditional music.

"Most people think of us as wearing headbands with this big mascot idea of an [American] Indian," said 20-year-old Heitz. "We want people to get away from that view. There's this really primitive image of Native Americans that we're trying to break down."

The week-long venture features speakers, films, a visiting painter and printmaker, a potluck dinner of traditional Indian foods from each person's tribe, as well as the drum event on Friday.

"I think all of the events will be good ... but Friday's will be the most interwoven," said UI senior Leah Slick-Driscoll, a member of the American Indian Student Association. "There will be tables for children to make dream catchers and karaoke; That'll be really

engaging and it's the most social event of all of them."

Heitz, a UI sophomore, is a member of the Oglala tribe. Other participants in the group are members of tribes from throughout the country, she said.

"Right now, most of us are from the Midwest, but in the past, there have been people from as far away as Arizona," she said. "As a group, we want to showcase what's special about our culture to the greater university community so they can learn about it."

Both Heitz and Slick-Driscoll said their main purpose of the five-day affair is simply to raise awareness of the more than 500 tribes recognized by the U.S. government.

"It's important to realize that natives are part of the larger culture," 32-year-old Slick-Driscoll said. "There's certain issues that mean a lot, such as religious freedom. Maybe just having other people realize that [our ideology] might be different, but it's still valid."

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When: 6 p.m. Wednesday  
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Admission: Free

American Indian Student Association Potluck

When: 5:30 p.m. Thursday  
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News

# Safety search

A task force considers recommendations for curbing violence against women.

By Olivia Moran  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Members of the Task Force on Violence Against Women began discussing possible recommendations in an effort to curb Iowa City's year-long string of sexual attacks.

Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine said the approximately 30 attacks on women are believed to have been committed by the same three or four men. Monique DiCarlo of the Women's Resource and Action Center said that as a result of the attacks, males in the area have been placed in a "gender box," leading some residents to believe that all men behave the same.

"Men lose out in this process, too," she said.

The panel considered one recommendation that would encourage both men and women to curb the attacks by mobilizing to stop violence perpetrated by men, holding perpetrators accountable, and supporting personal safety.

Marcia Klingaman, the city of Iowa City Neighborhood Services representative, said 99 percent of men aren't perpetrators and the recommendations would give non-dangerous men a chance to help. DiCarlo said certain men in the community need to come forward.

"It's great to get new men, but it's men who are in leadership positions who need to speak out," she said, citing examples such as pastors and coaches.

But Hargadine said actions shouldn't be taken strictly by men.

"It's important for all men, but isn't it important for everybody?" he said, adding that men are also assaulted often.

Members of the task force were conflicted on exactly how to notify the public of the attacks, especially students. In a draft of the recommendations, members considered using Facebook, various websites, and efforts of some associations to reach students. Some of the members proposed using the UI's Hawk Alert system.

But Chuck Green, the university's assistant vice president for the UI police, said the school would not use Hawk Alert to notify the public of a crime that's already been committed, as opposed to a crime "that's happening right now."

"We need to constantly remind them where the information is held," he said.

UI Panhellenic Association and student-government representative Sarah Milani suggested posting information downtown, a method she said was successful during the early string of attacks.

The task force is also considering recommending more funding for Nite Ride, expanded hours for Iowa City transit, increased lighting, and funding for neighborhood watch programs.

Iowa City City Councilor Amy Correia said the recommendations are neither final nor have they officially been recommended to the council. Although the group will vote eventually, she said, the task force has yet to do so.

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NATION

## Children need EKG, heart exam before ADHD drugs

NEW YORK (AP) — Children should be screened for heart problems with an electrocardiogram before getting such drugs as Ritalin

to treat hyperactivity and attention-deficit disorder, the American Heart Association recommended Monday.

Stimulant drugs can increase blood pressure and heart rate. For most children, that isn't a problem. But in those with heart conditions, it could make them more vulnerable to sudden cardiac arrest — an

erratic heartbeat that causes the heart to stop pumping blood through the body — and other heart problems.

Approximately 2.5 million American children and 1.5 million adults take medication for attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, according to government

estimates. Stimulant drugs, such as Ritalin, Adderall, and Concerta, help children with the disorder to stay focused and control their behavior.

The medications already carry warnings of possible heart risks in those with heart defects or other heart problems, which some critics said were driven more by concerns

of overuse of the drugs than their safety.

The heart group is now recommending a thorough exam, including a family history and an EKG, before children are put on the drugs to make sure that they don't have any undiagnosed heart issues.



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 L.A. Dodgers 9, Cincinnati 3  
 Houston 10, San Diego 3  
 St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 3  
 Philadelphia 9, Colorado 5  
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# SPORTS



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Track & Field: Like a broken record, 2B

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## D-line to set tone

Led by senior-to-be defensive tackles Mitch King and Matt Kroul, Iowa's front four looks to be a strong suit once again in 2008.



Hawkeyes defensive end Christian Ballard takes down running back Paki O'Meara in the April 19 spring scrimmage at Kinnick Stadium.

**By Brendan Stiles**  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Four months away from the Hawkeyes' home-opener, the defensive line looks to be one of the more reliable units for head coach Kirk Ferentz in 2008.

Although the Hawkeyes have lost two seniors at defensive end in Kenny Iwebema and Bryan Mattison, both defensive tackles — seniors-to-be Mitch King and Matt Kroul — return to anchor the line.

Not only that, but Ferentz has viewed King and Kroul as two leaders the entire team can rally around, as evident by keeping both of them out of 11-on-11 drills during the April 19 spring scrimmage at Kinnick Stadium.

"There's not a whole lot we need to know about them right now," the coach said. "I think we

### Seniors anchor stout front

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have a pretty good feel for what they're capable of doing."

Needless to say, the two know the importance they carry with the team.

"Everything starts with our D-line and our defense," Kroul said. "If we don't play with tempo, our whole team doesn't play with tempo. It's been brought on to Mitch and I, and we're going to carry it."

At this moment, sophomores-to-be Adrian Clayborn and Christian Ballard are the front-runners for the two defensive end spots left by Iwebema and Mattison. Ballard originally

### Spring Football

Today marks the second story in a five-part series that takes a closer look at a handful of key positions as the football Hawkeyes approach the 2008 season. Be sure to check back with the *D/* throughout the week for complete coverage as Iowa shifts its focus deeper into the off-season:

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came to Iowa as a tight end, then switched to defensive end.

"The tempo of tight end is so much different, so much more to learn," Ballard said. "It's a lot harder to catch the balls.

Defense, I have the body and speed to play, so I decided to switch over."

Meanwhile, Clayborn feels he has learned quite a bit from playing alongside the likes of King and Kroul. Just like the two defensive tackles, Clayborn was recently named to the Hawkeyes' leadership group, which consists of 13 players, eight of whom play on the defensive side of the ball for Iowa.

"I think I've become a little more consistent — just knowing the defense," Clayborn said. "Not just what I do, but what the tackles do, and what the linebackers do behind me."

Ballard feels both he and Clayborn have benefited this spring playing alongside the veteran tandem at tackle.

SEE D-LINE, 3B

## Young set for NFL draft

Forget the mixed predictions about Albert Young's NFL draft outlook this weekend. The third leading rusher in school history said he expects a phone call after a standout career at Iowa.

**By Diane Hendrickson**  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

To most Hawkeye fans, Albert Young is a hero. A 1,000-yard season in 2005 and more than 3,000 in his career. A career-high 202 yards against Northwestern in his sensational sophomore campaign.

And his most unforgettable, etched forever on the mind of the Black and Gold faithful: 179 hard-fought yards and two touchdowns against Michigan State that, at the time, saved Iowa's 2007 season, trailing by 14 at halftime on Oct. 28.

But after a career hampered by injuries and a senior season slowed by a nonexistent passing offense and an inefficient offensive line, it's hard to say where the former Hawkeye end up in this weekend's NFL draft.

Young isn't listed on ESPN expert Mel Kiper Jr.'s latest draft prognostication, but he ranked as the 43rd-best running back in the 2008 class. Scouts Inc. projects him as a fringe Day 1 pick.



Iowa running back Albert Young pushes through Illinois defenders at Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 13, 2007.

The Moorestown, N.J., native says he gets calls "every day" from teams, including the Colts, Bears, Vikings, Browns, and Titans. He worked out with the Eagles early this month.

"They say, 'Be ready on draft day,'" said the No. 3 rusher in Hawkeye history.

Although Young is confident he'll receive a phone call this weekend — he'll sign as a free agent, if not — scouts wonder if he can stay healthy. The 5-9, 208-pound back has been prone to knee injuries his entire career. After suffering an injury in high school, he redshirted his

Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan

### Ex-Hawks await NFL draft

The third leading rusher in Iowa school history, Albert Young is just one in a handful of Hawkeyes anxiously awaiting their names to be called this weekend in New York City. Be sure to read the *D/* throughout the week for complete coverage of Iowa players entering the 2008 NFL draft:

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freshman year because of a broken leg and missed all but two games the next season with an ACL tear. In 2006, he played through another knee injury, missing two games.

In between those injuries, in a breakout 2005 season, Young led the Big Ten in yards per conference game with 125.2 and ran for 1,334 yards and eight touchdowns.

"Young has been extremely productive when healthy, but he needs to show better durability," reads his Scouts Inc. player analysis.

SEE YOUNG, 3B

## Holding the line

Michigan's Jake Long set to add to Big Ten's O-line legacy in NFL.

**By Larry Lage**  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Jake Long's oversized body spilled out of a chair as he turned to the right and glanced at a wall of photos of former Michigan players in the NFL.

Tom Brady's picture would stand out to most, but the 6-7, 315-pound Long locked in on a row featuring several offensive linemen including Jon Jansen, Steve Hutchinson, and Jon Runyan.

"It's the first time I've looked up there in a while," Long said in an interview with the Associated Press recently. "I'm excited to be up there, too."



Long offensive lineman

Long's photo definitely will earn a spot in the recruiting lounge at Schembechler Hall after he is drafted Saturday, and there's a chance he could be the No. 1 pick overall.

If the Miami Dolphins make Long the top selection, he will be the first offensive lineman — and fifth in league history — to be the No. 1 pick since 1997, when the St. Louis Rams took Ohio State tackle Orlando Pace.

Long insisted he isn't consumed with the possibility of going first.

"It doesn't matter to me when I get drafted," he said. "I'll be happy wherever I go, and I'm going to do everything I can to have a great career. I have no clue who is going to take me, and I don't really care because I've done everything to show what I can do."

The Big Ten has produced many men to protect quarterbacks and pave the way for running backs over the years.

SEE LONG, 3B

### Former Big Ten offensive linemen on 2007 opening-day rosters in the NFL

**Michigan:** David Baas, Jeff Backus, Jonathan Goodwin, Steve Hutchinson, Jon Jansen, Jon Runyan, Maurice Williams.  
**Ohio State:** Adrien Clarke, Kevin Houser, Nick Mangold, Shane Olivea, Orlando Pace, Rob Sims, Alex Stepanovich.  
**Wisconsin:** Dan Bueening, Al Johnson, Matt Katula, Casey Rabach, Mark Tauscher, Joe Thomas.  
**Iowa:** Robert Gallery, Mike Goff, Eric Steinbach, Casey Wiegmann, Marshal Yanda.  
**Purdue:** Kelly Butler, Nick Hardwick, Matt Light, Gene Mruczkowski, Uche Nwaneri.  
**Illinois:** David Diehl, Brandon Moore, Tony Pashos, Duke Preston.  
**Indiana:** Kris Dielman, Chris Liwienski, Isaac Sowell.  
**Penn State:** Levi Brown, Kareem McKenzie.  
**Michigan State:** Flozell Adams, Chris Morris.  
**Minnesota:** Ben Hamilton, Mark Setterstrom.  
**Northwestern:** Trai Essex, Zach Strief.

Source: Stats LLC.

### BASKETBALL

#### Drake hires Arizona State aide

DES MOINES (AP) — Drake hired Arizona State associate head coach Mark Phelps as its new men's basketball coach on Monday, moving swiftly to steady the program and replace outgoing coach Keno Davis.

Phelps' rollout, held at a jam-packed news conference on the school's Des Moines campus, came less than a week after Davis took the coaching job at Providence. School officials said Phelps was their top choice to replace Davis.

"One day last week, Sandy [Hatfield Clubb, Drake's athletics director] called me ... and told me about Drake University, about the Drake experience, and immediately I just got excited," Phelps said in a brief interview after the news conference.



### SOFTBALL

#### Weil honored again

As the awards keep showing down on junior Brittany Weil, so do the wins for the Hawkeye softball.

The Garden Grove, Calif., native became the first-ever Hawkeye to be named Big Ten Pitcher of the Week four times after collecting her second-straight co-title for her efforts against Wisconsin and Minnesota on April 19 and Sunday.

Winners in 14 of their last 18 games, Weil and company will break from their conference schedule to confront Drake at 6 p.m. today in Des Moines.

The group hopes for more Weil-whooping against the Bulldogs (21-19, 11-5), whom they defeated, 4-1, in the Metrodome Classic on Feb. 17. "We just want to take advantage of every opportunity we have to play," said Iowa head coach Gayle Blevins. "Conference or nonconference, every game is important to us."

Weil started the past weekend with a complete game, one-hit shutout against Wisconsin in which she struck out a season-high 12 batters. She followed that performance with a seven-strikeout shutout against Minnesota.

— by Eric Mandel

### TV TODAY

**MLB**  
 • New York Mets at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 p.m., Comcast  
 • New York Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 7:11 p.m., Comcast

**NBA PLAYOFFS**  
 • Western Conference, first round, game 2, Dallas at New Orleans, 6 p.m., TNT  
 • Western Conference, first round, game 2, Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m., TNT

**NHL PLAYOFFS**  
 • Conference quarterfinals, Washington at Philadelphia, game 7 (if necessary), 6 p.m., Versus  
 • Conference quarterfinals, Calgary at San Jose, Game 7, 9 p.m., Versus

# Sports

## SPORTS 'N' STUFF

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Division	W	L	Pct	GB
<b>East Division</b>				
Florida	12	7	.632	—
New York	10	8	.556	1½
Atlanta	10	9	.526	2
Philadelphia	10	10	.500	2½
Washington	5	15	.250	7½
<b>Central Division</b>				
St. Louis	13	7	.650	—
Milwaukee	11	8	.579	2
Cincinnati	8	12	.400	5½
Houston	8	12	.400	5½
Pittsburgh	7	12	.368	6
<b>West Division</b>				
Los Angeles	14	5	.737	—
Colorado	9	10	.474	5
San Diego	9	11	.450	5½
Los Angeles	8	11	.421	6
San Francisco	8	12	.400	6½

**Monday's Games**  
 Florida 10, Pittsburgh 4  
 Chicago Cubs 7, N.Y. Mets 1  
 Atlanta 7, Washington 3  
 L.A. Dodgers 9, Cincinnati 3  
 Houston 10, San Diego 3  
 St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 3  
 Philadelphia 9, Colorado 5  
 Arizona 4, San Francisco 2

**Today's Games**  
 St. Louis (Lohse 2-0) at Milwaukee (Parra 1-1), 12:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (Figueroa 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lilly 0-3), 1:20 p.m.  
 Florida (Nolasco 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Maholm 0-2), 6:05 p.m.  
 Washington (Lannan 0-2) at Atlanta (Smoltz 3-0), 6:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers (Kuo 0-0) at Cincinnati (Volquez 2-0), 6:10 p.m.  
 San Diego (Peavy 3-0) at Houston (Backe 1-2), 7:05 p.m.  
 Philadelphia (Myers 2-1) at Colorado (Francis 0-2), 7:35 p.m.  
 San Francisco (Zito 0-4) at Arizona (Webb 4-0), 8:40 p.m.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Division	W	L	Pct	GB
<b>East Division</b>				
Boston	14	7	.667	—
Baltimore	11	8	.579	2
New York	10	10	.500	3½
Toronto	10	10	.500	3½
Tampa Bay	8	11	.421	5
<b>Central Division</b>				
Chicago	11	7	.611	—
Kansas City	9	10	.474	2½
Minnesota	9	10	.474	2½
Cleveland	7	12	.368	4½
Detroit	7	13	.350	5
<b>West Division</b>				
Los Angeles	12	8	.600	—
Oakland	12	8	.600	—
Seattle	10	10	.500	2
Texas	7	13	.350	5

**Monday's Games**  
 Boston 8, Texas 3  
 Detroit 5, Toronto 1

**Today's Games**  
 Texas (Padilla 2-1) at Detroit (Verlander 0-3), 6:05 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels (Jer. Weaver 1-3) at Boston (Beckett 2-1), 6:05 p.m.  
 Toronto (Litsch 2-0) at Tampa Bay (Shields 1-1), 6:10 p.m.  
 Cleveland (Sabathia 0-3) at Kansas City (Meche 1-2), 7:10 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees (Wang 3-0) at Chicago White Sox (Contreras 1-1), 7:11 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Hernandez 3-0) at Oakland (Blanton 1-3), 9:05 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Guthrie 0-1) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 2-0), 9:10 p.m.

### NHL PLAYOFFS

**FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)**  
**Sunday, April 20**  
 Detroit 3, Nashville 0, Detroit win series 4-2

Calgary 2, San Jose 0, series tied 3-3  
 Dallas 4, Anaheim 1, Dallas wins series 4-2  
**Monday, April 21**  
 Montreal 5, Boston 0, Montreal wins series 4-3  
 Washington 4, Philadelphia 2, series tied 3-3  
**Today's Games**  
 Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.  
 Calgary at San Jose, 9 p.m.

### NBA PLAYOFFS

**FIRST ROUND (Best of 7)**  
**Saturday, April 19**  
 Cleveland 93, Washington 86  
 San Antonio 117, Phoenix 115, 2OT, San Antonio leads series 1-0  
 New Orleans 104, Dallas 92, New Orleans leads series 1-0  
 Utah 93, Houston 82  
**Sunday's Games**  
 Orlando 114, Toronto 100, Orlando leads series 1-0  
 L.A. Lakers 128, Denver 114, L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0  
 Philadelphia 90, Detroit 86, Philadelphia leads series 1-0  
 Boston 104, Atlanta 81, Boston leads series 1-0  
**Monday's Games**  
 Cleveland 116, Washington 86, Cleveland leads series 2-0  
 Utah 90, Houston 84, Utah leads series 2-0  
**Today's Games**  
 Dallas at New Orleans, 6 p.m.  
 Toronto at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.  
 Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 23**  
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.  
 Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

### BIG TEN BASEBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Michigan	15	1	.938	28	8	.778
Purdue	12	4	.750	20	17	.541
Illinois	9	7	.563	21	14	.600
Ohio State	8	7	.533	19	15	.559
Northwestern	8	8	.500	13	17	.433
Penn State	8	8	.500	15	21	.417
Minnesota	6	10	.375	16	21	.432
Iowa	5	11	.313	14	21	.400
Michigan State	4	11	.267	13	21	.382
Indiana	4	12	.250	15	22	.405

**Today's Games**  
 UW-Milwaukee at Iowa, 6 p.m.  
 Robert Morris at Northwestern  
 LaSalle at Penn State  
 Illinois State at Illinois  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 Iowa at Northern Iowa (Waterloo), 6:30 p.m.  
 Indiana State at Indiana  
 Ball State at Purdue  
 Youngstown State at Penn State  
 Akron at Ohio State  
 Minnesota at South Dakota State

### BIG TEN SOFTBALL

	W			L			Pct.		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
Michigan	13	1	.929	41	4	.911			
Northwestern	13	2	.867	28	10	.737			
Iowa	10	4	.714	32	14	.696			
Purdue	6	6	.500	30	16	.652			
Michigan St.	7	7	.500	23	21	.523			
Minnesota	6	6	.500	23	14	.622			
Illinois	6	8	.429	27	24	.529			
Penn State	5	7	.417	31	16	.660			
Ohio State	5	11	.313	27	20	.574			
Indiana	3	11	.214	13	31	.302			
Wisconsin	2	14	.125	12	37	.308			

**Today's Games**  
 Iowa at Drake, 6 p.m.  
 Notre Dame at Purdue (2)  
 Illinois at DePaul (2)  
 Illinois-Chicago at Northwestern  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 Northern Iowa at Iowa, 6 p.m.  
 Penn State at Kent State (2)  
 Oakland at Michigan State (2)  
 Louisville at Indiana (2)  
 UW-Green Bay at Wisconsin (2)

# Like a broken record

By Jeff Pawola  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The outdoor season has provided another platform for Diane Nukuri's race through the record books early this spring.

Another race, another record. It's like clockwork for Hawkeye senior distance runner Diane Nukuri, who over the weekend broke her seventh school record.

She tackled the 3,000 meters by finishing more than 44 seconds ahead of the entire field at the Iowa Invitational, with a time of 9:18.82.

Nukuri beat the previous mark set by Penny O'Brien in 1985 by 1.79 seconds.

"Obviously, this year is the only chance I have," said Nukuri, who will graduate in May. "But honestly, I was just trying to go out and compete."

The 3,000 meters was her second-consecutive race in which she broke a school record — the first came at the Stanford Invitational on April 4 in the 10,000 meters. Nukuri considers the 10,000 to be the most meaningful record that she owns, even considering the four records she holds in cross-country — the 3,000-, 4,000-, 5,000- and 6,000-meter marks.

"I like them both but the 10K was my first race," said Nukuri. "That one is more meaningful because I wasn't even at 100 percent and because I tried to get it last year."

Nukuri's time of 33:17.01 in the 10,000 meters only cracks the surface of what she could potentially run at the NCAA championships in June. Both she and head coach Layne Anderson are confident that she'll be able to improve upon her record-setting times.

"Everything we've done to this point is geared to running the 10K at Des Moines [the site of the NCAA championships]," Anderson said. "She could chal-



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Diane Nukuri trains at the Finkbine Golf Course on Oct. 23, 2007. Nukuri broke the school's 3,000-meter record last weekend.

lenge her own records, and she is capable of breaking the 10K again."

Nukuri has already automatically qualified for the 10,000-meter event at the NCAAs, where she will get another chance to break her own record.

Before that personal test, however, she wants to claim one more record — the 5,000-meter outdoor track record. The current record is 15:45.84, set by Nan Doak in 1985. Her best opportunity will be

at the Big Ten championships on May 17. If she does crack the 5,000 meter mark, she will own every cross-country and outdoor track record higher than 3,000 meters, excluding the steeplechase and marathon.

Despite all of her memorable performances, Anderson feels that her strongest showing remains the 2007 NCAA cross-country championships.

"They're all special, but I think that her greatest performance is her fourth-place finish at the NCAA cross-coun-

try meet," he said. Nukuri's performance at that event is the highest individual performance under Anderson and helped the team finish 10th overall.

At this point in the stellar season, one thing is becoming increasingly clear for the Hawkeyes — records are meant to be broken, and Nukuri was meant to break all of Iowa's.

"She was born to be a distance runner," Anderson said. E-mail *DI* reporter Jeff Pawola at jeffrey-pawola@uiowa.edu

## IOWA (14-21, 5-11) VS. WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE (12-24, 5-8)

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# Getting back to baseball basics 101

The Hawkeye skipper says his players must return to playing fundamental baseball.

By Ryan Young  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa baseball coach Jack Dahm said it himself: The Hawkeyes aren't a group composed of superstars.

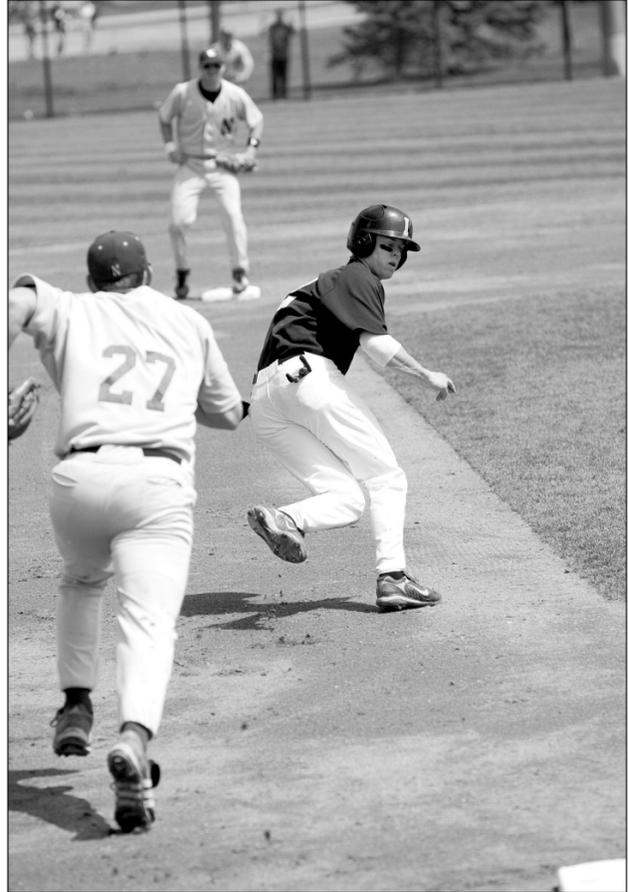
Instead of his hitters bombing walk-off home runs, they're more likely to win using a series of hits and sacrifice bunts. Instead his pitchers striking out 15-consecutive batters, they're more likely to end an inning on a ground out or a pop fly.

That's just the type of team Iowa is, Dahm said, but he also noted that he feels his players are straying from that style of groundwork — at times, striving to force a highlight-reel play rather than staying relaxed and aggressive.

And after such techniques yielded a four-game winning streak prior to a dismal weekend, Dahm hopes his Hawkeyes will make a turnaround when Iowa (14-21, 5-11) hosts Wisconsin-Milwaukee (12-24, 5-8) today at 6 p.m.

"We need to understand what type of team we are," he said. "That's something we shoot for every day, not just because we lost three out of four against Northwestern [over the weekend]."

"We need to learn from it and try to get back to what we did



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Iowa second baseman Justin Toole is caught between second and third after an attempt to steal against Northwestern on Sunday at Banks Field.

against Indiana and Creighton, and that's playing the game pitch to pitch, trust our abilities, and don't try to do too much.

"Believe me, our guys are going up there trying to win those games."

Iowa and Wisconsin-Milwaukee stand nearly identical on

the stat sheet. Both have a 6.35 team ERA, with only two pitchers allowing fewer than five earned runs per game. They also bat similarly — Iowa having a slightly better average (.307) than the Panthers (.291).

But Wisconsin-Milwaukee has played primarily on the

road all season, faring quite poorly on its way to a 7-22 away record and 3-2 mark at neutral sites.

Meanwhile, the Hawkeyes have a month to rise out of the Big Ten basement and remedy whatever ails them before the conference tournament begins on May 21.

Iowa's pair of double-headers over this past weekend significantly dented the Hawkeyes pitching staff, and Dahm said he will experiment a little this week — starting with Iowa's projected starter tonight, senior right-hander Joe Singer, who has yet to pitch an inning this season.

"We're going to give some guys opportunities — some guys who haven't had a chance to pitch a lot," the fifth-year coach said. "They deserve an opportunity to show us what they can do, and I hope to see some guys pitch well and earn some more opportunities."

Singer ended last season with a 10.97 ERA in six appearances and one start, which amounted to 10½ innings. He struck out two batters, walked nine, and allowed four home runs.

But past struggles don't ruffle Dahm. Nine fielding errors and 38 surrendered runs over two days against Northwestern are what gets his goat.

"We had some breakdowns this past weekend defensively, so I'd like to see us get back to playing better defense and playing extremely hard again," he said. "We want to get better every day, and we need to get back to what's made us successful. And that's being a fundamentally sound team."

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pair finished in ties for 40th place and 46th place respectively.

A 79 sandwiched in between rounds of 71 and 73 dropped senior Dan Holterhaus into a tie for 54th place, while fellow senior Adam Miller finished in a tie for 65th at 14-over.

— by Sean Monahan

### MLB

**Cubs top Mets**  
 CHICAGO (AP) — Carlos Zambrano pitched seven strong innings, and Aramis Ramirez and Felix Pie homered Monday night as the surging Chicago Cubs beat the New York Mets, 7-1, for their 12th win in 15 games.

Zambrano (3-1) allowed five hits and a run with two walks and four strikeouts. Chicago's ace was backed by four double plays,

including one in the sixth started by shortstop Ronny Cedeno that doused a big inning for the Mets and was a key play.

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'Everybody gets caught up in the 40 time, but football is more a game of burst in your first step. That's just something for me to prove them wrong.'

— Albert Young, former Hawkeye running back

# Young waits for NFL call

**YOUNG**  
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However, Young says his injury problems are behind him. "I have been injured in my career before, but I'm healthy now," he said. Young's speed and deceptiveness also diminish his draft stock. He ran a 4.549 in the 40-yard dash at Iowa's Pro Day, and he has never been a shifty runner, although scouts note his strength and toughness, picking up a lot of ground after contact. "[Young] shows good initial burst but lacks the second-gear to run away from defenders

once he gets through the line," his draft prospectus says. "[He] lacks ideal elusiveness and won't make many defenders miss in the open field." But Young, who graduated in December, says his explosiveness is key to his success. He's ranked in the top eight in rushing in the conference for the past three years — finishing just shy of 1,000 yards in 2007— for 3,173 career yards. "Everybody gets caught up in the 40 time, but football is more a game of burst in your first step," he said. "That's just something for me to prove them wrong."

Aside from speed and injury reservations, scouts see a smart, solid blocker with good vision and reliable hands out of the backfield. "His upside is definitely limited," said Alex Khvatov, an NFL draft analyst for nfl-draftblitz.com. "He's your typical guy. He's an under-sized guy with very average speed. "I like the fact that he can catch the ball out of the backfield, and I like the fact that he's a pretty good blocker. I don't see him being drafted. I see him coming in as an undrafted free agent,

but he has an opportunity to make a team because of those factors." But Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz says whether his name is called this weekend or not, Young will have a fresh start — forget everything he did as a Hawkeye — all that matters is how he performs in camp. "At the end of the day, it doesn't matter where you get drafted unless you are the No. 1 pick," he said. "For everyone else, what they do once they get to their teams is important." E-mail *D/*reporter **Diane Hendrickson** at: [diane-hendrickson@uiowa.edu](mailto:diane-hendrickson@uiowa.edu)

# D-line key for Hawks

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"They just threw us in the fire," Ballard said. "It was a great learning experience, and once we learned it, it was easy." Both defensive ends got some playing time last season for the Hawkeyes, and Ferentz felt they provided the Iowa defense with energy when they were on the field. The 10th-year coach's only concern now regarding the defensive ends is whether they'll be able to absorb the minutes played by Iwebema and Mattison when both were healthy last season. Aside from that, however, he likes what he sees from all his defensive linemen. "I'm pleased with the way they're coming along, and pleased with the young guys playing behind them, all across the board," Ferentz said. "Hope-

fully, we'll have an opportunity to play six or eight guys on that front and bring the guys along." Those "young guys" Ferentz is referring to are ends Broderick Binns, Chad Geary, and Lebron Daniel and tackles Anton Narsinskiy, Karl Klug, Cody Hunderdmark, and Mike Daniels. All seven were listed on the two-deeps for the spring game Saturday. "We got a lot of young guys who like to fly around and get after it," Kroul said. He has loved the effort he has seen so far this spring. "Everybody's trying to get better," he said. "Every practice, everybody's ready to go and amped up and energized, and that's so good to be around. The young guys get me juiced up for practice, and it's good to be around." E-mail *D/*reporter **Brendan Stiles** at: [brendan-stiles@uiowa.edu](mailto:brendan-stiles@uiowa.edu)

# Big Ten churns out linemen

**LONG**  
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Some linemen, such as Pace and Hutchinson, turned out to be Pro Bowl mainstays — while others, such as Michigan State's Tony Mandarich and Iowa's Robert Gallery haven't succeeded. Pace was voted to the Pro Bowl seven-straight times before being slowed by injury the past two seasons. "Orlando is one of the best players I coached," said former Buckeye coach John Cooper, a consultant for the Cincinnati Bengals. "I put him right up there with guys like Eddie George, Robert Smith, Shawn Springs, Terry Glenn, and Joey Gallaway." Hutchinson, now playing for the Minnesota Vikings, has been a Pro Bowler the past five seasons. Long, a two-time All-American and Big Ten lineman of the year, seems like a lock to be a standout if he stays healthy. But he wouldn't be the first lineman from the con-

'Jake Long is going to make a lot more money for staying in school, especially if he's the No. 1 pick. And, he'll be worth it because he's a great tackle and a special person.'

— Gil Brandt, NFL scouting consultant

ference to be a bust if he doesn't pan out. Mandarich entered the draft with unprecedented hype after the Michigan State tackle graced the cover of *Sports Illustrated* in a bare-chested pose showing off his huge body. The Green Bay Packers took Mandarich No. 2 overall in 1989, passing up future superstars Barry Sanders, Deion Sanders, and Derrick Thomas. Mandarich flopped miserably for the Packers and was dogged by rumors he took steroids. He passed tests for muscle-enhancing drugs and denied using them. Later in his career, he was a serviceable player with the Indianapolis Colts. Gallery has been a lackluster starter for the Oakland Raiders since they took him with the

second pick in 2004. "Gallery is an enigma," said Gil Brandt, the NFL's scouting consultant and long-time personnel director of the Dallas Cowboys. "I thought he would be really good, and he hasn't been." More times than not, however, the Big Ten seems to fill rosters in the league with solid linemen. Each school in the conference had at least two in NFL at the start of last year. Michigan and Ohio State both had seven linemen on opening-day rosters in 2007 followed by Wisconsin (six), Iowa and Purdue (five each), Illinois (four), Indiana (three), Penn State, Michigan State, Minnesota and Northwestern (two apiece). The Cleveland Browns took former Badger Joe Thomas

third overall last year and he played in the Pro Bowl. The Arizona Cardinals drafted former Nittany Lion Levi Brown at No. 5 a year ago and remain upbeat about him even though injuries stunted his rookie season. As a junior, Long beat out both Thomas and Brown for his first of two Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year awards. He gambled financially by choosing to return to Michigan for his senior season — risking an injury that could've cost him millions — and Brandt said it definitely paid off. "Jake Long is going to make a lot more money for staying in school, especially if he's the No. 1 pick," Brandt said. "And, he'll be worth it because he's a great tackle and a special person."

## NBA James scores 30 as Cavs beat up Wizards

CLEVELAND (AP) — Maybe Gilbert Arenas was talking about some other Cavaliers. The Cleveland team he and the Washington Wizards faced Monday night doesn't look so beatable. LeBron James scored 30 points, Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 16, and the Cavaliers played their best game in months, blowing out Arenas and Co., 116-86, to take a 2-0 lead in an opening-round playoff series oozing with bad blood. The 30-point margin of victory was the largest in Cleveland's post-season history. The Cavs were playing in their 112th playoff game. James scored 14 points in the third quarter when the Cavs opened a 25-point lead over the Wizards, whose defensive scheme coming into their third series in as many years with Cleveland was to slow James by roughing him up with hard, clean fouls. It may be time for Plan B. The Wizards hardly bothered James, who finished with 12 assists

and nine rebounds to barely miss his third career postseason triple-double. James went to the bench with 6:12 left. At that point, the Cavaliers were leading by 24 points and coach Mike Brown inserted seldom-used reserves Dwayne Jones and Damon Jones. Wally Szczerbiak added 15 points for the defending Eastern Conference champions, who have struggled since a big trade in February changed their roster. As the playoffs neared, Arenas called the Cavs out, saying "I think everybody wants Cleveland in that first round" and "We don't think they can beat us in the playoffs three years straight." Those comments followed Wizards forward DeShawn Stevenson calling James "overrated." Washington has lost eight-straight games to Cleveland in the playoffs, and the Wizards will have to figure something out before Thursday night's Game 3 in Washington or they'll be heading off on summer vacation, again courtesy of the Cavs.

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# Sports

## GYMNASTICS

### Hawkeyes react to tough finish

Though the Iowa men's gymnastics team didn't compete in the team finals, the Hawkeyes' top-10 finish at the NCAA Championships last weekend was typical of a Tom Dunn-coached team.

In his 28 years as head coach, his teams have accomplished the feat 20 times. What wasn't typical was the team's absence from the individual event finals, for the first time since 1984, none of Dunn's Hawkeyes earned All-American honors.

Four Hawkeyes qualified for second-round individual competition, but they fell short of making the top-10 cut to advance to day three finals and a shot at All-American honors.

"It was tough to get in the top-10, and of course, we didn't have too many guys in the competition the second day to have a good shot," Dunn said. "It's more disappointing and shows us that we have to do a lot of work."

In their final meet as Hawkeyes, seniors Curt Kleffman and Jake Becker both competed on pommel horse after leading Iowa with a 14.45 and a 14.35 in the first round.



**Kleffman**  
senior



**Becker**  
senior

While Becker notched a 14.1 for 14th place on day two, Kleffman came the closest to advancing, posting a 14.25 pommel horse score. His mark held up in the event's top 10 until the end, when higher scores pushed his finish out of the field to 11th.

"I went out, and I hit my routine as well as I could hit — it's just that the judging was really tough," Becker said. "... Those are really close numbers, and it makes it really hard, because even when you put forth your best, it's just not enough — it happens, it's all just perspective of the judges that day."

— by Lars Headington



**Dunn**  
Coach

## ROWING

### Work left for Hawkeye rowers

After recording four first-place finishes last weekend, and with the pivotal Big Ten championships closer than two weeks away, the Iowa rowing team has work left to do.

Along with Indiana, Ohio State, and Wisconsin, the Hawkeyes



**Kowal**  
coach

competed in the Double Duals in Columbus, Ohio, on April 19.

The first varsity 8 boat and the first varsity 4 boat each beat Indiana, while the novice 8 performed strongly, going undefeated on the weekend while besting both Indiana and Ohio State.

Without competition this week, coach Mandi Kowal emphasized the importance of quality workouts in order to keep alive any hope of reaching the NAAs.

"It's going to be pretty intense these next few weeks because of the training cycle we are in," Kowal said.

— by Tim McLaughlin

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