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- McCain in Des Moines
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WEATHER



Windy, with a 90% chance of rain/T-storms; turning cooler at night and over the weekend.

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UI service aids world

The 40-year-old Iowa Drug Information Network is going digital — and bringing the rest of the world along.

By Kelsey Beltramea
THE DAILY IOWAN

In the next year, Saudi Arabia is expecting to launch a national medical-information system to provide drug and poison data to health-care professionals and the Saudi public.

So when two young Saudi pharmacists were hired to initiate the information center in the

newly established Saudi Food and Drug Authority, they knew exactly where to get trained.

They contacted Ronald Herman, a UI College of Pharmacy clinical associate professor and the director of the Iowa Drug Information Network, because the Saudis already use some of his services.

"This is a way we can train them to be more effective in

using that system and also expand their knowledge about other aspects of the drug-information service," he said.

Herman spent two weeks last month with Mohammed Barsain and Omar Al-Burikan, teaching them specifics about Iowa's drug-information service, discussing necessary resources such an operation should have, and talking over the publica-

tions, such as newsletters and webpages, it should produce.

And it wasn't the first time the system, developed by the UI College of Pharmacy, was used as a model for foreign nations.

In the past decade, the Iowa drug-information service has formally trained pharmacists from Malaysia, India, and Ghana.

The Iowa Drug Information Network database, an archived bibliographic indexing service of 200 English language medical and pharmaceutical journals,

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Bouncer training mulled

City and bar officials said they would support state-mandated bouncer training in anger management.

By Clara Hogan
THE DAILY IOWAN

On a weekly basis, downtown bar employees are forced to go hands on with unruly patrons.

Though many Iowa City bar workers have been taught how to handle these situations, city and bar officials agree more training is never a bad thing.

Under a proposed bill, high-occupancy bars in Polk County — which includes the Des Moines area — would serve as a test pilot for requiring at least one bouncer to train in anger management and techniques for safely removing people from bars.

The Polk County pilot project would start Jan. 1, 2009 and end June 30, 2011. A report will be submitted to the Legislature by Jan. 1, 2011, evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot project.

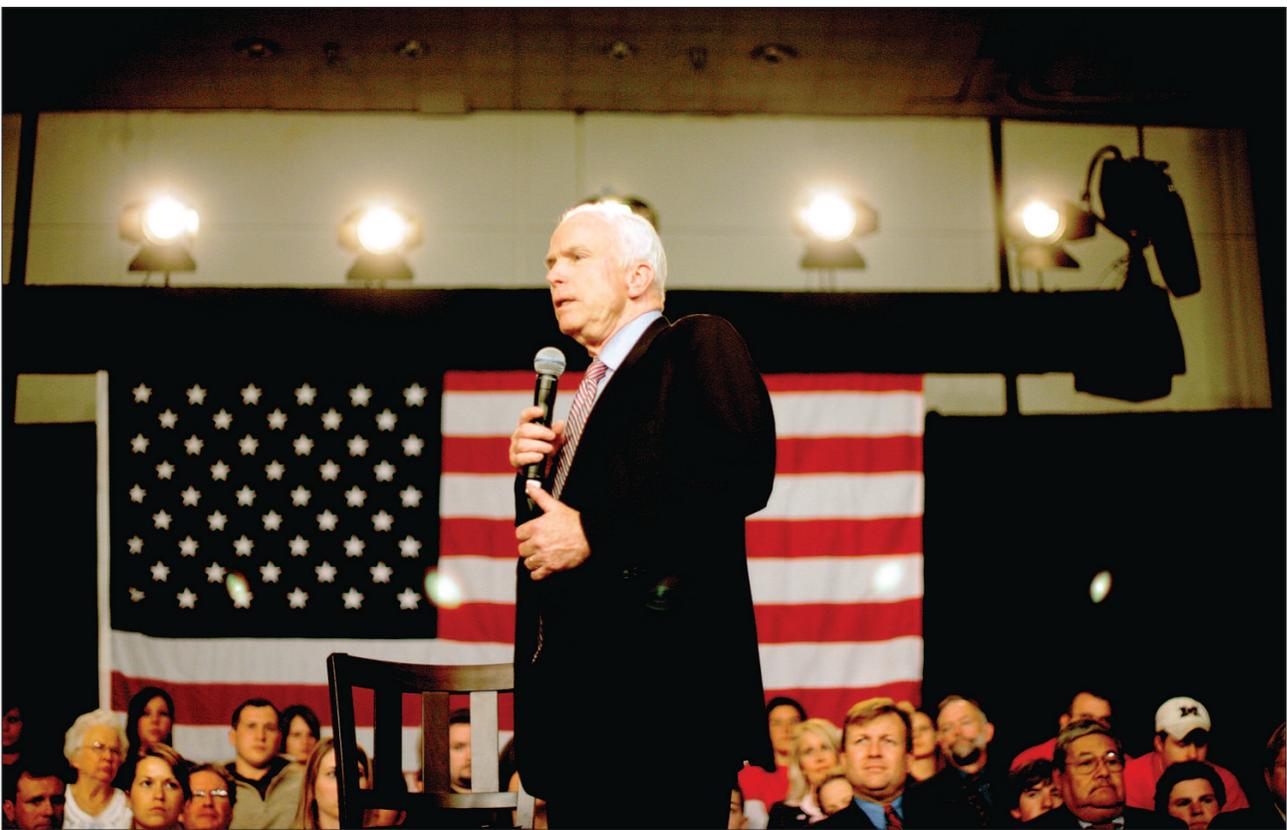
In the bill, high-occupancy bars are defined as those that hold more than 200 people. Many of the downtown Iowa City bars meet this definition.

Leah Cohen, the owner of Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., already puts her employees through some training on fight situations. Her employees also undergo Training for Intervention Procedures, in which bartenders and servers learn how to identify and address an intoxicated person.

"We really urge [employees] not to handle the situation on their own," Cohen said.

All bouncers at the Industry, 211 Iowa Ave., go through hands-on training on how to legally and safely remove people from the building, said Sarah Henningfield, the bar's general manager.

SEE BOUNCERS, 3A



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan

Arizona Sen. and Republican presidential hopeful John McCain responds to a question from the audience during a town-hall meeting at the Polk County Convention Complex in Des Moines on Thursday. While the subject of health care was the focus of the event, McCain responded to a variety of questions, from energy issues to foreign policy.

McCain offers health plan

John McCain returns to Iowa for the first time since the caucuses.

By Shawn Gude
THE DAILY IOWAN

DES MOINES — Chastising the two Democratic presidential-nomination hopefuls for having what he labeled too much government intervention in their health-care plans, Republican presidential hopeful John McCain visited Iowa on Thursday afternoon to offer his own alternative.

The presumptive GOP nominee's approach differs with some conservatives in one respect, however: His strategy isn't purely free-market.

In order to cover the "uninsurable" — those with pre-existing conditions or chronic illnesses — McCain proposes that state and federal governments work together to insure those individuals — Guarantee Access Plan, he calls it.

Once such so-called risk pools are established, the Arizona senator argued, "there will be insurance companies that will compete to provide insurance for those individuals."

"We will care for these people, who are quote 'uninsurables' in America — it's our obligation," he said.

Like other Republicans, he preaches competition and

medical-malpractice reform in addressing health-care concerns.

"We need to have more choice and competition in health care for every person in America, and that is the surest and best way to make sure that health care is affordable and available for every single American," he said.

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Bingo venues eye smoking ban warily

Some believe that the coming statewide smoking ban will see bingo revenue go up in smoke.

By Lauren Sieben
THE DAILY IOWAN

When longtime bingo player Verona Ruiz sits down for a game, she does it with a bingo card in one hand and a cigarette in the other.

"I don't know why other people do, but I like to smoke and play bingo at the same time," Ruiz said. "I just enjoy smoking."

Ruiz isn't alone — among the usual crowd of bingo players at the Eagle Club, 225 Highway 1, bingo manager Steve Poggen-

pohl estimates that around 60 percent are smokers.

But when the Iowa smoking ban takes effect July 1, smokers will have to step outside if they want to light up.

Bingo venues in states with bans in place have already seen a sharp decrease in revenue. Now that Iowa has adopted a statewide ban, many organizations that rely on bingo as a source of revenue worry that they will face a similar fate.

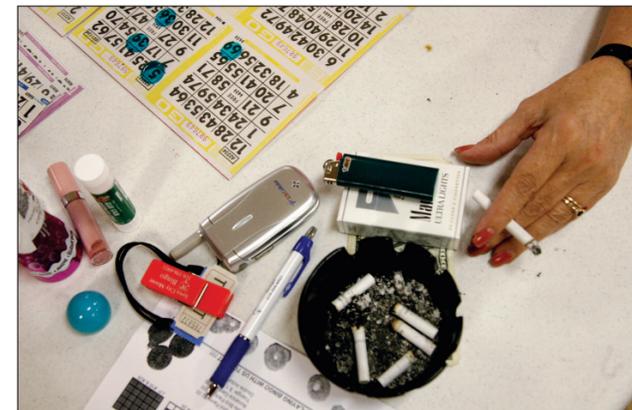
Renee Smith, bingo chairwoman at American Legion Post No. 5 in Cedar Rapids, said she

hopes the ban will bring in a new wave of nonsmokers.

"We could possibly gain more [players] who don't smoke," she said. "It's going to be iffy."

Players such as Ruiz and Connie Watkinson said they will continue to show up for games at the Eagle Club after the ban takes effect, although they disagree with the legislation.

"I can go without a cigarette for that long, but I think there will be some that won't come



Phoebe Webb/The Daily Iowan

A bingo player smokes a cigarette at the Eagle Club on Wednesday. Approximately 60 percent of bingo players smoke.

SEE BINGO, 3A



Taking fortune for a spin

By Megan Stephenson
THE DAILY IOWAN

For the past 10 years, Deb Kurth has watched the popular game show "Wheel of Fortune," and she has always been quick to figure out the puzzles. Today, she will watch herself as a contestant. The nursing major, who will graduate this year, taped the show on March 8 at Navy Pier in Chicago and said she did very well. Kurth won more cash and prizes than any other contestant during College Week and made it to the final round. Her prizes included a convertible, a trip for two to Alaska, and \$18,000. Kurth applied to the game show last year initially as a joke to show her friends how easy it was to apply.

Then, last January, she got a call asking her to audition in Chicago. Two rounds and a few weeks later, Kurth got a letter saying she had been selected to participate in College Week, which aired this past week. After checking the mail "religiously" for the letter, Kurth said, she was "excited, but I didn't want to get my hopes up completely," because the letter explained she wasn't guaranteed to appear on the show.

When she got the final call, Kurth was at the mall and was "literally bouncing up and down" with excitement. More than 3,200 people apply every year to the show, and fewer than 500 are selected. The other 14 contestants for College

Week were also from Midwestern schools, which Kurth attributes to the Chicago location for auditions. Her competition was from Indiana and Illinois. To prepare, she said she already had a decade of show knowledge behind her, as well as playing online sometimes, but her friends helped as well. "My roommate made fake puzzles to solve around the apartment," she said.

Another friend bought her a video game of "Wheel of Fortune." But, Kurth said, "you can only prepare so much. There were no facts for me to memorize." The day of taping started at 8:30 a.m. and, although it lasted for 14 hours, she is happy the way it turned out.

"Definitely, definitely worth it," she said. "I kept telling myself, 'I'll appreciate it when it's over.'" Kurth will celebrate at Buffalo Wild Wings tonight, whose staffers agreed to show the game on the big screen.

The "Wheel of Fortune" airs at 6:30 p.m. "Anyone who knows me knows that I love this show," Kurth said.

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Kurth contestant

METRO

Regents approve UIHC budget

CEDAR FALLS — The state Board of Regents approved the UI Hospital and Clinic's budget for the next fiscal year Thursday, which includes \$819 million in operating expenses and a 6 percent rate increase.

The seven regents present unanimously voted to approve the budget. Regents Michael Gartner and Jenny Connolly were absent.

Ken Fisher, a UIHC associate vice president, had said Wednesday that the rate increase was the minimum amount hospitals officials should raise it.

The effects of the increase may be unclear, Gartner said on Wednesday, noting that the majority of UIHC patients — roughly 85 percent — will not see the increase.

UIHC officials also said they expect to take in more than \$922.8 million in revenue, Fisher said.

"We're right on budget, which is where we like to be," he said on Wednesday.

In approving the budget and other items in UIHC officials' presentation, regents also approved the first steps in a capital-expansion project at the hospital, which includes a children's hospital and critical-care tower, along with some renovations. That project is expected to be completed in the summer of 2013.

The first business for hospital officials is finding an architect of record who will help them build a team of other firms to work on the expansion.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Regents OK UI property purchase

CEDAR FALLS — The state Board of Regents on Thursday unanimously gave the UI the go-ahead to purchase two properties for more than \$1.6 million, in addition to more than \$15 million in new campus construction projects.

Doug True, the UI's senior vice president for Finance, said the university has a "keen interest" in the property and was able to acquire it at its appraised value.

The sites are next to each other on North Riverside Drive and Grove Street — near Parklawn.

Regent Robert Downer complimented True for persuading the current owners to sell the property to the UI, calling it a "win both for the University of Iowa and for the community."

The university has been eyeing the St. Thomas More Church, 405 N. Riverside Drive, to use for academic offices and support facilities, reports show. It costs \$1.4 million. The land is roughly 36,000 square feet, and the church's two levels total more than 12,000 square feet.

The UI will likely close on the property between June 2009 and December 2010, when officials at St. Thomas More finish building a new church at a different location.

The second property cost \$216,000. It is near the church at

103 Grove St. and is a single-family, two-story home with 1,635 square feet of living area on 12,480 square feet of land.

The university expects to use that property as transitional housing for faculty and staff.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Regents OK women's studies change

CEDAR FALLS — Even though it was one of only a few programs of its kind, the state Board of Regents on Thursday approved a request to suspend admissions to the UI's Ph.D. program in women's studies. The move is effective immediately.

The decision comes after a task force recommended in December 2007 to merge the program with the UI's certificate program in sexuality studies.

"The women's studies program is 'undergoing a transition as it merges with the certificate program in sexuality studies,'" according to the regents. Eliminating the program will allow the UI to revise the curriculum.

No current students will be affected by the change.

Approved to start in 1997, the women's studies program covers feminist research, teaching, and scholarship and examines cultural issues affecting men and women.

Reports cited efficiency and the ability to pursue new opportunities as additional reasons for the decision, along with the ability to rebuild faculty. The change should allow professors to focus on the undergraduate program; many had resigned from the Ph.D. program.

Regents also terminated four different programs at the University of Northern Iowa on Thursday.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Man charged with endangerment, OWI

Iowa City police arrested a local man on Wednesday for allegedly driving while intoxicated with his child present in the car and possession of marijuana.

Charlie Davis, 30, 2158 Russell Drive, was charged April 30 with OWI, possession of marijuana, interference with official acts, child endangerment, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to reports, Davis was stopped for suspicion of driving while intoxicated around 5:40 p.m. after an employee at the Cigarette Outlet, 1901 Broadway Apt. 3, called police about an intoxicated male causing problems in the store.

When police attempted to pull him over, Davis allegedly proceeded to drive into his driveway, get out of his white Chevy pickup, and walk into his garage after being ordered not to. Police allege that Davis admitted to drinking, and when officers asked if he was OK to drive, he responded by saying he wasn't sure.

Davis's 8-year-old son was reportedly in the car during the incident.

Davis reportedly failed field sobriety tests but refused Datamaster testing.

Police said that when he left his truck, Davis left his driver's side door open and a ceramic marijuana pipe known as a "one-hitter" was in plain view of officers.

There was also reportedly a small amount of marijuana in a Carmex container that was found in the same location.

OWI is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison and a fine of up to \$1,250.

Possession of marijuana is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison and a fine of up to \$1,875.

Interference with official acts and possession of drug paraphernalia are simple misdemeanors, both punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to \$625.

Child endangerment with no injury is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine of up to \$6,250.

— by Clara Hogan

Regents pass dorm-rate increase

CEDAR FALLS — A typical room in a residence hall will cost more after regents approved a rate increase Thursday.

The seven regents present approved the increase. Regent Michael Gartner was not present, and Regent Jenny Connolly abstained.

A double-occupancy room with full board will cost \$7,079 in the 2008-09 academic year — roughly \$400 more than the previous UI rate, reports show. Last year, the rate was \$6,685.

The UI's rate is roughly \$200 more than both Iowa State University and University of Northern Iowa's rates.

The regents had already OK'd the rates with student representatives.

"The three residence-hall groups were supportive of the 2009 proposed rates at their respective universities."

Officials also noted that the Burge Hall additional will add 100 beds for residence-hall students.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

CR man sentenced to 100 days

A Cedar Rapids man was sentenced to 100 days in jail on Thursday for breaking into his ex-girlfriend's home and abusing her in January.

In addition to his jail time, Melchizedek Hayes, 26, will serve one year in a residential facility and three years of probation. He will also pay a \$625 fine.

Hayes pleaded guilty to second-degree burglary and second-offense domestic-abuse assault. His 10-year prison sentence and an additional \$1,000 fine were suspended.

Police reported that Hayes broke through a window at his ex-girlfriend's apartment on Jan. 12 and crawled through to her bedroom. The woman said he then jumped on top of her and began punching her in the face, threatening to kill her.

She was able to escape and call police. Hayes then locked himself in her apartment for five hours while police attempted to coax him outside.

Hayes was also required to pay victim restitution. His no-contact order with the victim was lifted.

— by Olivia Moran

Radio Hall of Fame considers 2 UI alums

Two UI alumni, Harry Kalas and Jim Zabel, are nominees for induction into the national Radio Hall of Fame. Induction will be determined based on an online voting process that began Thursday and will end at midnight on June 15.

Zabel, who lives in Des Moines, has worked as a sportscaster for WHO radio for 64 years. During that time, he has served as the regular voice of the Hawkeye football and basketball teams. While a student at the UI, Zabel was the editor of *The Daily Iowan*. You can hear him every Sunday night on WHO, when he co-hosts a sports talk show called "Two Guys Named Jim" with former Iowa State football coach Jim Walden.

Known affectionately as "Harry the K," Kalas was born in Naperville, Ill., and graduated from the UI in 1958. He began his sportscasting career in 1961 and reached the major leagues in 1965, when he began calling games for the Houston Astros. He was hired by the Phillies in 1971 and was the master of ceremonies at the opening of Veterans Stadium. In 1975, he started working for NFL Films, where he continues to work today. He is well known for many of his enthusiastic calls, and he received the Ford C. Frick Award from the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002.

To cast your vote for either of these former Hawkeyes, go online at <http://www.museum.tv/rhofsection.php?page=347>.

— by Jacqueline Cieslak

Dental school gets \$1.5 million gift

The UI College of Dentistry is \$1.5 million closer to renovating the Dental Science Building.

Delta Dental of Iowa, a nonprofit dental-benefits provider, announced the gift Thursday intending it for the multimillion dollar improvement and expansion project.

"This reflects a long-term partnership between the college and Delta Dental," said David Johnsen, the dean of the UI College of Dentistry.

The school was hoping at least \$10 million of \$45 million price tag for the 30,000- to 35,000-square-foot expansion would be covered by donations.

The state Board of Regents green-lighted the project in February when it authorized the college to select an architect. Johnsen said the school is working with its main architect and does not yet know when the multi-year project will break ground.

— by Bryce Bauer

POLICE BLOTTER

Travel Batie, 25, 215 Apache Trail, was charged Tuesday with disorderly conduct.

Caroline Blaum, 22, 725 S. Clinton St. Apt. 3, was charged April 20 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Kenpal Bryant, 27, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 1602, was charged Tuesday with domestic abuse assault.

Thomas Conlon, 27, North Liberty, was charged Wednesday with second-offense OWI.

Joseph Corbin, 22, 922 E. College St. Apt. C1, was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Mackenzie Deprenger, 21, 1023 Marcy St., was charged Wednesday with third-degree theft.

Logan Dewes, 21, 801 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 303, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Lindsey Duffy, 20, 725 S. Clinton St. Apt. 6, was charged Wednesday with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Casey Everts, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Alycia Folkerts, 19, 2430 Burge, was charged Tuesday with fourth-degree theft.

Jessica Flinn, 20, Coralville, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Robert Garrett, 20, 630 E. Bloomington St., was charged Tuesday with third-degree burglary.

Wesley Gast, 21, Marion, was charged April 28 with public intoxication.

Nicholas Goedken, 22, 511 S. Johnson St. Apt. 2, was charged Thursday with OWI.

Kevin Harris, 19, 817B Mayflower, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Joshua Hobmeier, 22, Coralville, was charged Thursday with disorderly conduct.

Laron James, 18, 2221 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Wednesday with disorderly conduct.

Bruce Johnson, 20, 332 Ellis Ave. Apt. 332, was charged Wednesday with criminal trespass.

Marina Katsnelson, 20, 318 Ridgland Apt. 9, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Kayla Koolbeck, 20, 830 E. College St., was charged Thursday with unlawful use of another's driver's license and PAULA.

Eric Less, 31, 1612 Toffing Ave., was charged April 20 with public intoxication and criminal trespass.

Nicholas Ludwig, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged April 20 with unlawful use of another's driver's license.

Brooke McCleary, 20, Coralville, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Ronald Netser, 47, 1502 Keokuk St., was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Zachary Rollet, 19, 1146 Rienow, was charged Thursday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Samantha Stack, 18, 146 Slater, was charged Thursday with presence in

a bar after hours, PAULA, and unlawful use of another's driver's license.

Jeni Strein, 33, 1904 Hanna Jo Court, was charged April 20 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Michael Sven, 18, 1808 Rochester Court, was charged Tuesday with third-degree burglary.

Sean Thornton, 22, 417 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2337, was charged April 28 with possession of drug paraphernalia and OWI.

Kevin Tisinger, 23, 338 S. Governor St. Apt. 4, was charged Thursday with OWI.

Leon Watley, 29, 1111 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Wednesday with urinating in public.

Seth Wessels, 20, C206 Hillcrest, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Emily Walkington, 19, 637D Mayflower, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

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1. UI's coal cost to soar
2. Vamping on Vampires
3. No corporate welfare for the Sheraton
4. Prof urges caution on ADHD-heart test
5. Mental health behind bars

CORRECTION

In an May 1 article "Mental health behind bars," the *DI* incorrectly quoted a study as saying more than 90 percent of all Iowa prisoners suffered from a mental illness or addictive disorder. In truth, around 90 percent of prisoners who participated in the study — all nonviolent offenders — met criteria for a mental illness or addictive disorder. The *DI* regrets the error.

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Program aids world



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Photo specialist David Luck shows off the microfiche film that is used to store articles from more than 200 journals from the last 40 years at the Oakdale Research Center on Thursday. Recently, Saudi Arabian pharmacists came to the Research Center to get training in how to use the information network and service better.

SAUDI ARABIA

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subscribers from all over the world — two-thirds of whom are outside of North America.

“If you’re in a developing country and there’s no medical library, it’s just a tremendous blessing to have access to this information in this manner,” Herman said, noting a CD version allows access for those without the Internet.

He’s experienced the system’s utility firsthand.

Before Herman became director of the program, he spent six years in Bophuthatswana, a South African “homeland” that in 1994 was reincorporated into South Africa. A few pharmacists had personal subscriptions to medical journals, but access to such resources were limited — until they subscribed to Iowa’s network.

For \$5,960, one user at a time can have web access to more than 40 years of articles, updated at a rate of 1,700 articles

each month, according to the 2008 price listing.

“It helped pharmacists [in Africa] gain respect from physicians and other providers, because you now had a body of knowledge to offer them that benefited what they’re trying to do,” Herman said.

Iowa’s decades-old database, which is among three that provide similar benefits, has evolved tremendously over the past 40 years. Originally, staff members had to cut and photograph each and every article they wished to include. The photographs were then converted into microfiche — flat sheets about the size of an index card that contained about 90 pages of text.

As personal computers became more readily available, the network began uploading articles in PDF form, beginning the shift in 1996. Now the network is simultaneously updating the PDF database, uploading new articles in addition to working backward to archive those only on microfiche.

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McCain talks health in DM

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The meat of his health-care package would include a \$5,000 rebate for families and \$2,500 rebate for individuals looking to purchase insurance. The rebates, McCain argues, would help foster greater competition in the health-insurance market and bring costs down.

“Those choices then lead to competition, and insurance companies all over America will compete for that \$5,000 tax credit,” he told the crowd of more than 250.

The visit, his first since the Iowa caucuses, is part of a nationwide tour to promote his strategy for solving the health-care crisis.

“It’s not about the quality of health care, it’s about the availability and affordability of health care,” he said. “That’s what the challenge we have is.”

He also stressed his opposition to the type of health-care system Democrats have proposed. Such a system, McCain argued, creates a two-tiered structure in which the health-care quality gap between the rich and poor is considerable.

“Mandates from the federal government without consulting

the state and local government, in my view, is a recipe for disaster,” said McCain, referring to health-care plans proposed by his Democratic counterparts. “It goes down this path of government-run health care in America.”

He also highlighted two additional points of his plan: stressing preventative care and physical activity, as well as increasing transparency in the health-care system.

A more open system where consumers and patients could easily compare prices, access medical histories, and generally be exposed to greater amounts of

information would curb fraud and malpractice and help patients, he said.

The town-hall format of the event also allowed audience members to ask questions. While some stuck to the original topic of the event, health care, others focused on subjects ranging from the military draft — McCain is against it — to clean coal — one of the “fundamental components” of his energy policy, he said.

McCain also told attendees he expects Iowa to a battleground state in the November election.

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Smoking ban may hurt bingo

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back,” Watkinson said. “A section for nonsmokers is what I think they should have.”

Poggenpohl anticipates that around 10 percent of the 110 bingo players the Eagle Club sees on an average night will stop coming, but he expects a loyal base of regular players will continue coming even after the ban.

“There’s not that much bingo in Iowa City,” he said, adding that the Eagle Club is one of

the only local bingo venues. “It’s just the people that don’t come very often, maybe they won’t come back.”

The club is a part of the international nonprofit organization the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The group raises money through fish fries, bingo games, and other means for both local and national organizations. Former Eagle Club President Chuck Wendler said the group donated \$72,639 to Iowa City charities and organizations in 2007.

“[Bingo] is one of our biggest sources of giving to charity because every dime we make off of it we give to charity,” said Eagle Club trustee and former President Dale O’Brien.

Smith and trustees at the Eagle Club agree that the smoking-ban legislation should include exceptions for private clubs and organizations. The legislation bans smoking in all public places except for gambling floors in casinos.

“[Government officials] have just gone crazy,” Wendler said.

“If you’re a smoker now, you’re a low-class citizen.”

Darlene Wichman, the owner and president of Wichman Bingo Supplies in Hiawatha, Iowa, worries that the ban will also have adverse effects on her business.

“When I have to start increasing my prices to try to stay alive here, then [bingo venues] have to increase theirs, and then what do you do?” she said.

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Bouncer program may catch on

BOUNCERS

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An experienced bouncer trains each of the Industry’s bouncers for three hours by asking participants to take turns acting out and responding to rowdy situations.

Under the bill, any time a bar holds an event for which it charges an admission fee of \$5

or more and during which alcohol is served, at least one person trained in special security techniques would have to be working.

Iowa City City Councilor Connie Champion said the city would most likely welcome the requirement if it ever spread to Iowa City, but she noted that she thought the bars currently do a good job of keeping fights and disorderly customers under control.

“I know we have problems in our bars,” she said. “But they are very good at calling police when necessary.”

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay agreed.

“The question is, should it be mandated by state lawmakers?” he said.

For nearly eight years, some politicians have pushed this legislation in response to the death of Charles Lovelady, who died in 2000 after a fight with two Des Moines Bouncers.

The training would also include techniques for safely removing people, use of force, civil rights, and recognizing of fake IDs. Lawmakers plan to set aside \$15,000 for the eight-hour training program. The Iowa Workforce Development’s division of labor services would be responsible for the program, which will cost no more than \$50 per person.

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UI report card mixed

By Kurtis Hiatt
THE DAILY IOWAN

CEDAR FALLS — UI President Sally Mason gave the state Board of Regents a progress report on the university Thursday, highlighting undergraduate education and difficulties with student retention and faculty pay.

“Over the past year, we’ve done well with many of the indicators,” she said, talking of the UI’s strategic plan, the Iowa Promise, which consists of 44 different categories to measure the university’s progress toward its goals.

But, she said, “Some are still providing us with challenges.”

Mason’s presentation is part of a five-section discussion with the regent-governed schools in Iowa. Regents and university officials address a wide range

of issues, which generally include minority-enrollment figures, graduation rates, salaries, and funding.

Talking first about undergraduate issues, Mason said the current total undergraduate enrollment broke last year’s record, and the incoming freshmen enrollment was only two fewer than last year’s — which still holds the record for largest incoming class.

Mason noted that the fall 2007 freshmen were “arguably the best prepared,” with a 25.1 mean ACT score.

Meanwhile, the UI has tripled the number of first-year seminars to 47, offered more undergraduate research opportunities, and earmarked \$500,000 to fund more student-success initiatives. It has also seen an increase in minority students.

However, not all the indicators

were positive. A figure computed in 2003 shows 83.2 percent of first-year students continued their education at the UI; the figure in 2006 showed 82.7 percent continued.

Mason said officials want to see the six-year graduation figures change for the better, adding that four-year graduation rates have moved “significantly in a positive direction.”

Regent Robert Downer lauded the strides in the area of graduating many students in four years — which, both he and Mason said, is an important figure to acknowledge.

Turning to faculty, she said that in the last three years, the UI has lost 28 tenure-track faculty. The UI is doing better in attracting prospective faculty by pay, she said, but it’s difficult with where the UI stands in its salary offerings compared with other schools.

Ultimately, the problem is not urgent, but faculty pay and its competitiveness in relation to other universities are top priorities in the current budget and the next fiscal budget, Mason said. The UI is sixth in the Big Ten in salaries.

“We are not losing faculty at a rate that alarms me at this time,” she said.

Michael O’Hara, the president of the UI Faculty Senate, also spoke to regents on behalf of faculty members about salaries.

“I’m here to ask you for your continuing support of the faculty’s effort to educate students,” he said.

O’Hara said professors have historically done their part to participate in the community and have teamed together to make strides in research.

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Loan situation OK in Iowa

By Kurtis Hiatt
THE DAILY IOWAN

CEDAR FALLS — The status of private loans doesn’t look good, but students likely won’t see any differences in federal loans, financial officials said Thursday in a presentation to the state Board of Regents.

“Regent universities will experience no disruption in federal loan funding for our students,” said Roberta Johnson, the director of student financial aid at Iowa State University.

Private loans, on the other hand, do not look so promising. Iowa Student Loan has suspended its private-loan operations, she said, but it hopes to be able to offer them again in the future after some reconstruction.

The loan issue has “been much in the news of late,” Regent President David Miles said.

Johnson had recommendations to current students during the crisis: All students should exhaust federal sources first.

Students should take out Direct PLUS Loans before private loans because of the opportunity for their benefits. It is helpful to look at the universities’ websites for information on the loan situation.

In the end, officials “believe we are not going to experience a situation on our campuses,” Johnson said.

And some students say they haven’t yet been given reason to worry.

Brendan Case, a UI freshman from Milford, Iowa, said he was a little worried about the status of his loans — which are through a private company — but that he wasn’t all that

familiar with the issue, nor has he received any specific information from his loan company that would cause him concern.

Michael Connor, a UI junior from

Naperville, Ill., said he has more pressing concerns about his loans. “I am just worried about getting a job and having to pay them off,” the journalism and English major said.

Like Case, Connor also hadn’t received any specific information to worry him about access to borrowed money, which he is using to fund the final three years of his college education.

Despite her optimism for regent universities overall, Johnson said some students could still be affected by the loan situation.

For those students, she said, officials will do all they can to “assist [them] to find the resources necessary ... to pay for their college education.”

She also said that a bill passed by both the U.S. House and Senate, which is expected to be signed by the president, will increase the amount of federal Stafford loans for students.

The law will go into effect in July, and students who already have private loans but want to take advantage of more Stafford Loans will be able to change their financial packages then, officials said.

Miles said the loan situation “certainly sounds promising.”

“[We’re] in as good of shape as we can possibly be for the fall,” he said.

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Connor
UI junior



Case
UI freshman

2 interview for regents’ exec

By Kurtis Hiatt
THE DAILY IOWAN

CEDAR FALLS — After an hour-long closed session Thursday evening, the state Board of Regents still hadn’t picked an executive director.

Two candidates had interviewed earlier in the day from across the country — pitching their experience and fielding questions from regents — to vie for the spot.

The first was Robert Donley, the chief of staff and operations for the board of governors for the State University System of Florida in Tallahassee.

Donley told regents about his extensive background in Rhode Island, Washington, D.C., and Florida, where he has held state jobs and worked as the executive director of a nonprofit.

In Florida, Donley held numerous positions at Florida International University before taking his current job.

The candidate noted his work on a medical-school initiative during his time in Florida, working with other schools and legislators to make advances in that area.

Regent President David Miles asked Donley about his view of the state of higher education.

“We want to provide quality education, access for students, at the lowest possible cost,” Donley said, but noted that nationwide budget cuts have made that difficult.

A priority would be necessary to maintain close contact with regents to ensure all decisions were well-informed, he said.

Miles asked Donley how he would be able to build

relationships in Iowa, given that he has spent a lot of time on the East Coast.

“I have been able to build relationships and friendships and support groups all around,” Donley answered.

Regent Craig Lang lauded Donley’s vision.

Later, regents talked with John Hayek via video conference. Hayek is the interim vice president for finance and the associate vice president for planning and performance on the Council on Postsecondary Education in Frankfort, Ky.

Hayek said he has the energy and passion needed for the executive-director position, and he emphasized that he is focused on goals and missions.

“My management style is very focused on mission, it’s focused on goals,” Hayek said.

“I have ... high expectations for myself and for my staff.”

Hayek has been involved in several changes during his career, helping initiate strategic plans, reconstruct university systems, and working on research programs. When asked, he said he has worked extensively with boards in the past.

Regent President Pro Tem Jack Evans wondered about Hayek’s experience with medical institutions, and Hayek said that he has not had a lot of interaction with the medical school in Kentucky, which is more autonomous.

When asked about his experience with legislators, Hayek said he has been involved with lawmakers mostly in a financial capacity.

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Delving into how children learn words

Researchers plan to share new ideas on how children learn words at a workshop this morning:

“Understanding the Processes of Word Learning.”

By Ben Travers
THE DAILY IOWAN

How children learn words may always be a mystery to parents, but three language-development experts are looking to enlighten the public with some new ideas at a free workshop today in the IMU.

Deb Roy of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Fei Xu from the University of British Columbia, and Karla McGregor, a UI associate professor of communication sciences and disorders, will each spend 50 minutes dis-

cussing their research, answering questions, and then ending with an interactive discussion.

Roy, who is in charge of the Cognitive Machines Research Group at MIT, said his speech would focus on the Human Speechome Project.

Run out of MIT, the project tries to determine how children learn words through observational recordings and analysis. According to the project's website, Roy is recording his son for 10 hours a day from birth to age 3 to better understand the development of communication.

The project is the most comprehensive record of child development to date.

McGregor is the codirector of the Iowa Center for Developmental and Learning Sciences and director of the Word Learning Lab, a UI research center designed specifically to understand how children learn words. She helped organize this year's event after a similar session at the UI saw positive response in 2007.

“We don't want to just hear other ideas,” she said. “We want to exchange ideas in the workshop.” McGregor said her

presentation, “Autism and Language Impairment as Windows into Word Learning,” concentrates on how grammar and social abilities affect children with autism and specific language impairments.

Most children can tell what a word means through motions made by the speaker, but children with autism struggle with it, McGregor said.

“When people are talking with their body language, they give clues to meaning,” she said. “I'm likely to gesture towards it or point my hands to it.”

McGregor said Xu, an associate professor and Canada research chairwoman in developmental cognitive science, plans to discuss how a child matches numerous words to the same object.

“Think of a dog,” McGregor said. “There are at least three names you can apply to any dog. You could call it an animal, a dog, or a collie. How does the child match multiple words to the same thing?”

Xu is also expected to discuss how computer data and algorithms are used to produce hypotheses regarding language development, McGregor said.

“I hope to learn about what my colleagues are up to and share some of the details of what my lab is doing,” Roy said in an e-mail.

McGregor said she hopes the workshop will attract as diverse an audience as possible, expanding past curious parents. “I hope they leave with some new ideas about learning and development,” she said.

“Everyone has an investment in it. We all learn and develop.”

The workshop is scheduled to run from 8 a.m. to noon today in 348 IMU.

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Trash talk rules county meeting

By Briana Byrd
THE DAILY IOWAN

Tensions arose Thursday between the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and a group of rural residents who were upset about garbage.

During the supervisors' informal meeting, the room was packed with people seeking an exemption to garbage haulers who aren't allowed to use their roads because of a weight embargo. But after nearly two hours spirited back-and-forth, the supervisors didn't budge.

Placing too much weight on the roads would not only cost the county millions in repair, it would cause the roads to fall apart, said Greg Parker, a county engineer.

Many of the frustrated residents are customers of Nick Yutzy, the owner of N&N Sanitation, who is unable to pick up their garbage because his trucks are over the weight capacity.

However, the supervisors didn't sympathize with them, reminding the residents that all the haulers were given time to find other alternatives during the embargo. Both Refuse Inc. and Waste Management Inc. were present at the meeting, and they had found ways to continue to service their customers without going over the weight limit.

“I am mad, but I'm not mad at [Yutzy], I'm mad at the county for letting this go on already,” said Camie Marshek, who lives on the embargoed Sand Road.

She felt forcing N&N Sanitation to change its practice because of the embargo would be pushing a small business out of Iowa, she said, and she would

burn her trash before switching to another hauler.

“The county is not in the trash-collection business, and it is not for us to back up somebody else's business decision,” Supervisor Larry Meyers said. “Mr. Yutzy made a business decision; he thought it was going to be his choice to collect tickets and pay the fines as opposed to changing his business structure.”

Supervisor Terrence Neuzil, who was the only supervisor in favor of the exemption, said that this wasn't the first time he supported the haulers since 2001, when the idea was previously rejected.

“In this case, we tend to turn a blind eye when it comes to our human services and when it comes to all kinds of ways that we spend money beyond what we're mandated to do,” Neuzil said.

Supervisor Pat Harney added that it's easy to say yes during campaign time and that what is needed is a decision that is in the county's best interest.

Supervisor Rod Sullivan, who said he drove to the landfill last week to drop off a N&N customer's garbage, said that while the task can be somewhat of an inconvenience, it the price one must pay for living in a rural area.

He suggested calling friends or neighbors if individuals were unable to drop off their garbage in the landfill, and if that didn't work, they could give him a call, and he could help figure out other options.

“The idea that we have to break the law is not true,” he said. “Just don't take heavy trucks on the road. I think there are options here.”

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Mrs. Obvious

I don't know about you, but I occasionally like to start my day with a cup of coffee and some smutty, sophomore humor. That's why I often listen to the "Bob & Tom Show" on morning radio — I know I can always count on repetitive masturbation jokes, constant sexual innuendo, bad celebrity impersonations, and... Hillary Rodham Clinton?

Yes, that's right. This week, Rodham Clinton called into this all-color syndicated radio show. Never in all the years I've tuned into this program would I have expected to hear a presidential candidate. Wednesday's episode of "Bob & Tom" began like any other morning, all humor lived up to low expectations. Then they announced they would be talking to Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton later on in the show.



KATHLEEN WATSON

They regularly have impressionists on the show, including someone who, pretending to be Bill Clinton, does the standard "I'm horny, don't tell my wife" jokes that we've all come to associate with the former president. So, even though the promo sounded serious, I assumed that this interview would be just another silly sketch.

I had forgotten something very important. The detail more essential to a current presidential candidate than staying above the lowbrow humor: The "Bob & Tom Show" is syndicated out of Indianapolis. Sen. Barack Obama and Rodham Clinton have both exited Pennsylvania and begun pleading for votes from the fine people of Indiana in a very important primary on May 6.

I listened on Wednesday, and sure enough, Rodham Clinton called in, Obama's interview aired on Thursday, and they expect to interview Sen. John McCain later in the week. It's not necessarily a bad thing for the future president to call in to this show; it just that such topics as health care and gas prices don't seem to mesh well with Bob and Tom's popular sketches and such songs as "Shirtless Girl" or "Camel Toe." I just don't expect to hear a candidate speak on the same place I hear spoof commercials for the hot-beverage "Dickens Cider" or the difficult-to-find vehicle from Pinkley Motors, the "Pinkley Taurus."

When asked how she stays up-to-date on current events on the campaign trail, Rodham Clinton said she said she liked their program because it's "informative and fun." She explained that she has to get her news in "bits and snatches." I can't believe the hosts let that comment go. Two things are clear: The hosts were on their best behavior and Rodham Clinton doesn't listen to their program.

When I mentioned the morning interview to a friend, he pointed out that all three candidates did a promo for the WWE on "Monday Night Raw." This also was news to me, but the footage is right there on YouTube, all three candidates pandering for votes from World Wrestling Entertainment fans the day before the Pennsylvania primary. They attempted to bond with fans with such phrases as "HillRod," McCain and his "McCainiacs," and the clever catch phrase, "Can you smell what Barack is cooking?"

Wow. Pro wrestling, a comedy duo famous for masturbation jokes, and then Wednesday evening, the biggest surprise of all — Hillary made an appearance on "The O'Reilly Factor."

Yes, Rodham Clinton agreed to go on Fox News Channel for an interview with Bill O'Reilly. She's full of surprises. I seem to remember a time when Fox News wanted to host a Democratic debate and the only candidates willing to go on the dreaded channel were Joe Biden and Dennis Kucinich. The rest refused to take Fox News seriously and were afraid that the Fox moderators would be unfair to them. All this, even after Bill Clinton got kudos for wagging his finger at Chris Wallace before the 2006 midterm election.

I don't disapprove of these appearances; I think they should've debated on Fox News. It's important to reach out to people who have little exposure to your platform. But "reaching out" now that every remaining vote has become crucial is completely disingenuous. It's a little too late and a little too obvious that these candidates are desperate. It's a shame it has come to this. It's unfortunate that one of the two remaining Democratic candidates didn't show some backbone last year and face the Fox News audience before the primary season began. Had they showed some strength early on, perhaps the contest wouldn't be this close right now. Instead, they played it safe, and now they're reaching to the galleys of entertainment sources for supporters. ■

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Editorial

Obama/Clinton = Lincoln/Douglas?

As citizens, we were disappointed by ABC's moderators in the Pennsylvania debate earlier this month. As journalists, we were embarrassed by Charles Gibson's and George Stephanopoulos' line of questions for Democratic nomination candidates Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama. Still, we were excited when Sen. Rodham Clinton proposed a no-moderator debate to rival Sen. Obama. "Just the two of us, going for 90 minutes, asking and answering questions, we'll set whatever rules seem fair," Rodham Clinton said according to the Huffington Post. While the rules of such a debate would certainly be run past both campaigns — and probably party leaders — an open forum for the candidates to pose direct questions to one another would come as a breath of fresh air. Even more, it would be a welcome change for Americans, who have suffered through an umpteen number of debates — that, unfortunately, culminated in ABC's underwhelming performance in Philadelphia on April 16.

Obama dismissed Rodham Clinton's call for a no-moderator debate before voters in Indiana and North Carolina head to the polls on May 6. If neither candidate decides to concede the nomination to the other after those state tallies their votes (something we don't expect to happen), Obama would reconsider Rodham Clinton's offer to meet onstage one last time — without those pesky moderators getting in the way. A no-moderator debate would allow both candidates to refuse foolish questions that do not strictly focus on policy goals or even argue why they're the best candidate to defeat Sen. John McCain, the

presumptive Republican nominee. Without moderators there to inter-vene, perhaps saving one candidate from having to answer a particularly difficult question, Obama and Rodham Clinton might think twice about asking one another about issues that might backfire — think American flag lapel pins, outspoken supporters, or misstatements on the campaign trail.

Sure, a timekeeper would be necessary to keep one candidate from monopolizing the microphone and the other from being turned from nationally televised stump speeches. Thirty seconds, pause; 15 second response, pause. This is no way to debate. A successful no-moderator debate in the primary season could potentially lead to it appearing again in the general election, where debates become even more crucial to deciding who wins the presidency. For both campaigns, shaking hands and convincing voters is important, but there is no better way to draw distinctions between your opponent than having both candidates side-by-side, exchanging ideas in an open forum.

For the millions of Americans weary of yet another debate, one without a moderator might be just what this primary needs. Besides, even if a moderator-less debate was a disaster, it couldn't be any worse than what we've seen recently. We respect Rodham Clinton's attempt to think outside the box and encourage Obama to take the plunge and debate like Lincoln did (he is a representative of Illinois, after all). And, hey, if it doesn't work out, maybe another YouTube debate is in order. (*Just kidding.*)

Letter

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What's wrong with Dubuque Skywalk?

I read in the *DI* (April 30, "Council OKs skywalk") about the Dubuque Council OKs skywalk.

"You can see it's a very straightforward skywalk," [city official Jeff Davidson] said. "Nothing like the one between the two biology buildings downtown."

Too bad. The one downtown adds real character to Iowa City. I hope that the design character can be revisited.

Clayton McNearney
 UI alum



"HEY, I'M SORRY YOU'RE STARVING, BUT I'VE GOT THIS HUNGRY MOUTH TO FEED!"

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Commentary

THE WRIGHT CHOICE FOR OBAMA

For nearly 20 years, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright Jr. was a spiritual touchstone for Barack Obama, reviving the latter's faith from the pulpit of "unashamedly black, unapologetically Christian" theology. Now Wright and his like Obama's millstone, threatening to sink his presidential campaign.

On Tuesday, in his second attempt to defuse the controversy, Obama did what he'd resisted the first time: He threw Wright under the wheels of his campaign bus. Framing the issue in purely personal terms, he accused Wright of exploiting racial divisions and distracting voters from the real issues. He also contended that the Wright on display over the weekend wasn't the one he'd known at Trinity.

There was one element of Wright's latest remarks that hadn't gotten much attention previously: his genetic-determinism argument that blacks think, learn, pray, and act differently from whites. That focus conflicts with the biracial Democratic candidate's core message of Obama is discovering behind common goals. Still, it's hard to believe that Obama is discovering much about Wright now. Nor should he be surprised at how easy it is for the media and his political opponents to keep Wright in the spotlight — particularly when Wright is so eager to steal it from his former parishioner. Sharp critiques of America might play well in the insular confines of a

church, where congregants recognize and accept hyperbole for what it is. But they sound like extremism to the general public, which doesn't share the black experience in America and doesn't recognize the unspoken references to past events.

Obama countered Wright's angry oratory with graceful rhetoric once, but it didn't keep his erstwhile pastor quiet. So rather than giving another thoughtful critique of Americans' attitudes about race, Obama was right to denounce, clearly and specifically, Wright's most objectionable statements. It may have been a capitulation to his fiercest critics, but it was the repudiation that circumstances — and Wright's latest pronouncements — set out to do. Wright heads to retirement talking accomplished what he set out to do, which was to keep the candidates talking about him and his views on race, regardless of what happens to the one he backs. The controversy might even help Obama define himself more clearly, and not just in terms of the fundamentals he doesn't believe. The issue of race in America, which invokes theological questions about the role of government and the distribution of wealth, is something the candidates should be discussing. It's too bad the conversation has revolved around someone who won't be on the ballot.

This editorial appeared in Thursday's *Los Angeles Times*.

On the Spot

What kind of debate would you like to see?



"Have them just go at it. Have them just go crazy."

Ryne George
 UI freshman



"I'd like to see them in a cage match."

Kyle Jacobson
 UI junior



"In the Roman Colosseum."

Zach Boyle
 UI senior



"Maybe something with all the other past politicians who ran."

Tom Taylor
 UI sophomore



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Arts & Culture

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FAVORITES We love *DI* reporter Louis Virtel. So does Louis.

FIVE FAVORITE WAYS TO STOP THINKING ABOUT MYSELF

1. Taking the letters of my name and spelling other things I can do. For instance, out of "Louis Virtel" we find "Stir-Love." See? Now I'm thinking about Hu Hot.
2. Donating to charity in ways besides walking past homeless people while wearing a crown and waving.
3. Visiting churches to ensure that other altars exist besides the one I made for Anderson Cooper.
4. Writing the best advice column under the sun, 24/7, for y'allz.
5. Acknowledging that while I stare in the mirror and rank my favorite freckles, there are plenty of other wan boys without proper full-length mirrors. Caution: Never do this one too long. You'll get sad.

CORRECTIONS

In the May 1 article, "Seeds of the Workshop in an unlikely place," the *DI* misspelled the name of Carl Walbright, a UI alum who now makes films in New York. The *DI* regrets the error.
In the May 1 article "Vamping on vampires," the *DI* incorrectly listed *Thirteen* among Kristen Stewart's past credits. She was not in the movie. The *DI* regrets the error.

A fond farewell reading

By Meryn Fluker
THE DAILY IOWAN

Don't be deceived by Mother Nature's cruel joke of recent weather; spring semester will soon come to an end. Students are dusting off untouched textbooks, getting in last thrills downtown, and making the most of free time, which is soon to be evaporated courtesy of finals week. Professors, however, are sitting back, enjoying the sight of pupils sweating over grades, exams, and assignments, right? Maybe, but not in the case of Dean Young. A professor and working poet who is a staple in the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Young is too busy to be tracked down. Nope, his elusiveness over the past few days isn't due to a relaxing schedule of mocking his students as they fret over point totals and percentages. Young is simply in high demand. This week alone, he had to meet with incoming guest authors, "appointments" (with

whom he did not name), and even a photo shoot. It took three phone calls, two e-mails, and a great deal of tenacity just to find out which of his numerous contact numbers should be used to speak with the poet.
Despite his busy schedule Young managed to scrounge up enough time between commitments to talk with *The Daily Iowan* about his reading as he traversed busy streets.
"I don't like to read. I'm doing it as a matter of obligation," Young said about his reading in the Dey House's Frank Conroy Reading Room today at 8 p.m. "My students want to mark my leaving, and this is how they wanted to do it, so I'm doing it."
Young is departing the UI after eight years as a member of the permanent faculty of the Writers' Workshop, leaving for the University of Texas-Austin. But just because Young is leaving does not mean that he didn't enjoy his time here. When

READING
Dean Young, poetry
When: 8 p.m. today
Where: Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room
Admission: Free



asked if he had fond memories of his time in Iowa City, he replied, "Of course."
"My students were fabulous, and my colleagues have become great friends," he said.
Though tonight may be a bit-bittersweet farewell, Young did

not specifically tailor his poems to the occasion. He said there is no unifying theme binding the selections.
Young's most recent book, *Primitive Mentor*, came out in January, but he plans on sharing newer material at tonight's reading. Not one to operate his creativity under a mandated schedule, Young said he writes frequently, storing poems until he has enough to fill a full-length manuscript.
"There is no set time [for the length of time between books]," he said. "It just depends on how well I'm writing for how long."
It seemed like Young had nothing but positive sentiments to share regarding the UI and his experiences here, but there was one topic that got a more sour reaction.
"The administration I could take or leave," he said. "So I'm leaving it."
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Chamber concert features 2 soloists

By Claire Lekwa
THE DAILY IOWAN

A doctoral student and a senior: Though at different points in their musical careers, both have won the privilege of performing with the UI Chamber Orchestra as soloists, their debut in such a setting.
Piano doctoral student Min Ji Kwon and senior violist Samuel Gold will be the featured soloists with the orchestra during the group's final concert of the semester, 3 p.m. May 4 in Clapp Recital Hall. Kwon will perform Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat major* (also known as the *Emperor Concerto*), and Gold will play the *Viola Concerto* of Béla Bartók.
"These are major works for the piano and the viola and kind of the biggest pieces in the repertoire," said David Nelson, who will conduct the concert. "Neither of them have played these pieces with orchestras before. That's pretty rare to be able to do that at a university."



Steve Lexa/The Daily Iowan
Violin soloist Sam Gold rehearses with the UI Chamber Orchestra in Clapp Recital Hall on Thursday.

The privilege comes from winning the School of Music's Concerto/Aria Competition in November. Each year, finalists are selected from the individual performance areas in the music school. The finalists are then critiqued by a panel of outside judges. Out of this year's 10 selected finalists, Kwon and Gold were chosen as the two winners.
Both have prepared their complex pieces since last summer, a commitment of roughly eight to 10 months.
Kwon left her family in Seoul, South Korea, to move

CONCERT
UI Chamber Orchestra,
with soloists Min Ji Kwon
and Samuel Gold
When: 3 p.m. May 4
Where: Clapp Recital Hall
Admission: Free

to the United States in 2006 to study piano at the UI on an Iowa Performance Fellowship. With a close bond to her teacher, the head of the piano department, Uriel Tsachor, Kwon said she has grown immensely during the process of learning Beethoven's piece, composed after the famous musician had gone deaf.
"I sympathize with his passion and his struggle about music," she said.
For Kwon, one of the most noteworthy challenges of the piece was the daunting task of memorizing the 40-minute

piano concerto. But despite her modesty, Kwon is a musician of professional caliber — she will travel to Prague this summer to partake in the International Piano Master Classes.
Even though they are labeled as students, concertgoers should not forget the professionalism of both the soloists and the Chamber Orchestra. The orchestra learned both pieces in a matter of four weeks, the schedule of professional ensembles.
"When people come, they're going to hear two really professional soloists who are representative of a lot of students at the university," Nelson said.
Gold first became enthralled with Bartók's *Viola Concerto* over the summer when he began learning it at a music festival in Aspen, Colo.
"It's a piece that lets you show off a bit, and there aren't a lot of pieces for viola like that," he said.
Though he has played viola since the age of 4, unlike most music majors, Gold abandoned

the instrument during his high-school years. The five-year hiatus lasted into college, where he had chosen to pursue a math major. One day, while Gold was playing drums in his college band, the Twelve Canons, one of the band members said he wished one of the songs included a viola. From that point on, Gold rediscovered his passion for the instrument, and though rusty at, began studying with a graduate student and switched his major to music in his third year at the UI.
The first turn has worked well for Gold, who plans to work toward a master's degree at the New England Conservatory in Boston after graduating. Receiving the honor of soloist has made his originally drastic re-evaluation that much more rewarding.
"It feels like I've probably made the right choice," he said. "I'm doing something a lot more satisfying."
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 Washington 3, Pittsburgh 2
 Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 2
 Texas 2, Kansas City 1
 Toronto 3, Boston 0
 Detroit 8, N.Y. Yankees 4
 Cleveland 3, Seattle 2, 11 innings

MLB
 L.A. Dodgers 5, Florida 3
 Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 3
 Philadelphia 3, San Diego 2

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BASKETBALL



Women hoopsters to face Duke

The Iowa women's basketball team will face Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C., in next season's ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

The Blue Devils finished third in the ACC in the 2007-08 season with a 25-10 mark. Duke advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament.

In last season's matchups, the Hawkeyes fell to Georgia Tech, 76-57, while Duke lost to Penn State, 86-84.

The ACC won the inaugural challenge, 8-3.

"We are excited to be playing at Duke in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge," Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said in a release. "Cameron Indoor Stadium is a historic building, and it has an exciting women's basketball environment. We look forward to the test of playing in that venue. This game adds to an already challenging nonconference schedule."

— by Diane Hendrickson

SOFTBALL

Hawks travel to Illinois

At 36-17, the Iowa softball team has plenty to anticipate with both the Big Ten Tournament and NCAA regionals upcoming.

But before the Hawkeyes can think about the postseason, they have two remaining regular-season contests at Illinois to worry about.

Regardless of the outcomes in either of the two games

against the Fighting Illini, Iowa's current 12-6 conference record has the Hawkeyes locked into sole possession of third place — a status good for the third seed in next week's Big Ten Tournament.

One thing Iowa coach Gayle Blevins warned about entering the matchup with Illinois is its ability to hit and produce runs.

"Our pitching is very solid, our defense is solid, and I think the key is to control any runs that they make and for us to come up with a lot of pressure on them," Blevins said. "They're going to be tough outs. They're going to come up and get their hacks."

"We just have to be able to work positive counts and play very solid defensively."

— by Brendan Stiles

TV TODAY

MLB
 • Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 7:05 p.m., WGN
NBA PLAYOFFS
 Eastern Conference, first round, game 6, Cleveland at Washington, 6 p.m., ESPN2
 • Eastern Conference, first round, game 6, Boston at Atlanta, 7 p.m., ESPN
 • Western Conference, first round, game 6, Houston at Utah, 9:30 p.m., ESPN
NHL PLAYOFFS
 • Conference semifinals, game 5, Dallas at San Jose (if necessary), 9 p.m., Versus

BIG TEN ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

8 A.M., SATURDAY, AT BELLEVILLE LAKE, ANN ARBOR, MICH.,

Rowers have high hopes

The Iowa rowing team hopes to improve upon last year's sixth-place finish at the Big Ten championships Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich. — despite tough competition.



Lindsay Walters/The Daily Iowan

Novice coach Chuck Rodosky watches the Iowa rowing team place its boats in the water near the Mehaffey Boat Ramp early Thursday morning. The team will travel to Ann Arbor, Mich., today to compete in the Big Ten championships.

By Tim McLaughlin

THE DAILY IOWAN

Row, row, row your boats, gently down the stream. Gently?

The Iowa rowing team hopes to modify the common nursery rhyme Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich.; the Hawkeyes plan to robustly row their boats toward a coveted Big Ten championship on Belleville Lake.

As the youngest sport in the Big Ten, rowing has crowned just 8 team champions since

2000, with sporting powerhouses Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, and Minnesota claiming all the titles to date. On Saturday, the Hawkeyes seek to join that elite group.

"Everyone is extremely competitive in the Big Ten," said senior and varsity team member Brittany Keyes.

Of the seven teams contending for a title, a handful — Michigan State, Michigan, Ohio State, Minnesota, and Wisconsin — are either ranked in the

NCAA Division I Varsity 8 Coaches Poll or receiving votes. Iowa and Indiana are on the outside looking in.

So with one day of competition, how does the conference decide the eventual champion?

The Big Ten seeds individual boats from all seven teams. There are six races in the morning — the first and second varsity 8, the first and second varsity 4, and the first and second novice 8 races. Each race is divided into two heats. The top

two finishing boats from each heat advance to the grand final, and the remaining boats compete in the petite final, which are both settled in the afternoon.

Teams earn points depending on what place they finish in the respective races. The conference champion is determined by compiling the total points at the conclusion of all races.

Last season, Iowa placed sixth out of the seven teams. However, the novice 8 boat shone, earning a bronze medal in the first

novice 8 grand final.

The Hawkeyes, seeded highest in the first novice race, intend to improve this year. They also hope to benefit from a grueling two-week period of pure training that ended Thursday.

"I know our athletes have been working all year for this set of races, and they are ready," novice coach Chuck Rodosky said in a release.

SEE ROWING, 3B

IOWA (17-25, 6-14) VS. MINNESOTA (16-27, 6-14)

6 P.M., FRIDAY, AT BANKS FIELD, FREE FOR UI STUDENTS

Not must-win, but ...

Wednesday's win a momentum-builder

Watch Daily Iowan TV at dailyiowan.com for video highlights, interviews, and analysis from the Hawkeyes' 10-6 victory over UNI Wednesday in Cedar Rapids.

By Diane Hendrickson

THE DAILY IOWAN

All year, the Hawkeye baseball team has maintained that the season is a 56-game marathon. But facing Minnesota (16-27, 6-14) for a four-game set this weekend, they're at mile 21, lagging far behind the pack — and wondering if they have the time to catch up.

At 6-14 and 17-25 overall, Iowa sits in a three-way tie for eighth in the Big Ten. Six teams make the conference tournament, and the Hawkeyes sit four games out of that final spot before hosting the Gophers



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

The Iowa baseball team takes on Northern Iowa at Veterans Memorial Stadium on Wednesday in Cedar Rapids. The Hawkeyes will host Minnesota this weekend, starting tonight.

today at 6 p.m.

"I don't know if you want to call it a must-win situation, but there's some urgency in us to go

out and do well," shortstop Justin Toole said.

SEE BASEBALL, 3B

Running into leadership

By Alex Johnson

THE DAILY IOWAN

Leaders need two things to be effective: influence and followers.

At least according to Iowa head track coach Larry Wiczorek.

But usually, leaders on teams are grown and developed, molding themselves after other leaders they've followed, ultimately succeeding them. On the Hawkeye track's distance squad, that hasn't been the case for junior Andy Napier.

"It's somewhat by default because you've got two guys who have qualified to the Olympic

trials who aren't with us — Eric MacTaggart and Micah VanDenend," Wiczorek said. "But [Napier] has risen to the occasion."

A walk-on athlete, Napier spent his first two seasons hustling behind the steady MacTaggart and VanDenend combo in track and cross-country, but the two veterans have been unable to compete this season because of injuries.

VanDenend is the team's only senior, and MacTaggart the most accomplished junior, leaving a void at the head of the distance crew.

By virtue of a trio of consistent performances in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Napier has become the new leader.

"He's got good character, No. 1," Wiczorek said.

SEE NAPIER, 3B



Napier junior



SPORTS 'N' STUFF

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	16	13	.552	—
New York	14	12	.538	—
Florida	15	13	.536	—
Atlanta	12	15	.444	3
Washington	12	17	.414	4
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	18	11	.621	—
Chicago	17	11	.607	1/2
Milwaukee	16	12	.571	1 1/2
Houston	13	16	.448	5
Cincinnati	12	17	.414	6
Pittsburgh	11	17	.393	6 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	20	8	.714	—
Los Angeles	15	13	.536	5
San Francisco	13	16	.448	7 1/2
San Diego	11	17	.393	9
Colorado	11	18	.379	9 1/2

Thursday's Games
 L.A. Dodgers 5, Florida 3
 Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 3
 Philadelphia 3, San Diego 2
 Washington 3, Pittsburgh 2
Today's Games
 San Francisco (Misch 0-0) at Philadelphia (Kendrick 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
 San Diego (Germano 0-2) at Florida (Hendrickson 4-1), 6:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Volquez 4-0) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 3-2), 6:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Dumatrait 0-1) at Washington (Chico 0-5), 6:35 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Villanueva 1-2) at Houston (Oswalt 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Hill 1-0) at St. Louis (Wainwright 3-1), 7:15 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Penny 4-2) at Colorado (Francis 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Maine 2-2) at Arizona (Owings 4-0), 8:40 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	16	12	.571	—
Boston	17	13	.567	—
Baltimore	15	13	.536	1
New York	14	16	.467	3
Toronto	12	17	.414	4 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	14	12	.538	—
Cleveland	14	15	.483	1 1/2
Detroit	14	15	.483	1 1/2
Minnesota	13	14	.481	1 1/2
Kansas City	12	16	.429	3
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	18	12	.600	—
Oakland	18	12	.600	—
Seattle	13	16	.448	4 1/2
Texas	11	18	.379	6 1/2

Thursday's Games
 Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 2
 Texas 2, Kansas City 1
 Toronto 3, Boston 0
 Detroit 8, N.Y. Yankees 4
 Cleveland 3, Seattle 2, 11 innings
 Oakland 15, L.A. Angels 8
Today's Games
 Tampa Bay (Jackson 2-2) at Boston (Buchholz 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
 Seattle (Bedard 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Wang 5-0), 6:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (Hochevar 1-1) at Cleveland (Sabathia 1-4), 6:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 1-2) at Toronto (Marcum 2-2), 6:07 p.m.
 Detroit (Galaraga 2-0) at Minnesota (Hernandez 3-1 or Baker 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
 Texas (Padilla 3-2) at Oakland (Blanton 2-4), 9:05 p.m.
 Baltimore (Guthrie 0-3) at L.A. Angels (Jer.Weaver 2-3), 9:05 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Thursday's Games
 N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh leads series 3-1
 Detroit 8, Colorado 2, Detroit wins series 4-0
Today's Game
 Dallas at San Jose, 9 p.m. Dallas leads series 3-1
Saturday's Games
 Philadelphia at Montreal, 6 p.m. Philadelphia leads series 3-1
Sunday, May 4
 N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
 Montreal at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., if necessary
 San Jose at Dallas, 8 p.m., if necessary

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND (Best of 7)
Thursday's Game
 Detroit 100, Philadelphia 77, Detroit wins series 4-2
Today's Games
 Cleveland at Washington, 6 p.m. Cleveland leads series 3-2
 Boston at Atlanta, 7 p.m. Boston leads series 3-2
 Houston at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
 Washington at Cleveland, 12 p.m., if necessary
 Atlanta at Boston, 2:30 p.m., if necessary
 Utah at Houston, 7 p.m., if necessary, Utah leads series 3-2
QUARTERFINALS (Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 3
 Orlando at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 San Antonio at New Orleans, 9 p.m.

BIG TEN BASEBALL

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Michigan	17	3	.850	31	10	.756		
Purdue	16	4	.800	25	17	.595		
Illinois	11	9	.550	25	17	.595		
Ohio State	10	9	.526	23	18	.561		
Northwestern	10	10	.500	16	20	.444		
Penn State	10	10	.500	19	24	.442		
Michigan State	7	12	.368	18	22	.450		
Indiana	6	14	.300	18	24	.429		
Iowa	6	14	.300	17	25	.405		
Minnesota	6	14	.300	16	27	.372		

Today's Games
 Minnesota at Iowa, 6 p.m.
 Michigan State at Penn State
 Northwestern at Illinois
 Ohio State at Michigan
Saturday's Games
 Minnesota at Iowa (2) 1 p.m.
 Michigan State at Penn State (2)
 Northwestern at Illinois (2)
 Ohio State at Michigan (2)
 Purdue at Indiana (2)
Sunday's Games
 Minnesota at Iowa, 1 p.m.
 Michigan State at Penn State
 Northwestern at Illinois
 Ohio State at Michigan
 Purdue at Indiana (2)

BIG TEN SOFTBALL

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Michigan	16	2	.889	46	5	.902		
Northwestern	16	2	.889	32	13	.711		
Iowa	12	6	.667	36	17	.679		
Minnesota	7	7	.500	26	15	.634		
Michigan St.	8	10	.444	26	25	.510		
Illinois	8	10	.444	30	29	.508		
Purdue	7	9	.438	32	20	.615		
Penn State	6	10	.375	34	20	.630		
Ohio State	7	13	.350	33	22	.600		
Indiana	6	12	.333	16	33	.327		
Wisconsin	3	15	.167	15	38	.283		

Saturday's Games
 Iowa at Illinois
 Michigan at Penn State
 Minnesota at Wisconsin
 Purdue at Indiana
 Michigan State at Northwestern
Sunday's Games
 Iowa at Illinois
 Michigan at Penn State
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TRANSACTIONS

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLAS—Announced RHP Greg Aquino has cleared waivers and accepted his assignment to Norfolk (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS—Activated RHP Francisco Croust from the restricted list.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Purchased the contract of RHP Nick Adenhardt from Salt Lake (PCL). Placed INF Maicer Izturis on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 28. Transferred RHP Kelvin Escobar from the 15- to 60-day DL.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Activated OF Alfonso Soriano from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Matt Murton to Iowa (PCL).
FOOTBALL
Canadian Football League
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WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Signed WR Romby Bryant. **DB Jovon Johnson** and **RB Jacques-Olivier Lumbala**.

A tune-up under lights

Women's track is ready for some some Big Ten competition in the Musco Twilight.

By Jeff Pawola
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Hawkeye women's track team will not need to leave the friendly confines of Iowa City this week-



Anderson coach

end; the program will host the 10th-annual Musco Twilight Meet at the Cretzmeyer Track at 3 p.m. Saturday.
 Besides the obvious benefits of competing at home, the Hawkeyes also get a good look at some of their Big Ten counterparts — both Minnesota and Wisconsin will compete under the lights.

Two weeks from the conference championships, the home event should act as an accurate gauge for Iowa in determining how it stacks up with others in the Big Ten.
 "Everything is a marquee event — we need to run well, throw well, jump well, and sprint well," said head coach Layne Anderson. "There are no easy events with those two teams."

This will be the third-consecutive week the Hawkeyes will not leave the state; they competed in the Iowa Open in Iowa City and the Drake Relays in Des Moines. The tracksters look to take advantage of familiar territory by increasing their number of regional qualifiers, which stands at six.

Specifically in the case of former 400-meter indoor national champion Kineke Alexander, a senior who has been hampered by injuries for the majority of the outdoor season.

"My main thing right now is just to stay healthy," said Alexander, who is still nursing a strained hamstring. "It's getting along slowly but surely."

One of four Big Ten champions on the roster, she will run

Williams aids Iowa tracksters

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the 400 meters for the first time this year.

Senior Meghan Armstrong, a Big Ten champion in the 3,000 meters, and Diane Nukuri, a Big Ten champion in cross-country, will not be able to enjoy their last home meet as Hawkeyes. Instead, they'll travel to Palo Alto, Calif., to compete in the Cardinal Invitational in the 5,000 meters. Both will attempt to run under 16 minutes and challenge the school record of 15:45.84, held by Nan Doak since 1985.

Nurkuri's previous best of 15:55 was recorded in the 2007 cross-country season, while Armstrong's career-best 16:18.74 came during last year's outdoor track season.

This weekend marks the duo's second trip to Stanford this year. In their first appearance on the West Coast, both qualified for the NCAA championships in the 10,000 meters, and Nukuri (second) and Armstrong (fourth) still hold times ranking in the top five nationally.

"I think it's the best decision to go to Stanford, because they have great competition," Nukuri said.

Anderson agrees. "It's just another opportunity to run fast," the coach said.

Not that the competition won't be up to par at the Musco Invite; both Minnesota and Wisconsin finished ahead of Iowa's fifth-place performance at the indoor conference championship, with the Gophers taking the title.

In a role reversal from last weekend's Drake Relays, the Bulldogs will compete in Iowa's host event Saturday in addition to another in-state foe, Northern Iowa.

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MUSCO TWILIGHT MEET

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Men look forward to Musco fun

Saturday's Musco Twilight is the final home meet, and an exciting one, for the Iowa track team's seniors.

By Alex Johnson
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Over the past decade, this time of year has always been an exciting one for the Hawkeye track team.

"We always have had fun at the Musco meet," said Iowa head coach Larry Wiecezorek. "This is my 10th time doing it; I've hoped that it would be a fun night. The athletes get a chance to be the stars at home, and it's a fun night of track and field."

This weekend's home meet brings in lighting from Musco Lighting, an Oskaloosa, Iowa, company, giving the Hawkeyes a chance to compete in a unique atmosphere.

"It's very exciting competition to throw here against some great competition, especially underneath the lights," senior Shane Maier said. "It's fun, it's packed, and it's a great atmosphere — I'm going to miss it."

For the outgoing seniors, the Musco Twilight Meet is the second and final home meet of the year, adding to the environment on Saturday evening.

"I'm glad we're able to create this meet at the end of the year," Wiecezorek said. "And that we can incorporate senior night into it."

Hosting Northern Iowa, Drake, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, the Hawkeyes have



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Then-Hawkeye senior Tony Rakaric splashes through in the 3,000-meter steeplechase during the Musco Twilight Meet on April 22, 2006. This year's event, on Saturday, is the final home meet for the Hawkeyes.

their work cut out for them.

"The Musco meet's just been a great meet for us since Coach Wiecezorek tried to get lights in here 10 years ago," field events coach Scott Cappos said. "Our athletes always look forward to competing at home, and this meet's real special just because we have great teams coming in, and it's a high-level competition."

"We want to compete well and get ready for the Big Ten meet — for a lot of guys it's their last tune-up before the conference."

Sprints and hurdles coach Joey Woody felt there were a number of Hawkeyes ready to

improve their performance to a Big Ten level this weekend. Among them were Adam Hairston in the 800 and freshmen Chris Barton and Steven Willey.

Hairston faces the defending national champion in the 800 in UNI's Tyler Mulder, while the pair of rookies have been closing on the regional-qualifying mark of 47.20 in the 400.

Barton and Willey also run on the team's 4x400-meter relay team and are expected to close Musco in style.

"We had a great meet last weekend and beat some top quality teams in the 4x400 that

had done better than we had earlier this season," Woody said. "It's going to be a pretty hot relay at the end of the meet."

Other Hawkeyes to keep an eye on are those who have already qualified for the regionals — throwers Maier, John Hickey, and A.J. Curtis, 3,000-meter steeplechaser Andy Napier, and hurdler Ray Varner. Hairston, along with a few more in the Black-and-Gold, are also approaching the regional qualifying marks.

Being in Iowa City should provide the perfect chance to turn the potential into performance.

"There's just a lot of hype around the meet, especially under the lights," Woody said. "There's always a motivation — for some reason our guys just really perform well under the lights, and the atmosphere is a lot more entertaining for our guys."

For Maier and the rest of the senior class, this will be their final home meet.

"Everybody knows all of our seniors and the way we lead, we're competitors, and we're always pumping each other up, and we're going out to have fun, too," Maier said. "After this meet, everybody's going to look back and say, maybe I didn't perform well, maybe I did, but I had a great time. It was the last time underneath the Musco lights to be a Hawkeye."

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BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hawks eye rowing elite



The Hawkeye rowers practice on the Coralville Reservoir early Thursday morning.

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ROWING
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We have had to work through some pretty tough rowing conditions as of the last week or so, but I think it only prepared us even more for the Big Tens.”

In 2001, coach Mandi Kowal

led the Hawkeyes to their first-ever team appearance at the NCAA championships, where Iowa finished ninth.

With the possibility of qualifying as a team for this year’s NCAAs hinging on Saturday’s results, Kowal knows what the Hawkeyes have at stake.

“I think getting into the grand finals will be really

helpful [toward making NCAAs],” she said.

Keyes agreed, saying the team needs to make a splash of sorts if the Hawks hope to keep any NCAA dreams alive.

“I believe that it’d be necessary to do pretty well at Big Tens and you’d have to pull off some upsets,” she said.

The boats will first hit the

water at 8 a.m. Saturday, at the Michigan Boathouse on Belleville Lake. The final race of the day, the first varsity 8 grand final, is scheduled for 2:45 p.m. and will be followed by the awards ceremony — one the Hawkeyes hope will be worth sticking around for.

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Napier set to push Hawks

A hard-working walk-on, junior Andy Napier has become the leader of the Iowa men’s track distance team.

NAPIER

CONTINUED FROM 1B

“He’s a regional qualifier, a Big Ten placer, and he’s getting better and better all the time.”

Running the steeplechase for the first time in his career in 2007, Napier’s time has dropped this outdoor season, beating the regional qualifying mark all three times he’s competed in the event. His best time approached 9:01, while his slowest came in the cold winds of the Drake Relays at under 9:06, demonstrating the consistency the Antioch, Ill., native has been able to maintain.

Napier, a self-described hard worker, has said that he his effort has to be better than the next guy to accomplish the same goal — particularly in comparison with MacTaggart and VanDenend. Of the 84 athletes already qualified for regionals, Napier is currently ranked 47th, which, according to his self-portrait, he had to outwork at least 37 of the nation’s top distance runners.

His outlook may be even more impressive.

“I’ve got to keep things in perspective,” Napier said. “Unfortunately, [I’ve become a leader] by default. It’s not so much that I’m running outstandingly, it’s unfor-

tunately because my teammates are dealing with some tough circumstances right now. In that perspective, you go about it sort of with a heavy heart.”

Obviously realistic, it’s no wonder Napier has become a leader for the Hawkeyes, but his coach is being every bit as pragmatic.

“We’d like to have Micah and Eric out there,” Wieczorek said. “It’s a big loss, and it’s a loss that Andy and leadership can’t make up. It’s almost like you’re making the best of the situation.”

“To be good, we needed Eric MacTaggart, Micah VanDenend, and Andy Napier, and Jesse Luciano. And others.”

Without all the parts able to go for Iowa, Napier and the healthy Hawkeyes will keep taking it one mile at a time.

He just needs to speak up a little more.

“I think that’s something I need to work on as a leader,” Napier said. “Being more proactive and respectfully asserting myself and saying, ‘Hey, guys, we need to get going. We can’t look at our circumstances and say too bad, we have to fight things.’”

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Baseball looks to bear down

For the eighth-place Hawkeyes, it’s crunch time with 12 Big Ten games left — starting with Minnesota this weekend

BASEBALL
CONTINUED FROM 1B

“Obviously, our goals are to make the Big Ten Tournament and make the regionals. Right now, it’s not looking like we’re going to do that, but we’ve just got to go out there and play our game.”

Iowa defeated UNI, 10-6, Wednesday night with a seven-run first inning to win in-state bragging rights.

Although head coach Jack Dahm wouldn’t say this weekend’s games are must-win, there’s increasing pressure in the clubhouse.

“We need to play well,” he said. “We need to carry this into the weekend.”

But Iowa has struggled to sustain momentum from mid-week games into conference play. In its five series, Iowa has only won six games. The Hawkeyes took three of four from Indiana, but they haven’t won more than one game in any other set.

“We’ve shown that we can be a good team this year, and we’ve also shown we can be a bad team,” Toole said. “It’s just

a matter of what team comes to the field. Playing like this, obviously, is a big momentum boost going into the weekend playing a team like Minnesota in some games that we need to win.

“Hopefully, we can just go out and play like we did [against UNI].”

Behind Toole’s scorching bat — he’s hitting .402 — and Caleb Curry, whose averaged just dipped under .400, the Hawkeye offense is in a groove. The pitching staff, an Achilles’ heel for the past two seasons, will need to find consistency if the Hawkeyes are going to make a late-season push for the playoffs, and starting with taking care of a .295-hitting Gopher squad this weekend.

“Offense hasn’t been an issue for us this year,” Dahm said.

The Hawkeyes, hitting .311 as a team, must take advan-

tage of Minnesota’s 6.25 earned-run average, but that doesn’t seem so bad next to Iowa’s meaty ERA, which is climbing toward 7.

Iowa will most likely be without starter and part-time shortstop Matt Mossey, who left in the second inning of Wednesday’s game against UNI with a sore elbow. The squad will not only be without his arm but also his leadership on the field.

“He’s a competitor,” Dahm said. “I hope we can get him back, and it’s nothing bad.”

But Iowa has struggled to put together all three aspects of the game at the same time, inexplicably losing games to put it in this dire position.

“I think we’ve played uptight for the past couple weeks, and if we go out there and play relaxed, anything can happen,” Toole said.

Despite the tough outlook, the Hawkeyes haven’t lost hope yet. They may need to scoreboard-watch over the next few weeks, but first of all, they need to put some numbers in the win column to creep closer to the pack.

“We’ve dug ourself a little hole, obviously, but we still have time to regroup,” Toole said. “The Big Ten Tournament is definitely within reach.”

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— Bob McEllrath, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union's president. The union staged a daylong antiwar work stoppage Thursday, shutting down ports from Long Beach, Calif., to Seattle.

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SCOTT PACANOWSKI

How to recognize graduating seniors

- Their hands still carry the stamp(s) from the bar on a Monday. And Tuesday. And Wednesday. And Thursday. And Friday.
- You hear them complaining about their 12-hour schedules being too stressful.
- They punch you in the face when you ask them what they plan on doing after they graduate.

- They do not appear to be carrying anything in their backpack, if they are carrying one at all.

- They are the only kids in Sam's Pizza on a Sunday afternoon drinking. Heavily.

- They put more effort into studying anatomy outside of the classroom.

- They read for pleasure instead of for class.

- Their beer bellies are fully developed and perfectly formed.

- They bear the Dark Mark.

- They were on the best Burge bar crawl ever.

— Scott Pacanowski's case of senioritis has spread to his liver. E-mail him at: scott-pacanowski@uiowa.edu.

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horoscopes Friday, May 2, 2008

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do things on your own rather than waiting for someone else and becoming impatient, frustrated, and angry. Finish whatever needs to be done; allowing other people to help will slow you down today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't wait for things to come to you when all you have to do is execute your plans. Love and romance should also be on your agenda. If you aren't in a relationship, actively search for one. If you are, show how much you care.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't leave too much to the imagination, or you may find yourself in an emotional mess. Don't point your finger at someone if you don't have all the facts. You are likely to become jealous or make someone else feel that way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotions will run wild if you let them. Before you plan to take on the world or to blame someone for something, take a look at the repercussions. Lend a helping hand, observe what's really going on, and think before you act.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel to a destination you know will be conducive to romance. The way you structure things will make or break how they turn out. A day trip will spark enthusiasm in a new venture that could make you some extra cash.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Surround yourself with friends, family, or people who interest you. Plan a party, or travel to a place that offers you the activities you like. Do things that will enhance your looks or give you a new image or style.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Speak up as honestly as possible. If you withhold information or try to get away with something, you will find the situation you face impossible. Honesty may hurt, but it will help you resolve issues.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Rushing here and there will pay off. You will find what you want and meet people who can help you out. Sticking around home will bring nothing but contempt and frustration.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Decide what changes you want to make before you start. You have to make your space user-friendly and convenient in order to expand your horizons and experiment with new projects, lifestyles, and beliefs. Follow your heart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Give something new a try, and you'll have a new hobby. Get serious about your future, your security, and your love life. It's time to either renew your vows or let the love of your life know how you feel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take a little time for yourself. You need to ease your criticism and rejuvenate your spirit. Too much talk or interaction with people who are always criticizing you will deplete your confidence when you need it most.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be emotional, making it difficult to keep a secret. The problem is with you, not the people around you. You have more support than you realize and a very forgiving group around you that deserves the same in return.

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Audience members listen to Todd Schultz and his band at Old Brick on Thursday. Concertgoers were asked to bring recycleable cans and bottles and a donation to the Earth Day fundraiser. The proceeds of the concert will be used for funding internships through the UI Center for Human Rights.

today's events

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- **Understanding the Processes of Word Learning**, 8 a.m., 346 IMU
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Finding God at Iowa Lunch Forum, "The Human Dilemmas of Genetics and Genetic Counseling,"** Lih Yeen Tan, noon, IMU River Room 1
- **"Java Blend,"** Scott Cochran and Steve Ellis, noon, Java House, 211½ E. Washington
- **Noon Knits**, noon, Hardin Library
- **Book Sale**, 1:30 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Knitting Nurse**, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **UI Italian Languages Courses Soccer Game**, 2 p.m., Hubbard Park
- **The Red Shoes**, 3:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **First Fridays**, 5 p.m., Downtown Iowa City
- **Iowa City/Johnson County Senior Center Senior Prom**, 5 p.m., Moose Lodge, 3151 Highway 6 E.
- **Shopping on Ice**, 5 p.m., Coral Ridge Ice Arena
- **The Next Generation Juried High-School Art Show Opening Reception**, 5 p.m., Chait Galleries, 218 E. Washington
- **"Knit the Score Live,"** with Joan Kjaer and Tom Brokaw, 5 p.m., Museum of Art
- **Suspended Art in Iowa**, 5:30 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **New Strand Film Festival**, 6:15 p.m., New Strand Theatre, 111 E. Third St., West Liberty
- **Friday Night Magic**, 6:30 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 89 Second St., Coralville
- **Daughters of Wisdom**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **First Friday Fellowship**, 7 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 405 Myrtle
- **Golden Oldies Night**, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Stroll Competition and After Party**, 7 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **Cha cha lesson**, 7:30 p.m., Cedar Valley Dance Club, Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Man with a Load of Mischief**, Iowa City Community Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Road
- **Dean Young, poetry**, 8 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room
- **Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars, 609 Highway 6 E.
- **Paperback Rhino Improv Fifth Season Finale**, 8 p.m., Currier multipurpose room
- **Undergraduate Dance Concert**, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- **Open Tango Practice**, 8:30 p.m., Senior Center
- **Friday Night Karaoke with Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., American Legion, 3016 Muscatine Ave.
- **Retro Club Night**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
- **Shame Train CD Release Celebration**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Sublime Tribute with Second Hand Smoke and Talking Heads Tribute**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Throne of Blood**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **UI Student Game Night**, 10 p.m., IMU Hawkeye Room
- **No Shame Theatre**, 11 p.m., Theater Building

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UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (In Chinese)
 - 1** "Live from Prairie Lights" Archive, Author Jerry Harp
 - 2** News from Germany (In German)
 - 3** "Know the Score," Joan Kjaer hosts lively music and talk
 - 5** Piano Sundays Concert from the Old Capitol, April 13 Concert on the 1878 Steinway Grand Piano
 - 6:30** Ross/Ryan Dance Performance, Space/Place April 3
 - 8** Fine Arts Performances from the UI
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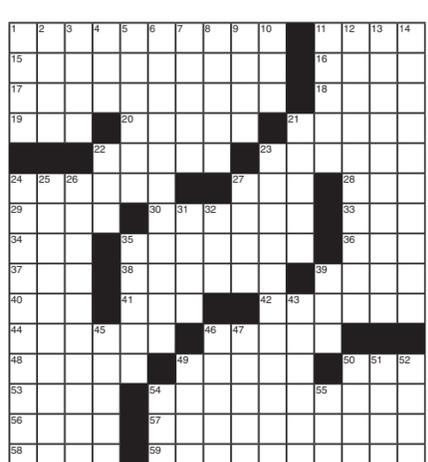
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- Across**
- 1 They have many sticking points
 - 11 Falcons' grp.
 - 15 1978 cult film with a mutant child
 - 16 Gazetteer meas.
 - 17 Sealing fans?
 - 18 Oscar-nominated "My Man Godfrey" actor, 1936
 - 19 One of four directions in 5-Down
 - 20 Goes on
 - 21 Mathematician ___ Henrik Abel
 - 22 Brown and others
 - 23 Hit the big time
 - 24 Not too far away
 - 27 Football Hall-of-Famer Huff
 - 28 Where many pens are found
 - 29 Corrida sticker
 - 30 Pessimist in a Disney cartoon
 - 33 Drop the ball
 - 34 Letters between two names
 - 35 One way to get through a wall
 - 36 Severe
 - 37 Checkers, e.g.
 - 38 Uses as a bed
 - 39 End of many a race
 - 40 It involves many unknowns: Abbr.
 - 41 Sched. maker, often
 - 42 One using soft soap
 - 44 "Michael Collins" title role player, 1996
 - 46 Here and there
 - 48 Fogs
 - 49 Desk tray labels
 - 50 Eye of the tiger?
 - 53 At any point
- Down**
- 1 Credit report damager, briefly
 - 2 Prizes for top athletes
 - 3 Curer
 - 4 Tikkanen of hockey
 - 5 It's no longer divided
 - 6 Architectural subdiscipline
 - 7 "___ Lady" (1971 hit song)
 - 8 Meet preliminaries
 - 9 Roadside stand units
 - 10 Old sit-in org.
 - 11 Lend-Lease Act provision
 - 12 Zydeco instrument
 - 13 Ease
 - 14 Simple, in math and logic
 - 21 When doubted, what a rat does
 - 22 Sound of disapproval
 - 23 Home to San Quentin State Prison
 - 24 Opening pair?
 - 25 Tidy up the lawn, in a way



- Puzzle by Peter A. Collins
- 26 Marmalade ingredient
 - 27 "I've been better"
 - 31 Like some profs.
 - 32 Cries for attention
 - 35 "Stand and Deliver" Oscar nominee, 1988
 - 39 Brewery fixture
 - 43 Ban
 - 45 Perfect Day maker
 - 46 "___ of traitors": Shak.
 - 47 Gravy holders
 - 49 Summer cooler
 - 50 Taking care of business
 - 51 Norwegian P.M. Stoltenberg
 - 52 Immoderate indulgence
 - 54 Where races are screened?: Abbr.
 - 55 "They Like ___" (song from "Call Me Madam")

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'Going green' now mainstream thought

From naturalist painter James Audubon and Sierra Club founder John Muir to author Rachel Carson, and from the founding of the National Park Service in 1916 to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency in 1969, environmentalism has a long tradition in this country.

Not until the 1970s, however, did the U.S. environmental movement begin to gather broad momentum. In the decades since, consciousness of the fragility of our planet and the urgency of preserving its future has spread to all sectors of society.

The cause of "going green" is now not only a cultural and moral movement, but also a business proposition. Environmental activism, once associated with radicals and "tree-huggers," has gained mainstream legitimacy in politics and popular culture, as Al Gore's Academy Award for his documentary on global warming — "An Inconvenient Truth" — demonstrated.

This year, 38 years after the first Earth Day, America's mass media are engaged in this story as never before. Publications featuring green-themed issues and environmental series in recent weeks range from *Quad City Magazine* and *Mother Jones* to *USA Today*

and *The New York Times Magazine*. The phenomenon is not without its contradictions, of course: *Vanity Fair* has been mocked for failure to print its third annual "green issue" on recyclable paper, and the medium of paper itself is problematic.

Nevertheless, the groundswell of media attention to environmental problems and solutions is a good sign, and we happily join the trend with this project — reminding you to recycle your newspaper when you are done! If it looks like we've jumped on a bandwagon, bear in mind that we conceived the project months before the current spate of green-oriented magazine and newspaper packages appeared. We believe the simultaneous yet independent development of environment-focused projects by a broad array of groups and organizations across the country this spring emphasizes how deep the movement's roots now extend.

Our project emerges from a semester-long endeavor by seven first-year students in Iowa's masters professional program in journalism, with editorial advice and assistance from four second-year students in the program.

The result is this special newspaper report highlighting some key environmental issues and programs in Iowa, plus a website — www.degressofgreen.net — that will take you to even more stories, pictures, ideas and resources.

For covering costs of printing this insert — on recycled paper using soy-based ink — we thank our business sponsors, listed on the back page, and The University of Iowa School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Thanks also to the campus newspaper, *The Daily Iowan*, and especially publisher William Casey, for carrying this report. Above all, our gratitude goes to the many individuals around the state who shared their knowledge about environmental matters, along with their enthusiasm for creating a more sustainable world.

In addition, Nicholas Bergus, Jason Bradley, Emily Grosvenor and Steve Silva contributed to brainstorming sessions, story development and editing; Bergus additionally contributed his expertise to multi-media components and website development.

Energize: From 18C

"Some big electric co-ops have worked with local groups of farmers to put them on the grid," said Dana. "But some companies have done everything they can to avoid it."

Between 1998 and 2003, Midland and Swecker debated mainly over the issue of net metering while the farmer's turbine blades remained motionless.

The standoff became so heated, Swecker says, that for 28 days in 1998 Midland cut his power off.

In 2003, while the Sweckers were involved in cases with the Iowa Utility Board and the Iowa Supreme Court, the Federal Regulatory Commission stepped in and ruled in favor of the Iowa couple. Midland was forced to hook the Sweckers to the grid and use net metering.

Still in conflict

But the conflict between the Sweckers and Midland remains unresolved. Now, five years later, the disagreement between the two parties centers on the price at which the Sweckers' power is purchased.

Midland buys the Sweckers energy at a much lower cost than it buys it from other suppliers.

Midland doesn't actually produce power, but rather purchases it from larger companies such as Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, or SIPCO, then resells it to its own customers.

Budget documents indicate Midland pays SIPCO just under 6 cents for each kilowatt of energy, while paying the Sweckers just 3.5 cents.

The Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 makes it illegal for a utility company to pay different rates to different producers, so the Sweckers have once again filed



Greg Swecker of Dana, Iowa, built a 65-kilowatt-hour wind turbine on his farm in 1998. (Photo by Brian Cardile)

suit in the Iowa Supreme Court. A representative from Midland said the Sweckers are asking for a rate that would be unfair to other members of the co-op. Meanwhile, the couple has yet to cash a check from Midland in the five years they have been on the grid, afraid it would constitute an agreement to the below-market rate.

"It's unbelievable," Beverly Swecker said. "They're really trying to discourage the individual from doing this. Or, if he does do it, he's not going to derive as much benefit out of it, it's going to go to the utility com-

pany. It's really corrupt," she said.

Fight for fairness?

The individual farmers like the Sweckers aren't the only ones hurt by big energy producers' domination of wind power. Local Iowa communities also feel the pain when large-scale corporate wind-energy projects are built instead of small-scale, locally owned ones.

The advantages of local wind power should be creating an economic cycle that keeps money in small-town Iowa, said Teresa Welsh Galluzzo of the public-interest group

Iowa Policy Project.

"The banker who finances the farmer [who puts up the turbine], the accountant who keeps his books, and the steel mills and electrical manufacturers and other suppliers that provide him with materials are all compensated," Galluzzo said.

In a report, Galluzzo cites a study by Wind Utility Consulting in Jefferson, Iowa, which shows that locally owned wind generation creates 10 times more economic activity in the community and state than wind projects owned by larger companies.

Galluzzo echoes Dana's concern about price-negotiating obstacles to small-scale wind energy policies.

"It can be hard to negotiate, that has been a disadvantage," Galluzzo said. "We need some sort of standard interconnection agreement that local land owners can use, so that they each don't have to fight this battle every time with their utility."

Iowa is trying to set a standard rate but, for now, small energy producers are left to negotiate by themselves, something many are unable or unwilling to do.

The Sweckers say they know people who have shied away from plans to put up wind turbines after witnessing their friends' ordeal.

A representative from Midland said that the Sweckers are asking for a rate that would be unfair to other members of the co-op.

The Sweckers say they will keep fighting for the rights of small-scale power producers, no matter how long it takes.

"We're setting the precedent on how much people should get paid," Beverly Swecker said. "Midland has spent millions and millions of dollars to fight this one little turbine, and they keep hoping we're going to give up," she said. "But we keep saying, 'We're not gonna give up.'"

About the Writers

>>> **Brian Cardile** (writer, videographer): An East Coast transplant, Cardile now sees the importance of a green Midwest.

>>> **John Goodlove** (writer, print editor, page design and layout): Twenty-five years after graduating from Iowa State University, the former Cedar Rapids newspaper editor is back in the classroom.

>>> **Andrea Parrott** (writer, cover design and page layout): Journalist. Scholar. Iowa City native.

>>> **Jamie Rondinelli** (writer, copy-editor): Pursuing the best of two worlds — journalism and medicine.

>>> **Erin Tiesman** (writer, photographer): For this Iowa native, life is a series of great quotes, stories and snapshots.

>>> **Cliff Thompson** (writer, webmaster): Thompson is an aspiring digital journalist from Trenton, Neb.

>>> **Pete Wilson** (writer, sponsor liaison): This recent New Orleans evacuee has seen climate change up close and would like to spread sustainability to help prevent other communities from suffering a similar calamity.



The writers of the 2008 School of Journalism Masters Professional Program "Degrees of Green" project. (From left) Pete Wilson, Andrea Parrott, Erin Tiesman, Jamie Rondinelli, and Brian Cardile. (Back) Cliff Thompson and John Goodlove.



Large wind farms like this one could reduce incentives for individuals to erect their own wind turbines. (Alliant Energy photo)

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Greg Swecker stands on his Dana, Iowa, farm beneath his wind turbine. Swecker is currently engaged in legal action seeking a competitive rate for the electricity his turbine produces. (Brian Cardile photo)

By Brian Cardile
Degrees of Green writer

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>>> Learn more Iowa wind energy basics.

>>> Meet more energy pioneers.

Iowa's move to embrace renewable wind energy has been, by most accounts, a smooth one. For Iowans Greg and Beverly Swecker, it hasn't. "It's been a nightmare," Beverly said.

Greg Swecker, a farmer from Dana, a town west of Ames with a population of about 250, has fought for 10 years to get what he considers a fair rate for the electricity he produces. Swecker built a \$45,000, 65 kilowatt-hour wind turbine in 1998 to supplement the cost of running his farm, where he grows corn and soybeans, and raises pigs. He expected Midland Power Cooperative, his local utility company, to hook him up to the grid and buy back any excess energy he produced. Midland initially said it would purchase Swecker's electricity, but on its own terms. Swecker wanted to use the power he generated and sell the excess — in a process called net metering — but Midland wanted to buy all the power, and then sell the Sweckers back what they used. This, according to the

Sweckers, would have made their enterprise much less profitable. Iowa now ranks fourth among the states in wind energy production. But primary beneficiaries of Iowa's wind-energy boom are not average Iowans like the Sweckers. Rather, they are large utility companies like MidAmerican Energy, which currently operates 466 wind turbines across the state, and Midland Power Cooperative. In Iowa, MidAmerican's near monopoly on production has both stymied independent wind-energy production and diminished the benefit locals receive from the new technology. "The big utilities said they didn't need [wind power]; they said it was too expensive," said engineer and renewable energy consultant Rich Dana of Grinnell. "But after the small developers did the

heavy lifting and managed to bring the price down, the big utilities walked into the governor's office and changed the law so they could own their own facilities and take advantage of the ground work."

Bypassed by bill
Dana is talking about Iowa House File 659, a bill passed in 2003, which allowed utilities to count energy produced by wind turbines toward their required renewable energy quota of 105 megawatts. While a positive step for the environment, it left local wind farmers twisting in the wind. Big utility companies began creating their own wind farms, and they didn't need power from small producers to meet their quota (an amendment that would have required the utility companies to buy from independent producers was narrowly defeated due to utility companies' lobbying, Dana said). This allowed utilities to offer below-market prices for energy purchased from small scale sources, according to Dana, and lowered the incentive for local farmers to put up wind turbines.

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>>> Get to know our environmental "Green Giants," profiles of Earth-friendly Iowans who are role models for everyone wanting to live a greener life.

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University turning over new leaf with goals

Dave Jackson brings a refreshing simplicity to “sustainability” – today’s environmental buzzword.

“Think about the university as an old station wagon: It’s time to drive down to the landfill, throw that car away, and get a new one,” says Jackson, assistant to the director of Facilities Management at The University of Iowa.

He pauses, then adds: “I should say we need to recycle that car, and reuse the pieces to build a new one that doesn’t run on gas.”

Such sentiments are becoming more common at United States higher education institutions, where the sustainability movement is not only growing – it’s booming.

Membership tripled in the last year at the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education in Louisville, Kentucky, to 587 institutions, government groups, and businesses, all dedicated to reducing their campus’ “environmental footprint.” Judy Walton, acting executive director of the organization, expects the growth to continue.

“The campus sustainability movement is on the forefront of a cultural transition,” she said.

“One reason is growing public awareness about global warming. In many ways business is leading the charge, demanding sustainability-literate graduates who can address environmental problems and are familiar with entirely new technologies.”

Changing attitudes

For many campuses, meeting those demands means dramatic and widespread changes in both methods and attitudes.

Adaptation is already under way at the UI, as efforts to embrace sustainability have gained both individual adherents and institutional commitment.

The university became an early member of the Chicago Climate Exchange in 2004, legally binding it to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions.

Enrollment in classes such as Sustainable Systems, and student groups like the UI Environmental Coalition, whose projects range from environmental consulting to promoting green modes of transportation on campus, indicate a growing student interest.

This spring, Barbara Eckstein, a professor of English and an interim associate vice provost, began soliciting and collating ideas for developing a “sustainability curriculum” at Iowa.

Eckstein had greenallies in obvious

programs areas like civil and environmental engineering, environmental sciences, and public health, but in ethics, history, anthropology, and other humanities departments.

In these very different areas of study, she has found faculty and staff eager to unite

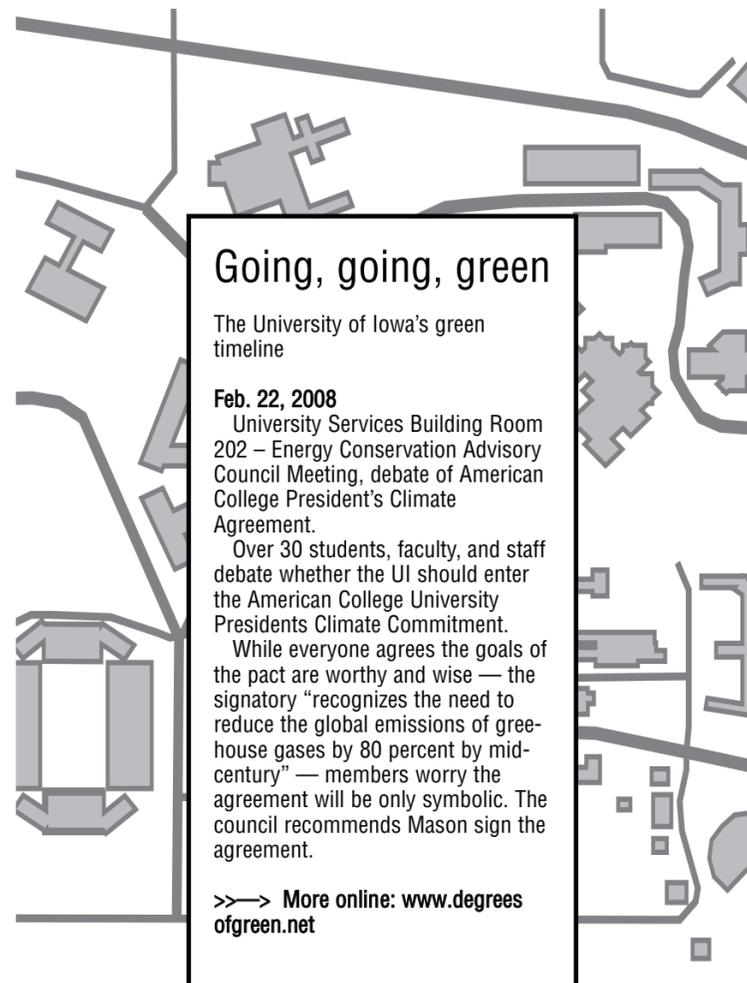
their efforts. She has also found looming challenges.

In some departments where the degree requirements are stringent and narrow, it will take considerable tailoring to fit sustainability into the curriculum; other departments may need more instructors or funding.

Eckstein believes the key to success is increased communication and cooperation rather than any massive interdisciplinary shift—an approach in line with the overarching principles of the idea itself.

“Sustainability is a set of relationships,” she said. It isn’t a matter of building something new, or investing in something new, it is finding a new system of coordination. Yes,

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James Van Allen Elementary School in North Liberty was designed by Neumann Monson Architects and is Iowa's first LEED-certified public school. (Photo by Farshid Assassi, Assassi Productions)

Lead: From 16C

“Green should just be common sense,” said Jani. “If you position a building to take maximum benefit of sun and shade, that saves so much without using any alternative energy solutions.”

Green architecture takes the core elements found in the LEED program and adds functionality for occupants, while paying attention to aesthetics that will combine nature, beauty and sustainability into a financially affordable structure.

A LEED-certified building can be completed for about 2 percent more in upfront costs than standard construction practices, according to a 2006 study by Davis Langdon, a construction cost-planning and management company.

Certain green upgrades are initially expensive. The cost of a geothermal heating and cooling system, which taps into the constant temperature of the earth’s subsurface, is two to three times more expensive to purchase and install than a conventional one. Yet such a system pays for itself in about seven years.

While much of the LEED program is straightforward, some have complained that points awarded for certain green practices don’t match their costs or benefits. A solar energy system that can produce electricity,

for example, starts at around \$40,000. This currently earns the same number of LEED points as installing a bike rack.

The system may not be perfect, but the LEED program has been instrumental in bringing attention to sustainability in the commercial building and real estate markets.

Green architecture’s leading advocate in the United States is the federal government, which uses LEED specifications for all new construction projects and sustainable upgrades.

“Architects have partly gotten on board because the government is one of the biggest consumers in the country,” said Tony Nash, an architect with AKAR Design. “If your firm is LEED-certified, it gives you a leg up on the competition.”

All the architects at Neumann Monson Architecture in Iowa City are LEED-certified. They designed the James Van Allen Elementary School in North Liberty, the first LEED-certified public school in Iowa, earning enough points to reach the silver level.

“We relish the challenge of sustainability while being aesthetically pleasing,” said Scott Palmberg, an architect with Neumann Monson.

Meanwhile, some homebuilders are trying to educate consumers about available

green technologies and the wisdom of up-front investments in energy-saving home improvements.

The intention is to establish a market value for green-certified homes and businesses, analogous to *Consumer Reports’* ratings of automobiles.

With LEED, “we are changing the focus to where it needs to be and keeping the focus throughout the planning, building and finishing process,” said Neumann Monson architect Chris DeGroot.

The Vedic way

In Fairfield, home to the Maharishi University of Management and center of the Transcendental Meditation movement in the United States, modern green-friendly practices have been combined with an ancient building method originally found in India’s Vedic architecture to create buildings and residential neighborhoods that are highly energy efficient.

Vedic architecture focuses on a building’s orientation, proportion and room placement so it is in line with the progression of the sun and takes maximum advantage of the heat, shade and natural light.

“Maharishi Vedic architecture looks at designing buildings that are in harmony with natural law,” said Jonathan Lipman, a leading Vedic architect and director of the

Institute for Maharishi Vedic Architecture in Fairfield.

Properties in the Abundance EcoVillage draw their electricity from wind and solar, and use as few as 100 kilowatt-hours per month. A similar-sized conventional home in this area uses about 10 times that power for the same services.

“Once people build homes based on their needs instead of about ego or image they will make more intelligent housing choices,” said Dal Loiselle, founder of Evergreen Homes and Development in Fairfield. “I can build a house now for the same price as before, but it costs one-third to run if using green.”

Buildings in North America contribute over 2.2 billion tons of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere yearly. The construction of green-based housing and retrofitting of older homes could save 1.7 billion tons of CO₂ annually, according to a new report from the Montreal-based Commission for Environmental Cooperation. The USBC estimates that by 2010, approximately 10 percent of new commercial construction will be green.

“We may have gotten on the bandwagon late, but they didn’t account for the resiliency of nature,” said developer Loiselle. “Once you stop negative actions, the bounce back is dramatic.”

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From the ground up, green buildings shine

In 2006, OPN Architects of Cedar Rapids worked with Gensler to design a full renovation of an abandoned 1920s-era building in downtown Muscatine to serve the corporate headquarters of HNI, the world's second-largest office futurnity manufacturer. The floors are recycled, the urinals are waterless and the heating and cooling system is supremely efficient.

In recognizing the need for additional office space, HNI seized the opportunity and upgraded to an environmentally certified building, while maintaining its downtown Muscatine presence. The company has set a corporate goal of achieving sustainability in all its facilities and felt its new headquarters was the best place to start.

Homes and businesses account for nearly half the total energy use in the United States and 38 percent of carbon dioxide emissions, the Environmental Protection Agency estimates. The average home emits twice the greenhouse gases of an automobile. The recycled HNI headquarters consume 10 percent less power than the company's previous building of a similar size.

"Our building has been a tremendous success story," said Glenn Stelzner, HNI's corporate facility manager. "We're getting a lot less complaints from employees about air quality due to the use of non-toxic materials in our new building, and the natural lighting is great."

Cradle to grave

Constructing a high-performance green building requires taking into account the entire life cycle of a structure, from design to removal, often referred to as cradle to grave. This philosophy considers location, surroundings, construction materials, energy consumption, indoor air quality and environmental impact.

To codify the relationships among these concepts, the non-profit U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a sustainable building practices group, unveiled its Leadership in Energy and Environment Design, or LEED, certification program in 2000.

The program awards points for reaching benchmarks in six categories, such as water efficiency and indoor environmental quality. A project requires at least 26 points, out of a possible 69, to qualify for the lowest of four levels of certification, starting at basic and continuing through silver, gold and platinum.

Since its unveiling, LEED has stood as

diverted 75 percent of construction waste from the landfill and optimized the use of daylighting, with 78 percent of the building receiving natural light.

"LEED made sustainable design comprehensible and quantifiable to the public," said architect Steve Knierim of OPN. "The program opens the door to have extended conversations with clients regarding sustainability."

While the technology behind the program may be state-of-the-art, many of the concepts are based upon architectural practices in use for decades. Sanjay Jani, owner and lead architect at AKAR Design in Iowa City, said he has combined elements of nature and beauty in construction design since 1991.

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the standard for the design, development and operation of environmentally conscious buildings.

Enroute to earning a LEED silver certification for the HNI headquarters, OPN



The interior of the HNI building in downtown Muscatine. HNI is the world's second-largest office futurnity manufacturer. (Photo by Nic LeHoux)

Going, going, green

The University of Iowa's Green timeline

March 2008

University Power Plant, Boiler No. 10 Biomass Pilot Test — University of Iowa Utilities and Energy Management's Energy Plan continues to lower the UI's greenhouse gas emissions and reduce reliance on fossil fuels by turning potential waste into energy. Since 2003, Boiler 11 in the University Power Plant has burned coal mixed with oat hulls from Quaker Oats in Cedar Rapids. In fiscal year 2007, biomass displaced 27,040 tons of coal.

April 25, 2008

Chalk Talk Lounge, Iowa Memorial Union — Vice President and Dean of Students Phillip Jones and Facilities Management's Dave Jackson present certificates of recognition to students for outstanding work in sustainability. Jackson and Jones laud both outgoing and upcoming members of the UI Environmental Coalition, and Future Physicians for the Environment, as well as students involved in several other projects.

April 22, 2008

Faculty Senate Chambers, Sustainability Speech — President Sally Mason outlines a sustainability guide to the UI's ongoing environmental efforts to the faculty Senate. She details four areas for new or increased emphasis:

Greater cooperation with state government — An executive order by Gov. Chet Culver called Regents institutions and the state of Iowa's executive agencies "the largest consumers of energy-related goods," and said institutions can be "instrumental in establishing and sustaining markets for environmentally preferable products, services, and facilities."

Formal structure for sustainability at UI — A Steering Committee with several top administrative officials, assisted by an Advisory Group of faculty, students and staff, will review the school's environmental policies. Facilities Management will add the first UI Office of Sustainability.

More institutional commitment — Mason announced new membership for the UI in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. The organization's latest project is a Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Ratings System (STARS), which helps campuses share tactics and statistics for shaping ecologically friendly policies.

Sustainability to be an integral part of UI's academic mission — Five new tenure-track faculty lines will be dedicated to interdisciplinary sustainability. A faculty-led task force will examine "preparing our students and our society for the technological innovation, entrepreneurial research, and social and cultural understandings required for us to lead the state, nation, and world in sustainability."

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it's a labor investment and a thought investment, but that's what we do."

Professors have been active in a variety of ways already, but that role may expand quickly: A sustainability resolution approved by the Faculty Senate on March 25 specified that building on the University's early progress will "require leadership and action from everyone on campus."

UI President Sally Mason a month later announced five new faculty positions in a "sustainability" specialty.

Eckstein emphasized that ultimately, for the green movement to be effective at Iowa, students must rally to the cause as well.

"No one has missed that things are getting more expensive, but it can be hard to marshal the forces of young people and convince them that the cool thing to do is use mass transportation," she said.

"A strong culture of consumerism runs very deep in our society, but in many ways we live in a period of increasing consciousness."

New awareness

In other parts of campus, there is optimism about rising awareness and participation. Don Guckert, director of Facilities Management, thinks sustainability is past the tipping point.

"More and more it feels like our numbers aren't just increasing, they are multiplying," he said. "It's the birth of a new direction."

Guckert would know: Much of The University of Iowa's strategy for sustainability originates in his department, on the second and third floors of the University Services Building.

As Zuhair Mased, associate director of Utilities and Energy Management at Iowa, points out, buildings are a linchpin of sustainability at institutions of higher education.

"Consider the cost of a building over its entire life cycle," he said. "Up front, you pay 20 to 40 percent of what it will cost you in the end. The rest goes to heat and power. When you apply that to a university building that might last 100 years, the difference is huge."

Investing in sustainability

Mased calls the strategy of designing for sustainability before construction "system integration."

Like the design of other green projects, it can come with a higher initial cost. Jerald Schnoor, chair of Civil and Environmental Engineering for Iowa's College of Engineering and chair of the state's Climate Change Advisory Council, maintains that money invested in sustainability is well spent.

If planning is good, savings start immediately, Schnoor said.

"Some projects have a payback period that is extremely short, and will return the investment within a year. Others, like replacing shingles with solar panels, may not be financially profitable yet, but because the technology is renewable, they are a part of the larger solution."

learn

A little bird told me: New methods in education

Zorro the American Kestrel is way out of his element. Were he a normal raptor, he would be soaring over Iowa's fields and prairies.

Instead, he is in front of the fifth grade classes of Hoover Elementary Schools in West Branch, Iowa.

Yet Zorro is in control of the situation. Every child's eyes follow the 8-inch-tall bird as he flicks his tail and hops jauntily onto the arm of Jodeane Cancilla, executive director of the Iowa Raptor Project. Save for one drooping wing, the result of an accident in the wild about 15 years ago, the pearly brown bird is the picture of health. And the center of attention — every child is sitting silent and still as Cancilla begins to speak.

This is one of the 380 lectures the Raptor Project, funded jointly by Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids and the Recreation Services Department at The University of Iowa, puts on each year. The project, and those like it, are part of a movement that is changing the way Iowa's educators approach environmental learning. If successful, the method, called Place-Based Education, will transform the way a whole generation of Iowans views the environment.

In the past, the most popular way to instruct children about the outdoors was to teach indoors, according to Dr. Christy Moroye, assistant professor and specialist in environmental education. Chemistry experi-

ments, memorization of textbooks, the collection of data on weather patterns, and other pursuits based on the scientific method, were (and in many cases, still are) standard.

Teach the children

But as the sustainable development and conservation movements find their footing in the mainstream, merely telling children they should love the environment is not enough. A result is Place-Based Education, which focuses on teaching kids about sustainability and conservation through encounters with the creatures with which they share their world. The theory states that through interactions with their habitat, children will develop a love for the environment, and thus a desire to help sustain and nurture it in whatever ways possible.

"With the birds the kids can relate the lessons to real life," said Cancilla. "They can see it and put the pieces together and care about their surroundings instead of just driving down the road."

These children care about what Cancilla has to say. They are riveted on her words, motionless until she asks for questions, whereupon almost every hand is raised. The

sudden movement does not ruffle Zorro, though he immediately appears more alert, and emits a soft screech. The kids ask relevant, concerned questions. *His wing looks hurt, what do you have to do to make it better? How long until it heals? What should I do if I find a hurt raptor on the ground?* Many children know the names and injuries of several other raptors at the center, and ask after their health.

Later, Cancilla introduces the class to Duchess, the Great Horned Owl. She is much more imposing than Zorro, standing about 20 inches tall, with binocular yellow eyes and powerful talons. Her left wing is held akimbo, the result of flying into a power line many years ago.

This is Place-Based Education at its best. The children can learn to love the world outdoors by interacting with Zorro and Duchess, and at the same time they must come face-to-face with issues of the health and well being of these birds. When Cancilla explains how humans can minimize their impact on raptors' habitat, they listen. If the theory holds true, these fifth graders will be more likely to want to make environmentally sound choices in the future.

Take A Hike

It is worth noting that Place-Based Education is not limited to animals — habitats can also be an effective teaching tool.

At Soaring Eagles Nature Center in

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A free-range sow roams the pasture with her piglets. (Photo by Elise Bauer)

Hoops vs. confinement

The environment effects from the breakdown of bedded hoop barns and confinement buildings.

Requirement	Bedded hoop barn	Confinement
Building space	At least 12 square feet per hog	8 square feet per hog
Feed intake	6.18 pounds of food per day	5.9 pounds of food per day
Bedding	200 pounds of corn stalk bedding per pig in lifetime	No bedding used
Managing manure	Mixes with bedding in a solid form, composted and used as crop fertilizer	Collected in liquid form in manure pits, can be spread on crops as fertilizer
Regulation of environment	Natural ventilation, no heating system	Heating and cooling incorporated
Additional land	Pasture may be used, crop rotation necessary to remedy land destruction	No

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enhance the animals' comfort, which poses other costs. Willis provides his pigs with bedding and nesting materials composed of cornstalks and straw, with each pig using about 200 pounds of bedding in its lifetime, and a gestating sow needing upwards of a ton of bedding in her life.

Raising pigs in an alternative way also has a negative impact on the ground itself. In the spring, Willis releases his pigs into pastures, where they instinctively forage and root around in the dirt, damaging the land. He alternates pasture use by raising hogs one cycle and planting crops the next, which only ameliorates the damage.

Alternative farming also requires more space than confinement farming: Confinement operations generally allow about eight square feet per hog, while hoop bedded barns give each animal 10 to 12 square feet in open pastures, Honeyman said.

Lots of pigs means, of course, lots of poop. Willis said the manure either goes directly into the soil or mixes with bedding, where it decomposes and generates heat, which can assist in keeping animals warmer during winter months. The manure and

bedding are cleaned out after each generation of pigs is sold, about every four to six months. The mixture can then be composted and spread on crop fields.

Sometimes the manure is stored for later use, releasing nitrogen into the air, producing the distinctive "pig pen" smell. The chemical is an irritant to humans and may exacerbate heart and lung conditions.

Premium products

Despite all these environmental questions, and the greater financial investment involved, alternative methods of hog raising are unlikely to disappear because the products sell at a premium created by niche markets.

Confinement farms are unlikely to go away either, because of their ability to produce inexpensive meat.

Honeyman hopes to develop a hybrid system that combines the superior animal welfare of free-range farming with the efficiency of confinement farming.

But until then, some consumers will demand low meat prices and others will buy only free-range and certified-humane meats. The environment's welfare is caught in the middle.

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>>> Meet Duchess the owl, and learn more ways to teach your children about the environment.



Jodeane Cancilla guides a group of students on a tour of the Macbride Raptor Center, facilities located near Solon, Iowa. (Photo by Andrea Parrott)

feed

Green-friendly farms? When pigs fly

The packaging for Niman Ranch's free-range pork suggests that the loin for sale is environmentally friendly. The label depicts the corporation's pork as an all-natural product, with imagery of the Iowa landscape that evokes cleanliness and health.

Companies like Niman Ranch are capitalizing on a new breed of consumers, for whom animal welfare, healthy eating and going green are primary concerns. But the question remains whether free-range pork products really translate into better environmental practices as a whole.

Paul Willis of Thornton, Iowa, is the manager of the Niman Ranch Pork Corp. He oversees some 600 free-range pig farmers and about 1,000 pigs of his own. His company is the national market leader in free-range pork. The animals are raised with access to open pastures and sunlight – and the animals like it that way.

The land, however, not so much.

Meat production is energy-inefficient no matter how it's done, so there may be no way to reconcile meat eating with environ-

mental responsibility and healthy land stewardship.

Free-range farming requires lots of feed, an expensive input, according to Mark Honeyman, professor of animal science at Iowa State University, coordinator of ISU's research farms and an expert on free-range farming.

Free-range and other alternative farming techniques "have no advantage in the winter," Honeyman said. "Efficiency is poor, because alternative systems do not moderate the environment as much" as confinement operations do.

Free-range pigs eat nearly 5 percent more than those raised in confinement, Iowa State researchers have found, and require nearly 9 percent more feed to gain the same weight, all while growing nearly 4 percent

slower than confinement pigs. An average confinement hog requires 5.9 pounds of food per day, while an alternatively raised hog needs 6.18 pounds. Over the six months it takes for a pig to become market-ready, an alternatively raised pig will have eaten about 50 pounds more food than its confined kin.

Life in the hoop

Willis's pigs live in structures developed for free-range pig farming called hoop barns, which look like tents large enough to host a state dinner. Each can hold about 150 hogs.

Pigs raised in these unheated structures are exposed to lower temperatures during the winter and tend to eat more to increase body fat. Food goes towards warmth rather than putting meat on their bones, Honeyman said.

He also sees feeding pigs that have access to the outdoors as wasteful, since wild scavengers steal some of the food, wind blows some of it away, and rain and snowmelt wash some away or soak it into the ground. Feeding troughs help minimize the problem, but don't eliminate it.

Hoop barns use organic materials to

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Paul Willis's free-range pigs are raised primarily on pastures. (Photo by Elise Bauer)



Kristene Lake holds a red-tailed hawk in the flight cage at Macbride Nature and Recreation Center. (Photo by Andrea Parrott)

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➤➤➤ Get down on the farm with an online photo slide show.

➤➤➤ The view from a hoop barn is priceless.

Learn: From 6C

Clinton County, Naturalist Chuck Jacobsen teaches children about the environment at the center's 40 acres of forest and restored tall grass prairie.

To get messages across to younger generations, Jacobsen said, one must avoid sounding preachy or threatening.

"Our approach to education about pollution is directed at the students' ability to effect some change," he said. "We don't harp on the troubles the planet faces but rather first those of the students' backyard, then neighborhood, town, county, state, country and finally world."

At Soaring Eagles Nature Center, the children catch insects on the prairie, fish in the pond and go hiking through the forest. During these excursions, Jacobsen leads them in simple activities for improving the quality of their natural surroundings, hoping to shape a mindset of action. In this way, children come to realize that, although they are but a small part of the earth, their efforts can contribute to large-scale change.

Still, not every child gets the opportunity to experience Place-Based Education through the public school system. Though environmental education is required by the state of Iowa, there are no set regulations for what specifically must be taught. Each school district determines what is to be

included and how. Because of No Child Left Behind laws, districts often have focused instead on subjects sure to be on the states' standardized tests, relegating environmental education to one science class period on Earth Day or Arbor Day.

"Many of the concepts that can be taught to large groups of students to meet the goals of the No Child Left Behind Act do not develop the creative skills or the problem-solving skills as well as studies that have integrated environmental education," said Bradley Freidhof, naturalist with the Johnson County Conservation Board.

If education about the environment is taught on only a few days of the year, or confined to a sterile biology lecture, it is unlikely to produce young environmentalists. Place-Based learning theorists seek to foster children's sense of the importance of sustaining their surroundings and preserving the world around them. If this teaching method is correct, environmental lessons must be woven into every part of the curriculum in order to translate into greater overall academic success.

A plan in action

Such a shift is already under way in many Iowa schools. In the Iowa City Community School District, two high-performance schools have been built to rigorous environmental design standards: James Van Allen

Elementary School, completed in 2005, and North Central Junior High School, completed in 2006. These standards – meeting Silver LEED certification – require maximum quality of space while minimizing costs, maintenance and environmental impact. Geothermic systems heat and cool the building and the urinals in the boys' bathrooms require no water. Natural sunlight illuminates almost every room through skylights, giving the structure a glowing ambiance.

On Feb. 29, Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, toured Van Allen Elementary, peppering Principal Brad Laures and two members of student government with questions: *How does this work? Do you mind not having paper towels in the bathroom? How much water do these measures save?*

A teacher asks her class: "Our building is special, do you know why?"

And they all respond, "The lights! Recycled furniture! The heater!" In this building, sometimes the students educate the adults.

Though the lights pulse on and off, depending on the levels of brightness coming through the skylights, students take no notice. To them, environmentally sound architecture is becoming a way of life.

Loebsack is learning the environmental lesson as well: on March 27, he introduced the Green Schools Improvement Act in the House of Representatives, which would provide \$2 billion to states for environmentally

friendly improvements to old schools and toward building new green schools.

As with all legislation, the act must pass its way through the governmental pipeline before even preliminary steps can be taken, but its introduction is a start.

A call to action

A half hour after opening up discussion, Jodeane Cancilla is still answering questions from Hoover Elementary fifth-graders. She has placed Zorro back in his small wooden box, and has Duchess on her arm.

"OK, time for one last question," she says, selecting a boy from the back row.

"How good is Duchess' hearing? If I tap my foot on the floor from all the way back here, 'tap tap tap' could she hear it?" *Tap tap tap tap tap!* Before Cancilla can answer the room is filled with the soft patter of three-dozen sneakers.

"Before I can answer your question," says Cancilla, "I'm going to wait until everyone is comfortable and quiet." The room falls silent. "Thank you. Both Duchess and Zorro can hear your tapping shoes, and almost every move you make. Sometimes lots of movement makes them nervous, so it's best to be very still."

No one squirms for the rest of the session, including the teachers. The only sounds are Cancilla's voice and the occasional hoot from Duchess.

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Lost prairie reblooms along Iowa roadsides

Kirk Henderson's eyes stray from the pavement and painted lines when he drives Iowa's county roads. His gaze is naturally drawn to the ditches. It's his job.

Henderson spends his summer months on Iowa's quiet county two- and four-lane roads as the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management, or IRVM, county coordinator out of the University of Northern Iowa, inspecting the native tallgrass prairie planted in roadside ditches.

"Iowa needs more places where you just don't recognize the hand of man at work," Henderson said. "It's what we're missing. We'll never know what the prairie used to look like."

Program's initial roots

The IRVM roadside program began two decades ago as an attempt to purify groundwater and preserve Iowa's disappearing prairie ecosystem. The grasses once covered 80 percent of Iowa, but due to expanding populations and agriculture, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of prairie remnant —

untouched Iowa prairie — remains.

But the prairie is making a minor comeback in the most visible of places. An estimated 750,000 acres of state and county roads cover Iowa, and the IRVM and Iowa Department of Transportation have planted nearly 50,000 acres on the roadsides. Henderson's work entails supporting the counties for consistent planting and drawing uninvolved counties into the program.

"I think the reason we have such a strong program is because Iowa has the recognition for having lost so much of our natives," said Daryl Smith, director of the UNI Tallgrass Prairie Center. "The roadsides provide us an opportunity to recover some of that lost vegetation."

In its 20th year, IRVM has enticed almost half of the state's 99 counties into roadside planting.

The Living Roadway Trust Fund, also

established in 1988, provides equipment, seeds and safety gear to the roadside managers, and pays Henderson's salary — an annual infusion totaling a quarter-million dollars. Other programs assist; Iowa's Resource Enhancement and Protection program, for instance, which funds protection and enhancement of Iowa's land and water, puts 3 percent of its budget into roadside vegetation.

Active counties each plant between 20 and 40 acres a year, and Henderson hopes to see every county reach this level.

"By funding native seed, seeding equipment, training workshops and educational materials, the Living Roadway Trust Fund has helped create a small army of prairie restoration experts," he said.

Budding benefits

Prairie grass is more than just something pretty to look at, said Chris Henze, Johnson County's roadside manager. "You have a narrow strip of habitat, of vegetation, and it's getting used for lots of different things," he said. "People think habitat and they think

Grow: Go to 9C



Roadside managers, like Duane Stohlman of Iowa County, inspect not only erosion control of the road, but the growth of native prairie grass planted in the ditches. (Photo by Kirk Henderson)

Flow: From 12C

An estimated 5.5 million metric tons of nitrates from the watershed flow into the Iowa River each year, "The fields up there lose 22 pounds per acre in nitrogen," Scott said. "If you compute the cost of nitrogen, which has gone up 30 percent to 40 percent, it's an expensive loss."

Taking action

Reducing manure and chemical runoff was the goal when farmers founded the Southfork Watershed Alliance. The group works with Iowa State University's National Soil Tilt Laboratory and the Iowa Soybean Association to gather scientific data on soil type, tillage practices and timing of chemical applications. For example, local farmers collect corn stalk samples in the fall to help fine tune nitrogen applications.

Testing on the Iowa River over the next two years will reveal if the water is safe for swimmers, boaters and fishermen, with focused attention on a 50-mile stretch of river from Alden to Steamboat Rock.

"You can look at water and not tell what's in it," Scott said. "If we end up with high bacteria levels, we're going to tell the public."

The work of the South Fork farmers in conjunction with the Iowa River Greenbelt Resource Trust and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources may serve as a model for other watersheds in Iowa.

"The more data we have, the more education we do, the more we work in partnership with farmers to communicate, the more we can maybe start improving," Scott said.

The EPA's new water quality standards for Iowa add protection for recreational uses along 23,800 miles of streams and for aquatic life on 14,000 miles of streams, according to Adam Schnieders, environmental specialist in the state DNR's Water Quality Bureau.

Under the new standards, all Iowa's free-flowing year-round streams and rivers will now receive the highest level of protection, unless assessments show a stream does not need that level. The new classifications offer more protection for more streams Schnieders said.

"It's going to be an improvement in water quality," he said. "It's definitely a positive, but it's going to come at a cost."

Hundreds of wastewater treatment plants in Iowa are affected by the new standards, which lower permissible pollution levels enforced by permit. Statewide, 334 municipal, semi-public and industrial wastewater treatment plants will have to conform to the new standards, according to a 2005 DNR study.

Improving municipal sewage treatment plants in Iowa may cost as much as \$1 billion. Municipalities must replace equipment and systems to meet the new discharge standards for bacteria, ammonia and other pollutants.

"I don't know if there's anything been done like this since the introduction of the Clean Water Act and the initial flowing of grant money that built all the treatment plants in the first place," Schnieders said.



In 2003 high levels of pollution were found in Clear Creek in Iowa County. After extensive testing, it was determined in 2005 the high levels were due to 71 homes in the unincorporated town of Conroy dumping sewage into a common field tile that empties into Clear Creek, which flows into the Iowa River in Coralville. (Photo by John Goodlove)

Most towns will have to upgrade treatment plants, Schnieders said.

"There's a lot of old outdated infrastructure across the state . . . This is going to come out of Iowans' pockets, but it's a positive for water quality," he said. "We're going to have better water coming out of these pipes."

State officials were lax in the past when issuing permits; plant operators often argued there was no reason to disinfect discharged water, and state officials often agreed, Schnieders said.

"Obviously, the climate has changed and how we deal with water policy," he said. "It's swinging back the other way."

Public pressure, results

Since September 2003, Ratliff and other members of the Johnson and Iowa County Watershed Coalition have conducted 14 scientific "snapshots" in which water samples are taken at intervals over a long period.

Volunteers also have taken more than 2,200 streamside measurements and collected more than 500 samples in area watersheds feeding the Iowa River.

"This is all public awareness, get people involved," Ratliff said. "They get a chance to see the water, to touch it and to get a better understanding of it."

Increasingly, people make discoveries that lead to remedies. That's what happened when complaints of odors from North Liberty's Muddy Creek prompted a 2005 walk by volunteers to scrutinize the creek, which cuts through town on its way to the Iowa River below the Coralville Reservoir dam.

"We came up on some pools of black sludge," Ratliff said.

Analysis by the University Hygienic Laboratory in Oakdale, the sludge had a bacteria count of 1.9 million colonies per 100 milliliters of water, well above the standard of 235 colonies.

The data and state interest prompted

North Liberty to change operations at its wastewater treatment plant and spend \$6.8 million on an expansion project, paid in part by a rate increase on taxpayers.

The town's new membrane bioreactor employs the most advanced wastewater treatment process in the world, according to plant manager Dave Ramsey.

The city's facility is the only MBR treatment plant in Iowa and one of only 400 in the world.

The first phase of the project will be completed this fall.

It puts out "crystal clear" discharged water, Ramsey said, adding that similar treatment plants in the southwestern U.S. spray the discharged water directly on golf courses.

"In a lot of cities, the council wouldn't have seen fit to spend that kind of money," Ramsey said.

"This city did. They were looking in the long run."

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Citizens, cities on long slog to water purity

A wintry wind sweeps across the bare fields, whipping Dave Ratliff's graying hair. As he stands on a muddy gravel road bridge, his gaze follows a small stream northeast where the city of Conroy stands atop a hill.

"The first time I got here, I knew what I'd found," Ratliff said. "I walked the creek and for six miles from the outlet, which is one mile from the town, I would see human feces in the creek."

Clear Creek is being polluted by 71 homes in the unincorporated town of Conroy that are dumping sewage into a common drainage pipe in town.

The pipe flows into Clear Creek, which is a few feet wide at the bridge. The creek drains more than 100 square miles as it meanders east through Oxford and Tiffin before emptying into the Iowa River in Coralville, four miles upstream from where The University of Iowa draws its drinking water.

The problems in Clear Creek are extreme, but not atypical. The Iowa River was named the third-most endangered river in the United States in 2007 by the nonprofit group American Rivers, based in Washington, D.C.

"The health of the Iowa River, emblematic of so many of the state's rivers, is in serious jeopardy. It's hard to imagine that residents of Iowa City would drink from or swim in the Iowa River if they had any choice in the matter," the American Rivers report said.

Pollution from agricultural practices, outdated septic systems, and overloaded municipal wastewater treatment facilities put humans and wildlife at risk in Iowa.

The state of Iowa has been under pressure from the Environmental Protection Agency to improve water quality since the passage of the federal Clean Water Act 36 years ago.

"Unfortunately, the state of Iowa trails far behind the rest of the country in implementing and enforcing" the law, according to the American Rivers report.

Of Iowa's 71,665 miles of streams and rivers, 245 river segments located in almost all of the state's counties are defined as "impaired," meaning they do not meet EPA standards for water quality. In February, the EPA approved new Iowa water quality standards as part of an effort to reduce and eliminate pollution discharged into state waterways.

Clear Creek, as well as portions of the Iowa River, are on the DNR's list of impaired waterways. Testing in 2005 found

bacteria levels at over 1 million colonies per hundred milliliters of water. The EPA standard is 235 colonies per hundred milliliters.

"We don't allow this (creek) to be sampled with bare hands. You have to wear gloves," Ratliff, a project leader of the Johnson and Iowa County Watershed Coalition and a volunteer for an Iowa statewide water quality monitoring program, said. "On a hot summer day, you can't stand here, the odor is so bad."

The Iowa County Soil and Water Conservation District used the coalition's water sampling data to acquire three grants totaling \$1.14 million to connect Conroy to new sewage lagoons. The newly dug lagoons sit downhill from the town. The black dirt of the former farm field has been stripped off and piled nearby. The project is to be completed later this spring.

"In May or June, for the first time in 150 years the headwaters of Clear Creek will run clear," Ratliff said.

Agricultural risks

Toxins, nitrates, phosphorus and untreated sewage containing viruses, bacteria and other pathogens accumulate in the Iowa River as it flows from its source in Hancock County's Crystal Lake in north-central

Iowa. A third of the 309-mile Iowa River is considered impaired, according to Susan Heathcote, water program director for the Iowa Environmental Council, based in Des Moines.

The entire length of the Iowa River in Johnson County, home to The University of Iowa, is listed as impaired because of high bacteria levels.

The river watershed is under increasing pressure because of what Rod Scott, director of the Iowa River Greenbelt Resource Trust in Iowa Falls, called the "ethanol gold rush," with more acres devoted to growing corn as the crop increases in value.

"As long we're under these pressure economics, we going to continue to put stresses on the waterways," Scott said.

The environmental pressure from intensive farming practices is particularly severe in the South Fork watershed of the Iowa River, located mostly in Hardin and Hamilton counties.

In 2005, the U.S. Geological Survey selected the South Fork and six other areas in the nation for a special study of agricultural chemicals and water quality precisely because of this unfortunate status.

The 200-acre South Fork watershed has some of the highest phosphorus and nitrogen levels of any body of water in Iowa, and possibly the world, according to Scott and Heathcote.

"It's probably one of the most intensively farmed areas in the whole world," Scott said. "And it's probably the most productive soil in the world."

Flow: Go to 13C



Dave Ratliff of the Johnson and Iowa County Watershed Coalition conducts water quality tests on a sample taken from Clear Creek near Tiffin. (Photo by John Goodlove)

Grow: From 8C

deer, pheasants and turkey and it's a lot more — I guess in my mind that might be my romanticism; providing the last vestige of habitat."

Prairies offer more habitat and enhancement than people might imagine. Mark Masteller, chief landscape architect for Iowa's DOT, said prairie's great benefit to drivers is enhanced safety.

In winter, native prairie grass can stand upright in the snow and prevent blowing whiteouts, while in summer, increased color and wildlife in ditches help eliminate driver fatigue, he explained. "The variety of textures and colors along the roads help keep drivers alert," Masteller said.

The benefits even extend into people's homes. The deep root systems that keep prairies alive — stretching as much as 15 feet below the surface — offer a convenient sponge for heavy Midwest rains, delivering cleaner water that runs into rivers and streams and, eventually, kitchen sinks. Henze said our society's culture of flushing water away, in locales from parking lots to storm sewers, is one habit to break with help of prairie's water retention.

"Roadsides are a small but important part of the picture," Henze said. "Wildlife habitat, erosion control, there's a lot of different reasons for that narrow little strip, but it has such an impact and so many different meanings."

Sprouting doubt

Yet even if promoting prairie planting is a noble cause for restoring historic nature, saving habitats for animals, and road safety benefits, some Iowans have resisted the process.

At farm shows in the early 1990s, Henderson and his colleagues encountered skepticism and doubt. "The early years of the project were a bruising experience. People said it would never work, that it was a waste of money," he said. "To them it was too wild and messy."

Fortunately for roadside prairie enthusiasts, the skepticism has receded. But even after 20 years, Masteller said he still encounters resistance when planting begins on a new road, from landowners hesitant to allow plantings bordering their residential property.

"When we go in and kill existing vegetation in front of someone's house, we have controversy," Masteller said. "There is some weed multiplication and in the meantime, it looks bad and is all browned out. That's when we get the negative comments."

Roadside managers, like Henze, are responsible for weed and erosion control on county roadways, but also must educate landowners, represent county habitat programs and defend the roadside planting process. Usually starting from seeds, blossoms of color can take two or three years, causing concern for some citizens.

"Some [residents] are completely for the program and some are completely against it. Some are not patient enough," Henze said.

He added that much of the opposition comes from landowners who prefer closed-



cropped lawn grass to the array of plants and species that inhabit a right-of-way planting, yet he argues tallgrass prairie is still cheaper than maintaining short grass.

"When you figure out how much it costs to mow it, put the fuel in the mower, maintenance and your time, native vegetation is a lot cheaper."

Masteller and his team set up town meetings and visit residents door-to-door with pamphlets to explain the process. "We promote the benefits up front, before we send a contractor out there," he said. "We're heavy on the public education component, but if someone really doesn't like it, we'll skip that area of land."

Growing ambitions

UNI's Henderson looks to the future for the other half of Iowa's uninvolved counties on board with the program. With help from a trust fund sponsored DOT traveling county-to-county exhibit and educational materi-



ABOVE: The yellow compass bloom, a native Iowa wildflower, is noted for its striking petals and eye-catching color. (Photo by Chris Henze)

LEFT: Yellow roadside prairie signs alert drivers where native Iowa vegetation is planted on county roads. This sign in Iowa City is placed on a road median where prairie grass was planted by the city. (Photo by Erin Tiesman)

moves them to a fresh pasture so the grazed prairie can once again grow tall and tough enough to burn. Burning then creates a rich soil in which fresh plants grow to use as pasture again.

"Our pastures are smaller but you'd move them around from one pasture to the other, so one can recover while another is being grazed," Smith said. "It has promise but it takes some special effort to get it in the agricultural community."

Balancing prairie preservation and energy production is another goal, giving rise to a prairie power project that envisions harvesting prairie burning for electric energy, for uses such as home heating. The research is under way and he hopes to see progress in the next five years.

"We happen to hit at the right time: Everybody's interested in alternative energy and I think there is an opportunity here," Smith said. "I'd like to see prairie be involved but in the right way."

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➤➤➤ Dave Ratliff's work has taken a toll on him, but he keeps on rolling.

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Large hoop barns can be used to raise hogs. (Photo by Iowa State University)

Hoops for hogs

By Jamie Rondinelli
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Hoop barns are often used to raise free-range hogs. In these unheated structures, pigs are exposed to lower temperatures during the winter and tend to eat more to increase body fat to stay warm.

- **The walls:** from 4 to 6 feet high.
- **The frame:** long steel arches
- **The covering:** an ultraviolet-resistant polypropylene tarp, which prevents overheating.
- **The ventilation:** all natural.
- **The digs:** luxurious, with deep bedding for warmth and comfort.
- **The neighbors:** 75 to 250 pigs.
- **The cost:** less than confinement buildings.
- **The view of the Iowa landscape:** priceless.

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'Ditch prairies' thriving

By Erin Tiesman
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Clinton County roadside manager Andy Friederichsen calls himself a ditch farmer and it says so on his license plate.

The prairie is a "good ecosystem" worth saving, he says. Half of Friederichsen's job as a roadside manager is keeping roads safe for drivers. The other half involves making the view from those roads nicer for us all — by keeping the roadside prairies growing.

"We try to pick prairie species that will be better for the (specific) sites. Like on curbs and stuff we use shorter classes so we don't have sight obstructions," Friederichsen said.

Roadside managers work year-round to help prairies grow and keep habitats at their best. The early stages of a prairie need to be protected from competing weeds using spot-sprayed herbicides and planned, location-specific burns, or prescribed fires.

Kirk Henderson, county coordinator of the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program at the University of Northern Iowa, said removing fallen, dry weed grasses — what he calls "plant litter" — are vital to prairies' growth.

Henderson said prescribed burns warm the soil for the prairie grasses to grow, remove fallen, heavy dead grasses and weeds blocking sunlight from the budding species, and kill off weeds that take energy away from natives.

Henze said it takes about five years to grow a prairie, starting when engineers check potential sites for existing native, untouched prairie that must be avoided during planting.

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Wild bergamont, a native Iowa wildflower, lines the roads in Clinton County. (Photo by Kirk Henderson)

Higher degrees of green created at UI

By Brian Cardile
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As the state of Iowa makes headway in development of wind power, University of Iowa engineering students can now specialize in the capture, use and management of wind energy.

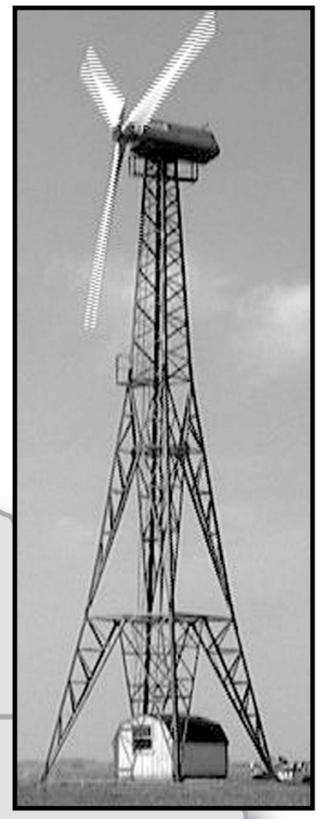
"Wind energy is always talked about here in Iowa," said Andrew Kusiak. "So we developed a research program, and then naturally the next step was an education program." The first step is a new class in wind power management, taught by Kusiak, who envisions rapid expansion of the specialization.

For now, Kusiak's class — which he describes as a general primer on everything wind energy — is the sole offering. But interest is high, and more courses for seniors and graduate students will be added starting next fall, with the program eventually evolving into degree-granting masters and doctoral tracks. (For information, see www.iawind.org)

"This first class covers everything, and then the program is designed to grow," Kusiak said. "There will be classes concentrating on specific topics like how to design blades, how to design a generator, how to hook turbines to the grid. So the upcoming classes will be looking at it in more detail."

He anticipates the program also will help non-engineering students pursue related careers, noting that development of wind power will depend on the continued work of environmentalists along with lawyers, economists and other professionals.

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Greg Swecker of Dana, Iowa, has a wind turbine on his farm. (Brian Cardile photo)

Septic tank law requires inspections

By John Goodlove
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A new state law regulating septic tanks is designed to reduce the 19 million gallons of untreated wastewater dumped every day into Iowa waters.

The law, signed by Gov. Chet Culver on April 3, requires septic tank inspection at the time of sale or transfer of a property.

Under the law, a property owner must provide evidence the tank has been properly pumped out within the past three years by a licensed septic tank cleaning company.

Deficient septic systems must be brought into compliance with building codes before property can be sold.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is charged with certifying inspectors. Counties can employ inspectors and set inspection fees.

About 300,000 to 400,000 rural Iowa households depend on septic tank systems. About 100,000 of those discharge untreated waste, according to the DNR.

In Iowa, 21 of 99 counties already had mandatory septic tank inspection ordinances.

The new requirements should not to hold up the sale of a property. As long as the inspection is scheduled when the property is listed or before an offer is made, any repair required can be done within a "reasonable period of time," but does not have to be completed before the closing.

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Sustainable comes to the classroom

By Peter Wilson
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Maharishi University of Management (MUM) in Fairfield has taken the teaching of energy solutions into the classroom and beyond.

The core of the effort is its four-year degree program in sustainability, a first of its kind, begun in 2003 with six students and now enrolling more than 50.

"It takes into account not only the technical things like biodiesel, or solar energy or wind energy, but also the social aspects, the economic aspects and even aspects like critical thinking," said Dr. David Fisher,

director of MUM's Sustainable Living Department. "All of these go together..." And now as a companion project that puts these teachings into practice, MUM is planning a Sustainable Living Center that will serve as a model for how these alternative technologies and approaches operate.

The new center will be constructed in accord with the building practices of Vedic architecture, originally from India, combined with modern green technology.

This structure will be a "living building," according to Fisher, in that it creates more energy than it consumes, allowing excess to be returned to the power grid.

A hybrid system will supply heating, hot

water and cooling. A light monitor running east-west down the center of the roofline will collect natural light. Photovoltaic solar panels and a wind turbine will supply the remaining power needs. Water captured from the roof will be stored for later usage.

Fundraising is still under way for the \$2 million center, with groundbreaking scheduled for May. The lead architect is Mike Nicklas of Innovative Design in Raleigh, N.C. Evergreen Homes and Development of Fairfield will handle the construction.

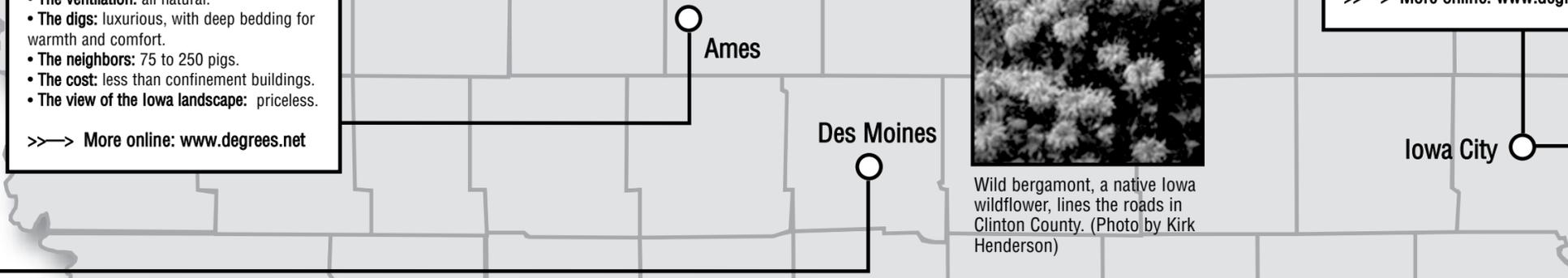
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A \$2 million Sustainable Living Center is planned at the Maharishi University of Management (MUM) in Fairfield. (Rendering by Lipman Associates)



About 100,000 of Iowa households using septic systems discharge untreated waste, according to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. (Photo by John Goodlove)



Raise your own tree-hugger

By Andrea Parrott
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Global warming, extinction, water pollution, smog Environmental issues can at times be threatening or overwhelming, especially to children. So how should an enterprising guardian teach kids about the Earth without scaring the bejezus out of them?

Simply put: get outside. Create a garden in your backyard. Or plant a butterfly garden and check out an insect identification book from the library.

Some hardy plants that will do well in the heat of the Iowa summer: Marigolds, tomatoes, daisies, tiger lillies, pumpkins, green beans, sweet corn, four o'clocks and raspberries.

Sometimes, the simple mantra Reduce Reuse Recycle is enough to engross kids in the cause. Recycling bins can be obtained at City Hall free of charge for curbside recycling. Or take a trip to a recycling center. Those around Iowa City include: Iowa City Landfill & Recycling Center, 3900 Hebl Ave.; Hy-Vee, 1201 North Dodge St.; Drug Town, 301 N. First Ave.; Eastdale Plaza, First Avenue and Lower Muscatine; City-Carnton Co., 3 East Benton St.

For those who wish to venture farther from home, there are many parks and recreational areas in and around Iowa City. Guardians with a busy summer schedule might want to consider enrolling children in outdoor day camps, such as those sponsored by the Raptor Project.

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