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Mason
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Enter the ban



Chris Squier, chairman of state commission on tobacco use and control, helps himself to hor d'oeuvres along with other Iowa City residents at the Motley Cow in Iowa City on Tuesday. The Clean Air Act was celebrated at the Motley Cow after it went into effect on Tuesday.

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Exalting in the ban

A local antismoking group celebrates Iowa's new smoking ban.

By Melissa Brownrigg
THE DAILY IOWAN

Nonsmokers lit up the evening Tuesday on the first day of the statewide smoking ban.

Clean Air for Everyone in Johnson County, a group focused on preventing tobacco use, invited community members and legislators to a night out on the town at the Motley Cow Café.

"Today is a monumental day for us," said Beth Ritter-Ruback, the Clean Air for Everyone project manager. "We are just thrilled."

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, who attended the celebration, said he has supported a statewide ban on smoking since Coralville City Council debated a local smoking ordinance.

"I think it's time for Iowa to be a smoke-free," he said. "I'm concerned and will do everything I can to make sure my daughters won't smoke."

Downtown, Jessie Seydel, who has smoked for 14 years, wasn't so enthusiastic.

"It wouldn't be so bad if you can smoke on the patios," he said.

Seydel was doubtful whether the law could be effectively enforced, and he was concerned about smokers who would have to get back in lines to re-enter bars.

"It's just a hassle," he said, stopping to warn people from smoking too close to the Deadwood, 6 S. Dubuque St.

At the Motley Cow, Sen. Robert Dvorsky, D-Coralville, came to show his support. Dvorsky voted to raise cigarette tax by \$1 in addition to voting for the ban.

He didn't expect many complaints from smokers, citing Minnesota's ban, which he said only received 57 complaints.

Festivities began at Motley Cow, 160 N. Linn St., where Ritter-Ruback addressed approximately 30 attendees and then encouraged

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Clean Air for Everyone
Nonsmokers celebrate efforts

1996 — Clean Air For Everyone founded
1999 — Efforts begin for local secondhand-smoke ordinance
2003 — Iowa Supreme Court throws out local ordinances
July 2008 — Iowa statewide ban goes into effect



Rita Grob of Bloomfield, Iowa, smokes a cigarette on the Pedestrian Mall outside the Tobacco Bowl on Tuesday, the first day of the statewide smoking ban. Grob says the ban doesn't affect her because she "doesn't smoke inside anyway."

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Ban reactions run gamut

By Jennifer Putnam
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Some Iowa City residents have already noticed a difference in the dining atmosphere as restaurants are now smoke-free under the statewide smoking ban in most public places. Some are happy about the change, some are quitting the habit, and some are crying out at the political injustice of it all.

"I'm surrounded by more families now," observed Dan Conway while eating his lunch at Quinton's Bar and Grill, 215 E. Washington St.

Conway, a smoker, was nonchalant about the ban. He was confident that his life would remain the same and that restaurant business would probably increase because more families would now frequent them.

Several families said they had previously hesitated to go out to restaurants.

Valerie Nyberg said that even in the nonsmoking section, her family could still smell the smoke. Her family will likely go out to eat more now that there won't be smoke nearby, she said.

"We can go home now without smelling like cigarettes," she said, gesturing to her three young children.

Kyle Anderson said he believes the ban will help people quit who only smoke when they drink.

"I got my roommate to quit smoking for about six months," he said. "But

Lights out

The statewide smoking ban started Tuesday, here are some quick facts for the Iowa City smoker:

- Individuals who smoke in smoke-free areas can be fined up to \$25.
- In casinos, smoking is allowed only on the gaming floor.
- The Iowa City Council has discussed banning smoking on the Ped Mall.
- Businesses that receive 80 percent of their revenue from selling tobacco are excluded.

one day, we went out to the bar, and he immediately started smoking again."

Anderson is positive that his roommate will quit for good now. He also said that he is enthusiastic about going out because, like the Nybergs, he will not be coming home with a stench.

However, other smokers, such as Annie Myers, felt the smoking ban will not change how often they dine out.

"I'll just go outside and smoke," she shrugged.

Megan Anderson, an Iowa City resident, agreed with Myers. She hasn't thought twice about quitting smoking, but she has thought about not going to bars and restaurants in the winter.

"I refuse to stand outside in the cold to smoke," she said.

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UI drops bids

Gov. Chet Culver suspends state bidding regulations for renovation work at the university.

Mike McDonald
THE DAILY IOWAN

Construction firms will not be able to compete for contracts with the UI during its flood rebuilding efforts.

Gov. Chet Culver signed a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on Monday, suspending construction bidding practices for UI campus buildings that were damaged by the flood.



Parrott
UI spokesman

The state Board of Regents is typically required by state code to advertise for bids for any construction or remodeling project that exceeds \$100,000 and award the work to the lowest responsible bidder.



Culver
governor

But facing excessive damage and with fewer than two months before fall semester, the regents are taking alternative steps to ensure university operations, UI spokesman Steve Parrott said.

Troy Price, the interim communications director at the governor's office, reported that most Iowa public entities have some sort of competitive bidding exemptions for times of extreme emergencies.

The regents, however, do not have such an exemption and had to request one.

"We will do whatever it takes to rebuild the university," Price said, reporting that Culver quickly signed the regents' request.

Parrott said the UI plans to hire contractors that have done previous projects on UI's campus.

"We will work with reliable contractors who we know will give us a good price," he said.

The normal advertising and bidding process can take years, he said, and the proclamation is designed to expedite construction and remodeling of buildings affected by the flood.

SEE FLOOD, 3

Contracted Out

The UI will now no longer need to have contractors bid on jobs for reconstruction.

Typical construction process:

- Advertise for construction
 - Contractors submit bids
 - Cost negotiations
 - UI chooses contractor
- The UI will not advertise or accept bids. It will immediately select contractors it has used in the past.

Group hails smoke law



Chris Squier speaks to Iowa City residents who gathered on Tuesday at the Motley Cow to celebrate the statewide smoking ban, which went into effect on Tuesday.

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groups of people to venture to local businesses that previously allowed smoking to spread some goodwill.

Eileen Fisher, associate director for Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health, co-founded Clean Air for Everyone in 1996 after concerns increased about teen smoking rates among parents, citizens, and local health advocates. Starting as a focus group, Fisher said the organization has grown to 150 members and focuses on education about secondhand smoke and preventing tobacco deaths and diseases.

"Our organization has been working for 12 years on tobacco prevention," Fisher said. "We

were elated that legislators passed this law. It's really about protecting people who work in establishments from secondhand exposure."

In 1999, Clean Air for Everyone began a two-year effort to prohibit smoking in Iowa City restaurants.

The City Council later passed the ban. But, after a similar ordinance in Ames was challenged by several Ames restaurant owners, the Iowa Supreme Court in 2003 overturned the ordinance. Iowa City then lifted the ordinance.

Ritter-Ruback said Iowa is the first state that didn't have local smoking bans in place before passing the statewide ban.

That the states surrounding Iowa have statewide smoking bans probably influenced legis-

lators to pass the bill in Iowa, she said.

Jeff Nolz, who recently moved to Iowa from Rochester, Minn., said he didn't mind his old state's ban, though he didn't agree with it.

However, he pointed to a larger-than-usual scattering of cigarette butts.

"Look at all this mess they are going to have now," he said.

The smoking ban is a huge step in Ritter-Ruback's opinion because it applies to any establishment that serves the public, not just restaurants.

Ritter-Ruback said the group will keep pushing against tobacco, even with the ban in place.

"We will continue to work on opportunities to protect public from secondhand smoke," she said. "Everything is a step, and this step only covers 99 percent

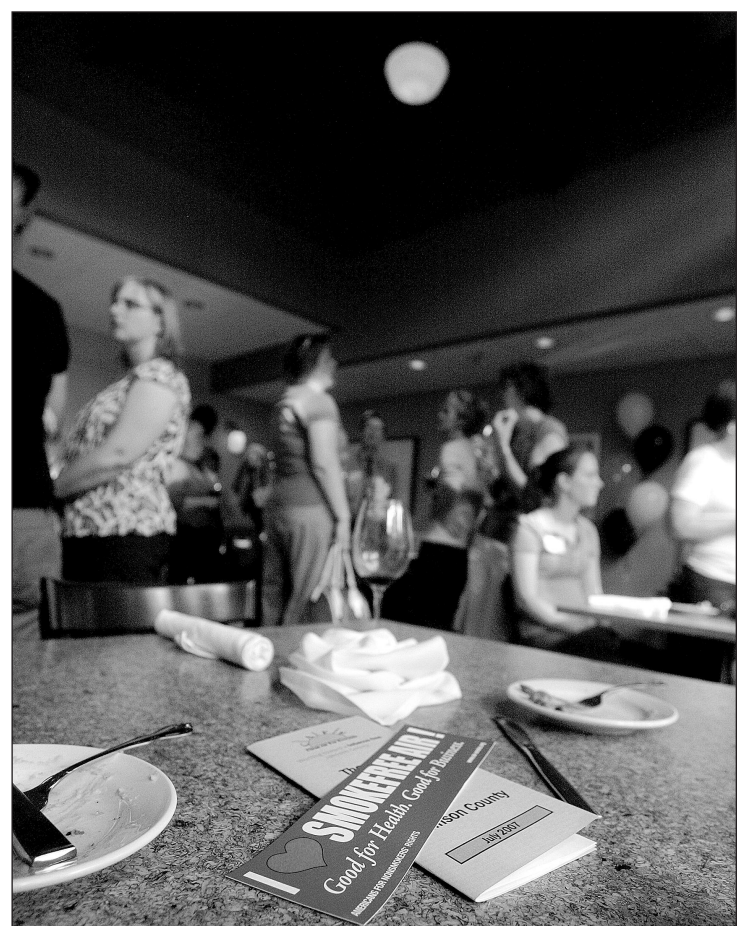
of Iowa's workforce being exposed. We're working to get that 1 percent covered."

Brent Saron, a community health consultant for Iowa Department of Public Health, said that an estimated 440 non-smoking Iowans die each year from exposure to secondhand smoke.

Ritter-Ruback said the decision to send people out to celebrate wasn't intended to cause a stir.

"I know there is some trepidation on the part of business owners and some concerns about losing business, so we really want to show them our support," she said.

Establishments might even see an increase in customers as nonsmokers begin frequenting the newly non-smoking places, Fisher said.



Iowa City residents come together at the Motley Cow Café to celebrate the advent of the state's smoking ban on Tuesday. While all bars and restaurants were forced to become smoke-free, the Motley Cow has always been nonsmoking.

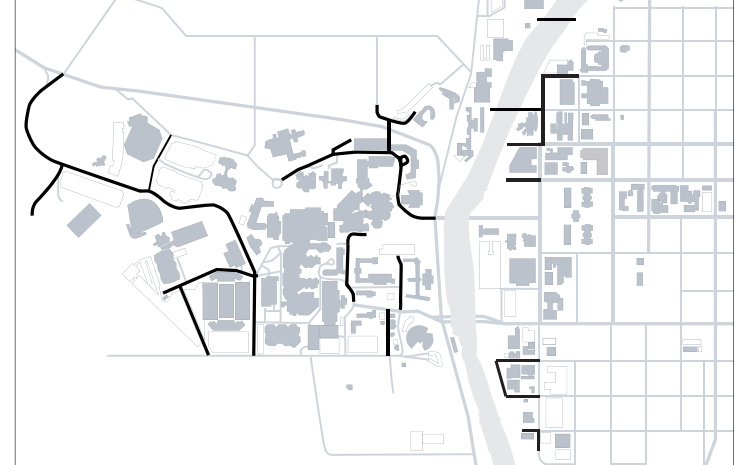
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Much less smoke on campus

With the new UI ban, smoking will not be allowed on much of campus. Many campus streets are owned by the city, however, and will not become smoke-free.

Smoking Prohibited

UI streets: smoking not allowed



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"We hope with new smoke-free laws, people will take advantage of that and enjoy the smoke-free air," Fisher said.

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UI work to be no-bid

FLOOD

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"Normally, you want time to plan," he said. "These are extraordinary circumstances, and we need to be up and running by the time school starts in the fall."

The contractors' familiarity with many of the buildings will help the procedure run quicker and smoother, he said.

"Most of these firms have specs and blueprints and will be able to put things back they way they were 30 days ago," Parrott said.

Some Iowa City construction companies have never heard of a plan like this.

Frantz Construction has done remodeling work at the university before, including a recently completed project at the UIHC.

Gene Nissley, the vice president of Frantz, is unsure how the policy will affect his company.

"This is the first time I have heard of suspension like this," he said. "I would think that [projects] should still be advertised."

He said the process could add extra cost to contracts if contractors know there is no

competition.

This year's flood has caused damages to 20 major UI facilities as well as crucial utilities.

Doug True, the UI senior vice president for Finance, said in a statement that the university will work closely with the regents to ensure that only the essential projects will be undertaken through this process.

The proclamation will remain in effect as long as Johnson County maintains its disaster status.

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Opinions split locally

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But for now, Anderson is happy with excusing herself and going outside to light up.

Other smokers, however, were less keen on complying.

Michael Zeadow, who has smoked for around 20 years, believes the ban will hurt the bars because people go to them to drink and smoke.

He is widely concerned about the businesses, especially with the faltering economy.

"When you open a business, you should be able to run it how you want to," he said.

Seth Nicoson, a manager at Quinton's, disagrees with Zeadow. The ban won't cause a decrease in business because smokers won't stop coming to the bar and, more importantly, he said, all bars are affected by the change.

"If anything, business will go up," he said. "Because we'll be pulling in our new customers on top of our regulars."

Nicoson is concerned, though, about having drunk

people out on the sidewalk when they want to have a smoke. He said that it might become a problem, because people may act up and cause disturbances.

Nevertheless, some smokers, such as Mike Dugger, aren't worried at all. He said he will continue to live his life like he has been for the past 56 years.

"I didn't even know there was a ban until just now," he said. He'll just smoke outside.

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Editorial

State must enforce anti-bullying measures, schools

With the start of classes looming just a few short months away, students K-12 have quite a bit on their minds: who will wear the most stylish clothes, which teachers will give out the fewest homework assignments, who's dating whom, and what's for lunch. But aside from their wardrobes and school cafeteria mystery meat, some students have much larger issues to worry about: bullying.

It would most definitely seem that Iowa should be applauded for its robust stance against bullying and harassment in schools. There's just one problem: Not all schools have revised their bullying and harassment policies to shield all students.

In 2007, the Iowa Legislature declared that school districts throughout the state must adopt anti-harassment and anti-bullying policies. Both the Iowa Department of Education and the Iowa Association of School Boards made a commitment to "providing all students with a safe and civil school environment in which all members of the school community are treated with dignity and respect." This commitment is the underlying theme to these anti-bullying and anti-harassment policies. Addressed in the policy are 19 different traits and characteristics for which the state prohibits harassment, including everything from age to political beliefs. Also listed in the anti-harassment policy are sexual orientation and gender identity.

Some school districts have simply failed to add such characteristics as sexual orientation and gender identity to their anti-bullying policies. According to a recent compliance study of state schools by the Eyechaner foundation, 6 percent of public schools and 9 percent of private schools had failed to include sexual orientation in their district policies. Another 9 percent of public schools and 11 percent of private schools had failed to mention gender identity. Even 1 percent displays noncompliance and shows that there are students in Iowa

who, despite the letter of the law, are being discriminated against, and worse, that those in charge of that student's school are negligent in their duties.

What exactly is this saying to children and to bullies in particular? The lack of policies that address these issues seem to say that while it is not OK to harass people because of their national origin or the color of their skin, it isn't necessarily punishable for one student to bully another student because of her or his perceived homosexuality or failure to adhere to one specific gender. As a result, bullying a child for these differences becomes acceptable, while educators turn a blind eye to these victims of bullying and the issues they face.

This is more than problematic. These anti-harassment and anti-bullying policies meant to eliminate bullying in Iowa classrooms have become discriminatory. The Lineville-Clio School District, for example, does indeed have an anti-bullying policy in place, but gender identity and sexual orientation are not included. While the rights of those children who come from varying socioeconomic backgrounds are protected, those students who may identify as gay, lesbian, or transgender (or even those students who are only falsely perceived as these things by their peers) are offered little or no protection.

Iowa's anti-bullying and anti-harassment law has all of the right ingredients for success. But for it to be successful, the policies must be enforced equally in every school district throughout the state. It is unfair that certain school districts should be allowed to cherry-pick which characteristics and attributes it wishes to protect within anti-bullying procedures while blatantly ignoring other issues bullying victims face, perhaps those deemed the most controversial. All students have the right to feel safe and protected while in school. And Iowa should strive to ensure that all students in all school districts have equal access to this protection.

Clouds of smoke

Thanks. No, really, thanks. And congratulations. I need a smoke, and I can't do it indoors. What a coup for public health, you pushy do-gooders.

As absolutely everybody in Iowa City has heard, the statewide smoking ban went into effect as of midnight Monday. How comforting to know that my firing up a Camel or two while I'm drinking my beer is the most pressing problem confronting Iowa City right now.

Seriously, I'm of two minds. I don't like the smoking ban, and not just because it's inconvenient for me. But I don't really think that I have a leg to stand on, from a policy standpoint (A point where it is important to have something to stand on).

There are lots of reasons states have been hammering smokers so hard since the big court decision against the tobacco companies. Some are public-spirited and good, others are deceptively harmful. Big tax hikes, such as the one we had about a year ago, are sold to the masses as a matter of public health, as are all sin taxes. This is true: Raising cigarette taxes tends to make people quit at higher rates and smoke at lower ones. But the real reason that politicians get so gaga over cigarette taxes is simple: money. Sin taxes are an easy — and politically painless — way to raise state revenues.

That's not to say that there aren't dedicated public servants out there who genuinely support such policy as a matter of public health — but nothing brings out the altruistic side of state pols like the prospect of extra cash. Why not tax the crap out of beer, while we're at it? Because it would be politically suicidal. (Please note: Not for one second do I actually advocate taxing the crap out of beer. I shudder even to think of it.)

The real problem, for me, is that the new revenue tends to come disproportionately from poor people, because they tend to smoke more. Some smokers will simply quit, as the lawmakers intended, but — obviously — nicotine is not an easy habit to kick. Some people will go into (or further into) debt before eventually quitting. Some won't be able to quit. Others won't even try. It makes a lot of lives harder than they have to be for the sake of a few people quitting.

But all that's in the past. Indoor bans are a lot simpler. They are the rule, rather than the exception, among U.S. states and municipalities. The idea, say backers, is to protect the health of bartenders and servers by removing secondhand smoke from their vicinity. I think it's a good one, but it glosses over some issues that it shouldn't.

In addition to the fact that plenty of places are already smoke-free — and stand to lose business right along with the smoking bars — there's a pretty glaring exemption in place for casinos. Are casino workers somehow proof against carcinogens? Don't they deserve better for operating a major source of Iowa's state revenue? Oh, wait. That's why they got exempted in the first place.

None of that, of course, is a good enough reason to completely oppose the ban. But there's a broader issue that's been almost completely overlooked in this debate. It's that the government is passing laws with the avowed intention of stopping people from doing something that, in itself, is perfectly legal. (They've obviously learned from Prohibition.)

If you want to try to make smoking illegal, fine. Then, at least, we can have an honest debate about the state's right to regulate what you put in your body. Maybe then we can move on to the other ways in which the state abuses that right, like the criminalization of marijuana. (A piece of our delectable idiosyncy. I cannot recall, at least not outside of the military.) But death by a thousand cuts is no way to govern people's behavior.

Yes, smoking is bad. Yes, it's wrong to force people to work in places where they might get cancer. In principle, I support the ban. But I can't endorse the way in which most supporters have tried to frame the debate, and I detest the idea that consenting adults can't perform perfectly legal acts with a roof over their heads. It's a step too far. ■

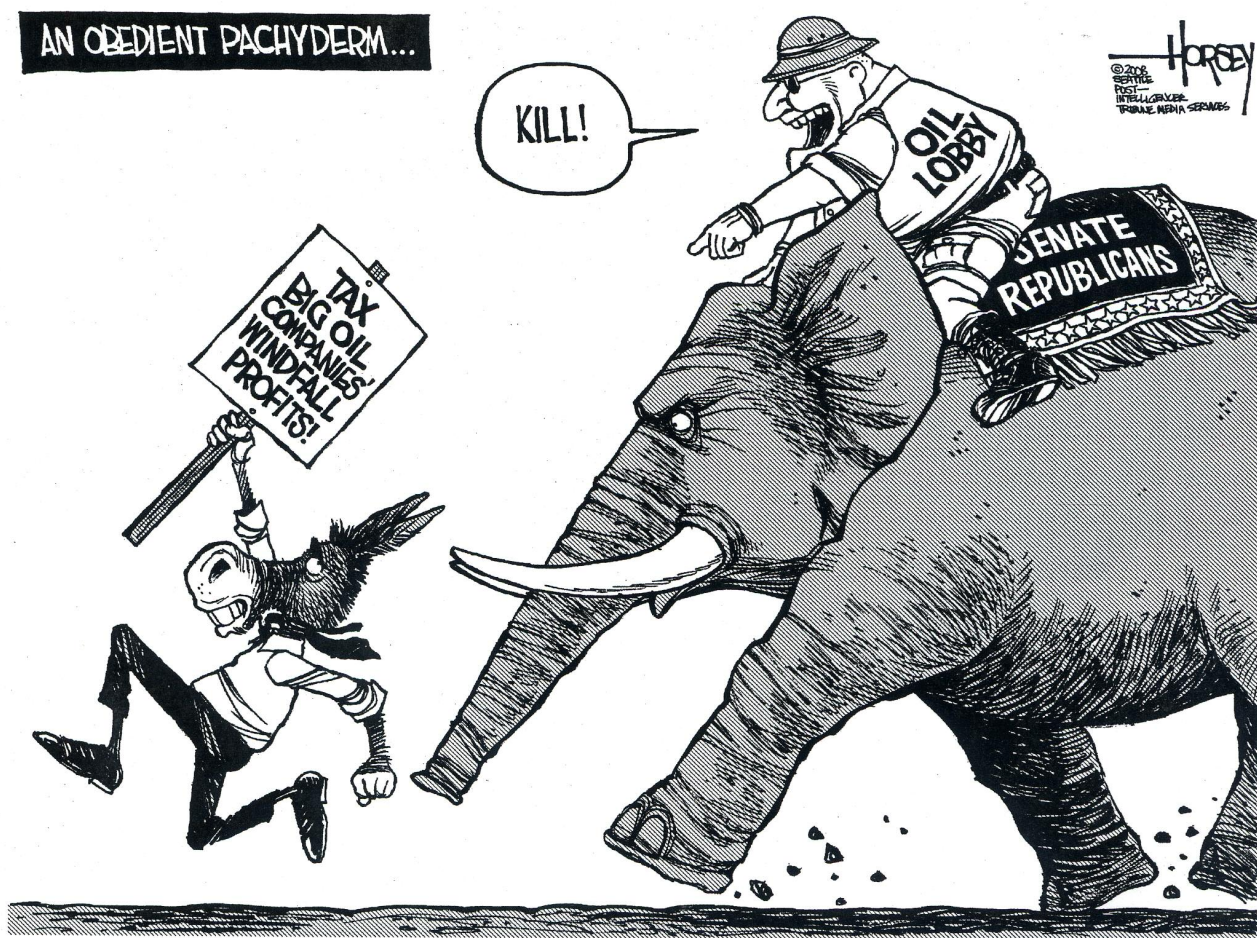


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Guest Opinion

Can Obama rescue Bush?

Breaking news! The ultimate White House insider plans a tell-all book about the Bush years. Boasting unprecedented access to the president's thinking, it will run counter to almost everything we've been told about Bush's radical presidency.

Who will be the latest to break the code of silence after former White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan? George W. Bush.

At least that's what went through my mind listening to the president during a meeting with a small group of journalists in the Oval Office on Monday. The session, maddeningly and often foolishly punctuated by long, off-the-record musings and soliloquies, mostly dealt with foreign policy.

That's hardly surprising. At the end of their run, presidents usually become preoccupied with world affairs — an area in which they have a much freer hand. In Capitol Hill these days, the only way a Bush proposal will see the light of day is if it arrives concealed in a pizza delivery box.

Dressed in a pale blue suit with a crisp blue tie, the president seemed to be in high spirits as he discussed developments in North Korea and other diplomatic initiatives, crushing my hopes for a poignant "Bush in winter" column. "When I write my book," the president teased, people will understand how much behind-the-scenes diplomacy went on during this administration.

I'm sure he's right. In fact, if only a fraction of what he had to say was remotely accurate, then the conventional bleats about unilateralism, war lust, and cowboy-ismness will go down in history as the excessive caterwauling of an imaginative and hyper-partisan opposition.

Indeed, President Bush's reputation is not as solidified as his detractors and fans think.

If Iraq becomes a stable and democratizing nation, his presidency will look much better than it does today. But if Iraq Balkanizes or Lebanon-izes, then Democratic rhetoric about the "worst foreign-policy blunder in U.S. history" will gain descriptive left. Only time will tell.

But whether it is ultimately deemed a failure or a success, there is one inconvenient fact of the Bush presidency that should prove dismaying to those who've invested so much in demonizing it: It isn't that special.

Many of its supposedly radical features fit neatly in the mainstream of American presidential history. Extraordinary rendition? That practice (in which we send terrorists to foreign countries to be interrogated under laxer rules) began under President Clinton. Aggressive interrogations, for good or ill, surely predate 2001. Holding prisoners indefinitely at Guantánamo without benefit of a trial? As terror-

ism expert Andrew C. McCarthy notes in the *National Review*, we were doing that under the first President Bush and under Clinton to innocent Haitian refugees, who got even less due process than we give captured enemy combatants.

Even the invasion of Iraq will probably seem to historians, in part, as a continuation of trends begun in the Persian Gulf War and extended by Clinton's (and Britain's) attacks in 1998.

On the domestic front, Bush broadly expanded federal spending on education, signed campaign-finance reform, and orchestrated a huge expansion of health-care entitlements with his prescription-drug benefit. Whatever the merits of those policies, it's unlikely that historians will see them as a radical, right-wing break from the Clinton years.

The more interesting question is how radical a break with the Bush years the next president will represent.

If John McCain will be more obvious, the continuity will be more obvious. McCain would inch leftward on most domestic issues and rightward on a few. He doubtless would continue the efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, though his methods might vary.

The larger question is about Barack Obama, who at times promises revolutionary, if not messianic, change. With a potentially huge Democratic majority in Congress, Obama might indeed produce a radical change from the Bush (and Clinton and Bush and Reagan) years on domestic issues.

But what about Iraq? A growing chorus of foreign-policy experts, including Timothy Lynch and Robert Singh (coauthors of *After Bush: The Case for Continuity in American Foreign Policy*) and the New Yorker's George Baker, are starting to argue — much as Obama's own foreign-policy advisors have for a while — that his foreign-policy promises will not survive contact with post-election reality.

Already, Obama is changing his tune from his old, and irresponsibly heated, rhetoric about "immediate" withdrawal to talking about the need for policies that would adapt to the improving conditions in Iraq. Given Obama's ideological leanings and inexperience, there's clearly plenty of room for him to make costly mistakes. But odds are he, too, would come to realize that America needs to win the war on terror and succeed in Iraq. Hence the greatest irony. A successful Obama presidency would have the unintended consequence of making Bush's memoir a success story.

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Songwriters in Residence, tonight at the Mill, will showcase talented Iowa songwriters, followed by a question-and-answer session to follow. Bongo drums and beret not required.

Arts & Culture

Just a folk HAVING SOME FUN

'Hippie' some may term him, but for years, local musician Mark Hartstack has been bringing his brand of 'fun folk' to venues from the Mill to the Farmers' Market — and he's not going to let a little thing like a flood stop him.

By Cole Cheney
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The babes, the booze, the bongos. All words defining the epitome of '80s American musician after signing a record deal. While the 21st century tamed that aspiration to acoustic appearances in a Zach Braff movie and an occasional stint in rehab, the cycle remains the same — struggle, glory, and decline.

Transcending that entire process kills the romance but saves the ability to create good music, and local folk musician Mark Hartstack knows it well. Coming off a series of shows canceled by the flood, he anticipates upcoming performances in the coming weeks at such local venues as the Mill, the Farmers' Market, and Uptown Bill's.

Sticking to "fun-folk," a genre encompassing the whimsical world of "Big Rock Candy Mountains" and "On Top of Spaghetti," Hartstack sings folksy numbers as he strums through bass notes or fingerpicks his tunes. With songs titled "The Iowa City Furniture on the Sidewalk holiday," "Cars on Blocks," and "Campfire Serial-Killer," Hartstack finds the silver lining through an austere past.

"Lutherans don't sing or have fun, which makes me think I was switched at birth," said Hartstack, 47, commenting on his family's faith. His blunt thoughts take a poetic jab at the religion he was raised on in his latest set of lyrics for an untitled song: "Lutherans are so happy, each and every day/Jello-molds will make you feel that way."

His less-than-holy take on his Red Oak, Iowa, roots showed up in his music only in later years. Before the solo Hartstack emerged, his musical roots stemmed not from the typical church choir or family jams, but through his own initiative. Though a percussionist since sixth grade, he didn't find his harmonious niche until higher education. "Losing brain cells," yet gaining "a zany experience," the singer/songwriter learned much of the Iowa City music scene as a drummer in the Hawkeye Marching Band. Other musical conquests followed.

"While in college, I picked up the banjo, mandolin, dobro, banjo, he said. "The guitar playing started when I realized I'd meet girls with it."

After receiving a teaching degree, Hartstack toured with bluegrass combo Rugged Cross in 1993. After splitting from



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Local musician Mark Hartstack performs original acoustic songs on Monday. Hartstack has played with several Iowa bands.

the group and starting the folk duo Missing Livestock, Hartstack was left partner-less after his partner's OWI incident.

"I liked the guy, but I wasn't willing to haul him all over the state to play," Hartstack said. "So I decided to try my funny songs out by myself."

Funny is only the beginning, according to Joyce Carroll, a

program supervisor for the Iowa City Recreation Department, which recruited him for his upcoming shows.

"He always can play fun folk music that's popular with all walks of life," Carroll said.

A five-year veteran of the Iowa City Farmers' Market, Hartstack charges to perform only in situations where

business or parties can afford the cost. Otherwise, "smiles and laughs" will suffice.

"Someone said I lived a 'hippie' lifestyle the other day, and I didn't know what to think," Hartstack said. "Then I realized that I play music, fix toilets, and enjoy my days."

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COMMENTARY

The 'shape' of game shows

The Japanese game show 'Human Tetris' may get rave reviews from Fox network execs, but the differences between American and Japanese cultures may make the decision a questionable fit.



LISA BARRY

Everyone has seen them at least once on YouTube. The continuous marathons can be caught on Spike TV. They're Japanese game shows, and they're making their way into every American home soon.

Fox recently bought rights to the concept of the show "Human Tetris." That's right, Americans will start having their own version of "Human Tetris" called "A Hole In The Wall." Fuji TV launched a different version of the show in Australia, Russia, and India in June 2006. Officials have yet to announce when the show will air in the United States.

"Human Tetris" — generally two words many wouldn't assume go together — is one of the most popular of Japan's televised competitions. It's nothing like Tetris, besides involving shapes. Contestants have to try to fit their bodies through shapes (many times obscene) cut into a giant Styrofoam wall.

To top it off, the players are dressed in all metallic spandex, and they have to think quickly about the shape before they are able to get through. If the contestant fails, he or she falls into a pool of water. The lights start blinking, the audience counts down, and then suddenly a light comes on and shows the mystery shape. The reaction on the contestant's face is priceless, and the audience is laughing hysterically the whole time. Mostly, it isn't supposed to be taken seriously but rather to get a good rise out of everyone.

Although it sounds ridiculous, it seems as though that's what the game-show producers are going for. Everyone is shocked by the

plethora of shapes that the contestants are given, and there's no doubt about the audience laughing the entire way through.

Japanese game shows differ tremendously from American game shows. The concepts of the games proposed in Japan are set up to be funny with obstacle courses that are difficult — almost impossible to complete.

Entertainment in the show results from contestants not being able to complete the challenge. It is hard to recognize these concepts in common game shows in the States. From "Jeopardy" to "Don't Forget The Lyrics," winning the game is the point of watching the show. Will America be able to reenact a Japanese game show such as "Human Tetris"?

Not only that, "I Survived a Japanese Game Show" began shooting in Japan and aired June 24 on ABC. It is an unscripted reality game show that involves 10 American contestants who mostly have not traveled outside of the United States. The contestants are flown to Japan and participate in game shows to see how far they can make it. The winner who survives the show will return to America with \$250,000. So far, the results have been hilarious. The show has received rave reviews, and UGO.com has reviewed the show as possibly the perfect reality show.

The only differences between "I Survived a Japanese Game Show" and "A Hole in the Wall" are the hosts and the countries they take place in. The latter involves all American contestants and hosts in the United States, while the former show involves Japanese hosts and American contestants considerably out of their comfort zone.

It is hard to tell if the show will actually be successful in America. Because it is an extremely different style of game show from what Americans are used to, it will be interesting to find out. It may just be the next big thing on television.

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MUSIC

Simpson gets her draw on

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — When Jessica Simpson announced plans to go country after her last pop album flopped, there was a collective eye roll in Nashville.

To some skeptics, it appeared to be a calculated move to follow in the footsteps of other pop stars who have found success by crossing over to country radio. After lackluster album sales, acting disappointments, and bad press over her high-profile romances, Simpson certainly needed a boost.

But "Come On Over," Simpson's debut single from her upcoming country album, is not only winning over those same skeptics, it's gaining ground on country radio. A flirtatious, steel guitar-laced slice of pop country, the song has cracked the top 30 on "Billboard's" country-singles chart.

"The best way to sum this up is what program directors have been telling our promotions staff: 'I really wanted to hate this record, and I don't. I love this,'" said Tom Baldrice, vice president of marketing for her label, Sony BMG Nashville.

Despite her crossover potential, that's not what the label or the Texas-born Simpson seem to have in mind with the single, which was co-produced by John Shanks, who's also worked with Sheryl Crow, Michelle Branch, and Melissa Etheridge.

"If other folks want to play it, we're not telling them not to," Baldrice said. "But our focus is on country. We want to make sure she's in this format because this is where she belongs."

John Hart, a Nashville-based marketing researcher, says the song appeals to young, active listeners who are more likely to call radio stations and attend concerts and events. It tested in the top five in his online sampling in the past few weeks and also did well in random telephone surveys that reach country's more traditional base.

"I don't think people were anticipating the song to be that good," said John Paul, the program director at KUPL in Portland, Ore. His station has been playing the song for two weeks in light rotation.

"It's a good song regardless of who sings it, but having her sing it — whether you like her or hate her, everybody knows who Jessica Simpson is," he said. "And I think

there's a lot of credibility that she co-wrote the song."

Country fans have seen a steady parade of artists from outside the genre. The Eagles, John Mellencamp, and Bon Jovi made inroads, and Simpson is currently joined on the upper half of the chart by Jewel and Hootie & the Blowfish frontman Darius Rucker.

But Simpson, 27, may have a special challenge because of her tabloid persona. These days, the pop star/reality star/movie actress is better known for her relationships (Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo is her current beau) than her music.

"We were certainly aware of that and knew that it would be an issue in some places," Baldrice said. "But like everything, if you have it in the music, then everything else has a tendency to take care of itself."

Simpson comes to country after her last pop album was a commercial and critical failure — it sold just 299,000 copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan. The album "Do You Know" is expected to be released in September; the title track was written by Dolly Parton, who sings background vocals.

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Still hungry for that ring



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San Diego Charger kicker Nate Kaeding oversees a soccer game and encourages participants to keep going at a sports camp at Northwest Junior High School in Coralville on Monday.

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fell at home to the Patriots in the divisional round, 24-21. The Chargers famously acquired Rivers from the New York Giants in exchange for then No.1 overall pick turned Super Bowl XLII MVP Eli Manning, after Archie Manning — the QB's father — told the Chargers' organization not to draft him in the 2004 draft. In his two seasons at the helm in San Diego, Rivers has amassed 25-7 regular season record [2-2 in the playoffs] and is on most Colts' fans hate list for his taunting antics during last year's playoff upset in the RCA Dome. Kaeding has watched as Rivers' role as a team leader has evolved. "We came in [to San Diego] in the same year," he said. "He's a really ultra competitive guy, and he's matured into that leadership position. When I came in, Brees was the quarterback. When he got traded, Philip really took over. "He's definitely a hit in the locker room. Everybody likes him and rallies behind him."

In the Chargers' playoff victory over the Colts, Kaeding missed what would have been a game-tying 48-yard field goal with 46 seconds remaining in the first half and had a friendly exchange with former Iowa teammate and AFC defensive MVP Bob Sanders as he departed the field. "Bob and I are good friends. We were the only two of the guys that came in with the same recruiting class and left the same year at Iowa," Kaeding said. "It was just one of those things that brothers would do." As for Kaeding's camp co-host and former College of Education classmate, Robert Gallery, his Oakland Raiders are yet to beat Kaeding since their paths split ways. The Chargers are a perfect 8-0 against Oakland during their four seasons in the NFL. "It sounds about right," Gallery said. "We give each other a hard time. It's always fun playing against someone you know, we always talk before the game and after the game, and give each other gifts during the week." E-mail *DI* reporter Zach Smith at zachary-smith@uiowa.edu

More than tai chi

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their mothers and grandmothers take up slow-moving tai chi or calisthenics in the nearby tree-lined courtyards. Outside the track, and in front of nearly every apartment complex in urban China, is a concrete area filled with bright plastic exercise equipment that looks like it was stolen from a McDonald's play-pen. There are big, cherry-red exercise wheels, bright yellow monkey bars, shoehorn shaped abdominal devices, and 13 different types of parallel bars. Unlike America, where weightlifters clunk around iron in a vain attempt to get ripped, it's all about healthful exercise and light resistance in China. A few pull ups, a push up or two, and some weightless squats. Like America, however, pumped-up Chinese men practice their own brand of macho muscle flexing. It comes in the form of short, guttural bursts relayed back and forth. One man starts, letting out a deep, cathartic groan, "Ahhhhhyyya," which will be answered by another testosterone-fueled grunt. It's a little like the exaggerated huffing and puffing American macho men use to psyche themselves up when they're dead lifting a half-ton barbell. Aside from the everyday exercise routines of a select few locals, I haven't been able to grasp a feel

for the larger sports culture here yet. Talking to Chinese students, professors, and other Olympic volunteers, it seems apparent that three sports dominate — basketball, soccer, and racket sports (think tennis, badminton, and Ping-Pong). From sun-up until dusk, the campus basketball courts are stuffed with Chinese students imitating Allen Iverson and Kevin Garnett. Most wear full NBA outfits — knock-off Celtics jerseys, complete with Larry-Bird-era short shorts are especially popular. From what I can observe, most of the player's fundamentals are in need of a little tuning. Basketball caught on so quickly here that kids my age never learned the fine art of ball-handling or the basics of a shooting stroke. Instead, they jumped into the Yao-Ming-inspired frenzy mid-stream, lobbing crazy 3-point shots, pounding the pavement with sloppy cross-overs, and attempting never-successful strings of behind-the-back passes. As the Olympics draw nearer and throngs of foreigners begin to flow into Beijing, I'll do my best to keep hunting down the stories that lurk behind the spots populated by light-haired tourists and report back to Iowa on the China that exists behind the glitzy facade of Starbucks and chain-stores. For now, here's wishing everyone in Iowa a happy Independence Day. I trust the field-corn back home

is indeed knee-high by the Fourth of July. E-mail *DI* columnist Nick Compton at nicholas-compton@uiowa.edu

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Smith rolls along



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Kelsey Cermak fights for the ball on Tuesday during Game Time play. Her team, Wiese/Premier, lost to opponent McCurrys/McCullen/Active Endeavors, 93-88.

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Each time her team was clinging to a one-point lead, Smith buried free throws, and Wiese/Premier turned the ball over its next two trips down court. "Both teams played hard," Smith said. "It was a great game." Leading Wiese/Premier was Iowa sophomore-to-be Kelsey Cermak. The Norwalk native poured in 32 points while grabbing five boards and dishing out three assists. The forward pressed the issue all night, getting to the charity stripe 17 times and knocking down 15. Cermak had a limited role with the Hawkeyes last season, but knows she'll have to step up as a sophomore. She said she's using the league to improve all aspects of her game. "I want to get better," she said. "As a freshman, we had five

seniors. I learned so much. I hope to use what I learned last year over the summer and on into next season." Smith said she's noticed improvements in Cermak's game. "She's a lot more confident than she was last year," said the Thornton, Colo., native. "Tonight, she was making some strong post moves, getting rebounds. That's what we need out of her. She even stepped out and hit a few deep shots." Dirks and Weaver both finished with 15 points, and former Upper Iowa player Amanda Faas scored 13. Cermak was helped in the losing cause by Iowa junior-to-be forward JoAnn Hamlin, who scored 20 points, and incoming Iowa freshman Kelly Krei, who chipped in with 11. El Sara Greer of Kirkwood dominated on the defensive end with four blocks. E-mail *DI* reporter Mike Brownlee at michael-brownlee@uiowa.edu

"[Kamille Wahlin] just been fantastic. She passes the ball, and she's very unselfish, and I think those are the things you need to be to be a point guard." — Mike Stoermer, Hy-Vee/Pelling/Pawz coach

Newcomers shine

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close. Shooting 9-of-17 from beyond the arc helped Imprinted/Goodfellow keep up, and Printy and Rachele Monroe of New Orleans had a lot to do with that. The two combined for six treys. A monster effort from Hawkeye senior-to-be Wendy Ausdemore helped Hy-Vee/Pelling/Pawz keep the lead during most of the game. The 6-2 forward led her team, netting 24 points and pulling down seven boards. However, she couldn't have done it without the help of incoming freshman Kamille Wahlin. The Crookston High School grad, who averaged just over 19 points a game in her senior campaign, came out firing in the first minute of the game, dishing out two assists. "She's just been fantastic," Hy-Vee/Pelling/Pawz coach Mike Stoermer said. "She passes the ball, and she's very unselfish, and I think those are the things you need to be to be a point guard." Highlighted by her four assists and her ability to dish the ball in the lane, Wahlin has what it takes to compete in the trenches of the Big Ten. "As much as she can get her shot, she's even more about penetrating and getting other people shots," Stoermer said. The left-handed guard chose

Iowa because of the atmosphere she saw when she made her visit. "It's a huge college town," Wahlin said. "I felt really comfortable with the coaches, and I felt like they were really genuine and they were always truthful with me." Wahlin's 19 points came really tough to come by with future teammate Printy sticking to her for the majority of the game. "She's quick, and she can get in the lane well," Printy said. "She's a good finisher." Maybe one of the most shocking features of Wahlin's game is her rebounding ability. The 5-8 guard, who is enrolled in summer classes at the university, snared five rebounds, one of which came right out from underneath Coe College's 6-2 Brittany Norris. In a 16-point performance, Hannah Draxten heated up in the second half for Imprinted/Goodfellow. Draxten believes that Wahlin will flourish from watching a certain veteran point guard. "She's really confident in everything that she does, and she works hard at everything she does," Draxten said. "She'll do a really good job of watching Kristi Smith and learning from her and trying to imitate everything that she does." E-mail *DI* reporter Krisanne Ryther at krisanne-ryther@uiowa.edu

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NFL

Sanders in running for ESPY

Indianapolis Colt safety Bob Sanders was one of six NFL players to be nominated Tuesday as the "NFL Player of the Year" at the 2008 ESPY Awards, which will be held in Las Vegas on July 20.

In 2007, the former Hawkeye had the best season of his pro career, and he was named the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year. In 15 regular-season games, Sanders recorded 97 tackles, 72 solo, and 3.5 sacks. He also had two interceptions for the Colts.



Sanders safety

Sanders was the only defensive player to be nominated for the ESPY. The other five nominees were former Packer quarterback Brett Favre, Giant quarterback Eli Manning, Charger running back LaDainian Tomlinson, and the New England Patriots' record-shattering duo of quarterback Tom Brady and wide receiver Randy Moss. No defensive player has ever won the award.

Should Sanders win, it would be his second ESPY. Last year, the Indianapolis Colts won the ESPY for "Outstanding Team" after winning Super Bowl XLI.

Fans can vote for NFL Player of the Year, as well as the remaining 36 ESPYs to be given out, at www.espy.com.

— by Brendan Stiles

MLB

Ramirez homer, Cabrera single rally ChiSox

CHICAGO (AP) — Alexei Ramirez tied the game with a two-out homer, and Orlando Cabrera won it with an RBI single, both in the 10th inning Tuesday night, and the Chicago White Sox rallied to beat the Cleveland Indians, 3-2, their sixth-straight win.

With the White Sox trailing 2-1 and two out, Ramirez hit a towering fly off Indians closer Joe Borowski. Cleveland left fielder Ben Francisco went back to the fence like he might have a play, but the ball just sailed over to tie the game.

Pinch-hitter DeWayne Wise singled, stole second, and scored on Cabrera's single to center off Borowski (1-3), who blew his fourth save in 10 chances.

Adam Russell (1-0) got the win with one-third of an inning.

Casey Blake had given Cleveland a 2-1 lead with a long homer to left off Matt Thornton in the top of the 10th, but the Indians faltered again in their disappointing season and fell 11 games behind the first-place White Sox.

Left-handers Cliff Lee of the Indians and John Danks of the White Sox dueled for eight innings, and neither got the decision after a strong effort, leaving with the game tied 1-1.

TV TODAY

MLB

• Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:05 p.m., ESPN
 • Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m., CSN

TENNIS

• Wimbledon, men's quarter-finals, 6 a.m., ESPN2; 9 a.m., NBC; noon, ESPN2

Kaeding yearns for title



San Diego Charger kicker Nate Kaeding talks with participants as they stand in line for lunch at a sports camp at Northwest Junior High School in Coralville on Monday.

Amy Andrews/The Daily Iowan

Former Hawkeye kicker Nate Kaeding hopes his fifth season with San Diego will be 'Super.'

By Zach Smith
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Nate Kaeding likes to think of himself as a down-to-earth guy.

Easier said than done for the Coralville native turned NFL star when one mulls over his resumé.

He was all-state and all-conference in football at Iowa City West, where he holds a handful of state records that still stand today. He owns five Hawkeye football records and is Iowa's and the Big Ten's all-time leading scorer.

The first kicker taken in the 2004 NFL draft — 65th overall selection, first pick of third

round by the San Diego Chargers — he made an immediate impact, being named to ESPN.com and Pro Football Weekly's All-Rookie teams in 2004 before making a trip to Honolulu for his first Pro Bowl after the 2006 season.

But enough about the past. Kaeding and his Charger teammates are focused on a Feb. 1, 2009, date with fate at Super Bowl XLIII in Tampa, Fla.

A season after dethroning the defending champion Indianapolis Colts, reaching the AFC Championship Game, and falling short against the New England Patriots, most "experts" see the Chargers —

along with the Pats and Colts — as the odds-on favorites to hoist Lombardi's Trophy this winter.

Kaeding has been on a few really great teams in San Diego but has yet to taste Super Sunday. Something he feels is now in the past.

"We have expected to be there [the Super Bowl] the last couple years," he said. "We've got a lot of talent and a lot of superstars on our team. It's a matter of getting to the tournament, then, at tournament time, playing your best football."

"We hope to get there, play strong in our division and the regular season to get to the playoffs, and then hope to pull through."

In Kaeding's time with the Chargers, he has been through a pair of major face-lifts.

First, the Drew Brees to Philip Rivers transition at quarterback in 2006, followed

Nate Kaeding, kicker

Height/Weight: 6-0, 187 pounds
 Hometown: Coralville
 High School: Iowa City West High, class of 2000
 College: Iowa (2000-2003)
 NFL: San Diego Chargers (2004-Present)

by the abrupt firing of Marty Schottenheimer at the end of that same season to make way for Norv Turner.

Known for struggles in the playoffs, Schottenheimer was dismissed from his duties following a season in which the Chargers earned the top overall seed in the playoffs with a 14-2 regular season record and

SEE KAEDING, 7



The Game Time league was dazzling Tuesday as Iowa shooters caught fire in one game, and two other teams fought out a back-and-forth contest.

Smith shines in victory

By Mike Brownlee
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Big Ten women's basketball schedule doesn't commence until late December, but on Tuesday, two Game Time League teams played a game that made you think you'd have to scrap ice off your car windows afterward.

McCurrys/Cullen Painting/Active Endeavors held on late to defeat Dan Wiese Marketing Research/Premier Investments, 93-88, in a Big Ten-style slugfest in North Liberty.

The game was physical throughout, with more than a few loose balls leading to a pile of players on the ground. The two teams took a combined 57 free-throw attempts.

McCurrys/Cullen/Endeavors was led by Iowa senior-to-be Kristi Smith. The 5-6 point guard went 14-of-14 from the line on her way to a game-high 38 points, to go along with six

assists. Smith caught fire in the second half, hitting an array of jumpers on the way to scoring 23 points during the final 20 minutes.

"I realized the shots were falling," Smith said. "So I shot more."

The hot shooting from the perimeter opened up the lane for Smith, who switched gears to point guard-mode with two drive-and-kick plays that resulted in 3-pointers for Jessica Dirks of Mount Mercy College and Ally Weaver of Carleton College in Minnesota.

With the perimeter game hitting on all cylinders, McCurrys/Cullen/Endeavors ran out to an 87-79 lead with three minutes left in the game. Wiese/Premier didn't go down without a fight, however, pulling to within one on two occasions in the last 40 seconds.

SEE SMITH, 7

Impressive newbie sparks win

By Krisanne Ryther
 THE DAILY IOWAN

In a game where baskets were traded like baseball cards, Imprinted Sports-wear/Goodfellow Printing and Coralville Hy-vee/L.L. Pelling/Lucky Pawz battled from the opening tip-off to the final horn in overtime.

Led by a 24-point performance from Iowa recruit Jaime Printy, Imprinted/Goodfellow came out on top, 95-88.

In the final minutes of regulation, it looked as if Hy-Vee/Pelling/Pawz had the game on lock-down with an 84-81 lead — until Printy took the reins. The Linn-Mar High School senior nailed a 3 at the top of the key with just over a minute to go to send the game to overtime.

Coached by Game Time League director Randy Larson, the ladies in red trailed most of the game but kept it

SEE IMPRINTED/GOODFELLOW, 7

Kamille Wahlin

Hometown: Crookston, Minn.
 Position: Guard
 Class: Incoming freshman
 Tuesday's stat line: 19 points, five rebounds, four assists

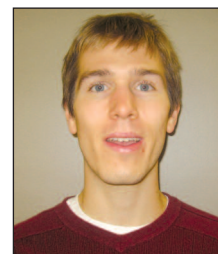


Kamille Wahlin drives to the basket during Game Time action on Tuesday in North Liberty. Her team, Hy-Vee/Pelling/Pawz lost to Imprinted/Goodfellow, 95-88, in overtime.

Amy Andrews/The Daily Iowan

COMMENTARY

Seeking Chinese exercise



NICK COMPTON

Every Wednesday, DI reporter/columnist Nick Compton will have a commentary about his summer experience in Beijing, where the 2008 Summer Olympics are set to take place in August. This is the second of Compton's commentaries to be featured this summer.

BEIJING — We've been in Beijing a little over a week now, and our hyper-paced sightseeing, hand-shaking, and volunteer obligations have left us with little time to explore or soak up the culture.

Still, on most days not long after the sun rises, I've been escaping to the campus' track and exercise courtyard to jog, observe the locals, and test the much-maligned air quality.

When I tear off for a run in the early morning light, the track is filled with elderly men, most wearing jersey tops, loose cotton shorts, and slipper shoes. Some stretch out in the outside lanes, while others putt along, working up a sweat before the day begins.

A few women dot the area, mostly younger college students, who jump rope or power walk, while

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