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City ponderings raising Dubuque Street

Ferenz defends actions

By Olivia Moran and Brendan Stiles

CHICAGO — Contending that the best interests of the alleged victim and her family had always been "first and foremost," Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz spoke publicly about the Hillcrest sexual-assault case for the first time after a letter from the alleged victim in the case was released in early August.

At the same time, the mother of the alleged victim released a second letter written to UI officials dated May 16, in which she said her daughter had been left with only one friend after the incident, which forced her to endure the rest of the school year mostly alone.

After the woman was allegedly raped twice by former Iowa football players Abe Satterfield and Cedric Everson in a dorm room, she was laughed at and called rude names, according to that letter. "Her coach and team were disgusted by her and made sure she knew she was a loser," her mother con- tested. "They would laugh at her and call her rude names, just like the football players would. How absolutely shameful."

Ferentz's reaction

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By Erikia Vih

Ten thousand cyclists pedaled into North Liberty on Thursday after finishing a 14-mile ride from Tama and Vla- do, ready to turn Penn Elementary School, the largest available campsite for the night, into a tent city.

Paul Vodero, to no one's surprise, greeted the riders at the site. "We decided to go big," said Troy Dunkin, the owner of Naomi's Kitchen, conventionally treated from the makeshift campsite. "We're looking to serve about 2,500 people for food and 2-400 people for ice cream."

North Liberty also decided to go big with this year's pirate theme. The team was decked out with pirate banners and a pirate ship, pirate T-shirts were being sold on Cherry Street, and volunteers welcomed bikers dressed in pirate costumes. "One rider even made an eyepatch and came to show it to us," said Thomas Daniken, a volunteer at one of the three information centers.

Though some of the other volunteers were not dressed in pirate attire, she said she was happy to be a part of RAGBRAI. "I've lived in North Liberty for almost 25 years, and I've never seen any RAG- BRAI, so I thought this would be fun," she said.

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Cotton Team worker Mario Peres cleans the floor of a studio in the Art Building on July 17. Even though the flood has created some jobs in Iowa City, the city's unemployment rate has increased, officials said.

Iowa’s unemployment rate increases in June.

By Olivia Byrline
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI professors are saying the state’s economic recovery is not complete, despite what some might think.

“Economic activity is not likely to see a return to pre-flood levels until the end of next year,” said UI economics professor Doug Decker.

The most likely scenario is strong growth in the near term, with a gradual return to normal levels by 2011, Decker said.

Decker said it is unlikely the state will experience another increase in unemployment rates.

While the state’s unemployment rate rose to 3.2 percent in May, it is still below the national average of 4.6 percent.

“I see no reason to be overly concerned about a return to normal levels,” Decker said.

Unemployment percentage rates for Iowa

The unemployment rate rose from 3.0 percent in May and 3.9 percent in June 2007, Iowa Workforce Development statistics show.

Deaver Osterberg, the executive director of the Iowa Policy Project, said in a statement that the state’s high rate is due to the current economic crisis.

Iowa is currently in the process of recovering from the flood, which hit the state in May.

While the state’s unemployment rate is at its highest so far this year, it is still below the national average.

The state’s unemployment rate reached 4.6 percent in June.

That’s compared to a 3.9 percent jobless rate in May and 3.8 percent in June 2007, Iowa Workforce Development statistics show.

By Anna Lothson
THE DAILY IOWAN

Officials talk more flood relief

Financial relief may be on its way, as both state and federal delegates work to discuss possible taxbreak options.

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• Understanding allowable deductions
• Estimating your tax liability

H&R Block will also present a seminar on the new tax law.

The seminar will be held on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the H&R Block office on West Market Street.

The seminar will cover the new tax law and its impact on individual taxpayers.

By Whitney Wright
THE DAILY IOWAN

Road’s future unclear

The future of rural road Eagle Avenue in Iowa City is uncertain. The Iowa County Board of Supervisors will discuss the issue at its meeting on Monday.

Several residents who live in the road expressed anger at what they perceive as the county’s inaction.

The county has been operating the road since the flood, but they said the county has not done enough to fix the road.

The supervisors agreed to give six months to a contractor to get the road operational.

The supervisors were reluctant to spend money on a road that the public doesn’t want.

By Don Jacobson
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Cutting up in RAGBRAI

By Ben Travers

Whether it’s because of developing technology or an age-old issue, researchers are producing less diverse opinions and citing more of the same sources.

Because of the proliferation of online journals, scientific scholars are citing more frequently than in the past. Researchers are turning to databases as electronic search engines to help fund their findings.

Schwertfeger said the team has met a lot of new and old friends along the way.

"When we were in Boone, it was amazing how many people were yelling, 'Cutters, Cutters!'" he said.

The Cutters said this year has been good.

"It’s been fun," team member Todd Burvee said. "It was a lot of fun."

Schwertfeger said the team has faced so far this year was a bike crash before reaching RAGBRAI.

Andy Barnett from Iowa City cooks burgers while teammates Nick Vasquez (middle) of Des Moines helps Paul Meyer of Ann Arbor, Mich., during RAGBRAI’s stop in North Liberty on Thursday.

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Should the tax-free weekend be expanded?

YES

The tax-free weekend, which begins one week from today, is designed to help shoppers save money by allowing them to purchase certain items tax-free. This year, the tax-free weekend will run from August 4th to August 5th. While the tax-free weekend has been in place for many years, there have been some concerns about its effectiveness. Some believe that it does not actually help consumers save money, while others argue that it is a valuable tool for encouraging consumers to spend wisely.

One reason for the success of the tax-free weekend is the fact that it is timed to coincide with the back-to-school season. This is a time when many families are already looking to make purchases for their children's education, and the tax-free weekend gives them an additional incentive to do so. Additionally, the tax-free weekend is designed to help families save money by allowing them to purchase essential items, such as clothing and electronics, tax-free. This can be especially helpful for those on a tight budget.

However, some have argued that the tax-free weekend is not as effective as it could be. For example, some have noted that the list of eligible items is limited and that it does not include all the items that families might need. Additionally, some have argued that the tax-free weekend is not as widely publicized as it could be, making it difficult for some families to take advantage of the savings.

In conclusion, while there are certainly valid concerns about the tax-free weekend, it is clear that it has the potential to be a valuable tool for encouraging consumers to save money and spend wisely. By expanding the tax-free weekend to include more items and increasing public awareness of the program, it is possible to make it even more effective.

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One of the key technologies that has enabled this progress is in-vitro fertilization (IVF). IVF involves the extraction of eggs and sperm from a couple’s reproductive organs, and the combination of these cells in a laboratory setting. The resulting embryos are then transferred to the woman’s uterus, where they can continue to develop normally.

Today, there are many different technologies available to couples who are struggling to conceive. These technologies include donor eggs and sperm, egg and sperm donation, and embryo donation. In addition, there are many different ways to achieve pregnancy, including intrauterine insemination (IUI), in-vitro fertilization (IVF), and IVF with surrogacy.

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By Melissa Brownrigg
THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa Citians have the opportunity once again to ease curbside trash through the city's biggest garage sale, Rummage in the Ramp.

Residents of Iowa City can drop off unwanted items as furniture, clothing, beds, and books at the Chauncey Swan parking ramp to be sold to the public.

On Thursday, floral-pattern sofas and bright red and gold chairs lured the black-eyed part of the parking ramp, waiting to be reclaimed for another living room.

From a joke to reality, the event has become a success.

“It stemmed from conversations about the amount of furniture that ends up on the curb when students move,” said Jennifer Jordan, a landfill recycling coordinator. “We started joking about a garage sale. Around $4,000 in profits last year was split among the nonprofit organizations that volunteer for the event. Last year, the sale brought in nearly $6,000 for local nonprofits.”

This is the second year for the city-sponsored event, which officials plan to coincide with the moving season for many students.

The sale can also ease landlords’ worries of getting stuck with pickup fees because of the discarded furniture featuring tenants as the curb.

On the first day of the rummage, 23 donators dropped off furniture. Before the sale started, bargain hunters were already browsing. When the sale started, the furniture was the first to go.

Kathy Rynearson, another Iowa City resident, came to shop for her son and found success in a blue recliner for $15.

“It’s a boy, so that little bit of wear and tear shouldn’t matter,” she said.

Erin Kriener, Anthony Davis, and Alex Davis (right), sort and price donated items in preparation for the second Rummage in the Ramp in the Chauncey Swan parking ramp on Thursday. Proceeds from the sale of donated items will benefit local nonprofit organizations that help with the sale.

Accetable items
Rummmage in the Ramp runs until Aug. 2. These are some of the items accepted as long as they are in good condition:

- Furniture
- Books
- Kitchen items
- Household items
- Nonperishable food items
- Small appliances in good working condition.

This year, 12 nonprofit groups hope to earn some money.

Co-president of UI Environmental Coalition Eric Holthaus said this is the first year for his group to participate, and the members were excited about the event.

“Our group focuses on environmental sustainability through reducing, reusing, and recycling,” he said. “Rummage in the Ramp tackles the second ‘R’ by giving the furniture more life as opposed to just throwing it away.”

Jordan said the majority of the groups involved have a focus on the environment or human service because these are the reasons for the sale.

“Even though we are not a criminal justice, we are excited about the event and wonder who will come,” Jordan said.

“People do not know what to do with their furniture, or it’s too big, or it’s too small,” she said.

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"I was not enthused about going to Iraq," Ferentz said. "There was nothing about that that I was enthusiastic about, that's for sure." He added, "I wasn't there, I was at home in Iowa, 2,000 miles from the war." During the war, he continued, the UPI allegedly said she didn't believe the war was going to end as the U.S. had said and that the mother of the alleged victim in the case suspected that the UPI wasconnected to the war effort.

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Foster said that she attended the diving
camp run by Iowa coach Mike Brown, who
was Foster's diving instructor at the time.

As her senior year was coming to a
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No surprise Buckeyes picked

Ohio State is the favorite to win what would be its fourth-straight Big Ten football title.

By Scott Miller

Sports

The Wolverines picked only three players for their team while the Buckeyes picked eight players who were All-Big Ten in 2007. The Wolverines lose their quarterback and the Buckeyes have the expectation that they will have one of the most productive offenses in the conference.

"We were surprised," said Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel. "I don't think there's any team that likes the other team better than we do. They're a great team.

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"We're surprised by the number of players they picked," said Michigan coach Lloyd Carr. "We were looking for a big game against them."

"You look at the players and the names, and you think this is the best chance in the Big Ten."

"It's something that we'll have to deal with," said Tressel. "All players know what happens when you lose a game at home."

"That's something that we don't want to experience," said Carr. "We were looking for a big game against them."
Hawkeye diver Nancilea Underwood prepares herself for a back dive at the Field House pool during practice on Nov. 1, 2005. Now known as Underwood-Foster, she is part of the U.S. Olympic team and will dive in Beijing.

At this year’s Summer Olympiad in Beijing, Nancilea Underwood-Foster will be the first Hawkeye female diver to compete in the Games.

By Lars Headington

Her feet, pressed against the grainy spring board, wait poised, the civil surface of the chlorinated pool 3 meters below. Clear and calm, the water waits for her to break its surface, gracefully, sharply, smoothly. These elements never change for a diver. It’s the circumstances around the dive that do.

Whether the crowds at the pool are large and enthusiastic with media teeming about or minimal and reserved, void of cameras and microphones, neither alter the aspect of a dive to the water.

Former Iowa diver Nancilea Underwood-Foster will put that aspect to the test on the world’s biggest stage Aug. 15-17 after being selected as one of 12 divers who will compete for the U.S. team at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

In June, Foster finished second in the 3-meter springboard at USA Diving’s Olympic Trials in Indianapolis, in which only the top finishers are selected to be on the team.

But she earned herself a spot on the team after attending a daily selection camp at the University of Tennessee, where she impressed the team’s selection committee, including her former coach, Iowa’s head diving coach and USA Diving’s team leader for the Beijing Games, Bob Rydze.

“She was the most consistent diver,” Rydze said. “They did four dives, and she won out of the four lists pretty handily, and on the last that she was scored, she was only second by a point.”

“I have six metrics that we look at, and she was ahead in all three of the four lists pretty handily,” Rydze said.

BACK TO WHERE SHE

Nancilea Underwood-Foster

• Born: Greene, Texas
• Graduated from Iowa: 2006, International Studies
• Five-time All-American at Iowa
• Iowa’s record holder on the 3-meter springboard

Springing toward a Hawkeye first

Injuries cloud football picture

Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz was in Chicago Thursday to discuss some issues surrounding his team before it heads to camp in August.

By Brendan Stiles

The Daily Iowan

Iowa’s second-year offensive coordinator, Rich Buse, said he is confident the Hawkeye players that suffered injuries last season will be ready to go.

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The Water Cube
Venue: National Aquatics Center
Diving, Synchronized Swimming

• USA National Diving Team: 2004 present
• Family: Mother, Anjan; Father, Olen (a national champion in football with Texas in 1963); Sister, Holly Jo Underwood (Big Ten champion diver with Ohio State in 2003); Sister, Karen (a Big Ten champion diver with Ohio State in 2003); Sister, Holly-Jo Underwood (a Big Ten champion diver with Ohio State in 2003); Sister, Karen (a Big Ten champion diver with Ohio State in 2003)

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