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Ferentz defends actions

By Olivia Moran and Brendan Stiles
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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 since a letter from the alleged victim's mother created a media furor last weekend. At the same time, the mother of the alleged victim released a second letter written to top 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 cruel names, according to that letter. "Her coach and team were disgusted by her and made sure she knew she was a loser," her mother contended. "They would laugh at her and call her crude names, just like the football players would. How

absolutely shameful."

FERENTZ'S REACTION

Among the list of things Ferentz said he would "make a matter of record" before taking the podium at the annual Big Ten media day was that he and Hawkeye Athletics Director Gary Barta attended a meeting upon the request of the victim's family on Oct. 17, 2007.



Ferentz
head coach

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20,000 wheels of fortune



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Team Medium Pace of Des Moines relaxes atop its team bus during RAGBRAI's stop in North Liberty on Thursday night.

RAGBRAI makes a stop in North Liberty.

By Erika Vjih
THE DAILY IOWAN

Ten thousand cyclists peddled into North Liberty on Thursday after finishing a 76-mile ride from Tama and Toledo, ready to turn Penn Elementary School, the largest available campsite for the night, into a tent city. Food vendors, to no one's surprise, greeted the riders at the site. "We decided to go big," said Troy Miller, the owner of Naomi's Kitchen, conveniently located directly across 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 town 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 gear. "One rider even made an eyepatch and came to show it to us," said Theresa Dunkin, a volunteer at one of the three information centers. Though Dunkin and 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 RAGBRAI, so I thought this would be fun," she said. But synchronizing themselves with the theme was not the only reason bikers dressed up. A Twin Cities-based team wearing black beaks and tail feathers on the members' yellow helmets called itself "The Loons." Team member Richard

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RAGBRAI route

Cyclists started in Tama on their fifth day of cycling and finished their route in North Liberty on Thursday.

Thursday's route



Kate Rhombert/The Daily Iowan

City ponders raising Dubuque Street

After cropping up in '93, the idea never came to fruition

By Alyssa Cashman
THE DAILY IOWAN

For nearly five weeks, North Dubuque Street was covered in stagnant brown water. With floodwaters stretching across the street from Park Road bridge to the south and Foster Road to the north, this essential thoroughfare into Iowa City from Interstate 80 was closed to motorists and pedestrians — just as it was during the 1993 floods. Now, Iowa City officials are looking to prevent that from happening again. Iowa City Mayor Regina Bailey, City Manager Michael Lombardo, Public Works Director Rick Fosse and Jeff Davidson, the director of Planning

and Community Development, were in Washington, D.C., this week to lobby for federal funds for three main projects, one of which would raise portions of North Dubuque Street and the Park Road bridge. Federal funds could potentially put a dent in the estimated \$20 million price tag for such an undertaking. "It's an idea we've given a lot of thought to," Davidson said. "To have Dubuque and Park Road bridge closed for more than 30



Bailey
mayor

Flood-proofing

Flood projects considered for Iowa City:
• Raising Dubuque Street
• Reconstruction of Park Road bridge
• Relocating the north wastewater-treatment plant
• Possible buyout at Parkview Terrace, Idyllwild, and Taft Speedway neighborhoods

days is very disruptive for the community." With Dubuque Street closed in addition to First Avenue in Coralville, most traffic came into

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Workers from Cotton, a natural disaster-recovery company, remove pipes and tubing from Dubuque Street near the Mayflower on July 9. While the cleanup has brought many new jobs to the area, officials are leery that they'll make up for the jobs lost because of the flood.



Flood no economic boon



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan

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 rises in June.

By Olivia Moran
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI professors are saying the increase in flood-recovery job opportunities doesn't balance out what the state has lost, despite what some may think.

Charles Whiteman, the Tippie College of Business senior associate dean, said Iowa City's economic activity will most likely experience two or three months of a downturn before a six- to nine-month uptick.

In the Iowa City area, the jobless rate rose from 2.5 percent in May to 3.2 percent in June this year, the Cedar Falls area experienced a 0.7 percent unemployment rate jump in Cedar Falls area, and Cedar Rapids saw a 0.4 percent increase, all due in part to the flood, according to an Iowa Workforce Development statement.

In Iowa, the June unemployment rate is at its highest so far this year.

The state's unemployment rate reached 4 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.

David Osterberg, the executive director of the Iowa Policy Project, said in a statement that the state's high rate is just the initial effect of the flood. Iowa lost 3,400 jobs just in June.

"Iowa's job numbers in 2008 weren't strong before the flooding hit," Osterberg said in the release. "Plus ... other economic-related layoffs are part of the picture."

Since the flood, Whiteman said, many people are making the mistake of classifying the disaster as somewhat of a good thing because of the rise in the number of job opportunities. There are a fair number of employment opportunities for cleanup, he said, but the effects of the flood "don't balance out."

UI business Associate Dean Beth Ingram agreed. Iowa students and those arriving from

out of town are only recently employed because of Iowa City's major losses, she said.

City officials estimated more than \$5.5 million in flood damages for the city so far.

Stewart Geldersma, the regional director of the Cotton Team, one of two companies hired by the UI for flood cleanup, said he's hired approximately 250 people part-time for the Arts Campus area, plus 30 full-time workers.

But Whiteman said that despite the high number of job opportunities, many people have lost a tremendous amount of wealth.

"Should we have a flood so we can have all this income gain in the recovery?" he said. "The answer is no. Let's not forget that a lot of people lost their possessions, lost their memories."

Judging from the flood in 1993, he said, Iowa City's economy will be back to normal within a couple years.

Geldersma said, in his

Unemployment percentage rates for June

The unemployment rates rose from the month of May after the flood hit.

Cedar Rapids area:	3.8
Des Moines area:	3.7
Iowa City area:	3.2
Sioux City area:	3.9
Waterloo/Cedar Falls area:	4.1

Source: Iowa Workforce Development

team's fifth week of work, he is no longer hiring. The Cotton Team will continue cleanup until it's finished and hand over the job to a reconstruction team.

"The fact that we are recovering is a good thing," Whiteman said. "The fact that had to recover from such a damaging situation is a problem."

Recovery is far from over. "Over the long term, we have yet to see the full effects of flooding on the Iowa economy," Osterberg said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Jamie Comiskey, 21, 518 E. Davenport St., was charged Monday with public intoxication.
Chard Christensen, 22, Davenport, was charged July 20 with public intoxication.
Bambi Cox, 28, 1946 Broadway Apt. G, was charged July 19 with fourth-degree theft.
John Deng, 25, Fort Worth, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.
Tanisha Jones, 34, North Liberty, was charged July 15 with fourth-degree theft.
Wujiang Liu, 20, 1761 Bristol Drive, was charged July 18 with domestic assault causing injury.
Patty McBride, 37, 919 N.

Governor St., was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.
Clint Mente, 26, 618 Keokuk Court, was charged Wednesday with assault causing injury.
Jeffrey Nylan, 24, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.
Josh Popelka, 23, 646 S. Dodge St. Apt. 5, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.
Heidi Skriver, 27, 2100 S. Scott Blvd. Apt. 107, was charged March 1 with third-degree theft.
Terrence Toomey, 61, 1409 Keokuk St., was charged Wednesday with disorderly conduct.

METRO

Road's future unclear

The future of rural road Eagle Avenue is up in the air after the Johnson County Board of Supervisors' meeting Thursday.

Several residents who live on the road expressed anger at what they labeled neglect on the Level B low-maintenance gravel road — which, they said, makes the road almost impassable in spots.

"I think the sign should be changed to 'no maintenance,'" said Eagle Avenue resident Monte Schrock.

The supervisors discussed vacating the road and leaving it up to the residents to maintain, essentially turning it into private driveway with gates on the north and south ends. Sham Russell, another Eagle

avenue resident, presented a letter to the supervisors with signatures of four households in favor of the county vacating the road.

However, Robert Wood, who owns property on Eagle Avenue, presented the supervisors with a list of 64 names of people who would like the road to be left open.

For a short-term solution, the supervisors agreed to give secondary roads money to make improvements that will later be cost-shared with residents while they simultaneously consider vacating the road.

Still, the supervisors were reluctant to spend money upgrading a road that so few people live on.

"Our interest has to be county-wide," said supervisors' Chairman Rod Sullivan.

— by Alayna Wilken

Officials talk more flood relief

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

By Anna Lothson
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City flood victims may see some financial relief, because lawmakers are discussing a one-year hiatus in property and sales taxes.

While federal delegates proposed a \$3.96 billion in federal tax relief to flood and tornado victims in the Midwest, according to a Wednesday press release, a statewide effort is being made across Iowa to discuss what steps need to be made to rid some burden off those affected by the flood.

Sen. Robert Dvorsky, D-Coralville, said every option must be on the table before decisions are made.

"We need to make sure people can get jobs, so we must generate as many ideas as we can," he said.

State legislators must go into this with "all eyes open" to reach a feasible conclusion, he said.

While the Iowa Senate is not in session at the moment, Dvorsky said, everything must still be analyzed so lawmakers can begin to examine where the money would come from.

Sen. Mark Ziemann,

Tax Seminar

While lawmakers discuss special tax breaks, professionals at H&R Block will present a free tax seminar.

Event information:
Where: 1745 Boyrum St.
When: Friday at 4-5 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.
Who: H&R Block tax professionals

Topics to cover:
• Calculating losses
• Documenting expenses
• How insurance can affect deductions
• Claiming a casualty loss
Source: Stephanie Kubecka, H&R Block

R-Postville, said the state of Iowa should act on the sales tax but spend more time investigating the options for the property tax.

"While the 7 percent doesn't seem like a big deal, any bit can help citizens get back on their feet," he said.

In dealing with the issue of property tax, Ziemann said, it's a discussion that must be held by local governments, because they will feel the outcome most.

Cities must get this discussion initiated, he said.

Doug Jones, a UI associate professor of computer science, said he has been working to design plans for what the city could do to help affected neighborhoods.

Jones, a resident of Parkview Terrace, said he has seen his neighbors' homes destroyed, and to tax them on a home they no longer have seems "awfully sad."

"Some may be driven to bankruptcy because of the floods," he said, adding that some properties will never be rebuilt.

It is a question of long-term versus short-term vision, Jones said, and officials must understand that without relief, some properties will not be repaired, and the value of neighborhoods will "plummet."

"The government at all levels might have to take a hit now to avoid having the neighborhoods become a blighted mess," he said.

Sen. Thomas Courtney, D-Burlington, said the government may have to make sacrifices to help those affected.

Though he said some may say it will be too expensive, he

saw many devastated homes and understood why taxing destroyed properties made little sense.

"It's worth looking at in what may be the worst tragedy to hit Iowa, and it will take extraordinary answers," Courtney said.

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Cutting up in RAGBRAI

Online journals may hurt



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Team Cutters rider 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.

By Rachel Goodell
THE DAILY IOWAN

Despite its late departure for RAGBRAI on July 19, Team Cutters has managed to stay ahead of the game for the rest of the week, team member Todd Burvee said.

The early members of the Cutters have managed to arrive at each stop before daylight is gone, allowing them to avoid using their headlights thus far on the ride, a first in the team's eight-year history. The first few teammates arrived in North Liberty around 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, beating such early risers as teammate Geoff Perrill's parents. "This has got to be the earliest we've ever been in," said Jeremy Schwertfeger, another Cutter.

Andy Barnett, who was leading the pack of Cutters, attributed the team's speedy arrival to the less than ideal weather and his lack of rain gear. The team pushed hard to get into dry clothes at the day's end.

"Rain sucks, I'm telling you," he said. "I was miserable all day."

As the late members of the team continued their trek to North Liberty, the rest of the group sat in folding chairs on Burvee's driveway, relaxing after a long day on the bikes. Around 6 p.m., another teammate, Paul Meyer, rode into the driveway and was greeted by his

teammates. Meyer took off his helmet, replaced it with his Cutters cap, and grabbed a Coke.

"Food was really hard to come by today," he said after resting a few minutes.

To deal with the team's hunger, Burvee and Barnett pulled out the grill and some hamburger for dinner. In previous years, Barnett said, he rarely ate while on RAGBRAI, but this year he's been trying out the tastes of Iowa for the first time.

He said the best food he's had so far was a ribeye in Boone, but he also gushed about the two slices of cherry pie he ate on Thursday — one with his breakfast burrito in Chelsea and the other in Blainstown later in the day.

"Seventeen RAGBRAIs and I've never had pie," Barnett said.

The Cutters said this year has been fairly mild so far, and the team hasn't had any major problems.

"It's been good," team member Nick Vasquez said. "We've been lucky and got some nice weather."

Despite the good times they've had this year, the Cutter members couldn't help but reminisce about their worst experiences in previous years, including uncomfortable sleeping spaces and exceptionally gross bathrooms.

The biggest problem the team

faced so far this year was a bike crash before reaching RAGBRAI.

Schwertfeger planned to ride his bike from Des Moines to the Monday endpoint in Jefferson to meet with the rest of the team. Along the way, he misjudged the height of a tree he was riding underneath and caught his backpack in the branches. He suffered a separated shoulder but planned to ride on Friday for at least part of the day.

Though Schwertfeger said his worst day was definitely Monday, the other team members agreed that Thursday's cold and rainy weather made it their worst day so far. Burvee said the best day was Tuesday, when the riders traveled from Jefferson to Ames. The day also included a nice morning after the Cutters stayed on a private pond.

"It had a beach, a place to camp, and we had a bonfire," Burvee said. "It was a lot of fun."

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.

Burvee said Team Cutters is "pretty famous" along RAGBRAI, especially for being fast riders. He bragged that there were several times during the week in which Cutter team members would be leading a pack of bikers, and the other teams and individual riders trying to out-run them would fail every time.

"We're the fastest team out there for sure," he said.

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By Ben Travers
THE DAILY IOWAN

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 journal articles, scientific scholars are citing more-recent and less-diverse sources to back up their findings, according to a study published recently by *Science*, an international weekly journal produced by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"Online journals promise to serve more information to more dispersed audiences," said the study. "But because they are used differently from print — scientists and scholars tend to search electronically and follow hyperlinks rather than browse or peruse — electronically available journals may portend an ironic change for science."

If the trend continues, the study said, less debate among researchers could lead to a diminished production of ideas in the scientific community.

Edward Shreeves, the associate UI librarian for collections, said he has noticed a significant increase in the use of online articles over printed ones, a trend he attributes to the accessibility of the online medium.

"They're convenient, accessible, and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he said. "People tend to use online journals and not bother to track down print editions."

Because the Internet makes it quick and easy to find a glut of information on a given topic, the study found that researchers tended to pick out the most recently published and most cited sources to support their own research, assuming those articles are the most applicable to their own work.

Shreeves said many older

publications are being converted into online documents and thus being made more widely accessible, but it is mainly up to the researcher to determine what information he or she uses.

"I don't think there's anything inherent in the system that prevents people from finding and using an article," he said.

Janna Lawrence, an associate director of Hardin Library, said even though she believes the problem existed before online publications came about, there are flaws in the perusal process that can lead to certain works left with less attention.

"A lot of researchers want to read articles from journals they've heard of," she said.

By only using more popular search engines or just trusting the most well-known publications, she said, diversity in research can suffer.

At the same time, she was quick to note that it is the responsibility of these popular journals to publish only the best work.

"Part of the answer would be for those big name journals to be more inclusive in what they publish," she said. "They turn away more than they print."

Lawrence said some UI researchers only look at Pubmed Medline, a search engine made up of more than 4,000 different medical journals.

"This is the first place they look, so it does kind of limit them," she said.

Lawrence said she still believes online journals are more useful than detrimental to research.

She said the easy access encourages more reading and accessible content for everyone.

"The more things that are online, the better chance you have to find the lesser-known journals," she said.

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Editorial

Should the tax-free weekend be expanded?

YES

Tax-free weekend will begin one week from today. The state supports this tax holiday in hopes to help people acquire the clothing needed for the approaching colder temperatures, as well as clothing they need for an important time of the year — back-to-school time. While this is a good idea, it could be used more than once in an attempt to stimulate the declining economy. Consideration of another tax-free weekend in the beginning of December or even a third in the spring would provide extra help for Iowa businesses.

The current tax-free weekend could use an overhaul, as well. As it stands, tax-free items are defined as clothes and shoes under \$100. This does not include book bags, backpacks, or school supplies such as pens or notebooks. These are important parts of the expenses for back-to-school time — the most important part, really. The tax-free weekend should be expanded to include many more items. School supplies, hygiene products, and dorm necessities should also be included to help parents and students. The limit of \$100 could also be adjusted to accommodate higher-priced items. Unfortunately, \$100 doesn't stretch as far as it used to, and some items are still reasonably priced above that limit. It should be increased to be able to allow bedding items for dorms, such as sheets, blankets, and other provisions. A new limit of merchandise under \$200 or \$300 could help make the tax-free weekend more of an event for the state.

Also, a significant increase in business in the border towns would be seen with an expansion of what is included in the tax-free weekend. Patrons from our neighboring states would make the drive to communities such as Davenport, Council Bluffs, and Dubuque, which could further would help jump-start the Iowa economy. Hotels, stores, restaurants, and gas stations would all likely see an increase in business, which have been typically robust during these weekends. All types of businesses could benefit from such weekends, especially near the Christmas season. There are plenty of December shoppers who would appreciate the availability of a little extra savings on their shopping lists this year.

The nation, including our state, is having a rough go financially, especially with recent disasters. Think of how valuable the added income could be for businesses, and how this could affect our economy. Altering the \$100 limit or adding one or two additional tax-free weekends are viable opportunities for economic growth that need to be explored.

— Editorial writer Michelle Schacherer

NO

On Aug. 1 and 2, consumers will get a statewide discount during Iowa's annual sales-tax holiday. For nearly all types of shoes and clothing under \$100, the state's 6 percent sales tax will be dropped. The weekend is put in place to boost the local economy through increased spending and to provide some relief for low-income consumers. However, government sponsorship of consumer spending is not a tool that can simply be reapplied every time economic progress is thought to be lacking. Nor can it be very effective in lessening the burden on low-income families. As such, any attempts to increase the scope of this tax holiday would likely prove fruitless.

In general, sales taxes put a disproportionately large burden on low-income buyers. That is, these buyers are forced to spend a larger percentage of their income on sales taxes than are the middle and upper classes. This is the typical argument used by proponents of these tax holidays. But, in reality, these tax exemptions are largely unable to produce their intended results. According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, a number of factors prevent these efforts from succeeding. The most obvious reason is simply that these short breaks are too insignificant to have a major impact.

Of course, the insignificance of the holidays may seem to suggest that they should be expanded. But that decision would likely prove to be more costly than beneficial. Suffice it to say, tax holidays impose significant administrative costs on local governments. Each and every tax-exempt item must be catalogued, and many procedural stipulations must be communicated to retailers in order to facilitate the holiday. Moreover, as the scope of the holidays increases, consumers become more inclined to schedule their purchases in accordance with them. According to the taxation institute, this leaves retailers with a strong incentive to raise prices during the tax holiday period, thereby negating the holiday's effect.

In the end, the facilitation of tax holidays is a sort of Catch-22: If they are used often enough to really affect low-income budgets, they do more overall harm than good. But if they are only used sporadically, they are largely unable to help their intended beneficiaries. Even if intermittent holidays could have a significant effect, low-income households often do not have the luxury of scheduling purchases at their own convenience; goods must often be bought as soon as there is enough money to do so. For this reason, many low-income consumers will not even be able to take advantage of the holiday.

Finally, there is the often forgotten fact that tax holidays are expensive; they divert a large amount of revenue from local governments, which would otherwise be used to finance the programs and services we have now come to expect. With all these things in mind, tax holidays seem to lose much of their appeal. To that end, Iowa residents would be best served if the scope of these holidays went unchanged.

— Editorial writer Erik Hovenkamp

Letters

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Guest Opinion

Free-market baby making

Thirty years ago Friday, Louise Brown came into the world amid alarmist predictions that her birth would end sex. Jeremiahs such as writer Jeremy Rifkin wailed that in-vitro ("under glass") fertilization would harm the future Louise. Bioethicist Leon Kass then warned that in-vitro fertilization, by sundering the bonds between the act of sex and conception, would damage families.

Because of such fears, when Louise's parents walked down the streets of their English town in 1978, their neighbors fled, expecting something scary or monstrous to be in the baby carriage. When they saw a normal baby, their fears disappeared. "In-vitro fertilization is just helping nature along a bit," Louise's father told them, correctly.

Since then, assisted reproduction has helped along hundreds of thousands of American babies. According to 2005 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, assisted reproduction helped create more than 50,000 American babies that year alone.

The Vatican perversely persists in condemning in-vitro fertilization, but it is hard to see the wisdom — or any sense of compassion — behind that thinking. Perhaps no children in history have been so wanted.

Of course, things aren't perfect. Children conceived through in-vitro fertilization have a slightly elevated rate of rare birth defects. It is still not clear why; it could be because of the older age of the eggs and sperm of the parents. But 99 percent of in-vitro fertilization kids, just like Louise Brown, are born healthy.

Although infertility clinics advertise great rates of success, real figures are often disappointing. Few states require insurance companies to cover in-vitro fertilization, and the costs run about \$8,000 or more for each attempt. Most couples try two or three times but end in failure. In fact, CDC statistics show that only around 25 percent to 30 percent of couples using in-vitro fertilization take home a baby, and if the woman is older than 35, the likelihood is worse.

So physicians have looked for new approaches. The next best tool is using eggs of young women. Such eggs, fertilized by sperm from the older man, create an embryo that can be gestated by the older woman and has a genetic connection to the father. For women over 40, this procedure dramatically increases their chances.

New medical — especially fertility — techniques are often reported in sky-is-falling prose. In 1969, Warren Kornberg, the editor of *Science News*, wrote that ethical questions about assisted reproduction, cloning, and human genetics outweighed ethical questions raised by atomic bombs. Whether it is with sperm donations from geniuses, egg donation, babies from thawed eggs, babies from frozen embryos, or a baby from a medically twinned embryo,

alarmists always predict that the next new technique will take us down the dreaded slippery slope.

Looking back, the alarmism cloaked the real issues, which concerned money. The first involved deception, fraud, and greed. Throughout the 1980s, Dr. Cecil Jacobson of Fairfax, Va., used his own sperm instead of the intended fathers' to create as many as 75 embryos. He went to jail for it in 1992. In the mid-90s, Dr. Ricardo Asch at UC-Irvine was caught switching donor eggs without women's consent. Asch fled the country to avoid prosecution. The U.S. legal system expunged these fraudulent physicians; further laws wouldn't protect consumers.

There is another issue about money here. Deeply affecting research in assisted reproduction, Congress in 1974 banned the use of federal money in research involving human embryos, a ban that continues.

For such research to occur, then, it had to be done in private clinics that accepted no federal grants but instead got all of their money from client fees. Early on, critics doubted that couples would pay for in-vitro fertilization, especially if their chances of creating a baby were low. The last three decades proved the critics very wrong.

A primal human desire may exist to create a child of one's own. In 1978, most insurance companies resisted paying for in-vitro fertilization as too expensive or frivolous, and critics thought that would halt the practice altogether. Fortunately, couples enjoy the freedom to spend their money as they choose to buy reproductive help. So, in trying to conceive a child with in-vitro fertilization, some couples drove 15-year-old cars, rented apartments rather than bought houses, or went without vacations.

Wholly unintentionally, the U.S. ban on federal funding jump-started innovation in assisted reproduction. One byproduct of the ban was that the National Institutes of Health and ethics committees had no mechanism for regulating research in these private clinics. In Europe, assisted reproduction has always been subject to strict government oversight, and as a result, few innovations occur there. Those in the United States opposed to assisted reproduction miscalculated — and wound up creating one of the fastest-growing areas of American medicine fueled, in part, by competing private clinics.

The experience of 30 years teaches us two things: First, discount alarmism about assisted reproduction and embrace (don't fear) new ways of making babies. Second, let the market, not government, regulate baby making. One final note. Last year, Louise Brown had her own baby, without assisted reproduction, proving yet again how natural she is.

Gregory Pence has taught bioethics at the medical school of the University of Alabama-Birmingham for 33 years. This column appeared in Thursday's *Los Angeles Times*.

Death of Paper

Imagine getting out of bed at the crack of dawn, sitting down for breakfast, and opening up your newspaper. The top headline story is about a hit-and-run accident that happened earlier, about 3 a.m. Though you read that the perpetrator has not been identified and no information is yet available regarding the victim's condition, the article's author does inform you that the police are searching for a white minivan.

But then, just as you're skimming the story's last few paragraphs, the whole front page goes blank for a second and flashes "updating" a few times before displaying the new headline: "Local man apprehended for fatal collision with cyclist." After the first three paragraphs, most of the article remains unchanged from the first time you read it, but the new information is easy to spot because it's displayed in bold text. However, that formatting goes away as you glance over at the weather column to determine whether you ought to bring your umbrella to work. Finally, you place your cereal bowl in the sink and toss your newspaper back on your desk before rushing out the door.

Technology enthusiasts have predicted the death of paper for some time now but have traditionally had trouble explaining what would take its place. Despite their usefulness for many tasks, the electronic displays on present-day laptops and other gadgets remain unable to match old-fashioned paper in terms of being lightweight, flexible, and, perhaps most importantly, easy on the eyes. Thus, although many people today, especially the young, get much of their news online, dead-tree publications still serve a unique and vital function.

But those age-old compact sheets of ground-up wood pulp are about to be supplanted by a new medium. If "plastics" was the economic buzzword of the late 1960s, "electronic paper" will likely achieve similar fame in the 2010s. The name may or may not stick, but the development of the technology is already proceeding at a rapid pace. Numerous electronics manufacturers are experimenting with flexible circuits that can be embedded in rubber, producing devices such as screens, keyboards, and touch pads that can be twisted, rolled, or folded without damaging them.

Electronic paper provides the benefits of both ordinary paper and computer screens without the drawbacks of either. Traditional paper's biggest limitation is its static nature. Once a newspaper has been printed, the cat's out of the bag. Find a typo or a factual error? Get new information that would substantially change a story's structure? Too bad. Once the papers have come off the presses, they have to be sold as is. However, the backlighting necessary to make electronic screens readable gradually wears on a person, hurting one's eyes and just never looking quite as good as printed material.

The problem with backlighting has been partially solved already, but most devices don't yet make use of the improved technology. The display on Amazon's Kindle, a small, portable device that allows one to read electronic books, looks quite different from an ordinary computer screen. It is designed not to irritate people's eyes the way other screens often do.

Currently, these new screens are only available in gray scale, but efforts to add color to commercial models are underway. Though it's a step in the right direction, the Kindle's screen doesn't represent the best display technology on the horizon. Screens readable using only ambient light are being developed, eliminating the issue of backlighting altogether.

Once these devices have been improved enough to be ready for commercialization, there will be far less demand for printed materials. A person would only really need a few electronic-paper displays around the house to view any version of any publication available on the Internet. Also, people will be able to format their papers as they see fit, aggregating news articles and opinions pieces from numerous sources into a single, customized product. Thus, this new method of consuming information will also unite the best aspects of newspapers and blogs. Writing copy for distribution via electronic paper will be no more difficult or expensive than posting on a blog currently is. This development will completely shatter most current barriers to entry into the newspaper business. ■

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CHRISTOPHER PATTON

"Mad Men," AMC's drama about 1960s advertising execs in New York City, recently landed 16 Emmy nominations, including one for outstanding drama series. This makes it one of only two basic-cable shows to do so. See what all the hype is about when Season 2 premieres July 27 at 9 p.m. on AMC.

Arts & Culture

Even Euforia FADES AWAY

Playing Saturday night at the Yacht Club, Eufórquestra will say goodbye to the city the members love in a special farewell concert.



Contributed photo

Eufórquestra will play the Yacht Club Saturday in a going-away concert for the seven-person band. The Yacht Club helped the band flourish, along with its Afro-Caribbean-barnyard-funk music.

By Cole Cheney
THE DAILY IOWAN

The cool kid in middle school just got invited to the high-school party.

Should his eighth-grade friends feel happy for the guy because he is mature enough to move on, or should they wallow in uncertainty and jealousy because "no one even liked him that much until we started hanging out with him?"

Ideally, they'd think the former. But realistically, they'd mull over the latter, and in the case of cool kid Eufórquestra moving to Fort Collins, Colo. (home of the high-schoolers with fake IDs), Iowa City — with its conflicted middle-schoolers — will harbor both sentiments.

In a bittersweet tribute to the city and venue that leveraged its flourishing repertoire, Eufórquestra will play at 9 p.m. Saturday at the Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St., for \$7 admission. Dubbed the "Iowa City Going-Away Party," this concert serves as the last time that Iowa City fans can enjoy the Afro-Caribbean-barnyard-funk jams of the seven-man ensemble as purely homegrown and local music. Before the middle-school envy flares up, however, vocalist, guitarist, and mandolinist Mike Tallman pointed out that

Iowa City won't become a distant memory for the group members.

"We cannot forget a city from which we poured so much labor into and received so much love," he said. "[We] will be back on tour and to headline Camp Euforia."

Five short years of rare accomplishments are the products of the symbiotic city-band relationship. A Wakarusa appearance, the contribution of a single to *Global Rhythm Magazine's* compilation CD, and a collaboration with Page McConnell, the keyboardist for Phish, are among the rapidly lengthening list of reasons justifying the Fort Collins migration.

"No town in Iowa has cultural talent and appreciation similar to Iowa City," said Eric Quiner, the keyboardist and a vocalist for the septet. "Out in Colorado, though, there are 10 Iowa Cities. Even the smaller festivals we've played out there have received huge responses."

That statement is hardly a small one; the band's own festival, Camp Euforia, hosted more than 1,000 people on the weekend of July 11, said Yacht Club owner Scott Kading.

"I groveled and begged the guys to play here one last time," he said. "There was no way they were leaving here without play-

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Eufórquestra
When: 9 p.m. Saturday
Where: Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
Admission: \$7

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ing one more time."

Having first recruited the band Euforia, which quickly expanded to Eufórquestra, to play the Yacht Club five years ago, Kading said the group seemed unique immediately.

"We thought these guys were overly confident when they said that our place would be full of 'hot ladies' and die-hard fans by the end of the night," Kading said. "Their music blew us away, and their fan prediction came true."

Eventually, the Yacht Club developed the "Quiner-Extension," an elongation to the locale's stage made specifically to accommodate Eufórquestra's keyboard player.

Local-venue anecdotes make the band feel welcome, yet bigger events are afoot. With world-renowned artists such as the Funky Meters playing alongside the band at the Big Easy Blowout, and the heavily publicized group the Chicago Afrobeat Project calling for a side-by-side tour with Eufórquestra earlier this year in a *Daily Iowan* interview, major success may lie only a few states away.

The guys' bags are packed, and their minds are set.

While Iowa City provided a backbone of community support for the band, sheer numbers triumph in the end. Densely populated and culturally thriving centers such as Denver and Boulder provide a promised land for a group that already boasts national acclaim, yet lacks major commercial success. Selling out isn't the issue, for its try-anything sound will always be unique.

For Eufórquestra, providing its music to a wider audience is something that can only result from hanging out with the popular high-school seniors. And it looks like the Fort Collins' yearbook's Most Talented nominees will have some fierce competition.

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Getting a leg up on things

Liberty Leg: more than just the name of a tasty lamb entrée.

By Brian Dau
THE DAILY IOWAN

CONCERT
Liberty Leg, with Yellow Fever

When: 9 p.m. today
Where: Picador, 330 E. Washington
Admission: \$5

The first thing you notice when you hear a Liberty Leg song are the vocals. Ethan Richeson's deep, booming shouts make him sound like a man possessed by some Southern old-timer singing the blues. It's somewhat surprising, then, to learn the 37-year-old is a native of Iowa City. And his live performances are a little different from the traditional blues singer who sits and grieves into his guitar.

"He's like Iggy Pop," drummer Josh Carrollhach, 42, said. "A tall skinny guy who totally comes unglued onstage."

The three-piece band, rounded out by guitarist Craig Ziegenhorn, 36, is scheduled to perform with Yellow Fever today at the Picador at 9 p.m.

The band has been around in some form for more than 10 years now, though Carrollhach is a relatively recent addition, joining the band in 2007. Their name is derived from Richeson's interest in American history, a major theme in many of Liberty Leg's lyrics.

"I'm no historian," he said. "I'm kind of a failed American studies scholar, but we use a lot of American history as metaphor."

This affinity for American history is also evidenced by the title and cover of the band's latest EP, *1776*, which features a black and white image of the Liberty Bell (sporting a leg for a clacker, of course).

1776, which was released independently by the band, was recorded at Carrollhach's four-acre farm southwest of Iowa City. He remodeled the farm's "corn crib" into a makeshift recording studio in order to give the band a place to record and rehearse.

ARTS

Wright stuff

When thinking of Frank Lloyd Wright, the figure named "the greatest American architect of all time," it's more likely to conjure up images of the clean lines and innovative angles of his buildings than it is to think of him as a romantic figure. This tendency, however, would go against what author Nancy Horan has in mind for her reading at 7 p.m. today at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

In Horan's first novel, *Loving Frank*, she discusses the story of one woman — Mamah Borthwick Cheney — who apparently did see Wright as a romantic figure, to the shock of Illinois society at the time.

The former journalist mentions on the book's official website that while the writing and research may have taken seven years, the initial inspiration was relatively simple to

find: Horan's hometown is Oak Park, Ill., the site of the beginning of Wright's "Prairie Period." It was here, too, that *Loving Frank* begins in the early 20th century with the meeting of Wright and Cheney, one-half of a couple the architect had designed a home for. The pair quickly struck up a friendship that would eventually become romantic.

Loving Frank, called "plausible and engrossing" by the *New York Times Book Review*, explores the Wright-Cheney relationship from Mamah's point-of-view.

"The more I learned about her, the more I felt compelled to tell her remarkable story," Horan said in an interview on the novel's website. "... I believe Mamah had a profound influence on Frank Lloyd Wright ... I think it can be argued that Mamah was the love of his life."

— by Anna Wiegenstein

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Ramping up a garage sale

For a second year, Rummage in the Ramp hopes to eliminate curbside trash this moving season.



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Erin Kriener (left), Anthony Davis (center), 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.

By Melissa Brownrigg
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa Citians have the opportunity once again to ease curbside litter through the city's biggest garage sale, Rummage in the Ramp.

Residents of Iowa City can drop off such 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 littered the blocked-off 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, and that's what ended up happening."

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 a pickup fee because of the discarded furniture departing tenants leave at the curb.

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

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

"He's a boy, so that little bit of wear and tear shouldn't matter," she said.

Eric Goers, another Iowa City resident, bought a \$2 wet-suit for his son and what he thought was a vase for his wife.

"Hopefully, she won't hate it, but if she does, it will be back here tomorrow," he said.

Last year, the sale brought in an estimated 250 donors, 800 shoppers, and lots of positive feedback, Jordan said.

"We had people ask if we were going to do this every week," she said.

Around \$4,000 in profits last year was split among the nonprofit organizations and groups that volunteered for the sale. Each group received

around \$400.

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.

"We're trying to keep the items out of the landfill and also help people who can't afford new furniture," she said.

Jordan learned last year that organization is vital to the sale.

"Last year was a free-for-all," she said. "We didn't have as many tables or as much shelving."

Jordan said she hopes to cut down on the chaos by being more picky when it comes to accepting items this year. Last year, 20 tons of items were

Acceptable items

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

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

Source: Iowa City website

brought in. But some "questionable" items that were either dirty or really old ended up in the landfill, she said.

The event was designed to reduce discarded furniture from students, but Jordan said the sale has brought others just looking to get rid of a few items while helping others.

"It's definitely a community-building experience," she said.

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NATION

Postville raid draws fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers on Thursday questioned the legality and effectiveness of the government's tactics in a May raid that led to the arrest of nearly 400 immigrants.

The crackdown on a kosher meatpacking plant in Postville, Iowa — called Agriprocessors — represented the largest single immigration raid in the nation's history. Most of the workers, who faced charges of aggravated identity theft for using immigration or Social Security numbers that did not belong to them, accepted plea agreements on a lesser charge of Social Security fraud. Most now face five months of jail followed by deportation.

The raid has come under fire from immigration reform groups and now lawmakers who objected to group prosecutions that they say violated due process and who criticized the decision to disproportionately go after workers instead of employers.

"This looks and feels like a cattle auction, not a criminal prosecution in the United States," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., a former immigration lawyer and chair of the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration, which held a five-hour hearing Thursday

on the Postville raid.

The workers were given seven days to decide whether to accept the plea agreement, and they appeared in groups of 10 at the plea hearings.

"Defendants did not know what a Social Security number was," said Erik Camayd-Freixas, one of the interpreters brought in to translate at the court proceedings.

Deborah Rhodes, senior associate deputy attorney general at the Department of Justice, defended the "fast-tracking" process, which she said averted flooding the courts and resulted in reduced sentences.

Lawmakers also expressed concern about the government's priorities, arguing that the mass raid complicated an existing investigation into labor, food safety, and environmental violations at the Agriprocessors plant.

Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, whose district borders Postville, said he was concerned that rounding up, jailing, and deporting the plant's workers would impede the Department of Labor's investigation.

"Unless we enforce our laws equally against both employees and employers who break the law, we will continue to have a serious problem with illegal immigration in this country," Braley said.

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"I was not enthused about going to the meeting, I felt uncomfortable about that, but we were requested to be there," the coach said. "When I walked away, I thought it was a very positive meeting in a very tough circumstance."

That meeting was his last involvement with the procedure taking place, he said.

During the press conference, he defended his character, particularly in light of accusations of a cover-up at the UI.

"You can question my ability to coach, you can question the decisions I choose to make — and I am in a decision-making position," Ferentz said. "You can question a lot of things, but to question character, I do take exception to that."



Kirk Herbstreit
ESPN analyst



Jim Delany
Big Ten commissioner

Instead of saying, "What's wrong with Kirk Ferentz?" I'm saying, "What's wrong with the players?" These kids are 18- to 22-year-old kids, but I think they're men. We have 18- to 22-year-old men who are in Iraq, fighting for our country and making huge decisions every day. These guys know right from wrong, so I think it's more about the juniors and seniors providing leadership. They have to be an extension of what Kirk Ferentz and his staff want.

While the coverage is appropriate from a media perspective ... there ought to be a presumption of innocence. I'll tell you, Kirk Ferentz is one of the finest people — forget about coaches. And Sally Mason and Gary Barta ... in my view, their values, their judgment, their integrity, is at a high level. So not only do they get the presumption of innocence, they get the presumption of support because of the kind of people they are.

As far as the investigation, "what we have to do is have some patience" and wait for the regents to complete their review, Parrott said.

Former Hawkeyes Satterfield and Everson were charged in May with second-degree sexual abuse in the incident; Satterfield also faces a third-degree sexual-abuse charge.

The woman allegedly told police she was raped by Satterfield in an empty Hillcrest room. Everson is also accused of raping her the same night.

The trials for both former football players are set for Nov. 3.

FERENTZ'S FIRST REACTION

While he wouldn't say whom, Ferentz did reveal Thursday that he had a meeting with more players than the defensive backs Everson and Satterfield and that the decisions he made were in compliance with Iowa's Student Athlete Code of Conduct.

He said the last team activities that either Everson or Satterfield participated in took place on Oct. 14, 2007, and that the last "information-gathering" conversations he had with the two players came Oct. 18, 2007. By then, Ferentz said, he had made a decision.

"I only acted on the things that a football coach can act on," he said. "Based on the knowledge I had, the information I had from several people, I acted on what I had, and I think I acted fairly."

Barta, who was also in Chicago for the Big Ten media day, said he received a voice mail the night of Oct. 14, 2007, that suggested some wrongdoings may have taken place and that the first attempt he had to talk with people and gather information came the following morning.

"From Day One, we had contacted all the appropriate people on campus," he said. "Each step we took was very careful and with full attempt to follow university policy. Everybody went through it with integrity and with the intent to follow policy procedures."

Barta said he agreed with decisions Ferentz made after the alleged sexual assault.

"Each coach has team rules, and by those team rules, each coach can make decisions whether he or she chooses to suspend or not suspend her or his student-athlete," Barta said. "Then there's the Student Athlete Code of Conduct. In both

instances, Kirk's actions were consistent, so certainly, he shared with me what his intentions were, and I supported that."

OTHER FOOTBALL CHARGES

In light of the recent arrest of incoming freshman Riley Reiff, Ferentz said Thursday that Reiff will be given a stiffer punishment now as opposed to what he would have received if his arrest had occurred a year ago.

Reiff, a 19-year-old recruit from Parkston, S.D., was arrested July 19 after allegedly leading police on a 20-minute foot chase downtown. The incident began when an officer reported that she witnessed Reiff naked in the alley in downtown Iowa City. His eyes were bloodshot, the officer reported, and his balance was unstable.

Officers charged him with public intoxication and interference with official acts, both simple misdemeanors.

Reiff is the 18th Iowa football player to face charges since 2007.

Thursday, Ferentz said about Reiff's punishment, "It's going to hurt a little bit more, but all that being said, I'd like to think we're educators, and I'd like to think we'll be fair to him."

"He has been in Iowa City long enough to know, I would hope, that what he did was not only bad in itself but directly worked against the cause that I think everybody on our team is committed to taking the right path on."

However, Ferentz also said that he would not kick Reiff off the team for what took place in Iowa City last week.

Ferentz also spoke about what he called the new "player-development personnel person" to serve as an academic counselor to help players with issues that arise off the field. No one has formally been named by the athletics department.

"This person is strictly a supplement person," the coach said. "We're not going to hire Dr. Phil. Our goals are basically to get someone who can help us with players making the transition."

"It's not going to be a glamorous job. It's almost an entry-level position in some ways. What we're looking for, above anything else, is one more person to have more one-on-one interaction with our players just about their transition."

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RAGBRAI cyclists pedal into North Liberty on Thursday. RAGBRAI's theme Thursday was "Pirates."

RAGBRAI

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Newmark, a scientist for 3M, said he and his team of 25 wore the matching helmets to keep track of each other.

"This way, we can recognize our fellow loonies," he said.

Birds on helmets weren't the only things that rode into North Liberty. Buses with unique themes also sat scattered on the side streets, waiting for their cyclist owners to arrive. Among the buses was the Vicious Cycle, which made its way to Iowa carrying riders from Illinois, Georgia, and South Carolina.

"I bought the bus on e-Bay, sight unseen," fifth-year RAGBRAI rider John North said. "We

needed a vehicle that was as corny as the ride, pun intended."

North's teammate Vince Vasquez described that the name, plastered onto both sides of the rust-red-colored bus, came from what team members call, literally, "the vicious cycle": eat, drink, sleep, and ride like hell.

This year's team is made up of 14 riders and one driver.

"We have to hire a new driver every year, because every year, our drivers want to come back as riders," North said.

As has been the case in previous years, riders from Lance Armstrong's Livestrong Foundation are also participating in RAGBRAI. Though Armstrong himself only rode one day this week, 175 other riders belong-

ing to his team are making the 471-mile trek across Iowa. Each member must raise a minimum of \$1,500 to fund cancer research.

"The whole mission of the Lance Armstrong Foundation is to make cancer research a priority," said Charles O'Reilly of Springfield, Mo. "We're not just riding to ride; we're riding to go around and talk to people."

First-time RAGBRAI rider Andy Hodges, who is riding with the Livestrong team, said there are perks other than talking to fellow riders about his cause.

"It's beautiful country," he said. "We just love the corn."

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City eyes Dubuque St.

DUBUQUE

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town via the North Dodge Street exit from I-80, causing traffic jams, especially during busy morning and evening hours.

Emergency responses were also slower, although the Fire Department worked with other towns to cover certain areas, said Fire Chief Andy Rocca.

One example he offered was a routine trip out to the water plant. It took the fire truck more than 22 minutes to reach its destination — a trip that usually takes no more than eight minutes.

"It wasn't uncommon to sit in traffic for 40 minutes," Rocca said. "I would be in favor of raising Dubuque, as long as we had a prioritized list of all the compromised roadways."

Since 1993, the idea of raising Dubuque Street has been tossed around a few times, said Steve Atkins, the former city manager. However, the Iowa City City Council never approved the project.

"[Raising Dubuque] was on a long list of things we thought could be done after the '93 floods," said Karen Kubby, who was a city councilor then and is

now the executive director of the Emma Goldman Clinic, 227 N. Dubuque St. "We had to prioritize, and we just didn't think a flood like that would happen very often."

Instead of raising Dubuque Street, the city received \$700,000 for the development of the peninsula on the north side of the city.

Fifteen years later, though, Dubuque Street was once again submerged for days on end, making the project a greater focus now than before.

Whether the community and the City Council would fully support the expensive project will play a big part in its fate. The council would need to approve the proposal.

"I do have some problems with [raising Dubuque]," said City Councilor Connie Champion. "It's very expensive, and the street doesn't flood very often."

No official plans have been drawn up, but Davidson said Dubuque Street would probably be raised between the Park Road and Foster Road intersections if the plan were approved.

Although the project could possibly be more convenient for some, others expressed concern about what would happen to the water that would usually sit on the road during a flood.

"We don't know what would happen to the water," Davidson said. "Would it mean more water in City Park or in Coralville? How would it affect flows downstream?"

Raising the Park Road bridge could offset any water-level increases on the river incurred by raising Dubuque Street, said Ron Knoche, a city engineer.

"We're just conducting a risk-benefit analysis to see what effects it would have," he said. "It would be difficult to raise it to a level where it would not be completely submerged during a flood like this year."

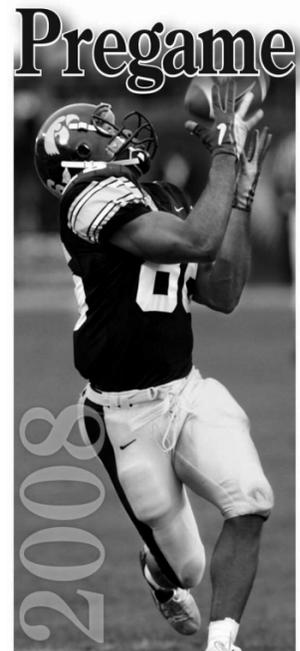
Another question that remains to be answered is what effect raising the Park Road bridge would have downstream. Right now, the bridge acts similar to a dam during high water, holding back some of the flow.

Knoche said that even though it may act as a dam in a smaller flood, it wouldn't affect any downstream areas.

Even if officials approve the initial plan, determining the height of the road will be a balancing act.

"We have to ask if we want to raise [Dubuque] just enough to stay dry during a 100-year flood," Knoche said.

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DIVING
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Foster has continued to compete in both national and international competitions since rejoining her old club, winning both the 2007 and 2008 Speedo USA Diving Spring National Championships, her most notable accomplishments leading up to her Olympic berth.

As with many athletes, her success has its humble origins in a simple blue ribbon.

She was first introduced to diving at age 5 in a summer activities program near Conroe that she attended with her older sister, Holly Jo. In her first competition at the camp, she won a blue ribbon, a photo of which is displayed proudly on Foster's blog.

Her coach at that program, Bill Cant, recommended that she attend a diving camp run by then-University of Texas diving coach Mike Brown. When Brown saw potential in the Underwood girls, he called Olen and JoAnn Underwood to suggest that they get their daughters more involved in the sport.

"Coach Brown called me on the phone after the diving camp and said, 'Your little girls have some talent, and you need to get them with Ken Armstrong in The Woodlands and allow them to develop their talent,'" Olen Underwood said. "So that's what we did."

That was in 1992, when blue ribbons were nice rewards, but diving was simply something fun to do.

"At that point, her mind wasn't exactly on diving," JoAnn Underwood said. "She was just having a good time.

"It wasn't until she was 10 or 11 that she really got serious about it."

Armstrong began coaching at The Woodlands Athletic Club in 1988 after coaching stints at the University of Calgary and Texas. Having trained Foster for the better part of 16 years, he will coach her when she travels to Beijing as well.

"I know her well because she's been around for so long," he said. "It's a comfortable relationship. She knows me, and I know her; I know what buttons to push and when to push them.

"It's going to be fun because it's her and Laura Wilkinson from here. Both of them I taught their first step in diving, so it's going to be a great Olympic Games because of that."

Wilkinson, a 2000 gold medalist competing in her third Olympics, has been a role model and mentor for Foster at the Woodlands Athletic Club.

"Sometimes when I was younger, watching the

Olympics, I would feel like they're so far ahead of me I don't think I could ever do that," Foster said. "The first time [I saw the Olympics as a real goal] was in 2000, when I watched Laura Wilkinson win.

"Because Laura was my teammate and I trained with her every day and to see her win was kind of a switch — it was like, 'Wow, maybe this is attainable. Maybe this is something that I can do.'"

THE OLD COLLEGE TRY

With her older sister Holly Jo already a conference champion for Ohio State in 2000, Foster had her eyes on competing in the Big Ten. Through Armstrong's connection to Rydze, she found an ideal situation at Iowa to begin her collegiate diving career.

"My diving improved dramatically when I came to Iowa," Foster said. "Coach Rydze and I just work really good together, and I was able to learn more difficult dives when I came to Iowa, as well as just the new environment, and my team really encouraged me, and we pushed each other."

During her Hawkeye career, Foster was named an All-American five times, and she holds Iowa's top four women's all-time scores in the 3-meter springboard.

"From the very first day that I came there, I could tell that [Rydze] believed in me and really thought that I could do great things," Foster said. "And so that really raised the level of expectations on myself."

Having coached at Iowa for 33 years, Rydze describes Foster among the top two women divers he has ever coached at Iowa, the other being Lisette Planken, a 2005 Iowa graduate from the Netherlands.

"Her strength is her strength — she's very, very powerful," Rydze said. "Her DDs are comparable with the Chinese divers' degree of difficulty.

"She's got a great feel for her backs and reverses, which is very important because those are the blind dives."

Foster describes her most consistent dive being the reverse 2½ pike, one of the dives Rydze taught her. Having seen three Hawkeye men go to the Olympics during his tenure at Iowa, the coach will relish the opportunity to see the first diver from his women's teams bask in the glow of the Games.

"The trip was going to be enjoyable anyway," he said. "It makes it a lot more enjoyable because you get to be at the Olympic Games and watch one of your divers dive."

FIRST SHOT AT THE GAMES

Before the 2003-04 school year — midway through Foster's career at Iowa — Armstrong suggested that she try out for the 2004 Olympics in Athens. After consulting with Rydze, who advised her to pursue an Olympic berth, she took a redshirt year so she could focus on training for the Olympic Trials.

It was not meant to be, though; as she finished fourth on the 3-meter springboard at the trials, short of the top-two finish needed to make that year's team.

Foster used that experience as a building block for the 2008 Olympic team.

"I thought I had a shot, but I was very much an underdog in 2004," she said. "So I was in a little bit of a different role going into [this year]. I had just matured a lot as a diver."

WHEN IT ALMOST ENDED

One troubled diving span might have ended Foster's diving career prematurely, though.

While competing for the Woodlands Athletic Club in 1997, Foster suffered a head injury that nearly ended her diving career.

Performing an inward 2½, she came in too close and struck her face against the diving board. Her teeth were smashed and her nose broken, and doctors performed a CT scan and detected a crack in her skull.

But a month later, doctors no longer could detect a crack and cleared her to continue diving.

"For her to come back from that in two months was just a really brave thing," JoAnn Underwood said.

But while performing a dive at her next competition eight months later, Foster suffered another accident, this time striking the back of her head on the board, an injury that required several stitches. After the second accident, JoAnn Underwood's concerns made her want her daughter to quit diving.

Foster, however, remained determined.

"It was much more difficult after my second accident, but again, I came to the same conclusions that I had the first time, that this was something that I loved and I wanted to continue on, that this was just a hard season, but that it definitely wasn't the end for me," Foster said.

Seeing how dedicated her daughter was to the sport, JoAnn Underwood respected her daughter's decision to continue diving.

"She just wanted it really bad, just loves diving," JoAnn Underwood said. "I think you have to

How she cracked the diving dozen

Foster, along with Indiana University's Christina Loukas, will compete for Team USA on the 3-meter springboard in Beijing next month. It will be her first Olympics, but it was not her first shot at making the team.

At the 2004 Olympic Trials, Foster finished fourth on the 3-meter springboard in her first attempt to make the US Olympic team. Only the top two in each event made the team. Competing at the 2008 Olympic Trials in June at Indiana University, Foster finished second in her event behind Loukas.

However, USA diving's selection format for this quadrennial was changed to give automatic bids only to the first-place finishers. Foster, and the rest of each event's top six qualified for a selection camp in which USA diving's selection committee would choose the rest of the 12-member team.

Foster brought her A-game to the July selection camp at the University of Tennessee, winning three of four lists to earn her place on the 2008 Olympic team.

love the sport you're in besides just having the dedication."

For Foster, looking past the danger of another accident and focusing on a successful dive is a matter of proper perspective.

"You're probably not going to be really successful at something if you're really afraid of it; however, you can't just disregard it completely," Foster said. "But respect, I feel, is a healthy balance between respecting the dangers involved and yet not letting that danger control you or influence you too much."

But she doesn't pretend that fear of another injury doesn't cross her mind.

"I think it's something that kind of goes back and forth," she said. "I've felt fear even in the not too distant past of dives, but it helps me when I do feel fearful, remembering that I know the techniques that are going to keep me safe and again that I need to have respect for it, but I don't need to be fearful of it.

"It's a balance that you have to continue to maintain every day."

FIFTH TIME IN CHINA

Though this will be Foster's first Olympic Games, it is not her first trip to China. She has competed there four times before in international competition, most recently in March at the FINA Grand Prix China Open in Shenzhen, where she

finished fifth in the 3-meter springboard.

One thing she has come to expect from previous diving meets in China, where the sport enjoys more popularity than in the United States, is the country's enthusiastic fans.

"Diving in China is different from diving in a lot of other places," she said. "There's always huge turnout for competition — almost always they're sold out.

"Young people are very into what they're watching. They really appreciate the dives, and they'll laugh at you if you do a bad dive there. They're usually pretty animated, so it's a fun atmosphere to dive in."

Foster will have her own cheering section in Beijing. Her husband, Matt Foster, as well as her mother, brother Grant Underwood, and his girlfriend will all be in attendance.

Acknowledging the increased media attention and distractions that come with the world's largest and most celebrated international competition, Foster puts the hype in perspective. Just as she balances fear and

respect for the dangers of her sport, she will balance her focus on her diving with the awe of her first Olympic Games.

"In one sense, it's just another competition," she said. "All the same players are there, all the same competitors that I've seen around at international meets for the last four or five years will be there.

"It's the same people, I'll be doing the same dives, it's the same 3 meters, so I want to approach it as just another meet, while at the same time, trying to enjoy the uniqueness and the specialness of the Olympics."

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Florida	53	49	.520	2
Atlanta	48	53	.475	6½
Washington	38	64	.373	17
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	60	42	.588	—
Milwaukee	59	43	.578	1
St. Louis	57	47	.548	4
Cincinnati	50	53	.485	10½
Pittsburgh	48	54	.471	12
Houston	46	55	.455	13½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	50	51	.495	—
Los Angeles	49	52	.485	1
Colorado	45	58	.437	6
San Francisco	43	58	.426	7
San Diego	38	65	.369	13

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Mets 3, Philadelphia 1
San Francisco 1, Washington 0
Houston 9, San Diego 1
Chicago Cubs 6, Florida 3
Milwaukee 4, St. Louis 3

Today's Games

Florida (Jurrjens 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 11-4), 1:20 p.m.
San Diego (Baek 2-4) at Pittsburgh (Duke 4-7), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Lurrjens 9-5) at Philadelphia (Kendrick 8-4), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Cook 12-6) at Cincinnati (Volquez 12-3), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Boggs 3-1 or Thompson 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 8-6), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (Rodriguez 5-3) at Milwaukee (Parra 9-2), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Haren 9-5) at San Francisco (Sanchez 8-5), 9:15 p.m.
Washington (Lannan 6-9) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 9-9), 9:40 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Florida at Chicago Cubs, 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 2:55 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 6:05 p.m.
San Diego at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.
Colorado at Cincinnati, 6:10 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 8:05 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	59	42	.584	—
Boston	60	43	.583	—
New York	56	45	.554	3
Toronto	51	51	.500	8½
Baltimore	49	53	.475	11
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	57	43	.570	—

Minnesota 55 46 .545 2½
Detroit 52 49 .515 5½
Cleveland 46 57 .447 12½
Cleveland 44 56 .440 13

West Division W L Pct GB
Los Angeles 62 39 .614 —
Oakland 52 49 .515 10
Texas 52 50 .510 10½
Seattle 38 63 .376 24

Thursday's Games

Toronto 5, Baltimore 1, comp. of susp. game
Toronto 7, Baltimore 1
Kansas City 4, Tampa Bay 2

Today's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Chamberlain 2-3) at Boston (Beckett 9-6), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Hernandez 10-6) at Cleveland (Lee 13-2), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (G.Floyd 10-6) at Detroit (Robertson 6-8), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Saunders 12-5) at Baltimore (Burrus 7-6), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Batista 4-11) at Toronto (Parrish 1-0), 6:07 p.m.
Howard (Philadelphi 29; Dunn, Cincinnati, 29; Braun, Milwaukee, 26; Utley, Philadelphia, 25; Burrell, Philadelphia, 25; Uggla, Florida, 24; Ramirez, Florida, 24.

Runs Batted In

Howard, Philadelphia, 88; CalLee, Houston, 80; DWright, New York, 78; AdGonzalez, San Diego, 76; Braun, Milwaukee, 74; Berkman, Houston, 74; Teixeira, Atlanta, 73.

Pitching (11 Decisions)

Loise, St. Louis, 12-2, .857; Parra, Milwaukee, 9-2, .818; Volquez, Cincinnati, 12-3, .800; Lincecum, San Francisco, 11-3, .786; Sheets, Milwaukee, 10-3, .769; Webb, Arizona, 13-4, .765; Zambrano, Chicago, 11-4, .733; Dempster, Chicago, 11-4, .733.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Home Runs

Quantin, Chicago, 26; Sizemore, Cleveland, 25; Hamilton, Texas, 22; Dye, Chicago, 21; ARodriguez, New York, 21; Giambi, New York, 20; 6 are tied with 19.

Runs Batted In

Hamilton, Texas, 98; Quantin, Chicago, 76; Morneau, Minnesota, 73; McCabera, Detroit, 71;

Youkilis, Boston, 68; JGuillen, Kansas City, 66; EABreu, New York, 64.

Pitching (11 Decisions)

Matsuzaka, Boston, 11-1, .917; Clee, Cleveland, 13-2, .867; ESantana, Los Angeles, 11-4, .733; Lester, Boston, 8-3, .727; Saunders, Los Angeles, 12-5, .706; Padilla, Texas, 11-5, .687; Mussina, New York, 13-6, .684.

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Connecticut	15	10	.600	½
New York	13	10	.565	1½
Indiana	11	13	.458	4
Washington	9	15	.375	6
Chicago	8	16	.333	7
Atlanta	3	22	.120	12½
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	17	8	.680	—
Seattle	16	8	.667	½
Los Angeles	14	11	.560	3
Sacramento	14	11	.560	3
Houston	13	12	.520	4
Minnesota	12	12	.500	4½
Phoenix	11	14	.440	6

Thursday's Games

San Antonio 78, Chicago 67
Sacramento 87, Phoenix 74
Connecticut 87, Los Angeles 61
Minnesota 84, Indiana 80, OT
Houston 79, Detroit 61

Today's Games

Washington at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at New York, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

TOUR DE FRANCE AT A GLANCE

SAINT-ETIENNE, France (AP) — A brief look at Thursday's 18th stage of the Tour de France: **Stage:** Riders set out on a 122-mile trek from Bourg-d'Oisans to Saint-Etienne in the medium mountains.

Winner: Marcus Burghardt of Germany won in a sprint finish after an early breakaway, beating Carlos Barredo of Spain. Both clocked 4 hours, 30 minutes, 21 seconds. Romain Feillu of France was third, 3:33 behind.

Yellow Jersey: Spanish rider Carlos Sastre took the overall lead, leading Team CSC teammate Frank Schleck of Luxembourg by 1:24. Bernhard Kohl of Austria is third at 1:33.

Quote of the Day: "I don't want to think about the time trial. I just want to enjoy spending each day in the yellow jersey" — Sastre on trying not to focus on Saturday's decisive 20th stage.

Next stage: Today's 19th stage is a 103-mile flat stage from Roanne to Montlucon that favors sprinters.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Optioned OF Brandon Moss to Pawtucket (IL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Placed OF Joey Gathright on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Mitch Maier from Omaha (PCL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Extended their player development contract with Stockton (Cal) through the 2012 season.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Activated SS Jason Bartlett from the 15-day DL.

National League

FLORIDA MARLINS—Activated RHP Justin Miller from the 15-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Activated OF Lastings Milledge from the 15-day DL. Designated C Johnny Estrada for assignment.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

DENVER NUGGETS—Signed F-C Chris Andersen.
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed F Richard Hendrix. Matched the Los Angeles Clippers' three-year contract offer for G Kelenna Azubuike.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Signed G Anthony Roberson.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed WR James Hardy, DE Chris Ellis and RB Xavier Omori to four-year contracts.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Released CB Blue Adams.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed TE Martellus Bennett, RB Tashard Choice and LB Erik Walden.
DENVER BRONCOS—Announced the retirement of WR Rod Smith. Signed WR Eddie Royal to a four-year contract.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed OT Brandon Albert.
NEW YORK JETS—Waived DB Etienne Boulay.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed CB Antonio Cason to a five-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed DL Kentwan Balmer.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Named Randy Cunneynow and Todd Nelson assistant coaches.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Acquired C Pascal Pelletier from Boston for C Martin St. Pierre.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Named Jason Serbus athletic trainer.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Agreed to a one-year affiliation agreement with Augusta (ECHL).

COLLEGE

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE—Named Charlene Curtis coordinator of women's basketball officials.
ILLINOIS-CHICAGO—Extended the contract of Jimmy Collins, men's basketball coach, three years through the 2011-12 season.
WRIGHT STATE—Extended the contract of Brad Brownell, men's basketball coach, through the 2013-14 season.



No surprise — Buckeyes picked

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

By **Daily Iowan**
THE DAILY IOWAN

CHICAGO — Members of the media endured typical Chicago traffic, ridiculous parking rates, and \$10 cab rides to hear the Big Ten announce what they already suspected: Ohio State — the winner of the last three Big Ten crowns — was named the overwhelming conference favorite, followed by Wisconsin and Illinois.

The Buckeyes come off the heels of an 11-2 (7-1) season loaded with a roster that returns 20 starters including the Big Ten preseason Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year in junior running back Chris "Beanie" Wells and senior linebacker James Laurinaitis.

"Think about what [these guys] have been through," said Kirk Herbstreit, an ESPN and ABC college football analyst and former Ohio State quarterback. "All these wins, all these Big Ten championships, all these BCS bowl games, and they looked at it and almost laughed at it, mocked it. ... I think they feel like there's unfulfilled business. I think they're embarrassed, collectively."

"Imagine ... you'd be like, 'Let's go one more [year].' That's how I would be. I could see passing on all that money for a lifetime of memories just to say, 'Let's go one more.'" Perhaps overshadowed by the return of such All-American players as Laurinaitis and cornerback Malcom Jenkins, quarterback Todd Boeckman comes back to Columbus with another year under his belt, as well.

"Well, Todd now has a body of work that he can evaluate, and he has some experiences that he now has seen," Tressel said. "There's no price tag on experience, and he can now evaluate things from a whole different perspective."

Unlike Tressel's squad, Wisconsin, which was picked to finish second in the conference, lost its quarterback Tyler Donovan to graduation, leaving senior Allan Evridge and junior Dustin Sheer to compete for the position.

[Evridge] backed up Tyler a year ago, so the one advantage with Allan is he's been

[in the] huddle, he's made calls, made adjustments, been hit very hard," head coach Bret Bielema said. "A year ago at this time, we had the same quarterback controversy, and I believe competition brings the best out of people."

While much of the attention until the Badgers' Aug. 30 season-opener against Akron will be focused on this so-called controversy, Herbstreit contends that Bielema's should be the focal point for this team.

"I know Bret is one of the wizards of defenses in the country," Herbstreit said. "You look at the players and the names, and you're like, 'This can be the best defense in the Big Ten based on who's coming back.'"

"And getting Ohio State at home at night ... if they can get off to a good start and get into that game undefeated, man, who knows what they can do?"

Illinois' last year's surprise team, this year's third-place preseason pick, comes into this season with a more experienced unit but with some holes to fill. Junior quarterback Juice Williams and his 57 percent completion percentage returns to Champaign, but running back Rashard Mendenhall doesn't. Coach Ron Zook's spread offense, however, is here to stay.

"When I first became a head coach ... most of my experience was on the defensive side of the football," Zook said. "And the one thing I wanted to do was run an offense that I hated to see the most as a defensive football coach."

"[With the new 40-second clock rule], now you're going to be able to go as fast as you can, and once again, it will cause the defense some problems."

But despite all of this — Illinois' potent spread offense and Wisconsin's deep, experienced defense — Ohio State, with its back-to-back national championship appearances and its 20 returning starters and its three-straight Big Ten championships, is clearly the team to beat.

"I believe everyone is looking up at Ohio State," said Northwestern head coach Pat Fitzgerald. "That's pretty obvious to me."

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WNBA suspends 11 for brawl

By **Larry Lage**
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The WNBA punished so many players for their roles in this week's skirmish that the league is staggering the suspensions by alphabetical order.

"None of us can recall an incident like this," WNBA President Donna Orender said Thursday during a conference call.

The league suspended Detroit assistant coach Rick Mahorn and 10 players following the dustup between the Shock and the visiting Los Angeles Sparks on Tuesday.

Shock forward Plenette Pierson was suspended for four games, the harshest penalty, for initiating and escalating the altercation.

"In our opinion, Plenette was the aggressor," said Renee Brown, the WNBA's chief of basketball operations and player relations.

Mahorn was suspended for two games, as were Shannon Bobbitt and Murrell Page of the Sparks, for the incident at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"As a team, we're incensed that Rick Mahorn was suspended," Detroit coach Bill Laimbeer said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press from Houston, where the Shock were scheduled to play the Comets. "He was trying to be a peacemaker, and now he's being thrown under the bus."

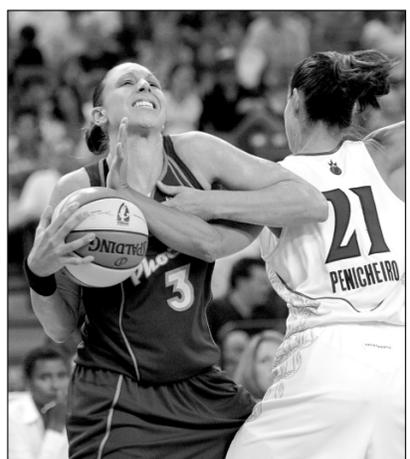
Brown said Mahorn only started off as a peacemaker before he shoved Sparks star Lisa Leslie.

"When he took it a step too far," she said. "When he pushed Lisa, it escalated the situation."

Players suspended for one game included Detroit's Kara Braxton, Tasha Humphrey, Elaine Powell, and Sheri Sam, along with Los Angeles' Leslie, Candace Parker, and DeLisha Milton-Jones.

Pierson was also fined \$1,500, and Mahorn was docked \$1,000. The rest of the players involved were fined \$500 each.

"I think the fines that were handed out were just the way that we condone fighting. All players know what happens when you leave the floor and throw a punch. Unfortunately we're missing four of our five starters. That's something that we'll have to deal with, but that's why they call it a team sport."



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Detroit Shock's Plenette Pierson (bottom left) scuffles with Los Angeles Sparks' Candace Parker during a bench-clearing melee in the closing seconds of a WNBA basketball game on Tuesday in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Pam Wheeler, director of operations for the WNBA players' union, said officials are in the process of interviewing players affected by the fines and suspensions while reviewing video of the end of the game.

"A determination of any appeals or grievances will be made shortly," Wheeler said in a statement.

The melee at the Palace in suburban Detroit — the site of the infamous brawl among the Pistons, Indiana Pacers, and fans in 2004 — broke out with 4.6 seconds left in a game won by the Sparks.

Parker and Pierson got tangled and fell to the court. Deanna Nolan tackled Parker, and Mahorn appeared to push Leslie to the court. Milton-Jones responded by punching Mahorn in the back.

The fracas started moments after Parker and Detroit's Cheryl Ford had to be separated after Ford fouled Parker. After Ford tried to restrain Pierson, her right knee buckled and she left the floor in a wheelchair and will miss the rest of the season and playoffs due to a torn knee ligament.

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OLYMPICS 2008

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Underwood-Foster's Moves

Foster will perform five dives, one from each of the following groups.

Divers use one or more of the following basic body positions during a dive:

1. Forward
Facing the pool, diver rotates away from the board.

1. Straight
Diver does not bend waist and keeps legs straight, but may arch back.

2. Backward
With back facing the pool, diver rotates away from the board.

2 and 3. Pike
With body bent at the waist, diver keeps legs straight during rotation.

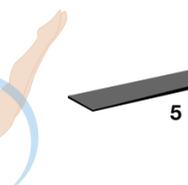
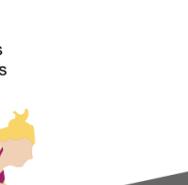
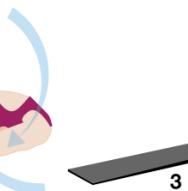
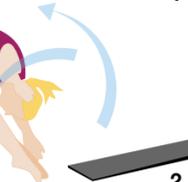
3. Reverse or Gainer
Facing the pool, diver rotates toward the board.

4. Tuck
With legs bent at the knees, diver pulls thighs close to chest with heels near their buttocks.

4. Inward or Cutaway
With back facing the pool, diver rotates toward the board.

5. Twisting
Any of the previous four dives that includes an axial twisting motion.

5. Free
Diver uses combination of previous three positions.



Nelle Dunlap/The Daily Iowan



File photo/The Daily Iowan

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
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Her feet, pressed against the grainy springboard, wait poised, the cool 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 diver 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 United States at the 2008 Olympic Games 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 in each event earned automatic bids to the team.

But she earned herself a spot on the team after attending a July 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 lists, and she won three out

of the four lists pretty handily, and on the list that she was second, she was only second by a point."

"We have six metrics that we look at, and she was ahead in all the metrics. It was a pretty easy selection."

Blog Tease

Follow Nancilea on her road to Beijing by reading her blog at: <http://nancilea.blogspot.com/>

BACK TO WHERE SHE STARTED

After graduating from Iowa in 2006, Foster, a native of Conroe, Texas, returned to her hometown. She married Matt Foster, a former classmate at Oak Ridge High and her boyfriend of three years.

Just south of Conroe along Interstate 45 is The Woodlands. Like much of East Texas, the land is heavily wooded, with cypresses reaching skyward in an area dotted with lakes.

For Foster, it was a return to her old proving grounds at the Woodlands Athletic Club, where she first became a serious diver.

SEE DIVING, 9

Nancilea Underwood-Foster

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



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



- **USA National Diving Team:** 2004 to present
- **Family:** Mother, JoAnn; Father, Olen (a national champion in football with Texas in 1963); Sister, Holly Jo Underwood Reynolds (a Big Ten champion diver with Ohio State in 2000); Sister, Kelley; Brother, Grant.
- **Married:** Matt Foster, 2006



Tom Buese

GYMNASTICS

2 graduated Hawks honored

Two Hawkeye gymnasts were honored by the College Gymnastics Association for their academic achievements, the university announced Thursday.

The men — Tom Buese and Jacob Becker, both graduated seniors — were named part of the All-American Scholar Athletes first team, according to a statement. To be a part of the team, athletes must attain a 3.5 GPA. Becker had a 3.63, while Buese had a 3.68, according to the statement.

Becker and Buese, along with 71 other gymnasts, will make up the team.

— by Emileigh Barnes

MLB

Potential Cubs' buyers go to 2nd round

NEW YORK (AP) — Tribune Co. is inviting at least three potential buyers who each submitted bids for the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field near or above \$1 billion to participate in a second round of proposals, according to a person involved in the process.



Cuban

Dallas Maverick owner

Several bidders offering between \$700 million and \$900 million for all the properties have been excluded from the second round, according to the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of nondisclosure agreements governing all talk about the bids.

A Tribune spokeswoman said the baseball team would not have any comment on the status of the sale, which also includes the team's minority stake in a Chicago regional sports TV network.

Included in the second round are Internet billionaire and Dallas Maverick owner Mark Cuban; the Ricketts family, which founded the brokerage that is now TD Ameritrade Holding Corp.; and a group led by Sports Acquisition Holding Corp. that includes former baseball home run king Henry Aaron and former Republican Congressman Jack Kemp.

TV TODAY

- **MLB**
Florida at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 p.m., WGN
- **BASKETBALL**
Team USA vs. Canada, 7 p.m., ESPN
- **CYCLING**
Tour de France, Stage 19, 7:30 a.m., VERSUS
- **GOLF**
Senior British Open, second round, 11 a.m., TNT

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

CHICAGO — Although an alleged sexual assault and the reopening of the investigation by the state Board of Regents took center stage Thursday at the 2008 Big Ten media day, Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz did touch on other situations regarding his team.

Ferentz spoke about several injuries affecting his squad, but

the two most likely to raise eyebrows are injuries to offensive lineman Dace Richardson and backup quarterback Ricky Stanzi.

Stanzi suffered a sprained shoulder during a workout last week. Ferentz is optimistic that he would be back in time by the time the team heads to camp to compete for the starting job with incumbent starter Jake Christensen, but the coach also said the injury could keep Stanzi out

until the camp's second week.

The news regarding Richardson is a lot more disheartening. While rehabbing his injured knee, Ferentz said, Richardson suffered a setback that will necessitate an additional surgery; he will miss the entire 2008 season.

There had been talk of two guys returning to the team this year — safety Marcus Wilson and running back Shonn Greene. Fer-

entz believes that Greene should be good to go for the start of 2008, while Wilson's return to the team could be delayed a little longer because of academic issues.

Ferentz also announced Thursday that kicker Austin Signor had made the decision to transfer to another school, which means Daniel Murray could be the team's first-string kicker.

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Richardson
 lineman



Stanzi
 backup
 quarterback