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Prof Miller still missing

The UI faculty member, who faces four counts of accepting a bribe, was last seen Tuesday morning.

By Olivia Moran and Ashton Shurson
THE DAILY IOWAN

After more than six hours of searching Hickory Hill Park Wednesday afternoon, officers were unable to find missing UI Professor Arthur Miller.

Miller — who police say may be dead — is thought to have a rifle in his possession.

The UI faculty members was charged on Aug. 8 with four counts of accepting a bribe. More accusers have contacted authorities with regard to Miller, Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, said on Wednesday.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said police finished their first sweep of the park Wednesday and would use infrared cameras from a state safety patrol plane Wednesday night.

Today, officers will resume their search at 7 a.m., although this search is more focused on finding a dead body, Kelsay said. Cadaver dogs were brought in this morning.

"We're transitioning back to search mode to find a body and rifle as opposed to an ambush," Kelsay said. "But until we find him, it is a continued public safety risk."

While police are carefully searching the park, they are still monitoring Miller's bank accounts and other areas in case he has fled.

On Wednesday, roughly 30 to 40 officials from the Iowa City police, the Iowa Department of Corrections — with its K-9 units



Iowa City police Officer Colin Fowler examines Arthur Miller's car before it's towed on Wednesday, from Hickory Hill Park. Miller has recently been accused of four counts of accepting bribes.

— UI police, and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office searched the 185-acre park.

Police believed Miller was in the park after his red BMW was found in a parking lot off Conklin Lane at upper Hickory Hill Park. Officials used his cell phone, which was left in the car, to triangulate his general area.

Miller's wife reported him missing around 7 a.m. Wednesday, though he was last seen on the morning of Aug. 19. The last call on his cell phone was placed at 9:30 a.m. that day.

The wife also reported that the 66-year-old left a note, which Kelsay said was "apologetic" and "cryptic enough that it causes concern he may be out to harm himself."

Miller purchased a rifle on

UI professor missing
For video of police comment on the search for Arthur Miller, check out dailyiowan.com.

June 13, Kelsay said, though Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek said Miller was denied a weapons permit filed June 24 for a handgun. Pulkrabek had denied Miller the permit because UI officials said he was under investigation in a bribery case.

Police also searched Miller's office and other university locations between 8 and 9 a.m., Kelsay said. Jessup Hall was locked down, UI police said.

In addition, all Iowa City School District schools were locked down Wednesday around 3 p.m. Officials lifted

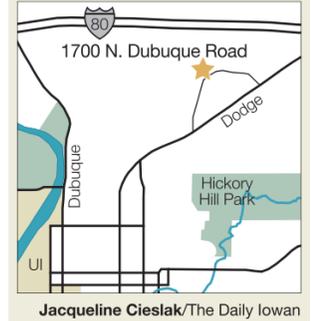
the lockdown at 3:30 p.m., Associate Superintendent Jim Behle said.

Police are urging non-emergency personnel to stay out of the park.

In May, four female UI students accused Miller of wanting to exchange sexual favors for higher grades in his class. He has since been placed on paid administrative leave.

In one complaint, a female student told police that during a meeting with Miller, he said she wasn't doing well in regard to her grade. He then allegedly told her she would "have to do something for him." She said Miller then grabbed and sucked on her breast.

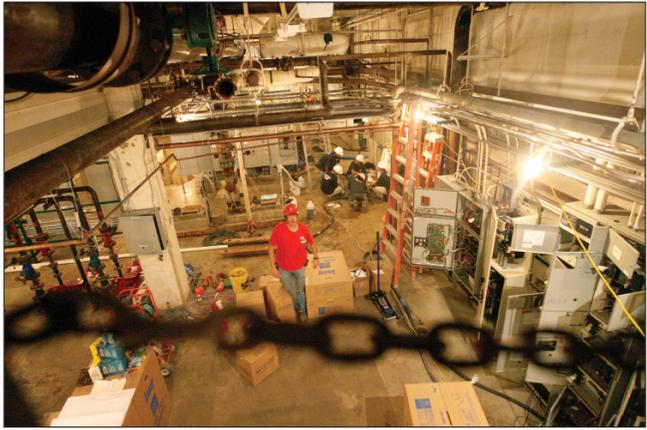
Missing professor
Reported missing from his Dubuque Road home, police searched upper Hickory Hill Park for UI Professor Arthur Miller on Wednesday.



SEE MILLER, 3A
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IMU remains piece of work

The IMU will reopen at a yet-to-be-determined time around mid-semester.



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan
The mechanical room in the IMU basement is cleaned up on Wednesday. The room was submerged by 4 feet of water.

By Mike McDonald
THE DAILY IOWAN

The IMU Hawkeye is bare studs and empty ceiling frames. The decorated Herky that greeted students with a soaring fist rests in a corner, covered in plastic.

Officials led the first public

tour of the building Wednesday, and David Grady, the UI associate vice president for University Life Centers, said he was "cautiously optimistic" about opening the first three floors of the IMU by mid-semester, but he was unable to determine a date.

SEE IMU, 4A

Pomerantz remembered

Many at the UI recall Marvin Pomerantz as a donor, businessman, and friend to the university.

By Amanda McClure
THE DAILY IOWAN

No one doubts the effect Marvin Pomerantz had on the UI. As a philanthropist, he is remembered as a man who contributed everything and left nothing on the table. As an activist, he is known for his persistence and dedication to

education. As a businessman, he left his powerful mark with a strong stance on education and vision for greatness.

Renown for his refusal to give up and his constant fight to educate Iowans, Pomerantz left an enormous legacy at the UI.

Pomerantz died on Aug. 14 at the UI Hospitals and Clinics from complications follow-

ing a June stroke and heart attack. He was 78.

"The UI has lost its No. 1 citizen," said David Dierks, a vice president of the UI Foundation and one of Pomerantz's longtime friends and coworkers. "Countless Iowans across the state owe much of their education to his vision."



Pomerantz philanthropist

SEE POMERANTZ, 3A

The drinkable unthinkable

The Amethyst Initiative, a group of college officials, sparks a fresh debate over the legal drinking age by suggesting it be lowered to fight binge drinking.

By Jon Linder
THE DAILY IOWAN

Citing the need for a widespread change in culture in regard to underage drinking, UI President Sally Mason recently declined to support a nationwide initiative to lower the drinking age.

No single solution is sufficient to remedy the problem,

she said.

Across the country, however, a coalition of roughly 100 college and university presidents agreed to support research studying underage and binge drinking in college settings. The group, Amethyst Initiative, suggested lowering the national drinking age as a possible solution to problems associated with college drinking.

Mason sent a letter to the Initiative Tuesday stating that she "salutes the efforts to bring new thinking to this serious problem." She



Mason UI president

SEE INITIATIVE, 4A



News

Pro students pitch in

By Melissa Brownrigg
THE DAILY IOWAN

Maybe it was the break from the eight hours of course reading. Or maybe it was the bonding experience. Whichever the case, UI law and medical students showed up in droves to put the finishing touches on the Iowa City flood clean-up effort.

Approximately 200 first-year law students, upper-classmen volunteers, faculty, and staff participated in various service projects.

The cleanup was part of orientation week for law and medical students to reinforce the importance of community involvement in their future occupations.

John Newman, a first-year law student, preferred the hard labor to the reading and tests that accompanied orientation week.

He said the service project was important to him because it helped the community while boosting lawyers' images.

"I think a lot of community members have negative views of lawyers," he said. "So this is our chance to change that by showing we care."

Law-student projects included sandbag removal at the Iowa City Water Plant, landscaping on Normandy Drive, and trail restoration at Hickory Hill Park.

The law students were drenched in sweat within 15 minutes. But even the smothering heat and sand clouds didn't keep the students from working.

Sand leaked from bags as they were passed from person to person, leaving behind loose sand, which made up most of the 5-foot high, 100-foot wide wall. This caused even more back-breaking



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

UI first-year law student John Newman throws a sandbag to remove it from the sandbag wall surrounding a collector well at the water plant on Dubuque Street on Tuesday. The volunteer event was coordinated for incoming law students as an orientation.

work as students dug for bags.

Approximately 150 medical students from Carver College of Medicine picked up where the law students left off, removing the last sandbags at the Iowa City plant by noon on Wednesday.

The focus then turned to cleaning Ralston Creek.

Carol Sweeting, public works volunteer coordinator, said she expected around two to three tons of trash to be retrieved from the

creek. At the cleanup location on Normandy Drive, students were armed with gloves, rakes, and garbage bags to assist Habitat for Humanity in leveling flood-affected yards.

Law students Emily Cooper and Laura Lunn retrieved pieces of mugs, makeup, books, and what looked like debris from houses.

Linda McGuire, a law-school

associate dean, hopes that the project will spark an interest among the law students to volunteer more in the community.

"We are already working on making volunteer opportunities known throughout the year for our students," she said. "We tried to use the service day in orientation as a real motivator for students to see how good volunteering feels."

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UI nursing wins honor

By Adam Sullivan
THE DAILY IOWAN

Chalk up a gold medal for UI Hospital and Clinics.

The hospital's nursing staff received Magnet Recognition, an award denoting excellence in nursing, for the second-consecutive time, UIHC officials announced Wednesday.

"Magnet Recognition is to nursing what ... a gold medal is to the Olympics," said UI Vice President for Medical Affairs Jean Robillard.

Magnet Recognition, a four-year designation from American Nurses Credentialing Center, is awarded to hospitals that exemplify "quality indicators and

standards of nursing practice," according to the center's website.

Ann Williamson, UIHC chief of nursing, said the hospital's nursing staff underwent a lengthy application and examination process in order to achieve the status.

UIHC representatives compiled and submitted specific examples of the hospital's quality, including leadership, research, and innovation.

In 2004, the UIHC became the first hospital in Iowa and the first educational hospital in the Big Ten to be named a Magnet hospital. Still, the UIHC wasn't a shoo-in for Wednesday's announcement.

"This is a hard designation to

get," said Gordon Williams, interim CEO of UIHC. "There are several places that did get the designation but didn't get a re-designation."

Linda Kelly, a representative of the Magnet program, said in a conference call Wednesday that UIHC has "raised the bar for everyone."

Williamson said that in addition to being a hallmark for patient care and medical innovation, being a Magnet hospital helps to attract and keep nurses, especially considering the nursing shortage in Iowa.

In March, the Iowa Nursing Task Force — a group appointed by Iowa Gov. Chet Culver to address state-wide nursing concerns — issued a report that

Magnet Recognition

- Acknowledges excellence in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.
- Considers hospital's quality in leadership, research, and innovation.
- UIHC received the four-year designation for second time.

found Iowa has nearly the lowest wages for nurses in the nation.

"This is recognized as a recruitment and retention tool," Williamson said. "In the face of a nursing shortage, that's especially important."

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METRO

Med school receives grant

The UI Carver College of Medicine has received \$1 million to assist biomedical research affected by this summer's flooding.

The contribution comes from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, a nonprofit organization for medical research.

While floodwaters did not directly affect the College of Medicine, shutting down the Power Plant left researchers without the ability to control building temperature — a necessity to medical research.

However, as the Power Plant remains out of operation, the UI has been able to put interim steaming and chilling systems in place.

"[This contribution] is to offset costs of temporary systems that have to be in place to keep research functions going," said James Henderson, the assistant dean of financial affairs for the medical school.

The school is home to four Hughes Institute investigators, Henderson said.

— by Adam Sullivan

Police officer honored

Police Chief Sam Hargadine presented a Life Saving Commendation medal for the first time ever in Iowa City on Monday.

Officer Matthew Huber received the award for helping a man June 13 after he fell into Ralston Creek near the New Pioneer Co-Op, 22 S. Van Buren St.

Huber responded to a report that the 39-year-old man fell into the high waters and was pulled under at the intersection of Washington and Van Buren Streets. The man resurfaced face down near College Street.

Huber went into the creek and turned the man over. The officer, with help from bystanders, pulled the unconscious man onto a backboard that was lifted up a muddy bank. The man was taken to UI Hospitals and Clinics.

The "sole reason" the man survived was from Huber's quick response and disregard for his own risk, according to a press release.

"I feel really honored to receive [the medal]," Huber said. "It was pretty much instinct."

The 29-year-old added he appreciates the bystanders who helped pull the man out of the water.

Huber has been with the Iowa City police since August 2002.

— by Ashton Shurson

Cleveland guilty

Former Iowa football player James Cleveland pleaded guilty on Wednesday and will serve probation for illegally possessing prescription drugs in February.

Online court records show that Cleveland was sentenced to one year probation for each of his two counts of unlawful possession of prescription drugs. He was also ordered to pay \$630 within the next six months.

After a search of his Hillcrest dorm room in February, police discovered

24 doses of carisoprodol, a muscle relaxant, and 21 doses of oxycodone, a pain reliever, in his desk drawer.

Police also found marijuana on the desk of Cleveland's roommate — former Iowa football player Arvell Nelson.

Nelson also recently pleaded guilty to his charge. He was granted deferred judgment for possession of a controlled substance, a serious misdemeanor. According to online court records, he will serve 25 hours of community service and one year of unsupervised probation.

Both players were dismissed from the Hawkeye football team in April.

— by Olivia Moran

CR man charged with 3rd OWI

A Cedar Rapids man was arrested Tuesday and charged with a third-offense OWI and driving while barred.

Iowa City police arrested Charles Litrell, 44, after he was seen crossing the center line several times. After being pulled over, officers said Litrell smelled strongly of alcohol, had slurred speech, and appeared to be off balance.

Litrell admitted to drinking a couple beers and registered a blood-alcohol concentration of .214, reports show.

Litrell is also barred from driving from Jan. 11, 2005, to Jan. 9, 2010. Police report that when he showed his ID, Litrell said that his license was revoked for a previous OWI.

Third-offense OWI is a Class D

felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$9,375 fine. Driving while barred is an aggravated misdemeanor, which is generally punishable by two years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

— by Ashton Shurson

Man charged with burglary

Iowa City police arrested a man Wednesday after he allegedly burglarized a woman's home and gave a false name to police.

Ricardo Steward, 28, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3012, was charged with first-degree burglary, a Class B felony, interference with official acts, an aggravated misdemeanor, and assault causing bodily injury, a serious misdemeanor.

According to complaints, the woman reported that Steward chased her toward her apartment and kicked the door in as she attempted to close it. He then entered the apartment and began kicking and hitting her, police reported.

Steward eventually led police on a foot chase, injuring an officer. Once apprehended, he allegedly told police his name was James Michael Stewart.

The woman sustained injuries to her hand and finger.

First-degree burglary is punishable by 25 years in prison. If convicted, Steward faces an additional three years in prison for the other charges and fines of up to \$8,125.

— by Olivia Moran

POLICE BLOTTER

Kevin Curtis, 21, Waukegan, Ill., was charged Wednesday with possession of an open alcohol container in a vehicle.

Nathaniel Davis, 19, Coralville, was charged Wednesday with possession of an open alcohol container in a vehicle.

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Kyle Koch, 19, 1616 Helmer St., was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Jose Moreno, 25, Rochester,

Minn., was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and trespassing.

Cheaster Snagg, 19, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3208, was charged Wednesday with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Michael Wright, 30, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with fourth-degree theft and assault causing injury.

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Police search for UI professor

MILLER

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The student later allegedly received an e-mail from Miller, congratulating her on getting an "A+" grade and offering assistance with getting into law school.

In another instance, a female student said Miller offered to give her an "A" grade if she let him fondle and lick her breasts. In an e-mail later, he wrote that "a lasting memory of a lovely Monet cannot be formed in 20 seconds," according to reports.

A third female student told police that Miller once asked

her to take off her top in order to improve her grade.

He allegedly asked a fourth female student to take of her top, telling her that women in New Orleans "do it all the time just for beads" and that her grade was "on the line," police reported.

Search warrants in the case show that police now have access to nearly 50 sets of e-mail exchanges among Miller and more than 15 students, UI officials, and other unknown people.

Linda Maxson, the dean of the UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said Miller will not return this fall.

"With charges like this, we don't permit him in the classroom," she said.

A secretary for UI spokesman Steve Parrott said all calls related to the case were being routed to the university's general legal counsel, Marc Mills.

Mills did not return calls seeking comment.

UI President Sally Mason announced last week that all university faculty will receive sexual-harassment training. Such behavior "will not be tolerated," she said in a letter to faculty and staff.

"It is profoundly damaging to the students and to the educational process," Mason wrote. "I

Timeline in UI Professor Arthur Miller case

- May: Four female UI students say Miller attempted to exchange an "A" grade in his classes for sexual favors.
- Aug. 8: Miller is charged with four counts of accepting bribe.
- Aug. 11: UI officials say they will continue an investigation of allegations that began in mid-May.
- Aug. 20, 6:59 a.m.: Miller's wife reports Miller missing to Iowa City police; she last saw him the morning of Aug. 19.
- Aug. 20, roughly 3:30 p.m.: Police report that Miller's car has been found at upper Hickory Hill Park and learn that he purchased a high-powered rifle in mid-June; Iowa City schools are no longer on lockdown after being closed since about 3 p.m.; officials begin a massive search for Miller.
- Aug. 20, about 8 p.m.: Police have yet to find Miller; officials said the search will resume at 7 a.m. today.

applaud the courage of the student victims in coming forward to report this conduct to the Office of Equal Opportunity and

Diversity and to the UI Police Department."

In a news release early last week, UI officials said they are

conducting an investigation separate from the criminal one.

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UI recalls Pomerantz

'Marvin was a man who truly put his money where his mouth is, and with that power he worked for the benefit of Iowa's students and teachers.'

— David Dierks, UI Foundation vice president

POMERANTZ

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Dierks first met Pomerantz 25 years ago, when he was starting with the UI Foundation.

"His first words were, 'Well it took you long enough to find me; now let's get to work,'" Dierks said.

And that was the way things always were with him, he said.

"Marvin has always been a leader," Dierks said. "He has always stepped up with passion, advocacy, and leadership."

A lifetime resident of Iowa, Pomerantz graduated in 1952 from the UI with a bachelor's degree in commerce, spent his professional life working for advances in education in Iowa, and focused his philanthropic efforts and time at the UI.

"Marvin was a man who truly put his money where his mouth is, and with that power he worked for the benefit of Iowa's students and teachers," Dierks said.

From the beginning, Pomerantz focused on education for all Iowans. A two-time state Board of Regents' president, Pomerantz fought for competitive teacher salaries at the UI and upgraded student buildings.

"He had an extraordinary desire to seek quality and have others do the same," said Doug True, the UI senior vice president for Finance.

True first met Pomerantz while working with the regents, saying the effect Pomerantz had on the university is something that all advocates strive to reach.

Pomerantz's contributions

- Founding member of the Tippie College of Business' Board of Visitors
- Chaired the Iowa Endowment 2000 Campaign
- Member of the steering committee for the College of Business Building Campaign
- Co-chaired the "Good. Better. Best. Iowa" campaign to help raise more than \$1 billion
- Donated to the UI Hospitals and Clinics, UI Carver College of Medicine, the College of Public Health, Hancher Auditorium, Museum of Art, Iowa athletics department, Tippie College of Business, and Pomerantz Career Center
- Served as president of the state Board of Regents

"His passion was second to no one, and his drive was fueled by his desire for education," True said.

This passion for education sometimes put him at odds with others at the UI. Following the UI College of Public Health's refusal of a \$15 million gift from Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Pomerantz resigned from his position with the college, saying he was embarrassed by the decision.

During his years of service at the UI, Pomerantz served on the UI Foundation board, headlining campaigns for education, salary increases, and building renovations. He also served as co-chairman for the campaign and steering committee for the UI's "Good. Better. Best. Iowa" campaign, which raised \$1 billion for financial aid and salary improvements.

Pomerantz's family contributed \$23.5 million to the UI, helping fund the Pomerantz Career Center and the Pomerantz Family Pavilion at the UIHC.

"The career center was created so that students not only got an education, but to also give

them a sense of direction," Dierks said. "He was a visionary who saw the big picture."

Jean Robillard, UI vice president for Medical Affairs, said Pomerantz's passion for pushing the agenda will be missed the most.

"In addition to his philanthropy, I think Mr. Pomerantz was an inspiration to all of us," Robillard said. "His dedication to health care, education, and the Hawkeyes is irreplaceable."

The Pomerantz family has contributed monetary donations as well as donated equipment for the cardiovascular, orthopedics, radiology, and ophthalmology units at the UIHC.

UI officials are already considering the creation of a memorial for Pomerantz.

"We want a way to commemorate his life and his dedication to our school," True said. "The UI came to be like his family, and he loved it."

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IMU reopening not set

'[Coralville and Iowa City] have been great to work with. They have done a good job with helping us make use of programs and relocations.'

— David Grady, UI associate vice president for University Life Centers

IMU
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"It could be anywhere between week two and week 15," he said, adding that when it does reopen, the ground floor will be off-limits and construction will continue.

The IMU is a main venue on the UI campus. Roughly 12,000 students pass through its doors every day, making it one of the most highly used facilities on campus, Grady said.

The 340,000-square-foot facility also hosts around 12,000 events per year, including everything from faculty meetings to weddings. So far, 3,000 events have been relocated, Grady said. The most substantial reorganization was finding new locations to host freshmen orientation.

In addition to relocating events, the university was forced to reshuffle organizations whose offices are in the building. UI Student Government, which typically operates on the IMU second floor, will temporarily work in Seashore Hall.

The UI's catering business is now in the former site of the Bread Garden restaurant, 224 S. Clinton St., and the bookstore moved to the Old Capitol Town Center.

"[Coralville and Iowa City] have been great to work with," Grady said. "They have done a good job with helping us make use of programs and relocations."

The ground floor of the IMU took on 4 feet of water during the flood, which left many of its mechanical systems —



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

A Cotton construction company employee works on a pipe on the IMU ground floor on Wednesday. The IMU, which has been closed for over two months now, normally sees around 12,000 people a day.

located in the sub-basement beneath the ground floor — submerged. Most of the water entered through the university steam-tunnel system, which connects directly to the IMU and is responsible for heating and cooling the building.

The "muck-out process" — the cleaning of mud and grime from floodwaters — is complete, and crews are detailing the heating, ventilation, and cooling system to ensure the building's air circulation is safe and mold free.

Of the major mechanical systems, the only package that is complete is the electrical

switchgear, which will provide power to the building. Fire-safety systems are still under repair, and the university has yet to begin the bidding process for reconstruction of the ground floor, Grady said.

The ground floor's most valuable assets, including flat-screen televisions and computers, were moved upstairs, Grady said. The more permanent fixtures — which includes much of Union Station's kitchen equipment — were left behind and damaged.

Building damages total up to \$15 million, and there are an additional \$5 million in content damages.

'I do not agree that lowering the drinking age would be effective at this time.'

— UI President Sally Mason

Drinking age draws critics

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did not, however, give her backing to the campaign.

"I believe that a significant cultural change is necessary to solve this problem," she said in the letter. "But I do not agree that lowering the drinking age would be effective at this time."

The contentious issue has generated support on both sides.

"It is a little excessive to make people wait until they are 21 to drink alcohol," said Leah Cohen of the Iowa City Alcohol Advisory Board. "It's created the current situation in which students are so afraid to be caught with alcohol that they will drink faster and drink harder alcohol before going out to get drunk."

Students grow accustomed to binge drinking in order to avoid a PAULA, which damages reputation and has potential to hurt them when pursuing a career, she said.

While Cohen is in favor of lowering the drinking age, she is hesitant to support a drop that could allow high school students to drink legally.

"That's where you run into a problem," she said. "But I do think it's about time someone took a serious look at this problem."

Amethyst Initiative:

As underage drinking continues to pose problems at campuses across the nation, a group of college presidents aims to lower the nation's legal drinking age.

- Roughly 100 college presidents have joined
- They strive to have lawmakers lower the legal drinking age
- President of Coe College is the only state college president in support
- UI President Sally Mason is opposed

Jim Clayton of the Stepping Up Project, a local group committed to reducing binge and underage drinking, is opposed to the under-21 initiative.

"We stick out like a sore thumb when it comes to having the age limit for bars be 19," he said. "That's a big reason our binge-drinking percentage is one of the highest in the nation. The lower the drinking age goes, the more the problem will trickle down to younger and younger people. It's a hard problem to solve."

In Iowa, only the president of Coe College has signed on to the initiative.

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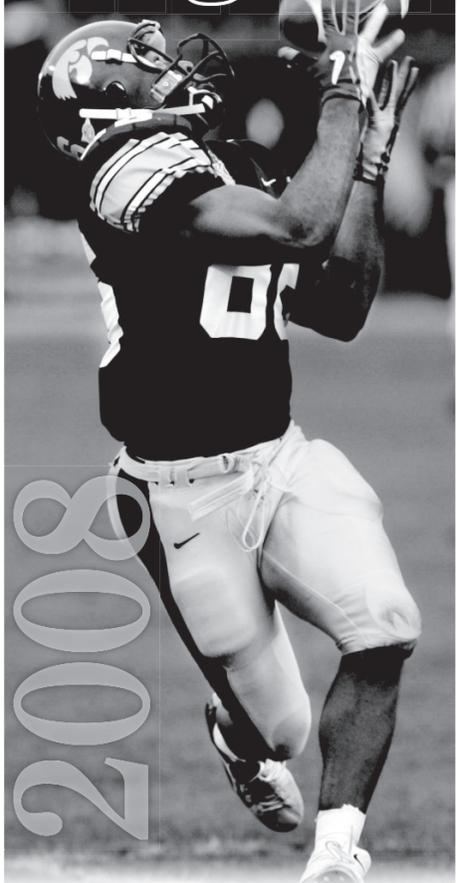
The state of the IMU leaves university officials with the option of improving and remodeling it, but Grady said that the main concern is making it operational.

"We have the opportunity to make some improvements," he said. "But right now, we just want the core functions done."

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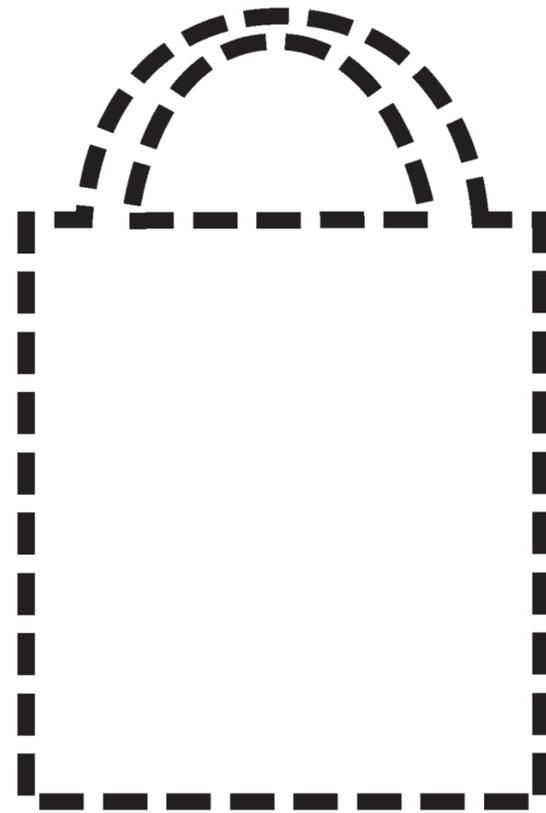
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School buses feel pinch

The Iowa City School District may have to help its bus company pay for fuel.



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Travis Cornstock guides the No. 16 bus as it is backed into a space by driver Leo Aguilar at the Durham School Services bus lot on South Gilbert Street on Oct. 4, 2007.

district will look into route combinations and bus size reductions to improve gas mileage.

Any decision to redirect or cut bus routes is not a result of the high gas prices.

"We are always evaluating routes, but we're not planning on doing anything out of the ordinary," Paul Bobek, the executive director for administrative services for Iowa City schools said.

While Bobek does not expect to drop routes, necessary changes will be made after Labor Day.

School district officials said that last year ridership averaged from 5,400 to 5,500 students per day. As of October 2007, 11,718 students were enrolled in the School District.

Across the country, schools and campuses are looking to

"We want to identify what routes aren't running efficiently and maybe looking to reroute for distance, ultimately looking at miles for efficiency."

— Curtis Wheeler, Durham School Services general manager

reduce the amount of money spent on gas by adding bicycle and walking routes.

However, the National Association for Pupil Transportation believes that the safest way to school is through the traditional bus system.

"If the gas goes up, then you need to get even more school kids on the bus," said Mike Martin, executive director for the association.

One school bus can replace

15 to 30 cars and can be an economical way to get children to school while benefiting the environment, said Martin.

Elaine Watkins-Miller, a spokeswoman for the Iowa Department of Education, said that the decision to encourage alternative means of transportation will be done on the local level.

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Microsoft to build center in Iowa

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Chet Culver will announce today that Microsoft Corp. will build a data center in West Des Moines.

Culver has scheduled a "major economic-development announcement" on the west steps of the Statehouse this morning, at which he will announce Microsoft's plans to build a center in West Des Moines, said an official with knowledge of the announcement

who spoke on the condition of anonymity to avoid preempting Culver's announcement.

Microsoft was drawn to Iowa in part because of a series of tax breaks approved by the state Legislature, the official said Wednesday.

The Redmond, Wash.-based company had earlier announced plans to build the data center in central Iowa but had not disclosed the location.

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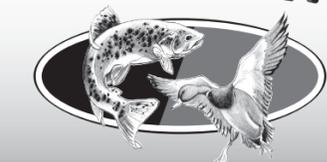
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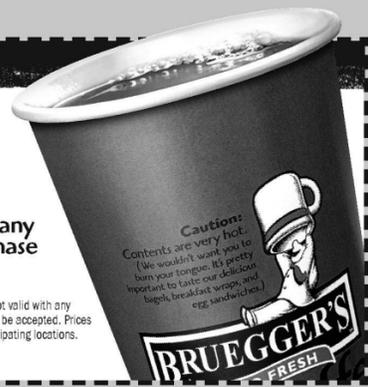
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Crimes linked

A string of recent robberies are likely related, police say.

By Ashton Shurson
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City police are investigating what they believe to be an "unusual" number of similar robberies in the area.

Since Aug. 4, five robberies — some armed — have been reported, including three officials believe are connected, said Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay.

An employee at Hy-Vee Gas Station, 260 Stevens Drive, reported a robbery Aug. 4 in which authorities said a black man in his early 20s entered the store at 10:21 p.m. and displayed a handgun. He demanded money from the cash registers and fled with an unknown amount of cash. Kelsay said there may have also been an accomplice.

Other similar robberies occurred Aug. 14 at Best China, 1820 Boyrum St., and Sunday at Delimart, 1920 Lower Muscatine Road. In both incidents, witnesses told police at least one black man in his teens or 20s entered and displayed what appeared to be a handgun and demanded cash. Police said the individuals wore all black and at Delimart, specifically, two men entered wearing what appeared to be "ninja" attire.

Kelsay said he believes these three robberies are related based on the similar suspects, time of occurrence, area in Iowa City, and the manner in which they demanded cash while holding a gun.

In addition to the three similar robberies, another occurred Monday at Kum and Go, 955 Mormon Trek Blvd. An employee reported that a man entered the store claiming he had a handgun — although he never showed it — and demanded money. The man was described to be in his early 20s and black. While Kelsay said while the robbery occurred in the same fashion as the others, he is not convinced that this incident is connected to the previous three.

"But given that ... it's way more than we expect to see, he said.

Two investigators are examining the robberies to see whether they are related, Kelsay said. The investigators originally planned not to release surveillance video images, he said, but some images should be released later this week.

Investigators are concentrating on southeastern Iowa City and are working to identify possible suspects, Kelsay said, adding that police are looking into specific people at this time.

A fifth reported robbery Aug. 16 differed from the potentially related incidents. A woman reported that two females approached her and her friend on the Pedestrian Mall near College and Dubuque Streets. One attacker punched the victim in the face and the other stole her purse.

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2008 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Mulling the choices for No. 2

Locations, times, and candidates are speculated on nearly daily. Just who will Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama and Republican presidential candidate John McCain tap to be their vice presidents. *The Daily Iowan* contacted three UI political science faculty members to break down the field.



Redlawsk
UI political science faculty

By Shawn Gude
THE DAILY IOWAN

David Redlawsk — Redlawsk hasn't ruled out a Hillary Rodham Clinton selection — "I don't think that's impossible at this point" — but he said a Joe Biden or Evan Bayh pick would be more likely.

Biden, a longtime Delaware senator, would bring extensive foreign-policy experience, while Bayh, an Indiana senator and former Indiana governor, would offer experience. Additionally, the former Rodham Clinton supporter could potentially appeal to her stalwarts.

Although Democrat-turned-

independent Joe Lieberman, a Connecticut senator, has been mentioned as a possible McCain VP selection for his bipartisan, pro-war appeal, Redlawsk dismissed such a pick as ludicrous. Lieberman is pro-choice and solidly Democratic on non-national-security issues.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney would be safer selections, and both could help McCain, Redlawsk said. The former is a young Republican who is the head of a battleground state, while the latter would help McCain burnish his sometimes-lacking economic image.



Covington
UI political science faculty

Cary Covington — Covington asserts Obama's main objective is to show he's a "doer, not just a talker."

He said Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine has a reputation of getting things done as governor, which would help Obama.

The best choice for Obama, Covington said, would be New

Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson. Covington labeled the Latino Richardson as a "doer" as well as someone who could help with the Latino demographic. In addition, Richardson brings foreign-policy experience as a former U.N. ambassador.

Covington said he couldn't decisively name who McCain's

running mate will be. There's "too much personal animosity" between McCain and Romney for the latter to be chosen, Covington said.

As for Lieberman, who ran with Al Gore in 2000, the UI associate-professor said "I'm not sure you want a once-failed VP candidate for your current race."

'I'm not sure you want a once-failed VP candidate for your current race.'

— Covington, UI associate professor



Hagle
UI political science faculty

Tim Hagle — Hagle, a Republican, sees a difficult balancing act for Obama.

He must avoid someone who has little experience, yet not pick an individual with an overabundance of experience who would highlight Obama's relative inexperience. That person, Hagle said, is Bayh.

Bayh is not "overly flashy," — pundits sometimes deride him as

bland — and his experience compliments Obama's well.

Hagle labeled Lieberman a "disaster" pick, but said there's no clear selection for McCain, who he said has a more open field than Obama.

Hagle noted the advantage McCain has of naming his VP after Obama, who is expected to pick this week. Politico.com has reported that McCain will name his vice-

president on Aug. 29. That gives the Republican a "freer hand," he said.

"McCain could pull out a wild card," Hagle said.

Ultimately, the selection is one in which there's "risk entailed, but not a huge amount of upside," Redlawsk said. The UI professor said the most important thing is effectively vetting possible VPs to avoid a Thomas Eagleton-esque debacle.

Democratic-presidential candidate George McGovern chose Eagleton, a Missouri senator, as his 1972 running mate, only to have revelations come out about Eagleton having received shock therapy to treat depression.

The two candidates must avoid such a controversy in order to win in November.

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Robberies
Police believe three out of five recently reported robberies may be related.

The robbed businesses

Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

STATE

Wounded child in serious condition

DES MOINES (AP) — A 6-year-old boy who Des Moines police say accidentally shot himself is in serious condition.

Police spokesman Sgt. Vince Valdez says the boy, identified as Jordan Rissman, found a gun in the house Sunday and was playing with it when it went off. It hit the child near the shoulder.

Rissman was taken to Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines.

Storm floods South Florida



Craig Rubadoux, Florida Today/Associated Press
Kevin Gallant and his stepson Cody Biles, 14, use their canoe to maneuver through their neighborhood on Wednesday in Melbourne, Fla.

By Brian Skoloff
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Emergency crews launched airboats into submerged streets Wednesday to rescue central Florida residents trapped by rising floodwaters from a stalled Tropical Storm Fay, which soaked the state for a third-consecutive day.

Gov. Charlie Crist requested an emergency disaster declaration from the federal government to defray rising debris and response costs. Crist issued his own disaster order ahead of the advancing storm several days ago, when it seemed the Florida Keys would get the worst. Instead, Fay skipped almost harmlessly over the island chain, then stalled over the peninsula on a second swing through Florida. There, it has done the most damage.

On Wednesday, officials reported flooding in hundreds of

homes in Brevard and St. Lucie counties, some by up to 5 feet of standing water. In three towns, rising waters backed up sewage systems. It wasn't immediately clear how many residents had been displaced or were stranded, but county officials reported making dozens of rescues.

"We can't even get out of our house," said Billie Dayton of Port St. Lucie, as waters lapped at her porch. "We're just hoping that it doesn't rain anymore."

The Florida National Guard mobilized around a dozen troops and some high-water vehicles to assist with damage assessment and help with evacuations, said Jon Myatt, spokesman for the Florida Department of Military Affairs.

The storm could dump 30 inches of rain in some areas of Florida and the National Hurricane Center said up to 22 inches had already fallen near Melbourne, just south of Cape Canaveral on the state's central Atlantic coast.

Forecasters originally expected Fay to energize over the ocean and possibly become a hurricane before landing in Florida for the third time later this week. The erratic storm first struck Monday, then veered out to sea before traversing east across the state, briefly strengthening, then stalling. The storm barely moved for most of Wednesday, dumping inches and inches of rain over coastal central Florida.

"In some areas, it's waist-deep," said Erick Gill, a spokesman for St. Lucie County. "We've had reports of people having 3 to 5 feet of water in their home."

Tom Christopher, St. Lucie County emergency-management coordinator, said between 85 and 140 people were rescued by boat or high-clearance vehicle by Wednesday afternoon. He said no more were stranded, though other families seemed to be stuck without a way to leave.

Looking for utility green

By Dave Carpenter
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Fast-rising utility bills have helped homeowners embrace something many previously acted only lukewarm about: energy efficiency.

When it comes to home appliances, consumers have learned they can do the right thing environmentally and save money at the same time.

Perhaps no household appliance offers more potential for savings than a washing machine. Homeowners thinking about ways to make their homes more energy-efficient may want to look into replacing their washer — especially if it dates to before federal standards were established in 1994.

Rob Moore of Albany, N.Y., and wife Stephanie Moore are motivated to both save money and the environment as they prepare to buy a front-loading washer that uses much less energy than a traditional or top-loading one.

"The environmental concerns are definitely big in our household," said the 39-year-old Moore; he works for Environmental Advocates of New York, and Stephanie Moore also works for an environmental

group. "But long-term it's also a pocketbook decision."

"I think homeowners increasingly recognize that it's in their best interest to have energy-efficient products," he said.

While consumers have warmed to energy efficiency only gradually, the trend is increasingly evident with household appliances. Overall U.S. sales by appliance manufacturers fell to \$23.4 billion last year and continue to slump as fewer homes are built in a tight economy, but energy-efficient models account for a growing share.

In a reflection of increased consumer demand as well as manufacturers' innovations, 55 percent of the major appliances shipped to stores and distributors in the first half of 2008 carried the government's Energy Star rating for high energy efficiency — up from just under 50 percent a year earlier, according to the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers.

Manufacturers don't break out sales of Energy Star appliances separately, but they total in the billions. Sales of washing machines alone accounted for \$3.6 billion in 2007, and much of that was in front-loading washers.

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Editorial

Patience, support needed for community this semester

Looking at Iowa City now makes it difficult to believe that a mere two months ago the area was hit by a record flood. A torrent of water exceeding the infamous flood of 1993 swept through in mid-June, displacing residents, shutting down businesses, and closing roadways. The Iowa River spilled over City Park and across Dubuque Street, pouring into the lower levels of Mayflower Residence Hall and closing exit 246, as well as Dubuque Street north of Church Street. A small shed washed up against the Park Street bridge, leaving Burlington Street, Benton Street, and Highway 6 bridges as the only means of traveling between the East and West Sides of town. The English-Philosophy Building saw its parking lot transformed into a wading pool, and the Art Museum drowned before the river reached its crest. Few visible remnants of the 500-year flood episode remain, aside from the sand in City Park and the thank-you signs littering the town.

The gratitude those signs express is well-deserved. Volunteers responded by the hundreds to battle the rising river. Their hard work was met with a wealth of refreshments provided by area businesses. Several local shops offered percentages of their sales to flood victims. Crews have been working feverishly throughout the summer to rid flood-damaged buildings of mildew and debris. Giant yellow dehumidifying tubes, resembling something from a sci-fi film, seemingly grew out of UI buildings. Sandbags slowly came down, and businesses are recovering. The community banded together during, and after the flood, a sense of unity prevailed.

As fall semester approaches, it is important to keep that spirit alive. The hard work of contractors and the Facilities Management staff has ensured that the English-Philosophy, Becker Communications, and Adler Buildings will be operational as classes commence. However, Mayflower and other university buildings are still in recovery, and many classes have been relocated. The majority of art classes have been moved to the former Menards

building on Highway 1, several music classes and practice rooms have been relocated to the intersection of Clinton and Court streets, and the theater department will use Brewery Square for offices and a portion of its classes. Classes located in buildings outside the flood area have also been relocated to more size-appropriate quarters to facilitate the relocation of displaced courses. Relocation efforts are still being tweaked and last minute changes may occur. Updates are available for students and faculty on ISIS.

It is certain to be an unconventional semester. For this reason, it is imperative that we all exercise a little extra patience with one another and with the UI. Possible location changes, potentially smaller classrooms, and continuing recovery efforts will likely affect each of us at one point or another. It is essential for students and faculty to make an effort to be patient and understanding.

Students will have a unique opportunity to rebuild the community this fall. The potential economic impact of the students is enormous. Instead of spending money on gas to purchase groceries at Wal-Mart, we should consider stocking our cupboards with food from local grocery stores and our fridges with beer from the corner gas station. Rather than perusing the mall, we could support our downtown boutiques and specialty shops, soliciting other business that were more directly affected by the flooding. These are simple, achievable steps, and they have the possibility to have a significant effect on a community that welcomes us back each fall.

It is not going to be an easy semester, but it certainly will be an interesting one. We should each take it upon ourselves to exert compassion and tolerance in the upcoming weeks. We have the ability to prove that we can endure less than ideal circumstances, and we can take an active role in supporting and rebuilding our community.

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Hope and faith

The Internet is many things, but above all it is an empowerer. eBay can sell you anything from a 1960s Volkswagen to a 1960s art-deco ash-tray. YouTube will show you the combined efforts of Mentos and Diet Coke or how to fix your garbage disposal. A few clicks and you can register to vote or file your taxes. And then there are the less productive and more ignorant varieties of online meme — the kind that infiltrate our e-mail in boxes with ads for dick pills, pleas for six-figure checks to overseas land magnates with the promise of a big return, and the baseless, panicky, desperate, pathetic attempts to spread lies and false accusations that a presidential candidate (God forbid) isn't a Christian.

My mother's known her best friend, let's call her Stacy, for more than 30 years. They met at a church camp when they were 14 years old, they've been in each others' weddings, and our families have vacationed together. They share a bond unique from anything else they have in their lives, formed around a similarly held love for family and a strong faith. But they live different lives in different states: Stacy's children went to a Christian academy, my sister and I went to public schools; we were raised on "Sesame Street," and Stacy's kids grew up with Veggie Tales. Two different philosophies of parenting madness, equally effective, equally honorable. They lead busy lives, and their conversation is likely more sparing than they wish, but they still love each other very much and always will. Cell phones and e-mail help them exchange memories and uphold their connection, a connection that is like nothing else my mother has ever described to me.

But a sad thing happened recently on the way to memory lane. My Mom opened a forwarded message from Stacy a few months ago and read the contents, which still exasperate her when she talks about it to me today.

Stacy didn't create the e-mail. She wouldn't have it in her. But she must believe in the message to some degree to have forwarded it. It was the typical garbage that we've heard about in the news or even seen in our in boxes: Barack Obama is secretly an evil Muslim (because, after all, all Muslims are evil), bent on the destruction of apple pie, baseball, and the American way. He cannot be a good president for so many reasons, but mainly because he does not believe in the Bible, and this country was founded on the Bible, so the two cannot exist together. The forward listed a passage in the Koran that would seem to make it impossible for Islam and the presidency to blend, because the author of this e-mail interpreted the passage in question as instruction for husbands to beat their wives if they disobey them. The author conveniently ignored the passages from the Christian Bible that reference stoning family members for wearing clothing made of two different kinds of cloth.

The worst part of the forward wasn't the allegations. It wasn't the insipid tripe that made up the body of the forward. It was the sign-off, "Love in Christ," followed by the author's name.

People will disagree on politics and politicians, but what troubles my mother is that someone could describe her faith in such a way. As if Jesus Christ himself would support ignorance, hatred, bigotry, and the politics of fear. As if Jesus Christ would shun people for being Muslim, thinking them less capable of performing their duties. As if a true Christian, upholding Jesus' message of love and forgiveness, would sign their name to something so pathetic and lowly with the words, "Love in Christ."

Those out there (myself included) who have doubts about Barack Obama, are worried about his experience, his willingness to trust, his healthcare plan, or his Iraq plan. But let's stick to the issues and leave the radical notions of crazed, foaming-at-the-mouth ultra-conservatism out of this. Obama isn't a Muslim, and even if he was it wouldn't make a damn bit of difference. Intolerance is intolerance, whether it come from a radical Muslim or a radical Christian. They're equally disgusting, and they simply don't have any place in politics.

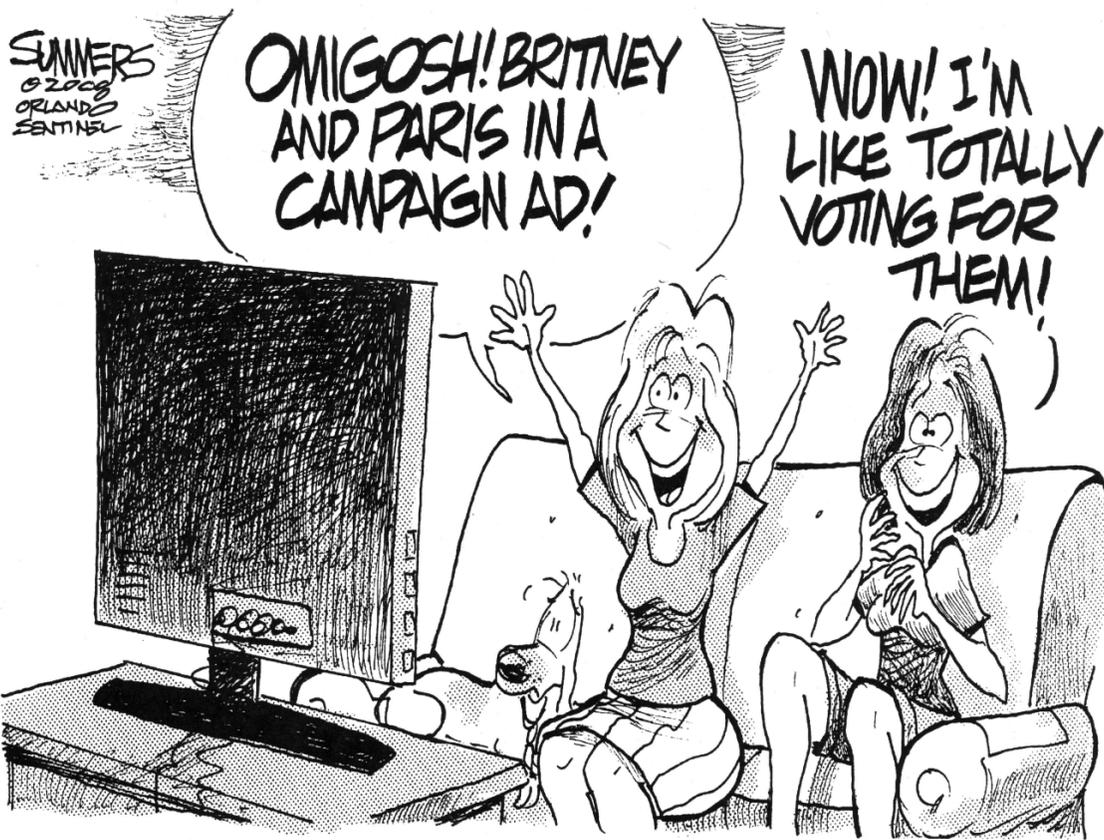
Deep down, my mother and I both know Stacy isn't one of "them." Stacy may run in different circles than us, but she doesn't have hate in her heart like the author(s) of these e-mails.

We know that because Stacy is a Christian. Funny thing is, so is Barack Obama. ■

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NATE WHITNEY



Guest Opinion

Goodbye to Pakistan's Musharraf

Democracy has not been a roaring success in Pakistan. When Pervez Musharraf seized power from a democratically elected government in a 1999 military coup, there was nearly as much celebration in the streets as there was on Monday when he announced his resignation as president, so corrupt and unpopular were the kleptocrats he unseated.

Yet for all the worries that the country's new democratic leaders will fail as spectacularly as the old ones did, Pakistan and the world have ample reason to cheer Monday's events. Military dictators don't often voluntarily cede power to civilian authorities. And, to paraphrase Winston Churchill, although democracy in Pakistan has proved to be a particularly messy form of government, it still beats all the others that have been tried.

In Washington, the biggest worry following Musharraf's departure concerns Pakistan's cooperation in the war on terrorism, particularly in combating Islamist militants who cross the border to battle U.S. troops in Afghanistan. Yet Musharraf was an unreliable ally at best on that front, and ever since he stepped down as head of Pakistan's army last year, he has been a less-important partner in the fight against the Taliban than the new army chief, Gen. Ashfaq Kayani. The latter is seen as an ally with strong ties to the CIA, so U.S. counterterrorism officials don't foresee changes in the military relationship, at least in the short term.

More problematic is the future of the country's government. About the only thing Pakistan's fractious ruling coalition can agree on is its disdain for Musharraf. Now a bruising fight for the presidency is underway between the two strongest parties: the Pakistan People's Party, led by Asif Ali Zardari, and the Muslim League-N, led by Nawaz Sharif. Either of these men would prove disastrous as Musharraf's successor. Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, is reputed to have accumulated a fortune by collecting bribes and kickbacks when his wife was in power, while Sharif's two terms as prime minister were marked by corruption, power grabs, and suspensions of civil liberties, culminating with his displacement by Musharraf's coup.

There are other candidates in the running, but it's unclear whether any has the expertise to cope with the country's most daunting challenges — runaway inflation, religious extremism and ongoing conflict with India. The political strife to come will probably make many Pakistanis nostalgic for the relative stability of military rule. Yet democracy can and will work even in parts of the world where so far it has seemed a dismal failure. All it takes is a little patience; Pakistan's people and army just need to provide it.

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

Jet crash kills 153

By Harold Heckle
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADRID, Spain — A jetliner heading to the popular Canary Islands vacation resort crashed during takeoff Wednesday, turning a wooded area off the end of a runway into a hellish scene of charred bodies and smoldering wreckage. Some 153 were believed dead — Spain's worst air disaster in nearly 25 years.

Only 19 people survived the midafternoon crash of the Spanair MD-82 at Madrid's Barajas International Airport, and some were in critical condition, said Development Minister Magdalena Alvarez, whose department oversees civil aviation in Spain. She initially reported 26 survivors.

The airline didn't release a death toll but said the plane carried 172 passengers and crew.

As smoke billowed from the wreckage, dozens of fire trucks and ambulances rushed to help, lining a nearby road and filling a field next to a swath of charred vegetation. Helicopters flew over dumping water on fires.

"The scene is devastating," said Pablo Albella, an emergency rescue worker. "The fuselage is destroyed. The plane burned. I have seen a kilometer of charred land and few whole pieces of the fuselage. It is all destruction."

Rescuers rushed the few survivors to hospitals, while emergency workers shrouded the dead in white sheets. One body lay on burned grass, an arm, and a leg poking out.

Later, a long convoy of black hearses rolled onto the airport grounds to carry bodies to a makeshift morgue set up at Madrid's main convention center. Flight departures resumed after several hours.



EFE/Associated Press

A part of the fuselage of the Spanair jet that crashed on take off at Madrid airport is lifted by a crane on Wednesday. A Spanair airliner bound for the Canary Islands at the height of the vacation season crashed, burned, and broke into pieces Wednesday while trying to take off from Madrid, killing 153 people on board, officials said.

It was not immediately clear what went wrong. Alvarez said the jetliner had barely gotten airborne when it veered right, crashed, and broke into pieces.

A spokesman for Spanair, a Spanish company wholly owned by Scandinavian Airlines, said it did not know what caused the accident. Alvarez, the government minister, said investigators ruled out foul play and considered the crash an accident.

While preparing for a first takeoff attempt, the plane's pilot reported a breakdown in a gauge that measures temperature outside the plane. The gauge was fixed, delaying the

departure, said Spanair spokeswoman Susana Vergara.

It was on the second takeoff attempt that the plane crashed.

The Spanair spokesman, Sergio Allard, originally said Flight JK5022 to Las Palmas had 175 passengers and crew aboard, but the airline later put the number at 172. The flight, which originated in Barcelona, was a code-share with Flight LH255 of the German carrier Lufthansa.

Allard declined to give any numbers on the nationalities of those on board, saying relatives had to be notified first.

In Germany, Lufthansa said it issued tickets to seven people

who checked in for the flight and four of those were from Germany. It was unclear whether they were German citizens.

Sweden's Foreign Ministry said two Swedes were on the plane. It said one was at a hospital but the other was unaccounted for.

The accident was Spain's worst air disaster since 1983, when a Boeing 747 operated by the Colombian airline Avianca crashed near Madrid on landing approach, killing 181 people. In 1985, an Iberia Boeing 727 crashed near Bilbao in the Basque region, killing 148 people.

Judge: Firm must supply drug

By Jeffrey Gold
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWARK, N.J. — A federal judge on Wednesday ordered a research company to supply an experimental drug to a 16-year-old Minnesota boy who is terminally ill with a rare form of muscular dystrophy.

The decision, however, offers no immediate relief to Jacob Gunvalson. Because of federal regulations, the teen cannot begin taking the drug immediately.

PTC Therapeutics plans to appeal the ruling by U.S. District Judge William Martini, who also denied the company's request to put his decision on hold while it was appealed.

Jacob's family contends that PTC, of South Plainfield, led them to believe he could participate in a clinical trial of the drug, which is being investigated as a possible treatment. But they say the company then went back on its word.

The company maintained that no promises were made. It said that allowing the teen to join the clinical trial would not be safe and would set a bad precedent that could hinder research.

Martini, who heard arguments on Tuesday, ruled from the bench on Wednesday while Jacob sat in a wheelchair next to one of his lawyers, with his parents sitting nearby.

"It's clear to me that if the plaintiff, Jacob, was denied this relief, he would suffer irreparable harm," Martini said. "His condition has already deteriorated significantly in the past year."

Jacob suffers from Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a genetic, degenerative disease that mostly affects young boys. Typically, those who suffer from it die in their

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— William Martini, judge

20s because of weakness in their heart and lung muscles. There is no known cure, but the Gunvalsons believe the experimental drug holds hope.

The dispute centers on a clinical trial of PTC124 that included a 28-day preliminary phase in 2005 and a 96-week phase that is about to begin.

Jacob's parents, John and Cheri Gunvalson, contend that PTC employees — including Senior Vice President Claudia Hirawat, who once hosted them at her house overnight — assured them that Jacob would have access to the drug even though the medication he was taking at the time excluded him from taking part in the preliminary trial.

Later, they discovered that Jacob could not participate in the 96-week trial because he hadn't participated in the preliminary trial.

The Gunvalsons live in Gonvick, Minn., around 220 miles northwest of Minneapolis.

The judge said that while he has conflicting accounts of what the family was told, he found the company was particularly close to the family.

"They had a special relationship that this court considers more than typical," Martini said.

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Usain Bolt
OLYMPICS

Like lightning, Bolt sets record 200m

BEIJING (AP) — Arms churning high, face twisted in pain as he sprinted toward the finish line, Usain Bolt kept glancing at the clock.

The win in the Olympic 200 meters was a given, his second gold medal of the Beijing Games assured.

This was now about a world record. About racing against history.

Showing just what he can do when he goes all out start to finish, Bolt forged the greatest race ever run Wednesday night under the hazy lights at the Bird's Nest, heaving his chest toward the finish line — not simply to beat someone for the gold, but to become a part of track's glorious, and sometimes troubled, lore.

He finished in 19.30 seconds to break Michael Johnson's 12-year-old world record, one of the most venerable in the books.

"I just blew my mind and blew the world's mind," Bolt said.

MLB

Griffey ties Sosa on homer list

CHICAGO (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. hit one of Chicago's four homers to move into a tie with Sammy Sosa for fifth on the career list, and the surging White Sox routed the Seattle Mariners, 15-3, on Wednesday.

Griffey's two-run drive in the second inning was his first since Chicago acquired him from Cincinnati on July 31, and No. 609 for his career. The 13-time All-Star was just 9-for-43 with four RBIs and no extra-base hits for the White Sox entering the game.

Alexei Ramirez and A.J. Pierzynski each hit a three-run homer for AL Central-leading Chicago, which has won eight of nine and maintained a one-game lead over Minnesota. Nick Swisher homered for the third straight game and Griffey scored three times.

Griffey hit an RBI single, and Ramirez connected for his 14th homer in Chicago's six-run first against knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (3-8), who lasted just two innings. Griffey's drive to right made it 8-0.

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Looking way, way up

With the 2008 Big Ten football season rolling in, *The Daily Iowan* takes a look at the teams and tells you their projected finishes.

By Alex Johnson
 THE DAILY IOWAN

These are the bottom-feeders, the catfish of the Big Ten: Minnesota, Northwestern and Indiana.

11. Minnesota

The ultimate groundfish of the conference is, for the second

year in a row, Minnesota.

Exhibiting little to no ability to win games last year, the Gophers came close a number of times (losing by fewer than seven to Bowling Green, Florida Atlantic, Northwestern, North Dakota State, and Iowa) while winning just once over Miami-Ohio in triple OT.

"It teaches you a lot of humili-

ty, that's for sure," said sophomore quarterback Adam Weber at the conference media day. "Being 1-11 and the disrespect that you feel because you haven't earned any respect — it motivates you and helps you become a better team."



Weber
 Minnesota
 quarterback



Sutton
 Northwestern
 running back



Lynch
 Indiana
 coach

Weber returns after an individually productive freshman season. The Gopher QB threw

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QBs battling for starting job

Iowa quarterbacks Jake Christensen and Ricky Stanzi are in the midst of a battle to determine who the starting signal-caller for the Hawkeyes will be against Maine on Aug. 30.

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By Scott Miller
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Kirk Ferentz has been asked the same question nearly every conceivable way, but he still doesn't have an answer. Nine days away from Iowa's opener against Maine, the 10-year head coach has yet to name a starting quarterback.

From spring ball to summer workouts and through training camp, junior and returning starter Jake Christensen, sophomore Ricky Stanzi, and redshirt freshman Marvin McNutt have competed for the starting role, and as of Aug. 16, Ferentz was no closer to naming a starter than he was in the spring.

"It's open — it's open right now," he said after watching Iowa's open practice at Kinnick Stadium. "I don't think anybody has really solidified anything. We have good competition there, and that's good. The whole group is doing a lot of things better, but we're not ready to play yet."

"... We're probably in a holding pattern right now. Right now, it's still Jake, but it's a competition."



Benjamin Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Last season's starting QB, Jake Christensen, is shown during the Iowa football media day, Aug. 4, at the practice facility.

This competition arose after Christensen threw for 189.1 yards per game and completed only 53.5 percent of his passes last season.

"Obviously, it's been pretty well-documented that I didn't play as well as I should have last

year," Christensen said at Iowa Media Day on Aug. 4. "There's nothing wrong with that — it was a learning experience, and I think it made me that much better."

"... I have no doubts in my ability or where I stand or what

I can get done on the field — just like the other guys have no doubts on what they can do."

Throughout the process, Stanzi, who figures to be the backup quarterback if Christensen retains his role as starter, has relished his chance to upend

Christensen and become Iowa's No. 1 quarterback.

"It's exciting, he said. "[Ferentz] always stresses to us ... that it's [an] open competition

SEE **QUARTERBACKS**, 6B

Greene, O'Meara running on top

Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz says returnee Shonn Greene and former walk-on Paki O'Meara have emerged as Iowa's one-two running back combo.

By Ryan Young
 THE DAILY IOWAN

With so much competition surrounding the Iowa football team near the end of training camp, head coach Kirk Ferentz said a definite running-back lineup is beginning to materialize.

Gone is the ominous, high-octane tandem of graduated Hawkeyes Albert Young and Damian Sims, which combined for 1,467 rushing yards last season.

Instead, Iowa's ground attack this year is expected to rest on a pair of virtually unknown ball carriers — junior Shonn Greene and sophomore Paki O'Meara. It's an expectancy that has spurred a volley of doubt and uncertainty.

After the conclusion of Iowa's fall scrimmage on Aug. 16, Ferentz was asked whether Greene had solidified himself as the Hawkeyes' first team running back. His response was short, sure, and direct.

"Yeah, I think at this point he is, but I'm really happy about Paki," the tenth-year coach said. "He works hard. He hustles — been doing a lot of good things there. So those guys are running No. 1 and No. 2. We'll see what happens after that."

The answer was a slight contrast to the one Ferentz gave three weeks ago at Iowa's media day, where he expressed uncertainty about the

SEE **RUNNING BACKS**, 6B



Amy Andrews/The Daily Iowan

Iowa junior running back Shonn Greene looks for the open field during the Hawkeyes' Aug. 16 open scrimmage at Kinnick Stadium. Greene is among those being looked at as a possible starter in Iowa's season-opener against Maine, Aug. 30 in Kinnick Stadium.

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

U.S. dumps Aussies

By Brian Hahoney
ASSOCIATED PRESS

that effort.

BEIJING — Don't doubt this U.S. men's basketball team — and sure don't challenge the players, either.

Especially if it's going to make Kobe Bryant flash his NBA MVP form.

Bryant scored 25 points in his best game in Beijing, and the men's U.S. Olympic team advanced to the semifinals by beating Australia, 116-85, on Wednesday night.

The United States will play defending champion Argentina or Greece on Friday night for a spot in the Aug. 24 gold-medal game.

Locked in what looked like another tough game in Australia, the Americans sent the Aussies' upset hopes down under with a 14-0 burst to open the second half, featuring nine points from Bryant.

LeBron James added 16 points for the Americans, who are guaranteed a chance to play for a medal. They need two more wins for their first gold medal in a major international competition since the 2000 Sydney Games.

As the U.S. expected, with the gold medal getting closer, the games are getting tougher.

Australia stayed with the Americans for the first 15 minutes of the game, duplicating the strong performance it had against them in an 87-76 exhibition loss in Shanghai on Aug. 5 — a contest the Americans led by only seven points midway through the fourth quarter.

U.S. players picked from a list of excuses, including fatigue from too many games and looking past the game while thinking ahead to Beijing, but it was clear early on that the Australians gained confidence from

Showing no fear of the Americans, the Australians delivered hard fouls and attacked the basket instead of settling for jump shots. They trailed by just a point after a quarter and five more than halfway through the second — and would have been closer if not for missing four easy shots in the half.

A hard foul on Carmelo Anthony by Mark Worthington late in the second quarter fired up James, and maybe triggered Bryant's burst.

Bryant had two buckets in a late run that turned a five-point lead into a 12-point halftime advantage, then helped the Americans make it a rout to start the third.

He made two 3-pointers and had three more points in the beginning of the period as the U.S. lead grew to 69-43. Australia was shut out for nearly half the period, finally scoring on Patrick Mills' 3-pointer with 6:02 remaining.

Mills, who plays at Saint Mary's College in California, led Australia with 20 points. Milwaukee Bucks center Andrew Bogut, who sat out the exhibition game while resting a sore ankle, was in early foul trouble and finished with only four points.

Now the Americans move on to the round where their recent dreams have died. They lost in the semis four years ago in Athens and then in the 2006 world championship.

Everywhere the Americans go, they are reminded of those recent failures. A back page ad in the *China Daily* on Wednesday had pictures of Bryant and James below a caption reading, "Nothing is more motivating than bronze."

The loaded U.S. team hasn't needed Bryant to be a scorer since he joined the team last



Dusan Vranic/Associated Press
USA's LeBron James and his teammates wave after winning their men's basketball game against Australia at the Beijing Olympics on Wednesday.

year, so he's been content to be its top defender. He averaged 12.6 points in the preliminary round but Wednesday was 10-for-16 from the floor, hitting four 3-pointers.

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	70	57	.551	—
Philadelphia	68	58	.540	1½
Florida	65	62	.512	5
Atlanta	56	71	.441	14
Washington	44	83	.346	26
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	77	49	.611	—
Milwaukee	73	55	.570	5
St. Louis	71	58	.550	7½
Houston	64	63	.504	13½
Pittsburgh	57	70	.449	20½
Cincinnati	56	71	.441	21½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	66	60	.524	—
Los Angeles	64	62	.508	2
Colorado	59	69	.461	8
San Francisco	54	72	.429	12
San Diego	48	78	.381	18

Beltran, New York, 87.
RBI—Howard, Philadelphia, 104; CaLee, Houston, 100; DWright, New York, 97; Ludwick, St. Louis, 94; AdGonzalez, San Diego, 92; Berkman, Houston, 89; Braun, Milwaukee, 86.
HOME RUNS—Dunn, Arizona, 34; Howard, Philadelphia, 33; Braun, Milwaukee, 31; Ludwick, St. Louis, 31; Utley, Philadelphia, 30; Burrell, Philadelphia, 29; Fielder, Milwaukee, 28; AdGonzalez, San Diego, 28; CaLee, Houston, 28.
PITCHING (13 Decisions)—Webb, Arizona, 18-4, .818, 2.85; Lincecum, San Francisco, 13-3, .812, 2.60; Volquez, Cincinnati, 15-5, .750, 2.73; Dempster, Chicago, 14-5, .737, 2.92; Wellemeyer, St. Louis, 11-4, .733, 3.79; Zambrano, Chicago, 12-5, .706, 3.38; Haren, Arizona, 14-8, .700, 3.12.
STRIKEOUTS—Lincecum, San Francisco, 192; Billingsley, Los Angeles, 162; Haren, Arizona, 160; Hamels, Philadelphia, 157; Cain, San Francisco, 153; Volquez, Cincinnati, 150; Dempster, Chicago, 149.
SAVES—BWilson, San Francisco, 33; Valverde, Houston, 32; Lidge, Philadelphia, 31; Gregg, Florida, 27; BWright, New York, 27; Hoffman, San Diego, 26; Lyon, Arizona, 25; KWood, Chicago, 25.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	77	49	.611	—
Boston	73	54	.575	4½
New York	67	59	.532	10
Toronto	65	61	.516	12
Baltimore	61	65	.484	16
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	72	54	.571	—
Minnesota	72	54	.571	1
Detroit	62	65	.488	11½
Cleveland	58	67	.464	14½
Kansas City	55	71	.437	18
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	77	48	.616	—
Oakland	63	65	.492	15½
Oakland	57	69	.452	20½
Seattle	46	80	.365	31½

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BATTING—Mauer, Minnesota, .324; Youkilis, Boston, .321; Pedroia, Boston, .319; Kinsler, Florida, .319; Bradley, Texas, .317; Ordonez, Detroit, .313; Damon, New York, .313.
RUNS—Kinsler, Texas, 102; Pedroia, Boston, 95; Quentin, Chicago, 92; Markakis, Baltimore, 89; BRoberts, Baltimore, 88; Suzuki, Seattle, 83; Granderson, Detroit, 82.
RBI—Hamilton, Texas, 115; Morneau, Minnesota, 98; Quentin, Chicago, 97; McCabera, Detroit, 97; Mora, Baltimore, 95; Youkilis, Boston, 88; Huff, Baltimore, 87; Ibanez, Seattle, 87.
DOUBLES—BRoberts, Baltimore, 45; Kinsler, Texas, 41; Pedroia, Boston, 40; Markakis, Baltimore, 39; Ibanez, Seattle, 39; Huff, Baltimore, 37; Rios, Toronto, 36; Peralta, Cleveland, 36.
TRIPLES—Granderson, Detroit, 10; Crawford, Tampa Bay, 10; BRoberts, Baltimore, 8; Inglett, Toronto, 7; AJones, Baltimore, 6; Rios, Toronto, 6; ISuzuki, Seattle, 6.
HOME RUNS—Quentin, Chicago, 35; Hamilton, Texas, 29; Dye, Chicago, 29; Sizemore, Cleveland, 28; ARodriguez, New York, 28; Huff, Baltimore, 27; Thome, Chicago, 26.
PITCHING (13 Decisions)—CLee, Cleveland, 17-2, .895, 2.43; Matsuzaka, Boston, 15-2, .882, 2.77; Perkins, Minnesota, 10-3, .769, 4.17; Galarraga, Detroit, 12-4, .750, 3.17; Lester, Boston, 12-4, .750, 3.17; Saunders, Los Angeles, 14-5, .737, 3.14; ESantana, Los Angeles, 13-5, .722, 3.39.
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Kick-starting a season



Iowa junior Jackie Kaeding warms up for practice on Tuesday. Kaeding is expected to be among the soccer team's key contributors this season.

By Amie Kiehn
THE DAILY IOWAN

strong incoming freshmen, this season should be one giant step toward the long-term goal of making the NCAA Tournament.

"[2008] will be interesting to see if we continue our improvement from the last couple years," Iowa coach Ron Rainey said. "We do have a lot of new faces, but we have a lot of returners, too. We are just hoping the two can combine to keep us progressing."

Progression, it appears, is where the winds are taking the women's soccer team. Shaw, a senior midfielder said her teammates have been busy during the off-season, pushing themselves to step up their play.

"I am just impressed of the work some of the women have put in," Shaw said. "[Junior] Nicole Slevin was out playing every day, calling me up and saying, 'Lets go and play,' and I

was like, 'I am too sore' but she always motivated me to come."

Adding nine more players to an already deep team made stepping up each player's game essential in order to remain a starter.

Junior goalkeeper Erica Clausen, a native of Portland, Ore., decided not to head back to the West Coast and instead stayed in Iowa City to improve. There are four competing to be the starting goalkeeper.

"The whole summer, we were lifting three times a week, running every day, and playing pickup games all the time," Clausen said. "I just know that once you get physically set, your mental game also gets a lot better."

While the coaches have not announced a starting goalkeeper for the season-opener, against Drake on Saturday, Rainey has four solid options as goalkeep-

ers — Clausen, Feiereisel, freshman Emily Moran, and sophomore Stephanie Swanson.

The only other major change will be Kaeding making the switch from being a midfielder to center defender. What makes this move significant is that Kaeding and Shaw were named the team's co-offensive players of the year after last season.

"I am excited about a change," Kaeding said. "[Assist coach] Eileen Narcotta has been great, because I was clueless. It has just been a lot of fun working with new people and seeing a whole different perspective of the game."

To describe this 2008 Hawkeye team in three words or less, Kaeding smiled and said, "An emerging program."

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Insurance's loss

By Rachel Cohen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Ga. — Mark Richt had completed the 40-hour course to sell life insurance. He was working as a phone solicitor setting up appointments for agents and preparing to take his exam.

"I never got to take my test because the company that was sponsoring me had some issues going on," Richt said.

Issues?
"One day I showed up to work, and my boss was being handcuffed and put in a car. They kind of locked down the place," he said. "I figured that was the end of my life-insurance career."

For a guy who has seemed like such a natural throughout a precocious career coaching football, Richt took awhile to figure out his calling. Even today, despite Richt leading Georgia to a 71-19 record in seven seasons, some college-football fans probably couldn't tell him apart from their life insurance agent. Not known for sideline rants or colorful yarns, the 48-year-old Richt's profile hasn't kept up with the Bulldogs' win totals.

But that's changing, now that Georgia sits atop the Associated Press preseason poll for the first time. The spotlight will illuminate every detail of how well Richt has evolved from odd jobs to the role of big-time college football coach.

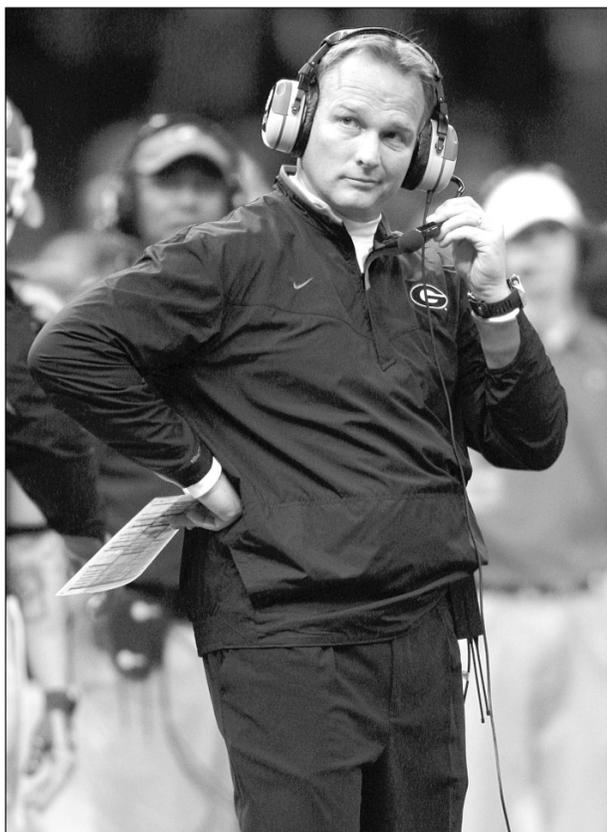
After his career as a backup quarterback at the University of Miami ended in 1982, Richt tried to valet cars and to sell memberships at a sports club. He got fired as a bartender because he spent too much time watching football, which should've been a sign. He then switched to cleaning the bar after closing time.

Richt also failed to make a couple of NFL teams. His stint with the Dolphins concluded when quarterbacks coach Dave Shula, the son of coach Don Shula, told him, "I've got good news and bad news. The good news is you scored higher on the test than everybody. The bad news is my dad wants to meet you and bring your play-book."

A trainer suggested he might want to try coaching.

"I always enjoyed the strategy," Richt said. "I always enjoyed learning why we did the things we did offensively. I always asked why. Sometimes the coaches maybe misunderstood me. I wasn't really questioning them as much as I was just wanting to learn."

Richt was about to head to LSU as a graduate assistant in 1985 when Florida State coach Bobby Bowden came through with a better offer: he'd coach the quarterbacks as a grad



Dave Martin/Associated Press
Georgia coach Mark Richt watches from the sideline during the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1 against Hawaii at the Superdome in New Orleans.

assistant.

"Brilliant" is how Bowden described Richt to strength and conditioning coach Dave Van Halanger.

Before the age of 30, Richt was the offensive coordinator at East Carolina. He remembers "being scared to death and praying a lot."

One game that 1989 season he called a throwback to the quarterback at the goal line. He could see the offensive-line coach yank off his headset and slam it into the ground.

The play resulted in a touchdown.

After a year, Richt returned to FSU. The Seminoles' offensive success made Richt one of those coordinators whose name always seemed to be mentioned for head coach openings.

"I had told my wife awhile back that if Mark gets a head job, I'd like to go, because I think great things could happen," Van Halanger said.

The only problem was Richt didn't seem all that interested.

"I just enjoyed life. Period," he said, adding drily, "Then this head coaching thing happened."

His mother, Helen, recalled that Richt had said years ago Georgia was one place he'd like to be a head coach, for the tradition and the community. Vince Dooley, the former Bulldogs coach and then the athlet-

ic director, got rave reviews from everybody he consulted during his search after the 2000 season.

The now-famous story is that Bowden told Dooley his only concern was that Richt was too nice.

"If that's the only thing you can find that's wrong with him, that's not bad," Dooley said.

One day at practice during Richt's first season in Athens, Dooley watched his new coach sternly send a top receiver off the field for loafing on a route.

"I started to run up and hug him," Dooley said with a laugh. So much for being too nice.

"Some people have to yell and scream to get their point across," said Van Halanger, who indeed followed Richt to his first head coaching job and now serves as Georgia's director of strength and conditioning.

"Some people have to exhibit certain animation. Mark knows who he is. People respect him because of that. He's the head coach, but he doesn't have to tell anybody."

But Richt concedes he was still acting more like an offensive coordinator than a head coach in some ways. And maybe he did need to yell and scream a little more.

"I wasn't this gifted multitasker," he said. "I was kind of coaching off of past experiences and even fumes sometimes. I

didn't study the game on an ongoing basis like I normally do."

What impresses Dooley is Richt's knack for identifying and addressing his weaknesses. After Richt struggled with some clock-management situations early on, he called in Homer Smith, a guru on the subject.

Until late in the 2006 season, Richt called plays for the Bulldogs. That's how he became familiar with the term visual learner — and discovered that he is one. Standing on the sideline, Richt used to have assistant Mike Bobo describe the view from the press box.

"Which he did a very good job of, but it got lost in the translation," Richt said. "I was listening; I still wasn't seeing it in my mind quickly enough to make a change or make a call. I would watch games afterward and I'd just think, 'I can't believe we went the whole game and I didn't call this or do that.' I'd just be upset with myself."

So Richt turned over play-calling duties to Bobo. The head coach no longer had to force himself to stay calm so he could make snap decisions on what to run next.

The most noticeable example of the looser and louder Richt of 2007 was his order to players to get an excessive celebration-penalty after their first touchdown against Florida. The play didn't unfold as he expected — and yet worked just as he had hoped.

The entire team charged into the end zone, to the irritation of the Gators. But that moment ignited the emotion and enthusiasm Richt feared the squad lacked.

Horse-collar tackle out

By Steve Herman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA has banned the horse-collar tackle from college football.

Following the lead of the NFL and acting on a proposal made by its Football Rules Committee, the NCAA will assess a penalty this season when a runner is yanked to the ground from the inside collar of his shoulder pads or jersey.

Other changes announced Wednesday include a clarification of rules on chop blocks, or tackling below the knees, and implementation of a 40-second play clock that will start as soon as the ball is ruled dead. Previously, a 25-second clock began only on the referee's signal.

The NCAA also will emphasize consistency in officiating, including blending crews from different conferences.

Rogers Redding, NCAA football secretary-rules editor and coordinator of football officials for the Southeastern Conference, said the horse-collar ban may result in fewer back injuries.

"What we're hearing from trainers and physicians is we're getting some back injuries when the ball carrier is immediately snapped to the ground by being jerked quickly," he said. "If the ball carrier is grabbed by the shoulder or jersey and just ridden to the ground over a couple of yards, that's not going to be a foul."

The chop block will now be defined as any high-low combination block by any two players against an opponent other than the runner, anywhere on the field, anytime in the game and

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— Dave Parry, head of College Football Officiating and coordinator of officiating for the Big Ten

with or without a delay between the hits, Redding said.

Football officials support the change, said Dave Parry, head of College Football Officiating and coordinator of officiating for the Big Ten.

"We'll err on the side of safety. We'll defend the official who may be a little more strict, because that's a major point of emphasis," he said.

A video on avoiding helmet-to-helmet contact has been developed by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

"This is a short DVD that focuses on proper injury-prevention tackling techniques," said Ron Courson, a member of the committee and director of sports medicine at the University of Georgia. "It's been distributed to every college in the nation, and we encourage every football program to show this to the student-athletes."

The NCAA also modified the procedure for restarting the game clock after a runner has gone out of bounds. Except during the final two minutes of each half, the game clock will be restarted on the referee's signal, rather than when the ball is snapped.

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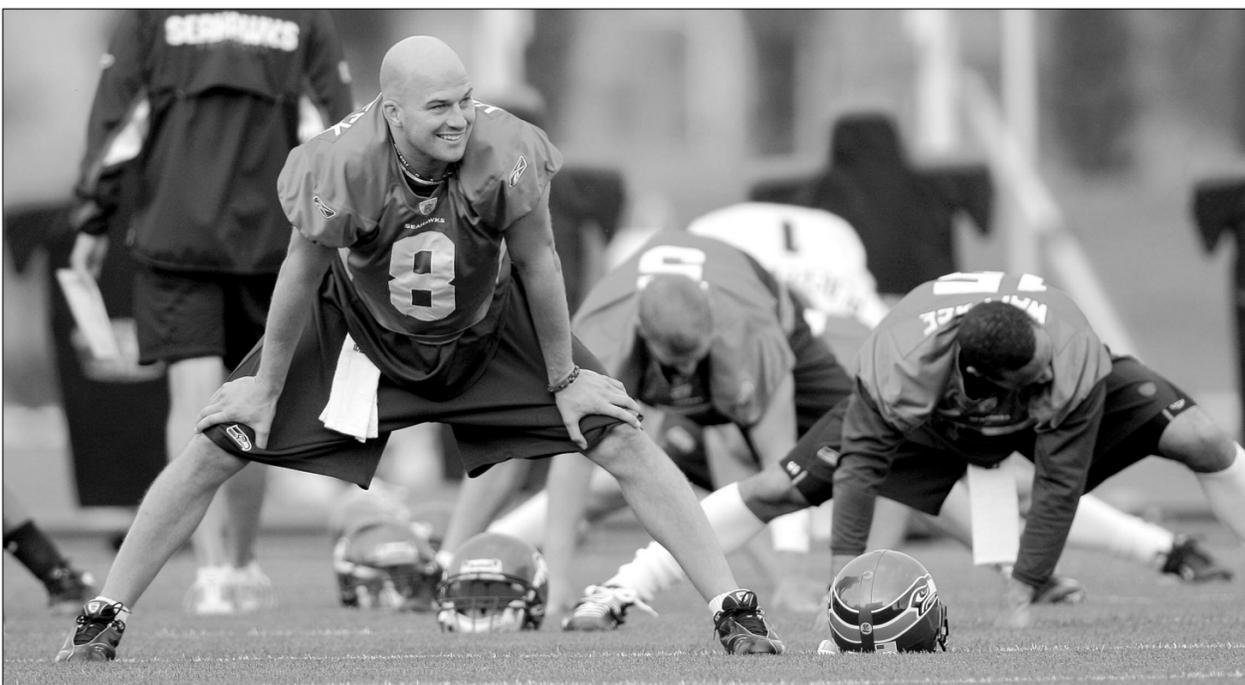
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Hasselbeck still out



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Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck stretches during morning practice drills Monday during the Seahawks' first full training camp session in their new facilities in Renton, Wash.

By Gregg Bell
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RENTON, Wash. — Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck did not practice again because of a stiff back on Wednesday, and he may also miss his second-consecutive preseason game against San Diego.

Coach Mike Holmgren is trying to ensure Hasselbeck is ready for the regular-season opener Sept. 7 at Buffalo.

"Absolutely your starting quarterback has to be ready for the first regular-season game," Holmgren said after No. 3 quarterback Charlie Frye again took most of the snaps Wednesday morning — just as he is likely to do on Monday night against the Chargers.

"[With] the guys who have played as long as he has played ... you are not quite as concerned about their minutes in the preseason," Holmgren said. "Now, I want him to feel better. That's my main concern. But as far as not playing or not getting enough reps, I don't worry about that too much."

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Hasselbeck first felt his back tighten while completing 7-of-8 passes for 70 yards and a touchdown in two sharp series of the preseason opener Aug. 8 at Minnesota.

That could be the only game action for the three-time Pro Bowler before the opener. Seattle has just one practice day between Monday's game and the preseason finale against Oakland on Aug. 29.

"We're going to take it a day at a time and just see how he feels," Holmgren said when asked if he would shut down Hasselbeck until the week before the regular season.

When asked if this was a setback or if he was any more concerned with Hasselbeck now that he's out again, Holmgren flatly said, "No. He'll be fine."

Seattle is already missing its two top receivers with Bobby Engram out until perhaps October with a broken shoulder and Deion Branch just six months into recovery from reconstructive knee surgery. The Seahawks also have a rookie starting tight end, John Carlson, and three new running backs — Julius Jones, T.J. Duckett, and former backup Maurice Morris — replacing former league MVP Shaun Alexander. Seattle released Alexander in the spring.

Hasselbeck, who arrived to be Seattle's starter in 2001 after being Brett Favre's backup in Green Bay, made his third Pro Bowl last season. He set Seattle records for pass attempts (562), completions (352), and yards (3,966)

despite bruised ribs, a sometimes porous offensive line, and no effective running game.

"He's a very good player," Holmgren said, emphasizing "very."

Hasselbeck was in uniform for the Aug. 16 preseason win in overtime against Chicago but watched Frye play the entire game. After he returned to fully participate in practice Monday, Hasselbeck said, "I felt fine. If I felt stiff it's because I was standing around too much."

He added he "absolutely" would play in "San Diego." Then he left Tuesday morning's drills after 45 minutes and has been in the training room since. Holmgren said it was too early to know Hasselbeck's status for Monday's game.

Backup quarterback Seneca Wallace was again limited in practice with a sore groin, leaving Frye to run the first- and second-team units.

Rams' Jackson back in fold

By R.B. Fallstrom
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis Ram running back Steven Jackson ended his holdout on Wednesday while his agent continues negotiations for a new contract.

The 235-pound Jackson, a bruising runner and the centerpiece of the team's offense, is entering the final year of a five-year, \$7 million deal he signed as a first-round pick in 2004. His prolonged stand perhaps reflected a realization of his value to an attack that averaged only 16 points last season while going 3-13.

The Rams cut off negotiations in late July on the first day of training camp after Jackson's agent, Eugene Parker, turned down a deal the team said would have put Jackson in the top echelon at his position.

At that time, Jay Zygmunt, the Rams' president of football operations, said there would be no further talks until the running back reported.

"This is certainly a step in the right direction," coach Scott Linehan said. "We're hoping we can get this thing squared away real quickly."

Parker did not return a telephone message from the AP.

Jackson is scheduled for a physical this morning, and he could make it onto the practice field that day. The Rams have a workout scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

"Steven is one of the best players in the NFL, and we'd like to have him back," line-



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St. Louis Ram running back Steven Jackson carries the ball against the Green Bay Packers in St. Louis on Dec. 16, 2007. Jackson ended his holdout on Wednesday while his agent continues negotiations for a new contract.

backer Chris Draft said earlier Wednesday before Jackson ended his holdout.

Jackson had his third-consecutive 1,000-yard season in 2007 despite missing four games with injuries, and the

Rams had made signing him to a contract extension a priority in the off-season. Zygmunt said the team approached Jackson's agent not long after the season to discuss a new deal, but negotiations stalled

when Jackson switched representatives and signed with Parker in late June.

Linehan said earlier in the week that he didn't think it would take Jackson long to learn the new offense similar to that run by the 1999 Super Bowl championship team, because he participated in off-season workouts. New offensive coordinator Al Saunders was a top assistant under Dick Vermeil on that team.

Throughout the holdout, Linehan was careful to avoid criticism of Jackson. However, after the backup running backs combined for 144 yards on 28 carries and a touchdown in a 7-6 preseason victory over the Chargers on Aug. 16, the coach said Jackson's absence was getting to the critical stage.

It's likely Jackson will get a rude welcome back from fans in the Rams' third preseason game against the Ravens on Saturday. The Rams failed to sell out three games last season and Jackson was often critical of the lack of support.

Antonio Pittman, signed by the Rams last season after the Saints drafted him in the fourth round and then released him in their final roster cuts, gained 67 yards on nine carries last week as the stand-in feature back.

"I would approach it the same way if he was here," Pittman said. "I'm trying to compete and get better every day. Competition pushes us all and you can't look too far ahead. If you do, you might not be here."

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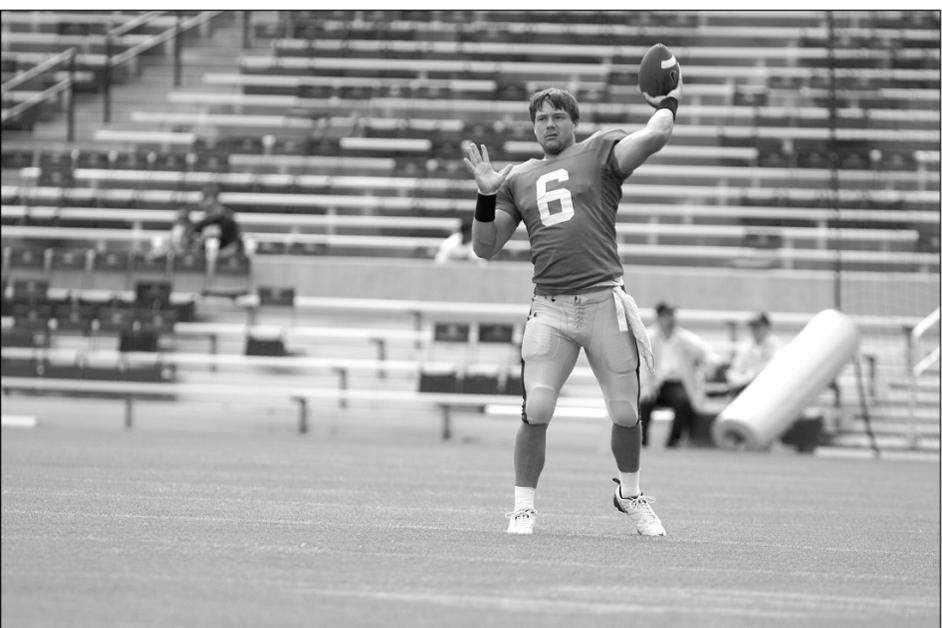
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Iowa junior quarterback Jake Christensen warms up before Iowa's open scrimmage at Kinnick Stadium on Aug. 16. Christensen looks to retain his starting job as the 2008 football season draws near.

QUARTERBACKS

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[and that] no one should be relaxing because, like I said earlier, that's a cancer. [If] you relax, the next thing you know we're getting worse." With that said, the Mentor, Ohio native, who suffered a shoulder injury at the beginning of camp, did little to close the gap at an open practice on Aug. 16, throwing two interceptions in front of the Hawkeye faithful. But even if the sophomore sig-

nal-caller doesn't win the starting role, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Ken O'Keefe contends that the competition Stanzi has provided has only helped the other quarterbacks. "He's pushed Jake to the hill, especially coming out of spring ball — those guys were virtually neck-and-neck," O'Keefe said. "... I'm confident in all of these guys. The guy that we put on the field is the guy that we feel gives us the best chance to win." And depending upon who you

ask, that guy — the one who will start against Maine in Iowa's season opener — is either undoubtedly Christensen or undeniably undecided. "I'm sure he thinks he's the guy, and you know, I think I'm the guy," Christensen said on Aug. 16. "That's not really up to us. All we do is practice and do as well as we can. I'm not really thinking about that. I'm just trying to get better." E-mail *DI* reporter Scott Miller at: scott-t-miller@uiowa.edu

Two head RB list

RUNNING BACKS

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offensive backfield with camp yet to open, saying the position was up in the air. "Right now, it's a jump ball in all regards," he said Aug. 4. "Right now, we got three guys working equally." Either way, Ferentz isn't ruling out the possibility of either sophomore Jayme Murphy, junior college stand-out Nate Guillory, or any of three newly acquired freshmen backs to make a run at the job. Greene, who has been a Hawkeye since 2005, but was exiled from the team last year due to academic reasons, already has quite a résumé built up. During his first career game at Iowa, he ran for 116 yards against Ball State and became the first true freshman to rush for more than 100 yards in a game since fellow New Jersey native Tony Stewart did it in 1987 against Wisconsin. Greene was also listed as the second team running back following the 2006 spring scrimmage. "A lot of people that make those comments aren't in practice," Greene said about the amplitude of questions at surrounding the position. "I don't think there is any question at running back. I mean, we have a few guys that can get in there and get the job done. I think the whole group is solid." Meanwhile, O'Meara is a former walk-on from Cedar Rapids Washington High School who saw limited action last year on special teams. He was previously listed as the first team running back following Iowa's spring scrimmage in April. But the ensuing four months saw several roster shuffles once Greene, Guillory, and the newcomers began vying for the position during training camp. Despite the plethora of talent equipping the Hawkeyes in the backfield, O'Meara said he would much rather take the wide



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Iowa junior running back Shonn Greene gets ready for the Aug. 16 open scrimmage at Kinnick Stadium.

range of running backs than none at all — even if it means him falling out of contention for the starting two-deeps. "I'd definitely rather have depth," he said three weeks ago at Iowa football media day. "If anything, it provides a lot of competition and pushes everyone to become better." E-mail *DI* reporter Ryan Young at: ryan-c-young@uiowa.edu

Gophers, 'Cats lag

BIG TEN

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for nearly 2,900 yards and was the team's leading rusher with 617 yards on the ground. But the players around him were lacking as the team was 10th in the conference in both scoring offense and scoring defense. "We really feel like that we added some football players that are going to help our football team become more dynamic," head coach Tim Brewster said. "We needed more play-makers." They got exactly that. A class ranking third in the conference and 16th nationally will help give Weber and the Gophers some bite. That doesn't mean Minnesota is as improved as their stadium will be in 2009 — expect a similar growth curve Iowa experienced in 2007, minus a few victories.

9. Indiana

The Hoosiers are the most talented team at the bottom of the lake, including athletes at quarterback and running back in juniors Kellen Lewis and Marcus Thigpen. However, the loss of super wideout James Hardy and his 16 touchdowns to the NFL severely weakens an offense that ranked sixth in the Big Ten. Coupled with a scoring defense resting eighth in the conference rankings, it looks like a regression year for the Big Ten's 2007 Insight Bowl representative. Of course, the way off-seasons go, optimism is running high in Bloomington. "You have to win; you have to prove you can win to create that excitement, and I think that's what we did last fall," head coach Bill Lynch said. "There's some other things going on campus that really helped. We have a tremendous facility upgrade going ... We've had tremendous support from our administration and now we have to carry it on

and follow up last year's success with success again this fall." If that's going to happen for the Hoosiers, someone will have to fill the void from losing Hardy. Thigpen believes he's a candidate that simply isn't being discussed. "I need to score more rushing touchdowns," he said. "I had maybe three receiving touchdowns but no rushing [touchdowns]. So just score more touchdowns, and I'll probably get more publicity." If the Hoosiers expect to stay out of the bottom three again in '08, Thigpen might need some help. E-mail *DI* reporter Alex Johnson at: alexander.jswj@gmail.com

10. Northwestern

Northwestern is an upgrade over Minnesota, but it's still a team to be sneezed at ... a lot. Like Minnesota, the Wildcats have holes at different positions, run a difficult-to-defend spread in terms of yardage, but also have difficulty on the scoreboard. Northwestern ranked seventh in scoring offense, but last in scoring defense. Expect more of the same from the Wildcats in 2008: a weak defense, and a fast-paced offense. "[This offense] is fast and it emphasizes everyone on the field," said senior running back Tyrell Sutton. "We feel as though our receivers and our backs can [compete] with anyone one-on-one, and that's what we're trying to do. We're trying to exploit the man-on-man coverages and get the best matchup." Much like the Gophers again, Northwestern felt good about its off-season progress towards a competitive Big Ten season. "I'm very optimistic about the season obviously with the wealth of experience we have coming back, but I'm more excited because of the competition," head coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "We've recruited well, our redshirt-freshman class, our sophomore class, and the incoming class. We have the competition we need to take the next step."

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Landlocked Film Festival codirectors Mary Blackwood and Bruce Heppner-Elgin stand on the Englert stage on Tuesday, where 24 films in the festival will be projected. The festival, in its second year, features more than 80 films and numerous workshops and panel discussions, will begin today and run through Aug. 24. Films will also be presented at the Iowa City Public Library, hotelVetro, and the Sheraton.

Cornucopia of film

No need to travel to the Cannes Festival to see fine independent cinema — the second Landlocked Film Festival brings an assortment of films to Iowa City this weekend.

Local showings

Independent films will be showing all around downtown this weekend.

Iowa City Destinations



Jacqueline Ciestak/The Daily Iowan

By Jake Jensen

THE DAILY IOWAN

Mary Blackwood is carrying a large, white grocery bag filled to the brim with DVDs. The corners of the disc cases are threatening to poke through the thin plastic, causing the bag to look more like an abstract pineapple than a toting device.

When she sees Bruce Heppner-Elgin, who is carrying a few DVDs himself, she promptly hands him several from her own bunch. The two jump into an animated discussion of movie scenes and business planning.

As codirectors of Iowa City's Landlocked Film Festival, having boxes of DVDs sent to them, swapping movies at trading sessions, and conversing in

cinophile lingo have become their norm.

The second Landlocked Film Festival will take over downtown Iowa City this weekend, holding screenings, workshops, and panel discussions at the Englert Theatre, hotelVetro, Sheraton Hotel, the Iowa City Public Library, and US Bank. The festivities — free for everyone — will kick off with a “How to Attend a Film Festival” panel discussion at 5:30 p.m. today in the Englert.

“A lot of people in Iowa City wanted a big film festival for a long time,” said Heppner-Elgin, 39. “There are a lot of good ones in Iowa — a lot of smaller ones. There’s a niche already. We wanted to have Iowa’s biggest and best festival, and we accomplished that in year one.”

The 80-plus films being screened at the Landlocked Film Festival are not short on diversity. The list of countries from which submissions came sounds more like an Olympic roster — Japan, Burundi, Cambodia, Poland, and the Netherlands, to name a few.

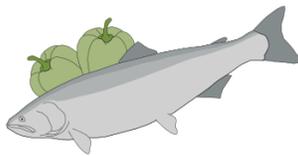
The movies run the gamut of subject matter. There are six Spanish-language shorts, and performances by one of the Baldwin brothers, “Saturday Night Live” alum Kevin Nealon, and Iowa native Tom Arnold. With a two-minute-long animated short about a wooden doll who just can’t fit in, as well as a feature-length narrative about a business for removing a deceased person’s secret

SEE FILM FEST, 3C

coming up
THIS WEEKEND
Check out 2C for a complete list of Iowa City events

Weekend calendar

Let’s be serious: It’s your last free weekend before school approaches like a little cloud of doom and gloom. Check out today’s menu for a delectable grilled meal, and go enjoy those precious last days of glorious summer. 2C



Aniversidad

Remember when the Picador was Gabe’s, complete with frightening restrooms and a tradition of great music? The Picador celebrates its second anniversary this weekend. 3C

Grab your yarn

Knit one, pearl two — grab a cup of coffee. It’s all in a morning’s work at the Knitter’s Breakfast at Home Ec. Workshop. 3C



Death Race
Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10
The latest flick from *Resident Evil* director Paul W.S. Anderson finds one-time NASCAR star Jensen Ames, played by Jason Statham, in a high-security prison where the warden, Joan Allen of the *Bourne* series, pits inmates against each other in a intensely violent, drive-to-the-death, gladiator-esque race. A remake of the 1975 film *Death Race 2000*, Allen coerces Statham's character into participating in the races just weeks before he is set to be released, rocketing him to fame within the penitentiary as crowd-favorite "Frankenstein."



The House Bunny
Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10
When Playboy bunny Shelley Darlington gets the boot and is tossed out of the mansion after a squabble with an in-house rival, she is left without her glitzy, glamorous, Hefner-spiked life. But then Shelley, played by Anna Faris of the *Scary Movie* quartet, stumbles upon the sisters of the Zeta Alpha Zeta. In typical sorority fashion, the Zeta members have to recruit a new class of pledges — or they risk losing their beloved house to the con-niving members of Phi Iota Mu. As the UI's formal sorority recruitment wraps up this weekend, the movie, which features Hugh Hefner as himself, promises on its official site that the characters will finally "stop pretending and start being themselves."

weekend calendar of events

Today 8.21

MUSIC
• **Iowa City Community Band**, 6:30 p.m., S.T. Morrison Park, Coralville
• **Dr. Z's Experiment and Abodanga**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
• **Mike Mangione and Ben Weaver**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

WORDS
• **Virginia Jones, nonfiction**, 1:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn

MISCELLANEOUS
• **Introduction to Iyengar Yoga**, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Friendship Yoga, 1231 Gilbert Court
• **University Club Newcomers' Coffee**, 9:30 a.m., Bread Gar-

den Bakery and Café, 225 S. Linn
• **Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Coralville Community Aquatic Center, 1513 Seventh St.
• **Landlocked Film Festival**, 5:30 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
• **Bicyclists of Iowa City Evening Leisure Ride**, 6 p.m., Best Buy, Coral Ridge Mall
• **Drinking Liberally**, 8 p.m., Mill
• **Big D's Karaoke Jamz**, 9 p.m., Gus' Food and Spirits, 2421 Coral Court, Coralville
• **Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
• **Physical Challenge**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
• **Thursday Night Karaoke**, 9:30 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville

Saturday 8.23

MUSIC
• **The Mayflies, the Cellar Door, Harmonicorder**, 9 p.m., Industry, 211 Iowa
• **Picador Second Anniversary Weekend, with the Diplomats of Solid Sound, Mad Monks, and Ephraim Zenh**, 9 p.m., Picador
• **Taj Weekes and Adowa with Samba Nosso**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
• **The Salsa Band**, 9 p.m., Mill

WORDS
• **Waneta Dawn, fiction**, 2 p.m., Waldenbooks, Sycamore Mall

THEATER
• **All in a Day Theatre Festival**, 8 p.m., United Action for Youth Center, 355 Iowa

DANCE
• **Old Time Country Dance**, 7:30 p.m., Senior Center
• **Tango Milonga**, 7:30 p.m., Wesley House, 120 N. Dubuque

Sunday 8.24

MUSIC
• **Flood Relief Harp Recital**, 3 p.m., Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 123 E. Market
• **Celebrate Life Concert with the Cedar Island Band**, 4 p.m., Lensing's Oak Hill Funeral Service, 210 Holiday Road, Coralville

MISCELLANEOUS
• **Sertoma Airport Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser and Fly-In**, 7 a.m., Iowa City Municipal Airport
• **Bicyclists of Iowa City Ride**, 8 a.m., Hwy-Vee, 1201 N. Dodge

MISCELLANEOUS
• **Iowa City Farmers' Market**, 7:30 a.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
• **Alley Walk and Garage Sale**, 9 a.m., North Side Neighborhood, Linn Street between Davenport and Fairchild
• **Preucil School of Music Book Sale Fundraiser**, 9 a.m., 524 N. Johnson
• **Knitter's Breakfast**, 10 a.m., Home Ec. Workshop
• **India Bazaar**, 11 a.m., Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds
• **Landlocked Film Festival**, noon, Englert
• **Barns Count Too, and the Washington County Barn Quilt Project**, 2 p.m., Johnson County Historical Society, 860 Quarry Road, Coralville
• **Free Introductory Tai Chi Fundamentals Class**, 3 p.m., Kahraman Dance Studio, 330 E. Second St.
• **Saturday Night Free Movie Series**, 7 p.m., Pentacrest
• **Rock and Roll/Country Night**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy

• **Block Party**, 11:30 a.m., Gloria Dei
• **Landlocked Film Festival**, 1 p.m., Englert
• **Meskwaki Photograph Collection Exhibit**, 1 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
• **Taize**, 5 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
• **Dead Night**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
• **Pub Quiz**, 9 p.m., Mill
• **Reggae Night with DJs Funkma\$ter and KIMX**, 9 p.m., Quinton's Bar Y Deli, 215 E. Washington

Friday 8.22

MUSIC
• **"Java Blend," Andy White**, noon, Java House, 211½ E. Washington
• **Friday Night Concert Series, with Samba Nosso and the Gglitch**, 6:30 p.m., Pedestrian Mall
• **"Live at the Java House," Blue Midnight**, 8 p.m., Java House
• **Friday Night Karaoke, with Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., American Legion Post No. 17, 3016 Muscatine
• **The Sullivan Gang, Caw! Caw!, Red and the Eds, K Plattner, Bouncer-Fighter**, 9 p.m., Mill
• **Picador Second Anniversary Weekend, with Snow Demon, Shores of Tundra, Lwa, Acoustic Guillotine, and Black Slacks**, 9 p.m., Picador
• **Red Hot Chili Peppers Tribute,** with **Funky Monks and Dead Larry**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club

MISCELLANEOUS
• **Noon Knit**, noon, Hardin Library
• **Knitting Nurse**, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
• **Landlocked Film Festival**, 3 p.m., Englert
• **TKO Boxing Promotions:**



Andy White showcases his blend of folk rock and pop during "Java Blend" this Friday. The Irish singer-songwriter even has a song called "James Joyce's Grave," just in case fans doubt his patriotism for his home country. Read Arts reporter Cole Cheney's preview of the show in Friday's *DI*.

Emily and Katy Klinefelter, 7:30 p.m., Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Road S.E.
• **Retro Club Night**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy

Updated Hancher calendar

While summer flooding left Hancher Auditorium in disarray, venue officials announced a revised schedule of performances Wednesday.
• **ScrapArtsMusic**, Sept. 28, moved to Pentacrest
• **Diavolo**, Oct. 3, canceled
• **Kathy Griffin**, Oct. 4, moved to Carver-Hawkeye Arena
• **Global Drum Project**, Oct. 15, moved to West High
• **An Evening with Judy Collins**, Oct. 17, moved to Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
• **Chiara String Quartet**, Oct. 23, moved to Congregational United Church of Christ
• **An Irish Homecoming**, Nov. 6-7, moved to Englert Theatre
• **Rob Kapilow, Green Eggs and Hamadeus**, Nov. 9, canceled
• **Takács Quarter, Muzsikás**,

Marta Sebestyen, Nov. 12, moved to City High
• **Brad Mehldau Trio**, Nov. 13, moved to City High
• **Rinde Eckert, Eye Piece**, Nov. 14-22, canceled
• **Monty Python's Spamalot**, Dec. 9-14, canceled
• **Kurt Elling, Dedicated to You**, Jan. 24, canceled
• **The National Acrobats of China**, Jan. 29, canceled
• **St. Lawrence String Quartet**, Feb. 4, moved to Brown Deer Golf Club
• **The Joffrey Ballet**, Feb. 7-8, canceled
• **Time for Three**, Feb. 12, moved to City High
• **Vienna Boys' Choir**, Feb. 13, moved to West High
• **Avenue Q**, Feb. 24-March 1, canceled
• **DanceBrazil**, March 3, canceled

• **Cirque Éloize, Nebbia**, March 7-8, canceled
• **Juan de Marcos and the Afro-Cuban All Stars**, March 10, moved to West High
• **Musicians from Marlboro**, March 11, moved to Brown Deer Golf Club
• **The Academy of Ancient Music**, March 25, moved to West High
• **Stephen Petronio Company**, March 28, canceled
• **Richard Stoltzman, "Salute to Benny Goodman"**, April 3, moved to Englert Theatre
• **Mariza**, April 7, canceled
• **Luna Negra Dance Theater**, April 17, canceled
• **Alpin Hong**, April 24, moved to City High
• **Trout Fishing in America**, May 10, moved to West High

TRACKS FROM THE PAST

A place to remember all those albums we actually bought, memorized, and obsessed over. You loved it then, and you'll still love it now.

"Jacket?"
"Jack-eet?"
"Jack-ite?"
The title still doesn't make sense. That's all right, though; just because your junior-high friends knew more about the art of "tongue-in-cheek" didn't mean that pre-Good Charlotte anthems, divorce ballads, and naked-for-the-sake-of-nakedness didn't resonate with the most oblivious among us.
It was pop, it was punk, and it prevailed as an album for the ages. Released in three different forms, each edition of *Take Off Your Pants and Jacket* contained two different "secret tracks" (in a pre-iTunes world, you were more content with the simple things). Each bonus track casually commented on some form of bestiality or incest and — in true Blink-182 form, always in a positive light. Let the giggles roll.
The album was held from any critical appraisal by lyrics that touched on human emotion before receding into penis jokes. The only musically redeeming feature was Barker's Mohawk-fueled drumming, and the album is about more than music: It was a nostalgic portal into childhood before the rough snap of "growing up."
How easy it is to forget that these "punks" were men — each had been married within a year of the album's 2001 release. These pseudo-teens actually had decent advice and experience concerning first dates, lonely guys, and the rock shows for a generation of carefree, skateboarding, instant-messaging, and tattoo-hungry teens. That's well worth a few dirty jokes.
— by Cole Cheney



Take Off Your Pants and Jacket by Blink-182
Released June 12, 2001

Closely knit community, with caffeine

By Tara Atkinson Gunyon
THE DAILY IOWAN

In Iowa City, Home Ec. isn't just a class — it's a place. Since co-owners Alisa Weinstein and Codi Josephson opened their doors at 207 N. Linn St. in February 2007, Home Ec. Workshop has offered balls of yarn and cloth in every color, as well as a little bit more than the typical craft store. Because in addition to necessary materials, Home Ec. sells another essential — coffee. On Saturdays, the store opens at 10 a.m. for Knitter's Breakfast, which — just as it sounds — features knitting and breakfast. "Sometimes people stay all day, sometimes just an hour. Some meet people here, or they come by themselves. We have husbands and wives come in; we have one couple who always come with their baby," Weinstein said. "We'll see sometimes 15 people on a Saturday if not more



Benjamin Roberts/The Daily Iowan
The owners of Home Ec. Workshop, Alisa Weinstein (left) and Codi Josephson, chat in their store on Wednesday. Although the pair both have no formal seamstress education, they do share backgrounds in education and hold lessons ranging from sewing, knitting, and screen-press designs almost daily.

going in and out, just setting aside some time to knit and eat." For the breakfast, baker

Heidi Anderson bakes a quiche in addition to the store's regular pastries and cookies, all of

them made from scratch. The espresso bar, open every day, serves all organic and Fair Trade coffee and espresso as well as a full menu including Italian sodas and teas. The espresso bar and Saturday-morning breakfast are just a few things that Weinstein and Josephson have done to make Home Ec. a little more conducive to the act of creation than the junior-high classroom version, with its fluorescent lights and pressure to make A-plus pajamas. "We both like fiber arts in general, and we knew a lot of people interested in that. We wanted to make a place for the community where you could meet other people knitting and sewing, buy materials, and also make things in our space," Weinstein said. "The best thing about the business for me is meeting the people who come in here and seeing what they're doing and learning from them." Those who may have had to

abandon their sewing machines for smaller spaces can use the sewing machines in Home Ec.'s workshop for only \$6 an hour, and those hoping to learn (or relearn) can receive private lessons in the store for \$15 an hour. The store also hosts a number of classes on other craft arts, such as knitting, crocheting, embroidery, and quilting taught by the Home Ec. staff, community artists, and fine-arts teachers from other institutions. "Sometimes people kind of know how to do things, but sometimes they'll need help with a step in a pattern," said Weinstein. "We're here to help." But even those who currently need no yarn and no help can find a valuable resource at Home Ec. — a safe place to spend a little time with their work. "Sometimes I'll hear people say they can't knit around their children," Weinstein said. "Or their cat." E-mail //reporter Tara Atkinson at: tara-atkinson@uiowa.edu

GRILLED SALMON DINNER WITH PEPPERS AND YELLOW SQUASH

Fully appreciate the last week of vacation with this refreshing summer dinner, perfect for an evening cookout before school starts.

GRILLED SALMON
What you need:
5-8 oz. salmon fillet per person, with skin
½ T fresh rosemary
½ T fresh thyme

Salt
Lemons
What to do:
Pick leaves off the fresh herbs and gently press a generous amount on top of raw salmon. Place salmon with the skin side down on a hot grill. Apply a few pinches of salt to each portion of salmon and close the top of the grill. After several

minutes, when the flesh has become opaque pink all the way up the sides of the fillets, flip them over and grill for just a few minutes on the other side. Move salmon to a plate and cover with aluminum foil before large areas of the flesh become brown. Let the salmon continue to cook in the foil covered plate for around five minutes. Cut fresh lemons into wedges to serve

with the salmon. If desired, discard salmon skin before serving.
GRILLED PEPPERS AND YELLOW SQUASH
What you need:
Green and red peppers
Yellow squash
Salt and pepper, to taste
Balsamic vinegar
Salad dressing

What to do:
Half the peppers and cut the squash into spears. Place on the grill and turn them for grill marks on each side. After each side is browned, place all of the squash in a tray and add salt and pepper to taste. Then drizzle balsamic vinegar over the squash. Serve peppers with a mayonnaise based dressing, such as ranch or caesar.



Landlocked and loaded

FILM FEST

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porn stash, nearly all cinematic thirst will be quenched.

A group of independent judges from across the country will review the entries, and one film from each of the festival's six categories — narrative feature and short, documentary feature and short, animation, and student videos — will win a cash prize. Blackwood emphasizes the judging is as fair as possible, insisting that there is no home-field advantage.

"It's about credibility — we want that," said Blackwood, 51. "We have independent judges, which isn't all that common for small festivals. Some filmmakers spend a lot of money; others don't. It's about heart and soul, not just production value. A film can still be beautiful with less money."

The festival's sophomore outing comes in light of Iowa's Film, Television, and Video Project Promotion Program, created when Gov. Chet Culver passed a law in May that offers tax incentives to filmmakers doing work in Iowa.

Heppner-Elgin describes the law as the best of its kind in the country, and that "Iowa is at the top for a Midwestern look."

One filmmaker taking advantage of the Hawkeye State's cinematic opportunities is 45-year-old Lonnie Schuyler,

writer/director/producer/star of *Beneath the Mississippi*, which will play Friday at 8:55 p.m. The "artsy ghost story," as Heppner-Elgin put it, was shot along the banks of the Mississippi River a few miles north of Burlington.

"I went to the river with friends, and it was a great backdrop," said Schuyler, who became involved with the festival after hearing about it from local filmmakers last year.

After living in Los Angeles and working as an actor, Schuyler moved to Burlington with his wife to focus on writing. He particularly enjoyed the "energy" of Iowa City.

'How to Attend a Film Festival'

Can't make it to tonight's "How to Attend a Film Festival" panel? Worry not. Landlocked Film Festival codirector Bruce Heppner-Elgin offers these essential tips on surviving the cinematic celebration.

- Research. It may seem obvious, but go through the list of films playing ahead of time, and pick out the ones you find most interesting.
- Make priorities. Decide which movies you want to catch most and which ones you can live without seeing. There will likely be overlap in playing schedules, so you might not be able to catch everything.
- Ask. Festival organizers and viewing committees have seen the movies that are being screened, so they will be able to make recommendations.
- Stay. "Don't leave during the end credits," Heppner-Elgin says. Several of this weekend's featured filmmakers will hold discussions after their movies have played. "[Festivals] have lots of opportunities to meet producers, directors, and actors."

Directors' Picks

Having to choose a favorite among the more than 80 films being shown at this weekend's Landlocked Film Festival could prove to be a daunting task, but festival codirectors Bruce Heppner-Elgin and Mary Blackwood selected a handful of movies they think merit a viewing.

24 Frames

Heppner-Elgin described this 18-minute piece as "claymation mayhem." In it, a group of animated film students try to create an animated film of their own. "Things go pretty well until everyone starts dying," Heppner-Elgin said.

Alcatraz Reunion

This documentary details the reunion of six former inmates at the notorious Alcatraz federal prison. In addition, the history of the prison's island is explored, as well as its state in the modern world.

Carissa

At age 12, Carissa Phelps was homeless and forced into prostitution in Fresno, Calif. Now grown and with a UCLA law degree, she tells her story in this documentary short, produced by Davis Guggenheim, the director of the Oscar-winning *An Inconvenient Truth*.

Beneath the Mississippi

This "artsy ghost story," as Heppner-Elgin called it, was shot near Burlington. It tells the tale of a documentary film crew making a movie on an eerie island where its residents died after a flood.

Who Is KK Downey?

Blackwood said "students will love" this satire, which centers on two entertainment-industry wannabes whose book suddenly becomes wildly popular. The film's website describes it as an "examination of media hype and hipster ideology."

"It's a little creative mecca for Iowa," he said. "Anything that nurtures artists and creativity is good. It's so hard to make a movie. You have to be passionate; you have to just do it."

Also new this year are panel discussions, with filmmakers and writers addressing anything from how to find funding for a movie to writing tips — a subject that Blackwood feels will resonate well in the home of the Iowa Writers' Workshop.

"[The UI] is a writing center," she said. "Because of the university, there are people from other parts of the country. There's an audience here, and a lot have always lived in Iowa."

While Iowa City is playing host to the myriad foreign filmmakers and fans, one of its own is returning to her old stomping grounds. Iowa City native Brooke Lemke appears in two movies showing this weekend, *Cave Women on Mars* and *The Knuggle Incident*, and she'll be in

EVENT

Second Landlocked Film Festival

When: Today through Aug. 24; visit landlockedfilmfestival.org for showtimes.

Where: Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington; hotelVetro, 201 S. Linn; Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque; Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn; US Bank, 204 E. Washington

Admission: Free

her hometown on Saturday. "It's crazy — I haven't wrapped around it yet," she said. "I'm more thrilled for this festival than others. I wasn't too familiar with the festival scene; I didn't really understand it. But I always thought it'd be great for the non-mainstream."

Lemke, 27, attended the UI and Kirkwood before becoming involved with "Invasion Iowa," a 2005 television show filmed in Riverside, in which star William Shatner played an elaborate prank on the town. The experience got her interested in acting, and she then moved to Minneapolis to pursue the field as a career.

"Iowa gets ripped a lot [in Minneapolis]," she said. "I'm like, 'You don't know what we have here.' Not many people realize or understand the art culture. Iowa City is a prime place for a festival like this."

Though this year's Landlocked Film Festival is just getting off to a start, its directors are already looking ahead to the next go-round. Blackwood and Heppner-Elgin want the festival to become "the Sundance of the Midwest." One possible change for the future is expanding the awards categories to add prizes for acting, cinematography, and experimental work.

But all in all, the mission of the Landlocked Film Festival will remain the same.

"We want people to realize there is more out there than what's at the multiplex," Blackwood said. "People can see something they didn't expect."

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'We did the things that were important to us, i.e., functioning bathrooms. It's funny, because some people notice and some people don't.'

— Chris Wiersema, Picador doorman

(For those who have forgotten, were slightly incoherent, or not yet in town, the upstairs men's restroom at Gabe's featured a broken bathtub. Only.)



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan
Birth Rites fans wait for the band perform at the Picador on April 2.

In with the NEW/OLD

Even two years after the venue's reopening, the Picador offers Iowa City something new wrapped up in one of the town's oldest venues — and a place to do its potty business.

By Tara Atkinson Gunyon

THE DAILY IOWAN

CONCERT

Picador Second Anniversary Weekend

When: 9 p.m. today, Friday, and Saturday

Where: Picador, 330 E. Washington
Admission: free Thursday, \$6 Friday and Saturday

When Chris Wiersema started working as a doorman at 330 E. Washington St., the location still housed Gabe's, a venue that was much like the Picador, which now resides in the space. Gabe's was well-loved by many an Iowa Citizen — perhaps too well-loved. The venue underwent some heavy-duty cleaning and remodeling before reopening under new ownership as the Picador two years ago.

"We did the things that were important to us, i.e., functioning bathrooms," Wiersema said. (For those who have forgotten, were slightly incoherent, or not yet in town, the upstairs men's restroom at Gabe's featured a broken bathtub. Only.) "It's funny, because some people notice and some people don't."

Whether you've noticed or not, Gabe's has now been the Picador for two years, and this weekend, the venue will celebrate its second anniversary with a three-day Picador Second Anniversary Weekend extra-big lineup and more to celebrate than just a functioning lavatory.

Renovations on the old Gabe's also included some acoustic reconfigurations, loading stairs for bands (the Picador's stage is on the upper-level), and improvements to the location's beer garden, a more definitive feature of the bar since Iowa passed the smoking ban.

"The old beer garden had its charms," Wiersema said. "But it was also kind of broken and slanted — not the safest when you're trying to get up from a bench on a hill at 1:30 drunk."

"I think we did a pretty darn good job gutting the place and cleaning up," said one of the Picador's new owners, Jackie Becker.

Becker, who lives in Lawrence, Kan., and works as a concert promoter, knew the venue before the changeover.

"I had been doing shows at Gabe's for years and I had met so many wonderful people in Iowa City over the years that

it was kind of my second home," Becker said. "So when we had the chance to take it over, I decided we should give it a try. So we did."

Unlike last year's anniversary lineup, this year's will feature local bands exclusively.

"This year, we decided to go with all local bands, just because we want to highlight the local music scene," Wiersema said.

The lineup is grouped with guest DJs and both floors open to upgrade the venue's usual Thursday night dance party, a lineup of heavier bands on Friday night and mellower bands playing Saturday. The groups include Snow Demon, Lwa, the Diplomats of Solid Sound, Ephraim Zenh, and other local favorites.

"Iowa City's always had a strong music scene, but it changes so rapidly, maybe more so than in other places because people are always in flux," Wiersema said. "So coming and going with them are their own ideas."

Even as the scene changes, the Picador hasn't erased its history.

"Iowa City has other venues, but no one who's been a club like this for more than 30 years and has this history soaked into it," Wiersema said.

So while the Picador's second anniversary is a celebration of the new space, it's also a celebration of the space's tradition.

"We want to reintroduce ourselves to those who were gone all summer, and the best way to do it is to keep doing, what we've always done, and what we do best, which is throwing shows and parties," said Wiersema.

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Still slanting along locally

A local record-label owner has grown from electro-core solo artist to business manager, booking such bands as Chi-town's own CAW! CAW! based on their musical zeal.

By Cliff Thompson

THE DAILY IOWAN



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On a recent morning, Corey Gingerich, the founder and president of Slanty Shanty Records, self-diagnosed his life as at least a little bit cool.

"Not everyone gets to wake up on a Sunday, walk down to the Tobacco Bowl, and chat with a Japanese agent for three hours about booking bands overseas," he said. Armed with a well-earned ego and a growing list of contacts throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan, Gingerich finds himself in a new phase of his love/hate relationship with Iowa City's vibrant local music scene.

With a swell of shrill pride in his voice, he relives the experience booking bands for Friday's show at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St. With recently signed Chicago band CAW! CAW! in the lineup, Gingerich scanned his Slanty Shanty contact list to fill four other slots.

"I only had to make four calls to fill the bill," Gingerich said. "I like that feeling."

Within a matter of minutes, he lined up the Sullivan Gang, Red and the Eds, K Plattner, BouncerFighter, to join the decidedly indie-sounding CAW! CAW!. CAW! CAW!, which recorded new tracks in Min-



GIVE A LISTEN

CAW! CAW!

Wait Outside

Featured Tracks:

- "Escape the Red Giant"

If you like it:

See The Sullivan Gang, with **CAW! CAW!**, Red and the Eds, K Plattner, BouncerFighter, 9 p.m. Friday at Mill, 120 E. Burlington, \$6, all ages

neapolis in January, has a guitar-driven sound and tense vocals, akin to a harder version of Radiohead.

A string of small karmic accomplishments and a bolstered network lead Gingerich to believe his Iowa City-based record label is taking off. He

cast the label in 2005 as a vehicle to release *A Vague Sound*, his eccentric solo project. Recent signees include CAW! CAW!, the Los Angeles-based Anavan, Philadelphia solo artist Mose Giganticus, and Iowa City's own Bear Weather.

"I want to sign bands equally evangelical about the way they do their music as I am about putting it out," he said. "I spend 30 hours a week e-mailing people for the label, and that's besides my full-time job."

A pathology assistant at the UI Hospitals and Clinics, Gingerich has considered dropping the job to put all his time toward Slanty Shanty's business needs. Like many an indie-rock insider, he names off bands habitually in many of his sentences, sprinkling the conversation with obscure music references and a broad geographical sense of his musical taste. He name-checks Seattle, Athens, Ga., and Omaha as indie scenes he's been influenced by, and he wants to replicate their success. He also compulsively reels off statistics about how many people come to the shows he books and the number of hits to his website.

Friday's show will feature CAW! CAW! playing all the tracks from its upcoming seven-song EP, *Wait Outside*.

The album will be released Sept. 23. The one-record, straight-through strategy is, Gingerich said, a "hot thing to do among indie bands." He compares the EP's first track, "Escape the Red Giant," to the Smashing Pumpkins' "Rocket." Because the Smashing Pumpkins also hail from Chicago, Gingerich sees the similarity as a good thing because he likes to watch the evolution of a music scene over time. This is true in Iowa City as well.

"I'm all about working together with other people locally and nationally," he said, recalling shows from his youth at the Picador. "Even though I'm originally from Muscatine and CAW! CAW! is from Chicago, we want to be advocates for Iowa City."

Still, he grows tired of what he sees as a self-limiting local scene, and he considers moving to Chicago, Minneapolis, and other good music cities to run Slanty Shanty.

"I think too many people in Iowa City war with each other about the kind of music they are making, rather than working together," he said. "I want unity. There are too many squabbling tribes. It's not a culture of art; it's a culture of cool."

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FLAVORFUL FRIDAY

Although the Iowa City music arena may seem lucrative to the budding alternative rock band, two groups bring an entirely different flavor to the town. Wait, scratch that — *flavors*.

By Kathleen Serino
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Friday Night Concert Series this week will present two bands at 6:30 p.m. that give a whole new meaning to the word “innovative.” The Gglitch, a funk-rock band with a hefty array of musical influences, will perform with Samba Nosso, a Brazilian-jazz fusion group with an equally impressive number of cultural influences.

“The beauty of the music is it’s repetitive, but you don’t know it’s repetitive,” said Byron Stevens, 35, of Samba Nosso. “This music flows, and it’s like breathing. It’s like eating a good meal.”

Stevens, who also the bassist for the Gglitch, has played music with an ethnic flavor longer than he has played funk music. It’s coincidence that the two bands happen to be playing for the same event, he said, noting that the Gglitch’s distinctive style complements the mellowness of Samba Nosso.

“We definitely cater the type and sound of our music to whom we think we’re going to be playing in front of,” Brian Cretzmeyer of the Gglitch said, a third-year veteran of the Concert Series. Both the Gglitch and Samba can channel that “family-friendly” vibe at the all-ages show.

Samba Nosso has been a rarity in Iowa City lately. Because of the departure of bandmate Igor Schneider, the sole Brazilian of the group, Friday is the time to catch what is probably the group’s final pulsing, rhythmic gig of the summer — if not the year.

It’s not as if Schneider can be replaced with a snap of the



Members of Samba Nosso pose for a photo in Iowa City on Wednesday. The Brazilian-jazz fusion band will perform during the Friday Night Concert Series with local rockers the Gglitch.

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fingers, either. Samba’s nylon-string guitarist Dan Schulz said that aside from playing his respective instrument, each member is expected to sing harmony and play various traditional Brazilian percussive instruments, such as the clave, the berimbau, and the surdo. These musical tools are

best understood when seen and heard in person, rather than described onomatopoeically, as the band likes to do.

Each member has honed his chops through experience, education, or both. All of the members of Samba share a genuine love of the time-honored music of Brazil. Founding member

Troy Wilson (a.k.a. Macaquinho) is trained in the Portuguese martial art of capoeira, a physical discipline that incorporates ritual percussion and dance, which led to his passion for samba music and formation of Samba Nosso. Wilson even founded a chapter of world-renowned group

Capoeira Angola Palmares here in Iowa City in 1996.

“I instantly fell in love with the art and the music,” Wilson said about capoeira. “It was very steeped in African tradition, and it was mesmerizing.”

Stevens, who earned a master’s degree in jazz studies, firmly believes in



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The Gglitch
Featured Tracks:
“The Texaco”

Samba Nosso
Featured Tracks:
“Ilú Aye”

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See **Gglitch**, with **Samba Nosso**, 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Pedestrian Mall

acknowledging all types of music individually and accordingly.

“There seems to be a sense of homogenization in regards to Latin groups for music that is not indigenous to America. Big mistake ... Everybody wants to lump these different styles together and say, ‘Oh, it sounds Latin.’ It’s like saying Texas is the same as Maine,” he said.

One certainly cannot put the musicians of Samba Nosso in a box, either. Consisting of four Americans, one Pakistani American, a Kenyan, a Sudanese fellow, and a Brazilian, the eight men have found their love of traditional Brazilian music in Samba Nosso.

“I’ve really fallen in love with this music,” Schulz said. “I just don’t want to play anything else. It’s been a lot of fun. It’s been a lucky kind of circumstance to be playing this music in the middle of America.”

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WITTY AMONG THE WEEDS OF MEXICO

Marijuana-soaked comedy might be making millions at the multiplex, but meanwhile, Showtime's old star 'Weeds' is still burning.

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CLIFF THOMPSON

For dedicated watchers of 'Weeds,' Showtime's ever-sillier suburban satire, the fourth season, which is two-thirds over, features a migration toward Mexico. A saucy Mary Louise-Parker leads as the lauded, lovable, pot-dealing double widow Nancy Botwin.

The ever-present family struggles continue from earlier seasons. The Botwins, fleeing their burned same-same suburb Agrestic, Calif., have come a long way from the confused threesome who set out to face the sudden death of Nancy's husband, Judah, in Season One. Now with brother-in-law Andy (Justin Kirk), and their wayward accountant, Doug (Kevin Nealon), permanently in tow, Nancy and sons Shane (Alexander Gould), and Silas (Hunter Parrish) set up shop in Ren Mar, just across the border from Tijuana.



Publicity photo
"Weeds" star Mary-Louise Parker picks up the pace in Season Four, providing viewers with more convoluted antics than ever.

ator Jenji Kohan managed to trim away the old packaging of "Weeds" (even the familiar "Little Boxes" intro song is gone). The Botwins' new home comes complete with Andy and Judah's father Lenny, played to perfection by Albert Brooks. Lenny is a Jew with a gambling problem and a defiant

selfishness but a soft spot for his mother, who lies in a coma in the living room. Meanwhile, Silas and Shane go primarily unparented. Both demonstrate disturbing relationship habits, handed directly to them from their mother. Given the

chance to reinvent themselves, the boys also show flashes of the entrepreneurial, take-charge Nancy attitude as they acclimate to their beach-side surroundings.

Episode plots have become wilder and wilder, as Nancy, ever-truant at home, keeps tapping her sources of illicit income and digging deeper holes for herself — or having them dug for her. Things have been highly implausible at times, to say the least. Nancy and Company run scot-free, never forced to face any sort of consequences for a series of more and more outrageous actions. If you're fascinated with absolute realism, you'll find little in "Weeds."

Nancy's antics now include smuggling drugs across the border, with the occasional Mexican riding along. Where earlier seasons often portrayed Nancy making nice, making out, or at least making business with poor black folks to give wings to its trademark snarky, cranky social commentary, this time around the Latinos get the spotlight.

Andy and Doug, by mid-series, are all tangled up in border business. Andy gets something he probably never knew he wanted — cult status in certain parts of Mexico. Doug tries desperately to put his life back together. A fugitive from Agrestic's budget woes, he makes many of the good pot

jokes, still providing the small masterful comic touches that make this series a pleasure to watch, even in its over-grand moments. Spaced out and stoned, he haikus his sadness: "My life, an abyss."

Confused by this plot yet? You have to have been watching as close as die-hard fans (not unlike myself) to keep up with the action. Even though producers have changed nearly everything since Day One of this season, it's just as habit-forming as the title drug itself.

Guillermo Garcia Gomez (Guillermo Diaz), last seen taking credit for the fire at Agrestic, is a kingpin in Season Four, too. Nancy works for him and the mysterious men he represents. Chicano machismo is only part of his character's charm. Mocking the Orange County culture whenever possible, he manages to fit references inside of references: as he presents Nancy with a red cooler and a blue cooler (since when did Nancy=Neo?), he

waxes potty-mouthed about Deal or No Deal's attractive suitcase holders.

None of the verbal dexterity is enough for Nancy, who soon finds herself in territory muy peligroso as she pursues relationships higher up the chain of command.

This group didn't make a completely squeaky clean escape from Agrestic, and slowly the pressure builds as Celia Hodes (Elizabeth Perkins) resurfaces, trying to earn her freedom after a stint in jail as the scapegoat for all the Botwins' created suburban remains.

Even for those who've seen the previous three seasons, the fourth manages to burn hotter than ever. It's captivating in the same way as an explosion. Often it is less subtle, and more outrageous than ever. But when "Weeds" blows up, it isn't annoying, it's just the next step in one of the wittiest shows on TV.

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ANDREW R. JUHL

While you were gone

• **Aug. 7:** Kwame Kilpatrick, the somehow-still-incumbent mayor of Detroit, was ordered to go to jail for bond violation in an ongoing perjury trial. In classic Kilpatrick fashion, he did not go directly to jail, but instead passed “Go,” collected \$200, recorded the money as a tax-exempt political contribution, then used it to secure the services of two hookers and an unverifiable quantity of blow.

• **Aug. 11:** A misinterpreted Russian military communiqué regarding Ossetia resulted in the obliteration of a Savannah Waffle House.

• **Aug. 12:** Mark David Chapman, John Lennon’s assassin, was denied parole for the fifth-consecutive time. The Attica Correctional Facility said it would revisit the possibility of Chapman’s parole again in two years, perhaps sooner.

• **Aug. 14:** The United States and Poland reached an agreement to base U.S. missile defenses in Poland — which totally didn’t piss off Russia in any way, leading Russia to state it might nuke parts of Poland from the Baltic Sea, so you totally shouldn’t be worried that we’re all going to die very soon.

• **Aug. 9-today:** Michael Phelps turned in a disappointing performance at the 2008 Summer Olympics, failing to win 294 of 302 gold medals.

Andrew R. Juhl thought the coverage of the U.S. women’s beach volleyball was decent, but he could have stood for a little less. E-mail him at: andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu

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horoscopes Thursday, August 21, 2008

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get done what you can, but don’t put too much pressure on yourself. Realize your potential; do not sell yourself short or give too much for what you will get in return. For once, let someone else pick up the slack.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Spit out what you have to say, and get on with it. You’ll be surprised at the reaction you get from others. You can be in control; all you have to do is step up and take on more. Consider a move if it’s conducive to getting ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There is an opportunity to push for some extra cash through a debt owed or a settlement or investment. Love issues will arise if you don’t pay enough attention to the one you are with. Personal devotion is apparent.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone will trap you in a situation that may cause some embarrassment. Make sure you do what you promised. A few changes at home, and you will have your place ready for whatever new venture you want to take on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Give time and knowledge to a cause you believe in and be productive and innovative. Use your drive and powerful connections to make a difference. A change of location because of a transfer will happen quickly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don’t leave anything to chance. Combine plans for both your personal and professional life to come up with a doable solution. Practical change will keep you ahead of the competition. A change of residence will do you good.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Getting involved in projects that will introduce you to a new group of friends can help you put the past behind you. Set yourself free. Accept the opportunities you’ve missed by not moving on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Trust your judgment when it comes to business decisions. Take a power position if anyone tries to con you or take advantage of you. Recognize what you have developed and continue on by yourself if possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can manipulate a situation to help you accomplish what you are trying to do. Don’t expect everyone to come on board and help you out. Someone you least expect will try to dismantle your plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Any unfinished business can be tied up if you state your case so everyone can understand the benefits you can bring to the table. A change in your status will result if an unhappy partner wants a better deal. Don’t give in to an ultimatum.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be careful not to give up too much for the wrong reason. Figure out what it’s going to cost you financially, emotionally, or physically. Do not give in to pressure, ultimatums, or blackmail.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Attend a function geared toward helping a cause. Love is on the rise, and a chance to partner with someone personally or professionally is looking positive. Go back in time, and you will remember something that will help you make the right decision now.

SHIRT MUSIC



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

UI senior Tom Martinek rings up a shirt for a customer Wednesday at the University Book Store. The store’s apparel section is temporarily located on the upper level of the Old Capitol Town Center, outside the old cinema. The books are being sold on the lower level, where apparel will move once the book rush is over.

today’s events

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- **Landscape Exhibit**, 8 a.m., Marion Arts Council, 4500 N. 10th St., Marion
- **Introduction to Iyengar Yoga**, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Friendship Yoga Ltd., 1231 Gilbert
- **“The Nuts and Bolts of Fundraising,”** 9 a.m., Coral Ridge Mall Community Room
- **Children’s Story Time**, 9:30 a.m., 600 First Street S.W., Mount Vernon
- **University Club Newcomers’ Coffee**, 9:30 a.m., Bread Garden Bakery and Café, 225 S. Linn
- **Michael Kehoe: Nihon, Digital Montage**, 10 a.m., Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington
- **Museum of Natural History Tours**, 10 a.m., Macbride Hall
- **Old Capitol Tours**, 10 a.m., 21 Old Capitol
- **“Toys I Never Played With: Early 20th Century African-American Toys, Games, and Books,”** 10 a.m., 860 Quarry Road, Coralville
- **Virginia Jones, nonfiction**, 1:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Clue: The Musical, Old Creamery Theatre**, 3 p.m., 39 38th Ave., Amana, Iowa
- **Documentary Film History**, 3 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn

- **What’s in a Name? Art Adventure**, 3 p.m., Iowa Children’s Museum, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Farmers’ Market**, 5 p.m., Coralville Community Aquatic Center, 1513 Seventh St., Coralville
- **Landlocked Film Festival**, 5:30 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Bicyclists of Iowa City Evening Leisure Ride**, 6 p.m., Best Buy, 1431 Coral Ridge Ave., Coralville
- **Music in the Park, Iowa City Community Band**, 6:30 p.m., S.T. Morrison Park, Coralville
- **Drinking Liberally**, 8 p.m., Mill
- **Big D’s Karaoke Jamz**, 9 p.m., Gus’ Food and Spirits, 2421 Coral Court, Coralville
- **Dr. Z’s Experiment and Abodanga**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Speakeasy, 171 Highway 1 W.
- **Mike Mangione and Ben Weaver**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Physical Challenge**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Thursday Night Karaoke**, 9:30 p.m., Charlie’s, 450 First Ave., Coralville



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- 12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
- 1** “Living from Prairie Lights” Archive, Andy Stern
- 2** News from Germany (in German)
- 3** “Java Blend,” Groove Ship
- 4** Levitt Lecture 2008, Shirin Ebadi, 2003 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize
- 5** Slave Trade Lecture Guest lecture

- 6:05** Angelique Kidjo, UNICEF ambassador, guest lecture
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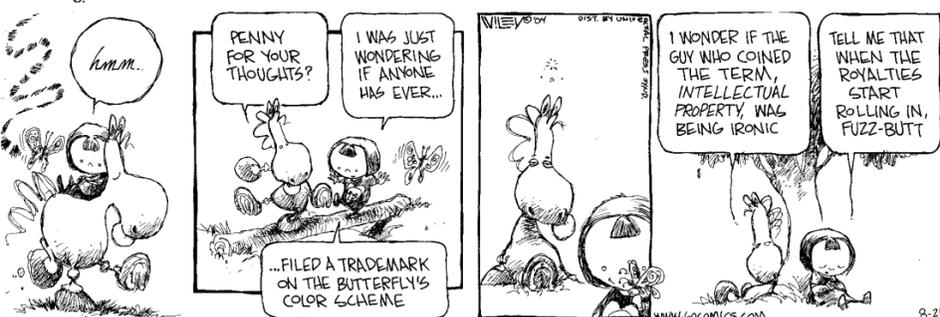
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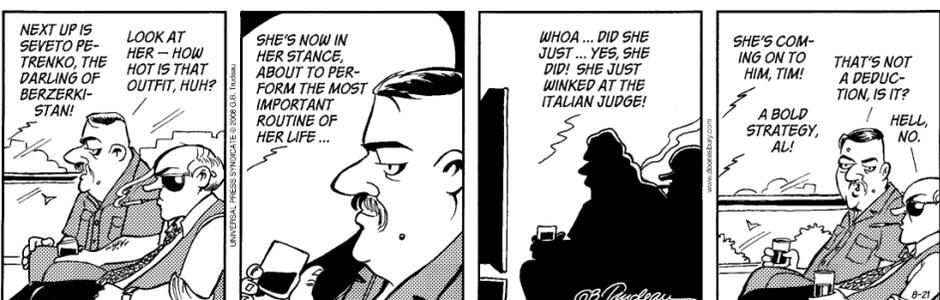
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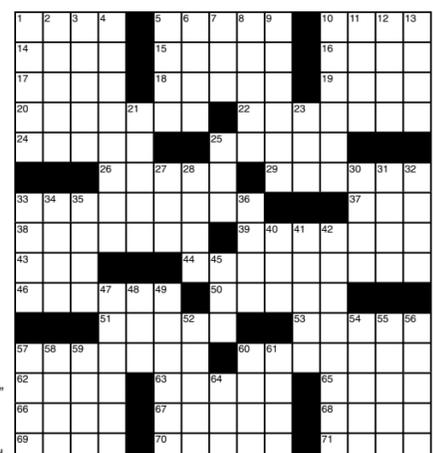


The New York Times Crossword

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- 5 Starr of the Old West
- 10 Boom
- 14 Type type: Abbr.
- 15 Bay window
- 16 ___ colada
- 17 Like a bell
- 18 Pale purple
- 19 Pancake Day is the day before this begins
- 20 Make rustle, as foil
- 22 Writes odes to, e.g.
- 24 U.N. secretary general from Ghana
- 25 Not straight up
- 26 Bits
- 29 Winter melon
- 33 Colorful lawn or garden fixture
- 37 Soundtrack annoyance
- 38 Slithering danger
- 39 Hebrews, for example
- 43 A pitcher should keep it low
- 44 Something you might want to get to the heart of?
- 46 Annoy
- 50 Sale day feeling
- 51 They cross here
- 53 ___ salts
- 57 One of TV’s Gilmore Girls
- 60 Unfolds
- 62 Pen pal in Paris, perhaps
- 63 Agreement
- 65 Exercised a legal option
- 66 Police protection
- 67 Doha’s domain
- 68 “___ This Last” (series of John Ruskin essays)
- 69 ___ place
- 70 Stood out, in a good way
- 71 Say no
- Down**
- 1 Around
- 2 Often-illegal maneuver
- 3 Entered quickly
- 4 Percussion instrument in an orchestra
- 5 Cotton pod
- 6 Pennsylvania’s northwesternmost county
- 7 One of TV’s Rugrats
- 8 Bounded
- 9 Coterie
- 10 Forks
- 11 “The Worst ___ in London” (“Sweeney Todd” song)
- 12 Monarch immediately after William and Mary
- 13 Headliner
- 21 Small hill
- 23 Mobile home?: Abbr.
- 25 “___ see it ...”
- 27 Railroad crossbeam
- 28 Tourist city between Jaipur and Lucknow
- 30 Middle range
- 31 Hesitate
- 32 Author James
- 33 Bird with speckled eggs
- 34 Fabled racer
- 35 “Take ___ face value”
- 36 “___ life!”
- 40 Fraternity jewelry



Puzzle by Elizabeth A. Long

- 41 More likely to cause slipping
- 42 Quits misbehaving ... or a literal hint to 4-, 9-, 13-, 49- and 57-Down
- 45 Abbr. in real estate ads
- 47 Chirps
- 48 Ha-ha, nowadays
- 49 Unhip person
- 52 Alice’s pet cat in “Wonderland”
- 54 Hot spot
- 55 “The Country Girl” playwright, 1950
- 56 Many PCs once ran on it
- 57 Racetrack
- 58 Impending clouds, e.g.
- 59 Small hill
- 60 Avant-garde filmmaker Brakhage
- 61 Funeral sight
- 64 “What am ___ do?”

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