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— Michelle Dolin, Alpha Chi Omega member



Amy Andrews/The Daily Iowan

UI students Kayla Smith (top) and Michelle Dolin walk down the grand spiral staircase at the Alpha Chi Omega house on Sept. 3. The house is furnished with motion sensitive lights and energy-efficient appliances.

Sorority back at home

The women of Alpha Chi Omega adjust to life in a new house.

By Lisa Mendenhall
THE DAILY IOWAN

The red and green letters of Alpha Chi Omega are prominent through the intricately designed stained-glass windows of a recently finished UI sorority house. "Those were really some of the only things saved after the tornado," member Michelle Dolin said. On April 13, 2006, the sorority's original house was destroyed by the EF-2 tornado that tore through Iowa City, displacing nearly 100 women for a year and a half. Now, the sorority members are reminded of that night every day — the mantle above the fireplace was made from an oak tree that fell during the tornado, said Kayla Smith, a sorority member. The women moved into their new \$4 million 828 E. Washington St. residence



Sorority gets new home
To see more photos of the Alpha Chi Omega house, check out dailyiowan.com.

in August. "We all are very happy with the house, and we feel very lucky," said Kathryn Schuster, the president of the sorority. The house was built with all local materials, and decoration and design was left up to members of the sorority. Dolin said that questionnaires were handed out last year asking what the women would like to see in the house. The 46 who now live there are pleased with the results. The house boasts a red and green decor. The showpiece is the grand spiral staircase, fitted with red carpet. The Hawkeye Room, decorated in black and gold, contains a flat-screen

television, which Dolin said is perfect for watching Hawkeye football games. The basement features a restaurant-style kitchen, as well seating for the 105-member sorority. During the construction, the sorority wanted to see the facility earn a "green" designation. "We have already basically met all of the requirements to become a green house. We are just going through the process now," Schuster said. The new home is equipped with motion-sensitive lights and energy-efficient appliances. Hannah Leliefeld, who lived in the sorority's temporary residence at Phi Delta Theta last year, said she has seen a difference in privacy.

SEE **SORORITY**, 3A

Keeping sexes separate

UISG mulls alternatives for males who want a safe way to get home at night.

By Amanda McClure
THE DAILY IOWAN

Nite Ride is getting many people home safely. But only women, and UI Student Government officials want men to have a late-night transportation option.

This could include an alternative Nite Ride bus or a lengthened, later-running Cambus route, said Emily Grieves, a UISG student safety advocate.

But combining men and women together in vans, one of several options, sparked a blunt refusal from UI police.



Bleam

"We will never do it," UI police Crime Prevention Specialist Brad Allison said. "If we take a van of three males and one female to a remote house off campus, we have potentially set that female up for an attack."

Nite Ride, which is operated by UI police, provides women with a safe, free ride home from downtown and academic buildings.

UISG President Mason Bleam said that allowing male passengers, in some way, is something that officials should

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Nite Ride extended

Nite Ride will increase its routes to reach buildings now being used by the UI because of the flood.

- Studio Arts Building Highway 1
- School of Music's Clinton Street Music 375 and Clinton Street Music 376
- Theater department's main offices in Brewery Square on North Linn Street.

Source: UI press release

UI lays out recovery

Power Plant likely to be operational by Nov. 1.

Making headway

We saved you a seat at the press conference. Watch the video at dailyiowan.com.

By Anna Lothson
THE DAILY IOWAN

Despite celebrations following the resumption of classes last week, the UI still faces many long-term challenges ahead.

UI President Sally Mason announced that the university has hired an outside consultant, Ayres Associates, to offer its expertise on flood mitigation.

In the ongoing flood recovery, she said, the first priority will be to get the Power Plant running by November so the campus will have sufficient heat.

"I just spent my first winter here in Iowa City, so I know what it is like," Mason said.

The Power Plant — which



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UI President Sally Mason, flanked by Don Guckert, the associate vice president for Facilities Management (left), and hydroscience Professor Larry Weber, addresses the local media on Wednesday.

had 21 feet of water covering two levels — has been down since June 14. The UI has since been relying on steam produced by temporary boilers.

"The boilers have served us well this summer, but they will not be adequate to meet the

SEE **FLOOD**, 3A

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

UI students join protest

UI teaching assistant Cody Clevidence was among the protesters arrested.

By Anna Lothson
THE DAILY IOWAN

Outside the entrance of the Republican Convention, several UI students and Iowa City residents were in the thick of the protesters, riots, and tear gas.

On Monday, the first day of the convention, UI rhetoric teaching assistant Cody Clevidence was arrested on a felony riot charge.

Clevidence was released around 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, but officials can still bring formal charges against her within 36 days, officials at the Ramsey County Jail in St. Paul said.

The UI Antiwar Committee was among the groups that traveled to the convention, which allowed UI students to witness the chaos firsthand.

"Mostly it was hectic; we would link our arms at intersections and yell until cops came," UI sophomore Dan Knutson said.

Knutson was one of many protesters who broke the regulations stipulated by officials.

"At one point, police put on masks because they were going to gas us," he said, noting that the officers stopped because

SEE **PROTEST**, 3A



Bilingual classes growing

Local schools tailor programs to Latinos as their numbers in schools grow.

By Jennifer Delgado
THE DAILY IOWAN

Latinos in the Iowa City School District

There are 10 million Latino students in the country's public schools. Here are the local numbers by year:

- 2003-04: 575
- 2004-05: 645
- 2005-06: 715
- 2006-07: 781
- 2007-08: 806

Source: Iowa City School District

On some days, students at West Liberty Elementary School might read, "Green Eggs and Ham." On others, it could be, "Huevos verdes con jamón."

The children enrolled in the school's dual-language learning program — now in its 10th year — study lessons in reading, science, and math in both English and Spanish.

And those types of bilingual programs are becoming more and more important in school districts locally and across the state as the number of Latinos rise.

Nationally, one in five public school students is Latino, according to a recent study published by the Pew Hispanic Center. In Iowa, the numbers are growing.

In the last school year, 6.5 percent of students attending schools in Iowa were Latino.

Locally, the number of Latinos enrolled in the Iowa City School District for 2007 reached almost 7 percent of the student population. Five years ago, the number was 5.2 percent.

"The number doesn't shock me, and it is only going to grow," said Armando Villareal, an administrator for the Iowa Division of Latino Affairs. His office helps provide legislators and the governor's office with pressing issues facing Latinos.

Neighboring communities and school districts have already experienced the increase in enrollment.

"For us, that statistic was true 15 years ago," said Lisa Stevenson, curriculum director for the West Liberty School District. At West Liberty schools, one out of every two students is Latino.

Compared to other states, Iowa doesn't boast the highest

number of Latino students, but local schools and districts have nevertheless implemented programs and support services to accommodate families and students. In the West Liberty School District alone, 30 out of 110 teachers and administrators are fluent in Spanish.

For Spanish-speaking students, the opportunity to continue their education in their native language while simultaneously learning a second language ensures success for the future.

"Research shows that when students learn content in their native language, they achieve at a higher rate," Stevenson said.

The program also gives English-speaking children a chance to become bilingual and gain the ability to read and write in a second language.

The popularity of the program prompted administrators to expand the program and add another class for kindergartners. The district also has an interpreter who works as a parent liaison for Spanish-speaking families as well as a Spanish Parent Teacher Organization.

In Iowa City, Horace Mann Elementary offers Puertas Abiertas — "Open Doors" — a program meant to help all stu-



David Scrivner/The Daily Iowan

One of the numerous bilingual signs posted around Horace Mann Elementary on Sept. 3. These signs help encourage the use of numerous languages in class.

'Research shows that when students learn content in their native language, they achieve at a higher rate.'

— Lisa Stevenson, curriculum director for the West Liberty School District

dents with work, behavior, and social skills. At the sessions, a majority of Spanish-speaking students are present to practice their newly-acquired vocabulary and get help with their homework, which is written in English.

Last year, 60 students were enrolled in the program, and

coordinator Christine Kaldenberg expects the same number to return, if not more.

By 2050, the U.S. Census Bureau predicts that the number of Latino students will skyrocket to 28 million and outnumber white students in the public-school system.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Sept. 3 article "Atty. wants split trials," the *DI* incorrectly reported the title for Leon Spies. Spies is an Iowa City attorney, privately retained by Cedric Everson's family. The *DI* regrets the error.

In the Sept. 3 article "Student HIV tests up," the *DI* incorrectly quoted UI Student Health physician Ann Laros. She actually said, "[The] most important message ... it is much safer to practice safe sex than not to practice safe sex and be frequently and repeatedly tested ... this is not an uncommon practice." The *DI* regrets the error.

Farmers look at renewable energy

The Johnson County Farm Bureau will attend a summer policy conference.

By Mike McDonald
THE DAILY IOWAN

At a glance

- Johnson County Farm Bureau conference:**
- Today and Friday in Des Moines
 - 25 resolutions to be presented
 - Renewable energy one of the most important, officials said

The Johnson County Farm Bureau will present 25 resolutions, including one which aims to make Iowa a renewable energy powerhouse, today and Friday at a conference in Des Moines.

The Johnson County Farm Bureau is part of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, a non-governmental, grass-roots organization that consists of and represents state farmers.

At the Iowa Farm Bureau Summer Policy Conference, representatives from all 99 Iowa counties will lobby proposals to revise the Iowa Farm Bureau policy book.

Questionnaires distributed through Johnson County last spring — addressing topics ranging from education to renewable energy — generated the initiatives presented at the today's state conference.

The six-page surveys, filled out by 3,600 local bureau

members, detailed local, state, and national concerns.

Jerry Anderson, regional manager for the Johnson County farm bureau, does not expect to get all the resolutions passed. He said, however, that renewable energy at the state and national levels is a chief concern for county representatives.

"We want renewable energy available, and we don't want it to cost terribly more," he said.

The Johnson County Farm Bureau Resolution highlights this point, stating that Iowa should increase "the use of renewable energy for producing electricity in the United

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— Jerry Anderson, regional manager for the Johnson County farm bureau

States." And state bureau representative echo that point.

"Energy policy is at the forefront [of the conference]," Craig Lang, president of the Iowa Farm Bureau said in a release statement.

Iowa ranks third in the nation for wind-power production, according to the American Wind Energy Association, but state environmentalists continue to push for renewable sources.

Brian Crowe, senior program planner with the Iowa Office of Energy Independence, said he thinks that

continued exploration of renewable energy is necessary for Iowa to maintain its leadership role.

"In Iowa, [renewable energy] is definitely seen as a priority, but there are areas we can improve upon," he said.

Those improvements, county and state representative hope, will result from this week's meetings.

And while Anderson is hopeful about the Johnson County energy resolution, he remains pragmatic about the county's 25 resolutions.

"We are not going to get away on everything, but we will see what happens," he said. "I think we have a pretty good chance of getting some wordage passed."

Initiatives that pass at this week's conference will advance to the national sphere — the American Farm Bureau Conference — in January. Iowa has 11 of the 40-plus votes at this national conference.

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METRO

Man injured in car-semi collision

A Texas man was injured when his car collided head-on with a semi in the eastbound lane of Interstate 80 early Wednesday morning.

Clinton Hernandez, 23, of Spring, Texas, was driving west into oncoming traffic on I-80 a

quarter mile west of the 242 mile marker when he reportedly sideswiped two semis and hit another head-on.

The incident took place at approximately 3:10 a.m., according to the accident report.

According to the State Patrol report, Hernandez's car eventually stopped in an outside lane

while the semi he hit stopped against a concrete barrier. The other two semis had minor damage, officials reported.

The accident report said Hernandez was wearing a seat belt at the time of the collision.

He was later transported to the UI Hospitals and Clinics. Coralville police Lt. Bruce

Freeman said that Hernandez's injuries were "not very serious" and predicted that he would be released within a day or two.

The accident report said that the semi drivers — Michael Evans, 45, and Mark McCarthy, 48, both of Mason City, Iowa — were uninjured.

— by Ashton Shurson

POLICE BLOTTER

Deondre Butler, 18, 1538 Aber Ave., was charged Tuesday with possession of marijuana.

Albert Curtis, 35,1734 Gleason Ave., was charged Tuesday with driving while barred.

Shelby Meredith, 18, H456 Hillcrest, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Benton Page, 24, 740 Westwinds Drive Apt. 5, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Michelle Stanton, 18, Palatine, Ill., was charged Tuesday with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cliff Wentworth, 22, address unknown, was charged Aug. 22

with public intoxication.

Christopher Youngstrom, 18, 508 Rienow, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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UI'ers join protest

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members of the media showed up.

Knutson said the officers refused to back down, and he saw one person on his knees because the man had been sprayed directly in his eyes.

"It was crazy," Knutson said, "One cop ran over a protester with a motorcycle, and people were shoved against buses."

Overall, Knutson said media coverage led to getting protesters' message across.

"It is very difficult to get a political message out," he said.

UI senior Ryan Merz also attended the protest, but he said he participated in the legal method of protesting more constricted by the police.

"I fully support and recognize the need for diversity in tactics," he said. The permitted march was not enough because it was "horribly chopped up by police and seven-foot gates."

Merz said that protesters attempted to nonviolently block buses from reaching the convention in order to slow the event down.

"We want to give everyone a space for involvement at whatever level they are comfortable with," Merz said.

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Home again



Four desks sit in an eight-bedroom room at the Alpha Chi Omega house on Sept. 3. Forty-six women live in the house on Washington Street.

Amy Andrews/The Daily Iowan

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Liefeld said the new house really "feels like home," and there is a greater sense of security for the women in the house.

A group effort raised the money raised for the construction. A number of donations from alumni came in, and head football coach Kirk Ferentz helped with a fundraiser for the sorority last spring.

The women were given a

preview of the house in March. But at that time, Dolin said, it didn't feel "real."

"It feels like home now," she said.

While the construction of the house underway last year, members of the sorority lived in the old Phi Delta Theta house.

Construction of the house began a year ago, and many of the women said it was a difficult time waiting to move back into their house.

"This house is definitely large-group friendly," Smith

said. "At the old house, we worked with what we had. This is much better for us."

And while the new facility outshines the temporary home, the women of Alpha Chi Omega are thankful that they had a place to live last year.

"We love this house," Dolin said. "And we are really thankful for all of the support we have received."

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UI hires flood consultant

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extreme demands of winter," said Don Guckert, the associate vice president for Facilities Management.

The team of consultants assisting the UI will aid the university in developing recovery strategies and completing "building-by-building" inspections, he said.

Guckert said the progress on the Power Plant is moving at a "feverish pace," after the university was able to energize lines linking both the East and West Campuses to the two temporary boilers.

While the anticipated Nov. 1 goal nears, uncertainty about the plant's ability to function remains, he said.

"We anticipate that the new and repaired equipment will present some surprises and unexpected outages," Guckert said, adding that it may take several months to get back to the level of reliability before the flood.

Mason said that she had confidence that the "collective wisdom" of Ayres Associates, Sasaki Associates, and UI Facilities Management will provide "creative solutions to the individual challenges of protecting our buildings."

The UI may have to "re-purpose" how buildings near the river are used, she said.

"We have an enormous investment in buildings in the floodplain that are at greater risk than we have previously

Tentative Dates Announced

As the UI continues flood recovery, new predictions for buildings are set.

- UI Museum of Art: early November to provide space for the UI School of Music
- Iowa Advanced Technology Labs: late October
- Theater department: winter break
- IMU: late October to early November (above ground level)

Source: UI President Sally Mason

realized," she said.

Mason is "eager to tap the wisdom of our faculty," she said, and she will appoint an internal campus task force to advise the administration on flood-mitigation issues.

UI Senior Vice President Doug True said the right team has been chosen. However a specific contract is not complete, he said.

Among the current issues, hydroscience Professor Larry Weber said the university must "rethink our relationship with the river."

Consequently, he said, proper steps must be taken to assure recovery efforts are substantially effective.

"We should not overreact by planning major, constructed mitigation methods that impair our enjoyment of the river and give a false sense of protection against future floods," he said.

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Nite Ride to remain female-only

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examine.

"We're looking into possibly opening up a separate van for males," Bleam said.

The report will examine the demand for a male Nite Ride service, as well as the ramifications of the dual-sex transport.

Running at one van per night between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m., seven days a week, the service costs anywhere from \$2,000 to \$2,500 per month to operate, Allison said.

Bleam noted that Nite Ride funds come from a student-activities fee that all students on campus pay, including males who are refused service.

But men aren't ignored if they need help. Nite Ride drivers are trained to stay with

males who require assistance until backup has arrived.

"Just because we don't offer rides to males does not mean that we will abandon them if they appear to be in danger," Allison said. "This program is designed to keep women safe."

During the last academic year, Nite Ride safely delivered an estimated 4,000 women to their homes, driving anywhere from 50 to 80 users per night.

The early numbers show this year could be just as busy.

Allison also wants to increase the future Nite Ride fleet by getting more vans and possibly a small bus that would be able to hold more passengers, he said.

Nite Ride has also increased its reach to buildings on the newly extended UI campus.

The new route went into effect during the first week of school; it accommodates stu-

dents with classes relocated from flood-damaged buildings. Nite Ride now services the studio-arts building on Highway 1, the School of Music on South Clinton Street, and the theater department main offices on North Linn Street.

Regardless, police place priority on getting females home

safely and without them sharing arm rests with males on any van.

"This program is run by [UI police], and we appreciate UISG input, but some things are just set up in ways that can't accommodate other options," Allison said.

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Iowans pitch in for Gustav victims

Iowans aid Hurricane Gustav victims through different volunteer efforts.

By Brigette Fanning
THE DAILY IOWAN

Several local Iowans are volunteering and raising money over the Internet for the nearly 60,000 people affected by Hurricane Gustav.

Dick Kubit of Riverside, Iowa, will leave from the Eastern Iowa Airport this morning to go to Fort Worth, Texas, to deliver bulk items for distribution, including food, snacks, shovels, and rakes.

"I haven't had a lot of time to watch the news, but I know there are a lot of people displaced," said Kubit, who has been active in the Red Cross for five years. "They're working hard to put a lot of volunteers in the area."

Kubit is just one of about eight eastern Iowa volunteers from the Grant Wood Area Chapter of the Red Cross, said Jennifer Pickar, the organization's regional director of communications and marketing.

Most of the volunteers will be in the affected areas for two to three weeks, Pickar said.

This is the largest Red Cross relief effort since Hurricane Katrina in 2005, according to the organization.

"They've been sent to Texas and Alabama," Pickar said. "Two of them drove our emergency-response vehicle down there to help deliver food and supplies."

Besides delivering supplies, some volunteers are also staying in shelters, Pickar added.

As for Kubit, volunteer work is nothing new — especially after this past summer.

The veteran volunteer responded to the massive flood this summer by checking the community for damage, interviewing community members, and helping to fulfill their needs with food, clothing, and shelter in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids.

But this is the first time Kubit will travel across the country to help. He expects to be in Texas anywhere from 10 days to three weeks, he said.

UI students are also working to help those displaced by the hurricane. While there is

no organized universitywide response, three UI students — including junior Ryan Osby — created a Facebook group in an effort to help victims.

Osby, who helped launch the group on Monday, said organizers are asking for \$5 donations to benefit victims. While Osby doesn't know how much money the initiative has garnered so far, he said he is impressed by the positive feedback.

The donations will be distributed to the Red Cross and other organizations that are still to be determined, he said.

The group has gained popularity quickly. Within the past few days, it has gone from three UI students to having members from universities across the country.

"It has been an awesome effort," Osby said. "We have nearly 1,600 members, and membership has been increasing all day. We're on our way to 1,700 members by [Wednesday] evening."

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New imaging aids in breast-cancer detection

By Marilyn Marchione
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A radioactive tracer that "lights up" cancer hiding inside dense breasts showed promise in its first big test against mammograms, revealing more tumors and giving fewer false alarms, doctors reported Wednesday.

The experimental method — molecular breast imaging — would not replace mammograms for women at average risk of the disease.

But it might become an additional tool for higher risk women with a lot of dense tissue that makes tumors hard to spot on mammograms, and it could be done at less cost than an MRI, or magnetic resonance imaging. About one-fourth of women 40 and older have dense breasts.

"Molecular breast imaging is a promising technology" that is already in advanced testing, said Carrie Hruska, a biomedical engineer at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., which has been working on it for six years.

She gave results in a telephone news briefing Wednesday, and she will present them later this week at an American Society of Clinical Oncology conference in Washington, D.C.

Mammograms — a type of

X-ray — are the chief way now to check for breast cancer. Molecular imaging uses radiation, too, but in a different way. Women are given an intravenous dose of a short-acting tracer that is absorbed more by abnormal cells than healthy ones. Special cameras collect the "glow" these cells give off, and doctors look at the picture to spot tumors.

Researchers tried both methods, on 940 women who had dense breasts and a high risk of cancer because of family history, bad genes or other reasons.

Thirteen tumors were found in 12 women — eight by molecular imaging alone, one by mammography, one alone, two by both methods, and two by neither. (The two missed cancers were found on subsequent annual mammograms, physical exams or other imaging tests.)

Looked at another way, molecular imaging found 10 out of 13 tumors, missing three; mammograms detected three out of 13 tumors and missed 10. Using both methods, 11 out of 13 tumors would have been detected.

"These images are quite striking. You can see how the cancers would be hidden on the mammograms," Hruska said.

Mammograms gave false

alarms — led doctors to conclude that cancer was present when it was not — in about 9 percent of patients, compared to only 7 percent for molecular imaging. The molecular imaging tests led to more biopsies than mammograms did, but they more often revealed cancer.

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation and Bristol-Myers Squibb, which makes the imaging agent used in the study, paid for the work.

The next test will be to see how molecular imaging stacks up against MRI. The federal government is paying for a new study Mayo is leading that compares the two in 120 high-risk women with dense breasts.

MRI is often used now for women with dense breasts, but it gives many false alarms that lead to unnecessary biopsies. Doctors hope molecular imaging will prove more accurate and cost less — under \$500 versus more than \$1,000 for an MRI.

"We all know that mammography is, in and of itself, an imperfect tool, and we clearly need to do better in the future," said Dr. Eric Winer of the Dana-Farber Cancer Center in Boston, a spokesman for the oncology group. "It is fair to say that MRI will not solve all problems either."

STATE

Company drilling for oil in Iowa

DES MOINES (AP) — A Texas company is hoping to strike oil in Iowa.

According to state records with the Iowa Geological Survey, an oil-exploration well was drilled in May near Red Oak in southwest Iowa. It was drilled by Ozona Natural Gas Co. of Conroe, Texas.

Robert McKay of the Iowa Geological Survey says a drilling log shows the well was plugged, but a formal report hasn't been filed.

"They have not said they are going to drill any more wells, but they haven't asked for their bond back," McKay said.

This is the first time in six years that oil hunting has been tried in Iowa. Crews found traces of oil near Clarinda in 2002.

Geological studies in Page County showed a dome-like structure underground that is about 4 miles long and nearly 1 miles wide. Most oil fields in the United States involve similar structures.

Around 130 test wells have been drilled in Iowa since the early 1900s, but none resulted in long-term production.

The most recent drilling was done by Ozona in partnership with Nevada-based Friendly Energy Corp.

Jim Dial, president of Ozona, said all information about the drilling was being kept secret for one year for competitive reasons.

"Unfortunately, this is a cut-throat business ... and we have a tremendous amount of money at risk by going and drilling a development well," Dial said.

State settles with family of RAGBRAI bicyclist

DES MOINES (AP) — State officials have agreed to pay \$50,000 to the family of bicyclist who died during RAGBRAI in 2004.

The state's payment is expected to be approved by the State Appeal Board on Friday. Iowa attorney general spokesman Bob Brammer says the settlement was already approved by the Attorney General's Office.

The payment will go the family of Kirk Ullrich of Davenport, who died after his bicycle hit a crack in a road in Crawford County during the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa.

His family had sought \$1.6 million from the state until they agreed last month to accept \$50,000 to end the lawsuit.

Crawford County paid \$350,000 to Ullrich's family last year to settle a separate lawsuit.

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City plays Mr. Sandman

Iowa City officials look to recycle remaining sandbags from the summer's flooding.

By Laura Klairmont
THE DAILY IOWAN

City officials will not allow the million and a quarter sandbags used this summer go to waste.

The decision comes after officials were left to deal with the sandbags that remained after the floodwaters receded.

"Now, we are looking to find a useful purpose for the sandbags," said Iowa City Public Works Director Rick Fosse.

Officials have brainstormed numerous recycling solutions, but the most viable option is to use sandbags as intermediate covers at the Iowa City landfill, which serves Johnson County.

The exact number sandbags left over, however, has not been determined.

This is an environmentally conscious decision as well as a common practice for used sandbags, said Wayne Gieselman, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' administrator for the Environmental Protection Division.

While clay is usually the substance used for this



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

A sandbag wall was set up to keep the water from coming up any further on the walkway between the Adler Journalism Building and the Main Library in Iowa City on June 14. Currently, officials are planning to reuse sandbags from the summer flooding.

purpose at the landfill, sand may serve as a better cover material because of its porous consistency, which will allow more moisture to enter landfills, Fosse said.

Using the sandbags as intermediate landfill covers will also be beneficial because the sandbags will not displace

landfill space that could be used for trash, Gieselman said.

Sandbags contaminated by water that entered into them have posed another problem.

"We want to try to reuse the sandbags as much as we can before using them as covers, but because of contamination,

'Now, we are looking to find a useful purpose for the sandbags.'

— Rick Fosse,
Iowa City Public Works
Director

it has been hard to find other uses," said Dale Helling, the interim city manager.

Sand from used noncontaminated sandbags could be used as fill material under buildings, roads, or parking lots, Gieselman said. But the manual labor required to de-bag the sand could be a potential problem.

Even though Natural Resources advises cities and counties to use the sand from sandbags during the winter to sand streets, the dirt that was mixed in with the sandbags has made this a less desirable option.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Environmental Protection Agency were happy with the city's decision to recycle used sandbags for other purposes, Fosse said.

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1,000s return to New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Thousands of people who fled Hurricane Gustav forced the city to reluctantly open its doors Wednesday, but nearly 1.2 million homes and businesses across Louisiana were still without electricity, and officials said it could take as long as a month to fully restore power.

As residents came home to New Orleans, President Bush returned to the site of one of the biggest failures of his presidency to show that the government had turned a corner since its bungled response to Katrina.

Faced with traffic backups on paths into the city, Mayor Ray Nagin gave up checking ID badges and automobile placards designed to keep residents out until early Thursday. Those who returned said

if the city was safe enough for repair crews and health care workers, it was safe enough for them, too.

"People need to get home, need to get their houses straight, and get back to work," said George Johnson, who used back roads to sneak into the city. "They want to keep you out of your own property. That's just not right."

But once back at home, many people had no power and no idea when it might return.

"There is no excuse for the delay," Gov. Bobby Jindal said. "We absolutely need to quicken the pace at which power is restored."

Within hours of returning to his suburban home, Paul Braswell was sweating over an outdoor grill as he cooked the chicken and deer sausage he stored in his freezer alongside gallon-size blocks of ice before evacuating with his family to Mississippi.

"We don't have any power, and

we don't know when it'll come back on, so we're going to eat all we can until it does," he said. "Tomorrow, we're boiling shrimp my mom left in her freezer."

Restoring power was critical to reopening schools, businesses and neighborhoods. Without electricity, gas stations could not pump fuel, and hospitals were running out of fuel for generators.

Some places never lost power, including the Superdome, where the Saints planned to open their regular football season Sunday.

In Jefferson Parish, which also reopened Wednesday, officials reported that most sewage-treatment stations were out of service because there was no power. The parish urged residents not to flush toilets, wash clothes or dishes, or even take showers out of concern that the system might backup and send sewage flowing in home and businesses.

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Editorial

Respect campaign, while just, misfires

Respect for others, the community, and ourselves is important to the success of this campus. In an attempt to open a dialogue about the various definitions of respect, as well as the different ways respect can be demonstrated around campus, the university has launched a campaign titled: "Respect: give it. get it."

Officials created the campaign after researching respectful behavior and similar campus-respect programs. Work on the project has been carried out by a collection of student marketers, writers, photographers, and graphic and web designers. The campaign is an attempt to illustrate that the university is dedicated to community in which every individual is treated with openness and consideration.

"Respect: give it. get it." offers testimonials from students, faculty, staff, and coaches. The campaign is employing several mediums to convey the message of respect, including web ads on hawkeyesports.com, posters, print advertising, and ads in sports and entertainment programs. It has a wide selection of advocates, including UI President Sally Mason, Hawkeye coaches, UI professors, and several UI students. The campaign's website features testimonials from the various representatives, the campaign's mission statement, and links to university policies. Residence-hall inhabitants received "Respect" squeeze light key chains and pamphlets that included the university's definition of respect and 10 ways students can exercise respect in the dorms.

"Respect: give it. get it." has the best intentions, designed to better our community. For many students, this will be their first time away from parental supervision, sharing a room with a complete stranger, and having to be mindful of how their habits and behavior affect those around them. However, the likelihood that students will be inspired to treat themselves, each other, or the community with respect simply because they received a "respect" key chain and read a poster featuring Todd Lickliter's definition of respect seems a little naïve. An absence of respect on campus typically spawns from a lack of consideration or peo-

ple just not thinking about how their actions affect others.

Respect and courtesy are things we should have learned long before stepping onto a college campus. That does not mean everyone has mastered these skills or, that drunk off newfound freedom, many students don't forget these basic principles. However, it is clear that college students see themselves as adults and do not appreciate being talked to like children, even if their actions sometimes merit this approach. It seems as though there are better ways of spending the university's time, money, and resources, rather than iterating school policies and displaying various officials' interpretation of respect.

If courteousness and consideration are what the university is attempting to elicit through this campaign, why not get specific regarding the types of behavior that we are trying to quell. Perhaps the UI should institute a "Don't be a jerk" campaign. We could put up posters and have a website featuring real students, or simply caricatures, who demonstrate unwelcome behavior and then feature a description of the appropriate behavior in the given situation, followed by the tag line: "Don't be a jerk."

Why stop there? The Respect webpage could provide a link for students, and even faculty, to submit ideas for the "Don't be a jerk" posters and advertisements. Each semester, the posters and advertisements could be updated to feature ideas collected through the site. It has the appeal of a catch phrase, and we might even witness students policing themselves and others by simply pointing out when someone is being disrespectful: "Hey man, 'Don't be a jerk.'"

Respect for ourselves, each other, and the community is a serious topic and the UI deserves a pat on the back for taking on such a wide-ranging issue. It is important that we demonstrate courtesy when dealing with others, consideration for our surroundings, and reverence for our community. But when it comes down to it, isn't that all encompassed by four simple words? Don't be a jerk.

From the frontlines

Street blockades are a common form of nonviolent protest in Europe and Latin America, and more than a dozen members of the UI Antiwar Committee traveled to St. Paul, Minn., on Monday to implement the tactic during a peace march on the first day of the Republican Convention.

The results were mixed, at best.

Twenty-two members of Antiwar Committee carpooled up to St. Paul, and 15 joined the Campus Antiwar Network's unpermitted "Mobile Blockade Brigade." The Campus

Antiwar Network, along with other groups totaling between 800 and 1,500 people, attempted to shut down the convention by blockading interstates, on/off ramps, bridges, and key intersections to prevent Republican delegates from entering the Xcel Center.

Our action was not a suppression of free speech, but an exercise in it. We were forced to listen to the Republicans for the last eight years; now, it was time to force them to listen to us.

About 50 of us met around a dozen blocks northeast of the Xcel Center, and swarmed into the intersection to seize it. Several members took yellow police "caution" tape from their bags and began wrapping it across the streets. Traffic came to a standstill, and police began to arrive on the scene. Once the riot squads showed up, we took off for the most strategic intersection in our sector, but we couldn't hold it for very long because our nonviolent brigade was not equipped to deal with riot police armed with pepper spray, tear gas, Tasers, and rubber bullets.

The next three hours was like a game of cat-and-mouse. We seized intersections at random, halted traffic, and then dispersed when the cops started forming lines to rush us. At one point, several people got out of their cars to give us high-fives. Once, we allowed an ambulance through our blockade on humanitarian grounds.

At one point, we doubled our numbers because random crews kept us, and we held one intersection for nearly 20 minutes because *Slate* magazine, MSBNC, CNN, and dozens of other media outlets had swarmed into the intersection with us. The ensuing impromptu press conference allowed us to state our objections to militarism and war, articulate our vision of the peaceful world we wanted to see, and kept the cops from kicking the crap out of us. The police were almost as hostile toward the media as they were to us, but their assaults on the press were limited to verbal onslaughts, with the possible exception of Amy Goodman and the Democracy Now! crew, who were arrested on bogus felony riot charges.

At one point, we ran into anarchists, whose actions of petty vandalism, such as slashing tires and breaking windows, undermined our claims of nonviolence. We separated ourselves from them at the first opportunity.

After we were forced off the I-35E ramp, we moved south on Jackson Street to Kellogg Boulevard, due east of the Xcel Center, where one of the six "Loading Zones" for the Republican delegates was located.

Things got ugly after we began linking arms and standing in front of the delegate buses. Ten of our members, including myself, were sprayed in the face with pepper spray, two were violently thrown to the ground by police officers, and one cop on a motorcycle drove right into our squad, hitting one person, who suffered minor injuries. Two of our members were arrested on misdemeanor obstruction charges and were later bailed out.

Up the street, a "Funk the War" contingent of approximately 300 black-clad anarchists were having a dance party in the intersection of Kellogg and Wabasha. Police fired tear gas, rubber bullets, Tasers, and concussion grenades. Anarchists dragged newspaper bins, traffic signs, Dumpsters, and sandbags into the streets. Skirmishes between protesters and police were widespread by 4 p.m.

According to the Coldsnap Legal Collective, 256 people were arrested on Monday, 119 on felony riot charges. About 30,000 people marched in the permitted peace march.

The direct-action blockades failed to shut down the first day of the conventions, and, save for one *Slate* article, coherent political arguments by peacemakers were absent from the mainstream media accounts of the protests. ■

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DAVID GOODNER

Letter

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McCain's torture stance is fuzzy

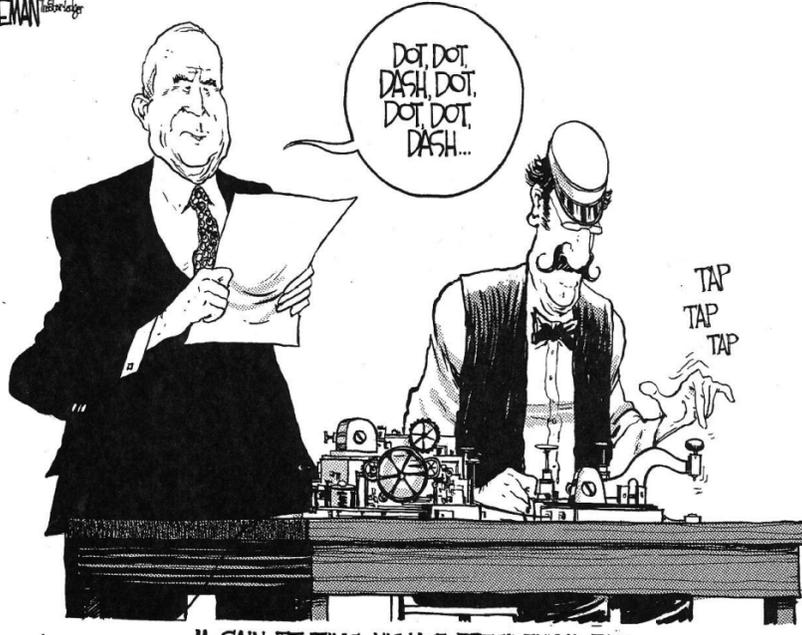
The subject of torture is a signature issue for Republican presidential candidate John McCain. He has written and spoken out against his 1967 capture and imprisonment during the Vietnam War and frequently reminds voters of his former POW status. At times near death from dysentery and regular beatings, in addition to solitary confinement for two years, McCain wrote: "Every man has his breaking point. I had reached mine."

In 2005 McCain called the torture method known as water boarding a "terrible and odious practice that should never be condoned in the U.S." But in March 2008, to everyone's surprise, he voted against stopping the CIA from using physical force during interrogations (HR 2082 Conference Report). As well, McCain supported a presidential veto threat after the bill passed in the Senate.

One wonders if presidential candidate John McCain could explain his support for torture to POW John McCain? I doubt it.

Ellen Ballas
Coralville resident

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MCCAIN TEXTING HIS VICE PRESIDENTIAL PICK

Guest Opinion

She's nice — but not ready

Most Alaskans like Sarah Palin. I know I do. Both as a politician and a person, there's a lot to like.

Despite the fact that we're from different parties, for the 20 months that we've both been in office we've been allies on oil and gas issues, which are important in a state where 85 percent of the government's general revenue comes from oil production. I've appreciated the way she has not knuckled under to the oil companies, as governors before her have.

And when I turned 60 a couple of months ago, Palin served cupcakes at a gathering at the governor's mansion. Nearly flambéed herself holding a big tray of the things so I could blow out the candles. Who wouldn't like that?

But that doesn't mean I think John McCain made a good decision when he picked Palin to be his running mate. I don't. Sarah Palin is simply not qualified to be a heartbeat away from the presidency, especially when that heart beats in the chest of a man who would be the oldest president ever elected to a first term.

If you held Palin's political résumé up to the light, you could see right through it. Mayor of a small town, followed by less than two years as governor of a state with the fourth-smallest population in the country. That's the person who is qualified to take over if the Norns snip McCain's thread? The woman prepared to be commander in chief?

I know, I know. Somewhere, a thousand spin doctors are trying to inflate Palin's accomplishments, to make McCain's decision look less like the Hail Mary it so clearly is. (We've already heard them at work.) But before they make her sound like the second coming of Otto von Bismarck, only in high heels, here's an assessment that's a little closer to the truth:

Palin's time as governor has been a mixed bag. She deserves high marks for moving the possibility of a gas pipeline forward. But most of the work on

oil taxes was done by the Legislature. Ditto with ethics reform. And her role in killing the ballyhooed Bridge to Nowhere? Turns out that she was for it before she was against it, and that, well, she kept the money anyway.

Add to this a growing sense that the state government isn't running all that well: commissioners and key staffers jumping or being pushed. The operating budget growing 10 percent a year. Policy problems such as high energy costs being papered over with cash giveaways. The governor and her aides being investigated by the Legislature. You can see why it's not clear she's a competent governor of Alaska, let alone qualified to take over the reins of the national government.

Don't get me wrong. Palin brings some pluses to the campaign. She's a woman. She's young. She's from outside the Beltway. The Christian right likes her. She's comfortable on TV — she has a degree in journalism — and is adept at connecting with people on a personal level. And she is very, very competitive. When I criticized her plan to hand out free money to Alaskans — spin that, conservative pundits — the next time we met, she lit into me like I was a pork chop and she was a starving wolf.

Unlike the shrill pundits on cable news, I don't have a crystal ball. I don't know if Palin will turn out to be an asset to the McCain campaign or a liability or, like so many vice-presidential candidates before her, a nonfactor. I don't know what kind of leader she might be. But I do know that, on all these fronts, she is a big, big risk if her ticket wins and something bad happens to John McCain. And that the risk isn't just McCain's. Or the Republican Party's. It's all of ours now.

And that tells me all I need to know about John McCain's judgment.

Mike Doogan is a Democratic member of the Alaska House of Representatives. A former columnist for the *Anchorage Daily News*, he writes mystery novels. This column appeared in Wednesday's *Washington Post*.

County mulls justice center

Supervisors seek community input on justice-center location.

By Briana Byrd
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors now has enough momentum to move forward in its planning for a justice center, officials said Wednesday.

It has been nearly five months since the Durrant Group — a Des Moines firm hired to investigate possible locations for a joint jail and courthouse — disappointed the supervisors with what they saw as ill-researched results.

But this time, officials are pleased.

“We’ve had a lot of good discussion today,” Supervisor Sally Stutsman said. “I think it’s a lot of good, careful analysis.”

Officials from the Durrant Group concluded that the existing courthouse on Clinton Street was the best location for the justice center.

It would provide 68 staff positions with a bed capacity for 240 individuals, allow for 16 new staff positions, and save \$190,250 per year more than the other sites considered. The existing courthouse site could also reuse more than 41,000 square feet of space and could be expanded both vertically and horizontally.

A proposed justice center

Where could it go?

- Location of the existing courthouse on Clinton Street
- North of the South Dubuque Street site of the Johnson County Administration Building
- Melrose Avenue near Highway 218
- Oak Crest Hill Road

Source: Johnson County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said officials need to consider that UI students make up a significant population of those arrested and depending on the site chosen, they might have difficulty getting back to campus after posting bond if they don’t have cars.

The Durrant Group also studied and introduced three other sites to the supervisors Wednesday: North of the South Dubuque Street site of the Johnson County Administration Building, near Melrose Avenue and Highway 218, and near Oak Crest Hill Road. The group focused on areas such as efficiency, parking, possible cost, and flexibility for expansion in its evaluation.

Building the justice center north of the administration building was the least-efficient choice, the group said, costing \$125,870 more per year than the other three sites. The site could also only be expanded vertically if future renovation were needed.

The Durrant Group said the other two sites amounted to an increase of \$190,250 per year more than the site of the existing courthouse.

Though the supervisors now have a recommendation, officials decided that the next step would be to receive community feedback.

“I mean, the whole idea is that the elected officials don’t come out and say, ‘This is the site, and here, taxpayers pay for it.’” Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek said.

“I mean, the whole idea is that the elected officials don’t come out and say, ‘This is the site, and here, taxpayers pay for it.’”

— Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek

The direction should be for the Durrant Group to tell county officials what its plans are for focus meetings to let the public give feedback on the site options, Pulkrabek added.

Three public meetings will be held throughout September and October. During the criminal-justice coordinating committee meeting on Nov. 5, the Durrant Group will present the community results, and the supervisors will decide which area it will be focusing on before the end of the year, Neuzil said.

“[Waiting] lets us see how the community feels about this discussion and I think that’s what the board’s been interested in all along,” Stutsman said.

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United Way aims high

United Way has its most ambitious fundraising goal yet.

By Mary Harrington
THE DAILY IOWAN

United Way of Johnson County will aim to raise a record \$2.55 million for the organization’s 2008 fundraising campaign, officials said Wednesday.

The fundraising goal is a 15.9 percent increase over last year’s \$2.2 million benchmark.

The money raised this year will benefit the 30 agencies that partner with United Way. Those individual agencies will then provide direct human and social services to the community — one family at a time, said Christine Scheetz, the president and CEO of United Way of Johnson County.

“Those services are immeasurable,” Iowa City Mayor Regina Bailey said. “And who else will provide them?”

The agencies cater to a broad assortment of community needs, with social services ranging from free-lunch programs and free medical services to mental-illness support and domestic-violence prevention, Scheetz said.

In addition to the 30 agencies getting assistance from United Way, officials added a separate flood-relief fund. They’ve already garnered more than

\$373,000 for flood-relief efforts from donors wishing to contribute to a fund specifically tailored to flood recovery, Scheetz said. The higher fundraising benchmark was prompted by damage resulting from this summer’s flood.

“I commend [United Way] for recognizing the needs of the community and setting an ambitious goal,” Bailey said.

The nonprofit organization reacted to the floods immediately, setting up its flood-relief fund before the waters had even crested, Scheetz said. A volunteer center stemming from a need for flood relief is also still operating months later to help with rebuilding efforts.

Scheetz said the United Way of Johnson County addresses the community’s most pressing issues by using its raised funds to ensure that the assessment, planning, and resources are in place for action to happen.

The 2008 fundraising campaign will end by Dec. 31. Until then, leaders will work toward its potential record-breaking goal of \$2.55 million.

“It’s ambitious, yes,” said Bailey, “But it is important to say what you need.”

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STATE & WORLD

Ice shelf splits

TORONTO (AP) — A chunk of ice shelf nearly the size of Manhattan has broken away from Ellesmere Island in Canada’s northern Arctic, another dramatic indication of how warmer temperatures are changing the polar frontier, scientists said Wednesday.

Derek Mueller, an Arctic ice-shelf specialist at Trent University in Ontario, told the Associated Press that the 4,500-year-old Markham Ice Shelf separated in early August, and the 19-square-mile shelf is now adrift in the Arctic Ocean.

“The Markham Ice Shelf was a big surprise because it suddenly disappeared. We went under cloud for a bit during our research and when the weather cleared up, all of a sudden there was no more ice shelf. It was a shocking event that underscores the rapidity of changes taking place in the Arctic,” said Mueller.

Mueller also said that two large sections of ice detached from the Serson Ice Shelf, shrinking that ice feature by 47 square miles — or 60 percent — and that the Ward Hunt Ice Shelf has also continued to break up, losing an additional eight square miles.

U.S. plays down N. Korea report

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea said Wednesday that North Korea had begun restoring its nuclear facilities. But the U.S. played it down, saying the country apparently only moved some equipment out of storage.

The North said last week it had stopped dismantling its nuclear reactor on Aug. 14 because Washington had not held up its end of their disarmament deal — a promise to remove North Korea from the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism. At the same time, the North threatened to restore the nuclear facility.

The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency said in a new report that

North Korea had already removed “essential” equipment from its nuclear facilities by the time it decided to stop disabling them last month, suggesting it would take some time to restore its main reactor to an operational state.

South Korean and U.S. officials have said that it would take at least a year for the North to restart the facilities after they are completely disabled.

The South Koreans did not give any specifics about what exactly the Koreans were doing to restore the Yongbyon plutonium-producing facility or when they started the work.

But in Washington, the State Department said the North had not begun reconstructing the facility.

Rescue in India spurned

MURLIGANJ, India (AP) — Spotting a family stranded on the roof of a partly submerged house, two Indian navy commandos swept in over the muddy floodwaters in a black rubber dinghy to save them Wednesday — only to be shooed away.

Some 1.2 million people have seen their towns and villages swamped by two weeks of monsoon flooding in northern India, but some are refusing to leave, fearing evacuation would trap them in a future as homeless and penniless refugees.

“Just go away,” Surinder Yadav shouted from the roof of his soggy house, where he sheltered with his wife, mother and five children.

It was hardly the response the

two sailors expected after two hours negotiating treacherous, debris-filled waters to reach the Murliganj area, possibly the worst inundated spot.

“Come with us, we will give you a tent and food,” shouted back Biju, a 20-year-old navy diver, making a vain effort to change the family’s mind.

Having lost almost everything when the Kosi River flowing out neighboring Nepal burst its banks, drowning homes and destroying farm fields over hundreds of square miles, villagers like Yadav were clinging to their last possessions.

The offer to join more than 600,000 refugees already moved to dry ground and now living in relief camps or sheltering with friends and relatives was not tempting.

Car wreck interrupts breakfast

MARION (AP) — A Marion family’s breakfast was crashed by an uninvited guest.

Mark James and his family were sitting down to breakfast Wednesday morning when a car crashed into their front porch.

The car chipped the concrete front step, broke off an iron hand rail, smashed two flower pots, and knocked over a wooden archway.

The driver of the car and his wife were taken to a hospital. Their names were not released.

James says it’s lucky the car crashed when it did before his children and the neighbors went to the bus stop.

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The families of Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain and running mate Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin pose for a photo at the Minneapolis airport on Wednesday. (From left to right) Track Palin, Piper Palin, Willow Palin, holding Trig Palin, Levi Johnston, Bristol Palin, Todd Palin, Gov. Palin, Sen. McCain, Andy McCain, Cindy McCain, Jimmy McCain, Jack McCain, Sidney McCain, Meghan McCain, Bridget McCain, Doug McCain.

Palin blasts Obama, critics

By David Espo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Claiming her historic spot on the Republican ticket, vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin uncorked a slashing attack on Barack Obama on Wednesday night and vowed to help John McCain bring real change to Washington.

"Victory in Iraq is finally in sight; he wants to forfeit," she said about the Democratic presidential nominee.

"Al Qaeda terrorists still plot to inflict catastrophic harm on America; he's worried that someone won't read them their rights.

"Government is too big; he wants to grow it."

A packed Republican convention hall roared at every line delivered by the 44-year-old Alaska governor, the first woman ever named to a Republican national ticket.

The Alaska governor had top billing at the convention on a night delegates also lined up for a noisy roll call of the states to deliver their presidential nomination to McCain. At 72, the Arizona senator is the oldest first-time nominee in history, collecting his party's top prize after pursuing it for the better part of a decade.

After days of convention-week controversy, much of it surrounding her 17-year-old, unmarried pregnant daughter, Palin drew cheers from the moment she stepped onto the convention stage, hundreds of camera flashes reflecting off her glasses.

"Our family has the same ups and downs as any other, the same challenges and the same joys," she said as the audience signaled its understanding.

In her solo debut on the national stage, she traced her career from the local PTA to the governor's office, casting herself as a maverick in the McCain mold, and she seemed to delight in poking fun at her critics and her ticketmate's political rivals.

Since taking office as governor, she said she had taken on the oil industry, brought the state budget into surplus, and vetoed nearly one-half billion dollars in wasteful spending.

"I thought we could muddle through without the governor's personal chef — although I've got to admit that sometimes my kids sure miss her."

Not surprisingly, her best-received lines were barbs at Obama.

"I guess a small-town mayor is sort of like a 'community organizer,' except that you have actual responsibilities," she

said, a reference to Obama's stint as a community organizer.

"I might add that in small towns we don't quite know what to make of a candidate who lavishes praise on working people when they are listening and then talks about how bitterly they cling to their religion and guns when those people aren't," she said.

That was a reference to Obama's springtime observation about some frustrated working-class Americans.

By contrast, she said of McCain: "Take the maverick out of the Senate. Put him in the White House.

"He's a man who's there to serve his country, and not just his party."

"In politics, there are some candidates who use change to promote their careers," she said in another cutting reference to Obama's campaign theme. "And then there are those, like John McCain, who use their careers to promote change."

If McCain and his campaign's high command had any doubt about her ability at the convention podium, they needn't have. With her youthful experience as a sportscaster and time spent in the governor's office, her timing was flawless.

Obama: Campaign is about issues

By Charles Babington
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW PHILADELPHIA, Ohio — Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama, pouncing on a top Republican aide's claim that the campaign is not about issues, said Wednesday that John McCain is trying to run away from his party's bad economic record.

Campaigning in eastern Ohio, Obama noted that McCain campaign manager Rick Davis said the election would be decided largely on voters' perceptions of the candidates' personalities.

"This election is not about issues," Davis told the *Washington Post* this week. "This election is about a composite view of what people take away from these candidates."

Obama mentioned Davis' comment three times during a one-hour appearance at an outdoor forum on economic issues facing women. He used it to accuse speakers at the

Republican convention in St. Paul, Minn., of avoiding talk about job losses, home foreclosures, and other issues.

"If you've got George Bush's track record, and John McCain voting 90 percent of the time in agreement with George Bush, then you probably don't want to talk about issues, either," Obama said. "If you don't have any issues to run on, I guess you want it to be about personalities."

In response, the McCain campaign said in a statement, "Our campaign has been consistent and clear: This election is about whose judgment you can trust to move America forward," and it argued Obama doesn't have that judgment.

Obama spoke hours before Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, McCain's running mate, was scheduled to address the Republican Convention. Both parties are competing fiercely for the votes of women, especially those disappointed by

Hillary Rodham Clinton's failure to win the Democratic nomination.

Obama is concentrating this week on Ohio. Bush narrowly carried the state in 2004, and it could prove pivotal again this year. He said McCain, Bush, and other Republicans "just don't get" the hardships many Ohioans are facing because of the long-running loss of manufacturing jobs.

Obama and McCain are running about even in Ohio, with Obama getting 47 percent and McCain 45 percent among registered voters, according to a CNN-Opinion Research Corp. poll conducted Aug. 31-Sept. 2.

Gabrielle Neavin, 24, a single mother working for minimum wage, introduced Obama in a college courtyard. Obama later said about McCain and his backers: "I don't think they are connecting with what ordinary folks, like Gabrielle, are going through every day."

Answer carefully.

Please select only one answer.

A Talk

B Action

STATE

State Senate outlook grim for GOP

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowa Republicans acknowledge that cutting into the Democrats lead in the Senate is a long shot this fall, and they say they're already looking ahead to 2010.

The challenges are clear: Democrats already control the Senate by a lopsided 30-20 margin, and six incumbent Republicans have decided not to seek another term in office, while only one Democrat is not running again.

There's also a presidential race in which Iowa's seven electoral

votes are being hotly contested, a race that is certain to drive up voter turnout. That's left little attention on the contest for the Iowa Senate.

"We're out there going about our business," said Senate Republican Leader Ron Wieck, of Sioux City. "We understand that there are a lot of other things going on."

It's been a downward spiral for Republicans in the Senate. After a decade in control, they fell into a 25-25 tie in the 2004 election before suffering more losses in the last election that spurred a host of retirements.

Republican Sens. Jeff Angelo

of Creston, Thurman Gaskill of Corwith, Mary Lundby of Marion, Larry McKibben of Marshalltown, Dave Mulder of Sioux Center, and John Putney of Gladbrook all decided to call it quits. Worse for Republicans, Lundby's seat leans Democratic and a sitting state representative is seeking it, while McKibben's seat is a tossup.

The only Democrat who has decided to step down is Michael Connolly, who represents an overwhelmingly Democratic district in Dubuque. Democratic Rep. Pam Jochum is seeking that seat and is a favorite to win.

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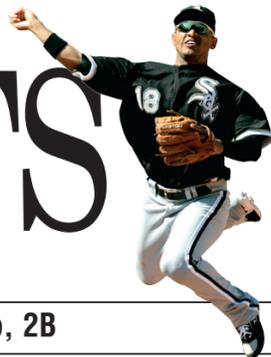
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 Oakland at Kansas City, ppd., rain

Florida 5, Atlanta 3
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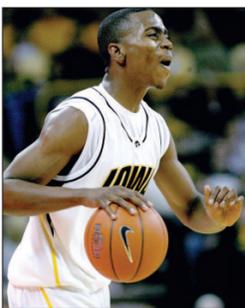
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MEN'S HOOPS

Hawks schedule released

If you're a college hoops nut, mark down Nov. 9 on your calendar.

The Iowa men's basketball team released its complete schedule Wednesday, and the Hawkeyes will open this season with a Nov. 9 home exhibition against Wayne State. The first game that hits the record books follows on Nov. 14, when Iowa will host Charleston Southern.

The nonconference portion includes some intriguing matchups for the Hawkeyes, such as the Las Vegas Invitational against West Virginia and a home match with Iowa State.

In for the conference, Iowa will open Big Ten play on New Year's Eve at Ohio State, with the first home Big Ten game against Indiana. Other big home dates include Wisconsin, Michigan State, and Purdue.

Minnesota and Illinois are the only two schools the Hawkeyes will face only once. The Fighting Illini will entertain Iowa in Champaign on "Super Bowl Sunday," Feb. 1.

— by Brendan Stiles

FOOTBALL

Hawks get another oral commitment

Going against his family ties to Iowa State, Brett Van Sloten — a 6-7, 255-pound offensive tackle from Decorah — orally committed to head coach Kirk Ferentz on Wednesday.

The two-star prospect, who attends Decorah Senior High, was pursued by Iowa State, Kansas, and Northern Iowa, but Iowa was the only school to offer him a scholarship.

Van Sloten becomes the sixth member of Iowa 2009 recruiting class that includes two four-star prospects (wide receiver Keenan Davis and running back Brandon Wegher) and two three-star players (wide receiver Jordan Cotton and running back Brad Rogers).

Of Ferentz's six commitments, five come from the state of Iowa, and four rank as the top-10 prospects in the state.

— by Scott Miller

TV TODAY

- NFL**
 • Washington at N.Y. Giants, 6 p.m., NBC
- NCAA FOOTBALL**
 • No. 24 South Carolina at Vanderbilt, 7:30 p.m., ESPN
- TENNIS**
 • U.S. Open, mixed doubles championship match and men's quarterfinals, 10 a.m., USA
- U.S. Open, men's quarterfinals, 6 p.m., USA
- MLS**
 • Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2

TWO HEADS BETTER THAN ONE?

For now, Iowa will continue to run the two-quarterback system like many successful programs have in the past.



File photo/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye quarterback Jake Christensen tries to out-maneuver Hoosier defensive end Ryan Marando during a 38-20 loss at Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 29, 2007.

RIGHT: Hawkeye quarterback Ricky Stanzi throws under fire during the spring game at Kinnick Stadium on April 19.

By Scott Miller
 THE DAILY IOWAN

It worked with Tom Brady and Drew Henson at Michigan. Florida head coach Urban Meyer found success in 2005 with Tim Tebow and Chris Leak. And now, there's talk of Ohio State using Todd Boeckman and Terrelle Pryor.

Yes, two-quarterback systems — usually featuring a gifted scrambler and a traditional pocket-passer — have worked in the past. But no one is mistaking junior Iowa quarterback Jake Christensen for Tom Brady, and sophomore Ricky Stanzi doesn't have the hype surrounding him that Ohio State's Pryor does.



File photo/The Daily Iowan

In the 457-yard offensive outburst against Maine, Iowa fans got their first glimpse of this two-quarterback system in action. The question now: Can it work for the long-term?

"Until somebody grabs onto the thing, we'll proceed along," coach Kirk Ferentz said after his team's 46-3 victory over the Black Bears. "It's like any other position: If things are close, we'll try to make a fair evaluation and go from there."

Right now, the 10-year coach said, there is no timetable for this evaluation, though he would prefer to not have a two-quarterback system last the whole season.

SEE QUARTERBACKS, 3B

V-ball sees changes

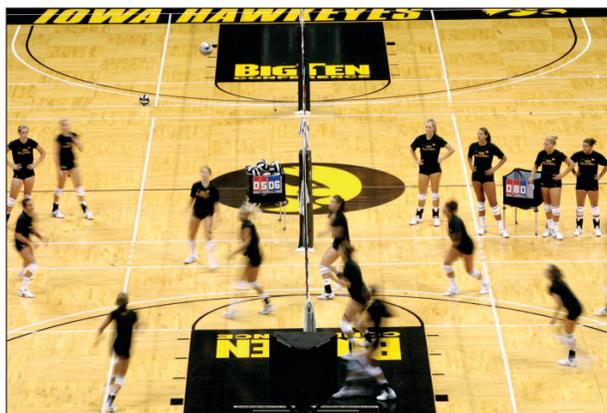
As the season begins, the collegiate volleyball world and the Iowa program adjust to rule changes.

By Mike Brownlee
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Fans attending Iowa volleyball games this season will be getting home earlier than in years past.

There have been a few changes to the rules this season in college volleyball, and one of them focuses on scoring. Sets one through four now go to 25 points, instead of 30. The fifth set will remain at 15 points.

The shorter sets mean that points will be at an even higher premium, and slow starts could equal disaster more than it has in years past.



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan

The Iowa volleyball team practices in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Tuesday. The NCAA implemented new rules that will go into effect this season.

SEE VOLLEYBALL, 3B

Having a dry sense of season

It's another dry season for the No. 5 Iowa field hockey team.

By Jeff Pawola
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Don't expect to see names of Iowa field-hockey players in the police blotter this season for drinking offenses. In fact, don't expect to find them in last season's blotters. Or those of the season before. Or season before that. The Hawkeyes have struck a pact to refrain from drinking alcohol while in season. And every player has followed this policy since signing her letter of intent.

"It's all I've known since I've been at Iowa," fifth-year senior Caroline Blaum said. "We don't

need it right now; we know that. Our focus is somewhere else, and we just see it as a distraction right now."

Head coach Tracey Griesbaum gives all the credit to the team, noting that it was put in place by the athletes.

"That's a very team-driven rule we've had that in place for a really long time. This year we didn't even talk about it," she said, noting that the policy may be five or six years old. "We have a group of athletes now

SEE FIELD HOCKEY, 3B

Sports

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

NATIONAL LEAGUE					AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	79	61	.564	—	Tampa Bay	84	53	.613	—
Philadelphia	76	64	.543	3	Boston	82	57	.590	3
Florida	71	69	.507	8	New York	75	64	.540	10
Atlanta	60	80	.429	19	Toronto	72	66	.522	12½
Washington	54	86	.386	25	Baltimore	63	76	.453	22
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	85	55	.607	—	Chicago	78	61	.561	—
Milwaukee	80	59	.576	4½	Minnesota	77	62	.554	1
St. Louis	75	65	.536	10	Cleveland	67	71	.486	10½
Houston	74	66	.529	11	Detroit	67	72	.482	11
Cincinnati	61	78	.439	23½	Kansas City	58	79	.423	19
Pittsburgh	59	79	.428	25	West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	Los Angeles	84	54	.609	—
Arizona	71	68	.511	—	Texas	69	72	.489	16½
Los Angeles	70	70	.500	1½	Oakland	63	75	.457	21
Colorado	66	75	.468	6	Seattle	54	85	.388	30½
San Francisco	60	79	.432	11	Wednesday's Games				
San Diego	53	86	.381	18	Chicago White Sox 4, Cleveland 2				
Wednesday's Games					Boston 5, Baltimore 4				
Florida 5, Atlanta 3					Texas 1, Seattle 0				
N.Y. Mets 9, Milwaukee 2					Toronto 5, Minnesota 4, 11 innings				
San Francisco 9, Colorado 2					N.Y. Yankees 8, Tampa Bay 4				
St. Louis 4, St. Louis 3					Oakland at Kansas City, p.p.d., rain				
Washington 9, Philadelphia 7					Detroit 9, L.A. Angels 6				
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 5					Today's Games				
Houston 4, Chicago Cubs 0					L.A. Angels (E.Santana 14-5) at Detroit (Rogers 9-12), 12:05 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers 6, San Diego 4					Oakland (Meyer 0-3) at Kansas City (K.Davies 5-6), 6:10 p.m., 1st game				
Today's Games					Minnesota (Slowey 11-8) at Toronto (Litsch 9-8), 6:07 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Gorzalanny 6-9) at Cincinnati (Fogg 2-7), 1:15 a.m.					N.Y. Yankees (Rasner 5-9) at Tampa Bay (Kazmir 10-6), 6:10 p.m.				
Washington (Martis 0-0) at Atlanta (J.Reyes 3-10), 6:10 p.m.									
San Diego (Estes 1-1) at Milwaukee (Suppan 10-7), 7:05 p.m.									

2008-09 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	CT	TV
Nov. 9	Wayne State (Exhibition)	Iowa City	TBA	TBA
Nov. 14	Charleston Southern	Iowa City	TBA	TBA
Nov. 17	Texas-San Antonio	Iowa City	TBA	TBA
Nov. 20	The Citadel	Charleston, S.C.	TBA	TBA
Nov. 23	#Oakland	Iowa City	TBA	TBA
Nov. 25	#Southeast Missouri State	Iowa City	TBA	TBA
Nov. 28-29	at Las Vegas Invitational	Las Vegas		
Nov. 28	vs. Las Vegas	Las Vegas	TBA	TBA
Nov. 29	vs. Kansas State/Kentucky	Las Vegas	TBA	TBA
Dec. 2	at Boston College	Boston	6:05 p.m.	ESPN2
Dec. 5	Bryant University	Iowa City	TBA	TBA
Dec. 9	Northern Iowa	Iowa City	TBA	TBA
Dec. 12	Iowa State (Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk Series)	Iowa City	TBA	TBA
Dec. 20	at Drake	Des Moines	TBA	TBA
Dec. 27	Western Illinois	Iowa City	TBA	TBA
Dec. 31	at Ohio State	Columbus	3:05 p.m.	BTN
Jan. 3	Indiana	Iowa City	3:35 p.m.	ESPN
Jan. 8	Minnesota	Iowa City	6:05 p.m.	ESPN2
Jan. 11	at Michigan	Ann Arbor	10:30/11 a.m.	BTN
Jan. 18	at Purdue	West Lafayette	11:05 a.m.	BTN
Jan. 21	Wisconsin	Iowa City	7:35 p.m.	BTN
Jan. 24	at Penn State	State College	5:05 p.m.	BTN
Jan. 29	Michigan State	Iowa City	6:05 p.m.	ESPN/2
Feb. 1	at Illinois	Champaign	1:05 p.m.	BTN
Feb. 4	at Indiana	Bloomington	5:35 p.m.	BTN
Feb. 7	Northwestern	Iowa City	5:05 p.m.	BTN
Feb. 11	at Wisconsin	Madison	7:35 p.m.	BTN
Feb. 14	Purdue	Iowa City	3:05 p.m.	BTN
Feb. 22	Michigan	Iowa City	4:05 p.m.	BTN
Feb. 25	at Michigan State	East Lansing	7:35 p.m.	BTN
Feb. 28	at Northwestern	Evanston	1:05 p.m.	BTN
March 3-4-5	Ohio State	Iowa City	TBA	TBA
March 7	Penn State	Iowa City	1:05 p.m.	BTN
March 12-15	at Big Ten Tournament	Indianapolis	TBA	TBA
March 19-22	NCAA Tournament, First/Second Rounds			
March 26-29	NCAA Tournament, Regional Finals			
April 4-6	NCAA Final Four Detroit			

— Preliminary round, Las Vegas Invitational Note: All times listed are Central Time
 Keys: BTN — Big Ten Network; TBA — To Be Announced

Optimism on the links

As the men's golf team sets its sights on the fall season, there are new faces looking to have an immediate effect.

By Jordan Garretson
THE DAILY IOWAN

The winds of change can be felt blowing through the Iowa men's golf program.

While the team has some familiar faces, such as senior Cole Peevler, there are a lot of new ones as well.

"[I'm excited about] the fresh start," Peevler said. "We have some returning players and new guys coming in. I think we'll be one of the top teams in the Big Ten, and it's going to surprise a lot of people."

New is correct — the team of 10 includes four freshmen and one transfer. Head coach Mark Hankins knows the opportunity for success the team has.

"Most of the guys don't have any recollection of recent history, so it's kind of a blank slate," he said as he watched his players practicing at the Finkbine Golf Course. "We have a lot of youth, but they have a lot of junior tournament experience."

Even with the youthful exuberance, the veterans are still alive and kicking. Among them is Zack Anderson, who joins Peevler as the two seniors on the squad.

"[I want to have] more success than we've had in the time I've been here," Anderson said. "The players are working hard to do that, and Coach structures practice in a way that allows us to compete, so it will be up to us to come through in the tournaments."

Both seniors have high expectations for themselves. Peevler is aiming to be an All-Big Ten selection, and Anderson is gunning for a spot on the academic All-American team.

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— Cole Peevler, Golf Senior

And the newcomers are not without high aspirations of their own. Freshman Chris Brant, a St. Louis native, wants to have a stroke average under 74 while maintaining a GPA well over 3.0. Brant also has a desire to play in the NCAA championship. Fellow freshman Brad George is looking forward to the new challenges that await him.

"[I'm excited to be] stepping up my game and playing against better competition," said the former Linn-Mar High standout.

Hankins, entering his second season at the helm of the program, understands that the road could be a bit rocky at times with the new talent. While the returning players now have a better idea of what Hankins expects of them, there's still a lot to be figured out. Still new to the program himself, he is always trying to figure out the best ways to use the facilities to prepare the players.

However, if there is one thing to be sure about this season, the battles that will take place in practice to decide who competes will be heated. The team sends just five players to take part in each tournament.

"They understand the qualifying process; in practice you compete to prepare for competition," Hankins said. "It shouldn't be a shock [for the players]; they should be able to get rid of the jitters for

during the weekend of Sept. 12-14 in Minneapolis. While only time will tell exactly how much success the team has, the players know what they're capable of.

"I think we have a really good team," sophomore James Reiss said. "We can do anything we put our minds to."

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White Sox avoid 3-game sweep

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CLEVELAND — Following his team's 4-2 win over Cleveland on Wednesday, Ozzie Guillen leaned back in his chair and breathed a sigh of relief.

"We needed this one, man," he said.

The Chicago White Sox manager wasn't kidding. The White Sox came into the game having lost five of six, and they were tied with Minnesota atop the AL Central.

Nick Swisher and Alexei Ramirez homered to help the White Sox, playing without five regulars, avert a three-game sweep.

"It was an important game," starter Javier Vazquez said. "If we want to get to the playoffs, we have to win."

Guillen thought Wednesday's game was so important that he went to closer Bobby Jenks for a save that required getting more than three outs, something he hasn't done during the regular season since Sept. 13, 2005.

Jenks entered with one out in the eighth and runners on first and third, getting Ryan Garko to hit into a double play. After allowing a leadoff single to Jamey Carroll in the ninth, he got Kelly Shoppach to hit into a double play and struck out Asdrubal Cabrera to end the game.

"I don't like doing that," Guillen said. "I did it because we needed it and we have the day off [today]. We gambled a little bit. The two double plays helped us."

Jenks recorded his 28th save in 31 opportunities.

"I've been going one inning all year, so I'm still fresh," he said. "I wasn't surprised. We've been talking about this for about a week."

Jenks came in after one-out singles by Ben Francisco and Shin-Soo Choo off Matt Thornton. Garko bounced the second pitch to third baseman Juan Uribe, who started the double play.

"It was a sinker in," Jenks said. "It was probably the biggest pitch of the game."

Vazquez (11-12) allowed two runs in six innings.

The Indians came into this home stand on a 10-game winning streak, but they were swept in three games by Seattle before the White Sox came to town. Cleveland stranded seven runners, had another runner caught stealing, and was 1-for-8 with runners in scoring position Wednesday.

"The games we lost were very similar," Indian manager Eric Wedge said. "We had a lot of opportunities where one swing could have tied the game or given us the lead."

Jeremy Sowers (2-8) retired the first nine hitters, but gave up two runs in the fifth — and Ramirez's two-run homer in the sixth.

"I left a pitch over the plate to Swisher," Sowers said. "The pitch to Ramirez was down and in. That was tough hitting there."

Because of injuries and scheduled days off, Guillen was forced to go with a lineup that resembled a spring-training game. Left fielder Carlos Quentin (sore right forearm), center fielder Ken Griffey Jr., and third baseman Joe Crede (both with back tightness) were unavailable. Designated hitter Jim Thome was on the bench until pinch-hitting in the ninth, and catcher A.J. Pierzynski was given the day off.

After managing one hit in the first four innings, the White Sox scored four runs on five hits in the next two innings before Sowers was pulled with one out in the sixth.

Swisher led off the fifth with a homer into the porch in left field on a 2-1 pitch. Josh Fields, starting at DH, singled with one out and scored on Orlando Cabrera's double off the wall in left-center.

Jermaine Dye singled with one out in the sixth. Ramirez,



Tony Dejak/Associated Press
 Cleveland Indian Asdrubal Cabrera is caught trying to steal second base as the Chicago White Sox's Orlando Cabrera chases him in the third inning on Wednesday in Cleveland. Sox pitcher Javier Vazquez tagged Asdrubal Cabrera out.

moved to fifth in the batting order, hit a 3-2 pitch into the left-center bleachers, making it 4-0.

Jhonny Peralta doubled in two runs in the sixth.

Notes: Cliff Lee, who became the Indians' first 20-game winner in 34 years on Monday night, was picked as the American League Pitcher of the month for August. He was 5-0 in the month with a 1.86 earned run average in five starts. ... DH Travis Hafner, on the disabled list since May 30 with a sore right shoulder, is scheduled to continue his rehabilitation assignment with one of the Indians' minor league teams that is in postseason play. ... OF Grady Sizemore fouled a ball off his right foot in the first inning, but stayed in the game. ... The

Indians announced a two-year extension on their player development contract with Class A Mahoning Valley. The short-season team plays in the New York-Penn League and has been affiliated with the Indians since 1999. ... Thome walked in the ninth off LHP Rich Rundles, who was making his major league debut. ... The White Sox ended their road trip with a 4-5 record. ... A squirrel made its way on the field in the ninth inning, briefly delaying play when it ran from right field, across the first base line and behind the mound. The squirrel eventually ran to left field where grounds crew members chased it out a door in the wall. ... Both teams are off Thursday.

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Assistant coach Jason Allen works with the Iowa volleyball team during practice in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Tuesday. The NCAA has implemented new rules that will go into effect this season.

NCAA tweaks V-ball rules

VOLLEYBALL

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"It puts more urgency on points," Iowa head coach Sharon Dingman said. "You have to be ready to go when the whistle blows. You can't decide to start playing hard at 20 points because the game will be over quickly."

Dingman said she has coached to 30 points throughout her career, except for during a brief stint coaching in Europe.

"There's going to be a learning curve for me," the first-year coach said. "It affects how one approaches in the tactical aspects, such as what rotation you start in, substitution patterns, and time-outs."

According to the NCAA, the rationale for the change was, "There seems to be a reduction in the intensity of many con-

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— Sharon Dingman, head coach

tests in the middle of a set that is played to 30 points. The intention of this rule change is to increase fan and player focus and fan excitement."

The team got its first taste of the change this past weekend at the Hampton Inn/Bama Bash in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where the team went 1-2.

"It definitely makes the games go faster," junior setter Christina Meister said. "Five points in one set doesn't seem like much, but if it's a five-set match, that's a lot of points."

Senior setter Kiley Fister said she likes the rule change and thinks it may help the team to get over a hump it has had trouble with in previous

seasons. "In the past, we've had a history of getting to 25 points and not finishing out [the set]," Fister said. "So maybe the change will work in our favor."

To go along with the reduction in the number of points in a set, the number of substitutions allowed per set has also been reduced, from 15 to 12.

Another change is in the vernacular of the sport. Games will now be called "sets," which is a move that gives the sport more uniformity, as the term "set" is used internationally.

One final change is not a rule but a directive to change how ball-handling calls are made. The NCAA said that

ball-handling judgment has been inconsistent within a match and from contest to contest in the past.

Like the change to 25-point games, this decision was also made in large part with fans in mind.

Troublesome for the NCAA was that "whistles for subtle infractions discernible only by the referees are confusing to fans. With increased television exposure, it is important to attempt to develop ball-handling guidelines that are understandable by typical sports fans, not just the volleyball community."

So as fans walk out of Carver-Hawkeye Arena this volleyball season, if the best-laid plans of the NCAA come to fruition, they'll leave having seen a more exciting volleyball match.

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Hawks play two



File photo/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye quarterback Jake Christensen tosses a pass to wide receiver Andy Brodell in the fourth quarter against Iowa State in Jack Trice Stadium on Sept. 15, 2007.

QUARTERBACKS

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"I would rather [it] not [last all year], but we'll do whatever is fair and best for the team," Ferentz said. "The perfect world probably not, but you know, [in] 1981 it worked OK, and I think that's the only year I've been involved in something like that."

As long as the competition continues, Stanzi — who had only thrown four passes going into the season — will continue gain some valuable experience.

"It was nice. When I looked back I was like, 'Wow, I just played half of a game,'" said Stanzi, who threw for 90 yards on 9-of-14 completions against Maine. "It was kind of like you didn't even know it."

Sophomore wide receiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianos didn't express a preference

between the two quarterbacks, but he did say he liked Stanzi's demeanor against Maine.

"Rick's coming into the spotlight now, and people are starting to know him," Johnson-Koulianos said. "I like to call him 'Slick Rick' because he's just so smooth. He's always just so graceful, so calm. The idea of pressure — he loves it. Coming into the huddle, he calls his play real cool. He makes his reads. He's just seems like he's meant for it."

Regardless of who becomes the permanent starter, Ferentz likes that he now has two good quarterbacks on his depth chart.

"So we've gone from, you know, having one quarterback to I think now two," Ferentz said. "Clearly, both guys are better than they were a year ago. That's a good thing."

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MLB

Cubs drop 5th in a row

CHICAGO (AP) — Randy Wolf pitched a six-hitter for his eighth career shutout, and Ty Wigginton homered Thursday night as the Houston Astros won their eighth straight with a 4-0 victory over the slumping Chicago Cubs, who've lost a season-high five in a row.

The surging Astros completed a three-game sweep at Wrigley Field behind the pitching of Wolf and some good defense. Wigginton, an infielder most of his career, also made a great throw from left field to cut down a potential Chicago run in the fifth inning.

It is Houston's second eight-game winning streak in less than a month, matching an earlier one

from Aug. 7-14. The Cubs are stuck in their first five-game skid since dropping six in a row from May 27-June 2 last season. The NL Central leaders have 22 games left this season, 16 away from Wrigley Field.

Despite another loss, the Cubs maintained their 4½ game lead over Milwaukee after the Brewers were beaten, 9-2, by the Mets as New York completed a three-game sweep at Miller Park.

Wolf (9-11) walked two and struck out eight, including Reed Johnson to end the fourth when they Cubs had two on. It was the 31-year-old left-hander's first shutout and complete game since April 24, 2004, when he beat the Montréal Expos 7-0 while pitching for the Phillies.

Life in dry lane fine for Hawks

FIELD HOCKEY

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who don't want anything in the way, because they know the two don't go hand in hand."

Senior Katie Naughton, who turned 21 on Aug. 20, bypassed the opportunity to cash in on a punch card at One-Eyed Jakes because the season was under way. While most students would go out regardless of their birthday was on a Monday and had a test the following day, she had no second thoughts.

"I didn't think it was that hard at all, with the season in mind," she said. "We're just focusing on NAAs."

Naughton's dedication not only exemplifies the team's stance on drinking during the season, but its commitment to excellence — which has produced results over the past five years, three NCAA Tournaments, two Big Ten Tournament titles, and one Big Ten co-regular season title.

An equally impressive number is zero — representing the number of athletes who have ended up in the police blotter while competing, which makes it easy to believe why the

Hawkeyes have national-championship aspirations.

Despite their dry-season policy, most of their success can be attributed to the team's dedication and commitment to the sport. Clear evidence of this came over the weekend at the Big Ten/ACC Challenge when the Hawkeyes upset No. 1 North Carolina, 3-2. The Tar Heels came in as the defending national champions and had a 25-game winning streak entering that match.

"I don't want to attribute [our

success] entirely to our dry season," Blaum said. "I think it's attributed to the type of people Tracey [Griesbaum], Lisa [Celucci], and Meredith [Thorpe] recruit."

As popular as it is to skim through the police blotter in search of recognizable names, there won't be any from the field-hockey team. Those names will instead be seen throughout the season in the sports section — winning.

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LSU-Troy game postponed until November.



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LSU quarterback Andrew Hatch (14) passes to a receiver as LSU center Brett Helms (74) blocks Appalachian State defensive lineman Malcolm Bennett (91) on Aug. 30 in Baton Rouge, La. LSU won, 41-13.

By Brett Martel
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATON ROUGE, La. — LSU postponed its football game against Troy after Hurricane Gustav damaged Tiger Stadium and battered Louisiana's capital city far worse than anticipated.

The university made the decision Wednesday after having a full day to get a handle on damage to the stadium and the community, much of which is expected to be without power into next week.

"We would have loved to play the game, but it's not possible, and the city of Baton Rouge is in too bad shape to take resources away to play a football game," LSU Athletics Director Joe Alleva said. "The welfare of the people of Baton Rouge, the uncertain power issues facing all of us, and the condition of Tiger Stadium were all factors in making this decision."

The seventh-ranked Tigers' game against the Trojans will be played Nov. 15.

"We are fortunate that both schools had a common open date later in the year," Alleva said. "I am appreciative of the cooperation of the good people at Troy for their understanding of this situation."

Classes at LSU are canceled through the end of the week, with only part of campus on power generated by the school's emergency backup power plant.

LSU's football team met at the Tigers' on-campus training center Tuesday afternoon, then went ahead with practice. They practice Wednesday afternoon at their indoor facility, which also has backup power.

The most noticeable damage at Tiger Stadium were torn awnings that, along with their metal supports, were ripped off of an upper deck facades, crashing onto club seats below. Debris littered the stands and playing field soon after the storm had passed, though much of it had been cleaned up two days later.

Ronnie Haliburton, associate athletics director for facilities and grounds, said team benches that had been on the sidelines were lifted up and tossed into the lower rows of seats by wind that swirled around the stadium. Some seat backs also were broken apart, leaving sharp edges that could be a danger to fans if not replaced.

Haliburton said he would not know if the stadium lights or scoreboards were still working until regular power was restored. A generator was used to power meeting rooms below the stands behind one end zone.

"We don't know when power's going to come back on," Alleva said.

Troy Athletics Director Steve Dennis said his university was happy to accommodate the postponement.

Really having some luggage

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — DETROIT running back Ricky Johnson said Wednesday that the player who was waived to make room for him on the Lions' roster — Tatum Bell — took his luggage from team headquarters.

"All this happened when he got released," Johnson said. "He came in to get some stuff out of his locker, and that's when he scooped up the bags."

After being cut by the Cincinnati Bengals, Johnson came to Detroit to work out for the team and meet with Lion President Matt Millen on Monday. During the meeting, which ended with Johnson agreeing to a free-agent contract, the two Gucci bags that he had received as a Pro Bowl gift were taken from inside the team's headquarters.

A message seeking comment was left Wednesday with Bell's agent, Kennard McGuire.

Johnson met with the Detroit media for the first time Tuesday and talked about Bell in a positive manner — saying they had discussed the Lions and that Bell, also a running back, had given him advice on the team and the city.

However, shortly after Johnson praised Bell, team security director Ricky Sandoval showed him footage from the team's surveillance system.

"Ricky showed me the tape Tuesday afternoon," Johnson said.

"What makes this crazy is that I've talked to him after games, and I talked to him a couple hours before he found — I guess it was before he found out he was going to be released."

Johnson said a woman returned the bags to the practice facility Tuesday evening, but the contents were gone.

"I got the bags back — empty," he said. "So he's got a bunch of my underclothes. What he's going to do with that, I don't know. He's got some socks on them."

Johnson said he was also still missing about \$200 in cash along with his ID and the credit cards, but said that he did not plan to involve the authorities.

"I don't need the police for this," he said. "I got my bags back and the credit cards are canceled."

Johnson did speak with Bell after the bags were returned.

"I didn't want to talk to him, but I let him know where I stand," he said. "He knows how I feel about it, and it isn't anything positive."



Johnson
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horoscopes Thursday, September 4, 2008

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't give in to demands. Instead, choose who will accompany you. Jumping to conclusions or letting your outrage get the better of you will not bring results or help you depict a good image of yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be fine-tuned when it comes to picking up information if you listen to the pros and cons of a different philosophy or lifestyle. Pick and choose which aspects of what you have learned can be incorporated into your day-to-day life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Try not to succumb to pressure from a colleague using emotional blackmail to manipulate a situation. You are better and smarter, and if you are truthful and go to the top with your objectives, you will be the one to break ground in the end.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Step outside your world for a moment, and you will see clearly that you are dealing with someone who isn't thinking straight. Get away from the madness. Sign up for anything that will take your mind off your personal troubles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've let others hold you back for too long. Get involved in new friendships, but most of all, learn to say no to the people dragging you down. Recognize who's causing the problem, and do something about it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make alterations that ensure your success. If you aren't the one to make the changes, someone else will make them for you. It's better to stay in control than to be saddled with what someone else wants for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get on with your plans before it's too late. Procrastination will lead to disrespect and cause you to fall behind. Don't give in to demands. Stop waffling; start producing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you gave your all trying to keep the peace or bring people together and it didn't happen, move on to safer territory that has the potential for you to be successful professionally and personally. Change will be rewarding in the end.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Not everyone will be on your side. Look at the big picture, and decide if something is worth your while. Refuse to let someone make you feel you owe her or him something. Turn the tables — you can win.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Show your emotions, and you will gain popularity. If you can make others feel a part of something, the rest will fall into place. Relate by using your own life stories, and before you know it, others will come on board.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let your emotions lead you down the wrong path. You may feel sorry for someone, but you cannot bail this person out. Be the one who listens and makes suggestions, but don't do what needs to be done on your own. Stand your ground.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A false impression may prompt you to do something uncalled for. Wait until the dust settles and you have a clear picture of what's to come. Someone with familiarity will be able to tell you when and how to make your move.

LAST ONE IN THE POOL IS A DOG



David Scrivner/The Daily Iowan

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today's events

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- “The Way to Recruit, Engage and Manage a Mature Workforce,”** 7:30-10 a.m., Center on Aging
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- Office of Student Life Poster Sale,** 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Hubbard Park
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- Coralville Public Library Wee Read,** 10:30 a.m., 1401 5th Street, Coralville
- Coralville Public Library: LitFlicks,** 2-4 p.m., Coralville Public Library
- Scrapbookin' Art Adventure,** 3 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall, 1451 Coral Ridge Ave., Coralville
- Coralville Farmers' Market,** 5 p.m., Coralville Community Aquatic Center, 1513 Seventh St.
- Studio Artists Club Meeting,** 5 p.m., Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room D
- Field to Family Benefit Culinary Walk,** 5:30 p.m., Downtown
- Barbecue and Latino Student Association Fall Barbecue,** 6-8 p.m., Latino Native American Cultural Center
- Bicyclists of Iowa City Thursday**

- Evening Leisure Rides,** 6 p.m., College Green Park
- “Klezmer to Classical Music by Jewish Composers,” Rural Outreach Concert,** 7 p.m., Saints Peter & Paul Community Center, 1163 Taft Ave., Solon
- “Live from Prairie Lights,” Frances de Pontes Peebles, fiction,** 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- Yacht Club/Minstrel Studios/New Belgium Battle of the Bands featuring Rubicon Crossing, River and the Tributaries, Nifty Mountain PowWow, Wally Dogger, and Jumbies,** 7 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- Drinking Liberally,** 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- Good-time Karaoke,** 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- International Writing Program reading, Reginald Gibbons, poetry,** 8 p.m., Shambaugh House
- Big D's Karaoke Jamz,** 9 p.m., Gus' Food and Spirits, 2421 Coral Court No. 4, Coralville
- Campus Activities Board Movie, 21,** 9 p.m., W151 Pappajohn Business Building
- Gemini Karaoke,** 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
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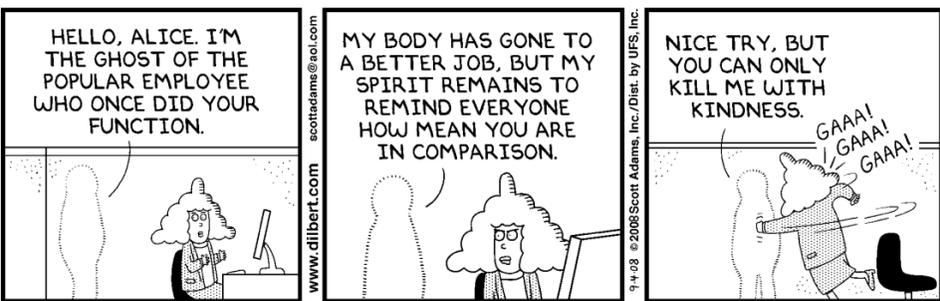
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- 12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
- 1** “Live from Prairie Lights” Archive, Michael Martone
- 2** News from Germany (in German)
- 3** “Java Blend,” Andy White
- 4** Dance from Space/Place, Collaborative Dance, November 2007
- 5** To Be Announced

- 6:30** Incompetent Sports Talk
- 7** “Java Blend”
- 8** Panel discussion of creative career options, Feb. 2
- 9:30** Daily Iowan TV News
- 9:45** Incompetent Sports Talk
- 10:15** Student Video Short Films
- 10:30** Daily Iowan TV News
- 10:45** “Java Blend” Encore, Damon Dotson
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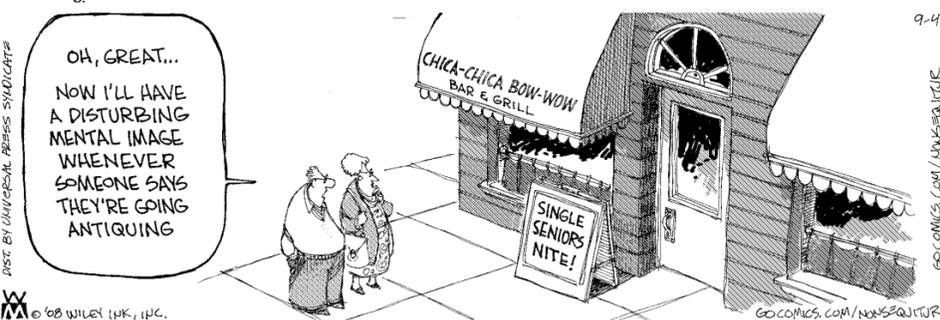
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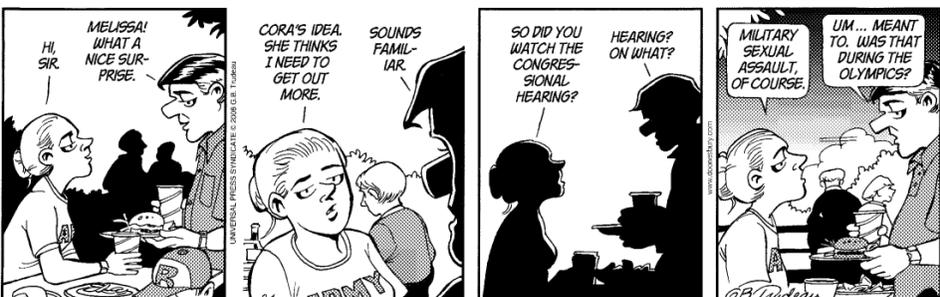
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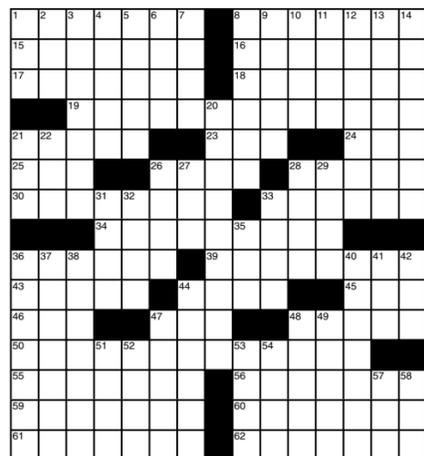
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- 19 1979 Bee Gees chart-topper
- 21 Civvies
- 23 ___ change
- 24 QB's stat.
- 25 Great Plains tribe
- 26 County of St. Andrews, Scotland
- 28 Part of a seal
- 30 Professor Lupin in Harry Potter books, e.g.
- 33 Creator of the Bennet family
- 34 Band with the 1970 hit “Get Ready”
- 36 One of the four evangelists, briefly
- 39 Many Latin compositions
- 43 Come up
- 44 Shot (off)
- 45 Yes, in Yokohama
- 46 Let go
- 47 Author of a once-popular book of quotations
- 48 Devil
- 50 1979 AC/DC seven-time platinum album
- 55 Blow up
- 56 Emit
- 59 Smaller than small
- 60 Where the buoys are?
- 61 Puts under
- 62 Takes over
- Down**
- 1 Fighters' org.
- 2 1967 N.H.L. rookie of the year
- 3 Support, at a game
- 4 Tear out
- 5 Radio ___ (onetime propaganda source)
- 6 Footnote word
- 7 Locale for Che Guevara in “The Motorcycle Diaries”
- 8 Computer whiz
- 9 Menotti title character
- 10 Harbor dancer
- 11 Architectural pier
- 12 Michael ___ Bush secretary of health and human services
- 13 Accord
- 14 Suffragist Elizabeth Cady ___
- 20 One that's “perky” in the morning
- 21 Shorten, in a way
- 22 Multipurpose truck
- 26 Chess tactic that involves attacking two pieces at once
- 27 Spot in la mer
- 28 Half-and-half, maybe
- 29 Department of Labor agcy.
- 31 Post-Civil War Reconstruction and others
- 32 Pottery
- 33 Unimaginative
- 35 Koko who communicates through American Sign Language, e.g.
- 36 Lingerie drawer items

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- 37 Drill instructor's charge
- 38 Got around at a get-together
- 40 Military wing
- 41 Eggs Benedict ingredient
- 42 Hardly a chug
- 44 Football Hall-of-Famer Gale
- 47 Patrick ___ 1996 Tony recipient for “Marat/Sade”
- 48 Q45 or Grand Marquis
- 49 “Walkin’ After Midnight” hitmaker, 1957
- 51 Mandlikova of tennis fame
- 52 Judicial directive
- 53 Killer whale
- 54 Violin virtuoso Hilary
- 57 Gadget for 58-Down
- 58 Golfer dubbed “the Big Easy”

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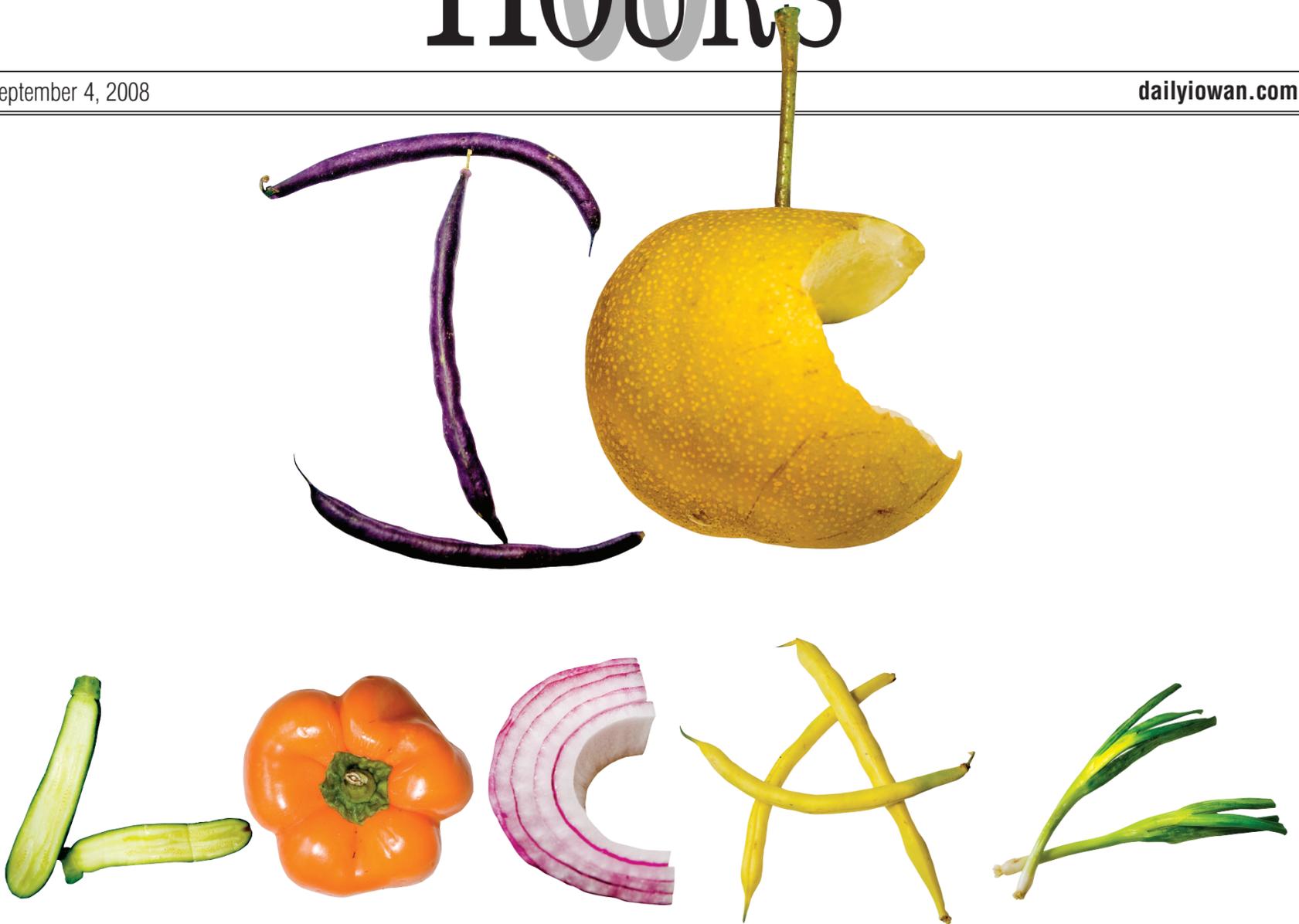
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Slowly nourishing body and soul

Tonight, the Field to Family Festival's opening Culinary Walk will undoubtedly cook up some delectable dishes. But behind it all, the underlying philosophy of the food causes the stir, a movement that suggests a paradigm shift for nearly all Americans in the way we view what's on our plate.

By Claire Lekwa
THE DAILY IOWAN

At the New Pioneer Co-op, a simple cardboard box stuffed with veggies is enough to invigorate employees. Theresa Carbrey leans over the treasure, brought to the administrative offices by a coworker, and picks up curvaceous purple eggplants and little yellow tomatoes.

"Look at how they're gleaming, glowing," she murmurs. "They're so alive and fresh."

In fact, the vibrant produce could scarcely be any fresher. The day's harvest was just picked up at Rainbow Ridge Farm in Waverly, Iowa, where Jason Gomes grows root and other assorted vegetables. He is just one of the more than 150 Midwest growers who supply the Co-op with its locally grown inventory.

To Carbrey, the Co-op's education and member-services coordinator, the idea that the eggplants, tomatoes, yams, peppers, and sweet potatoes filling this box were grown only 100 miles away is worth the excitement. It's a feeling she hopes more people will start to share.

The opportunity to learn about locally grown food arrives with the start of the two-week Field to Family Festival, commencing with the Benefit Culinary Walk today at 5:30 p.m. in downtown Iowa City. Presented by the Johnson County Local Food Alliance, an organization of farmers and consumers working to build sustainable agriculture in the community, organizers intend to create awareness

Local on the Go



Go the dailyiowan.com for video of local shoppers getting green at the Iowa City Farmers' Market and a sneak peak at Chef Kurt Michael Friese's new book.

of the amount of food produced in Iowa City and the surrounding area. This concept is all-the-more important as national political attention continually focuses on the environment, economy, and health of America.

"Americans have been tricked, bamboozled into thinking cooking is some kind of chore, that food is something you have to do to get on with the rest of your life," local chef Kurt Michael Friese said. "That's so wrong. Cooking and eating the way we do is what separates us from the rest of the animal kingdom. The happiest moments of your life, I bet almost all of them were spent at a big table with great food in front of you and the people you love all around you."

As part of the festival's events, Friese will read from his new book, *A Cook's Journey: Slow Food in the Heartland*, at the Motley Cow Café, 160 N. Linn St., on Sept. 14. The book compiles the stories of Midwesterners dedicated to a slow-food lifestyle — a global, grass-roots movement started in Italy in 1989 to counteract the fast-food mentality and revert to home-cooked meals made from local food. After three years of research, Friese found that people all over the Midwest are truly interested in returning to this way of life.

"I wanted to make it clear that this is happening all over," he said. "These stories were easy to find. The hard part was paring it down."

The slow-food revolution goes far beyond the Midwest. There are more than 85,000 members of the international Slow Food nonprofit organization, a group that spans 132 countries. Sixteen thousand of the organization's members are from the United States.

James Nisly, the president of the local food alliance and owner of Organic Greens, a homegrown sprouts business, has witnessed the growth in local food purchases from a grower's perspective. Farmers' markets have been revived in North Liberty and the Amana Colonies in the last year, and Nisly estimates his sales have increased five times since he started roughly 10 years ago.

There are also at least 12 Iowa City restaurants buying local ingredients, Friese said, a number that has grown significantly since he opened Devotay, 117 N. Linn St., in 1992.

The motivation behind slow food comes from many things, but perhaps the most basic reason is rooted in the senses: the food's taste. At the Culinary Walk, Devotay and five other Iowa City restaurants committed to buying locally will serve specialty hors d'oeuvres, demonstrating through firsthand sampling that fresher simply tastes better.

SEE MARKET, 3C

Field to Family Festival

Schedule

SATURDAY SEPT. 6: Chef at the Market

Featuring: Chef David Burt of the Red Avocado
When/Where: 9:30-10:30 a.m., Iowa City Farmers' Market, Chauncey Swan parking ramp

Market Fair

When/Where: 7:30-11 a.m., Iowa City Farmers' Market

SUNDAY SEPT. 7: Move It! Dig It! Do It!

When/Where: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Johnson County Fairgrounds

Garden Learning Tour: What is Permaculture?

When/Where: 1-4 p.m., Iowa City New Pioneer Co-op

SUNDAY SEPT. 14:

Benefit Book Reading, *A Cook's Journey: Slow Food in the Heartland*, Chef Kurt Michael Friese

When/Where: 4:30-6:30 p.m., Motley Cow Café, 160 N. Linn St., \$10 suggested donation

TUESDAY SEPT. 16

Get Cultured, From Pickled Daikon to Mead, with Martha Franzen and Pete Flynn

When/Where: 6-8 p.m., Coralville New Pioneer Co-op, \$15; register at 338-9441 or at www.newpi.com

SATURDAY SEPT. 20

Rediscover the Lost Art of Food Preservation

When/Where: Classes from 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m., Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 123 E. Market

Photos by Benjamin Roberts

coming up THIS WEEKEND

Check out 2C for a complete list of Iowa City events

Worldly words

Travel around with the *Daily Iowan* and the International Writing Program as we profile this year's writers. Check out the first two authors in our series, and be sure to scope out our video interviews and interactive graphic on dailyiowan.com. 2C

A stitch in the past

Writer Frances de Pontes Peebles weaves a brilliant story based on her Brazilian past in a book she began as a student in the Writers' Workshop. 4C

Classy cabaret

Get lured into a performance by Alley Cabaret — an edgy mix of theater, dance, and music — Friday at the Englert. 4C





Bangkok Dangerous
 Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10
 Joe (played by master brooder Nicolas Cage) is a loner assassin sent to Bangkok to kill four criminals. His independence is cracked when he befriends a street-smart crook named Kong (Shahkrit Yamnarm), who helps him complete the tasks at hand. Joe, "the ultimate lone wolf," as the film's website describes, is further thrust into the strange land of personal relationships when he is wooed by a local woman. The movie is an Americanized remake of a 1999 Thai film of the same name by the Pang brothers.

AT THE BIJOU



Run Fatboy Run

In *Run Fatboy Run*, Simon Pegg (*Shaun of the Dead*, *Hot Fuzz*) plays Dennis, an underachiever who, five years after leaving his pregnant fiancée Libby (Thandie Newton), attempts to win her back from her far more qualified new beau (Hank Azaria) by entering in a city marathon. The comedy stars align for this flick — British Pegg's celebrity is rising here in the States, director David Schwimmer is used to situation comedies after spending 10 years on "Friends," and *Wet Hot American Summer* clown Michael Ian Black co-penned the script with Pegg himself.

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.

I didn't want to like *Songs About Jane*. For starters, that may be the worst title in rock history — all the imagination of a rock. Where was the mystery with Maroon 5? It sounded like a processed R&B rock band with an "American Idol" for a frontman.



But four years after its release, I rediscovered this gem of an album. Lurking behind the earnestly accurate — if simple — title and the ripped-off Motown rhythms were accomplished versatile musicians and a lead singer named Adam Levine, who did blue-eyed soul so well. Sure, "She Will Be Loved" is a sappy little ditty with maybe the greatest sad-girl lyric written by a man — "tap on my window, knock on my door, I wanna make you feel beautiful" — but don't be fooled. I don't know Jane, but she must be bomb in the sack. *Songs About Jane* should be called "Songs About" ... well, a four-letter expletive I can't use in the *DI* but, you get the point.

From the pulse-pounding funk of "Harder to Breathe" to the ready-made hook in "This Love," Maroon 5 shows that even in the age of watered-down emo and bland pop, good R&B exists and it's just as sensual as ever.

— by Meryn Fluker

weekend calendar of events

Today 9.4

MUSIC
 • Yacht Club/Minstrel Studios/New Belgium Battle of the Bands featuring Rubicon Crossing, River and the Tributaries, Nifty Mountain PowWow, Wally Dogger, and Jumbies, 7 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

WORDS
 • "Live from Prairie Lights," Frances de Pontes Peebles, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
 • International Writing Program reading, Reginald Gibbons, poetry, 8 p.m., Shambaugh House

MISCELLANEOUS
 • Coralville Farmers' Market, 5 p.m., Coralville Community Aquatic Center, 1513 Seventh St.
 • Field to Family Benefit Culinary Walk, 5:30 p.m., Downtown
 • Bicyclists of Iowa City Thursday Evening Leisure Rides, 6 p.m., College Green Park
 • Drinking Liberally, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington



Unknown Component, the musical project of Keith Lynch, is having a release party for its fifth album, *In Direct Communication*, tonight at Iowa City's Piano Lounge. Fans can expect a show filled with indie-rock and pop tunes.

- Good-time Karaoke, 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- Big D's Karaoke Jamz, 9 p.m., Gus' Food and Spirits, 2421 Coral Court No. 4, Coralville
- Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
- Unknown Component, 9 p.m., Piano Lounge, 217 Iowa
- Thursday Night Karaoke, 9:30 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville

Friday 9.5

MUSIC
 • "Java Blend," noon, Java House, 211½ E. Washington
 • "Friday Night Concert Series," Public Property, 6:30 p.m., Pedestrian Mall
 • Dave Zollo and the Body Electric, 9 p.m., Mill
 • CD Release Party, Jah Roots and 77 Jefferson, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
 • Lucky Boys Confusion, Minus Six, and Love Me Electric, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington

WORDS
 • IWP reading, Yorgos Trilididis (Cyprus) and Jianni Skaragas (Greece), 5 p.m., Shambaugh House

THEATER
 • *Stones in His Pockets*, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
 • "Alley Cabaret," midnight, Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington

LECTURES
 • "Evolution and Christian Faith: Unnecessary Conflict?," Arnold Andersen, M.D., noon, Newman Catholic

Student Center, 104 E. Jefferson
 • IWP Panel, "The City," Niq Mhlongo (South Africa), Veronica Raimo (Italy), Nikola Madzairov (Macedonia), and Ruby Rahman (Bangladesh), noon, Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room A, 123 S. Linn

DANCE
 • Lorena and Ariel Teach Tango in Iowa City, 6 p.m., Iowa City Senior Center Assembly Room, 28 S. Linn
 • UI Swing Club Welcome Dance, 7 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert

MISCELLANEOUS
 • English Conversation Group, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room E
 • Noon Knit, noon, Hardin Library
 • Knitting Nurse, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
 • Friday Night Karaoke, with Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m., American Legion Post No. 17, 3016 Muscatine Ave.
 • Retro Club Night, 9 p.m., Speak Easy

Saturday 9.6

MUSIC
 • Mayflies, AS IS, and Gilded Bats, 8 p.m., Mill
 • These Are Powers, Petit Mal, and Glass Trees, 9 p.m., Picador
 • Euforquestra and the Jumbies, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club

THEATER
 • *Stones in His Pockets*, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre

LECTURES
 • Rain Garden Seminar, 10 a.m., Forever Green Garden Center, 125 Forevergreen Road, Coralville

DANCE
 • Lorena and Ariel Teach Tango in Iowa City, 2 p.m., Senior Center Assembly Room

MISCELLANEOUS
 • Field to Family Market Fair, 7:30 a.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
 • Iowa City Farmers' Market, 7:30 a.m., Chauncey Swan



Iowa City's the Gilded Bats brings old-time string sounds to the Mill on Saturday night. The band, formed in 2003, released a name-sake album in 2007.

- parking ramp
- Bagels and Books, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
 - Knitters' Breakfast, 10 a.m., Home Ec. Workshop
 - Movies at Museum of Natural History: The Life of Mammals, *A Winning Design*, 1:30 p.m., Macbride Auditorium
 - Rock 'n' Roll/Country Night, 9 p.m., Speak Easy

Sunday 9.7

MUSIC
 • "Piano Sunday," 1:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
 • "Tony and Friends II," Anthony Arnone, cello, and guest artists, 3 p.m., Preucil School of Music, 524 N. Johnson
 • Electronic Music Studios, Larry Fritts, director, 8 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building
 • Truckstop Honeymoon, 9 p.m., Mill

WORDS
 • IWP/Writers' Workshop reading, Brian Falkner (New Zealand), Yael Globberman (Israel), and Tom Macher, 5 p.m., Prairie Lights

THEATER
 • *Stones in His Pockets*, 2 p.m., Riverside Theatre

DANCE
 • Lorena and Ariel Teach Tango in Iowa City, 2 p.m., Senior Center Assembly Room

MISCELLANEOUS
 • Poker Run, 9:30 a.m.,

PIANO SUNDAYS
 When: 1:30 p.m.
 Where: Old Capitol Senate Chamber
 Anyone already tired of the autumnal weather should head to the Old Capitol for a refreshing taste of Piano Sundays, a weekly concert series featuring the beloved 88-key instrument and some very talented UI School of Music folks.

- Eagles Club, 225 Highway 1 W.
 • Move it! Dig it! Do it!, 11 a.m., Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Rd. S.E.
 • Field to Family Garden Learning Tour, 1 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 22 S. Van Buren
 • Old Brick 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, 215 E. Washington

The writing world plunks down in IC

It's no secret that Iowa City is the mecca of the writing world. With a wide selection of graduate and undergraduate writing programs, the UI prides itself on the prestigious writers who come here. The UI International Writing Program boasts a history of more than 1,000 writers over the past 40 years, and this fall, the *DI* will run a semester-long series of profiles on this diverse bevy of wordsmiths.

By Tara Atkinson Gunyon
 THE DAILY IOWAN

For three months during the fall, the International Writing Program hosts around 30 writers who, over the years, have come from more than 120 different countries. This year's writers will present readings two by two throughout the semester in Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and in the Shambaugh House.

On Sept. 7 at 5 p.m. Yael Globberman of Israel and Brian Falkner of New Zealand will read with Iowa Writers' Workshop student Tom Macher.

Globberman, who resides and was born in Tel Aviv, will read a selection from the 40 poems she has translated from Hebrew into English. "I usually try to read some



new ones," she said. "If I keep reading my favorite old ones, then I start to be afraid to read the new ones. It starts to sound like synagogue."

Globberman started her career as a fiction writer, but after finishing one novel, *Shaking the Tree*, she needed a rest from fiction and concentrated mostly on translations and poetry.

"When writing long fiction, you go to bed early so you can get up and work, and you sit with your back to the window," she said. "Writing poetry, you start living a very different life."

READING
 Yael Globberman, Brian Falkner, and Tom Macher
 When: 5 p.m. Sept. 7
 Where: Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque




Globberman has published two books of poetry, *Alibi* and *Same River Twice*, as well as a translation of Stephen Spender's poetry, with a translation of Anne Sexton's poetry in its final stages and a translation of W.H. Auden expected in two years. Her poetry is featured in this month's *Virginia Quarterly*.

Falkner lives in Albany, a small town on the north shore of New Zealand's largest city, Auckland, where he writes books for young adults. He has published three novels, *The Flea Thing*, *The Real Thing*, and *The Super Freak*, with a fourth to be released in October titled *The Tomorrow Code*, which is

Writing in Action
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already receiving good reviews. "I can find inspiration from just about anything. I love to look around me and ask, 'What if?'" he said. "My second novel was inspired by a bottle of diet Coke." While Falkner is in the United States, he plans to get a good look at the presidential election. "I am thinking of writing a book about a child who is caught up in the excitement and drama of it all," he said. E-mail *DI* reporter Tara Atkinson Gunyon at: tara-atkinson@uiowa.edu

A FIRST WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER PRE-AUTUMNAL PICNIC

It's time to buy sweaters, but not quite time to wear them. Enjoy the last of summer produce with a picnic that looks ahead to fall but stays in the golden sunshine.

GOLD BEET AND GOAT CHEESE BRUSCHETTA
 What you need:
 • ½ baguette
 • 8 ounces of creamy goat cheese
 • one shallot, finely minced
 • one golden beet

What to do:
 Boil your beet first — it will take awhile. Once the beet can be pierced with a fork, remove from water and allow to cool. The skin should slide off easily. Slice as thinly as possible. Next, slice your baguette into mouth-friendly pieces. Combine the goat cheese and shallot in a small bowl and spread over the baguette. Top with a slice of beet.

FARFELLE WITH RAW TOMATO SAUCE
 What you need:
 • 12 ounces of farfelle (easy to stab on a picnic)
 • 4 ripe tomatoes, cored and de-seeded
 • a handful of fresh basil
 • four cloves of garlic
 • a drizzle of olive oil
 • salt and pepper to taste

What to do:
 Boil and drain the pasta. Use your blender or food processor to finely mince the garlic with a drizzle of olive oil. Next, use the pulse setting to combine the rest of the ingredients, but not too much, or you'll have (still tasty) tomato soup.



If you're looking for a place to commiserate with fellow Britney Spears fans, 22-year-olds with crippling social anxiety, and students who love hilarious sexual advertisements, look no further. Go to dailyiowan.com for a link to the Arts Blog: <http://dailyiowan.blogspot.com>.

Sloooow food coming

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"First and foremost, it's the flavor," Friese said. As a culinary expert, the chef knows from experience that meals made from fresher ingredients impress the palate more. "The closer it is to my kitchen door, the fresher it's going to be."

And when he says close, he means it. The Co-op defines "local" food as anything that comes from within 250 miles, products from Iowa and the surrounding Midwestern states.

Minimizing food transportation affects factors other than taste. Proponents argue that it stimulates the local economy, puts less stress on the environment, discourages social injustice, and strengthens community relationships.

"Buying locally allows you to have a connection with the person growing your food, rather than getting it from a vast field of oppressed minorities and trucks burning fossil fuels 2,000 miles away," Carbreys said.

But for students and families with limited finances, the switch to local food may seem more difficult, especially

How do I start buying locally?

There's a surprising range of food grown or produced within 250 miles of Iowa City. Here are places in the community where you can experiment with the slow-food mentality.

- **Iowa City Farmers' Market:** Saturday from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m., more than 80 vendors sell produce, herbs, flowers, baked goods, and artisan crafts at the parking ramp across from City Hall. Continues through Oct. 29.
- **New Pioneer Co-op:** The Co-op carries products from more than 150 local vendors and clearly marks local, regional, and organic selections. 22 S. Van Buren, Iowa City; 1101 Second St., Coralville.
- **UI Environmental Coalition Community Garden:** Learn how to grow your own produce using sustainable methods and benefit from free tomatoes, broccoli, carrots, squash, and other veggies. Contact Adam Perkins at adam-perkins@uiowa.edu for more information.
- **Community Supported Agriculture:** Paying members get to share in the seasonal offerings from farmers' weekly harvests. More information at www.jcifa.org.

because it often includes higher prices for organic products. In response to this challenge, Friese presents an example. He notes that diverting a mere \$10 of families' and students' existing grocery budgets toward local-food purchases will keep millions of dollars in the community that might have otherwise gone elsewhere.

Whitney Westphal, who moved to Iowa City over the summer with her husband, Scott Westphal, a UI medical student,

insists that buying at the Iowa City Farmers' Market doesn't necessarily imply a cost increase.

"I can get a whole bunch of basil here for \$1, whereas I'd pay a couple dollars at the grocery store for a little package, and it's not as fresh," she said. "If you choose wisely, you can save money."

Some students have even found a way to pay nothing for their produce by growing it themselves. The UI Environmental Coalition

planted its community garden near North Hall at the end of the spring semester. Three months later, it's flourishing with ripe tomatoes and ready-to-eat broccoli, squash, and carrots.

"All people should have a garden in their yard," coalition member and UI graduate student Adam Perkins said. "That's the way it should be, I think."

It seems the concepts behind the slow-food philosophy could hold answers to many pressing problems. A healthier diet rich in fruits and vegetables, less dependence on fossil fuels, more sustainable agricultural practices — the list seems flawless. But can Americans really free themselves from the conveniences they're so accustomed to? The people behind Field to Family hope that the programs and lessons will make each step a little easier.

"It doesn't need to be complicated and difficult," Friese said. "The idea is that food is raised with care, prepared with fashion, and served with love."

Sounds like a tasty enough notion.

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS

'As we like to kid around a lot, second prize is one of the most fun second places ever for a battle of the bands.'

— Scott Kading, the Yacht Club's talent manager



File photo/The Daily Iowan

Bar patrons cut a rug at the Yacht Club on Sept. 11, 2007. Every Thursday for the next four weeks, nineteen bands will pack this popular local venue for a tournament of the tunes. The prizes are ripe, the fans are psyched, and nobody's going home without a fight.

A battle of measuring up

In *West Side Story*, the Sharks and the Jets aggressively up the ante for their rumble from stones to bottles to knives, but for the Yacht Club's upcoming Battle of the Bands, the terms are already set — they will fight with tunes.

By **Tara Atkinson Gunyon**
THE DAILY IOWAN

Now that college football season has begun, fans are already looking forward to cheering their teams through the bowl games. But those aching for a little competition need not wait — tonight will see the beginning of the Yacht Club/Minstrel Studios/New Belgium Battle of the Bands. And unlike its sports counterpart, its second prize is almost as good as first place.

"As we like to kid around a lot, second prize is one of the most fun second places ever for a battle of the bands," said Scott Kading, the Yacht Club's talent manager.

First prize for the competition is one week of recording time at the local Minstrel Studios, and second is one day of recording — and a keg of Fat Tire.

"Some bands have joked with us about hoping they win that instead of the main prize," Kading said.

Every Thursday this month, the Yacht Club will host a different playoff of five bands. Tonight's battle, the first in the series, features bands from Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Chicago, and Iowa City.

The five groups are a diverse sampling of the variety of bands to battle it out this month — alt rock Rubicon Crossing, self-described progressive jam band Nifty Mountain PowWow, melody-centered River and the Tributaries, Chicago indie rock Wally Dogger, and, radically different from the others,

BATTLES OF THE BANDS

Yacht Club/Minstrel Studios/New Belgium Battle of the Bands

When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
Admission: \$5

Jumbies, with its rhythmic steel-drum sound, reminiscent of island music.

Winners are selected by crowd votes and announced at the end of the evening. After the playoffs, the four winning bands battle in the finale show, Oct. 11, in which the time slot will be determined by which band received the most votes, the most popular band playing last.

"Doing the playoff up to the finale on Oct. 11 was the fairest way we could come up with to determine a true winner," Kading said.

And yet, despite all the competition, this is one battle that's not all about guts and glory.

"Most of the bands that have signed up don't have a record, but for most of them, that is one of their goals," Kading said. "And that is what we really enjoy — providing bands with the means to get better, have bigger crowds, and get to the next level," Kading said.

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Takes everyone to tango

Hawkeye heaven gets rhythm this weekend courtesy of an Argentine tango workshop put on by the Iowa City Tango Club.

By **Meryn Fluker**
THE DAILY IOWAN

Throughout the ages, dance has been used as an artistic medium to convey stories and emotions. In fact, the only completely pointless dances are the ones everyone seems to know; the Macarena, the Cabbage Patch, and Soulja Boy Tell 'Em have no message other than "Don't be afraid to look like an idiot, even on the big screen at a sporting event." But Argentine tango takes it a step further — it's a metaphor for life, at least according to tango-loving Karen Jackson.

"Just like in the dance, things go well when you trust one another and you have the physical and verbal communication. When you're not listening to one another in the dance, just like when you're not listening to each other in a relationship, things just don't go as well," she said. "Yeah, you can get around the floor and you're moving, and it's like, 'That was nice.' But the difference between nice dance and a dance that makes you float is when all of the good features pull together, just like in life."

Sounds like a pretty heavy mission for a dance "based largely on walking and turning," according to Greg Kovaciny, the head of the Iowa City Tango Club. The club will put on a weekend of Argentine tango activities beginning with a basic technique class Friday at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center, 28 S. Linn St.

The Tango Club has been dancing around eastern Iowa in its latest incarnation since 2004, but it began in 1998 as an informal gathering of the tango-inclined. Both Kovaciny



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Terry Hodgins of Iowa City dances with Rosemary Guehin of Cedar Rapids at a tango practice at the Senior Center on Tuesday evening.

and Jackson, who has been a member of the club for almost four years, are excited about this weekend's workshop, which features internationally renowned Argentine tango dancers Lorena Gasse and Ariel Barrionuevo.

"They are excellent teachers and extraordinary performers, and they have what seems to be boundless energy when they do these things," said Kovaciny about the duo, who are known professionally as Lorena and Ariel.

The weekend will feature classes, private lessons, and even an Argentine tango dance party, known as a "milonga," all open to the public. While many of the club members are experienced in the art of the tango, the classes will be taught at all levels so newbies can jump right in and get in touch with a little South American flavor.

There are many different kinds of tango, including the performance and ballroom styles made famous on the D-

list showcase "Dancing with the Stars," but those moves won't be on display this weekend. The Tango Club specializes in the social dance of the Argentine tango, with improvised steps and less exaggerated movements. But just because this weekend's dancing isn't done by Marie Osmond with that scary grin shellacked onto her face doesn't mean the Argentine tango is any less exciting, Kovaciny said. The motives are just different.

"In the social dancing, which is what we study and what we do, you dance for each other, you just dance for you and your partner. It looks good to the others outside, but there's so much going on between the two partners," he said. "It is very much a personal dance. The man interprets the music as the leader, and he will try to give his partner the most enjoyable three minutes she can have dancing, by interpreting the music and her responding because there's

WORKSHOP

Lorena and Ariel Teach Tango in Iowa City

When: Friday at 6 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m., and Sept. 7 at 2 p.m.
Where: Iowa City Senior Center Assembly Room, 28 S. Linn
More Info: For a complete schedule of events and costs, visit <http://soli.inav.net/~dance/LorenaAriel6.html> or call Karen Jackson at (319) 447-1445.

a connection and passion between the two."

Even though passion plays a big part in the tango, Kovaciny says, guests do not need to worry about bringing a partner. Apparently, Argentine tango is stranger-friendly.

"I think that's why it's so popular around the world," he said. "You can dance tango with someone you've never danced with and share a connection, just like that."

While Kovaciny and Jackson are both quinquagenarians, having topped 50 years, they say the workshop is perfect for all ages, and younger dancers shouldn't be turned away by the abundance of baby boomers doing the Argentine tango this weekend. Jackson said they might even learn a little something beyond dance moves.

"I think that communication is the key to good living, and I think this is another avenue in which you can learn to communicate," she said. "I would hope that [college students] would take away all of the things that I've talked about, but some of what I've talked about comes with the maturity of aging."

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Cabaret right down your alley

Friday night is the beginning of an 'underground adventure' for the rest of the semester. Bring your flapper gear if you like, but be sure you don't forget an open mind.

By Kathleen Serino
THE DAILY IOWAN

What do you have when you combine '20s- and '30s-inspired music, punchy theatrical performances, minxish cabaret dancers, and an audience rubbing elbows on the 36-foot-long stage of the Englert Theatre? A little something known as Alley Cabaret.

The Alley series seems to be just what the doctor prescribed for students and theater buffs alike — spunky, late-night stage art offered partly as an alternative to the all-too-familiar bar scene and a nice change for the UI Division of Performing Arts to explore.

"We're attempting to do some edgy theater that's got some sexiness to it," said Anthony Nelson, co-artistic director of the experiment.

Alley represents an avant-garde theater experience on select Thursday and Friday nights through November. Performing-arts students trade in their traditional theatrical and musically trained chops for something jagged, jazzy, and completely their own.

Patrons of Friday's performance, starring Rock, Paper, Scissors — a classically trained



Members of the Alley Cabaret practice looking gritty on Tuesday in the alley behind the Englert Theatre. The cabaret will kick off Friday at 11:45 p.m. at the Englert.

female trio and its band — will enter through an alley located at the south side of the building. Dance coordinator and second-year graduate student

Elizabeth Bergman (or any of her nightclub dancers) might even lure passersby inside.

"There are Dumpsters, brick walls — it's pretty gritty," said

Bergman. She described the dancers as being as rough around the edges as the alley.

The atmosphere was designed to be intimate, so the

PERFORMANCE

Alley Cabaret, Featuring Rock, Paper, Scissors

When: Doors at 11:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington, back door
Admission: All Ages \$5

event will occur entirely onstage. Audience included.

"The proscenium arch really puts a significant wall between performer and the observer, especially at the Englert, because it's an old vaudeville stage built to be that way," said music director Ben Bentler, hinting that one might be drawn into any of the acts. "I think the idea is we want to get into the audience members' laps and work with them."

Envisioned years ago by Englert Executive Director Beth Bewley-Randall and Alan MacVey, the director of the Division of Performing Arts, the cabaret idea floated around long before it officially came to being.

Bergman and co-artistic director Brandon Bruce said

the Performing-Arts Division wasn't gung-ho on the idea at first, but a certain natural disaster united them, and they were inspired to bring Alley to fruition.

"Somehow, when the flood happened, it made [Alley Cabaret] much more appropriate," Bruce said. "The flood actually helped us."

Future shows include Edward Albee's first play, "The Zoo Story," an ironic drama directed by Nelson, and "Line One/An Interactive Theatre Piece" created by second-year theater directing graduate student John Kaufmann, which is a mix between theater and a cell phone. The directors hope that audience members will have the same open frame of mind about the spontaneity and freedom that Alley Cabaret's schedule entails.

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Reaping what you sew

A writer's split life experience stitches a beautiful story.

By Whitney Warne
THE DAILY IOWAN

In a literary world increasingly saturated with bloated biographies, critical nonfiction, and political fanfare, Frances de Pontes Peebles delivers reading for fun on a platter with her debut historical novel, *The Seamstress*. The refreshing book strings together a killer plot with solid character development, giving seasoned pros such as Barbara Kingsolver a little competition.

Peebles will return to Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., to read from *The Seamstress* today at 7 p.m., her first time back in Iowa City since graduating from the Iowa Writers' Workshop.

The novel unfolds around two very different sisters, struggling to survive in two distinct parts of Brazil. The eldest sister, Emilia, longs for fashion and fortune, following her steely nerve all the way to the big city and a reality check. The younger sister, Luzia, wishes to be seen for more than her crooked arm. She finds validation when she escapes into the beautiful back country of Brazil, showing us the life of the Congaceiros — a Brazilian legend akin to Robin Hood without the polished edges or good-guy persona.

"Sewing has always been a part of the lives of the women in my family," Peebles said. Luzia and Emilia bear the names of Peebles' grandmother and great-aunt, who grew up in the 1930s in the rural Brazilian town where the story takes place. Both are still living.

"My grandmother had numerous sisters," Peebles said. "There are pictures of them sewing in their house in rural Brazil. They still have the Singer [the sewing machine the sisters use in *The Seamstress*]. Luzia embroiders every day. We have to bring her thread and fabric when we come, or she'll take the good napkins and sew on them."

Born in Brazil to a Brazilian father and American mother, Peebles' tale of two lives seems appropriate for her first work.

READING

***The Seamstress* by Frances de Pontes Peebles**

When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque



Stemming from her formal education in the United States and informal education during vacations in Brazil, the novel shows Peebles' mastery of the English language and an impressive knowledge of Brazil's cultural intricacies.

She began the novel at the Writers' Workshop, which Peebles attended from 2001 to 2003.

"I had to submit 50-60 pages," she said. "I knew I wanted to write about these two women, and I thought, 'I have nothing to lose. I'm going to start writing.'"

From those original 60 pages, 646 emerged.

"I think, as with every writer, I didn't automatically love what I was writing but I loved the idea," Peebles said.

As she was finishing up in the Writers' Workshop, Peebles applied for a Fulbright to go to Brazil. She received the grant and spent 2003-2005 researching local legends and collecting an impressive gathering of details.

"Brazil is just like the United States. Every state has its own culture," she said. "It's easy to define countries around one thing. Soccer and samba are a part of Brazil, but it's not the only part. I really wanted to show that."

The strength of the novel lies in the pristine details, which feel as if they flow naturally from the writer's brain to the page. Peebles literally walks us through the landscape of Brazil, following the two young seamstresses through high-fashion towns and backcountry brush. She describes each setting with the accuracy and ease of a local, using Portuguese words when English comes up short in translation.

"I didn't just want to pepper the book with random Portuguese," said Peebles, who had originally drafted a glossary for the book but instead opted to let context and strong

storytelling create the definitions. "There were some words that didn't translate into English that I had to use. I hope that it made the book richer."

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