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## Gaming for serious stakes



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**UNI student Jason Scarrow (far left) and James Seilis (middle) play Halo 3 in a Johnson Street apartment on Oct. 3. Halo 3 is a team-based game in which prizes at tournaments can range from \$100 to \$10,000.**

An increasing number of UI students are setting their sights on earning thousands of dollars — by playing video games.

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UI sophomore Daniel Bunting stared at a monitor as his fingers danced over a controller, all the while firing terse phrases into a headset microphone.

"Two down, one to go," the 19-year-old said curtly. "He's still in the corner. He's still there; you can get him."

Bunting's voice echoed from speakers attached to a second

**ON THE WEB**  
See video of the team practicing Halo 3 at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

monitor a few feet away. Empty cans of AMP Energy littered the living room floor.

This scene was one of many practices Bunting and his four-person team of UI students held to prepare for a tournament last weekend in Chicago in which 50 groups of

Halo 3 connoisseurs faced off.

With such games, more than pride is at stake. There's money, too. A lot of it. Playing video games to earn money has remained relatively unknown to the general public. But an increasing number of UI gamers, drawn by the notion of making money from their hobby, are taking their gaming to next level, local competitors say.

Forget the stereotype of a solitary figure in his parents' basement, popping game after game into his console — these gamers are business people. Period.

"If I was broke, I went and played at a tournament," said Nathan Troupe, a recent graduate and former professional

gamer with the Championship Gaming Series.

Troupe earned more than \$20,000 in the one year of competitively destroying virtual insurgent targets in Counter-Strike in tournaments all over the country.

"It's a lot like people who grow up to be professional athletes," said Robin Johnson, a UI graduate research assistant who teaches a course on digital games and participatory culture.

And the money shows it.

Prizes at a Halo 3 tournament can reach as high as \$10,000, Bunting said, and gamers can make even more money in sponsorship deals,

SEE **VIDEO GAMES, 3A**

## Local on the Great White Way

An Iowa City West High graduate has taken his acting career from local theaters all the way to Broadway.

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Seven years ago, Paul David Story played an anonymous horseman in the play *Equus* at Riverside Theatre in Iowa City. Now, Story is performing in the same play — but this time, in a very different role in a very different place.

Broadway. Story is the understudy to Daniel Radcliffe of *Harry Potter* fame, who plays Alan Strang, the lead role.

The show depicts a psychiatrist trying to treat a troubled young man who is plagued by religious and sexual fantasies about horses.

The role, which Story said has been his most challenging yet, has allowed him to be another person entirely — more so than most parts he has played.

"I like to escape," the 26-year-old said in a phone interview with the *DI*. "People go to the theater to escape the everyday, to escape one's troubles, or to get away. I think plays exist for a reason. We're taught some of the most valuable lessons about ourselves through art."

The play's nudity, which has received much publicity — because hey, is that Harry Potter naked up there? — isn't an obstacle for Story, either.

"I have no problem with it," he said. "It's part of the role. In that moment, it's not me being

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**2008 CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION | CAMPAIGNING**

## Economy first on Loebsack's mind

Loebsack visits Iowa City, mingles with local voters.

**ON DAILY IOWAN TV**  
See a Daily Iowan TV report on Loebsack's visit at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

By **SHAWN GUDE**  
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For Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, blame for the current financial crisis isn't confined to a single party.

"There's so much blame to go around," he told constituents at Hamburg Inn No. 2 on Tuesday afternoon. "There were bills that were passed under Democrats, there were actions taken by Republicans, by Democratic presidents, by Republican presidents.

"We've got to find out exactly how we got into this mess in the first place, and then we've got to try to resolve the problem."

In the first-term congressman's



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**Matthew Foster (left) and Sam Osborn (right) talk in front of the Hamburg Inn before Iowa Rep. Dave Loebsack's appearance on Tuesday. Loebsack talked with supporters, gave a speech, and had lunch at the restaurant to garner support in his run for re-election this November.**

speech, he focused on the ongoing financial crisis, his accomplishments in the U.S. House, and his recent flood-relief work.

Loebsack said he won't apologize

for his "aye" votes last week for both versions of the massive bailout bill. Although he acknowl-

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**2008 ELECTION | VOTING**

## Local GOP shifts focus away from UI students

Local Republicans are confident John McCain can still win Iowa even though they've decreased efforts to attract UI students to the ticket.

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Local Republicans said Tuesday they've almost completely abandoned any efforts to win the UI student vote.

Mike Currie, the vice head of the UI College Republicans, said because the university is so dominated by Democrats, the group has decided to try to win votes outside the confines of the UI campus.

"We will have a broader approach rather than a local one," he said.

Currie said his organization is closely working with the Johnson County Republican Party to galvanize the Republican base by knocking on doors and making phone calls to people who aren't involved with the UI.

"It's a better use of our time" than dealing with students, he said.

Currie remains optimistic Republican presidential candidate John McCain can win Iowa on Nov. 4.

"Polls don't look like much now, but on Election Day, people are going to see that it's much closer," he said.

Greg Baker, the chairman of the Iowa Federation of College Republicans, said the group is focused on turnout in other parts of the state rather than registering student voters.

"We can't just set up camp and hope that will carry us on college campuses," he said.

SEE **VOTE, 3A**



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# Engine failure suspected in small-plane's crash

A failed engine may have caused a small aircraft to crash Monday night, leaving a pilot in serious condition.

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The cause of the plane crash Monday night wasn't confirmed Tuesday, but many suspect a failed engine doomed the aircraft.

It was Iowa City's third plane crash since June — none of which are related. On June 3, a plane crashed less than a mile from Monday's site, killing a 2-year-old. On July 3, a plane crashed at the Iowa City Airport, injuring one.

The plane's pilot in the most recent incident, James Meade, 64, of Iowa City, was taken to the UI Hospitals and Clinics 20 minutes after his single-engine Cessna 150M slammed into the 1200 block of Edingale Drive around 8 p.m.

On Tuesday, officials listed Meade in serious condition.

Though Harrel Timmons, the president of Jet Air, located at the Iowa City Airport, said he speculates the crash occurred because of a failed engine, the real reason may be Meade was flying too close to the ground.

It's likely the Federal Aviation Administration, which is investigating the crash, won't spend much time with the case — only around three to six months, Timmons said.

"There were no fatalities, and minimum dollars were lost," Timmons said. "This is the equivalent of a fender bender in a grocery-store parking lot."

The type of plane Meade was flying has no history of mal-



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City police officers and area residents observe the aftermath of a plane crash on the 1200 block of Edingale Drive on Monday. According to the Federal Aviation Administration, engine failure was the likely cause of the crash.

functioning, said Michael Tharp, the operations specialist at the Iowa City Municipal Airport.

Glenn Chatfield, a licensed pilot and classroom instructor for air-traffic control at the Eastern Iowa Airport, has flown the Cessna model in the past and said that it is a very easy aircraft to operate.

"I can guess it was engine failure," he said. "Assuming he lost his engine, all you can do is ask yourself, 'Where can I put this puppy?'"

The plane crashed through numerous trees, spreading branches and plane debris up and down the street, before coming to rest nose to the ground in Pat Lanaghan's front yard at 1215 Edingale Drive.

On the Lanaghan's front

porch, a collection of tree branches and plastic debris from the windshield lie in pile.

Lanaghan's brother and sister-in-law are in town from Oregon, and all three scrambled from their reunion in the living room after hearing a loud crash outside.

Lanaghan's sister-in-law, Susan Greve, a physician, stayed with the pilot until emergency units responded.

"My in-laws were worried that their car had been hit in the street," he said. "But then we saw the plane."

Greve wanted to keep Meade awake, so she asked him questions before yelling to Lanaghan for a towel because his nose was bleeding and "pretty torn up."

An emergency vehicle

**ON DAILY IOWAN TV**

See a Daily Iowan TV report on the plane crash at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).



**Residential crash**

A plane crashed on the front lawn of an Iowa City home Monday.

**Locating the crash**



Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

arrived around 10 minutes after the crash, and emergency responders spent nearly 20 minutes getting Meade out of the plane, she said. Meade was conscious, although he hadn't known he crashed.

"He responded to every question, and thankfully, nothing caught fire," Lanaghan said.

Early Tuesday morning, she said blood still spotted the street before a light rain washed it away.

# UISG fund requests go unmet

The UI Student Government holds its first supplemental funding period, coming up thousands short of fulfilling requests.

By MELANIE KUCERA  
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While the UI Student Government allocated more than \$36,000 to student organizations Tuesday night, many wanted more.

Between 80 and 90 various UI groups asked for more than \$350,000 in their first supplemental funding period of fiscal 2009. The Student Assembly Budgeting and Allocating Committee set aside \$37,500 for the period — the first of four during the school year.

The budget panel presented these funding recommendations to student senators, but the committee's leaders said

there simply would not be enough money to meet requests.

"I think a lot of groups were expecting money, but in reality, we don't have that money to give out," said Patch Cebrynski, the chief financial officer. "It is pretty common that [the budget committee] always hears requests greater than what we can give."

One groups that did not receive the full amount it requested was the Public Relations Student Society of America. Four women of the group went to Tuesday's meeting to request more money to attend the society's national conference in Detroit.

Originally, the group received \$350 for travel and registration, but later UISG voted to give it an additional \$450. Members said the total cost of their trip was \$2,900.

Students from the Hawkeye Flying Club wanted more money to purchase rakes and shovels for community-service projects. The UI Antiwar Committee asked for funds to bring an author to campus. And Sigma Lambda Beta also requested additional money to support *al ritmo*, a public event in Hubbard Park that celebrates Latino heritage.

"Ninety percent of the allocated money we had to cut," said Michael Currie, the

chairman of the budget committee.

In other business, the special election code in the Student Elections Board was approved. Prior to the approval, students debated on whether to eliminate a section that addressed limiting campaign spending.

"Frankly, it is unconstitutional to put a cap on spending," said Bryce Carlson, the public-relations officer. "I served for two years on the Student Elections Board, and I feel it should now be changed."

But UISG passed the code without removing or adjusting the current spending cap of \$300 per candidate.

**METRO**

**CR man killed in crash**

A Cedar Rapids man died Tuesday in a head-on crash on Interstate 80.

Russell Willard, 66, was driving eastbound at 1:30 p.m. with wife Marilyn Willard, 61, when he crossed the median into the westbound lane for an unknown reason, the State Patrol reported.

Willard struck a vehicle driven by Mary Moore, 63, of Lee's Summit, Mo., in the right westbound lane.

Willard's Lincoln Town Car came to a stop in the right westbound lane, and Moore's van stopped in the north ditch.

Willard was declared dead on the scene and transported to Kloster Funeral Home. Marilyn Willard and Moore were transported to the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

- by Lauren Sieben

**Beckwith construction to resume**

The UI is set to immediately resume

construction on the Beckwith Boathouse after a nearly four-month delay.

The project was suspended in June because of the flood.

The UI and Neumann Monson Architects have refined the project plan to make it more flood-resistant. The modified design moves building systems to the upper level and fortifies lower-level space to withstand floodwaters.

The boathouse is located in Terrell Mill Park on Dubuque Street across from the Mayflower. It will host the Iowa women's rowing team, as well as club rowing activities and community meetings.

Rod Lehnertz, the director of design and construction in UI Facilities Management, said in a UI news release he is "thrilled" to restart work on the project and happy with the design modifications.

"We look forward in the months

ahead to using a similar consultative process as we evaluate how to address and restore other UI buildings damaged by the flood," he said in the release.

- by Lauren Sieben

**'Off the record,' off the stage**

A night of rock took a serious turn when lead singer Jim James of My Morning Jacket was injured during the band's concert Tuesday night at the UI Recreation Building.

James, the band's lead singer and guitarist, appeared to fall off the edge of the stage's right side toward the end of a performance of the band's song "Off The Record," the seventh song 30 minutes into the concert.

The band quickly exited the stage following the incident.

Drummer Patrick Hallahan then took the stage with the rest of the band to address the crowd, letting them know the rest of the performance was canceled, and James was being rushed to the hospital.

Shannon Boshart, the SCOPE director of operations, which brought the band to the UI, said a representative for My Morning Jacket told her James injured himself onstage and was being checked out at the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

"The artist's health and safety is the first concern we have," Boshart said. "SCOPE does whatever we think we can do to help."

The tour had not made an official announcement about future shows or whether Iowa City concert-goers would receive refunds.

For a full review of the My Morning Jacket Concert, read Thursday's *DI*.  
- by Meryn Fluker

**POLICE BLOTTER**

**John Beyer**, 20, 801 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 306, was charged Oct. 3 with PAULA.

**Harold Brown**, 20, 327 E. College St. Apt. 1725, was charged Oct. 3 with PAULA.

**Raymond Cline Jr.**, 31, 424 Dakota Trail, was charged Oct. 3 with domestic assault causing injury.

**Sean Conklin**, 18, N335 Currier, was charged Sunday with possession of

drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

**Taylor Foy**, 19, Macomb, Ill., was charged Oct. 4 with public intoxication.

**Catherine Johnson**, 22, 510 E. Burlington St. Apt. 3, was charged Monday with unlawful use of another's driver's license/ID.

**Alec Jorgensen**, 19, 363 N. Riverside Drive, was charged Oct. 4 with PAULA.

**Casey King**, 29, Coralville, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Demetrius Lee**, 21, address unknown, was charged Oct. 3 with criminal trespassing.

**Chad Morgan**, 34, Palo, Iowa, was charged Monday with striking an unattended vehicle.

**Geoffrey Overton**, 21, 646 S. Dodge

St. Apt. 2, was charged Tuesday with urinating in public.

**Nicholas Sziemp**, 20, 118 1/2 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 4, was charged Oct. 3 with PAULA.

**Mitchell Thomas**, 24, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 27 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Matthew Wright**, 26, 421 E. Benton St., was charged Tuesday with OWI.

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# Bailout vote defended

LOEBSACK

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edged the bill wasn't perfect, it was necessary, he said.

"It was a difficult vote for everybody," said Loeb-sack, who is up for re-election on Nov. 4. "We all would've liked a better package than what we had, but it's what we had. I feared the consequences of voting 'no' more than voting 'yes.'"

Another reason he said he voted for the bill was because it boasted a flood-relief tax-cut provision — which will help small businesses, individuals, and communities recover, Loeb-sack said.

In addition, the Sioux City native said there was more constituent support for the final version of the bill than the one the U.S. House repudiated Sept. 29.

Loeb-sack's position on the financial package was understandable, Coralville resident Neil Daniels said.

"It was a no-win situation," Daniels said.

Echoing his campaign commercials, Loeb-sack painted himself as

an everyday guy while in Iowa City, pointing specifically to his poverty-stricken upbringing.

"I'm the same Dave Loeb-sack who ran two years ago," said Loeb-sack, who was formerly a professor at Cornell College.

This demeanor appealed to UI graduate student A.C. Hawley, who was having lunch at the Hamburg Tuesday afternoon after Loeb-sack spoke.

"He seems like a good guy," said Hawley, highlighting the failing economy as a key issue in the upcoming election. "It seems like he has the state's best interests in mind."

Hawley said he'll analyze other candidates running for the state's 2nd District before making a final decision but will "definitely contemplate voting for him."

Loeb-sack pledged to run a clean, civil campaign, declining to criticize his opponents — Republican Mariannette Miller-Meeks, independent Brian White, and Green Party candidate Wendy Barth. The congressman said he plans to lay out his case for re-election, then let voters decide

## CANDIDATE FORUM

**When:** Thursday 2:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.

**Candidates:** Incumbent Rep. Dave Loeb-sack, Democrat; Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Republican; Brian White, Independent; Wendy Barth, Green Party  
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who's the best candidate.

Touting his record in the U.S. House, Loeb-sack pointed to his work on student-loan legislation, his rapid response to the floods, and to his support for military veterans.

Congress needs to look into additional avenues to reinvigorate the economy, which may include passing another stimulus plan, he said.

"Regardless of what happens in the financial markets, we're going into a recession," he said. "We've got to turn this economy around."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Iowa City West High graduate Paul David Story's talent for acting has taken him all the way to Broadway, where he's the understudy to Daniel Radcliffe of *Harry Potter* fame for the lead role in *Equus*.

# Local on Broadway

ACTOR

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naked, it's Alan Strang. So I don't really think about it, to be honest. When you're locked into that character and you are that person, it's nothing to worry about."

But even with the strides he's making in his acting career, Story said it isn't enough.

"I think I'm constantly learning," he said. "It's a divine restlessness. I'm never satisfied. Even after you receive the applause, things can always be better."

Though the West High graduate performs nearly every day in New York City, he can still vividly remember first dressing up in characters and "creating worlds" of his own at the UI costume shop, where his mother worked.

Then in high school, his love of theater accelerated into an obsession.

Story began acting at the Riverside Theatre with the Young People's Company, acting in plays from *Much Ado About Nothing* to the company's production of *Equus*, in

## Paul David Story

**His life:**

- Graduated from Iowa City West High
- Was a member of the Young People's Company of Riverside Theatre
- Attended the University of North Carolina School of the Arts
- Understudy for Daniel Radcliffe in *Equus*

Source: Paul David Story

"Why do you really want to do this?" and he said that he thought it was just the most exciting way he could imagine to make a living and express himself," said Ron Clark, one of the founders of Riverside Theatre.

Such mentors said they see even greater success in Story's future, acting lead roles and impressing thousands.

"Some people think acting is all about star power," Clark said. "In its purest form, it's an art. When you act, and act well, you're part of something much larger than yourself, and Paul had that understanding even as a young man."

which he got paid for his role.

"He was absolutely disciplined and mature, and so we regarded him as a peer company member, not as a teenager or someone who was separate from us in any way," said Jody Hovland, the artistic director of Riverside Theatre.

With such encouragement propelling him after high-school graduation, Story said there was only one path he could take: applying to the extremely competitive University of North Carolina School for the Arts. He was accepted and left for the East Coast after graduating in 2005.

"I looked at him and asked,

## Arts & Crafts Show

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# GOP shifts vote focus

VOTE

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Although Baker said Republican groups haven't reached out to UI students as much as the Democrats, they are still setting up partisan tables to "show that there are Republicans on campus."

Baker also said he believes that the UI is not as heavily Democratic as people think, even though GOP efforts on campus may not show it.

Brian Flaherty, the chairman for the Johnson County Democrats, said his group will continue to register prospective voters on campus, which it has been doing since the beginning of the summer. The next goal: garnering early voters.

"Everyone should take the opportunity to vote," he said.

Some national voter-advocacy groups have come to Iowa City to try to raise voter-registration numbers.

As a rain steadily fell Tuesday, Mallory Duncan, a director for Moveon.org, walked the streets near campus, trying to



BECKY MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI alum Leslie Musser helps Martin Mitchell register to vote in downtown Iowa City on Tuesday. As the presidential election nears, there has been increased effort locally to get people registered.

register voters. She's been doing so for nearly two weeks and has gotten nearly 800 students to vow that they'll vote. Her goal is 1,000.

Although the group has a liberal reputation, Duncan said she traveled from Missouri to register anyone regardless of her or his political leanings. She

said Iowa could go either way, and it's important for everyone to have a say.

But she said some students aren't registering because they don't think they can make a difference in the election — creating a harmful trend, she said.

"It's exponential, and it grows," she said.

# Gamers throttle up for the bucks

VIDEO GAMES

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which can bring in anywhere from \$100 to \$1 million.

There's money to be had, too, in the World of Warcraft. Just ask UI senior Sean Schminkey, who sold a character from his repertoire for \$200 but said he could have made as much as \$3,000 from the creation.

The best gamers in the country can make upwards of \$5 million a year in tournaments and sponsorship winnings, Troupe said.

Gaming sometimes interferes with school for gamers. Or, more to the point — "school interferes with" gaming, joked Bunting, who has sweated over the controllers at four different tournaments.

He started gaming competitively six months ago and has earned \$200 from the events.

Some teams consist of neighbors from a single town — but other teams, its members distanced by hundreds of miles, connect electronically to form a gaming all-star team of sorts.

Bunting, stressed by a heavy course load, barely has any time to meet with his gaming team. So he practices online with his team three hours a day. But just because they can't meet in person doesn't mean contact isn't important.

"Communication is just everything," he said. "We get so pissed if someone doesn't have his headset" turned on.

So is it the money or the games themselves that's appealing to Bunting and others?

## Gamer paradise

Though gaming tournaments vary, most have similar characteristics:

- Check-in, registration, and equipment installation
- Receive assignments for the first matches
- Warm up and get used to the game system or computer
- Observe other teams for strengths and weaknesses
- Sit on the sidelines and watch others play
- Play rounds — the duration and number vary
- Hope you make it through the bracket to the final round

Source: Nathan Troupe and Daniel Bunting

ing the culture surrounding gaming is what brings people into the virtual world. The interactive nature of video games creates a deep attachment for players.

Contrary to stereotypes, "it's a social game by nature," Schminkey said.

Though Bunting and his team haven't broken into the big-money sphere at tournaments, they've still had earnings. At this past weekend's tournament, they didn't place because "we were really tired [from practicing too much] and couldn't focus to play well."

Still, other UI gamers said that it's possible to advance in the world of competitive gaming and earn a decent living. Troupe said even smaller competitions in Iowa provide some income.

And "being the best gets you millions," he said.

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'I was shocked.'  
 - UI junior Keith Dennie who lives at 610 S. Lucas

# Fire hits home of five UI students

Iowa City fire officials estimate the blaze caused \$5,000 worth of damage.

By ASHTON SHURSON  
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At first, UI junior Keith Dennie didn't believe his house was on fire Tuesday morning.

That changed when his roommates ran up to his bedroom to tell him their 610 S. Lucas St. residence was burning.

"I was shocked," he said.

Around 7 a.m., the Iowa City Fire Department arrived at Dennie's house, which he shares with four UI students. The source of the blaze was smoldering firewood kept too close to the house, authorities said.

When firefighters arrived, flames were burning at the rear exterior wall of the house, but they were extinguished within five minutes by a fire hose, Iowa City fire Battalion Chief Dan Smith said.

Before authorities arrived, Smith said Dennie and his roommates used a garden hose to try to snuff out the fire.

No one was injured. Fire

officials estimated the amount of damage at \$5,000.

Smith said the fire damaged the house's exterior back wall the most, and the entire wall needs to be replaced.

Dennie, who is from Winthrop, Iowa, said he and his four roommates are still able to live in the house and nothing is "really wrong with it." He also said none of their possessions were damaged in the fire.

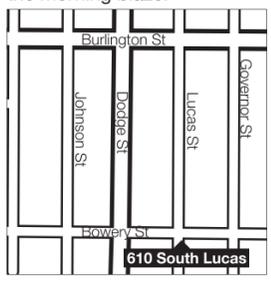
In the last year, several UI students have had to deal with fires at their residences. On Oct. 24, 2007, a 10-unit apartment building on North Dubuque Street caught fire when a grill on the porch ignited.

UI senior Nicole Parsons, who lived in that apartment building, encouraged students Tuesday to have renter's insurance in case they have to endure fire damages because she didn't.

Parsons said she and her two roommates each lost \$800 in their security deposits

## Tuesday fire

Firewood close to a South Lucas Street house caused the morning blaze.



Jessica Baker/The Daily Iowan

because of the fire.

In a more recent incident, a light bulb ignited bedding material at Burge on Aug. 26.

Smith encouraged college students to make sure functioning smoke detectors are in their residences — especially near bedrooms.

He added being "extra vigilant" while cooking will help prevent fires, especially at night. Smith said students will sometimes come home late to cook, and they sometimes fall asleep with the stove or oven on.

# Cost of housing inmates elsewhere up

Officials say recent findings make a new justice-center a clear solution.

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The Johnson County Sheriff's Office released a report Monday that said it cost more to house inmates at other county jails than officials had thought.

It cost approximately \$11 more per day to house an inmate out of county than in the Johnson County Jail. Before the report's release, county officials had earlier thought it was cheaper to rent space out of other county jails.

Pulkrabek said he's "not surprised."

To house prisoners at Johnson County Jail last year, it cost nearly \$65 a day; out-of-county daily costs totaled more than \$75, according to the report. Also, incarceration services in other county jails cost \$632,000 — and that figure is rising, Pulkrabek said. In fiscal 2008, it cost roughly \$738,000, so the office has budgeted to spend \$800,000 for fiscal 2009, the report states.

And while citizens and officials continue to discuss building a new jail, Pulkrabek said out-of-county costs will soon reach the \$1 million mark.

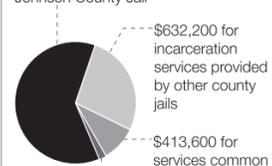
"I think when we get to \$1

## The cost of jail

The total cost of incarceration at the Johnson County Jail is \$2,978,900.

### Incarceration costs breakdown

\$1,810,700 for incarceration of prisoners held in the Johnson County Jail



Source: Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek

Jessica Baker/The Daily Iowan

million, we have hit that tipping point," he said. "Johnson County will be losing money at that point."

But taxpayers may be reluctant to support a new jail because they think they're already heavily taxed, Pulkrabek said.

In March, a consulting firm hired by the Johnson County Board of Supervisors introduced sites for a possible justice center, which would combine the county jail and courthouse. The estimated price tag for the center is between \$50 million to \$70

## ON THE WEB

Check out a PDF of the Johnson County Jail costs study at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com)

million.

Supervisor Terrence Neuzil thinks the report presents the best information the supervisors and the public have seen in recent years. He agreed with Pulkrabek, saying the cost to house inmates out of the county will continue to rise.

"It's one of the justifications why we're going to need to put the issue back in front of the [voters]," Neuzil said.

But Pulkrabek said it could take a year or two before citizens get that chance.

In 2000, county voters defeated a bond issue to build a new facility.

John Neff, a UI professor emeritus of psychology, worked closely with the sheriff's office staff on the report and said he has wanted a new jail for eight years.

Neff also noted that if the county spends more than \$1 million, "basically you've gone too far."

People are still angry about the 2000 vote, Neff said. But he said he hopes people realize the cost of relocating inmates is a bigger problem.

The report will assist those who are deciding whether the county needs a new jail, Neuzil added.

"We're better able to tell the story for the need for a new facility," Neuzil said.

## NATION

### Poet gets \$76 million for cellulosic production

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) - Poet LLC will receive \$76.3 million in federal funding to begin producing fuel from corn cobs and fiber, the nation's top ethanol producer said Tuesday.

Privately held Poet said it will expand capacity from 50 million to 125 million gallons per year at its corn ethanol plant in Emmetsburg, Iowa, with approximately 25 million gallons made from plant waste typically left behind in farmers' fields.

With the added cellulosic production, a bushel of corn will produce 11 percent more ethanol per bushel of corn, and 27 percent more per acre of corn, Poet said.

"Grain-based ethanol has been and will continue to be an important part

of our country's energy supply," Jeff Broin, Poet's chief executive, said in a statement. "By pairing the production of cellulosic ethanol with our existing infrastructure of corn-based ethanol, we will continue to improve corn ethanol and accelerate the commercialization of cellulosic ethanol."

Poet built a \$4 million pilot plant at its research center in Scotland, S.D., where it hopes to begin producing some 20,000 gallons of ethanol annually from corn cobs and fiber starting this year.

Poet said that discarded corn cobs and stalks can be removed from agricultural land without causing soil erosion or stealing soil nutrients. The company will need about 275,000 acres of cobs to supply its Emmetsburg plant, which is scheduled for retrofit construction starting in 2009 and operation beginning in 2011.

The Energy Department is covering \$80 million of the project's \$200 million cost. Poet used an initial \$3.7 million from the Department of Energy on preliminary design, engineering and feedstock collection.

The federal grant is part of a program intended to make cellulosic ethanol competitive by 2012. The Energy Department in 2007 awarded \$385 million to six companies hoping to build the nation's first large biomass-to-fuel plants.

Other projects in the works include efforts to make alternative fuels from switchgrass, wheat straw, timber scraps and citrus peels.

Sioux Falls, S.D.-based Poet, which has been making ethanol from corn for more than 20 years, operates 25 plants that collectively can pump out more than 1.4 billion gallons of the alternative fuel each year.

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# Locals disagree with jury report

Local attorneys disagree with a recent report that said jurors should be allowed to submit questions to witnesses.

By **OLIVIA MORAN**  
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Jurors typically don't want to spend their day at the courthouse.

They would rather be at their jobs than making a small amount of money participating in a trial that can sometimes take weeks, said Iowa City attorney Mark Thompson.

To avoid interminable days of unmotivated deliberation, courthouses should limit the length of a jury trial. This is just one of the American Bar Association jury principles questioned in a report released last week.

But this and other conclusions have come under criticism from local law authorities, saying that they aren't feasible and possibly reckless.

The report, conducted by the 7th Circuit Bar Jury Project Commission, tested seven of the bar association's 19 multipart principles to test their usefulness. Overall, the commission's executives determined that the 434 jurors and 86 attorneys who responded to the tested concepts thought positively of them.

But Mark Thompson said the idea of allowing jurors to submit questions to witnesses — which was the first principle explored — wouldn't be effective.

"I think it's a whole can of worms you don't want to open up," he said. "It's really the attorney's job to control the witnesses. If you have a jury start asking that, it disrupts all rules of evidence."

Iowa City attorney Leon Spies agrees.

If a question isn't initially asked by an attorney during cross-examination, he said, the question most likely "isn't appropriate" and that "the answer might be inadmissible for some reason."

In the report, commission members wrote that allowing jurors to submit questions can enhance the jury's understanding of evidence, resulting in a more informed decision.

Of the participating jurors in the test, 83 percent said the questions positively affected their understanding of the facts. In addition, 77 percent of participating judges and 65 percent of the attorneys were in favor of the procedure.

But "Iowa has a tradition generally that does not permit jurors to submit questions to witnesses," Spies said.

## Jury trials

**A report released last week details a more than two-year-long experiment that tested seven American Bar Association jury principles:**

- Allowing jurors to submit questions for witnesses during trial
- Providing preliminary substantive jury instructions
- Implementing 12-person juries
- Allowing interim statements to the jury by counsel
- Implementing jury-selection questionnaires
- Providing the jury with deliberation guidance
- Limiting trial times

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—Mark Thompson  
attorney

The report also questioned the effectiveness of giving juries preliminary instructions, increasing the number of jurors per trial, presenting jurors with occasional statements about evidence, allowing jury-selection questionnaires, and assisting the jurors during deliberation.

Despite the four tested principles meant to increase a juror's understanding, Thompson said, he typically doesn't deal with uninformed juries.

Sixth District Judge Douglas Russell said he couldn't comment on the specific report but said jurors' feedback after his trials is usually positive.

Russell, the local attorneys, and members of the jury project, however, agreed that one principle is ineffective: limiting trial time.

Commission members said judges were generally not in favor of the limit. Thompson said it would be unfair to the system.

"There are other solutions to keeping the case moving quickly and efficiently," Spies said.

# Study debunks popular affirmative-action myth

UI professors surveyed 610 law students at seven universities about the effects of affirmative action.

By **CAITLIN DICKSON**  
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A UI study released Tuesday contends that affirmative action doesn't result in any repercussions for students accepted to a university because of their ethnicity.

"Anti-affirmative-action activists bring forth lots of arguments against the program, but stigma gets a lot of play" because many important officials make such arguments, said UI law Professor Angela Onwuachi-Willig, who conducted the study, in a statement.

Critics of affirmative action argue that the policy can hinder students' educational experiences because of a perceived feeling of discrimination — but this study said that is not true.

Onwuachi-Willig, along with UI sociology Assistant Professor Mary Campbell and a law professor from the University of Cincinnati, surveyed 610 second-year law students —

regardless of ethnicity — by e-mail at seven universities across the country to determine whether affirmative action poses consequences.

Responding minority students also rated such statements as "I don't deserve to be a student at my school" and "Classmates and teachers treat me as though I was admitted because of affirmative action" on a 1-5 scale, with one representing strong disagreement.

The majority of minority students who completed the survey said they disagreed with statements regarding the affirmative-action stigma. On average, their disagreement rating was 1.5.

The study compared students' responses at schools with affirmative action and those at schools without. The results showed that the average minority student at both types of schools don't notice any stigma.

UI senior Laila Mohamed

## Professors study affirmative action

**Minority students disagreed with statements regarding stigma surrounding affirmative action.**

**The survey:**

- 610 students completed it at seven schools across the country
- Asked students to respond whether they agree with statements
- Researchers compared students' responses at schools with affirmative action to those without the program

Source: UI law Professor Angela Onwuachi-Willig

agreed, saying no one has treated her differently because her minority status may have helped in her admittance to the UI. She said she doesn't know any minority student who feels that way.

"Anyone who applies to a university must feel they deserve to be there," she said.

Legislation to ban affirmative action in public institutions recently passed in California, Michigan, and Washington. Voters in Colorado and Nebraska will vote on a similar measure in November.

Onwuachi-Willig said such measures are promulgating misconceived notions — so she said she's working to debunk the negative perceptions surrounding affirmative action.

"Without affirmative action, there is a decrease in diversity," she said. "[This] makes classes less stimulating," because fewer voices and perspectives are heard.

To date, there are no movements to end affirmative action in public institutions in Iowa.

"I hope it stays that way," Onwuachi-Willig said.

## STATE

### Culver urges Iowans to file for stimulus checks

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Chet Culver says there's more than \$11 million available to Iowans in unclaimed federal economic stimulus payments.

He urges eligible Iowans to apply before the Oct. 15 deadline.

Culver says Iowans who owed no taxes and haven't filed returns for the 2007 tax year are still eligible for the payments.

Federal officials say there are more than 4 million low-income seniors and people with disabilities who are missing out on the stimulus program.

In a news release, Culver's office cites figures from the nonpartisan Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

The Washington-based organization estimates that about 37,000 eligible Iowans have not filed for the stimulus payments, for a total of about \$11.1 million in unclaimed payments.

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## Editorial

CRASS MUDSLINGING:  
disappointing, but not surprising

With less than a month remaining to Election Day, the presidential race is getting frantic. The campaigns of Arizona Sen. John McCain and Illinois Sen. Barack Obama are hurling accusations and insults back and forth at a pace so rapid it's becoming difficult to keep up with exactly which scandalous statement or association one is supposed to be horrified by on any given day. True, this is how politics always operates, but that doesn't make it OK.

Given McCain and Obama's reputations going into the general election, it is easy to understand how some people could have been naïve enough to think this election would be different. It's not as though anyone could have reasonably expected an entirely civil and issue-driven campaign season, but there seemed to be hope that these two men would be decent enough to stay away from the traditional gutter tactic of attempting to smear one's opponent as being a fundamentally bad or dangerous person. Unfortunately, reality has caught up with all such idealistic dreamers over the last several days.

As McCain's campaign sunk in the polls since the onset of the ongoing financial crisis, its strategists decided they needed to get more personal. So now Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin has been unleashed onto the campaign trail with a new set of attacks on Obama's character. Though the media have already examined under a microscope Obama's connections to controversial figures such as Bill Ayers and Jeremiah Wright, Palin has now taken to discussing these relationships in front of almost every crowd she addresses. Rather than offering specific accusations, she has stuck to the strategy of asking leading questions and then letting the audience members make up the truly damning answers for themselves. Does Obama really love America? Is he really one of us? Palin stops just shy of answering those questions in the negative, merely saying that she worries about such things. But she doesn't appear

particularly worried as she smiles in response to her supporters' anti-Obama catcalls.

The most recent crop of anti-Obama TV ads are similarly constructed. One ad asks: Who is Barack Obama? It then selectively quotes Obama so as to suggest that he thinks all American troops are doing in Afghanistan is bombing innocent civilians even though he has long argued that more, not fewer, American troops should be on the ground there. The ad goes on to refer to Obama as dishonorable and dangerous, claiming that he wants to cut off supplies to American troops and put their lives at risk. Who is Barack Obama? Though the McCain campaign leaves that question unanswered in this ad, there's clearly a conclusion it would like people to reach: That Obama isn't a real American, that he's some sort of hostile foreigner.

But the Obama campaign has been playing dirty as well. One TV ad it has released notes with apparent disgust that McCain owns foreign cars, as if that were some sort of blight on a person's character. Also, one has to wonder if repeatedly referring to McCain's behavior surrounding the financial crisis as erratic is just a covert way of accusing the 72-year-old of getting senile. And in response to the McCain campaign's revival of the Ayers issue, the Obama campaign released a 13-minute video online that attacks McCain for his association with Charles Keating during the saving and loan scandal in the late-80s.

No one who follows politics should be surprised by any of these personal attacks. But everyone should be disappointed. The economic and climate crises America and the world are facing are just too important for such petty mudslinging to take center stage. Fortunately, the American people as a whole seem to be very much aware of this. Thus, despite the recent spike in attack ads on side issues, most polls still indicate that the economy remains the vast majority of people's primary concern. Hopefully, that doesn't change.

Gaga over  
Google

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I admit, I have Googled myself.

I've been that guy, hunched over his computer screen in a dark room. Utterly obfuscated save the wicked blue-white light of the monitor — eyebrows furrowed, clicking my way through the shame.

Oh yes, I've Googled myself. But the thing is, I know I'm not the only one. At some point everyone gets curious, everyone feels the need to stroke her or his ego. So it goes that the web browsers are whipped out, and eager fingers flick along curious keys.

"What does the Internet have to say about me" they wonder. "Does it even know me at all?"

In fact, I have no doubt whether people have been Googling themselves since long before the monolithic search engine was even a twinkle in some programmer's eye. They just didn't have any cute, quasi-sexual verb to describe the practice back then. Let's not mince words; no one is going to say, "I Lycos'ed myself," "I web-crawler-ed myself" or "I asked Jeeves about myself."

Regardless of the term, the reasons people search their own names on online search engines are certainly myriad: some do pre-job-hunt scans to check for digital skeletons in their closet. Some do it to see if their friends have been blogging about them. Some do it for simple curiosity, and others are just conceited — vaingloriously flogging away at their keyboards in the hunt for the ever-gushing geyser of Internet praise.

As for my own Google motivations, it really falls into a work-related sort of category. Typically, I type in my name along with *The Daily Iowan* to see if any of my stories or columns got picked up by wires or to track the comments on my columns on the *DI*'s website (which is usually less a matter of self-gratification than self-flagellation).

The difficulty I run in to in regards to my Google searches is when I subtract this lovely publication's name from my query. Without the *DI* to narrow down the search results, a certain fact becomes readily apparent.

There are a whole lot of Nicholas Kellys out there.

There's Nicholas Kelly, bachelor of music at Ithaca College (and current hit leader on the Google search).

There's the alter-ego Nicholas Kelly who, according to Wikipedia, is former federal agent who was given amazing abilities by the bite of an alien parasite and now fights crime known only as DC Comics' superhero "Argus."

Less heroically, there's Nicholas Kelly, 21, of New Hampshire who authorities charged with a DWI when he allegedly crashed a friend's car, then punched a police officer twice in the head after fleeing the scene of the crime. Equally auspicious is a profile of man named Nicholas Kelly on spock.com who writes, "errrrr uhhhhhh errrr im a stoner mofo and the 'ultimate party freak' according to Arthur" [sic].

Then there's the Irish — fine purveyors of people who have my name.

Both singer-songwriter Nick Kelly (whose Myspace claims he has "been described as A God by *Hot Press* magazine") and playwright Nicholas Kelly (author of at least seven plays, of which *The Grown-Ups* has also seen publication as a paperback) hail from the Emerald Isle and represent the two most impressive iterations of my appellation.

Which leads me to the point — with so many different people all laying claim to the same name, where does one find a space for his- or herself?

There's already a Nicholas Kelly the author, a Nicholas Kelly the superhero, a Nicholas Kelly the singer-songwriter, a Nicholas Kelly with kung-fu grip/alleged head punchin' action, and honestly how does one compete with the, "ultimate party freak" (well, at least according to Arthur).

The answer (besides coyly changing your name) is that you don't. You sit back, relax, and attempt to grasp the fact that same people you've accidentally Googled while Googling yourself have probably Googled you as well, and that is something to take heart in.

Take heart that we, the collective Internet vainglorious, are all connected in a sort of worldwide circle-Google, joined as though hand in hand, everyone clicking away at each other, brows furrowed, huddled in dark rooms, illuminated only by the collective loneliness of our computer monitors.

And hey, you sure can't beat that. ■

## Letter

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## Violence, in any form, is not acceptable

The Oct. 7 *DI* article on violence by and against men raised pertinent issues. I think that some of the very glaring dissonance in our views on violence against men and women must be addressed.

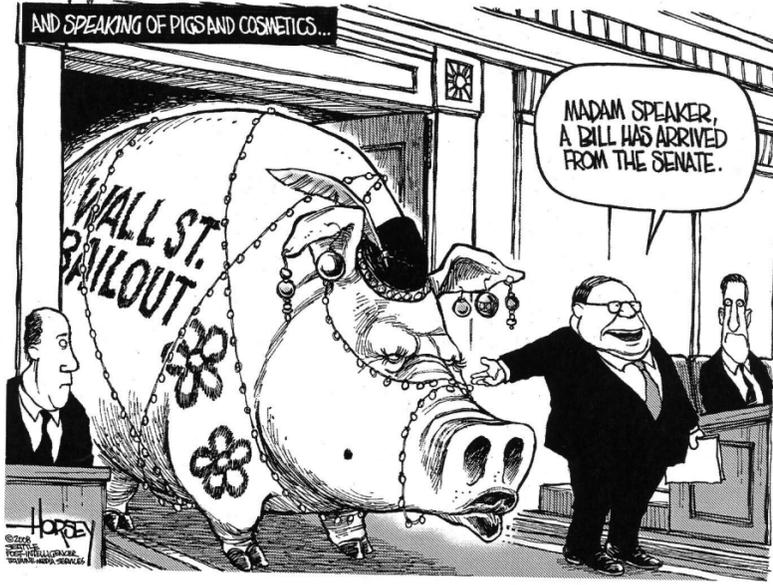
Violence is unacceptable, and that statement should not be scaled as a function of the sexes of the perpetrators or of the victims. I doubt any of the person-on-the-street responses would have contained the word funny if the question had been phrased to indicate that a woman was a victim.

A double standard on the "badness" of violence based on sex likely undermines many of the goals of violence prevention and reduction to which, hopefully, the university and greater community aspire. If in our administration of the law or university policies (or in our own opinions,) it is acceptable to treat men and women differently, then I urge those involved to attempt to justify it to citizens, students, and themselves.

I appreciate the idea behind a Women's Resource and Action Center, but creating a Men's Center is not a solution to this problem, but the real or purported need for one belies the flaws of our understanding and treatment of violence.

Mara Determan  
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## Guest Opinion

## McCain's flimflam campaign strategy

EUGENE ROBINSON

Let's see: The financial system is still in grave peril, despite Congress's approval of an unprecedented \$700 billion bailout. Unemployment is rising, the economy is slowing, and the question isn't whether we're in for a recession but how long and how deep the recession will be. Meanwhile, U.S. troops are still fighting in two places — Iraq and Afghanistan — where, as a rule, foreign occupations end badly. The terrorists who struck us on 9/11 have been allowed to regroup within the borders of nuclear-armed Pakistan and are busy plotting new attacks. Rarely have there been bigger or more urgent issues to talk about in a presidential campaign.

But John McCain wants us to talk about Barack Obama's acquaintances. He and Sarah

Palin are going to try their best to make us talk about anything but the big issues facing our country, because most Americans think Obama's solutions are better than McCain's.

Knowing that, are we in the media going to aid and abet the McCain campaign's obvious ploy?

We journalists like to think we're too smart to be used by one side or the other in a political campaign. In a sense, we're followers of Adam Smith: We believe in an omniscient free marketplace of news in which myriad individual decisions by reporters, editors, photographers, columnists, commentators, and media barons — decisions about what to cover and how to cover it — somehow miraculously end up maximizing the truth. We claim not to be ideological, but this is our ideology.

At the same time, though, we think of ourselves as working in the public interest. We repeatedly remind everyone that our right to do our jobs however we see fit is enshrined in the First Amendment. We love to quote Thomas Jefferson about how he would rather have newspapers without a government than a government without newspapers.

Rarely do we grapple seriously with the way our Adam Smith tendencies and our Thomas Jefferson tendencies sometimes work at cross-purposes.

This campaign is one of those times. We all understand that the strategy of the McCain campaign is one of distraction — his campaign aides have acknowledged that they want to shift the focus from the economy to character, which means personal

attacks against Obama. Lacking any fresh mud to sling, the McCain people are trying to exhume guilt-by-association charges that were exhaustively examined months ago during the primaries. Vowing not to be Swift-boated, the Obama campaign is firing back in kind.

Our Adam Smith instinct is to cover what the candidates say. But in the Jeffersonian sense, we know that it's not in the public interest to spend the rest of the campaign talking about fringe characters who once crossed paths with Obama, McCain, Palin, or Joe Biden instead of debating the economy, the war on terror, health care, or any of the other big issues that will define the next presidency.

We also know that no matter how skeptical we are when we write about bogus allegations,

writing about them at all gives them wider circulation. So when Palin questions Obama's love of country because Obama knows somebody who did something unpatriotic when Obama was 8, our free-market ethos makes us rush to cover her every ridiculous word. We also find ways to convey that this is pure mudslinging and nothing but a cynical campaign tactic, but that doesn't matter to the McCain campaign. What matters is that we're writing and talking about this extraneous stuff — and not about the issues that polls say voters really care about.

If we in the media really believe what we say about serving the public interest, we have a duty to avoid being turned into instruments of mass distraction. Of course we should

cover what the candidates say, putting their words in context and pointing out when the candidates are exaggerating or lying. But we should also think hard about how much prominence we give to smears and counter-smears.

And we should be relentless in demanding that the candidates talk about the economy and the wars and America's place in the world. If they won't sit down to be interviewed, we can shout our questions at them. If they filibuster, we can cut them off. If they give evasive answers, we can ask follow-up questions until we run out of breath.

The McCain campaign has made clear that it wants to change the subject. We can, and should, change it back.

This column appeared in Tuesday's *Washington Post*.

# No leprechauns, but plenty of tunes

Irish band Seneca's story is one of fate, trust, and hard work: the true components of the American Dream. The Limerick-based outfit will be at the Picador tonight, playing one of its first shows in the Land of the Free.

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Ireland is about more than what viewers are used to seeing in Lucky Charms commercials. The country has a rich history of religious strife, economic suffering (followed by recent prosperity), and cultural excellence.

Seneca, a band from Limerick, follows in the traditions of such Irish acts as the Cranberries, U2, and Sinéad O'Connor by touring America in hopes of widening its fan base. The band will test its cross-cultural appeal tonight at the Picador, 330 E. Washington St., one of the earliest stops on its first U.S. tour.

Vocalist and guitarist Rob Hope said that each member of the band has spent time in the United States, including Hope's own study-abroad stint in Denver, but until this tour — which began earlier this month — the band hadn't ever played live in America. Those might seem like some tough odds, but in a phone call from Ireland, Hope said the band is anything but timid about the task.

"We're delighted; we can't wait," he said. "It'll be very interesting to see how the crowds react to us differently over there than here. Hopefully, our music will go down nicely."

Ever since the Beatles landed at JFK Airport in 1964, coming to America has been a huge turning point in the careers of international



Singer and guitarist Rob Hope (second from right) counts the Fray, Kings of Leon, and U2 as bands he would one day like Seneca to perform alongside. See the group rock the Picador today at 9 p.m.

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musicians. Hope knows the effect a successful run in the United States can have on Seneca's career. After all, until this tour, Seneca's recorded output was not available for purchase in the United States.

"We're going to concentrate very much and try to make America work for us if it possibly can," Hope said. "It's going to be a lot of hard work, but we really feel that we could possibly make an impact over there if we work hard."

Hope's faith and positive outlook are part of the reason Seneca came together as a band and is now touring America. He said the group's current management team is largely based in the United States, and the band members found their manager through discussions on the Internet. Having a management team based in America helped pull the band from Ireland to U.S. shores.

Seneca formed in early 2005 from the ashes of another band in which Hope and bassist Yvonne Conaty were

both members. Hope said they both knew drummer Daragh O'Loughlain and asked him to join the new group. The final piece was a lead guitarist, and Brendan O'Gorman was recruited after Hope met him at a house party.

Internet connections and house-party chance meetings — maybe these aren't the most effective ways to launch fruitful romantic relationships, but when it comes to bands, the formula has proved successful for Seneca.

Hope cited American bluegrass as among the band's influences, alongside Smashing Pumpkins, Jeff Buckley, and fellow Irish band the Cranberries. He said that he learned a lot about American and Irish perceptions of each other while he lived in Denver, where he celebrated his first St. Patrick's Day overseas.

"I don't know if you actually know this but the St. Patrick's Day parade was actually invented in America. It wasn't done in Ireland at all. Irish people in America actually pretty much started up the whole St. Patrick's Day celebration, carnival, that kind of thing," he said. "Ireland is a very modern country a lot of the time, and I remember one person in Denver asking me if we had credit cards in Ireland, different things like that. Another girl was asking me if leprechauns actually existed. I thought it was kind of funny."

## COMMENTARY

# Solo flights of fancy

All for one and ... yadda yadda yadda. We all know the phrase, but when it comes to the highly competitive recording industry, it's all about going solo these days.



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With a hypnotic bombardment of "uh oh, uh oh, uh oh, oh no no", Beyoncé broke free from the binding ties of Destiny's Child in 2003 and launched an awards-laden, hit-producing, solo career that has been just as successful as that of the girl group that gave her initial fame.

As she prepares for her third release next month, Ms. Sean Carter is a prime example of a musical trend that has been resurging in popularity as of late. Since 2002, such high-profile acts as Justin Timberlake, Gwen Stefani, and Fergie have freed themselves from their bands to launch solo careers. The style has also become prominent in the indie circle, with such artists as Conor Oberst, Emily Haines, and Jenny Lewis following suit.

So why do these musicians feel the need to stray from the bands that gave them their cred in the first place?

You can't really blame them — working on solo records allows artists to

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explore musical ground that they don't get to cover while working in a group. Stefani, for example, traded No Doubt's signature ska/rock sound for 1980's-by-way-of-Tokyo electropop on her 2004 solo debut *Love. Angel. Music. Baby.* Lewis went down the alt-folk path for both of her albums, a contrast to the indie rock music of Rilo Kiley.

And we all know about Timberlake — the former teen idol became a bona fide sex symbol when he ditched 'NSYNC, showing that a solo career is the foundation for artistic growth.

Additionally, some artists — such as Oberst and Haines — got their start alone. It was only when they teamed up with bands that they found greater success. For these acts, a solo career is a way to reconnect with their roots.

Of course, some solo attempts fall flat. The aforementioned artists were all the main attractions of their respective bands (somewhere, Chris Kirkpatrick is kicking himself), so their projects are obviously going to attract the most attention.

It's far more difficult for a less-famous group member to strike musical gold.

For example, take Kelly Rowland. You know, that other girl from Destiny's Child. She's released two albums in the same amount of time as Beyoncé but has seen only a fraction of the success.

Why? Unfortunately for Rowland, not a whole lot of people care about the other members of a group once that group has disbanded. Making a victorious solo career is dependent on having a pre-existing, solid fan base. Justin Timberlake was the most popular — and most promoted — member of 'NSYNC and therefore had the most followers when he launched his super successful solo career. JC Chasez, not so much.

But going solo isn't always a deal breaker for a band. Destiny's Child reunited for a one-album-only stint in 2004, and No Doubt is currently in the process of recording the long-awaited follow-up to 2001's *Rock Steady*. But for most artists, it appears to be like living on your own for a year then going back to live with mom and dad — the taste of independence is so seductive that it's hard to abandon.

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# Undergrad disciplinary actions rise

The UI Office of the Ombudsperson will offer new resources for students.

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The UI Office of the Ombudsperson has seen more than a 50 percent increase in the number of complaints involving the university since 2007, according to annual report recently released.

This is a result of a significant minority number of UI undergraduates facing disciplinary action in the last year, the report states.

On Tuesday, representatives from the office presented Faculty Council members with the office's 2007-08 report — a comprehensive analysis of faculty, staff, and students' visits to the Office of the Ombudsperson during the academic year.

The office deals with disputes and complaints in the university.

Undergraduate-disciplinary concerns rose from 17 percent in 2007 to 34 percent in 2008, the report showed. More than three quarters of incidents reported were drug- and alcohol-related — a figure that has sparked concern from UI officials.

"We frequently pick a theme for each year, and this year's theme is outreach to students," UI Ombudswoman Lois Cox said.

In the report, students cited academic conflicts, the criminal-justice system, ejection from university housing, and suspension, as well as frustration with

the lack of "transparency and fairness" in the disciplinary process on campus.

While it is unclear why undergraduate visits have increased in the last year, officials said it can be pinned on drug and alcohol abuse.

"We don't know what to make of this pattern, but we're just struck by it because it's an increase from previous years," UI Ombudswoman Cynthia Joyce said. "We've filled out the chart of undergraduate discipline, and three-quarters of those are related to drugs and alcohol, so we think that's significant."

Faculty Council President Michael O'Hara said that with an institution as large as the UI, there will always be conflicts and problems to deal with. He cited the report as a way to find solutions to general issues and improvements are necessary.

"I think we need to look at all of these things," he said. "There's not enough detail [in the report] to actually know, but I think what it does is it alerts us to the types of issues and problems that we're having on campus. I think it points to areas where we need to add some focus."

Cox said new resources would soon be available to UI community members to help deal with concerns they might have, including online evaluation forms and access to the annual report.

# Scientists use chat room to hear kids' drug concerns

By **KEVIN FREKING**  
Associated Press

ROCKVILLE, Md. — It's nothing to LOL about.

Students these days often have ready access to marijuana, alcohol, and tobacco, but they don't feel comfortable talking about the ramifications. So, some of the nation's government scientists went to the computer chat room Tuesday to make it a little easier for them.

"How many drinks does it take to get you drunk?" asked anonymous at George Washington High School in California. "For a person of normal weight not used to alcohol, about four-five drinks within one hour," came the answer.

"Is it true that pot is not addicting? i heard rumors it wasn't?" asked x45 of Sanborn Regional High School in New Hampshire. "Yes. Long-term marijuana use leads to addiction in some people. That is, they cannot control their urges to seek out and use marijuana, even though it negatively affects their family relationships, school performance, and recreational activities," came the answer.

"Can you inherit addiction?" asked Hajira 6 of South County Secondary School in Virginia.

"The short answer is yes," answered one of the researchers from the National Institute on Drug Abuse.



Michelle Ngwafon, 16, takes notes on the answer she was given by government scientists at the National Institute on Drug Abuse to her online questions about date-rape drugs during class at Rockville (Md.) High School on Tuesday.

"The long answer is that genes play only part of the role in addiction." He added that the environment — such as having drugs around the house or hanging out with friends who do drugs — also plays a role.

By noon, approximately 6,000 questions had come in for the institute's second-ever Drug Facts Chat Day. Because the questions vastly outnumber the researchers, the responses were not immediate, but many came in within the hour so that students could check back in before the end of the school day.

Joseph Frascella, an institute researcher, got many of the questions about drugs' effects on the brain. Some called for fairly scientific answers. Others for more of a

personal touch, such as the one from a teenage girl who recounted her experiences with depression and her past use of marijuana. She wanted confirmation that she was doing the right thing by not smoking pot anymore. Frascella assured her that she was.

"The sophistication of some of the questions suggests that they're pretty knowledgeable about drugs," he said.

Michelle Ngwafon, an 11th-grader at Rockville High School asked how long it takes for date rape drugs to take effect. She knew someone who had been given such a drug but was not raped, she said.

"Date rape is unwanted sexual contact from someone you know, may have just met,

and/or thought you could trust," researchers said in responding to her query. "A number of drugs have been used in date rape because they can become slipped in someone's drink and have no taste or smell. These include ketamine, rohypnol, and gamma hydroxybutyrate [GHB]. These drugs can sedate a person and make them forget what happens to them."

Ngwafon said the chat room was a good idea that might help some kids who haven't tried drugs, but she was doubtful it would change the habits of those already involved.

"The people who already do drugs, I think they already know the side effects and they just don't care," she said.

Among youths from ages 12-17, about one in 10 acknowledge illicit drug use within the past month. The government says drug use in that age category has dropped slightly since 2002, as has the level of alcohol and tobacco use. About 15.6 percent of youths in that age group acknowledge alcohol use in the past month and about 9.8 percent say they smoked cigarettes.

Wendy Roit, a teacher at Rockville High School who helped coordinate the question-and-answer session from the school, said she's a fan of using a chat room to let students ask questions without being embarrassed.

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### MEN'S GOLF

#### Men's golf finishes 7th

The Hawkeye men's golf team finished in a tie for seventh at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic Tuesday in South Bend, Ind. Iowa shot a final-round nine-over 289 after opening with 301 and 302 rounds Monday.

A vastly improved performance in the final round helped the Hawkeyes move up three places in the 16-team meet. The Hawks were unable to top Big Ten foes Michigan State (third place) and Minnesota (fourth).

Iowa's performance was in question after a rocky day one, but head coach Mark Hankins was proud his players were able to bounce back Tuesday.

"It was a solid round," he said. "We did a lot better job of just taking care of our own business."

Vince India led Iowa, scoring 73, 74, and 71, a total of 218 (eight-over), placing him in a tie for 12th place. Senior Cole Peevler finished in a tie for 20th at 221 (11-over). Freshman Barrett Kelpin finished at 228 (18-over), and Brad George shot 233 (23-over). Sophomore Brad Hopfinger recorded a 229 (19-over) in three rounds of work.

Iowa's next competition is the Landfall Tradition in Wilmington, N.C., Oct. 24-26. The tournament will conclude Iowa's fall season.

— by Jordan Garretson

### MLB

#### Cubs' Marmol injured in car accident

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Chicago Cub reliever Carlos Marmol suffered minor injuries in a car accident early Tuesday in the Dominican Republic.

A truck hit a car carrying Marmol, a cousin, and a friend in his hometown of Bonao near 2 a.m. The All-Star right-hander had just arrived in the Caribbean nation after the Cubs were swept by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the playoffs.

Marmol said in an e-mail to the Associated Press that the air bag deployed and he only suffered a cut and an "inflammation" of his forehead.

"Out of precaution they did different studies on my body, and I don't have any kind of serious injury," he wrote.

A Cubs' representative in the Dominican Republic, Jose Serra, said Marmol received seven stitches in his forehead but is otherwise healthy.

Marmol pitched in 82 games this season, going 2-4 with a 2.68 ERA.



Marmol pitcher

# Ferentz refuses to be gloomy



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On the final play of the first half, Hawkeye kicker Trent Mossbrucker nails a 25-yard field goal on Oct. 4 against Michigan State in East Lansing. The kick gave the Hawkeyes their first three points.

## Even after losing three-consecutive games, head coach Kirk Ferentz remains optimistic about the final six games on the Hawkeyes' schedule.

By SCOTT MILLER  
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With the future of the Hawkeye season seeming as ominous as the clouds that hung over eastern Iowa on Tuesday, head coach Kirk Ferentz sat before members of the media and delivered a more optimistic outlook on the last half of Iowa's season.

The 10-year head coach said, despite losing three-straight

games — including turning the ball over eight times in the last two contests — this team is already better than last year's.

"Last year, we kind of were what we were. We had some obvious areas that we were short in, or more on experience than anything else," Ferentz said. "Obviously, we want to play a little smarter [this year], a little cleaner, and we have to if we are going to start winning some

football games. It's been an enjoyable team to work with, and you know, I don't see that changing. I really don't."

Ferentz's reason behind this confidence could be that Iowa's three losses have come by a combined nine points. The last defeat — a 16-13 heartbreaker at the hands of Michigan State on Oct. 4 — featured two turnovers inside the red zone and two failed fourth-down conversions in the fourth quarter.

The head coach contends once the Hawkeyes rectify these mistakes, the wins will start to come.

"That's where we are at right now, and usually it gets down to detail things," he said. "The turnovers are very prominent and typically prominent, special teams are typically prominent and penalties. I think all but one game we have been pretty good penalty-wise."

Despite the mental mistakes,

Ferentz says he's still confident in his team going into the latter half of the schedule.

"I like the way the guys are working," he said. "I like the way they are playing for the most part. We just have to get over the hump ... We know six teams are going to try to resist that, so that's the challenge in front us. But the guys, the attitude has been good, and they are working hard. Just at some point, we are going to get there."

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# Field hockey on a roll

Iowa field hockey strings together eight-straight wins.

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Following the victories against Northwestern on Oct. 3 and Missouri State on Sunday, the No. 5 Iowa field-hockey team (10-2, 2-0) matched the longest winning streak in head coach Tracey Griesbaum's tenure with eight wins.

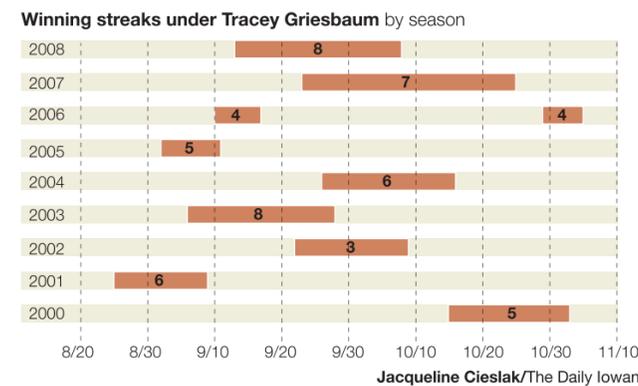
Griesbaum took over in 2000, and her teams have put together eight wins only once before, in 2003. The 2008 Hawkeyes have a chance to claim the record as their own on Friday when they play No. 14 Penn State. Iowa is still far from claiming the program's all-time record of 20-consecutive wins in 1992.

"It's great. It's something that we're going to work on," senior Lauren Pfeiffer said. "It's not going to be something we're going to want to break at all. It's something we want to keep. But we're just going to take it one game at a time."

In the previous eight contests, the Hawkeyes have dominated every aspect of the game. Iowa has outscored its

### Field-hockey winning streaks

The Iowa field-hockey team has won eight consecutive games this season — tying a record for win streaks during coach Tracy Griesbaum's tenure.



opponents 42-4 while earning five shutouts.

Equally impressive is the shot differential. During its current streak, Iowa has outshot its opponents 203-51 — 19 more shots per game. As a result, the Hawkeyes have received four Big Ten Player of the Week honors in four weeks, spanning the eight games.

Whereas the 2003 team dropped off after its eighth-consecutive win, this year's squad has a chance of continuing the streak. Iowa enters the final five games of the season as the higher-ranked team.

In the current streak, the Hawkeyes faced no teams rank-

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### COMMENTARY

# Looking for the elusive 13th



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College football coaches love the bake shop.

A baker's dozen of games is far more friendly for the headset-sporting game-planners than the typical 12 because 12 means no bowl game.

That's what Iowa is trying to avoid — 12 games.

The way Iowa has played to the halfway checkpoint, clarity toward that end is as lacking as Iowa's ball security and end-of-game success.

Three-consecutive wins to open the 2008 campaign had Hawkeye Nation cautiously ecstatic. Sophomore Ricky Stanzi was the second coming of Chuck Long, and Kirk Ferentz was doing

everything right for the first time since guiding three-consecutive seasons ending with Iowa ranked No. 8 from 2002-04.

Three straight losses twisted that thrill into an ugly, convoluted turnover circus — one sending the Hawkeye State into a rage over Ferentz's paycheck and Ken O'Keefe's play-calling.

A road loss to a then-struggling Pittsburgh team coming off a bye was mesmerizing. Stanzi had replaced junior starter Jake Christensen, played well to close the half only to be re-supplanted by the southpaw incumbent, No. 6.

Iowa had completely dominated Northwestern at home for the first 27 minutes and 49 seconds. Then came a fumbled punt return by senior Andy Brodell, and the Hawkeye offense was instantly static.

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**Thursday, Oct. 9**  
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 AL at NL, if necessary, (n)  
**Wednesday, Oct. 29**  
 NL at AL, if necessary, (n)  
**Thursday, Oct. 30**  
 NL at AL, if necessary, (n)

## BIG TEN FIELD HOCKEY

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Michigan State	2	0	1.000	11	1	.917
Iowa	2	0	1.000	10	2	.834
Penn State	1	0	1.000	6	4	.600
Michigan	2	0	1.000	6	6	.500
Ohio State	0	3	.000	8	6	.571
Indiana	0	2	.000	6	5	.545
Northwestern	0	2	.000	6	7	.462

**Friday's Games**  
 Iowa at Penn State  
 Michigan State at Northwestern  
 Ohio State at Indiana  
**Saturday's Games**  
 Iowa vs. Virginia at Penn State  
 Michigan State vs. Wake Forest at Northwestern  
**Sunday's Games**  
 Wake Forest at Northwestern  
 Virginia at Penn State  
 Michigan at Indiana

## TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
**National League**  
**COLORADO ROCKIES**—Announced hitting coach Alan Cockrell, 3B coach Mike Gallego and bench coach Jamie Quirk will not be offered contracts for the 2009 season, and bullpen coach Rick Mathews will be reassigned within the organization.  
**National Basketball Association**  
**CHARLOTTE BOBCATS**—Announced the resignations of chief administration officer Jared Bartle, and vice president of community relations LeRita Barber.  
**LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS**—Announced the resignation of vice president of basketball operations Elgin Baylor. Named Mike Dunleavy general manager.  
**ORLANDO MAGIC**—Exercised their option on G J.J. Redick.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**NFL**—Suspended Cincinnati LB Darryl Blackstock the next four games for using a performance-enhancing substance.  
**CINCINNATI BENGALS**—Re-signed RB Kenny Watson. Signed CB Simeon Castille to the practice squad.  
**GREEN BAY PACKERS**—Released LB Tracy White. Signed LB Danny Lansanah from the practice squad.  
**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**—Signed LB Eric Bakhtiari to the practice squad.  
**Canadian Football League**  
**CFL**—Fined Calgary defensive line coach Cornell Brown \$2,500 and Calgary CB Brandon Browner and DB Dwight Anderson undisclosed amounts for confronting and verbally abusing on-field game officials after Friday's game against Saskatchewan.  
**EDMONTON Eskimos**—Signed FB Mike Maurer.  
**WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS**—Released DL Troy Cunningham, DL Willie Evans and DL Dorian Smith. Activated OL Bobby Singh.

## BIG TEN FOOTBALL

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
Penn St.	2	0	6	0
Michigan St.	2	0	5	1
Ohio St.	2	0	5	1
Northwestern	1	0	5	0
Minnesota	1	1	5	1
Illinois	1	1	3	2
Michigan	1	1	2	3
Purdue	0	1	2	3
Wisconsin	0	2	3	2
Iowa	0	2	3	3
Indiana	0	2	2	3

## FIGHTING IRISH CLASSIC RESULTS

Team Results	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3
1. Arkansas	287	293	283 = 863 (+23)
2. UC Davis	293	294	280 = 867 (+27)
3. Michigan State	287	296	288 = 871 (+31)
4. Minnesota	293	286	295 = 874 (+34)
5. Lamar	297	289	293 = 879 (+39)
6. Virginia	295	288	297 = 880 (+40)
7. Iowa	301	302	289 = 892 (+52)
7. VCU	303	295	294 = 892 (+52)
9. Southeastern La.	303	289	303 = 895 (+55)
10. San Francisco	308	295	296 = 899 (+59)
11. De Paul	310	296	294 = 900 (+60)
12. San Diego	302	299	303 = 904 (+64)
13. UNC-Greensboro	301	304	303 = 908 (+68)
13. North Florida	299	304	305 = 908 (+68)
15. Notre Dame	307	301	303 = 911 (+71)
16. Notre Dame (B)	311	296	307 = 914 (+74)
Individual Results - Par 70 (Top 3 = Iowa)			
1. Randy Hutchison (MSU)	69-72-69-210	(E)	
2. Andrew Landry (UA)	70-71-70-211	(+1)	
3. Jamie Marshall (UA)	70-73-69-212	(+2)	
T12. Vince India (UI)	73-74-71-218	(+8)	
T20. Cole Peevier (UI)	74-75-72-221	(+11)	
T47. Barrett Kelpin (UI)	75-75-78-228	(+18)	
T50. Brad Hopfinger (UI)	79-78-72-229	(+19)	
T67. Brad George (UI)	80-79-74-233	(+23)	

# Napier bounces back

Senior Andy Napier has rebounded from an injured knee to captain the Iowa men's cross-country team.

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ON THE WEB

Hear Andy Napier and his coach discuss his injury and the Iowa men's cross-country team as a whole at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

Iowa men's cross-country coach Larry Wiecezorek is a firm believer in a person having gumption.

Gumption is someone's aggressiveness, ability to take initiative, or someone's resourcefulness.

If you asked Wiecezorek about the gumption of senior Andy Napier, he'd probably tell you that very adjective is just one of the reasons Napier is a leader for the Iowa men's cross-country team.

The veteran distance runner is well into his final season for the Black-and-Gold. But heading into the beginning of the 2008 campaign, Napier's character was tried after a promising summer of hard work had him fully prepared for the cross-country season.

"I was having the best training of my life [the month before the injury]," he said. "I was running about 90 miles a week. Things were going really good, and I got to the point where every day I was getting into awesome shape."

As the middle of August approached, the team cocaptain suffered what Wiecezorek referred to as "IT-band friction syndrome," and he was forced to watch from the sidelines as the Hawkeyes opened their season with a pair of home meets.

"Sometimes," he said, "it's just a reminder that you're not invincible."

Napier, however, confronted the disruption, refusing to let his absence from the Iowa lineup get the best of him.

"I like to keep running in its place," he said. "You can't let it become all of who you are because there are so many other aspects in life to value."

An Iowa track and field record-holder — in the steeplechase — Napier is also big on self-motivation — each individual on a team should take

ownership for what the team is trying to accomplish.

In fact, after posting a time of 25:37 in his first 8,000-meter race of the season at Minnesota's Roy Griak Invitational, Napier finished in 23:56 at the Oct. 4 Auburn Invitational. The vast improvement in time has Wiecezorek excited for more things to come.

"He's coming along really well," Wiecezorek said. "One of these times we're going to see Andy make that big breakthrough. He's getting closer and closer and he's making terrific improvements."

"This team still has a lot of room to grow because of individuals such as Andy, who, by the end of the season, should get a lot better."

Even with the end of the season looming at next month's NCAA championships in Terre Haute, Ind., the education major still has a long list of accomplishments to seize before he says goodbye to Iowa City.

"I feel like there's still another level I can go to [in cross-country]," Napier said. "With me doing the things I should be able to do, we have a solid top four. The people are there to be a very competitive team; one that is definitely capable of running at the national meet."

While Wiecezorek hopes each of his athletes will leave his own special mark on the Iowa program, he sets Napier's standards supremely high.

"Having broken the school record in the steeplechase, I want him to win the Big Ten championship and be an All-American [in track and field]," Wiecezorek said. "Of course, after taking us to the NCAA cross-country championship this fall."

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# Vasos makes big splash

Freshman tennis player Will Vasos looks to continue his strong success following the first competition of his Hawkeye career.

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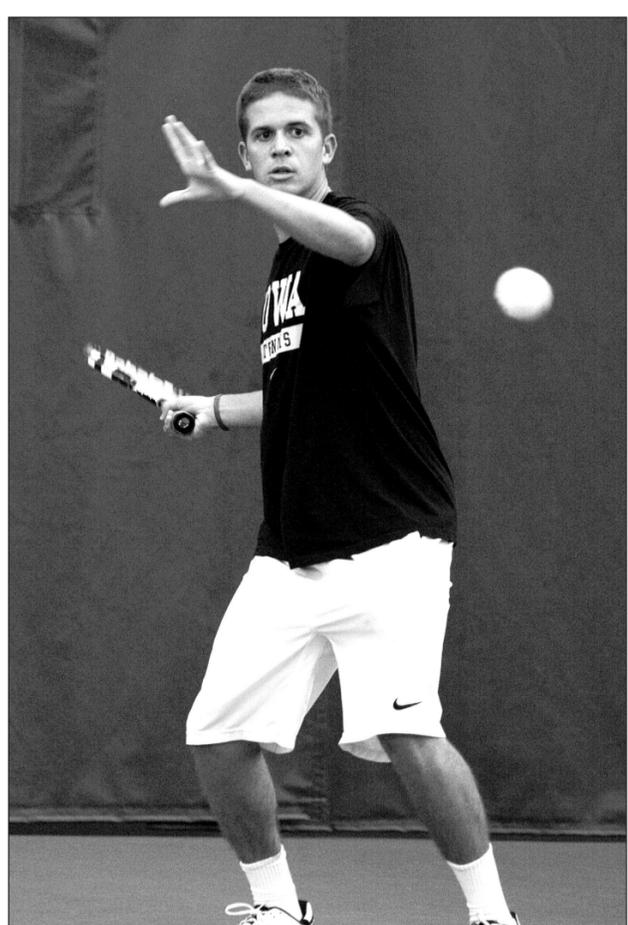
Freshman Will Vasos has had an instant effect on the Iowa men's tennis team. Winning a doubles championship with senior Tommy McGeorge at the Northwestern Invitational Sept. 26-28, Vasos got his first career doubles victory. He also competed individually, winning his first match before getting knocked out in the second round. Vasos looks to continue his strong start this coming weekend in the Purdue Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind.

Coming to Iowa City from Fort Collins, Colo., Vasos had a very successful high-school career and was the most highly recruited freshman Iowa signed for the 2008 class — a large group including four other first-year players. Vasos finished first in his high-school conference meet three years in a row, culminating in a state singles championship his senior year. Vasos was also voted team captain and MVP, finishing 22-0 in singles competition his senior year. His individual state title helped lead his team to a third-place finish at the state meet.

**DI:** What was it like to win a doubles championship in the first tournament of your college career?

**Vasos:** It felt really nice; it was a great way to start my college career. I had a great partner in Tommy [McGeorge], he has a lot of experience. He and my coaches really helped me get there.

**DI:** You had a very successful high-school career in Colorado, winning a state championship in your senior year. What made you decide to come to Iowa?



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa freshman Will Vasos volleys during practice at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex on Tuesday. The Colorado native finished a 22-0 senior year in high school with an individual state title.

**Vasos:** The guys on the team were a big factor, and I actually have relatives who live in Waterloo and Des Moines. So it still feels like I'm close to home. I absolutely love it here; it's the best college in the country.

**DI:** How has the transition been, from high school to collegiate tennis, as far as practices and preparation for meets?

**Vasos:** It's definitely a ton more work — we go all-out every day. We have a great team

that pushes each other every day as hard as we possibly can. It makes us all so much better.

**DI:** As a freshman, what do you expect your role on the team to be this year, and how far can you see the team going?

**Vasos:** The sky is the limit team-wise. I think we can be pretty good — spring season will be big. As far as my role, I am not going to be one of those big guys in the top two, but I'm hoping to contribute whatever I can for the team at this point.

**DI:** Besides tennis, what is your favorite sport to play?

**Vasos:** It definitely would be basketball, and I would have to say my favorite player is Steve Nash.

**DI:** Because you're a freshman on the team, what have your teammates done to antagonize you so far?

**Vasos:** Well, when I won the doubles championship, they gave me some crap and told me to quit being so cocky and to remember that I am a freshman — nothing else out of the ordinary has happened to me; my teammates like to have fun with me, I've come to accept it.

**DI:** Do you have any quirky, or out-of-the-norm pre-match rituals?

**Vasos:** Nope. I'm not like that, straight and simple. I like to let the game come to me, I don't have any crazy routines.

**DI:** Even though the season has barely begun, have any interesting or memorable incidents happened to you or the team?

**Vasos:** Well, I don't really have anything to share with you that would be newspaper-appropriate; I'm sorry to disappoint you.

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Michigan State's Jesse Miller holds Iowa defensive tackle Mitch King in Spartan Stadium on Oct. 4. Iowa lost its third-consecutive game, 16-13.

## Coaches remain optimistic

### FOOTBALL

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#### Mossbrucker's range

Hitting 8-of-9 field goals in six games this season, true freshman Trent Mossbrucker has been consistent for special-teams coaches Darrell Wilson and Lester Erb.

Despite that, many have called into question the head coach's confidence in his kicker after Ferentz elected to try to convert a fourth-and-inches instead of attempting what would have been a 38-yard

'It really comes down to winning and losing. When you win, boy, everything's fine. When you lose, everything's wrong.'

— Kirk Ferentz, coach

fourth-quarter field goal versus the Spartans.

"You know, in our mind, in normal conditions, [the] ball inside the 25 [is in-range]," Ferentz said. "But we'll extend that. There was no wind really on [Oct. 4]. But I've got every confidence in him, and I don't want that to be lost over the decisions the other day. They

had really nothing to do with him ... He doesn't have training wheels on his bike."

#### Ferentz defends O'Keefe

After averaging only 16.7 points over the last three games, Ken O'Keefe has come under fire from the fans. On Tuesday, Ferentz defended his long-time offensive coordina-

tor — an easy target for criticism of late.

"Well, outside of head coach [and] quarterback, I'd say right now coordinators are next. And given our circumstance right now, I'd say offensive coordinator. He's the same guy that was coordinator here in '03, '04, and '02, and he's coaching pretty much the same way.

"It really comes down to winning and losing. When you win, boy, everything's fine. When you lose, everything's wrong."

## Field hockey rolling up wins

### FIELD HOCKEY

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ing higher nationally and only one team in the top 20, No. 11 Louisville. Similarly, the final five games will be against opponents ranked lower than the No. 5 Hawkeyes. However, Iowa expects to find its last five games more difficult than its previous eight. Playing against four ranked opponents, Iowa faces three of them away from home.

"It's nothing that we're not used to. We open the season with a bang and close it with a bang, as always," senior Caroline Blaum said. "But I think we're pretty pumped to get deeper in the Big Ten season and keep our roll going."

Iowa started the season against four ranked teams and came out with a record of 2-2. The Hawkeyes defeated No. 4 North Carolina and No. 20 American, with the losses coming at the hands of No. 3 Wake Forest and No. 9 Duke.

The seniors from this year's team have only experienced two winning streaks larger than five, and both occurred last year. Regardless of their prior success, or lack thereof, Griesbaum credits the seniors for the successful eight-game roll.

"I do think [the streak] is just attributed to this team being very prepared. For the seniors in particular, this is their fourth year, and every year they've added something to the success of their season," she said. "I know that they're very driven, and they want more things out of the season than their past three pretty much combined."

Streaks aside, Iowa is trying to advance beyond the opening round of the NCAA Tournament and win its first outright Big Ten regular season championship since 1999. If the Hawkeyes win the remainder of their regular-season games and claim the conference title, the streak will grow to 13 and place them third on the all-time list.

The Hawkeyes are focusing on the Nittany Lions to claim their ninth-straight win.



BECKY MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye forward Caitlin McCurdy heads for the ball against Northwestern at Grant Field on Oct. 3. The Hawkeyes won, 2-0.

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### COMMENTARY

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The Wildcats leapt through the second half untouched on the scoreboard and back to Evanston with a stolen W.

At Michigan State, the Hawkeyes turned the ball over three more times to encoore the five-turnover gift-exchange the week before. Ferentz turned down two field-goal opportunities in the fourth quarter, and Iowa came away empty on both fourth-down attempts to fail again, losing 16-13.

So what's gone wrong? Have Ferentz and the Hawkeyes been watching too much of the Chicago Cubs?

Nothing seems to go right for Iowa — the Hawkeyes can't seem to close it out when it matters most. Much like Sweet Lou's North Siders, Ferentz has his team in position to win every week, only to drop the football, call the wrong play, or just completely choke it away.

What the Hawkeyes need to do if they're going to make it past No. 12 is stop swallowing the broccoli whole and chew it before they try to swallow.

In all three of the losses, come crunch time, whether in the red zone or at the beginning of the drive, the Hawkeyes stop doing exactly what put them in position to strike. Instead, Iowa's already conservative playcalling goes from Republican to Quaker, and a field-goal is the best option left. Near paydirt, the Hawkeyes need to throw defenses through a loop — a trick, a gamble, or at least give the ball to Shonn Greene more than once. A simple flag route might work, but it seems to have disappeared from the book, along with the screen passes and tight-end seams.

If Iowa continues yawning play-calls, the Hawkeyes can sleep right through bowl selections and hibernate until March. Wouldn't it be amazing to see a flea-flicker tried with all the defender eyes stuck on Greene every play? If nothing else, it'd get the ball thrown downfield for just the fourth time all year.

That's what's really gone missing in the first half of '08 — downfield aggression. All

three times I can recall Ricky Stanzi throwing deep, it ended in a touchdown.

Derrell Johnson-Koulianos and Andy Brodell stretch the field as well as any other Hawkeye wide receiver duo in recent history.

I dare O'Keefe to use the wideouts and go for the big one twice, even just once, in a game. Make it a *double dare*.

The worst that could possibly happen is even bigger running lanes for Greene — and that's just for *trying* the bombs. If Iowa connected on the Hail Marys, defenses wouldn't worry about Iowa scoring 20 points in a game — not that Indiana is going to lose sleep over that dream-like thought. No, instead, defenses would be worried the Hawkeyes might post 20 in a half, or even a quarter.

Then again, what am I saying? There's little reason to expect the Hawkeyes to Hulk out of their conservative shell.

"If we're doing things well, we're going to be more close-game oriented than we are wide spreads," Ferentz said. "It's important that we know how to win close games, and that's what we need to learn right now."

In other words, expect the Hawkeyes to stay uptight and hope they out-execute instead of dominate.

How that will affect the chances of lucky No. 13, I don't know, but Penn State, Wisconsin, and Illinois might have something to do with it.

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# Baseball rivalries resume

By **BEN WALKER**  
Associated Press

Exactly why the Boston Red Sox and Tampa Bay Rays tangle so much is hard to tell. Blame it on a high-and-tight pitch here, a hard slide there.

Whatever, this much is true: The teams playing in the AL Championship Series sure get into a lot of scraps.

"There's no hatred," injured Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling insisted Tuesday in an e-mail to the Associated Press.

"It's more a combination of talent/personalities and place than anything, I think. For years, Tampa Bay was looked down on, and the Sox were one of the powerhouse teams. The start to respectability is as much an attitude as it is talent, and a few years ago the Rays, I think, got tired of being pushed around," he wrote.

That's kind of how Sarah Palin sees it, too.

"I know that earlier some of the experts this year were kind of tough on the Rays. I've been



CHARLES KRUPA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Boston Red Sox's Jason Bay dives into home for the game-winning run in front of Los Angeles Angels catcher Mike Napoli in Game 4 of the American League division series in Boston on Monday. The Red Sox will face the Tampa Bay Rays in the AL Championship Series.**

there," the Republican vice presidential candidate said Monday during a speech in Clearwater, Fla. "But what a difference a season can make, and now the Rays, in the playoffs for the first time ever."

Even before their rise to prominence, the Rays were plenty feisty. They've scuffled with the Red Sox at least a half-

dozen times this decade, punctuated by a wild brawl at Fenway Park in June that resulted in eight players getting suspended.

"You know, we've had some good battles with them all year," Boston pitcher Jon Lester said.

Other matchups in the majors get more attention, be it

Yankees-Red Sox or Cubs-Cardinals or Dodgers-Giants. But there is no baseball rivalry that's more spirited than Tampa Bay-Boston.

Funny, know who was often in the middle — somehow — of those slugfests?

Manny Ramirez. Yep, the same slugger who's now the main man in the NL Championship Series between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies.

Ramirez, manager Joe Torre, and the Dodgers will open the best-of-seven set Thursday night at Citizens Bank Park.

Traded from Boston to Los Angeles on July 31, Ramirez reprised his role as a one-man October wrecking crew in the first-round sweep of the Chicago Cubs. The 2004 World Series MVP went 5-for-10 with two home runs and four walks.

"He could fight a bear with a stick and win," praised Phillies broadcaster Gary Matthews, MVP of the 1983 NLCS, when Philadelphia beat the Dodgers.

# Joe Paterno unsure of his spot

By **GENARO C. ARMAS**  
Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — One of the most closely watched injuries in college football belongs to an 81-year-old man who hasn't played a snap in six decades.

Of course, when that man is Penn State coach Joe Paterno, every step is watched, every word scrutinized.

The Hall of Famer said Tuesday his sore right leg still hurts enough that he won't decide on whether he'll coach undefeated Penn State (6-0, 2-0 Big Ten) from the sideline or the press-box for Saturday night's contest at Wisconsin.

Coaching from the sideline remains a week-to-week proposition. He relegated himself to the box for the No. 6 Nittany Lions' win last week over Purdue after spending the entire victory the previous week over Illinois on the field.

"It's up and down," Paterno said Tuesday at Beaver Stadium. "It's one of those things I'm going to have for a while, so I just have to live with it, but we'll see by the end of the week."

The injury occurred while demonstrating an onside kick at practice the week before the season-opener against Coastal Carolina. It's part of a fun ritual to signify the end of practice each week.

Paterno admits he "overdid some things" then. The pain appeared to get worse after Penn State's win Sept. 13 over Syracuse on the hard artificial turf of the Carrier Dome.

He revealed the injury before the Sept. 20 home win over Temple and spent the second half of that game in the box.

On Tuesday, Paterno looked a little more at ease climbing three steps in the media room to get to the microphone, his gait looking slightly more steady than the slow and pronounced limp he's had on the field at times recently.

"I'm going to live with it a couple weeks, maybe even more than that. But hey, that's why I get the big money," he snickered.

The once-avid walker can't go the five or six miles a day he used try to stroll — and it's especially not an option if there's practice that afternoon.

To save wear and tear, Paterno gets shuttled around practice on a golf cart. His shrill voice is still ever-present, quarterback Daryll Clark said.

"I tell you the only thing he doesn't do is walk. If there's a problem at practice, he'll address it," Clark said.

The cart allows Paterno to get his point across more quickly.

"In fact, I probably harass them more now than when I do when I walk," Paterno quipped. "I can get their faster, though I have a lousy driver."

In the press box, Paterno says he can make more a significant contribution to assistants and players from a tactical standpoint.



ANDY MANIS/ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Ohio State quarterback Terrell Pryor (2) runs off the field after the Buckeyes beat Wisconsin, 20-17, on Oct. 4 in Madison, Wis.**

# Season of change for Buckeyes

By **RUSTY MILLER**  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The regular season is half over for Ohio State, yet it feels as if the Buckeyes are just finding their footing.

The Buckeyes (5-1, 2-0 Big Ten) are ranked No. 12 and are still clawing their way back up the ladder after that ugly 35-3 loss at Southern California in mid-September.

"We can't lose," fullback Brandon Smith said Tuesday. "We've been saying this is a playoff for us, at this point in the season. The way things shake out in college football, we've just got to keep winning."

Since the loss, the Buckeyes have won three in a row, including their first two Big Ten games. They've gotten Chris "Beanie" Wells back from a foot injury, and freshman Terrelle Pryor has

taken over at quarterback. Even though they have not won convincingly, they at least believe they're building some momentum for a stretch run.

Punter A.J. Trapasso considers the Oct. 4 20-17 victory at Wisconsin a stepping stone to bigger and better things.

"We had a lot of confidence coming into this season — maybe [we were] a little bit overconfident thinking we were just going to run over teams," Trapasso said. "We were exposed a little bit [at USC], but we've bounced back pretty well and handled some rough games — especially this [past] weekend."

Going into the season, the Buckeyes had 17 starters back and more than 40 fourth- or fifth-year seniors on the roster. No one expected much upheaval from one week to the next.

# Red River features 2 quick starters

By **JEFF LATZKE**  
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — The Red River Rivalry has all the pageantry of one of college football's greatest games, with a stadium filled to the rim with half the fans in crimson and the others in burnt orange. Big Tex will be there, along with the marching bands and the Golden Hat Trophy.

Maybe they should install starting blocks, too.

The team that has scored first has won the last five Oklahoma-Texas games and seven of the last eight, and both teams have shown early dominance on their way to the top five this season.

The top-ranked Sooners (5-0, 1-0 Big 12) have taken control immediately in every game, outscoring opponents 103-3 in the first quarter and never trailing. Not only has Oklahoma scored on all five of its opening possessions, the defense is playing a part, too.

In the three games when the Sooners' opponents got the ball first, each one went three-and-out.

"When you start off on defense and you show a team that you can stop them on the first series, and then your offense can turn around and score on its first series, I think that just takes the life out of you," cornerback Dominique Franks said on Tuesday. "You're already like, 'Man, what did we just get ourselves into?'"

The classic case played out last week, when Oklahoma stopped Baylor on its first possession and then got a 53-yard touchdown pass from Sam Bradford to Manuel Johnson on its third play from scrimmage. It was 7-0 in the first 70 seconds and 28-0 by the end of the first quarter.

"It sets the tone, and it shouts something out that we're ready to play. If you're not, I think that's what happens — 28-0 — because we're going to try to play every week as soon as the kickoff," receiver Juaquin Iglesias said.

No. 5 Texas has done its part in staying out of those situations. The Longhorns (5-0, 1-0) hold a 52-9 first-quarter



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**Oklahoma right guard Brandon Walker (73) blocks on Oct. 4 as quarterback Sam Bradford (14) prepares to pass against Baylor in Waco, Texas.**

scoring edge and, more impressively, a 132-29 mark in the first half. They've only trailed for 63 seconds, when Rice hit a field goal for a 3-0 lead midway through the first quarter.

"Oklahoma has done the best job in the country at quick starts," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "If I hadn't seen

theirs, I'd have thought ours was really good."

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said he couldn't explain the fast starts, except to say that his team has been focused and ready to play. Offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson thinks the Sooners' new no-huddle approach may have something to do with it.

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### More rules I live by that explain themselves

- The "Never use an empty beer bottle on the table as an ashtray when you are also still drinking the same type of beer out of a different bottle also situated on said table" Rule
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- The "Never use Clorox to get the spaghetti stains out of your favorite pair of A&F jeans" Rule
- The "Never attempt the home-manufacturer of ethanol biofuel using a case of expired Green Giant canned corn and a KitchenAid blender" Rule

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UI junior Pat Kresch counts beans near Phillips Hall and the Biological Sciences Library for Steve Hendrix's Ecology class on Tuesday. Kresch is conducting a forging experiment analyzing how beans change over time.

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- 12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
- 1** "Prairie Lights" Archive, Marvin Bell (2003)
- 2** News from Germany (in German)
- 3** "Live from Prairie Lights," Sana Krasikov
- 4** University Lecture Committee, Chuck Klosterman
- 5** 2008 Iowa Homecoming Parade
- 6:30** Lisa Bluder News Conference, live
- 7** "Live from Prairie Lights," Sana Krasikov
- 8** Faculty and Guest Lectures
- 9:30** Daily Iowan TV News
- 9:45** "Java Blend" Encore, Kevin Burt
- 10** Lisa Bluder News Conference
- 10:30** Daily Iowan TV News
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- 11** "Live from Prairie Lights," Sana Krasikov

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- **Writing Science at the Writing University**, all day event, University of Iowa
- **Mystery Book Discussion Group**, 10 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Computer Basics**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **"I Wouldn't be Caught Dead in That,"** 1 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **"Life in Iowa: Electing an American President,"** 3:30, Office of International Students and Scholars and UI International Programs, 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Tippie Optimist Chapter General Meeting**, 5 p.m., S401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Iowa City Farmers' Market**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **Story Time for All Ages**, 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **"Tailored Therapy: The New Way to Treat Breast Cancer,"** UI Health Care, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Conference Center, 1220 First Ave., Coralville
- **Welcome Home Wednesdays**, 5:45-8:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Let's Dance Latin**, 6 p.m., Wickham Elementary, 601 Oakdale Blvd., Coralville
- **Bike Plan Discussion**, 7 p.m., Senior Center
- **Burlington Street Bluegrass Band**, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Free Pool**, 7 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Molly McNett, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Scrabble Night**, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **One Community, One Book, Africa: War is Business**, UI Center for Human Rights, African Studies Program, and UI College of Business, 7 p.m., W151 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Campus Activities Board Coffeehouse Music**, Meika Pauley, 9 p.m., Currier multipurpose room
- **Comedy Night**, 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
- **Seneca**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Karaoke Night**, 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
- **Talk Art Cabaret**, 10 p.m., Mill
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

## DILBERT

by Scott Adams



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BY WILEY



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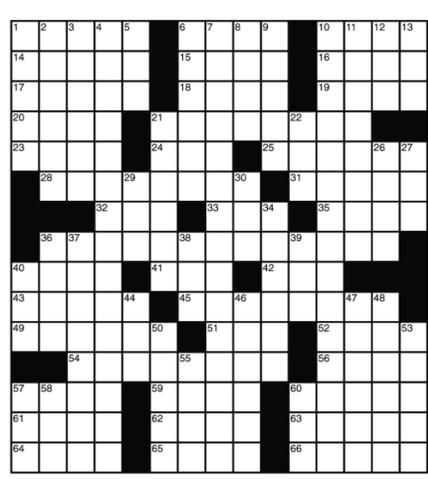
BY GARRY TRUDEAU



## The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- Legree's creator
  - Pants part
  - Grain containers
  - They may crunch when you bite into them
  - Mound
  - One
  - Providers of excellent service?
  - Hungarian city known for its thermal baths
  - Frozen dessert chain since 1981
  - Printer's type: Abbr.
  - Colossus
  - Part that's cut off and thrown away
  - Conn. summer hours
  - Singer Easton
  - Carnival food on sticks
  - Law partner?
  - Coral reef dweller
  - \_\_\_ flakes (cereal)
  - It may be found in a box in the basement
  - Subject of this puzzle
  - Club \_\_\_
  - Cathedral city near Cambridge
  - More men do this than women, studies show
  - Raises, as a surface design
  - Treeless area
  - Part of E.U.: Abbr.
  - Walked
  - As expressly said
  - Macbeth or Lady Macbeth
  - Beautiful race in an H. G. Wells novel
  - Israeli flag carrier
  - "Same here"
  - Author L. Frank \_\_\_
  - Jamaica or Barbados
  - \_\_\_ shooting
  - Word often prefixed with kilo-
  - Snipers' place
  - Bit of sleepwear



- Down**
- It may lead to a landing
  - Ploy
  - El Atlántico, por ejemplo
  - What each of seven 36-Across events at the 2008 Olympics ended in
  - Tea preceder
  - Brand name associated with 36-Across
  - Singular achievement by 36-Across at the 2008 Olympics
  - Protected from the wind
  - Provisions
  - One technique used by 36-Across
  - Increased slowly
  - Pen point
  - Pen
  - Madhouse
  - Comment of surprise
  - Tight end?
  - Go for, in price

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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