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Equal pay?

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Seven members of the Iowa women's swimming and diving squad hail from the Lake Forest Ducks Swim Club. **2B**

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Suspect's lawyer wants video

Police found blood in the common room in which the death occurred.

By **ASHTON SHURSON**
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David Christian's attorney is requesting any video evidence from the Johnson County Jail that shows any possible injuries Christian may have sustained from an alleged altercation he had with the man he's accused of killing.

Christian's court-appointed attorney, Peter Persaud, wrote in the motion that Christian was also transported to the UI Hospitals and Clinics for medical treatment.

Authorities weren't available to specify why Christian was taken to the hospital. Christian, 418 Brown St. Apt.

6, allegedly killed Michael Steward, 39, 418 Brown St. Apt. 4, early Sunday morning during an altercation over a game of chess.



Christian accused

The attorney also requested Christian's medical history that the jail gave to the hospital and the jail's

recent hospitalization records because it seems relevant.

Search warrants conducted by the Iowa City police Sunday, which were released Wednesday, show that police found drug paraphernalia — some with marijuana residue — and a prescription bottle for an antidepressant in Steward's apartment.

Authorities also found a *Time* magazine, a rental agreement, a record of rental payments, a

Samsung cell phone and charger, a Social Security card, and a U.S. passport in Steward's room.

In Christian's room, officers reportedly seized a bag with a small amount of marijuana, a Qwest bill, and an LG cell phone and charger.

Authorities also took swabs of blood from the common area kitchen floor and swabs of blood-appearing-substance from a yellow

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2008 ELECTION WATCH | VOTING

Early voting numbers jump

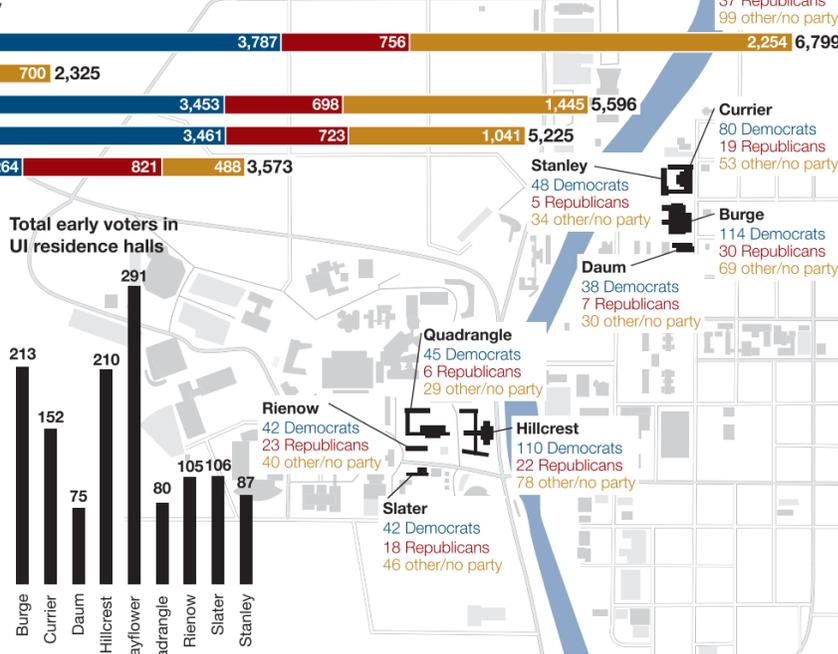
Voters aged 18-24 dominate the early voting group

As of Tuesday, Johnson County has seen a total of 23,518 early ballot requests, absentee requests, mail-in voters, and satellite voters for the upcoming general election. Of these voters, 1,319 live in university residence halls.

Early voters in Johnson County by age



Breakdown of early voters in UI residence halls



Early voting breaks records, and new features could help increase votes.

By **JENNIFER DELGADO**
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The number of early ballots requested in Johnson County has already outpaced the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections — and 12 days remain until Nov. 4.

As of Tuesday, voters had cast 15,438 more votes than they did by the same day eight years ago, when 8,080 were cast. This year's figure is outstripping that of 2004 by 3,711.

And even more are on the way, adding to the 23,518 early ballot requests, election officials said.

"Everyone's predicting a record turnout," said Linda Langenberg, Iowa deputy secretary of State, noting there's usually an even greater spike in early voting in the 10 days before an election.

New early voting features could be one reason for the high early turnout.

For the first time, auditors can open the returned carrier envelope and make sure the affidavit envelope is sealed, signed, and addressed properly.

If necessary, auditors can then call the voters and have them fix any errors. In previous years, auditors weren't allowed to check these envelopes, and if problems occurred, the votes couldn't be counted.

"It was just clear that a lot of problems occurred from people not following instructions," Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett said.

ON DAILY IOWAN TV

Daily Iowan TV has a report, including County Auditor Tom Slockett's comments, about the high level of early voting at dailyiowan.com.

son County Auditor Tom Slockett said. "It could be cured if we opened the cover envelope."

Johnson County is the first county in the state that allows voters to check the auditor's website to see if they're registered. On the website, an individual voter can also see if the office received the vote and any possible errors.

"We want voters in Johnson County to be assured if they vote early, everything is OK with their ballot," Slockett said.

Already, more than 14,000 Democrats in Johnson County

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JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Caitlin Digman registers Bryan Murray to vote at the intersection of Clinton Street and Iowa Avenue on Monday. Kathleen Cogan, a campus organizer for Iowa Public Interest Research Group, said that 122 voters had been registered so far that day, and she expected the organization to meet its goal of 3,000 registrations in its final push before the election.

Ferentz, others to testify in hearing

Four UI officials will testify at a hearing today about interviews they conducted during the handling of an alleged sexual assault on campus.

By **OLIVIA MORAN**
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Iowa head football coach Kirk Ferentz is one of four UI officials set to testify at a hearing this

afternoon in the case of two former Hawkeye football players accused of sexual assault.

At 1:30 p.m., Ferentz will appear at the pretrial conference for Abe Satterfield, 20, and Cedric



Ferentz
Iowa head coach



Satterfield
defendant

Everson, 19, who face second-degree sexual-abuse charges. Sat-

terfield is also facing a charge of third-degree sexual abuse. Police allege that the pair raped a then-Hawkeye female athlete in Hillcrest in October 2007.

Also testifying today will be Fred Mims, an Iowa associate athletics director, Jan Waterhouse, the assistant dean for operations and finance in the UI College of Nursing, and Tiffini

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Public safety waits

Local public-safety agencies deal with rising fuel costs and staff shortages.

By **ASHTON SHURSON**
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In the past two years, residents of Iowa City have seen myriad serious crimes flash across headlines: gropers, armed robberies, violent attacks, and homicides.

But as officials work to solve the offenses, many public-safety departments are facing internal problems — primarily staff shortages and financial setbacks — that can affect their daily duties, authorities said.

And with the election fewer than two weeks away, some officials said the outcome of the campaigns and the future of the economy will affect local law-enforcement agencies.



Kelsay
police sergeant



Pulkrabek
Johnson County sheriff

Rising fuel costs and staff shortages

Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek said the possibility of a new jail or justice center is the "huge issue that is facing us."

For years now, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and other county officials have discussed whether a new facility would better accommodate the overcrowded jail and rising costs of housing inmates outside the county.

While Pulkrabek said

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2008 ELECTION WATCH ISSUES

Fourth in a five-part series

The *DI* will examine issues relevant to the Nov. 4 elections this week, talking to experts and average voters about what changes they want to see in important topics.
Monday: Education
Tuesday: Health
Wednesday: Business
Today: Public safety
Friday: Two public measures on the ballot

2008 ELECTION WATCH | CONGRESSIONAL RACE

Loebsack's funds criticized

In the 2nd District race, opinions differ on the proper role of PAC money.

By SHAWN GUDE
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Dave Loebsack is a mild-mannered guy.

Inquire about anything from the high cost of college to the current economic downturn, and the Democratic representative is sure to give a calm, measured response.

But bring up the disproportionate amount of money he's received from political-action committees — approximately 63 percent in the 2007-08 election cycle, according to the Federal Election Commission — and Loebsack turns stern and appears defensive.

"I come back every weekend, talk to people in the 2nd District," he said forcefully following a recent debate. "I travel around to all 15 counties, listen to people here on the ground — listen to you, listen to people here. No, I don't listen to what [PACs] want."

Federal election laws limit general-election contributions from PACs — private organizations and interest groups who give money to candidates, among other things — to \$5,000 per group.

Loebsack's percentage of PAC money places him in the top 10 among all the 53 freshman representatives. Rep. Leonard Boswell, also a Democrat, leads the Iowa delegation in PAC

funding with 66 percent, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

While some proponents for campaign-finance reform reject money from such groups, Loebsack — who also supports reforming the current system — contends he's merely following the law.

"Certainly, we have to have funding," said Loebsack, who has supported prohibiting PAC contributions to federal candidates. "We have to run a modern-day campaign, and certainly, the laws that exist set limits on those contributions."

Still, those contributions have raised the eyebrows of his challengers, including independent Brian White. He argued that accepting such money is "legalized bribery" and unfairly favors major-party candidates.

"Because the goal of every campaign is to get its message out to as many people as possible in the limited time given, the amount of money it can raise is pivotal," said White, a supporter of outlawing special-interest contributions. "The more money a campaign can raise, the larger the number of people it can reach."



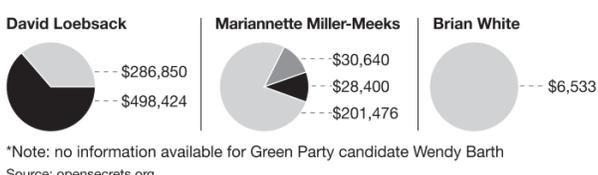
Loebsack congressman

Where the money's from

Incumbent Democratic Rep. David Loebsack has received most of his campaign money from political-action committees.

Breakdown of campaign money

■ PAC contributions ■ Individual contributions ■ Candidate self-financing



*Note: no information available for Green Party candidate Wendy Barth
Source: opensecrets.org

Arguing for a more transparent system, Republican challenger Mariannette Miller-Meeks — who has received about 11 percent of her money from PACs — also criticized Loebsack's take-home from PACs.

This disagreement again arose at Tuesday's debate. Miller-Meeks asserted legislators need to represent voters, not special interests. Loebsack said he serves the public interest.

But the Democratic incumbent isn't alone in his acceptance of PAC funding: The vast majority of elected officials also accept it.

Massie Ritsch, a spokesman for the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics, said it's common for incumbents to receive more than half their money from PACs.

"Their interest is in getting access to lawmakers who are already in the job," Ritsch said.

Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan
"It doesn't take them long after a member is elected for them to start contributing."

Loebsack's contributions have come from a variety of sources: labor unions, Boeing, and the American Bankers Association BANKPAC.

Tom Fitton, the president of the conservative nonpartisan Judicial Watch, said there isn't anything inherently wrong with PAC donations. But complications arise when the public can't differentiate between ethical and unethical actions, he argued.

But John Sorenson, the president and CEO of the Iowa Bankers Association, asserted there shouldn't be any.

"It's been my experience that the whole focus is on constituent views," said Sorenson, speaking for BANKPAC. "Nothing is more persuasive than a phone call from a constituent."

Officials break ground for joint emergency com center

Johnson County emergency communication to improve in efficiency.

By MARY HARRINGTON
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Construction will begin on a new emergency communication center for Johnson County after a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday afternoon.

The new joint communication building, 4529 Melrose Ave., will replace the current radio systems with a single center, housing the dispatch facilities for all of the emergency services in the county.

"This is all of us coming together to provide higher quality responses to emergencies," said Mayor Regenia Bailey.

The emergency-response facility, a 17,000-square-foot structure, will cost nearly \$21 million, said project manager Jeff Davidson.

"The price tag is hefty, but the project is worth the cost," said Henry Herwig, the chairman of the Joint Emergency Communication Center Policy Board.

Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine said a new communication system was inevitable.

"We are currently working with a 20-year-old radio," Hargadine said. "It's literally rotting away."

North Liberty Police Chief Jim Workentin said the communication center will make the emergency-notification process much more efficient, decreasing the current response time by combining all dispatching systems into one.

"The Johnson County radio system desperately needs to be



Policy Board Chairman Henry Herwig and Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey enjoy the groundbreaking event for the Joint Emergency Communication Center. The chilly weather did not stop the large group of people who came to visit the construction site on Melrose Avenue.

upgraded," he said. "This project will accomplish that by speeding up the process, making it easier for the different agencies to react and talk together."

Iowa City is now using a separate system from Johnson County. With two different radios serving the two major public-safety entities in the county, response teams don't all hear calls simultaneously. As a

result, dispatchers must transfer calls, running the risk that some may be dropped.

"This will put us all on one system — we will all hear the same call at the same time," Hargadine said.

With all response teams functioning through a single alert system, he said, dropped calls won't occur, and officials closest to the emergency can respond

immediately.

"Cooperation on this project has been phenomenal, the highest I've ever seen it," said Andy Rocca, the Iowa City fire chief.

The dispatch center has been in planning stages for three years, Herwig said. Officials expect construction to be completed by the fall of 2009; and the center should be fully operational in January 2010.

METRO

Nudity, heaven, and hell

Some residents on Iowa Avenue woke up Wednesday morning to a naked man reportedly screaming about heaven and hell, authorities said.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said at 5:55 a.m. Wednesday, police

received a call that a man — who was clothed at the time — was walking up the 800 block of Iowa Avenue screaming at cars and passersby.

Within minutes, nearly five more people told police the man was "screaming obscenities into the darkness" and running in front of cars — this time, naked, Kelsay said.

"He was yelling about heaven, hell, Satan, and other random obscenities," Kelsay said.

At 5:59 a.m., an officer arrived, and the man allegedly came out of the shadows and started hitting a squad car. He then fled, but soon came back and charged at the officer, Kelsay said. In 10 minutes, seven officers

responded to the incident and restrained the 18-year-old. He was taken to UI Hospitals and Clinics for evaluation and treatment, Kelsay said. No charges will be filed.

The Iowa City resident, who Kelsay declined to name, had been arrested in 2006 for OWI.

— by Ashton Shurson

POLICE BLOTTER

Elijah Allen, 44, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Raul Amigon, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Wednesday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Michael Barr, 19, Milwaukee, Wis., was charged Oct. 18 with urinating in public.

Joshua Boyce, 27, Solon, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/can-

celed license. Cade Cartwright, 21, 1141 E. College St., was charged Oct. 14 with public intoxication.

Demetric Clark, 23, Cedar Rapids, was charged Tuesday with possession of an open alcohol container in a vehicle.

Samuel Ehlinger, 25, Sacramento, Calif., was charged Oct. 18 with urinating in public.

Brian Ferrill, 18, 4201 Burge, was charged Oct. 17 with public intoxication, disorderly

conduct, malicious prosecution, presence in a bar after hours, and unlawful use of another's driver's license/ID.

Trishon Harvey, 40, 1649 Aber Ave. Apt. 3, was charged Wednesday with keeping a disorderly house.

Peter Kinseth, 20, Coralville, was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Todd Mann, 36, Cedar Rapids, was charged Tuesday with possession of an open alcohol

container in a vehicle. Geoffrey Overton, 21, 646 S. Dodge St. Apt. 2, was charged Oct. 7 with urinating in public.

Adeel Yaseen, 22, 332 S Linn St. Apt. 316, was charged Wednesday with interference with official acts.

Janet Yeggy, 62, 1060 Scott Park Apt. 202, was charged Sept. 8 with fourth-degree theft by check.

TOP STORIES

Most-read stories on dailyiowan.com for Wednesday, October 22

1. How Greene was their valley (web exclusive)
2. Homicide victim described as 'laid-back'
3. Commentary: Football going Greene
4. 'South Park' going south
5. Artists struggle with Menards' lighting

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 22 article "Homicide victim described as 'laid-back,'" the DI incorrectly reported a source's name. His name is Josh Grace. The DI regrets the error.

METRO

IC man arrested in pot bust

Coralville police arrested an Iowa City man Wednesday after officers allegedly found more than 80 pounds of marijuana in his van.

George Ranshaw, 57, 2128 S. Riverside Drive Apt. 94, was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and a drug-tax stamp violation.

As of Wednesday, Ranshaw was being held at the Johnson County Jail on a \$107,500 cash-only bond.

Coralville police said officers stopped Ranshaw at 2 a.m. Wednesday for speeding in his 1999 Chevrolet Astro van on 1st Avenue north of Holiday Road in Coralville.

Authorities reportedly found two bundles of freshly cut marijuana totaling more than 80 pounds in the van's cargo area. After officers searched Ranshaw's house, they reportedly found an additional 15 pounds of marijuana.

The investigation continues and additional charges are probable, police said.

Possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and drug-tax stamp violation are both Class D felonies, generally punishable by up to five years in prison and fines of up to \$7,500.

— by Ashton Shurson

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Lawyer wants video

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low chair and bathroom wall.

At the police station, authorities took Christian's clothing, including a pair of blood-stained Levi blue jeans. In addition, they took Christian's fingerprints, buccal swabs, swabs of blood from his right and left wrists, and fingernail clippings.

Other released details of Steward's death and the

following investigation include:

Christian told police he was trained in jujitsu and grabbed Steward's hands and held them while he placed Steward's head between his legs, repeatedly applying pressure to his neck for three to four minutes before Steward stopped fighting, authorities said.

Police said Christian said he and Steward were both drinking the day of the killing.

Christian also woke Sherif

Ibrahim, 23, 418 Brown St. Apt. 3, who then tried to revive Steward. Christian called police at 3:08 a.m.

When police arrived, they said Steward had minor abrasions on his face, poor color, no pulse, and his hands were cold to touch.

Steward was later pronounced dead at Mercy Hospital at 4:07 a.m.

Christian is charged with second-degree murder, which carries a penalty of 50 years in prison.

2008 ELECTION WATCH | VOTING

Locals using early voting

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and slightly fewer than 3,300 Republicans have cast their votes. More than 10,000 have voted in person through satellite voting, and roughly 13,000 have requested ballots by mail.

People between 18 and 24 have voted early more than any other age group.

Election officials said they expect long lines on Nov. 4, so they stress early voting to sidestep them.

"It's important that you don't procrastinate and wait," said Tom Wilkey, the executive director of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, in a

teleconference Monday. "Things may happen, and you may not be able to do it on the day of."

UI student Alyse Bretthauer said requesting an absentee ballot was easy and convenient. The Ute, Iowa, native said she believes "more younger people are voting because they feel their opinions matter now more than ever."

Every year, the number of people voting by satellite increases, gaining ground on the number of people voting by mail. It's because of the convenience of satellite voting, Langenberg said.

Iowa City resident Mike Smith, 27, said being able to pop into an early polling place was easy. Not only did he vote,

- Satellite Voting Locations**
- The Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St.
 - Coralville City Hall, 1512 Seventh St.
 - North Liberty Recreation Center, 520 W. Cherry St.
 - Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
 - K-mart, 901 Holiday Blvd.

he dropped off a library book at the same time at the Iowa City Public Library.

"I honestly didn't know what the line would be like [on Nov. 4], so I decided to come and vote today," he said.

Election to affect local law enforcement

PUBLIC SAFETY
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county residents won't see any jail-related items on a ballot for at least a couple years, it's still an "immediate concern."

"One of my jobs is to educate the public now," Pulkrabek said.

To deal with the overcrowded jail, two staff members work 80 hours a week just to manage inmates in and out of Johnson County.

high fuel costs, he said.

Pulkrabek said the office is using more fuel to transport an increasing number of inmates out of the county. In addition, inmate food prices have "skyrocketed" because of food delivery costs, he said.

"It's difficult to maintain the level of services with the public because of the downturn of the economy," he said.

The Iowa City Police Department is battling similar staffing shortages and high fuel costs.

Issues facing public-safety departments

City and county governments are underfunded, causing the Iowa City police and Johnson County Sheriff's Office to face problems:

- Staffing shortages
- High fuel costs
- Overworked employees

Source: Iowa City police, Johnson County Sheriff's Office

But besides overworked office employees, the sheriff said, there are staff shortages in the patrol division as well. Twenty-four patrol deputies are employed.

Pulkrabek said now it's more difficult for deputies to get time off and to set up training schedules, which are usually completed during overtime.

Sometimes, there are only two deputies patrolling the entire county, creating a problem when calls start piling up, he said.

"When deputies are working, they are very busy and running from call to call," Pulkrabek said. "And they aren't able to get to calls quickly."

Kelsay said the city has expanded geographically, but the Police and Fire Departments haven't because of financial constraints.

"That's way less than ideal, and I would argue it's not safe for the community," he said. "It's a need, not a want."

Kelsay said the city has expanded geographically, but the Police and Fire Departments haven't because of financial constraints.

year — \$372 million, Scaletta said. This money will help with minor needs that aren't related to capacity, he said.

Ideally, he said, he would like to add six more deputies and have one per 1,000 people the department serves. But the additional hiring would cost an extra \$500,000 a year.

In December, however, when the Sheriff's Office submits its budget request, officials cannot ask for any increased amounts — including money for new staff members and the effects of

Not many statewide problems

State departments have dealt with overcrowded prisons in the past, but for many years now, the inmate numbers remained relatively stable, said Fred Scaletta, a spokesman for the Iowa Department of Corrections.

Iowa prisons are now 18 percent over capacity.

This year, the agency is asking state legislators for the same budget as the previous

Change needed

Both Pulkrabek and Kelsay said the federal election will have a direct effect on their departments.

"The county is in an economic slump or spiral, and someone needs to turn it around," Pulkrabek said.

Kelsay said any improvement in the economy — specifically fuel prices — will immediately benefit the city.

"I would like to think it will not get worse and whatever happens in the outcome of the election, the situation will improve," he said.

Ferentz set to testify

FERENTZ
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Stevenson Earl, a compliance specialist with the UI Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, according to online court records.

The pretrial conference will also address whether Satterfield and Everson should attend separate trials and if statements university officials collected from Satterfield should be thrown out.

Assistant County Attorney Anne Lahey iterated that she doesn't want separate trials for the third time Wednesday.

In a motion filed on Sept. 2, Alfredo Parrish, the lawyer for Satterfield, wrote that a joint trial would confuse the jury and deny him the right to cross-examine Everson —

who, Parrish said, denied being involved in the alleged assault. Everson's attorney, Leon Spies of Iowa City, filed a similar motion on Sept. 23.

"The state does not believe a joint trial would prejudice either defendant," Lahey wrote in her Wednesday motion.

Lahey said the issues in the case aren't complex, the trial shouldn't last too long, and Everson's and Satterfield's statements shouldn't affect either of their defenses.

Satterfield's and Everson's trial is set for Nov. 3. Both pleaded not guilty.

- Today's hearing**
- Four UI officials will testify at the pretrial conference of Abe Satterfield and Cedric Everson, the former Hawkeye football players accused of sexual assault.
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 - Fred Mims, Iowa associate athletics director
 - Jan Waterhouse, assistant dean for operations and finance in the UI College of Nursing
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- Source: Online court records

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2008 ELECTION WATCH | LOCAL

Local Republicans cry foul on signs

Lies, controversy, and political signs. It must be election season.

By ANNA LOTHSON
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In a predominantly Democratic county, local Republicans feel targeted.

And some say it all begins with Steve Soboroff, a talk-radio host on KCJJ-AM in Coralville.

Last week, he joked that a dying child's last wish was to collect as many McCain-Palin campaign signs needed to set a world record, and people should bring signs to his station.

"Everyone we run into is laughing about this," Soboroff said. "It's just a freaking sign — kids steal them, dogs pee on them. They have been stolen since the beginning of signs."

Now, some local Republicans are bemoaning the joke, saying that people are pilfering McCain-Palin signs.

"He has interrupted a free and fair election process," said

Debra Thornton, the cochairwoman of the Johnson County Republicans. "In this historical election, there is no time for that."

Thornton said she doesn't know how many signs have been stolen, but every day, some Republican comes into her office, complaining.

The same situation has surfaced in Linn County. And while the Linn County Republican Party is taking the matter seriously — it's offering five \$100 rewards for the conviction of sign thieves — others see the matter as harmless.

Though Soboroff, the station owner, said his audience consists of adults who understand the humor of the show, some local Republicans haven't.

After he received a call from CBS 2, Soboroff said he decided to gain free publicity and had a

Republican friend bring in three political signs, one of which said "Hillary for President."

He said he originally told CBS 2 people had brought in around 60 signs, but that was a lie. When the news station showed up, he revealed he hadn't received any.

Some Republicans are overreacting to this, he said, noting that political signs won't persuade people to change their votes.

"Only the 'ultra-rights' took it seriously," he said. Johnson County Republicans are lying about how many signs have been stolen, he said.

Thornton said the party was tired of "harassment and intimidation" and said Soboroff had abused his power as a radio host.

She said Democrats outnumber Republicans around 4-1 in Johnson County, and Republicans have a hard time making up the difference in a lot ways, such as signs.

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"There has been a perceived need to silence the opposition," she said. Stealing signs is a violation of the First Amendment, she contended.

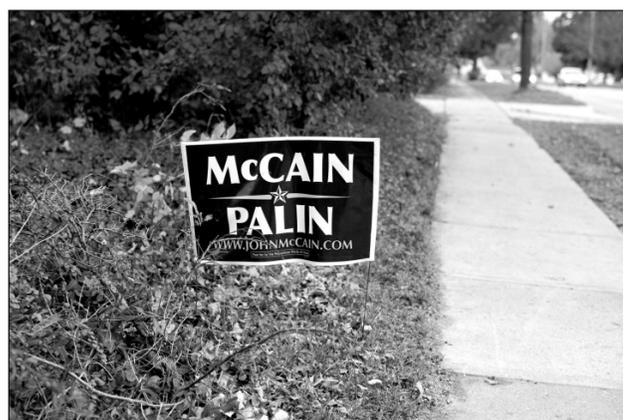
"We don't live in Cuba," she said. But "some people don't subscribe to it."

The Johnson County Democrats didn't return repeated phone calls Wednesday.

Larry Blades, an Iowa City resident, said he's replaced eight McCain-Palin signs in his neighborhood.

"It's unfortunate," he said, adding that he's never heard of stolen signs in Johnson County. "It's a basic right of freedom."

Johnson County prosecutor Jannet Lyness said it's a "perennial problem" and the few calls her office has received have



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A sign backing John McCain for president sits on the edge of a lawn on Melrose Avenue near the Finkbine Golf Course on Tuesday. The Johnson County branch of the Republican Party has complained that its McCain signs are being stolen throughout the community.

been referred to local law-enforcement officials.

"With everything else going on, police don't have time to deal with it," she said.

Stealing signs is a simple misdemeanor and is generally punishable by a fine of roughly \$100.

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Local criminals may still vote, but few do

Few Johnson County criminals are taking advantage of their right to vote.

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Convicted criminals in Johnson County may have the right to vote — if they do their homework.

Ben Stone, the executive director of Iowa's affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union, said people in Iowa who have been convicted of an aggravated misdemeanor or less-severe offense can vote, and they may not know that.

Information about criminals' voting rights in the county is spotty at best, with both Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Auditor's Office officials saying they don't know which types of convictions strip voting privileges.

Kristin Hardt, legal assistant to the governor's general counsel, said the confusion stems from vague language in Iowa law.

"The law states that people convicted of 'infamous crimes' lose their right to vote," she said. "In the 1950s, the [Iowa] Supreme Court found that infamous crimes are aggravated misdemeanors and felonies."

The current voter-registration law, though, was amended in 1994 to apply to felonies only.

Meanwhile, inmates serving time can vote if they have been accused of a misdemeanor or less-severe offense. Such

Criminal voting rights

- Individuals charged with any type of misdemeanor do not have their voting rights revoked.
- Convicted felons must complete their full incarcerations, paroles, or probations before becoming eligible to vote.
- Felons typically receive notice of their voting rights; if not, they must call the Office of the Governor for confirmation.
- Former criminals don't need to provide proof of their restoration at the polls and can register on Election Day.

Source: ACLU Iowa

inmates compose nearly 60 percent of the Johnson County Jail occupants as of Wednesday, said jail administrator Capt. Dave Wagner.

Only one inmate who has requested a ballot for the upcoming election, another official said.

Another misconception is that people who've been charged, but not convicted, can't vote, said Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek.

"When it comes to voting rights, charges pending don't weigh in," he said.

Also, criminals who have completed their sentences for felonies and misdemeanors have voting privileges, but have to go through different application processes depending on when they were released, Hardt said.

For instance, convicts who finished their sentences before July 4, 2005, have had their rights restored. Individuals

who complete their sentences after that date have their names sent to the Governor's Office, which sends a letter saying they can vote.

ACLU Iowa is running a campaign to educate criminals about their voting rights, Stone said. The organization has distributed roughly 15,000 informational brochures across the state. Pamphlets will be available in Spanish starting today, and both are on the ACLU Iowa website.

"It seems quite clear [that people don't know about their rights], at least from anecdotal evidence," Stone said. "People are just snatching [the pamphlets] up."

Hardt said anyone with questions about their voting status shouldn't hesitate to contact the Governor's Office.

"Voting is something that a lot of people want to do," Stone said. "It gives meaning to our citizenship."

Too young to vote, but politically aware

Though some UI students aren't eligible to vote, they say they're still very politically active.

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Imagine: You're a freshman, politically informed and active, being told every day to vote, vote, vote — and by the way, are you registered yet?

But you can't, because you're too young.

This hypothetical is a reality for UI freshman Senuri Jayatilleka, who's 17.

At this time last year, nearly 170 of the UI's 30,500 students weren't 18, according to UI Registrar Office statistics. Officials said such numbers stay consistent year to year. But according to some UI students who are too young to vote, not being able to isn't that big of a deal.

Jayatilleka, who will turn 18 in June 2009, has followed the election since last year — scan-

ning the headlines, volunteering.

All the people standing outside asking everyone to vote doesn't bother Jayatilleka, who supports Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama.

"This is an important election," she said. "Students should vote."

UI political-science Associate Professor David Redlawsk, who studies voting, campaigns, and political polling, said the push to "get out the vote" is simply part of the election process, though he understood that some may feel overwhelmed.

"I suppose the [number] of students standing around the campus may seem more intense this year given how campaigns have focused on young people," he said.

Some other states, including California, Illinois, and Massachusetts, have recently taken youth voting a step further, discussing the possibility of lowering the voting age to 17, according to the National Youth Rights Association. None of these proposals have passed.

Maturity, or a lack thereof, is

a concern, these states contend.

"I think a lot of people under 18 would just vote the same way as their parents," said 17-year-old Ian Stewart, who attends some UI classes. "But this is a very important election, and it is good that younger students are involved."

Though he can't vote, he followed the caucuses in Iowa and saw candidates speak.

"I am very interested in the election," Stewart said. "It only comes once every four years."

And though recent discussion about the age has generated some support, some UI students say they're fine with the 18-requirement.

"There has to be a cutoff somewhere," Redlawsk said. "Any particular age is arbitrary, and the country has decided that 18 is the cutoff age."

Redlawsk said he supports political awareness among those not old enough to vote, noting it's always important to be cognizant of current elections.

"I believe that people should vote if they are of age and they are informed," he said.

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UI sues over privacy law

UI officials want to clear up confusion about records laws.

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The UI entered into a lawsuit with the *Des Moines Register* Tuesday, seeking clearer guidelines in regard to public-records requests.

The suit — filed on behalf of the UI by the Iowa Attorney General's Office — is in response to an Oct. 1 request by the *Register*, which asked the UI for all documents related to sexual assaults involving UI students within the past three years.

Specifically, the newspaper requested all correspondence during the cases — including any interaction between students and their families — in addition to any reports made to or in the possession of the athletics department, Office of Student Services, the President's Office, and the General Counsel's Office.

Carroll Reasoner, the UI interim general counsel, said the university filed the suit to avoid serious consequences that could result from confusion over student-privacy laws.

"We don't want to do the wrong thing," she said Wednesday.

Reasoner said the UI complies with open-records requests every day. The *Register's* request was simply too broad, she said. If a judge makes a decision, it will hopefully set more specific guidelines for future records issues, Reasoner said.

The state Board of Regents criticized the UI's handling of a sexual-assault case allegedly involving two former Hawkeye football players this year after UI President Sally Mason admitted to withholding hundreds of documents from the board. She said the UI misinterpreted the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

The act protects the privacy of records for students over 18. Colleges can release the infor-

mation without consent in many situations — including to comply with a judicial order or subpoena — according to a description of the policy on the U.S. Department of Education's website.

UI officials believe the privacy act prevents them from complying with the *Register's* request, wrote George Carroll, the assistant Iowa attorney general, in the suit.

"The university also believes that an inappropriate release of confidential student records may have a chilling effect on the reporting of campus violence," Carroll wrote. That would make the university's responsibility to provide a safe environment for its students more difficult, he added.

The UI is requesting that the court "declare its rights" under state and federal records laws, determine that the records requested are confidential, and agree to only provide the newspaper with the name of the student, the violation, and any punishment the student received.

Grad-student gov't not whining

While the undergrad officers in UISG are paid, the unpaid graduate student officers in the Executive Council don't mind.

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While 11 UI Student Government officials will cumulatively get paid \$45,000 this year, no members of the graduate student government receive any compensation.

But they're not mad. Officials on the Executive Council for Graduate and Professional Students said they have not, and will not, ask for pay. They're also not bitter their undergraduate counterparts get paid.

"Nobody on our student government is even interested in getting paid," said Steven Wieland, president of the Executive Council. People are in those positions because they care about the university, he said.

Wieland, who works around 15 hours a week, noted the stark difference could be because his group split from the undergraduates recently, and salaries most likely couldn't be applied yet.

Executive Council Vice President Michael Ridge said it was a "conscious" decision the graduate group would not receive compensation after the split.

"We didn't want to take money away from the student groups," said Ridge, who noted that the members prefer to direct the money toward research and scholarly grants.

UISG salaries

While no members of the graduate student government receive salaries, 11 officials on the UI Student Government get paid.

- \$8,250: president and vice president
- \$7,500: office assistants
- \$4,500: speaker of the Senate, financial officer, public relations, student organization liaison
- \$2,500: City Council liaison
- \$500: Student Elections Board director

Source: UISG President Maison Bleam

'Nobody on our student government is even interested in getting paid.'

— Steven Wieland, president of the Executive Council

Compensation would be nice, though, he said.

But UISG President Maison Bleam said he doesn't feel bad the graduate students aren't paid since they haven't asked for compensation.

"I don't think they are victims in this situation," he said.

Positions such as Bleam's and other undergraduate senators have been paid for 10 years.

Bleam and Vice President Bridget Szeluga will make \$8,250 this year. Student fees pay for their salaries.

"In my case it wasn't about the money," Bleam said. "I do think it is a justified amount."

Bleam, who said he works more than 15 hours a week, said he understands some students may believe his salary is too high but contended that many students don't know how much the representatives do.

But cutting UISG salaries could free up money for student organizations, said Michael Currie, the chairman of the Student Assembly Budgeting and Allocating Committee. Currie's salary was terminated this year.

"I am never opposed to decreasing the amounts," he said. "The less we spend, the more we have to give to student groups."

The committee just allocated more than \$30,000 in the first supplemental funding period, but many student organizations' requests still weren't met.

Bleam said he has advocated cutting salaries for three years. During those years, more than \$10,000 has been saved from salary cuts.

And compared with other state universities, the sum of UISG officials' salaries is lower.

The University of Northern Iowa will pay roughly \$50,000 to nine positions. UNI's president of the student government will be paid more than \$9,000 this year.

At Iowa State, the undergraduate president will receive more than \$17,000 this year.

ISU reserves \$110,000 for graduate and undergraduate leaders, and President Daniel Fischer, acknowledging this was a high amount of money compared to most schools.

Fischer said ISU officials get paid more because officials acknowledge they cannot have an outside job.

It's probably a good thing UISG officials get paid less, Bleam said.

"I think it shows that we believe that more of our money should be going back out to the student organizations," he said.

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Editorial

Clean coal or mean coal?

Point – Clean coal is a myth
 AMANDA BAILEY

While it would be nice to believe that there is a method for burning coal that would be environmentally friendly, clean, nonpolluting coal technology simply does not exist. While coal is one of the main sources of electricity production in the United States, Greenpeace reports that coal emits more carbon per unit than oil, natural gas, and all other sources of energy. The pollution from coal burning is depleting the environment, and rather than waste time and money attempting to “clean up” a method of energy production that cannot be made cleaner, other forms of energy production should be considered.

Global warming is no longer just a possibility — it’s happening now. A global “hot map” available online at climate-hotmap.org, produced by various environmental organizations, illustrates the warning signs of global warming and where they have been occurring. Unusually warm weather, melting glaciers, shifts in plant and animal ranges, fires, and other abrasive weather patterns such as downpours and heavy snowfall are only a few of the signs that the pressure we’ve placed on the environment with pollution has finally reached the breaking point. And in February 2004, Pentagon consultants released a report measuring the potential effects of abrupt climate change on national security. The results of this report found that the climate change could make large areas of the world uninhabitable and could create massive food and water shortages, causing widespread migrations and war. The report may appear to be an exaggeration, but nevertheless, we appear to be gradually inching closer to total irreversible environmental depletion.

Coal is just another one of the contributors to the global environmental crisis. Supporters of clean-coal technology argue that coal burning could be made environmentally friendly, but the truth is, this will likely never happen. Clean Coal Technologies Inc. argues that coal with “high levels of impurities, contaminants, and other polluting elements” can be transformed into “an exceptionally efficient, clean and inexpensive source of high energy, low polluting fuel.”

For starters, the impurities that are removed from coal have to be released somewhere. Just because it doesn’t pollute the air does not mean it won’t end up in other places, such as rivers and streams. Greenpeace says that the pollution already caused by coal (acidic drainage, the release of such toxins as mercury, etc.) will only be redirected, not eliminated, by clean-coal technology. The pollutants created by coal, even clean coal, will still be problematic.

Second, the cost of clean-coal technology is likely to be onerous. The U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates that the capital costs of a typical integrated gasification combined cycle plant (or an experimental low-emission coal-power station) would cost approximately \$2,088 per kilowatt with carbon sequestration. Wind-farm technology, on the other hand, would only cost \$1,015 per kilowatt. Clean-coal technology would cost over two times what it would cost to explore alternative methods of energy production and is at the same time, much more harmful to the environment.

Finally, exploring alternative forms of energy such as wind farms and solar production should be our first priority. These methods are much less expensive and more beneficial to both the health of the environment and those who inhabit it. Using these true “natural resources” can ensure that these sources of energy will never run out, unless, of course, we continue to destroy the environment with our current methods.

Clean-coal technology is a fabrication used to prove that we can continue to live the way we do — spewing toxins into the air through mass globalization and forcing wildlife into extinction — when in reality, the environment has taken all it can stand. By utilizing the available resources and not wasting time and money with technology that is equally as bad for the environment as coal burning itself, we can attempt to solve both the environmental and energy crisis.

Counterpoint – Clean coal is part of the solution

KATIE GADIENT

Coal is one of the nation’s lowest-cost electric-power sources for the foreseeable future. More than half the electricity generated in the United States is produced from coal. If it were not for America’s large supply of coal, enough to maintain current consumption levels for 250 years, consumers would have to grapple with even higher energy prices and energy shortages nationwide.

Both presidential nominees have voiced their support of the development of clean-coal technologies as part of a comprehensive energy plan. Many believe clean coal is one viable option to limit climate change and the effects of global warming. Opponents argue that clean-coal technologies have yet to be realized on a large-scale commercial basis. The deterrent often cited is the high economic cost.

Going green is not going to be cheap or easy, but it is imperative. The United States has carbon-dioxide capture and storage technology in place. Why not adopt it? During the late 1980s and early 1990s, the United States Department of Energy worked closely with industry and state agencies to bring more than 20 clean-coal technologies to fruition. These various mechanisms made it possible to adopt clean-coal technologies on a commercially competitive scale. These advances were primarily promoted and utilized in response to acid rain. It was possible to make clean-coal technologies that would stem acid rain roughly 20 years ago — surely we have the ability and determination to achieve clean-coal technologies that would stem green house gas emissions today.

There are a variety of clean-coal technologies in the mix: chemically washing minerals and impurities from the coal, treating the flue gases with steam to remove sulfur dioxide, and carbon-capture-and-storage technologies, which essentially capture the carbon dioxide from the flue gas. The most promising of these is capture and storage utilization, such as FutureGen, a government-private partnership project to build the world’s first near zero-emissions coal-fueled power plant. The 275-megawatt plant is expected to prove the viability of producing electricity from coal while capturing and storing carbon dioxide permanently underground.

A little closer to home, coal energy is important to our state’s economy. Iowa uses roughly 20 million tons of coal and ranks 18th in U.S. coal consumption. The state has 19 coal-fired power plants, with two new plants scheduled for development in Marshalltown and Waterloo. Iowan coal-fired plants produce 85 percent of the electricity used in Iowa. Limiting the use of coal-fired plants would dramatically increase the availability and the cost of energy statewide. Furthermore, Iowa has coal right here that is not being mined. Approximately one third of the state is considered a coal-bearing region. Midwestern coal has long been discredited because of its high sulfur count; however, new technologies are making Midwestern coal a more reasonable prospect.

Coal in the Midwest can be mined safely, economically, and with limited effects on the environment. The burning of coal containing sulfur leads to the creation of sulfur dioxide, which is an air pollutant. However, sulfur can be removed from smokestack gasses. Illinois is a leader in developing technologies that utilize high-sulfur coal in an environmentally responsible fashion. Sulfur can be removed by a combination of washing the coal before shipping, which has greatly reduced the sulfur content, and using flue gas desulfurization devices known as “scrubbers.” These scrubbers are any form of physical or chemical devices that remove sulfur compounds that are formed during coal combustion. The scrubbers spray a limestone slurry into the gas stream before it is released, creating a newly formed compound, which can be removed for disposal or sold as a recycled by-product.

Clean-coal technologies are not the only solution to our dependence on foreign oil, nor are they the silver bullet to solving our current climate crisis; however, they need to be put into motion as part of an expansive energy plan.

Politics of pain



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No matter what you think of Joe Six-Pack or Joe Plumber, no matter if you think jack shit of Barack Obama or John McCain, Cynthia McKinney or Bob Barr, I feel your pain.

I assume you have the same pain as me, as my coworkers, as my family, my classmates, and the vast majority of the rest of the population of our nation, which is under assault. Pain from seeing a constant stream of too many political ads that talk about who voted with the leader of their party (the audacity!) or who bought an expensive haircut (it’s someone new every four years, and at the rate the cosmetic industry is moving, my guess would be James Carville in 2012). Pain from hearing radio hosts, talking heads, and idiotic newspaper columnists (we’re the worst) screeching about what was happening when a candidate was 8 years old or which candidate hates America, because honestly, truthfully, I hate PETA, and it’s always been my dream to replace Ingrid Newkirk as its head. I hate it so much I want to run it into the ground in a diabolical scheme that paints me not as an enjoyer of steak, bacon, and a good pastrami sandwich but a lover of all things living and a protector of the little forest creatures that inspire Disney films. Seems logical, at least to Sean Hannity.

I digress. The pain is getting to me, clouding my mind.

It’s not that I haven’t enjoyed this election cycle, but we’ve come a long way from two years ago. I was expecting a more enjoyable culmination, but sometimes life throws a curve ball at you. I feel like the kid who got five bucks from his old man and was told to go to the circus, but he stopped at the wrong tent and spent way too long there, and now I’m a 10-year-old boy wandering glassy-eyed out of a shady big top, stunned by the lurid acts of a donkey, an elephant, and a very flexible bearded lady. It’s not that it hasn’t been a truly historic and amazing spectacle/shit storm/train wreck of a process, but too much of a good thing and all that. A few weeks ago, the pizza

joint next to my favorite watering hole enticed me, and after several Rolling Rocks, I decided that cheese pizza drenched in Tabasco was manna from the gods, or at least that it was spectacularly tasty after a night of drinking. The thing is — even if my liver is pickled and my bartab is in triple digits — at some point I get tired of cheese pizza with Tabasco. Anyone would. And this is where I am with the 2008 race.

I’m not sure where I lost it. Somewhere in between ignorant half-breed hick Floridians posting home-made yard signs calling Obama a “half-breed muslin” (sic) and Keith Olbermann shrieking his liberal clarion and demeaning the Office of the President (more so than its current title holder has the past eight years, if that’s possible) the ability to digest the hard fiber of this race was forgotten. So much so that watching the news and scouring the Internet became less a bowl of Muselix and more a bathtub of our autumn’s dry leaves, pine cones, and good old fashioned dirt. All part of this complete breakfast, if you have the stomach for it.

It was likely the dirt. Not the stuff in the figurative bathtub, but the slime and filth of American politics. Designers of recreational vehicles and indeed NASA are no doubt analyzing the septic capacity of the Straight Talk Express, because it sprang a leak long ago, but bile and refuse still pours from it by the minute. Just how much does that thing hold, and better yet, just how much can we take?

I suppose the answer is upon us. McCain’s numbers are dire, despite a modest uptick in a handful of states where the cries of “socialism” and “terrorist” stick. The crows and buzzards in purple states who have a taste for what’s being served are feasting buffet-style, while the rest of America is trying to purge itself, not to make more room but for our health. And while the Wisconsin Advertising Project recently reported (accurately) that “nearly 100 percent” of McCain ads were negative and the McCain camp is happy to retort that Obama has spent a record amount on negative campaigning (because, of course, he’s spent a record amount on ads period) it doesn’t matter. I’m tired.

Both of you, please. Stop pointing fingers and shut up. There’s an election to decide. ■

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Opposing conservation with politics of fear

The Republican Party and the Farm Bureau have publicly opposed the ballot initiative for clean water, clean air, wetlands, woodlands, prairies, recreation, and trails. As of Oct. 22, the two flip-no campaigns have one single donor, Tom Cardella of Solon. Campaign reports of donors are available on-line from the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board.

Citizens for Our Land, Water, and Future currently has 208 donors, more than 570 individuals, 24 businesses, and 25 organizations publicly supporting the conservation ballot initiative. We urge you to flip the ballot over and

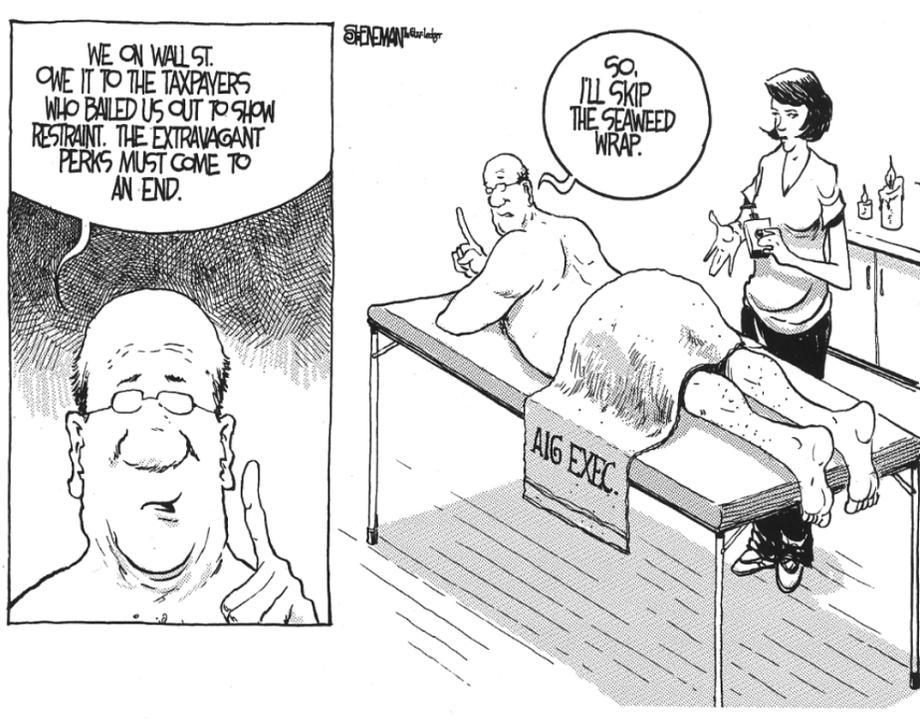
vote yes for conservation. As a side benefit, we also get more recreational opportunities such as trails, habitat, and areas for hunting and fishing, bird watching, star gazing, and just being out in nature.

There is a plan for spending, the ballot language is clear. The Conservation Board has to pay assessed or below fair-market rates for land, public votes have to be taken by two boards before purchasing any land, an annual spending audit is required. If the issue passes, the average homeowner in Johnson County would pay an additional tax of about \$2 a month. That is an investment in cleaner water, more natural flood control, protect-

ing unique areas for future generations, and recreational uses for us today.

Last-minute fear tactics and misinformation are everywhere in campaigns. Please don’t believe this fear generated by a few deep pockets. Many of us are concerned about climate change and the environment — now we have a chance to do something about it on a local level. Please flip your ballot over and vote for conservation and the environment; \$2 doesn’t buy much anymore, but it goes along way when we invest it in cleaning up our part of the world.

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Obama Muslim rumor lives on nationally, but not in IC

Some voters still believe Barack Obama is Muslim, but an expert says Iowa City residents are less likely to make the mistake.

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Some voters are still struggling to identify Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama's religion less than a month from the election, and the Muslim rumor has yet to die down, a UI poll shows.

The number of voters who mistakenly believe Obama is Muslim hasn't changed since a Pew study in June, according to a national Hawkeye Poll of 680 registered voters between Oct. 1-11.

Obama is a member of the United Church of Christ, but a 2004 press release posted on a Republican website accused him of concealing his Islamic faith and propelled rumors that he is Muslim.

The Hawkeye Poll indicated that the number of Democrats who believe Obama is Muslim has decreased to 5.5 percent. The number of Republicans who believe he is Muslim has increased to 14 percent.

Hawkeye Poll Director and UI political-science Associate Professor David Redlawsk said Iowa City voters don't necessarily follow the national trend.

Voters who identified Obama as a Muslim were most likely to be Republican or identify themselves as Evangelical, he said.

"Given in Iowa City that both groups — Republicans and Evangelicals — are smaller than the national numbers, I would expect fewer people in Iowa City to identify him as Muslim," he said.

Bruce Gronbeck, the director of the UI Center for Media Studies and Political Culture, said Iowa City is "obviously an island even within the state," pointing to the community's

On religion Iowa City residents respond to questions about politics and faith:



Reuben Smit
UI senior

What religion is Obama? Doesn't know
Will this affect the way you vote? No
Whom are you voting for? Already voted for Obama



Connie Winston
UI graduate student

What religion is Obama? Doesn't know
Will this affect the way you vote? No
Whom are you voting for? Obama



John Birkbeck
Iowa City resident

What religion is Obama? Protestant
Will this affect the way you vote? No
Whom are you voting for? Obama

liberal tendencies as a reason that residents may be more aware of Obama's religion.

Ali Tayh, the president of the UI Muslim Student Association, said he doesn't notice many people in Iowa City identifying Obama as Muslim, but that the negative association with Muslim is the "wrong impression."

"Obviously, the main thing right now is that [people] commonly associate being Muslim with terrorism, and that's just not right at all," he said. "It's just a problem that these days, whenever a terrorist does anything, they automatically associate the religion with it."

Gronbeck said some voters who believe Obama is Muslim may be doing so to conceal their underlying issue with his ethnicity — a process called "re-coding."

"It becomes very difficult for any American to say, 'I'm voting against somebody because he's a black,'" Gronbeck said. "It's a lot easier to re-code the issue into a category that is 'socially acceptable,' so to say 'After

9-11, I really just can't vote for somebody with a Muslim background.'"

Gronbeck estimated that 10 percent of voters who won't vote for Obama based on the Muslim rumor are in fact recoding the issue to appear more socially acceptable.

As for the rumor's effect on the general election, Gronbeck and Redlawsk said voters who

believe Obama is Muslim are unlikely to have voted for him anyway. Eighty percent of the voters who believe Obama is Muslim plan to vote for McCain, Redlawsk said.

"Just saying that he's Muslim I don't think is going to change anybody's mind," Tayh said. "If you're not going to vote for him, then you're not going to vote for him."

Report spurs lockdown

By JUANITA COUSINS
Associated Press

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Western Kentucky University was locked down for several hours Wednesday after reports of gunmen on campus, but officials said they could find no evidence that shots had been fired or that anyone had a weapon.

Someone reported seeing people with weapons in a building on a satellite campus, and police later received reports that shots had been fired on the main campus, a mile away.

University officials said they received three 911 calls from students. The last caller reported hearing shots.

But Howard Bailey, the school's vice president for student affairs, said at a news conference that there was no gunfire and no witnesses reported seeing weapons.

Bailey said five male students were being questioned in connection with two fights, one on the satellite campus and the other near Pearce Ford Tower residence hall on the main campus, about an hour north of Nashville, Tenn.

He said the fights were related to an altercation Oct. 18 at a school-sponsored dance organized by a group called Black Men at Western. Bailey said no one from the group, which mentors black students, was involved in the fights.

"That student organization has a good reputation," he said.

Shortly before 2 p.m. EDT, the university sent a text message warning students to seek shelter after the reports of shots in or near Pearce Ford Tower. The campus emergency warning system was activated and students and employees were told to remain indoors. An "all clear" was issued about two hours later after police searched buildings and didn't find any gunmen. Classes were canceled for the rest of Wednesday.

Bailey said one student suffered minor injuries trying to break up a fight on the satellite campus. The student, who wasn't identified, was treated and released Wednesday.

Bailey said campus officials didn't regret sending a message that shots had been fired.

"We would rather be telling you we didn't have near the problem we thought we did," he said.

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Palin to speak in Iowa

DES MOINES (AP) — Republican vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin will appear at two events in Iowa on Saturday, and John McCain will follow up with an Oct. 26 stop in Cedar Falls.

The visits by the Republicans will come little more than a week before the Nov. 4 election.

Palin will first speak at a 9 a.m. rally at Sioux City West High School. Then at 1:30 p.m., the Alaska governor will appear at a 1:30 p.m. rally in Des Moines at Hy-Vee Hall.

On Oct. 26, McCain will hold a noon rally in the West Gym at the University of Northern Iowa.

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Dow skids again



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Specialist Thomas Facchine (left) and traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday. The major indexes fell more than 4 percent, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 514 points.

By **TIM PARADIS**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street tumbled again Wednesday as investors worried that the global economy is poised to weaken even as parts of the credit market slowly show signs of recovery. The major indexes fell more than 4 percent, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which finished off its lows with a loss of 514 points.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index was the worst performer among the major indexes with a 6.1 percent slide that left it at its lowest level since April 2003.

Corporate profit forecasts, a jump in the dollar, and falling commodity prices signaled investors are fearful that an economic slowdown will sweep the globe even if lending begins to approach more normal levels as credit markets ease.

The dollar hit multiyear highs against several other major currencies, weighing on commodity prices. That hurt materials and energy companies, while the fall in oil gave a boost to airlines. Technology shares fared better than the broader market following quarterly reports from Apple Inc. and Yahoo Inc.

While reduced strains in global credit markets have eased some investors' nervousness about the economy, market anxiety remains as hundreds of companies this week report third-quarter results and issue somewhat

murky forecasts that are stirring unease about the economic bumps that may lay ahead.

Wachovia Corp., which is being bought by Wells Fargo & Co., reported that it swung to a huge loss in the third quarter while the drugmaker Merck & Co. said its quarterly profit fell 28 percent and that it would cut more than 10 percent of its work force.

John Thornton, a co-portfolio manager at Stephens Investment Management Group LLC in Houston, said investors' fear has shifted from the immediate concerns about tightness in credit and the resulting difficulty in borrowing to the broader economy as companies come out with their quarterly numbers.

"Even if it weren't for the credit crisis, we'd probably be looking toward a pretty tough recession anyway," he said. "The third-quarter earnings are kind of uninspiring, but third quarter hasn't been the real concern of people. I think the concern is the depth and duration of the downturn and the effect it's going to have on earnings."

The Dow fell 514.45, or 5.69 percent, to 8,519.21, after being down as much as 698 points in the final half hour of trading. Still, the Dow finished above its Oct. 10 closing low of 8,451. The Dow fell 232 points Tuesday after jumping 413 points Monday.

Broader stock indicators also fell Wednesday. The S&P

500 lost 58.27, or 6.10 percent, to 896.78, its lowest close since it finished at 892.01 on April 21, 2003. The decline leaves the index 42.7 percent below its record close of 1,565.15 in October last year.

The technology-heavy NASDAQ composite index fell 80.93, or 4.77 percent, to 1,615.75.

Lighter trading volume and the Dow's snapback — a rebound in the final 20 minutes that left the blue chips 183 points above the session's low — indicated that the trading was more orderly than it had been two weeks ago when waves of selling pounded the major indexes.

"I'm not as concerned about a pullback in the market when you have light volume," said Dave Hinnenkamp, chief executive KDV Wealth Management in Minneapolis.

Meanwhile, credit markets showed improvement after virtually freezing up in the past month. Bank-to-bank lending rates fell sharply from Tuesday to Wednesday, indicating that credit is becoming easier to obtain. The London Interbank Offered Rate, or Libor, on three-month loans in dollars fell to 3.54 percent from 3.83 percent, dropping for an eighth straight day.

Demand for Treasury bills, regarded as the safest asset around, grew slightly compared to the previous day as economic worries led investors to shun risky assets in favor of government bonds.

STATE

Witnesses added in Agriprocessors case

DES MOINES (AP) — Arrest warrants have been executed for 13 additional material witnesses in the case against two human-resources employees of a kosher slaughterhouse raided by federal immigration agents.

Bob Teig, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Cedar Rapids, says the material witnesses listed in the warrants are en route to Iowa from Florida.

That's where they had been serving sentences on immigration charges stemming from a May raid at the

Agriprocessors Inc. plant in Postville. Last week, a federal judge ordered electronic monitoring of 18 other material witnesses in the case of Laura Althouse and Karina Freund. It's unclear whether they continue to work at Agriprocessors.

5 months later, tornado debris a headache

DUNKERTON, Iowa (AP) — Nearly five months after it spun through Iowa, a devastating tornado is still causing problems for many farmers.

They're having to deal with debris left on farmland in Buchanan, Black

Hawk and Butler counties that has slowed the harvest. Even some farmers who worked hard to clean their land are having problems.

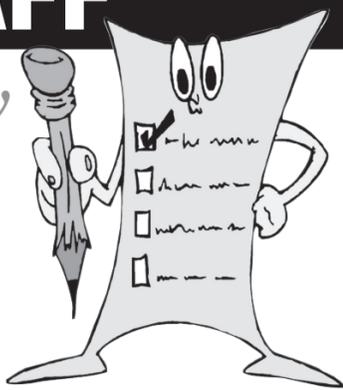
Scott Segebarth thanked family, friends, and strangers for cleaning his field, but he says harvesting his soybean crop was a nightmare because he kept hitting debris that was embedded in the ground.

David Wheeler says his equipment was damaged despite removing 10 to 12 wagon loads of trash after the storm.

The May 25 tornado generated winds topping 200 mph and left eight people dead.

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Charges filed against 6 in pig-abuse case

DES MOINES (AP) — Greene County authorities on Wednesday charged six farm employees with animal abuse and neglect in connection with a video obtained by an animal-rights group that showed workers abusing pigs.

The investigation came after People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals released a video about a month ago of workers at a farm in Bayard hitting sows with metal rods, slamming piglets on a concrete floor, and bragging about jamming rods into the anus of sows. The farm is owned by MowMar Farms LLP of Fairmont, Minn., and supplies Hormel Foods Corp. of Austin, Minn.

Sheriff Tom Heater said warrants have been issued for the workers, who are facing charges that include livestock abuse, aiding and abetting livestock abuse, and livestock neglect. Once they are arrested, they will have hearings before a Greene County magistrate.

According to a news release from Heater's office, four of the workers no longer work at the plant, while two others are still employed there.

Livestock abuse and aiding and abetting livestock abuse are aggravated misdemeanors that carry penalties including a maximum fine of \$6,250 and up to two years in prison, according to the Iowa attorney general's office. The neglect charge is a simple misdemeanor and is punishable by a maximum fine of \$625 and up to 30 days in jail.

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NBA
Orlando 101, Memphis 90
Philadelphia 118, New Jersey 100
Detroit 97, Cleveland 79
Chicago 85, Minnesota 75
Washington 100, San Antonio 95
Portland 87, L.A. Clippers 75



MLB Utley goes deep, helps Phillies beat Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Chase Utley walked up to the plate looking to bunt and ended up driving one out.

Utley's two-run homer in the first inning got Philadelphia started in its first appearance in the World Series since 1993, and Cole Hamels pitched the Phillies to a 3-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays in Game 1 Wednesday night.

Utley finished 2-for-4 with two RBIs, two stolen bases, and an intentional walk. Good thing for the NL champions their three-time All-Star second baseman came here swinging, because Ryan Howard and the rest of the big hitters had their share of problems.

The Phillies were 0-for-13 with runners in scoring position, though Carlos Ruiz had an RBI groundout in the fourth.

Utley, who hit a career-best 33 homers in the regular season, became the 34th player to go deep in his first Series at-bat. Dustin Pedroia and Bobby Kielty did it last year for Boston against Colorado.

With the Rays employing an extreme shift against the left-handed hitting Utley, he simply tried to reach base against hard-throwing lefty Scott Kazmir. Utley bunted the first pitch, fouling it down the third-base line. He checked on a close 1-2 pitch, before ripping Kazmir's next offering into the right-field seats to put the Phillies ahead 2-0.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Women's tennis heads to regional

The Iowa women's tennis team will get a final chance to see how it stacks up to fellow Big Ten foes in its final fall competition — the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Midwest Regional, which kicks off in East Lansing, Mich., today.

The first two days of the contest have two qualifying rounds, with the main-draw matches to be played on Oct. 24-28. Players who lose in the early qualifying rounds will still get a chance to play some tennis through consolation matches at the tournament.

Sophomores Alexis Dorr and Lynne Poggensee-Wei have already qualified for the main draw for the Hawkeyes. All the players are expected to see action with the exception of senior Merel Beelen, who is sidelined by injury.

The Hawkeyes will see plenty Big Ten team action — Illinois, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Ohio State, Purdue, Wisconsin, and Northwestern will also compete in the five-day event.

TV TODAY

MLB
• 2008 World Series, Game Two, Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m., Fox
NCAA FOOTBALL
• Auburn at West Virginia, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
SOCCER
• MLS, New York at Chicago, 8 p.m., ESPN2

V-ball sees renaissance

With the season more than halfway done, the Iowa volleyball team is surprising the Big Ten.



BECKY MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN

Head volleyball coach Sharon Dingman guides the Hawkeyes during practice in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Oct. 17. Dingman came to Iowa after spending eight years as head coach at Illinois State.

By **MIKE BROWNLEE**
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Earlier this season, first-year Iowa head volleyball coach Sharon Dingman said her team would “surprise people.”

At the time the words sounded genuine, if optimistic, but there were some skeptics. The Hawkeyes were coming off seven-straight losing seasons and had won more than three Big Ten matches once over that span.

But with the halfway mark of the season passed, Dingman's assertion has proved prophetic.

As her first season in Iowa City progresses, she is taking the Hawkeyes places they

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haven't been in a while.

Iowa is 12-8 overall, 4-4 in the Big Ten, with one of the conference victories coming in a sweep of No. 21 Wisconsin. The Hawkeyes are tied for fifth place in the conference, along with No. 20 Michigan and the Badgers. The four conference wins eclipse the total Iowa had in 2007 and 2006 combined, and are the most since 2005, when the team also won four.

“I like where we are,” Dingman said. “We're positioning ourselves in a good place. One

BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Conference	Overall
1. Penn State	8-0	20-0
2. Minnesota	7-1	17-3
3. Purdue	5-3	16-4
3. Illinois	5-3	14-5
5. Michigan	4-4	16-4
5. Wisconsin	4-4	16-6
5. Iowa	4-4	12-8
8. Michigan State	3-5	11-8
9. Indiana	2-6	10-10
10. Ohio State	1-7	10-10
10. Northwestern	1-7	7-12

of our goals we've talked about is the NCAA Tournament. If we can continue on the path that we've been able to be on so far, I think we'll be setting ourselves up for at least some consideration.”

A trip to the NCAA Tournament would be the second con-

secutive for Dingman, who led Illinois State to an at-large birth a season ago.

Before guiding the Redbirds for eight years, Dingman spent eight seasons at Butler and another at Auburn. She said coming to Iowa and the Big Ten has been a “dream come true.”

“I think that's what every coach hopes to have, is that opportunity to play in one of the best conferences in the country and see how you can prepare a team to play against the best teams and competition in the country,” she said.

The Hawkeyes have gotten to four Big Ten wins in eight

SEE VOLLEYBALL, 3B

Harrier with heart

Sam Bailin has gone from unheralded walk-on to key figure for the Iowa men's cross-country team.

ON THE WEB

Go to dailyiowan.com to hear more about the effect Sam Bailin has had on the Iowa men's cross-country team.

By **ZACH SMITH**
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At the beginning of the 2008 men's cross-country season, Larry Wieczorek found himself looking for missing pieces to a puzzle. With the Hawkeyes returning All-American Eric MacTaggart, Andy Napier, and Jesse Luciano, along with the off-season acquisition of blue-chip recruit Nick Holmes, Wieczorek's squad came into the season with high expectations.

Nobody was talking about Sam Bailin.

The sophomore was unheard of when he first arrived in Iowa City.

“I really didn't know Coach Wieczorek at all. I didn't contact him until April of track season, senior year.” Bailin said. “Nobody on the team knew who I was, and I didn't know who they were, so it kind of was an all-at-once deal.”

An all-conference selection and team captain during high school, Bailin well knows the ups and downs of cross-country season. The microbiology major,



Bailin
cross-country runner

SEE BAILIN, 3B

‘It's a really good group of guys — I'm glad there are five of us.’

— **Mitch Beckert**, freshman tennis player

For Hawkeyes, youth will serve

Iowa's freshman class looks to keep the Hawkeyes moving in the right direction.

By **BRANDON HURLEY**
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Usually, a freshman class of five wouldn't be a big deal. But with the Iowa men's tennis team, its freshman quintet plays a key role in its success.

You could say, the Hawkeyes have their own Fab Five, Iowa City style.

The freshmen consist of Will Vasos, Tom Mroziewicz, Chris Speer, Mat Nelson, and Mitch Beckert.

“Typically, we have a freshman class of two to four, but having five is a big departure,” head coach Steve Houghton. “It's hard to judge this early in the year in terms of talent, but they have some pretty good credentials.”

The five freshmen have great chemistry and hang out frequently during the weekend. “It's a really good group of guys — I'm glad there are five of us,” said Beckert, a native of Davenport. “We really push each other on the court and have fun off it.”

The headliner from this year's



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye freshman Tom Mroziewicz takes a water break during practice on Tuesday. He is one of five freshmen on the Iowa men's tennis team this fall.

group is Vasos. Hailing from Fort Collins, Colo., he has won a doubles championship with junior Tommy McGeorge in the Northwestern Invitational last month.

Vasos was the first freshman to see action in a tournament this fall. He had a very success-

ful high-school career, winning a state singles championship and finishing 22-0 his senior year. Also gaining honors as an all-conference and all-state player, he chose Iowa.

“I loved Iowa City, and I have family in Iowa,” he said. “So it's

FRESHMEN PLAYERS

NAME	HEIGHT	HOMETOWN
Will Vasos	5-10	Fort Collins, Colo.
Mitch Beckert	6-1	Davenport
Tom Mroziewicz	5-11	Toronto, Ont.
Mat Nelson	6-0	Grandville, Mich.
Chris Speer	5-9	Vernon Hills, Ill.

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almost like I'm still close to home.”

For a team that has very few home-grown Hawkeyes, it does have one in Beckert, who holds the all-time wins record at Davenport Central and won a doubles state title his sophomore year.

“College tennis is just a whole different level than high school,” he said. “Especially in the Big Ten with a program like this that is on the rise, it's one of the best teams they've had here in a long time.”

Mroziewicz comes from Toronto, Ontario. He finished fourth at the U-16 Nationals in 2006 and

fourth again at the U-18 Nationals in 2008. Mroziewicz saw his first action of the fall season at the Purdue Invitational earlier this month, winning his first match.

“Having a lot of freshmen on the team can bring some uproar from the upperclassmen, but with Iowa, it's different,” Mroziewicz said. “They have definitely taught us a lot. They've helped us get our feet wet and helped us adjust to the college lifestyle.”

From the town of Grandville, Mich., is Nelson. He was ranked as high as fourth in the Midwest high-school rankings, and he hopes to improve on that in his first year of college tennis.

He said there is a drastic change in conditioning of college compared with high school. “Nasty [Iowa assistant coach Steve Nash] really puts us to work,” Nelson said. “It pays off in the end.”

Rounding out Iowa's fab five is Chris Speer, from Vernon Hills, Ill. He finished 32-4 as a senior in singles, was named all-state,

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2008 WORLD SERIES

Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia (Best of 7)
Wednesday's Game
 Philadelphia 3, Tampa Bay 2, Philadelphia leads series 1-0
Today's Game
 Philadelphia (Myers 10-13) at Tampa Bay (Shields 14-8), 7:29 p.m. Fox
Saturday, Oct. 25
 Tampa Bay (Garza 11-9) at Philadelphia (Moyer 16-7), 7:35 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 26
 Tampa Bay (Sonnanstine 13-9) at Philadelphia (Blanton 4-0), 7:29 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 27
 Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7:29 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, Oct. 29
 Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7:35 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, Oct. 30
 Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7:29 p.m., if necessary

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BIG TEN FIELD HOCKEY

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Penn State	3	0	1.000	11	4	.733
Michigan State	3	1	.750	13	3	.857
Michigan	3	1	.750	8	7	.533
Iowa	2	2	.500	11	4	.733
Ohio State	2	3	.400	11	6	.647
Indiana	1	3	.250	7	7	.500
Northwestern	0	4	.000	6	10	.375

Friday's Games
 Northwestern at Ohio State
 Indiana at Penn State
Saturday's Game
 Iowa at Michigan State
Sunday's Games
 Michigan at Penn State
 Northwestern at Louisville

BIG TEN SOCCER

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Penn State	6	1	0.18	11	6	0.33
Minnesota	5	2	0.15	15	2	0.45
Michigan State	5	3	0.15	13	4	0.39
Purdue	4	1	0.14	10	4	0.33
Ohio State	4	3	0.12	7	2	0.23
Wisconsin	3	4	0.9	9	6	1.28
Illinois	3	4	0.9	9	7	0.27
Northwestern	3	4	0.9	8	7	1.25
Iowa	2	4	1.7	8	8	1.25
Michigan	1	5	2.5	4	9	4.16
Indiana	1	6	1.4	6	10	1.19

Friday's Games
 Northwestern at Iowa 7 p.m.
 Ohio State at Purdue
 Michigan at Penn State
Saturday's Games
 Penn State at Illinois
 Wisconsin at Minnesota
Sunday's Games
 Wisconsin at Iowa, 1 p.m.
 South Dakota State at Michigan State
 Ohio State at Illinois
 Penn State at Purdue
 Michigan at Indiana
 Northwestern at Minnesota

BIG TEN VOLLEYBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Penn State	8	0	1.000	20	0	1.000
Minnesota	7	1	.875	17	3	.850
Illinois	6	3	.667	15	5	.750
Purdue	5	4	.556	16	5	.762
Michigan	4	4	.500	16	4	.800
Wisconsin	4	4	.500	14	6	.700
Iowa	4	4	.500	12	8	.600
Michigan State	3	5	.375	11	8	.579
Indiana	2	6	.250	10	10	.500
Ohio State	1	7	.125	10	10	.500
Northwestern	1	7	.125	7	12	.368

Wednesday's Game

Illinois 3, Purdue 0
Friday's Games
 Iowa at Michigan
 Illinois at Michigan State
 Minnesota at Ohio State
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Swimming coming up Ducky

The Iowa women's swimming and diving squad features seven swimmers from the same club.

By MATT LEITZKE
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You might as well call them the AquaDucks. Featuring seven women who have been involved with the Lake Forest (Ill.) Ducks Swim Club in some way, Iowa's women's swimming and diving team is almost as much "Duck" as it is "Hawk."

Senior Ashley Dell, who was the first of the current Duck women to come to Iowa, certainly started a trend — several others ended up at Iowa.

Dell, along with freshman Dana Davidsen, sophomore Kelsie Neubauer, juniors Christine Kuczek, Katie Michelau, and Hilary Leigh, and senior Alison Gschwend have all swum for the Ducks Club.

"It has definitely brought the team closer together in that we have one group of women from the same club who all get along so well," Dell said. "We are all really good friends with the rest of the women, too, so it just really helps with everyone getting along."

Dell's mother, Cindy Dell, coached alongside current Ducks Club head coach Maureen Sheehan for 18 years. Cindy Dell attended Iowa, and, as Sheehan said, "has certainly helped get kids excited about going to Iowa."

She says one major reason swimmers from her club tend to end up at Iowa that Ashley Dell has raised her level of swimming since becoming a Hawkeye.

"I see how swimmers go there and improve and that does not happen everywhere," Sheehan said. "The swimmers we have had go to Iowa get better, they get focused on their overall fitness, not just in the pool."

Lining up successes

Seven swimmers from a Lake Forest swimming club have seen lots of success so far in the 2008-09 season.

Breakdown of swimmer success 2008-09

■ wins ■ top fives ■ runner ups

Dana Davidsen, freshman	1	4	3
Kelsie Neubauer, sophomore	6	2	2
Christine Kuczek, junior	4	3	4
Katie Michelau, junior	4	6	1
Hilary Leigh, junior	1	2	2
Alison Gschwend, senior	2	2	5

Sheehan's club has been recognized for the past eight years by USA Swimming as being a top club in the nation. Ashley Dell feels that with the club's good reputation, Iowa can only continue to grow in strength.

"Iowa swimming and diving has a bigger reputation now than it ever has at Lake Forest, considering that pretty much half the team is here," Dell said. "It does not necessarily advertise for Iowa, but it helps get the team out there and lets people in Lake Forest and Chicago know that we are going places. We are going to keep growing, and the word about Iowa is out there."

Iowa coach Marc Long agrees with Dell that having so many swimmers from an elite club is spelling out good things for the Hawkeyes.

"We try to find athletes that come from well-established club programs so they come in with higher exposure to elite swimming," he said. "That program has pumped out many successful Division-I swimmers over the years, and that means a lot that they come in well prepared."

Davidsen acknowledged that having so many women

from her club team back home has certainly helped her transition into college.

"I have really liked having a lot of them that I know here," she said. "It is nice when you are away from home to have that comfort. They can push you and know your limits in practice, so it helps you train."

Having so many of her athletes at Iowa has also made life easier for Sheehan, who says she does not have to worry about her athletes at

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Iowa as much as she might have to with her athletes at other schools.

"It seems like the swimmers that go to Iowa are pretty plugged into the program and on track," Sheehan said. "They are not struggling, and occasionally, I will have kids who will call from other colleges, and they are just in need of an extra boost. I have not had to do that with anyone from Iowa."

Long shared similar thoughts. "It is comforting for the staff to know they go back to an elite-level club program that is thinking on the same lines that we are at a national level," he said. "That certainly helps in Big Ten and NCAA competition."

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Soccer student patrols sideline

Iowa assistant Eileen Narcotta has been a lifelong student of the game.

By AMIE KIEHN
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On a dreary Wednesday afternoon, the Iowa soccer players arrive at the practice field clothed in their Hawkeye apparel. Their shivers are visible as they jog to the bench. The soggy field makes a perpetual squishing sound as they run, but the Hawkeyes appear unfazed by the gloomy surroundings.

Practice begins as usual. Assistant coach Eileen Narcotta watches from the sideline in her black windbreaker. Her red hair remains the only splash of color in a setting of black rain gear.

"Iowa Soccer" is stitched in gold on Narcotta's windbreaker. It reminds her of her two passions: soccer and the Iowa program she has helped head coach Ron Rainey build.

Hailing from Massachusetts, Narcotta infuses her East Coast demeanor into her coaching style. She is blunt, yet careful to never chastise, a valuable philosophy learned from her coaches growing up.

"She is very intricate," junior defender Jackie Kaeding said. "She will be able to watch a game, and she'll be able to pick up what anyone is doing wrong in a second."

Narcotta has been a student of the game for almost two decades. During her days at East Bridgewater High School, she decided to graduate and become a teacher on the field as well.

"I was running track, and I played soccer and basketball as well," she said. "It was just one of those things that when you have some influential coaches in your life who inspire you to do well and to excel at what you're doing — that got me going to want to do the same thing for others."

Her knowledge of the "world's game" grew throughout the years as a goalkeeper at Vermont. While guarding the net for the Catamounts, Narcotta crossed paths with her future boss, Ron Rainey.



Assistant soccer coach Eileen Narcotta talks with Iowa soccer players after a warm-up on Wednesday. Narcotta has been nicknamed "Smiley" by some of the Hawkeyes.

Eileen Narcotta
Past Jobs:
Vermont, 2000
 • Nutrition and food-science major
Ball State, 2006
 • Sports administration
Iowa, 2006-present
 • Assistant soccer coach

"He coached at Towson State University, and I played at the University of Vermont, and that year he was there, our teams met at the semifinals of the America East Conference," Narcotta said. "It was a strange game, because it went into two days because at Vermont — we didn't have lights, and so a storm blew in."
 "There was still a lot of soccer that had to be played, and so we came out on Saturday and [Towson State] won in penalty kicks — thus our team did not have the best thoughts about him."

The two went their separate

'[Narcotta] is a great sounding board and a good role model for the players, as someone who has a strong female presence'

— Ron Rainey, head coach

ways until she received an unexpected e-mail from the coach she and her teammates etched in their minds.

After college, Narcotta looked to return as a coach at the Division-I level, and the open coaching position Rainey offered at Ball State was a lucrative one. The East Coast-er however was still unsure if she was ready for Middle America.

"Initially I was like, 'Indiana, no way. I am in Portland, Maine, right now — no way,'" Narcotta said. "But after talking with [Rainey], I just felt we had a really great rapport on the phone and made me very interested to check out what Ball State had to offer."

With Narcotta in place as an assistant, Rainey was confident he was securing an individual who could help steer his envisioned program.

"[Narcotta] is a great sounding board and a good role model for the players, as someone who has a strong female presence," he said. "She is very easygoing, and it is easy for our players to talk to her."

"As head coach, you want somebody who your players wouldn't hesitate to talk to."

Warm feelings aside, Narcotta and Rainey still joke about that one game that ended up feeling like the "endless game."
 "We still talk about it today," Narcotta said, jokingly.

Hawk V-ball riding high

VOLLEYBALL
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matches, four faster than the 2005 team and the fastest since the 2000 squad did it in five matches. That 2000 team was the last to have a winning record overall and in the conference at 15-13 and 11-9.

At 12 wins, Iowa has won more than all of last season, and it is one away from matching the 2006 team for most since 2000.

“[Coach Dingman’s] absolutely amazing — such a difference, such a turnaround. It’s a positive environment that we’re in every day,” junior Megan Schipper said. “There’s a whole

different attitude. Going into matches, we’re not thinking, ‘Maybe we can pull an upset.’ It’s ‘We can win this match.’”

Dingman said Schipper, along with seniors Catherine Smale, Kiley Fister, Emily Hiza, and Laura Kremer have led Iowa on and off the court this season.

Smale leads with 245 kills, followed by Schipper’s 222. Hiza does the dirty work for Iowa, with 245 digs. The Swink, Colo., native is second on the all-time Iowa list with 1,755, 176 behind first place.

Fister has doled out a team-high 623 assists, and she passed the 4,000 mark in Iowa’s last match, a 3-1 victory over Michigan State.

“They’re the reason we’ve had success, and they’re going to be the reason we continue to have success,” Dingman said. “It’s not just their playing; it’s what they bring to the court every single day.”

If the success Iowa has experienced is to continue, the team will have to win on the road. The Hawkeyes enter their toughest stretch of the season this weekend, beginning a four-game Big Ten road trip.

The Hawkeyes will take on Michigan on Friday night in Ann Arbor before traveling to Ohio State on Oct. 26. The following weekend brings trips to Indiana — a team Iowa beat, 3-2, on Oct. 11 — and No. 1 Penn State,

which is undefeated this season.

The Hawkeyes are 0-6 in true road matches this year, 0-3 in the Big Ten. Iowa has won away from Carver-Hawkeye Arena, however, going 5-1 in neutral-site matches.

Iowa has 12 remaining conference matches on the schedule. If the Hawkeyes are to finish with a winning record and have a chance at the NCAA Tournament, a team that has surprised many already will have to exceed what it’s done so far.

“Being 4-4 in the Big Ten is good, but it’s not enough yet,” Schipper said. “We’ve got a lot more matches left, and we’re very excited to play.”

Men’s tennis boasts 5 frosh

TENNIS
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and led his team to a second-place finish at state. It was the highest finish for the school in its history. He also had success at the 2008 Midwest Davis Cup (second) and the 2007 Ann Arbor Open (third).

“I’ve always been a Hawk-eye fan — it’s a great campus,” Speer said. “I feel like I’m at home, the coaching staff is great, the campus is

wonderful, and I love the team.”

Of the five expected to make the quickest impact, Mroziewicz and Vasos top the list. Vasos played a lot of college players over the summer, while Mroziewicz was highly ranked in Canada.

“There’s a good chance for maybe three of the freshmen to get into the lineup this year,” Houghton said. “Tom and Will have a lot of experience, and they have the credentials to back it up.”



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Iowa sophomore Sam Bailin goes for a run along Koser Avenue on Wednesday. Bailin has improved vastly over the summer, finishing fourth on the team at last weekend’s Pre-National meet. The team holds its highest regional ranking since 2006 as the runners prepare for the Big Ten championships in November.

Hard work puts Bailin in top 5

BAILIN
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however, refused to let his confidence waver, fighting a mental battle against the will to give up.

“[Having confidence] is really important,” he said. “Cross-country is pretty much all mental once you get to a certain level. It’s all about what teams can come together and mentally have confidence. The ability to have confidence in yourself gives you extra space to grow that you wouldn’t otherwise have.”

After a freshman season in which Bailin competed simply to stay on the team, the West Des Moines Valley product is now competing against the nation’s best runners as a consistent member of Iowa’s top-five competitors.

“I felt like — freshman year at least, because I was a walk-on — I didn’t really have any expectations,” he said. “I felt like I had a lot less pressure on me, which kind of allowed me to grow and go at the pace I needed to go.”

During his first summer in Iowa City, he decided to commit his time to work, studies, and, most importantly, improving his cross-country form.

With his focus on being a more vital member of the team, Bailin pushed himself through the Midwestern summer, striving to speed his pace. As Bailin has improved, so has the team around him. With Iowa holding its highest regional ranking since 2006, Wiczorek says Bailin is turning into a pivotal puzzle piece.

“He ran about 80 miles a week all summer,” the coach said. “When he came back [to

school], he’s been one of our top runners. I think it’s an exceptional improvement by him to make himself this type of runner. He’s made himself a great asset to our program.”

At last weekend’s Pre-National meet in Terre Haute, Ind., Bailin crossed the finish line in 25:10.3, good for fourth on the team behind cocaptains MacTaggart and Napier and team leader Luciano.

With the Big Ten championships in the Hawkeyes’ sights, Bailin knows he needs to pick it up even more — Holmes will remain sidelined for the rest of the season. If Iowa is to capture its team goal of competing at the NCAA championships next month, Wiczorek knows that Bailin will need to continue his string of solid performances.

“To me, the spark that Sam brings to the team would be for the other runners to say, ‘Look

at the human possibilities,’” Wiczorek said. “We came into the season with high expectations. We have essentially lost a blue-chip recruit in Nick Holmes to injury, and yet, we haven’t lowered our expectations, in large part, because of Sam Bailin. He really allows us to keep those expectations.”

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Smith, Vols think big

By JOHN ZENOR
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Bruce Pearl was doing his round of one-on-one preseason interviews with Tennessee players the other day when he got to Tyler Smith.

The Volunteers' coach expected the standard answer of family, English class, or girl troubles to his standard question, "What are you worried about?"

"He said, 'I want to make my mark,'" Pearl said Wednesday at Southeastern Conference media day. "I said, 'Tyler, we just won the league for the first time in 41 years. You don't think you made your mark?'"

"He said, 'No, I haven't.' He's hungry to make his mark on Tennessee basketball."

Smith already made quite an effect on the Vols by returning instead of heading to the NBA. Largely because of that, Tennessee is the preseason favorite to win the league and Smith is the pick for player of the year.

Never mind that the Vols lost their top two scorers from that milestone-setting team that rose all the way to No. 1, sharp-shooting guards Chris Lofton and JaJuan Smith.

Or that point guard is unsettled and will likely be filled either by 6-7 J.P. Prince or junior-college transfer Bobby Maze.

Forget about that brutal nonconference schedule that includes games against Georgetown, Marquette, Kansas, Gonzaga, and Memphis.

"My team's not ready for the schedule that we put together," Pearl said. "You put anybody's schedule down against our schedule, we've got the toughest schedule in the country."

Pearl isn't receiving any pity. On the contrary, he was even asked if this team could be better than the one that went 31-5 and won two NCAA Tournament games. He didn't discount the possibility but said it was way too early to tell.

"I think we're a talented-enough team to win the league, and we're a talented-enough team to make a run in the tournament," Pearl said. "Can we be better than last year's team? Gosh, I've had three practices."

Pearl has reloaded with five freshmen, a redshirt freshman, and juco All-American Maze, who played a year at Oklahoma. The Vols include Parade and McDonald's High School All-American Scotty Hopson.

"It's a whole new cast of characters," Pearl said. "I've got a lot of guys who haven't accomplished anything yet, and they're wanting to."

He said the team has made considerable progress since

mid-September, "and yet we've got the furthest to go of any team I've coached from this time forward. That's how far we had to come."

The journey is considerably shorter with the return of the versatile Smith, who averaged 13.6 points and 6.7 rebounds and led the team in assists.

What kind of mark would he like to leave on the Vols?

"Win a national championship," Smith said. "That's what I want to do. I think it's within reach, but at the same time, we've got a long way to go to get there."

Still, he gave a hint of his priorities by saying "being one of the leaders of this team means more than being named SEC Player of the Year."

Pearl also must replace forward Duke Crews and guard Ramar Smith, who were dismissed from the team for unspecified reasons. All told, five of last year's top nine scorers are gone.

The heavy reliance on newcomers is why forward Wayne Chism thinks the team isn't tooting its own horn too much yet. Plus, he said, being a high-school All-American is "not going to mean anything until they prove it in the SEC."

"We can be that good. We've still got a lot of stuff to work on," Chism said. "We've still got a lot of freshmen that are still learning their roles on the team."

Romo to be out longer

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Tony Romo's broken little finger has become a big issue for the struggling Dallas Cowboys.

The two-time Pro Bowl quarterback, who wanted to try to play last week despite the broken pinkie on his throwing hand, said on Wednesday he now doesn't expect to play again until at least mid-November.

"I don't know when I'll be back," he said. "I think definitely the idea now is to get healthy by that bye week."

That means he would miss at least two more games: Oct. 26 at Tampa Bay and the following week at the New York Giants. The Cowboys (4-3), who have lost three of their last four games, then take a week off before returning Nov. 16 at Washington.

After being limited in his only practice last week, Romo was still listed as the backup quarterback Sunday at St. Louis. He even threw some passes before the game.

While the pain was tolerable, Romo couldn't take direct snaps. And because of the protective splint on his hand, he needed an extra two to three seconds to get a proper grip before making throws.



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Dallas Cowboy quarterback Tony Romo responds to questions about his broken pinkie finger while sitting in front of his locker at the Cowboys training facility in Irving, Texas, on Wednesday. Romo said that he will not play Oct. 26 against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"I wouldn't have been able to play at any kind of level that would have helped this football team," Romo said. Brad Johnson will start

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Things I should do before my parents (who may or may not be of my same political persuasion) arrive this weekend

- Kill any and all sentient life forms growing in or on the pile of dishes in the sink, then wash said dishes.
- Scour local garage sales, nearby thrift stores, and the murky depths of eBay for a stuffed and mounted deer head — or better yet moose head — suitable for hanging in living room.
- Prepare a written renouncement of my "high-falutin liberal education."
- If there's time, have aforementioned renouncement engraved on a plaque, to be hung under aforementioned deer/moose head.
- Clean car (inside and out) of all incriminating detritus, such as the Obama/Biden bumper sticker, old issues of Harper's, and all instances of the word "Hybrid."
- Hide fact that I am living with girlfriend by throwing all her clothes into the closet, buying her the appropriate uniform, and pretending she's my live-in maid (note to self: this plan has distinct additional post-weekend advantages).
- Remove all non-Biblical, non-O'Reilly texts from my bookshelves. (On second thought, this will take too long; I'll just burn the offending tomes in my fireplace instead. It will probably score me more points if they see book remnants in my hearth, anyway.)
- Throw an old blanket over the sacrificial altar in the basement where the all dark rituals take place.
- Make sure there are no copies of the Oct. 23 *Daily Iowan* anywhere in the house.

- Andrew R. Juhl wonders why there are so many conservative skeletons in this closet.

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DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

horoscopes

Thursday, October 23, 2008
- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Avoid getting too many steps ahead of yourself or you will miss out on something important. Someone you work with is likely to make your life difficult. Deal with this matter cordially.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Learning something new or taking in a place you've never been before will motivate you to get out more and enjoy life. A bit of heat between you and someone you admire will build. Be open-minded.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 It will be hard to please everyone, and you can expect someone who knows you well to criticize your current choices. Consider the consequences of what you are planning before moving forward.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Clear up any issues you have with friends, relatives, or neighbors. You can come up with practical solutions that will satisfy everyone's needs and make you look like a champion. Your responsibilities are about to change.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Trying to get revenge or lashing out in anger will not solve anything. Use your Leo finesse and generous nature to get your way. Love is in the picture, so avoid a squabble that will cost you emotionally and financially.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Love may appear to conquer all, but in the process of having fun, do not let your bankbook suffer. If you have to pay for love, you are better off finding someone who is a better fit. Make the changes needed to protect your assets.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Push for what you want, and don't stop until you get it. You will be able to call in favors and twist arms to change the parameters of any deal you are working on or any challenge you face with someone in your life. Prime yourself for success.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Emotional deception is evident. Be careful what you reveal, and consider how much truth there is to what you're being told. Personal change is upon you; to prolong it any further is torture you can do without.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You are in dire need of a new adventure. Pick a destination - distance doesn't matter. It's the experience that will mold your plans for the future. An old friend will open your eyes to the facts you may be ignoring.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Stop worrying about the little things, and focus on the things you feel passionate about. There is money to be made, but you will do so much better if you actually enjoy what you are doing. Follow through with long-range plans.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Decide who in your life is actually doing you good and who isn't. By incorporating the right person as your running mate for life, you'll map out a successful future. Money will come to you from an unusual source.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 If you take on the responsibilities you face alone, you will have no one to answer to in the end. An incident with someone from your past should be a healthy reminder of what to do now.

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UITV schedule

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- 12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
1 "Prairie Lights Archive," Walter Shapiro
2 News from Germany (in German)
3 "Java Blend," Finders & Youngberg
4 UI Libraries Speaker Series, Mark Sandler, director of Committee on Institutional Cooperation
5:30 Piano Sundays Concert, September 2008
6:30 Incompetent Sports Talk
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11 "Java Blend," Finders & Youngberg

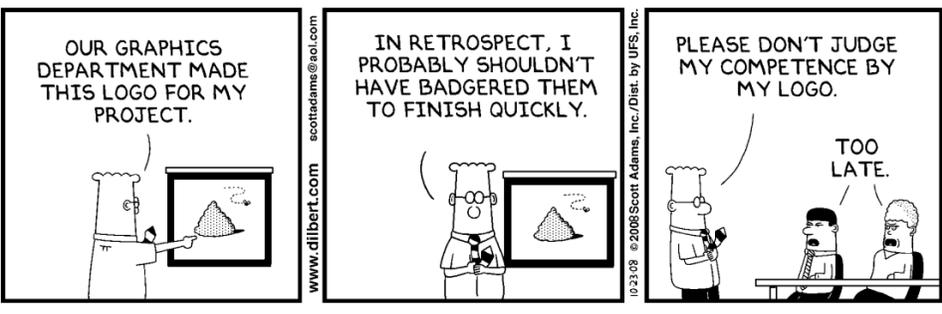
today's events

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- **Breath and Balance Tai Chi**, 10:30 a.m., Kahraman Dance Studio, 330 E. Second
- **Department of Biochemistry Seminar, "The Roles of Chromodomains in Epigenetic Regulations," Sepideh Khorasanizadeh** University of Virginia Health System, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m. Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Thursday Wee Read**, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St., Coralville
- **Pharmacology Student Workshop, "The Recycling Endosome is Required for Normal Transport of Retrograde Toxins," Jenna McKenzie**, 12:30 p.m., Bowen Science Building Spivey Auditorium
- **Teen Tech Zone**, 2:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Whose Wives Are They Anyway?**, 3 p.m., Old Creamery Theatre, 622 46th Ave., Amana
- **Catullus' Callimachean Hair-itage or the Erotics of Translation**, 4 p.m., 302 Schaeffer
- **South Asian Studies Program Lecture, "The Bio-materialization of Medicine and the Asymmetrical Production of Pluralism," Harish Naraindas, Jawaharlal Nehru University**, 4 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **The Blizzard Voices**, 6 p.m., Iowa City/Johnson County Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Gumbo and Beignets at the Augusta, with Ben Halperin**, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 22 S. Van Buren
- **Gaming for Teens**, 6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Black Male Forum**, 7 p.m., Afro American Cultural Center
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- **Samuel Locke Ward and the Boo Hoo's**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **Sangria Night**, 9:30 p.m., David's Place, 100 S. Linn
- **Thursday Night Karaoke**, 9:30 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville

DILBERT

by Scott Adams



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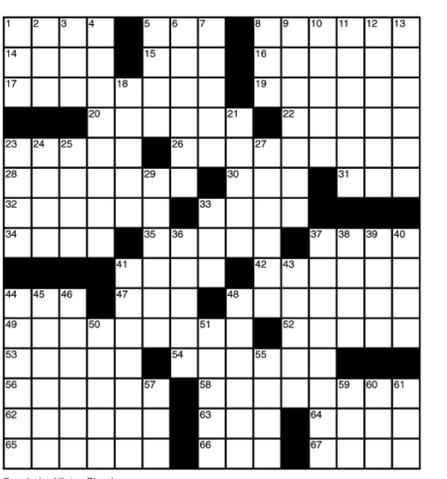
BY GARRY TRUDEAU



The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0911

- Across**
- 1 Fifth stroke, often
 - 5 Tatter
 - 8 Shoebuy's offering
 - 14 Tony player on "NYPD Blue"
 - 15 Home of the Clearwater Mtns.
 - 16 Not necessarily rejecting
 - 17 Draws
 - 19 Edberg who won two Wimbledon
 - 20 1972 musical with the song "Summer Nights"
 - 22 Actress Graff
 - 23 Ancient Romans' attire
 - 26 Draws
 - 28 Graduate
 - 30 "Isn't ___ bit like you and me?" (Beatles lyric)
 - 31 Retired barrier breaker, for short
 - 32 Law or medicine, e.g.
 - 33 Sole support
 - 34 Weight
 - 35 Awakens
 - 37 Sermonizer in France
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 - 42 Angiogram sight
 - 44 Pollen holder
 - 47 Porter, e.g.
 - 48 Pest eradicator
 - 49 Draws
 - 52 Having steam come out the ears, say
 - 53 W.W. II blockade enforcer
 - 54 Old Athenian ally against Persia
 - 56 What fools do, per an adage
 - 58 Draws
 - 62 ___ Green, Scottish town famous for runaway weddings
- Down**
- 1 By means of
 - 2 "What's the ___?"
 - 3 Middle X, say
 - 4 Draws
 - 5 Rather smelly
 - 6 Attaché attachments
 - 7 Hardly in
 - 8 Like some poles: Abbr.
 - 9 Kind of scanner
 - 10 Female companion in "Doctor Who"
 - 11 Draws
 - 12 Politicians take them
 - 13 Square
 - 18 Paps of "Zorba the Greek"
 - 21 One on it may be out of it
 - 23 Sonora snack
 - 24 "The Good Earth" mother
 - 25 Wise one
 - 27 Board with a couple of seats
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 - 36 Supermodel Cheryl



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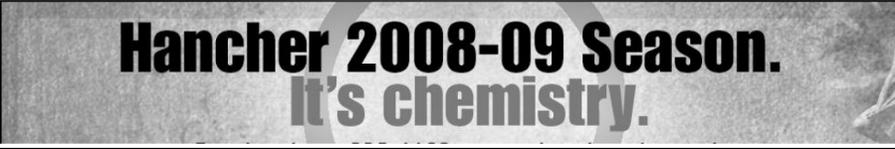
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String theory moves to the club scene

The Chiara String Quartet plays classical music where most have never heard it before.

ON THE WEB

Go to dailyiowan.com to watch footage of the Chiara String Quartet's performance at the Java House earlier this week.

By **CLAIRE LEKWA**
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From the beginning, the Chiara String Quartet would not be confined to the walls of a concert hall. Yes, the members have graced the prestigious stages of Carnegie and Alice Tully Hall in New York City; however, they've also played at a tiny North Dakota radio station in the middle of a beet field. And their professional debut nine years ago took place not in a prim auditorium but in a barn in Germany, filled with 1,200 people and the strains of classical music.

The award-winning group is making its mark in the classical music scene by playing outside of it. The quartet has received the most press in the past two years for its concerts in clubs, bars, and coffeehouses. Through these offbeat performances, the musicians hope to reinvent the classical music venue. The Julliard-trained group, consisting of violinists Rebecca Fischer and Julie Yoon, violist Jonah Sirota, and cellist Gregory Beaver, brings its mission to Iowa City with two Hancher-coordinated performances this week, including a concert at 7:30 p.m. today in the Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton St., \$32 general admission or \$15 for UI students.

"We love the convention of the concert hall, but it's very formal, and the experience is that it's almost deafeningly quiet," Fischer said. "We want the audience to be a part of the experience with us."

The musicians of the Chiara Quartet have tested their philosophy at Caffe Vivaldi in New York, the Brick in Kansas City, the Hideout in Chicago, and for the first time in Iowa City, on Tuesday with a free performance at the Java House, 211½ E. Washington.

SEE QUARTET, 3C



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI art graduate student Emily Bowser (left) goes through a mid-semester critique with Abigail Mumpower in the old Menards building on Monday. Bowser lost all of her power tools, a jigsaw, a power sander, and various pieces of art in the flood.

BENEFIT CONCERTS

Graduate students in music

When: 7:30 p.m. today
Where: Old Brick
Admission: \$10 in advance, \$13 at door. Tickets available at the Chait Galleries, West Music, and COGS office.

Greg Brown

When: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13
Where: Old Brick
Admission: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. Tickets available at The Chait Galleries, West Music, and COGS office.

Third in a three-part series

The *DI* takes a look at the stories of fine-arts students with lost or damaged possessions and the post-flood efforts to help these affected students recover, leading to the development of the UI Artists' Recovery Fund.

Tuesday: UI violinist Kate Truscello
Wednesday: Recent UI art grad John Hansen

Today: The Artists' Recovery Fund begins with two benefit concerts to help replace damaged and stolen supplies.

Lost past, frozen present

COGS has established the Artists' Recovery Fund in hopes of salvaging the careers of local artists. It has scheduled two benefit concerts thus far, which will raise money to help people replace tools and materials lost in the flood.

By **ELIZABETH TIMMINS**
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Stuck.

Post-flood, many of the fine-arts students' possessions were stuck in the mud, destroyed beyond recognition in the mire that swirled into buildings on the old arts campus. Then they were stuck without a working space to call home. And when a handful of those students opened their old lockers and studios to find their valuable instruments and tools had been stolen, the last shred of hope vanished.

Stuck.

Immediately following the flood, the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students began trying to think of ways to help. Those efforts will begin to bear fruition today at 7:30 p.m. with a benefit concert featuring graduate stu-

ON THE WEB

Check out more photos of the fine-arts students still feeling the effects of the summer's flood at dailyiowan.com.



dents in music at Old Brick, 26 E. Market St. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time for \$10 at the Chait Galleries, West Music, and the COGS office or at the door for \$13. All donations are tax-deductible, and they will benefit the Artists' Recovery Fund, which was established through the Community Foundation of Johnson County.

"A whole cohort of emerging artists has lost a bunch of art and lost the ability to make art," COGS President Mark Salisbury said.

SEE RECOVERY, 3C

Space stories

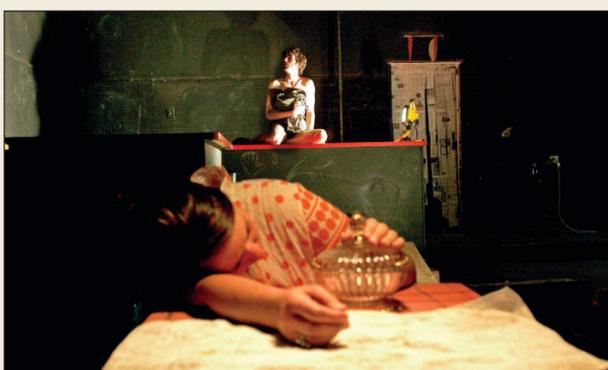
"It's all about space, basically," said Lisa Leaverton when describing her play *A Blue We All Know*, which opens today and runs through Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. each day.

Appropriately so, because not only is the production being held outside of the Theatre Building — still not reopened after the summer flood — but rather in the limited upstairs space of the Deadwood, 6 S. Dubuque St.

"For this play, I don't really think I could have done it in the Theatre Building and have it come out the way my vision really was," said Leaverton, a second-year theater graduate student.

"Every single stick of anything, I had to bring there," she said later, remembering hauling 55 chairs upstairs — this being the limit on audience seating for each performance.

Leaverton has termed the play's plot "experiential," in both talking with the *DI* and in an official press release, and it deals with several subplots, all with the general idea of space as a commonality.



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Seamus, an artist played by Sam Miller, prepares to leave his spot while fellow actor Beth Gansen sleeps during rehearsal on Sunday at the Deadwood.

There's everything from an activist character who specializes in public-domain cases becoming increasingly marginalized by the authorities to a whale lost on its way home.

"It's about how human beings hold each other up in space, how we hold

ourselves together," Leaverton said. The play also includes several "live sound events" featuring original works by local musicians George Marie and Tackfu that the playwright describes as being "the center of the piece."

A Blue We All Know was originally

PLAY

A Blue We All Know

When: 7:30 p.m. today, Friday, Saturday, and Oct. 26

Where: Deadwood upstairs, 6 S. Dubuque

Admission: \$5

NOTE: Seating only available for 55 audience members at each performance.

ON THE WEB

Navigate over to dailyiowan.com to see a photo slide show of rehearsal footage from *A Blue We All Know*, running today through Oct. 26 in the Deadwood upstairs.

submitted and chosen for University Gallery Production status, but upon the closing of the Arts Campus, Leaverton searched out her own space, eventually finding it in the Deadwood upstairs.

"I've been able to involve the community more, so actually some really good things have come out of the flood," Leaverton said and chuckled.

— by Anna Wiegenstein

WEEKEND AGENDA



Thursday

4 p.m. Digest the entire 80 Hours. Then tackle the rest of *The Daily Iowan*, and then go consume some other news. It's time to be in touch with the media.

7:30 p.m. Tune in to the Chiara String Quartet by dropping by the Congregational Church. Well-known for challenging the musical performance norms, the quartet gives a brilliant and unique classical show.

8 p.m. What else would you be doing? Go watch NBC's "The Office" for more Scranton fun and laughs. Archives of the Arts staff's "Office" opinions can be found at the blog, dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com.



Friday

5 p.m. This is what you should always be doing at 5 p.m. on Fridays. Listen in to KRUI 89.7 for "80 Hours on Air."

6 p.m. Scoot on over to the Ped Mall for a Halloween parade and carnival. Pray there will be candy corn.

7 p.m. Sarah Vowell: journalist, humorist, writer extraordinaire. See her read from her new book, *The Wordy Shipmates*, live at the Englert.

9 p.m. Go buy some pumpkins and carve them to spook out your apartment for Halloween. It's a gooey, slimy mess, but nothing complements Oct. 31 like a candle-lit pumpkin on the porch.



Saturday

10 a.m. Do you even give a knit? Munch on breakfast and knit yourself a scarf or accessory for fall at the Knitters' Breakfast at the Home Ec. Workshop.

2 p.m. Take a class in Bollywood Dance. Take a friend and make it your goal to be flaunting your new moves later on Saturday night.

7 p.m. Give yourself a break and take a nap. Turn off your phone, stick in some earplugs, and do whatever it takes to catch up a little on your sleep.

11 p.m. Everyone's talking about Alley Cabaret, a combo of dance, theater, and surprise, and it's happening at the Englert. Be sure to enter through the alley entry.

Sunday

10 a.m. Get spooky and get sprinting at the Fifth-Annual Spooky Sprint at the Seaman Center.

1:30 p.m. Go see the play *Coffee and Hope* at Riverside Theatre and absorb the touching themes.

7:30 p.m. Try to snag a seat at *A Blue We All Know*.

80 HOURS ON AIR

If you do one thing this weekend, it should be tuning into the KRUI 89.7 on Friday from 5-6 p.m. for "80 Hours on Air." This week features the fall's hottest hits for a FAC dance party hosted by the *DI*'s very own Jake Jensen and Ann Colwell.

ON THE WEB

Can you imagine a newspaper website on which new videos were posted daily? Checking out dailyiowan.com leads to a myriad of artist interviews, sports videos, spooky previews for Halloween, and cooking how-tos that might blow your mind.

D(EYE) ON ARTS BLOG

If you're bored in class or looking for something really legit online, navigate over to dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com. This week's highlights include a never-ending hodge-podge of the latest fall fashions, the ultra-refined energies of one politics-obsessed reporter, a retrospective of one person's favorite songs of the past four autumns, and a review of why the 1960s' version of "Batman" ruled so much.



**NEW MOVIES
OPENING THIS WEEKEND**



Pride and Glory

Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10
This New York City crime drama follows the Tierney family (Jon Voight, Edward Norton, Noah Emmerich, and Colin Farrell) and their involvement in a police-corruption case. Ray Tierney (Norton) and half-brother Jimmy Egan (Farrell) are pitted against each other in a classic "good Irish cop, bad Irish cop" scenario.



Saw V

Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10
It's almost Halloween again, and that means it's time to dust off the *Saw* franchise for another installment of the horror series. This is normally the part where I provide a synopsis of the plot, but five movies in, you should know what you're getting. There will be attractive people with questionable morals trapped in elaborate puzzles that often end in grisly, violent deaths. Any questions?



**High School Musical
3: Senior Year**

Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10
The ultra-saccharine Disney series returns with Zac Efron and Vanessa Anne Hudgens reprising their roles as high-school sweethearts Troy Bolton and Gabriella Montez. The upperclassmen cope with the various anxieties of high-school graduation in the only way they know how: big-budget song-and-dance numbers. It's a musical about a musical, so remember to check your disbelief at the door, if not in the parking lot.

**TRACKS
FROM THE PAST**

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

Indie-band Death Cab for Cutie - also known to hard-core fans as Death Cab - broke through into the mainstream with *Transatlanticism*, thanks in part to heavy referencing and song snippets featured on hit drama "The OC." In fact, the album's closing track, "A Lack of Color," appeared on the official soundtrack *The OC - Mix 2*.
Released Oct. 7, 2003



Transatlanticism by Death Cab for Cutie
Released Oct. 7, 2003

from the media love, *Transatlanticism* was one of 2003's most cohesive releases. Death Cab's songwriting was strong and on full display with such heart-wrenching lyrics as "She is beautiful, but she don't mean a thing to me" from "Tiny Vessels." The emotional center of the album is the slow-moving epic and title-track "Transatlanticism," with the evocative refrain "I need you so much closer."

While the album's emo-sans-whining sound serves as the perfect soundtrack for a breakup, the jaunty rocking sing-alongs are solid counterpoints to *Transatlanticism's* weightier fare. "Expo '86" and the album-opener, "The New Year," could kick any party into high gear with poppy chords and ready-made snap-along rhythms. "The Sound of Settling," the most radio-friendly of the album's tracks, is another upbeat oasis in a desert of swaying songs full of longing. *Transatlanticism* set the stage for Death Cab's current success, and it helped a legion of emotionally confused teens survive their angst. All that, and it garnered the Seth Cohen seal-of-approval.
- Meryn Fluker

Today 10.23

MUSIC

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- **La Otricina and Paria**, 10 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington

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MISCELLANEOUS

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- **Proseminar in Cinema and Culture: Sub-Saharan African**

don't miss!



Samuel Locke Ward & the Boo Hoos

Where: Mill, 120 E. Burlington
When: 9 p.m. today
Why you should go: Samuel Locke Ward and the Boo Hoos' MySpace describes the Iowa City musician's sound as a cross between psychedelic, J-Pop, and death metal. It is worth checking out to see if the Mill can contain a sound that eclectic.

- **Cinemas**, 7 p.m., 101 Becker
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Friday 10.24

MUSIC

- **"Java Blend," the Get Rites**, noon, Java House, 211 1/2 E. Washington
- **Kantorei, Timothy Salter, conductor**, 8 p.m., Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton
- **The Horde and Parasytic**, 9 p.m., Picador
- **Kevin Gordon, with Amelia White**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **Mad Monks, Ephraim Zenh, and Mint Wad Willy**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

WORDS

- **International Writing Program Reading**, 5 p.m., Shambaugh House
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Sarah Vowell, nonfiction**, 7 p.m., Englert

THEATER

- **University Theatres Gallery Production, A Blue We All Know**, 7:30 p.m., Deadwood
- **Coffee and Hope**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert

LECTURES

- **IWP Panel, "The Migrant as a Figure in Literature Today," Laila Al Atrash (Jordan), Guiterrez Mangansakan II (Phillippines), Tarek Eltayeb (Austria), Madeleine Thein (Canada), and Amena Zaydan (Egypt)**, noon, Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room A
- **Faculty Colloquium, "A Defense of Realism about Spatial Objects," Ali Hasa**, 3:30 p.m., 304 English-Philosophy Building

don't miss!



Sarah Vowell

Where: Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
When: 7 p.m., Friday
Why you should go: Sarah Vowell is pretty incredible. Not only did she star as the voice of Violet in the 2004 Academy-Award film *The Incredibles*, she's also been a guest on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." Vowell will read from her latest work, *The Wordy Shipmates*, Friday night at the Englert. Be sure to read Friday's *DI* for Arts reporter Anna Wiegstein's review of the book.

- **Halloween Parade and Carnival**, 6 p.m., Weatherdance Fountain, Pedestrian Mall
- **Creepy Campus Crawl**, 6:30 p.m., Old Capitol Museum, Museum of Natural History, and Department of Geoscience
- **Field of Screams**, 7:30 p.m., Century Farm Harvest Heat, 2991 Black Diamond Road S.W.
- **Friday Night Karaoke, with Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., American Legion post No.17, 3016 Muscatine Ave.
- **Retro Club Night**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy

MEATBALLS WITH BROWN SAUCE OVER COUS-COUS



This week's menu combines classic recipes with a touch of style. Hunker down from post-midterm stress and enjoy some comfort food.

- What you need:**
- 1 lb. pork
 - 1 lb. lean ground beef
 - 1 box of cous-cous, any style
 - 1 1/2 cups bread crumbs, any style
 - 2 eggs, beaten
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup vinegar
 - 1/2 water

What to do:
Defrost both meats completely and combine with bread crumbs, beaten eggs, and milk. Mix and form into balls, then, in a skillet (using some form of grease first if the pan is not nonstick), brown the meatballs all the way through. Once the meat is cooked, add in the sugar, vinegar and water-this

will form the aptly named "brown sauce" of the title. Stir, then cover and cook together another 25 minutes. For the last five minutes while the meatballs are finishing up, you can work on your cous-cous, which is basically delightfully in-between pasta and rice. Your specific box may have its own instructions (e.g. adding

in a few tablespoons of oil), but for the most part, the prep is as follows: Boil about two cups of water in a saucepan. Once the water's boiling, remove the pan from the burner and stir in your dry cous-cous, then cover. In five minutes, it should be ready to eat. This dinner also works great with salads.

**weekend
calendar
of events**

Saturday 10.25

MUSIC

- **Mark Rose and Empires**, 5 p.m., Picador
- **"The Sky's the Limit," Metro Mix Chorus**, 7 p.m., City High, 1900 Morningside Drive
- **University Choir and Women's Chorale**, 8 p.m., Congregational Church
- **Bumpus and Slip Silo**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- **Wylde Nept**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **Bad Accident, Bear Weather, Liberty Leg, and Wax Cannon**, 9:30 p.m., Picador
- **Robert Johnson**, 10 p.m., Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert

THEATER

- **The Pink Panther Strikes Again!**, 7 p.m., Regina Education Center, 2140 Rochester Ave.
- **University Theatres Gallery, A Blue We All Know**, 7:30 p.m., Deadwood
- **Coffee and Hope**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre

LECTURES

- **Saturday Scholars, "Chemicals from Nature: Toxins to Treatments," Jim Gloer**, 10 a.m., 40 Schaeffer Hall

DANCE

- **Bollywood Dance Class**, 2 p.m.,

don't miss!

Tango Milonga

Where: Wesley House, 120 N. Dubuque
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday
Why you should go: Tango is a dance that originated in South America. It is often associated with love and seduction, and the social environment of the milonga can help dancers get into the rhythm and in touch with inner passions.

Kahraman Dance Studio, 330 E. Second St.

- **Tango Milonga**, 7:30 p.m., Wesley House, 120 N. Dubuque
- **Alley Cabaret, "Cabaret Dancers,"** 11:30 p.m., Englert

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Iowa City Farmers' Market**, 7:30 a.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **Knitters' Breakfast**, 10 a.m., Home Ec. Workshop
- **Make a Difference Day**, 1 p.m., Hubbard Park
- **Introduction to Orthodoxy**, 4 p.m., St. Raphael Orthodox Church, 511 E. Iowa
- **Rock and Roll/Country Night**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy

Sunday 10.26

WORDS

- **IWP/Writers' Workshop Reading, Niq Mhlongo (South Africa) and Maryam Ala Amjadi (Iran)**, 5 p.m., Prairie Lights

THEATER

- **Coffee and Hope**, 2 p.m., Riverside Theatre
- **University Theatres Gallery Production, A Blue We All Know**, 7:30 p.m., Deadwood

DANCE

- **Argentine Folkloric Dance**, 4 p.m., Arts à la Carte, 408 First Ave., Coralville

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Fifth-Annual Spooky Sprint**, 10 a.m., Seaman's Center
- **Taizé**, 5 p.m., Old Brick
- **The Monastery**, 6:15 p.m., Old Brick

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IWP/Writers' Workshop Reading, Niq Mhlongo (South Africa) and Maryam Ala Amjadi (Iran)

Where: Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
When: 5 p.m. Sunday
Why you should go: Writers Niq Mhlongo and Maryam Ala Amjadi will read from their works and discuss their perspectives. Tonight's event is a perfect chance to broaden your literary scope.

- **IWP Cinématèque, The Widow (Nigeria)**, presented by Uche Umezurike, 8 p.m., 101 Becker
- **Dead Night**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
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Concerts to aid artists hit by flood

RECOVERY

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"That could have a pretty significant ramification for our whole community over time."

As the waters receded, COGS placed an ad on Craigslist to create a forum for community members seeking help, and Salisbury said at least 50 students responded. Many of them went to the UI for aid as well, but, UI risk manager Donna Pearcy said, the university's flood-insurance policy under FM Global only covers property owned by the school. The plan does not include the finished pieces, drills, socket sets, sheet music, instruments, or any other objects belonging to faculty, staff, and students.

Initially, the UI Foundation established a flood-relief fund for any UI community member needing assistance. Salisbury said most of that money was earmarked for those with larger losses, such as homes, so

students who lost art materials were left without help.

In addition to the destruction of tools and materials, some students returned to the Art Buildings only to find that some tools were missing. Although Larry Langley, the associate director of the UI police, said there was no widespread looting on the Arts Campus, there were some reports of post-flooding theft.

Joe Kearney, an associate dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said he had heard no reports of widespread looting, either. The chaos that accompanies a natural disaster could have easily caused many items to be misplaced or thrown away, he said. Cleanup crews were the only ones allowed on-site as a safety precaution during the immediate recovery from the flood, he said, and the university allowed the affected faculty and staff to enter the buildings as they became accessible.

The scale and scope of the

evacuation was a success, Kearney said, and he sympathizes with people who lost items.

"I think we've learned a lot, but we're still learning," he said. "We'll be more prepared next time."

It's nobody's fault that the artists were left with such a financial burden, Salisbury said, but something should be done to help out the people who make Iowa City so distinctive.

"This is a town where the art and culture is a big draw for why people come here," he said. "There's a good reason for that. This place is an amazing and unique community. But it's not a place where hundreds of already-developed artists move. It's a place that grows its own artists. People come here because they have an interest in art or because they get turned on to it as they are growing up here."

So it's only fitting that some of that hometown talent will aid the recovery effort.

And Iowa City's own Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Greg Brown will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 at Old Brick to aid the cause. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$25 and for \$30 at the door. Brown, whose songs have received critical acclaim and have been covered by, among many others, Willie Nelson and Carlos Santana, wants to help out the city that has been his hometown on and off for 30 years.

"I've lived various places for periods of time, but my ties to this community go way back," he said. "So when the flood hit, I was just anxious to help out with the whole situation."

Brown will play for free, and he is not the only community member moved to assist with the recovery efforts. COGS donated the office supplies necessary for promotion, Old Brick donated the performance space, West Music donated a sound system, Iowa Cultural Corridor agreed to

promote the efforts, and Tucker Burnes has provided his time and recording equipment. And students have worked to promote the event. UI music graduate student Amy Phelps created a Facebook group after the flood and posted information about the Artists' Recovery Fund.

Even with support from students and community businesses, Salisbury said, the concerts will not raise enough money to help everybody.

"If we do it right, that will raise some funds, but we've been trying to ask some local organizations to help this effort as well," he said.

"[COGS members] just felt as though we are part of the larger Iowa City community as well as part of the University of Iowa community. We overlap all the time. So there's no reason we shouldn't be thinking about it in that way."

Although he does not know the exact figure that needs to

be raised, he knows it reaches to well more than \$10,000.

"We want to provide a substantial amount to make a difference," he said. If the recovery fund raises more than necessary, the money will remain in the fund for future disasters.

Salisbury hopes to oversee some allocations in January, and he has worked to develop a simple but appropriate application process. He hopes to help out the affected artists as quickly as possible.

"They are supposed to continue in their coursework, in their fine-arts degrees, and they've been training and developing in this particular area," he said. "Well, not only do they lose all their old artwork, they can't continue to make any art in that area anymore. But they still have to progress in their courses, because time moves on. They are really stuck. It's like losing your past and freezing your present."

Out of the concert hall & into the club

QUARTET

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The shows are not always glamorous. Fischer recalls playing a concert in the middle of winter at a bar in Denver with a broken heater. Bundled up in hats and coats, the quartet carried on through the cold for the few dive-dwellers who were still there.

"It smelled like stale, old beer and our fingers were freezing," Fischer said.

No matter the circumstances, audiences have been intrigued, and the idea has grown into a trend in chamber music.

"Because it's so intimate, chamber music is more similar to that of jazz clubs," Fischer said. "It shouldn't be viewed as so different."

Chamber music, defined as classical music written for smaller instrument ensembles, originated in the Middle Ages as entertainment in private homes. Over the centuries, that intimacy was lost to accommodate larger audiences in concert halls.

The members of the Chiara String Quartet, who are artists in residence at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, were some of the first to introduce chamber music to a club setting. The movement has influenced other ensembles across the country, including the UI's resident chamber



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Cellist Greg Beaver (left) sings a Prince cover at the Java House on Tuesday. Beaver has been a member of the Chiara String Quartet for 16 years.

music group, the Maia Quartet, which played concerts last year at the Java House and the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St.

"There's always been a concern since I was a student that the chamber-music population is aging out," said Elizabeth Oakes, the Maia Quartet violist.

Many musicians hope that branching out to unconventional venues will help revive interest in the genre.

"It reflects a trend in classical music of trying to demystify it, to make it seem less formal," Oakes said.

The drive toward less formality requires musicians to look at performances with a fresh perspective. Compared with tonight's performance, in which the Chiara String Quartet plans to play full pieces by Johannes Brahms, Béla Bartók, and Erich Wolfgang Korngold, gigs such as those in

'Because it's so intimate, chamber music is more similar to that of jazz clubs. It shouldn't be viewed as so different.'

— Rebecca Fischer, violinist

the Java House call for a more varied set list of shorter pieces, broken up with casual talking and audience interaction.

"The people in the audience come away so invigorated because it feels like they were on stage," Oakes said. "The trend is to try to get people feeling that proximity and excitement of being right up next to the musicians."

Injecting some fun into a stereotypically stiff genre helps groups such as the Chiara and Maia Quartets reach younger audiences, who members are more likely drawn to a bar or coffeehouse.

"Did Beethoven ever imagine that his music would be played at the Mill?" Oakes said. "I don't think he'd be disappointed."

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Empires burlesque

It took a lot of thought, and none. People know about it, and they don't. Empires' own members admit there's something a little different about their band — but it's working just fine for them.

By ANNA WIEGENSTEIN
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"It's such a weird thing, Empires," guitarist Tom Conrad mused through the phone line.

Well, if you're going to be the one who says it ...

Just kidding. The Chicago-based band is certainly unorthodox, but "weird" has such harsh connotations. Of course, for the reader wanting to make up her or his own mind, the opportunity presents itself this Saturday. Empires opens for fellow Chicagoan Mark Rose (former frontman of Spitalfield) at the Picador, 330 E. Washington St., at 5 p.m.

"There were no expectations at first," reminisced Conrad, who founded the group with Empires' lead singer and keyboardist Sean Van Vleet a year and a half ago. "It's already past what we thought it could do at first."

And thus, when Conrad found himself departing the band he had been with for years, the Academy Is ... it was that energy he gravitated toward. From there, the initial moment that would go on to become the band Empires is something the musician has trouble recalling.

"A lot of thought, but at the

same time, not a lot was put into it," Conrad said.

Confusing? Allow him to go further: "You think a lot during your day, but how many things are just pure reaction? In the moment of something, you just react, or you'll kill the creative process."

So, for decisions such as whom to add in which positions to round out the rest of the quintet — reaction. However, the call to put its debut full-length *Howl* for download at its own website may have required more thought.

"It made the most sense to just put it up there and say, if you want it, go get it," Conrad said, comparing the situation of his band, currently completely independent, with a band working under contract for a record label. "The unique thing about Empires that I do enjoy is how self-sufficient we are ... [Other bands] are recording on someone else's dime, in a studio somewhere else."

Howl reached 15,000 downloads in its first week, and the guitarist brags over the geographic range of those downloads, from locales as distant as Iran, South America, and, of course, numerous in his hometown of Chicago.

So while Empires remains without a record label, booking tours with friends on a do-it-yourself basis, will it continue doing so for long?

"We're not chasing a label at this point, because it's not stopping us from having our songs see the light of day," Conrad said, noting that much of the band's future remains in question and that the members will consider anything.

"People know about the band, but they don't," Conrad said. "I think they might hear the name Empires and know that something's going on, but they don't really know what."

"We don't yet have our act figured out yet. Every day, there's something that's getting done for this band."



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Empires
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See **EMPIRES** with Mark Rose (formerly of Spitalfield), 5 p.m. Saturday, Picador, 330 E. Washington, \$7.

Even the Moon is different here

The work of International Writing Program participants Niq Mhlongo and Maryam Ala Amjadi highlights issues of youth on the global and personal level.

By JACQUELINE CIESLAK
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Niq Mhlongo

Niq Mhlongo almost finished law school, but he dropped out in his last year to pursue a career as a writer instead.

"The calling came at the right time," he joked. "I chose to do law. I didn't choose to do writing, but then I found I had the strength to touch these issues."

A self-proclaimed "post-apartheid" novelist, 35-year-old Mhlongo came to the United States from South Africa for the first time this fall to participate in the UI International Writing Program.

"[Iowa City is] one of the most wonderful places one can dream to be," said Mhlongo, who also makes freelance documentaries and teaches scriptwriting at a college in his home country. "In South Africa, we know it as the hub of literature. If you have never been here, you are not accomplished as a writer."

To make the most of his Iowa City stay, he brought a "skeleton novel," which he plans on fleshing out while here. Once published, the novel will be his third, following *After Tears*, published in 2007, and *Dog Eat Dog*, published in 2004.

"The book *Dog Eat Dog* starts with a letter, a rejection," he said. "The main character has applied to a formerly whites-only school. In a nutshell, it's a reflection of South Africa before and during 1994, the year in which Apartheid finally died."

Chronologically appropriate, Mhlongo described his second book, *After Tears*, as dealing with issues that arose in his country after Apartheid fell.

"We have a new kind of Apartheid that is not necessarily seen in black and white," he said. "In a broader sense, *After Tears* refers to after Apartheid, what are we doing now, what are the challenges. The themes of corruption, betrayal — everything is there in *After Tears*."

Maryam Ala Amjadi

Maryam Ala Amjadi said she was "born into the student life," because both her parents are scientists.

"With this tradition of science, it was difficult to break away and declare my ambition for literature," she said.

But break away she did, and



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Niq Mhlongo, a South African writer in the International Writing Program, reflects at his home on Tuesday. Mhlongo likes the pop music in the United States, and he visits the Record Collector often for to look for new music.

at age 24, this young Iranian poet — a participant in the International Writing Program — has published her first collection, *Me, I and Myself*, and she is working on her second, *In the Memory of My Dead Cells*.



Amjadi
Iran

"Usually, the first books are very autobiographical, so maybe that's why I named it *Me, I and Myself*," Ala Amjadi said. "When you're barely 20, you feel that you're carrying the weight of the whole world on your shoulders, so that's why my second book is titled *In the Memory of My Dead Cells*. I wanted to move away from that 'me, I and myself' into someone who has matured into the semantics of life."

Currently working toward her master's degree in English literature at a university in India, Ala Amjadi writes all her poetry in English, partly because she said it is a more uncomfortable language for her.

"It is very stimulating for me," she said. "It pushes me to challenge myself in new ways. The comfort of my own language makes me lethargic."



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Niq Mhlongo (South Africa) and Maryam Ala Amjadi (Iran)

When: 5 p.m. Oct. 26

Where: Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque

Admission: Free

As for Iowa City, Ala Amjadi said it provides quite a contrast to the noise of Iran or India.

"It may seem strange, but I felt like I was in a storybook when I got here," she said, grinning. "The whole city is like a dollhouse. Silence is very distinguishable. I was walking the other night, and there was a full Moon, and I thought, even the Moon is different here."

Poetic music from the Nashville hills

Writers' Workshop alum Kevin Gordon uses lessons learned in Iowa City as inspiration for penning poetic songs.

By MELEA ANDRYS
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The takeaways from a UI degree are multitudinous and varied. For some, it's just a career, and for others such as Kevin Gordon, it's pure inspiration.

Friday night, indie-rock-blues guitarist Gordon will return to the town of his alma mater to perform his alternative-Southern sound at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St. The show starts at 9 p.m. with fellow Nashville musician Amelia White.

Gordon has used what he learned during his days at the Iowa Writers' Workshop to fuel his career as a poet and songwriter. Over the past two decades, he's worked with famous figures such as E Street Band bassist Gary Tallent, and his original songs have been recorded by

myriad stars, including Grammy winner Lucinda Williams and Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards.

"Watching the Sun Go Down" (the opening track from his 2005 CD, *O Come Look at the Burning*), was recently featured in an episode of the HBO series "True Blood," which premiered earlier in October. For Friday's performance, Gordon plans to show off his latest work.

"[I'll play] plenty of new songs, some of which have recently been recorded for a new release," the 1989 Workshop alum said. "I've got a seven-plus-minute epic about a childhood memory that I'm excited about — and I never say things like that."

Poetry or otherwise, Gordon still taps into he calls the "most important" piece of advice he's ever received,

which he happened to stumble upon after only his first week at the Workshop.

"Somebody had graffitied one of the hallways outside the Workshop: 'Don't be a writer; just write,' " Gordon said. "That always stuck with me — it's the work that's important, not your position or ego."



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- Sarah Horgen, Natural History Museum

Crawling toward learning, creepily

Creepy Campus Crawl proves that learning can be fun — and spooky.

By REBECCA KOONS
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Fall is in full swing, cool weather abounds, and each night, Orion comes hunting in the eastern sky. The time will soon come when youngsters don outfits portraying their favorite superheroes, cartoon characters, or any scary idea they can come up with, all for the sake of obtaining a pillowcase full of sweet goodies.

Halloween has gotten a reputation as the mindlessly fun holiday of the season, but three UI campus buildings aim to bring entertaining, mentally stimulating elements to it with their third-annual Creepy Campus Crawl.

This event came together as a result of the collaboration of the Museum of Natural History and the geoscience department, which each sponsoring its own separate Halloween event. When the Old Capitol Museum reopened in 2006, the three facilities created the "Creepy Campus Crawl."

The idea of traveling to different campus buildings for a variety of educational Halloween activities (where costumes are strongly encouraged) caught on quickly.

"I think we've developed a following of students and families," said Sarah Horgen of the Natural History Museum. "This is a great way to encourage children and adults to learn about science and history in a fun, unex-

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES
Creepy Campus Crawl
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Where: UI Old Capitol Museum, Museum of Natural History, Department of Geoscience (Trowbridge Hall)
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pected way. And everyone loves an excuse to dress up in costume."

The Natural History Museum's "Haunted Laboratory" will allow guests to take a ghostly tour of the Hageboeck Hall of Birds, excavate mammal bones, create "bizarre beasts" and scary masks, and even get a look at Rusty the Giant Sloth's new Halloween getup.

While most visitors are young children and their parents, Horgen said, many UI students like to try their hand at these offered activities as well.

Participants who make their way to the Old Capitol Museum will be able to immerse themselves in a game of "Clue at the Capitol." Here, all the classic characters from the Clue board game will help guests solve their very mysteries. If Clue isn't your thing, attendees can stop by the Senate Chamber for a spooky silent film or the gift shop to create Halloween crafts.



Tables display props on Wednesday that will be used in "Clue at the Old Capitol." The Halloween event will begin this weekend and will be held at the Old Capitol Museum. The Museum of Natural History will host a "Haunted Laboratory," and the geoscience department in Trowbridge Hall will have a "Journey to the Center of the Earth." Guests are encouraged to wear costumes.

Katherine Moermond, who is helping with festivities at the Old Capitol, is particularly excited about having the presence of Mr. Green, Professor Plum, Ms. Peacock, and others.

"We have never had a theme like this before," she said.

Toward the end of the crawl, guests will "Journey to the Center of the Earth,"

exploring underground seas and other terrains at the geoscience department, presented by the Sigma Gamma Epsilon student group.

Though only in its third year, the Creepy Campus Crawl has received a tremendous response from the Iowa City community, which shocked geoscience department staff mem-

ber Tiffany Adrain.

"This event is not advertised at all, but there is still a large turnout," she said about last year's turnout. "It was actually quite overwhelming."

Horgen is also surprised by the numbers.

"That first year we had attendance of close to 1,000 people in two hours, which

was completely unexpected," she said. "I had to make several trips to get more candy because we kept running out."

Moermond believes that the Crawl greatly benefits schools, including the UI, "to help promote learning outside of the classroom by visiting other educational institutions, and support community involvement."

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Another side of breast cancer

Telling a story about breast cancer without a woman seems like performing a concert without sound. But in his new play, *Coffee and Hope*, Riverside Theatre cofounder Ron Clark puts a masculine voice to what is seen as a feminine struggle.

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Thinking pink? Not just a pretty color, this particular hue of pale whitish-red is particularly abundant during October. This month is National Breast Cancer Awareness month, and the color can be seen on lapel pins, yogurt lids, and even in a screen bug on the E! Network.

Riverside Theatre is taking its own approach to celebrating mammary health. In time for the tail end of the month, Iowa City's resident professional theater will debut its newest production, *Coffee and Hope*, Friday at 7:30 p.m. A drama about a different aspect of the struggle of breast cancer, the play was written by Riverside Theatre cofounder and resident artist/production manager Ron Clark.

Instead of focusing on the patients, the women who are suffering from breast cancer, *Coffee and Hope* has an entirely male cast consisting of characters who are caring for female loved ones. The action centers on their interactions in a breast-cancer clinic waiting room.

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He began working on the play in 2006 after attending a conference sponsored by Men Against Breast Cancer, an organization devoted to supporting male caregivers while they tend to their cancer-stricken loved ones. He called his fellow attendees "50 of the bravest men I've ever met" and found their stories so inspiring that he decided to take them to the stage.

"I came back from the



Actors (from left) Ron Clark, David Combs, and Brian Bentz rehearse *Coffee and Hope* at the Riverside Theatre on Tuesday. *Coffee and Hope*, written by Clark, will open Friday at the Riverside Theatre.

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conference on fire and set out with this project to interview a lot of guys and just see what their common experiences were like, what their challenges were, what their different approaches were," Clark said. "I came up

with some pretty good source material."

After conducting more than 20 interviews, he used the stories to create the backgrounds of the characters in *Coffee and Hope*. To say that interviewing

these men was a weighty task is a heavy understatement, and he found himself on the end of some emotionally intense exchanges.

"I interviewed one man whose wife had died a number of years before. He confessed that he had

never cried, and during this interview, he broke down. He said, 'I felt like I just needed to be strong for everybody else,'" Clark said. "And that's one of the most difficult things for men is that we're taught not to be

THEATER

Coffee and Hope

When: Friday, Saturday, Oct. 30, 31, Nov. 1, 6, 7, 8, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 2 p.m.

Where: Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert

Admission: Youth \$12, Adult \$24, under 30 or over 60 \$21

self-indulgent, not to be weak, emotionally, and not to cry, and not to share fear. That can really cripple you."

His perspective on the situation was helped in large part by his own experience as a caregiver. His wife, Riverside Theatre cofounder Jody Hovland, has been breast-cancer-free for two and a half years. Clark said writing and researching *Coffee and Hope* was his way of coping with that harrowing experience. He also noted feeling "an immediate bond" with the caregivers he interviewed after the conference.

Hovland has been involved with the play since the beginning, and while it was hard for her to work on *Coffee and Hope* at times, her husband said she "believes in the play."

Hovland even directed a script-in-hand production of the play last spring.

Ultimately, Clark's goal is to touch audiences with the truth of an oft-forgotten side of cancer in *Coffee and Hope*.

"I think they will have a sense of insight into the struggle and compassion for men that are going through it," he said. "I hope that people will go away with a lot of hope, as the title implies."

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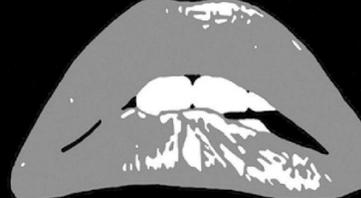
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