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Ex-researcher faked data

A former UI scientist attempted to publish fictitious data in a study.

By **REGINA ZILBERMINTS**
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A former UI scientist falsified data in a 2005 UI research study, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has concluded.

The department found last week that Jusan Yang, a

molecular biologist at the UI from 1997-2005, "engaged in scientific misconduct by falsifying and fabricating data that were reported in a scientific manuscript intended for publication," according to a report released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The UI Office of Research

Integrity helped conduct the initial investigation.

The falsified data were removed from the manuscript prior to publication, but they were presented at two professional conferences.

Though Yang couldn't be reached for comment Tuesday evening, he said in the report that he doesn't intend to apply

for further public-health research funding. If he participates in research funded by the Office of Public Health and Science, he will have to contend with a series of restrictions for the next five years.

Any institution that allows

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SCHOOL BOARD

Parents make charge

Two Iowa City parents want the School Board to reopen a past investigation concerning sexual-assault complaints.

By **JENNIFER DELGADO** and **KELLI SCHAFFNER**
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Two parents on Tuesday night accused the Iowa City School District of mishandling a closed investigation that addressed sexual-assault and harassment complaints last year against a City High cross-country coach.

In a formal complaint, Dallas Roberston of Iowa City accused Jayme Skay of sexually harassing boys on the cross-country team, stating that he said they looked like "gay lovers" and were in "compromising positions."

He also said Skay sexually assaulted Robertson's wife, Carole, by "chest-butting" her and allowed the hazing of younger students.

At the time, Roberston was helping coach the team and his son, Morgan, who graduated last year, School officials concluded in September 2007 that Robertson wanted to damage Skay's reputation as a coach and prohibited the Robertsons from contacting the coaching staff or team members.

School Board members decided against holding a hearing about the complaint, trusting in the judgment of Superintendent Lane Plugge and



Plugge
superintendent

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Torn-out pages of a 1070-page Yellow Book, the phone book given to UI students living in the dorms, fly through the air. If all of the 3,027 dorm rooms at the UI had phone books, there would be 32 million pages of directory information in the dorms.

Phone books not dead yet

Despite the presence of the Internet, phone books live on.

By **ANNA LOTHSON**
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Are phone books, slammed between burgeoning technologies, ready to be buried in history?

Maybe not. They may be heavy, without flashy graphics, and smell of old paper, but the production of printed phone directories is thriving.

Tenants of each of the 3,027 UI dormitory rooms can request a phone book —

that's around 32 million pages. Despite the obvious environmental pitfalls, phone-directory companies remain optimistic about the purpose of those bulky volumes of knowledge.

Von Stange, the director of University Housing, said his office has "better things to do with its time" than to track how many dorm residents request phone books.

"In a free enterprise system, the market dictates" production, said John

O'Brien, the president of University Directories in North Carolina. "We'll make conversion in due time."

O'Brien, who noted that University Directories has had a close relationship with the UI since 1983, said his company has not seen a slowing demand for print directories.

"There is no doubt it's a changing environment out there with advertising online," he said, but the overflowing clutter of informa-

tion online often keeps users from using the Internet as a search engine.

Environmental issues shouldn't hinder directory production because the books are 100 percent recyclable, he said.

But one UI professor said this may not make a difference.

Many people may not take advantage of the directories being recyclable, said Vicki

SEE PHONE BOOKS, 3A

Scientists see stem-cell hope with Obama

UI researchers say Obama's election will activate stem-cell research.

By **KATIE HANSON**
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UI researcher Nicholas Zavazava received a phone call from the Barack Obama campaign a few days before Nov. 4, but the voice on other end wasn't an automated message.

The caller was a real person who wanted to know more about Zavazava and his work with stem cells.

"[The campaign] wanted to assure potential voters the campaign was committed to stem-cell research," Zavazava said. "They indicated, 'We are

going to be supportive of what you're doing.'"

Obama's position on embryonic stem-cell research was "one of many reasons" he snagged Zavazava's vote. With Obama's election, Zavazava is confident he will be able to instigate research that has been stalled under President Bush's administration.

Scientists receiving federal funds, such as those from the National Institutes of Health, are limited to 21 stem cell lines created before 2001, when Bush limited funding for embryonic stem cells, said John Engelhardt, a UI profes-

sor of anatomy and cell biology.

Zavazava has to perform the bulk of his research on mouse stem cells, and UI exercise science Associate Professor Gina Schatteman said she doesn't do a lot of embryonic stem-cell work because "it is just too difficult."

"[Better] lines are out there," she said. "Now, all of these lines generated by companies could become available."

UI Pediatrics Associate Professor Frederick Goldman said embryonic stem cells may lose their taboo status if Obama issues an executive



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Sophomore Kelly Deatsch sets up tubes for an experiment in the Bowen Science Building on Tuesday. Deatsch's experiment dealt with trying to get a "western blot."

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Downturn boosts discount grocery stores, locals say

Most consumers are switching to cheaper items, grocery-store officials say.

By ASHTON SHURSON

Discounted food never tasted so good.

Just ask Beverly Herman, a mother of five teenagers and a frugal woman.

"If I can save 10 bucks, 20 bucks — definitely," she said as she picked out a bag of walnuts. "Everything adds up."

Herman said she started shopping at the discount grocery store Aldi while at the UI decades ago and has continued shopping there because "it's always been the cheapest place to shop."

While many businesses across the country continue to suffer in these times of economic turmoil, others are prospering — or at the least, stable.

Aldi is one of those.

The number of customers shopping at Aldi — the only discount grocery store in the area — has risen recently, with store owners pinning it on the economy but declining to specify just how much sales have surged.

To meet the demand for more discounted food items,

Battling the economy

Local grocery stores are seeing changes since the economic turmoil:

- Aldi: Increase in customers and sales.
• Hy-Vee: More customers are turning to sale items and coupons. They are also buying fewer treat-type products, such as ice cream and prepared cakes.
• Fareway: More customers are turning to sale items, coupons, and cheaper brands.

ON DAILY IOWAN TV

Daily Iowan TV has a report on how organic-food stores are coping with the grocery squeeze. See it on dailyiowan.com



A customer shops for produce at Aldi on Tuesday. Aldi has built 100 stores this year compared with the usual 50 to 70 to meet growing demand for its discount products.

Other grocery stores — such as Fareway and Hy-Vee — have recently hiked their prices to compensate for the economy, but officials from these stores said their business has remained stable.

But Dave Clemen, assistant manager for the Commerce Drive Fareway, said he has noticed a change in shopping habits, such as people choosing sale items and less-expensive products.

Hy-Vees are also seeing a similar change.

Chris Friesleben, the director of communications for Hy-Vee, called the supermarkets "recession proof" because, after all, people will always need to buy food.

But that adage doesn't

apply to treat-type products such as ice cream and prepared cakes.

"We're still maintaining our own," Friesleben said. "But we're trying to help our consumers."

Along with offering coupons and weekly savings, she said, Hy-Vee launched a program Monday that helps customers prepare 30 different meals with cheap, good, and fresh ingredients. More people are using coupons, too, she noted.

"We try very hard to keep [prices] down but it gets to a point where there's no room to move," Friesleben said. "So we focus on bargains."

"If we're not treating the customer right, they're not coming back," Clemen said.

Some look askance at tax raise

The recently passed conservation bond will do more than raise property taxes — it could also raise apartment rent, some say.

By BRIANA BYRD

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The conservation bond passed on Nov. 4 may protect the environment, but it might also do something that few may have acknowledged: raise rent.

The work necessary to protect local trails, prairies, and water supplies will now be funded by taxing property owners. The costs may also trickle down to students through possible rent hikes across Johnson County.

"I really think that students need to pay more

attention to what's going on in the community," said Clark Adams, the manager of Cambridge Place Apartments on Melrose Avenue. "Every election that has to do with property taxes comes out of their rent. When businesses have to pay more in taxes, they pass that on to the consumer. That can add up for some of them."

Some students are regretting their decision to vote in favor of the ballot, saying they didn't know that they would be affected monetarily by the initiative.

"I read it many times, and it sounded like a good thing, so I voted yes," UI junior Robert Nelson II said. "If I had known it would increase my rent, I would have said definitely no."

Property owners will be taxed about \$1.10 a month if a home is appraised at \$100,000, and the tax doubles for every additional \$100,000 worth of property value. Over 20 years, taxpayers will dole out \$20 million.

Vershawn Young, a UI

assistant professor of rhetoric, said if the ballot measures are written ambiguously, people can get confused and don't necessarily understand what they're voting for.

"Words have general connotations within our public discourse," he said. "Conservation brings about certain familiar ideas in people's minds, even if what's on the table may be something radically different."

But Conservation Board Director Harry Graves said the measure was more than clear, noting that the ballot was reviewed by the Office of the State Bonding Attorney, then approved by the Johnson County Board of Supervisors.

"If the bond doesn't say it, you can't do it," Graves said, stressing that the board can't do anything not in the measure.

Even though the bond never mentions property taxes, he said it didn't need to — it's common knowledge that bonds are paid through taxes.

Tara Hogan, an Iowa City

property owner who voted for the bond, said the tax increase is inconsequential.

"If it's good for the community, then I'm fine with it, and I can't imagine students voting for something that's not good for the community," Hogan said. "I haven't come across that in my experience, and I've lived in Iowa City 49 years."

UI sophomore Amanda Redalen said such tax increases are a meager price to pay for the environment.

"I probably would still vote for it," she said. "I feel like it's a big enough issue that it's worth paying a little more rent for."

UI senior Anna Sorgenfrey said she didn't vote for the measure simply because she wasn't informed.

"I think students probably make wrong decisions because they don't have enough information," she said. "I didn't vote for it because I didn't know about it. If I'm not knowledgeable about something, I'm not going to make a decision about it."

METRO

Man charged with OWI, endangerment

An Iowa City man was arrested over the weekend after allegedly driving drunk with his daughter in the car.

James Geiser, 47, 1841 Sterling Court, was charged Monday with OWI, child endangerment, and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Iowa City police said Geiser was under the influence of alcohol when he picked up his 3-year-old daughter from daycare Monday evening.

Officers said he then got into "an accident" and left the scene. Reports

showed his daughter was with him during the collision. No injuries were reported.

Geiser was reportedly found at his home a short time later, when officers said he failed a field sobriety test and a breath test.

OWI is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and up to a \$1,250 fine. Child endangerment is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and as much as a \$6,250 fine. Driving with a suspended/canceled license is a serious misdemeanor, generally punishable by up to one year in jail

and up to a \$1,500 fine.

- by Regina Zilbermints

Man charged with attempted burglary

An Iowa City man was arrested after he allegedly attempted to rob the New Pioneer Co-op.

Demetrius Lee, 21, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with second-degree attempted burglary and fourth-degree criminal mischief.

Lee reportedly admitted to throwing the brick through the window of the New Pioneer Co-op, 22 S. Van

Buren St., and told officers that he was "broke" and wanted to "rob the place."

Iowa City police documents show all statements were made after officers read him his Miranda rights.

Estimated damage to the window is \$250.

Second-degree attempted burglary is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and as much as a \$7,500 fine. Fourth-degree criminal mischief is a serious misdemeanor and is punishable by up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,875.

- by Regina Zilbermints

POLICE BLOTTER

Jeremy Baird, 30, Birmingham, was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.

Erik Berglund, 51, 19 Duck Creek Place, was charged Sunday with possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with a revoked license, and second-offense OWI.

Tracen Bowns, 41, 3903 Schuchert Drive S.E., was charged Monday with

driving while barred.

Lawrence Hill, 58, 829 Dover St., was charged Nov. 6 with domestic assault.

Kamil Kownski, 18, Tinley Park, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication and fifth-degree theft.

Maxwell Mohagen, 18, 738 Rienow, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Yesenia Palacios, 35, West Liberty, was charged Nov. 8 with theft.

Andrew Ratchford, 34, 903 Hudson Ave., was charged Tuesday with violating a no-contact domestic-abuse protective order, public intoxication, and possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Joseph Schmitz, 19, M101 Currier, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Kade Wills, 20, 912 Iowa Ave., was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Robert Wilson, 28, 3517 Shamrock Place, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

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2. Wrestle-offs raise some questions
3. Which Hawkeye win under Ferentz was bigger?
4. Music prof backed
5. Iowa shedding old image

CORRECTION

In the Nov. 10 report, "3 hunters rescued," Thomas Erhart was named as one of three people saved. The final person rescued was actually Paul Klesner of Cedar Rapids; Erhart was not involved. Incorrect information was provided to the DI. The DI regrets the error.

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False data used

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Yang to participate in future research must submit a plan to the public-health agency detailing how he will be supervised and how it will ensure the integrity of his contribution.

When the institution submits a report, manuscript, or abstract to the public-health agency, it must also submit a certification that Yang's data are legitimate.

Yang will no longer be allowed to serve the public-health agency in any advisory

capacity.

This isn't the first instance of a UI researcher falsifying reports. Two other research assistants have falsified information on documents, according to the UI Office of Research Integrity. Both were given the same punishment — a three-year grant suspension.

In 1995, UI research assistant Denise Conrad fabricated questionnaires in a study for the preventative-medicine department.

Conrad was sentenced to a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement, which meant she couldn't apply for or receive funds

the three years following her misconduct.

In 2004, Pat Palmer, assistant research scientist who falsified grant-application information, was given the same three-year grant suspension, but was not terminated from the program.

"Falsifying data on a manuscript essentially means the end of your career," said Robert Cornell, a UI associate professor of anatomy and cell biology. "That's why it's important not to do it, because no one will take you seriously after that."

DI reporters Amanda McClure and Katie Hansen contributed to this report.

Old charge resurfaces

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other school officials.

"Dr. Plugge did not pay much attention to this and wasn't interested in hearing my concerns," Robertson said.

The Robertsons also included City High Principal Mark Hanson and guidance counselor Tom Carey in the formal complaint because Hanson allegedly promised that last year would be Skay's last on faculty, and Carey allegedly betrayed the confidence of Robertson and his son in a private counseling meeting.

The Robertsons also condemned the School District for a school advertisement that they say solicits minority males, calling it discrimination.

The ad asks minority males who are at least 18 and are interested in installing

satellite dishes to contact U.S. Cellular.

Skay, who is also a math teacher at Southeast Junior High, said he had no comment Tuesday night.

Hanson said he is satisfied that the investigation is closed, noting that there were no improprieties and was handled properly.

They "have a right to agree to disagree," Hanson said.

Although Robertson said Skay made these comments during stretches, Ted Ovrom said Skay usually wasn't present during such exercises. Ovrom, a City High Senior, said Skay was usually making Gatorade for the team during that time.

Ovrom described Skay as wise and said he was "definitely a positive influence on most people."

"He wanted us to do well," he said. Skay had "great quality as a coach."

Ovrom said Skay had told the team that this year would be his last, and although he didn't give a reason, Ovrom said he "assumed he wanted to spend more time with his family."

Matthew White, a 2007 City High graduate agreed with Ovrom and said Skay seemed like a great coach who never intended to offend anyone.

White said he never heard any inappropriate comments from Skay and never heard any such rumors.

"I'm sure his intent was never to degrade anyone," said White, who ran for Skay for three years.

White said he had heard rumors that Skay would not be coaching, but that he "always heard it was his last year."

"Somehow, people come up with rumors."



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Liang Xie looks at the array of chemicals in the Bowen Science Building on Tuesday. Xie was looking for a chemical to fix tissues.

Phone books hang on

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Grassian, a UI chemistry professor.

In terms of sustainability, "going online and cutting down on paper is the best way to go," she said.

While looking for numbers on the Internet may be easier, phone books still linger.

Craig Just, a UI associate research scientist in environmental engineering, said print directories still serve a purpose, because some people

'Print directories aren't going anywhere anytime soon.'

— Peter Larmey
Dex manager

don't like going online or can't.

"There is a balance between sustainability and a dissemination of knowledge," he said. "Some people still like sticking their fingers into them."

But he said phone book production should be dictated by demand to ward off prospective waste.

Peter Larmey, the manager of external communications for DEX, which helps make the UI directory, said convergence between the web and print editions create a "complement" for each other.

In fact, he said a 2007 Yellow Pages Association study found that people picked up a print phone book 13.4 billion times.

"Print directories aren't going anywhere anytime soon," he said.

Stem-cell comeback

STEM CELL
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order to lift the ban.

Goldman said people are confused by embryonic stem-cell production; many don't know fertilized cells are stacked in freezers around the country for parents attempting in-vitro fertilization.

"There's irony to the whole situation," he said. "[The Bush administration] doesn't mind if embryos are destroyed by throwing them down the sink, but they don't want them to be used for scientific research to help people."

The Obama administration may not provide funding specifically for stem cells given the current economic crisis, but ending the ban will create a more open environment for stem-cell researchers to file for grants, Engelhardt said.

Even grant money would be an improvement — in 2003, the NIH allotted \$25 million for the entire country, which Zavazava said wasn't enough.

"That's nothing for a coun-

try like the United States," he said.

The dearth of federal money has driven researchers to such countries as Singapore and the United Kingdom, which provide more support on stem cells, Zavazava said.

"We're so far behind that other countries already have the infrastructure," Schatteman said, noting that lifting the ban "will slow the tide a lot" and keep scientists here.

More support for embryonic stem cells will benefit research with adult stem cells as well, she said.

"Right now, we're working with what we have rather than the best," Schatteman said. "When we reach a dead end with adult stem cells, we would have the option to try embryonic stem cells."

Engelhardt is working with pluripotent stem cells, which act like embryonic stem cells but come from adult skin. He said researchers don't know the capability of these cells without comparing them to "the gold standard — true embryonic stem cells."

With a wave of activity in all types of stem cells, Gold-

Stem-cell research is born again

Barack Obama will likely lift the Bush limitation on federal funds for most embryonic stem-cell research and usher in a new wave of activity in that field.

- Better, uncontaminated cell lines could become available.
- Researchers could use their lab equipment to study the new lines, which they are currently prohibited from doing.
- Researchers around the country would be able to collaborate more easily.
- The UIHC could open banks for embryonic stem cells and post-natal tissue, which would give Iowa an edge in national research.

Sources: Nicholas Zavazava, Gina Schatteman, Frederick Goldman

man said, the wispy promise of stem cell-based disease treatment may become tangible.

Despite science's potential to use stem cells, Zavazava said it's up to Obama to make the first move.

"We will hold him to his promise and see how much is going to be implemented," Zavazava said. "But I have a lot of confidence he will."

GOLD RUSH

GOLD RUSH ARRIVES IN IOWA CITY



Benjamin King, one of the certified GIA appraisers of Gold Buyers states that one of the more unusual things he has seen is people bringing in old gold crowns, he said pointing to his teeth.

Whatever they bring, nearly all choose to exchange their items after they are evaluated. Some just don't wear the jewelry and others are looking for ways to supplement their income, like Williams, citing the economic downturn.

St. Louis-- Marva Williams can no longer wear her twisted herringbone necklace so she had no problem handing it over for a fistful of cash from the Gold Buyers set up near Dillards at the St. Louis Galleria.

For those looking to turn their gold into cash, the Gold Buyers will be inside Coral Ridge Mall from 10am to 7pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 11th through the 13th.

Marva says she knows right where the money is going:

Diana Knoll tried to sell her old engagement ring, a half carat solitaire for years. She practically cried as she left. "Eleven hundred dollars is going a long way for my family."

"Gas for my car!"

As the economy continues to weaken, the stock market breaking new lows and the unemployment rate trending higher, gold has increased to levels not seen since the 1980's. Eight years ago gold was averaging \$225 an ounce. Gold has been hovering around \$900 an ounce for months now topping \$1,000 an ounce a few months back.

The Appleton, Wisconsin based business buys then melts unwanted gold, silver and platinum. They also buy diamonds, watches, bullion as well as pre-1969 coins. Owner Lyssa King said the average payout for jewelry like William's is \$186.00

Iowa City will be the 79th stop on the Gold Buyers nationwide Mall tour.

King says, "We also get people who have old sterling silver flatware, serving trays, old silver and gold coins, watch brands like Rolex, Vacheron Constantine and Patek Philippe. We are one of the few buyers who generally pays spot price for gold and silver American Eagle gold bullion. We really see it all. In the past, there has been few outlets for people to get rid of jewelry and get a decent price for it. With gold where it is at, it can make a real difference."

Because of the record high price of gold, Lyssa adds, Gold Buyers is able to give back to people what they paid for certain items as recent as five years ago

Justin Samarzia, who sorts items brought to Gold Buyers before they are appraised said the business sees 80 to 100 people each day.



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2 art pieces found; 1 lost

Two pieces of artwork that were previously thought lost were recovered Monday, while another remains in limbo.

By **TESSA McLEAN**
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Two ceramic pieces of art previously believed to be stolen were found Monday, sitting in boxes at the UI Studio Arts Facility.

Still missing: a piece estimated at \$20,000, created by Montana artist Rudy Autio, who has received numerous ceramic awards.

A graduate student first noticed the work was missing after the flood, UI ceramics-program Director Bunny McBride said.

UI officials initially speculated items were stolen while moving out of Art Building West at the beginning of the flood. And though officials said they're pleased the two items were located, they still don't know the location of the third.

"We can't rule out the possibility of theft because moving things during the flood was so chaotic," UI spokesman Steve Parrott said. "It is possible they will still be recovered. There were so many people we didn't know helping with cleanup from different companies."

McBride said students didn't know what pieces they wrapped and boxed while moving this summer, which only added to the confusion. He said the main goal was to save all they could before they emergency officials locked them out of the building.

Autio "was a personal friend

and I relished and miss the piece very much," McBride said, questioning whether the piece was stolen. "In 40 years, I have never seen any pieces taken. They were used to show students as teaching tools."

Campuswide, there were 260 cases of theft in 2006 and 321 in 2007, according to UI police statistics.

UI anthropology student Morgan Hansen, who is seeking a certificate in museum studies, felt "unnerved" by the idea that art could have been stolen during the flood.

"Insurance can't replace everything, most items in a museum are priceless," she said.

The UI has property loss and business interruption insurance, which covers them in this flood. The UI has redesigned its insurance policy due to the impact of the flood.

McBride said the artwork isn't covered because of the high cost of art insurance.

Officials said the work may never return and art students said they're missing out.

"The ceramics department doesn't always get a lot of attention, and it's sad they lost these amazing pieces," said Johnson, who has taken two semesters of ceramics courses. "The [art] department lost so much anyway, it is sad that people think it is OK to take things away."

But, she said jokingly, "Those thieves must have pretty good taste."

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S.E. Polk school deals with 4th suicide in 7 months

ALTOONA, Iowa (AP) — Southeast Polk High School, located east of Des Moines, is coping with its fourth student suicide in the past seven months.

School officials say the body of an 18-year-old student was found at his Altoona home by a younger sibling after school on Monday.

The first two students committed suicide in April and August. The third was in September.

School officials organized a task force to discuss the issue after the September death.

Superintendent Tom Downs said none of the deaths appear to be related.

Counselors were brought into the school on Tuesday.

Wet conditions slows Iowa's harvest

DES MOINES (AP) — Wet fields and wet corn are a problem across Iowa as farmers try to finish up the harvest.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said the Iowa corn harvest is about two weeks behind schedule.

Rain is forecast into Thursday, which could mean more delays.

According to a weekly crop report from the Iowa agriculture secretary's office, the corn harvest is 62 percent complete. Moisture content of corn in the field is at 21 percent, while harvested corn is 18 percent.

Corn generally needs to be dried to about 15 percent moisture for storage.

The soybean harvest is at 97 percent, on pace with last year.

"Let's hope the weather clears up so we can get the remaining corn and beans out of the fields," Agriculture Secretary Bill Northey said.

Don't look - they're back

Two potential Republican presidential candidates will visit Iowa next week — already stirring talks of 2012.

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Despite being just a week removed from the presidential election, talk of the 2012 presidential race is already ratcheting up — at least for the GOP.

Underscoring that, two prospective 2012 Republican candidates, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, will visit Iowa next week, the former for a book tour in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines and the latter as a keynote speaker for the Iowa Family Policy Center's banquet in West Des Moines.

Iowa Republican Party Chairman Stewart Iverson contended such a forward-looking mentality isn't anything new.

"Both parties do this," said Iverson, who confirmed last week he wouldn't seek reelection once his term is up. "You sit there and take a look at what you did right and what you did wrong. You start the planning stages relatively soon after the previous election."

Another Republican offered a more candid answer.

"It's better than looking at the past, especially when you get whipped," UI political-science Associate Professor Tim Hagle said.

Hagle added the same was true for each party.

UI College Republicans Secretary Derek Bohlke agreed, noting the quick turnaround is simply a sign of the times.

"As long as this primary season was, I think the next one will be even longer," Bohlke said. "That's just the way the things are starting to go."

Both Jindal and Huckabee have strong support from many Republicans.

"Both are superb governors, and they bring a lot to the table," said Steve Scheffler, president of the conservative Iowa Christian Alliance.

For those seeking to run in 2012, Iowa is a good place to



Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee greets around 100 supporters at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cedar Rapids on Nov. 8, 2007. Huckabee highlighted the issues of illegal immigration and international security to the mainly middle-age crowd.

start. Just look at President-elect Barack Obama, who has credited his win in January's Iowa caucuses as the launching pad for his successful candidacy.

The candidates aren't "visiting because of the weather in Iowa in November," quipped Iowa State University political-science Professor Steffen Schmidt.

Several potential Republican candidates — including Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, and Florida Gov. Charlie Crist, among others — will join Jindal today at a Republican Governors Association meeting in Miami, a list that's being touted as a who's who of possible contenders.

After losses last week, dejected Republicans have already begun post-election soul-searching, with many asserting the GOP must return to their Ronald Reagan roots. Others argue the Republicans must welcome more moderates and bring independents into the fold.

Whichever Republican can-

Possible presidential candidates in the state next week
Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee:
 • Book-signing in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines, Nov. 20
Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal:
 • Iowa Family Policy Center banquet, Nov. 22 in West Des Moines

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 — Stewart Iverson, Iowa Republican Party Chairman

didate wins the party's nomination in 2012, one thing is for sure: There's going to be no shortage of advice in the next four years.
 Iverson's advice: The party needs to "get back to being Republicans." In addition, he argued the GOP needs to be "a little more open-minded."
 "We can agree 80 to 90 percent of the time rather than having to agree 100 percent of the time," Iverson said.
 Scheffler said Republicans need to use technology more effectively for fundraising and grassroots organization.

Additionally, "enunciating differences between the two parties" is essential, Scheffler said.
 Hagle stressed a lot can change in four years, highlighting early 1992, when President George H.W. Bush seemed impossible to defeat. But when the economy went south, former President Bill Clinton took advantage and unseated him.
 Similar events could prove influential in the next four years, he said.
 "A lot depends on how events unfold," Hagle said.

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Artist/porn star visit OK, art school, students say

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Though bringing a porn star to campus with tuition and state dollars raises questions on whether the UI used that money appropriately, university students and officials say they did.

The UI School of Art and Art History paid Zak Smith \$2,000 to visit the university last week. And though he has worked in the porn industry, his professional work as a painter and drawer qualified him for the visit, said Susan Chrysler White, an associate professor of art and art history.

Smith was invited to the school because he could relate

to younger artists with his broad range of sensibilities, she said.

"I didn't bring him because I knew I would get flagged," she said, adding that she thought she'd get more criticism than she did.

A visiting artist fund — composed equally of tuition and state-appropriated funds — from the art school paid for Smith's trip to the university, said UI spokesman Steve Parrott.

Dan Stiles, a representative of Campus Crusade for Christ, said it's important for colleges and student organizations to bring in guests, even with a controversial background.

"If the art department feels

he's qualified, who am I to say otherwise?" he said.

Mike Currie, the chairman of the UI Lecture Committee, said Smith's background in pornography is inconsequential if his lecture addressed a pertinent topic.

Currie said the committee considers many factors when deciding whether to invite guests to the UI, though no set formula for doing so exists.

Kevin McGlynn, accountant for the UI Art and Art History department, said invitations are under the discretion of department chairs and how they chose to use their funds.

The number of visiting lecturers varies from year to year, McGlynn said, because

the allocations are divvied out to each of the nine areas, limiting funds. More famous lecturers cost more, he said.

And though Smith has been in about eight feature-length films, McGlynn said he is barely involved in the adult entertainment.

White said Smith's experience in the pornography industry shouldn't overshadow his work as an artist. She said she believes most campuses are open to a huge range of thought.

"It's interesting to see somebody with that kind of energy," White said. "He's not someone who goes to a studio and hides out. He's out in the world. It's good to have somebody that's provocative."

C'ville still coming back

There's still a lot of work to be done to restore much of Coralville after the floods.

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In Coralville, the floods are still a daily reality.

The Coralville City Council reviewed presentations for 2008 Flood Mitigation Project at a work session Tuesday night, saying that future floods won't damage the community nearly so much if the proper protocols are followed. Enter Shoemaker and Haaland Professional Engineers. The companies will construct a concrete floodwall along the Iowa River near the Iowa River Power Restaurant and along the railroad in Coralville, according to the presentation.

Other considerations: include constructing a floodgate along Rocky Shore Drive and placing a retractable floodwall near northern sections of the Iowa River Power Restaurant complex. Engineering Design Associates in Sioux Center, Iowa, have shown interest in funding the project, said Coralville City Administrator Kelly Hayworth.

The project could cost more than \$7 million. If the city also chooses to add a boardwalk along the river, tack on another \$2 million.

Protecting infrastructure such as wastewater stations, electrical substations, storm-

water lift stations, and other areas prone to flooding is critical, said representatives of Howard R. Green Co.

"The bar has been set higher," said Andrew Marsh, project manager for Howard R. Green Company.

In other business, the council vowed to follow on up ensure pedestrian safety after bus service in the area was discontinued, after a promise made last month to residents of Coral Court.

Assistant City Engineer Scott Larson discussed plans to install push buttons on signal poles for pedestrians crossing the intersection of Oakdale Boulevard and Highway 965. They also want to put in a sidewalk between Coral Court and Coral Ridge Avenue.

Ideally, these plans will be complete at the end of this month, Larson said.

"This is a new development, and things don't always get done in the right sequence," Larson said. "We're trying to fill that gap now."

A larger, long-term highway project to reconstruct Coral Ridge Avenue is also in the works. Larson estimates this process could cost the city at least \$8 million.

The council said it will hand over the development for the Iowa River Landing project to Oliver McMillan, a San Diego based development firm that manages its own real estate.

"I'm very impressed by their work and have no reservations," said council member John Lundell.

Trouble seen for owner of Coral Ridge

The owner of Coral Ridge Mall may be nearing bankruptcy just as the holidays descend.

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Stocks plunged 67 percent Tuesday for General Growth Properties, the second largest U.S. mall conglomerate and owner of Coral Ridge Mall, possibly signaling grim tidings for the Coralville shopping metropolis.

General Growth said Monday bankruptcy may lay ahead for the company if it can't consolidate its debt.

Coral Ridge Mall general manager Monica Nadeau declined to comment Tuesday night, saying, "I can't answer any questions regarding General Growth."

General Growth said in a press release that outlook for the company may look bleak, but emphasized they will try to implement different ways to generate capital and stay afloat.

Malls face heavy debt

General Growth Property will be in approximately \$3 billion of debt next year.

Malls owned in Iowa:

- Coral Ridge Mall - Coralville
 - Jordan Creek Town Center - West Des Moines
 - Mall of the Bluffs - Council Bluffs
 - Westdale Mall - Cedar Rapids
- Number of Malls owned by General Growth in the Midwest:**
- Illinois - 7
 - Indiana - 4
 - Ohio - 3
 - Minnesota - 4
 - Michigan - 11
 - Wisconsin - 4
- Source: Source: General Growth Property

"Regardless of our situation, our properties and company will continue to operate, remain vibrant and look forward to a prosperous holiday season," General Growth spokeswoman Nicole O'Connor said in a statement.

General Growth owns Westdale Mall in Cedar Rapids and Jordan Creek Town Center in West Des Moines, just two among the roughly 200 malls it owns across the country.

Meanwhile, David Keating, General Growth spokesman, said any contention that the company will go bankrupt "must be a rumor."

But the numbers may show otherwise.

The company is \$1.3 billion in debt, including \$900 million in secured mortgage debt. Two of the company's Las Vegas shopping centers alone owe more than \$58 million of corporate debt. The company must also pay \$3.07 billion by next year.

The General Growth's revenue for 2008 is approximately \$3.3 million.

The company boasts a "substantial amount of debt which it may not be able to refinance or repay," according to the General Growth quarter report filed Monday. "General and retail economic conditions continue to weaken, and we expect this weakness to continue and worsen in 2009 as the economy enters a recessionary or near recessionary period."

General Growth may sell part of the company to remedy the situation, but even if that does occur Coral Ridge, Jordan Creek, and other malls would go unchanged.



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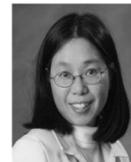
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Editorial

Time to truly 'change,' starting with secretive federal practices

American voters had a lot on their minds when they elected Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., the 44th president of the United States. The Pew Research Center's exit poll found that the economy, Iraq, and terrorism were all top concerns among the electorate. But despite how troubling the news about these topics has been, it is actually what Americans don't know about these key issues that is most disturbing.

Even the most-informed citizens simply have no way of knowing exactly what is going within their own government. This is because the Bush administration has been secretive in the extreme. Those governing this country must become more open if they are to regain the American people's failing trust. Thus, Obama should work vigorously to bring transparency to the White House as soon as he takes office.

Specifically, there is much about the ongoing economic crisis, the war in Iraq, and the fight against terrorism that the Bush administration has failed to reveal.

First, regarding the economy, Bloomberg has reported that "the Federal Reserve is refusing to identify the recipients of almost \$2 trillion of emergency loans from American taxpayers and the troubled assets the central bank is accepting as collateral."

This is unacceptable. Bush administration officials promised Congress that the actions they would take to bail out faltering financial institutions would be transparent enough to be subject to reasonable congressional oversight. But there seems to be barely any accountability present in the current situation.

Without adequate oversight, there is simply no reason for the American people to believe that what is being done is actually in the nation's best interest. It's entirely possible that nothing untoward is going on, but top administration officials such as Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson have worked in the private sector with many of the executives of businesses now receiving federal assistance. Of course it's good to have figures with an intimate understanding of how corporate America works managing the government's response to the economic crisis, but allowing crucial decisions to be made in secret backroom sessions in which

conflicts of interest may abound is utter madness. We simply need to know what's going on.

Second, regarding Iraq, many unanswered questions remain about the intelligence to which the president had access in the lead up to the war. During the recently concluded election season, many Republicans made the entirely reasonable argument that the future was more pressing than the past, that Americans should consider which candidate was best-equipped to manage the situation in Iraq as it stood rather than debating whether the invasion itself was justified. But now that the country has chosen Obama for that job, it is once again time to look into how the war began. If pre-war intelligence was deliberately spun to justify an invasion regardless of the strength of evidence for the existence of weapons of mass destruction, the public deserves to know.

Third, regarding the fight against terrorism, the Bush administration has repeatedly insisted that the extreme measures it has taken in its efforts to protect the country have been fully justified. However, administration officials have also refused to reveal the exact nature of such controversial policies such as the "enhanced interrogation techniques" used against terrorism suspects or the full extent of the warrantless wiretapping of Americans' electronic communications. Apparently, everyone is supposed to believe that the government doesn't torture people or engage in inappropriate domestic spying simply because the president says so. That's not good enough.

Of course, much of this information is likely to come to light eventually regardless of what Obama does when he's in charge. In an interview with the British newspaper the *Guardian*, famed investigative journalist Seymour Hersh has indicated that he has numerous sources lined up to spill the beans to him after Bush leaves office. Too many people know too much to avoid major leaks given the importance of the questions that need to be answered.

But Obama could do a great deal to help the situation. He should release all information regarding these controversial issues unless its continued secrecy is legitimately required for national security purposes.

Future imperfect



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It's not exactly a secret that popular fiction about the future can (and often does) influence the way people hope the direction scientific progress will take.

Indeed, year after year, civilization seems to expectantly wait for progress to place the best technology that science fiction can muster under the tree. Fervently, we look for the milestones of the future sci-fi promised — bits of futuristic gadgetry that would show we have indeed arrived as citizens of the world tomorrow, participants in the Jetsonian technological zeitgeist promised us.

Most of these inventions are just about as iconic as technological developments can get — devices as much about the simplicity of the "wow" factor as the (assumably) ingenious technical devilry it would take to get them up and a-runnin'. Flying cars, anything and everything involving lasers, the ease and convenience of entire meals in pill form — they are the staples of fictional forward thinking and evergreen appearances on humanity's cultural Christmas list.

No doubt part of the perennial desire for such future tech has to come from the level of pizzazz it offers. After all, on some blustery Yuletide morning, one can only imagine the sheer, embittered jealousy the kid next door would eye you with were he to receive a paltry iPhone that year while you were the euphoric recipient of a god-damn *lightsaber*.

Of course, the problem with most of the flashy toys of our fictive technological superiors is that by and large they are at the best impractical and at the worst rank somewhere near the atomic-powered Ford Nucleon concept car on the ol' "ridiculously dangerous idea" scale.

For those who find their daily driving routine much like a game of "dodge that SUV that's barreling toward you," please, now imagine that SUV *rocket-powered*. The flying car is one space-age dream we can hope to never see mass produced in the waking world (though there is word that a group of absolute sadists called Moller International are actually working on such an abomination based loosely on the

design of the Ferrari).

Meals in pill form? Not a bad idea in theory. Sure to be a hit with the kids in the rave scene, but what about everyone else? It seems unlikely that everyone on the face of the planet would be ecstatic about the whole "eating" thing going the way of the buffalo. Plus, there are serious concerns about global hunger issues were such technology to be developed. By recent counts, it is likely that several hundred Food Network hosts could potentially starve to death in the aftermath of the pill-food revolution — cold and forgotten out on the streets, peddling their lobster bisque recipes for spare change.

Then there are robots — a sci-fi staple since man decided to well, build himself (but out of metal 'cause he'd be shinier). Robots could go either way. Certainly it can be assumed that future robot technology will be more palatable than the excruciatingly terrifying animatronic hell that is Aibo, Sony's robo-toy cyber-pet that somehow *completely misses the point that pets are supposed to be somewhat warm/cuddly*. But how this will be accomplished is less clear, certainly both the actual robotic technology, and the artificial intelligence to make it function autonomously after it enslaves humanity en masse are both key components of future robot design that will have to be refined. Also, we'll have to invent that clever language of "beeps" and "boops" that those little trash-can men are so darn fond of speaking.

And lasers? Well that one is really self explanatory.

Of course, it may well be that the relatively impractical (or *absurdly dangerous*) nature of our collective sci-fi wish list is what keeps us pinning away in the banalities of our decidedly non-Jetsonian rendition of the 21st century. Flying cars, ray guns, and pill foods, complete with all their super-tech panache are the Ponies and Red Rider BB guns of culture at large — we want them because somehow, we secretly know it may not be the best idea to have them, fancy though they are.

Despite how bitter a food pill that may be to swallow, there is still much to take heart in for much little Jimmy who may hate the kid next door for getting that lightsaber for Christmas, he will eventually feel a *whole* lot better when that same neighbor inevitably pokes his eye out with it that same Yuletide morn. ■

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Love, not hate

(re: "Prop Hate and the long struggle ahead for equality")

I take issue with the implication that those who voted in favor of Proposition 8 are hateful. While Monday's editorial links gay marriage to the civil-rights movement of the 1960s, a recent article in the *New York Times* has noted that African Americans — the primary benefactors of increased civil rights — themselves voted strongly in favor of Proposition 8. This suggests that the link between gay marriage and civil rights is tenuous at best.

While some fringe Christian groups indeed preach hate towards homosexuals, many mainstream Christian

groups embrace a gospel of love that recognizes the inherent dignity of every human being. Seen in this light, a vote in favor of Proposition 8 is not an act of hate, but a thoughtful act grounded in love. A vote for Proposition 8 can be understood as a vote in favor of marriage between a man and a woman, rather than a vote of hatred against anything or anyone. We can agree to disagree on this issue, but I implore both sides of this debate to approach one another from a framework of mutual respect, rather than resort to the blunt, obscuring language of hatred.

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Guest Opinion

A Republican Bridge to Nowhere

By EUGENE ROBINSON
Washington Post columnist

I could make the argument that all is not lost for the Republican Party — that the Nov. 4 across-the-board defeat wasn't an unmitigated disaster. But it would be a pretty dumb argument, and I doubt many readers would take it seriously. The truth is that the Grand Old Party is on a Bridge to Nowhere and may have great difficulty changing course.

The essential problem is that changing course will require turning around and marching, if not sprinting, in the opposite direction. At least initially, this doesn't look like something enough Republicans are willing to do.

What we're hearing instead from Republican politicians, pollsters, and pundits is reassurance that the United States

is a "center-right nation" with an innate distrust of progressive policies. The problem, these soothing voices say, is that under George W. Bush the GOP strayed from its basic philosophy of limited government and adopted the big-spending habits of the Democrats. Republicans need to rediscover their bedrock principles, this theory goes, and after a few years of rule by Barack Obama and his Democratic enablers on Capitol Hill, voters will come running home to papa.

So much is wrong with this analysis that it's hard to know where to begin. Let's start with the basic premise, that of a center-right American polity. To the extent that such a vague label has any real meaning, that may once have been the case. But if ours were a center-right electorate now, one imagines it might have

been kinder to a center-right politician such as John McCain.

After all, that's what McCain basically is, or used to be. To win the Republican nomination, he had to swerve so far to the right that there was no way he could make his way back within shouting distance of the center. Not that he tried very hard: By the end of the campaign, he was suggesting that progressive taxation — a concept that most Americans accept, having been convinced of its wisdom by Republican icon Teddy Roosevelt — represents some sort of creeping socialism.

My guess, in any event, is that this country oscillates pretty freely in the range between center-right and center-left and that it's clearly taking a leftward swing. My guess is that in stimulating the economy, re-regulating the

financial system, making "green" technology a reality, and ending the war in Iraq, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and Obama will feel more public pressure to speed up than slow down.

Big-spending, pork-loving Republicans in Congress who suddenly recall that they're actually budget hawks — at a time when massive spending may be needed to keep a sharp recession from turning into an outright depression — will find themselves steamrollered by history, I'm afraid.

And then there's the question of trying to knit together the Republican Party's warring factions. Many "movement" conservatives still believe they have found a champion in Sarah Palin. A lot of pragmatists believe Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal represents the future of the party. Jeb Bush

may be the party's most skillful and well-rounded politician, but there's the problem of that unfortunate last name.

One acute problem that Republicans could deal with quickly, but probably won't, is that the party is so far out of touch with the country — especially with key sectors of the electorate — on so many of the issues. Exit polls showed, for example, that McCain failed to attract significant support from women who had backed Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Democratic primaries and were bitterly disappointed by her failure to win the nomination.

He chose Palin, in part, to make a play for these voters. But two things made this gambit a nonstarter. First, Palin was, well, Palin. Second, she and her party continue to espouse a position on abortion rights that most Americans consider dangerously wrong.

And here's the truly ominous trend for the Republicans: Latino voters nationwide chose Obama over McCain by 67 percent to 31 percent. This is a huge shift from 2004, when George Bush won an estimated 44 percent of the Latino vote, and the trend was instrumental in moving states such as Florida, Nevada, and Colorado into the Democratic column Nov. 4. How did the Republicans manage this feat? By blocking sensible immigration reform and appealing to the red-meat conservative base with rhetoric that could only be taken as xenophobic.

Latinos constitute the nation's biggest and fastest-growing minority. Apparently they have no place in the "center-right America" of Republican fantasy.

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

A rare look at Bartók

The Takács Quartet and folk musicians from Hungary bring life to the history behind Hungarian composer Béla Bartók by juxtaposing his pieces with the peasant music that inspired it. The nine musicians will play a concert organized by Hancher today.

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As a well-established musician, positioned as the principal violist for the San Francisco Symphony since 1976, Geraldine Walther had played the music of Hungarian composer Béla Bartók before. Her initial impression of his music — “sterile,” she said — changed once she joined the Takács (TAH-kahtch) Quartet and began playing with musicians from the composer’s home country.

“Playing with the Hungarians has been a real eye-opener, because it’s in their blood,” Walther said. “The folk element is what I didn’t quite grasp before. It’s wild and loose.”

In performances with Hungarian folk ensemble Muzsikás and Hungarian folksinger Márta Sebestyén, the Takács Quartet explores Bartók’s music by connecting it to its roots in the country’s rural peasant songs. The nine musicians will play a Hancher-sponsored show today in the City High, 1900 Morningside Drive, at 7:30 p.m.

The program consists of the quartet’s renditions of several Bartók compositions, including String Quartet No. 4, Four Violin Duos, Sonatina, and the Rumanian Folk Dances, interspersed with lively Hungarian folk songs played by Muzsikás and sung by Sebestyén.

“They raise the roof on the place,” Walther said. “It’s what you would imagine — four or five people standing in the middle of a village just really rocking.”

Hancher’s artistic director, Judy Hurtig, said she was intrigued by the concept of the concert, which demonstrates the inspiration behind much of Bartók’s music.

The composer, who lived from 1881 to 1945, is famed for his extensive research on Eastern European folk music. Over a lifetime of visiting rural villages and notating the songs of the locals, Bartók collected 3,500 Romanian, 3,000 Slovak, and 2,700 Hungarian melodies, according to the Bartók Archives of the Hungarian



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The Takács Quartet play an average of 90 shows a year and have performed in numerous countries around the world. The group will perform the music of Hungarian composer Béla Bartók at City High today in a performance organized by Hancher.

Academy of Sciences Institute of Musicology. These melodies became an underlying foundation of his music.

Hurtig said the ability to hear the folk melodies and immediately compare them with Bartók’s compositions is a rare opportunity.

“It gives you a much greater and deeper understanding of the composer,” she said.

The Takács Quartet works as an ideal ensemble for presenting Bartók’s music. The group was formed in Budapest, Hun-

gary, in 1975 and still includes two of its original members, violinist Károly Schranz and cellist András Fejér. Violinist Edward Dusinger joined the group in 1993, and the most recent member, Walther, joined in 2005.

Now based at the University of Colorado-Boulder, the quartet has been recognized worldwide for its musical expertise. The four musicians play an average of 90 shows a year, and they have performed in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and Korea.

If anyone can truly represent Bartók, it seems these musicians are the people to do it; after delving into his work alongside Hungarians, Walther said, she understands the music at its core.

“It’s very earthy, and also, at the same time, it can be extremely refined and very joyful,” she said. “There’s the same kind of refinement that you’d find in Mozart and the power that you’d find in Beethoven, but it’s just Bartók.”

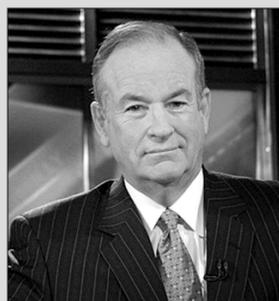
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Cable news as a Mean Girls universe

So fetch: The world of cable news seems more like North Shore High School than a respectable media field, and leading the downward spiral are a cast of characters not out of place in Tina Fey’s *Girl World*.



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Cable News High-Class List

- Cady Heron — Rachel Maddow, MSNBC
- Regina George — Bill O'Reilly, Fox News
- Gretchen Wieners — Anderson Cooper, CNN
- Janis Ian — Keith Olbermann, MSNBC
- Damian — Chris Matthews, MSNBC
- Karen Smith — Sean Hannity, Fox News
- Kevin Gnapoor — Larry King, CNN
- Aaron Samuels — Campbell Brown, CNN
- Screenwriter Tina Fey — President-elect Barack Obama

anchor wars, it makes much more sense to exhaust the high-school analogy, because that seems to be the maturity level of most of the parties involved.

So Fox News, the most popular diva in Cable News High — if we’re measuring popularity by Nielsen ratings — has ruled almost since the minute she stepped onto the scene, dethroning CNN, formerly

the only bitch in school. These two have been engaged in a pretty silent and uneventful power struggle since Fox News blew in with its brash personalities — O'Reilly as Regina George and Sean Hannity with wide-eyed Karen Smith as his *Mean Girls* alter-ego. MSNBC has always been around but never really posed a threat until Rachel Maddow — playing the Cady Heron

role — moved to town and shook things up. MSNBC takes delight in its quirkiness and pronounced deviations from the CNN and Fox News defined norm. Edward R. Murrow-wannabe Olbermann even grandstands with his own “Special Comments,” the cable news equivalent of a Burn Book. (Yes, even though in *Mean Girls*, the Burn Book was used by the Plastics.)

MSNBC is slowly gaining more followers, much to the ire of Fox News and CNN. Head outcast Olbermann loves waving these new recruits — in reality, increased ratings in the age 25-54 demographic, which have been consistently beating competition O'Reilly since October — in front of O'Reilly’s face. Poor CNN can’t seem to get anyone to come to its parties,

and Maddow, MSNBC’s new girl in town, is smacking around one of the group’s oldest members, bespectacled resident nerd Larry King (obviously fulfilling the part of Kevin Gnapoor).

The fighting is on screen with MSNBC’s Olbermann and Chris Matthews — Matthews playing Damian, Janis’ “too gay to function” best friend — the equivalent of talking behind the back of a close gal pal. Conflict is also bubbling on broadcasts between O'Reilly and Olbermann, who frequently chastises the former as “The Worst Person In The World.” Olbermann even took a shot at CNN’s Campbell Brown — the idealistic Aaron Samuels who just wants everyone to get along — last week during his program, by condescendingly correcting a minor factual

error she made on her own network, the equivalent of Regina telling Karen to switch places with Cady in the Christmas talent-show dance routine. Just as the characters in *Mean Girls* would not exist without Tina Fey’s biting script, President-elect Barack Obama reinvigorated interest in MSNBC’s political coverage, thus reviving the cable news wars. His fight to the political near-death with Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton for the Democratic nomination fit perfectly into the brash and exciting coverage MSNBC is known for.

Of course, high school isn’t really like cable news; high school ends after four years, and *Mean Girls* after 96 minutes. On Monday, MSNBC signed Olbermann to a four-year contract, ensuring the popularity wars will continue long after senior year at Cable News High. It looks like a new Spring Fling Queen might be crowned and the fight won’t end until someone gets hit by a bus.



Gossip, groupthink, and even a little glamour — the world of cable news is sounding more and more like *Mean Girls* every day. The main conflict lies between queen bee Bill O'Reilly of Fox News, the Plastics of Cable News High School, and bitch-in-training Keith Olbermann of art freaks crew MSNBC. Olbermann plays the role of Janis Ian, who is ready to de-throne Bill as soon as possible. Relatively mild-mannered hottie Anderson Cooper of CNN falls somewhere in the middle. He’s the quiet Gretchen Wieners, who has an agenda but is content to play second-best instead of being relegated to ratings Siberia.

Rather than use scholarly analysis, charts, and graphs to decode the

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Wall St. slides again

No summit for Obama



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A trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down nearly 180 points.

By MADLEN READ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street got another dose of painful reality Tuesday and sent stocks diving as investors recognized that few industries are safe from the consumer-spending slump — whether they're building homes, making cars, or selling coffee. The Dow Jones industrial average lifted off its lows of the day but still closed down nearly 180 points.

It became clear to investors that it's going to be hard to rely on the average consumer to pull the economy out of its downturn. Late Monday, Starbucks Corp. reported lower sales across the coffee chain, and early Tuesday, Toll Brothers Inc. posted a sharp drop in revenue and said it was too difficult to predict what the luxury homebuilder's profit would be next year.

Wall Street was also jittery as the nation's feeble automakers hope for a bailout from the federal government similar to the one given ailing insurer American International Group Inc. General Motors Corp., whose shares have plunged to 60-year lows, said late Monday it would cut 1,900 factory jobs on top of the 3,600 cuts it announced Nov. 7.

Stocks did recover from deeper losses after a media report that quoted a BlackRock executive as saying a \$30 billion Bear Stearns mortgage portfolio could be worth more than its market value suggests. And in another promising sign for mortgages, the government announced the largest moves yet to help homeowners renegotiate hundreds of thousands of delinquent loans held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

But the market ultimately ended lower, acknowledging that although the mortgage crisis that spawned the current economic deterioration is being addressed, the economy remains extremely troubled.

There were no economic reports released Tuesday, because the government and bond markets were closed for Veterans Day. Investors didn't need government data to see that the economy's slide isn't over, though — the litany of troubling corporate news was enough. Wall Street has been anticipating grim results from corporate America, but it cannot gauge yet how bad they could get.

"We're in a situation where we really don't know how deep a recession we're in," said Jim Herrick, manager of equity trading at Baird & Co. "Until there's some clarity on the economy and clarity with earnings, we'll definitely be stuck in this trading range."

The market has been giving back gains recently — including a 248-point advance last Friday — as it tries to recover from October's heavy selling. Stocks pared nearly all of its losses on the report that BlackRock President Robert Kapito said a Bear Stearns mortgage portfolio is generating cash flow, but then sank again. It was the collapse of the subprime mortgage market more than a year ago and a resulting series of financial industry catastrophes that led to the economy's current predicament.

The market is likely to keep following that pattern of quickly giving back gains until investors have a sense that an economic recovery is coalescing. But most assessments of the economy are still quite bleak.

"I think we will, in fact, look back all the way to the 1929 period to see the kind of slowdown we're experiencing now," said Merrill Lynch Chief Executive John Thain at a conference Tuesday. "And the great degree of uncertainty in the marketplace is how deep, how long and what are the governments around the world going to do to try to provide stimulus to the environment?"

The Dow Jones industrial average shed 176.58, or 1.99 percent, to 8,693.96 after falling by more than 300. Tuesday's close was the Dow's lowest since its 5½-year closing low on Oct. 27 of 8,175.77.

The blue chip index has not dipped below the 8,000 mark in trading since Oct. 10, but is down nearly 35 percent since the start of the year.

Broader stock indicators declined as well. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 20.26, or 2.20 percent, to 898.95, and the NASDAQ composite index dropped 35.84, or 2.22 percent, to 1,580.90.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 10.81, or 2.19 percent, to 482.29.

The Treasury bond market was closed Tuesday for Veterans Day.

The credit markets have eased a bit since Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.'s bankruptcy in mid-September, but they remain tight. Investors are impatient to see positive developments — in the real economy, not just in market borrowing rates — from the massive government interven-

tions over the past two months, said Alan Gayle, senior investment strategist and director of asset allocation for RidgeWorth Capital Management.

"The market is wondering," Gayle said, "how far does the line go out the door for government assistance?"

AIG got more bailout money Monday, and later that day, American Express Co. got approval from the government to become a commercial bank. The credit card lender will now be able to accept deposits and access the government financing other banks have been using. American Express fell \$1.58, or 6.6 percent, to \$22.40.

Starbucks shares fell 21 cents, or 2 percent, to \$9.99 after the coffee retailer released its earnings, while Toll Brothers slipped 2 cents to \$18.93.

GM shares fell 44 cents, or 13 percent, to \$2.92, while Ford Motor Co. fell 13 cents, or 6.7 percent, to \$1.80.

"It's just not pretty," said Ken Mayland, president of research firm ClearView Economics. "When the alternatives are either socializing GM or having it go through a very painful bankruptcy, neither of those are happy outcomes."

Corporate bankruptcies have been piling up: soon after Circuit City Stores Inc. filed for Chapter 11 protection Monday, the Yellowstone Club — a mountain retreat for the wealthy — did the same, after failing to secure new financing.

Third-quarter earnings declines from Vodafone Group PLC, the world's biggest mobile phone company by sales, and InterContinental Hotels Group PLC, the owner of the Holiday Inn hotel chain, revealed sharp pullbacks in consumer spending. And another round of job cuts

were announced Tuesday from companies including Altria Group and Swedish vehicle maker Volvo AB; when companies slash jobs, consumer spending tends to fall further.

It's possible the market is in the process of bottoming out after October's massive losses, but analysts say it will likely keep trading erratically until it starts to see promising signs that Americans are in healthier financial shape.

That could happen, perhaps, if enough homeowners get help with their mortgages. Citigroup became the latest major bank, after similar actions by JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Bank of America Corp., to announce that it will try to keep borrowers at risk of foreclosure in their homes. Citigroup fell 41 cents, or 3.7 percent, to \$10.80.

By LIZ SIDOTI
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Leaders around the world flooded Barack Obama with congratulatory calls when he won the presidency last week. But they'll have to wait a while for personal visits.

The president-elect has no plans to meet with any foreign dignitaries when they travel to Washington this weekend for an economic summit hosted by President Bush.

Obama plans to stay in Chicago to prepare for January's transfer of power, even though Washington is a quick flight away and world leaders are clearly interested in his economic views. No meetings are scheduled in either city. Obama's aides plan to keep tabs on — and possibly participate in — the summit where world powers hope to craft remedies to the global financial crisis.

"We have one president at a time, and it's important that the president can speak for the United States at the summit," John Podesta, Obama's transition chief, told reporters Tuesday. Podesta, however, noted that Obama had urged such a summit during the presidential campaign.

Before the election, Bush announced that the world's 20 largest industrialized nations and emerging economies would meet in Washington this Saturday; Obama has consistently said not to expect his presence.

Advisers repeatedly stress that Obama won't be president until inaugurated on Jan. 20. Left unsaid are other possible motivations for him to stay in Chicago this weekend.

"He wants a clean, clear

demarcation between the Bush administration and the Obama administration," said Thomas Mann, a scholar at the Brookings Institution public policy center.

Obama assailed Bush throughout his campaign for pushing "failed policies" and the Democrat pledged that he would bring a new direction after eight years of GOP rule. Obama will inherit the worst economic conditions in the United States since the Great Depression, and keeping some distance from Bush will allow him to chart his own economic course.

"The last thing he wants to do is get pulled into that summit and, more generally, be pulled into a situation where he's called upon to make early commitments and express opinions on matters before he's got his economic team fully together and before he has the authority of the office," Mann said.

Obama backs coordination between major economic powers to address the troubles. Campaigning in Richmond, Va., he said, "Our financial markets are so interwoven at this point, that we can't operate in isolation."

"I don't think it's going to be resolved in one meeting," he said about the global crisis.

Leaders attending the G-20 meeting are certainly interested in Obama's economic stance.

In phone calls last week, Obama accepted congratulations from leaders of countries including Canada, France, Italy, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Spain. The global financial crisis was among the topics he discussed with key U.S. allies.

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FIELD HOCKEY

Field hockey to meet Louisville

The Iowa field-hockey team (16-4) will begin its NCAA Tournament play against 14-6 Louisville on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. The Hawkeyes, who received an automatic bid after winning their third-consecutive Big Ten Tournament, are the fourth overall seed in the 16-team tournament.

Michigan State and Penn State were the other Big Ten schools to reach the national field.

Iowa will play its opening round game in East Lansing, Mich., site of the second round as well. The winner between the Hawkeyes and Cardinals will play either Michigan State or North Carolina.

Against all three teams in its region, Iowa is 4-0 this season. Iowa defeated Louisville, 1-0, on Sept. 28, North Carolina, 3-2, on Aug. 31, and Michigan State twice — 4-3 on Oct. 25 and 3-2 on Nov. 7.

In Iowa's three previous NCAA Tournaments, 2004, 2006, and 2007, the Hawkeyes have suffered a first-round exit.

— by Jeff Pawola

Hawks try to keep focus



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz is moved off the field after a holding penalty was called on left corner Bradley Fletcher during the second quarter of the Hawks' game against Penn State on Nov. 8 in Kinnick Stadium. The Nittany Lions took advantage of the penalty, when running back Evan Royster scored a touchdown two plays later.

The Hawkeyes' 24-23 victory over Penn State could be a distraction this week leading up to Purdue.

By **SCOTT MILLER**
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It's nitpicking, really. But if one wants to find a negative from Iowa's win over Penn State on Nov. 8 — its first victory over a top-five team in nearly two decades — look no further than its potential distraction for the Hawkeyes.

On Tuesday, head coach Kirk Ferentz and his players answered question after question about their dramatic

last-second triumph, rarely fielding inquiries about upcoming opponent Purdue, which has underachieved and sits at 3-7.

Despite the apparent diversion from the usual, sophomore quarterback Ricky Stanzi contends the Hawkeyes' focus is firmly placed ahead of them, not on the past.

"We're just worried with what we have to do this week — our game plan, working on

the execution part," he said. "And just getting mentally ready for the game and having an attitude about the preparation and not letting any of the outside things get in the way."

Ferentz, who many have won the biggest game of his coaching career against the Nittany Lions, sees how major victories or defeats can affect a team's outlook and notices the challenge ahead for Iowa.

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"I'm not confident that [the win won't be distracting]," the 10-year head coach said. "Just like I wasn't confident last week that we could shake off a tough loss [to Illinois] ... Those are the challenges that you face during the season. Teams that handle those challenges well tend to do well. The teams that can't handle them are up and down."

SEE **NOTEBOOK**, 3B

NFL

Minnesota's Decker still hobbling

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Eric Decker's record-setting season has been painfully slowed.

Decker will not play in Saturday's game at Wisconsin because of an ankle injury he suffered on Nov. 1 against Northwestern. He tried to go in the Michigan game last week, but after just one catch and a 3-yard loss, he was taken out and didn't play after halftime.



Decker
wide receiver

"It's disappointing for us, for our team, but he's just not healthy right now, and we need to get him healthy," coach Tim Brewster said Tuesday. "He could probably go out and play and still help us, but I think that probably is not the point. Eric needs some time to get his ankle well."

Brewster said he hoped the junior would be able to play against Iowa on Nov. 22. Decker still leads the Big Ten with 74 receptions, a school record, and he is second in the conference with 892 yards. He was on pace until the injury to break Minnesota's all-time best of 1,125 yards receiving set by Ron Johnson in 2000.

Decker was named Tuesday as one of 10 finalists for the Biletnikoff Award, given annually to the nation's top receiver. He has been the target of more than 35 percent of quarterback Adam Weber's completions this year.

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Intramurals see injuries, too

ACL tears are one of many injuries that can't be mended by the UI's intramural staff.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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There are dozens of intramural sports offered to UI students at the UI. From table tennis to wiffle ball, participants can even throw for a bull's-eye to win an intramural championship.

However, injuries have their place, even in intramurals.

As unusual as it may seem, injuries in intramural athletics are a reality.

Bobby Casiello knows this better than anyone.

Just as many other students decided to do, he signed up for flag football with fellow freshman residents of Hillcrest, with nothing but fun in mind.

"I didn't really think anything was going to be that physical," said Casiello, a native of Naperville, Ill.

His experience turned out to be quite the contrary. In team Northside's first game of the sea-

ON THE WEB

See how intramural officials handle injuries to student participants at dailyiowan.com.



son, he suffered a knee injury.

"I was running, and I tried to cut back and planted," he said. "My knee just kind of gave out."

Casiello wasn't certain of the seriousness of the injury at the time.

"The pain wasn't that bad," he said. "It was kind of hard to walk on it."

The next day, Casiello went to the Student Health Service and found out, after an X-ray and an MRI, that he had torn his ACL and his lateral meniscus. Needless to say, his flag-football season came to abrupt end.

"I was surprised he suffered such a serious injury," said Zach Savino, a freshman teammate and roommate of Casiello.

Savino, who has attended school with Casiello since sixth



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Senior Brad Day attempts to block a spike in the Field House on Nov. 6. Day returned the ball for a point on the following play.

grade and played football and run track with him over the years, can testify about Casiello's durability. His only prior injuries were two minor knee strains in middle school.

"It never happened to me

before," Savino said. "So I never really thought about it."

What was more surprising to the longtime friends was the lack of attention Casiello received from the intramural staff.

SEE **INTRAMURAL**, 3B

COMMENTARY

Quiet but good

Of all the worthy seniors, Bradley Fletcher may be getting the least attention.



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He's not the most talkative, the most discussed or the most prolific, but he might be the most quietly effective senior on the team.

Bradley Fletcher is a fifth-year senior who was probably known by less than 50 percent of Iowa football fans before his OWI charge in July 2007 put him on the same lists with ex-Hawkeyes Dominique Douglas and Dana Brown. But if anybody thinks of Fletcher for that one incident first, they've misjudged him.

He may be one of the nicest, hardest-working players on the team.

SEE **COMMENTARY**, 3B

Team to bid pool goodbye

Iowa swimmers are planning to say goodbye to Field House pool the same way they said hello 80 years ago.

ON THE WEB

Check out how the Hawkeye swimming and diving teams are using the final two years in the Field House pool

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By **MATT LEITZKE**
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Few buildings in the world can stake the claim to having hosted a swim meet, football game, basketball game, and Grateful Dead concert under the same roof. The Iowa Field House, which opened in 1928, can claim all of those and then some.

However, with the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center slowly approaching a projected spring 2010 completion, the Iowa swimming and diving team is already planning its goodbye to the Field House pool — something officially expected to be signed off on in the spring of 2009.

Although it is yet to be completed, head coach Marc Long has a plan to have the Hawkeye women host Illinois in January 2010. The Fighting Illini were the first opposing team to enter

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11. Purdue (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Detroit, Friday.
12. Oklahoma (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. American, Friday.
13. Memphis (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Fairfield, Saturday.
14. Tennessee (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Chattanooga, Saturday.
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16. Marquette (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Houston Baptist, Friday.
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19. Florida (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Toledo, Friday.
20. Davidson (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Guilford, Friday.
21. Wake Forest (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina Central, Friday.
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23. Villanova (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Albany, N.Y., Friday.
24. Kansas (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri-Florence, Sunday.
25. Wisconsin (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Long Beach State, Sunday.

Eilers looks at regional

By MATT LEITZKE
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Brooke Eilers has consistently been right with graduate student Sarah Spencer-Perry as the No. 2 and 3 runners for the Hawkeyes this season, and she hopes to contribute heavily during championship season. *The Daily Iowan* talks with the freshman about continuing her success this weekend at the NCAA Midwest Regional in Stillwater, Okla., and more.

DI: How did you get into running?

Eilers: I kind of fell into running by accident. I decided not to play soccer and to give track a try, and then I had friends who were running distance, so I decided to run distance.



Eilers
freshman

DI: What led to you becoming a Hawkeye?

Eilers: Well, I visited a lot of schools and actually pretty much had my heart set on going to Wake Forest, but I wanted to get a couple more visits in just to make sure that was where I wanted to go. Then I came here, and I loved the girls and decided I was a Midwest girl and definitely wanted to stay in the Midwest.

DI: A lot of runners say Coach Layne Anderson was a big factor in their decision; does that hold true for you?

Eilers: He is awesome. He is really personable, and you can talk to him about anything. He has had so many women who weren't absolutely amazing in high school, and they came here and did a lot of great things. I was not really an elite athlete in high school, so I wanted to come to a program that showed its runners improved.

DI: What are some of the things you miss from back home in Holland, Mich.?

Eilers: Holland is right on a lake, and we have really good sand dunes, so I miss being at the lake and hanging out with friends, but I haven't missed it as much as I thought I would. I really like it in Iowa City.

DI: What has it been like going on road meets this year?

Eilers: It has been a lot of fun. I did not really know what to expect. It is tiring but definitely worth it. It makes time go by really fast, I feel like I have been here for about a week instead of three months, but it has been fun seeing different places.

DI: Which was your favorite place?

Eilers: It might be a tie between Auburn and Ann Arbor, they were both pretty cool. Auburn was really nice and warm, and Ann Arbor had a cool downtown.

DI: How has having Sarah Spencer-Perry neck and neck with you helped you out?

Eilers: It has been awesome; ever since the season started, we have been practicing together, and we do all of our workouts together, so I have my practice partner right there to race with. It has been a lot of fun.

DI: Heading into the home stretch, what are your personal goals for regionals and nationals?

Eilers: Well I would like to run faster than I did at Pre-Nats, so I would like to [get a personal record]. Hopefully, I will get All-Regional and then see how nationals go, but I am not really sure.

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In the Nov. 10 article "Wrestle-offs raise some questions," *The DI* inaccurately reported that sophomore wrestler Brooks Kopsa defeated Matt

Ballweg during the 157-pound wrestle-off finals on Nov. 8. Ballweg beat Kopsa, 12-5, in that match. *The DI* regrets the error.

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Broncos go back to Bell

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Maybe a blast from the past can help the Denver Broncos' current conundrum in their battered backfield.

Down to rookie fullback Peyton Hillis as their primary ball carrier following injuries to all four of their tailbacks, the Broncos signed free agent Tatum Bell on Tuesday, bringing back a player they drafted in the second round out of Oklahoma State in 2004.

Bell was traded to Detroit in 2007 as part of the deal that brought cornerback Dre' Bly to Denver, and he played for the Lions last season before being released March 2.

Bell knows the Broncos' blocking scheme and terminology, but he and Alex Haynes, a versatile free agent who signed Monday, will take some time getting up to speed. That leaves the Broncos with Hillis as their starter followed by P.J. Pope, who was elevated from the practice squad last week, Bell and Haynes.

Haynes also is the backup to fullback Spencer Larsen, a rookie who was converted from linebacker.

Bell is by far the most accomplished of the running backs left in the Broncos' backfield, having rushed 525 times for 2,524 yards (a 4.8-yard average) and 14 touchdowns in his career. He also has 61 receptions for 362 yards.

His 4.9-yard average during his three seasons in Denver represents the second-best career mark in club history among players with at least 250 carries.

During his final season in Denver, Bell started 13 games and rushed for 1,025 yards — he's the last Broncos tailback to top 1,000 yards. He started five games for the Lions last year, rushing 44 times for 182 yards and one TD and catching 14 passes for 63 yards.

To make room for Bell, the Broncos waived wide receiver/returner Glenn Martinez, who filled in nicely while rookie Eddie Royal recovered from a sprained ankle last month.

The Broncos have lost three tailbacks in the last two weeks. Michael Pittman (spinal cord), Andre Hall (hand), and rookie Ryan Torain (knee) all have gone on injured reserve, and second-year pro Selvin Young has had just one carry since sustaining a groin tear on Oct. 5, an injury he aggravated last week.

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The Field House waters 80 years ago. The dual-meet would be the last intercollegiate event to take place in the pool, with the last competition of any kind scheduled to be an alumni meet in April 2010.

"We are hopeful we can confirm that will happen, that would just be a nice way to send it off," Long said. "It is a historical pool not just for the University of Iowa or the state of Iowa but for the whole country."

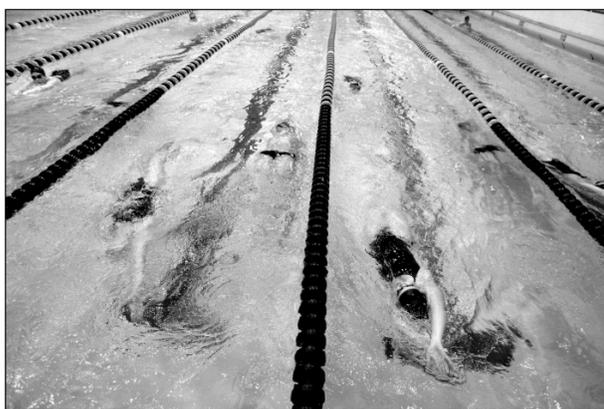
Head diving coach Bob Rydze, in his 34th year with the team, has seen all three of the main renovations the Field House pool has undergone. When Rydze arrived on campus, there was no walkway around the pool, no parking garage behind it, and the room was almost entirely lit by natural light.

More notable for Rydze, the diving well at one point was only a very dangerous 9 feet deep.

"This has been like a home for me, and it has been amazing to see the transformation with all the renovations that have gone on," Rydze said. "There is a little bit of nostalgia for me, and as much as I will miss it, I will be very happy to get into a new pool."

Rydze also feels the meet against Illinois will be a great goodbye to the historic pool. In 1928, it was the Illini men versus the Hawkeye men, but Illinois has since dropped its men's swimming program, so this time it will be the women.

"That will be exciting and a fitting way for the program to end our use of our pool," Rydze



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa swimmers practice laps in the Field House pool on Tuesday. Because the AquaHawks will move into the new the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, currently under construction, the final swim meet held in the Field House may be against Illinois in January 2010. Iowa faced Illinois in the first swim meet ever held at the Field House.

said. "In a way, I am sad that they are the only team who dropped their men's program in the Big Ten, so it is a little bitter-sweet, but it will be exciting."

Iowa's current freshman class will certainly play a unique role in Hawkeye history, enjoying two years in the historic Field House pool before heading into the new facility for its junior and senior years starting with the 2010-11 season.

"It is cool, because you get to see both perspectives," freshman Daniela Cubelic said. "To swim in an older pool with more meaning behind it and then to swim in the newer pool and build our own history there, it just cool to be a part of both perspectives."

Although praised by the team for its "homey" feel, at times the building has been

anything but a welcome environment.

In the late-90s, a light fell more than 35 feet from the ceiling into the diving well minutes after the team ended a practice. Tile has fallen from the ceiling into the pool, tile on the deck is cracked, and the diving board supports are badly rusted. Most outdated is that the pool is a 50-yard pool, as opposed to the conventional 50-meter length.

For those reasons amongst others, Rydze is looking forward to 2010 to get into the new building.

"This pool is outdated. It is hanging on by chewing gum basically," Rydze said. "You don't just need a new pool so it looks nice and you can host meets there, you need a pool so you can train every day in that everybody feels comfortable wit. It will really help the program immensely."

'Fletch' a hard worker

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Nicknamed "Fletch," teammates describe him as a "great guy" and a "freak athlete."

They couldn't be more right.

Take it for what it's worth, but athletes — and non-athletes — have a way of showing their personality at the Field House basketball courts. Some are cocky or loud, and some aren't. Fletcher definitely is not.

Although he stuffs the ball with two hands almost every time he touches it, leaping unstopably high (some 40 inches-plus), he's probably more humble than most of the less-accomplished Field House regulars — and I'm not talking about Division-I athletes, I'm talking about the regular Joes.

I've known him for three years since meeting him at the courts, and I can tell you, as soon as Fletcher's done owning the court, he doesn't strut out of the gym with a walk that tells you where he's from (like Illinois' Arrelious Benn has said about himself) or pull on hundreds of dollars-worth of designer clothes and jewelry. But he does smile and talk to just about anybody.

Coming from Youngstown, Ohio, as a two-

star recruit, Fletcher was redshirted his first year in Iowa City. His first season on the sidelines in pads and a uniform, Fletcher had one tackle against Ball State, the only stop he made all season. In 2006, Fletcher had 38 tackles as a second-team cornerback while forcing a fumble and breaking up four passes. At Minnesota in the regular-season finale, he recorded a season-high six tackles.

Then came 2007.

Following his summer arrest, Fletcher was suspended for the season-opener against Northern Illinois, and was listed as a second-teamer behind Adam Shada and Charles Godfrey. But as his playing time increased, Fletcher began looking more and more like the player he is now — a slightly slower remake of Charles Godfrey (he runs a 4.4-second 40 instead of a 4.3). He started four games for the injured Shada and in back-to-back games against Michigan State and Northwestern, had 25 tackles and his first career interception.

Fletcher finished the season with 53 tackles, two

picks, five passes defended, and a fumble forced.

And much like in his first three years, Fletcher still remains little-discussed, even though he was given Iowa's defensive Hustle Team Award following '07.

Mitch King, Matt Kroul, and Brandon Myers have dominated the senior spotlight this season — and deservedly so — King and Kroul dominate the defensive trenches as four-year starters and Myers leads all tight ends in receiving. But Fletcher, who has the third fewest tackles of any starting defender with 44, leads the team with 10 passes defended — a pretty good indicator of why offenses seem to avoid attacking his side of the field (there have been just two pass plays over 40 yards against Iowa's defense, and neither came against Fletcher).

So when you stand and cheer for King and Kroul so loud your voice is hoarse before kickoff against Purdue, save a little breath and thank Fletcher with the same enthusiasm.

He'd be happy to say thank you back.

Hawks eye Purdue

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With the victory over Penn State, the Hawkeyes sit on the cusp of a bowl game at 6-4 (3-3). Everyone in the Hayden Fry Football Complex knows wins over Purdue and Minnesota in the last two weeks of the season would certainly improve their bowl outlook.

"There's a lot of stuff at stake for us as a team," junior linebacker A.J. Edds said. "If we need extra motivation, we're going to be behind the eight ball pretty quickly. We've got plenty to play for, and that's what we need to go out and do."

This is especially true after last year when a 6-6 record wasn't enough for a bowl appearance. It was the first time in six years Iowa fans didn't travel to warmer parts of the country for a post-season contest.

"To me, I don't know what pressure is on us, but we have six wins," Ferentz said. "We had six wins last year, and we were all sitting around the fireplace for Christmas and chestnuts and all that stuff roasting, music playing."

"I'm not a big fan of eggnog. I'm hoping that maybe we can do a little better. We are going to have to earn it."

Injuries

Junior guard Andy Kuempel will sit out Iowa's game this weekend with a separated shoulder. After playing last weekend against Penn State, senior tight end Tony Moeaki is also doubtful against Purdue with the same leg strain that caused him to miss four games earlier this season.

"It was pretty undramatic on film, but that's the way those things go sometimes," Ferentz said of Moeaki's injury. "So I'm hoping he's building up some good luck

here. If anybody deserves it, he does."

Awards

Coming off Iowa's 24-23 win against Penn State, some Hawkeyes received notable awards. Junior running back Shonn Greene, along with being named Rivals.com's national Player of the Week, was recognized as one of 10 semifinalists for the Doak Walker Award for the nation's top running back.

In addition, redshirt freshman strong safety Tyler Sash was named Big Ten defensive Player of the Week in light of his interception to set up the game-winning field goal drive.

"Tyler is progressing well. He's not ready to be All-Big Ten yet, but he's on a great track right now," Ferentz said. "He works hard, and has a great attitude, and has played a nice role for us on our defense."

Intramurals sees injuries

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"[The staff members] weren't really helpful," Casiello said. "They came over and asked if I was all right, but other than that, they didn't really do anything."

After he went down, Casiello walked himself over to the concession and bathroom stand in the middle of the complex just to get a bag of ice. And because of the health waiver form Casiello signed — one that all intramural participants must agree to — he couldn't be helped getting to the bus stop 100 yards away, he couldn't be helped up his loft bed that night, and he couldn't be helped down three floors from his dorm room to get to Student Health some 15 hours after his ligament was ripped.

"We can provide CPR and first-aid and supply ice and first-aid materials," said

Daniel Payne, one of two graduate assistants for intramurals. "We can't do everything, for liability reasons."

On-site, it's up to grad assistants and intramural supervisors to decide how to tend to injuries.

Supervisors and grad assistants have about the same responsibilities with regards to injuries, Payne said; and all supervisors are both CPR- and first-aid certified. There's always at least one supervisor present at each intramural competition.

Mike Widen, the assistant director of intramurals and officials, football and basketball have the greatest number of supervisors.

With the GAs and supervisors in place, Payne and Widen say the intramural staff is doing a good job with the whole process of handling injuries.

But they're also looking to stay ahead.

"We have staff meetings

every week," Payne said. "If anything goes wrong, we try to make changes right away. We evaluate each sport after it's over as far as its procedures and what needs to be done differently next year."

Some students maintain that adjustments are warranted — those who have had firsthand experience with injuries or their friends suffering injuries, such as Casiello and Savino.

"I don't think [the procedures] are exactly sufficient," Savino said. "It would be nice if they increased the staff on duty."

Regardless of the number of supervisors and GAs on hand, Casiello doesn't plan to let injuries deter him from participating in intramural sports in the future.

"I am definitely going to play some more once my knee heals up," he said. "After my surgery, I should be back out there."



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Penn State tries to regroup



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Penn State football coach Joe Paterno answers a question during his weekly news conference on Tuesday in State College, Pa. Seventh-ranked Penn State will play at home against Indiana on Saturday.

By GENARO C. ARMAS
Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — No. 7 Penn State doesn't want to finish like it's 1999.

Back then, a 9-0 start and national-title aspirations for the Nittany Lions evaporated after a crushing 24-23 loss in early November to an unranked Minnesota on a last-second field goal. That loss started a three-game slide to finish the regular season for Penn State.

Back to the present, and Penn State is coming off its first loss of the season, a 24-23 setback to unranked Iowa on a last-second field goal. The Nittany Lions (9-1, 5-1 Big Ten) hope the similarities end.

They can still go to the Rose Bowl for the first time in 14 seasons by beating Indiana this week and Michigan State next weekend.

"I'm looking forward to getting this thing going again," coach Joe Paterno said Tuesday.

The loss dealt a severe blow to the 81-year-old Paterno's chances for a third national championship. Penn State will need a lot of help from some of the seven teams ahead of it in the BCS standings to climb back into title contention.

JoePa had his typical postgame restless night of sleep before getting back to work on Sunday.

"Well, I wasn't looking behind as much until I came over here," Paterno said at his weekly news conference at Beaver Stadium. "You guys are talking about Iowa; I would prefer to talk about Indiana and put Iowa behind us."

Quarterback Daryll Clark was distraught after his first defeat as a starting quarterback and the worst performance of his

season. The fourth-quarter interception he threw deep in Iowa territory set up the drive that led to the game-winning field goal with 1 second left by the Hawkeyes' Daniel Murray.

Former Penn State quarterback and current San Francisco 49er running back Michael Robinson, a mentor to Clark, spoke with Clark afterward over the phone to console him. Clark got a long pep talk from his father when he got home, and center A.Q. Shipley reminded Clark he was one of the main reasons that the Nittany Lions got off to a strong start in the first place.

Overall, he hasn't accounted for a touchdown in his last two games, including the Oct. 25 win over Ohio State when he was sidelined in the fourth quarter by a mild concussion.

Clark said again Tuesday that there were no lingering effects

from the injury. Penn State, though, did line up receiver Derrick Williams at quarterback at times against Iowa in part out of concern about Clark taking a big hit on designed runs.

Regardless, Clark isn't using his health as an excuse. Returning to practice Monday helped.

"I guess I have some soul searching to do," he said. "I'm criticizing myself the most for not making plays. I'm going back to the drawing board. I'm extra ready, and hopefully, everything will change up."

Penn State's run of nearly flawless execution during its 9-0 start came to screeching halt against Iowa. There were off-sides and pass-interference flags, missed coverages, and dropped passes. The offensive line considered one of the best in the conference struggled at times against the tough Iowa front four.

Spartans in title hunt

ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Mark Dantonio and Brian Hoyer were on the same wavelength, as all good coaches and quarterbacks should be.

They agreed that a bye in Week 12 would be no good if Michigan State hadn't gotten past late losses and self-imposed limits. The wins include a 21-7 victory over Purdue Nov. 8.

"Without great adversity, there can be no great success," Dantonio said Tuesday at his weekly media session. "I really believe that. It helps you become stronger and see things more clearly when you have problems. There is no easy road to the top, regardless of what your profession is."

With just one defeat from September through November, the No. 18 Spartans (9-2, 6-1 Big Ten) hold a half-game lead over No. 10 Ohio State and No. 7 Penn State in the conference and can get no less than a share of the title with an upset in 11 days at Penn State.

"The Penn State game provides us with a great opportunity," Dantonio said. "I've probably been saying that for four or five weeks. As we continue to win, the stakes get a little higher. We have a chance to play for a championship."

Hoyer's Big Ten career will end where it began, in raucous Beaver Stadium against the Nittany Lions. After that 17-13 loss two years ago in Michigan State's last game under John L. Smith, no one would have guessed that the Spartans could reach major milestones.

"It was just a matter of maturing," Hoyer said earlier

Tuesday. "Our senior class has been through so much. Instead of finishing 4-8, we have an opportunity to win 11 games. That started last year when we were 7-5. Now, we have nine with a chance for two more.

"We're setting the tone to become an elite program in the Big Ten."

With a win in 11 days or in a January bowl game, Hoyer would join Steve Juday in 1965 and Bill Burke in 1999 as the only Michigan State quarterbacks with 10-win seasons.

No Michigan State team has ever won 11 times, but this year's Spartans have done just enough to keep the dream of a BCS game very much alive.

"The Rose Bowl is our ultimate goal," Dantonio said. "If we win next week, we move one step closer to getting there, whether it's a year from now or two years from now or three years from now. You can point back and say, 'We had an opportunity here.'"

"Coach Dantonio always says, 'September is for pretenders, and November is for contenders,'" Hoyer said. "So far, we're 2-0 in November. We just have to keep it going. If we do, we can do more than have a great season. We can set the foundation for future success."

If Michigan State beats Penn State and Ohio State loses at Illinois or at home against Michigan, Dantonio's team will compete in the Rose Bowl for the first time in 21 years.



Dantonio coach

Brady back rehabbing

By HOWARD ULMAN
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady is back with his Patriots teammates, laughing and talking with them — and, more importantly, rehabilitating the injured left knee that ended his season in the very first quarter.

"It's good to see him around, hanging out, smiling," New England defensive end Jarvis Green said Tuesday. "It looks like he's in a good mood. I just spoke to him a few times, joked with him, but it looks like he's OK."

Brady underwent surgery on Oct. 6 and said on his website on Oct. 18 that he had another operation on the knee after it became infected. The *Boston Herald* reported that he had two more procedures since then to fight an infection and that he was on a six-week course of intravenous antibiotics. The team has not commented on those details.

The star quarterback was back in Foxborough on Nov. 4 and has been working in the Gillette Stadium training room beside teammates who are busy preparing for games. He has not been seen in the locker room during the period when it is open to the media. A black knee brace was on the chair at his locker Tuesday.

Brady appears to be making normal progress for someone with a post-surgical infection, and fears of a major setback seem to have subsided. His teammates sense that in his demeanor.

"It's always good to see a teammate, especially if they're injured, and just talking to

him and getting insights on what he's seen" in the team's play, running back Kevin Faulk said Tuesday.

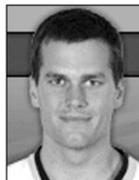
"He's always been contactable. I talked to him pretty much every other week. It's just, 'How are you doing?' And how is he doing?"

"He's doing well," Faulk said. The Patriots, citing team policy, have not given details of the injury. It had been widely reported as a torn anterior cruciate ligament and a torn medial collateral ligament. He was hurt when he was hit by Kansas City's Bernard Pollard in New England's 17-10 win over Kansas City.

Since then, Matt Cassel has progressed steadily as Brady's replacement. His first pro start came the following Sunday in a 19-10 win over the New York Jets. The Patriots and Jets, tied for first place in the AFC East at 6-3, will play at Foxborough on Thursday night.

Safety Rodney Harrison also has been back at Gillette Stadium since having surgery for a torn quadriceps muscle in his right thigh that ended his season on Oct. 20, during a 41-7 win over Denver.

"I've seen him once since the surgery, but that's great," Green said about Harrison. "I don't know how other teams are but, for us, when a guy comes back, the camaraderie and guys just hanging out and enjoying each other show we're still a team."



Brady quarterback

MLB

Ramirez ready to play short

CHICAGO (AP) — Alexei Ramirez emerged as one of the biggest surprises for the Chicago White Sox last season and now he's ready — if needed — to move from second base to shortstop.

"I'd be extremely happy. I do feel it's my natural position, I feel it's the position that I've always felt most comfortable and natural in," the former Cuban League star said Tuesday in a conference call.

Ramirez started last season in center field on opening day and ended up playing in 121 games at second base after getting his chance when Juan Uribe was injured. He also appeared in 16 games at shortstop, but his quick bat made him such a key addition and helped the White Sox win the AL Central.

At 6-3, 185 pounds, the 27-year-old Ramirez earned the nickname the "Cuban Missile."

Ramirez batted .290 with 21 homers, including a major-league rookie record four grand slams, and 77 RBIs. He finished second in the AL Rookie of the Year balloting to Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria.

With the White Sox not expected to re-sign free agent shortstop Orlando Cabrera, Ramirez could be asked to make the switch.

"It's been a dream of mine to play shortstop at the major-league level, but of course, there have been much more experienced and much more seasoned players at that position," Ramirez said through a translator.

He said the preparation to play short wouldn't be much different than what he's already doing to get ready for next season — working out and doing some weight training.

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