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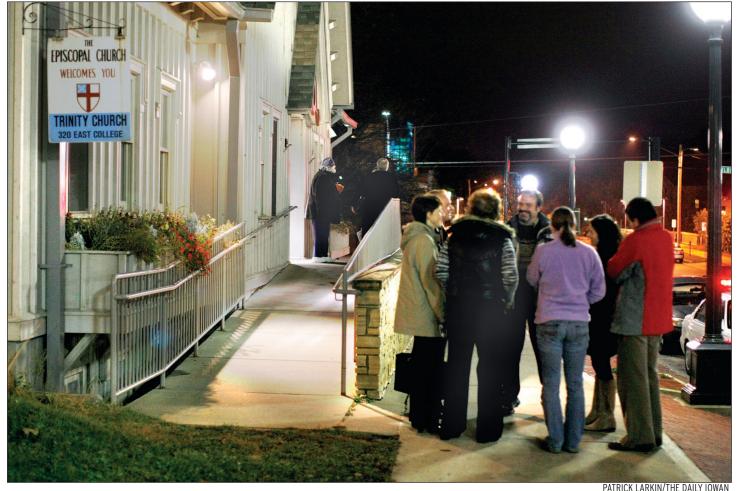
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Prof apparently kills self



Friends of Mark Weiger stand outside of the Trinity Episcopal Church after a vigil for him on Wednesday. "This is a sad day, and obviously a very hard time," Sam Cochran, the director of University Counseling, told the crowd of around 100 at the vigil. "Allow yourselves to grieve. Take it one step at a time."

For the second time this semester, the UI must deal with the apparent suicide of a professor.

By REGINA ZILBERMINTS

A UI oboe professor accused of sexual harassment apparently committed suicide Wednesday afternoon, and university officials are saying they offer counseling to try to avoid such incidents.

Iowa City police records show authorities responded to Mark Weiger's home at 3:41 p.m., where they found a male in a vehicle apparently dead. He was stiff and cold to the touch, according to police reports.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said he couldn't comment on the incident Wednesday evening.

Last week, a former UI graduate student filed a federal lawsuit against Weiger, accusing him of sexually harassing her on a daily basis during the 2006-07 school year. Melissa Rose Walding Milligan of West Lafavette. Ohio, contends in the lawsuit Weiger made derogatory sexual

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Apparent suicide

UI community held a vigil for oboe Professor Mark Weiger, who

• March 28, 1994: Former UI graduate student Debra Hawk-Burt files a sexual-harassment lawsuit against Mark Weiger, accusing him of making

• 1995: Hawk-Burt's lawsuit is dismissed as the state threatens a countersuit. • June 2007: Former UI graduate student Melissa Rose Walding Milligan files a formal complaint with the university against Weiger, claiming he

• Sept. 28, 2007: The UI issues a finding after an internal investigation, determining that Weiger violated the UI sexual-harassment policy; Weiger

• Aug. 14, 2007: Milligan files a civil-rights complaint with the lowa Civil

· Wednesday, 3:41 p.m.: lowa City police report finding a man in a vehi-

attend a vigil at Trinity Episcopal Church for Weiger.

day

Friends said oboe professor was worried how the university would support him following sexual assault accusations.

By CLARA HOGAN

Nearly 100 people gathered at a vigil Wednesday night to mourn the death of UĪ oboe professor Mark Weiger. Friends and family remembered him as a talent-

ed and kind man who they said is innocent of the sexualharassment charges recently filed against him.

Weiger Just hours

after Weiger was found apparently dead in a vehicle after committing suicide, counselors, UI administrators, fellow faculty members, and students sat quietly inside Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College St. Many people took turns talking as a microphone sifted through the pews. Most

The bike, the trek

UI instructor discusses 'epic,' lifechanging bike trek.

By ASHTON SHURSON

Carried by the swirling winds of a horrific South American hurricane 15 years ago was change for Irene Schroeder.

The change occurred while Schroeder, a UI Recreational Ser-

vices instructor, was on a 20,000 mile, 16-monthlong bike trip from the northernmost part of Alaska to the lower tip of South America Schroeder more than 15 $_{\mbox{UI instructor}}$ years ago.



"I learned not only to push myself but find my connection with nature or my moment with God," Schroeder, a UI graduate, said. "That point was the moment

— the most intense moment." Though the trip was only a short period in her 37-year life, it was a monumental, and one from which she said she's gleaned survival skills and self-identity. It was also necessary: Schroeder said she was no longer satisfied with societal life, unhappy, and needed change.

From Alaska to Argentina

Traveling 20,000 miles in 16 months on bike, Irene Schroeder lists items she brought to survive:

- · Sleeping bag and pad · Bike shoes, hiking boots
- · Wool socks, wool pants Sun shirt
- · Hat, gloves, scarf
- Stove, pans, spices, extra food Water purifier
- Camera, tripod, film · Spare bike parts, bike tools, bike
- Wind-rain jacket and booties
- Black Bottom cycling shorts
- Jacket and tights, extra clothes
- Mirror, sunglasses · First aid kit
- · Hat and helmet

Her ticket was a bike, an item that became part of her when she was in Austin, Texas, where she lived until she was 8. Her parents and two sisters rode everywhere and used a car only to move or go on vacation.

After moving to Tama, Iowa, the love affair with biking continued, racing around Iowan hills, leading some people to think they did this because they were poor, even though they were middle-class.

"We just liked being outside," she said, adding she gained her appreciation for nature from her parents.

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was recently named in a sexual-harassment lawsuit.

inappropriate comments to her.

had sexually harassed her on a daily basis.

and the UI eventually reach an informal resolution.

Rights Commission. • Nov. 7: Milligan files a federal sexual-harassment lawsuit against

cle at Weiger's address who apparently had committed suicide. · Wednesday, around 7 p.m.: Roughly 100 UI students and faculty

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Money, money, money

The audience goes 'mad' for the first large event held at the IMU since it reopened.

By PETER GUSTIN

While it's now clear after a throwing competition that Herky can hurl foam bulls farther, host Jim Cramer of CNBC's "Mad Money" surely has the upper hand in stock

A crowd of 1,200 mostly yellow-clad people — with numerous others turned away crammed into the IMU Main Lounge on Wednesday for a live-audience taping to promote the UI Tippie College of Business on national television and to get some trademark investment advice from Cramer.

The show aired later Wednesday afternoon and evening on CNBC.

"This was the best show of the year — definitely," Cramer

The show came on the thirdconsecutive session in which stocks fell. The Dow industrial average tumbled 411 points; over the past three days, it has fallen more than 660 points, 7 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 5.2 percent — its lowest point since Oct. 10.

Many in the audience sported "In Cramer We Trust" T-



BENJAMIN ROBERTS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Economic guru and host of CNBC's "Mad Money" Jim Cramer conducts his show in the IMU Main Lounge on Wednesday. Hundreds of students, faculty, and other fans attended the live broadcast.

shirts, belting out the money guru's catch phrase, "Booyah." UI business student Alex Cullen — who spearheaded the effort to bring Cramer to the UI by dressing up as him and shaving the top of his head still sported the same look at Wednesday's taping.

"I think I'll probably shave it all off now and let it grow back," Cullen said. "It's not over yet, but this is definitely a success already."

Cullen and the business school requested a visit from

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Hawkeyes going mad for Jim Cramer on dailyiowan.com. the "Back to School Tour" via a

campaigning and winning the presidency atop the Pen-Who could resist that? So Cramer scheduled a visit

to make the stock market seem

video, which depicted Cramer

SEE MAD MONEY, 3A

Filling the IMU with light

The UI Indian Student Alliance hosts the annual Diwali festival this weekend. The Indian holiday will combine food, decoration, and entertainment.

By ELIZABETH TIMMINS

although the employees of Dunder Mifflin overlooked several components of the celebration during season three of "The Office," they managed to get a couple things correct: food, lights, dancing.

This year, the UI Indian Student Alliance will host a celebration of the Hindu tradition on Saturday at 5 p.m. in the IMU Main Ballroom.

Historically, people associate the celebration as a Hindu holiday. However, those who celebrate it say Diwali is not just for Hindus but for Sikhs and Jains as well.

"It's basically a national holiday in India, so regardless of religion, people celebrate it, take the day off, and go visit relatives," said UI Indian Student Alliance President Arun Gupta.

Even though the holiday originates from Hindu mythology, today many celebrate it as a secular holiday that epitomizes the triumph of good over evil and indulging in the treasures of everyday life. In some areas, this holiday marks the new business year.

Nonetheless, major themes of the festival are influenced by Hindu mythology. Gupta said many people welcome Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity, into their homes during Diwali, often buying new things to replace older items. Frederick Smith, a UI professor of Asian languages and literature, said occasionally families in India repaint houses at this time, not only to celebrate the goddess of wealth but also to salute the end of monsoon sea-

Similarly, the triumph of good over evil sparks from Lord Rama's slaying of the demon and his return from exile.



REBECCA MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN

Briyanka Mundhra leads the dancers who will perform in this year's Diwali festival as they rehearse in the Field House on Tuesday. Diwali will be held Friday in the IMU.

Diwali marks India's biggest celebration with sweets, giftgiving, large meals, family get-togethers, and commercial exploitation.

Traditionally, people put a lot

of lights up to celebrate the holiday colloquially known as the "Festival of Lights." In the past, houses throughout India placed oil lamps in every room of the home. However, Smith said, in recent years the fireworks industry has taken over the holiday, resulting in noise pollution and a disruption of the tradition.

"[The] spirituality has been kind of lost, just like it has with Christmas," Smith said.

The date of the five-day festival differs from year to year and depends on the stage of the Moon. The significance of Moon phases pertains to Hindu mythology.

"All new Moons and full Moons are considered powerful times," Smith said.

This year, Diwali fell on Oct. 28. The UI's Diwali celebration will encompass the spirit of the holiday, featuring an Indian dinner by Cedar Rapids restaurant Taj Mahal, and performances by local community members. Last year's performances included Bollywood dances, a fashion show, and children's skits. This year, Gupta expects similar productions.

"There will be a variety of performances from all different age groups in the community," Gupta said. "The goal is to have a community event and not just involve college students; involve all age groups."

FESTIVAL

Diwali

When: 5-10 p.m. Saturday Where: IMU Main Ballroom Admission: General admission \$15, reserved seating \$25, first 100 student tickets \$10

Secretary Dhanu Raja said the Indian Student Alliance will enhance the IMU Ballroom and stage with colorful decorations, sparkles, ribbons, gossamer, and of course, lights — a lot of lights. Centerpieces will adorn the tables for the 800plus expected guests.

"It showcases India's culture, rather than religion," Gupta said.

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

In the Nov. 11 article, "Artist/porn star visit OK, art school, students say" the comment that Zak Smith was "barely involved in adult entertainment" should have been attributed to Susan Chrysler White, an associate UI professor of art and art

history. The DI regrets the error.

In the Nov. 12 article, "Parents make charge" the DI incorrectly labeled what Dallas Roberston called the "chest bump" into his wife. He only labeled it as a "chest bump."

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Students visit state congress that come into the state." Some UI students will meet the secretary

of State and other officials today at the Iowa Student Congress in Des Moines.

By MELANIE KUCERA

For the first time ever, college students from across Iowa are gathering at the State Capitol to make their voices stronger.

Roughly 80 students from nine colleges across the state are participating today in the Iowa Student Congress in Des Moines to address issues they believe the state government should focus on.

The initiative is spearheaded by several UI students who are or have been part of the UI's Governmental Relations Committee, which is overseen by the UI Student Government

"Our goal is to come together, integrate ideas, and represent the Iowa students in general," said Cassie Creasy, UISG governmental-relations chairwoman. "We hope student leaders collaborate on issues that they feel are pertinent to themselves, their campuses, and across Iowa."

Attendees will hear from Secretary of State Michael Mauro, Sen. Jack Hatch, D-Iowa, and

Staff Council to examine

UI Staff Council members will look

over a draft of the UI's new sexual-

assault policy and send feedback to

the group's president by the end of this

Martha Greer, the council's presi-

dent, said she has met with John

Carlson, the senior associate to UI

President Sally Mason, twice to discuss

The UI Staff Council is just one of the

campus groups that Carlson and others

the newly revised policy.

sex-assault policy

METRO

week.

Regent Bonnie Campbell, among others. Speakers will address the legislative process, lobbying,

safety and health concerns, and environmental issues. Creasy said the significance of the youth voice is a prime rea-

son she's going. 'It is important to have your voice heard no matter how old you are or how much political clout you pull," she said.

Also speaking at the event are representatives from Generation Iowa, a commission signed into existence by Iowa Gov. Chet Culver last year. The purpose of the group is to study the mass exodus of educated young adults out of the state, as well as attract, retain, and engage the next generation of Iowans.

A census report from 1995 to 2000 found that 18,000 young adults left the state after graduation, said Rachel Judisch, the head of the Generation Iowa Commission.

"Iowa is one of the best states in the nation in attracting students here," she said. "However, we have an inability to retain the significant number of people

are working with to revise the sexual-

assault policies and procedures have

turned to for advice and concerns,

She said she is asking for feedback

from council members this week

because the state Board of Regents

want to see the completed policy at its

"I want to make sure to hear any

The regents requested that all three

of the state's public universities

last comments from the council before

that time so that I could share them,"

This is a "very significant" problem, she said, and speaking at the Iowa Student Congress will benefit everyone.

"[Iowa Student Congress] is our target demographic," she said. "We need the information from those students to find out what influences the decisions that they make."

Creasy acknowledged the retention rate in Iowa, and said Iowa is the only state in the past 15 years to consistently lose

younger people each year. The idea behind the Iowa Student Congress came from a similar event that occurred at the University of Michigan.

Event organizer Alan Fritzler has been involved in the project since discussion began last year. Though Fritzler isn't a political-science major, he said traveling to the State Capitol last year launched his political involvement.

"I went to the Capitol a few times last year and saw how ineffective student lobbying was," he said. "I wanted to change that."

UI students visit the Capitol annually during Students' Day, and Matt Pfaltzgraf, former Governmental Relations liaison, said going to the Capitol is always a positive.

update their sexual-assault policies

after a hired law firm found the UI mis-

handled a sexual-assault investigation

charged

burglary pleads not guilty

ing an apartment pleaded not guilty on

Oct. 18 and charged him with first-degree

Konrad Kowalski, 21, Tinley Park, III.,

A Coralville man accused of burglariz-

Police arrested Emanuel Cano, 27, on

– by Clara Hogan

with

last year.

Man

Wednesday.

burglary.

Iowa Student Congress

The following schools are participating in the first-ever Iowa Student Congress with hopes of strengthening students' voices at the state government level:

- Iowa State University
- University of Northern Iowa Drake University
- · St. Ambrose University
- Simpson College Dordt College
- · Cornell College • Ellsworth Community College

Source: Iowa Student Congress website

"I think it is very helpful going there and talking to people face-to-face," he said. "The best way to get your viewpoints across and show your concerns."

For Fritzler, the interaction among all the students is the biggest perk.

"I'm most excited about meeting all the students from across the state and seeing all the different points."

Both Creasy and Fritzler said they hope that the event will continue in years to come.

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Wreaths Across America Ceremony December 13th at 11:00 AM ~~ Oakland Cemetery ~~ lowa City

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POLICE BLOTTER

Leonard Carney, 39, 316 Moss Wood Lane, was charged Tuesday with pos-

session of marijuana. Kimberly Gardner, 21, 2022 Hannah Jo Court, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Eugene Harris, 42, address unknown,

was charged Nov. 8 with public intoxi-

Dec. 11 meeting.

Brendan Isaacson, 19, N319 Currier, was charged Tuesday with possession of marijuana and possession of drug

paraphernalia. Jory Kopish, 28, 1258 Dolan Place. was charged Nov. 1 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

was charged Sunday with public intoxication and interfering with official

Michael Kuderna, 18, N319 Currier, was charged Tuesday with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia

Eric Maxwell, 18, 738 Reinow Hall, was charged Sunday with PAULA. Dustin Powell, 21, 401 S. Lucas St., was

charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

was charged Wednesday with OWI.

each face 25 years in prison. by Olivia Moran

ment without permission that day with Dominick Marcott, 34, who is also facing a charge of first-degree burglary. Police reported the two then assaulted the resident – who was allegedly punched in the eye, kicked in the ribs, and choked - at two different times that night. Marcott has also pleaded not guilty. Online court records show that Cano posted a \$10,000 surety bond at the Johnson County Jail on Monday. First-degree burglary is a Class B felony. If convicted, Cano and Marcott

Tiona Stroud, 19, 226 Blackfoot Trail,

VOTED BEST OF EASTERN IOWA IN KCRG'S A-LIST!

Apparent suicide rocks music school

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comments to her.

Milligan couldn't be reached for comment Wednesday night.

Weiger's apparent suicide is the second such incident this fall. Former UI political-science Professor Arthur Miller fatally shot himself with a rifle at Hickory Hill Park after he was accused of accepting sexual favors in exchange for higher grades.

Weiger's two-story house was dark Wednesday night, with no cars parked in the driveway — a different scene from earlier in the afternoon, when squad cars and ambulances crowded the street, neighbors said.

Matthew Olson, a neighbor of Weiger for around four years, said he never expected Weiger to commit suicide.

"It's so bizarre, because you talk to people, and you never know they're clearly having this struggle inside," he said. "With Mark, I never would've known." Olson said he and Weiger

would chat about family, traveling, and music theories. "I never heard anything nega-

tive," Olson said. "He was always a positive and friendly guy."

UI Human Resources officials have begun counseling memUI spokesman Steve Parrott

They met Wednesday night with faculty, staff, and students to discuss the incident and formulate a plan to help people cope. These meetings will continue, Parrott said.

"Other than that, we would hope that people in the university community would do their best to reach out to express sympathy and offer support," Parrott said. "It's been a tough year for us."

Arthur Rowe, a friend and former UI colleague of Weiger's, said sexual-harassment lawsuits frequently result from false accusations. He said such allegations — especially if it reaches the press — "can be devastating to people."

Rowe said a similar suit was brought against another one of his former colleagues, and the man nearly left the university. Weiger may have felt similarly, Rowe speculated.

"He has no family," Rowe said. "I don't know how much support

Although it's too soon to say what effect this specific incident will have on university policy, Parrott said the current sexual-

bers of the UI School of Music, assault procedures will soon change. Such policies have come under much public scrutiny this semester after a former UI student-athlete alleged two former football players sexually assaulted her in Hillcrest.

Parrott said faculty accused of misconduct can go to the Office of the Ombudsperson and have confidential conversations to determine how to protect their reputation and resolve the problem.

Additionally, the university offers separate counseling services for both faculty and students when these incidents occur, he said.

Karla Miller, the director of the Rape-Victim Advocacy Program, declined to comment specifically about Weiger, but she said after such apparent suicides, it could emotionally affect the victim who reported the harassment.

"It would be only natural to wonder why an individual would do this," she said. "Unfortunately, what can happen is the response that some people make is to blame the victims, and that's inappropriate.

"The victims are never to

DI reporters Olivia Moran and Kelli **Shaffner** contributed to this report.

Bike trip changed life

SCHROEDER

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During her senior year at the UI, she began planning a postgraduation biking trip. With routes and sponsors in place, she and her then-boyfriend began the ride in Fairbanks, Alaska, in July 1993.

They rode up the oil pipeline to Prudhoe Bay — the northernmost town in the state before rolling down to Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, in Argentina, which is considered the southernmost city in the world.

Paul Deninger, an avid biker and member of the Mercy Specialized Bicycle Racing Team in Iowa City, said Schroeder's trip is "epic" and the distance is "practically a trip around the

"It's quite an impressive feat with the mileage, time, and distance," he said.

While in Patagonia, Argentina, Schroeder said she and her fellow biker were caught in the midst of a hurricane of terrifying magnitude. Wind and rain pounded against their tent, ultimately covering the two in mud.

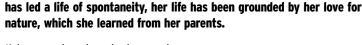
Awakening the next day, Schroeder said she saw two white horses standing outside the tent and didn't know whether she was alive or dead.

"It was as if nothing had happened," she said. "I thought they were angels ... I realized life is supposed to be peaceful."

It was then that Schroeder realized that there's more to life than the TVs, cars, and the consumerism of normal society. Schroeder's transition home

after "the moment" was a rough one, she said. Her boyfriend of six years broke up with her, and her father, who struggled with mental disorders, attempted suicide.

Considering the intensity of the trips and the dismal cir-



Irene Schroeder bikes through Iowa City on Wednesday. Although she

'I learned not only to push myself but find my connection with nature or

That point was the moment – the most intense moment.

my moment with God.

-Irene Schroeder, UI graduate

cumstances of her return, the UI instructor said five years passed before she could mention the trip without crying. Next semester, however, Schroeder will give a slide show presentation on her biking trek. In 2001, Schroeder settled in

Iowa City and two years later took a job with Touch The Earth, the UI's recreational service program.

"She's one of a kind," said Dave Patton, the assistant director of the program. "She's a pretty incredible person."

Dabbling in a myriad of jobs around Iowa City — music teacher, biking instructor and

'Mad Money' comes to UI

The route

Starting July 1993, UI instructor Irene Schroeder rode her bicycle from Alaska to Argentina, arriving in November 1994. The 20,000mile trip took 16 months.

From start to finish



Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowai

mechanic, environmentalist -Schroeder lives on "income streams." She also heads a local band, Irene and the Mad River "I think I've decided I'm a

sensualist," she said. "If I can get all senses stimulated at the same time, that's the ultimate."

Sad day for prof's friends

VIGIL

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kept their heads low, or resting on another's shoulder.

News of the UI music professor's apparent suicide is shocking, friends and students said Wednesday evening.

A former UI graduate student who had worked with Weiger filed a federal lawsuit against him Nov. 7, claiming he made inappropriate and derogatory sexual comments to her on a daily basis.

Friends said at the vigil that Weiger was worried about whether the university would support him after sexualharassment allegations sur-

Sam Cochran, the director of University Counseling Service. encouraged people to seek help in the upcoming days and to talk about their feelings.

"This is a very sad day, and it's horrible news," he said. "It's obviously a hard time. Everyone should allow themselves to feel and allow themselves to take the healing process one step at a time.

Many people quietly wept as a church clergyman recited a

After the vigil, two of Weiger's oboe students walked closely together out of the church. UI sophomore Hilary Stavros said she already misses Weiger and the next few days will be hard. One of her classmates, UI

senior Jill Staudt, who had Weiger as a teacher for two years, said the oboe students will pull together and cope.

"We all will help support each other," she said. "Classes aren't canceled tomorrow, so we'll all see each other there."

Preston Krauska, a current UI School of Music student, said he once performed with Weiger, and he said he never heard anything negative about him.

"He would be fun with me." Krauska said. "He has always had great spirit."

State Board of Regents President David Miles said, "My heart goes out to his family. I'm sure this is a difficult time for them."

Arthur Rowe, one of Weiger's former colleagues at the UI and a longtime friend, also expressed his grief.

"He was a terrific guy," said the now-University of Victoria piano professor. "I am devastated." Rowe, who taught at the UI

between 1990 and 1992, has recorded three times with Weiger. He last saw him in July. Rowe's three sons "always looked forward to him coming to visit," he said, praising his "individual sound" with the oboe.

Such abilities have been lauded by the New York Times and the Kansas City Star, and Weiger has won numerous prestigious awards, according to his UI biography.

Weiger has been on the UI faculty since 1988; he received a degrees at the New England Conservatory of Music and the Juilliard School.

Rowe said he thinks Weiger's innocent, noting he didn't know about the lawsuit filed against Weiger before Wednesday.

Rowe said, "He's done so much for the university."

DI reporters Olivia Moran and Anna **Lothson** contributed to this report.

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MAD MONEY

high exam scores don't always translate to making money. "I was on the same page as

those students at the university with no money, so I want to make things clear to them," Cramer said in an interview with the DI before the taping. "It was out of desperation that I $\,$ got into the stock market; they shouldn't fear it."

The money guru focused primarily on housing depreciation, which, he said, if corrected, will solve all of the problems surrounding the economic crisis.

"We can either get napalm

and gasoline, and burn all vacant houses to the ground," he joked, before suggesting a more realistic solution to the economic crisis: large tax cuts for anyone who has a house.

Many in the crowd absorbed Cramer's comments, as well as his advice to stay away from ethanol stocks. He also suggested Johnson & Johnson and General Mills were good stocks to purchase shares in right now.

"I had to come back to get a little face time with Jim and see what he thought the right directions are in the stock market right now," said Tim Shannon, a UI alumnus living in Chicago. "I think he's leading us in the right direction."

For Marty Box and daughter

Melissa Box of Fairfield, Iowa, the opportunity to see the show live was a "crash course" into finance. Melissa said she wants to own a photography studio in the future.

Though having a celebrity on campus was nice, having the exposure of the UI's business school was even better, said UI marketing Professor Tom Gruca.

"We are always telling students that their education is as good as anyone's in the country," he said. "Exposing our integrity will let everyone in the country know what we're about here at the University of Iowa."



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Electronic Arts to try to get people fit, too

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NEW YORK (AP) - Following in the footsteps of Nintendo's popular "Wii Fit," the video game publisher known for the "Madden" football games is jumping into fitness software targeted mostly at women.

Electronic Arts Inc. was set to announce Thursday a new line, EA Sports Active, that runs on the Nintendo Wii console and aims to complement, not compete with, Nintendo's 'Wii Fit" exercise title.

Peter Moore, president of EA Sports, called the Active brand, whose first title, "Kickstart Fitness," launches next March, a "somewhat radical departure from the normal game experiences we provide customers."

EA's sports audience has been mostly young men, who have flocked to football, soccer, basketball and hockey titles to make the company the world's dominant player in sports video games.

But to stay competitive with rivals such as Activision Blizzard Inc., whose success with games like "World of Warcraft" and "Rock Band" seems to be weathering the recession, EA needs to continue to expand its audience.

The company's new brand seeks to take advantage of the popularity of the Nintendo console and of exercise games. While the "Wii Fit" is already enormously popular, Moore, a former physical-education teacher, said EA's sports software will run people through an exercise routine with a more Western approach than the Japanese company's product.

"Wii Fit" includes activities like running, skiing as well as yoga, and it emphasizes balance as well as fitness. EA's products will include exercises like running and lunges, as well as simulations of sports such as tennis.

The games use straps to attach the Wii's controller and "nunchuk" attachment to a player's body, so the fitness routines can be performed without holding the controls. EA also plans to include peripherals such as resistance bands. Titles in the line will cost about \$60, the same as a regular video game.

After banning YouTube, military launches TroopTube

SEATTLE (AP) - The U.S. military, with help from Seattle startup Delve Networks, has launched a video-sharing website for troops, their families and supporters, a year and a half after restricting access to YouTube and other video sites.

TroopTube, as the new site is called, lets people register as members of one of the branches of the armed forces, family, civilian Defense Department employees or supporters. Members can upload personal videos from anywhere with an Internet connection, but a Pentagon employee screens each for taste, copyright violations and nation-

Part of Delve's work was to build speedy tools for approving and sorting incoming videos. Its technology also crunches video files into several sizes and automatically plays the one that best suits viewers' Internet connection speeds.

But the startup's real forte is making sure site searches turn up the best video results. Delve's system turns a

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video's sound into a text transcript. It pares unimportant words such as "this" and "that," then compares what's left against a massive database of words commonly uttered in proximity to each other, collected from crawling hundreds of millions of web pages.

The result: Even if speech recognition software trips on the one word someone is searching for, there's a good chance Delve can still deliver relevant results.

In May 2007, the Defense Department banned employees and soldiers from accessing sites including YouTube and MySpace, citing security and bandwidth issues. Delve Chief Executive Alex Castro called TroopTube a "retention tool" aimed at a generation of soldiers who bring laptops to the front lines.

"A lot of people are excited in the company to be doing something for the people who make sacrifices," said Castro, his eyes tearing. "We're proud

Ga. town advances cell-phone parking payments

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) - Mayor William Floyd pulled up to a parking space, dialed a number into his cell phone, and watched as two hours of paid time flashed on the meter in front of his car.

And with that, the Atlanta suburb launched one of the nation's first payby-phone parking systems, part of a strategy designed to encourage more turnover and ultimately more revenue.

For the last year, Decatur has used a system from StreetSmart Technology LLC that uses sensors to detect whether a car has moved. This blocks drivers from plopping in more coins when the two-hour time limit runs out. It also connects parking attendants to a database that alerts them when meters expire - or points them toward drivers parked in spaces without paying.

Decatur ramped up its efforts this week with the pay-by-cell system, which let drivers call a local number plastered on each meter. After entering the parking space number, they get a text message with a website address to create an account using a credit card. Once an account is created, drivers can just call the number each time to draw down their account.

A handful of other cities around the nation employ similar systems. But Decatur is the first that uses technology that flashes the time bought on a meter instead of, say, a printed ticket, said Eric Groft, a StreetSmart project

To entice drivers to use the system, the city is offering the first two hours of pay-by-cell parking for free. After that, it will charge cell phone users an additional 25-cent transaction fee.

About 50 of Decatur's 385 meters are outfitted with the pay-by-cell equipment, which costs an estimated \$200 per meter. Each has radios that can transmit data and sensors for detecting cars. It also lets drivers pay the old-fashioned way using change.

Parking monitors seem especially focused on the way the system helps them rest their legs.

"We walk around the city all day." said Janice Monroe, a Decatur "parking liaison." "This lets us know where meters expire so we can walk directly to them - and cut down on our walk-

Thinking inside the boxing

UI women could be punching for prevention.

By AMANDA McCLURE

The Rocky Balboa of Iowa wants the UI in the ring.

The Lady Hawks Boxing Club may be the next local method of women's selfdefense, as Johnny Mascaro, a 62-year-old Des Moines boxer, looks to UI officials for approval for what he calls "ringside training for latenight dangers."

Mascaro has recently filled out paperwork for the club, and he is awaiting a response from university officials, which could take some time.

"I can't believe those types of things are actually happening on a Big Ten campus and involving athletes," Mascaro said. "That's an issue that needs fast and direct action. A woman's safety is nothing to mess with."

Mascaro, who started teaching boxing 50 years ago as a 12-year-old coaching his little sister, called UI President Sally Mason last year after hearing about the alleged Hillcrest sexual assault. He said he wanted women to be more safe — and a pair of boxing gloves may be the answer.

There's definitely a demand Nationally, the Rape Aggres-

sion Defense Systems, which teaches women self-defense and has a local instructor on the UI police, has taught basic physical defense to more than 250,000 women, according to its website. UI self-defense instructor

Ned Ashton said the demand for his classes among women has doubled since he started teaching kickboxing, tae kwon do, and self-defense. Ninety percent of the people in these classes are women.

"The university has denied boxing clubs in the past, so it depends on how it wants to design the club," Raymond



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UI freshman Amanda Shaw strikes a punching bag during a self-defense course at the UI Field House on Tuesday. "It is important to know basic defense," she said. "There is always the possibility that you could get attacked, and if the situation arises, I want to know how to defend myself."

Beemer of Recreational Services said. "A self-defense style boxing club may have a different outcome."

That's perfect for Mascaro, he said. His club wouldn't be about competition, but selfdefense for women.

UI sophomore Sarah Haser, who is working with Mascaro to bring the club to campus, said there's a need for a such "You never know who could

be around the corner," she said. "There is a need for this type of training for women, especially in Iowa City." Mascaro said he has the

experience to do it, having taught hundreds of women in a boxing club at Iowa State University in the 1990s.

"It's absolutely essential that all girls have the ability to learn self-defense techniques in any matter," Mascaro said. "Assaults don't have to happen," Haser agreed.

"For me, it's a reality that women need to learn to protect themselves, especially

Women boxers **Boxer Johnny Mascaro and**

students want to bring a selfdefense boxing club for women to the UI:

- The club would be free to all who are interested. · Mascaro teaches classes at the
- YWCA in Des Moines.
- · The club would be modeled after a Iowa State University's boxing
- · Women make up 90 percent of self-defense classes taught at the UI.

when you constantly hear about sexual assaults and harassment on campus," she

On a large campus such as the UI's, it's harder for average women to get involved in sports, so the club gives females with an athletic advantage on top of selfdefense knowledge, she said.

"I work at a bar downtown, and I get to be the sober one who sees a lot of women putting themselves in harm's way," Haser said. "They don't understand the risk they're running, and physical preparedness is the best option for women in those situations."

Haser said when she walks home at 3 a.m., there are rarely still people around, adding to the possibility of an assault.

Mascaro believes the Lady Hawks Boxing Club will be a place for women to share their worries.

"There's no greater workout than one that will save your life," he said.

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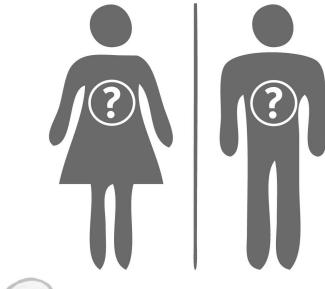
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Dave Morice goes through a shoebox of fortunes to put on his new hat at Uptown Bill's on Wednesday. Morice bought the

Finding a fortune

The places the fortune-cookie book will go.

By KATIE HANSON

This saga began 20 years ago, with a misread word, a cookie, and a fortune.

So launched Dave Morice's 80-page book, at the whim of a fortune cookie. And though he didn't write a word of it, it wasn't easy.

All the book's sentences come verbatim from the wisdom of 2,500 fortune cookies. They're put one after another to form what Morice calls a romance novel.

It started like this: "A wise man knows everything, a schrewed [sic] man knows every body [sic].

At first, Morice thought "schrewed" was "screwed" and decided to save every subsequent fortune he got.

"I've been eating fortune cookies my whole life," he said. Why not save them now?"

They've all been saved in The Great American Fortune Cookie Novel, composed entirely of fortunes without added words or punctuation. Morice plans to release the self-published novel at Aoeshe Restaurant, 624 S. Gilbert St., on Thanksgiving.

"Everybody loves fortune cookies and Chinese restaurants," Morice said, who, before he began buying fortune cookies by the case, would relish going

Unfortunate fortunes

After gathering them for 20 years, Dave Morice has a collection of fortune-cookie fortunes, from which favorites emerge: The greatest danger could be

your own stupidity. • Eat your vegetable, and you'll

grow up big and strong like Popeye. • Your present plants are going to

• Please disregard all previous fortunes!

to area Chinese restaurants for the treats.

Morice has divided the book into 12 chapters for the 12 animals in the Chinese Zodiac.

The book "is a much nicer version of the napkins they give out at a Chinese restaurant," said Morice, who included character traits for each animal sign at the beginning of the chapters.

While stuck on a plot element, Morice's epiphany came, quite fittingly, from a fortune.

"I was looking up fortunes online, and one of them cried out, 'Take me, I'm the plot of your book."

Morice read it as: "Help! I am being held prisoner in a Chinese Bakery" and inspired the author to create an interactive quest in which the hero rescues the writer in distress.

Morice said putting the novel together was "very difficult," but cover photographer Dale Hankins said the project was typical for the man who is better known as "Dr. Alphabet," because of his alphabet books in the 1970s.

"Dave has always been a word guy," Hankins said, noting Morice also rewrote Dante's Inferno in limericks.

UI freshman Yenna Chin, a waitress at Aoeshe Restaurant, thinks the novel could appeal to a diverse audience.

"Aeoshe has a lot of both kid and adult customers," Chin said. "And I really like the book. I think it's really quirky."

Chin said the restaurant is collecting additional fortunes so Morice can continue his work.

"It's the never-ending fortune cookie book," Morice said. "If I get more, I can add them into the book pretty easily."

Out of the 26 books he has written, Morice said this book has the best chance to succeed, given its originality.

"I really like The Wizard of Oz, and before they made it, everyone was excited to be in it because more than any movie in history it was assured to be a great success," Morice said. "I think this is The Wizard of Oz."

Connecticut sees its first same-sex weddings

By STEPHANIE REITZ

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. Same-sex couples exchanged vows Wednesday for the first time in Connecticut amid cheers and tears of joy, while gay activists planned protests across the country over the vote that took away their right to marry in California.

Surrounded by red roses and smiles, Jody Mock and Elizabeth Kerrigan, who led the lawsuit that that overturned the state law, emerged from West Hartford's town hall to the cheers of around 150 people and waved their marriage license high.

"We feel very fortunate to live in the state of Connecticut, where marriage equality is valued, and, hopefully, other states will also do what is fair," Kerrigan said.

The Connecticut Supreme Court ruled 4-3 on Oct. 10 that same-sex couples have the right to wed rather than accept a 2005 civil-union law designed to give them the same rights as married couples. A lower-court judge entered a final order permitting same-sex marriage Wednesday morning. Massachusetts is the only other state that allows gay marriages.

Gay marriage advocates said they were planning nationwide demonstrations this weekend in more than 175 cities and outside the U.S. Capitol. A Seattle blogger was trying to organize simultaneous protests outside statehouses and city halls in every state Saturday.

In New York City, several hundred demonstrators gathered Wednesday outside a Mormon Temple to protest the church's endorsement of the

same-sex marriage ban in California. Several people held signs asking "Did you cast a ballot or a stone?" while other signs read "Love not H8."

"I'm fed up and disgusted with religious institutions taking political stances and calling them moral when it's nothing but politics," said Dennis Williams, 36, of New York. "Meanwhile, they enjoy taxfree status while trying to deny me rights that should be mine at the state and federal level."

Michael Otterson, a spokesman for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said while citizens have the right to protest, he was "puzzled" and "disturbed" by the gathering given that the majority of California's voters had approved the amendment.

"This was a very broadbased coalition that defended traditional marriage in a free and democratic election," Otterson said.

Outside City Hall in New Haven, bubbles and white balloons bounced in the chilly autumn air as well-wishers cheered the marriage of Peg Oliveira and Jennifer Vickery.

Despite the roaring traffic and clicking cameras, "it was surprisingly quiet," Oliveira said after the brief ceremony. "Everything else dissolved, and it was just the two of us. It was so much more personal and powerful in us committing to one another, and so much less about the people around us." According to the state pub-

lic health department, 2,032 civil union licenses were Connecticut issued in between October 2005 and July 2008. But there was no compari-

son between civil unions and

marriage for Robin Levine-

Ritterman and Barbara Levine-Ritterman, obtained a civil union in 2005 and were among eight samesex couples who sued for the right to marry.

'We didn't do it with pride or joy," Barbara Levine-Ritterman said of getting the civilunion license. "It felt gritty to be in a separate line.'

On Wednesday, however, she proudly held up the first same-sex marriage license issued in New Haven as about 100 people applauded outside City Hall. She and her betrothed, who held red roses, plan to marry in May.

"It's thrilling toďay," Barbara Levine-Ritterman said. "We are all in one line for one form. Love is love, and the state recognizes it."

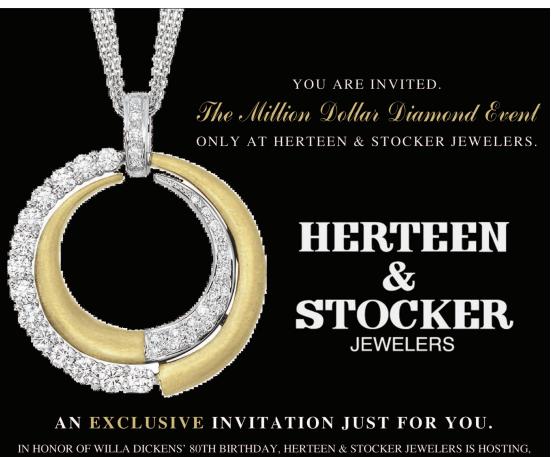
Manchester Town Clerk Joseph Camposeo, president of the Connecticut Town Clerks Association, said clerks in the state's 169 communities were advised by e-mail shortly after 9:30 a.m. that they could start issuing marriage licenses to gay couples.

The health department had new marriage applications printed that reflect the change. Instead of putting one name under "bride" and the other under "groom," couples will see two boxes marked "bride/groom/spouse."

Like the highest courts in Connecticut and Massachusetts, the California Supreme Court ruled this spring that same-sex marriage is legal. After about 18,000 thousand such unions were conducted in California, however, its voters last week approved Proposition 8, a referendum banning the practice.

Gay-rights groups said Wednesday they plan to ask California voters to overturn the ban if legal challenges to Proposition 8 are unsuccessful.





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Editorial

FCC Vote Moves Us One Step Closer, but toward what?

Buried in the fervor and chaos of Election Day was a unanimous vote by the FCC to approve the use of wireless devices in locations of unused broadcast television spectrum. This unused airspace is commonly referred to as "white space." By opening up the unused spectrum for use by new white-space broadband devices, the FCC hopes to provide connectivity that Chairman Kevin Martin refers to as "Wi-Fi on steroids." The move by the FCC is designed to improve wireless connectivity, especially in rural areas, and create greater competition in the broadband market. With Sprint, Motorola, Google, and Microsoft stumbling over themselves to create new white-space devices to compete with current broadband services, consumers stand to benefit significantly from open market competition when the devices are scheduled to hit store shelves in two years.

As with any great offer, there is a catch. Many businesses are concerned that the unlicensed devices will interfere with their digital TV channels and wireless microphones. Sporting venues, concert halls, and even churches could face substantial interference from the new white-space broadband devices. White-space opponents argue the FCC has failed to demonstrate due diligence with respect to the effect that unlicensed devices will have on current venues and businesses.

While the FCC approval may not assuage all of the fears of wireless microphone users or TV broadcasters, the FCC's Second Report and Order did enumerate restrictions on the use of the white-space devices. Unlicensed devices are required to have geolocation functionality, similar to GPS, in order to detect spectrum locations that are already being used. All white-space devices must be able to access to an Internet database containing the locations of business or

venues that use certain spectrum locations. In other words, if Madison Square Garden officials are concerned that these new devices will interfere with Knicks' games or a Justin Timberlake concert, they need only provide the FCC with their geolocation and the location of wireless microphones on the spectrum.

Problem solved, right? Not exactly. The geolocation technology tested in real-time before the FCC vote largely failed to accurately detect channels already in use. The new guidelines required for white-space broadband devices by the FCC will mean nothing if the technology doesn't exist to uphold the standards. Moreover, the FCC allows for companies to design white-space devices without geolocation capability so long as they apply for FCC certification. These devices will supposedly be able to sense what parts of the spectrum are busy and will move elsewhere to avoid interference. Little consolation to the current users of wireless microphones and TV broadcast stations. The FCC order, however, does state that noncompliant devices with be subject to a "much more rigorous approval process." The standards of this strict scrutiny test are not explained or even mentioned in the Nov. 4 order.

The FCC approval of white-space use will benefit many computer and cell-phone companies and, hopefully, consumers as well. Rural areas stand to gain the most from new wide-reaching white-space towers. However, unless the FCC and the tech companies follow through on their promise to protect already existing users of the spectrum, consumers may be sacrificing the ability to hear concerts, watch TV, and listen to their favorite team just for the luxury of downloading the hottest new album from iTunes at twice the speed.

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Guest Opinion



Comprehending a crisis

PART ONE IN A



SARA MORGAN

Most fundamentally educated individuals will tell you that nowhere in this world exists a country called Africa. Most will tell you that Africa is one of our seven continents, and given only a moment, most can point to it on a globe. From here, things get a little fuzzy. African history, geography, and culture are not subjects commonly taught in most American schools. A perusal of my high-school history texts yields only 27 brief pages on our second-largest and second most populated continent. For many, the name alone conjures images of vast, powder-duned deserts, barren steppes, and sprawling savannas. We picture National Geographic wildlife issues and Discovery Channel specials that portray bare-breasted women in colorful saris carrying baskets of bananas on their heads. Most of the slaves came from Africa. We might even know that archeological evidence seems to indicate that we all came from there originally.

From here, our assumptions and cablevision educations bring us to far more dangerous conclusions. The continent has only one race — African. Africans are primitive. Most Africans are not educated. Africa is the Third World. Everybody starves in Africa. Every ethnic group is at war with every other ethnic group. They have always been at war with each other. They have always killed each other. That is just they way they are, so why should I care what goes

on in Africa? We have witnessed in recent history a parade of wars, ethnic conflicts, and human-rights abuses that horrify our imaginations and leave us unable to comprehend how such atrocities could occur. We are speechless at the thought of an estimated 896,000 human beings slaughtered in just 100 days

in Rwanda. We are appalled at what has been officially deemed genocide in Darfur, where, recent estimates say, as many as 300,000 human lives have been brutally taken. We are horrified, that is, if we actually get to page 18 of the newspaper and notice the 3-inch blurb about such events.

Given these sad tidings, it is easy to see how most individuals arrive at such sinister conclusions. If we see anything in the news about Africa, it seems to be one group killing another. We rarely hear about progress made in many areas of Africa. We are seldom told about the healing efforts that are helping to rebuild communities ravaged by conflict. Most importantly, we are never offered any insight into the intricate and diverse cultures of the hundreds of distinct ethnic groups. Therefore, when we watch the news, it is just another grisly pictorial of bloodshed in a culture not developed enough to know any better. But does this skewed mentality in any way resemble the truth?

With the advent of technology, our world is shrinking by the moment. We must make education a priority, and this education must be global, giving due attention to all peoples and all lands. Without understanding its development, history, and ways of life, we cannot hope to comprehend what is unfolding in Africa. Moreover, without careful attention paid to digesting such knowledge in a responsible way, a treacherous road lies before us. Learning the history and familiarizing ourselves with the cultures only provide sharper knives and more deadly cannons if we do not have an appreciation and understanding of lives that are not our own. Consciously ensuring that we openly and respectfully view one another, that we understand all aspects of another's life without the taint of our own, these are difficult tasks. It is not easy to alter the way we think. Without beginning with this fundamental challenge, however, we can never hope to answer cries for help from Africa or anywhere within our global community.

Read part two in Friday's DI

DI Blog

Political diversity in the media: too much of a good thing?



NATE WHITNEY

I'm glad the election is over. Two years of divisive finger-pointing has finally come to a close.

Better yet, I'm glad that the Bush administration is in its waning hours. Yes, because I don't like Bush and what he's done to this country (they won't give you media credentials if you don't say these things), but I'm glad it's all over for a bigger reason. I couldn't take

With the interwebs growing like crabgrass and spreading its tendrils of influence into every possible nook and cranny of our society, with satellite TV broadening its strength by the minute and cable television double-fisting protein shakes and Power Bars, our media are becoming insanely diverse. There is literally a smörgåsbord of information, an all-you-can-eat buffet of

MSNBC much longer.

anything for everyone available. Demographics are becoming increasingly narrow, and our interests — it seems — can always be sat-

isfied, no matter how ridicu-

lously specific they may be.

You're an atheist vegetarian

lesb-gherkinlove.com. All that aside, MSNBC has become so liberal that it nauseates me nearly as much as Fox News, though Fox is still

crochet-nut who enjoys rock

climbing and Thai takeout?

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a much purer form because it blatantly denies its own form of existence with the tired "fair and balanced" line. MSNBC is the blue network, parading Olbermann and Maddow and Matthews in a seemingly endless conga line of Democratic Party flagwaving. A strange transition has started, however, now that the Bush era is coming to a close. Instead of continuously jumping up and down on what little remains of the proverbial dead horse of the GOP administration, MSNBC is now glowing in the post-election aura of the sacred Obama administration. It's less informational broadcasting and more inspirational broadcasting. I've

got high hopes for our next administration, but these clowns in New York at MSNBC's headquarters are ridiculous. I'm beginning to wonder if Obama will be attempting to fly a NASA crew to Mars under his own power (boy, will his arms be tired).

I know diversity in media is a good thing, and I know it's increasing. I know that the days of purely objective media are nearly over, and I can tolerate a slight leaning one way or the other when I disseminate information, but I've about had it. CNN has become futile and gaudy, focusing on sideshow technological flare like (fake) holographic reporters and

maps that pop up in thin air. Fox News is in mourning, and Sean Hannity is giving himself bruises from his aggressive hand-writhing, whimpering like a puppy about "conservatism in exile." I've got my BBC America, bits from Jim Lehrer on PBS, and Lakshmi Singh on NPR, and I continue to check Reuters.com and Agence France-Presse. But what is there out there for the lessdisseminating of the masses? Is there anyone out there that can give it to me straight? That can give it to us straight?

Sadly, the answer is no. Read more posts at diopinions.blogspot.com

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Men's antiviolence group takes 1st step

A UI men's group hosts an open house in the university's women's center Wednesday.

By RACHEL GOODELL

With male-on-male violence occurring all too frequently in the community, a group of males

say they're fighting back.

The group, Men's Antiviolence
Council, formed with the
Women's Resource and Action
Center this summer, held its first
open house Wednesday to discuss how to adequately battle
violence on campus.

"The men who go through this program learn how to make changes in their own lives and raise awareness in the community," council coordinator Jerrod Koon said.

This comes at a time when male-on-male violence continues to plague the Iowa City community and when public officials are taking notice.

Tom Rocklin, the UI interim vice president for Student Services, admonished males fighting each other in a UI communitywide e-mail last week, offering tips as to how to avoid it.

But Koon said the heightened interest in male-on-male violence doesn't stem from an increase of incidents. The problem has always been around.

"Many of the same gender role expectations and societal messages that encourage and support violence against women also support male-on-male violence," Koon wrote in an e-mail.

Group member Ren Stinson, a UI graduate student, said he joined the volunteer group to dispel myths surrounding violence — such as men having no problem with violence. Koon emphasized that most men aren't violent, but that doing nothing isn't enough

"It's really action-oriented," he said. "The idea is that there's no one way to intervene."

Alondra Canizal, the prevention and education coordinator for Rape Victim Advocacy Program, said advocacy organizations such as RVAP and the Men's Antiviolence Council have garnered a lot of interest from students this year because of the increased awareness of violence on campus.

The Office of Violence Against Women in the Department of Justice is funding the new group, said Monique DiCarlo, the director of the Women's Resource and Action Center. But the money will stop in April, so it must come from somewhere else to keep the organization around, she said.

Funding is needed to address violence prevention and betteremphasize the concept of an "active bystander," Koon said, adding that the concept is relatively new.

"We do a really good job of



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Members of the Men's Antiviolence Council hold an open house at the Women's Resource Action Center on Wednesday. The council's coordinator, Jerrod Koon, said its main goal was the prevention of male-on-male violence.

educating women, but we rarely talk about men's role in this," the group coordinator said. "My biggest challenge is getting men to show up for something because they've never been asked before." Only Koon and four volun-

teers, who have gone through the

15-hour training program, currently make up the group. But Koon said a number of men in the UI community have

expressed interest in joining.

"The more people we get involved, the safer everyone will be" be said

Where reconciling is the word of the day

A campus Methodist group is pushing for equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in the church.

By LAUREN SIEBEN lauren-sieben@uiowa.edu

At first glance, Brian Dailey

is a living paradox.

The UI alumnus attends church services at Broadway United Methodist Church in Chicago, where he currently lives. At the UI, he was an active peer minister at the Wesley Center, a United Methodist campus ministry.

But Dailey also came to the UI on a Matthew Shepard scholarship, which is awarded to select students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender, and went on to attend community and allies meetings at the UI. He's engaged to his boyfriend of three years.

Religion and homosexuality generally don't coalesce peacefully, but the Wesley Center is one of 30 Campus Reconciling Ministries in the nation working to incorporate gay/lesbian community members into the church.

"That's what I love about the United Methodist Church," Dailey said. "There is a discussion. There is a dialogue."

Roughly 40 people attended the Wesley Center's fifth-annual Reconciling Celebration Wednesday to show once again that it's open to all people, regardless of sexual orientation. The night featured a performance by the Quire and continued with worship and a talk by Dailey.

"Our understanding is God is a God of love, and that Christ's message is one of inclusive community," said Marsha Acord, campus minister at the Wesley Center. "Our understanding is that sexuality is a gift from God, and that to be heterosexual or homosexual is morally neutral."

Although congregations that identify as reconciling ministries are proponents of equal rights for the gay/lesbian community — including same-sex marriage — the United Methodist Church's official stance on the issue prohibits homosexual acts.

On its website, the church states it includes homosexuals but "does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching."

The United Methodist Church is also against same-sex marriage, according to a statement on its website. Judaism and Christian religions including Catholicism also condemn homosexuality. Sara Parker, a Wesley Center

peer minister, said being involved with a reconciling campus ministry appealed to her because of her personal beliefs.

"It makes a burge difference to

"It makes a huge difference to me," she said. "My personal Reconciling ministries in the United Methodist Church

Although the church officially rejects same-sex marriage and homosexual acts, reconciling ministries in the United Methodist Church advocate equal rights lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender.

 Reconciling ministries include 243 congregations, 30 campus ministries, and 62 other reconciling communities.

There are more than 18,000 reconciling United Methodists.

• The Wesley Center, a student United Methodist Ministry, is also a reconciling ministry.

 The center hosted its fifth-annual Reconciling Celebration Wednesday to promote inclusion of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgenders.

s, bisexuals, and transgenders. Source: Reconciling Ministries Network

theology is based upon an unconditional love and one that doesn't exclude anybody, and it's hard for me to accept churches that do exclude people for any reason."

Despite the United Methodist Church's stance against samesex marriage and the "practice of homosexuality," Dailey said he's hopeful that reconciling ministries will eventually make the church more inclusive.



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The Methodist choir sings in celebrating an inclusive church community at the Wesley Center on Wednesday. Guests enjoyed music, food, and speakers during the reconciling celebration.

"I know in my own spiritual journey I definitely saw a change in my understanding of my gayness and my spiritu-

ality," Dailey said. "There was a time that I struggled every day with it, but I found reconciliation with myself. I know that there is definite hope that the United Methodist Church can also find that reconciliation."





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Private colleges scuffle in downturn

Private schools in Iowa are delaying some projects, scaling back some others, and shifting their investments to ride out the current economic turmoil.

CEDAR RAPIDS — Some leaders at private colleges in Iowa say they are making plans to get through the economic slump without harming the quality of the student experience.

Part of those efforts includes scaling back in some areas and shifting investments.

In eastern Iowa, officials at Luther College in Decorah say they delayed a \$10 million campus project, while Coe College in Cedar Rapids froze faculty and staff salaries. Officials with Cornell College in Mount Vernon may delay projects and shift investments.

"I think we are all experiencing a high level of anxiety, given the uncertainty that comes at us from many different directions," Luther President Richard Torgerson said. "We're all in the same boat." College leaders say they

can't rest on the assumption that people will look to academia as a preferable alternative to a slumping job market, as has happened during other economic crises. According to an August

report from The Chronicle of Higher Education, some private colleges without big endowments could be forced out of business if the economy remains bleak for too long.

While other colleges around the country may cut jobs, college presidents in eastern Iowa said that's not on the table for now. To get through tough times, they suggest diversified investing combined with growing enrollments and careful spending.

"We've had several years of enrollment growth and excellent returns on our endowment," Cornell College President Les Garner Jr. said. "That gives you a cushion to fall on, but it doesn't insulate Coe College in Cedar

Rapids has to deal with the faltering economy and the aftermath of June flooding that damaged Alliant Energy's downtown plant, which provided steam to more than 200 customers, including Coe. Officials say a portable boiler is providing emergency steam, but they expects costs

to be four times the typical annual amount of \$300,000.

Coe could be forced to spend millions to build its own plant or help Alliant rebuild.

"It has a major impact on the budget," President James Phifer said.

He said that in addition to freezing salaries, the school has shuffled some investments and officials are watching the budget.

Even though they pay for it, Phifer said Coe's trustees canceled their annual winter meeting in Florida because they thought it would send a wrong signal.

The college officials say the main goal is strengthen enrollment because up to 80 percent of private college budgets typically comes from tuition, with endowment earnings and gifts making up

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— Richard Torgerson, president of Luther College

That means a balancing act for officials when it comes to setting 2009-10 tuition increases next spring. They must keep costs low enough to attract struggling families while maintaining income to support programs.

At Luther, Torgerson expects the increase will be much lower than in typical years. Luther's tuition rose about 7 percent this year.

Other presidents said it's

too early to know how the economy will affect tuition.

Returns on Cornell's \$75 million endowment were down 11 percent from July through September, making enrollment all the more important, Garner said.

"A very small gain in enrollment can offset what appears to be a relatively large, percentage-wise, decline in the endowment," he said.

Education jobs lead

DES MOINES — The number of state and local government iobs in Iowa has increased 11 percent over the past 14 years, with the biggest increase in the education field, according to a new U.S. Census Bureau report.

Last year, Iowa had 182,253 full-time state and local government employees, adding more than 18,000 full-time public employees since 1993.

That means that for every 10,000 Iowans, there are 610 state and local government workers.

The report said Iowa ranked 12th-highest nationally and among the top in the Upper Midwest on a per capita basis for state and local government

Education jobs accounted for more than three-fourths of the public sector growth since 1993. About 10,000 jobs have been added in elementary and secondary education, and another 5,000 in higher education.

State leaders say the growth comes from efforts to reduce class sizes and increase community college enrollment.

In 2007, the education field included 107,477 state and local government employees.

Experts said the census findings could add fuel to the debate on school district consolidation. Iowa has 362 school districts and more than 74,000 people are employed by Iowa's elementary and secondary schools.

More than 32,000 are employed at universities and in other

higher education programs. "This just screams for a regionalization of services,' although not necessarily merging schools, said Ed Wallace, president of the Iowa Taxpayers Association, a pro-business lobby group. "This data certainly makes one come to the conclusion that a sharing of services is essential, but the problem politically is that it is very difficult to get folks out of a county

and local mind-set." Elaine Watkins-Miller, an Iowa Department of Education spokeswoman, said the growth in education jobs comes as enrollments have declined in 'This just screams for a regionalization of services. This data certainly makes one come to the conclusion that

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rural districts. She added that staffing levels are decided by school districts.

"I would say that if enrollment declines significantly, there probably is a point at which staff will be impacted. There are lots of variables as to whether or not a district comes to that decision," she said.

Margaret Buckton, associate executive director of public policy for the Iowa Association of School Boards, said the growth of Iowa public employees in elementary and secondary education reflects a combination of factors. Those include efforts to reduce class sizes, improve reading programs, help special education students, strengthen high school achievement and assist preschool programs, she "We see the benefits of small

class sizes that have been experienced in the rural districts. Buckton said. "The urban folks and the suburban folks have put a lot of pressure on their local districts to lower class sizes to the extent possible, and education is a labor-intensive

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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.

Marva says she knows right where the money

"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 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.

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.'

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.

Some just don't wear the jewelry and others are looking for ways to supplement their income, like Williams, citing the economic downturn. King says, "We also get people who have old

Benjamin King, one of the certified GIA

appraisers of Gold Buyers states that one of the

bringing in old gold crowns, he said pointing to

more unusual things he has seen is people

Whatever they bring, nearly all choose to

exchange their items after they are evaluated.

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



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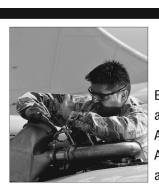
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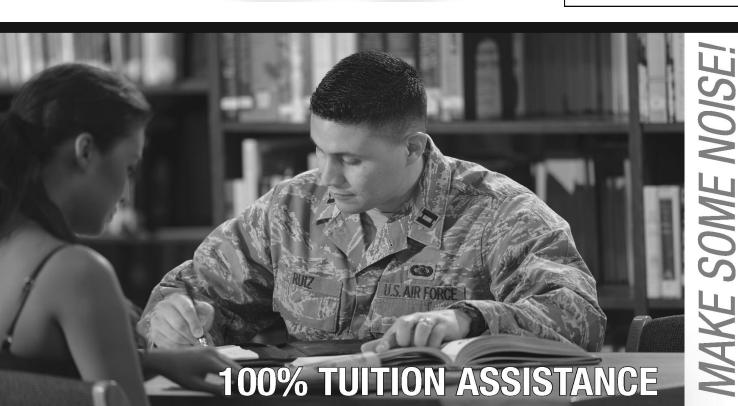
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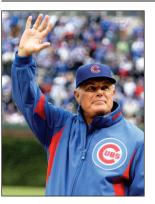
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Lou Piniella

BASEBALL

Maddon, Piniella win awards

NEW YORK (AP) - Joe Maddon had a good reason for interrupting his honeymoon. About an hour after he land-

ed in Rome, the newly married Maddon easily won the American League Manager of the Year award Wednesday for guiding Tampa Bay from baseball's basement to the World Series in one astonishing season.

Lou Piniella took the NL honor after leading the Chicago Cubs to the league's best record.

Maddon, who succeeded Piniella as Tampa Bay manager in 2006, was a runaway winner in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He received all but one of the 28 first-place votes – the other went to Minnesota's Ron Gardenhire.

It was a nice wedding gift for Maddon and his wife, Jaye, who got married last weekend. But it meant that one of the first things he did in Italy was get on the phone for a conference call with reporters.

BASKETBALL

School: Hansbrough 'extremely doubtful'

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) -North Carolina coach Roy Williams said reigning national Player of the Year Tyler Hansbrough is "extremely doubtful" for Saturday's season-opener for the topranked Tar Heels.

In a statement from the school Wednesday, Williams said the team will keep Hansbrough out of practice a little longer as he recovers from a stress reac-

tion in his right shin. Hansbrough hasn't practiced for two weeks with the injury, which can



extremely Hansbrough doubtful Player of the Year that he would play

against Pennsylvania, and I emphasize extremely doubtful," Williams said. "We will continue to evaluate him and have more information when it becomes available."

Hansbrough has played in all 108 games of his three-year career, though he missed the Nov. 8 exhibition win against North Carolina-Pembroke. It was the first time North Carolina had played without him since its win against Illinois in the 2005 NCAA championship game, and he had missed just one practice – the day after playing 47 minutes in a double-overtime win against Clemson despite an infected toe last year - before this injury.

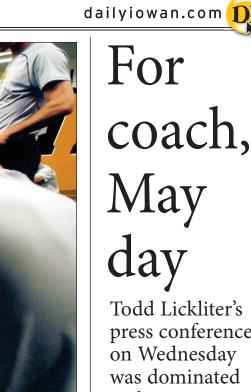
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Todd Lickliter's press conference on Wednesday was dominated with questions about Iowa's incoming recruiting class.

ON DAILY IOWAN TV



By SCOTT MILLER

With Wednesday marking the first day in college basketball's early signing period for the 2009 recruiting class, the bulk of men's basketball

coach Todd Lickliter's press conference centered on the signing of three-star small forward Eric

May.

Lickliter The 6-5. 220-pound

prospect out of Wahlert High in Dubuque orally committed to the Hawkeyes on Aug. 3. Last year, he averaged 18.5 points, 6.5 rebounds, three assists, and 2.5 steals, leading the Golden Eagles to a 24-3 record and the Class 3A

JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

lowa wrestling head coach Tom Brands demonstrates a move with 149-pounder Brent Metcalf during practice after media day in the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex on Wednesday. The Hawkeyes, ranked preseason No. 1 after winning the national championship last season, will begin its 2008-09 season at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 21.

Wrestlers eye 2nd title

The Iowa Hawkeyes and head coach Tom Brands are ready to wear the NCAA wrestling bull's-eye.

By ZACH SMITH

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Tom Brands knows a thing or two about high expectations.

After a year in which the Hawkeyes reasserted themselves as the team to beat, expectations are as high as they've been in Iowa City since Dan Gable prowled the edge of the mat as Iowa's legendary head coach.

However, Brands told reporters during the team's media day Wednesday the added pressure of expecting to win is something he thrives in handling.

"I don't call it pressure," he said. "I call it opportunity."

The top-ranked Hawkeyes get the opportunity to defend their Big Ten and NCAA championships for the first time since 2000, when Iowa won its thirdstraight national title under former coach Jim Zalesky.

Returning five all-Americans from the 2007-08 team including Charlie Falck, Joe Slaton, Jay Borschel, Phil Keddy, and

defending national champion Brent Metcalf, Brands has a solid core of experienced and hungry talent to make up half of the Hawkeyes' 10-man roster.

Other than dominating the 149-pound weight class last year, Metcalf also captured more than a handful of awards for his performance. He was named the Jesse Owens Big Ten Male Athlete of the Year and the Outstanding Wrestler at the NCAA championships, and he was an academic All-American. The Davison, Mich., native was

ON THE WEB

Daily Iowan TV spoke with the Brands brothers about the prospects of a nation title repeat on dailyiowan.com.

also the winner of the Dan Hodge Trophy, college wrestling's equivalent of the Heisman Trophy. Even with all the accolades to

his name, Metcalf is still the gritty, hard-working grappler who followed Brands from Virginia Tech to Iowa two years ago. "I'm not sure if there's a dull

time in the wrestling room," he said. "I can imagine there's going

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Metcalf wants improvement

Even after winning a national title, Brent Metcalf says he still has work to do.

By RYAN YOUNG

Nobody knew what to expect from Brent Metcalf a year ago. All they knew were the facts.

He was a kid from Michigan, posting a perfect 228-0 record as a prep with four-time state champion status. And after arriving on the coattails of

Hawkeye head coach Tom Brands, he was forced to compete unattached as a redshirt freshman because of his move to Iowa from Virginia Tech.



Now, after

winning national championship, a Big Ten title, and wrestling's equivalent of the Heisman Trophy last season, everyone knows what to expect from Metcalf - domi-

His competition knows that, too.

"He could take a lot of people down, and he did take a lot of people down last year," Tom Brands said during the team's media day Wednesday. "There

ON THE WEB



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wasn't anybody that could hold him down, and they're going to be working on that.'

Especially Penn State 149pounder Bubba Jenkins, who went 0-3 against Metcalf last season and capped that streak with a 14-8 defeat at the NCAA championships.

But Jenkins will get some pointers on how to handle his nemesis this year from two-time national champion and former Hawkeye Mark Perry, who signed on as a Nittany Lion assistant coach in early August.

That isn't bothering Metcalf, though. That just means more to

"I don't mind Mark Perry going over there and being on [Jenkins'] side," he said with a smile. "That's all right. It will be interesting. I know their game plan is probably going to be a little more top right, or turn, or something along those lines. That's where Mark Perry is good at, and that means I have

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Stanzi up near the top

While battling against a pair of the Big Ten's top quarterbacks the past two weeks, Ricky Stanzi has shown he belongs in that category.

By ALEX JOHNSON alexander-j-johnson@uiowa.edu

With 13 minutes and 56 seconds left, in front of a raucous sea of Illini Orange, Ricky Stanzi completed three passes for 68 yards and a touchdown, and after Andy Brodell's feet touched the end zone turf, only

2:14 had come off the clock.

Just 7:32 later, Stanzi did it again; running for 14 yards and completing the two-point conversion to Allen Reisner to cap the 36-yard drive. Stanzi's pass evened the score with Illinois at 24-24 in just 1:24.

The only thing Stanzi didn't do in that fourth quarter was find a way to lead a scoring drive from Iowa's 26-yard line with 24 seconds on the clock.

Juice Williams outdid Stanzi, leading the game-winning field-goal drive, finishing the game with 272 yards passing, and a Fighting Illini-high 30 yards rushing. One week later and it was the

same story for the sophomore gunslinger. Sort of.

Stanzi attempted just four first half passes, but came back to lead a Hawkeye storm against Penn State. In the final two quarters, he completed 10 passes for 129 yards and a touchdown on three separate scoring drives, totaling 174 yards and 17 points.



lowa quarterback Ricky Stanzi avoids getting sacked and completes a 23-yard pass to Shonn Greene for a first down during the fourth guarter of the Iowa-Illinois game in Champaign, Ill., on Nov. 1. Stanzi has emerged as one of the Big Ten's top quarterbacks statistically. "At Illinois I would've liked to

finish better, we didn't come out on top, and that's something you never want," Stanzi said. "Penn State, we're happy about it. We were able to get the victory, and any way you can get a victory is a good thing.

"The only stat that matters is the win and loss column. For us, we just needed to finish, and we were able to do that, but at the same time I made mistakes that could've cost us, so I need to correct that."

While his late game heroics against Penn State included 7of-8 passing on third downs in the second half, Stanzi did



Hear more from Iowa quarterback Ricky Stanzi about his progression throughout the 2008 season at dailyiowan.com.

throw one interception, as well as another pick against Illinois to end Iowa's final-hope drive.

The mistakes that left Stanzi shy of the performance of the opposing quarterback in Champaign were not completely rectified, but they were cleaned up enough to out-duel Penn State's Daryll Clark.

Clark, who entered the game

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Traded RHP Huston
Street, LHP Greg Smith and OF Carlos Gonzalez to
Colorado for OF Matt Holliday. Claimed INF Yung
Chi Chen off waivers from Seattle.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Outrighted RHP Jared
Wells and RHP Joe Woorman to the minor leagues.
Announced LHP Jake Woods declined his outright
option and is a free agent.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed DB Dustin Fox to the
practice squad. Released OL Chris Denman from
the practice squad. CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed CB Geoffrey Pope
to practice squad.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed DE Jason Babin.
Signed LB Kyle Shotwell to the practice squad.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Claimed CB Justin Miller off
waivers. Waived TE John Madsen. Signed QB Jeff
Oits to practice squad.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed S David Roach to the
practice squad.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed RB Michael
Bennett.

COMMENTARY

What's in a nickname?

The state of sports nicknames is abysmal.



MIKE BROWNLEE

Sports nicknames aren't what they used to be.

The history of sports is littered with great nicknames - Dick "Night Train" Lane, "Bullet" Bob Hayes, "Dr. J." Julius Erving, "Chocolate Thunder" Darryl Dawkins, James "Cool Papa" Bell, "The Georgia Peach" Ty Cobb.

We used to have athletes who had nicknames on top of nicknames. Harold "Red" "The Galloping Ghost" "The Wheaton Iceman" Grange.

Now? These days monikers are usually lazy incarnations of the athletes' name. "A-Rod." "C-Webb." "A.I." "K-Rod."

In Iowa City, we're part of the problem, with such nicknames as "AY" and "DJK." Where have you gone Harold "The Ghost" Jasper?

The political season had better nicknames than the current athletic crop. "Sarah Barracuda." "Joey the Shark." "The Maverick." "The Socialist."

But in sports, we're so lazy we even reuse old nicknames. Could no one come up with a better nickname for LaDainian Tomlinson than "LT"? There should be a statute of limitations on these things. I'm pretty sure when Tomlinson broke into the league, Lawrence Taylor was still in the news, albeit not on the sports page.

Because of our laziness, one of the greatest linebackers and one of the greatest running backs in NFL historv have to share a nickname. Not anymore.

I'm going to call Tomlinson "The Tomahawk" from now on. It just came to me, and in three seconds I've shown more creativity than that monolithic group I call "The Nicknamers.

Speaking of nicknamers, many great nicknames used to come from sportswriters. Chicago sportswriter Warren Brown dubbed Grange "The Galloping Ghost." The legendary Grantland Rice wrote of when Notre Dame's Four Horsemen rode again. In dramatic lore, they are

known as Famine, Pestilence, Destruction, and Death. These are only aliases. Their real names are Stuhldreher, Miller, Crowley, and Layden."

A little better than "J-Roll," don't you think?

Times have changed, and the thought of sportswriters bestowing nicknames has become antiquated. But retro is in, so I'm trotting out a few of my own.

The inspiration for this column came while I was writing a preview of the Iowa volleyball team's match against Ohio State. While typing the name of Buckeve standout Kristen Dozier, I instinctively put "The Bull" in between. So that's my first one. Kristen, if you're reading, I hope the name sticks so your friends can stop calling you "K-Doz."

Shonn Greene has been a beast for the Iowa football team all year. Yet off the gridiron, he's a reserved, humble man just happy to

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be back on the field. I think a nickname that reflects that is in order. "The Quiet Monster" will take the field this Saturday against Purdue, looking to eclipse the 100-yard mark for the 11th time this season and further make his case for the Heisman Trophy.

Women's hoopster Kachine Alexander is a dynamo on the court. Standing only 5-9, Alexander is a tenacious rebounder and a ball hawk on defense. The sophomore isn't afraid to hit the floor for a loose ball, so say hello to "Floor Burn."

Then there's John "Little Lightning" Lickliter, and lastly, in a Seinfeldian nod, Ricky "Can't" Stanzi.

I'm calling for a new time in sports nicknames. Let's start a dialogue. Tell me what you think. The era of horrible nicknames must come to an end, and I'm the maverick who is going to take this country in a different direction.

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lowa field-hockey sophomore Sarah Pergine shoots the ball during practice in the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex. Iowa will face Louisville in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament on Saturday in East Lansing, Mich.

Iowa seeks to reverse history

No. 6 Iowa field hockey faces No. 13 Louisville in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

By JEFF PAWOLA

For the third-consecutive year, the No. 6 Iowa fieldhockey team (16-4) finds itself entering the NCAA Tourna-

However, the Hawkeyes, who are the fourth overall seed in this year's tourney, are determined to reverse the tide from their previous appearances with a victory against Louisville in the

opening round on Saturday in East Lansing, Mich. Iowa has an 0-3 record in its past three appearances, suffering three opening-round defeats. The first came in 2004 to American University, the next at the hands of Vir-

ginia in 2006, and most recently to Boston University in 2007.

"We just want to play in the second round," head coach Tracey Griesbaum said during a press conference at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Wednesday. "After last year and after two years ago, we looked at what we would have

NCAA Field Hockey Tournament -Michigan State Regional East Lansing, Mich.

• Game 1: Iowa vs. Louisville at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday • Game 2: North Carolina vs. Michigan State at 2 p.m. on • Game 3: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 at 2 p.m. on Nov. 16

done different, if anything, and we really couldn't come up with anything other than things that were out of our control.

Out of the Hawkeyes' control this year is the location of the regional sites. Despite claiming that fourth overall seed in the 16-team tournament, Iowa is the only top seed that will not host the opening two rounds.

No. 1 Maryland, No. 2 Wake Forest and No. 3 Syracuse will not have to leave the confines of their respective campuses. Iowa, on the other hand, not only has to travel to East Lansing, but the Hawkeyes could potentially play against No. 10 Michigan State in the second round.

"The premise for the NCAA is a lot of just regional factors," Griesbaum said. "In the same sense, perhaps we could have hosted and still had the same teams flying in. I haven't really spent much time dissecting that because I feel it's a little bit out of my control, or a lot out of my con-

The fourth team in the East Lansing regional is defending champion and No. 7 North Carolina. Including the Tar Heels, the Hawkeyes have claimed a record of 4-0 against the three schools. Iowa defeated North Carolina 3-2 on Aug. 31, Louisville 1-0 on Sept. 28, and Michigan State twice — 4-3 on Oct. 25 in East Lansing and 3-2 on Nov. 7 during the semifinal round of last week's Big Ten Tournament in Bloomington,

Going into it we know

what to expect, but we can't rely on what's happened in the past to go on with the future," senior goalkeeper Lissa Munley said. "We've already been there, done that. But it's going to be a different atmosphere, there's more at stake. It's just going to be a really good time to do it again."

Despite having played each team previously, Iowa does not feel as if there is any type of advantage.

"It felt a little anti-climatic because we've played all those teams before," Griesbaum said. "You're thinking this is the NCAA Tournament, ideally it would have been nice to have a different flare to it, but we're ready."

Before the Hawkeyes get ahead of themselves, they are strictly focusing on the Cardinals — especially Iowa's eight seniors.

"We're more excited this year than any other," said senior Lauren Pfeiffer, who was named Most Valuable Player at last week's Big Ten Tournament. "The whole fact that [the seniors] may be finished is scary, and we totally don't want it to end. Our biggest goal now is to get past the first round."



Wrestlers hungry

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to be some strategy out there [to beat me]. It's something I've had to deal with my entire life. I go out and compete hard every time. I really force myself to go out of my comfort zone to make sure I don't get slowed down at all."

Brands also welcomes an old face back into the wrestling room.

All-American Alex Tsirtsis is back in the lineup at 141 after taking a redshirt season last year to mend a chronic shoulder injury. Many people in and around the Iowa wrestling program are ecstatic about seeing Tsirtsis on the mat again.

While the Hawkeyes have the benefit of meeting archrivals Iowa State and Minnesota in the not-so friendly confines of Carver-Hawkeye Arena, Iowa will have to travel to Stillwater, Okla., for its annual showdown with Oklahoma State. The much-hated Cowboys were the only blemish on Iowa's record a year ago, scoring a 19-14 upset win in Iowa City. Though the Iowa team lives by Brands' "day-to-day" motto, many believe that January 18 will have a big, red circle around it on the Hawkeyes' calendar.

"We don't consciously have that date circled," Borschel said. "How long has it been since we've beat them? I don't even remember. Every guy can beat you at this level, so you've got to really



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

A photographer takes photos of returning All-Americans from last season including Charlie Falck, Joe Slaton, Brent Metcalf, Jay Borschel, and Phillip Keddy during wrestling media day on Wednesday in the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex.

up your level for every match."

If Iowa is to replicate its dominance from a season ago, it must fill a huge void at 165, where the team loses two-time national champion Mark Perry.

Junior Ryan Morningstar is up to 165 after wrestling at 157 for the first two years of his career. Enter soft-spoken sophomore Matt Ballweg at 157.

Ballweg, a two-time state champion from Waverly, is a wrestler who Brands expects will be a household name by season's end.

"It looks like [Ballweg]'s solid there," Brands said. "He's been steady, he's been zero distraction, he's a good student, he doesn't get in trouble.

"He's one of these guys that

Weight Classes

- 125 Charlie Falck/J.J. Krutsinger
- 133 Joe Slaton/Daniel Dennis
- 141 Alex Tsirtsis/Dan LeClere
- 149 Brent Metcalf • 157 - Matt Ballweg
- 165 Ryan Morningstar/Jake Kerr
- 174 Jay Borschel/Colby Covington
- 184 Phil Keddy/Grant Gambrall
- 197 Chad Beatty/Rick Loera
- Hwt. Dan Erekson/Jordan Johnson

you don't even know is in the room because there's no outbursts. But we need to have an outburst. We need to see the fur fly a little bit with him."

Kelly doubtful for opener

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state championship.

"I love guys who want to be here," Lickliter said. "We had one face-to-face conversation, one meeting, and the next day or maybe the day after, I heard from Eric saying he wanted to be a Hawkeye. That's exciting to me because we were on the same page.

"I know that he's a very versatile player and his focus has been on team success. He helps his teammates play at a higher level, and we're excited to add him.

Receiving all-state and allconference recognition as a junior, May put his team over the top in the state championship game by hitting a 35-foot 3pointer at the buzzer to win the contest, 70-67.

"I like the make," Lickliter said, referring to May's gamewinning shot. "His focus was on making the shot. I think in Eric's mind — and guys who make big shots — their thought is never on what might not happen but what was going to happen. And he executed."

May, who was also played football in high school, said he likes that he has earned the reputation of being a proven

winner throughout his years at

"It means a lot when people say that about me," he said in an interview with hawkeyereport.com's Tom Kakert. "That is the only stat that matters at the end of the game, whether you win or lose. Nothing else really matters, and I want to win every game. It is really a great honor when someone says that about you because that is what it is all about."

Next week, Lickliter should sign three-star center Brennan Cougill out of Sioux City. The 6-9, 260-pound prospect orally committed to the Hawkeyes in September 2007. With one more scholarship available, the second-vear head coach also has his eye on 6-1 point guard Dyricus Simms-Edwards, who has vet to be offered a scholarship by the Hawkeyes.

Charleston Southern game details

On Friday, Iowa will host Charleston Southern in Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 7 p.m. With a ticket to Saturday's football game against Purdue, fans can buy as many tickets as they want for \$10 each.

John Lickliter redshirting

Walk-on freshman John Lick-

liter, the head coach's son, has decided to redshirt after consulting his dad. The younger Lickliter, who won a state title his senior year at City High, played three minutes against Wayne State on Nov. 9.

'We have talked extensivelyabout his role," Todd Lickliter said. "He just wants to help. He wants to coach some day. ... He'll redshirt this year. He wants to spend more time in the weight room. He wants to try to master this system. Plus, I think he probably wants to stay in college for five years. He figured out it's a pretty nice life."

Kelly questionable

Sophomore guard Jake Kelly, who missed the Wayne State game with a broken finger on his shooting hand, is questionable for this Friday's game against Charleston Southern, with Lickliter calling him "day-

"Catching is pretty hard," Kelly said, "I've got to catch it with my palm. But shooting's actually the hardest part. I don't know, that middle finger — when I release — it hurts really bad. ... It's going to heal. They said three or four weeks it's going to be completely healed. It's kind of up to me and [team Dr. John] Streif how it goes.

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Metcalf wants title

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to get better at that bottom position. I have to get better at that top position and just outwork him."

Tom Brands echoed those statements, saying opponents will be trying to bog down Metcalf like engine sludge in a high-performance, hemi-powered motor.

"If he allows himself to be slowed down, then he will lose his edge," the third-year Iowa head coach said. "But I don't think that's happening. And we're adding to his wrestling and getting him better in all aspects, all positions.

"You don't look ahead, and

he doesn't look ahead. But if you want to look ahead, there's certainly potential."

But it's that same potential that has placed Metcalf at the top of the preseason rankings as the early favorite to win another national championship - a feat that could prove to be historic.

ed at 149 since Pat Santoro's back-to-back title run at Pittsburgh from 1988-89 when the weight class was set at 142. But he doesn't mind strap-

No wrestler has ever repeat-

ping that target to his back in the mean time.

"I think that's probably something that comes along with winning a national title," Metcalf said. "And that's all right."

Acting as the team leader is also all right by him, and recently hired assistant coach Terry Brands has seen Metcalf's leadership in action.

Early Wednesday morning, he said, the decorated middleweight was working with a younger teammate before practice. Without the watchful eyes of coaches, the two worked on shots and holds as the rest of the Iowa roster filed into the room.

That impressed Terry Brands and caught the eyes of incoming wrestlers.

"The other guys in the room, they turn their head and see that," he said. "That's a big deal. That kind of leadership is priceless."

Stanzi's stats near top

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as the Big Ten's most efficient passer, completed just 9-of-23 passes for 89 yards and an interception that gave Iowa possession before its winning drive. Stanzi, on the other hand, finished 15-of-25 for 171 yards, with one touchdown and one interception.

"I think it's short memory, a lot of quarterbacks talk about that and you hear that now and then," Stanzi said, explaining how he's performed better late in games. "I think it's really important to try to develop that especially when you make critical mistakes — there's nothing you can do about it at that time."

His ability to remain calm and operate better with games in sway has been noticed.

"The one thing I'll say, he's got a very good ability to move on, kind of like a relief pitcher or a corner," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "If something bad happens, he moves on."

Stanzi has moved himself into the top of the Big Ten quarterbacks. In conference play, he ranks third in passer efficiency (129.7) behind only Terrelle Pryor of Ohio State and the aforementioned

Ricky Stanzi passing in Big Ten games vs. opposing quarterbacks:

• Nov. 8 - 24-23 win vs. Penn State: Stanzi: 15-25, 171, 1 TD, 1 INT, sacked 3 times.

Penn State QB Daryll Clark: 9-23, 86, 1 INT, sacked 1 time. • Nov. 1 - 27-24 loss @ Illinois:

Stanzi: 11-29, 191, 1 TD, 2 INT, sacked 6 times.

Illinois QB Juice Williams: 22-37, 272, 1 TD, 2 INT. • Oct. 18 – 38-16 win vs. Wisconsin:

Stanzi: 11-18, 114, 1 TD

Wisconsin QB Dustin Sherer: 17-34, 161, 2 INT, sacked 2 times. • Oct. 11 - 45-9 win @ Indiana:

Stanzi: 12-20, 184, 2 TD, sacked 1 time. Indiana QBs Kellen Lewis/Ben Chappell: 22-36, 191, 1 TD, 1 INT, sacked 1 time.

• Oct. 4 - 16-13 loss @ Michigan State: Stanzi: 15-22, 158, 1 TD, 1 INT, sacked 3 times.

Michigan State QB Brian Hoyer: 13-24, 184, 1 TD, 1 INT, sacked 1 time.

• Sept. 27 - 22-17 loss vs. Northwestern:

Stanzi: 21-30, 238, 1 TD, 1 INT, sacked 2 times. Northwestern QB C.J. Bachér: 28-45, 284, 3 TD, 1 INT.

Stanzi's Big Ten rankings • Pass Efficiency: 3rd, 129.7 (behind Terrelle Pryor, Williams, just ahead of

• Pass Yards: 4th, 176.0 per game (behind Williams, Adam Weber, Hoyer, just

ahead of Clark)

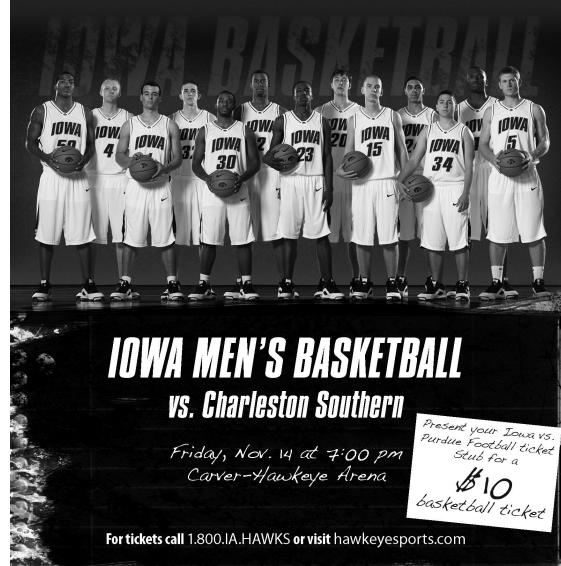
• Pass TDs/INTs: 3rd, 7/5 (behind Williams, Hoyer)

Williams. He also ranks third in touchdowns with seven and fourth in pass yards per game

With one of the top quarterbacks in the Big Ten on offense and an unvielding defense, the Hawkeyes are confident that if it comes down to a last-minute scoring drive again, Iowa will execute like they need to.

"Whether it's the offense or the defense," junior linebacker A.J. Edds said. "Whoever's on the field last we've got the ability to make the play to get off the field, or to get in the end zone, or to get the field goal to get it done."





Sports

Moving beyond Cinderella

By MIKE CRANSTON

DAVIDSON, N.C. — After becoming the lead star in college basketball's feel-good story, Stephen Curry spent the summer on the talk-show circuit, attending prestigious camps and mingling with A-

Yet the baby-faced Curry still had a hard time accepting his newfound celebrity after leading tiny Davidson within a missed 3-pointer of the Final

"At the ESPYs, during the intermission I was on my way to the bathroom, and Terrell Owens was coming in," Curry said. "I had a hesitation about saying hi, so I kept walking. He stopped me and said, 'Congrats on the season. You're a heck of a player.' I looked around to make sure he was talking to me. It was pretty cool."

Get used to it, kid.

Curry enters this season as a first-team All-American. Davidson is ranked 20th, and Owens, his new buddy LeBron James, and plenty of other famous folks are eager to see how the slender 6-3 junior adjusts to playing point guard.

If his coach is right, Curry could top his remarkable performance of last season, when he hit 23 of 51 3-pointers and averaged 32 points in the NCAA Tournament.

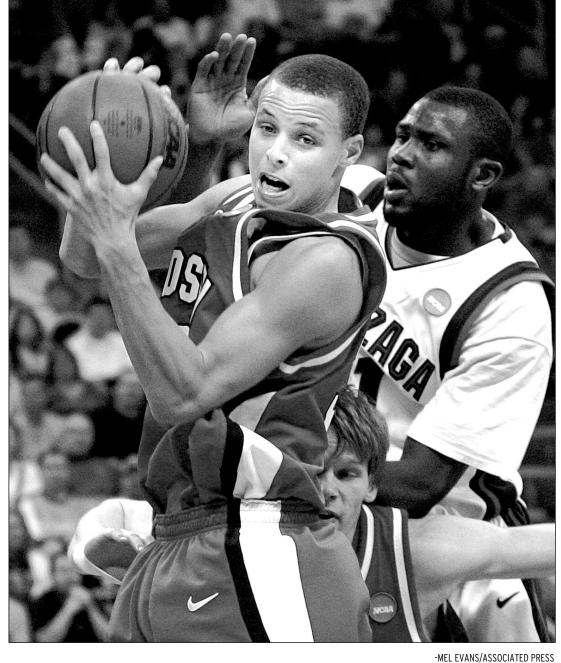
"If you see him today, and you compare him with where he is today and where he was back in March, he's a much better player," Bob McKillop said.

To think Curry could be better than last season leaves opposing coaches quivering. "Personally, I wish he would

have turned pro," joked Bobby Cremins, the coach at College of Charleston who will have to face Curry twice in the Southern Conference. "But it's great for our league. It's one of the great stories of college basketball."

Curry's emergence from a recruit considered too small for the big schools into one of the game's best pure shooters helped carry Davidson to last season's remarkable NCAA Tournament run. Davidson mowed down the elite teams of the sport as "Curry Fever" gripped the country.

There was his 40-point performance against Gonzaga.



Davidson's Stephen Curry (left) grabs a rebound in front of Gonzaga's Abdullahi Kuso during a first-round NCAA Midwest Regional basketball game in Raleigh, N.C., on March 21.

Then he scored 25 of his 30 points in the second half in a stunning comeback over Georgetown. Curry scored 33 more in a win over Wisconsin, with James, the Cleveland Cavaliers star, cheering him

Then came the Midwest Regional final, when Curry scored 25 points against Kansas but never got the ball on the last possession. Point guard Jason Richards instead launched a 3-pointer that bounced off the rim at the buzzer in a 59-57 loss to the eventual national champions.

The last play ate at Curry and the Wildcats so much that McKillop opened the team's first practice last month with 16 seconds on the clock.

Curry brought the ball up the floor this time — and hit a buzzer-beater.

It was part of Curry's new role. He's running the point now because Richards, who led the nation in assists last season, has graduated.

The most important aspect of being a point guard is being a decision maker," said McKillop, beginning his 20th year at the liberal-arts school. "Jason Richards was magnificent as a decision maker. Steph Curry is evolving as a great decision maker. The difference between

Jason Richards and Steph Curry is that many of the decisions Steph Curry can make and should make are for him to shoot the ball."

While Curry hasn't lost that tremendous touch and lightning-quick release, he acknowledges it's an adjustment moving from a shooting guard who was constantly running off screens to bringing the ball up the floor and starting the play himself. Curry scored 41 points, but committed eight turnovers, in Davidson's lone exhibition game against Division II Lenoir-Rhyne.

Law rusty, but Notre Dame ready to go RUTOM COVNE Notre Dame AD backs W

BV DENNIS WASZAK JR.

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Ty Law headed straight for the cold tub when he got to the New York Jets' training facility Wednesday morning.

The 34-year-old cornerback was still feeling the effects of his first practice with his new teammates.

"Just to be out there on the field with the guys and running around, and they throw you right in there, it's really a test to see if you're an old man or not," Law said with a laugh. "I didn't let them see it, but I feel kind of old."

Law signed with the Jets on Tuesday and practiced with the team after sitting out nearly 11 months as a free agent. The Jets only had a walkthrough Wednesday, so Law is trying to get up to speed -quickly, with hopes of playing tonight against New England.

"I must admit, it was OK, and I was a little rusty, but I expected that going in," said Law, who also played with the Jets in 2005. "It was nothing more or nothing less than what I expected to feel when I went out there. I was feeling a little awkward at times because I'm used to working out and training on my own. It's different going against air and going against somebody. I did have

fun, though." Law, whose last NFL game came in December against the

Jets while with Kansas City, got a passing grade from coach Eric Mangini.

"He looked spry," Mangini said. "He got a decent number of reps and didn't seem to be too winded. ... Considering where he's starting from, he looked very good."

When told of his coach's comments, Law smiled and then asked for the exact definition of 'spry' before continuing.

"Yeah, I was energetic," he said with a laugh. "I was a little rusty, but it felt good just to be back out there with the guys, the camaraderie, and it'll just come with time. I had to do a lot. I worked in the rotation, but also did all the scout team reps just to get myself going.'

Law is expected to be more of a role player at the cornerback and safety positions, at least for now, and said regaining his footwork will be his biggest challenge. He kept up his workout and conditioning routines during the last several months just in case the right opportunity came up.

"I got the itch, got the bug," he said. "I wanted to play bad. On Sundays, I went out there and simulated my own little football games in the morning and then I'd come watch

Law, who has 52 career interceptions, said this comeback is about much more than collecting another paycheck.

D backs Weis

By TOM COYNE

SOUTH BEND, Ind. -Charlie Weis has the backing of his boss, who insists Notre Dame football is headed in the right direction despite the team's inability to beat its best opponents.

"He's our head coach, and I look forward to him being the head coach for a long time," Athletics Director Jack Swarbrick said on Wednesday.

Notre Dame fan websites have been deluged with people posting messages calling for Weis' firing, and newspaper columnists have been questioning whether he is capable of making the Fighting Irish national title contenders again.

Notre Dame lost for the third time in four games Nov. 8, falling to Boston College, 17-0. The Fighting Irish have beaten only one team without a losing record, Stanford (5-5).

"I love the passion, and I love that people care that much, but there's no factual predicate for any sort of discussion today. We're doing great," said Swarbrick, a Notre Dame graduate who was named athletic director in July. "You have to let the whole season play itself out and compare it to the season before.

Swarbrick said the team is significantly better than it

was a year ago, when the Irish finished 3-9, and he expects they will be signifi-

cantly better next season. His comments came a day after Weis answered pointed questions from the media about the job he is doing, saying he believes he is the right man for the job.

"I'm confident that the program is going to go where we all want it to go," said Weis, in his fourth season at Notre Dame, and third year of a 10year contract.

Weis has a record of 27-19, a .587 winning percentage just fractionally better than the .583 winning percentage his two predecessors, Tyrone Willingham and Bob Davie, had. Willingham was fired after three seasons, Davie after five.

Swarbrick said every Notre Dame coach is evaluated at the end of each sea-

"We sit down and say, 'How can we get better?" he said. "We don't engage in that process in the middle of any season."

Asked if a second straight loss this week to Navy (6-3), a team the Irish beat an NCAA-record 43 straight times before losing in triple over time last year, or a loss to Syracuse (2-7) could change Weis' status, Swarbrick said he wasn't going to respond to hypothetical questions.

College football hiring faulted

By STEVE HERMAN

INDIANAPOLIS — Minorities are getting more interviews but still aren't getting enough college football jobs, according to the Black Coaches and Administrators.

Almost one-third of the candidates interviewed last year were minorities, said a study released Wednesday by the group, but only four were hired for 31 head coach openings in NCAA Division I football. The recent firings of Ty Will-

ingham at Washington and Ron Prince at Kansas State both effective at the end of the season - left the Bowl Subdivision, the NCAA's top division, with only four black head coaches, plus one Latino and one Pacific Islander. "In the world of college foot-

ball, the facts and statistics reflect an unmistakable bias and a systemic problem that has yet to be fixed. My deep concern is, 'Why are the college football's hiring practices out of synch?" said the black coaches' group executive director, Floyd Keith, who did not have an answer to his ques-"The message in this report

is the process is being followed, but the poor hiring results continue," he said. Among the 31 schools in the

Bowl Subdivision and Championship Subdivision, formerly I-A and I-AA, that hired head coaches in the past year, 16

received overall grades of A, up from 11 in the 2007 report, 12 in 2006 and four in 2005.

Mississippi, West Virginia, and Dayton earned F grades. That, too, was an improvement, because 10 schools had failing grades in the last report.

Ole Miss fired Ed Orgeron after last season and hired Houston Nutt without interviewing any minority candidates. Athletics Director Pete Boone said at the time he regretted not going through the black coaches' group's suggested interview process but felt he had to act quickly after Nutt resigned from Arkansas.

Dayton Athletics Director Ted Kissell said he expected the F grade.

"We hired someone without a search, someone who had been with us for 32 years ... so we felt he was the right man for the job, and we hired him," Kissell said. "But I recognized that I would be pushing a domino that would lead to a grade of F."

He said he supports increasing minority hires.

'What we need to do is increase the pool and bring more young men into the profession [as assistants] and give them the opportunity to learn and grow," he said.

Telephone messages seeking comment on the black coaches' report were left by the Associated Press at the offices of the athletics directors at the other schools that received an F.

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- **04:07 p.m.** I awake from my latest in a series of daily naps.
- 04:08 p.m. I realize I am naked and in a place I do not recognize. Again, as this is not a weekend, I am somewhat troubled.
- **04:09 p.m.** I note that Fox News is playing on a television in the corner of the room, confirming I am in enemy territory.
- **04:10 p.m.** I struggle to my feet and take stock of the situation. To my left, there is a dead prostitute with three bullets in her chest. To my right, there is pile of my clothes and an empty bottle
- of Scotch. On the table before me lies a suicide note. Stock in my situation is currently plummeting.
- **04:11 p.m.** I come to the obvious conclusion that someone drugged me,
- brought me to this prostitute's apartment, and gave me a gun. I, upon realizing that the prostitute was writing a suicide note, shot her three times in the chest to prevent her from killing herself. As a self-congratulation
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for my own good deed, I

- leaves the unanswered question: why Fox News? Why Fox News?! WHY FOX NEWS?!?!
- **04:07 p.m.** In a cold sweat, I awake from my latest in a series of daily naps, realizing the proceeding was all a dream: The television is off, I see no gun, my
- Scotch bottle is almost full, and the prostitute I hired is still very much alive (and drooling like a Great Dane two minutes before dinner).
- **04:09 p.m.** I take a nap.
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by contributing facts, figures, and documentation. Be prepared. TAURUS April 20-May 20 A choice must be made in order to advance. Don't let a relationship you are in hold you back or make you uncertain. Love is looking good, but don't

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you must do and how in order to bypass anyone trying to stand in your way. CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Don't sit still when there is so much to do that can catapult you to the top. Surround yourself with team players. The more synergy you have with

everyone around you, the less chance of a mistake being made AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Don't get involved in a heated discussion. A disappointment will leave you feeling left out. Step outside your situation, and view what's been happening. Back up, and start over.

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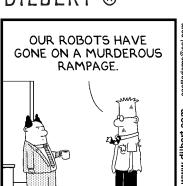
- Long-term Care Conference, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., hotelVetro, 201 S. Linn
- Molecular Physiology and Biophsics Faculty Candidate Seminar, "Nuclear Receptors, AMPK & Muscle Genome: Breaking the Endurance Ceiling," Vihang Narkar, Salk Institute for Biological Studies, 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen
- Department of Biochemistry Seminar, "Investigating the Role of Grb2 in the Function of the Adaptor Protein LAT," Jon Houtman, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- Meet MECCA, noon, 438 Southgate Ave.
- Phamacology Graduate Seminar, "Erythropoietin Receptor Ubiquitination and Signaling," Daisuke Mayuzumi, 12:30 p.m., Bowen Spivey Auditorium
- South Asian Studies Program lecture, "The Life and Art of Guru Dutt," Nasreen Munni Kabir, 4p.m., 1117 University Capitol
- UI Catalyst Awards, 4 p.m., Levitt Center Green, Hawkinson, and Harding Assembly
- Brad Manard and Nick Stika, 5 p.m., Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington
- Earthwords reading, 5 p.m., Shambaugh
- Classic Beaded Earrings, 5:30 p.m., Dawn's Hide and Bead Away, 220 E. Washington
- Knife Work and Stir Frv. with Elizabeth Weinberg, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 22 S. Van
 - Christmas on Mars. 7 and 9 p.m., Bijou
 - Country Dance, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225

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- Highway 1 W. • "Live from Prairie Lights," Amy Bloom, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S.
- National Alliance of Mental Illness UI Chapter meeting, screening of Canvas, 7 p.m. Lindquist Center Jones Commons • Proseminar in Cinema & Culture: Sub-
- Saharan African Cinemas, Pièces d'Identités, 7 p.m., Mweze Ngangura, Congo/Belgium, 101 Becker
- Brad Mehldau Trio, 7:30 p.m., City High, 1900 Morningside Drive • Iowa Artists' Recovery Fund Benefit,
- 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
 - Beggarmen, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- Drinking Liberally, 8 p.m., Mill
- Goodtime Karaoke, 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- Iowa Brass Quintet, 8 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- "Paper and Light: Material Investigations," slide lecture by Ann Marie Kennedy, 8 p.m.. Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- Three Sisters, University Theatres Mainstage Production, 8 p.m., West High Little Theatre, 2901 Melrose Ave.
- Campus Activities Board event, Comedian David Landau, 9 p.m., W151 Pappajohn **Business Building**
- Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
- Thursday Night Karaoke, 9:30 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- Alley Cabaret, Line One, 11:30 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU









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AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI ceramics Professor Bunny McBride stands in the Studio Arts Building on Sunday. McBride will be honored in an exhibit beginning Friday at AKAR Gallery, in a show titled Retrospective: Bunny McBride, which will feature 31 of his influences, mentors, and former students.

Celebrating dreams in clay

AKAR Gallery honors the legacy of UI ceramics Professor Bunny McBride in a retrospective exhibit. The show features 31 of McBride's influences, mentors, and former students.

By ELIZABETH TIMMINS

More than 45 years ago, in the mountains of Montana, a young Bunny McBride kindled his interest in ceramics, digging up clay deposits along creeks and creating glazes from the Earth's wealth. Today, after working as a professor and head of the ceramics department at the UI since 1970, the 70year-old McBride is approaching retirement, but he'll leave behind more than ceramic vessels.

Along with former stude mentors, and influences, McBride will display his work beginning

With 23 albums, three musician children, the soundtrack to one

62-year-old said he was more

than happy to contribute to the

of the decades' raunchiest movies, and nearly 40 years in the

EXHIBIT

Retrospective: Bunny McBride

When: Reception: 5-7 p.m. Friday; Exhibit: Friday through Dec. 5 Where: AKAR Gallery, 257 Iowa Admission: Free

Friday at AKAR Gallery, 257 Iowa Ave., in a show titled *Retrospective*: Bunny McBride. It will reflect upon his time with the UI, the effect he has made within the ceramics community, and the legacy he leaves behind. All the ceramic work is for sale, and it will be on display through Dec. 5.

For the last four years, AKAR's 30by-5 holiday show has featured five ceramic pieces from 30 artists, providing an opportunity for local shoppers to buy unique holiday gifts. However, this year, AKAR modified the annual holiday show. Retrospective will feature 21 pieces of McBride's artwork in addition to the ceramic work of 31 artists. McBride picked each artist for the show, selecting individuals who continued with ceramics and have kept in contact with him.

"We knew that he was going to call on his so-called peers, or inspi-

SEE McBRIDE, 3C

A seasoned vet still kicking out the tunes



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LISTEN Loudon

Wainwright III Recovery

Featured Track: "Saw Your Name in the Paper"

If you like it: See **LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III** with Lake Street

Dive, 8 p.m. Friday, Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington, \$25

industry all under his belt, Loudon Wainwright III will play Iowa City for the first time Friday night. for Knocked Up is much younger By JAKE JENSEN than Wainwright himself, the

Loudon Wainwright III: easily

one of the 1970s' more prosperfilm after director Judd Apatow ous musicians. Produced nearly asked him to do so. two dozen albums of guitar-dom-"Judd had been a fan of my inanted folk rock and introspecmusic for some time, and he just tive lyrics. Father of the mainthought that I might somehow stream-friendly and wellenhance the project," Wainreviewed Rufus Wainwright and wright said via telephone from Martha Wainwright. Master-Los Angeles. "A few of the songs mind behind the score to 2007's had already been written, but sex-and-drug-filled raunchfest [producing partner Joe Henry] Knocked Up. and I had to write quite a few A sporadic and mostly wholemore. I must have seen that some résumé, but sure enough, movie 10 or 20 times, and I

the aforementioned achievelaughed my ass off every time." ments are all true of Wain-The soundtrack, released wright, who will perform at the under the title Strange Weirdos, Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washalso doubled as Wainwright's ington St., at 8 p.m. Friday. 22nd album. The musician is While the target demographic eager to work with Apatow and

his famus crew again ("I'm waiting for the phone to ring"), but for now, he's promoting his newest album. Recovery, released in

August. The 13 tracks on Recovery are re-recordings

of songs from Wainwright's first few albums, all released in the '70s, and the album includes such fan favorites as "The Man Who Couldn't Cry," "Old Friend," and "School Days," the very first SEE WAINWRIGHT, 3C

WEEKEND AGENDA



Thursday

Noon Peruse some online

music blogs. Don't miss out on the fun at dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com. 5:30 p.m. Interested in learning to make your own jewelry? Swing by Dawn's Hide and Bead Away for Classic Beaded Earrings. 7:30 p.m. Go listen to the Brad Mehldau Trio; he's essentially the Rolls Royce of jazz pianists. 9 p.m. Watch Christmas on Mars for free at the Bijou. If you were lucky enough to catch Wayne Coyne and the Flaming Lips in action this summer at the 80/35 Music Festival, you know it will be



Friday

Noon Continue that blogging rampage. Find some lame, angst-driven love poetry and make fun of it with your friends.

3 p.m. Take a much-deserved nap. Isn't the weather sup-

posed to be morose anyway? Snuggle up with a book and let it lull you to sleep. 8 p.m. You love Rufus Wainwright, right? Well don't miss his dad, Loudon Wainwright III, playing at the

Englert. 9:30 p.m. Snag tickets to see acclaimed band **HEALTH** with local legends Birth Rites at the Picador.



10 a.m. Flip through the oldest music in your iTunes, and make an awesome playlist out of all the CDs you uploaded to your hard drive years ago. 1 p.m. Greasy food time. Think of the unhealthiest restaurant around, or the most fat- and sugar-laden frozen treat in the freezer - and chow down. 11:30 p.m. "Is your refrigerator running? Then why don't you go catch it!?' Oh, prank calls. Weren't they awesome in seventh grade? Experience a grown-up version of who's on the phone at Line One at the Englert.



Sunday

9 a.m. Um, hello? Hit snooze. You can do your homework later. 3 p.m. If your GPA is hanging by a thread, why not find some strings to stimulate your mind? Relax and listen to the **Iowa City Community String** Orchestra at the Englert. 6 p.m. Do your weekly grocery shopping. Be sure to get all the ingredients to make this week's recipe, 2C.

ON THE WEB

Ever put your friends' names into the DI search engine? Ever seen how many comments you could post before the webmaster caught on? Ever decided to spend all day leisurely browsing the archives at **dailyiowan.com**? The possibility for laughs and fun are endless

D(EYE) ON ARTS BLOG

Today, we're describing everything with the ultra-descriptive qualifier "fun." Well, there's one more place for ultimate fun and good times, and that's dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com. This week, we've got the top triad of reasons why being a metal fan sucks, hilarious tween reactions to David Archuleta's recent loss on "American Idol," and Hilary Duff's foray into the skankitude of the rest of her starlet peers

80 HOURS ON AIR

So fresh, so clean, so fun. Tune in to KRUI 89.7 every Friday from **5-6 p.m.** This week, listen to the adept *DI* DJs take over the airwaves from KRIJI's homebase in the IMU. This means a fuller music catalogue, regular programming, and special guests in the near future. Don't miss a single week

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NEW MOVIES **OPENING THIS WEEKEND**



Quantum of Solace

Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10 Foreign hottie? Check. Unrealistically high-tech gadgetry? Check. Intense, revenge-centered plot line filled with shootouts, betraval, and continent-hopping? Double check. All of the elements of a classic James Bond film are sure to make an appearance in the latest 007 flick. This installment picks up right where Casino Royale left off, with Bond (Daniel Craig) out for blood following the death of the

AT THE BIJOU

woman he loved. Oh, and

terrorist to fight, too.

there's some environmental



Trouble the Water Showtimes: Friday 6:30, 9 p.m., Saturday 4,

6:30, 9 p.m., Nov. 9, 3, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 10-12, 6:30, 9 p.m.

More than three years after Hurricane Katrina devastated their city, many New Orleans residents are still struggling to rebuild. In *Trouble the Water*, New Orleans resident/aspiring rapper Kimberly Rivers Roberts and her husband chronicle the storm – before, during, and after. The film has had an obvious effect on viewers, winning the Grand Jury Prize for Best Documentary at this year's Sundance Film Festival.

TRACKS FROM THE PAST

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

The Jonas Brothers may have revived the pop-boy band, but the Backstreet Boys will forever be remembered in its heyday.

Mainstream music magnate Lou Pearlman may be a fraud, but at least he did something right when he gave the world a glorious fivesome of Chippendale-like (but

unofficially Christian) crooners called the Backstreet Boys.

Maybe you have Backstreet's appreciatgroup's second

Backstreet Boys Released self-titled Aug. 12, 1997 album, which real-

Back by

ly seemed like a début record to Americans, because the first one wasn't released in the U.S. But all that is irrelevant now.

Eleven years ago, the group took junior-high kids by storm as schoolboys lip-synched to slow dance songs from the album in talent shows everywhere. Girls plastered posters of Brian, Kevin. Nick, A.J., and Howie wherever they could fit them.

Despite competition with ultra boy band 'N SYNC, the sartorially coordinated Backstreet Boys' lighthearted dance music came first. And who could resist the tender rhetoric in such songs as "Quit Playin' Games (With My Heart)" and "As Long As You Love Me?"

Now in their 30s, the boys (minus Kevin) are still recording love songs and touring for die-hard fans, who have aged right along with them.

- by Kathleen Serino

Today 11.13

• Brad Mehldau Trio, 7:30 p.m., City High opstad Auditorium, 1900 Morningside Drive

 Iowa Artists' Recovery Fund Benefit, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market

• Beggarmen, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

• Iowa Brass Quintet, 8 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber

MUSIC

- Brad Manard and Nick Stika, 5 p.m., Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington
- Earthwords, 5 p.m., Shambaugh House
- "Live from Prairie Lights." Amy Bloom, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque

Friday 11.14

• "Java Blend," Lake Street

• Black Bloom and Ephraim

Backdrop, Inept, Made Available,

• Kenneth Tse, saxophone, and

Dive, noon, Java House,

Zenh, 5 p.m., Picador,

• The Fastest Kid Alive!,

5 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

• Blue Midnight Trio, 8 p.m.,

Jason Sifford, piano, 8 p.m.,

· Loudon Wainwright III and

Dennis McMurrin and the

Demolition Band, 9 p.m., Mill

• HEALTH, Birth Rites, and

Dadkids, 9:30 p.m., Picador

Lake Street Dive, 8 p.m., Englert

Sunday 11.16

• Iowa City Community String

• UI Chamber Orchestra, with

the Maia String Quartet, William

LaRue Jones and David Nelson,

conductors, 8 p.m., Macbride

Eugene Chadbourne and

• Sarah, Plain and Tall, Iowa

City Community Theatre, 2 p.m.,

Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds

Crackety Sax, 9 p.m., Mill

The World, and White Lie

Syndicate, 7 p.m., Picador

Orchestra, 3 p.m., Englert Theatre

· Heartless Bastards, the End of

Pappajohn Business Building

Buchanan Auditorium

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THEATER

• Three Sisters, University Theatres Mainstage Production, 8 p.m., West High Little Theatre, 2901 Melrose Ave

• Alley Cabaret, Line One, 11:30 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington

LECTURES

• "Paper and Light: Material Investigations," Ann Marie Kennedy, 8 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium

WORDS

Road S.E.

• Country Dance, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.

MISCELLANEOUS

• Meet MECCA, noon, 438 Southgate Ave.

• "Live from Prairie Lights,"

7 p.m., Prairie Lights

Kurt Michael Friese, nonfiction,

• Museum of Art Word Painter

Reading, David Torrey Peters

and Jo Ann Beard, 7:30 p.m.,

• Lear's Daughters, Dreamwell

Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert

Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian

• Sarah, Plain and Tall, Iowa

7:30 p.m., Johnson County 4-H

Fairgrounds, 4265 Oak Crest Hill

Theatres Mainstage Production,

• Alley Cabaret, Line One, 11:30 p.m.

Home for the Holidays

When: New Pioneer Co-op, 1101

is nearing, and Christmas is

Why you should go: Thanksgiving

sneaking up as well, so trot over

to New Pioneer Co-op to explore

holiday-friendly foods and music.

• "Welcoming the Stranger: A

Saulo Padilla, 1:30 p.m., First

Faith Response to Immigration,"

Mennonite Church, 405 Myrtle Ave.

Sample Fair

Second St.

LECTURES

Where: 11 a.m. Sunday

don't miss!

8 p.m., West High Little Theatre

City Community Theatre,

• Three Sisters, University

Old Capitol Senate Chamber

• UI Catalyst Awards, 4 p.m., Levitt Center Green, Hawkinson, and Harding Assembly Halls

• Classic Beaded Earrings, 5:30 p.m., Dawn's Hide and Bead Away, 220 E. Washington

• Knife Work and Stir Fry, with Elizabeth Weinberg, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 22 S. Van Buren • Christmas on Mars, 7 and

9 p.m., Bijou • Proseminar in Cinema and **Culture: Sub-Saharan African**

Cinemas, 7 p.m., 101 Becker • Drinking Liberally, 8 p.m., Mill

• Goodtime Karaoke, 8 p.m.,

Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville • Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.

• Thursday Night Karaoke, 9:30 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville

• Sievert Lecture, "The Prince

Causation," Carolina Sartorio,

• Noon Knit, noon, Hardin Library

• Knitting Nurse, 2 p.m., Home

6 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation

Friday Night Karaoke, with

American Legion Post No. 17,

• Retro Club Night, 9 p.m.,

• Afro/Cuban Drum and Dance

Ensemble, 3 p.m., Space/Place

Argentine Folkloric Dance,

4 p.m., Arts à La Carte, 408 First

• Home for the Holidays Sample

• End of Suburbia, 2 p.m., Iowa City

Public Library Room A, 123 S. Linn

• Dead Night, 9 p.m., Yacht Club

Fair, 11 a.m., New Pioneer Co-op,

• Ladies' Luxury Day, 1 p.m.,

Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn

• Iowa Koran Study Circle,

4 p.m., 304 English-Philosophy

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MISCELLANEOUS

Center, 220 S. Gilbert

3016 Muscatine Ave.

Speak Easy

DANCE

Ave., Coralville

MISCELLANEOUS

1101 Second St., Coralville

hotelVetro, 201 S. Linn

• Taizé, 5 p.m., Old Brick

• Pub Quiz, 9 p.m., Mill

Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m.,

LECTURES

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Saturday 11.15

MUSIC

- Dick Prall and She Swings She Sways, 9 p.m., Mill
- The Rosebuds, Megafaun, and Death Ships, 9 p.m., Picador
- Second Hand Smoke, Cealed Kasket, and No Nos, 9 p.m., Yacht Club

THEATER

- Lear's Daughters, Dreamwell Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian **Universalist Society**
- Sarah, Plain and Tall, Iowa City Community Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds
- Three Sisters, University Theatres Mainstage Production, 8 p.m., West High Little Theatre

LECTURES

• Saturday Scholars, "New Iowa Writers: Readings by Students," Jae Choi, Hali Felt, Gabriel Houck, and Ted Thompson, 10 a.m., 40 Schaeffer Hall • "Under the Feet of T. Rex," Don

"The Fossil Guy" Johnson, 2 p.m., Museum of Natural History

DANCE

of events

 Afro/Cuban Drum and Dance Ensemble, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place

MISCELLANEOUS

- Holiday Farmers' Market, 9 a.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center
- Knitters' Breakfast, 10 a.m., Home Ec. Workshop
- Fall Paw Fest, noon, Animal Care and Adoption Center, 4852 Sand Rd.
- Eco-Conscious FLOR Class.
- 1 p.m., Design Ranch, 701 E. Davenport • Introduction to Orthodoxy,
- 4 p.m., St. Raphael Orthodox Church, 511 E. Iowa • Diwali, 5:30 p.m., Second Floor
- Ballroom, Iowa Memorial Union • Bead-In, 6 p.m., Dawn's Hide and
- **Bead Away** Kustome Karaoke, 7 p.m., Eagles
- Rock and Roll/Country Night,
- 9 p.m., Speak Easy

CINEMA

Flaming film It makes sense for a band known for its

idiosyncratic songs - ranging in subject matter from arachnid-related injuries ("The Spiderbite Song") to heavy eating utensils ("The Spoonful Weighs a Ton") to release a Christmas movie about aliens. Christmas on Mars, the long awaited hol-

iday film created by psychedelic indie rockers the Flaming Lips, will be screened today in the Bijou in the recently reopened IMU at 7 and 9 p.m. The free showings are sponsored by the Bijou and KRUI radio.

"[The movie is] definitely gonna be a spectacle," said Nathan Gould, the KRUI general manager. "And the showings are an ideal collaboration between KRUI and the Bijou. The movie is something the audiences of both establishments would be interested in."

Both organizations officially moved back into their permanent IMU locations last

weekend after temporary relocations due to "The showing is kind of a welcome

back to the IMU," Gould said. "I think the movie will be well liked and definitely for fans of the Flaming Lips." The science-fiction plot of Christmas on

Mars centers on technological problems that arise during the colonization of the Red Planet. Six years in the making, the film is directed by Lips' frontman Wayne Coyne who also plays the role of a compassionate alien - and features an original score by the group. Fellow band members Steven Drozd and Michael Ivins, as well as comedian Fred Armisen ("Saturday Night Live") and actor Adam Goldberg (Dazed and Confused, Two Days in Paris) also appear.

"It's a unique film," Gould said. "It doesn't take itself too seriously. I'm pretty sure it will soon become a cult classic."

- by Melea Andrys

Allies for the Englert's Alley Cabaret

Four performances are left for Alley Cabaret, but the late-night coordinators have a few more shenanigans in the works — cell phones included.

By KATHLEEN SERINO thleen-serino@uiowa.edu

Perhaps your ears have been

intrigued by a trio of jazzy songbirds, or you've watched remakes of Lewis Black and Edward Albee original plays, or you've been enticed by sinuous cabaret dancers. Still haven't had enough of Alley Cabaret, the UI's late-night dance and theater fusion? In the world of theater/opera (borrowing from baseball), there's an expression: It ain't over until the fat lady sings. And Lawrence Peter Berra's soprano hasn't cleared her throat vet.

Headlining this weekend is Line One, a unique brand of theater hinged on the interaction among actor, audience, and anonymous caller. Performances will be at 11:30 p.m. today and Friday at the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St.

"It's a delightful show to experience," said Line One director and UI graduate student John Kaufmann. "[But] the audience has to know the rules."

Knowing the rules means understanding that during the help guide the performance.

whatever they hear. "Theater should have some

skit, the actors — known as "channelers," because they're not officially acting — repeat whatever unidentified voice they hear coming through their cell phones. The strangers have been recruited off the street prior to the show and given brief instructions to Despite the show's frame-

work, there's room still for spontaneity, because nobody knows what the mystery voices will say. There may be several channelers onstage at once repeating

unexpected element, and when

Line One is working well, I think

audiences respond well because

mann said.



Actors John Kaufmann (left), Maggie Scrantom (center), and Megha Nabe rehearse Line One on Tuesday. Line One is part of the late-night theater lineup at the Englert; it will run today and Friday.

it's a show that can fail," Kauff-

He originally developed the idea from a similar sketch performed in Seattle five years ago. Because Line One changes every time, he's been forced to get creative. In the past, actors have channeled the young, old, and foreign. They've interpreted a schizophrenic, a paraplegic, and an elderly couple sharing the story of how they met. Kaufmann compared unpredictability of Line One to a football game:

"People are excited, because they don't know what [will] happen," he said. "There's an investment with Line One. Things can fall apart, or you can have a beautiful moment ...

PERFORMANCE

Alley Cabaret, Line One **Featuring Christina Gulick**

and Brooke Lewarne When: 11:30 p.m. today and Friday Where: Englert Theatre,

Admission: \$5 And that moment's more beautiful because it wasn't planned."

221 E. Washington

The cabaret's co-artistic director, Brandon Bruce, agrees with Kaufmann's approach to performance art. "I find him to be a very high-

ly innovative, conceptual thinker, and that's why I feel we're lucky to have him on this," he said.

Audience members find Line One to be refreshingly flawed, which is why it harmonizes with the essence of Alley Cabaret.

"As we're going into the spring semester, I think the cabaret will continue to evolve in new uncercoordinator Elizabethaman. "It's been a in new directions," said dance real treat."

HAMBURGERS AND CHEESE DIP

ON THE WEB

UI senior Madeline video instructions for cooking this week's meal.

Fashion seems to be all about not what matches but what unexpectedly goes together. Daily lowan reporter Mervn Fluker is no fashionista, but it's a theory she applies in this week's menu: with the spicy and surprising combination of an American classic, hamburgers, and delicious Mexican-inspired cheese dip. For a really fiery treat, spread cheese dip on the burger for an

What you need: 1 lb. ground beef, thawed

HAMBURGERS

1 smáll onion Hamburger seasoning Ketchup Yellow Mustard Hamburger buns

What to do: Divide the pound of meat into four flat patties. Make a divot

four portions. Add onion to divot of each patty, and fold into meat by hand. Repeat for each patty. Create a divot in each patty and fill with ketchup and mustard to taste. Fold into meat by hand – it gets messy – and form back into patty-shape. Shake sea-

in the center of each patty.

Mince onion and divide into

bottom sides of each patty. Place into a large skillet (sprayed with cooking spray or oil), and cook on medium-high heat. Continue until meat is thoroughly browned, and flip patties to ensure both sides are cooked. Serve on hamburger buns, and additional fixings at personal discretion.

soning onto both top and

What you need: 1 lb. block processed cheese

CHEESE DIP

2 10 oz. cans diced green chilies and tomatoes 1 bag corn chips

What to do:

Cut block of processed cheese into slices or cubes. Place into large saucepan over mediumDrain green chilies and tomatoes. When the cheese is fully melted, stir in green chilies and tomatoes. Heat over medi um heat for three to five minutes, stirring frequently, making sure the mixture doesn't boil. Remove from heat, place in bowl, serve with chips, and enjoy.

low heat. Stir occasionally.

Be sure to click over to dailyiowan.com to see Harrington's step-by-step

Bunny seeds abound

McBRIDE

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Sanjay Jani said. "And then he was going to call for the legacy of his career, his students. So we just thought it would be a good way to twist a 30-by-5 into a Bunny retrospective.

McBride initially gave AKAR a list of more than 40 individuals whose work he wanted to show, but he was forced to whittle it down to 31 because of space limitations.

"I tried to pick people who had a wide divergence of [ceramic work]," he said. "[Choosing individuals] was sort of like a payback. They've done well. And I'm glad they did."

Each artist represented has played a role in McBride's life.

He's made a lot of pots and a lot of potters," Jani said. "So this show not only represents the pots he made, but the potters he made."

The show presents the work of generations of ceramists, with contributing artists ranging from McBride's former instructor and mentor Val Cushing to former graduate student Dan Murphy.

"This show is about the legacy; what he left," Jani said. "Or what he started," Nick Eldredge, a McBride student and AKAR employee, interjected.

Many of McBride's peers and influences have led prominent careers in the ceramics world. A number of his former students hold department chairs or professorial positions, spreading his knowledge of ceramics to future generations.

Contributing artist and Uni-Illinois-Urbana/Champaign Professor Emeritus Don Pilcher has known McBride for 40 years.

"[McBride] has facilitated and prepared people to create their own lives in clay, with lots of fidelity to the task,"

McBride has taught introductory- and advanced-level ceramic courses for 38 years. He has knowledge about the chemistry of glazing and kiln building, and he tries to impart that expertise to his students.

"The students are there," Jani said. "They get influenced directly, and they usually move and throw Bunny seeds further. You can see by their work that his work has influenced other people's careers, or stylistic approach to pottery."

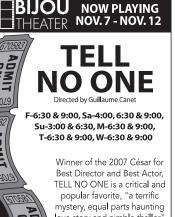
McBride's influence will materialize in the show. Jani said the pieces are strong and unique but still have technical similarities.

"There's commonness," Jani said. "I can see the students'

work from the teacher. Sometimes you have to learn from somebody like Bunny, who knows the basic, strong roots of

pottery, to get good enough to break the rules and do sculptural things." Much of McBride's body of work comprises teapots, cups,

casseroles, and pitchers; basic utilitarian ware that has his







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knows McBride's effect firsthand.

teacher is that he has a tremen-

dous depth of knowledge, both

technically and in terms of

knowledge about the American

ceramic scene," Illian said. "He is

always very generous providing

that knowledge to the students.'

"Not only is Bunny full of

information, he's someone you

can talk to," Eldredge said. "He

brings the atmosphere to the

studio. One day he talks about

glazes, the next he talks about

Matt Dercole appreciates the

role McBride plays in the art

from any other instructor in art

that I've ever had," Dercole said.

'He's very much a humbled,

The show will provide an

opportunity for community

members to honor McBride's

service and interact with the

exhibit's artists, often uncom-

who has done a lot for the ceram-

ics community," Eldredge said.

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McBride's students agree.

'Bunny's strength as a

UI ceramics Professor Bunny McBride stands by one his first-year student's artwork in the Studio Arts Building on Sunday. Born in Montana, McBride has been teaching at the university since 1970; he will retire soon.

personal touch, be it through wood-ash markings, surface markings, copper-red glazing, or iron-blue glazing. Yet in recent years, McBride has been more experimental with clay.

"I used to do really tight very detailed functional things," he said. "But now, I push the clay, and pound the platters, and stretch it in a way I've never done. Just relax and enjoy it. Not worry about how it's going to turn out."

The versatility of the material keeps his interest. From the surface treatments of slips and glazes to mold-making and slab-building, clay offers endless options.

That's what keeps me in ceramics," McBride said. "You have the latitude to do anything. Throwing is only one tool."

The show exemplifies this thought exactly. Despite the common thread apparent in the work, Eldredge said, the show maintains a lot of variety. It has a mixture of surface treatments, political messages, sculptural work, and functional pottery, he said.

Not only will the event showcase the artists' work, it also will reveal the respect many have for McBride. Although his name is recognized throughout the clay community today, he began working with the material by chance. After dropping out of high school, the Montana-born artist began working for a welder.

"I was making lots of money, then I realized about eight months into it, I was bored out of my mind," he said.

He followed his friends to Northern Montana College and began taking art classes for the first time in his life. His fondness for the material moved him out of the mountains and to Alfred University, in Alfred, N.Y. After receiving an M.F.A., he began his teaching career at the UI.

Potter Clary Illian has known McBride since he started teaching at the UI and contributed work to the retrospective. The sabbatical replacement teacher for the UI's ceramic department

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track off of his début. Although they originated more than three decades ago, Wainwright says the songs are still relevant

"[Some of] these songs were written 37 years ago, but they seem to hold up," he said. "I didn't change the lyrics or try to update anything. I just think you'd be struck by the difference in voice - it used to be much higher. So in a sense, it's a different singer, but the same guy. I'm not different in terms of who I am."

The concept behind Recovery may sound a bit contrived, but Wainwright said it came about very informally and "fairly random." Following a conversation with producing partner Henry, Wainwright recorded a new version of his 1971 song "Motel Blues."The team liked the result and decided to make an entire album of such covers. Not long after, the record was complete.

"The title is a play on words," Wainwright said. "I re-covered my own songs, but I was also thinking in terms of finding something that may have been lost, misplaced, or put away. Those were the two things I thought about when I called the record Recovery."

Having been a professional musician for nearly 40 years, Wainwright — also an actor, with such films as Big Fish and the TV show "Undeclared" on his CV — has toured just about everywhere, but he has never been to Iowa City. For the crew at the Englert, getting the performer on the local stage has been a long-standing desire.

Englert managing director Sean Fredericks said Wainwright has always topped the the theater's list of highly

'What people make of a record, what they take from it, that's kind of beyond your control. We get down there, make the damn thing, listen to it hundreds of times, spend hours on it, and then release it. It doesn't belong to you anymore. If you worry about what people think about a record. or for that matter a book, or a painting, or a play, or a movie, I think you can run into trouble.'

- Loudon Wainwright III, musician

sought-after performers, and because Fredericks and his colleagues have wanted to book him for years, Wainwright's new album provides ample reason to have him play now.

"Longtime fans of any artist would love to hear how time and experience have been an influence," Fredericks said. "People still go to see Paul McCartney, or the Rolling Stones, or any classic rock artist. Loudon Wainwright has a loyal fan base in town. People enjoy when we bring in an artist of his stature."

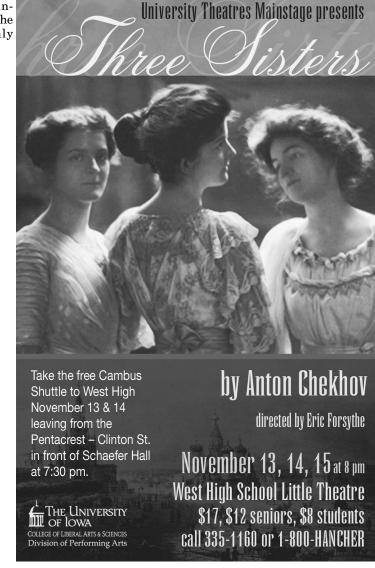
But even with some devotees, Wainwright's work on Knocked Up and the successful careers of his children Rufus and Martha (another daughter, Lucy Wainwright Roche, is starting in the industry as well) have introduced him to a new generation of listeners.

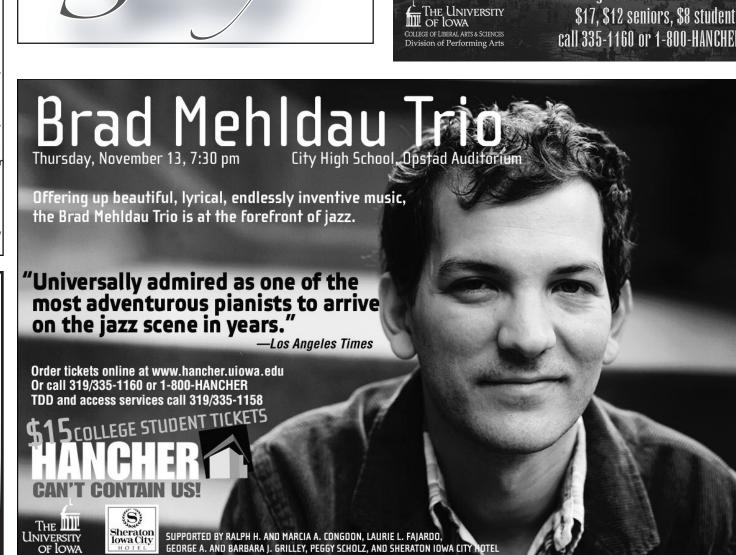
UI senior Jeni Danilson said she heard about the elder Wainwright from listening to Rufus Wainwright, whose fame may have eclipsed his father's from the perspective of many 20-somethings. Although not completely familiar with the elder Wainwright's work, Danilson said, the familial ties are enough to make her want to check out his music.

"Rufus' lyrics are clever" she said. "His has kind of a different voice. It's not smooth, but it's not like a rock star. So if [he and his father] have the same sound, I would check it out."

Loudon Wainwright may be a seasoned pro in the music industry — 23 albums, numerous film roles, and numerous decades of experience are certainly qualifiers — but he knows that he isn't exempt from the public's critique. And with a new album making its mark, his sentiments resound just as strongly now as they did when he began his career

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This Chad not merely hanging

The man who calls himself 'Doc Chad' might not be able to cure what ails you, but he can certainly make music out of anything — even tools you'd usually find at Home Depot.

By ANNA WIEGENSTEIN

Most fields of work require a form of safety code, rules to be followed for protection, fire drills to practice, and so forth. Music is not one of these fields. Or at least, it shouldn't be, according to the philosophy of Dr. Eugene Chadbourne.

"I have always desired moving beyond this feeling of safety in music where the person listening can always predict what is going to happen," the guitarist/ banjo player and singer wrote to the DI by e-mail. "Where the music is going in terms of harmony and rhythm, no note is out of place and everything is perfect ... It makes my hair stand on end. Have you seen my hair? It is not a pretty sight."

Chadbourne has been an active musician and, thus, an active participant in his philosophy of pushing boundaries since the 1970s, when he began playing in New York City with avant-garde saxophonist and fellow composer John Zorn.

"My own style evolved out of simply noticing that the music I heard in my head to play did not exist yet; nobody was doing it," said Chadbourne,



Dr. Eugene Chadbourne, avant-garde composer and performer for more than 30 years (not to mention the inventor of the electric rake), will visit the Mill on Nov. 16.

who takes to calling himself simply "Doc Chad."

Post- early 1970s, following an interlude in which Chadbourne moved to Canada to avoid the Vietnam draft, only to return when conscientious objectors such as himself were pardoned by then-President Carter, he

continued his musical work, founding the country-punk band Shockabilly. In addition to the music he created with his band, Doc Chad released a steady stream of tapes that combined his own influences of blues, country, folk, protest music, rock, and elements of noise.

"As for influences, I am not sure how much further I can be influenced — my major influence has always been Bugs Bunny," Chadbourne said from his home in North Carolina. In 1981, the move to North

Carolina actually prompted the creation of one of Chadbourne's

most enduring noise elements — the electric rake. $_{
m His}$ move from NewYork City to a more rural environment, he remembered, necessitated such work as raking leaves. One fateful night before a

gig, his rake broke in half. "I had been experimenting attaching contact microphones to objects

such as egg slicers, vegetable slicers, alarm clocks," Chadbourne said. "My immediate reaction was to decide to attach a guitar pickup to the metal leaf rake head and

bring it to the gig that night."

The device quickly gained a reputation, and the guitarist recalls numerous times when audience members approached him before a show simply to ask if the electric rake would be on display.

"It got to the point where I was actually jealous," he admitted. "I thought the rake should go on tour on its own, see how it

Doc Chad has been able to work with artists as diverse as free jazzman Derek Bailey, punk icon Jello Biafra, and more modern-day bands such as Camper Van Beethoven and They Might Be Giants. Chadbourne recalls playing a show with They Might Be Giants several years ago in Iowa City as an

uncredited opener. The audience was not receptive and threw pennies at Chadbourne, who collected the change and later used it to feed his parking meters. But as he painted it, this earlier incident is just something that anyone in a band should keep in mind.

"You have to like the music you play a lot; otherwise, you will not be able to summon up the fortitude to do it, because the life is hard, very hard," he said. "While it is possible for some performers to skip steps, the result is that their creations lack substance. Music has to be about something or, if it is about nothing, [it] has to be about nothing in a tantalizing way."

What 'dooms and dooms' us

Writers' Workshop faculty member Ethan Canin delves into the facets of politics, power, and love in his sixth book, America America.

By VANESSA VEIOCK

Ethan Canin wastes no time sparking the suspense in his latest novel, *America America*.

He's so quick, in fact, that his first sentence proclaims: "When you get involved in something like this, no matter how long ago it happened, no matter how long it's been absent from the news, you're fated nonetheless, to always search it out." Add this anticipation to the author's keen sense of place — a funeral when "a heat wave had killed lawns all across the state and the smell of rotting apples was drifting up from the meadow" - and the result is alluring.

And for good reason. Garnering comparisons to F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby, Canin's novel ruminates over politics, impropriety, and fate, with a solid dose of nostalgia woven in to secure his ubiquitous messages. The Writers' Workshop alum and professor will read from his book Nov. 17

at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

The novel switches between the present day and the past, but the story really begins in the early '70s. Narrator Corey Sifter, then the teenage son of working-class parents, is hired as a caretaker for the estate owned by the Metareys, the most powerful family in his small New York state town. He soon gets entangled in the family's lives when he falls for one of the Metarey daughters. It gets more complicated when Sifter becomes involved with the patriarch's fervent political pursuit to get Henry Bonwiller. a liberal New York senator, into the presidential office. Sifter eventually dabbles in the campaign himself, and simplicity is soon forgotten.

Bonwiller is the crooked character many imagine politicians to be, perhaps even worse than a nightmare. He's a drunk and a womanizer, and he leaves the woman of an extramarital affair, JoEllen, to die after a mysterious car accident. It's classic another example of naïveté and the dream of idealist morality broken as Corey looks back from the present day on this past and the twists of fate that led him to his involvement.

By the novel's end, the reader returns to where he or she started, much like the narrator can't stop doing. "When you've been involved in something like this, when in your memory there's some marauding creature still alive, some fleeting nightmarish beast always running up behind you," Canin writes. "It's in the nature of us all, I think, to want to turn and see it, no matter how terrible or mild it might be. But as in the childhood dream, you can't ever really do that."

Canin bounces between varying rhythms and techniques of writing - from the elegant legato of lurid description to a more concise, matter-of-fact tone. And in case readers didn't deduce enough from the first 455 pages, Canin tells it all in one swoop: "What have I learned? The old verities mostly: that love for our children is what sustains us; that people are not what they seem; that

The following is an excerpt from Ethan Canin's America America.

happened, no matter how long it's been absent from the news, you're fated, nonetheless, to always search it out. To be on alert for it, somehow, every day of your life. For the small item at the back of the newspaper. For the stranger at the cocktail party or the unfamiliar letter in the mailbox. For the reckoning pause on the other end of the phone line. For the dreadful reappearance of something that, in all likelihood, is never going to return.

I wouldn't have thought, in fact, that I would be the one to bring it back now, after all this time. That I would be the one to finally try to explain it. What I know of it, at least, even if that's only a part. I can only guess at the other parts. But I've been guessing at them for half my life now, and I think I've made

Honestly I don't know what will come of this - who will find pain in what I say and who, in a certain manner, solace. It isn't only that Senator Henry Bonwiller is dead. His death was melancholy news up here, of course, but it's not the only reason I've set out to tell this. The other part is my children. That's something I'm certain of. We have three daughters, and one of them is just past the age I was when these events took place, and I must say I feel a certain relief that nothing similar has shadowed any of their days; but I also know that you never stop worrying that it will. After all, if children don't make you see things differently – first bringing them into the world and then watching them go out into

those we hate bear some wound equal to our own; that power is desperation's slave, and that this fact as much as any is what dooms and dooms us. That we never learn the truth."

As readers we can nod to these words so easily, but we must repeatedly learn these lessons. And those cyclical morals are what Canin's story is all about.

When you've been involved in something like this, no matter how long ago it

it - then God help you.

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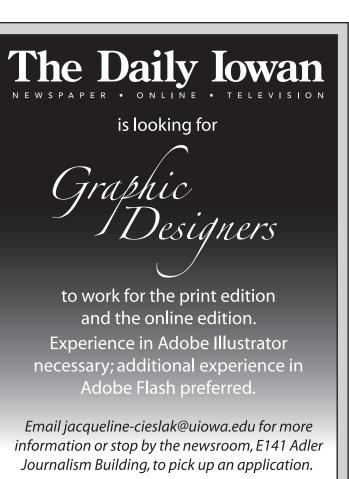
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