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UI to utilize temp trailers

While FEMA assesses damage to the Arts Campus, UI officials will provide some faculty and students with additional space.

By **OLIVIA MORAN**
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The UI School of Music and theater department will soon change a chunk of their temporary locations, replacing them with 22 mobile units. The mostly 24-by-12-foot units — costing roughly \$1.5 million — will sit in a parking lot west of the

ON THE WEB

Daily Iowan TV has a report on the costs of the mobile-unit classrooms on dailyiowan.com.

Theatre Building by January, the UI announced Tuesday. The summer flooding forced the evacuation and caused massive damage to Hancher Auditori-

um, Clapp Recital Hall, and the Voxman Music Building.

The temporary locations scattered across Iowa City “just weren’t working out as well as we thought,” UI spokesman Steve Parrott said, and the departments will use the mobile units for an undetermined amount of time.



Thelander
School of Music head

UI School of Music head Kristin Thelander, however, estimated that the departments will use the units until next fall.

The music school occupies 17 locations around Iowa City; Thelander said the mobile units will reduce that number to roughly 10.

“It certainly won’t house the whole School of Music, but it is going to be about 180 majors out of our 500,” Thelander said. “It’s going to be a good step.”

SEE **ART SCHOOL**, 3A

Nurses get a bonus

Some say UI nurses got a ‘token’ bonus this week.

By **KATIE HANSON**
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Some UI Hospitals and Clinics nurses received the first part of a \$600 bonus when they opened their paychecks on Monday. But many say it is not enough.

“It’s a little token saying, ‘We appreciate you, we know you’re underpaid,’ but it’s not enough really,” operating-room nurse Pauline Taylor said. While the Medicaid-reimbursement bill Iowa Gov. Chet Culver signed in May is finally reaching UIHC direct-care nurses, some nurses and Iowa legislators say it does little to push Iowa to even 48 on national nurse-salary rankings.

Nurses in Iowa make an average of \$44,000 annually, ranking 49th nationally, according to a 2006 study in *Nursing Economics*. The national average for nurses is \$56,000, and nurses in bordering states make much more than their Iowan counterparts: Minnesota nurses earn around \$60,000 a year, and those in Wisconsin generally make \$54,000.



Williamson
UIHC associate vice president for Nursing

“At one point, we were behind Guam and Puerto Rico,” said Anne Gentil-Archer, a UI nurse and chapter president of the Service Employees International Union Local 199. Lobbying efforts from the union helped legislation that allocates 1 percent of a hospital’s Medicaid reimbursement funding to nurses.

“We understand nurses aren’t compensated well, and this is an attempt to move that forward,” said Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, who supported the legislation. Roughly \$1 million will be distributed to 2,000 UI nurses who provide direct care, said Ann Williamson, a

SEE **NURSES**, 3A

Saying no to violence

Men’s Antiviolence Council promotes White Ribbon Campaign

ON THE WEB

Log on to dailyiowan.com to watch Daily Iowan TV’s story about the antiviolence group.

By **TESSA McLEAN**
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When UI graduate student Jerrod Koon wears his white ribbon T-shirt this week, he wants people to rethink what it means to be a man.

Koon and other members of the UI Men’s Antiviolence Council handed out white ribbons Tuesday at the IMU in honor of this week’s national White Ribbon Campaign, challenging community members to think about violence against women and the idea of masculinity in today’s society.

The White Ribbon Campaign is the largest male-focused effort aiming to end violence against women.

“Raising awareness is the biggest thing we hope to accomplish,” Koon said, whose T-shirt proclaimed: My future has no violence against women. “A lot of people don’t have to think about [violence], and we want them to realize that this is a problem.”

White ribbons worn through-



A man wearing a White Ribbon T-shirt sits in the IMU Tuesday listening to keynote speaker Harry Brod of the University of Northern Iowa. The White Ribbon Campaign was founded in Canada in 1991 to educate men about antiviolence.

SEE **WHITE RIBBON**, 3A

Bolkcom, Jacoby take aim at payday loans

Legislators called the payday loans predatory and abusive.

By **MARY HARRINGTON**
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State legislators warned people on Tuesday to avoid high-interest rates of some short-term loans this holiday season.

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, and Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, discussed proposed legislation that would greatly lower interest rates for payday loans in Iowa.

“Even when finances are tight, you want something under the tree,” Jacoby said. “We just want to make sure [consumers] understand how much these loans cost.”

Payday loans, a cash advance with possible interest rates upwards of 400 percent, are

given to borrowers after showing proof of a past paycheck. Legislators called the loaning process predatory and abusive.

The average Iowan takes out about 12 loans per year, higher than the national average of 8.7 percent, according to data from the Iowa Division of Banking.

Iowa law limits payday loan interest rates to 36 percent for military families. Legislators plan to propose legislation modeled after that initiative next year, extending the 36 percent cap to all borrowers.

In Iowa, borrowers are limited to two payday loans at a time for a maximum of \$500 apiece. But Bolkcom said it is

Interest rate legislation

Legislators to propose a change in interest rates for payday loans.

- In 2006, federal legislation limited payday loan interest rates for military personnel and families to 36 percent.
- Other borrowers can face interest rates upwards of 400 percent.
- Legislators propose extending the 36 percent interest rate cap to all borrowers.

Source: Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City

common for borrowers to visit several different locations to receive more loans. As of 2007, 277 locations in Iowa — places such as Check ‘n’ Go — were licensed to administer these



Rep. David Jacoby (left) and Sen. Joe Bolkcom discuss proposed legislation to lower interest rates on payday loans in Iowa at the Johnson County Administration Building on Tuesday.

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PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN



UI students eye India trip

Dozens of UI students will travel to India over winter break despite last week's terrorist attacks on Mumbai.

By CLARA HOGAN
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While government officials warn travelers about security concerns in India after last week's terrorist attacks in Mumbai, several UI students say they aren't afraid to visit the country later this month.

Around 65 students plan to go to Tamil Nadu, India, on Dec. 27 for three weeks as a part of the UI India Winterim Program to work with local nonprofits for credit.

Last week's attacks were directed at several tourist destinations and killed at least 173 people. But students and faculty said the remote locations in Tamil Nadu — nearly 1,000 miles from Mumbai — is reassuring.

UI graduate student Jordan Cannon, who will work with nonprofits on business plans, said his mother and wife were concerned about his safety after hearing the news about Mumbai. However, he said, he was more worried the trip would be canceled than about his personal security.

"I didn't want it to be called off," he said. "But thankfully, they're still allowing us to go. I think that in a time like this, India needs our work now more than ever."

The UI didn't cancel because the U.S. State Department hasn't advised Americans to stop traveling in India, said Philip Carls, a UI Study Abroad adviser.

He has been carefully tracking how safe experts are saying India is for foreigners, he said.



STEVE LEXA/THE DAILY IOWAN

Jordan Cannon works on a project Tuesday afternoon in the Seamens Center. Cannon will be part of a group of students and professors traveling to India during winter break. In the wake of last week's terrorist attack in Mumbai, safety concerns may become more of an issue.

"We've kept in contact with the students to make sure we are assuring and informing them with the information we have," he said.

It isn't common for countries in which UI students frequently study abroad to have a major security threat, Carls said, but he is keeping track of Thailand's situation because of widespread political unrest.

UI graduate student Aimee Kittell, who is also enrolled in the winterim program, recently canceled her two-week vacation to India after the terrorist attacks. She had planned to travel throughout northern India before meeting the university group in Tamil Nadu on Dec. 27.

Kittell still plans to attend the UI program but said she is disappointed her vacation was canceled. She said family concerns fueled the decision, because the State Department is advising Americans to be cautious at

such public places as religious sites, hotels, and restaurants.

"It just isn't the right time to go," she said. "We didn't want to be treated poorly because we were Americans."

UI geography Professor Rangaswamy Rajagopal created the UI India Winterim Program three years ago, but this year is the first with numerous sections, which has tripled the number of student participants. Sections include: business plans for international nonprofit microenterprises, social entrepreneurship, sustaining mountain ecosystems, and global health.

Students will work closely with Indian social entrepreneurs involved with environmental, educational, and micro-finance nonprofits, said UI business lecturer David Burgess, who will lead the business-plan section of the course.

While Cannon expects people in India to be saddened by the

Attacks on India

Terrorists bomb the country's largest city:

- Series of attacks occurred on Mumbai from Nov. 26 to Nov. 29.
- Around 170 people died, including at least 30 foreigners.
- Attack sites included a railway station, two major hotels, a popular café, and a Jewish community center.
- Americans and other Westerners were targeted in the attack.

Source: U.S. State Department

ON DAILY IOWAN TV

See Daily Iowan TV's report about a student preparing to study in India next semester at dailyiowan.com

attacks, he said those in the non-profit field will be excited to continue their work.

"The people we are going to work with are doing great things, and their work is definitely needed now," he said.

METRO

Kehoe trial set for March

Coralville resident Michelle Kehoe is scheduled to attend trial in March in the death of her 2-year-old son, online court records show.

The trial date is set for March 18; Kehoe's pretrial conference is on March 10.

Police charged Kehoe, 35, on Nov. 15 with first-degree murder, attempt to commit murder, and child endangerment after Seth Kehoe was found dead and 7-year-old Sean Kehoe was found severely injured at the Hook 'N' Liner Pond in Littleton, Iowa.

Autopsy results show Seth died from cuts to the neck. Sean underwent surgery at the Waterloo Covenant Medical Center.

Kehoe is being held at the Buchanan County Jail on a \$2.5 million bond. She pleaded not guilty on Nov. 26. If convicted, she faces life in prison on the murder charge.

— by Olivia Moran

Woman charged with robbery

Officers arrested a woman accused of robbing a Hy-Vee grocery store early Tuesday morning, authorities said.

Amy McBride, 28, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with second-degree robbery.

STATE

Bankruptcy court OK's funding for Postville plant

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) — A bankruptcy court in New York has approved funding that will allow the Agriprocessors Inc. kosher meatpacking plant in Postville to reopen.

A court-appointed bankruptcy trustee, Joseph Sarachek, said the court on Monday approved a \$2.5 million advance from First Bank Business Capital of St. Louis. The money will allow Agriprocessors to resume the

processing of its inventory of about 750,000 chickens and hens through Jan. 9.

Sarachek said production could begin later this week. A meeting with employees was planned for later Tuesday evening.

First Bank is owed about \$34 million by Agriprocessors and has foreclosed on the company, but without the advance the chickens would likely starve and become a liability instead of an asset.

The advance from First Bank will also help Agriprocessors pay a deposit to its utility provider and pay for its insurance.

The budget plans for 140 production

employees to work 50 hours a week through Jan. 9. It also includes 10 administrative staff and four managers, plus 10 workers at the company's distribution center in New York.

The budget also includes money for rabbi to supervise the slaughter to ensure it meets kosher standards.

Culver plans to outline budget cuts next week

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Chet Culver says he will have more to say about proposed cuts to state agency budgets next week.

be available throughout the Hy-Vee Hy-Hawk series events: wrestling on Dec. 6, women's basketball on the Dec. 7, and a men's basketball game on Dec. 12.

Before the men's basketball game on Dec. 12, Johnson will be available for photos and autographs from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 for adults, \$25 for children under 12 years old.

— by Amanda McClure

I-80 crash kills man

The Iowa State Patrol is investigating an accident on I-80 that left one man dead and another injured, authorities said.

According to police reports, a vehicle was heading westbound on I-80 early Tuesday morning when it crossed the median and struck a vehicle heading eastbound head-on at mile marker 248.

Both vehicles were engulfed in fire after the collision, officers said.

One vehicle reportedly came to rest on the eastbound lanes of the interstate, and the other stopped in a ditch, authorities say.

Matthew Roberts, 38, of Clinton was killed in the collision, police records show. Douglas Mode, 64, of Brookings, S.D., sustained injuries and was taken to UI Hospitals and Clinics.

— by Regina Zilbermints

POLICE BLOTTER

Steven Bock, 57, 1821 B St., was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft. Demetrius Brown, 24, 2023 Taylor Drive, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Jason Eastman, 31, 501 S. Scott Blvd., was charged Nov. 28 with domestic abuse.

Gary Jones, 23, 825 Oakcrest Drive Apt. 8, was charged Tuesday with criminal

trespass.

Allen Moore, 26, 2427 Bartelt Road Apt. 2D, was charged Tuesday with domestic abuse.

Robert Norton, 20, 4288 Turney Creek

Road N.E., was charged Monday with OWI.

Terry Rice, 22, 1131 Third Ave., was charged Monday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

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4. N. Liberty's growing pains
5. Police turning to 'Twitter'

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University of Iowa FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Final Notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) intent to provide funding to the University of Iowa to assist in repairs to the main college campus, which was damaged during FEMA Disaster DR-1763-IA. Funds will be provided in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 FEMA is required to provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. Federal actions must also be reviewed for opportunities to relocate facilities and evaluated for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations.

The Power Plant, utility distribution system, Main Library, Becker Communications Building, Adler Journalism Building, Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory, Theater Building, Voxman Music Building, Lagoon Shelter House, Museum of Art, Art Building West, Iowa Advanced Tech Labs, Iowa Memorial Union, Art Building, Butler Storage Building, Track Equipment Building, English Philosophy Building, Softball Equipment Building, Hydraulics Wind Tunnel Annex, Track Storage, Madison St. Service Building, Danforth Chapel Building, WSI Transmitter Building, UIHC Patient Transportation Building and possibly other buildings are located within the 100-year floodplain. Many of these buildings were substantially damaged during the event. Various components of the buildings as well as the contents were damaged.

Alternatives Considered: Alternatives being considered for the University of Iowa are to repair pre-disaster condition, repair with mitigation to minimize future loss, relocate outside of the floodplain, reorganize campus building contents and activities to locations less susceptible to flooding, and no action.

The University of Iowa is proposing to repair the damaged buildings and replace the contents. Practical alternatives including mitigation and relocation are being considered. Where practical, buildings that have experienced greater than 50% damage will be assessed for relocation.

Mitigation measures that will be examined include the application of proven "Dry-Floodproofing" techniques and could include the installation of temporary flood protection barriers that would be installed just prior to the flood stage arriving on campus, elevating ventilation ductwork intake locations to a height above the recorded flood height, or elevating electrical and mechanical utilities to a height above the recorded flood height when or wherever possible. In some cases, "Wet-Floodproofing" techniques will be incorporated into the options considered for mitigation efforts.

Applicability of State/Local Floodplain Standards: All work will be conducted in compliance with State Floodplain Ordinances. Any change in the original footprint or other modification to the site which may impact the floodplain must be coordinated with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Funding for the project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, state and local floodplain standards, permit requirements, building codes and project conditions.

Affects to the Floodplain and Mitigation: Hazard mitigation to reduce flood impacts will be incorporated wherever possible. The structures located in the floodplain will still be at risk for flooding. Damages, however, will be minimized through mitigation.

If any opportunities are identified to relocate structures outside of the floodplain, benefits to the floodplain will occur.

The public is invited to comment regarding these repairs. Comments or questions regarding these repairs should be directed to the responsible official.

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Further information can be obtained from the responsible official. All comments should be submitted to the responsible official within fifteen (15) days of this publication.

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Arts get trailers

ART SCHOOL
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Music students and staff will receive 12 of the units, while the theater department will use the other 10.

Officials said in a UI news release that the music school will use the space for teaching, practicing, and performing. Thelander said the units will also provide lockers for the students and avoid long, daily bus rides to West High School, where the band and orchestra students rehearse.

The theater department will use the units to house

faculty members and teaching assistants.

"We are trying to do everything we can to provide our faculty, students, and staff with additional temporary quarters that can better meet their needs," UI President Sally Mason said in a statement.

The units will provide roughly 7,000 square feet of space. In addition, the music school will soon use the recently renovated north section of the Museum of Art.

UI officials are doing their best to accommodate music, art, and theater, Parrott said. The amount of time the schools will

Temporary space

The UI purchased 22 mobile units for the UI School of Music and theater department, whose buildings were damaged during the summer flood.

- Number: 12 for the music department and 10 for theater department
- Cost: Roughly \$1.5 million
- Size: Most are 24-by-12 feet
- Space: Roughly 7,000 square feet

Source: UI News Service

use the mobile units depends on what the flood-mitigation task force finds for more permanent space, he said.

Pushing antiviolence

WHITE RIBBON
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out the week symbolize the pledge to end men's violence against women.

"We need to take the traditional codes of masculinity and turn them into a more positive way of living," keynote speaker and University of Northern Iowa Professor Harry Brod said on Tuesday. "All men can do something."

He noted the importance of deconstructing the way males are presented in society. Brod is part of the Campus Gender Violence Prevention, which includes UNI, Iowa State University, and the UI.

Brod's interest in men's antiviolence began as a graduate student at the University of California-San Diego in the early 1970s. He was disturbed by the prevalence of the "boys will be boys" mentality, which

Men's Antiviolence Council Raises Awareness

The White Ribbon Campaign aims to end men's violence against women.

- 82 percent of people arrested for violent crimes are men.
- 80-85 percent of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking are women.
- Men attempt or complete sexual assault against 25 percent of all college women.

Source: Men's Antiviolence Council

he said allowed young boys to be violent to one another.

"It is good to inform people and get them to talk about these issues," graduate student Derrais Carter said on Tuesday. "The movie screenings and discussions really help. The conversations and friendships

that come out of them are very important in letting people know it is OK to talk about these things."

Carter plans to go through the council's member training in February. The council has four trained members.

Other speakers at Tuesday's event included Waypoint Domestic Violence Shelter manager Michael Shaw and UI Associate Professor of journalism Gigi Durham.

The White Ribbon Campaign began in 1991, when a group of men gathered in response to a violent incident to speak out against violence against women. The goal of the campaign is to educate young people, especially men, about issues of violence and challenging them to speak out about their own beliefs.

The campaign has spread to more than 55 countries.

UIHC nurses get bonuses

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UIHC associate vice president for Nursing. The employees will get their bonuses in three installments on their December, April, and July paychecks.

At one point, however, UI nurses thought they wouldn't receive the extra money.

During a labor-management meeting in September, hospital administrators informed nurses and their representatives that the UIHC didn't qualify and wouldn't have to pay its nurses. It was not until a discussion with the Board of Regents in October that the matter was fixed, Gentil-Archer said.

The confusion stemmed from a pay increase nurses had received in July, Williamson said, and she didn't know whether the money had already been dispersed.

While Gentil-Archer said she is "thankful" for the money, nurses will have to continue to push to keep nurse salaries at the forefront of state priorities.

"I'm glad we could show it's a very important issue, and for not



REBECCA MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Hospitals and Clinics nurses react with smiles as they discuss the bonus on their paychecks at the nurses' station on Tuesday. Iowa nurses' salaries are among the lowest in the United States.

just employers but the state as a whole," she said.

UIHC nurses are fortunate to have a union through which they can bargain for benefits and higher wages, but fewer than 20 percent of nurses in Iowa are organized, Gentil-Archer said.

Hospital management will hold a bargaining meeting with the nurses today to discuss wages, insurance benefits, and

staffing issues that arise when nurses have too many patients.

This last instance emphasizes how important nurses are, Taylor said, and the Medicaid benefits don't adequately recognize their influence.

"It's nurses who are at the bedside 24/7, not doctors," Taylor said. "It's nurses looking out for patients and what they need."

Payday loans draw concern

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cash advances, according to the Iowa Division of Banking.

But credit unions and banks may be stepping up on their own, too, providing alternative short-term loan options to Iowans. The UI Community Credit Union offers specific payday-loan alternatives, with emphasis on education about savings accounts.

The Iowa Credit Union League will also work with

credit unions throughout the state in January to increase these alternatives, said Patrick Jury, vice president of government affairs for the group. Many locations have expressed interest in establishing alternative lending options to help consumers avoid the high-interest rate loans which often lead to debt, he said.

Although no data were available to show an increase in payday loans during the holidays, Bolkcom said, he anticipates more people would seek out the short-term loans

this time of year.

Fellow legislators also held press conferences in Des Moines, Ames, Waterloo, and Davenport on Tuesday stressing the importance of raising awareness of these interest rates.

While Jacoby said he hopes more banks and credit unions remedy this problem on their own, Bolkcom said he is positive that legislation is on its way.

"By and large, working poor people pay their bills," Bolkcom said. "They, too, deserve consumer protection."

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Sessions focus on suicide prevention

Crisis Center workshops will teach awareness and intervention, officials say.

By **MIKE MCDONALD**
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Crisis Center officials hope the training sessions they're starting will help those attending develop a basic understanding of suicide prevention.

Led by Sarah Witry, the center's principal representative, the sessions — on Thursday and another Dec. 9 — will teach basic principles in recognizing the warning signs of suicide and helping those contemplating suicide find clinical assistance.

The registration-required classes, to be held from 6-8 p.m. in the English-Philosophy Building, are the product of a university-issued safety and security grant for the 2008-09 school year and are the first of their kind for the Crisis Center.

Witry said she will host at least six more sessions in the spring semester.

More than 32,000 people commit suicide in the United States every year, and it is the third leading cause of death among those between 15-24 years old, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

And to help curb those numbers, the classes will be taught using a national suicide-prevention model called "question, persuade, and refer," said Keri Neblett, crisis-intervention program director for the Crisis Center. The technique is intended to provide a typical person with the ability to recognize signs of suicide and refer someone to seek medical attention.

"The goal is to keep people alive long enough to get them the help they need," Neblett said.

Lanny Berman, the executive director of the American Association of Suicidology, said the method creates a key link for someone who might be contemplating suicide.

"It's a good gatekeeper training program," he said. "Getting people contemplating suicide to communicate their thoughts

Suicide statistics

With suicide taking a large number of American lives each year, the Crisis Center will offer suicide-prevention training to interested students. Here are some statistics on suicide:

- More than 32,000 people commit suicide in the United States each year.
- Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the country.
- Suicide is the third leading cause of death among those 15-24 years old.
- Iowa reported 333 suicides in 2005.
- 90 percent of those who commit suicide had a diagnosable psychiatric disorder at the time of their deaths.

Source: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

makes them very observable. They can find help. A great number of those who get help don't act on suicidal thoughts."

Witry plans to address verbal and behavioral warning signs of suicide on Thursday, she said. Talking about death, extreme weight gain or loss, and changes to sleeping habits are among the signs, but she said these are not all-encompassing.

"There are a number of things that should always be taken seriously," she said.

Witry hopes the classes will raise awareness about the center's crisis line, she said, which is open 24 hours per day and serves as the late-night phone line for the University Counseling Service.

"It's a really good resource for anyone dealing with depression," she said, noting the center uses volunteers trained in crisis intervention.

Although the UI opted not to apply for a federal suicide prevention research grant earlier this semester, Neblett said she thinks local suicide prevention awareness is on the rise.

"I think that people are starting to realize that suicide is a big problem that can't be ignored," she said.

While Neblett doesn't expect the course will make experts out of its participants, she said it will "make them aware of the red flags and of the resources available."

Iowa, where disparity grows

Ethnic disparities are more pronounced in Iowa than in the rest of the nation, experts say.

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Though Iowa's minority population is well below the national average, the state has one of the highest rates of minority juvenile detention in the country.

This ethnic disparity is the focus of the Disproportionate Minority Contact Conference, beginning in Des Moines today. The conference, called "Fair and Equal Treatment Under the Law," is sponsored by the Disproportionate Minority Contact Resource Center; it seeks to educate juvenile court officials, social workers, health-care workers, and educators, among others.

"Iowa has the infamous reputation that African-Americans have a 14 times greater likelihood of being sent to prison than their white counterparts," said Brad Richardson, Disproportionate Minority Contact coordinator and a research scientist in the UI School of Social Work.

Even when concentrating

on the juvenile system, the numbers reveal problem areas in Iowa, he said.

The annual conference is the culminating event in dealing with these issues, Richardson said. But the organization works throughout the year with target cities in Iowa to reduce ethnic disparity.

It often responds to requests from communities and school districts, and its work varies depending on the community and the issues that arise throughout the year.

"We've done a pretty good job of bringing rates down, particularly in secure detention," Richardson said. "But unfortunately, arrest rates have gone up."

The number of young whites arrested in Iowa dropped in all categories of crime between 2003 and 2007. But the number of arrests for young minorities rose, according to Disproportionate Minority Contact reports.

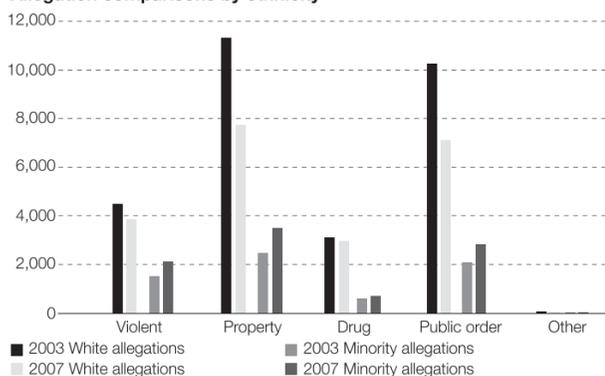
In 2002, whites accounted for 91 percent of Iowa's youth population and 71 percent of juvenile arrests. Minorities made up 9 percent of the demographic and 29 percent of youth arrests.

Despite blacks constituting only 2.5 percent of Iowa's population, five black youths in the state were arrested for every white child in 2005, according to the latest

Ethnic disparity in Iowa

Minority arrests have increased in Iowa, while arrests of white residents have decreased significantly.

Allegation comparisons by ethnicity



Source: Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

Jessica Baker/The Daily Iowan

numbers from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Those statistics show blacks make up 13 percent of the national population, and in 2005, two black children were arrested for every one white child.

In Johnson County, blacks make up not quite 4 percent of the population.

Minorities constitute half of the national juvenile-welfare system and make up a third of the state system. Once removed from their homes, these youths remain in foster care longer, move more frequently, and are less likely to return home or be adopted, Richardson said.

Nonwhites are also more likely to drop out of school, according to Disproportionate Minority Contact statistics. During the 2000-01 school year, minorities represented 8 percent of students but 20 percent of dropouts. Minorities also suspended and expelled more than white students, and the rate for Iowa schools is the highest in the country.

The Disproportionate Minority Contact has conducted cultural competence training for the Iowa City School District.

"We have some issues in Iowa in all systems," Richardson said.

STATE

Lawmakers likely to take 2nd look at smoking ban

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowa lawmakers say they will likely take a second look at the state's smoking ban when the Legislature convenes in January.

But they are unsure what, if any, changes might be made.

Expanding the law would likely mean removing the casino exemption, which allows smoking in gaming areas of casinos.

Opponents would like to see the ban revoked, or at the very least changed so business owners can decide for themselves whether to allow smoking inside.

"I think there's energy on both sides," said Senate Majority Leader

Michael Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs. "My guess is that individuals in the Legislature will explore these issues during the session and we'll see if a consensus will come out."

The ban, which took effect July 1, prohibits smoking in public buildings, including restaurants and bars.

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'It's developing this confidence in young girls. How can you be that changing face in the world?'

— Kendall Sater, Iowa City Girl Scouts outreach coordinator

Girl Scouts looks to change

There are roughly 1,000 Girl Scouts in the Iowa City area.

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The Girl Scouts organization is a fixture in many American lives — whether through membership or as a cookie buyer.

But despite the organization's position in U.S. culture, membership in Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. has declined by about 250,000 during the past five years, forcing officials to revamp the group.

Girl Scouts in Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois has seen a similar downturn. Last year, there were a little under 19,000 scouts, and this year, the number is lower.

More after-school options have contributed greatly to declining membership, said Michelle Tompkins, the external communication consultant for Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

To make Girl Scouts more appealing, the organization is in the midst of a "massive realignment," she said.

"We asked the girls what they want from the organization, and the girls said they wanted to change the world," Tompkins said. "All these changes are to help the girls."

The group's realignment includes merging numerous Girl Scouts councils nationwide to ensure each has equal resources as well as creating a new program called "journeys."

Journeys is a community serv-



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A group of Girl Scouts make Christmas trees at Wood Elementary on Tuesday. Though the number of scouts in Girl Scouts in Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois has declined overall, outreach leaders from Cedar Rapids and Iowa City said they've seen an increase in the number of participants.

ice based program, designed to help girls "connect to the world" through various tasks and outings. The program uses six age-appropriate guidebooks to improve female leadership and emphasizes the three keys of leadership — discovery, connection, and taking action.

The new initiative involves less adult-to-child oversight and allows scouts to work independently. It also circumvents the difficult task of finding adult volunteers.

"We have shifted the focus to a girl-lead model where the girls have more say," Tompkins said.

A lack of volunteers has hurt

the scouts in the past — there were not enough volunteers to accommodate a membership spike in 1999.

Individual troops decide whether to focus on journeys or stick with traditional lessons, but UI senior Kendall Sater, the Iowa City Girl Scouts outreach coordinator, said locally where there are 1,000 scouts there is more emphasis on raising the girls' self-esteem.

"It's developing this confidence in young girls," she said. "How can you be that changing face in the world?"

Chuck Gysi, the vice president for marketing and communica-

tions for Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, said the group has also been trying to increase its membership.

The rough economy and recent floods have posed challenges for many people, he said, and many scouts have been relocated.

But Gysi thinks the low membership fee — \$10 a year — and other outreach initiatives and events will draw other girls to the program.

"Where else do you get programs that provide the leadership experience Girl Scouts offer year in and year out," he said.

County officials share concerns

State and county officials talk about the upcoming legislative year.

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Local state legislators met with Johnson County elected officials and department heads Tuesday to hear county concerns and measures they would like discussed when the Iowa Legislature reconvenes in January.

Though the meeting was at times lighthearted — county officials joked about needing money and the legislators joked about having none — the officials stated some serious concerns, such as flood-recovery funding, increasing fuel taxes, the sex-offender registry law, and more efficient ways to vote.

'I think there will be a serious debate about increasing the gas tax. I do think with gas prices down, the debate will be back on, and I think we should do it.'

— Joe Bolkcom, Iowa City democrat

"I think there will be a serious debate about increasing the gas tax," said Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City. "I do think with gas prices down, the debate will be back on, and I think we should do it."

Though there seemed to be support Tuesday, Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, emphasized that not only do officials need to support the measure, but so do their fellow legislators.

"Support needs to be in both chambers," she said. "It has to be the right time."

One of the major county concerns pertained to mental health. Kris Artley, the county director of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, said she is worried because the

county is seeing a large increase in residents requesting mental-health services. However, the department is having a hard time keeping up, she said, noting that growth in Johnson County has far exceeded what officials had expected.

Though the officials couldn't come up with any answers to explain the growth, they emphasized its urgency.

There was just over a 10 percent growth in people seeking mental-health services over the past year, Artley said.

"If it continues to rise, we'll be out of money very soon," she said.

The discussion wasn't all bad news, though. County Auditor Tom Slockett noted some of the accomplishments

the Legislature made concerning voting: on-day registration allowed almost 3,000 people to register and vote on election day in the county.

"It was very successful and helped a lot of people," he said.

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Editorial

FDA doesn't mind superfluous toxins

The Food and Drug Administration issued a conclusion on Nov. 28 concerning the safety and relative toxicity of melamine in baby formula, claiming that 1 part per million can cause no real harm. This study is a response to the September outcry over China's use of the substance in dairy products, which caused thousands of infants to fall sick and at least four to die, in addition to the cats and dogs poisoned in the United States in 2007 by imported food. On Oct. 3, the FDA's risk assessment of melamine and its related compounds concluded that "levels of melamine and its analogues below 2.5 parts per million in foods other than infant formula do not raise public-health concerns." Now, we have a 1 part per million safety cushion for formula, which really isn't a comfort considering that, at any level, melamine still is not food. At all.

Melamine is an organic base that can bond quite easily with similar substances, and it is used in a range of such useful items as concrete, Formica, and flame retardant. When combined with formaldehyde, it produces a strong resin used to make flatware and kitchen utensils. When combined with cyanuric acid, an element in bleaches and herbicides, it becomes melamine cyanurate, and in the athanor of the digestive tract, this substance crystallizes into a particularly nettlesome kind of kidney stone, hard to dissolve, and occasionally toxic and/or fatal. Why does this substance exist at all in some foods? Because it raises the apparent protein content so dairy plants will accept subpar milk.

"Farmers have no idea what melamine is. They only know if they add it, their milk will not be refused," said a Hebei Province feedmill owner. Other than that, it does nothing, except kill people in certain quantities.

What is the FDA doing? Pronouncing something that's harmful in certain amounts safe, when it has no business in anything ingestible in the first place, is just irresponsible. The FDA has been taking a lot of these arbitrarily permissive stances lately. Recall the problems a few months ago

with bisphenol A (a building-block for several kinds of polymers and known for its effect on human hormones and body development) and its use in such things as Nalgene bottles. Nalgene, in reaction to study findings, immediately began a campaign of phasing out the products that use bisphenol A, but strangely, the FDA used only two industry-funded studies to support its claim that bisphenol A is harmless. It's fair enough to say that a small enough amount of a chemical won't hurt anyone, but why ever use such a chemical when it isn't beneficial or needed? We naturally inhale cyanide in doses of about .16 parts per million in unpolluted air, and at those levels, it's rather harmless, so let's start injecting that stuff into random foods, right?

Elsewhere, the FDA has taken a more sub-radar approach to its regulatory obligations: genetically altered or enhanced foods may soon come under harsher scrutiny, but the final products won't have to be labeled that they have been altered; ditto for cigarettes, leaving the tobacco megaliths free rein to continue using such misleading and meaningless terms as "light" instead of actual percentages of ingredients; alternative medication is couched under separate terms from industry pharmaceuticals and is therefore subject to leaner attentions. (And what business does the FDA have in approving substances that are neither foods nor drugs, simply superfluous, sometimes dangerous compounds found in foods and drugs?).

The angle seems to be fear of information. Perhaps the FDA is spooked that a sirloin marked "Genetically Enhanced with Bovine Growth Hormone" will send people into a panic, and yes, there is the possibility that customers will veer away from that, but it is their right to know as much as possible about the things they choose to put in their bodies and the bodies of their families. And the FDA should be held responsible for upholding that right. Melamine in low quantities is OK? Well, fine, that's great for Formica, but what the hell is it doing in baby formula?

24-hour nonsense



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I am in no way ashamed to admit that I hate the 24-hour news cycle. I haven't had cable or even rabbit ears for nearly five years.

Sure, I miss some shows (namely "30 Rock"), but most can be found on the web or rented from Blockbuster (rumor has it Netflix is better, but mail has a strange way of disappearing in my kitchen). I get the majority of my news from online news sources. Occasionally, I pick up a *New York Times* or *Chicago Sun-Times*, just for the sake of nostalgia. I have to say, there is something wonderful about having a tangible, finger-staining newspaper in my hands, but most days, I settle for the web variety. I supplement this with NPR, which plays pretty much uninterrupted in my bedroom all day long. Why, have I abandoned television?

I was one of those starry-eyed hippie kids against the war in Iraq before we went in. Much to my roommate's chagrin, I found myself chucking the nearest object at the television whenever it was on. (It was her television, and she was generally unimpressed with politics.) The day Colin Powell addressed the UN I was sitting in the diner at my old school. I had just gotten off work and was attentively watching him attempt to sell Operation Iraqi Freedom on the world stage. These two girls came up and politely interrupted, "Are you actually watching this?" I stared blankly for a moment, thinking I had possibly heard them wrong. I finally responded, "What would you prefer to watch?" "Well, 'Passions' is on ..." the other girl replied. "Passions," the daytime soap opera featuring a witch and a talking doll? Really!? I'm not even sure that I said anything. I'm pretty confident I continued to look at them like they were aliens until they walked away.

The reason I recount those stories is not to illustrate the apathy of our generation (I actually believe we have quite a bit of potential). The thing is, the news is trite. All day long, the same 14 stories repeat every hour on the hour. Even CNN, the once

pre-eminent news source, is increasingly sensational and lacking any real substance. With 24 hours to report the news, one would think these serious journalists could do some heavy-hitting investigative reporting. Just a thought. Instead, we get to see footage of President Bush's dog biting some journalist over and over again. With the economy in shambles, the health-care system crumbling, the country engaged in two foreign wars, the auto industry refusing to evolve, and a plethora of other legitimate and very real concerns, we have to watch that? How does that even remotely qualify as newsworthy?

The other weekend, President-elect Obama was on "60 Minutes." It was generally an entertaining interview. The interaction between Michelle and Barack was more telling than most of the actual questions. What did the 24-hour news cycle do with it? They went and found the car Obama used to own. Apparently some woman in Chicago now owns it, and you know, I couldn't even tell you whether she had fixed the hole in the floor. I was too disgusted to focus on the details. Why does it matter who now owns Obama's old car? It doesn't. It doesn't matter that some kid found a two-headed garter snake, that Barney bit Reuters reporter Jon Decker, that Obama's old car is still running, or that a toolbox is now orbiting the Earth. (OK, the last one is kind of funny, but only because my brother re-enacted the loss of the toolbox in slow motion.)

It could be that these stories are intended to lighten the mood, because let's face it: The future is a little scary right now. Perhaps these random tidbits are included so we don't take all our money out of the banks and bury it in the backyard. Maybe they have been shared as a form of entertainment, but I hope the latter is not the case. There are enough reality TV shows, terrible sitcoms, and forensics dramas to distract us from our troubles for quite some time. And of course, if distraction is the aim, there are always such traditional vices as gambling, sex, drugs, and alcohol. I don't need the news to be entertaining; I need it to be accurate and insightful. If no one objects, I'd prefer my news the way I like my whiskey. Straight up. No frills. ■

Letter

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Hawkeye pride

Let me propose an alternate UI experience to the one Emileigh Barnes wrote about in the Dec. 1 Opinions section.

This Iowa experience includes being one of the Top 10 Friendliest Campuses in the country, one of three cities in the world designated by the United Nations as a literary center, and the home of one of the premier campus newspapers. Ours is a university dedicated to providing a world-class education to students from across the country.

I'm not arguing that the UI is perfect, but for every insult hurled at it, I can reply with three commendations. Sure, Barnes is quick to point out that art classes are being held in a Menards, but neglects to point out that the college didn't cancel a single class because of the flood, even after losing several buildings. We could have paid for almost all of the damage to our campus by selling a single painting in our art museum, but the UI refused to sacrifice part of what makes our school special just to make a few bucks.

Maybe someday, Barnes will find a perfect college town, some place where she can bathe in the river and heat her entire house with her own sense of smug satisfaction. Until that day, Emileigh, feel free to leave this university that you seem to despise so strongly.

Where you saw disappointment from the summer floods, I saw hundreds of people who love this school



relentlessly filling and piling sandbags in what almost all knew would be a futile attempt to save it. The issues that you raise are valid, but your methods are questionable. Maybe you should use some of that journalistic talent to write real articles investigating

these issues, instead of using the Opinions page as your personal rant sheet. As both an employee and an alumni, I'm proud to be a Hawkeye.

Tom Gioielli
Iowa City

DI Blog

Pain in January, savior in July



KATIE GADIANT
From the *DI* blog, The Podium,
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Is Iowa City a little gun shy since the April 2006 tornado or is there an actual reason to test tornado sirens in December? Isn't there a rule written down somewhere that tornado sirens don't need to be tested once there is snow on the

ground? Welcome back from break; we're testing the tornado sirens, and the severe thunderstorm sirens, and the woozy, drunken-sounding sirens that have never been explained, but seem strangely appropriate for Iowa City.

And then my cell phone explodes, and for a moment, I think I may have to eat my words. The UI might be texting me to explain what terrible event triggers the woozy siren: chemical spill, biological attack, zombie apocalypse? Alas, it is just my roommate asking what's up with the

sirens and whether we need to worry. I reassure her that it is simply the first Monday of the month and the sirens are just being tested. "Good," she replies, "I really didn't want to get out of my bed." I look outside my slightly frosted window at the dusting of snow on the ground. Tornado siren testing in December — arg!

This is where the coffee gets to work. I'm less cranky and more objective. My knee-jerk Monday morning response to tornado sirens crumbles under the weight of reasoning, a little research, and a caffeine buzz.

You should know I have this thing about tornadoes. As a kid, I wanted to be a tornado chaser (I can assure you this had nothing to do with *Twister*, the wonderful movie it is). I job shadowed a local meteorologist and piled into my station wagon at the first sign of inclement weather to, I don't know, see a tornado up close. I gave up my dream of tornado chasing long ago, but I still find myself fascinated by tornadoes.

That being said, 2008 may end up being one of the deadliest tornado seasons on

record. It is difficult to look back at the beginning of this year and see it as anything recognizable. Iowa had just carried out its caucuses. Less than a week later on Jan. 7, 70 tornadoes were reported throughout the Midwest. Around a month later, on Super Tuesday (Feb. 5) there was another outbreak of severe weather: Eighty-seven tornadoes were reported over a two-day period. Of course, there was a terrible tornado in Parkersburg, Iowa, on May 24, and a June 11 tornado hit a Scout camp in Little Sioux, Iowa, near Omaha.

The point is, this very year there were tornadoes in January and February. During the winter. As much as I love sleeping in, especially on cloudy, snowy Mondays, I also believe in preparing for the worst. If this year's tornado season is the beginning of a trend, those of us living in tornado alley may need to be prepared for a longer, more severe season. If that means dealing with the woozy, zombie apocalypse siren on the first Monday of every month, I think I can grit my teeth and get over it.

Creating a 'menagerie of sound'

Timothy Stalter and the UI Symphony Orchestra and Choruses will combine today to present a European choral classic.

ON THE WEB

To watch a sneak preview of the UI School of Music's *The Creation*, check out a video feature of the groups rehearsing at dailyiowan.com.

By REBECCA KOONS
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It took God seven days to create the Earth, according to the Bible, and the UI Symphony Orchestra and Choruses a month to prepare an interpretation of it.

The UI School of Music, in a collaborative effort of orchestras and choruses, will perform Joseph Haydn's masterpiece *The Creation* today at 8 p.m. in the IMU Main Lounge. Associate Professor Timothy Stalter will conduct four choruses, along with the UI Symphony Orchestra, through what William LaRue Jones, the UI orchestral director, considers "one of the most historically significant, musically important oratorios ever written."

The decision to perform *The Creation*, a musical interpretation of the creation of Earth and its creatures as described in the book of Genesis, appeared relatively easy for Stalter, who said it is "one of the great masterpieces for chorus and orchestra."

"It is a lively, exciting work to sing with vivid imagery," he said. The piece was the last

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Joseph Haydn's *The Creation*

When: 8 p.m. today
Where: IMU Main Lounge
Admission: Free

'It is a lively, exciting work to sing with vivid imagery.'

—Timothy Stalter,
director

written by Haydn in 1798, and it became an instant success and an enduring work of art.

The Creation will be the only piece performed at today's concert, because it is more than an hour in length. Jones said the piece is "one of the major choral works in the vocal repertoire and is a significant challenge for students and professionals."

The choral piece is quite complex in nature, and as a result, it required every performer's utmost dedication. The choruses and orchestras rehearsed separately for a month, all putting in hundreds of hours of preparation, Stalter said. The four choruses and Symphony Orchestra



Director of Choral Activities Timothy Stalter conducts the UI Symphony Orchestra and Choruses during rehearsal in the IMU on Monday. The orchestra and choruses will perform Joseph Haydn's *The Creation*, which was first performed in 1798 and is considered to be Haydn's masterpiece.

only started rehearsing together Monday.

The concert will also feature four talented student soloists — Christine Robertson, soprano, Vivien Shotwell, mezzo-soprano, Juan Mendoza, tenor, and Ivo Suarez, bass. The

music school held solo auditions for interested vocalists.

While *The Creation* has proved quite the challenge for the student performers, it has also been the same for Stalter, who, as a conductor, is the ring-leader for this mentally and

physically involved concert.

"There are challenges in everything you conduct," he said. *The Creation* involves illustrating a lot of aspects. With plenty of flourishes and interjections, you really have to be on the ball.

The Creation is tremendously exciting to execute and perform. I think it's all good. The sections are incredibly descriptive and dramatic, which the audience loves. It really is a menagerie of sound."

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Call it nap rock. The name may be new, but the music it designates is old and stale, and quite frankly, needs to be stopped in order to save rock 'n' roll from oblivion.

In the beginning, God made grunge, and it was good. And other bands influenced by the grunge scene looked upon it and also saw that it was good. So those bands took the basic elements of grunge — distorted guitars, heavy dynamic contrasts, and angst-ridden attitudes — and combined them with sing-along choruses of the hair band and the catchy melodies of the pop realm to craft a genre all their own. Post-grunge, as it was creatively titled by rock critics, carried alternative

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rock throughout the 1990s with such bands as the Foo Fighters, Silverchair, Bush, and Collective Soul leading the way.

Things were moving along swimmingly until a little band from Tallahassee, Fla., decided to play Typhoid Mary to the nap-rock epidemic. When Creed burst onto the charts in 1997 with its first album, *My Own Prison*, Scott Stapp and company perverted the alternative-rock scene. What was once a solid way of encouraging a mainstream audience to sing along and join in the proverbial fight against "the man," Creed's version of post-grunge was sappy and derivative, trading in dirty flannel for waxed bare chests and long, unkempt hair for a well-conditioned coif of luxurious locks. Essentially, Creed played Delilah to the rock of

Samson, cutting off its raw power and robbing it of its manhood.

Since Creed first raped rock for profit-making purposes, other bands have followed suit. Nickelback, Theory of a Deadman, Hinder, and Seether are some of the most notorious players in the commercially palatable rock arena, each producing predictable songs of excess that get tired around 30 seconds into the standard three-minute radio-friendly edit. It is this motley crew that is responsible for the emergence of the nap-rock genre.

We can label the musical output of these groups nap-rock for several reasons.

First and foremost, the majority of the songs that fall into the category are straight-up boring — they're individually uninteresting and recycled between bands, so we might as well take a nap. Songs such as Nickelback's "Rockstar" or Hinder's "Get Stoned" feature less-than-aggressive guitar licks and

pre-packaged choruses that never really succeed in stirring up a testosterone rush inside the listener. The verse-chorus-verse song structure, though tried and true, doesn't work if both parts are poorly written and almost indistinguishable from one another. Even the fundamental sound of each band is the same, particularly noticeable when comparing the gravely throat emissions of lead singers such as Nickelback's Chad Kroeger or Seether's Shaun Morgan.

But the second function of the nap designation references that the bands of the nap-rock genre suffer from Napoleon Complexes in the worst way. It's ironic that the bands responsible for some of the most overly emotional, touchy-feely songs in rock history (think

Nickelback's "Photograph" or Hinder's "Lips of an Angel") also exude a disgusting, nearly toxic version of pseudo-masculinity to overcompensate for their passive tendencies. When Theory of a Deadman lead singer Tyler Connolly sings such misogynist lyrics as "Grab her ass, actin' tough / mess with her, she'll fuck you up / no one really knows if she's drunk or if she's stoned, but she's comin' back to my place tonight" in "Bad Girlfriend," he wants to prove that he's a man's man, dammit. Unfortunately, just like the "bro" who brags about the 20 chicks he banged the night before, we just can't believe him: Real men don't talk — they do.

But then again, the masculine routine of nap-rock really isn't surprising. Nap-rock is an imitation of real rock 'n' roll. Nap rockers are rocker-wannabes who play to sex stereotypes and

mainstream ideas of edginess instead of actually flirting with rebellion themselves. They're the kid in class who wants to be a badass but doesn't want to risk being caught and have to stay after school to clean erasers.

And that's why nap rock needs to be stopped. We listeners deserve the kind of body-thumping, guitar-shredding, face-melting rock 'n' roll that makes us want to break the rules and sneak out of our window on a school night. These second-rate stereotypes are detrimental to the very fundamentals of what it means to be a rocker, and we need to collectively stand up and stick our proverbial middle fingers in the air.

Rock 'n' roll ain't noise pollution — but if we let nap rockers continue to dominate the air waves, what it means to really rock out might actually die.

Haydn's CREATION

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Timothy Stalter, conductor

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Apartment limit nears

City Council moves forward with rezoning project and drops college students from the Youth Advisory Commission.

By RACHEL GOODELL
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The Iowa City City Council passed the second consideration of an ordinance that could slash the number of non-related people allowed to live together in an apartment by 40 percent, despite complaints from some.



O'Donnell
councilor

If approved a third time at the council's Dec. 16 meeting, new apartment buildings in and around downtown could only host three unrelated tenants per unit, compared with the current five. Existing complexes with four or more bedrooms, however, would

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- Matt Hayek, city councilor

be exempt.

City officials said they wanted to implement the change to encourage more diversity downtown.

But UI junior Tyler Running, 20, said the ordinance would be harmful to the community.

"I think if you want to build a five-bedroom apartment, you should be able to do it," the business major said.

Running, who lived with five roommates last year, said more people living downtown would be better for the economy, whether they are students, senior citizens, or families.

"When you live with five people, it's a lot more fun," he said. "There's always something going on."

The measure passed 6-1 at the council's meeting Tuesday night. Councilor Mike O'Donnell dissented.



Champion
councilor

He said he disagreed with the ordinance because it did not grandfather in projects slated to be built in the near future.

"When rules are in place, they shouldn't be changed in the middle of the game," he said.

Area developers attended the council's Nov. 18 meeting to protest the ordinance because the high-density projects they're working on would not conform with the proposed change.

Councilor Connie Champion voted in favor of the ordinance, despite voting against it at the Nov. 18 meeting. She said she flipped her vote because she thinks the measure is, overall, a good change.

"I agree with the ordinance, but I think it might hurt a few people," she said.

Champion suggested the council grandfather in current projects at Monday's work ses-



Hayek
councilor

sion, but to no avail.

Councilor Matt Hayek said he did some research after area developers complained that they were not involved in the process that directly affected their interests.

"I was mindful of the comment made that the process wasn't what it should have been," he said. "I concluded that the process was a fair one."

The council also approved changes to the Youth Advisory Commission bylaws to make the group more high-school oriented.

The group currently consists of three high-school students and two UI students. The change requires all commission members to be in high school or its equivalent upon applying, essentially cutting out college students from the group. City clerk Marian Karr said if a commission member graduates during their term, they would still be able to complete the remainder of their term.

The new commission setup would also reserve four seats, one for a representative from each of the area's high schools, and the other three seats would be at-large. Current commission membership will be grandfathered in.

Chambliss wins runoff

By SHANNON MCCAFFREY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia Republican Sen. Saxby Chambliss handed the GOP a firewall against Democrats eager to flex their newfound political muscle in Washington, winning a bruising runoff battle Tuesday night that had captured the national limelight.

Chambliss' victory thwarted Democrats' hopes of winning a 60-seat filibuster-proof majority in the Senate. It came after a bitter monthlong runoff against Democrat Jim Martin that drew political luminaries from both parties to the state and flooded the airwaves with fresh attack ads weeks after campaigns elsewhere had ended.

Minnesota — where a recount is under way — now remains the only unresolved Senate contest in the country. But the stakes there are significantly lower now that Georgia has put a 60-seat Democratic supermajority out of reach.

With 92 percent of the precincts reporting, Chambliss captured 58 percent to Martin's 42 percent. Chambliss' win is a rare bright spot for Republicans in a year

where they lost the White House as well as seats in the House and the Senate.

Chambliss portrayed his win as an encouraging sign for Republicans looking to regroup as they head into the next election cycle.

"I'm excited to be the first race that leads us into the 2010 campaign, because it'll be a tough fight," Chambliss said at a victory party in Cobb County.

Martin called Chambliss to concede before 10 p.m., then emerged to tell supporters as his voice cracked: "For me, and my family, and campaign team, and all of you, this is a sad moment."

Chambliss' mantra on the runoff campaign trail was simple: His re-election was critical to prevent Democrats in Washington from having a blank check. Chambliss, 65, had angered some conservatives with his vote for the \$700 billion bailout of the financial services industry and his early support in 2007 for the guest worker provision in President Bush's immigration bill. But fearful of unchecked Democratic dominance, some came back into the GOP fold Tuesday.

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VOLLEYBALL

Catherine Smale and three other seniors' last hurrah put Iowa volleyball back on the floor. **2B**



SCOREBOARD

NBA
 Indiana 118, LA Lakers 117
 Washington 108, New Jersey 88
 Portland 104, New York 97
 Detroit 89, San Antonio 77
 Philadelphia 103, Chicago 95
 LA Clippers 98, Dallas 100
 Toronto 93, Denver 132
 Utah 99, Sacramento 94

NHL
 Florida 5, Washington 3
 Philadelphia 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT
 Montreal 5, Atlanta 4
 Dallas 3, Calgary 1
 Phoenix 4, Los Angeles 2
 San Jose 5, Toronto 2

Wrestling eyes attendance mark



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa assistant wrestling coach Mike Zadick, 149-pound wrestler Brent Metcalf, and head coach Tom Brands watch as 197-pound Chad Beatty takes on Arizona State's Thor Moen in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 21. Beatty won with a major decision, 16-6, and Iowa shut out Arizona State, 41-0.

By RYAN YOUNG
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Ticket sales are booming as UI marketing officials strive to break the national wrestling attendance record come Saturday against Iowa State.

Iowa students looking for free admission to Saturday's intrastate wrestling skirmish between No. 1 Iowa and No. 2 Iowa State will likely be turned away at the door.

With the UI sports marketing department aiming to fill Carver-Hawkeye Arena to maximum capacity with 16,000 fans and break the NCAA dual-meet attendance record, the 1,000 designated

student-sections seats have already been claimed.

"We sold out of those earlier this week," assistant ticket manager Mike Osmundson said.

Now, students must purchase reserved youth tickets either online or at the ticket office for \$7. Tickets sold at

the door on Saturday will cost \$8.

But Osmundson said he doesn't expect there to be much controversy over the next few days leading up to the rivalry meet with students needing to buy their way in.

"I would relate it to foot-

ball, or men's basketball when we sold out our student section," he said. "I mean, you reserve only so many tickets for them, and once they're gone, I mean, they're gone."

Even students hoping to purchase a last-minute ticket at the door may also find

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themselves out of luck. By 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Osumundson said the number of tickets sold had exceeded 12,000. An hour and a half before then, the official number was 11,832.

SEE BRANDS, 3B

FOOTBALL

Vols' coach Kiffin takes first jab from Spurrier

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Lane Kiffin has already discovered one thing that comes with the job of being Tennessee's coach: needing from Steve Spurrier.

The South Carolina coach, who had a history of taking verbal jabs at Kiffin's predecessor, Phillip Fulmer, questioned whether Kiffin broke NCAA recruiting rules by contacting Tennessee recruits before he was cleared to do so.

The NCAA requires coaches to take a recruiting certification test before they're allowed to contact recruits.

Jarvis Giles, a running back recruit from Gaither High School in Tampa, Fla., told several media outlets that Kiffin contacted him early Sunday morning — a day before he was scheduled to be introduced as the Vols' new coach.

Spurrier noted that he didn't retake the recruiting test until after he was introduced as the Gamecocks' new coach and joked that Kiffin might have called Giles as "an interested observer."

Kiffin, who announced Monday he had hired South Carolina's former quarterbacks' coach and recruiting coordinator David Reaves, his brother-in-law, to help with recruiting, must have heard what Spurrier had to say.

"As far as recruiting, we've hit the ground running. I took the test a few days before I got hired here so that we could do that," he said Monday at his introductory news conference.

TV TODAY

NCAA BASKETBALL
 • Indiana at No. 15 Wake Forest, 6 p.m., ESPN
 • Penn State at Georgia Tech, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
 • No. 1 North Carolina vs. No. 13 Michigan State, 8 p.m., ESPN
 • Florida State at Northwestern, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2
NHL
 • Anaheim at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., CSN

COMMENTARY

Iowa the best in Big Ten

Forget four losses, forget losing seven (maybe eight) starters: Iowa in 2009 should have high expectations.



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It may be early, but I'll say it now: Iowa will be the best football team in the Big Ten in 2009.

Forget that Mitch King, Matt Kroul and Bradley Fletcher leave the defense with three gaping holes on the depth chart — Shaun Prater, Jordan Bernstine, Broderick Binns, Chad Geary, and Karl Klug are all good enough to start on a top-level defense right now.

Andy Brodell, Brandon

Myers, Seth Olsen, and Rob Bruggeman will leave the offense. But Allen Reisner and Tony Moeaki will be back at tight end. An eight-deep rotation on the O-line — one including backup junior Rafael Eubanks, starting center in 2007 — will go down to a six-lineman cycle before the up-and-coming younger blockers join in. And Keenan Davis is coming in as a big-time true freshman receiver — think a remake of Michigan's Adrian Arrington plus 25 pounds.

The offense will be even better than it has been this year, even though the Hawkeyes were the second-highest scoring team in Big Ten play at 29.8 points per game.

SEE COMMENTARY, 3B

BC barely edges Iowa

By JIMMY GOLEN
 Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston College was 0.4 seconds away from escaping with another victory in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge when the Eagles made another mistake that put the game in jeopardy.

After the BC defense kept Iowa from getting a good look at a game-tying or -winning shot, Corey Raji grabbed Andrew Brommer as he tried to turn and put up a desperation 3-pointer to beat the buzzer. The freshman backup forward clanged the first shot off the front of the rim as time expired, and BC could finally exhale with a 57-55 win.

"I told Corey he's got to be a little bit smarter than that," BC coach Al Skinner said. "With the clock running down, what are the chances the guy's going to be able to put the ball down, shoot it over you, and score?"

"It's a discipline thing, we can learn from it."

BC (5-2) improved to 3-0 in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge — the only team other than Duke with a perfect record — but the Eagles almost gave it away by scoring just one point after taking a 56-45 lead with 4:45 left.



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Iowa's Andrew Brommer (right) is fouled by Boston College's Corey Raji (11) in the final seconds in Boston on Tuesday. BC won, 57-55, when Brommer missed his first free throw.

SEE BASKETBALL, 3B

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L	Pct	Pct
Minnesota	0	0	.000	7
Ohio State	0	0	.000	4
Illinois	0	0	.000	6
Penn State	0	0	.000	6
Wisconsin	0	0	.000	6
Michigan	0	0	.000	5
Michigan State	0	0	.000	4
Northwestern	0	0	.000	4
Iowa	0	0	.000	4
Purdue	0	0	.000	5
Indiana	0	0	.000	4

Tuesday's Games
 Boston College 57, Iowa 55
 Ohio State 73, Miami (Fl) 68
 Clemson 76, Illinois 74
 Duke 76, Purdue 60
 Minnesota 66, Virginia 56

Today's Games
 Indiana at Wake Forest, 6:15 p.m. ESPN
 Michigan at Maryland, 6:30 p.m. ESPN
 Penn State at Georgia Tech, 6:30 p.m. ESPN
 Michigan State at North Carolina, 8:15 p.m. ESPN
 Florida State at Northwestern, 8:30 p.m. ESPN

WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L	Pct	Pct
Minnesota	0	0	.000	7
Michigan State	0	0	.000	6
Ohio State	0	0	.000	6
Wisconsin	0	0	.000	5
Purdue	0	0	.000	5
Penn State	0	0	.000	4
Indiana	0	0	.000	4
Iowa	0	0	.000	4
Michigan	0	0	.000	3
Illinois	0	0	.000	3
Northwestern	0	0	.000	2

Tuesday's Games
 Wisconsin 71, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 69, 20T
 Marquette 55, Northwestern 54
 USC 81, Michigan 53

Today's Games
 Michigan State at Georgia Tech
 Penn State at Florida State
 North Carolina at Ohio State

Thursday's Games
 Iowa at Duke, 6:05 p.m.
 Maryland at Purdue
 Northwestern at Minnesota
 Boston College at Clemson
 Virginia at Illinois
 Virginia Tech at Wisconsin

Friday's Games
 Indiana at Miami (Fl)
 North Carolina State at Michigan

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- #4 Duke 76, #9 Purdue 60
 - #7 Notre Dame 102, South Dakota 76
 - #17 Villanova 69, Penn 47
 - #18 Memphis 100, Marist 61
 - Ohio State 73, #21 Miami (Fl) 68
 - #23 Florida 73, Florida A&M 58
 - #25 Marquette 81, Central Michigan 37
- WOMEN'S SCORES**
 #5 Texas A&M 77, Stephen F. Austin 36
 #7 Tennessee 71, George Washington 59
 #11 Notre Dame 83, Eastern Michigan 63
 #16 Vanderbilt 78, Radford 41
 #23 Xavier 67, Kentuck 44
- Others**
 Drake 64, Coppin State 47

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Atlanta	17	8	2	36	72	63				
N.Y. Rangers	14	6	3	31	75	65				
Pittsburgh	12	7	5	29	80	74				
Philadelphia	12	8	2	26	85	60				
New Jersey	10	12	2	22	65	80				
N.Y. Islanders	10	12	2	22	65	80				
Northwest										
Boston	16	4	4	36	82	55				
Montreal	14	6	4	32	72	65				
Buffalo	11	10	3	25	65	71				
Toronto	9	10	6	24	76	88				
Ottawa	8	10	4	20	52	56				
Southeast										
Washington	13	9	3	29	80	90				
Carolina	12	11	2	26	65	75				
Florida	10	11	3	23	61	68				
Tampa Bay	6	10	8	20	56	76				
Atlanta	8	13	3	19	71	87				

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Central	16	4	4	36	84	71				
Nashville	12	10	2	26	70	77				
Chicago	10	6	6	26	75	65				
Columbus	11	10	3	25	71	75				
St. Louis	10	10	2	22	63	67				
Northwest										
Vancouver	14	9	2	30	75	62				
Minnesota	14	8	1	29	67	53				
Calgary	14	10	1	29	73	77				
Colorado	12	12	0	24	64	71				
Edmonton	10	11	2	22	61	70				
Pacific										
San Jose	21	3	1	43	97	59				
Anaheim	14	9	3	31	75	72				
Phoenix	11	11	2	24	59	65				
Los Angeles	10	11	3	23	62	67				
Dallas	9	11	4	22	68	87				

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Tuesday's Games
 Florida 5, Washington 3
 Philadelphia 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT
 Montreal 5, Atlanta 4
 Dallas 3, Calgary 1
 Phoenix 4, Los Angeles 2
 San Jose 5, Toronto 2

Today's Games

Atlanta at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
 St. Louis at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Anaheim at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Team	W	L	Pct	GB						
Atlantic	17	2	.895	—						
Boston	9	8	.529	7						
New Jersey	8	9	.471	8						
Toronto	8	9	.471	8						
Philadelphia	8	10	.444	8½						
Southeast										
Orlando	13	5	.722	—						
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2						
Miami	9	9	.500	4						
Charlotte	6	11	.353	6½						
Washington	3	12	.200	8½						
Central										
Cleveland	14	3	.824	—						
Detroit	11	6	.647	3						
Chicago	8	10	.444	6½						
Indiana	7	10	.412	7						
Milwaukee	—	—	.368	8						
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Team	W	L	Pct	GB						
Southwest	11	7	.611	—						
Houston	11	7	.611	—						
New Orleans	9	6	.600	½						
Dallas	9	8	.529	1½						
San Antonio	9	8	.529	1½						
Northwest	4	13	.235	6½						
Pacific										
Denver	13	6	.684	—						
Portland	13	6	.684	—						
Utah	12	7	.632	1						
Minnesota	4	12	.250	7½						
Oklahoma City	2	16	.111	10½						
Pacific										
L.A. Lakers	14	2	.875	—						
Phoenix	11	7	.611	4						
Golden State	5	13	.278	10						
Sacramento	5	15	.250	11						
L.A. Clippers	3	14	.176	11½						

Tuesday's Games
 Indiana 118, L.A. Lakers 117
 Washington 108, New Jersey 88
 Portland 104, New York 97
 Detroit 89, San Antonio 77
 Dallas 100, L.A. Clippers 98
 Philadelphia 103, Chicago 95, OT
 Denver 132, Toronto 93
 Utah 99, Sacramento 94

Today's Games
 Memphis at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
 Minnesota at Orlando, 6 p.m.
 New York at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 Portland at Washington, 6 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
 Indiana at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
 Phoenix at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
 Miami at Utah, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
 BOSTON RED SOX—Promoted manager of media relations Pam Ganley to director of media relations.
 TAMPA BAY RAYS—Promoted Melanie Lenz to vice president of development.

National League
 HOUSTON ASTROS—Signed RHP Doug Brocail to a one-year contract.
 MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Placed RHP Salomon Torres on the voluntarily retired list. Named Jim Rooney roving crosschecker.
 SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Named John Castleberry, Joe Salermo, Ron Merrill and Mike Metcalf to their scouting staff.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
 SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Recalled F-C Ian Mahinmi from Austin (NBADL). Sent F Anthony Tolliver to Austin.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
 NFL—Suspended New Orleans DE Charles Grant, New Orleans RB Deuce McAllister, New Orleans DE Will Smith, Houston C Bryan Pittman, Minnesota DT Kevin Williams and Minnesota DT Pat Williams four games apiece for violating the NFL policy on anabolic steroids and related substances.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed S Marvin White on injured reserve. Signed DE Ben Ishola to the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Placed QB Derek Anderson on the reserve-injured list. Signed QB Brad Gradkowski. Released OL Travis Leflew from the practice squad. Signed WR Steve Sanders to the practice squad.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Activated CB Adam Jones. Placed S Pat Watkins on injured reserve.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Placed CB Jason Webster on injured reserve.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Suspended WR Plaxico Burress four games, fined him an undisclosed amount and placed him on the reserve/non-football injury list for violating team rules.

COLLEGE
CONNECTICUT—Suspended RB Andre Dixon indefinitely from the football team following an arrest on a drunken-driving charge.
MIAMI—Suspended men's sophomore basketball G Eddie Rice indefinitely for a violation of team rules.
NEW MEXICO STATE—Fired football coach Hal Mumme.
PENNSYLVANIA—Fired offensive coordinator Bill Schmitz.
PURDUE—Named Gary Nord offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach, Shawn Clark offensive line coach and J.B. Gibbon special teams coordinator.

Hawk V-ball back on map

By MIKE BROWNLEE
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Coming into the 2008 season, expectations for the Hawkeye volleyball team were low.

Iowa was coming off a 9-22 season that included just one Big Ten victory and a last-place conference finish. The Hawkeyes finished five matches behind 10th-place Indiana.

Head coach Cindy Frederick resigned in the aftermath, and Sharon Dingman took the helm of a ship heading in the wrong direction.

Iowa entered the match having been swept in its previous three. "We played our hearts out that match," senior setter Kiley Fister said. "I think that was huge coming off the way we were losing before the match. We could've lain down, but we didn't."

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Hiza led the squad with 419 digs. Junior outside hitter Megan Schipper followed Smale with 345 kills and 405 points. Schipper should be the teams' best player next season.

Pacing the offense was Fister, who finished with 1,020 assists. Sophomore Mara Hilgenberg was a distant second with 152 assists, and she figures to fill Fister's setting shoes next season.

Senior middle blocker Laura Kremer led the team with 104 total blocks, followed by sophomore Katie Kennedy's 95.

In addition to Schipper, junior Christina Meister will be back to provide veteran leadership, along with redshirt sophomore Becky Walters. The Hawkeyes also return 11 underclassmen, all of whom saw action this season, led by Kennedy and outside hitter Aimee Huffman.

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Iowa beat Wisconsin for the first time in 26 tries (1994), Northwestern for first time in five tries (2005), Michigan State for first time in seven tries (2004), and Ohio State for first time in 14 tries (2000).

The 3-0 sweep of then-No.18 Wisconsin on Sept. 26 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena to open Big Ten play was a victory Smale

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See more on the end of Sharon Dingman's first-year run as Iowa's head volleyball coach at dailyiowan.com.

said was the most satisfying of the year.

"As soon as that score came out, other schools across the Big Ten learned Iowa wasn't an automatic win," she said. "[Beating Wisconsin] put us on the map."

Another match that stuck out for Hawkeye players and Dingman was a loss. In the second-to-last match of the season Iowa took No. 12 Minnesota to five sets after getting down 2-1.

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Seniors finally see improvement

Iowa's volleyball seniors end their careers on a high note.

By MIKE BROWNLEE
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Seven wins. That's the number of Big Ten victories the four seniors on the Iowa volleyball team had in their careers prior to 2008, having gone 7-53 in conference play.

The group — Catherine Smale, Kiley Fister, Laura Kremer, and Emily Hiza — almost matched that total this year, collecting six victories against conference foes as the volleyball team had its best season since 2000, going 14-18 (6-12 Big Ten) and finishing ninth in the conference.

"I think this season has been amazing in every aspect," Smale said. "It's the best senior season I could've asked for. It's a great way to go out."

Collectively, the seniors led Iowa in kills, digs, assists, and total blocks, and the group leaves Iowa with the members' names littered across the program record book.

Smale, an outside hitter, had 380 kills this season and finished her career with 1,315, eighth-best at Iowa. Fister paced the Hawkeye offense for four years at setter, eclipsing the 4,000-set mark during the season on the way to totaling 4,424, third on the all-time list. The St. Charles, Ill., native ended 2008 with 1,020 assists.

Hiza, a libero, pulled up 419 digs this season and culminated her time in Iowa City with 1,929, two shy of tying the Hawkeye record. Kremer finishes her career

as a middle blocker with 284 total blocks, 11th all-time, and she led the team with 104 since the first match in September.

The seniors arrived in Iowa City to play for then-head coach Cindy Frederick as she tried to rebuild the crumbling program. Smale, Hiza, and Fister started from the outset, and Kremer also got significant playing time as a freshman.

After winning 14 matches in 2005, the team stumbled backwards, going 13-19 in 2006 and 9-22 a year ago.

"Last year, it kind of got to the point where we didn't know if we were going to see the improvements, see if we'd made any difference in the program before we left," Smale said. "We wanted to do this for each other; we wanted to give it everything we had to have this successful season."

Frederick resigned after last season and was replaced by Sharon Dingman. The first-year Iowa head coach said the group made her transition easy.

"I appreciated that they bought in to what our staff was trying to do, and not just the technical volleyball aspects. They embraced our expectations as well," she said. "They were a blast to coach. What a great class."

The class's bond on the court is matched by closeness off it.

"We love each other like sisters," said Fister, who lives with Hiza and Smale. "We've been fortunate to have such close rela-



BECKY MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN
 Hawkeye senior Catherine Smale bumps the ball during the volleyball match against Michigan State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Oct. 18. The Hawkeyes defeated the Spartans (25-17, 25-19, 16-25, 25-18).

tionships. It's going to be tough leaving each other and not being on the court together, but we'll still be close."

Hiza, a Swink, Colo., native, plans to move to the Denver area after graduation and begin a career in investment banking. Kremer, an education major, will student-teach next semester.

Smale has three semesters of school left, and she will wrap up degrees in business and communication next year. Though she won't be on the court next season, she said, she won't be far from it.

"I'll be there, in the front row with my nachos," the St. Charles, Ill., native said. "I'm excited about future of Iowa volleyball."

Life in the medical field awaits Fister. She will become EMT-certified in May, get experience in

the field, and then apply to the ON THE WEB

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physician's assistant graduate program at Iowa. The Spanish minor also plans to take a medical internship in a Spanish-speaking country, assisting doctors and nurses at a clinic.

Dingman said the seniors laid the foundation for further success she hopes the underclassmen continue to build on.

"After the last match, the younger players told the seniors they thank them for everything," she said. "They hope down the road they'll have success and be able to look back and say these seniors were the ones that got things going."

Brands eyes meet

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"They're averaging 100-125 tickets an hour being sold," he said. "Hopefully, that's good for people to realize that you can't just walk up and expect to get a ticket like at all the other meets."

"If you wait too long on a sold-out event like this, then you're maybe left out in the cold."

At a rare press conference on Tuesday, Iowa head coach Tom Brands said a sold-out Carver-Hawkeye Arena only adds to the ambiance of an already tradition-rich bout between two of the most storied wrestling programs in the country.

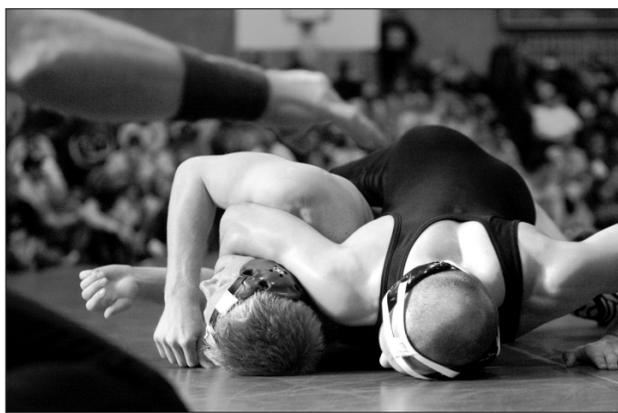
But the third-year coach said he doesn't have any personal aspirations to shatter the current attendance mark held by Minnesota, who stuffed 15,646 fans into the Target Center in 2002.

"I don't look at it as a priority to break the record, from my point of view," Brands said of Saturday's meet. "Winning is promotion, and we have to give fans a reason to come. Entertaining wrestling is a reason."

197-pound Beatty scratched

Fans shouldn't expect to see junior Chad Beatty take to the mat on Saturday. Instead, sophomore Luke Lofthouse will likely take his place.

Brands revealed the 197-pounder won't don an Iowa singlet because of an undisclosed



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa 157-pounder Matt Ballweg wrestles Minnesota State-Mankato's Darren Olsen during the Iowa City Duals in the Field House on Nov. 21. Ballweg won by a technical fall, 17-2.

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injury suffered during his match with Central Michigan's Eric Simaz at the Journeymen/Brute Northeast Duals on Nov. 29.

The coach didn't specify when Beatty would be ready to wrestle again but said "he could go Friday if it was March."

"It just depends on whether you're going to heal him, or not, and do the right thing by the individual," Brands said.

When asked whether he

believes Beatty could wrestle against the Cyclones in three days, Brands said, "I believe in God and his son, and if he touches him in a miraculous way, which I don't really think God works in that way. I don't think he's necessarily an Iowa Hawkeye, although, I know we're in favor with him. I don't think it works that way though."

"I believe he's looking out for Chad Beatty."

'With four-tenths of a second left, and he has to make both shots, that's a tough situation. We have to remind him it's not his fault. We made a lot of mistakes before that.'

- Devan Bawinkel, Iowa guard

Hawk rally falls short

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Jake Kelly made two free throws for Iowa (6-2), then Matt Gatens followed a steal with a 3-pointer and Devan Bawinkel hit another 3 — his fourth of the second half. Gatens made a pair of free throws with 2:09 left to make it 56-55.

It stayed that way until Tyrese Rice, who scored 15 in all, made one of two free throws with 12.5 seconds left. BC kept the Hawkeyes from getting up a shot, but Raji grabbed Brommer as he tried to turn around and throw up a desperation 3-pointer. The officials quickly called the foul but needed to check the TV replays to determine if Brommer was shooting.

"I was just trying to focus on making the free throws and giving us the opportunity to further advance the game," Brommer said. "With free throws, you've got to believe you're going to make it. It doesn't matter how long you have to wait."

The freshman backup forward was given a 1-

and-1. He clanged the first one off the front of the rim and time expired.

"With four-tenths of a second left, and he has to make both shots, that's a tough situation," Bawinkel said. "We have to remind him it's not his fault. We made a lot of mistakes before that."

Brommer came into the game 3-for-14 from the line in his career, and he hadn't taken a single shot on the night.

"That was a tough spot for him," Iowa coach Todd Lickliter said. "There are guys that struggle from the line, and he happens to be one of them."

The mistake nearly cost the Eagles the game.

"It's a bang-bang call," Rice said. "Luckily, the guy hadn't been to the free-

throw line or anything the whole game."

Gatens and Bawinkel scored 12 apiece for the Hawkeyes, and Cyrus Tate had seven rebounds. Starting Iowa guard and leading scorer Anthony Tucker was sick and only played eight minutes, going 0-for-2 from the floor and failing to score a point.

Rice, who scored 13 points in the second half and was 9-for-12 from the line, limped into the postgame news conference after getting kicked in the calf.

"I don't care how we win it as long as we win the game," Rice said. "I don't care if it's by one or 100. Numbers don't mean anything to me."

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Big Ten's best in '09: Hawkeyes

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Figuring out third downs lately is a major progression that proves it — since the first half came to a close against Penn State, Iowa has converted 23 of 36 third-down attempts.

And even if Greene goes pro, Jewel Hampton looks like a cross between the Doak Walker finalist (though not as powerful) and ex-Hawkeye Damian Sims (though not as fast). With either back behind the line, the offense will be able to get a 100-yard runner 12 times next year.

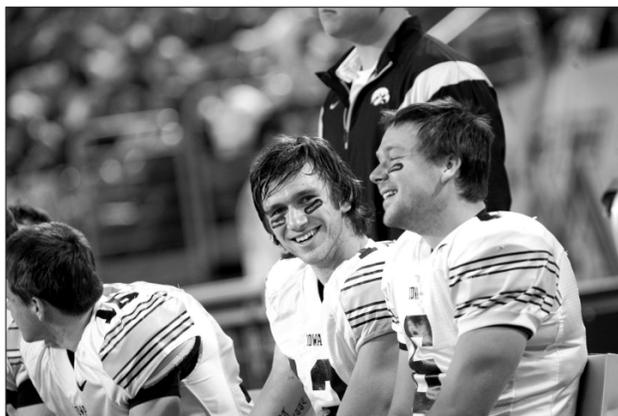
Oh, and then there's Ricky Stanzi, who will be a Big Ten veteran quarterback.

Besides, it's not like Iowa's four losses were bad.

Interesting digestive-tract-related personnel decisions cost the Pittsburgh game, a loss to Northwestern was the byproduct of lousy play calls and a muffed punt, Michigan State was two un-kicked field goals in the fourth quarter from falling, and at Illinois, the game plan was mysteriously not implemented until the second half.

And that's why Iowa isn't a national-title bullet point.

The Hawkeyes didn't prove they were better, and four losses came by a dozen bad eggs. So instead of



LINDSEY WALTERS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Quarterbacks Ricky Stanzi and Jake Christensen laugh on the sidelines during the third quarter against Minnesota in the Metrodome on Nov. 22. Christensen saw playing time in the fourth quarter, finishing 1-of-3 for six yards.

"GameDay" returning to Iowa City against the Nittany Lions and the BCS concerning itself with deciding between an undefeated Big Ten team and a one-loss Big 12/SEC squad, Iowa will eke its way into the top 25 following a string of losses between now and bowl season, waiting to pounce all over some average SEC or ACC school.

Then a top-15 ranking will ensue, and all will say how awesome they thought Iowa was.

Truth is, the Hawkeyes were *always* capable of an undefeated run this year. How could they not have been?

Iowa was the conference's best team.

I know that might sound like a stretch, but only Penn State and Ohio State joined Iowa in the top three in both scoring offense and scoring defense.

I've felt Iowa should've gone 12-0 ever since I saw Shonn Greene run the football and Ricky Stanzi playfake off of Greene's bolts. So I'll say it again:

Iowa will be the best Big Ten team in 2009.

At Ohio State is the only game Iowa might not be favored in next season. But the Buckeyes lose nine starters, including two mid-season All-American line-backers James Laurinaitis

and Marcus Freeman, as well as top defensive back Malcolm Jenkins and leading receiver Brian Robiskie.

Penn State loses 16 starters, with only Evan Royster, three-fourths of the D-line, and some spare parts returning. Michigan State loses the only two players to consistently touch the ball in seniors Javon Ringer and Brian Hoyer (along with seven other starters). Michigan is still at least two years away from true significance.

Northwestern had a magical run worthy of a Disney commercial but loses its starting quarterback, running back, and top three wide receivers. Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois are each lacking in firepower from either the passing game or the running game, and all have defenses that can be moved.

So that leaves Iowa at the top.

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Duke boils the Boilermakers, 76-60

By **CLIFF BRUNT**
Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Kyle Singler had 20 points and 12 rebounds, and No. 4 Duke beat No. 9 Purdue, 76-60, on Tuesday night to remain unbeaten in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

Jon Scheyer scored 20 points, and Nolan Smith added 12 for the Blue Devils (8-0).

Robbie Hummel had 15 points and eight rebounds, and JaJuan Johnson added 12 for the Boilermakers (5-2). E'T-waun Moore, Purdue's leading scorer, went scoreless in the first half and finished with 10 points.

Duke outrebounded Purdue, 49-29, and held the Boilermakers to 37 percent shooting. Purdue was just 2-of-13 on 3-pointers.

Duke improved to 10-0 all-time in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. It was the Blue Devils' first test against a ranked team this season.

Purdue lost to No. 6 Oklahoma in overtime on Nov. 28 in the NIT Season Tip-Off final.

Duke led 36-28 at halftime and opened the second half with a putback by Brian Zoubek and a 3-pointer by Scheyer to push its lead to 41-28.

Johnson converted a three-point play, then made another basket to trim Duke's lead to 47-36, but the Blue Devils responded with an 8-0 run.

Moore finally scored on a fadeaway jumper with 10:46 to play, but Duke still led 55-38. Singler hit a deep 3-pointer at the other end and ran back downcourt shaking his head and exuding confidence.

Purdue started to chip away at Duke's lead in the closing minutes. Moore scored two more baskets, and Hummel scored on a three-point play and a bank shot to cut Duke's lead to 62-49. A steal and layup by Moore made it 64-53 with just over three minutes left.

Purdue had a chance to cut Duke's lead to single digits, but Chris Kramer missed a 3-pointer with just over two minutes to play, and Singler dunked on Duke's next possession to end Purdue's threat.

Purdue looked unusually sloppy in the opening minutes. The Boilermakers had several turnovers and missed their first six shots before Kramer made a fadeaway with 15:49 left in the first half that cut



Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski complains about a call during the first half against Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind., on Tuesday.

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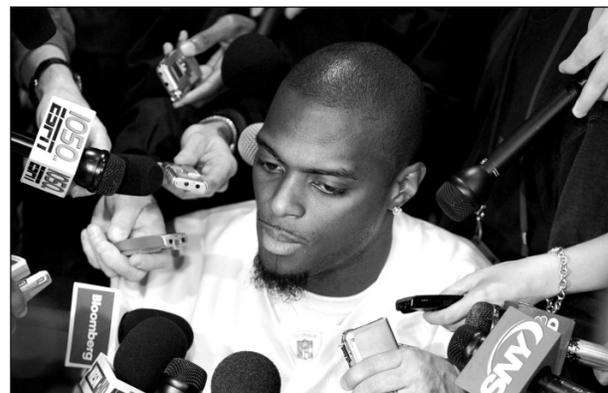
Duke's lead to 7-2.

Duke maintained control, and a putback by Scheyer increased the Blue Devils' lead to 27-14 with about seven min-

utes left in the first half.

Nemanja Calasan helped Purdue rally. He made a 3-pointer and a jumper from the free throw line, then two free

throws in a run that cut Duke's lead to 34-27 just under three minutes before the half. The Blue Devils held on, and led by eight at halftime.



JULIE JACOBSON/ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York Giant wide receiver Plaxico Burress answers questions from the media in Chandler, Ariz., on Jan. 30. On Monday, Burress was hauled out of a police precinct in handcuffs facing two weapons charges that could send him to jail.

Police continue Burress probe

By **TOM CANAVAN**
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Plaxico Burress spent much of Tuesday at Giants Stadium facing the possibility his career with the Super Bowl champions could be over, while police were still trying to sort out the events surrounding the Manhattan nightclub shooting.

The star receiver drove up to the stadium tunnel, one day after he was charged with illegal gun possession. Burress was required to be there because he is on the active roster and injured. He left after about six hours.

Burress accidentally shot himself in the right thigh at a club last weekend in a case that could land him in jail and has angered the mayor of New York.

Charles Way, the team's director of player development, and trainer Ronnie Barnes talked to police on Monday about the shooting, but police said they are still waiting to speak to more informed witnesses. That includes people at the hospital that treated Burress and teammate Antonio Pierce, who was at the club.

Police want to know what the linebacker did moments after the shooting and whether he took part in a cover-up. Police also want to talk to Giant running back Ahmad Bradshaw, who they now believe was at the club as well.

Pierce is planning to meet with members of the district attorney's office "in the near future," according to his lawyer, Michael Bachner.

Appearing in his regular Tuesday afternoon spot on Sirius NFL Radio, Pierce declined to answer questions about the shooting.

"It's not appropriate with the

police being involved. ... I've got to be strong," he said. "I've got to stay my course and deal with the officials who tell me what to do. I've got to go about my business and when I get to work, I've got to go about my work."

Bradshaw has been contacted by New York City police and will make himself available for an interview, according to his attorney, Charles Stacy, of Bluefield, Va.

"Mr. Bradshaw has been advised he is not suspected of any wrongdoing and is to be interviewed as part of the ongoing investigation of the incident involving Mr. Burress," Stacy said in a statement sent to the Associated Press.

Burress was charged with two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, which could result in a prison sentence of 3½ years to 15 years if convicted.

But it's possible he could avoid prison entirely if he pleads guilty to a lesser charge, getting probation and community service. Such plea deals and sentences are frequent in New York for first-time offenders.

A few hours after Burress arrived Tuesday, Giant general manager Jerry Reese said outside the stadium there was "nothing to report right now."

Asked if Commissioner Roger Goodell was planning on meeting with Burress or Pierce, NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said: "This is an active law enforcement investigation and our focus is on cooperating with the NYPD."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg spoke out again Tuesday, saying he talked to Giant owner John Mara and Goodell. He told them then law says "you see something, you got to call the cops. That's the thing you should do."

NFL suspends 6 for doping

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Six players, including the heart of the Minnesota Vikings' stout defensive line, were suspended for four games without pay by the NFL on Tuesday for violating the league's anti-doping policy.

All six were punished for using a diuretic, which can serve as a masking agent for steroids.

The suspended players were running back Deuce McAllister and defensive linemen Charles Grant and Will Smith of New Orleans; defensive linemen Kevin and Pat Williams of Minnesota; and long snapper Bryan Pittman of Houston.

"I definitely was not trying to cheat in any form," McAllister told the Associated Press in a phone interview. "I tried to do everything the right way."

The punishment means all six will miss the end of the regular season, an especially harsh blow to Minnesota, which relies heavily on the Williamses in its run defense, which ranks second in the league.

Angelo Wright, the agent for Pat Williams, said he planned to file a motion in federal court in the next 24 hours, presumably to put off his client's suspension. Tom Condon, the agent for Kevin Williams, said he hadn't yet determined what course of action to take.

A seventh player, Atlanta's Grady Jackson, was not suspended. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Jeff Pash, the league's chief counsel, had asked for additional information.

If a player's team makes the playoffs, the player will be eligible to return to the active roster on Dec. 29.

The suspension of Pat and Kevin Williams, who are not related, may prove to be the most critical.

The Vikings lead Chicago by a game in the NFC North with four games left, in large part because the Williamses are considered the NFL's best defensive tackle combination.

On Sunday, they led a goal-line stand that kept Chicago from taking a 14-3 second-quarter lead in Minneapolis. On the first play after the Bears were stopped, the Vikings' Gus Ferrotte threw a 99-yard touchdown pass to Bernard Berrian, giving Minnesota a 10-7 lead it never lost, a 14-point swing.

"In response to this afternoon's ruling, the Minnesota Vikings are very disappointed in the National Football League's suspension of Kevin and Pat Williams," the team

said in a statement. "At the appropriate time, we will have further comment."

Adolpho Birch, the NFL's vice president of law and labor policy, would not disclose during a conference call when the players tested positive.

Word of the positive test first leaked in late October. Asked why it took until the final four games of the regular season to hand down the suspensions, Birch said it was "a function of a lot of factors."

"I think if you ask most coaches, every game is important. I don't think they'd differentiate between the first and the last," Birch said. "We do have things in place to get them done as quickly as possible. But we had to deal with the number of players involved and adjust travel schedules. We have to fit it around the players' ability to attend."

pany said in announcing his death. Rogers Communications owns the Blue Jays and their home at the Rogers Centre, several television stations and an array of other media properties including Maclean's and Chatelaine magazines.

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- Producing a new butter that's higher in cholesterol.
- Genetically modifying trees to grow seedless walnuts.
- Manufacturing a car that runs on beer farts and procrastination.
- Writing *The Complete Idiots' Guide to the Quantum of Solace* plot.
- Developing gay hairstyles for Ty Pennington (NOTE: I am not using "gay" in the "homosexual" context, I am using it in the "ridiculous and possibly closeted homosexual" context).
- Advancing chocobo aerodynamics via genetic manipulation.
- Qualitatively defining the Smell of Fear (the majority of findings so far suggest that it's remarkably similar to heady mix of strawberries and feet).
- Esophageal-print identification software.
- Afterbirth control pills.
- Genetically restoring the ability of flight to penguins (God save us all).
- Constructing additional synonyms for the word "moist."
- Finding new and innovative causes of cancer.
- Developing a cradle that doesn't prevent crib death but promotes it — a Death Crib, if you will.
- Curing global fullness.

- Andrew R. Juhl is obligated to inform you that the term "Death Crib" is a registered trademark of SC-Johnson, a family company. OK, so it's not. It would make an pretty decent B movie, though.

Think you're pretty funny? Prove it. *The Daily Iowan* is looking for Ledge writers. You can submit a Ledge at daily-iowan@uiowa.edu. If we think it's good, we'll run it - and maybe contact you for more.

BELL WEATHER



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City resident Pamela Davis rings a bell for the Salvation Army at Wal-Mart on Tuesday. The Salvation Army has bell ringers at 14 different locations in Iowa City and Coralville. Davis volunteers much of her time during the holiday season to ring, and she does so for eight hours at a time.

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 12:30 p.m. News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
 - 1 "Prairie Lights Archive," Nancy Horan
 - 2 News from Germany (in German)
 - 3 "Live from Prairie Lights," Ethan Canin
 - 4 Faculty and Guest Lectures
 - 6 College of Education Programs
 - 7 "Live from Prairie Lights," Ethan Canin
 - 8 Faculty and Guest Lectures
 - 9:30 Daily Iowan TV News
 - 9:45 Fine Arts at the UI
 - 10:30 Daily Iowan TV News
 - 10:45 Special events programs at the UI
 - 11 "Live from Prairie Lights," Ethan Canin

horoscopes

Wednesday, December 3, 2008 - by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Help others, and in the end, you will get something you least expect in return. Impetuous action will not get jobs done quicker or more efficiently. If you have to push others to help, you should do things on your own.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Everything has a price tag, so don't think someone is giving you something for nothing. Make plans early, or you may not reap the benefit of an enjoyable evening with someone special. Put your money into your home and family.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Let people know what you have to offer and promote your services, skills, and ideas. You will get interesting responses that can help you achieve some of your goals.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 You have to set a budget that will allow you to feel in control. Stress is something that you have to work hard to eliminate. Remember to look at the positive in your life as well.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Your ability to put things together, persuade others to do things, or sell an idea will be golden. A relationship will need nurturing. You'll find interesting gifts for the people you want to impress this season.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You can get ahead enough to feel comfortable about taking time off at the end of the month. Someone you love will help you get things finished. A change of plans will annoy some and please others.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Do what needs to be done, and get on with your life. Not everyone will agree with you, but that's OK, as long as you base your decisions on what matters most to you. Initiate changes that will help you achieve greater success.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Don't take what others say as the gospel. Find out for yourself what's going on before you make a choice. If you let your emotions get involved in your decisions, you will have to backtrack. Don't give in to bullying.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Do your research before you go shopping. Knowing what and where to find an item at the best price will make your life easier. Someone you meet through work or school will take a greater interest in you. Trust in your creativity and intuition.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 An experienced friend will come to you with an offer you cannot refuse. Look at the potential to stabilize your financial situation. A settlement, rebate, or surrender you are waiting for will come through.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Help is available as long as you don't let your emotions cloud issues and stop you from accepting what you need to move forward. Asking for a favor may put you in an indebted position, but it will be the best way to get what you want.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Don't be the one to ruin a surprise. Talks will lead to arguments, so keep your beliefs a secret for now. Make personal changes instead of trying to mold someone else. Take a closer look at who you are and what you really want.

today's events

Want to see your super special event appear here? Simply e-mail the name, time, date, and location information to: daily-iowan-calendar@uiowa.edu

- **Preschool Storytime**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Story Time for Preschoolers**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Center, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Midweek Advent Meditations**, 12:15 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Nun crackers**, 3 p.m., Old Creamery Theatre, 39 38th Ave., Amana
- **Mandarin Chinese Community Classes Level One**, 5:30 p.m., University Capitol Centre 1117
- **Story Time for All Ages**, 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Fast Trac Banquet**, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, 1220 First Ave., Coralville
- **Free Pool**, 7 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Peter Gizzi and Timothy Donnelly, poetry**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Mandarin Chinese Community Classes Level Two**, 7:15 p.m., University Capitol Centre 1117
- **The Creation**, by Joseph Haydn, UI Symphony and Choruses, Timothy Stalter, conductor, 8 p.m., IMU
- **Comedy Night**, 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
- **Karaoke Night**, 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
- **Talk Art Cabaret**, 10 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

DILBERT

by Scott Adams



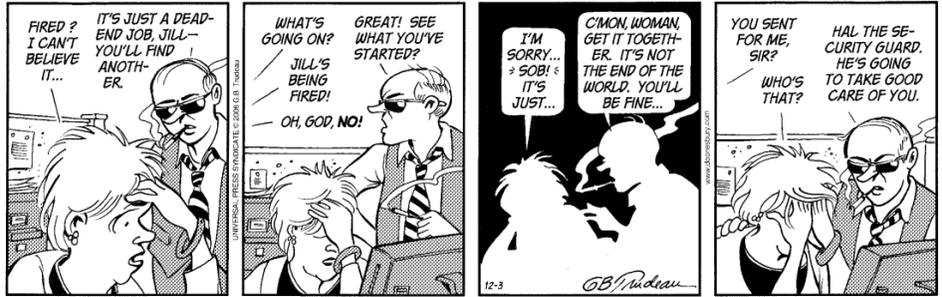
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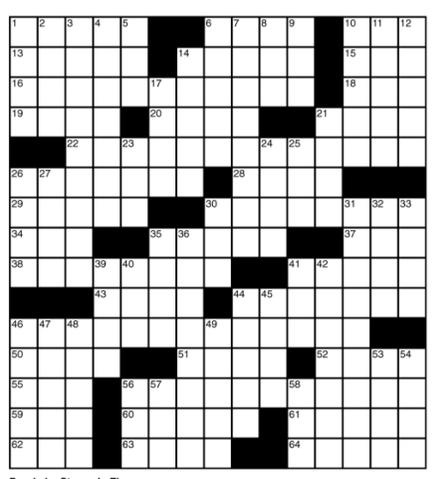
BY GARRY TRUDEAU



The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1022

- Across**
- 1 Jerry's sitcom neighbor
 - 6 Part of C.S.A.: Abbr.
 - 10 Winter hrs. in St. Louis
 - 13 John who played Gomez Addams
 - 14 "The Cloister and the Hearth" novelist
 - 15 Pal of Tarzan
 - 16 Meteor shower
 - 18 Scand. land
 - 19 Low on the Mohs scale
 - 20 "Bingo!"
 - 21 In romance poetry, a frequent rhyme for June
 - 22 Country bowers
 - 26 Fife and Frank
 - 28 Languishes
 - 29 Suffix with reflex
 - 30 Fought
 - 34 Southeast Asian
 - 35 Online activities
 - 37 Org. in "Michael Collins"
 - 38 Georgian's neighbor
 - 41 In reference to Gomez Addams
 - 43 Square thing
 - 44 Most dismal
 - 46 Farm towers
 - 50 Shade at a swimming pool
 - 51 "Look ___ hands!"
 - 52 It may be minimum
 - 55 Paste's partner
 - 56 South American flower
 - 59 Trireme tool
 - 60 Police weapon
 - 61 Like krypton
 - 62 Like some grins
- Down**
- 1 Play ammo
 - 2 Capital of 18-Across
 - 3 Schoolteachers' break area
 - 4 Moneymaking activity
 - 5 1969 Three Dog Night hit
 - 6 Falcon's home
 - 7 Lead role
 - 8 School's Web suffix
 - 9 Band with the 1993 hit "Man on the Moon"
 - 10 Lake rental, maybe
 - 11 Animal's trail
 - 12 Fork-tailed fliers
 - 14 "Lady Love" singer Lou
 - 17 Like Felix Unger's room
 - 21 Computer game set on an island
 - 23 Susan of "L.A. Law"
 - 24 Links positions
 - 25 Bundy and Kaline
 - 26 Gaucho's weapon
 - 27 Wing-shaped
 - 30 Hardly ruddy
 - 31 Holy confection
 - 32 Lustful god
 - 33 Blowgun ammo
 - 35 "Ta-ta!"
 - 36 Flag's position, at times
 - 39 Actress Samms
 - 40 Super ___ (old game product)
 - 41 Companion of scientia
 - 42 Presenting unfairly
 - 44 Blood drive attendee
 - 45 Schönberg's "Moses und ___"
 - 46 Glen Bell's fast food
 - 47 Add up to
 - 48 Cowboy who rode Champion
 - 49 Initiates cruelly
 - 53 Richard of "Bee Season"
 - 54 One-named artist
 - 56 Convenience store
 - 57 Al Capp's Daisy
 - 58 Narrow inlet



Puzzle by Steven L. Zisser

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