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Partly sunny, gentle Canadian breezes wafting in at 10 mph, scattered flurries possible.

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Sole survivor of Lu shooting dies

Miya Rodolfo-Sioson is remembered as a fighter and activist.

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Miya Rodolfo-Sioson never fell victim to the tragedy that drastically changed her life on Nov. 1, 1991. Despite being paralyzed from the neck down, she became a leading advocate for disabled people's rights.

The sole survivor of the Gang Lu shooting spree on the UI

campus 17 years ago, Rodolfo-Sioson died of advanced breast cancer Wednesday morning. She was 40.

With brother Roni Sioson at her side, she passed away at Alameda County Medical Center at Highland Hospital in Oakland, Calif., around 10:45 a.m., hospital officials confirmed.

"We've had a little bit of time to think about it because she's

1991 Gang Lu shootings

Five people were shot and killed by Gang Lu on Nov. 1, 1991:

- T. Anne Cleary
- Dwight Nicholson
- Christoph Goertz
- Robert Smith
- Linhua Shan

been ill for so long, but we're mostly trying to remember her spirit and how she would want us to act at this time," her broth-

er said. "Through the grieving process, we kind of just think she's here with us."

Rodolfo-Sioson was a 23-year-old student at the UI who was left paralyzed when Lu fired a bullet through her mouth in Jessup Hall in 1991. The disgruntled physics graduate student killed five on campus before shooting himself.

Lu had received a doctorate earlier that year, and he had held a grudge against another UI physics graduate student, Linhua Shan, who had won the

award for the best UI science doctoral dissertation. Lu believed he should have won. In Van Allen Hall, Lu killed Shan, Professor Christoph Goertz, physics Chairman Dwight Nicholson, and Associate Professor Robert Smith. In Jessup Hall, Lu killed T. Anne Cleary, the associate vice president for Academic Affairs, and wounded Rodolfo-Sioson, a temp worker in Cleary's office.

SEE SURVIVOR, 5A



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David Bedell, a UI clinical associate professor of family medicine, poses with an otoscope at the Family Care Center on Wednesday. A declining number of students are entering the field of primary care both locally and nationally, which may cause increases in health-care costs and decreases in accessibility in the future.

Family doctor disappearing

A dearth of students interested in the primary-care medical field will likely cause the cost of health care to rise in the near future.

By **MELANIE KUCERA**
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Jamie Wallace, a fourth-year medical student, will be one of 12 to 15 students graduating this spring in her medical field: family medicine.

Though the number may seem small to others, Wallace said it's about average.

"I wish it weren't this way," she said. "I wish it were extremely competitive."

However, the low numbers follow a state and national trend seeing fewer choosing the profession, which includes pediatricians, general internists, and family doctors.

"The big problem is nothing is being done to change the problem, and it is only going to get worse," said Paul James, the head of the family-medicine department. "I'm afraid that within the next 15 to 20 years, people will not have their doctor

whom they can go to [in order to] meet their health-care needs."

James, who said he has seen the shortage at the UI, said this will then lead more people to opt for the emergency room, which will in turn cause the cost of health care to rise.

Perry Pugno, director of the American Academy of Family Physicians Division of Education, also highlighted the problem of the inefficient and expensive care at the emergency room. "Bottomline, people will die," he said.

The hardest hit by the shortage will be the elderly, the uninsured, and those in rural areas, James and Pugno said.

So what's is causing this substantial problem?

Several officials are pointing at one major culprit: the lack of pay for primary-care doctors compared with other specialties.

"Students go to medical school and leave with enormous debt, \$100,000 to \$300,000 debt ... and if there is a specialty in which you can make \$400,000 per year, most would think, 'Well I will go with the \$400,000 career,'" James said.

Pugno agreed. "The payment gap needs to narrow some," he said.

A physician in family-medicine averages \$150,000 a year; an invasive cardiologist averages closer to \$428,000.

SEE PRIMARY-CARE, 5A

City eyes specials

Iowa City officials look to sober up drink specials.

By **ANNA LOTHSON**
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For UI graduate student Miles Shultz, sipping on a beer Wednesday during the Airliner's happy hour was just another night.

But recent discussion by Iowa City councilors could put a damper on his happy hour: A possible new ordinance would reduce specials in which bars sell alcohol for less than its cost. The goal: prevent excessive drinking downtown.

"I'm not a prohibitionist by any means, but [drinking] is certainly a problem," Councilor Connie Champion said.

And while Shultz agrees Iowa City's bar atmosphere can get out of control, he's not sure what officials should do to solve the problem.

"Undergrads clog the bars," he said. "Can you get them out of there? No, you can't."

He thinks bar owners should be able to price drinks as they choose, because students will continue to drink in excess regardless of regulations, he said.

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Binge-drinking discussion bubbles up again

In recent years, the City Council has discussed various topics related to the downtown drinking scene.

- Deterring excessive drinking
- Increasing bar accountability
- Diversifying the downtown area
- 21-only ordinance
- Liquor licenses

Service needs counselors

The University Counseling Service is considering using a student fee to fund new counselor positions.

By **CLARA HOGAN**
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The skyrocketing demand for the University Counseling Service is leaving more UI students on a waiting list this semester than ever before.

The long wait stems from the service's shortage of counselors, which has worried the center's staff for several years, said Counseling Service Director Sam Cochran.

On one day this semester, there was a record 30 students

UI Counseling Service

How to be seen by a counselor:

- Located in 3223 Westlawn on Newton Road in the entrance south of the Student Health Service entrance
- Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Call (319) 335-729 to schedule an initial appointment

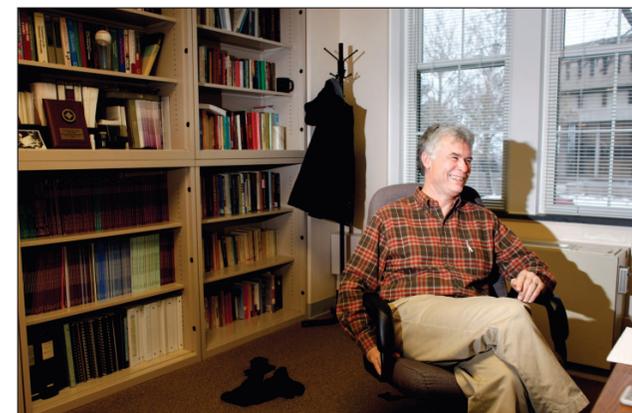
on the waiting list — up from the record of 15 set last year, he said.

And with the state Legislature likely to deny any UI request for

additional funding because of its increased budget cuts, Cochran said, the center is looking into creating a student fee to fund new counseling positions.

The UI has 11 counselors — nine fewer than what is nationally recommended by the International Association of Counseling Services. The recommended student-to-counselor ratio is 1:1,000-1,500 students; the UI's is 1:2,700.

SEE COUNSELING, 5A



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Sam Cochran, the director of the University Counseling Service, sits in his office on Wednesday. Students are on waiting lists because of increased demand and a lack of counselors. The Counseling Service hopes to remedy the problem by hiring additional counselors.



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Schools looking at cuts

Most, but not all, Big Ten university budgets are affected by the ailing economy.

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In an effort to curb diminishing economies in their states, officials have asked many Big Ten schools to cut their funding.

Iowa, Penn State, Michigan, and Illinois — and possibly others — are all required to cut millions of dollars from their budgets for the upcoming fiscal year.

The state Board of Regents recently asked the UI to cut \$3.04 million from next year's budget as part of a \$40 million effort to relieve economic burdens.

"The state is going through an economic problem that many states have already faced," Regent Robert Downer said. "There are issues that need to be handled, and this is the best solution for the moment."

In October, Pennsylvania's secretary of the budget asked Penn State University to plan for a \$15 million budget cut for the upcoming year. The request would require Penn State to cut 4.25 percent of its \$338 million appropriations budget.

"We are mindful of the difficult financial circumstances faced by the commonwealth and its citizens, but the loss of such a large portion of our appropriation will obviously present a challenge for the university and our students," Penn State President Graham Spanier said in a release.

In Illinois, Gov. Rod Blagojevich, D-Ill., has asked all state universities to reserve 2.5 percent from next year's budgets, opening up \$35 million from four-year schools alone. In addition, the state's community colleges would cut \$8 million.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison faces a state-projected \$5.4 billion budget shortfall and officials there said they are unsure how it will affect their school.

Wisconsin Chancellor Carolyn Martin has asked faculty and staff to come up with ideas on how the universities could operate more efficiently without relying on state funds.

In an effort to curb the strain on the state economy, Wisconsin

System President Kevin Reilly has reduced his recommendation for faculty pay increases by half of the originally proposed 5.2 percent. The state Legislature will assess recommendations from Wisconsin Gov. James Doyle Jr. in February.

In May, Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty ordered the University of Minnesota and other state schools to cut \$21 million.

But not all Big Ten schools are facing that burden.

Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland has spared state schools primary funding, despite a \$540 million state debt. The move allows Ohio State University to have its first back-to-back tuition hold in more than 40 years.

Larry McIntyre, assistant vice president of university communications at Indiana University, said the school isn't generally as affected by state economic issues because of the number of public schools available. There are seven public universities and more than 100,000 students across the state.

Big Ten Cuts

Leaders across the Big Ten have asked their schools to cut their budgets to aid state economic crises. Here are the schools who have made decisions so far:

- Indiana University: NO CUTS
- Penn State University: \$15 million
- Purdue University: NO CUTS
- Ohio State University: NO CUTS
- University of Illinois: 2.5 % of its appropriations budget
- UI: \$3.04 million
- University of Wisconsin: UNDECIDED
- University of Minnesota: \$21 million

Source: Big Ten University News Services

Indiana University receives 20 percent of its budget from the state, and with appropriations and budget meetings every two years, the university is able to avoid state-mandated cuts.

"For right now, we don't have any serious budget problems," McIntyre said. "We anticipate we'll be looking at a tighter budget for the next two years."

Never too old to learn some more

A 67-year-old UI student stresses learning at any age.

By **BRIANA BYRD**
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At 67 years old, Michael Chan pushes carts of food to different stations around the university hospital. Some days, he works in the dining room.

He's been doing it for 14 years. Aside from his 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. job, he's also doing something he has dreamed of since leaving Hong Kong in 1969: He's returning to school.

"By going back to school, you not only refresh the material or knowledge you've learned over the years, but you also get a new perspective on the knowledge you have," Chan said.

Though he was an English teacher in Hong Kong, when he came to the United States, he said, he did what a lot of immigrants did at the time: He worked in a Chinese restaurant.

"When I was in Hong Kong, I knew already that my qualification would not be acknowledged in the United States," Chan said. "We still came, though. The overpowering idea was to give the kids a good education. It was more important than myself and my work."

For 20 years Chan worked in the restaurant business as he and his wife, Veronica, paid for their three children's college education at the UI, Iowa State University, and Notre Dame.



AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Michael Chan loads food into a cooler early in the morning at the UI Hospitals and Clinic's Fountain Dining Room on Wednesday. Chan, who came to Iowa City from Hong Kong in 1969, is taking six credit hours this semester and working toward a psychology major.

"Before the kids graduated from college we had to support them," Veronica Chan said. "We had to pay for their tuition and all that. Now we have more time for ourselves. They're all doing good, and it's time for us to do our own thing."

Michael Chan had always planned to go back to school. After his children graduated, he had his chance. He left the restaurant and took a new job with the UI Food and Nutrition Services, because he knew he'd eventually have time to work and study.

Because of Chan's decision to work and go to school, he was recently awarded the Robert F. Ray Staff Scholarship for university staff who have decided to further their education.

"He has always been one of our real exemplary employees and goes above and beyond in a lot of his work," said Ellen Hergert, the associate director of retail in the Food and Nutrition Department at the UI.

Chan has been studying psychology since 2002 and is also getting a certificate in aging studies. Now he only has a year and a half to go before he reaches his goal: becoming a social worker.

"I think right now social workers are more of a younger age," Chan said, noting his aging studies classes had primarily younger students. "I think the older folks would like to have someone around their age that they can relate to."

Now Chan wants to work with older people, like himself — not

Michael Chan

- Moved from Hong Kong in 1969
- Worked at two Iowa City Chinese restaurants and owned the Canton House for a total of 20 years
- Began working for UIHC as a UI food and nutrition services employee 14 years ago
- Decided to go to the UI in 2002 to study psychology and aging studies
- Received the Robert F. Ray Staff Scholarship this summer
- Plans to complete his undergraduate education in a year and a half

to teach them, but to share knowledge with them and help them live more fulfilling lives.

"I wouldn't be teaching them — they probably have more to teach me," Chan said. "With my knowledge from college I'd like to work with older adults so we can exchange knowledge and bring about a better perspective in life."

For Chan, what's important isn't necessarily going back to school, but the concept of lifelong learning.

"Opening up yourself to different experiences [is important]," Chan said. "Activities and learning go hand in hand if you want to age successfully."

It has been nearly 40 years since Chan stopped teaching, and now he's once again ready for the classroom.

"I think I'm more prepared for it now," Chan said. "I know what education is like. I was a student before. I was a teacher before. Now I'm a student."

METRO

County holding budget line

Department directors for several Johnson County departments told the Board of Supervisors Wednesday that their budgets will remain roughly the same for fiscal 2010.

The only exceptions were the Conservation Department and the County Attorney's Office.

Harry Graves, the director of the Johnson County Conservation Department, proposed a budget increase of \$6,490, around a 2 percent increase over the previous year. The majority of that increase will pay for fuel.

He also included a 4 percent increase in salaries and requested an increase of \$160,000 to the budget for the Conservation Trust Department. The additional funds were requested for construction material and supplies for future projects.

County Attorney Janet Lyness also requested a budget increase, asking for \$10,000 for access to more law books and legal materials. She also petitioned to hire a new legal assistant.

Lyness said the jail could save more money if they had someone to specifi-

cally monitor the jail in order to process them as quickly as possible.

Amy Correia, Johnson County social-services coordinator, proposed budget Department of Human Services, Juvenile Justice, and Juvenile Crime Prevention decreased from last year.

— by Caitlin Dickson

Ex-UI official wins Georgia case

A Georgia federal court recently determined a woman lacked sufficient evidence to prove sexual-harassment allegations against a former UI official.

John Soloski, a former UI School of Journalism and Mass Communication professor and director, sued the University of Georgia's president after one of his coworkers there accused him of sexually harassing her in 2005.

Soloski joined the UI in 1978 and was appointed director of the journalism school in 1996. After leaving the university, he was appointed dean of the University of Georgia's journalism school in 2001.

The U.S. District Court for the

Northern District of Georgia Atlanta Division recommended Soloski be cleared of the harassment charges, saying the accuser had no evidence to suggest sexual harassment "under any legal standard."

— by Olivia Moran

Hillcrest trials separated

A 6th District Judge separated the trials of two former football players accused of sexually assaulting a woman, Wednesday's online court records show.

The trial for ex-Hawkeye Cedric Everson is set for April 20. His former co-defendant Abe Satterfield is scheduled to attend trial on March 30.

Sixth District Judge Patrick Grady granted Iowa City attorney Leon Spies' Sept. 23 motion to sever the trials. Satterfield's attorney — Alfredo Parrish of Des Moines — filed a similar motion on Sept. 2; the state has repeatedly resisted it.

Police charged the pair in May with second-degree sexual abuse after a six-month-long investigation of an

alleged rape in Hillcrest. Satterfield is also facing a charge of third-degree sexual abuse.

A former Hawkeye student-athlete told police Satterfield raped her in an empty dorm room in October 2007. Witnesses in the case have accused Everson of having sex with the woman that night while she was incapacitated.

Also on Wednesday, Grady denied Satterfield's motion to throw out statements he made following the incident to UI officials, including head Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz. Parrish contended in the motion the state should have proven Satterfield's interviewers didn't work for the state.

In a testimony on Oct. 24, however, Ferentz said he was never in contact with the police regarding the statements.

Satterfield and Everson both pleaded not guilty.

Second-degree sexual abuse is a Class B felony. If convicted, the pair face 25 years in prison. Satterfield faces an additional 15 years and up to \$10,000 in fines.

— by Olivia Moran

a no-contact domestic abuse protective order.

Justin Meier, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged Tuesday with OWI.

Samuel Nichols, 18, Mayflower 505B, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.

Andre Rials, 43, 901 Cross Park Ave.,

was charged Nov. 19 with fifth-degree theft.

Adam Van Ostran, 23, 530 S. Clinton St. Apt. 5, was charged Wednesday with criminal trespassing.

Richard Yates, 28, 2535 Bartelt Road, Apt. 1D, was charged Monday with driving while barred.

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Travis Cox, 28, Oskaloosa, Iowa, was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Chase Ganzer, 22, Muscatine, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Christina Gutierrez, 35, Columbus Junction, Iowa, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

John Koch, 43, 716 N. Dubuque St. Apt. B1, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

David McCullough, 28, 225 Fairchild St., was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Geoffrey Mecham, 46, 1909 Gleason Ave., was charged Sunday with violating

Late Night gets \$

Sober late-night activities will soon happen more frequently.

By OLIVIA MORAN
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UI student groups can now compete for \$50,000 for planning nonalcoholic events.

On Wednesday, the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Vice President for Student Services gave a grant to the UI Late Night at Iowa program, officially opening up competition for the money.

A committee will review the requests and allocate money monthly, officials said.

Alan Cosby, one of two student representatives of the UI's Working Group — created to plan alcohol-free activities — said this is the first grant of its kind.

"This money is more geared toward whether you have an idea," he said. "It's all about how much [groups] ask for."

University groups such as the Campus Activities Board and the Night Games Council hold nonalcoholic events monthly, and sometimes weekly. The next night games will be held Saturday, and the Activities Board is offering \$2 tickets to the box office hit *The Dark Knight* through the weekend.

Madison Atwood, the vice president of the Activities Board, said the activities board receives most of its funding from the University Life Centers. Otherwise, the group works with UI Student Government, she said.



The Bijou, located in the IMU, featured a 9 p.m. showing of *Jules and Jim* on Oct. 20, 2007. The Bijou is a nonprofit, student-run cinema that features independent, classic, and foreign films.

FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

"I am fairly certain that we will apply for this money to help us pay for a new movie series we will start next semester," Atwood said.

The Activities Board will show midnight movies on Fridays and Saturdays at the Bijou beginning Jan. 23.

Applicants for the funding must pitch a nonalcoholic event that begins no later than 10 p.m. and ends no earlier than 1 a.m. on either a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. The applications are judged based on an event's uniqueness, whether it appeals to a variety of students,

the possibility of a collaboration with other groups, and its ability to be replicated, according to the Late Night at Iowa website.

Cosby said when the grant was proposed earlier this year, it garnered full support.

"It wasn't so much students were asking for it as the judgment of the Working Group that if there were more money, students could put it to good use," said Tom Rocklin, the UI interim vice president for Student Services.

Funding for student groups is allocated each year by the Student Assembly Budgeting

and Allocating Committee, which gathers its money yearly from a roughly \$160-per-student activities fee, Cosby said.

"The biggest issue that student groups have is funding," he said, noting that current grant programs for nonalcoholic events offer only around \$15,000. "If you can prove that you have a good idea and have a couple hundred people to go, they'll likely give you the money."

The first deadline to apply for the grant money is Friday. Officials will accept applications each month through April 2009.

Experts: Less salt, more water prevents kidney stones in kids

By KELLI SHAFFNER
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Pediatricians at the UI Children's Hospital say they are witnessing a steady increase in the number of kids with kidney stones.

The result is more expensive doctor appointments and more time in the hospital, said Patrick Brophy, a UI associate professor of pediatrics.

Although there are many causes of kidney stones, he said, he suspects the growing number of children with the disease comes from a diet heavy in salty and processed foods and a lack of water. The solution is simple: Less salt and more water, he said.

"Most parents have been raised to let their kids drink soda and sports drinks," Brophy said, and some parents rely on fast food because of time constraints. "The biggest problem is trying to re-establish reasonable expectations from parents and schools."

When there isn't enough movement through the kidneys, stones begin to crystallize. Kidney stones are often genetic, and some are treatable through medicine.

But Brophy said he isn't optimistic about a change in children's diets in the near future.

"Preventative health care takes a back seat to intervention health care," he said. "I think it will get worse before it gets better."

Those born between 1965 and 1980 may also see an increase in the likelihood of getting kidney stones since that generation generally had more salty diets, Brophy said.

But Jean Ryan, a pediatric dietitian for the UI Children's Hospital, said if people made wise choices in their shopping, healthy eating could be more economical.

She said the change wouldn't need to completely cut salt from their diets, but instead avoid processed and fast foods. She advises a "heart healthy" diet of fruit, nuts, wheat, and unsalted meat.

Brophy said certain companies are starting to change the amount of sodium in their products, such as Campbell's Soups.

Although Ryan said it is probably easier for children to change their diets, lifestyles are difficult to change in some families.

A child's comprehension of their diet depends on families and schooling, she said.

Children become aware of their diets around first or second grade, said Jan Grenko Lehman, the physical education coordinator for Iowa City School District.

The Pick a Better Snack program, available at most Iowa City elementary schools, provides healthy alternative snacks so kids will encourage their parents' decisions at the grocery store, Grenko Lehman said.

"Children themselves do well with change, especially with family support," Ryan said. "But it can be difficult to make a change without family members making the same change."

Ryan said it's best to have an entire family modify their diet with the child, so they aren't singled out.

"They're changes everybody should make as a society," she said.

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At suburban Detroit's Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, patients will indulge in gourmet room service, stroll walking trails, and take cooking classes. A former Ritz-Carlton executive is running the show.

The description seems more day spa than sick bay. But hospitals are finding it pays to pump up the perks as they compete for patients who want a bit extra — and have private health insurance. Proponents say that these amenities promote healing and stress relief.

Others see a chasm deepening between hospitals pushing into leafy suburbs to grab market share and those serving poorer patient populations. Quentin Young, a longtime Chicago doctor and national coordinator of the nonprofit Physicians for a National Health Program, calls it the "edifice complex."

Because private health insurance offers better reimbursement than government payers such as Medicaid or Medicare, the perks are partly meant to lure in more profitable patients, according to those who study health-care trends.

The clinical care at the Henry Ford Health System's new hospital, set to open in March, will be no different from what it offers at its older, flagship hospital in downtown Detroit, according to the not-for-profit hospital chain's chief executive, Nancy Schlichting.

However, the design and other services are meant to stand out.

The \$360 million hospital's atrium resembles a northern Michigan Main Street complete with storefronts that will offer health and wellness products geared toward women, who hold most of the purchasing power in health care, hospital Chief Executive Gerard van Grinsven said.

"Women are not satisfied anymore in getting traditional medical care," said van Grinsven, who came to Henry Ford from the Ritz-Carlton hotel chain with no hospital experience. "They want activities and programs to help them in their physical and mental well-being."

Hospital leaders say many of the amenities they stuff into modern designs happen because today's patient wants more than just top-line care, a palatable meal, and a clean bedpan. Take Internet service, for example, which has become common in patient rooms.

"I have an 85-year-old aunt in Indiana who I don't think wants



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Construction workers work on the main atrium at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital in West Bloomfield, Mich., on Wednesday. The \$360 million hospital's atrium will resemble a northern Michigan Main Street complete with storefronts that will offer health and wellness products geared toward women, who hold most of the purchasing power in health care, hospital chief executive Gerard van Grinsven said.

to be away from her computer very often because that's how she keeps in touch with her family all around the country," said Rick Wade, senior vice president of the American Hospital Association.

He also noted that fewer people stay in hospitals these days, thanks to the growth of outpatient care. Those who fill beds generally receive "pretty intense treatment."

"The revolution now is to find any way possible to reduce the stress, reduce the tension, reduce the anxiety," he said.

Many hospitals tout single rooms, made more common by federal regulations protecting privacy. Many also offer valet parking.

Community Hospital North in Indianapolis took a couple of extra steps for its \$170 million

expansion. It added a patient concierge who can run errands or fetch groceries. Community North, which borders fast-growing Indianapolis suburbs, also sprinkled about \$400,000 in art throughout its hospital.

Hospital leaders say these extra touches all have a purpose. The artwork — paid for by donors — and the concierge offer stress relief.

"We don't do things just to look pretty. We have a purpose behind it," said Mark Hayden, senior facilities project manager for the hospital's parent, Community Health Network.

The new \$829 million Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles features the latest in clinical technology and, thanks again to donors, extra touches such as granite countertops.

Hospitals aren't adding perks just to ease stress. Competition also plays a role.

"If a patient has a free choice to go to this hospital or that hospital, they're going to choose the one that has the better amenities," said Dr. James Atkinson, the chief of pediatric surgery at the Ronald Reagan center. "That is a factor."

This leads to medical arms races, according to Debra Draper, an associate director of the Center for Studying Health System Change, which monitors health care construction in a dozen U.S. cities.

"They're really trying to secure their future margins, and the way to do that is to have happy doctors, happy patients and to be able to differentiate yourself on the basis of what you have to offer," she said.

Survey to help decide fate of justice center

By MARY HARRINGTON
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County officials are waiting for more information from a research group before they move ahead with plans for a proposed criminal-justice center.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee met Wednesday to discuss using the Cedar Rapids-based Vernon Research Group in a public-opinion survey on the project, which would consist of a joint jail and courthouse.

Although no contract has been signed with the research group, the supervisors agreed once funding of the project is decided, work with the group would begin.

Approximately \$18,000 would be needed to conduct the roughly six-week survey, said Supervisor Rod Sullivan. There is no specific account set aside for the funds, he said, but money may be available in either the jail alternatives budget or the sheriff's budget.

"I think it's absolutely imperative that we conduct a survey to find out if people are actually supportive of the project," he said.

But Supervisor Pat Harney said he is worried about conducting a survey during an economic recession, saying concerned community members would be less inclined to vote for a costly project.

The committee discussed fashioning questions to suit

the state of the economy, such as asking county residents their opinions about building in the future rather than immediately.

If more than 50 percent of the public shows support for the project following survey results, officials said the initiative would likely show up on the November 2009 ballot.

The supervisors also discussed the activities of recently named justice center coordinator Bob Elliott. Though Elliott still hasn't signed a contract, Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said the position will likely be formalized in January 2009.

Elliott and the supervisors discussed duties of the new position, and Neuzil emphasized the importance of a clear construction timeline coming from the coordinator.

Over the next six months, the position will call for broad duties, such as public education, committee oversight, and formation of a timeline.

"Let's move," Elliott said. "Let's move productively, and let's get a timeline for achieving a goal or a series of goals."

The supervisors will meet again in February 2009 to discuss the issues again, and a representative from Vernon Research Group will likely attend.

Last month, the supervisors chose to use a site adjacent to the Johnson County Courthouse on Clinton Street for the center, but they still need to obtain some land to make that possible.

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.

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Alternatives Considered: Alternatives being considered for the University of Iowa are to repair to 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.

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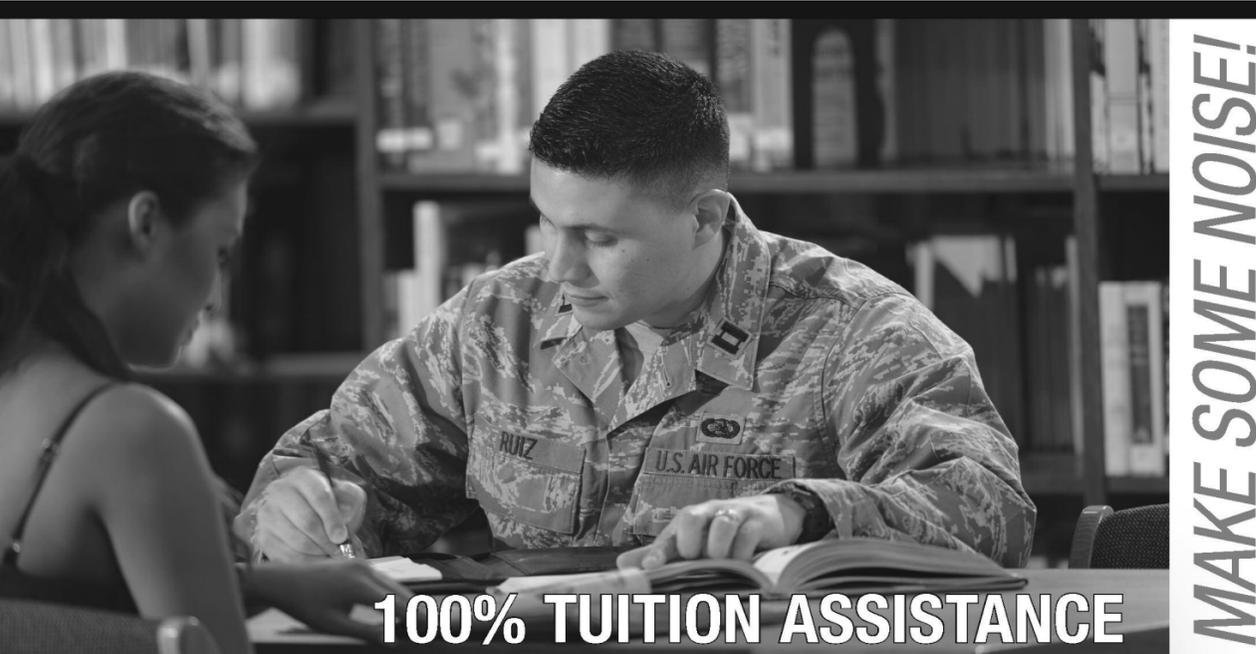
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Rodolfo-Sioson dies

SURVIVOR

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On that day, former KXIC radio host and current UI journalism instructor Roy Justis jogged back and forth between Jessup and Van Allen Halls while airing a live broadcast of the events. He later had the opportunity to sit down with Rodolfo-Sioson for an interview. "She held a smile on her face like, 'Well certainly, why wouldn't I want to talk to you?'" Justis

said. "If anyone could have turned it into a positive experience for other peoples lives, it was Miya."

Devastating images fill Kathy Winkelhake's mind as she remembers the event every year. Winkelhake, then a UI secretary of institutional data in the Office of the Provost, worked with Rodolfo-Sioson in Jessup Hall.

"She was certainly a young woman who made a difference in the world, in the way she

never gave into the tragedy and kept going with life," Winkelhake said.

In a statement Wednesday evening, UI officials expressed remorse for Rodolfo-Sioson.

"She was a remarkable woman who inspired everyone she met," UI spokesman Steve Parrott said. "Despite her serious injuries, she courageously dedicated her life to the service of others. We express our heartfelt sympathy and support to her family and friends."

Rodolfo-Sioson moved to Berkeley, Calif., in 1996, where she was an advocate for people with disabilities. Her brother said people will admire her instrumental role in fighting for disabled communities and strong activism in Central and Latin America, among other noble characteristics.

"As the months and years roll by, you think of what a fighter she was," Justis said. "But holy cow, look what remarkable things she has done with her life."

Services needs counselors

COUNSELING

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Cochran said he is "very concerned" about the increase in demand this semester and is adamant the center needs more staff.

"It has just been really hard on us," he said. "It really does worry me when we can't get someone in the same day, because that first appointment is critical."

The need for college counseling centers is increasing nationally, Cochran said. On top of the national trend, he believes the numerous tragedies — including the summer's flood and two faculty suicides — at the UI have added to the increased need for counselors.

Regent Robert Downer said that while it is unlikely the state will fund new counselors, he believes its an important issue to look into.

"I think the University of Iowa has seen a difficult year, and with the added economic stress, I can certainly see why the demand for counselors would increase," he said.

A student fee funds UI Student Health, but the Counseling Service is sustained by the general-education fund.

"If each student paid \$10, we could afford three to four new positions," Cochran said, and that would eliminate a waiting list and possibly create evening counseling sessions.

Iowa State University and University of Northern Iowa were in similar situations last year. All three regents institutions were denied their request



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Sam Cochran, the director of the University Counseling Service, stands in the reception area on Wednesday. The ratio of counselors to students at the UI falls below the ratio recommended for U.S. universities and colleges.

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— Sam Cochran, Counseling Service Director

to fund new counseling positions, forcing all three schools to turn to other means of getting the money.

UNI Counseling Service Director David Towle said his school's center is funded by the student health fee, and officials used it to come up with \$100,000 to create two new positions this year.

While the UI did not hire new counselors, officials created a threat-assessment team. That required hiring two managers who assess individuals who may be contemplating aggressive behavior, train faculty, staff, and students in diffusing complicated situations, and consult with anyone worried about a

potentially violent individual.

Doug True, the UI senior vice president for Finance, said the threat-assessment team was created as a part of the reallocation of \$500,000 to support a variety of safety and security improvements.

Cochran said the center's staff plans to continue to research the process of creating a student fee.

"I don't think this is just an unusual semester," he said. "I think there is really an increasing need, and we should start planning a way to respond to it."

Few pick family practice

PRIMARY-CARE

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The solution, James said, will either come from a payment reform or health-care reform. He believes a pay increase may be in the future for primary-care doctors, he said.

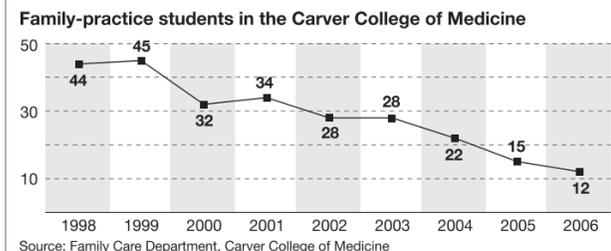
For soon-to-be graduate Wallace, becoming a family-practice doctor is all that matters.

"I want to provide all-around care from birth to death for my patients," she said. "You really get to be somebody's doctor."

She believes family medicine and primary care are going to be talked about heavily in the coming five to 10 years, she said, but for now, she thinks she and her

Declining interest in family practice

The number of students studying to be family-practice physicians in the UI Carver College of Medicine has dropped over the years.



Jacqueline Ciestlak/The Daily Iowan

colleagues are doing fine. "Yes, our students know about [the shortage], but here at Iowa, I think we do a good job

about promoting family medicine and doing our best," she said. "But there can always be more to be done."

City takes aim at specials

SALES

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"People come to college to not only pick a major but to have a good time," he said, and it may be up to the UI to encourage students to attend more classes and drink less.

Mayor Regenia Bailey said city officials are working with state legislators to possibly enact statewide ordinances in drinking establishments.

"We want to level the playing field," she said.

Mike Porter, the owner of Vito's, Summit, and One-Eyed Jakes, said an ordinance addressing drink costs makes sense, but too much enforce-

ment could be negative. "When you get into too much regulation, you interfere with the free market," he said.

UI freshman Alissa Doling said she thinks the ordinance would be a positive change.

"Especially on school nights, when [students] see it's only \$1 to drink, they say, 'Hey, why not?'" she said.

City Attorney Eleanor Dilkes said the city already has restrictions on two-for-one and all-you-can-drink specials, and drafting a new ordinance will, she hopes, alleviate loopholes that bar owners have found.

Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City, said she will look at this situation as both a representative and a mother.

"It's a tough decision for all parties involved," she said, and she is unsure what role the state would play in the issue.

Officials should look at alternative options in order to determine if this is a state, county, or city issue, she said.

"We have to take a heavier stance," she said. "Something is not working."

"People need to feel like there are other places to go" than bars, she said.

UI senior Jonathan Lauters said while private businesses have rights, he understands the city's desire to protect students.

But more enforcement could do just the opposite, he said.

"It may induce more people to have house parties," he said.

NATION

No economic Santa Claus just yet

WASHINGTON (AP) — There are ample reasons for America's shoppers to act like grinch this holiday season, with lost jobs, wilting retirement accounts, and shrinking home values topping the list.

And if anyone needed more evidence of consumers' weary state and the nation's deteriorating job market, they will get it today with the latest batch of bleak economic data.

The number of newly laid-off people signing up for unemployment benefits last week is expected to climb by 8,000 to 537,000, according to economists' forecasts of new data to be released by the Labor Department.

Retailers are also expected to show grim results when they report their November sales on Thursday.

The Goldman Sachs-International Council of Shopping Centers sales index of retailers is expected to show a 1 percent drop in November, slightly worse than the 0.9 percent decline in October. That would be the weakest November performance since at least 1969 when the index began.

"Basically, shoppers and workers are being told there is no Santa Claus," said Richard Yamarone, an economist at Argus Research.

Another economic report is expected to show that orders placed with U.S. factories fell in October, reflecting pull backs from buyers in the United States as well as shoppers overseas, who are coping with their own economic troubles.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, meanwhile, will speak about the housing crisis, which has driven up foreclosures and forced financial companies to log massive losses on soured mortgage investments. The housing debacle touched

off the worst financial crisis since the 1930s that Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson have been desperately trying to bring under control.

And, the chiefs of Chrysler LLC, General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. are preparing to return to Capitol Hill Thursday and Friday to make a fresh plea for as much as \$34 billion in emergency aid. Trying to win over skeptical lawmakers, automakers and their union on Wednesday promised labor concession and restructuring. Were one or more of Detroit's Big Three to fail, that would deepen the recession and cause more job losses, industry officials warned.

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Editorial

Money, with quite a few strings

After nearly a year of speculation, the National Bureau of Economic Research has confirmed that the economy is in a recession and has been since December 2007. Iowa legislators were quick to react this week by proposing legislation that would significantly lower interest rates for payday loans in the state. Press conferences were held in Des Moines, Ames, Davenport, and Waterloo on Tuesday encouraging Iowans to avoid payday loans. Many believe the holiday season increases temptation among consumers to be less than fiscally responsible. There is growing concern that consumers are not adequately educated regarding the high-interest rates associated with these loans. For that reason, lawmakers have set payday-loan reform as a top priority in the upcoming legislative session.

Before payday loans become a major focus of our legislators' time and effort, perhaps we should review the basics. Payday loans are typically consumer loans under \$1,500 that are given on a two-week term or until the next payday, hence the name. Their popularity is largely due to the speed of approval. Applicants are able to apply online or in person with minimal qualification. The newly acquired funds are deposited into the borrower's account within a matter of hours, which is why payday loans are often used for emergency circumstances that demand immediate resources.

The attention being given to payday loans revolves largely around their interest rates. It has been reported several times over that these loans, though seemingly convenient, are actually troublesome because of their high interest rates. The annual percentage rates quoted range between 300 and 400 percent. By framing the debate in this manner, consumers are led to believe that borrowing a payday loan may cost them four times the amount of that loan in interest charges. That is simply not accurate. If the annual percentage rate is 400 percent, the borrowers would only pay four times their loan in interest

charges if they borrowed a two-week payday loan and allowed it to lapse for an entire year or more than 26 times in a row without ever paying a cent toward the original loan amount. If the reason these businesses exist is because their patrons are not creditworthy at traditional money-lending institutions, then don't payday-loan providers deserve the ability to charge a higher rate of interest to compensate for their higher rate of risk?

Legislators and opponents say no. In 2006, the federal government capped payday-loan interest rates at 36 percent for military personnel and their spouses. The legislation proposed by Iowa lawmakers would be formed of the same mold but would apply to all borrowers. The increased concern in Iowa regarding these loans is largely connected to borrowing habits among Iowans. According to the Iowa Division of Banking, on average, Iowans take out 12 loans a year — 8.7 loans per borrower per year is the national average. Perhaps Iowans have a bit of a borrowing problem; however, restricting the rights of private businesses to operate as they see fit may be a bit inappropriate. After all, the majority of these institutions clearly state the terms of agreement upfront.

In Ohio, legislation recently passed limiting interest rates to 26 percent. An annual percentage rate of 26 percent would allow the payday-loan stores to profit roughly \$1.08 for every \$100 borrowed. Many in the industry are worried that if the interest-rate legislation passes, they will not be able to remain open. Ohio and Arizona have legislation in place regarding payday-loan institutions. Perhaps we should study the effects of such laws on their economy before knee-jerking our way into trouble. The national economy is in recession, our health-care system is broken, and our states are facing budget shortages across the country. Instead of attacking private businesses, accusing them of usury, and limiting the way in which they operate, perhaps our legislators could focus on something that will actually make a difference in our state.

WWPD?



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I'm always a step too slow with putting my thoughts onto paper. Even before last week's deadly Mumbai attacks, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan was high on my "to-write-about" list. During the primary season and presidential race, Pakistan was mentioned more than the atrocities in Darfur or the crisis in Congo. Unlike Iran, Pakistan was never presented as a substantial threat to American national security despite the activity taking place in the Federally Administered Tribal Area region. The area is extremely underdeveloped and poor — a perfect location for angry cave-dwelling terrorists to plot villainous schemes and pervert a world religion for their own personal gains.

It's a poorly kept secret that the Tribal Area is believed to be the nerve center of Al Qaeda. President-elect Barack Obama received a lot of heat for declaring that — as president — he would use military force against Pakistan, if he received credible information that a window existed to kill Osama bin Laden or Ayman al-Zawahiri. It goes without saying that Obama wasn't proclaiming he would authorize a tactical strike against Islamabad or Karachi; Obama was speaking about the Tribal Area region. Doesn't all of this just raise the question; Why isn't the Pakistani government policing the Tribal Area and arresting terrorist threats?

At last we reach the Great Pakistani Dilemma: What Will Pakistan Do? Pakistan finds itself at the nexus of a global geopolitical power struggle. In the red corner is the reigning world heavyweight champion and the self-proclaimed "Civilized World" — the West. Managed by the Former Imperialists Club, the champ is packaged as a power fighter, heavy, and at times wild, punches beat opponents into submission with little concern for collateral or long-term damage. In the blue corner is the challenger, a former world champion in its own right, seeking to reclaim its former prestige and repair its damaged ego — the Caliphate. Managed by the Islamist Oil Tycoon Gym, the contender has a rejuvenated fan base through a

Wahhabi-financed makeover as the persecuted and innocent victim of constant Imperial bullying.

Both corners adhere to a "with us or against us" mentality; here lies President Asif Ali Zardari's dilemma. If Zardari actively seeks to rid Tribal Area of Al Qaeda, he becomes a "pawn of the West" and loses legitimacy, especially in the Tribal Area region, where he desperately needs the support of the local population to oust Al Qaeda. If Zardari refuses to use military resources to destroy the terrorist cells in the Tribal Area region, he is depicted by Western powers as a weak leader who needs Western military assistance to handle the situation. Little can be done by Zardari that will appease both sides. Where should Zardari's loyalty lie? Does he capitulate to Western pressure, or as an elected-representative, does he follow the anti-West will of his constituents? Unfortunately for Zardari, his hand has been forced. As evidence surfaces that the Mumbai attackers were Pakistani nationals, international pressure to crack down in Pakistan will be high.

However, the solution doesn't lie with Zardari. It lies with the people of Pakistan. More generally, it lies with the everyday member of the umma (Islamic community). As Thomas Friedman recently covered in a column for the *New York Times* — further evidence of my Johnny-come-lately status — it is time for the general public to fill the street in protest of terrorism instead of protesting cartoons or comments by the pope. Until the populace vehemently rebuts the notion that the terrorists are great defenders, fulfilling the will of the people, then we, as a global community, will never defeat terrorism. The ability to live free of terror isn't a Westerner's right, it's a human right. It behooves humans worldwide to speak out against terrorism; as the violence in Mumbai proves, every city is a potential target so long as Westerners are present. Yet, it is imperative that the opposition to the jihadists arise from the inside. Any anti-jihadi Islamist movement with Western connections is easily repackaged by people such as bin Laden and Zawahiri as another act of deception by the Great Tempter. Without public outrage there will never be any pressure on Islamic and Middle Eastern leaders to unequivocally condemn the jihadi Islamist movement. What Will Pakistanis Do? ■

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With "Prairie Lights" almost gone, the "cover" is off of other current audience betrayals. They include:

1. A clump of "retail" ads, half-disguised in the outward husk of public-service "announcements." Public Radio was once a bulwark from "commerce" media. Now, it's hard to tell the difference.

Consultation? We in "the public" are often the last to learn.

2. The new practice, on Iowa Public Radio, Classical, to repeat IPR's full roster of stations — name, cities, and ID — as many as FOUR times an HOUR.

Where can you go for classical music without walking away mad at Iowa Public Radio?

3. The seeming choices to "dumb down" IPR. Where is this going? How will it replace "Live at Prairie Lights" with any hour of comparable substance?



Today, I e-mailed IowaPublicRadio.com and advised it to cancel my pledge(s), stop soliciting me, and remove my name from IPR membership. You could advise IPR, too.

It's acting like Iowa "Damn The" Public Radio - dot org.

Richard Twoby
Iowa City resident

Commentary

Idiots Out Driving Around



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Iowa's charming, friendly people are truly a state resource — a treasure we should value above Whitey's ice cream, Happy Joe's pizza, and the eau de sewage aroma that wafts up through a car's vents as one drives into Cedar Rapids or Clinton. Only problem is that many of these fine folks become drooling imbeciles completely incapable of common-sense reasoning when the ground turns white and driving becomes challenging.

I understand, somewhat, the loss of intellect. My own mental

faculties are reduced when I wake up in the morning and realize that the sky is going to be the same ashen gray all day. It becomes a struggle to get out of my warm, cozy bed, so I stay there longer, hoping that I'll somehow wake up from a bad dream and find palm trees and 70-degree breezes awaiting me outside. That extra 15 minutes I stay in bed only makes things worse, because I need an extra 15 minutes to scrape Mother Nature's icy piss and dandruff off my windshield and onto my pea coat and scarf.

And the mornings where there is an über-thick layer of ice are even better. A layer of frozen snow so thick it's best described as "denser than Michelle Malkin's skull." This is usually easily removed by going back into one's apartment and

waiting for the calendar to hit Easter. The real go-getters can attack this windshield permafrost with a hatchet, machete, or a warm stream of urine. This latter removal method tends to be the most common, as there seems to be a certain attitude toward life that is gained after spending nearly 30 minutes of scraping glass with a four-inch piece of plastic only to realize that the amount of ice actually removed from said windshield is, in fact, around four inches wide.

It's because of these facts of glamorous winter existence an Iowa residence provides that I sympathize with the mouth-breathing Neanderthals that — once hunched over their steering wheels — lose approximately 70 to 80 IQ points. I empathize, but they still grind

my gears. Life is challenging at times, specifically between December and March, but that's no excuse for the "driving" that we all see on our roads this time of year. Amazing as it sounds, traction and control are difficult to maintain when ice and snow cover a driving surface, so driving at normal speeds is, in fact, not recommended. It takes extra time to stop, it takes extra time to start up, and for this reason you (the common winter-driving stooge) have more time to sit and read my lips at the intersection as your vehicle spins its tires in futility. And no, I'm not saying "Look at this bucking moron." You've muddled your b's and f's like you muddle your accelerator and brake, jackass.

I can also sympathize with the type I call "tank driver."

These are the people who only scrape snow and ice from one square foot of front and back windshield, because they're either too cold or running too late to scrape the rest. They likely are running too late to perform said task but still have time to go stand at Starbucks for a \$9 latte. Honestly, it doesn't matter much that they don't scrape off their headlights or turn signal indicators because — you guessed it — they don't feel the need to use turn signals in the first place. As long as the heat works and the Nickelback CD plays OK, that's all that really matters.

It's hard to believe that there's someone more dangerous and idiotic than these types, but indeed there is. I would think the size of balls required

to drive a bicycle in the snow would preclude one from sitting atop a pointed rubber-foam seat, yet there they are, Iowa City's calling card, traveling 2 miles per hour up a steep grade in 5 inches of snow, sans reflectors or blinking backpack, completely oblivious to the line of 16 cars behind them scrambling to stop and/or change into the next lane. They're saving the world, one block at a time, keeping our air clean and our streets dumber, and if it wasn't for them, we'd need another barrel or two of foreign oil, and one fewer ambulance a day. Morons.

Four out of five on the road right now know to take it easy, they know to be cautious and smart. I count myself among them. Please do the same.

Did I mention I'm from Florida?

Jeb Bush eyes run for Senate seat

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON**
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Still popular in Florida, former Gov. Jeb Bush said on Wednesday that he's interested in the seat Sen. Mel Martinez is giving up, and the field of possible candidates could quickly narrow to make way for the president's younger brother.

Bush, 55, won praise from Democrats and Republicans alike for leading the state through eight hurricanes over a two-year period. He used standardized testing to overhaul the education system, was credited with making government more efficient, and lowered taxes to make Florida more business-friendly.

While his older brother, soon-to-be former President George W. Bush, has been so unpopular that he has been a liability to many Republican candidates this year, Jeb Bush remains a popular figure here.

"I hope that Gov. Bush gets in the race. In my personal opinion, he understands public policy better than any other potential candidate looking at that race, by far," said former state House Speaker Allan Bense, who was contemplating his own bid. Bense said he would not run if Bush entered. "It would clear the Republican field, I'm sure."

Martinez, who served in President Bush's Cabinet and supported an immigration proposal unpopular with Republicans, has struggled to boost his approval ratings because of his close ties to the president. He said Tuesday he was not seeking a second term because he wanted to spend more time with his family.

The Cuban native who fled to America when he was 15, made his announcement early to give other Republicans time to mount their campaigns — and a list of potential



Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush answers questions at the Excellence in Action conference, a national summit on education reform, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on June 19. Still popular in Florida, Bush said Wednesday he's interested in the seat Sen. Mel Martinez is giving up, and the field of possible candidates could quickly narrow to make way for the president's younger brother.

JOHN RAOUX/ASSOCIATED PRESS

candidates immediately exploded. Several Florida congressmen indicated they were considering a bid, along with

about a half dozen other former or current state officials.

The former Florida governor said Wednesday in an e-mail: "I

am considering running" but didn't elaborate. A separate statement from spokeswoman Kristy Campbell sounded like

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— **Allan Bense**, former state House Speaker, who was contemplating his own bid

the former governor was ready to get back into politics. "He will give it thoughtful consideration in the coming weeks and months," the statement said. "Gov. Bush hopes to play a constructive role in the future of the party, advocating ideas and policies to get the conservative cause back on track."

The statement means the former governor is all but certain to get in the race, said a person familiar with senior Republicans in Washington who spoke on the condition of anonymity so they could talk more freely about the former governor's approach. Bush's consideration — even if tentative in public — is a strategic one, to discourage other Republicans from jumping in, the person said.

By doing this, the former governor, for whom raising money and building an operation will not be hard, doesn't need to get started campaigning for some time, the person said.

Democrats said they planned to put up a strong candidate.

"Jeb Bush will not clear both fields," said Screven Watson, a former state Democratic Party executive director. "If a Bush is on the ticket ... a lot of money will be coming in against him."

But the former governor has remained popular in Florida even as his brother's approval ratings declined.

A Quinnipiac University poll taken December 2006 during Jeb Bush's final month in office found 57 percent of Florida voters thought Bush was a

great or good governor. Only 10 percent said he was a bad governor. That poll also showed 59 percent of voters disapproved of the job President Bush was doing, compared with 38 percent who approved.

"Florida voters have always been able to distinguish between Jeb Bush and George Bush. It's that simple. They thought he was a good governor, they thought his brother was a lousy president," said Peter Brown, assistant director of Quinnipiac's polling institute. "The things that made President Bush unpopular were not things that Gov. Bush had to deal with — the national economy and the war."

The former governor has spent much of his time since leaving office promoting education policy as the founder and president of the Foundation for Excellence in Education. As governor, he put a strong emphasis on standardized testing to keep teachers and schools accountable and passed a voucher program that allowed students in failing public schools to attend private schools at taxpayer expense. That program was later ruled unconstitutional.

While President-elect Barack Obama won Florida, the state's politics are more purple than red or blue. In 2006, Republican Gov. Charlie Crist won by a large margin, as did Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson, and Florida Republicans continued their control of the state Legislature after last month's election.

AP writer Jennifer Loven contributed to this report.

Chambliss win seen as GOP heartbeat

By **SHANNON McCAFFREY**
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A double digit win in Georgia's U.S. Senate runoff could make Saxby Chambliss a star in a Republican Party hungry for fresh leadership.

Just weeks ago, he was battling for political survival after neither he nor his Democratic opponent got more than 50 percent of the vote in the general election, forcing Tuesday's runoff, which Chambliss won handily.

Now, with his party searching for new leaders and a new identity, he could gain a prominent national profile, political experts said.

Chambliss, 65, will return for a second term in Washington, this time as a self-proclaimed firewall against President-elect Barack Obama and his Democratic agenda.

His win — which denied Democrats a filibuster-proof Senate majority — was a rare bit of good news for Republicans, reeling this year after ceding more seats in Congress and losing the White House. He beat Democrat Jim Martin 57 percent to 43 percent.

"He's looked upon as the one bright spot for Republicans this election cycle," said Brian Darling, director of Senate Relations at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington think tank. "Chambliss winning this runoff by such a significant margin is a sign that not all is lost for Republicans. They still have a heartbeat. The party will remember that."

Chambliss acknowledged at a news conference Wednesday that the runoff has boosted his national stature. That, combined with his rising seniority in the Senate's depleted GOP ranks, will give him a

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louder voice.

Already he was offering his tattered party advice, saying his victory proves the GOP needs to get back to its conservative roots.

"The basic principles that Ronald Reagan talked about in the '80s are just as important today," Chambliss said. "If we return to those basic core values we can continue to be successful in future elections."

He said he expects his runoff campaign, which emphasized a meat-and-potatoes GOP menu of low taxes, small government, gun rights and opposition to abortion, to be a model for Republicans trying to regroup in 2010.

Such issues play well among the conservative base in reliably Republican Georgia, where Chambliss had been expected to cruise to a general election win Nov. 4. But that was before the economy went sour and he was forced to defend his vote for the \$700 billion financial services bailout.

Martin was helped along by a surge of Democratic voters energized by Obama.

The race was thrown into a runoff after none of the three Senate candidates crossed the 50 percent threshold. Martin, a 63-year-old former state lawmaker, had been trounced two years earlier in the lower-profile race for lieutenant governor. But he only trailed

Chambliss by 3 percentage points Nov. 4.

With the balance of power in the Senate at stake, both candidates drew big political names to Georgia. The national parties spent millions of dollars on ads.

GOP presidential candidate John McCain came to the state to stump for Chambliss, as did most of the Republican White House field.

Martin drew visits from former President Bill Clinton and his Vice President Al Gore.

On the runoff campaign's final day, Chambliss brought in McCain's running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, who drew cheering crowds of thousands at four rallies around the state. Martin — looking to attract black voters critical to the state's Democratic base — gathered with the rappers Ludacris and T.I., convicted of federal weapons charges.

Still, Obama voters did not come back to the polls for Martin, at least not in large enough numbers. Obama never paid a visit to the state for Martin, although he did record a radio ad and an automated phone call for him.

About 2.1 million Georgians, about 35 percent of registered voters, cast ballots in Tuesday's runoff. That's a little more than half of the 3.7 million who voted in the general election.

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Paper U-bills go the way of the dodo

Officials hope doing away with paper U-bills will cut down on waste and cost, but the measure is inconsequential to some students.

By ADAM SULLIVAN
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The UI Billing Office is shredding paper U-bills, shifting to an online billing system starting in February that will bring the UI more in line with other Big Ten universities.

"This has been a goal we've had for a couple years," said Marty Miller, the manager of the UI Billing Office. Clinging to traditional paper bills has kept the university behind the times, he said.

Officials said the primary reason for the change is to save paper and money.

In addition to being greener, the online U-bill format will allow users to access more detailed summaries of charges and information regarding student financial aid. The new U-bill site will have a new look to it, Miller said.

Student environmental activists praised the measure, emphasizing the importance of cutting down on paper waste.

"I think it's great," said Stephanie Enloe, the president of the UI Environmental Coalition. "Obviously, we have a long way to go [in terms of sustainability], but that's a great first step."

UI sophomore Kristine Schmidt said the U-bill changes are inconsequential to her.

"I don't usually get it in the mail, anyway," she said, noting

Greener campus

Killing paper U-bills is the latest in a series of measures officials have taken to promote sustainability at the UI.

- In April, UI President Sally Mason announced the creation of a new Office of Sustainability.
- Construction and renovations processes on campus are underway to adhere to "green" standards.
- Twenty percent of the energy produced in the UI Power Plant comes from burning oat hulls, which burn much cleaner than coal.

Source: UI News Services

that her U-bill statements are forwarded to her parents. "I usually check online. I'm kind of indifferent."

Miller said he has already received mixed reactions from students and parents.

"In e-mails, some are appreciative of the cost-saving approach," he said. "Some say they've been receiving it electronically for some time, but some still want a paper bill mailed."

Students living off-campus without Internet access or students with disabilities that prevent them from using the Internet can apply to continue receiving paper U-bills in the mail, according to an e-mail sent Tuesday from the UI Billing Office.

Panel eyes keeping youth

By MICHAEL J. CRUMB
Associated Press

DES MOINES — A commission seeking ways to attract and retain young people in Iowa released a report Wednesday that recommends the state do more to achieve those goals.

The Generation Iowa Commission was created in 2007 by Gov. Chet Culver. Since then the panel of young professionals has traveled the state seeking ideas for increasing the number of young people in Iowa.

The commission's report identifies Iowa's strengths, such as being one of top five importers of college students and that at least 21 percent of Iowans having a college degree. It also identifies the state's weaknesses, such as being among the leading states in the

loss of college-educated people, losing those residents at the fourth-highest rate in the nation. The report also cited the state's low wages — ranking nine-out-of-10 in a 10-state region — with wages that are 20 percent lower than the national average.

"Our state currently finds itself with the challenge of keeping our educated young adults," said commission Chairwoman Rachel Judish. "Our recommendations are multifaceted and ambitious ... but underscored by an awareness of the critical role economic development must play to attract, retain, and engage the next generation of Iowans."

The group presented a list of initial recommendations to lawmakers last spring. On Wednesday, it issued a second

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— Chet Culver, governor

report with four additional recommendations on what can be done to attract and retain more young people in Iowa.

Those include:

- Providing more opportunities for young Iowans to be involved in state boards and commissions.

- Creating more high-wage, higher-education jobs.

- Expanding the Iowa Department of Economic Development Internship program for young Iowans in higher-education-oriented growth industries and link top Iowa

college students with internships in small- and medium-sized businesses.

- Expanding education benefits for the AmeriCorps program to attract service-minded and educated young professionals.

Culver praised the commission's work "to generate new ideas that will capture the attention of young people in Iowa."

"We can create opportunities in Iowa to attract and retain young workers, and I look forward to working with leaders across the state on this issue in order to strengthen our economic future."

STATE

Judge denies Agriprocessors manager's request

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) — A federal judge has denied a request by the jailed former CEO of a kosher slaughterhouse in Postville for more time to appeal his detention.

Sholom Rubashkin, former head of Agriprocessors, asked in a motion that the deadline for filing the appeal be extended to Dec. 19 so he could assemble a legal team and conduct additional research.

In denying the extension Monday, the judge notes that the appeal of his detention isn't due until Dec. 8 and that Rubashkin has failed to show "good cause" to extend that deadline.

Last month, a federal grand jury returned a 12-count indictment against the company and its managers, including Rubashkin, alleging they were involved in efforts to employ illegal immigrants. He's also charged with bank fraud.

Mailed pot sends Cedar Rapids man to jail

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) — A package

containing two pounds of marijuana has landed a Cedar Rapids man in jail after it was delivered to his house by the post office.

Thirty-four-year-old Chad Straub was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, possession of steroids, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of the drug tax stamp.

Police say Straub was arrested after the post office delivered the package of pot to his home on Monday.

Investigators found the other drug items and two guns during a search of his house.

He was taken to the Jones County jail. His wife, Amy Straub, was cited for disorderly house.

The investigation is continuing.

Creston cops accused of rape get venue change

CRESTON, Iowa (AP) — A judge has granted a request to move the trial of two former Creston police officials accused in the alleged rape of a woman at a country club bar.

The trial for former police chief James Christensen and former assistant chief John Sickels will be moved

from Union County in southern Iowa to Woodbury County in northwestern Iowa.

The men were charged in June with second-degree sexual abuse and later fired from the police department.

Investigators allege that Sickels raped a woman behind the bar of the Crestmoor Golf Club on April 18 while Christensen looked on. Both men pleaded not guilty.

They sought to move the proceedings because of pretrial publicity.

Trial is scheduled for Dec. 15. The Iowa attorney general's office is prosecuting the case.

Culver plans to outline budget cuts next week

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Chet Culver said Tuesday that he plans to look at state agency budgets and outline potential cuts next week.

Speaking on a conference call, Culver told reporters he and Lt. Gov. Patty Judge would review proposals to trim state agency budgets and expects to outline a plan next week.

"We'll take some time to really look at the options we have on the table, and I'll make some decisions as soon as possible," Culver said.

State officials are expecting budget problems because tax revenues are slowing at a time when previous state commitments will require additional spending.

Culver talked with reporters after meeting in Philadelphia with fellow governors as well as President-elect Barack Obama and Vice President-elect Joe Biden.

Culver said he was impressed with Obama's outreach to governors, adding that he had the opportunity to address Obama and Biden at a private meeting.

Culver said he emphasized the need for an infrastructure package that would include more than just road and bridge work.

Economic hard times hit Iowa Lottery

DES MOINES (AP) — The Iowa Lottery is feeling the pinch of economic hard times.

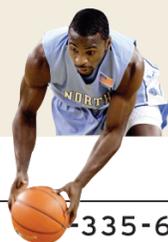
Officials say state lottery sales totaled \$77.6 million between July 1 and Oct. 31. That's down 5.6 percent from last year.

Lottery spokeswoman Mary Neubauer said two factors are in play — the overall economy and lingering troubles from this year's record floods.

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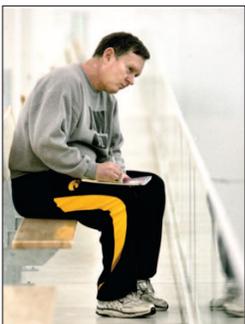
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Steve Houghton

TENNIS

Men's tennis snags top recruit

The Iowa men's tennis team has shown on the court it is becoming a serious Big Ten contender. Now the Hawkeyes have the recruiting to back it up.

Iowa head coach Steve Houghton said four-star recruit Garret Dunn has signed a letter of intent and will suit up for the Hawkeyes next year.

Dunn, a senior at Corona Del Sol High School in Tempe, Ariz., is ranked 122nd nationally among tennis recruits and second overall in the Grand Canyon State.

"I expect him to have an immediate impact," Houghton said. "At 6-8, he is a powerful player with tremendous potential. Garret is an exceptional student and tennis player."

Dunn recently snagged an individual title at the U.S. Tennis Association National Open over the summer, and he reached the Round of 32 at another U.S. Tennis Association event in Irvine, Calif., over during Thanksgiving weekend. He chose Iowa over scholarship offers from Arizona, Michigan State, and Penn State.

His accolades go beyond the courts — he carries a 4.0 grade-point average.

— by Brandon Hurley

BASEBALL

Vazquez likely headed to Braves

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves, in dire need for healthy veteran starting pitchers, have reached a tentative agreement to acquire right-hander Javier Vazquez from the Chicago White Sox in a six-player trade.

The teams agreed to the trade Tuesday, two people familiar with the deal said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the trade had not been completed. The 32-year-old right-hander must take a physical for the deal to be completed, one of the people said.



Vazquez pitcher

Atlanta, according to one of the people, agreed to send Chicago a package of four prospects, including power-hitting minor-league catcher Tyler Flowers and shortstop Brent Lillibridge, among the organization's top stolen-base threats. The Braves also give up minor-league third baseman Jon Gilmore (a former City High player) and left-hander Santos Rodriguez.

In addition to Vazquez, the Braves would acquire reliever Boone Logan. The 24-year-old lefty was 2-3 with a 5.95 ERA in 55 games for Chicago last season.

TV TODAY

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 • Louisville at Rutgers, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
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 • No. 12 UCLA at No. 8 Texas, 8 p.m., ESPN2



BENJAMIN ROBERTS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa women's basketball coach Lisa Bluder directs the squad during the Hawkeyes' contest against Providence on Nov. 23. Iowa will play No. 12 Duke in Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham tonight as part of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

Hoopsters take on Duke in N.C.

The Hawkeyes will face the No. 12 Blue Devils in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

By MIKE BROWNLEE
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The schedule doesn't get much easier for the Iowa women's basketball team.

After going 1-2 at the Paradise Jam in the U.S. Virgin Islands — beating Texas Tech

before losing to South Florida and No. 3 California — the Hawkeyes (4-3) will travel to Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C., to take on No. 12 Duke tonight as part of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

"We're going through a diffi-

ON THE WEB



See what the Hawkeyes have to say about their game tonight against No. 12 Duke at dailyiowan.com.

cult stretch in our schedule," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "Going into Cameron is exciting, but also a very tough environment to play in."

"I think it's an exciting opportunity for our players to

go down there."

Duke is 4-1 on the season, including a victory over No. 19 Oklahoma State. The lone loss came in a two-point upset at the hands of Hartford at the DePaul Invitational.

For the second-straight game, Iowa faces a challenging presence under the boards.

California center Ashley Walker torched the Hawkeyes

for 32 points, including 20 in the first half. The Blue Devils trot out center Chante Black, who leads the team with 16.4 points and 8.6 rebounds per game. The 6-5 senior averages 2.8 blocks per game as well, leading a team that averages 6.2 swats.

The Dukies have an outside

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, 3B

Runners look back, ahead

The Iowa women's cross-country team is pleased with 2008 season.

By MATT LEITZKE
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In July, Layne Anderson, the head coach of both the women's cross-country and track and field teams at Iowa, put together a newsletter that previewed his cross-country squad.

By his standards, the Hawkeyes were projected to be led to success this fall by senior Racheal Marchand, junior Jolly Burke, graduate student Sarah Spencer-Perry, and junior Krista Anderson.

However, an air of uncertainty surrounded the team once Burke, who finished 44th at the 2007 NCAA meet, and Krista Anderson were both grounded with injuries.

"Well certainly you can make an argument with the injuries we had that we had a lot of unknowns," Layne Anderson said. "With this group, we weren't certain of what we had



Anderson coach

ON THE WEB



See members of the women's cross-country team reflect on its 2008 season at dailyiowan.com.

until we started racing. Once I watched us perform at Auburn, I thought we were a team that could get back [to the national meet]."

Getting to the national meet for a third year in a row after a very successful 2007 season was the team's ultimate goal this year, with Iowa's motto being "New team, same dream."

The 2008 version featured six new faces in the team's top seven runners, with two of those faces belonging to freshmen Brooke Eilers and Betsy Flood. Layne Anderson said those two, along with Spencer-Perry's efforts, are really what propelled Iowa back to the national stage.

"Brooke did more than I possibly could have anticipated, and Spencer-Perry came in out of the Division-III ranks and proved to be an outstanding Division-I runner," the coach

SEE WOMEN'S X-C, 3B



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa 165-pounder Ryan Morningstar tangles with Minnesota State-Mankato's Tel Todd during the Iowa City Duals at the Field House on Nov. 21. The top-ranked Hawkeyes will host archival Iowa State on Saturday in a battle of No. 1 versus No. 2.

Wrestlers seek to improve

Even after opening the season with eight dominating wins, head coach Tom Brands and the Iowa wrestlers know they can still improve.

By RYAN YOUNG
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The domination started nearly three weeks ago at the Iowa City Duals.

Top-ranked Iowa stifled Iowa Central, Coe College,

and Minnesota State-Mankato inside the Field House before doing the same to the Pac-10's Arizona State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, dropping just one match the entire day.

ON THE WEB



See what the wrestling team is doing to put the past behind them and focus on Iowa State at dailyiowan.com.

Then it flew to the East Coast, where the Hawkeyes went 4-0 at the Journeyman/Brute Northeast Duals in Troy, N.Y.

Iowa wrestlers seized 13 pins, one technical fall, and a

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Northwestern	0	0	.000
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Purdue	0	0	.000
Michigan State	0	0	.000
Indiana	0	0	.000

Southwest	All Games		
	W	L	PCT
Houston	12	7	.632
New Orleans	10	6	.625
Dallas	9	8	.529
San Antonio	9	8	.529
Memphis	9	8	.529
Northwest	14	6	.700
Portland	14	6	.700
Denver	13	6	.684
Utah	12	8	.600
Minnesota	4	13	.235
Oklahoma City	2	17	.105

WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

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Minnesota	0	0	.000
Michigan State	0	0	.000
Ohio State	0	0	.000
Wisconsin	0	0	.000
Purdue	0	0	.000
Indiana	0	0	.000
Iowa	0	0	.000
Michigan	0	0	.000
Penn State	0	0	.000
Illinois	0	0	.000
Northwestern	0	0	.000

Southwest	All Games		
	W	L	PCT
Houston	12	7	.632
New Orleans	10	6	.625
Dallas	9	8	.529
San Antonio	9	8	.529
Memphis	9	8	.529
Northwest	14	6	.700
Portland	14	6	.700
Denver	13	6	.684
Utah	12	8	.600
Minnesota	4	13	.235
Oklahoma City	2	17	.105

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
N.Y. Jets	8	4	0	.667	340	268				
New England	7	5	0	.583	277	255				
Miami	7	5	0	.583	253	257				
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	276	259				
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Tennessee	11	1	0	.917	304	175				
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	257	250				
Houston	5	7	0	.417	282	310				
Jacksonville	4	8	0	.333	241	270				
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Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	269	170				
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	292	190				
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	213	247				
Cincinnati	4	10	1	.286	151	310				
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Denver	7	5	0	.583	292	319				
San Diego	4	8	0	.333	290	274				
Oakland	3	9	0	.250	172	265				
Kansas City	2	10	0	.167	216	340				

NATIONAL CONFERENCE										
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
N.Y. Giants	11	1	0	.917	352	206				
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	299	260				
Washington	7	5	0	.583	208	222				
Philadelphia	6	5	1	.542	319	249				
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Tampa Bay	9	3	0	.750	280	200				
Carolina	9	3	0	.750	285	231				
Atlanta	8	4	0	.667	298	242				
New Orleans	6	6	0	.500	337	301				
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Minnesota	7	5	0	.583	287	260				
Chicago	6	6	0	.500	291	268				
Green Bay	5	7	0	.417	334	295				
Detroit	0	12	0	.000	203	393				
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Arizona	7	5	0	.583	338	313				
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	262	313				
Seattle	2	10	0	.167	216	311				
St. Louis	2	10	0	.167	159	360				

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#1 North Carolina 98, #13 Michigan State 63
#3 Pittsburgh 78, Duquesne 51
#10 Tennessee 87, North Carolina-Ashville 69
#14 Xavier 81, Auburn 74
#15 Wake Forest 83, Indiana 58
#16 Syracuse 88, Cornell 78
Other Scores
Iowa State 71, Northern Iowa 66, OT
Drake 75, Lincoln (Mo) 50

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	18	2	.900	—
New Jersey	9	8	.529	7½
Toronto	8	9	.471	8½
New York	8	10	.444	9
Philadelphia	8	11	.421	9½
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Orlando	14	5	.737	—
Atlanta	11	6	.647	2
Miami	10	9	.526	4
Charlotte	7	11	.389	6½
Washington	3	13	.188	9½
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Cleveland	15	3	.833	—
Detroit	11	6	.647	3½
Chicago	8	11	.421	7
Milwaukee	8	12	.400	8
Indiana	7	11	.389	8

Notre Dame keeps Weis

By TOM COYNE
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Charlie Weis will return for a fifth year as Notre Dame's football coach despite posting his second-straight disappointing season.

"Though this past season fell short of the expectations that all of us have for our football program, I am confident that Charlie has a strong foundation in place for future success and that the best course of action is to move forward under his leadership," Athletics Director Jack Swarbrick said in a statement released by the university Wednesday.

Weis has seven years left on a 10-year contract signed midway through his first season, but some fans had been clamoring for his firing after the Irish got off to a 4-1 start this season and finished 6-6.

Swarbrick said he made the decision to keep Weis after talking with Notre Dame's president, the Rev. John Jenkins. Swarbrick met with Weis in California on Tuesday to review this past season and discuss next season.

"He, I, and the others involved in leading our football program are committed to doing everything necessary to ensure a successful 2009 season," Swarbrick said. "We are examining every aspect of the program and will make changes wherever we think they are needed."

The decision gives Weis another shot at trying to return Notre Dame to prominence after the team lost 15 games the past two seasons, the most by Notre Dame in a two-year span.

The former New England Patriot offensive coordinator has a

record of 28-21 in four years, a .571 winning percentage. That's slightly worse than his two predecessors, Tyrone Willingham and Bob Davie.

Weis, though, also led the Irish to BCS bowls in his initial two seasons at Notre Dame, first to the Fiesta Bowl, then to the Sugar Bowl. The Irish are expected to go to a lower-level bowl this year. Davie got the Irish to the Fiesta Bowl in 2000, Notre Dame's only BCS appearance in his five years as coach. The only bowl the Irish went to during Willingham's three years as coach was in 2002 to the Gator Bowl.

The decision to keep Weis is the first big decision in the tenure of Swarbrick, who took over the job in August.

Swarbrick said on Nov. 12 that he looked forward to Weis "being the head coach for a long time." But after an embarrassing 24-23 loss to Syracuse, the first time in its storied history that Notre Dame had fallen to an eight-loss team, and getting trounced by rival USC for the sixth time in seven-straight losses to the Trojans, Swarbrick said he wouldn't comment on Weis' status until he had time to review the season.

Last season's triple-overtime loss to Navy ended an NCAA-record 43-game winning streak over the Midshipmen, and a pair of 38-0 losses to Michigan and USC were among the embarrassing defeats of the past two seasons.



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Michigan State's Delvon Roe (10) drives as North Carolina's Deon Thompson (21) defends in the first half at Ford Field in Detroit on Wednesday.

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

DETROIT — Top-ranked North Carolina was impressive in what it hopes will be the first of three games at Ford Field.

Tyler Hansbrough scored the first basket of both halves and finished with 23 points and 11 rebounds, leading the Tar Heels to a 98-63 rout of No. 13 Michigan State on Wednesday night.

The Tar Heels (8-0) took control with an 11-3 run late in the first half, led by 14 at halftime, then built a 30-plus cushion at the home of the Detroit Lions and the 2009 Final Four.

preseason No. 1 team in The Associated Press poll seems destined for a return trip to the Motor City.

The Spartans (4-2) started the season ranked sixth, but lost a lot of luster with an 18-point loss to Maryland last week.

They scored in the final seconds, narrowly avoiding the most-lopsided defeat of Tom Izzo's career. Iowa beat Michigan State by 36 in 1996 during Izzo's first season.

Michigan State's Raymar Morgan and Chris Allen looked like they belonged on the same court with the Tar Heels, scoring 17 and 13 points respectively, but the rest of their teammates appeared overmatched.

The Tar Heels were simply too talented, quick, strong, and deep.

They didn't play any of their starters 30 minutes, showing mercy in a game that could've been more of a rout.

Wayne Ellington scored 13 of his 15 points in the first half, when the game was still contested, and Ty Lawson had 13 points and six assists.

The NFL venue was configured for about 70,000 seats and perhaps one-third of them were filled with fans, creating a scene that was as lackluster as the game.

Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars and one of his key players, former Tar Heel Rasheed Wallace, were among the faces in

the crowd.

Hansbrough played for just the fourth time in eight games, but the national player of the year looked sharp in 27 minutes. The 6-foot-9 forward missed the Tar Heels' first two games with a stress reaction in his right shin, didn't play against Chaminade in the Maui Invitation and sat out Sunday's game against UNC-Asheville for precautionary reasons.

Those are the only games the senior has missed in his career.

Michigan State was without its top frontcourt player, Goran Suton, and will miss him for at least two more weeks because he's scheduled to have arthroscopic surgery on his sprained left knee Thursday.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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game as well, with guard Abby Waner averaging 11.8 points-per-game and providing a threat from behind the arc.

"Waner has tremendous range. She's probably the deepest 3-point range shooter we've seen this year and maybe we'll see all year," Bluder said. "She doesn't hesitate to put it up from 26 feet; it doesn't bother her at all. She's such a deep 3-point shooter, it's almost alarming." Forward Joy Cheek chips in 9.2 points and 3.4 rebounds per game for Duke. On the boards as a team, Duke is outrebounding opponents by 14.2 per game.

The Blue Devils are ball-hawks defensively, entering tonight's matchup averaging 14.4 takeaways per game, which ties the squad with North Carolina State for sixth-best in nation. Waner leads with 2.8 steals per game.

Led by former Michigan State coach Joanne McCallie, Duke presses most of the game and mixes man-to-man defense with an occasional matchup zone, a defense McCallie employed with great success while in East Lansing.

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Iowa (4-3) (agate 6 col.)			
G Kristi Smith	5-6	Sr.	10.4
G Kachine Alexander	5-9	So.	6.4
C Megan Skouby	6-6	Sr.	17
F Wendy Ausdemore	6-2	Sr.	11.3
F JoAnn Hamlin	6-3	Jr.	7.3

Duke (4-1)			
G Abby Waner	5-10	Sr.	11.8
G Jasmine Thomas	5-9	So.	7.3
C Chante Black	6-5	Sr.	16.4
F Joy Cheek	6-1	Jr.	9.2
F Carrem Gay	6-2	Sr.	5.6

'Having 27 turnovers is not going to beat anybody. We need to do a better job of that and not turn the ball over.'

— JoAnn Hamlin, junior

"We've done a lot of work on the press break," Iowa senior forward Wendy Ausdemore said. "Had a little more emphasis on that."

Duke may taketh, but it giveth as well, averaging 19.6 turnovers per game. The Hawkeyes are no strangers to turnovers, either, giving the ball away 20.6 times a contest.

Iowa has turned the ball over 20 times or more in four games, including a season-

high 27 in the overtime loss to South Florida.

"Having 27 turnovers is not going to beat anybody," junior forward JoAnn Hamlin said. "We need to do a better job of that and not turn the ball over."

After struggling to find her shot early in the season — her highest offensive output before the Paradise Jam was 12 points — Ausdemore found her touch on the tropical getaway. The Neola native led Iowa in each game of the last three games, scoring 17, 21, and 10 points. She also grabbed 26 total rebounds at the tournament.

"It's almost a relief to know, 'OK, Wendy's feeling it again, she's back to her own self,'" Bluder said. "Wendy had an outstanding [tournament] shooting the ball and rebounding it. It's really nice to have Wendy's presence back on the floor."

Senior center Megan Skouby leads Iowa in scoring at 17 points per game. She's followed by Ausdemore (11.3), senior point guard Kristi Smith (10.4) and junior forward JoAnn Hamlin (7.3). Hamlin grabs a team-best 7.4 boards per contest, followed by Ausdemore (6.6) and sophomore guard Kachine Alexander (6).

Runners proud of season

WOMEN'S X-C

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said. "Betsy was certainly much better in cross-country than I had anticipated, even though I knew she had some outstanding track credentials."

Marchand ended her time as a Hawkeye in about the best way she could, being named an All-American after finishing fifth at the national meet, as well as being the Midwest Region's Runner of the Year. Marchand also won the NCAA Midwest Regional and finished third at the Big Ten championships.

Led by Marchand, the Hawkeyes finished sixth at the Big Ten meet and fourth at the NCAA Midwest Regional.

"It was always in the back of my mind that we had so many new people here and six of our top seven had never competed at nationals before," Marchand said. "We just said we are a D-I program, we are representing Iowa, and we just have to do what we can."

She was more than pleased with how she ended her cross-country career.

"To say I am the fifth-best



Marchand senior

'It was always in the back of my mind that we had so many new people here and six of our top seven had never competed at nationals before. We just said we are a D-I program, we are representing Iowa, and we just have to do what we can.'

—Racheal Marchand

runner in the nation is amazing," she said. "To finish in my home state in Indiana and having a bunch of friends and family there, it was just nice to cross the finish line and see some familiar faces."

Layne Anderson is hoping his crop of young runners learned some valuable lessons this fall and that they will use them in the years ahead.

Eilers says she is already looking ahead.

"We have actually already been talking about that," she said. "Some of us younger runners just looking at Coach [Anderson] and how he knows to develop his runners. It is going to be a lot of fun to see how all of us develop and have a really good team in the future."

2008 was a season of

thirds for Iowa, with the season marking the third year in a row the team made it to the NCAA meet, the third year in a row an Iowa runner won the Midwest Regional, and the third Iowa runner in three years to place in the top 10 nationally.

Layne Anderson feels the 2008 season may have finally put the Hawkeyes on the distance-running map.

"It is demonstrating to kids out there that aren't currently on our campus that this is a great place to come," he said. "Not only the academics and the campus atmosphere but certainly from a running standpoint. I think kids are starting to recognize that Iowa is a program where kids can come and have a promising career."

WRESTLING



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa 133-pounder Daniel Dennis takes down Arizona State's Tyler Bowles during a dual meet at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 21. Dennis pinned Bowles with 6:29 on the clock, and the Hawks shut out Arizona State, 41-0.

Grappling with getting better

WRESTLING

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pair of major decisions at the weekend event. But the five combined losses and 19 wins attained by seven points or fewer are what has head coach Tom Brands on edge — especially with an annual matchup with No. 2 Iowa State quickly approaching.

"We need to sure some things up," he said on Tuesday. "You know what, you sound like a broken record saying it, but there is work to do. And that's a positive thing because we haven't leveled out, or topped out, and we never will."

"This sport is like any other endeavor in life. You can always do better."

Improvement is apparent in the box scores, though.

New to the lineup after red-shirting last season, junior heavyweight Dan Erekson has managed first-period falls in five of his six matches so far. His only victory not by a pin was an 8-1 decision against Maryland sophomore Pat Gilmore on Nov. 29.

Junior Ryan Morningstar has also gone undefeated

through the first two weeks of the season after moving up from 157 to 165 in order to fill the void left by two-time NCAA champion and four-time all-American Mark Perry.

The fair-haired middleweight grappler has tallied a 59-12 advantage in his eight pre-Christmas dual meets, meriting a No. 9 ranking — six slots behind third-ranked Jonathan Reader of Iowa State.

But while the Hawkeye lineup has shown instances of inconsistency at the 157, with sophomore Matt Ballweg, and 197, with an injured Chad Beatty, while fluctuating between juniors Joe Slaton and Daniel Dennis at 133, wrestlers are looking forward to their meeting with the Cyclones, when they will put their 22-match winning streak on the line.

"Obviously, we've had success," defending national champion Brent Metcalf said. "This is just a good test for us to see if we can carry over

that same domination, or that same [style of] winning to a team that, on paper I guess, is supposed to be pretty good. We've had good results, and we need to continue."

Junior Hawkeye Phillip Keddy, the third-ranked wrestler at 184 pounds, agreed.

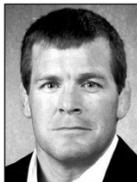
"Having success, but just still wanting to do better is my feeling so far," he said.

Even the coaching staff is looking for upgrades in the coming days, Brands said.

Iowa State will be Iowa's first true test of the early season with a batch of brawny wrestlers that dwarfs all the others the Hawkeyes have faced thus far — nine of the Cyclones' 10 weight classes are occupied by grapplers ranked in the top-20.

But Brands said he sees Saturday's competition as more of an opportunity than a challenge.

"You look at the schedule — this is something that you do target and you do get ready for," the third-year Iowa coach said. "But at the same time, every time out is a test, and every time out is a barometer. You learn, and you evaluate, and you analyze as a coach."



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Bradford flip stands out

By JEFF LATZKE
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — When Oklahoma tight end Jermaine Gresham saw Sam Bradford go hurtling end over end in an all-out effort to score a touchdown, his first thought wasn't a good one.

"I thought it was a gangling deer got hit by a car or something," Gresham said. "All I saw was his legs go in the air."

Because the key loss that knocked the Sooners out of the national championship race a season earlier also came when Bradford was injured, there was a collective sigh of relief when the star quarterback popped back up, ready to go.

In the process, Bradford came away with one of those moments that may stick in the minds of Heisman Trophy voters as they fill out their ballots.

On third-and-goal from the 9, Bradford backtracked to the 25 to avoid pressure and then outran Oklahoma State linebacker Patrick Lavine up the right sideline before vaulting into the air in a bid to reach the pylon. He got pinwheeled by safety Ricky Price and then walloped by linebacker Ori Lemon hard enough that the ball came free out of bounds.

And he did it all with a left thumb that was already torn up after he stiff-armed Lemon earlier in the game.

Even without scoring a touchdown or even getting a first down, Bradford's play left an impression on his teammates.

"When Sam jumped, I think everybody's first instinct was, 'No, don't jump,'" receiver Manuel Johnson said. "But we know he's trying to win, he's trying to get into the end zone, and we enjoyed that."

"Coach said that was a big play, because if he had just thrown it out of bounds, [Coach] probably wouldn't have went for it on fourth down. He



Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford (top) is upended by Oklahoma State linebacker Ori Lemon (41) and defensive back Ricky Price during the third quarter in Stillwater, Okla., on Nov. 29. Oklahoma defeated Oklahoma State, 61-41.

probably would have gone with the field goal. But he got it down there to the 1, and with that effort, I think Coach was like, 'I can't kick a field goal since he made that effort.'

Bradford scored on a 1-yard plunge on the next play, when he recovered his own fumbled snap, and that allowed Oklahoma to extend its lead to 37-26. A field goal would have allowed the Cowboys to take a 34-33 lead on their next possession — when Zac Robinson and Dez Bryant hooked up for a 17-

yard touchdown and then a 2-point conversion.

Instead, the fourth-ranked Sooners (11-1) went on to a 61-41 victory and advanced to face No. 19 Missouri (9-3) Saturday in the Big 12 championship game. Bradford will play with a soft cast protecting the torn ligament in his left hand, and then he is expected to have surgery.

"His heart, his toughness, his competitiveness are second to none," Sooner coach Bob Stoops said. "The players love him

because they see all of that. His effort trying to get the ball into the end zone on a third-down play, diving over everybody and thumb already injured, just going for it."

Stoops has been leery about Bradford taking too many hits after the quarterback was knocked out of the Texas Tech game last season with a concussion when he had to make a tackle after a fumble. Oklahoma, which was ranked No. 3 at the time, lost its chance at the national championship after that 34-27 loss.

Before the Sooners faced Texas Tech this year, Bradford said if the same situation arose, he couldn't see himself getting out of the way of a tackle because he was too competitive. He took that to another level with his head-first dive the pylon.

"I saw it happen right here live," Johnson said. "I just thought, 'Oh, my God.'"

Bradford's fearless flip came on the same field where Texas' Vince Young had a Heisman moment of his own three years earlier, pump-faking defender Donovan Woods into the air despite being well past the line of scrimmage on an 80-yard touchdown scramble that got the Longhorns out of a halftime deficit.

While the fleet-footed Young had his highlight during a career-best 267-yard rushing performance, Bradford's only added to another stellar passing night that has become the norm for him. He had 370 yards passing for his 10th 300-yard outing of the season and threw four touchdown passes to move his NCAA-best total to 46.

"The way he got up don't surprise me at all, but just how he flipped does," said Gresham, who played basketball against Bradford in high school. "I know he can get up and slam it with the best of them."

Judge blocks Viking suspensions

By ELLIZABETH DUNBAR
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS—A Minnesota judge on Wednesday temporarily blocked the NFL's suspension of Vikings stars Kevin and Pat Williams for violating the league's anti-doping policy, but the players' status for the Dec. 7 game at Detroit remained uncertain.

Hennepin County District Judge Gary Larson issued the temporary restraining order at the players' request, saying he wanted more time to hear arguments in the case. No further hearing date immediately was set.

The Williamses were among six players suspended for four games for testing positive for a diuretic that can be used as a masking agent for steroids. They have argued that the substance containing the diuretic didn't list all its ingre-

dients, and that league scientists and lawyers had information about the substance but withheld it from players.

The NFL argues that the league's policy on banned substances is collectively bargained with the players' association and players are responsible for what is in their bodies. It also notes that it warned the players about the substance in 2006.

"This is one of the more difficult cases I've had in 23 years," Larson said before signing the order. "If I make a mistake, I've got to decide on a temporary basis which side I'm able to make the mistake on."

Larson said he would make himself available to reconsider the issue "as quickly as you'd like me to hear it." He also said he expected lawyers for the NFL, who participated in the hearing by phone, would take the issue to federal court in

Minneapolis to get the suspensions reinstated.

"There is no merit to this lawsuit, and we will promptly seek to have the order reversed," the NFL said in a statement.

Both Kevin and Pat Williams, who are not related, sat in the courtroom with their lawyers for Wednesday's hearing, which lasted more than two hours. Both declined comment afterward.

Their attorney, Peter Ginsberg, didn't claim victory, instead saying, "It's a long hard road. It's going to take a long time for them to reclaim their reputations."

A message left by the Associated Press seeking reaction from the Vikings was not immediately returned Wednesday.

Dan Nash, an attorney for the NFL, told Larson before he issued the order that granting

it would be unprecedented and create a sideshow, disrupting the Vikings team and sending a message to other suspended players that they could file similar lawsuits.

"This program [governing banned substances] would be thrown into disarray," Nash said.

But Ginsberg said his clients' case is unique and they should be given the benefit of the doubt and continue playing until the issues are fully addressed in court.

The Vikings are 7-5 and in first place in the NFC North, with the Williamses a big part of their success.

The two Pro Bowl tackles are the foundation of one of the league's top run defenses and leaders of a unit that has played a big role in the Vikings ascending to sole possession of first place in the division for the first time in four years.

FOOTBALL

Tuberville out at Auburn

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Tommy Tuberville stepped down Wednesday after 10 years as Auburn's coach, a reign that included a perfect season and a string of overachieving teams but ended with the worst record of his tenure.

Tuberville was 85-40 in his decade with Auburn, including a 13-0 season in 2004, when the Tigers finished No. 2 in the nation and won the Southeastern Conference title for the first time in 15 years. But Auburn went 5-7 this year and was routed 36-0 at the end by rival Alabama, currently ranked No. 1.

"The last 10 years have been a great time in my life, both professionally and personally," Tuberville said in a statement. "It's been a great place to coach and live, and we've had a lot of success along the way. I'm going to remain in Auburn and help the Auburn family however I can. I'm very appreciative of the coaches, players, staff, and Auburn fans over

the last decade." Tuberville informed the players in a team meeting at the football complex after three days of meetings with Auburn officials. The players were not allowed to speak to the media as they walked out or lingered in the parking lot afterward.

"Tommy and I have had the opportunity to discuss the direction of the program," Athletics Director Jay Jacobs said in a statement. "Through those discussions, Tommy felt it would be in his and the program's best interest to step aside as Auburn's head football coach."

The Tigers lost six of their last seven games this season after a failed move to the spread offense that was abandoned — along with first-year offensive coordinator Tony Franklin — at midseason. Their first five SEC losses came by a combined 23 points, falling just short of the end zone on final drives against Arkansas and Georgia and twice losing by one point after missed PATs.

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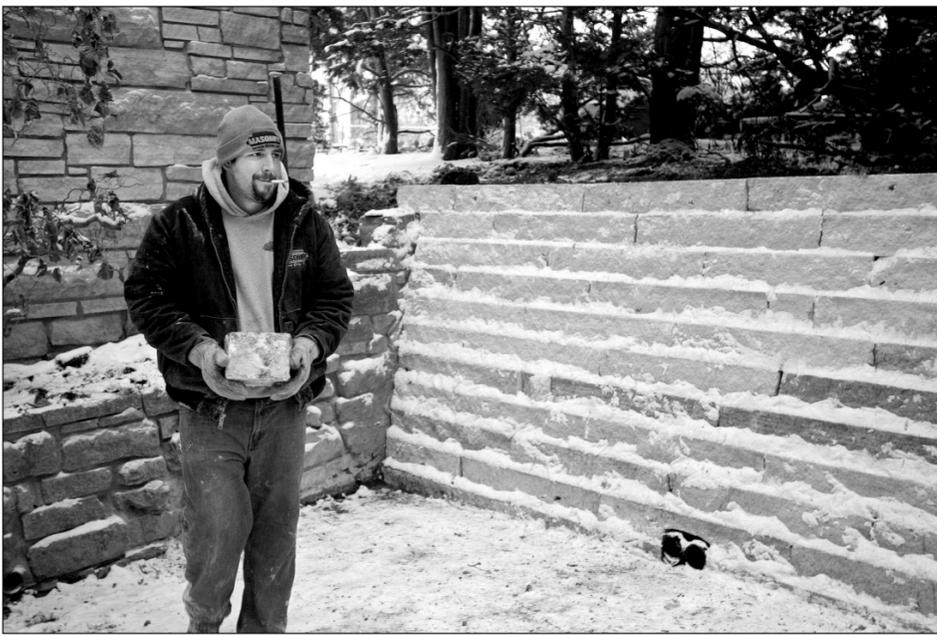
Lessons I've taken away from movies I've seen

- **Bean:** The English sense of humor is much more intelligent, complicated, and refined than the American, but sometimes even they get lazy.
- **The Beastmaster:** If ever given mastery over the domain of animals, please know that a pair of ferrets will be your most useful tools.
- **The Beutician and the Beast:** It's possible for the human voice to produce a sound so powerful it can split one's skull in two ... or compel another to throw the love seat at the television.
- **Bend It Like Beckham:** Keira Knightley + sports bra - shirt = Andrew R. Juhl passed out on the floor, twitching.
- **Beetlejuice:** Apparently, those sandworms from Dune go to some trippy form of hell when they die.
- **Best in Show:** You don't need there to be a script for there to be a screenwriter credit.
- **Bedazzled:** If the Devil ever appears to me in the form of Elizabeth Hurley in a skintight red anything, you can pretty much guarantee I'm going to be out one soul.
- **Beerfest:** A warning placed at the beginning of a movie telling me that I will die if I attempt to act like the characters in said movie will do nothing more than encourage me to act like the characters in said movie ... and stomach pumps tickle.
- **Beauty and the Beast:** I may actually end up happy someday.

- Andrew R. Juhl thanks neglectful parents for assisting with today's Ledge

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.

THE MASON LINE



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Southeast Masonry worker Ben Lewis moves stones after a cold day of work on Wednesday. He and two others removed old stone and installed the new wall to the right. The work started before Thanksgiving, and company owner Robert Owen is glad it didn't start now, because the frozen ground would have caused problems.

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'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," Porter Shreve
- 2 News from Germany (in German)
- 3 "Java Blend," The Mayflies
- 4 Faculty and Guest Lectures
- 6 Special Events from the UI
- 6:30 Incompetent Sports Talk
- 7 "Java Blend," The Mayflies

- 8 Faculty and Guest Lectures
- 9:30 Daily Iowan TV News
- 9:45 Incompetent Sports Talk
- 10:15 Student Affairs Programming, student life, issues, and activities
- 10:30 Daily Iowan TV News
- 10:45 Special Events programs from the UI
- 11 "Java Blend," The Mayflies

today's events

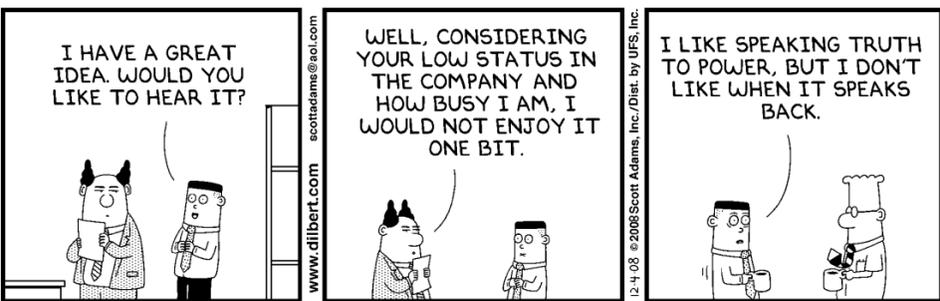
- **Museum of Art Sale,** 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Studio Arts Building, 1375 Highway 1 W.
- **Biochemistry Seminar, "Epigenetic Regulation in Embryonic Stem Cells,"** Barbara Panning, University of California, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education and Research Facility
- **Preschool Story Time,** 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **All Iowa Reads, Digging to America, brown-bag discussion,** noon, Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Molecular Physiology and Biophysics Seminar, "Electrical function of dendritic spines,"** Roberto Araya, Columbia University, noon, 5-669 Bowen
- **Pharmacology Graduate Student Workshop, "Geranylgeranyl Diphosphate Synthase: A Novel Target for Cancer Therapy,"** Amel Dudakovic, 12:30 p.m., Bowen Spivey Auditorium
- **Teen Tech Zone,** 2:30-5 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **FLARE Poster Session,** 3-5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Nun crackers,** 3 p.m., Old Creamery Theatre, 39 38th Ave., Amana
- **Gallery Talk, Eye Witness: Daniel Heyman's Portraits of Iraqi Torture Victims,** Daniel Heyman, 4 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **IMU Welcome Back Week, Bags Tournament,** 5:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Gaming for Teens,** 6-8 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Heligoats,** 6 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Ida Beam Lecture, "Cold War borders**

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

- in a Post-Socialist World: Hong Kong/China," James L. Watson, 7 p.m., 40 Schaeffer Hall
- **Project [RED] Way: Couture for a Cause,** 7 p.m., Public Space One, 129 E. Washington
- **Proseminar in Cinema and Culture: Sub-Saharan African Cinemas, Flame,** by Ingrid Sinclair; Zimbabwe (1996), 7 p.m., 101 Becker
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Thomas Dean, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Web Basics,** 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Afrotive,** 8 p.m., Industry, 211 Iowa
- **Drinking Liberally,** 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Free karaoke,** 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **Nicole Esposito, flute, and Alan Huckleberry, piano,** 8 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **UI Graduate and Undergraduate Dance Concert,** 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- **Big D's Karaoke at Gus' Food and Spirits,** 9-1 a.m., Gus' Food and Spirits, 2421 Coral Court, Coralville
- **Hamell on Trial,** 9 p.m., Mill
- **Karaoke,** 9 p.m., Drinks Neighborhood Pub, 245 Beaver Creek Center, North Liberty
- **String Cheese Incident virtual concert,** 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **"Sangria Night,"** Dustin Louis Blank, 9:30 p.m., 100 S. Linn
- **Thursday Night Karaoke,** 9:30 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- **Chad Elliott,** 10 p.m., Quinton's, 215 E. Washington

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by Scott Adams



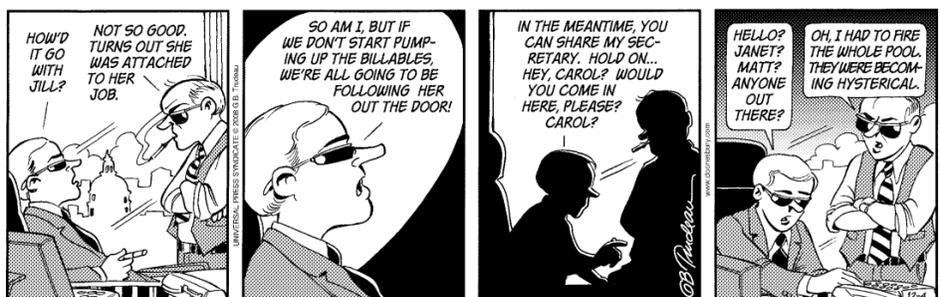
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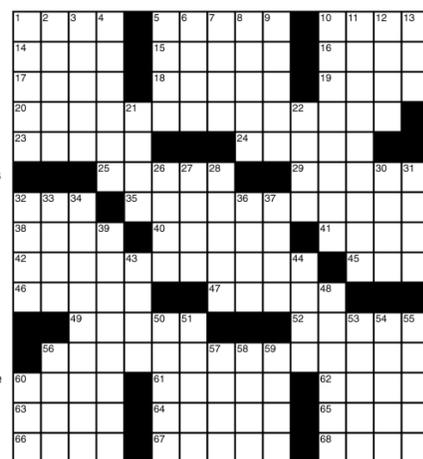
The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1023

- Across**
- 1 Fruit variety with a sweet-spiced flavor
- 5 Parents
- 10 Patron saint of sailors
- 14 ___ Arena (Kings' home)
- 15 Godspeed
- 16 Geological range
- 17 Uruguay and Paraguay
- 18 Yosemite rock features
- 19 Money bigwigs, for short
- 20 So-called "fox fires"
- 23 Three-time P.G.A. Championship winner
- 24 Intl. org. dismantled in 1977
- 25 Penicillin target
- 29 Infuriated
- 32 Outdoor cooking spot
- 35 Recording device
- 38 Having shipped out
- 40 Élan
- 41 "In principio ___ Verbum"
- 42 Certain lawsuit
- 45 Tampa-to-Fort Myers dir.
- 46 Mother ___
- 47 Kitchen gadget brand
- 49 Who's creator
- 52 List in an insurance report, maybe
- 56 What the ends of 20-, 35- and 42-Across are, collectively
- 60 ___ Sailer, three-time 1956 skiing gold medalist
- 61 "See, how she leans her cheek upon her hand!" speaker
- 62 B.C. neighbor
- 63 Big area of philanthropy, with "the"
- 64 "Mi chiamano Mimi" and others
- 65 Resting place
- 66 Reassuring words after an accident
- 67 Big city newspaper desk
- 68 Car radio mode
- Down**
- 1 Stock holders
- 2 Night sky feature
- 3 Get the point?
- 4 Longtime NBC Olympics host
- 5 Wane
- 6 Repute
- 7 Represent by drawing
- 8 Falls (over)
- 9 "Wake Up Little ___"
- 10 On every single occasion
- 11 Take-home?
- 12 Calls to farmers
- 13 Carry-___
- 21 Modern show shower
- 22 Certain ballroom event
- 26 European capital
- 27 Cabinet dept.
- 28 Penna. topper
- 30 S.&L. offering
- 31 November 4, e.g.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Chuck Hamilton

- 32 A sergeant might ask soldiers to pick it up
- 33 Española, for one
- 34 Lambastes
- 36 Johnny with the 1958 hit "Willie and the Hand Jive"
- 37 Codger
- 39 Record follower, at times
- 43 "Leaving Las Vegas" actress
- 44 ___ Point Lighthouse, Massachusetts landmark since 1838
- 48 Detox centers
- 50 "Hit the road!"
- 51 Stock holder
- 53 "I mean it!"
- 54 Socratic student
- 55 Desolate
- 56 R.A.'s place
- 57 Rule out
- 58 Parent
- 59 Bliat
- 60 James Clavell's "___-Pan"

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Some months after relocating to an ex-Menard's warehouse, the UI studio art program hosts an open house to welcome the rest of the campus to its new digs.



AIDS-ez moi, AIDS-ez moi

Step aside, 'Project Runway.' The UI Global Health Club is set to control the runway tonight for 'Couture for a Cause,' an AIDS/HIV fundraiser.

By JAKE JENSEN
Photos by CHRISTY AUMER



UI senior Annah Vollstedt tapes copies of old *Daily Iowans* to a T-shirt in her home on Tuesday. Vollstedt will model the outfit at "Couture for a Cause," an event to bring attention to HIV and AIDS, tonight at Public Space One.

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus — better known as AIDS and HIV — are not the cheeriest of subjects.

But that's not stopping the UI Global Health Club from putting on an evening of laughter, live music, and fashion to raise awareness about the two diseases.

"Couture for a Cause," which is scheduled to occur today at Public Space One, 129 E. Washington St., will begin with improvisational comedy from Paperback Rhino at 7 p.m., followed by the Anything But Clothes fashion show at 8 p.m., and it will conclude with live music from Iowa City band Broken Spokes at 9 p.m. All proceeds and donations collected during the evening will go to Partners in Health, a national organization devoted to providing medical care and education to underprivileged people around the globe. Partners in Health receives tens of millions of dollars in donations each year.

UI senior and Global Health Club member Rachel Bender said her organization spent all year thinking of an event for Red Week, an AIDS awareness week starting with World AIDS Day on Monday. In the United States alone, 1.1 million people live with HIV, and 33 million people worldwide are infected, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC also reports that those numbers are likely to increase.

FUNDRAISER

Couture for a Cause

When: Today, 7 p.m. Paperback Rhino Improv Comedy, 8 p.m. Anything But Clothes Fashion Show, 9 p.m. Music by Broken Spokes

Where: Public Space One, 129 E. Washington

Admission: Free; donations encouraged



UI senior Abby Brotherton places a section of hot glue to secure a condom on a costume for the HIV/AIDS "Couture for a Cause" event while sitting in her home on Tuesday. "I think I may send them to my friends at Iowa State in Christmas cards," said Brotherton when asked what she was going to do with the hundreds of excess condoms she acquired through UI Student Health.

A fashion show, Bender said, provided a novel way to attract a crowd. "We wanted to do something artsy and something we could get a lot of college kids to come to," said Bender, a major in global health studies. "We wanted something that wouldn't go on any other night, something that allowed people to express themselves. Last year, we had an art show, and there were some great interpretations of people's thoughts on HIV and AIDS, so we wanted to give people the same chance to do that."

"The preventative thing is what we were going for. I took a more local approach. Third World countries dealing with HIV focus more on treatment and not so much prevention. But college kids can relate to safer sex."

— Abby Brotherton, UI senior

SEE COUTURE, 3C

Living in the heart of the heart



BENJAMIN ROBERTS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Local author and UI President Sally Mason's speechwriter Thomas Dean stands in the wind and snow outside his Jessup Hall office on Wednesday. Dean will read from his new collection of essays, *Under a Midland Sky*, tonight at Prairie Lights.

Readers of *Under a Midland Sky* can read about the beauty of the Heartland through the eyes of Iowa City author Thomas Dean.

By REBECCA KOONS
rebecca-koons@uiowa.edu

Most Americans know the Midwest to be the heart of the United States. It is a diverse land of big open fields, rich farmland, and small towns, and also of large, urban, concrete jungles. Yet just as the lay of the land has its share of varied characteristics, so does the sky under which it sits.

In his new collection of essays, *Under a Midland Sky*, local author and UI President Sally Mason's speechwriter Thomas Dean successfully captures the essence of the great Midwestern region and its incredible distinctions in

environmental elements such as season and temperature. Dean decided to use the essay form, as opposed to a book, to depict Iowan climate, because he believed it was more appropriate to detail his experiences and ideas.

READING

Thomas Dean,
Under a Midland Sky

When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
Admission: Free

He will read from his new book at 7 p.m. today at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

With *Under a Midland Sky*, he looks to paint an intricate portrait of Iowa as a unique place on Earth. Place, in fact, is a major factor in his essays, and he defines it as a "web of interconnected environments — natural, built, social, and cultural." Inspiration for this book came from his history in writing about weather and seasons, as well as his belief that a sense of "place" plays an important role in everyone's life.

SEE DEAN, 3C

'80 HOURS ON AIR'

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D(EYE) ON ARTS BLOG

Some of us didn't get turkey for Thanksgiving. Some of us are really, really, unhealthily obsessed with Britney Spears' new album, *Circus*, and well, anything relating to the scandalous starlet. Some of us really want to know why Arts reporters are going nuts over Zubaz zebra-striped pants. Some of us finally discovered how Pete Wentz actually writes his songs. You can be one of us, too: Navigate to dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com.

WEEKEND AGENDA



Thursday

Noon You'd be a fool not to read dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com. Take a break from editing Wikipedia and your Facebook status and stimulate your brain with the wit and humor (and humility) of the *DI* Arts staff.
4 p.m. If you haven't made it to see the exhibit *Eye Witness* yet, be sure to take advantage of Daniel Heyman's lecture today in the Old Capitol.
7 p.m. Speechwriter and Iowa weather expert? **Go listen to Thomas Dean** — not to hear one of his well-crafted speeches but to hear him read from his book of essays, *Under a Midland Sky* at Prairie Lights.
9 p.m. Swing by the Mill to witness **Ed Hamell's solo act**, Hamell on Trial, and watch as he lights up the stage with his humor, political opinions, and music.



Friday

10 a.m. Looking to decorate those barren white walls with something snazzy? **Check out the Flood Recovery Benefit Sale** at the Studio Arts Building and support a worthy cause.
Noon Interested in learning more about human rights and countering terrorism under President-elect Barack Obama's administration? Don't miss **Jamil Dakwar at the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Luncheon**.
10 p.m. We know you're looking for wholesome fun, and for that, we bring you **dominoes: a new-age, newfangled, high-tech game** involving nothing risqué. Grab some tasty drinks and treats, and hole up inside on a cold night.



Saturday

8:30 a.m. Today is not a sleep-in day. Finals are looming, papers are waiting to be conquered, pages need reading, music needs downloading, and Facebook needs updating. **Get busy.**
11 a.m. Snag a good parking spot at the mall and start **crossing friends and family off your holiday gift list**.
8 p.m. Are you a man's man? Maybe you just say, "Well, a man's a man" a lot? Regardless, go see some good theater at the Riverside Theatre with the one-acts *A Man's A Man* and *Waiting for Lefty*.



Sunday

10 a.m. Advent season is in full swing, so **visit a local church** — even if it doesn't celebrate Advent — to get your spiritual fill.
1 p.m. It's MTV "Cribs" but better! You can't miss this opportunity to take the **UI Presidential Holiday Home Tour**. It's too legit.
7 p.m. Every year about this time, people put up holiday lights, malls get psychotically crowded, and non-Scrooges want to see *The Nutcracker*. Hop on board that boat at the Englert.



**NEW MOVIES
OPENING THIS WEEKEND**



Punisher: War Zone
Coral Ridge 10, Sycamore 12
Frank Castle (Ray Stevenson), a.k.a. the Punisher, is back, and he's still pretty pissed off. His one-man battle to right the world's copious wrongs isn't over, and when nemesis mob tycoon Billy Russo (complete with the oh-so-intimidating nickname "Jigsaw") comes looking for vengeance, Castle has to destroy this venomous villain (played by Dominic West).



Nobel Son
Coral Ridge 10, Sycamore 12
This film features familial dysfunction in a thrilling and humorous manner. (Bryan Greenberg) stars as Barkley Michaelson, a student finishing his doctoral thesis, at the same time his father Eli Michaelson (Alan Rickman) wins the Nobel Peace Prize for Chemistry. Things turn ugly when Barkley is kidnapped the night before Eli accepts his prize, and his father refuses to pay the ransom.

AT THE BIJOU



La fille coupée en deux (Girl Cut in Two)
Showtimes: Friday, 7, 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, 5, 7:15, 9:30 p.m.; Dec. 7, 3, 5:30 p.m.
A French thriller about TV weatherwoman Gabrielle Aurore Deneige (Ludivine Sagnier), torn between the love of two wealthy men - one a married writer, Charles St.-Denis (François Berléand); the other, Paul Gaudens (Benoît Magimel), an industrial heir. Sounds like an easy enough life, right? Not so - trouble lurks in dark corners for this amorous meteorologist.

**TRACKS
FROM THE PAST**

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

There's no better way to satiate your eclectic musical cravings than jamming to the sounds of funk band Earth, Wind, & Fire. Bust out your star-framed glasses, astrological charts, and African drums, because the *Greatest Hits* album is about to bring you back to the 1970s.

Bandleader Maurice White, lead singer Philip Bailey, and the rest of the band crooned, grooved, and jammed their way into the world's hearts in all their Afro and bell-bottom - or robed, depending on the day - glory. They mixed R&B and soul with jazz, disco, funk, and of course, nature's elements. As one of the more spiritually straightedge bands (the members were known for abstaining from alcohol, cigarettes, and drugs), Earth, Wind & Fire focused on creating good vibes for audiences, especially at concerts full of colorful displays of showmanship and pyrotechnics - as good as any George Clinton and the P-Funk All Stars show. *Greatest Hits* encompasses many favorites, including "September," "Got to Get You Into My Life," and "Let's Groove," which make anyone want to get up and boogie. Although the band members shared an on-again-off-again relationship, their music topped charts and got them inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame - and who could resist a band whose arguably greatest hit, "Shining Star," was used in a Muppets film?

- by Kathleen Serino



Earth, Wind, & Fire: Greatest Hits by Earth, Wind, & Fire
Released Nov. 17, 1998

Today 12.4

MUSIC

- **Afromotive**, 8 p.m., Industry, 211 Iowa Ave.
- **Nicole Esposito, flute, and Alan Huckleberry, piano**, 8 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **Hamell On Trial**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Virtual Concert, String Cheese Incident Hi-Def at Red Rocks**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **"Sangria Night," singer/song-writer Dustin Louis Blank**, 9:30 p.m., 100 S. Linn
- **Chad Elliott singer/songwriter performance**, 10 p.m., Quinton's, 215 E. Washington

WORDS

- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Tom Dean, nonfiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque

LECTURES

- **Gallery Talk, Eye Witness: Daniel Heyman's Portraits of Iraqi Torture Victims**, Daniel Heyman, 4 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **"Ramayana Remix: Two Hindi Film Songs as Epic Commentary," Philip Lutgendorf**, 4 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Centre
- **Ida Beam Lecture, "Cold War Borders in a Post-Socialist World: Hong Kong/China," James L. Watson**, 7 p.m., 40 Schaeffer Hall

DANCE

- **Graduate/Undergraduate Dance Concert**, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place

MISCELLANEOUS

- **UI Museum of Art Flood**

Recovery Benefit Sale, 10 a.m., Studio Arts Building, 1375 Highway 1 W.

• **"Project [RED] Way: Couture for a Cause,"** 7 p.m., Public Space One, 129 E. Washington

• **Proseminar in Cinema and Culture: Sub-Saharan African Cinema, Flame**, by Ingrid Sinclair, Zimbabwe (1996), 7 p.m., 101 Becker

• **Drinking Liberally**, 8 p.m., Mill

• **Goodtime Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville

• **Big D's Karaoke Jamz**, 9 p.m., Gus', 2421 Coral Court Suite 4, Coralville

• **Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.

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

Friday 12.5

MUSIC

- **"Java Blend," John Richards**, noon, Java House, 211 1/2 E. Washington
- **"Dawn's Coffeehouse," Marv Hain Jr.**, 5 p.m., Dawn's Hide and Bead Away, 220 E. Washington
- **The Forecast, Seabird, and Pacific Proving Ground**, 6 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **"Randy Harrison Benefit," Morning After**, 7:30 p.m., Charlie's
- **Denison Witmer and Caleb Engstrom**, 8 p.m., Public Space One
- **Miles Nielsen, Miracles of God, and Broken Spokes**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **Uniphonics and Fresh Heir**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- **Daylight Savings Account, Insectoid, and Make Believe Bombs**, 10 p.m., Picador

WORDS

- **Writers' Workshop Reading, Andre Dubus III, fiction**, 8 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room

THEATER

- **M.F.A. Directors One-Act Play Festival, A Man's a Man, by Bertolt Brecht, and Waiting for Lefty**, by Clifford Odets, 8 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- **No Shame Theatre**, 11 p.m., Public Space One

LECTURES

- **Finding God at Iowa Lunch Forum, "Social Justice and Public Health," James A. Merchant**, noon, 337 IMU
- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Luncheon, "End of the War on Terror? Protecting Human Rights While Countering Terrorism Under the Obama Administration," Jamil Dakwar**, noon, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton
- **Colloquium, "Transparency, Representation and the Grain Problem," Kenneth Williford**, 3:30 p.m., 304 English-Philosophy Building

DANCE

- **The Nutcracker**, 7:30 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Graduate/Undergraduate Dance Concert**, 8 p.m., Space/Place

MISCELLANEOUS

- **UI Museum of Art Flood Recovery Benefit Sale**, 10 a.m., Studio Arts Building
- **Noon Knit**, noon, Hardin Library
- **Knitting Nurse**, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Open House**, 4 p.m., Studio Arts Building
- **"Know the Score," with Joan Kjaer**, 5 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **"Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,"** 10 a.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber

don't miss!



Daylight Savings Account, Insectoid, and Make Believe Bombs
Where: 10 p.m. Friday
When: Picador, 330 E. Washington
Why you should go: Don't head to the bank or set the clock back, rock fans: Daylight Savings Account is a band. The quartet hails from eastern Iowa, and it will light up the Picador with its self-described "cosmic rock" alongside Insectoid and Make Believe Bombs.

Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," 8 p.m., 101 Becker

• **Michael Harker Signing**, 6 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall

• **Friday Night Karaoke with Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., American Legion Post No. 17, 3016 Muscatine Ave.

• **Retro Club Night**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy

**weekend
calendar
of events**

Saturday 12.6

MUSIC

- **"Ding Dong Merrily on High," the Quire: Eastern Iowa's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Chorus**, 7 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 310 N. Johnson
- **"Harmony Holiday," Harmony Hawks Barbershop Chorus**, 7:30 p.m., St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1300 Melrose Ave.
- **Composers Workshop**, 8 p.m., Pappajohn Business Building Buchanan Auditorium,
- **Dennis McMurrin and the Demolition Band**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- **Scott Cochran and Flannel**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **The White Tornado Outbreak**, 9 p.m., Picador

THEATER

- **M.F.A. Directors One-Act Play Festival, A Man's a Man, by Bertolt Brecht, and Waiting for Lefty**, by Clifford Odets, 8 p.m., Riverside Theatre

LECTURES

- **"Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,"** 10 a.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber

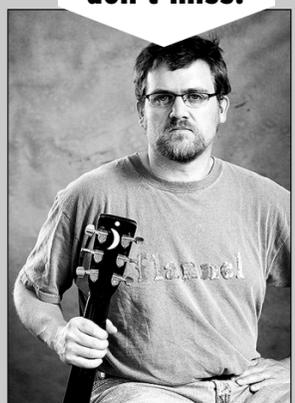
DANCE

- **The Nutcracker**, 2 and 7:30 p.m., Englert
- **Bollywood Dance Class**, 2 p.m., Kahraman Dance Studio, 330 E. Second St.
- **Graduate/Undergraduate Dance Concert**, 8 p.m., Space/Place

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Holiday Farmers' Market**, 9 a.m.,

don't miss!



Scott Cochran and Flannel
Where: 9 p.m. Saturday
When: Mill, 120 E. Burlington
Why you should go: Celebrate those Iowa roots at the Mill with the Scott Cochran and Flannel show. The Riverside, Iowa, foursome loves its home state so much the group named its album *Cornfed*.

Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert

• **Fine Arts Council Holiday Thieves' Market**, 10 a.m., IMU Main Lounge

• **Knitters' Breakfast**, 10 a.m., Home Ec. Workshop

• **Two-Drop Peyote Bracelet Class**, 10 a.m., Dawn's Hide and Bead Away

• **UI Presidential Holiday Home Tour**, 10 a.m., President's Residence

• **Holiday at Heart**, 11 a.m., Hills Bank, 1009 Second St., Coralville

• **Euchre Tournament**, 1 p.m., American Legion Post No. 17

• **Rock and Roll/Country Night**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy

Sunday 12.7

MUSIC

- **Philharmonia and All-University String Orchestra**, 3 p.m., IMU Ballroom
- **Suffokate, Ocean, and Breathing Process**, 6 p.m., Picador
- **Center for New Music, David Gompper, director**, 8 p.m., IMU Ballroom

THEATER

- **M.F.A. Directors One-Act Play Festival, A Man's a Man, by Bertolt Brecht, and Waiting for Lefty**, by Clifford Odets, 2 p.m., Riverside Theatre

DANCE

- **The Nutcracker**, 2 p.m., Englert
- **Argentine Folkloric Dance**

Workshop, 4 p.m., Arts à la Carte, 408 First Ave., Coralville

MISCELLANEOUS

• **Fine Arts Council Holiday Thieves' Market**, 10 a.m., IMU Main Lounge

• **"Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,"** 11:30 a.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber

• **Winter Extravaganza**, noon, Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Road S.E.

• **UI Presidential Holiday Home tour**, 1 p.m., President's Residence

• **Guidelines Workshop**, 2 p.m., Public Access Television, 206

Lafayette St.

• **Advent Labyrinth Day**, 4 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market

• **Ecumenical Advent Prayer Services**, 5 p.m., Old Brick

• **Taizé**, 5 p.m., Old Brick

• **Pub Quiz**, 9 p.m., Mill

• **Reggae Night with DJs FUNKMASTER and KIMX**, 9 p.m., Quinton's, 215 E. Washington

Politically in tune with our times

Ed Hamell combines political satire, humor, and a guitar to create a one-of-a-kind sound for his one-man band, Hamell on Trial.

By **DAN WATSON**
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Ed Hamell recognizes how difficult it is to keep a band together. Conflicts of interest are bound to happen when musicians share their craft. To avoid these troubles, he did the most logical thing: He formed a one-man band.

Equipped with only an amplified guitar and a microphone, his band, Hamell on Trial, will perform at 9 p.m. today at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St.

Hamell's act is more of a theatrical performance than a set of songs, he said, and he often intertwines topical political jokes and audience interaction in between songs.

"In retrospect, economics probably had more to do with

[being a one-man band] than anything else," he said. "It was never a strategy at all."

In the beginning of his career, he was a part of various bands, but none of them shared his intense passion to be a musician for a living, he said. Changes in the music industry also accounted for the creation of Hamell on Trial.

"In the past, the whole indie-rock scene was a network of musicians who mutually supported each other," the ossing N.Y. resident said. "People pushed the envelope artistically, never wanting to make money, but when Nirvana broke up, that somewhat ended. Now, most bands want to make money."

When the floodgates opened to people entering the music community in hope of fame and for-

tune, it became difficult for Hamell to find band members who shared his views on what music ought to be.

"Money was the last thing that I ever wanted," he said. "In fact, I freaking hate the stuff. I make money to tour, not the other way around."

With seven records under his belt, including *Choochtown* and *Songs for Parents Who Like Drugs*, he has fulfilled his dream of being a professional musician, with or without money. His last two records were released with Righteous Babe Records. Hamell, along with Ani DiFranco, are probably the record company's largest acts, and they often tour together and collaborate.

Hamell is fresh off a recent tour in Europe, where his music

is more widespread than here. He attributes his popularity in Britain and the rest of Europe to the relatively small areas of the countries, in which his music can spread more quickly.

In 2000, he was involved in a serious car accident, which prompted him to write and record the CD *Ed's Not Dead*.

"Near the new millennium, numerous mortality-related things, both personal and international, happened," he said. "I was in a car accident, my son was born, and 9/11. All of them probably subconsciously affected my music."

His political views probably haven't gained him any Republican fans, but he admits it probably helped fertilize his fame.

"I never started out to be a political folksinger," he said. "But because of the heinous decisions by the current administration, I just fell into it."

And he is not worried about what implications President-elect Barack Obama's administration will have on his material.

"Obama is inheriting a bunch of problems," Hamell said. "Even if Gandhi were president, there would still be human rights violated somewhere. There will always be something to write about."

LEMON PEPPER SALMON AND OVEN-ROASTED GREEN BEANS

So you've just spent the past week gorging yourself on Thanksgiving leftovers, and you can't possibly cram another ounce of turkey down your exhausted gullet. Isn't it time to mix things up a little bit? Here's an easy, light meal that won't slow your metabolism to a crawl. Oh, and it tastes good, and is good for you. It serves two, so find a friend to enjoy it with if you're feeling unromantic.

LEMON PEPPER SALMON

What you need:
2 8 oz. salmon fillets
1 lemon
6-8 mushrooms, sliced
Black pepper, dill, and salt

What to do:
Heat oven to 450 degrees, and line a baking sheet with

aluminum foil. Place both salmon fillets on the same sheet. Score your fillets with a few small knife cuts about an inch apart. Cut the lemon in half, and squeeze one half generously over both fillets. Add black pepper, dill, and salt, and rub the spices into the incisions you've made. Spread the

mushrooms over top, and use the other half of the lemon to garnish each fillet with a big lemon slice. Bake for 15 minutes, until the salmon is flaky and cooked through.

OVEN-ROASTED GREEN BEANS
What you need:

1 lb. fresh green beans
Olive oil
Salt and pepper
What to do:
The oven should already be at 450 degrees. Snap or cut the stems off the green beans, and rinse them off. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Put the

green beans in a bowl, drizzle in a little olive oil, and toss the beans until they are evenly coated. Spread the beans out evenly on the baking sheet and add salt and pepper. Bake for 20 minutes or until the beans are a little wrinkled, with brown spots.



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Hamell on Trial
The Terrorism Of Every Day Life

Featured Tracks:
• "When You're Young"

If you like it:
See **Hamell On Trial** 9 p.m. today, Mill, 120 E. Burlington, \$7.



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Malcolm Gladwell falls flat with his latest book, *Outliers*, released Nov. 18 on Little, Brown, and Co.

Ordinary people, more or less

Counter to Malcolm Gladwell's intention to profile and pinpoint the success stories of the exceptional, *Outliers* proves to be just a study of the ordinary.

By MELEA ANDRYS
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It's human nature: The first thing one is tempted to do when picking up *Outliers*, journalist Malcolm Gladwell's attempt at pinpointing the reasons some individuals become phenomenally successful while others do not, is to go through each of his ideas and compare them with one's own life to determine a possible future success quotient. Unfortunately, one may be disappointed with the results — not because *Outliers* indicates a destiny of remaining ordinary, but because it provides no extraordinary answers in itself. Admittedly, it's a little ironic that a book that aims to explain the conditions of success isn't entirely successful in doing so. But then again, with a concept as intangible as creating a systematic way of determining future achievement, can we really expect to have that intelligible of an explanation?

If the person making the argument is as renowned as Gladwell, then the answer is an enthusiastic "Yes." After hitting it big with *Blink* and *The Tipping Point*, Gladwell has taught us the things we take for granted in the everyday, from our gut instincts to commercial trends, are always worth closer examination. And in his very capable hands, not only does that examination usually yield complete agreement from the reader but also a deeper overall insight into the human spirit.

The exception to this rule is his latest effort. In *Outliers*, released Nov. 18 by Little, Brown, and Co., Gladwell tries

to uncover the "secrets" of people who accomplish out-of-the-ordinary feats and therein challenge our culture's deeply rooted idea that success only comes from the individual's own determined efforts. Unfortunately, he falls short of his characteristic persuasiveness. Though his case studies on "outliers" make for an easy and overall enjoyable read (he tells diverse stories about Chinese elementary math students, certified American genius Christopher Langan, and the most successful band in rock history, the Beatles), his ideas just don't hold water.

The problem with Gladwell's thesis — that success is determined not only by the individual but by the social network and environment he or she has access to — is that it's just a little too commonsensical. Of course a musician who practices his craft more than others is going to get better, faster. And of course someone coming-of-age during the technology boom of the 1970s with both an interest in and constant access to a computer, such as programming wiz Bill Joy, is going to have an advantage in becoming successful in that field.

In the end, Gladwell's clear knack for storytelling and fluid prose are almost enough to persuade the reader the "right place at the right time" idea is his own original concept. But because we know that everything is worth deeper investigation (a skill Gladwell himself has taught us), it becomes clear that *Outliers* is basically a book of individual, surface-level concepts, artfully linked together to give the appearance of discovery rather than actual insight.

Fashioning an AIDS event

COUTURE

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The fashion show's models, however, won't don common clothes which they stomp the runway. As its title suggests, fashions had to be created using anything but clothes. The outfits are designed to reflect a theme or message about HIV and AIDS, and audience members will vote — with cash — for their favorites. The creators of the winning design will receive prizes from local businesses.

UI senior Abby Brotherton said she wanted to participate in the show because of its creative approach to raising awareness.

"It's not your typical fundraiser," she said. "It sounded like a cool, kind of different way to get the word out."

She will contribute a "stylish-looking" dress made of condoms and condom wrappers. She chose those materials because they represent safe sex, she said.

"The preventative thing is what we were going for," Brotherton said. "I took a more local approach. Third World countries dealing with HIV focus more on treatment and not so much prevention. But college kids can relate to safer sex."

The fashion show may be tonight's feature presentation, but "Couture for a Cause" has more entertainment on the agenda: UI improv comedy troupe Paperback Rhino will perform.

The troupe is a Thursday night regular at Public Space



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Kevin Burke, a member of Paperback Rhino, anticipates a reaction from Paperback Rhino member Michael Goldberg (right) in Slater Hall on Sept. 11. Paperback Rhino will perform at the HIV/AIDS "Couture for a Cause" event today at Public Space One. The event also features an Anything but Clothes fashion show and performance by local Iowa City band Broken Spokes.

One, and when team captain Darin Webb was told about "Couture for a Cause," he said, the group members were thrilled to share the venue. Because Rhino improvises its shows, he can't predict what will happen, but the event's awareness theme will likely be a factor, he said.

"Whatever is on our minds is usually what happens," he said. "But if there's an overarching theme, it usually makes its way to the stage. We just did a flood-benefit show, and we've done a few [fundraisers] in the past. It's nice when an opportunity like this comes along."

Planning the event didn't come without challenges.

Dealing with local businesses and their respective schedules slowed things down, Bender said, but the team she worked with helped expedite the process.

"In any group dynamic, [you have to] take advantage of people wanting to get involved," she said. "The group working on this project has made it a lot easier. I can't imagine doing it alone. Everybody has a hundred great ideas and takes a lot on her or his shoulders."

The Global Health Club is still in its infancy, with just around a year and a half of experience as a student group, but the members have plenty on their schedule to stay busy.

Bender said the group is planning, among other events, a concert with Amnesty International, a conference at Yale, and a trip to Honduras this summer.

But no matter what the club is doing — international field trips or fundraiser fashion shows — Bender said she feels rewarded when she helps spread the word about its cause.

"[The best part of being in the club] is getting people who have never thought about global health issues," she said. "People will be on the edge of their seats wanting to learn more and wanting to help. They'll jump all over and say, 'I'll do this.' The energy and enthusiasm is ridiculous."

A voice from the Midlands

DEAN

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"The atmosphere in which we live and breathe is one of the most fundamental, natural connections to the world that we have ... so it's a natural focus," he said. "I was born and raised in the Midwest, so I've become very connected to our middle-land communities, landscape, and climate."

Dean's essays, much like the atmosphere he describes, are greatly assorted in nature. "There is a variety of approaches and tones in the book," he said. "Some essays are more expository ... some focus on my personal experiences, some both."

The book's tone ranges from humorous to much more serious accounts. In one essay, the theme concentrates on his family's experiences with cancer.

Excerpt

The following is an excerpt from the essay "Here, August Is" in Thomas Dean's book *From Under a Midland Sky*.

Here, August is fullness. Our backyard tomato plants overflow with red, juicy abundance. The zucchini multiply out of control; neighbors and coworkers avoid looking at us when we approach with an armload to share. The farmers' market tables seem to be sprouting their own green largesse, there is so much harvest. Tables and trucks full of Muscatine melons pop up on street corners. Corn and soybean fields seem to be sinking under their own rich greenness.

Here, August is emptiness. Stores' garden centers display wilting left-overs, ever-shrinking piles of bags of topsoil, mulch, and composted manure. Retail shelves are cleared of swimming pool accessories, red-white-and-blue flags, and picnic supplies. Should we plant fall spinach in that garden spot barren of thick leafy green since early summer?

Here, August is thickness. Summer's humidity plops in lassitude over our Midwest, the saturated air almost dank. We worry it will never leave. We tire and slow as we slog through the oppressive mustiness. The swimming pool's water almost seems to slow, too. Did someone put a little bit of gelatin in there?

Under a Midland Sky was published by Ice Cube Press, a North Liberty publishing company, founded in 1993 by author and editor Steve

Semken. The company, he said, focuses primarily on authors around the Midwest and also the topics that affect the lives of those who live there.

"We try to help people, hopefully, better understand the area in which they live — that's the main point," he said.

This approach, along with a key local connection, has been of great benefit to authors such as Dean. Because he is so close, Semken and Dean, among other authors, are able to work on each step to complete the final product, from editing the text to choosing the cover art.

Variety is the name of this book's game, and Dean knows how to play it. Tonight's reading will present the diversity that is prevalent in his book about the exceptional, distinct nature of the Midwestern setting.

"I hope readers come away from the book with a greater appreciation for how wonderful our life is in the Midwest," he said.

BIJOU THEATER NOW PLAYING DEC. 5-DEC. 11

GIRL CUT IN TWO
Directed by Claude Chabrol

F-7:00 & 9:30, Sa-5:00, 7:15 & 9:30, Su-3:00 & 5:30, M-7:00 & 9:30, T-7:00 & 9:30, W-7:00 & 9:30, TH-7:00 & 9:30

In this thriller, TV weather girl Gabrielle Snow (Lucydivine Sagnier) finds herself torn between two wealthy, distinguished lovers. One is a married writer, Charles Saint-Denis (François Berléand); the other is a spoiled heir to an industrial fortune named Paul (Benoit Magimel). The Chicago Tribune hails, "Spectacularly assured, *A GIRL CUT IN TWO* keeps you off-balance as it establishes a world where every conversation is a flirtation, and trouble and heartbreak sneak in on little cat feet when no one's looking."

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Adults: \$8
Seniors & Students: \$6

2 hour performance
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University Theatres Second Stage presents the
MFA Directors One Act Play Festival

WAITING FOR LEFTY by CLIFFORD ODETS
directed by Anthony Nelson

Popular during the four years that the Depression-era Federal Theatre Project existed, this frankly political play deals with the American working class and how big business has attempted to stifle their independence and freedom.

A MAN'S A MAN by BERTOLT BRECHT
directed by John Kaufmann

A man goes out in the morning to buy a fish and finds himself drafted into the army by sundown. This hilarious and haunting play was heavily influenced by vaudeville and the physical comedy of Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton.

December 5 & 6 @ 8 pm,
December 7 @ 2 pm
Performances at Riverside Theatre
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The University of Iowa Department of Theatre Arts
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Far from the meandering herd

This weekend's M.F.A. Directors One-Act Play Festival has it all; a Gay, a Widow, and even some war.

Journalists and directors seem to have one thing in common: valuing honesty. John Kaufmann, a second-year M.F.A. directing student at the UI, displayed this during his interview with *The Daily Iowan*.

"I have to tell you something. I just put poop in a bag," he said. "You'd hate to be on the phone with someone who's putting poop in a bag and not being honest with you."

Kaufmann doesn't have some weird fecal fetish — at least not that he made the *DI* aware of — he's just trying to multitask, doing the interview over the phone while walking his dog. He needs to maximize his time; he's a busy guy.

Not only is he focused on being a good dog owner, he's also at helm of *A Man's a Man*, one of the plays in the UI theater department's M.F.A. Directors One-Act Play Festival. The event will begin Friday at 8 p.m., with performances

scheduled for Saturday and Dec. 7 as well, at Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert St.

Luckily, Kaufmann was able to indulge in a little free time last week. But that didn't mean he wasn't still thinking about his festival entry.

"It's an odd time to have a little Thanksgiving break right before we open, but hopefully, the actors will remember their lines and their music and everything, and it'll be really fun," he said. "You're building up so it gets better and better and tighter and tighter until it opens. Then to have a week off, you can imagine, right before anything, it's a little tricky, but it's going to be great."

A Man's a Man was written by German playwright Bertolt Brecht, and the plot weaves broad humor and themes of war and humanity into a narrative about society. It follows the adventures of waterfront porter Galy Gay and the characters he meets, including soldiers and a few females.

"This play has been used in a lot of contexts, but it's often

been used as an antiwar play, and the message that we're trying to convey in our version is the idea that people are interchangeable with each other," said Jessica Bocade, a third-year graduate student who plays Widow Begbick in the production. "The title is *A Man's a Man*, and that is really standing for one person's as good as another."

Obviously, mere days after President-elect Barack Obama revealed his national-security team, the environment is pretty ripe for a play about war. Kaufmann said another piece in the festival, director Anthony Nelson's *Waiting for Lefty*, also has a political bent, and the two should complement each other well. He isn't worried about any foreign-policy fatigue in the audiences.

"This play is a great play for the time, because it's all about sticking to your own values, even when the swell of outside forces and the incentives of the world to get behind economic principles — to do something for money or patriotism —

THEATER
M.F.A. Directors One-Act Play Festival
When: Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Dec. 7 at 2 p.m.
Where: Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
Admission: \$5

challenge how easily we can be swayed from one belief to another," he said. "Economics in the country are really on the brink, no matter who's president; we're going to face some real choices, and that forces us to reflect on and be a little more accountable for the choices we have in front of us."

But he isn't hoping to change audience members' party affiliations with the play. The message he wants the audience to take from *A Man's a Man* doesn't have to do with elephants or donkeys, or even poop.

"We're challenging the audience members to see themselves in Galy Gay and recognize when they have choices that let them be more fully themselves as human beings rather than following the herd," Kaufmann said.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Students work on sculptures in the Studio Arts Building on Wednesday. Their work, along with that of other students, will be displayed in the building on Friday during an open house.

Art School opens up

The UI studio art program hosts an open house to welcome the rest of the campus to its new digs.

By ANNA WIEGENSTEIN
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They're all over campus, and to those absent this summer (or without a friend who does printmaking), the Cambuses with the destination STUDIO ART could really be headed anywhere. A magical land where the paint never runs out? Did the artists finally just get tired of those less creative mortals and move?

A quick reminder, so you're not the one posing the awkward question — among the worst damages from this summer's flooding was the UI Art Building, forcing all the studio art students to relocate and thus, bus, to a new locale, provided by an ex-Menards warehouse on Highway 1.

Sound unfeasible? Well, the day is nearing where those mystical buses aren't the only ones who get to go to STUDIO ART land. From 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, the UI School of Art and Art History will hold an open house for the post-flood location.

"That we're far away from campus makes it difficult for people to see what we're doing and what the students are up to," said UI sculpture Associate Professor Isabel Barbuzza. "People were wondering how we were working things out."

Barbuzza, who served as coordinator of the event, said Friday's open house will actually serve a dual function. "The most important thing is for the students to display their work," she said. "The goal, really, is to say,

OPEN HOUSE
School of Art and Art History Open House
When: 4-7 p.m. Friday
Where: The temporary Studio Arts building, the old Menards at the intersection of Highway 1 and Sunset Street (1375 Highway 1 W.)
Admission: Free

ON THE WEB
 Be sure to check out dailyiowan.com soon to see videos of the demonstrations and exhibits in STUDIO ART land.

'Here we are,' though we've moved."

Along with featuring exhibitions of student work from all the studio-art branches, the evening will include demonstrations from metalworking, sculpture, ceramics, 3D design, and printmaking.

"With any kind of open house, you see an aspect of whatever you're visiting that you don't usually see — with music or whatever," Barbuzza said. "It's an opportunity to dialogue, basically."

The sculpture section will include several pieces made out of cardboard and created immediately after moving into the new space by Barbuzza's classes — a choice that was both necessary (the woodshop wasn't open at the time) and one the professor said was in the spirit of "making art out of whatever we have."

It's a shift that seems indicative of the School of Art's philosophy as a whole.

In the grip of mercy

With apologies to Toni Morrison, the new book is good, just not *that* good.

By BRIAN DAU
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There is a certain amount of apprehension one feels when reviewing a Toni Morrison novel. However, the words, "Don't be afraid," begin *A Mercy*, the 77-year-old literary icon's ninth book.

But I am afraid. This is, after all, the woman whose *Beloved*, which won the Pulitzer Prize, was named the greatest American novel of the past 25 years by the *New York Times Book Review*. Morrison's literary clout precedes her, to say the least. If there is something in her work I don't understand or feel put off by, it seems most likely due to my inadequacy as a reader rather than any sort of bad writing on her part.

And yet, there is a great deal packed into *A Mercy's* brisk 167 pages that I do not understand. Maybe it's the late 17th-century setting or the oscillating narrative structure, which alternates between one character's first-person voice and a more detached third-person tone with the remaining cast of

characters.

Maybe it's the prose itself, frequently teetering on the edge of poetic language, poised to slip into a dark place of incomprehensible symbolism ("... curiosities familiar only in dreams and during those moments when a dog's profile plays in the steam of a kettle." What?).

Maybe the confusion is Morrison's intent, though at times it seems she relies on her status as one of the great authors of our time to burden the reader with more text deciphering than should be necessary.

What I do know is that when Morrison fires on all cylinders and maintains a strong clarity of language, this book is really good. The theme of innocence reminiscent of *Paradise Lost* is well-developed through the character of Jacob Vaark and the four women who surround him. All are orphans and slaves of some kind, though they come from a variety of ethnic backgrounds.

The novel progresses in classic roller-coaster form: The tension and understanding build to a crescendo, then come



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Toni Morrison's ninth novel, *A Mercy*, fails to have mercy on its readers when it comes to tough metaphors and complicated ideas, but the more time someone spends with it, the more rewarding the journey becomes.

crashing down and resolve in a climactic scene as heartbreaking as it is beautiful. Morrison continues to resonate with Herman Melville throughout the novel through the depth of her language and the ambitious way she takes on so many themes, given such a short number of pages to work with.

Ultimately, I think, this is a text that rewards patience. The real mercy is the novel's brevity; the quick pace keeps things fresh and places all the most

interesting scenes and language close together. There is plenty of substance here, if one is willing to sift through some rather dense passages and disorienting points of view in order to pan the poetic gold.

Eye Witness: Daniel Heyman's Portraits of Iraqi Torture Victims

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