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Forward thinking

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SPORTS**Hawkeyes face Gophers**

The Iowa women's basketball team will meet Minnesota this evening in the quarterfinals of the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis. **1B**

Wrestling ready to add to its trophy case

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Happiness is an EMPTY NEST



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Freshmen Colleen Quaid talks about her family photos in Mayflower on Sunday. Quaid is originally from Westchester, a Chicago suburb.

Children moving out of the house may add something to the empty nesters' marriage.

But for some empty nesters, life in the tree can be pretty lonely.

Wiebers' have been married for 30 years, and Lynda Wiebers said that although her marriage is "really good," having the kids out of the house was hard to get used to.

"I dreaded it," she said. "[Neal] was such a fun person to be around, and I missed his group of friends hanging out in our basement on the weekends."

UI freshman Colleen Quaid said she thought it might be easier for her parents to let her go because they had experienced it with her older siblings.

SEE **EMPTY NEST**, 3A

Iowa lawmakers may ban Salvia

Iowa legislators weigh the pros and cons of criminalizing the hallucinogenic drug Salvia.

By SHAWN GUDE

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UI alumnus Tanner Faaborg felt weightless, his self-perception was absent, and his eyes became linked "to what I thought was a new dimension."

Laughter overtook his helpless body.

"Reality then began to set in as the objects of my surroundings were put back into place and the laws of physics came back into play," he said. "The clock on my wall told me the experience was no more than five or six minutes, but I knew better."

Although experiences among its users such as Faaborg vary, Salvia divinorum is an accessible, yet little-known drug that causes powerful, but ephemeral, hallucinations. With some decrying the drug as dangerous, Iowa legislators are considering both House and Senate bills that

Salvia divinorum

Currently legal in Iowa; here are some facts about the drug:

- Found in the Sierra Mazatec region of Mexico
 - Has been widely available since the mid-1990s, typically as a smoked herb
 - A short-lasting hallucinogen, experiences on the drug vary widely
- Source: Erowid.com

MORE INSIDE

Check out *DI* columnist Chris Patton's take on Salvia. **6A**

would criminalize the substance.

"There's not a whole lot of information, but from all appearances — including numerous YouTube postings and reports from others — it does cause at least temporary impairment," said Dale Woolery, the associate director of the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug

SEE **Salvia**, 3A

Press not pressed into trouble

The UI Press published more than 45 titles in fiscal 2008.

By KATHLEEN SERINO

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Artfully dodging the sting of the recession, the UI Press is preserving itself with traditional business practices and introducing some new ones, too.

Nationwide book sales for most college presses are down 8 to 10 percent from the same time last year, said Peter Givler, the executive director of the Association of American University Presses.

"Nobody expects that to improve anytime soon," he said, citing the economic downturn for the drop.

But the UI Press is sustaining.

The press increased its publishing load to more than 45 books in fiscal 2008 — nearly 10 more than usual, marketing manager Jim McCoy said.

For its size, he said, that's a lot of books.

The average number of



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN
Holly Carver flips through a book she helped make in her office at the UI Press on Thursday. Carver is the director of the press.

Lately, the press is focusing more on e-marketing, McCoy noted.

In addition from its Facebook page and a blog — both in the works — the company recently put a majority of its backlist onto Google Book Search, reviving older titles by making them visible online.

McCoy said that next year, advertising dollars will go to online sources, and many of their news releases will be e-mailed.

SEE **UI PRESS**, 3A

The money path

While waiting for state officials to complete the budget cuts, UI officials continue to be bombarded with a slew of cost-saving suggestions.

By ANNA LOTHSON

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Even for Doug True, the UI senior vice president for Finance, budget crunching is no walk in the park.

"I'd like to think that by now, I've seen everything," he said.

But he said he has never experienced a financial state as dire as what the university faces now.

The combination of the devastating summer floods, mixed with the projected 6.5 percent statewide budget cuts, could not have been coupled together at a worse time, True said.

And while dealing with budgets is a multilayered, complicated process, he hopes to keep the lines of communication open among the administration, departments, faculty, staff, and students.

Ultimately, regardless of the university's decision, it will be up to the state Board of Regents to complete the budget decisions, which True said are typically done in two stages.

Traditionally, he said, the preliminary phase for the regents — the bulk of the process — will be laid out in June, then completed in August.

SEE **FINANCE**, 3A



Prof looks for strange brew

Faces of the UI

Do you know a community member who has done something interesting?

If so, e-mail us at: daily-iowan@uiowa.edu.

By GEOFF WARING

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UI psychology Professor Mark Blumberg is fascinated with freaks.



Blumberg

UI professor

But these freaks — a man with no legs who learned to walk with his hands, a dog in Oklahoma who learned to walk upright, and Siamese twins who can play the piano, drive, and swim — provide Blumberg with a unique perspective on human evolution and development. It's also the topic of his new book, *Freaks of Nature*.

The book, his third work on popular science, discusses the

stranger organisms in nature, an area of study Blumberg might be a pioneer in.

"I have always been interested in nature versus nurture — looking at development of instinct and studying anomalies," he said. "I think that organisms like the ones I covered in *Freaks of Nature* are very interesting."

Blumberg came to the UI in 1992 after earning a Ph.D. in biopsychology from the University of Chicago in 1988. Today, his primary area of interest is studying development of sleep.

But that interest took an abrupt halt when he became curious about nature's anomalies.

His newest book provides strong arguments on what nature's abnormalities tell us about evolution and development. The book has taken off in the scientific world and has been reviewed by publications such as *The Scientist*, *New Scientist*, *Discover*, and *Nature*.

Blumberg's argument centers on the process by which both animals and humans can become mutated. He argues that

many anomalies are caused by genetic mutations, yet there are others that take place as a result of environmental factors.

So, Blumberg loves to raise the question: nature or nurture?

He believes that genes are only a piece of the answer when it comes to evolution and development. The deformities that we see on a regular basis are, to Blumberg, simply alternative ways of development.

"They are 'freaks' but they are still of nature," he said. "By studying them we can understand how many types of development happen."

One of Blumberg's colleagues, Associate Professor Scott Robinson, works with Blumberg in the UI behavioral and cognitive neuroscience department. Robinson said he believes Blumberg's newest book is a significant piece of work.

"He touches on an important subject that is underappreciated — a process that involves more than simply evolving," Robinson said.

The recent success of Mark's publication, Robinson said, is due

to the research he has done in the UI psychology department.

"I have known Mark for many years and he is exceptional," he said. "He has been a central figure in our psychology field for a couple of decades and does very innovative work in our department, and we think very highly of him."

But his colleagues are not the only ones who take notice of the popularity of Blumberg's latest work. Jo Blumberg, his wife of 20 years, said appreciates his work as much as anyone.

"I always think he writes beautifully, and it is a pleasure to read his books," she said. "I think every book he writes is different and each one has special qualities. The more he writes, I think the prose gets more and more elegant."

Mark Blumberg tries to tell us that we're not all that different from the deformed he covered in his publication.

"We are all extraordinary, all strange — freaks, every last one of us" he said in a UI release. "Some of us just happen to be more notable, with a particularly interesting story to tell."

Celebrating women from all over

Women from Iowa and afar present their perspectives on International Women's Day and gender equality.

By LINI GE

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One day a year, women take off work and receive gifts from their employers and flowers from their families and friends.

Not in Iowa, but in Anna Lipnik's home country, Ukraine, the nation annually celebrates International Women's Day on March 8.

"Generally, it's a day when women, regardless of their ages or marital status, are expecting to be pleasantly surprised by men or boys at home, work, and school," said the UI graduate student in comparative literature, who expects to receive flowers from her husband March 8, and plans to send cards to her friends in Ukraine and a present to her mother.

Celebration of International Women's Day dates back to the beginning of the 20th century, when labor and socialist organizations in Europe and the United States marched to protest for greater female equality in the workplace. The United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day on March 8, 1975.

Over the years, International Women's Day has become a day to celebrate the unique achievements of women around the world, and a celebration of



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Asila Al Ma'Awali sits in her Phillips Hall office on Wednesday. Al Ma'Awali, who teaches an advanced Arabic course at the UI, has appreciated Women's Day since she had the opportunity to leave Oman to move to Iowa.

the contributions women make to all societies," said Kate Karacay, Iowa United Nations Association co-director.

The day is celebrated in Oman at many public lectures, where women's contributions to the society are recognized, said Asila Al Ma'Awali, a visiting Fulbright scholar from Oman who teaches an advanced Arabic class at the UI.

"This day means a lot for me here because I can say to everybody that I am a 'live example' of a Muslim Arab woman who had the chance to come to this country," Al Ma'Awali said. "This in itself is like a celebration for me."

As a Muslim woman, Al Ma'Awali said she has sensed some stereotypical conceptions since moving to Iowa that women in Muslim countries generally hold a lower social status than men. In response, Al

Ma'Awali said she would explain a wide array of civil and political liberties that Omani Muslim women enjoy.

In the West, women's status

has also improved overall since early 1970s, said Elizabeth Heineman, a UI associate professor at the Department of History and a sexuality studies advisor at the Department of Women's Studies. Women have achieved higher levels of education, have had better job opportunities, and have had access to better legal tools to challenge rape and domestic violence since then, she added.

But Heineman cautioned despite all the improvements, gender equality "remains a long way off" in Iowa.

"Iowa is one of the only two states that have never had a female governor or senator," Heineman said. "The pay gap between women and men in Iowa is worse than the national

average, even though Iowa women are more likely than Iowa men to have some post-secondary education."

Full-time female employees in Iowa earn an average of \$0.78 for every \$1 earned by their male counterparts in the same occupation, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. A 2008 wage equity study conducted by the Iowa Workforce Development indicated women in Iowa earn 62 percent of the monthly income of men in the same industry, and women managers in Iowa earn only half of the income of their male counterparts on average.

Heineman said, though, she sees great interest in improving the situation for women at the UI, citing the high enrollment for classes addressing gender issues and efforts of campus organizations, including the Women's Resource and Action Center.

One service program provided by the center is the Iowa Women Initiating Social Change. Founded in 1998, the program serves women in the community by providing training on social justice advocacy strategies and skills, as well as a supportive environment where women can come together and work on advocacy projects.

"One thing that I think will need to change for true sex equity to happen is that all women will need to feel comfortable standing up for themselves and advocating for themselves, even when they feel like doing so makes them go against society's expectations of what an ideal woman is," program coordinator Karacay said.

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Council to ponder stimulus, schools

The Iowa City city councilors are set to discuss a range of issues from stimulus money to addressing the Iowa City School Board at their meeting next week.

Iowa is set to receive \$1.9 billion of the \$787 billion federal stimulus package.

Funding for stimulus projects is underway, and money from the state will be allocated to cities soon, said City Manager Michael Lombardo. Departments that will see funding include Iowa City's transit system and building projects.

"We believe the funding might be

available to assist with accounting systems upgrades, and possibly the construction of the fourth fire station," Lombardo said in a release to the council.

The council will also discuss the local-option sales-tax initiative. City officials are in the process of developing educational information on the 1-cent raise for residents.

In addition, councilors will decide whether to send a letter to the Iowa City School Board regarding the renovation and maintenance of neighborhood schools. The city expressed concern over the absence of some elementary schools from the board's facilities improvement plan.

The council will meet March 10 to complete their decisions on addressing

the School Board and continuing talks about their budget.

— by Amanda McClure

Culver announces flood aid

Complex budget path

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But before that, the Legislature approves a budget, after which the UI completes its budget.

"I don't know if they will follow that pattern this year," True said, noting once the Legislature completes the budget, the university will spend just a few weeks on its plan before presenting it to the regents.

The severity of the budget crunch this year could make the regents move quicker than normal, True said — but he had no indication of that so far.

In the meantime, he said, the administration's role is to generate possible situations to department heads and committees — which then trickle down to faculty and staff — so discussion and feedback can develop before relaying back to the administration. After that, the

university will present its budget to the regents by the beginning of April.

"The budget details are massive," True said. "I mean massive."

And if that process isn't complex enough on its own, the UI's new budget website has opened up a new wave of discussion from both the university community and the general public, UI spokesman Steve Parrott said.

Divided into three categories — energy, human resources, and operational expenses — the site provides an open and anonymous forum to submit money-saving options.

Though the administration knows contributors' names, they are left anonymous when published on the website.

"That way, it turns into less like a blog" and more of an honest discussion, Parrott said.

Not only are budget scenarios transcending a new technolo-

logical forum than in past years, six planning committees, along with faculty and staff, are all given an equal opportunity to voice their opinions to the administration — something UI officials are hoping will create the best possible scenario despite cutbacks.

"Once you have a general strategic mandate, then it's up to us to convert that into some concrete action steps," UI Provost Wallace Loh said, and all choices have a "ripple effect" across campus.

Parrott said people realize not all suggestions are feasible, but the sheer volume of responses on the website shows people are taking the issue seriously.

And as new scenarios emerge, Loh said, the level of detail being put into each situation is significantly and carefully evaluated.

"We're not just pinning this out of thin air," he said.



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Press Director Holly Carver stands in her office on Thursday. The UI Press serves as the academic publishing unit of the university.

Doing well in tough times

UI PRESS

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A few days ago, he said, the UI Press joined with University of Chicago Press in a venture that will make between 100 and 200 titles available in downloadable PDF format by this fall.

"Pricing is a big issue," he said.

He doesn't think many university presses are actively selling their titles electronically, he said.

Nationwide, the effect of a poor economy is hurting some college presses.

Givler said both state taxes and university endowment incomes are down, causing most universities to cut their budgets. The cuts mean less purchasing power for university libraries and dipping into subsidies to fund presses.

"Overall, it's going to be a tough year, and probably next year as well," Givler said.

To preserve the business, Carver said, UI Press is shrinking print runs and printing some titles in paperback rather than hardback.

So far, the press has been lucky, even receiving a little national fame.

This week, Iowa Public Television aired programs offering a close look at two photography books published by UI Press: *Harker's One-Room Schoolhouses: Visions of an Iowa Icon* and *Sunday Afternoon on the Porch: Reflections of a Small Town in Iowa, 1939-1942*.

Sunday Afternoon on the Porch was a runaway success. Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., posted a documentary of the 116-page book on YouTube, and in October the *New York Times* featured a spread in its national section.

The UI Press is also releasing *Visits with the Amish: Impressions of the Plain Life* on March 15.

Given the state of university

Association of American University Presses

Some facts about the national university press group:

- Membership includes 125 university presses in 40 states.
- These member presses publish anywhere between two and 2,200 titles annually.
- In 2005, total book sales of members amounted to \$267 million.
- The average number of employees per press is 30. The UI Press operates with a staff of eight.

Source: Association of American University Presses

presses, Givler said, the UI Press should be congratulated on its success, citing Carver as a "first-rate publisher."

She emphasized the press' stable position and said that for now, the press is "trying to do more with less while maintaining our traditionally high standards."

Empty nest not all that bad

EMPTY NEST

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"But there were tears," she said. "The baby's gone."

Children leaving home is a transition time, which local counselor Bruce Williams said can leave relationships vulnerable.

"When the children leave, parents sometimes discover they don't know each other as well as they thought they did," said Williams, a pastoral counselor at Community Pastoral Counseling Services, 30 N. Clinton St.

He noted, however, there is "no one-size-fits-all" answer.

"Several factors go into how a child leaving will affect a relationship," he said. "It depends on the people and their particular circumstances."

Lynda Wiebers said when her children left, she and her husband found each other again. Before they left, everything in her life revolved around her children's activities, she said.

"You kind of forget that you're a couple, and now that they're gone, we take a lot of time for ourselves."

For Quaid's parents, things at

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No mockery here

Members of the UI Mock Trial team are working hard to perform well at the prenational and national tournaments in March and April.

By EMILY MELVOLD
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Kristin Langhammer is not really a death investigator. Travis Wilkening is not a real expert witness. And Alex Whitt is not a real lawyer. But every night, these UI students practice playing their courtroom roles as members of the UI Mock Trial team.

With the national championship tournament in April quickly approaching, the team is spending three to four hours each evening writing scripts, rehearsing lines, and perfecting acting skills.

"We want to make it to the national championship tournament and win the whole thing," Mock Trial board member Kaitlyn Evans said.

The student-run group participates in courtroom competitions around the country. Teams typically consist of three attorneys and three witnesses, trained to argue for either the prosecution or defense. Each team performs twice for judges, presenting both sides in two dif-

ferent trials, which last between three to four hours.

Judges critique teams on a range of criteria, including opening statements for the plaintiff and defense, each of the witnesses' testimony, direct and cross-examination by attorneys, and the closing statements for both sides. Teams can win the competition without winning the case.

"Mock Trial teaches you how to think about the law, but a big part of the competition is acting. You can't be afraid to talk in front of people," sophomore team member Langhammer said. "People that don't know anything about the law can join the team."

The UI organization took four teams to the regional competitions and succeeded in qualifying two teams — the maximum number of teams a school can send — for the prenationals tournament set to be held March 13 to 15.

After prenationals, the national tournament will be held in Des Moines in April.

While the UI team has placed in the top five many years, the last time they won a national championship title, they did it back to back in 2002 and 2003, Evans said.

"Our team has a really good shot at winning it all," Evans said. "I think we're even better this year than the last few years."

Cases for the trials are provided to all of the teams via the American Mock Trial Association. This year the association chose a defamation case involving a broadcast reporter and a politician.

The national association makes slight changes to the case between tournaments to keep the trials fresh and different. The association provides guidelines on applicable law for the case, witness statements, and evidence. The most recent changes were the addition and deleting of a few witnesses.

On top of preparing for the competitions, the roughly 40-student membership has to make their own travel arrangements and pay for trips to places like New York City, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles.

"Mock Trial is very addictive," Langhammer said. "Once you start and get to hang out with the people in the group, you just don't want to stop."

Gorbachev blasts Putin

By DAN PERRY
Associated Press

MOSCOW — In some of his strongest criticism of his successors, Mikhail Gorbachev on Thursday likened Vladimir Putin's United Russia party to the worst of the communists he once led and helped bring down and said Russia is today a country where the Parliament and the judiciary are not fully free.

In an interview with the Associated Press some 20 years after the Soviet empire started its rapid collapse on his tumultuous watch, Gorbachev also said the global economic crisis showed capitalism should be tempered with elements of the socialist system he played such a critical role in sweeping away.

The last Soviet leader was interviewed in the offices of his Gorbachev Foundation, a think tank founded in 1992 to promote democratic values and moral, humanistic principles

— as well as, some say, Gorbachev himself. A little aged and more heavyset perhaps, Gorbachev, 78, seemed feisty, friendly, and often reminiscent of the man who once ruled one of two superpowers on Earth.

Gorbachev is a paradoxical figure even after all these years — widely credited around the world with a historic convulsion he admits he did not intend. He sought to fix communism, not destroy it, and in the interview said that while he was willing to let Eastern Europe go its own way, he very much hoped the republics that formed the Soviet Union would stay united.

"I was a resolute opponent of the breakup of the union," said Gorbachev, who was forced to step down on Dec. 25, 1991, as the country he led ceased to exist.

He still holds out hope that one day Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Belarus will join with Russia in forming a new union.

He seemed to view the global meltdown as partly the result of years of Western hubris and excess.

"The American media trumpeted ... about the victory in the Cold War, that socialism is down. This disease of extreme



ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev speaks during an interview with the Associated Press in Moscow on Thursday. In the interview, Gorbachev likened Vladimir Putin's United Russia Party to the communists he once led and helped bring down, and said Russia is today a country where the Parliament and the judiciary are not fully free.

self-confidence led to it — the [belief] that things would always go on this way. And it did last long ... I think that now everyone is learning a hard lesson."

"It is necessary to overcome these mistakes of super-consumerism, of super-profits," he said. "We have to think about finding — through the G20 or other institutions — new models of development (and) cooperation."

The world should look for a composite system, he said, which incorporates "the past experience of all that the capitalist system brings, like competitiveness, and what socialism gives — especially a social safety net."

Gorbachev also said the moment was right for improved U.S.-Russia relations, expressed skepticism about the wisdom of Ukraine joining NATO, and called on the world community to head off the prospect of an Iranian nuclear weapon not with confrontation but rather "a maximal dialogue."

"Let [Iran] integrate itself into the global community, build normal relations," he said.

Gorbachev had harsh words

for the current Russian leadership, singling out United Russia, the party Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has built into a political juggernaut at the center of a tremendously centralized — albeit popular — power structure.

"I criticize United Russia a lot, and I do it directly," the last Soviet leader said. "It is a party of bureaucrats and the worst version of the CPSU" — the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. "Regarding our Parliament, I cannot say that it is independent [and] also our judiciary does not fully comply with the provisions of the constitution."

Is the world waiting for such advice? If there are takers, most will be outside Russia, where he has become a rather marginal political figure.

For every Russian who appreciates his role in ending communism there are certainly many more inclined to blame him for the privations of the process he unleashed: the impoverishment many suffered in the 1990s, the vastly unequal distribution of wealth that bedevils society even today, the failings of Russian democracy — and the humiliating loss of the once-vast empire ruled from the Kremlin.

Loving that Iowa pork

Quality cuisine and local investments mesh well for pork lovers in Iowa.

By MARY HARRINGTON
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bean and corn producing state in 2008, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The two flourishing crops correlate perfectly with a healthy, consistent diet needed for high-quality pork, said Paul Willis of Niman Ranch. The Iowa hog farmer said a pig's diet certainly factors into the quality and taste of the meat produced by the animal.

But to ship the common swine diet components for pork production elsewhere may be more costly, environmentally and monetarily speaking, than shipping the meat itself.

"If you're just looking at this from the dollars and cents angle, it's more affordable to raise the animals in the Midwest," said David Jewell, an Iowa livestock feed distributor.

A shipment of feed typically weighs eight times as much as a shipment of butchered pork, Willis said. And more than 70 percent of the cost of pork production lies in feed, McMullen noted.

"It's much more economical to raise the pigs in Iowa than to

ship the grain elsewhere," Willis said.

And local-foods advocate Nisly admitted sometimes, for certain foods, an investment in an outsiders' community is the best option.

"There are some occasions that are not best for buying locally," he said, adding it would make more sense to buy bananas from a tropical area than try to make them sustainable in an unlikely region.

For an Iowa prosciutto maker, Midwestern meat makes for the best finished product.

"We've always bought locally," said Kathy Eckhouse, a co-owner of La Quercia, a Norwalk, Iowa, company that ships artisan-cured meats all over the country. "The relative ease with which we can produce soy and corn in Iowa is great for pork production, not to mention we're a central transportation hub."

Industry officials said Midwesterners should take advantage of the local pork scene by supporting the quality meats raised within their own state boundaries.

"For people to have a greater relationship with the people raising their pork or growing their food, well that's always a good thing to promote," Nisly said.

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Down and out in IC

Tough choices and lack of a social support network may lead to homelessness.

By JUSTIN SUGG
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If he lived during the Great Depression, Chris Washington would have ridden the rails. But on Tuesday, he waited for the bus.

"I'll ride the buses all day. I like jumping from state to state," he said. "In Chicago, I left a lot of guys who rode the El and the trains ... who had options, had income, but chose the lifestyle."

Homelessness, among other issues such as poverty and mental illness, were the topics of a forum Thursday in the Boyd Law Building.

For Washington, 50, being homeless is a choice. It's freedom and a chance to see the rest of the nation.

For others, homelessness may result from a different type of choice.

Crissy Canganelli, the executive director of Shelter House, said at the forum a mother must often choose between rent or her child's medicine.

"When my child gets sick, and I have a job that pays benefits, I can pay for my child's medicine and not have to worry about cutting the check for the mortgage," she said.

In Iowa City, she said, there are high housing costs relative to the population.

"In times of economic trouble, low-income people face even greater hardship," Canganelli said.

Instead of catered lunch at the event, attendees ate sack lunches — the type food shelters serve their guests, event organizer Laura Bergus said.

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Iowans say pig-odor study passes the smell test

DES MOINES (AP) — On Capitol Hill, a \$1.7 million earmark for pig odor research in Iowa has become a big, fat joke among Republicans, a Grade A example of pork. But the people who live cheek by jowl with hog farms in the No. 1 pig-producing state aren't laughing.

They're gagging.

"You hold your breath, and when it's really bad, you get the taste in your mouth," said Carroll Harless, a 70-year-old retired corn-and-soybean farmer from Iowa Falls.

In Iowa, where the 20 million hogs easily outnumber the 3 million people, the rotten-egg-and-ammonia smell of hog waste often wafts into homes, landing like a punch to the chest.

"Once, we couldn't go outside for a week," said Karen Forbes, who lives near a hog feedlot outside Lormor. "It burned your eyes. You couldn't breathe. You had to take a deep breath and run for your garage. It was horrid."

She recalls a citywide garage sale held in the town of 420 a couple of years ago that no one attended because of the stink that day.



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Panelists Tim Krumm, Dean Spina, and Crissy Canganelli answer questions about homelessness at the law building on Thursday. The discussion included an offering to benefit the Shelter House.

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The discussion opened with a film, produced by Bergus, that illustrated the homeless plight in Iowa.

After the film, each member of the panel — Canganelli, Cedar Rapids attorney Dean Spina, and Iowa City attorney Tim Krumm — discussed various causes and solutions for homelessness.

Canganelli described the homeless plight as a poverty issue. She said many homeless people she encounters have both mental illness and drug problems, though it is their inability to pay for treatment that is the main factor in their homelessness.

Spina elaborated on the mental illness issue in a story about a homeless veteran who developed a drug and alcohol problem while in Vietnam. The only difference between the vet and himself, Spina said, choking up, "was that he went to Vietnam, and I did not."

Canganelli said she sees an increasing number of homeless families living in shelters, with Iowa having one of the highest ratios of homeless children to general population in the United States.

The one common denominator is the lack of a social support network, she said.

That's what Michael Sean Wade was looking for when he moved to Iowa City two weeks ago.

Wade, 21, worked for a year at United Health Care in Dallas before he was laid off in November 2008.

After using most of his savings, he said he decided to move to Iowa City because his girlfriend was from the area.

Unable to find an apartment, Wade and his girlfriend have been living in the Shelter House, waiting for something affordable to open up.

"It's rough. You don't have a whole lot of personal space," he said. "[Optimism] in situations like this — that's all you got."

Wade said he and his girlfriend have found jobs at ACT and hope to move out of the shelter in around month.

Keeping a certain mindset seems key to finding solutions to the homeless problem.

"You've got to be creative," Spina said. "People tend to see the homeless as problems and not solutions."

criminal conduct, two counts of human trafficking, and two counts of pandering.

Ryan, who authorities say is a prostitute known as "Jazzie," allegedly helped Leonard Russell recruit two runaway teenage girls from Nebraska for commercial sexual activity, including prostitution and performing at strip clubs.

The Iowa Attorney General's Office announced Thursday that a plea hearing for Ryan is scheduled for March 9 in a Crawford County courtroom.

A Crawford County jury found Russell guilty of human trafficking in September, and he was sentenced to 25 years in prison. He was the first person to be convicted under Iowa's human-trafficking law, which took effect in 2006.



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Calif. court considers Proposition 8 legality

By LISA LEFF and PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — As thousands demonstrated outside, California Supreme Court justices weighed Thursday whether voters' decision to ban same-sex marriage was a denial of fundamental rights or within what one justice called the people's "very broad powers" to amend the state constitution.

Gay-rights advocates are urging the court to overturn the ban, approved in November as Proposition 8, on the grounds it was put before voters improperly, or at least prematurely. Under state law, the Legislature must approve significant constitutional changes before they can go on the ballot.

Proposition 8's sponsors, represented by former Pepperdine law school Dean and Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr, said it would be a miscarriage of justice for the court to overturn the results of a fair election.

The ballot initiative, which passed with 52 percent of the vote, changed the California Constitution to trump last

year's 4-3 Supreme Court decision that legalized gay marriage. The court found that denying same-sex couples the right to wed was an unconstitutional civil rights violation.

California voters first enacted a ban on gay marriage in 2000.

Minutes into the proceedings, the justices peppered lawyer Shannon Minter, arguing for same-sex couples, with tough questions over how the 14 words of Proposition 8 represent a denial of fundamental rights.

Chief Justice Ron George asked what rights were lost other than being able to label their union as a marriage.

"Relegating same-sex couples to domestic partnership does not provide them with everything but a word," Minter said. "It puts those couples in a second-class status."

The Supreme Court heard arguments on three points: Is Proposition 8 invalid because it constitutes a revision of, rather than an amendment to, the California Constitution? Does it violate the separation of powers doctrine under the Cal-

ifornia Constitution? And, if it's constitutional, does it affect the 18,000 marriages of same-sex couples performed in the 4 1/2 months before it passed?

Justice Joyce Kennard said the court was being asked to decide between two rights — the right of the people to change the Constitution and the right to marry.

"And what I'm picking up from the oral argument in this case is this court should willy-nilly disregard the will of the people," she said.

Starr said Proposition 8 sought to restore the traditional definition of marriage and deny recognition of same-sex marriage. Starr said that gay couples still enjoy the full "panoply of rights" of domestic partners.

He also argued that California voters have an "inalienable right" to amend the constitution and that taking away rights through the initiative process is not a revision that alters the structure of government. A revision to the constitution would have required legislative approval.



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Commentary

Lent and the shackles of cyberspace addicts

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For some, favorites are chocolate and snack food. Some give up driving for biking or even walking. Some choose cigarettes, just when the glaciers have finally retreated and it's warm enough to step out of the bar for an enjoyable fix. Lent, the great celebration of all those pleasant little ornaments we sprinkle around our lives, is here.

But something new is shifting its weight around on a few of the higher tiers of Catholicism, a more modern approach to subduing the temptations of our glittering world. Several dioceses, most vocally the archdiocese of Modena, call for abstinence not from the evils lurking in the corners of the world but a good chunk of the world itself: technology. iPods, digital cameras, cell phones, video games, texting, web surfing, Twittering; we must be

cautious about these things. Archbishop Benito Cocchi is especially eager for a "no SMS on Friday" commitment from good Catholics everywhere.

"It's a small way to remember the importance of concrete and not virtual relationships," the Modena diocese said.

I guess I see his point. I'm a bit technophobic by default, and something about the series of removes set up with all my options for electronic communication throws me. We call the online profiles we fabricate for ourselves avatars, after all — it's deliciously appropriate that we distill from our actual, messy, often incoherent selves a sort of incorporeal incarnation out there in the ether, but that doesn't mean the idea doesn't creep me out. I don't think a text message should read like a full conversation when just calling the person would accomplish the same damn thing, in 30 seconds instead of 10 minutes of mute clicking. (And it's usually the kind of prattle that makes me cringe

when I hear it aloud anyway, let alone read in caveman cryptography: "where r u?" "dtown") And if someone uses the word "tweet" with a possessive adjective one more time ...

So I'd have expected to be thrilled that technology and its relentlessness were being curbed from on high. But as much as cyberspace intimidates me, I recognize it as a rich, legitimate, evolving world. We've wielded the power of godhead, creating a space of geography and ecology as real as our physical, except that instead of guiding itself by classical physics it operates on pure information. Technology is laced through us, now, a distinct but indivisible aspect of reality. Even I have an iPod.

Equating a medium of information with our gluttony for it is wrongheaded. I've heard countless invectives against alcohol thanks to my family's skill at self-destructing with it, and Lord knows I could cut back on the firewater, but the substance, the thing itself, isn't

evil. Browsing the web? Typing a message? Listening to music? Not evil. Which is what Lent is supposed to emphasize, that personal restraint is a part of the spiritual earthworks, not to condemn the worldly pleasures or conveniences, the cigarettes, the cheese. But the diocesan pressure against technology's ubiquity is too blunt. Everything in moderation, folks, that's what it comes down to, but if the fabric of the world is such that "natural" or "human" interaction is comprised of texts, tweets and technobabble then the sermon becomes simply "Do it differently." The point is to remind us to be mindful of ourselves and our overindulgences, not curse that which we see as somehow invasive and threatening ... especially when by this point children are growing up with this stuff, emerging into cyber reality as a normal, and necessary, environment. It's what we do when we're at play in our digital fields that counts, not fencing them up.

Keep Salvia legal



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When smoked, Salvia divinorum can yank out the rational mind, throw it to the ground, stamp on it and finally rub one's nose in the resulting mess.

I recommend giving it a try — especially because the experience only lasts a few minutes.

But adventurous Iowan psychonauts who are interested in exploring the mysterious realms that consuming this potent hallucinogenic plant can open up may want to do so soon. The Iowa Legislature is considering a bill criminalizing the sale and possession of the unique herb.

According to Dale Woolery, the associate director of the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy, the state must ban Salvia in order to preclude the possibility of it ever harming anyone.

However, the state's own Legislative Services Agency notes in a document explaining the background behind the proposal to criminalize Salvia that the Iowa Department of Public Health's Substance Abuse and Prevention Division has not received a single report of Salvia divinorum abuse in Iowa — ever. The document also highlights that throughout fiscal 2008, there was not even one prison admission for the hallucinogenic drugs that are illegal.

"This is more about prevention than it is punishment," Woolery said. "We're not hearing anything about a widespread epidemic or widespread use like the prevalence of marijuana or meth."

However, he said, his office is beginning to get more information about Salvia from the law-enforcement and drug-treatment communities.

"There's probably more of it out there than we hear about," he said. "Right now, our research has turned up impairment issues, and we'd hate for anyone to become injured or worse as a result of this."

Those who have experienced a Salvia trip firsthand are fully aware of the "impairment issues" to which Woolery so ominously alludes. But those effects are precisely what drives inquisitive minds to experiment with this substance.

Anthony Fippinger, 24, who graduated in 2007 from the UI with a double major in art and English, currently lives in Mingo, Iowa. Having tried Salvia, he refers to it as an enigmatic substance.

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"The time it takes to articulate its effects on you usually lasts longer than the high itself," he said. "Yet, while under its spell many describe a world devoid of time and infinitely spacious, me included — I liken the experience to one of those acid-dipped music videos with an endless number of replicated shapes perpetually coming at you."

Another Salvia user is Tanner Faaborg, a 25-year-old Iowa City resident who has a degree in political science and is currently taking English courses. He described his first Salvia experience as shocking.

"When it hit me, and it hit hard, the effects were ... fast as hell and targeting every sense I had," Faaborg said. "I leaned over to express the sensation to my buddies to discover they weren't there."

Like Fippinger, Faaborg also perceived the passage of time in a distorted fashion.

"Time cannot exist in a place like that; time can only exist in preconceived concepts of order," he said. "With Salvia there is no order, it simply is, and you simply are."

Because of the extent to which tripping on Salvia temporarily annihilates one's ability to interact with the world in an ordinary way, those who are experienced with the plant suggest it should only be used in a safe and carefully monitored environment.

Smoking Salvia to aid him in meditation and stress relief, Ori Fienberg, a 25-year-old Iowa City resident who in 2008 graduated from the UI with an M.F.A. in nonfiction writing, said he thinks health and safety concerns dictate that the potent herb be properly studied and regulated.

"I think Salvia divinorum is a useful natural aid to self-exploration," he said. "However, choosing to ban it rather than studying it and making appropriate laws will increase the number of people who will abuse it by not giving it the respect it deserves as a powerful empathogen."

Fienberg is right. Despite the value some find in Salvia's intriguing mind-altering effects, its astounding potency demands respect. Thus, the government should regulate it in such a way as to protect public safety.

But when asked about the possibility of slowing down the legislative process and allowing a more thorough investigation into how Iowa could best regulate Salvia, Woolery remained firm in his prohibitionist stance.

"I don't think I need scientific research to convince me, based on what I've seen, that Salvia should be banned," he said. ■

Guest Editorial

Solidarity with the student press

From The Daily Californian

On Wednesday morning, the entire editorial staff of the *Daily Emerald* — the independent student newspaper of the University of Oregon — went on strike in protest of the attempts of its Board of Directors to install a publisher with control over the paper's editorial content.

Today, college newspapers across the country stand in solidarity with the editorial staff of the *Daily Emerald* in support of the independent collegiate press and student-controlled editorial content. We are deeply dismayed by the unethical actions of the *Emerald's* Board of Directors and strongly support the strike until the staff's demands are met and independent student journalism can be safeguarded from such attacks at the *Emerald* and on college campuses nationwide.

On Thursday, the Board of Directors had the audacity to publish its own version of the *Oregon Daily Emerald* using content from the Associated Press and a front-page statement from the board. This move is as offensive as it is stupid.

In November, the Board of Directors hired *Emerald* alumnus Steven A. Smith as a consultant, and he drafted a plan that included a call to hire a publisher. Smith then wrote the publisher's job description as well as his own terms of employment for the position, which the board approved without negotiation. On Feb. 24, the board voted to hire Smith as the *Emerald's* publisher and to give him unprecedented control over the paper's editorial content and day-to-day operations.

Since its inception, the *Oregon Daily Emerald* has served as an invaluable learning resource for its student journal-

ists, but if the board continues to revoke student control over the paper's content, its mission and legacy will be invalidated. Without objectivity and independent content in the newsroom, the paper cannot properly train its student reporters, and the campus will lose an irreplaceable source of information, outside of the influence of university publications efforts.

The *Emerald* like many papers across the country, is in dire financial straits and faces the possibility of closure — this financial reality, however, should not force the staff members to compromise their guiding ethics as journalists or to sacrifice the paper's autonomy. The decision to give a publisher sway over content would in no way solve the paper's financial crisis; as such, this seems to be a callous overreaching by the board and the university and an attempt to take advantage of a financially struggling, but influential student organization while the time is right.

We are living in a tough time for the newspaper business — left and right, the financial crisis is forcing papers to shut down or sacrifice their autonomy under corporate control to remain viable. Now more than ever, we must stand strong and stand together to maintain our editorial independence — any measure of overarching interference in content undermines our journalistic standards and is unacceptable, no matter the financial situation. Practicing journalism under the possibility of censorship and the meddling influence of an administration undermines the purpose of a free press — we hope that the Board of Directors will recognize this undeniable fact and immediately meet the staff's demands. Until then, we stand with the *Oregon Daily Emerald*.

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Guest Opinion

Democrats trying to change the subject

JOHN BOEHNER

In the first two months of 2009, the Democratic Congress and the White House have spent more money than the combined cost of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and the response to Hurricane Katrina. After they doled out taxpayer dollars at such a blistering pace, the instinct of many inside the Beltway is to do what's most convenient: desperately try to change the subject by creating straw men — called "the party of no" — to rally against.

And in a carefully calculated campaign, operatives and allies of the Obama administration are seeking to divert attention toward radio host Rush Limbaugh, and away from a debate about our alternative solutions

on the economy and the irresponsible spending binge they are presiding over. This diversionary tactic will not create a single job or help a single family struggling in today's economic crisis. And that is where our focus should be.

Democratic pollsters began laying the groundwork for this effort last fall. What's particularly regrettable is that all this is unfolding at a time our nation can least afford it.

President Obama has said that we must change the way Washington operates in order to address the unprecedented challenges of today. I hope that those inside and close to the administration begin heeding his advice, because the change-the-subject campaign they are employing is the oldest trick in Washington's book. This isn't

about the leadership of political party officials or the influence of radio hosts. It's about the need for both parties to work together toward real solutions to end this recession and put Americans back to work.

It's no secret that middle-class families and small businesses across our nation are hurting. Their job security is diminishing, their budgets are tightening, and their 401(k)s and college savings are evaporating. During this recession, they are being forced to make difficult budget decisions; unfortunately, Congress and the administration do not feel the responsibility to do likewise. Instead, the profligate spending we've seen over the past two months is simply breathtaking — and it's exactly why some here in Washington are scrambling

to change the subject.

Consider what Washington Democrats have "accomplished" since the beginning of the year: The administration requested \$350 billion from the Troubled Assets Relief Program even though neither the Bush administration nor the Obama administration has adequately answered questions about where the first \$350 billion went and what strategy Treasury officials have developed to get the government out of the private sector. Obama signed "stimulus" legislation that costs twice as much as the House GOP's alternative bill but that will create only half as many jobs.

The president apparently plans to sign the \$410 billion "omnibus" spending bill, even though it is loaded with some

9,000 unscrutinized earmarks and the largest increase in discretionary spending — save for a brief increase after the 9/11 terrorist attacks — since the Carter administration. And the Obama administration has proposed a budget blueprint that increases taxes on every American, to the total tune of \$1.4 trillion. Each of these policy proposals is meant to lay the groundwork for a new era of big government — and neither Main Street nor Wall Street likes what it is seeing.

Markets are plunging, businesses are cutting jobs, and families are growing more anxious every day. Moments such as this demand the kind of cooperation and new way of doing business that Obama has promised. Instead, those around him

are taking to the airwaves and the pages of our nation's newspapers to carry out a campaign intended to change the subject and divert attention from what matters most: finding a way to work together to get our economy moving again.

Something is wrong when the discourse in Washington is more focused on a political sideshow than, say, the fact that Congress is attempting to terminate a school-choice program that serves thousands of needy children in the District of Columbia or the effect of a presidential budget that raises taxes on millions of Americans during a recession.

The writer, a Republican congressman from Ohio, is the House minority leader. This column appeared in Thursday's *Washington Post*.

Arts & Culture

Truly playing changes

Chicago band Kaspar Hauser will come to the Mill on Saturday to perform its seasonal Iowa City show and promote its newly released album, *The Sons*.

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Many musicians toil in garages with dreams of "making it big." For Kaspar Hauser, success came because of continual member rotation and a distinctly Midwestern sound — at least, that's what band members Thomas Comerford and Stephen Kiraly say.

The Chicago-based group will open for Dave Zollo & the Body Electric at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington, at 9 p.m. Saturday.

This is only the band's third show in Iowa City, but lead singer Comerford is more than familiar with the town. He attended the UI in the late-90s to study film, sound, and video production. During 1999, his final year at the university, he formed a band by the name of Kaspar Hauser before moving to Chicago after graduation.

"I wasn't really there to pursue music because I was mainly studying film," Comerford said. But during his time at the UI, he wrote songs that eventually led him to form Kaspar Hauser. He noted that he had been in a few bands prior to his current one, but they were never priorities for him.

After Comerford's move to Chicago, things began to take off. Along with teaching film studies at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, he was able to devote time to developing Kaspar Hauser.

"Being in Chicago made me ready to perform on a regular basis," he said. He also attributes some of his success with the band to the availability of music venues in Chicago.

One of the things that sets



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Founder Thomas Comerford, the only steady member of Kaspar Hauser since 1999, will bring his Midwestern sound to the band's show at the Mill on Saturday night.

Kaspar Hauser apart is that its lineup is constantly changing. Comerford sees both the positive and negative aspects of not having the same group of people playing together all of the time.

"It's nice to be able to reinvent the songs based on the players you're working with at a particular time," he said. One of the characteristics of the band's member rotation was that "[the music] could be anything at any time," he said, because new instrumentalists have inspiring interpretations of Kaspar Hauser's material.

While the band's lineup has revolved frequently, drummer Stephen Kiraly has been almost completely immune to the changes.

"I have been off and on for about eight years," he said. "People come and go, and [Comerford is] always changing things. I guess I've been one of the lucky ones who stays with him."

For the past three years, the Kaspar Hauser's core has been the same, he said. But with the core group come people floating in and out to be part of a record or participate in certain shows.

"There's good to both sides," Kiraly said. "I like the fact that there's stability with a set group of guys, but I like the fact that Tom can bring in whoever he wants. It is exciting to have a new group of musicians come in."

Kiraly also attributes Kas-

par Hauser's success to its Midwestern appeal. He noted that one of the band's songs was featured at a stop during Sen. Barack Obama's campaign for the Democratic Party nomination in the Midwest — which, in his opinion, shows Kaspar Hauser's Midwestern appeal.

Kaspar Hauser released its latest album, *The Sons*, in February. Comerford said the show at the Mill will be the band's Iowan CD release party.

As for Kaspar Hauser's live side, Kiraly said the band has many layers that make it a fun and exciting time.

"Usually, it's a very wide array of things that are covered," he said. "There's the music, then there's the banter in between which can get pretty entertaining. It's a good time. We come out every year because we like doing it."

GIVE A LISTEN

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*The Sons***

Featured Tracks:

- "Mark of Cain"
- "MacBeth II (In the Morning)"
- "Prodigal Son"

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By NICK FETTY
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When Erica Quinn left her widowed mother, Margaret, to join the Angels of Destruction, it looked as though Margaret would be alone for the rest of her life. In a bizarre turn of events, a young orphan girl ends up at Margaret's door. This is the premise of *Angels of Destruction*, Keith Donohue's most recent work.

This evening, he will be at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., reading from and answering questions about the book. The reading is free and begins at 7.

While weather inspires most people only to change their wardrobes, a snowstorm drove Donohue to write *Angels of Destruction*.

"I had a picture of a snowstorm in my mind," he said. "And a girl lost in the snow with a figure approaching from the horizon."

He discovered a love for writing when he was in seventh grade. His teacher made students keep journals, and because Donohue didn't have much to say about himself, he made things up. The teacher recognized his talent and encouraged him to continue writing.

After earning a doctorate in English at the Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C., Donohue went on to write articles for the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times*. He is at present the director of communications for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission at the U.S. National Archives, in Washington.

Donohue, who read from *The Stolen Child* in his last Prairie Lights appearance, recognizes Iowa City's "great reputation" as a literary hot spot. Prairie Lights employee Tim Budd said the novel sold quite well at the bookstore because of word of mouth.

"I'm attracted to [Donohue] because he didn't go to school for writing; he was never a member of any kind of writing collaborative," Budd said.

"This was really a guy who had a day job and then wrote a novel at night."

Budd said he is looking for-

From a snowstorm



Keith Donohue, the author of 2006's *The Stolen Child*, will read from his most recent novel, *Angels of Destruction*, at Prairie Lights Books this evening.

Acclaimed novelist Keith Donohue is stopping in Iowa City to promote his new book *Angels of Destruction*.

By NICK FETTY
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READING

Keith Donohue

When: 7 p.m., today

Where: Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque

Admission: Free

Here are a few lines from Keith Donohue's latest novel, *Angels of Destruction*, selected by the author himself:

"There are angels everywhere, strange angels, and every faith accounts for intermediaries of the lost. A little girl, an old man, a stranger on the road, your friend. Best to be safe, always, and assume anyone may be."

— Keith Donohue, *Angels of Destruction*, pg. 338

ward to Donohue's reading and is excited about asking the author questions.

One of Donohue's most memorable moments as a writer came at a book signing in California. A man who recently lost his mother approached Donohue and mentioned that because preparation for the funeral took a lot of effort, there wasn't much time left to grieve.

A scene in *The Stolen Child* depicts a boy saying goodbye to his mother, and Donohue said the man was moved to tears by the scene.

"I just thought, 'This is what it's all about,'" he said. "If you can reach people and touch people emotionally as well as intellectually, you can't ask for more than that."

That moment stands out in his mind, though he's generally pleased to interact with his fans.

"One of the great things about doing readings and things like that is when you get to meet people who've read the book," Donohue said. "And they tell you what the story meant to them."

TRENDSPOTTER

COMEBACKS

This week's trendspotter is the core of most trends: something old becoming new again (and not in the Botoxed, Janice Dickinson way). While LL Cool J might object, this week's trendspotter is all about comebacks, not to be confused with the superb former HBO series starring Lisa Kudrow.

2009 is all about second chances, whether it's Michael "too creepy for words" Jackson's announcement Thursday of 10 upcoming performances in London's O2 Arena or Mickey Rourke's almost Oscar-worthy return to relevance with *The Wrestler*. Even Rihanna and Chris Brown are giving their love another go, at least according to *People* magazine (though that seems to have less to do with trends and more to do with low self-esteem and dependence issues, but who am I to judge?).

Nothing feels better than rereading an old classic — pick up *Frances* by Michael Jackson's announcement Thursday of 10 upcoming performances in London's O2 Arena or Mickey Rourke's almost Oscar-worthy return to relevance with *The Wrestler*. Even Rihanna and Chris Brown are giving their love another go, at least according to *People* magazine (though that seems to have less to do with trends and more to do with low self-esteem and dependence issues, but who am I to judge?).

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— by Meryn Fluker

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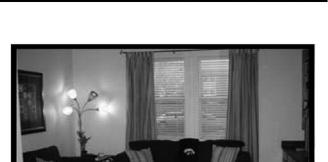
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Health-care costs pinch businesses

Fifty-five percent of small businesses in the country cover health insurance for their employees.

By JENNIFER DELGADO
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When its health-care costs skyrocketed by 90 percent three years ago, the New Pioneer Co-op switched insurance companies.

Although the company — which provides health-care benefits for roughly 144 employees — changed its insurance plan, the staff now pay 5 percent more for their health-care packages. Still, Co-op officials said they are fortunate.

"We are one of the lucky ones," said marketing manager Jennifer Angerer.

Small businesses in Iowa are reporting they can't afford health care for their employees because of decreasing revenue and increasing insurance costs. This means some companies face a difficult decision if they want to continue to compete: Drop health care, or ask employees to pay more for their insurance premiums.

"Health care continually floats to the top of a list of concerns," said Joe Folsom, the Des Moines director for the Iowa Small Business Administration. "Businesses will forgo it if it means staying alive."

Mike Ralston, the president of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, said he was unaware of any government entities for small businesses to turn to for assistance.

He has seen an increase in the number of business owners associated with his organization canceling health-care programs, raising copayment prices, and requiring more up-front payments from employees.

The majority of U.S. companies are small businesses, officials said. A 2006 study by the Agency for Health-Care



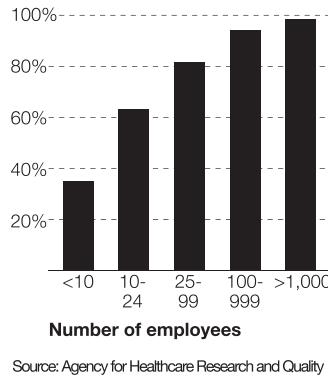
AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hannah Born loads crates of beverages for the grocery department at the New Pioneer Co-op in Coralville on Thursday. A study done by the Agency for Health-Care Research and Quality in 2006 reported 55.8 percent of small businesses provided health care for their employees.

By employee

Businesses with more employees are more likely to offer health insurance.

Percent of private-sector establishments offering health insurance in 2006



Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

Research and Quality showed 55.8 percent of small businesses provided health care.

Officials at the National Federation of Independent Business, another small-business group, said they are seeing some small companies eliminating health insurance. But some Iowa owners are looking for other cost-saving methods before dropping health-care plans.

"Members have taken the

attitude to cut and trim as much as they can," said Andy Warren, the state director for the National Federation of Independent Business. "Laying off is the last option."

At the Co-op, officials said the economy makes it difficult to keep employees working full-time.

"Our business has slowed down just like everyone else's," Angerer said. "Some people are working outside their department, but so far, so good."

There are a few bills proposed in the state Legislature to help lower health-care costs, but some officials remain unpersuaded they will work. These bills would increase mandates for insurance companies, meaning health-care programs must increase the number of illnesses they cover. But business owners would have to pay more for this increased coverage.

"The bills would add to the cost of health care," Ralston said. "[The bills] would increase costs, without necessarily improving care."

The only way to lower costs for small businesses is to apply pressure to the lawmakers, officials said.

"Once you do temporary measures to keep offering health insurance, you get to the point where there's nothing more you can do," Warren said.

Obama holds health summit

By LIZ SIDOTI
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Obama pumped health-care allies and skeptics alike on Thursday for ways to overhaul the nation's costly and frustrating system, and he heard only applause and agreement when he told them there's "a clear consensus that the need for health-care reform is here and now."

However, he conceded at a White House summit that opinions vary widely on exactly what to do and said that winning quick approval for historic and stunningly expensive legislation won't be easy.

Still, the unanimity on the urgency to act underscored how the political environment has become more favorable to revamping the thorny system since President Bill Clinton's attempt failed in the 1990s under intense resistance from drugmakers, insurance companies, and others. All those interest groups were on hand Thursday, and Obama intended his daylong Washington session and a series of meetings to follow around the country to signal that his push for universal health-care coverage will be more open and inclusive than Clinton's.

"Every voice has to be heard. Every idea must be considered ... The status quo is the one option that is not on the table," Obama said during the White House forum on what he calls the greatest threat to the U.S. economy — rising health-care costs. Mindful of the demise of the Clinton plan, Obama warned, "Those who seek to block any reform at all, any reform at any cost, will not prevail this time around."

The U.S. system is the world's costliest; the country spends some \$2.4 trillion a year on health care. It leaves an estimated 48 million people uninsured, and many others lack adequate insurance.

Firm in his insistence on action, Obama was relaxed as he



GERALD HERBERT/ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Barack Obama delivers remarks to the White House Forum on Health Reform, Thursday, in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

fielded questions from lawmakers and the heads of crucial interest groups. At one point he sneezed twice and then, as the audience laughed, said, "This is a health-care forum, so I thought I'd model what happens when you don't get enough sleep."

In an emotional moment, Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts addressed the group, his first Washington appearance in weeks as he battles brain cancer. He received a long ovation and declared, "I'm looking forward to being a foot soldier in this undertaking,

and this time we will not fail."

Although Obama wants coverage for all, the president suggested a willingness to compromise. That, too, was a break from Clinton's posture in the 1990s when he promised to veto any health-care measure that didn't give him what he sought.

This time, Obama said, "Each of us must accept that none of us will get everything we want, and no proposal for reform will be perfect."

Republicans as well as Democrats agreed. Speaker after speaker at the end of a day of smaller White House sessions said action was needed.

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GYMNASICS

The Iowa women's gymnastics team will host Kentucky tonight in its final regular-season home meet of the 2009 season.

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NBA

New Orleans 104, Dallas 88

Denver 106, Portland 90

NHL

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Pittsburgh 4, Florida 1

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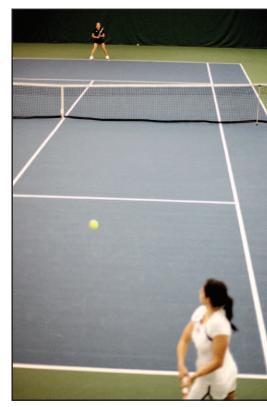
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TENNIS

Women's tennis heads to Notre Dame

The Iowa women's tennis team will travel to South Bend, Ind., today in an effort to pull off a major upset of No. 3 Notre Dame (11-1) at 3 p.m. in its final nonconference dual meet of the spring.

After a week out of the polls, the Hawkeyes (6-5, 1-0) soared back into the rankings at No. 62 after a 4-3 home win over Minnesota on Sunday.

Iowa hopes to get revenge on the Irish after losing last year's showdown, 6-1, in Iowa City. A key matchup will be in the No. 1 singles spot, where Iowa freshman Sonja Molnar, ranked No. 75, takes her 10-1 record against Notre Dame's 31st-ranked senior Kelcy Tefft.

Head coach Daryl Greenan has been impressed by the work ethic of the team, which includes 6 a.m. practice three times a week along with weight training and Pilates.

"I'm proud of them," he said. "The most important thing is that everything is going in the right direction and everyone is on board. To make the progress they've made, they should be proud of that."

— by Robbie Lehman

SOFTBALL

Softball out in California

The Iowa softball team will try to build on its current six-game winning streak when it heads to the Long Beach Tournament this weekend in Long Beach, Calif.

The Hawkeyes (12-3) will play Longwood and No. 4 UCLA this afternoon, then Long Beach State and Florida International on Saturday. The team will then head to Fullerton, Calif., Sunday to finish the road trip against Cal State-Fullerton.

Pitcher Brittany Weil has been virtually unhittable during Iowa's current six-game streak. The Hawkeyes have shut out each opponent in that stretch, thanks in large part to Weil's 25% senior straight



Brittany Weil

innings without allowing a run. The senior has 50 strikeouts and only two walks in the past six games, which included her second no-hitter of the season against Kennesaw State Feb. 22.

Freshman Liz Watkins leads the Hawkeyes in home runs (3), RBIs (12), and slugging percentage (.731). Senior Erin Riemersma boasts the best batting average (.357).

— by Jon Linder

TV TODAY

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

• Big Ten Tournament, quarterfinals, No. 5 Minnesota vs. No. 4 Iowa, from Indianapolis, 7 p.m., Big Ten Network

• Cleveland at Boston, 7 p.m., ESPN

• Milwaukee at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., CSN

• Denver at Utah, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

Women open tournament

2009 women's Big Ten Tournament: No. 4 Iowa vs. No. 5 Minnesota

When: TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 7:15 P.M.
Where: CONSECO FIELD HOUSE; INDIANAPOLIS
Where to watch or listen: TV: BIG TEN NETWORK. RADIO: KXIC 800 AM

No. 4 Iowa will take on No. 5 Minnesota in the Big Ten Tournament this evening in Indianapolis.

By JEFF PAWOLA
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The women's Big Ten Tournament got underway Thursday as the conferences lower seeds battled it. There were no real surprises — No. 7 Wisconsin, No. 6 Indiana, and No. 9 Illinois all emerged victorious.

Tonight, fourth-seeded Iowa (20-9, 13-5) will join the action when the Hawkeyes take on No. 5 Minnesota (19-10, 11-7) in the Conseco Field House in Indianapolis. Although there is no set start time due to the earlier games, Iowa is tentatively scheduled to start at 7:15 p.m., or 25 minutes following the previous game, between the Fighting Illini and top-seeded Ohio State Buckeyes.

"We're getting ready for Minnesota. They've been kind of an up and down team. It's which Minnesota team is going to show up," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "We beat them convincingly at our place; at their place, we lost a close game to them."

Iowa won, 74-57, on Jan. 11 in Iowa City but let a victory slip away in the closing moments on Feb. 8, leaving Minneapolis with a 64-58 loss.

Since that time, Minnesota and Iowa have gone in opposite directions. The Hawkeyes have pulled

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DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior Lindsey Nyenhuys hugs teammate and fellow senior Kristi Smith at the end of the game against Illinois in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 26. The two seniors were honored along with three other senior Hawkeyes after the game.

Hawkeyes will try to end close losses

The Hawkeyes will try to steal one against Penn State before next week's Big Ten Tournament.

By SCOTT MILLER
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When looking at the Iowa men's basketball team, one is hard-pressed to remember the blowout losses.

Sure, the Hawkeyes, who sit at 10th in the conference with a 4-13 record, have endured plenty of defeats over the past four months. But when trying to recall how head coach Todd Lickliter's squad amassed 16 losses in 30 games, it's easier to think of the heartbreakers than the blowouts.

There was the defeat against Indiana on the road, 68-60, and 10 days later — on Valentine's Day, no less — the 49-45 heartbreaker at home to Purdue.

Countless other examples exist — such as the last three games, against Michigan State, Northwestern, and Ohio State, in which the Hawkeyes have scored only 17 fewer points than their opponents.

But few contests were as men-

Penn State (21-9, 10-7) at Iowa (14-16, 4-13)

When: 1:05 P.M. SATURDAY
Where: CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA
Where to watch or listen: TV: BIG TEN NETWORK; RADIO: KXIC 800 AM

LINE UPS

Penn State (21-9, 10-7)
F Jamelle Cornley 6-5 240 Sr.
F Andrew Jones 6-9 245 So.
F David Jackson 6-6 205 So.
G Stanley Pringle 6-1 180 Sr.
G Taylor Battle 5-11 165 So.

Iowa (14-16, 4-13)
F Aaron Fuller 6-6 210 Fr.
F Jarryd Cole 6-7 250 So.
G Matt Gatenas 6-5 215 Fr.
G Devan Bawinkel 6-6 210 Jr.
G Jake Kelly 6-6 185 So.

eight points or fewer.

There was the 52-49 collapse against Minnesota at home, when the Hawkeyes blew a 13-point lead after senior Cyrus Tate went down with an ankle injury.

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LINDSEY WALTERS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior Cyrus Tate fights for the ball against Ohio State's William Buford during the first half in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Tuesday. Tate and senior J.R. Angle will both play their final home game on Saturday when

tally draining as Iowa's Jan. 24 game against Penn State.

On the road and ahead 54-41 with eight minutes remaining, Lickliter's squad let the Nittany Lions go on a 22-5 run to close out the game, 63-59.

"I thought we played some

really outstanding basketball

throughout the game, but just when the plays were to be made, they made them," Lickliter said at the time.

That's been the story all year for the Hawkeyes, especially in conference play.

Looking to avenge that Jan.

24 loss and gain any sort of

momentum going into next week's Big Ten Tournament, Iowa will host Penn State's on Saturday at 1:05 p.m.

In the team's last matchup, sophomore Jake Kelly put up 19 points in 36 minutes of play, and

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MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

| | Conference | All Games | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|------------|-----------|------|----|-----|------|
| Michigan St. | 14 | 3 | 824 | 24 | .5 | 828 |
| Purdue | 11 | 6 | 647 | 22 | .7 | 733 |
| Illinois | 11 | 7 | 611 | 23 | .8 | 742 |
| Penn St. | 10 | 7 | 588 | 21 | .9 | 700 |
| Minnesota | 9 | 8 | 529 | 21 | .8 | 724 |
| Ohio St. | 9 | 8 | 529 | 19 | .9 | 679 |
| Wisconsin | 9 | 8 | 529 | 18 | .9 | 621 |
| Northwestern | 8 | 9 | 471 | 17 | .11 | 607 |
| Michigan | 8 | 9 | 471 | 18 | .12 | 600 |
| Iowa | 4 | 13 | 235 | 14 | .16 | 467 |
| Indiana | 1 | 16 | .059 | 6 | .23 | .207 |

Thursday's Game

Penn State 64, Illinois 63

Saturday's Games

Penn State at Iowa, 1:05 p.m. BTN

Michigan at Minnesota, 11 a.m. ESPN

Sunday's Games

Purdue at Michigan State, 11 a.m. CBS

Northwestern at Ohio State, 4 p.m. BTN

Indiana at Wisconsin, 6 p.m. BTN

WOMEN'S BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.

All Games except Championship televised on

The Big Ten Network

Thursday's Games

Game 1: #7 Wisconsin 60, #10 Northwestern 51

Game 2: #6 Indiana 68, #11 Michigan 50

Game 3: #9 Illinois 58, #8 Penn State 49

Today's Games

Game 4: #2 Michigan St. vs. Wisconsin, 10:30 a.m.

Game 5: #3 Purdue vs. Indiana, 25 minutes after

Game 4.

Game 6: #1 Ohio State vs. Illinois, 5 p.m.

Game 7: #4 Iowa vs. #5 Minnesota, 25 minutes after

Game 6.

Saturday's Games

Game 8: Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 5 p.m.

Game 9: Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 25

minutes after Game 8

Sunday's Championship Game

Tournament Championship Game: Game 8 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 4:30 p.m. ESPN2

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Miami 32 28 .533 12

Charlotte 26 35 .426 18½

Washington 14 47 .230 30½

Central W L Pct GB

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Detroit 30 29 .508 17½

Milwaukee 29 35 .453 21

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New Orleans 38 22 .633 2

Houston 39 23 .629 2

Dallas 37 25 .597 4

Memphis 15 44 .254 24½

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| Denver | 38 | 23 | .623 | 1½ |
| Utah | 37 | 23 | .617 | 2 |
| Portland | 18 | 42 | .300 | 21 |
| Oklahoma City | 16 | 45 | .262 | 23½ |
| Pacific | W | L | Pct | GB |
| L.A. Lakers | 49 | 12 | .803 | — |
| Phoenix | 34 | 27 | .557 | 15 |
| Golden State | 21 | 40 | .344 | 28 |
| L.A. Clippers | 15 | 46 | .246 | 34 |
| Sacramento | 13 | 49 | .210 | 36½ |

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Thursday's Games

New Orleans 104, Dallas 88

Denver 106, Portland 90

Today's Games

Miami at Toronto, 6 p.m.

New Jersey at Orlando, 6 p.m.

Atlanta at Charlotte, 6 p.m.

Cleveland at Boston, 7 p.m.

Golden State at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Phoenix at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

Denver at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

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Dallas shows T.O. the door

By JAIME ARON
Associated Press

ue at every level of the organization."

Owens released a statement on his website thanking Jones, coach Wade Phillips and the organization "for the opportunity to be a member of the team for the past three years."

"A big thanks to the fans — you've been awesome. I look forward to the upcoming season and continuing to play in the NFL."

Owens caught more touchdown passes than any NFL receiver over the last three years and was a big part of Tony Romo's emergence from an unknown backup to a starlet-dating Pro Bowl quarterback with a \$67 million contract.

Women take on Gophers

W-HOOPS

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off a string of six-straight wins and hold the longest active winning streak in the Big Ten; the Golden Gophers have lost four of their last six, including two losses to Illinois and Northwestern, who finished ninth and 10th. Before the six-game stretches Iowa was battling for fifth place, and Minnesota was in the hunt for conference supremacy.

As a result, the Hawkeyes are all but a lock for an NCAA Tournament bid, but the Gophers are hoping their bubble doesn't pop. ESPN's Bracketology currently has Iowa rated as an eighth seed and playing in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, while Minnesota is holding on as an 11th seed, one of the lowest at-large seeds to make the field of 64.

"They're on the bubble, so if they don't win, they're pretty much out," Iowa senior Kristi Smith said. "There's a lot at stake for both teams. They obviously want to get into the tournament, and we obviously want some revenge. We're still a little bitter about the loss up in Minnesota."

Iowa sophomore Kachine Alexander, a Minneapolis native, laid out directly how she would feel if Iowa was the reason the Gophers fail to qualify for the tournament — amazing.

"I just think [beating Minnesota] would be great, because then it's like we stopped them from going to the NCAAs," she said. "I think that, hopefully, it'll give us a better seed in the



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

(From left) Iowa seniors Wendy Ausdemore, Kristi Smith, Nicole VanderPol, Megan Skouby, and Lindsey Nyenhuis pose after the Hawks' game against Illinois in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 26. Iowa will play Minnesota tonight in the quarterfinals of the Big Ten Tournament, taking place in Indianapolis.

NCAA Tournament ... If we do well in the Big Ten Tournament, then we'll probably move up.

"We're on a roll. I don't think anybody wants to play us right now."

Bluder has high hopes that her team can advance higher than its current projected rankings.

"I'm hoping that we're an eight or a seven," she said. "I think a win over Minnesota would solidify us at that seven, another win could move us to six and even to five."

Big Ten Tournament coverage from Indianapolis

Lisa Bluder and the Iowa Hawkeyes are in Indianapolis for the 2009 Big Ten women's basketball tourney, and *The Daily Iowan* is there to cover all the action from inside Conseco Field House.

Be sure to visit [dailyiowan.com](#) throughout this evening for complete coverage of the Hawkeyes' quarterfinal-round contest with Minnesota, featuring video reaction from Iowa players and coaches as well as a photo slide show from tonight's game.

If Iowa takes down Minnesota tonight, then keep visiting [dailyiowan.com](#) for continuous coverage throughout the weekend as the Hawkeyes try to win their first Big Ten Tournament title since 2001.

Men hoopsters try to stop streak

M-HOOPS

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freshman Aaron Fuller added 16 points on 6-of-11 shooting.

Kelly — playing point in sophomore guard Jeff Peterson's five-game absence because of a hamstring injury — has thrived as Iowa's No. 1 scoring option. Since taking over the point-guard duties, the Carmel, Ind., native has scored 21 points a game.

He also recorded his first career double-double with 19 points and 11 rebounds against Ohio State on March 3.

But in the Hawkeyes' 62-54

'I thought we played some really outstanding basketball throughout the game, but just when the plays were to be made, they made them.'

— Todd Lickliter, coach

road loss against Michigan State, it became clear Kelly wasn't going to be able to do it all on his own. The sophomore scored 20 of the team's 54 points, with Fuller the only other Hawkeye to reach double figures.

Against the Buckeyes, Kelly received more support from junior sharpshooter Devan Bawinkel, who netted a career-high eight 3-pointers

and led Iowa with a game-high 24 points.

"I hate to say it, but that's what he's supposed to do," Lickliter said after the game.

Kelly could get Peterson back by Saturday to deal with the Nittany Lions' combination of Talor Battle and Jamelle Cornley, who scored 44 of the team's 63 points in the teams' first meeting. On March 2, Lickliter said his

injured point guard could play against Penn State.

"I think it is too early to know for sure," he said at the time. "He told me he was going to try."

Regardless of which Hawkeyes trot out on the Carver hardwood, the Hawkeyes hope to end their run of close losses and get back to the team that was 10-3 going into conference play.

"It gets frustrating," Bawinkel said after the Ohio State game. "We're in so many games, and then we lose it down to the wire. It gets really frustrating seeing us not pull it out and get the victory."

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Some tracksters head to Last Chance

This weekend, a portion of the Iowa women's track and field team will head to Ames to participate in the Last Chance Qualifier, the final opportunity to qualify for the 2009 NCAA national championships.

After last weekend's Big Ten championships in Bloomington, Ind., lone senior Hawkeye Racheal Marchand is officially qualified, taking second in the 5,000 with her collegiate-best time of 15:55.70.

Sophomore Karessa Farley provisionally qualified on Feb. 14 at the Iowa State Classic in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.30.

After stumbling over a hurdle in the finals in that event last weekend, the school-record holder in the 60-meter hurdles will try to get herself officially qualified for the first time in her collegiate career.

The meet will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Lied Recreation Center.

— by Jake Krzeczkowski

Baseball goes back South

The Iowa baseball team is headed back South following a 0-3 stint in

DeLand, Fla. Beginning today, the Hawkeyes (1-5) will face Austin Peay (2-5) in a three-game weekend series on the road in Clarksville, Tenn.

Senior Wes Freie is Iowa's probable starting pitcher today, and junior lefty Michael Jacobs and freshman righty Nick Brown are expected to follow up on Saturday and March 8.

Center fielder Kurtis Muller missed last weekend's games in Florida because of an undisclosed injury, but the sophomore is listed on the Hawkeye's lineup, slated to bat third.

"Kurtis will be day-to-day, but I want to be smart with him because it is a long season," Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said in a release. "We do not want this to linger all year long."

The coach remains hopeful the Hawks will balance themselves out after quickly after having several poor performances.

"We had a tough weekend down in Florida, losing three games, but we still had some positives," Dahm said in a statement. "Offensively, we are showing signs of swinging the bat the way we are capable."

— by Ryan Young

Men's track hopefuls head to Ames

The Iowa men's track and field team will send a group of athletes to compete in Ames at the Iowa State Last Chance Qualifier on Saturday.

A handful of Hawkeyes are still hoping to hit qualifying times, including junior Adam Hairston in the 800 meters.

Hairston garnered All-Big Ten honors at the indoor championships for the second-straight season, finishing third, but he is on the bubble for the NCAA indoor championships.

Iowa's 4x400-meter relay team of Patrick Richards, Ray Varner, Steven Willey, and Chris Barton also hopes to reach the qualifying mark in Ames. Wieczorek said the relay team has a legitimate chance to qualify for the national meet.

"By and large, I think the things we're going to focus on are, most likely, the relay team and [Adam] Hairston in the 800, with a legitimate chance to go to the nationals," Wieczorek said.

Competition is set to start at 10:30 a.m. at the Lied Recreation Center.

— by Zach Smith

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Wrestlers not thinking 'D'

Big Ten championships coverage from State College, Pa.

Tom Brands and the top-ranked Iowa Hawkeyes are in State College, Pa., for the 2009 Big Ten Wrestling Championships, and *The Daily Iowan* is there to cover all the action from inside the Bryce Jordan Center this weekend. Be sure to visit [dailyiowan.com](#) after both sessions on Saturday and after the championships on March 8 for complete coverage of the Hawkeyes' quest to repeat as Big Ten champions, featuring video reaction from Iowa wrestlers and coaches, as well as photo slide shows from all three sessions.



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Baseball fans clamor to get an autograph from the New York Yankee and Dominican Republic third baseman Alex Rodriguez after an exhibition baseball game against the Florida Marlins on March 3 in Jupiter, Fla. Rodriguez will try to play this season with an injured hip in lieu of undergoing surgery.

A-Rod has torn hip labrum

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez will attempt to play this season with an injured right hip, hoping to avoid surgery and a four-month rehabilitation period.

A cyst in the hip was drained Wednesday, and the New York Yankees third baseman will skip playing for the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic. Still, he has a torn labrum that might need an operation.

"There are two courses of action concerning what he has," Yankee general manager Brian Cashman said Thursday.

"There is treat it conservatively, which would imply rest, exercise, and treatment. Or you can treat it aggressively, which is by surgery. At this point at in time, we are going to go the conservative route."

The diagnosis by Dr. Marc Philippon, in Vail, Colo., was yet another jolt to Rodriguez during a tumult-filled one-month span in which the three-time AL MVP admitted using banned drugs from 2001-03 while with Texas.

"He's been through a lot, and you probably can go through the last year that he's been through a lot," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "He's been pretty good in staying focused in what he has to do. The thing about Alex, we all know how hard he works. He's able to do a lot of things because of his work ethic, and you hope that carries him through this year as well."

Girardi is concerned Rodriguez could start the regular season and then have to be shut down.

"It's not something you necessarily want to think about," Girardi said. "You watch him closely to make sure there is

nothing wrong, and I know Alex will be honest with his body. He'll do everything possible to get on the field, but it's worrisome."

Earlier Thursday, ESPNdeportes.com reported that Rodriguez's brother, Joe Dunand, said the slugger was going to have surgery, with a projected 10-week recovery time.

"If at some point it's not working and it's a problem, then the other one becomes more of a choice," Cashman said. "Right now, the route we're going is conservative."

Cashman said Rodriguez's preference was to try rest and treatment first, but that off-season surgery might be an option.

"We're collectively trying to figure out what is best to do for everybody involved," Cashman said. "We don't want to rush into it. We want to digest it."

He said the team hopes the cyst was the cause of stiffness that had bothered the 12-time All-Star and caused him to see Philippon. Rodriguez was to undergo additional tests in Colorado today.

"Now that it's drained, we're going to see how he responds," Cashman said. "Get a gauge of how much improvement, if at all, there is."

Dr. Struan Coleman of the Hospital for Special Surgery, which treats the New York Mets, said Rodriguez probably could avoid an operation by having heat and cold treatment, but he might need an injection to control pain and/or inflammation. Coleman said it is unlikely the injury is related to past steroid use.

"It's quite common in athletes who do a lot of rotational movement in their sport," the physician said. "This is a slowly progressive process.

This has been going on a number of years."

Dominican Republic general manager Stan Javier spoke with Rodriguez Thursday.

"The only concern I have right now is I hope he's OK," Javier said. "It's too bad it has happened, but that's baseball and that's life. He told me he might have surgery Sunday or Monday. He said he's going to meet us in Miami to be with the team."

David Ortiz said Rodriguez's on-field presence will be missed by the Dominican players.

"It's a guy we need," Ortiz said. "He's not going to be able to be here. It's crazy. I hope he gets better and comes back in the regular season to do his thing."

The injury potentially leaves a huge hole in the lineup for the Yankees, trying to rebound after missing the playoffs last season following 13-consecutive appearances.

"This will challenge for him, for sure," Hall of Famer Cal Ripken said.

Last year, Rodriguez was sidelined from April 28 to May 20 because of a strained right quadriceps — his fifth career trip to the disabled list. An MRI exam at that time showed what Cashman called an "irregularity" in the right hip.

Rodriguez's hip was fine until experiencing stiffness during spring training this year. He was examined by team physician Dr. Christopher Ahmad and underwent an MRI Feb. 28.

"The MRI we did showed some changes in that hip area," Cashman said. "What he's dealing with now is obviously something more significant. There is no pain, which is a good thing."

Rodriguez's 138 games last season were his fewest since 1999, when he tore the medial

meniscus in his left knee during a spring-training agility drill on March 30. He played in the first two games of that season with Seattle, then was put on the disabled list April 7 and missed 32 games until he returned May 14.

If Rodriguez is sidelined, New York would have to replace its third baseman and cleanup hitter, behind new first baseman Mark Teixeira.

"That's going to hurt not only this team, but the Yankees," said Robinson Cano, Rodriguez's teammate on both his club and national team. "He's a guy we're going to miss."

The leading internal candidate to take over at third would be Cody Ransom, a 33-year-old who has a .251 average and 24 RBIs in 183 at-bats over six major-league seasons.

"I think the team will try to pick up the slack until he's ready," Ransom said. "Hopefully, it's not too long. You can't really replace what he does."

Since joining the Yankees before the 2004 season, Rodriguez has averaged 42 homers and 123 RBIs to go along with a .303 batting average.

"He's very important for us," catcher Jorge Posada said. "You lose a guy like him — we've got a good lineup — but he's the guy that puts it all together."

Rodriguez's hip is the latest injury concern for a team worried whether Posada (shoulder), Mariano Rivera (shoulder), and Hideki Matsui (knee) will bounce back from operations.

Posada is hopeful he'll be able to play behind the plate around March 15.

"We just need to stay healthy," Posada said. "Whatever is going to be best for Alex, we understand. We'll go from there. You try to play through the injury, but then also, you don't want to hurt the team."

as we continue to win games, you can't complain too much."

Howard has long been ridiculed by the O'Neal for his use of the Superman nickname — one they have both claimed. O'Neal has also called out Howard, saying he hasn't done anything in Orlando he hadn't done before.

On Thursday, Howard again sidestepped any barbs at O'Neal. But when asked if he tries to take charges or has ever attempted a flop, Howard said that's not a center's role.

"They've been trying to get me to take charges, and I just can't do it," Howard said. "When we do charge drills in practice, I don't like them. Like I tell my guys, I'm not taking a charge. If I'm 7 feet, I'm supposed to be blocking a shot."

Van Gundy said he was joking when he made the comments and didn't lose any sleep when O'Neal responded. He considers the feud over, but realized O'Neal may again fire back.

"I started it. I made my comment," Van Gundy said. "If you're going to dish it out, you've got to be able to take it. And I can take it."

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Daily Break

the ledge

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100 Shots of Beer in 100 Minutes

- Shot 79: Things are about to stop being polite ... and start getting real.
- Shot 80: Is that a unicorn in the stove?
- Shot 81: I begin having a discussion with the stove about the unicorn.
- Shot 82: Stove disavows knowledge of the unicorn, and the discussion becomes heated (ha ha).
- Shot 83: I tell stove about my "heated argument" pun.
- Shot 84: Stove refuses to acknowledge my hilariouslyness.
- Shot 85: I begin argument with stove.
- Shot 86: Stove wins argument.
- Shot 87: Stove is being smug about it.
- Shot 88: It's a good thing I'm writing all this down, as I really have little hope of remembering it tomorrow.
- Shot 89: I begin to wet myself.
- Shot 90: DON'T LAUGH AT ME, STOVE!!
- Shot 91: I finish wetting myself.
- Shot 92: My vision suddenly goes completely sepia-toned. I wonder if this is something I should worry about.
- Shot 93: I begin to wet various other things around the apartment.
- Shot 94: I CAN PEE WHEREVER I WANT, STOVE! IT'S MY APARTMENT! WHEN YOU START PAYING RENT HERE — OR AT LEAST STOP BURING MY FROZEN PIZZAS — YOU CAN HAVE A SAY ABOUT WHERE AND WHEN I RELIEVE MYSELF, YOU JUDGMENTAL, SELF-CLEANING WHORE OF AN APPLIANCE!
- Shot 95: I apologize to stove for calling it a whore and for peeing on/in it.
- Shot 96: Losing control of my faculties and fearing unconsciousness, I attempt to will myself back to sobriety as a last-ditch effort.
- Shot 97: I think it's working; dubiously, I seem to be sobering up a bit.
- Shot 98: I AM A GOLDEN GOD!
- Shot 99: I ... can make it ... Just ... just one ... moooooRRRRR ...
- Shot 100: N/A.

- Andrew R. Juhl continues his odyssey to recover from joining the Century Club tomorrow.

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.

JUST WANNA RIDE ON MY MOTORCY ... CLE



STEVE LEXA/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI freshman Josh Schmaren takes off on his motorcycle in the parking ramp next to the Old Capitol Town Center on Thursday. The 19-year-old business major purchased the motorcycle just in time for the warm, record-breaking weather.



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- 12:30 p.m. News from Québec (in French)
 1 "Prairie Lights" Archive, Jana Kohl
 2 News from Germany (in German)
 3 "Know the Score," 2/6/2009
 5 Piano Sundays, 2/19/2009
 7 Brazilian Woodwind Concert, 1/30/2009

today's events

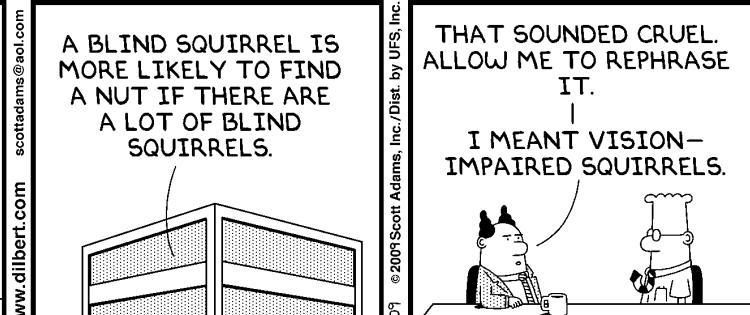
- **UI Provost's Forum for International Affairs**, all day, 2520 D, University Capitol Centre
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **"Finding God at Iowa" Lunch Forum**, noon, 341 IMU
- **"Java Blend,"** noon, Java House, 211 1/2 E. Washington
- **Noon Knit**, Noon, Hardin Library
- **Lunchtime Lotus Yoga**, noon, Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Iowa Bach Festival, master class with Ann Marie Morgan, viola da gamba**, 12:30 p.m., 180 Museum of Art
- **Mathematical Biology Distinguished Visitor Seminar, Marty Golubitsky on Geometric Visual Hallucinations**, 1:30 p.m., 61 Schaeffer Hall
- **Knitting Nurse**, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry**, 4:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Family Center, 4776 American Legion Road
- **Dawn's Coffeehouse**, 5 p.m., Dawn's Hide & Bead Away, 220 E. Washington
- **Fish Fry**, 5 p.m., Regina High, 2150 Rochester Ave
- **Gallery Walk**, 5-8 p.m., downtown galleries
- **"Know the Score," with Joan Kjaer**, 5 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **Fish Fry**, 5:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highwayway 1 W.
- **Friday Night Films, American Teen**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Keith Donohue, fiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **The Betrayal**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **2009 Bridging Fiesta**, 7-11 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **Into the Woods**, 7:30 p.m., Young Footlitters Act 2 Teen Theatre, Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Queer Pracitca**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E.

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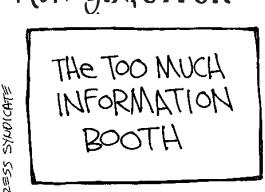
- **The Arkansaw Bear**, City Circle Acting Company, 7:30 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall
- **USA DANCE Ballroom, Swing and Latin Music**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Walking the Wire: Monologues at Riverside**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
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- **Heatbox, with Clawthroat, Roster McCabe, and Frankie Lee**, 8 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Hello Dave**, 8 p.m., Vito's, 118 E. College
- **Iowa Bach Festival, "Bach and the Instrument: Chamber Music for Strings and Keyboard,"** 8 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church
- **Irie Sol, with River and the Tributaries**, 8 p.m., Industry, 211 Iowa
- **Kid Simple**, University Theatres Mainstage Production, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
- **Adult Piano Lessons**, 8:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Anni Rossi, with Olivia Rose Muzzy and Alexis Stevens**, 9 p.m., Public Space One, 129 E. Washington
- **Bijou Film: La Strada**, 9 p.m., Bijou
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- **Groveship**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Murder By Death, with Fake Problems**, Sam Lowry, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
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- **No Shame Theatre**, 11 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- **Campus Activities Board film, Seven Pounds**, midnight, Bijou

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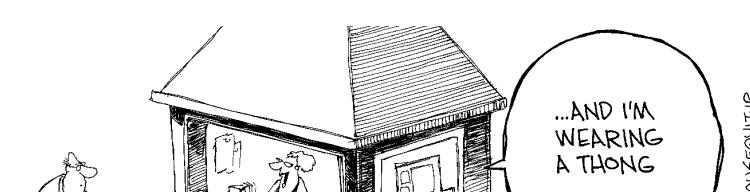
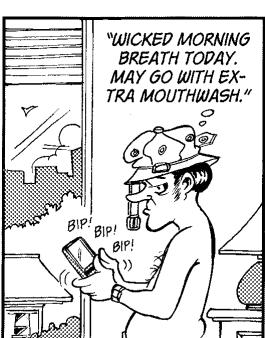
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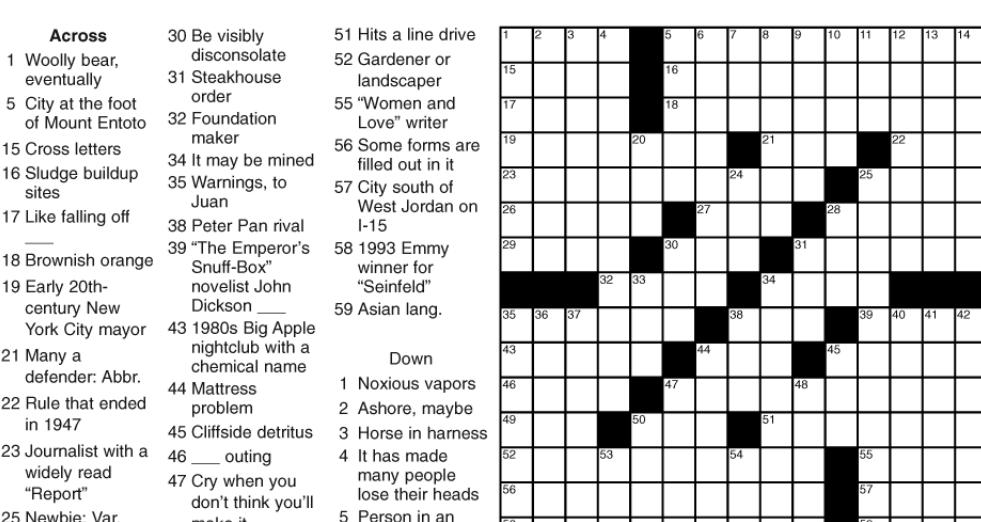
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| 1 | Woolly bear, eventually | Steakhouse order | 55 "Women and Love" writer | 51 Hits a line drive | 52 Gardener or landscaper | 56 Some forms are filled out in it | 57 City south of West Jordan on I-15 | 58 1993 Emmy winner for "Seinfeld" | 59 Asian lang. | | | | | |
| 2 | City at the foot of Mount Entoto | Foundation maker | 34 It may be minded | 35 Warnings, to Juan | 38 Peter Pan rival | 39 "The Emperor's Snuff-Box" novelist John Dickson | 43 1980s Big Apple nightclub with a chemical name | 44 Mattress problem | 45 Cliffside detritus | 46 ___ outing | 47 Cry when you don't think you'll make it | 48 Person in an apron | 49 Some linemen: Abbr. | 50 ESPN analyst Pasquarelli |
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