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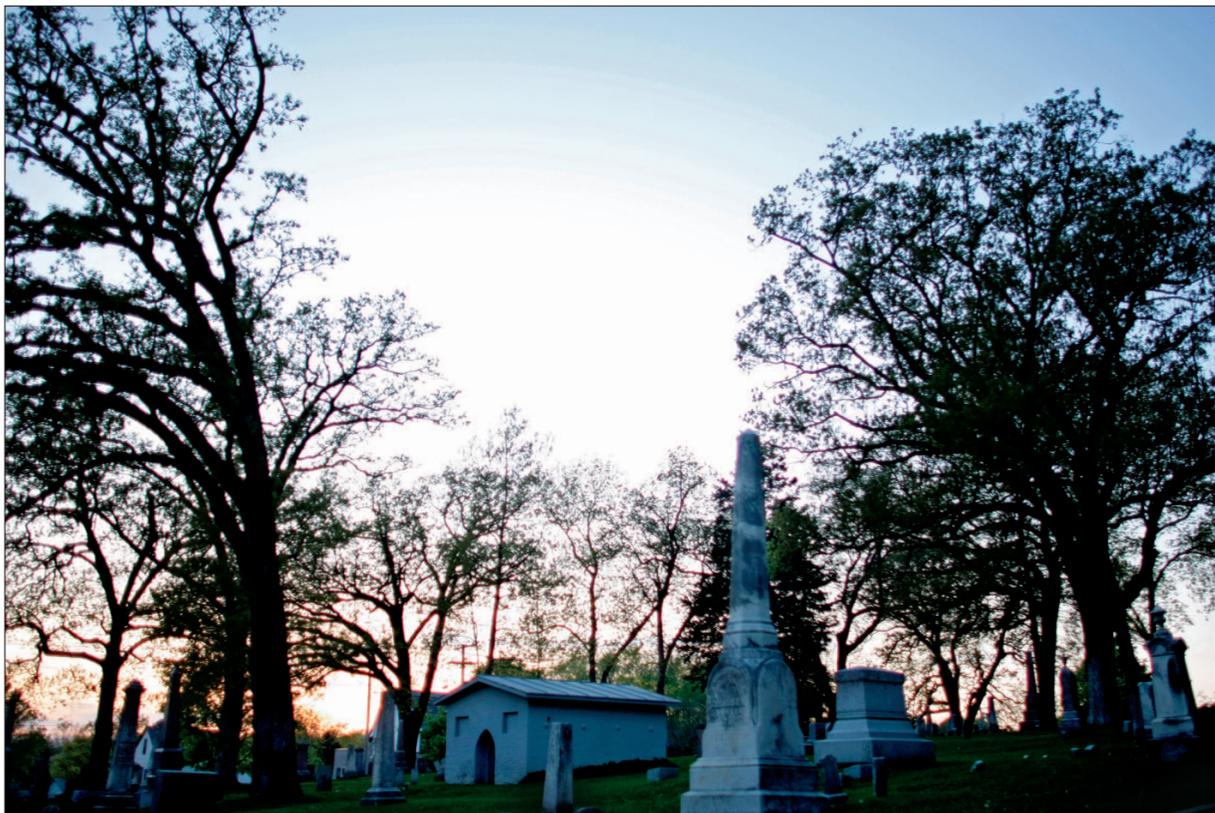
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Oakland Cemetery is shown at the corner of Church and Governor Streets in Iowa City on Sunday. According to the Cremation Association of North America, cremations will be the after-death option for 38 percent of those dying this year.

Out-of-ordinary becoming usual

With cremations on the rise, creativity is becoming a priority after death.

By **MARY HARRINGTON**
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From wine and cheese themes to party-favor bling, people across the country are doling out dollars and getting creative for what some consider the most important party in a lifetime: the funeral.

Once confined to traditional religious burial rituals, families are beginning to stray from the typical and aim for the personal. One after-death option allowing for more creativity and choice for those mourning

loss is cremation.

Cremations will be used in 38 percent of the time this year, an increase from 26 percent in 2000, according to the Cremation Association of North America.

At Iowa City funeral home Gay & Ciha Funeral and Cremation Service, 2720 Muscatine Ave., the cremation rate has always rested above 50 percent, with a 6 percent increase this year, funeral director Dan Ciha said. At Lensing Funeral Home, cremation services have plateaued between 35 and 40 percent in recent

years following a steady rise, said owner Michael Lensing. That puts the Iowa City locations well above the statewide average of roughly 27 percent.

"I think more and more people are looking at not having the traditional services that their parents and grandparents once did," Ciha said. "A traditional trip to the cemetery just isn't as important for them as generations prior."

And while industry officials said some people are choosing cremation to save money during a recession, most of the constant shift is more just a matter of personal taste and a way to personalize the mourning experience. And

some are still spending big to make it happen.

Many clients at Lensing Funeral & Cremation Service are opting to cremate remains and then use a portion of those ashes to be turned into diamond jewelry or paper weights. Ciha has heard requests to have ashes commingled with those of a beloved dog or family member as well.

"There are just so many more options now," said Lensing. "Years ago, it wasn't necessarily wrong to make these choices, but it was just a different time, and people didn't always feel comfortable breaking traditions."

SEE **FUNERAL**, 3A

UI, IC work on binging

Despite mutual skepticism about commitments to safe-drinking initiatives, city and university officials are confident things are getting better.

By **CHRIS CLARK**
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UI Provost Wallace Loh said he plans to ask Iowa City City Councilor Matt Hayek to lunch to reassure him the university is making efforts to promote safer drinking.

That's after recent meetings and e-mails show city and university officials questioning their counterpart's commitment to the cause, documents released Thursday in response to a records request revealed.

In a May 5 council meeting, Hayek directly addressed attendees of the meeting — specifically UI representatives — saying he didn't feel the partnership with the university was strong enough.

Hayek said city officials have made a number of steps to reduce alcohol overconsumption since he was elected, including increasing law-enforcement presence downtown.

But some of the university's actions looked like a lack of effort, he said.

Until UI officials do something significant, he said, he doesn't think leaders can make any progress.

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'The virus is continuing to spread. Fortunately, the severity of the illness we're seeing at this point doesn't look as terrible as a Category 5 kind of pandemic or the really devastating impacts that some had feared.'

Anne Schuchat, director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

No H1N1 flu in county yet

Nationally, there have been more than 2,500 confirmed cases of the H1N1 virus.

By **JENNIFER DELGADO**
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With 43 confirmed cases of the H1N1 virus in Iowa, state health officials said they aren't telling individuals to change their daily routines.

As of Sunday, no reports of the illness have shown up in Johnson County, said Doug Beardsley, the director of the Johnson County Public Health Department.

"It's likely we'll get one, but it doesn't change anything," Beardsley said. People should continue to handle the H1N1

H1N1 and the Midwest

Here is a list of states in the Midwest, besides Iowa, that have people infected with the H1N1 influenza virus:

- Illinois - 421
- Indiana - 39
- Kansas - 12
- Missouri - 10
- Nebraska - 13

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

virus similar to the seasonal flu and stay home if they feel sick, he said.

Marshall County has the bulk of those infected, with 38 confirmed cases of the virus. People in Des Moines, Polk, Hardin, and Story Counties also carry the virus. Last week, these areas all received anti-viral medicine from the national stockpile.

SEE **SWINE FLU**, 3A

UI senior has his pick of jobs

UI senior Rob Pick had no trouble landing a job after graduation.



By **MICHELE DANNO**
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As a tough economy leaves some soon-to-be graduates struggling to find jobs, UI senior Rob Pick had more than one option lined up.

With offers from several top-ranked strategy consulting firms, Pick decided to join Bain and Co. at its Chicago office. His backup option was Monitor Group, where he held an internship in Los Angeles last summer.

While both companies are highly ranked American corporations that offered him strong starting positions, Pick said, he chose Bain because he thought it was a "better cultural fit."

"Bain is sort of the fraternity of the business world," he said. "It offers a lot of different office trips. I liked the people there, and it just felt right when I interviewed."

The Ankeny native said he wanted to stay closer to home, leading him to work in



BENJAMIN ROBERTS/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI graduating senior Rob Pick stands outside Halsey Hall on Sunday afternoon. Pick landed himself a nice gig after graduation, working at Bain and Co. in Chicago.

ON THE WEB

To see video of graduating UI senior Rob Pick, visit dailyiowan.com.

Bain's Chicago office. Pick noted he is only the third person from the UI to be hired by Bain in the company's history, and most other hirings are graduates from such top-ranked universities as Harvard, Yale, and Princeton.

What made Pick so competitive for a spot at Bain was most likely his résumé. He is set to graduate with distinction from the UI, and he is majoring in political science, economics, and finance.

Pick was one of 50 incoming freshmen chosen for early

Rob Pick

- **Age:** 22
- **Hometown:** Ankeny, Iowa
- **Majors:** finance, economics, political science
- **Plans after graduation:** Work at Bain and Co. in Chicago

admission to the UI Tippie College of Business. He joined Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity in 2005 and served two terms as president. Pick is also a Hawkinson Institute of Business Finance Scholar, a competitive program that prepares students for a career in financial services and consulting fields.

SEE **PROFILE**, 3A



Performing arts change with the flood, times



By MEGAN DIAL
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The UI performing-arts department is changing to maintain "certain artistic standards" while keeping up with the rapidly altering technological world and the slumping economy, officials said.

"Technology, recording, online resources — it's all changing. That's where the music business is," said David Nelson, the interim director of the School of Music. "The big schools of music, like Iowa, always maintain some artistic standards."

Incoming students are more savvy about the contemporary world, he said, helping the UI become more up-to-date.

Last year's flood created the necessary opportunity.

"We have to build an entire new facility," Nelson said. "We have the opportunity in the next few years to build the most up-to-date facility and figure out how to be as contemporary as possible."

After the flood, he said, the department is planning for the next 30 years with new facilities and new ideas.

"It's a great opportunity brought on by a great disaster,"

he said. "It's going to be a big deal."

Director of the Division of Performing Arts Alan MacVey said the flood did not affect the theater department as strongly as others, but it is still making changes in response to the modern world.

"We are — I am at least — trying to get us in touch with more contemporary trends in the theater," MacVey said.

He said department officials are looking at two different strategies — experiments with technology and creating work related to smaller communities.

MacVey said he is gradually experimenting with cell phones, the Internet, and other newer technological devices as they relate to live performances in plays.

"It's not so slow, just a little bit at a time, like all experiments," he said.

MacVey also said some UI alumni are planning to stay in the Iowa City area to create available theater work for students in the surrounding communities.

"We're always looking for what's the cutting edge," he said. "We are a place that prides itself in doing new plays, but just sort of standard new plays isn't enough."

UI senior Ben Bentler said he thinks the theater department has been hit the hardest by the economy.



Baby Yaga (Rebekah Stein) talks to the hostage Joshua (Sam Hawkins) during the dress rehearsal of Akarui on May 5 in the Theatre Building. Akarui, by Jen Silverman of the Playwrights' Workshop, was part of the Iowa New Play Festival.

"The fact of the matter is it is \$8 to see a movie and at least \$20 to see a show," the vocal performance major said. "Professional production is double that."

As a result of the increasing ticket prices and poor economy, he said, audiences have decreased and the theater business is struggling to stay alive.

But MacVey said he is confident the economic slump will go away in a few years.

"Everything will come back in probably two or three years, and in a certain way, you weed out the ones that are not strong enough, and you bring in new

ones," he said. "There's always a new crop of students."

Bentler said students need to be much more contemporary and well-rounded to be successful in the job world, and he doesn't think the UI is offering enough contemporary training.

"They train them to be classical artists and work in classical plays; however, I think the problem with that is they're ignoring what the market is telling them," he said. "In the theater world ... they need to know how to dance and sing. You better damn well know your stuff."

IMU still vibrant after flood

Withstanding last summer's flood, the IMU remains only partially open but still offers many of its unique amenities.



By MEGAN DIAL
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The IMU has endured many changes since its establishment as a men's club in 1911.

Originally housed in a former Unitarian Church at the intersection of Clinton Street and Iowa Avenue, the IMU now sits at Jefferson and Madison Streets near the banks of the Iowa River — which flooded the building last summer, closing it for much of the fall 2008 semester.

The building reopened on Nov. 1, but only the first through third floors are available to students. The ground floor is still closed.

Before last year's flood, the

ground floor housed the Union Market, Union Station, Java House, University Book Store, ITC, and UI Community Credit Union.

Now, most of these areas have been relocated to the first floor, with the exception of the University Book Store, which remains in the Old Capitol Town Center.

Also located on the first floor is the Hubbard Commons, University Box Office, Bijou, Campus Information Center, Iowa House Hotel, and River Room.

The IMU offers a variety of study locations for students — Hubbard Commons has comfortable chairs and tables, the River Room offers tables with a view of

the Iowa River, and several smaller spaces with couches are available throughout the building.

Students can also check out free laptops from the University Box Office, and an ITS is open on the third floor.

In the spring 2008 semester, the IMU started to remain open 24 hours each day during finals week.

Aside from studying, the IMU also hosts many social events including Dance Marathon, the 10,000 Hours Show, and Campus Activities Board Events.

The activities board sponsors many social, educational, and cultural events in the IMU throughout the year — including comedians, movies, and massage chairs.

METRO

Man charged with indecent contact waives jury trial

An Iowa City man accused of fondling his 13-year-old daughter has waived a jury trial. A judge will hear his case July 27.

Police charged Randy Cole, 43, with indecent contact with a child. While driving his daughter to her mother's house Jan. 17, he moved his hand up her inner thigh, records show. According to the police complaint, Cole stopped when the girl asked what he was doing.

His attorney, Peter Persaud, filed a motion May 6 to push back Cole's pre-trial hearing in addition to waiving the jury trial. Court records show the defense needs time to interview the alleged victim. The hearing is set for July 15.

If convicted of the aggravated misdemeanor charge, Cole could spend up to two years in prison and pay a \$6,250 fine.

— by Zhi Xiong

Creekside Market has 2 burglary calls

Iowa City police responded to two burglary calls at Creekside Market early Saturday morning but were unable to catch the intruder, authorities said.

According to police, officers responded to the market, 2601 Highway 6 E., around 2 a.m. They saw the glass front door had been smashed open. Police cleared the business and searched the nearby area but no suspect information could be provided at the time.

Around 4:15 a.m. the same day, Iowa City police again responded to Creekside Market after employees inside the business allegedly heard a noise from the back of the building. Employees reported they inspected that area of the business and the person exited the can-recycling area and fled the area, police reports show.

The suspect is described as a tall, white male approximately 6-4, wearing dark pants and a dark top.

A break-in at Creekside Market also occurred April 13; unknown individuals shattered the glass front door and

stole merchandise.

— by Regina Zilbermints

Man charged with third OWI

North Liberty police arrested a man for allegedly driving drunk after police reportedly saw him driving on the wrong side of the road.

Douglas Ramaker, 30, North Liberty, was charged May 9 with third-offense OWI.

Ramaker was stopped by officers for numerous traffic violations, including driving on the wrong side of Highway 965, police said.

He smelled strongly of ingested alcohol and had slurred speech, bloodshot, watery eyes, and admitted to drinking, police reports show. Ramaker failed numerous breath tests.

Third-offense OWI is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$9,375.

— by Regina Zilbermints

Ex-prof may reach plea deal

A former UI professor accused of

assaulting his wife and violating a no-contact order will likely reach a plea before June 1, his scheduled trial date.

Police arrested Puneet Handa at his Coralville home Sept. 22, 2008. They found his wife with her face covered in bruises, records show. The woman said Handa, who taught in the Tippie College of Business, choked her and gouged at her eyes.

Handa faces an aggravated misdemeanor charge, which carries a maximum two-year prison sentence and a \$6,250 fine.

In addition, police subsequently charged the 52-year-old with first-degree harassment after his Sept. 22, 2008, arrest. He allegedly called his wife's residence from the Johnson County Jail and threatened to kill her, along with other members of their family.

For violating a no-contact order, the first-degree harassment charge is another aggravated misdemeanor.

Handa's sentencing was originally set for last week, but his attorney asked to push it back. The sentencing is reset for July 15. Documents filed May 6 show Handa will likely settle for a plea agreement by June 1.

— by Zhi Xiong

POLICE BLOTTER

Joshua Beler, 20, Buffalo Grove, Ill., was charged May 9 with PAULA.

Jack Bell, 20, Stockton, Iowa, was charged May 8 with PAULA.

Kelly Collins, 20, Kildeer, Ill., was charged May 8 with PAULA.

Zachary Crandall, 21, 505 E. Jefferson Apt. 5, was charged May 8 with urinating in public.

Sean Curtin, 18, 704 Reno St., was charged May 8 with possession of marijuana.

Ketra Davis, 27, 1828 Hollywood Court, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Irene Diaz, 39, 135 Apache Trail, was charged May 7 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Andrew Fuhrmann, 19, 216A Mayflower, was charged May 8 with PAULA.

Ivann Galvan, 21, Columbus Junction, Iowa, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Brandin Garcia, 20, 510 S. Johnson St. Apt. 2, was charged May 8 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Isaiah Goines, 20, 2011 Davis St., was charged May 8 with violating a no-contact domestic abuse protective order.

Brian Hanneman, 20, 702 Iowa Ave.,

was charged May 8 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Jesse Harris, 20, Muscatine, was charged May 8 with public intoxication.

Gerald Helwig, 20, 321 S. Linn St. Apt. 226, was charged May 7 with PAULA.

Jenna Holtz, 19, 527C Mayflower, was charged May 9 with PAULA.

Philip Johnson, 19, N402 Parklawn, was charged May 9 with PAULA.

Tyler Johnson, 20, 702 N. Dubuque St., was charged May 9 with PAULA.

Jaclyn Kamradt, 18, 3304 Burge, was charged May 8 with PAULA.

Katherine Mark, 18, 614 Slater, was charged May 9 with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

Elizabeth Ketchum, 19, 619 Rioxnow, was charged May 8 with public intoxication.

Andrew Ketelsen, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged May 7 with PAULA.

Saecheon Kim, 22, Solon, was charged May 6 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Stephen Kucharo, 21, Davenport, was charged May 7 with public intoxication.

Zack Markley, 23, Libertyville, Iowa, was charged May 6 with public intoxication.

Jason McClain, 22, 221 Woolf Ave., was charged May 8 with possession of marijuana and public intoxication.

Cory Miller, 20, 507 Bowery St. Apt. 2, was charged May 9 with criminal trespass and public intoxication.

Matthew Mohnsen, 20, 302 N. Ridgeland Ave., was charged May 9 with unlawful use of another's ID and PAULA.

Keely Morgan, 22, Marion, was charged April 4 with second-degree theft.

Alex Nicholson, 21, 505 S. Lucas St., was charged Oct. 16 with possession of marijuana.

Stephanie Peet, 28, 941 Webster St., was charged May 8 with OWI.

Tyler Petersen, 25, Coralville, was charged May 9 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Christopher Reasoner, 19, 1906 Flanigan Court, was charged March 19 with third-degree criminal mischief.

Lucas Rgiland, 25, Coralville, was charged May 9 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Sabra Roling, 19, 443 Slater, was charged May 8 with PAULA.

Lincoln Sprague, 18, 421 Stuart Court, was charged May 8 with PAULA.

Christopher Stark, 23, 323 N. Van Buren St., was charged May 7 with disorderly conduct.

Shilo Stockton, 20, 505 E. Burlington St. Apt. 3C, was charged May 9 with unlawful use of another's ID and PAULA.

Randolph Tate, 51, 716 N. Dubuque St., was charged May 7 with assault causing injury.

Ryan Thompson, 20, 327 E. College St. Apt. 1712, was charged May 9 with PAULA.

Jordan Tivers, 21, 221 Iowa Ave. Apt. 1921, was charged May 9 with public intoxication.

Monica Walding, 20, E408 Currier, was charged May 9 with unlawful use of another's ID.

Danair Walker, 33, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. C2, was charged May 7 with first-degree harassment.

Ethan Zekirovski, 22, Hamilton, Ill., was charged May 9 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

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UI, IC to join forces

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Loh said he understands why councilors might question the university's progress and took "full responsibility" for not keeping the council updated.

He noted a number of endeavors the UP's Alcohol Steering Committee has initiated — getting overtime officers from UI police to patrol alongside Iowa City police, proactively reaching out to "high-risk" students, and increasing communication with parents.

"Some of these things have not been publicly announced," Loh said. "We have not communicated as well as we could have, but I plan to improve that."

The steering committee is also considering providing free transportation to the Coral Ridge Mall — an attempt to

provide drinking alternatives to students, Loh said.

For the council's part, the most recent step toward a safer drinking culture is a proposed ordinance that would restrict new bars and liquor stores from opening downtown. That proposed ordinance has been passed once, and needs two more approvals to be enacted.

Earlier this semester, three UI experts presented research to city officials showing the relationship among bar density, over-consumption, and related negative consequences.

Loh said the Alcohol Steering Committee — which he and Mayor Regenia Bailey co-chair — has not discussed the ordinance mostly because of full agendas and planning. He also noted that the group is relatively new.

Loh said the zoning issue had not yet been raised at either of the committee's two

meetings or their summit. But if the council asked for the group's endorsement, he said it would be considered.

UI officials have also raised concerns over Bailey's role in the alcohol task force.

In an e-mail from early April, she wrote she heard from former City Manager Michael Lombardo that Loh had concerns about her commitment to the project after she didn't show at the summit.

"Of course I wanted to hear that concern, just as any of us would want to hear concerns about commitments," Bailey said May 7.

But both Bailey and Loh said they have since cleared up any worries.

"She is fully engaged," Loh said, noting the committee made good progress at its last meeting. "Things happen, you know? The mayor was simply busy."

Funerals go nontraditional

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Some officials said a decline in religion in society, as well as a loosening of rules within certain religious groups, is one cause of the cremation increase.

"Various religions are becoming more accepting of cremation, and those changes are allowing for more freedom of choice in this process," said Jessica Koth, a spokeswoman for the National Funeral Directors Association.

Many of the creative options families opt for are not even that expensive any more. It's just about personalization, Koth said.

Locally, clients have found inexpensive tricks to putting a twist on the typical, funeral home urn. Cookie jars, homemade pottery, and tackle boxes are substituted for the standard porcelain container at local funeral homes.

And in comparison with a very traditional funeral serv-



Oakland Cemetery sits at the corner of Church and Governor Streets in Iowa City on Sunday.

ice, some families save roughly \$2,000 to \$3,000 when opting for a personalized cremation, Cihra said.

"It's all about just incorporating what that individual loved to do in life, expensive or not," said Koth, who remembered services from this year including motorcyc-

2,500 flu cases in U.S.

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Beardsley said even if someone does become infected in Johnson County, he doesn't think public-health officials will use the extra anti-viral stock. The local supply is adequate for any confirmed cases that may arise, he said.

"At this stage, even if we received some additional supply, I doubt we'd get to the point we'd need to use those," Beardsley said.

Nationally, there are more than 2,500 confirmed cases of the sickness, according to the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention. Three people have died from the virus in the United States.

It's too soon to say whether things are getting better in some communities, national health officials said.

"The virus is continuing to spread," said Anne Schuchat, the director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, in a press conference on May 9. "Fortunately, the severity of the illness we're seeing at this point doesn't look as terrible as a Category 5 kind of pandemic or the really devastating impacts that some had feared."

Local health officials agreed. "It looks like it's going to be

a mild virus," Beardsley said. "There's no reason to shut things down."

On May 7, Gov. Chet Culver asked Chinese officials to reverse their ban on the Iowa pork industry. Chinese officials backed out of their pork agreement with Iowa because they said they were worried about the spread of the influenza virus from the meat.

"Scientists and agricultural experts have agreed on one fact," Culver wrote in a letter to the Chinese government. "There has been no connection between this strain of the flu and our food supply, and that Iowa pork is safe."

Senior to head to Chicago

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He fulfilled his interest in political science by serving in the UI Student Government and on the College of Business Judicial Board.

"I knew I wanted to get as involved as possible when I got on campus as a freshman," Pick said. "I'm paying for my own education, so I wanted to do everything I could to make the most of it."

In addition to his many academic achievements, Pick has also gained work experience through a few internships. In spring 2007, he worked for a

member of the House of Commons on Parliament in London, at one time briefing an MP on a meeting with Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Summer 2007 kept him closer to home when he worked in Des Moines for Principle Financial Group. Summer 2008 took him to Los Angeles to intern at Monitor Group.

After he graduates, Pick will spend the summer in Iowa City until he starts work for Bain in the fall. His first assignment on the job is to spend three months working for a nonprofit organization in England, New York, Australia, Fiji, or Madagascar. Once he returns in January 2010, he

will begin training for Bain. Pick said he hopes to stay at Bain for a while because it will pay for him to go to graduate school after a few years on staff. His long-term goal, he said, is to pursue politics on the state or national level.

Those who know Pick say his hardworking nature will lead him to a successful career.

"Rob inspired me to get more involved at the university and helped me prepare my own Hawkinson interview," UI freshman Patrick Cornally said. "When he wants to achieve a goal, he's willing to put in all the effort and time to do so."

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IMU, Northwestern Room (345)

- 2:30 p.m.** Call to order/Roll call
- 2:40 p.m.** Review/Approval of Minutes
- 2:50 p.m.** Early Retirement Incentive Plan/Phased Retirement, **Richard Saunders, Senior Associate Director, Human Resources**
- 3:10 p.m.** Big Ten Salary Survey, **Bob Millsap, Senior Assistant Director, Human Resources** and **Trevor Glanz, Human Resource Specialist**
- 3:40 p.m.** Working at Iowa Survey Results, **Kevin Ward, Executive Associate Director, Human Resources**
- 4:00 p.m.** Compensation and Classification Redesign, **Karen Shemanski, Compensation and Classification Specialist**
- 4:10 p.m.** Comments and Updates
Sue Buckley, Vice President of Human Resources
- 4:30 p.m.** Adjourn

The results of the Working at Iowa survey are now available at:
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Meet Your Councilors

Randy Nessler has been associated with the University of Iowa since 1983, first as a student, then working various positions on campus. He is currently employed within the Central Microscopy Research Facility. In regards to serving on UISC, he says, "It is easy to get caught up in focusing on your own area of campus and loose sight of the big picture. Staff Council allows me to interact across campus." When not on campus, you can find Randy outdoors, either watching his boys playing ball or enjoying nature.

Randy Nessler

Staff Council Committee of the Month

Committee on Committees

A committee on committees? That might sound a bit redundant but nothing could be further from the truth. This group is charged with soliciting and recommending the best qualified candidates to represent staff on the University of Iowa charter, non-charter and other standing committees in conjunction with the University of Iowa Affirmative Action policies. They also find and recommend replacements for the various committees as unscheduled openings occur. Candidates shall be recommended without regard to classification except in the case of the Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee whose membership is restricted to those staff members not covered by a bargaining agreement. For more information visit: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~staff/Archives/2007-08/Committees/coc.html>

On a related note, this years Staff Council committee chairs are:

Awards: Sarah Tallman
Bylaws: Betsy Momany
Committee on Committees: Dianne Wasson
Diversity: Eddie Etey
Education: Diana Boeglin and Kris Sigsbee (Co-Chairs)
Elections: Robert Manders
Human Resources: Nancy Fick
MSE/C: Heather Schnoebelen
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Charter Committee of the Month

University Safety and Security

The University of Iowa has numerous Charter Committees that can quickly respond to current campus issues. This month's featured committee advises on policies regarding the responsibilities of the University Public Safety force, and also advises on procedures for evaluating the degree to which these responsibilities are successfully discharged, as well as advising on policies and procedures concerning the use of campus areas or facilities with respect to safety and security. More information can be found at: http://www.uiowa.edu/president/charter_committees/index.html

Flooding: a word that most people in the Iowa City area are probably weary of hearing. The flood of 2008 was devastating to the University of Iowa. Even before the flood waters arrived, we banded together to move what could be moved and sandbag what couldn't. When sandbagging didn't work, we never gave up the fight, just changed the focus. Currently, much activity is focused on recovery. Throughout this struggle, we have realized what makes this University the great institution that it is: community. Staff Council is proud of the way the University community has stepped up to this past years unusual challenges. Hopefully it is not the first time you have heard it:

Thank You.

Message from the UISC President

During the April Staff Council meeting, four new Staff Council Executive Committee members were elected. Sean Hessler (from Organizational Effectiveness), Randy Nessler (from Central Microscopy Research Facility), Mike Schueller (from Hygienics Lab), and Karen Shemanski (from Compensation and Classification Redesign Project) were elected to one year terms. Thank you for being willing to serve.

Due to federal stimulus funding awarded to the University of Iowa, budget restraints for FY10 are not as severe as previously feared. However, this is non-recurring money. The stimulus funding provides the luxury of a little more time to make critical adjustments in the life of our university. The early projections about state funding for FY11 are not encouraging. Therefore, it is imperative we address budget issues now. To stay abreast of UI budget issues, please regularly review the budget website at: <http://budget.uiowa.edu/>

Glenn Kell
UISC President, 2009/10

Get Involved!

It takes each one of us to build a strong campus community.

UI Staff Council encourages staff to find ways to engage on campus. Some possibilities include:

- Apply to serve on a Charter Committee
- Nominate a colleague for a staff award
- Take a class from Learning and Development
- Run for Council!

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- An audio of University of Iowa President Sally Mason's budget presentation to the Board of Regents (Thursday, April 30, 2009) is available at <http://www.uiowa.edu/president/budget/boraudio.html>.
- That Payroll has new tax withholding tables available. The new tables incorporate the new Making Work Pay credit, one of the key tax provisions included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that recently became law. Read more at: <http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/payroll/withholding.html>

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Obama's Notre Dame invitation sparks ire

By **BETH FOUHY**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A campaign by outraged Roman Catholics to keep President Obama from delivering the commencement address at Notre Dame shows that the gulf between the church and backers of abortion rights remains deep.

Yet the effort to get the school to rescind its invitation to Obama also highlights a political disconnect between the conservative Catholic hierarchy and millions of U.S. Catholic voters.

Since the White House announced in March that Obama had accepted Notre Dame's invitation to speak May 17, more than 358,000 people have signed an online petition demanding that the university take back the offer. The Cardinal Newman Society, an advocacy group for Catholic colleges that circulated the position, said the invitation violated a 2004 bishops' mandate that stated, "The Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles."

One Catholic leader, Archbishop Raymond Burke, accused Obama of pushing an anti-life, anti-family agenda. Burke, the first American to lead the Vatican supreme court, said on May 8 it was "a scandal" that Notre Dame had invited Obama to speak.

Catholic activists and bishops have been outspoken in their criticism of Obama. By comparison, they had only occasional disagreements with President George W. Bush, primarily over the U.S. invasion of Iraq, which the Vatican condemned but many conservative Catholics supported.

They cite Obama's support for abortion rights and embryonic

stem-cell research, and his repeal of a policy that denied federal dollars to international relief organizations that provide abortions or abortion-related information. They remain angry with Obama's support for legislation that would prohibit state and local governments from interfering with a woman's right to obtain an abortion.

Obama also has been criticized by Catholics and other opponents of legal abortion for telling Pastor Rick Warren at a campaign forum last summer that the question of when life begins was "above my pay grade."

Yet polling and other evidence shows that Catholic voters have a largely positive view of the president, closely tracking other national polling. Obama's standing is more evidence that U.S. Catholics don't always follow the Church hierarchy, whether on issues such as abortion and contraception or political preferences. Also, the president's community service background and his opposition to the Iraq war appeal to some Catholics.

As a candidate, Obama worked hard to woo Catholic voters. He chose an observant Catholic, Joe Biden, as his running mate, and Biden campaigned hard for the ticket in states like Pennsylvania and Ohio, which have large Catholic communities. But Biden also supports abortion rights, putting him at odds with the bishops and many conservative Catholics.

Obama is also widely popular among Hispanics, a fast-growing Catholic population in the U.S.

Patrick Whelan, a physician at Harvard Medical School and president of Catholic Democrats, said that by taking such a hard line against Obama, bishops and other conservative lead-

ers risked driving Catholics away from the church rather than cool their support for the president.

"There are unintended consequences to this kind of angry, vituperative language about their opponents," Whelan said. "By making themselves pawns of the conservative right, the bishops are playing into a cycle of decline for our church."

Notre Dame students are generally enthusiastic about Obama's impending visit to their northern Indiana campus. He won about 57 percent of the students' vote in a mock election in October, compared with 41 percent for Republican John McCain, an abortion rights opponent.

Obama, a Protestant, won 54 percent of the Catholic vote in the 2008 general election and continues to be viewed more favorably by Catholics than by Protestants. A Quinnipiac University poll released in late April found that white Catholics approve of Obama's job performance by a 57-33 percent margin, while white Protestants are split 44-42 percent in favor.

Catholics have sided with the winner in eight of the past nine presidential elections. That suggests their votes generally mirror national political trends and are not overly influenced by a candidate's abortion position.

The only exception to the pattern was in 2000, when Catholics narrowly favored Democrat Al Gore, a Protestant abortion-rights supporter, over Bush, a Protestant whose views on abortion were seen as more in line with Catholic teaching. Gore won the popular vote in the disputed election that year.

In 2004, Catholic voters chose Bush over Democrat John Kerry, a Catholic who supports abortion rights.

378 Tamils killed by artillery fire

By **KRISHAN FRANCIS**
Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — An unrelenting hail of artillery in Sri Lanka's war zone killed at least 378 civilians, according to a government doctor who survived the attack as shells flew near the makeshift hospital. More than 100 of the victims were children, the U.N. said Sunday.

The attack marked the bloodiest assault on ethnic Tamil civilians since the civil war flared again more than three years ago. Health officials said a hospital in the war zone was overwhelmed by casualties, and the death toll was expected to rise.

Reports of the fighting are difficult to verify because the government bars journalists and aid workers from the war zone, but the United Nations confirmed a heavy toll from the attack.

"It seems beyond dispute that hundreds of civilians were killed overnight including more than 100 children," U.N. spokesman Gordon Weiss said.

The first shells slammed into the tiny strip of rebel-controlled area along the north-east coast Saturday evening, soon after a Red Cross ship that had been evacuating wounded civilians left the area, health officials said.

Around 50,000 civilians are crowded into the 2.4 mile-long strip of coast along with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam fighters, who have been fighting for 25 years for a homeland for minority Tamils.

Artillery pounded the area throughout the night, forcing thousands to huddle in makeshift bunkers, said Dr. V. Shanmugarajah, a health official in the region.



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Sri Lankan ethnic Tamil victims of a shell attack wait outside a makeshift hospital in Tamil Tiger controlled No Fire Zone in Mullivaaykaal, Sri Lanka, on Sunday. An all-night artillery barrage in Sri Lanka's war zone killed at least 378 civilians and forced thousands to flee to makeshift shelters along the beach, a government doctor said Sunday.

Hours after the attack, the dead and wounded continued to pour into the hospital, he said. As of Sunday afternoon, the bodies of 378 civilians had been brought in and were being buried by volunteers, but the death toll was likely far higher since many families buried their slain relatives where they fell, he said.

The rebel-linked TamilNet website said rescue workers had counted 1,200 civilians killed in the attack. Among the dead was rebel military spokesman Rasiyah Ilanthirayan, according to TamilNet.

Bodies were laid out in rows on the mud outside the hospital, some of their faces covered with mats and sheets, according to photos from the area. One small boy was stripped to the waist, his head covered in a bloody bandage and his mouth agape.

'It seems beyond dispute that hundreds of civilians were killed overnight including more than 100 children.'

Gordon Weiss, U.N. spokesman

The hospital was struggling to cope with the 1,122 wounded civilians.

The government had recently sent medical supplies, but a shortage of physicians, nurses, and aides made treatment difficult, Shanmugarajah said.

"We are doing the first aid and some surgeries as quickly as we can. We are doing what is possible. The situation is overwhelming; nothing is within our control," he said.

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A Demilitarized Palestinian State (II)

Should Israel, should the world rely on it?

It is the declared policy of the United States government (and of most of the world) that in order to bring peace to the Middle East, the creation of a Palestinian state – the two-state solution – is indispensable. Even many Israelis have come to agree with that. But it is generally understood and taken for granted that such a state, which would essentially consist of Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") and Gaza, would have to be totally demilitarized.

What are the facts?

Israel is a very small country. Israel is surrounded by enemies. It is a very small country. Including the Golan and the "West Bank," it is only one-half the size of San Bernardino county in California. Israel concluded peace with Egypt in 1978 and some years later with Jordan. Most other Arab states are still in a declared or undeclared state of war with Israel. Iran, Muslim though not Arab, is the most determined and deadly of them all. It lurks in the back-ground, its foremost military and political objective being the destruction of the State of Israel, which is quite openly declared.

Recent events in Gaza, regrettably, are an indicator of what Israel could expect from an independent Palestinian state, even though declared to be "demilitarized." Hamas, the terror organization in control of Gaza, has lobbed close to 10,000 rockets into Israel. Until now, these rockets have been of relatively poor quality, of fairly short range, and of limited accuracy. Even so, they have caused much damage and injuries and have put the Israeli localities affected into an almost constant state of alarm, making normal life impossible.

Even after the hard lesson that Israel taught Hamas in the recent short war, the terror continues: rockets fall almost daily on the Israeli cities within range. But, supplied by Iran and China, and smuggled through tunnels from the Sinai into Gaza, much more sophisticated rockets are now making their appearance. Larger population centers such as Beersheba and Jerusalem are coming within range.

Demilitarization is a myth. Nobody can reasonably doubt that even if Israel, under the never-ending pressure of world opinion, were to relinquish control of the "West Bank," a scenario similar to what happened and continues to happen in Gaza would

prevail. Even if the "West Bank" Palestinians would wish not to become an armed camp similar to Gaza, the reality is that the Arab nations would not allow that. In contrast to Gaza, which is isolated from the world and which can be reached only through tunnels made and used under the "watchful eyes" of the cooperating Egyptians, the "West Bank" is totally accessible.

"One can only hope that the Israeli people... and the government of "Bibi" Netanyahu will understand the peril [of a Palestinian state] and will act accordingly."

The "Palestinian Authority," which is in control of the "West Bank," has thousands of trained soldiers disguised as police. Those so-called police

are poised to be helicoptered in minutes to positions on the border with Israel, with armed forces from Syria reaching them within the same night. But such mobilization of the "demilitarized" Palestine would not even be required. As the Gaza experience shows, the weapons of preference of the Palestinian terrorists are rockets – either the Qassam, which are raining on Israel from Gaza, the Soviet-made Katyushas – highly efficient, truck-mounted and mobile, which are ideal for hit-and-run raids against Israel – or the even more advanced Iranian and Chinese missiles, that are now in the pipeline. Israel could not prevent them from flooding the "West Bank." A look at the map makes clear that even with the missiles of present performance and a hostile and not at all "demilitarized" Palestine covering Israel with missiles from Gaza and from the Judean ridges of the "West Bank," virtually all of Israel would be under the Palestinian guns, from every point of the border, which would by then have lengthened from about 60 miles to over 200 miles. Virtually all of Israel's population centers would be within range. So would virtually all of the country's industrial centers, the military establishments and the country's only international airport. Life in Israel would quite literally grind to a standstill.

While the idea of a Palestinian state may have some merit, there is abundant proof – the most recent being the continuing rocket attacks from Gaza – that such a state, whatever the promises at its creation, would represent an immediate existential threat to Israel. There has never been such a Palestinian state and the creation of such a state is not the primary nor even the secondary goal of the Arabs. Their primary and never-changing goal – overshadowing everything else – is the destruction of Israel – "wiping it off the map," to use the fanatic Muslims' favorite phrase. After unwisely having turned Gaza over to the Palestinians, yielding the "West Bank" to its sworn enemies would make Israel indefensible. Israel would be laying the groundwork for its own destruction. Tanks, warplanes, and infantry battalions would only be needed for the final mopping-up process. In the meantime, the missile batteries located in Gaza and on the Judean ridges – Israel's proposed new borders – would suffice to paralyze life and industrial activity in Israel. One can only hope that the Israeli people and Israel's new government under "Bibi" Netanyahu will understand this peril and will act accordingly.

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Unsolicited calls draw Schumer's ire

By **KAREN MATTHEWS**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Unsolicited calls to home and cell phones warning of a final notice and an expiring vehicle warranty are a nuisance and harassment and should be the subject of a federal investigation, a U.S. senator said Sunday.

Americans increasingly are receiving calls with a computerized voice saying, "This is the final notice. The factory warranty on your vehicle is about to expire" or something similar, several times a day on their cell or land lines. The calls come even if a person has signed up for the national "do not call" registry.

Now, Sen. Charles Schumer of New York wants a federal investigation into the "robodialer harassment."

"Not only are these calls a nuisance, but they tie up land lines and can eat up a user's cell-phone minutes, possibly leading to a higher cell-phone bill due to overage charges," said Schumer, D-N.Y.

Meanwhile, officials in 40 states are investigating the companies behind the car-warranty calls.

Michelle Corey, the president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau in St. Louis, said the industry is based largely in the St. Louis area and generates thousands of complaints a year.

She said a group of companies began operating in Missouri in the mid-1990s that offered extended repair warranties to people whose manufacturer-issued warranties were about to expire. Within a few years, about 35 firms were offering similar services.

"It's a very lucrative industry," Corey said.

The companies offer contracts akin to insurance policies, pledging to pay for car repairs in

exchange for fees paid up front.

The companies call numbers randomly and leave messages telling people that their auto warranties are about to expire — whether they even own a car.

Some companies also send out cards that mislead recipients into thinking that their vehicle has been subject to a safety recall, Corey said.

If people call back and agree to buy a policy, Corey said, the companies often don't let them see the contract until they agree to pay.

Some scam victims don't learn until it is too late that the deals don't cover many types of repairs, Corey said.

"Some people are losing thousands and thousands of dollars in purchasing a product that turns out to be useless," she said.

The Federal Trade Commission, which already operates the do-not-call list, should work with state and local authorities "to find the scam artists and shut their operations down," Schumer said.

"This is an annoying scam whose perpetrators have found a way around the do-not-call list," he said at a news conference in his Manhattan office. "The FTC has to track them down and then shut them down to put an end to this nuisance once and for all."

Missouri authorities filed a lawsuit last month against one of the largest car-warranty companies, Wentzville, Mo.-based USfidelis, charging that company officials ignored a subpoena demanding that they answer questions about their business. As spokesman for USfidelis, which has more than 1,000 employees, said Sunday that there was "some confusion about the appearance date." The spokesman, Ken Fields, said USfidelis "treats every customer fairly and honestly."

AP Writer David Caruso contributed to this report.

Board near school decision

The Iowa City School Board will make final decisions on library cuts and discuss Roosevelt on Tuesday.

By **CLARK CAHILL**
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The future for Iowa City elementary schools will become clearer after the board's meeting on Tuesday night.

The Iowa City School Board will make a final decision on proposed cuts to some of the district's elementary-school librarians and secretaries as well as an increase in the student-to-teacher ratio. The board will also hold a work session to discuss the recommendation to close Roosevelt Elementary.

After officials recommended half-time school librarians from Hills and Shimek and cutting hours and benefits for secretaries at all but six of the district's elementary schools, the board decided to postpone endorsing the plan at its April 28 meeting.

The plan — expected to save around \$158,000 — was postponed after several parents, students, and teachers spoke out against it at the meeting. Board members also expressed the need to learn more about the issue before making an informed decision.

Board President Toni Cilek said board members have since received the necessary information from administrators and will look at several options regarding the cuts.

"We will discuss a few different approaches involving making adjustments to the secretarial staff as opposed to

"We have gathered a lot of information and feedback over the past few months, and there is a lot of dialogue we will be discussing this week.

We should come to a decision by our following meeting or the meeting after that."

— **Toni Cilek, Board President**

actually cutting the teacher-librarian position," Cilek said. "I don't know if those options will be of particular interest to all of the members, but we will discuss them."

Superintendent Lane Plugge said he is still going to recommend the cuts in an effort for the district to save \$6 million in expenditures over the next two years.

The board will also have a work session at the end of its meeting to discuss a plan to close Roosevelt Elementary, moving its students to a potential new school at the Crossings — a residential development near West High — and to Horn Elementary. Enrollment boundaries for Roosevelt, Horn, Kirkwood, and Weber would change if the plan is passed.

A facilities advisory committee, assembled by Plugge, developed nine options for



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Roosevelt Elementary is seen on March 2. Roosevelt is the oldest school in the Iowa City School District, and board members are discussing its fate given extensive budget cuts across the district.

what to do with Roosevelt — some of which include keeping the school open.

Discussion about the fate of Roosevelt began in January after a review of the school revealed \$5.1 million in repairs and additions. The report also found the school is socioeconomically and ethnically isolated because of the higher than average number of minority and low-income students.

Because the discussion is part of a board work session, there will be no comments allowed from the public. Cilek said the board is hoping to make a decision on Roosevelt by the end of the month.

"We have gathered a lot of information and feedback over the past few months, and there is a lot of dialogue we will be discussing this week," she said. "We should come to a decision by our following meeting or the meeting after that."

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Look to other side of health debate

The journalistic debate surrounding a national health-care plan seldom addresses the chief problem with government-controlled health insurance, that being the inability of the government to pay-in-full for physician services.

Currently, a doctor who chooses to see a patient with Medicare coverage will only get a \$25 reimbursement on a \$100 visit. The word "choose" was used quite deliberately because an alarming number of physicians are becoming increasingly reluctant to accept Medicare patients.

Primary-care physicians are in highest demand in rural Iowa counties. Unfortunately, these physicians bear the largest burden from the government's inability to pay for services. Primary-care physicians working independently are being forced to join a group practice, move to a city with a hospital, or deny patients with Medicare coverage.

The discussion of government-controlled health-care coverage has failed to address the realities of health-care deliveries. Doctors who choose to accept Medicare patients are vastly underpaid when compared with their peers who only accept patients with private insurers.

Government-owned health-care insurance does not address the inability of the government to pay for physician services. Insuring more citizens under a government-owned plan would further exacerbate the problems facing health-care providers. Ultimately,

a government health-insurance plan will harm patients because doctors will choose to deny services for government insured patients.

Tyler Rasmussen
 UI graduate student

Later finals hassle students

Finals week is upon us. Students here at the UI have finals from Monday until Friday. The last scheduled final for the semester is at 7 p.m. on Friday. This can be very aggravating for many students.

Dorm residents are supposed to be out of the dorms by Saturday. So, say people live far away in Illinois, for instance, and their last final is at 7 on Friday evening. This makes it very difficult for them to get out of the dorms at the specific time that they are supposed to be out by. Many don't have cars, and their parents have to drive to Iowa City, which could be hours away, and pack up all their belongings and go home.

Having a final at 7 p.m. on Friday could also be aggravating to seniors who are supposed to graduate. Most have family coming to town and the last thing that they want to do is take a final that late. And who really wants to take a final on a Friday, anyway?

The UI is the only Iowa public university that has scheduled finals on Friday. Northern Iowa and Iowa State have finals Monday through Thursday and have makeup finals only on Fridays if needed. This gives the students a

chance to get done and have a day where they can have their family come get them and move out in time.

Having finals done by Thursday would be beneficial for both students and faculty. Teachers can get their grades in earlier, and students could be done with finals in four days instead of five.

Abby Klopfenstein
 UI student

Bar restriction won't cut drinking

There should not be a bar limit for the downtown area. Disallowing new bars downtown will not change the atmosphere of the downtown Iowa City nightlife. Students will still drink, regardless of the proposed ordinance. If the city is so concerned with the reputation its downtown has acquired, then maybe it should not have allowed bars to be downtown in the first place.

As a student and resident of Iowa City, I personally do not believe that this measure will cut down on the drinking or change the reputation Iowa City has attained. The new bars that have been established recently in the city have been 21 and older, which to me means the establishments are trying to cut down on underage drinking. Officials in Iowa City should be more concerned with the assaults and violence that have been taking over the city instead of worrying about the reputation downtown has obtained.

Angi Napier
 UI student

Community should readily accept new tax

I strongly agree with the idea of a 1 cent tax increase in Johnson County. If it can generate more than \$18 million a year solely to help flood victims and prevent another tragedy from happening, it is hard for me to think that is less important than me saving 1 penny on every dollar I spend.

Whenever tragedies such as Hurricane Katrina or the recent flood happen, everyone is supportive and calls for the much needed help for these victims. But when push comes to shove and it is their money on the line, the same help is not found.

The people that think this is just a burden for students who get nothing out of it are not looking at it ethically. The idea that helping victims of this community, making Iowa City safer, and preventing another disaster like the one that shook the city last summer has no advantage to students is just crazy. It was difficult, but the city pulled together, and that is what needs to happen again now.

I think it would be selfish and hypocritical to reject a temporary 1 percent tax increase, especially because the revenue can only be used for flood relief and prevention. Thousands of kids go out every weekend and drop \$50 at the bars in one night. If 1 cent out of every dollar I spend can go toward helping the flood recovery, that's a price I'm willing to pay.

Adam Baumhofer
 UI student

The looming 'real world'



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More goes into talk than words.

"It's not what you say, it's how you say it," my mom told me when I was being an obnoxious little smartass.

With this in mind, I'm going to review 10 of the most common conversations I've engaged in, read about, or overheard in the days leading up to the most foreboding topic on my mind: life after college.

• **The Mom Talk**

"I can't wait to come up for your graduation," my mom says. "Do you have a job yet? It should be a really fun time, all your brothers are coming. You know we made a deal, and once you graduate, you're on your own. I was talking to Aunt Becky, she is so proud of you. Did you hear anything from that company in Chicago? I heard it is going to be really nice weather that weekend. Did you get a job yet?"

• **No," I say.**

• **The Dad Talk**

"You know, when I graduated, I just pulled out a map and picked a city that I thought I would like to live in," my dad says. "We didn't have the Internet or anything, so I decided to move to Denver, solely on intuition. I really liked the town, but then I met your mother, got married, had your brother, and moved back home for money reasons. So, if you want to explore and what not, try not to get married for awhile."

"I'll keep that in mind," I say.

• **Brotherly Love**

"The real world isn't what you think it's like, man," my brother says. "I was excited to graduate, too, but it sucks. You have to get up early, you have to pay bills, and you're always tired."

"Yeah, that doesn't sound fun," I say.

• **The Sunscreen Speech, by Mary Schmich**

"Wear sunscreen," Schmich, a *Chicago Tribune* columnist, writes. "If I could offer you only one tip for the future, sunscreen would be it. The long-term benefits of sunscreen have been probed by scientists."

"Great advice," I think. "I have been sunburned too many times not to listen to it."

• **Quarterlife Crisis Alert from**

author Alexandra Robbins

"After graduation, the pathways blur," Robbins writes. "In that crazy, wild nexus that people like to call the 'real world,' there is no definitive way to get from point A to point B. The endless array of decisions can make a recent graduate feel utterly lost."

"That pretty much describes me now," I think.

• **Hillary Rodham Clinton's Hair Admonitions**

"Hair matters," Hillary tells the Yale Law class of 2001. "Your hair will send significant messages to those around you ... Pay attention to your hair."

"What?" I think. "Hillary Clinton giving advice on hair? I'll take it."

• **Best Friend Empathy**

"I'm so glad I'm not you," my best friend says. "I mean, really, if I was graduating I would be freaking out. Do you even know what you want to do? The economy sucks, you have a journalism degree, newspapers are dying, and you're from Iowa. You're screwed."

"Thanks for the pep talk," I say.

• **Personally Addressed E-mail from David Plouffe**

"Dan," says Plouffe, manager of Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign. "Let's seize this moment together so history will show that, at this defining crossroads, a generation of Americans put their country on the path to long-term security and prosperity."

"Yeah!" I say. "I'm game, let's do this!"

• **Stoner friendliness**

"Philadelphia?" my stoner friend says. "You're moving to Philadelphia? That's awesome, they have great weed out there. We could, like, make a business. You supply, I sell."

"Yeah!" I say. "I'm game, let's do this!"

• **Monologue (not technical a dialogue, but who's listening?)**

"So, what's next big guy," I ponder to myself. "Not many options. It just depends how you look at the situation. I know I need a job — that's No. 1 on the list. But, I also want to have some fun before I really settle down. Maybe I could do both. How? I don't really know. I should probably send out more résumés, or try to make more connections. But where and how? Oh, I know, I should be more innovative and adapt to technology like all the journalism experts are telling me. Yeah, that sounds good, I think I'll do that. How to be more innovative ... hmm ... how to be more innovative ..."

"Oh look, 'Family Guy' is on." ■



Guest Opinion

Ailing GOP should look to British Conservatives for cue

By JAMES FORSYTH
 Washington Post

A shrinking base, a high-profile defection skillfully managed by the other side, an idiotic delight at how the party is becoming "purer" — that's the GOP today. And to British ears, it all sounds very familiar. It is distinctly reminiscent of the Conservative Party in Britain during the Tony Blair years.

As was the case with the Tories, many of the Republican Party's big beasts can't see the point in taking up its cause until the party is prepared to change. Tom Ridge, probably the only Republican who could win Arlen Specter's Senate seat in Pennsylvania, has declined to run for it, saying last week that the party is "too doggone shrill" and needs to be "less judgmental."

Ridge is right. The GOP is fumbling for direction. For one thing, it's bickering over sex. While party central remains steadfast in opposition to same-sex marriage, some Republican

state legislators in Maine and New Hampshire voted for it last week. But here's a hopeful sign for the Republicans: In recent years, British Conservatives have managed to make social conservatism socially acceptable again.

They've done it through three key moves: enthusiastically signing on to Britain's liberal settlement on homosexuality, recasting pro-family policies as part of an anti-poverty crusade, and tying support for the family into a broader recognition that people aren't motivated by profit alone.

As a result, in the past few decades, social conservatism has not been the political force in Britain that it has been in the United States. Most British voters don't know their MP's position on abortion or gay rights, and no politicians have had to embark on Romneyesque shifts in their social positions before every campaign.

attempted to harness social conservatism — with disastrous consequences — in the 1990s. In 1993, Prime Minister John Major launched a "back to basics campaign," declaring, "We should condemn a little more and understand a little less." Having defeated the statist postwar consensus on economics, the party set out to do the same on social policy. Single mothers were singled out for harsh criticism. It became a Tory talking point that young women were getting pregnant just to cut in line for state-provided housing.

Britain's tabloids saw this moralizing as an invitation to expose the love-children, adultery, and other hypocrisies of Conservative parliamentarians. (Remarkably, Major had launched the campaign even though he had had an affair with a fellow MP only a few years before; this didn't become public, however, until long after he had left office.) All of this

contributed to the party's rout in the 1997 election. Middle-of-the-road voters saw the Conservatives as hypocrites. As the party's chairman acknowledged in 2002, the Conservatives were perceived to be the "nasty party."

Because of this history, the Conservative achievement in making social conservatism socially acceptable is all the more remarkable.

In his first party conference as Conservative leader in 2006, David Cameron declared: "There's something special about marriage." But to the evident displeasure of some in the audience, he went on to say, "And by the way, it means something whether you're a man and a woman, a woman and a woman, or a man and another man."

By embracing civil unions, going out of his way to equate them to marriage, Cameron established his credentials for talking about social issues without being dragged into a discussion of gay rights.

The Conservatives then turned the tables on those opposed to state support for marriage. A think tank led by one of the party's former leaders amassed huge amounts of statistical evidence showing that married couples were more likely than unmarried couples to stay together when they had children, and that low-income children did far better in life if they were raised in a stable two-parent family. New Labor's mantra of "what matters is what works" was turned back on itself, because the data showed that marriage helps the poor.

Cameron's stance on social issues is crucial to keeping the party united. Many on the right are unhappy with his refusal to be explicit about how much government spending will have to fall to get the deficit under control. Or his reluctance to take on Labor more aggressively over its plans to raise taxes on income above 150,000 pounds (roughly \$228,000) to 50 percent. But the

belief that Cameron will tackle the country's social problems has kept them in line.

The polls show the Conservatives on course for a landslide victory in the next election, slated for the spring of 2010. It is tempting to say that Labor has managed the public finances so disastrously that the opposition will win no matter what. But Cameron doesn't alienate voters the way previous Conservative leaders did. Despite the bitterly anti-politics mood in Britain — according to a poll by the British polling firm Populus, two-thirds of voters think that a majority of MPs don't play by the rules and are improperly using government funds — 56 percent approve of Cameron, according to another recent poll, while only 31 percent disapprove.

If the Republicans had those kinds of numbers, the cynical opportunists would be joining the party, not leaving it. James Forsyth covers politics for the British magazine *Spectator*. This commentary appeared in the May 9 *Washington Post*.

MOVIE REVIEW

Boldly going where everyone has gone

Entertaining and self-referential in all the right ways, the latest *Star Trek* has something for everyone, including Vulcans.

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J.J. Abrams did it. Somehow, the director of the 11th movie in the *Star Trek* universe managed to craft a film that tirelessly attempts to please both superficial moviegoers looking for a summer blockbuster and dress-up-in-Spock-ears Trekkies alike, and it actually succeeds.

Star Trek's success hinges on two key areas. First, the film is the most visually impressive work in recent memory, certainly in all of 2009. Abrams' imagining of the various races and worlds populating the galaxy are a far cry from the campy TV show of the '60s. In fact, from a visual standpoint this *Star Trek* has more in common with *Star Wars* than any previous *Trek* film. The aliens look appropriately alien (though the "human with a different skin color"

species popularized by the TV show still makes an appearance), and the planets and spaceships have a sleek, technological look that practically soars off the screen with cool. Although *Star Wars* has always been the prettier of the two space operas, it's nice to see the ugly stepsister catch up to its more popular sibling in the looks department.

Second, *Star Trek's* casting job was utterly perfect. Whether it's the comic relief of Simon Pegg's Scotty or the cool demeanor of Zoe Saldana's Uhura, every actor fits her or his role flawlessly. And frankly, Zachary Quinto (of "Heroes" fame) out-Spocks Leonard Nimoy as the pointy-eared Vulcan, even during the brief moment when the two share the screen. In a move to appease legions of nerds everywhere, each actor also gets the opportunity to spout famous

catch phrases from the original series. Sometimes it works for everybody, and sometimes the most ardent fans will giggle and clap at a line while the rest of the audience members look around and shrug their shoulders at each other.

Star Trek
When: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 p.m.
Where: Sycamore Cinema 12
When: 4:45, 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15 p.m.
Where: Coral Ridge 10
★★★★½ out of ★★★★★

Although the many tongue-in-cheek moments throughout *Star Trek* aren't necessary to enjoy the movie as a whole, the sheer number of them reveals how dedicated the filmmakers are to the *Trek* universe. Inevitably, particularly zealous fans will criticize the crew for certain choice made in order to make the film fun for everybody, but those who don't take their science fiction too seriously will find their level of devotion (or dorkiness) vindicated.

In one of *Star Trek's* early scenes, a pre-teen James T. Kirk



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Star Trek fans familiar with the TV show's "Redshirt" phenomenon will immediately know the fate of one of these crew members.

drives a stolen car over dirt back roads in Iowa (still flat, even in the future). The vintage convertible's speakers blare "Sabotage" as a robotic-looking police officer on a hoverbike pulls alongside the future Enterprise captain, who yells in unison with the Beastie Boys as he jams down on the gas pedal.

Although the scene is totally awesome, why Kirk would listen

to mid-90s hip-hop during his youthful rebellion is anybody's guess, and it seems to make less sense the more you think about it. In a way, it's an appropriate metaphor for the movie as a whole. The more you try to deconstruct the quantum physics of time travel, the way Kirk sky-rockets from near-dropout to captain of an entire ship, or how Leonard Nimoy is about as close

to a deus ex machina as modern cinema gets, the more you are needlessly detracting from a serial delight.

Like that person on a roller coaster who complains about the ride being "too windy," the appropriate response to any die-hard *Trek* fan's minor quibbles with this film is simply to say "sit down, shut up, and enjoy yourself already."

A little-known Ring to satisfy the fanatics

The Lord of the Rings trilogy clearly has its fanatics, but instead of dressing up for the movies or naming their children after various characters, a small group of these devotees did much more.

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The Lord of the Rings-fandom is — much like swine flu — highly contagious. Once the multilayered epic hit cinemas in three long, mostly satisfying films with breathtaking landscapes and incredible action scenes, it seemed J.R.R. Tolkien's stories finally left the geek ghetto.

But the trilogy's end, *The Return of the King*, left holes in many viewers' hearts, and I know as well as anyone that not even watching the three films in a row is enough to tide fans over while we await *The Hobbit* movies, due in 2011 and 2012.

But like methadone for

heroin addicts, *The Hunt for Gollum* is there to alleviate withdrawal for Tolkien die-hards. The nonprofit film made by fans, for fans, features an all-volunteer cast and crew. The group started making the 40-minute picture in 2007, and the final product was released online May 3. While I can understand the team's motivation, its ambition astounds me.

On the film's website, director Chris Bouchard said he was inspired to write "a new chapter" in *The Lord of the Rings* story after going back through the books and discovering a timeline in the appendices. Apparently, right before *The Fellowship of the Ring* begins, Aragorn and Gandalf set off on

an eight-year journey to capture Gollum and find out about the ring and how much the enemy in Mordor knows.

Forget filling big shoes; this is like a baby trying to clomp around in clown shoes. But given the production team's assets, it managed to create an impressive story.

I was most surprised by the stunning scenes of snowy mountains, dank caves, and Mordor's Mount Doom. The actors aren't shabby either.

While actors Adrian Webster (Aragorn) and Patrick O'Connor (Gandalf) don't live up to Viggo Mortensen and Ian McKellen, who really expects them to? Quite honestly, Webster and O'Connor aren't given much to

fight scene, with well-costumed Orcs who spit up blood rather convincingly when impaled. But when Aragorn passed out after and Orc stabbed him with a small, sharpened stick, I was irritated. Come on. That's not enough to bring down the Heir of Isildur. A harpoon maybe — but not a twig.

I also couldn't figure out where the film falls in the entire *Lord of the Rings* story line. Is Aragorn trying to get Gollum before Sauron does? Fine, but Sauron doesn't know about the ring, otherwise he wouldn't torture Gollum and unleash the Ringwraiths in

The Fellowship of the Ring — one of which, by the way, wanders around inexplicably in *The Hunt for Gollum*. Sure, the Ringwraith looks menacing and shrieks a lot, but what's the point?

The Hunt for Gollum is a homage to Tolkien and the *Lord of the Rings* films. Various scenes are throwbacks to the big-budget onscreen trilogy — at the beginning of the movie, a hooded Aragorn sits and smolders in an inn that resembles *The Fellowship of the Ring's* Prancing Pony — and the filmmakers treat the material with respect.

The Hunt for Gollum is a small dose of *Lord of the Rings* relief for everyone who misses the first time he or she saw *The Return of the King's* opening two hours. It's familiar and it's a lot of fun, but the cast and crew shouldn't expect any Oscar loot.

The Hunt for Gollum

Where: Visit <http://thehuntforgollum.s3.amazonaws.com/index.html> to stream.

★★★ out of ★★★★★

BITCH PLEASE

MOVIE SEQUELS

Bring on the sequels

The recent successful releases *Fast and Furious* and *X-Men Origins: Wolverine* gave studios two reasons to green-light another film for each franchise and giving the American public what it wants. I welcome franchises that refuse to end successful box-office runs and add sequels for the fans. These movies provide a kind of entertainment everyone can enjoy. The best thing people can do to take their minds off all the other crap going on in their lives (swine flu, the economy, Bret Michaels) is become absorbed in watching Vin Diesel speed down a sunny highway in an amazing car. Going to the movies is a source of

(relatively) cheap entertainment. People aren't going on lengthy car trips or big vacations, but they are spending some quality family time at the multiplex in the company of Hugh Jackman and Shia LaBeouf. So these popcorn flicks aren't art-house films with social messages; they give people a few hours of enjoyment.

— by Kelly Diggins

Know when to end

Hollywood has a disease of dragging out story lines as long as the box office tallies remain high. The industry gets lazy with an initial working idea and then falls back on bringing back the same plot except with half the

effort and twice the budget for each successive sequel. I am very loyal to the original *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*; it's an indisputable classic. The sequel is not. *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls* was as much of a let-down as expecting to drink fresh milk out of the carton only to discover cottage cheese. And what's this about producing straight-to-video Disney sequels? *Beauty and the Beast* is a gloriously complete story on its own. No one wants to see second-rate animation describing how Belle gets on after the fact. Movies should celebrate creativity and diversity of ideas and perspectives, not resort to dull and robotic formulas.

— by Caroline Berg

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UI knocks on World Cup door

Officials said they are confident in Iowa City's ability to host the World Cup if selected.

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The UI's beloved Kinnick Stadium may host something even bigger than Hawkeye football games in 2018 or 2022.

The U.S. Bid Committee for the FIFA World Cup — the international men's soccer championship — has sent letters of interest to 70 stadiums in the country, including Kinnick.

"We received a copy of the letter addressed to the University of Iowa Department of Athletics from the Bid Committee, and we indicated that we would be interested in pursuing the event in Kinnick," said Paula Jantz, a Hawkeye associate athletics director.

Dozens of other major U.S. stadiums also responded, including Soldier Field in Chicago, Memorial Stadium in Omaha, and the University of Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Jantz noted the event would bring attention to Iowa City and the UI on an international level.

"We all understand and know the popularity of soccer, and certainly, it would be a great opportunity for the UI and Iowa City to have a competition of this nature in our community," she said. "It would bring in revenue and provide an opportunity to showcase the university and the community."

Rick Fosse, Iowa City's public-works director, said he is confident the city would be able to host such a massive event.

"It's an exciting thing for us," he said. "Something we do each summer in preparation for fall

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— Paula Jantz, a Hawkeye associate athletics director

football events is hold a meeting with UI people and Iowa City community members to discuss traffic control and crowd control. I would expect we would do something like that for this."

But many from the UI are skeptical of how practical it would be to hold the international event in Iowa City.

"As much as I would like to see this happen, I don't think it is realistic," UI sophomore David Carruthers said. "I don't think Iowa City is big enough to hold the event. There's no international airport, and we don't have enough hotels. It would need to be in a city like Chicago."

Jantz said the steps taken so far are very preliminary, and no decisions are close to being made.

"All we've done right now is indicate that we're interested in being considered," she said. "We are now waiting for information from the U.S. Soccer Association regarding guidelines and such. It really depends on the specifications for their particular championship."

GM bankruptcy nearly inevitable

By TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

DETROIT — For General Motors Corp., the task at hand is so difficult that experts say a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing is all but inevitable.

To remake itself outside of court, GM must persuade bondholders to swap \$27 billion in debt for 10 percent of its risky stock. On top of that, the automaker must work out deals with its union, announce factory closures, cut or sell brands, and force hundreds of dealers out of business — all in three weeks.

"I just don't see how it's possible, given all of the pieces," said Stephen J. Lubben, a professor at Seton Hall University School of Law who specializes in bankruptcy.

GM, which has received \$15.4 billion in federal aid, faces a June 1 government deadline to complete its restructuring plan. If it can't finish in time, the company will follow Detroit competitor Chrysler LLC into bankruptcy protection.

Although company executives said last week they would still prefer to restructure out of court, experts say all GM is doing now is lining up majorities of stakeholders to make its court-supervised reorganization move more quickly.

"If we need to pursue bankruptcy, we will make sure that we do it in an expeditious fashion. The exact strategies I'm not getting into today, but we'll be ready to go if that's required," Chief Executive Fritz Henderson said last week.

The threat of bankruptcy, however, may be just a negotiating ploy to pull reluctant bondholders into the equity swap deal. In Chrysler's case, some secured debtholders resisted taking roughly 30



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Pontiac G6 and Chevrolet Malibu automobiles sit at the Orion Assembly plant in Orion Township, Mich., on April 27. Many experts believe that a GM bankruptcy is all but inevitable.

cents on the dollar for what they were owed, but most gave in after they were identified in court documents.

Henderson, who took over in March when the government ousted Rick Wagoner, said last week there's still time to get everything done by the deadline, although he conceded it will be difficult to meet a government requirement that 90 percent of its thousands of bondholders agree to the stock swap.

The biggest obstacle to GM restructuring out of court appears to be its bondholders, who have been reluctant to sign on to the stock swap when the government and United Auto Workers union would get far more stock in exchange for debts owed by GM.

GM has proposed issuing 62 billion new shares, 100 times more than the 611 million now offered publicly.

Even though the U.S.

government has agreed to back up GM and Chrysler new-car warranties, potential car buyers already view GM as if it's in bankruptcy, reflected by the company's steep revenue drop in the latest quarter, Lubben said. On Thursday, GM posted a \$6 billion first-quarter loss and said its revenue dropped plunged by nearly half, largely because bankruptcy fears scared customers away from showrooms.

"I don't think anyone is buying cars from a company who is wringing their hands about a potential bankruptcy for the past year or so," he said.

Under Chapter 11, a company can stay in operation under court protection while sheds debts and unprofitable assets to emerge in a stronger financial position.

At this point, GM needs to resolve the uncertainty and get in and out of bankruptcy as

quickly as possible, Lubben said.

The company is talking with the UAW and Canadian auto workers unions about concessions, including getting the UAW to take roughly 39 percent of its stock in exchange for half of the \$20 billion GM must pay into a union-run trust that will take over retiree health care payments next year.

About 50 percent of the stock would go to the government for its loans. GM said last week it would need another \$2.6 billion in May and \$9 billion more for the rest of the year, bringing the total to \$27 billion.

One percent would go to current shareholders, with bondholders getting the other 10 percent.

Bondholders are reluctant to take the deal because the government and UAW are getting far bigger stakes in the company, said Kevin Tynan, an industry analyst for Argus Research in New York.

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Softball has weekend of records



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Iowa freshman Katie Kelm throws out Minnesota senior Colleen Conway at first base during Game One of a double-header between the Hawkeyes and Golden Gophers at Pearl Field on May 9. The Hawkeyes won both games of the twin bill, shutting out Minnesota in both contests.

The Iowa softball team swept Minnesota behind another record-breaking day by senior Brittany Weil to finish fourth in the Big Ten.

By **JON LINDER**

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May 9 was a historic day for the Iowa softball team, reaching a bevy of milestones during a sweep of a season-ending doubleheader with Minnesota.

Head coach Gayle Blevins moved into sole possession of second place on the all-time victory list for NCAA Division-I softball coaches with Iowa's 2-0 win in Game One. Blevins moved past former Florida State head coach JoAnne Graf, who collected 1,218 wins in 24 years of coaching. Blevins' 1,220 wins now rank second only to current Fresno State head coach Margie Wright, who had 1,340 wins entering the weekend.

"I'm very fortunate to be at Iowa," Blevins said. "It couldn't be a better ... culture and environment for me personally, and that's why I've chosen to stay here. I just think it's a wonderful place."

Pitcher Brittany Weil broke or tied four records on the afternoon. The senior from Garden Grove, Calif., broke the single-season strikeout record in the top of the fourth inning in the first game May 9. Weil tied all-time wins leader Debbie Bilbao (99) and all-time complete games leader Karen Jackson (109) after taking two complete game wins from the Gophers on May 9. Weil also tied Bilbao's record for total games pitched (181). Bilbao played at

'I think [these last four wins] gave us a lot of confidence. Also, the [NCAA Selection Committee] looks at us and says, 'Hey, they're coming on strong right now.'

— **Katie Brown**, infield

Iowa from 1995-1998.

Weil flexed her resolve in the top of the fourth in Game One, surrendering two walks and a single to load bases after striking out the first two Gopher batters. Weil then struck out Minnesota's lead-off batter, Colleen Conway, ending the scare and stranding three baserunners.

Iowa's Katie Brown started the scoring for Iowa in the bottom of the second inning with a solo home run to right-center field. Brown extended the lead two innings later with

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another solo shot, this time pushing a ball over the fence in left field against a driving wind. Freshman Katie Keim had the only other hit for the Hawkeyes in the first game, a bloop single to center field in the bottom of the fifth.

SEE **SOFTBALL**, 3B

Blevins at the top

Blevins is an Iowa great.



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She might not have the instant name recognition of Hayden Fry or Dan Gable, but Gayle Blevins deserves to be remembered as an all-time great in Iowa coaching.

Blevins quietly moved in to second place on the all-time Division-I wins list May 9 with a 2-0 defeat of Minnesota in the first game of a double-header. It was her 1,219 victory as a head softball coach.

During her illustrious coaching career, Blevins has been inducted into the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Indiana University Hall of Fame. She has been named both the Big Ten and national Coach of the Year.

Before Blevins took over in 1988, the Iowa softball program, which began in 1974, had only five winning seasons. The team only had one season above .500 in the Big Ten, an 8-7 conference record in 1983.

When she took over, the program immediately turned around. The Hawkeyes won their first

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NBA

Davis' buzzer beater lifts Celtics over Magic

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Glen Davis made a 21-foot jumper as time expired to help the Boston Celtics hold off a furious rally and defeat the Orlando Magic, 95-94, on Sunday night to even their Eastern Conference semifinal at two games apiece.

Davis took the pass on the wing from Paul Pierce, swished, the jumper and ran to half-court where he was mobbed by teammates, leaving the Orlando home crowd silenced.

Davis' jumper followed a pair of free throws by Rashard Lewis that put the Magic ahead with 11.3 seconds to play. Davis also hit a 15-foot jumper in the final minute and finished with 21 points.

Dwight Howard had 23 points and 17 rebounds, and Lewis scored 22 for the Magic. Game 5 will be Tuesday in Boston.

NBA

Rockets beat Lakers without Yao

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets not only beat the Los Angeles Lakers without Yao Ming, they made it look easy.

Aaron Brooks scored a career-high 34, Shane Battier sank five 3-pointers and added 23, and the Houston Rockets routed the Los Angeles Lakers, 99-87, on Sunday to even their Western Conference semifinal at two games apiece.

Luis Scola had 11 points and

14 rebounds as the Rockets got exactly the team effort they needed after Yao broke his left foot in the Lakers' win in Game 3.

Game 5 is Tuesday night in Los Angeles, and anyone who thought the Rockets were finished without their best player only needed to watch the first few minutes on Sunday, when Houston built a 22-7 lead.

Pau Gasol scored 30 points, and Kobe Bryant had a quiet 15 for Los Angeles.

Laker coach Phil Jackson warned his team about taking the Rockets too lightly after hearing about Yao's injury. But the Lakers looked lethargic from the start, giving away careless turnovers and playing lax defense.

TV TODAY

NBA PLAYOFFS

• Eastern Conference semifinals, Game 4, Cleveland at Atlanta, 6 p.m., TNT

• Western Conference semifinals, Game 4, Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m., TNT

NHL PLAYOFFS

• Eastern Conference semifinals, Game 6, Washington at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., VERSUS

• Western Conference semifinals, Game 6, Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m., CSN

MLB

• Atlanta at NY Mets, 6 p.m., ESPN



Brooks
 guard

Gatens proves to be Hawk leader

Matt Gatens solidified himself as a leader on a young Hawkeye team this past season.

By **SCOTT MILLER**

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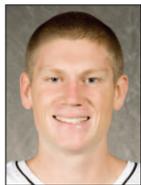
The only problem with naming Matt Gatens *The Daily Iowan's* Freshman of the Year is that the Iowa City native hardly looked like a first-year player on the court.

First in the conference in free-throw percentage (90.4 percent), sixth in 3-point shooting (40.3), and seventh in minutes played (34 per game), the sophomore-to-be solidified himself as a legitimate scoring threat, all while playing well above his grade level.

"His game was a lot higher than a freshman, and he played with a lot more confidence than a normal freshman

would play with," senior-to-be Devan Bawinkel said. "And I think that's what made him be very effective."

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Gatens
 freshman

DI YEAR-ENDING SPORTS AWARDS

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It's that time of year again, when the *DI* sports section reveals its winners for the following awards.

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Big win on Senior Day

Iowa baseball claims a victory against Penn State on Senior Day.

By **JEFF PAWOLA**

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The Iowa baseball team ended three different losing streaks with its 5-3 victory over Penn State (24-23, 7-14) on Sunday at Banks Field.

The Hawkeyes (16-32, 4-16) ended their previous two-game losing streak, an eight-game Big Ten losing streak, and a three-year losing streak on Senior Day.

"The four years that I've been here, we haven't had a win on our Senior Day," senior relief pitcher Steve Turnbull said. "We got one today so it's just really huge for me."

Turnbull came in to close the game for the Hawkeyes with one out in the top of the eighth, ahead 5-3 with runners on second and third. The senior struck out both Nittany Lions batters to evade the threat.

He then came back out for the ninth inning and pitched a near flawless frame and picked up his second save of the year.



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Sean Flanagan crosses home plate to score a run for Iowa in the seventh inning during the Hawkeyes' game against Penn State at Banks Field on Sunday. Iowa scored four in the seventh and won, 5-3.

"[Turnbull] came in and just blew those guys up," Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said. "With guys on second and third and us only holding a two-run lead, that was a great job by him and it was good to see him get that save."

Prior to Turnbull finishing things out, Iowa relied on a freshman to help claim the Senior Day victory. Starting pitcher Jarred Hippen pitched 7½ innings and was credited with the win. The freshman allowed three runs (one

earned), gave up only four hits and struck out six.

Hippen struck out the first batter in each of the first four innings and produced inning-ending double plays in the opening three frames.

"My arm felt great today. I had a week off and normally I'm only on five days," Hippen said. "Defense made a couple double plays for me, actually three in the first three innings and that really gave us momentum."

SEE **BASEBALL**, 3B



SPORTS 'N' STUFF

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	13	.567	—
Florida	17	15	.531	1
Philadelphia	15	14	.517	1½
Atlanta	15	16	.494	2½
Washington	10	19	.345	6½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	20	12	.625	—
Milwaukee	18	14	.563	2
Chicago	17	14	.548	2½
Cincinnati	17	14	.548	2½
Houston	14	17	.452	5½
Pittsburgh	12	19	.387	7½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	22	11	.667	—
San Francisco	16	14	.533	4½
Arizona	13	19	.406	8½
San Diego	13	19	.406	8½
Colorado	12	18	.400	8½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	22	12	.647	—
Boston	20	12	.625	1
New York	15	16	.484	5½
Tampa Bay	15	18	.455	6½
Baltimore	13	19	.406	8
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	17	13	.567	—
Kansas City	18	14	.563	—
Minnesota	14	16	.467	3
Chicago	11	21	.344	7
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	17	14	.548	—
Los Angeles	16	14	.533	½
Seattle	16	16	.500	1½
Oakland	11	18	.379	5

BIG TEN BASEBALL

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L Pct.	W	L Pct.
Minnesota	15	5 .750	33	14 .702
Iowa State	15	6 .714	36	14 .720
Illinois	15	6 .714	32	16 .667
Indiana	14	6 .700	25	24 .510
Michigan State	12	8 .600	22	25 .468
Purdue	8	11 .421	21	23 .477
Michigan	8	13 .381	27	23 .540
Penn State	7	14 .333	24	23 .511
Iowa	4	16 .200	16	32 .333
Northwestern	3	16 .158	12	34 .261

BIG TEN SOFTBALL

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L Pct.	W	L Pct.
Michigan	17	3 .850	41	10 .804
Ohio State	16	4 .800	44	9 .830
Northwestern	14	6 .700	31	13 .705
Iowa	13	7 .650	42	14 .750
Illinois	12	7 .632	29	15 .659
Purdue	12	8 .600	29	18 .617
Penn State	7	13 .350	19	27 .413
Minnesota	6	14 .300	23	32 .418
Michigan St.	5	14 .263	21	28 .429
Indiana	4	16 .200	10	39 .204
Wisconsin	3	17 .150	15	40 .273

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John Malingier (180), \$551,000	66-71-74-70—281
Kevin Na (180), \$551,000	71-66-74-70—281
Jim Furyk (110), \$346,750	68-74-71-69—282
Brian Davis (110), \$346,750	71-69-71-71—282
Ben Crane (110), \$346,750	65-73-72-82—282
Tiger Woods (94), \$294,500	71-69-70-73—283
Sergio Garcia (45), \$79,325	71-71-76-66—284
Vijay Singh (77), \$237,500	71-72-74-67—284
Tim Clark (77), \$237,500	72-69-74-69—284
David Toms (77), \$237,500	67-70-77-70—284
Alex Cejka (77), \$237,500	66-67-72-79—284
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Geoff Ogilvy (45), \$79,325	70-72-73-71—286
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Justin Rose (45), \$79,325	70-71-72-73—286
Steve Stricker (45), \$79,325	71-71-71-73—286
Ben Curtis (45), \$79,325	71-72-69-74—286
Woody Austin (45), \$79,325	72-72-68-74—286
Kenny Perry (45), \$79,325	73-71-68-74—286
Retief Goosen (45), \$79,325	67-72-71-76—286
Zach Johnson (37), \$53,770	72-71-70-74—287

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
 BOSTON RED SOX—Recalled RHP Daniel Bard from Pawtucket (IL). Designated LHP Javier Lopez for assignment.
 KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Placed RHP Joaquin Soriano on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Luke Hochevar from Omaha (PCL).
National League
 CHICAGO CUBS—Recalled RHP Jose Ascenio from Iowa (PCL). Placed RHP Chad Fox on the 15-day DL.
 FLORIDA MARLINS—Optioned OF Cameron Maybin to New Orleans (PCL).

Pitching gem lifts Hawks

Freshman hurler Jarred Hippen dominates Penn State hitters, pitching a four-hit gem at Banks Field on Iowa's Senior Day.

By RYAN YOUNG
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Senior Day belonged to a freshman on Sunday. Masterfully painting both sides of the plate with his high-80s fastball and fooling batters with an especially nasty curve, Jarred Hippen pitched a gem during Iowa's final home game of the season.

Allowing three runs on four hits while racking up six strikeouts through a career-high 7½ innings, the shaggy-haired fledgling lowered his previous 5.60 ERA and picked up his third win of the year — a perfect Mother's Day gift for his mom, Trisha, who was in attendance.

It was also the type of performance head coach Jack Dahm said he foresaw after giving Hippen a week's worth of rest instead of his regular five days following a 12-3 loss on the road against Minnesota on May 3.

"We kind of anticipated a good outing from him," the sixth-year Iowa coach said. "The thing is, we made a couple mistakes behind him, and he kept his composure after those mistakes. He's starting to grow up a little bit as a pitcher."

It's the sort of growth that makes Dahm feel good about the future of the Hawkeye pitching staff, which currently boasts a combined 6.22 ERA — the worst in the Big Ten.

Through three innings, the 19-year-old rookie opened with a strikeout and ended with a double play, even when he fell into a bases-loaded jam in the top of the third.

"The team and I were kind of joking about it," Hippen said with a wide grin. "We were saying, 'Oh just strike out the first

guy, walk the next guy, and get a double play every single inning.' I was like, 'I don't know if that will keep working, but I'll try.'"

Funny enough, he nearly duplicated the feat in the fourth. Hippen got Penn State lead-off hitter Jordan Steranka to strike out swinging, but then retired the side in order with two straight pop ups, ending his freakish pitching pattern.

The 6-3 southpaw then had another efficient 1-2-3 inning in the fifth, tallying his fifth strikeout as he continued to cruise with Iowa leading, 1-0.

But despite tossing five-consecutive scoreless frames, Hippen pitched his way into a second jam in the top of the sixth.

Clearly flustered after putting runners on first and second, he pitched cautiously around Nittany Lion cleanup hitter Mike Deese, who fouled off numerous offerings before eventually lacing a two-RBI single into left to give Penn State a 2-1 advantage.

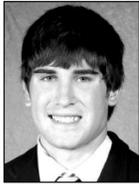
One batter later, Hippen forced a grounder to dodge further damage.

"His rhythm did get a little bit disrupted, but he did a great job of settling down and getting that final out after the guy had a base hit down the line," Iowa freshman catcher Dallas Burke said. "He really did a great job of just making sure that he checked himself when he needed to settle down and threw just a great ball game."

Even when he wasn't getting calls behind the plate from umpire Mike Droll, Hippen said, he never let himself get overly emotional. Although, a few of those calls would have kept him from being pulled midway through the eighth.

He still left the game to a standing ovation, however.

"It happens," Hippen said. "I mean, it's human nature. You're going to make mistakes. I mean, it happens, and you're going to have to live with it."



Hippen
freshman

SPORTS

Red Wings beat Ducks 4-1, take 3-2 series lead

DETROIT (AP) — Johan Franzen, Jiri Hudler, Darren Helm, and Henrik Zetterberg scored, helping the Detroit Red Wings beat the Anaheim Ducks 4-1.

The defending Stanley Cup champions' dominating performance Sunday gave them a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference semifinal. Game 6 will be Tuesday night at Anaheim.

Ryan Whitney scored late in the second period and Jonas Hiller stopped 34 shots, giving the Ducks a chance until Helm made it 3-1 with 3:08 left. Zetterberg added an empty-net goal in the final minute.

Detroit's Chris Osgood finished with 16 saves.

Bruins bounce back, beat 'Canes 4-0 in Game 5

BOSTON (AP) — Tim Thomas stopped 19 shots for his first NHL playoff shutout to help the Boston Bruins keep their season going with a 4-0 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Sunday night.

Phil Kessel scored twice, and Zdeno Chara gave Boston big emotional lift when he returned in the third period after leaving the ice in the second when he was slashed by Jussi Jokinen. Chara and Marc Savard each had a pair of assists for top-seeded Boston, which had lost three straight playoff games.

Cam Ward made 36 saves for the Hurricanes.

Game 6 is at Carolina on Tuesday.

Macha says pitch at Braun's head worth MLB review

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Brewer manager Ken Macha suggested a pitch by Chicago Cub starter Ryan Dempster that glanced off the helmet of Brewers slugger Ryan Braun on May 9 deserves to be reviewed by Major League Baseball.

Dempster hit Braun with the pitch in the fifth inning of the Brewers' 12-6 victory over the Cubs. "I think the league frowns at people throwing at other people's heads," Macha said after the Brewers lost 4-2 to the Cubs on Sunday. "I don't know if [baseball's Vice President for discipline] Bob Watson has looked at it."

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Cubs avoid Brewer sweep

By CHRIS JENKINS

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Even in victory, the Chicago Cubs' bullpen is tough to watch these days.

And after watching Carlos Marmol work his way out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth inning to help the Cubs hold on for a 4-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday, manager Lou Piniella might look to the team's minor-league system for help.

"I'll tell you this: For us to play good baseball this summer, and for us to have a chance to compete in this division, we've got to get our bullpen straightened out," he said. "And that's going to be priority No. 1."

Piniella said he wasn't against "bringing up some young kids with good arms" and seeing what they can do. First up is right-hander Jose Ascenio, who has been called up from Triple-A Iowa to replace injured reliever Chad Fox.

"From what I've seen so far here this year, [the bullpen] hasn't worked very well," Piniella said.

Marmol's shaky outing nearly squandered the Cubs' four-run third-inning rally that included a towering two-run homer by Alfonso Soriano. Sunday's victory allowed the Cubs to avoid a series sweep by the Brewers and go into today's off day with some momentum.

The loss cooled off the Brewers, who had won seven of their previous 10 games. Manager Ken Macha would have liked a few timely hits, but he pointed to other missed opportunities — such as a throwing error by Jason Kendall that cost Milwaukee a run.

"There's a whole bunch of things you can pick apart in this game," Macha said.



DARREN HAUCK/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Milwaukee Brewer J.J. Hardy is tagged out at first by Chicago Cub first baseman Michah Hoffpaur in the sixth inning Sunday in Milwaukee.

(1-2) settled down after a rocky start, giving up a pair of runs and five hits in five innings. Marshall gave up an early 2-0 lead but managed to avoid the big inning, leaving a total of six runners stranded in the first three innings.

"They scored two runs, and they had a chance to score more than two," he said. "I made a couple of pitches when I needed to, and the defense made some great plays."

Piniella then handed the ball over to what has been a surprisingly vulnerable bullpen. Angel Guzman didn't allow a baserunner in the sixth or sev-

enth, but Marmol managed to pitch out of a bases-loaded jam in a messy eighth.

Marmol gave up a leadoff double to Ryan Braun — then was called for a balk, allowing Braun to take third.

Marmol struck out Prince Fielder but walked Mike Cameron, then allowed Cameron to take second on a wild pitch. Marmol got J.J. Hardy to pop out, then ran the count to 3-2 on Bill Hall before Hall walked on what was ruled a checked swing.

"Hall, I thought, swung at that pitch," Piniella said. "I didn't think he stopped. I don't know. Umpires for whatever reason, they're hesi-

tant to call the third [strike]."

With the bases loaded, Marmol got Kendall to ground into a force-out at second to end the inning.

"We had a lot of good chances," Cameron said. "Going against Marmol, that's always a battle in itself."

Kevin Gregg pitched the ninth and walked Rickie Weeks with one out before striking out Corey Hart and Braun for his sixth save.

Chicago's big third inning began when Bobby Scales singled and Soriano clubbed a 1-1 pitch from Brewer starter Jeff Suppan onto the concourse deep in left-center field for a two-run homer, his 10th of the season.

Softball sweeps

SOFTBALL

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"I think [these last four wins] gave us a lot of confidence," Brown said. "Also, the [NCAA Selection Committee] looks at us and says, 'Hey, they're coming on strong right now.'"

Weil's pitching prowess was on display again in Game Two, taking a perfect game into the fifth inning before walking Minnesota's Katie Dalen with two outs. Minnesota pinch-runner Chonquita Jones was then thrown out by freshman catcher Liz Watkins while stealing second to end the inning and preserve Weil's bid for a sixth no-hitter. Weil gave up two hits in the top of the seventh, but ended the game and sealed the shutout, a 3-0 Iowa victory by striking out Malisa Barnes.

"Today, we came out really focused and determined to take a step toward the post-season," Weil said. "We did that today."

The Hawkeyes scored all three runs in a furious third inning. Keim started the inning with a lead-off double, followed by a pair of infield singles by senior Sam Heinzman and sophomore Chelsey



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa junior Katie Brown is welcomed at home plate by the rest of her teammates after hitting her first of two home runs in Game One of a double-header against Minnesota at Pearl Field on May 9. Brown's two home runs were the only runs scored in Iowa's 2-0 win over the Golden Gophers in the first game.

Carmody. Keim then came home on a wild pitch by Hassett to plate Iowa's first run.

Iowa picked up its second and third runs when Brown sent a slow rolling ball into the infield. Heinzman was tagged at home, but was called safe because of a catcher obstruction call. Brown then headed for second to put on a squeeze play that brought Carmody home to put

Iowa ahead 3-0.

The Hawkeyes now have their sights set on the 2009 NCAA softball championship. Iowa learned Sunday evening it will play in the Atlanta Regional on May 15 against Auburn (29-27). Joining the Hawkeyes and Tigers in Atlanta will be Georgia Tech (41-13) the tourney's 14th overall seed, and Boston University (41-16).

Blevins sits at the top

COMMENTARY

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Big Ten title and made their first NCAA Tournament. Since then, the softball team has won four more conference titles and made four College World Series appearances. Her overall career coaching record is 1,220-563-5.

In 1997, Blevins' 22-0 Hawkeyes were the first team to go undefeated in the Big Ten. No other team has been undefeated in Big Ten play since.

When Blevins began coaching at Indiana in 1980, she was an innovator for the game of softball. She was one of the first coaches to use slap-hitting regularly. In 1983, one of her players was the first slap-hitter to earn All-American honors. Slap-hitting is now a regular tactic used by almost all softball teams.

She plays an aggressive style of softball that is immediately apparent to anyone who watches her teams. Her teams are always near the top of the conference in steal attempts, and they try to get extra bases on hits as much as possible. They force opponents to make plays defensively and are always poised to benefit from the defense's mistakes.

This distinct brand of play has inspired coaches throughout all levels of

softball. Six former players or assistants under Blevins are current collegiate softball coaches.

Carol Hutchins, the current head coach at Michigan who ranks fifth on the all-time wins list, served as an assistant under Blevins when she was the head coach at Indiana. Current Iowa assistant coach Diane Stephenson was an All-American at Indiana under Blevins in 1981.

Stephenson was the head coach at Indiana from 1988-2002 and earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1994.

In total, 43 former players or assistant coaches under Blevins have moved on to head coaching or assistant coaching positions at the college level.

Under her leadership, 15 Hawkeyes have earned All-American honors and three Big Ten Player of the Year accolades.

Although it is often overlooked, college coaches have a responsibility to ensure their student-athletes are successful in the classroom as well as in competition. The recently released academic progress rates from the 2007-08 academic year list the Iowa softball team in the top 10 percent within its sport. Seven different players

have received Academic All-American honors during Blevins' tenure.

The state of Iowa is not generally thought of as a hotbed of Division-I athletic talent in most sports, but Blevins has consistently won with homegrown talent. Eight in-state players have gone on to be All-Americans for the Hawkeyes and eight of the 18 players currently on the team are from Iowa.

Blevins will probably never become the winningest coach in Division-I history — Fresno State coach Margie Wright has a solid hold on that spot — but the effect she has made on softball nationally and at Iowa cannot be overstated.

Quite simply, Blevins is Iowa softball.

Gatens wins DI award

AWARD

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Another thing that made Gatens so effective in his first year on campus was his ability to contribute to the team in numerous ways. Sure, the freshman was the second-leading scorer from last year's 15-17 campaign, scoring in double-figures in 21 of the Hawkeyes' 32 contests. But Gatens earned a spot on the Big Ten's All-Freshman team because of his defensive intensity, along with his willingness to make the extra pass and snag a rebound at a pivotal point in the game.

Despite Gatens' consistent play all year, the coaches and the media voted Ohio State's William Buford the conference's Freshman of the Year — something that was OK with Gatens, who said, "I wasn't too worried about awards or whatever. ... It doesn't really matter too much to me."

During the March 3 game against Ohio State, in which Gatens played all 40 minutes and contributed 11 points, the freshman showed why many

considered him the best first-year player in the conference.

In the game, head coach Todd Lickliter gave his star freshman the task of defending first-team All-Big Ten forward Evan Turner. With 44 seconds left in the contest and the Buckeyes up two points, the 6-7 Turner isolated Gatens at the top of the key. Gatens forced Turner to dribble into traffic and turn the ball over, giving Iowa a chance to tie or win the game.

Even though the Hawkeyes fell short against the Buckeyes, Gatens' ability to understand his role was one of the reasons they were able to hang around for so long.

"He wasn't timid; he wasn't scared," junior-to-be Jarryd Cole said. "He knew what the coaches expected from him, and he knew what we expected from him. He stepped up into that role. He's one of those guys who does know his role, and he plays it really, really well."

"When I say role, I'm not talking position; I'm talking just knowing what to do on the floor when he's on the floor. He knows that. And when you know that,

positions don't even matter."

But at times during the season, Gatens looked tentative with his shot. Only 10 times last year did the freshman attempt more than 10 shots from the field.

"I'd love to see him shoot a little more," Cole said, as Gatens was busy making 17-of-20 3-pointers in the background. "He's a great shooter — a great 3-point shooter. He proved that last year. What was he, 40-something-percent from beyond the arc? He needs a lot more shots, I'd say."

Gatens, though, isn't concerned with getting his shots or lighting up the scoreboard. The Iowa City native, who said the best moment of his freshman year was walking out of the Carver-Hawkeye Arena tunnel for the first time, is only concerned with doing anything that contributes to an Iowa win.

"People say, even family friends ... 'Why don't you shoot more?' " he said. "I've always been the type of player where ... I don't try to force it, because I don't think the team really needed me to force it last year."

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BASEBALL

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'No one is going to sit here and lie, we're having a disappointing year with wins, losses, injuries.'

— Jack Dahm, Iowa head coach

The Hawkeyes scored in the bottom of the first off of junior right fielder Ryan Durant's double to center field which plated freshman catcher Dallas Burke. The lead stayed at 1-0 until the top of the sixth, when Penn State claimed a 2-1 advantage.

Iowa took the lead back in the bottom of the seventh, scoring four runs and batting through the lineup. Freshman Sean Flanagan led things off with a single to center field, and eventually scored after three consecutive walks by Penn State's starting pitcher and senior

Scott Kelley, two of which were hit by pitch.

After walking in the tying run, Kelley was relieved by Paul Cianciolo who allowed each of the Iowa baserunners to score. Iowa collected three RBI singles, including an infield hit from Burke, who rocketed a line drive off the face of Cianciolo.

"We preach to just put the ball in play and don't strike out with runners in scoring position," Burke said. "I got a ball, and it kind of hung a little, it was an off-speed or changeup,

and I just tried to put it in play, and luckily, I got a little bit of oomph on it."

The victory also moves Iowa out from the doormat of the Big Ten, now one half game in front of Northwestern.

"No one is going to sit here and lie, we're having a disappointing year with wins, losses, injuries," Dahm said. "I've talked to a lot of them, and they all feel they could have done more ... but they've done a lot of great things."

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Padilla shuts down ChiSox

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Vicente Padilla keeps everyone thinking, even his own manager sometimes.

Hank Blalock homered twice, Padilla allowed one hit in seven innings, and the Texas Rangers ended Bartolo Colon's dominance against them with a 7-1 win over the Chicago White Sox on Sunday.

Padilla (2-2) pitched around four walks in his second-consecutive impressive outing. In his previous start against Seattle, the right-hander yielded only one hit and an unearned run in eight innings. He became the first Ranger starter to give up only one hit in back-to-back starts.

"I think about three starts ago there were questions about his velocity," Ranger manager Ron Washington said. "The thing about Padilla, you don't know if that's by design. He can pitch, he can manipulate the baseball. He can do some good things. It just took him a little while to get going. Now he's going and I certainly hope he stays healthy and continues to make starts for us."

Chris Davis homered and added an RBI double for the Rangers, who hope to get Michael Young and Josh Hamilton back Tuesday when they start a three-game series against the Mariners.

Hamilton is eligible to come off the disabled list Tuesday. Young missed his second-consecutive game with back stiffness. With Hamilton out, the Rangers have won nine of 13.

The Rangers finally touched up Colon, who had won 12-straight starts against them since Aug. 21, 2003, with a 2.50 ERA. It was the longest active winning streak against one opponent in the majors.

"I saw when they flashed it up on the scoreboard that he'd had a lot of success against us in the past," Davis said. "That was my first time seeing him, but I thought we did a good job of making him throw a lot of pitches the first few innings and putting ourselves in position to score and try to chase him out of the game early. I think that's the key with one of those guys. You don't want him hanging around the game."

Davis' leadoff homer in the fifth started a four-run inning. With runners on first and second and one out, Omar Vizquel hit an RBI double down the right-field line. Colon's day ended when he allowed a two-out walk with the bases loaded to Marlon Byrd.

Clayton Richard, scheduled to start against Cleveland on Wednesday, relieved and gave up an RBI infield single to David Murphy that gave the Rangers a 5-1 lead.

Colon (2-3) said after the game he had no idea about his streak against Texas. He allowed five runs and five hits



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Texas Ranger Hank Blalock watches his solo home run in the seventh inning against the Chicago White Sox in Chicago on Sunday. Texas won, 7-1.

over 4 2/3 innings, with four strikeouts and three walks.

"Obviously, he was not good enough to win, but on the other side Padilla threw the ball real well and when [the opponent] throws the ball real well and the ball club is not hitting, that's pretty hard to put things together," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said.

Blalock led off the second inning with a homer and tagged reliever D.J. Carrasco with a solo shot in the seventh, his ninth of the season. It was Blalock's seventh career multihomer game and first since April 11, 2006.

Davis added an RBI double off Lance Broadway in the eighth.

Jermaine Dye scored the only White Sox run in the second inning on Padilla's wild pitch. Chicago has been outscored 112-35 in its 16 losses this season.

"We are definitely not anywhere close to hitting on all cylinders. We haven't all year," Paul Konerko said. "You just keep grinding, that's all you can say. We're not good right now, we just need to get better."

Notes: Before the game, White Sox pitching coach Don Cooper said on the club's flagship radio pregame show that the team plans to send struggling right-hander Jose Contr-

eras to the minors. Contreras, who is making \$10 million this season, must first clear waivers to do that. He is 0-5 with an 8.19 ERA this season. "Whatever they decide to do is fine," Contreras said through a

translator before the game. Afterward, Guillen said Contreras will travel to Cleveland with the team. ... Richard will start Wednesday in place of Contreras. Richard has a 4.32 ERA in 12 relief appearances.

— Ozzie Guillen, White Sox manager

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MLB

Griffey's homer wakes up Mariners

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. hit a tying two-run homer in the eighth inning Sunday to rouse the Seattle Mariners in a 5-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins that stopped their six-game losing streak.

Wladimir Balentien added an RBI double in that breakthrough eighth, ruining seven shutout innings by Nick Blackburn and helping the Mariners bring their record back to .500.

Brendan Morrow, making his first appearance since April 23 after sitting out with biceps tendinitis, picked up his sixth save with a shaky ninth. He gave up a two-out RBI single to Joe Mauer and walked Justin Morneau and Michael Cuddyer on four pitches each before getting Brendan Harris on a grounder to end the game after going to a full count.

Hunter saves Angels against KC

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Torii Hunter made a leaping, homer-saving catch in the ninth inning to help the Los Angeles Angels hold off the Kansas City Royals, 4-3, on Sunday.

Jeff Mathis delivered a two-run single during a three-run seventh inning for the Angels, who completed a

three-game series sweep against Kansas City.

Closer Brian Fuentes got his ninth save, with a huge assist to Hunter. The Gold Glove center fielder timed his running jump perfectly, reaching about a foot over the wall in left-center to grab a drive by Miguel Olivo and preserve a one-run lead.

The Angels have won seven of their last eight games, and they are a half game behind the first-place Texas Rangers in the American League West.

Cardinals overcome 5 homers, beat Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) — Colby Rasmus doubled home a run in the 10th inning Sunday, and the St. Louis Cardinals overcame five Cincinnati homers — including two solo shots in the ninth — to beat the Reds 8-7 and salvage the final game of their series.

Rasmus had his decisive hit off Francisco Cordero (0-2), who is perfect in nine save chances but has lost twice when pitching with the score tied.

Jerry Hairston Jr. and Micah Owings hit solo homers in the bottom of the ninth off Ryan Franklin (1-0) to tie it at 7 and end the closer's run of perfection. Franklin had converted all nine save chances and hadn't allowed a run all season.

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