

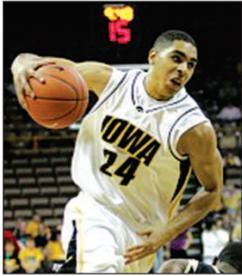
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Locals shrug off attempted robbery



The underground parking garage at 601 S. Gilbert St. is pictured on Monday. Around 2:20 p.m. here on Sunday, a man was injured with a weapon during an attempted robbery.

Some locals are unfazed by the Sunday afternoon robbery.

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Despite an armed robbery attempt in the afternoon this past weekend, Iowa City residents said they are not worried about their safety.

"I walk around, run around, [and I] never feel unsafe," said Jason Parker, who lives in the building above the parking lot where the reported attack occurred.

Iowa City police received a report of the incident around 2:20

p.m. Sunday. In the underground parking lot of at 601 S. Gilbert St., a 21-year-old man was approached by an individual who demanded money and car keys.

According to police, a struggle ensued, during which the assailant stabbed the victim in the right thigh. Iowa City police Lt. Jim Steffen said Monday the weapon was a Leatherman multipurpose tool.

These compact tools — which often resemble

pocketknives — can hold a variety of other features, including needle nose pliers, screwdrivers, and knives. The victim was transported to UI Hospitals and Clinics and treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

According to recent statistics from the Iowa City police, reported robbery cases had been rising since 2005, and increased from 49 in 2007 to 58 in 2008.

However, Parker said,

'I walk around, run around, [and I] never feel unsafe.'

— Jason Parker, tenant

Robbery in Iowa City

• 2008: 58
• 2007: 49
• 2006: 45
• 2005: 34
• 2004: 47

Source: Iowa City Police

he feels the surrounding neighborhood is not a dangerous place.

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Tuition may back bonds

UI students' tuition is being held as collateral for a \$100 million flood renovation budget.

By EMILY MELVOLD
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The typical in-state UI student pays \$3,412 a year in tuition. While that money normally fund such campus services as professors' salaries and building maintenance, it soon may be used as the collateral for \$100 million in flood-recovery debt.



Culver
governor

Gov. Chet Culver signed bills for hundreds of millions of dollars to be borrowed for flood recovery in Iowa. If the state can't pay that money back, the UI will use students' tuition to pay off its part of the loan.



Boyd
law professor

While officials are sure that students' tuition will be used as collateral for the allotted \$100 million, the

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Police see anomaly in IC crime statistics

Iowa City police warn against making misleading comparisons between national and local crime statistics.

By ABE TEKIPPE
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Despite a perceived wave of violence stretching from downtown to the Southeast Side, Iowa City followed a national downward trend in violent crime.

While the 224 incidents reported to Iowa City police in 2008 were fewer than the 236 reported in 2007, authorities are hesitant to compare Iowa City statistics with national ones.

"You have everything from Florida to Alaska [included in the national statistics]," Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said, and crime is unique to each city due to a number of factors, such as population and economic prosperity.

FBI statistics indicate that, nationally, the number of reported violent crimes — which include murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault — decreased by 2.5 percent in 2008 compared with figures from 2007. Among agencies in the Midwest, this figure was even lower, dropping by 3.8 percent.

Steve Fischer, a spokesman for the FBI, said it is important to "keep in mind that [the 2.5 percent decrease] is a national figure that is based on data

Violent crime in IC

The Iowa City police recently released a report showing that violent crimes are down overall.



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'I think that [2009] has been much less eventful so far. What has occurred is more along the lines of incidents that we would typically expect to see.'

— Sgt. Troy Kelsay, Iowa City police

that we've gathered from over 12,750 agencies across the country."

Some of these agencies provide the minimum six months' worth of data, while others provide up to 12, he said.

"If I were curious what Iowa City trends were, I would look at Iowa City

statistics," Kelsay said.

Of the four offenses classified by the FBI as violent crimes, two — murder and robbery — increased locally, according to Iowa City police statistics. The other two categories of violent crime showed a decrease.

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UI all a-Twitter

The UI embraces the exposure Twitter brings, even if few follow.

By TYLER LYON
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UI officials have set up numerous accounts on Twitter, but they don't know how many people are following the novel social networking site.

Updating with the 140-character-limited messages could just be "throwing stuff into a vacuum," said George McCrory, an associate editor for UI News Service who writes updates for the university's main Twitter page.

Twitter itself has had trouble retaining an audience. Ten percent of active users are responsible for more than 90 percent of all messages known as "Tweets," while a Nielson study shows about 60 percent of new Twitter accounts are abandoned every month.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said university departments are not required to use Twitter. Because it is an emerging technology, there is no policy regarding the university's activity on Twitter, either.

But university officials said it's always in the UI's interest to contribute to

Who is 'Tweeting'?

- On a typical online social network, such as Facebook or MySpace, the top 10 percent of all users account for 30 percent of all production.
- The median lifetime "Tweet" is one per user.
- Both Facebook and Twitter have a retention rate of around 70 percent.
- Men represent 45 percent of Twitter users.
- Men typically have 15 percent more followers than women.

Source: Harvard Business Group, Nielson Wire

publicity in any way.

"Twitter is such a wide-open network. I think you want to have as many people 'Tweeting' about the university departments as possible," McCrory said.

It's difficult to quantify how much — if at all — Twitter boosts the UI's public image. While 1,347 followers receive the UI's updates, university officials say there is no way of knowing how many actually read the university's posts.

Though studies show Twitter may not be the most popular social networking site, it is free and takes only minutes a day to update, officials said. The university has set up several accounts with numerous people to update them.

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Group aims for creative medical curricula

'Competencies,' declares a recent report, rather than a rigid list of course requirements, should be the focus of a medical-school education.

By ZHANRAN ZHAO
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Medical-school students may not have to face a harrowing list of calculus classes and exams to graduate in the future. According to a recent report, they might only have to demonstrate they know how to apply their math skills in practice.

The report, which was issued on June 4, is the result of a collaborative effort between the American Association of Medical Colleges and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to update and improve on the current medical-school curriculum.

In place of a rigid list of courses, the report recommends a set of skills — or “competencies” — as the bedrock of a medical-school education.

These skills include patient communication and critical analysis of scientific literature. They aim at building a flexible system of medical education.

The 22-member committee, which issued the report, hopes this new system would allow more creative course design and give students the chance to pursue a broader liberal arts education.

In addition, the committee tries to address the concern that medical schools are hard-pressed to keep current with the research advances in recent years. It proposes periodic competency evaluations to ensure physicians keep their knowledge up-to-date.

The drastic changes listed in the report, however, may actually be greatly reduced if implemented at the UI. Christopher Cooper, the associate dean of the Carver College of Medicine, said many of the proposed competencies are already basic and integral parts of medical-school curricula, including that of the UI school.

Before the report was issued, the medical school had conducted a self-study of its course curriculum

over the past year and half. In October, an accrediting body will visit the college and a further review of the curriculum may then take place, Cooper said.

“We will look at some of the ideas and some areas which are not covered,” he said. “But I don’t foresee any drastic changes.”

What the competencies may afford medical-school students, however, is added flexibility, freedom, and individualization in choosing courses.

“[Students] may not have to take a [specific] biochemistry course,” Cooper said. “But rather satisfy the biochemistry competency requirement.”

Certainly, some challenges are present in implementing the new system. While the competencies are designed to ensure that learning does not take place in a vacuum, that may be difficult to test in practice.

“It’s one thing to say physicians have to be competent at X, Y, Z,” Cooper

Recommendations

The American Association of Medical Colleges and Howard Hughes Medical Institute recommend:

“A competency-based approach should give both learners and educators more flexibility in the premedical curriculum to allow undergraduate institutions to develop more interdisciplinary and integrative courses that maintain scientific rigor, while providing a broad and strong liberal arts education.”

Source: American Association of Medical Colleges and Howard Hughes Medical Institute

said. “But how do you assess it?”

Second year medical student Daniel Fox, 23, also said he wasn’t certain how accurately the competencies may actually be evaluated.

“It comes from a good place,” Fox said. “But it’s difficult to assess. It’s a rough idea.”

Justice puts Chrysler sale on hold

By BREE FOWLER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chrysler’s five weeks of breakneck-speed bankruptcy proceedings came to a screeching — halt Monday, when a Supreme Court justice delayed its sale of assets to Italy’s Fiat.

The move could derail the government’s ambitious plan for the U.S. automaker to blaze a path to profitability without the burden of many of its debts.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg issued a stay just a week before Chrysler says the government-backed sale must go through. After June 15, Fiat could walk away from the deal and leave the struggling U.S. automaker with little option by to liquidate.

It was unclear late Monday just how long the stay would last, or if the high court planned to take up the case.

Chrysler said it had no comment until it receives further information from the court.

Ginsburg said in her one-sentence order that the sale is “stayed pending further order,” indicating that the delay may only be temporary. Ginsburg could decide on her own whether to end the delay, or she could ask the full court to decide.

A federal appeals court in New York approved the sale June 5, but gave

opponents until 4 p.m. Monday to try to get the high court to intervene. Ginsburg issued her order minutes before the deadline.

Despite the aggressive objections of a trio of Indiana state pension and construction funds that own a small part of Chrysler’s secured debt, the automaker has moved swiftly through the Chapter 11 process.

The Auburn Hills, Mich., company received bankruptcy court approval for the sale just a month after filing for bankruptcy protection and had been expected to emerge from court oversight when the sale closed.

Chrysler’s ability to speed through the process has partially been a result of the involvement of the Obama administration’s auto task force, which provided \$4.5 billion in bankruptcy financing and helped negotiate a deal between the company’s stakeholders.

Under a deal brokered in the days leading up to Chrysler’s April 30 Chapter 11 filing, Fiat will receive up to a 35 percent stake in the new company created by the sale, in exchange for sharing the technology Chrysler needs to create smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles.

The United Auto Workers union will get a 55 percent stake that will be used to fund its retiree health care obligations, while the



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Indiana Pension Fund attorney Tom Lauria, an opponent of the Chrysler sale, is interviewed outside Manhattan federal court on June 5. On Monday, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg delayed the sale of Chrysler assets to Fiat.

U.S. and Canadian governments will receive a combined 10 percent stake.

Meanwhile, the automaker’s secured debtholders would get \$2 billion in cash, or about 29 cents on the dollar, for their combined \$6.9 billion in debt. Some of the debtholders balked at the deal, saying as secured lenders they deserved more.

A group of investment firms that held about 4 percent of Chrysler’s secured debt filed an objection to the sale shortly after the automaker’s Chapter 11 filing, but the group later dissolved, saying it didn’t have enough members to mount an effective challenge.

Later on, the Indiana funds, represented by the same law firm as the dissident debtholders, filed their own objection and eventually appealed to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. They claim the sale unfairly favors Chrysler’s unsecured stakeholders such as the union ahead of secured debtholders like themselves.

The funds also are challenging the constitutionality of the Treasury Department’s use of money from the Troubled Asset Relief Program to supply Chrysler’s bankruptcy protection financing. They say the government did so without congressional authority.

METRO

Woman charged in reported stabbing

An Iowa City woman allegedly stabbed a man in Coralville on Monday.

Jasmine Wilburn, 20, 2401 Highway 6 Apt. 35, was charged with assault with intent to inflict serious injury.

Coralville police were dispatched to 624 12th Ave. after receiving a report of a stabbing at that address, police said.

Upon arrival, authorities found a 25-year-old Iowa City male suffering from a non-life-threatening knife wound to his upper arm, police reports show. The

man refused treatment. Coralville police are still looking into the circumstances that led to the altercation.

Assault with intent to inflict serious injury is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by Abe Tekippe

2 charged with animal neglect

The Johnson County Sheriff’s Office charged two pet owners with simple misdemeanors Monday, taking 23 dogs

for emergency safekeeping.

Joseph Coker, 56, address unknown, and Connie Tresslar, 59, address unknown, were charged with two counts each of animal neglect.

Authorities said they received a report there were a number of dogs not being cared for by their owners. Deputies responded to a call at 1360 Amana Road in Amana, Iowa.

The dogs’ owner said he would correct the problem, but deputies were called back to the scene. They executed a search on the property and found four dogs locked inside a garage. Nine dogs were locked in the basement, and

10 dogs ran loose on the property, police reports show.

Deputies said the living conditions were unsanitary, with little or no food and water. Many of the dogs had a variety of diseases and health conditions that required medical attention by a veterinarian. The dogs were taken to the Iowa City Animal Shelter.

The Sheriff’s Office made arrangements for Coker and Tresslar to turn themselves in to the jail for booking June 20.

Animal neglect is a simple misdemeanor, generally punishable by up to 30 days in jail of a maximum fine of \$500.

POLICE BLOTTER

Jenna Burns, 37, 841 Sandusky Drive, was charged Sunday with interference with official acts.

Kevin Cheng, 19, Naperville, Ill., was charged June 6 with interference with official acts, possession of a fictitious ID, and public intoxication.

Nathan Gilpin, 18, 814 Rundell

St., was charged Monday with drug tax-stamp violation, possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, and OWI.

Bridgett Holmes, 43, 342 Finkbine Lane Apt. 3, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Kathleen Reynolds, 18, Sioux City, was charged June 6 with unlawful use of another’s driver’s license/ID.

Michael Strange Jr., 23, Villa Park, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication and possession of an open alcohol

container in public.

Jeremi Walker, 30, 1210 Diana Court, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Thomas Whittington, 18, 1907 Ridgeway Drive, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.

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NATION

Midwest governors group sets greenhouse-gas goals

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The group charged by six Midwestern governors to come up with an emissions cap-and-trade system is recommending aggressive reduction goals that could bring big changes to a region that relies heavily on coal and manufacturing.

The plan calls for a nearly 20 percent reduction in green-

house-gas emissions from 2005 levels by 2020, with an 80 percent reduction by 2050. The group gave The Associated Press a copy of the recommendations ahead of publicly releasing them later this week, then will be sending them to Congress.

While the group prefers a federal cap-and-trade system, the recommendations give governors in the Midwest a possible framework for a regional system should Congress fail to act by 2012.

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Shell settles rights suit

By CHRIS KAHN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Royal Dutch Shell agreed to a \$15.5 million settlement Monday to end a lawsuit alleging that the oil giant was complicit in the executions of activist Ken Saro-Wiwa and other civilians by Nigeria's former military regime.

Shell, which continues to operate in Nigeria, said it agreed to settle the lawsuit in hopes of aiding the "process of reconciliation." But Europe's largest oil company acknowledged no wrongdoing in the 1995 hanging deaths of six people, including poet Saro-Wiwa.

"This gesture also acknowledges that, even though Shell had no part in the violence that took place, the plaintiffs and others have suffered," Malcolm Brinded, Shell's executive director of exploration and production, said in a statement.

The lawsuit in U.S. District Court in New York claimed Shell colluded with the country's former military government to silence environmental and human-rights activists in the country's Ogoni region. The oil-rich district sits in the southern part of Nigeria and covers about 400 square miles. Shell started operating there in 1958.

The primary complaint against Shell focused on activities by the company's subsidiary, Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited.

The lawsuit said in the 1990s, Shell officials helped furnish Nigerian police with weapons, participated in security sweeps of the area, and hired government troops that shot at villagers protesting the construction of a pipeline.

The plaintiffs also say Shell helped the government capture and hang Saro-Wiwa, John Kpui, Daniel Gbokoo, and Dr. Barinem Kiobel on Nov. 10, 1995.

Saro-Wiwa, leader of the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People, led rallies against Shell. He blamed the company for myriad oil spills and gas fires in the Ogoni region.

"I think he would be happy with this," Saro-Wiwa's 40-year-old son, Ken Saro-Wiwa Jr., said in a telephone interview from London. Though Shell denied any



BEBETO MATTHEWS/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Members of Nigeria's Ogoni community and their supporters rally to raise awareness of the trial of Royal Dutch Shell in New York on May 27. Royal Dutch Shell settled a lawsuit on June 3 that accused the oil giant of playing a role in the executions of activist Ken Saro-Wiwa and other civilians by Nigeria's former military regime.

wrongdoing, "the fact that they would have to settle is a victory for us."

Besides compensating the families, the money from Shell will pay for years of legal fees. And a large chunk of the settlement — roughly half — will create a trust that will invest in social programs in the country including educational endowments, agricultural development, support for small enterprise and adult literacy programs.

Altogether, the settlement will have a negligible effect on Shell's shareholders, amounting to less than one-hundredth of a percent of Shell's annual revenue. It's comparable to the annual cost of renting one of the super-tankers that Shell uses to deliver Nigerian oil to other countries.

Shell has consistently maintained that it never advocated violence and that it lobbied Nigerian officials to grant Saro-Wiwa clemency.

Critics say that Shell did so because of the bad publicity the case had generated.

"Is it enough to bring back the lives of our clients? Obviously not," said Jenny Green, a lawyer for the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York who helped file the lawsuit in 1996.

But Green said it will send a message to Shell and other multinationals that operate in developing countries.

"You can't commit human-rights violations as a part of doing business," she said. "A corporation can't act with impunity. And we think there is accountability in this settlement."

Ralph Steinhardt, a George Washington professor of international law, said he doesn't think Shell got off easy with the settlement.

"It's not the size of the company that's the right measure here," Steinhardt said. "At the end of the day, it's to get some acknowledgment of the plaintiffs and their suffering and the role of the company."

The Shell settlement ends one of several legal battles brought against energy companies by indigenous peoples where they operate.

Villagers in Indonesia are suing Exxon Mobil, claiming it employed guards who kidnapped, tortured and murdered civilians. Chevron is awaiting a verdict from a judge in Ecuador that could lead to a potential \$27 billion judgment stemming from a dispute over the role of Texaco, which Chevron bought in 2001, in environmental damages in the Amazon rain forest.

The case against Shell was based on Alien Tort Claims Act. The 18th-century law was originally meant to combat piracy and allows foreigners to pursue corporations in U.S. courts.

At least one additional lawsuit alleging human-rights abuses by Shell in Nigeria is pending in U.S. District Court in New York.

Fourteen years after the Nigerian activists were hanged, Saro-Wiwa said he thinks Shell has started to acknowledge that it needs a "social license" to operate in a foreign country. For example, the company has agreed to pay for a study of environmental damage that drilling has caused the Ogoni region.

"They have a long way to go," he said. "But at least they realize some of their actions can come back to haunt them, as we saw in New York."

Obama admitted his own dissatisfaction with the progress but said his administration would ramp up stimulus spending in the coming months. The White House acknowledged it has spent only \$44 billion, or 5 percent, of the \$787 billion stimulus, but that total has always been expected to rise sharply this summer.

"Now we're in a position to really accelerate," Obama said.

He also repeated an earlier promise to create or save 600,000 jobs by the end of the summer.

Neither the acceleration nor the jobs goal are new. Both represent a White House repackaging of promises and projects to blunt criticism that the effects haven't been worth the historic price tag. And the job estimate is so murky, it can never be verified.

WORLD

Obama defends revival plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Obama assured the nation his recovery plan was on track Monday, scrambling to calm Americans unnerved by unemployment rates still persistently rising nearly four months after he signed the biggest economic stimulus in history.

Middle East more popular for studying

The Middle East is an increasingly popular destination for UI students, a trend President Obama has said might mollify tensions between the region and the U.S.

By ALINA RUBEZHOVA
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Many students spend their Friday afternoons downing drink specials downtown. Sarah Chughtai, a UI senior, encountered closed shops and people praying in the streets.

She spent her spring semester in Egypt experiencing the Muslim culture.

Although people have expressed a greater interest in studying abroad in the Middle East, Chughtai still remains one of the few students who actually pursue the experience.

Though numbers remain low, Janis Perkins, the director of the UI Office for Study Abroad, said student interest is increasing.

In the 2000 academic year, prior to the 9/11 attacks, only three UI students studied abroad in the Middle East.

But in recent years, this number soared to more than 50. Preliminary numbers for 2008-09 school year show between 50 and 60 UI students traveling to the Middle East.

According to a 2008 report from the Institute of International Education, study abroad to the Middle East increased by 7 percent nationally. But of all U.S. students studying abroad, those going to Middle East added up to only 1 percent of the total.

U.S. students in Europe constitute 57 percent of those abroad.

Perkins attributed the 9/11 attacks for the increase in Middle Eastern travel.

"It brought a lot of attention to the issues going on in the world," she said.



LINDSEY WALTERS/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Study Abroad Director Janis Perkins stands in the University Capitol Centre on Monday.

'Any program that increases contact across cultures is going to help us understand them better.'

— Cary Covington, a UI associate professor of political science

Many became more aware of cultural differences and the effect of U.S. policies on other countries, she said.

President Obama gave a June 4 speech at Cairo University in Egypt regarding this trend, as well as U.S. relations with the Muslim world. He addressed bringing more students from the Middle East to the United States with scholarships while also encouraging more American students to go to the Middle East.

In Obama's speech, he emphasized a desire to reverse the negative attention that 9/11 created, which would decrease the tensions in U.S.-Middle East relations.

Cary Covington, a UI associate professor of political science, praised Obama's promises to

increase student exchange. "Any program that increases contact across cultures is going to help us understand them better," he said.

Chughtai hopes to do something with the State Department after graduation. Being an international-studies major with a concentration on the Middle East was the biggest reason she decided to study there.

But students who want to travel to the United States from Middle Eastern countries often face difficulties in obtaining visas.

Within a few weeks of being in Egypt, Chughtai said, she felt comfortable and safe. She believes many hold the wrong perception of the Muslim culture.

"Everyone was friendly," she said.



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Editorial

Law meant for inclusion will end up sponsoring exclusion

Variety is important. We should all hold diversity as a personal value and recognize the positive consequences it brings.

However, when government gets into the business of mandating diversity, we're in trouble. Broad policies interfere with each community's ability to address local issues. Each community in our state has different priorities and faces different challenges and, accordingly, requires a different set of policies.

This year, the Iowa Legislature passed a measure that will require locally appointed boards and commissions to have equal numbers of men and women. While the rule will not take effect until 2012, its passing has stirred discussion in Iowa City.

Johnson County Supervisor Rod Sullivan said the law could have unintended negative consequences locally. He noted that there is one county-appointed commission in Johnson County that has a majority of females; under the sex-equality law, the Board of Supervisors would have to reduce the number of women on that commission.

Surely, the lawmakers who passed this legislation had good intentions. While roughly half of Iowa's population is female, women only represent around 20 percent of government-appointed posts in Iowa. Additionally, Iowa belongs to some infamous clubs: states that have never had a female governor and states that have no female representation in Congress.

However, the state forcing sex diversity onto local governments will undoubtedly do more harm than good.

Most of us don't pay much attention to the numerous boards and commissions in the area. But when we elect our City Council, our School Board, and our Board of Supervisors, we trust these people to appoint the most qualified candidates to boards and commissions. This law restricts elected officials' ability to do that.

Say, for instance, there is one vacancy on a board that has two men and one female. Then, suppose the only applicant is a well-qualified man. Under the new law, instead of hiring the

man, local governing bodies would have to advertise the position in hopes of hearing from a female applicant. Clearly, hiring the man is in the best interest of local residents, but elected officials would not be allowed to hire him.

Now, let's suppose that man is gay and black. His appointment would undoubtedly enrich the board's diversity, but he would still be excluded from consideration for the post. Diversity and equality should not rest totally on which genitals are found between our legs. Such factors as ethnicity, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status can have an even bigger effect on one's perspectives than does sex. By promoting sex equality, state lawmakers are leaving lots of other groups out.

At its core, this is an example of lawmakers in Des Moines slapping a "one size fits all" policy onto all the local governments in Iowa. In reality, all of our state's counties and cities are not the same. Each community is unique and faces unique issues. Government works best when it operates as near to people as possible; specific policies with broad range interfere with that principle.

As an alternative or supplement, Sullivan has suggested the state require each locality to submit an annual report that addresses diversity. We think that's a good route. Cities and counties would then need to keep diversity in mind, but communities would maintain their right to govern themselves locally.

"Everybody wants to have diversity in our appointments and our hirings," Sullivan said. "I think the question is the method for getting there. The bottom line is everyone wants to do the right thing, and everyone has the right intentions."

The best "method for getting there," we think, is to allow local governments to decide what is best for their constituents and their communities.

In all aspects of governance, lawmakers should remember that it is impossible for a big entity to micromanage a large group of smaller entities, all of whom are individual in their values and challenges.

Embracing imperfection

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The first week or so of June is full of anniversaries, it seems.

What? You haven't noticed? You really need to stop Twittering so much. Or Tweeting. Whatever. Baseball is a much safer addiction. For one thing, you can follow baseball and still pay attention to the so-called real world.

And then you would know the first week or so of June is full of anniversaries.

Not that that is earth-shattering knowledge or anything.

But, for instance, last week saw the 41st anniversary of the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

(There was an American in Berlin when I lived there some years ago who told me that it was good that Bobby Kennedy was assassinated, because he would have been too charismatic a president.

(No, really. He told me that. I'm still amazed I refrained from immediately breaking his nose. He was no right-wing rube, either — he was a liberal, of sorts. He had been a professor in the States.)

It's interesting to wonder what sort of America we would have become had Kennedy not been killed, had he become president. No Watergate scandal, for one thing. (Would anybody know the names Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein?) The U.S. would have gotten out of the Vietnam War much earlier, saving thousands of lives and ending up with much the same result we did end up with. Would we have had better health-care policy? Possibly. At the very least, we wouldn't need to fix it 40 years down the pike.

Well, maybe not. Human beings being, well, human, it's quite possible we'd have to fix it today. I'm reminded — well, only vaguely, I admit — of a Stanislaw Lem story I read several years ago in which a scientist invents a time machine. And he and his research team travel

back to the Big Bang to tweak it a bit in order to make a more perfect universe and better Earth. Their work goes quite well, as I recall, and they decide to take an afternoon off at the beach. (Yeah, I know — beaches at the Big Bang? Suspend your disbelief for a moment. It's a story.)

Unfortunately, one of the grad students (it's always a grad student, isn't it?) doesn't take the afternoon off, does a bit more tweaking — and everything turns out just as it is.

Last week also marked the 20th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre, which was noted pretty much everywhere in the world but China (except for Hong Kong, which was the site of a huge demonstration).

Tiananmen changed my personal life tremendously, and the life of a girl I knew back then (it's always a girl, isn't it?), and every June 4 I wonder about those days and how different things might have been.

Well, I'd probably still be a musician living in cheap motel rooms and wondering why I was always on the road. Hmm. Tweaking the Big Bang can be dangerous.

An odd note: Many of the economic reforms the Tiananmen demonstrators wanted have now taken place in China.

June 4 was also the 20th anniversary of elections in Poland that the pro-democracy movement Solidarity won, the first step in a series of events that resulted in the dissolution of the Soviet Union. June 4, 1989, was some day.

And speaking of dictatorships, Monday was the 60th anniversary of the publication of George Orwell's *1984*, certainly one of the most important books of the 20th century. (And, most likely, next to the Titanic, one of the most overly used metaphors.)

I am not — never was — one of those lefties who saw *1984* lurking nearly everywhere — say, in Ronald Reagan's policies. But Orwell's tale is a cautionary one, as is Lem's.

Striving for perfection might be one of our biggest imperfections. ■

On the spot

Given financial troubles, are you more or less likely to buy an American car now than you were a year ago?



'I have no idea. I own a Japanese car now. I bought it because it was more reliable and durable.'

— Zach Heit, UI graduate



'Neither more nor less likely. Cars I have my eye on tend to be foreign-made. If I could find a car I wanted that happened to be an American-made car, that would be ideal.'

— Amy Harken, Independence, Mo.



'More likely. I just want my money to stay in the States.'

— Tracy Hart, UI Hospitals and Clinics employee



'It wouldn't matter. [I'm not in the market] at this time.'

— Jeroen Laemer, UI graduate student

From the blog

Despite positive signs, economic struggle is far from over

By JUSTIN SUGG
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If you listen closely enough, you might hear champagne bottles uncorking on Wall Street. They come on heels of experts — including one of the guys whose job it is to mark the beginnings and endings of recessions — pronouncing this recession over. There are some signs indicating this may be true, but that doesn't mean the worst is over.

The Dow Jones industrial average, a benchmark of our economy, has finished the third-consecutive month with a gain in May. That's definitely a sign for a stockbroker's sore eyes.

Second — and this is a

more authoritative indicator — is the GDP growth rate. After several months of progressing downward, the GDP might finally be changing course ... sort of. The previously recorded quarter's GDP growth rate was a little more than negative 6 percent. This last quarter was only around negative 5 percent. To many economists, this is a sign of the recession leveling off.

Third — and quite possibly the most reassuring sign of global stability — is that Moody's kept the U.S. Treasury bond rating at AAA, the highest rating possible. A downgrade would have severely hurt the US government's ability to finance

programs with debt.

Call me a negative Nancy, but I think it's a bit premature to bust out the champagne. There are several factors I've seen that tell me we are still driving down a road of economic pain and have yet to reach the right exit.

We may well be seeing the end of the recessionary period, but it will probably be a long time before we see anything resembling a recovery. The GDP drop may not have been as bad as last quarter, but it was still worse than officials had predicted.

Historically, financial crisis-triggered recessions usually precede a long period of slow growth (think the early days of

the Great Depression and stagflation of the '70s). This is usually because the financial markets are too damaged to provide enough capital to kick-start investment and spending.

Even taking this for granted, I still think there are going to be a few added bumps along the way. These bumps are going to come courtesy of the federal government. The government is spending at a rate without precedent. Forecasts indicate in the next few years the federal deficit will equal the nation's GDP, eclipsing deficits in the Roosevelt, Reagan, and Bush eras. As with all massive spending, inflation will come with a

vengeance, and the Federal Reserve and Treasury Department have made no indications they will take actions to counteract it.

In fact, rumors have been circulating for a while that the federal government will devalue the U.S. dollar to keep up its spending rates. This devaluation will only increase inflation's rising tide. Inflation will eat away at most of the gains the private and public sector have made by greatly decreasing American buying power.

The Chinese government has already shown its fears of U.S. inflation by purchasing more precious metals to balance its reserves. Shift from hard currency to

precious metals is a classic hedge against inflation. This shift will produce two effects.

By shifting to metals, the Chinese have decreased their orders in U.S. currency and bonds. Also, the increase in metal purchases will drive up the price of metals everywhere. Many of these metals, copper, tin, and zinc for example, are crucial in production of durable goods. This will certainly lead to a price increase in those goods as well.

We'll likely soon see a retraction spasm from U.S. consumers. This retraction could have devastating consequences on the global economy and may lead to another GDP dip.

Visualize whirled Peas

By **RACHAEL LANDER**
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It's been four years since the hip-hop tunes of Stacy Ann "Fergie" Ferguson, William J. "will.i.am" Adams, Allan Pineda "apl.de.ap" Lindo, and Jaime Luis "Taboo" Gómez have collaborated on an album under the name Black Eyed Peas. Solo careers have recently taken precedent over the quartet — the most successful being the Fergalicious Fergie-Ferg, though let's not forget when will.i.am was beamed into President Obama's election-night speech — and it should have stayed that way. The band's latest released, *The E.N.D.*, which creatively (not) stands for Energy Never Dies stays true to the band's high-energy dance vibe, but that's about all it has.

The E.N.D. is the Black Eyed Peas' third album with Fergie, but its fifth overall. The self-proclaimed Duchess joined in in 2003 after former singer Kim Hill split — just before the release of that year's album *Elephunk*. The Black Eyed Peas boys have been together since the mid-90s,

dropping two acclaimed albums *Behind the Front* and *Bridging the Gap*.

True to the Peas' style, many of the songs off *The E.N.D.* come with lengthy intros of pounding beats, including a minute-long opening to the first track "Boom Boom Pow" (the exceedingly popular single that's been topping the *Billboard* 100 for weeks). The lengthy starts aren't horrible — that is if the album is going to serve a particularly festive night of pregaming — but for just hanging around the house it's more obnoxious than Taboo's face.

The Peas isn't known for stellar lyrics, and the band was most notably criticized for the pathetic words to the song "My Humps" from 2005's *Monkey Business*. It must be a trend, because the group's latest album is a mess of total shit lyrics. Take the mind-boggling words to "Boom Boom Pow": Fergie shrieks, "I'm so 3008 / You so 2000 and late / I got that boom, boom boom" (the exact definition of what that means is still up for debate). However shallow the band's words may be, the lyrics don't make the CD awful, though they sure don't help.

It's evident from the intro that the Black Eyed Peas' goal with *The E.N.D.* is to make the album sound futuristic, and it does — if the intent was

futuristic crap. It's as if the Peas picked one tune and strung it through every song, making numerous tracks sound eerily similar. After a certain point, the repetitiveness is unbearable, and the pause button is enticing.

Despite a less than fabulous record, the band members have one thing going for them — dance tracks. If songs from the album were played in a bar around midnight, they would be a hit. Tunes such as "Rock That Body" and "Imma Be" have great beats to hang (lyrics ignored, of course), and they would be sure to please a crowd of drunkards.

Despite having a few hits on its subpar album, Black Eyed Peas makes numerous painful mistakes. There are a few songs on *The E.N.D.* that should never have been recorded. Two nasty standouts include "Ring-a-Ling" and "Electric City." The first features a purely awful ring tone smacked throughout several points in the song, while the latter has a monotone beat with Fergie rapping terrible lyrics as an accompaniment. The words are so awful even raunchy rapper Peaches would be ashamed.

Let's just hope that the Black Eyed Peas chooses tunes from its older albums if the rumors are true and the members find themselves opening for U2.



Black Eyed Peas
The E.N.D.
★★★ out of
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CD REVIEWS

Credibility = a step backward

Politically charged hard-core punk-rock bands don't sign to major record labels. They just don't. Anti-Flag didn't get that memo.

It signed to RCA four years ago, and last year's *The Bright Lights of America* fulfilled its contract. Now, it's back on indie label Side One Dummy.

What does this mean for the band's newest release *The People or The Gun?* It means the songs are shorter, the riffs are heavier, and there is a refreshing lack of children's choirs singing choruses. Unfortunately, it also seems to mean a musical regression.

The album is a mass of both pluses and minuses. The lyrics are as anarchic as one could hope for (one chorus goes, "when the cities burn down, we'll all be warm"), but they seem less inspired than those released on RCA. The music is harder, too, but I swear the guitar riffs are recycled from older songs (I guess even music can go green).

Listening to the album gives one a feeling of déjà vu. The bass is fast and hard, there's plenty of screaming and swearing, and there is no shortage of "Whoa-OH's" in the song's choruses. We've heard this all from Anti-Flag before — but that doesn't mean it's crap. "The Economy Is Suffering, Let It Die" rails on apathy to the plight of others, and the pop punk-ish "The Old Guard" still manages to rock almost as hard as "When All The Lights Go Out" — which proclaims "we don't need no CEO's, they need us ... proletariats of the world unite!"

In all, the album seemed to be one thing: rushed. I'm sure the band was eager to rebuild the credibility it lost while on RCA — but it should have waited. The hurry to reassure fans the band hadn't been changed

by its exposure to the mainstream meant the band had to stick with what it knew — barebones punk. But hey, who's to say that's a bad thing?

Tanner's Picks: "The Economy Is Suffering ... Let It Die," "The Old Guard," "When All The Lights Go Out"

— by Tanner Koomar

Instrumental Icons

For an indie-sounding band that's been releasing tunes since 1982, and with 23 albums to back it up (compilations included), Sonic Youth doesn't suck. Note the band is not up to par with some of its '80s counterparts (U2, anyone?), but despite that, it is still able to release a strong album that doesn't disappoint fans. The band's latest release, *The Eternal*, though not magnificent, is full of slow, strong tunes that aren't agonizing on the ears.

One of the notable traits Sonic Youth possesses is its musicality. The band is well-known for its strong and unique guitar playing, and *The Eternal* is a beautiful showcase of what these five musicians can do. Throughout the tracks, it's evident that if the words were taken away from each song, the remnants would be just as powerful.

The Eternal starts off strong with the track "Sacred Trickster," a tune featuring intense vocals and some kick-ass guitar playing. Though the following track "Anti-Orgasm" is a little lengthy with its six-minute running time, it is similar to the first song in that the instrument playing is fucking brilliant.

Sonic Youth's flaws throughout its latest album include the band's tendency to sound repetitive as well as the members' love for lengthy tracks. Take the album's closing song, "Massage the History." At more than nine minutes long, it gets obnoxious to listen to. It's also a more mellow and tuned-down song than the others on the album, but it's a welcome change to the repetitive vibes of the other tracks.

Toward the middle of the album, Sonic Youth's musicality seems to ebb as songs start to mirror each other. "Leaky Lifeboat" sounds a bit like "What We Know," and though the vocals differ, the background beats sound the same.

Despite the few flaws, Sonic Youth delivers a strong album full of chill tunes accompanied by strong instruments which makes the CD a worthwhile release.

Rachael's Picks: "What We Know," "Poison Arrow" and "No Way"

— by Rachael Lander

Check out dailyiowan.com for an online review of the Dirty Projectors' new release, *Bitte Orca*. Make sure to listen to an exclusive streaming track from the disc, "Stillness is the Move."

Terror & stripping

Novelist Andre Dubus III discusses the Writers' Workshop, Batman, and strippers. He will read from his latest book, *The Garden of Last Days*, tonight at the Iowa City Public Library.

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Bestselling author Andre Dubus III said he has fond memories of growing up in Iowa City.

"My grandmother had just bought us four kids a little black-and-white TV, which not everyone had in the '60s," Dubus said. "Every night at 8 o'clock, 'Batman' came on, and this guy next door would come over and watch it with us. He was a chain smoker and really loved the show. One day [the guy] sat on the couch and said, 'So man, who's your favorite character?' And I said, 'Um, um, I like False Face.' And he said, 'Yeah, I like the Riddler.' Anyways, that guy was Kurt Vonnegut."

This was no coincidence as the acclaimed Vonnegut taught Dubus' father at the Iowa Writers' Workshop. Like the elder Dubus, Dubus III has written numerous short stories. However, the younger Dubus said he is most comfortable with longer literary forms, as evidenced by his 1999 novel *House of Sand and Fog* (which was selected for Oprah's Book Club and became a major motion picture starring Jennifer Connelly).

Tonight, he will return to the literary city to read from his newest novel, *The Garden of Last Days*, at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St. The event, cosponsored by Prairie Lights, is free to the public; it will kick off at 7 p.m.

"[Dubus has] good people skills, and a lot of those people skills show up in the book," said Prairie

Lights buyer Paul Ingram. "He is a very careful observer of what's going on right now, and he has something to say about it. He has great style, and I feel he's going to be around for a while."

Though Dubus wrote two books before *House of Sand and Fog*, it wasn't until this third release that he received critical attention.

"I never thought my writing would make any money — I was just happy to get into print," Dubus said. "So it was such a wonderful surprise when, you know, it made me a fuckin' millionaire ... I wasn't really used to [the money], so I just tried to get rid of it as fast as I could. I was able to build most of my house with it."

Dubus may have seen sudden financial success, but he grew up in a relatively poor family with three sisters. From 1964 to 1966, he lived at 502 Brown St. after his father left the Marines to pursue a career in writing (the elder Dubus became one of the most revered authors to graduate from the program).

"My dad loved the Writers' Workshop," the younger Dubus said. "He had nothing but good things to say about his time at Iowa, and he made friends with other writers there that lasted his entire life."

His brief years in the literary city stuck with him, and now he spends most of his days writing and teaching college courses. The research process for *The Garden of Last Days*, which tells the tale of a stripper who dances for

READING

Andre Dubus III
When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
Admission: Free

ON THE WEB

Read an exclusive excerpt from *The Garden of Last Days* online at dailyiowan.com.

one of the 9/11 terrorists days before the attack, took the author to some unlikely venues for a husband and father of three.

"I went on the computer and started researching for the book only to find out that some of the 9/11 terrorists were seen at a strip club in Florida, so I flew there," he said. "I went to the clubs these guys were seen in, and instead of getting a private dance, I would pay a dancer 20 bucks a song and just ask her questions about the job. They were very willing to take my 20 bucks and sit there and have a cigarette and [talk]."

Despite the heightened amount of media attention *The Garden of Last Days* has received, Dubus says that he doesn't like to talk about the business aspect of his writing. He also recently stopped reading reviews of his work.

"Really, I just don't think about that shit," he said. "What excites me about writing is writing and that's why I do it. At the end of the day, it's about writing really honest and creating a provocative scene in order to write a really good book."

BITCH PLEASE: PC VS. MAC

Bitch Please is the place where two DI staffers argue about all that is wonderful in the world of pop culture.

Mac is the Man

Until about three weeks ago, I was a PC user. I researched and switched. And now, I couldn't be happier.

Mac's superiority is obvious in many areas, the first being security. The majority of viruses out there are Windows-based, and bearing that in combination with the advanced security features of OSX, your Mac is almost invincible.

Next, people argue PCs are much cheaper. Though this may be true initially, if you want to upgrade to the operating level of the Mac, the price ends as a wash. Another aspect of Mac superiority deals with the company's claim to "plug it in, and it works." It may seem

far-fetched, but virtually anything you plug into your computer — printer, camera, whatever — you don't deal with the installation garbage. It just works.

Finally, Mac's are not only beautiful on the inside but also on the outside. The sleek aluminum looks badass. If a girl sees you doing your homework on a new, aluminum-covered machine in the Java House, there is a good chance you could get laid.

— by Eric James Sundermann

I love my PC

I know what you're going to say. Macs are way cooler. They're sleeker, smarter, and significantly more creative. If the PC and Mac were in a classroom, the PC would be the loser in the back who could never talk to a girl, and the Mac would be the sensitive, yet

über-cool guy who has the girls flocking — constantly.

But it's just not that way. The way I see it, the PC is just not as bad as people think it is. People talk with their money, and on the fiscal scale the PC has the Mac beat hands down. After all, Apple only occupies 8 percent of the market. And there's a lot more choice with PCs — competition is a good thing. On average, they're cheaper, and for those of us who don't want to build robots with our computers, we're fine with keeping the programs we have.

As far as the seeming downsides of the PC go — i.e., viruses, hooking up external devices, etc. — I've never had that much trouble. Just as with any other machine, be smart and patient. The world's best and smartest computer is going to crash under the most unqualified of hands. Say what you will. I'm not complaining about the life I've had with PCs.

— by Kery Lawson

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Bond plan mulled

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state Board of Regents have yet to decide what exactly that will mean for students — whether tuition will increase or remain unaffected.

Officials from the Iowa Finance Authority said that because the bonds have not been issued yet, financing details haven't all been decided.

"The regents will be the issuer of the bonds and be able to address questions relating to the finances," said Phil Roeder of Culver's office.

The \$100 million under the jurisdiction of the regents is part of a larger project called I-JOBS with an overall pricetag of \$830 million. Culver signed the final bills for the I-JOBS program on May 26.

A board of 11 members — six appointed by the governor and five state government officials — are working together to allocate \$118.5 million of the total sum.

Culver appointed public members Jeff Pomeranz, West Des Moines; Joni Dittmer, Eldridge; Kate Gronstal, Council Bluffs; Pat Baird, Cedar Rapids; Toi Sullivan, Sioux City; and Willard "Sandy" Boyd, Iowa City.

In addition to the six public members, the board consists of State Treasurer Mike Fitzgerald and representatives of the Iowa Finance Authority, Department of Economic Development, Iowa Workforce Development, and the Rebuild Iowa Office.

The board met for the first time at the Statehouse on June 3 to develop the guidelines for applying for grants. They will be in charge of reviewing and awarding grants to applicants for flood recov-



Much of the UI Arts Campus lies under Iowa River floodwaters on June 16, 2008. On the west "bank" of the river, Voxman Music Building is in the foreground, and the Theatre Building is down river from it.

ery project funding, so local government or nonprofits from the Iowa City area may be eligible to receive this funding.

"We are awarding money to city and county governments and public organizations," said Boyd, a law professor at the UI.

Five equally weighted criteria were established to determine which projects will be awarded money: Job creation, financial feasibility, sustainability and energy efficiency, benefits for disaster recovery, and readiness to proceed. The board would like the project to begin within a year, or they will not likely choose to support it.

Other requirements for applicants include demonstrated local support for the proposed project and proof of substantial local, regional, or statewide economic impact.

Noncompetitive grants — an additional \$46.5 million — will also be overseen by the board, which will mostly be put toward rebuilding and jobs in the Cedar Rapids and Linn County area.

A tentative timeline for the board was established with July 1 as the date applications are available, and first-round applications are due Aug. 3.

Willard Boyd

Willard "Sandy" Boyd has been appointed by Gov. Chet Culver to the oversight board on the I-JOBS initiative. Here's what he's doing:

- The board will have oversight on around \$118 million in funding, to be appropriated and supervised to local governments and nonprofit businesses affected by the 2008 flood.
- Boyd founded the Larned A. Watterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center in 2000 to assist and educate local and statewide nonprofit organizations.
- First a law professor at the UI from 1961-69, Boyd was named president of the UI in 1969 and served until 1981. He returned to teach law at the UI in 1996.

Source: Willard Boyd

The board has said they are trying to work quickly, because the state will simply be holding onto millions of borrowed dollars instead of putting them to good use. Meanwhile, Iowans could also be losing jobs.

"We want to issue the money quickly and efficiently to start making a difference," Boyd said.

UI employs Twitter

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Tom Snee, another associate editor of UI News Service, updates Twitter accounts for both the College of Law and the Tippie College of Business. He said he uses the site as a means to share — rather than gather — information from its 184 followers.

Conversely, the main UI Twitter account selectively follows only 373 users, which include other departments, faculty, and

local news outlets.

"I try not to follow anyone who will put out Twitter spam," McCrory said, referring to advertisements that companies send through their Twitter accounts.

The site picked up 44 followers over the weekend. But it is not as popular as the UI page on Facebook, a site which the Nielson study found enjoyed consistently higher retention rates, even in its infancy.

Indeed, a Facebook page created by the university

for incoming freshmen has gathered more than 1,300 members. While that is roughly the same volume as the UI Twitter account, the Facebook page boasts more features, such as high-quality video clips.

McCrory said the page's popularity can also be attributed to Facebook's wider audience and more established reputation.

He said: "Facebook is a little more trusted, tried and true among users."

Attempted robbery doesn't scare locals

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He has never seen any suspicious activity in the underground parking lot, he said, and people are generally not scared to be there.

UI student Erica Huttner, who grew up in Iowa City and lives in a "well-lit" area on Jefferson Street, said her hometown is mostly a safe place, and the local police department does a good job making the area safe.

Still, there are a few areas she would not walk through alone at certain times.

After the suspect fled south on Gilbert Street, police searched the surrounding area with a K-9



LINDSEY WALTERS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Cars are parked underneath the apartments at 601 S. Gilbert St. on Monday. A 21-year-old man was injured here with a weapon on Sunday afternoon during a struggle with a man who demanded money and the victim's car keys.

unit. Authorities said they normally use dogs in such investigations.

Police called the incident a "rare occurrence." They

have not located the suspect, described as a 30-year-old white male who is clean-shaven and bald-headed.

IC police report fewer crimes in city

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"I think that [2009] has been much less eventful so far," Kelsay said. "What has occurred is more along the lines of incidents that we would typically expect to see."

But not everyone believes crime has changed.

"There have been a lot of stories lately it seems about really violent crimes, but I'm guessing [crime] hasn't changed that much overall," UI junior Emily Ladendorf said.

According to Kelsay, 2008 may have been an exception for his department in terms of violent crime, pointing to the three incidents of homicide that occurred, the first time local police have investigated a mur-

der since 2004.

The deadliest of these took place in March, when Steven Sueppel killed his wife, Sheryl, and their four young children before taking his own life.

"That's just not a normal occurrence in the city of Iowa City," Kelsay said. Other abnormalities, such as the serial groper, also contributed to the 2008 statistics, he said.

"Last year, we had outliers in many of the categories that often get a lot of media attention and community attention," he said. "It was just an odd year."

In addition to crime reported to city police, UI police saw 16 incidents of violent crime in 2008, up from 12 in 2007, according to police statistics.

Unlike the Iowa City police statistics, these inci-

dents were not factored into the FBI's preliminary report.

UI graduate student Vaibhav Yadav said he was concerned about what he saw as an increase in violent crime extending into 2009.

"Because of the increasing violence downtown, especially during the weekends, it has become less safe to have fun," he said.

As of May 31, a total of 94 incidents of violent crime had been reported to Iowa City police, including zero incidents of murder, 12 incidents of rape, 22 incidents of robbery, and 60 incidents of aggravated assault, according to police statistics.

"I believe that last year ... was more of an anomaly than a trend," Kelsay said. "But we'll see what this year brings."

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Kehoe to plead insanity

Michelle Kehoe will use an insanity plea for her defense.

By SCOTT RAYNOR
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Michelle Kehoe, accused of first-degree murder in the death of her 2-year-old son, will go to trial with a combination of insanity or diminished responsibility defense.

UI law Professor David Baldus said cases that use the insanity plea generally have the threat of serious jail time.

"It is a perfectly legitimate defense to raise," he said. "Especially if they think the person was mentally ill, and acting in persuasion of delusions. The law acts to only punish people who are blameworthy."

But getting off on the insanity plea has its drawbacks, he said. Defendants who are found not guilty by the insanity plea must stay at a mental-health facility for treatment and evaluation. The defendants risk spending more time in the facility than they would have in prison, if they had been found guilty.

First, insanity and diminished responsibility pleas must pass the judge or jury.

"I certainly think that it is a tough sell to a jury," said Matt Lindholm, a defense attorney based in Des Moines.

He said judges and juries look for evidence of mental issues, which requires an evaluation by a psychologist or psychiatrist prior to the trial.

"She has raised it, so we will have to deal with that," said prosecutor Allan Vander Hart, the Buchanan County prosecutor.



Kehoe
defendant

Michelle Kehoe's defense

- Kehoe's attorney filed two different defenses: insanity and/or diminished responsibility.
- Kehoe's defense must prove the woman was unable to distinguish right from wrong, or to know the full "nature and quality" of the act.
- To show diminished responsibility, Kehoe's defense has to show she lacked the capacity required to intend the crime, or lacked the ability to premeditate it.

Source: UI Professor David Baldus

Despite the insanity plea's reputation in the public mindset, it is a legitimate defense strategy because of the nature of mental illness.

"Often, people are walking around mentally ill, and they are not aware of it; frequently, some event triggers the onset of mental illness," he said.

Eugene Kehoe, Michelle Kehoe's husband, reported that his wife and children were missing in October, 2008.

Michelle Kehoe went to a Littleton, Iowa, residence the following day, informing the owners that her children were in danger.

Buchanan County authorities discovered Seth Kehoe's body near the Hook 'N' Liner Pond, close to Michelle Kehoe's minivan. They discovered Sean Kehoe alive but severely injured.

He told police he was wrapped with duct tape around his nose, eyes, and mouth by his mother before she cut his neck.

She was arrested and charged Nov. 5 with first-degree murder, attempted murder, and child endangerment causing serious injury. Kehoe is set for trial Oct. 28.

Ames to visit a friend, Michael Foody. The two were at a gathering on the seventh floor of a building when they left with a third person early Saturday.

While waiting for the elevator, police say Foody pushed Pawlak into the doors, which gave way. Pawlak fell to the bottom of the shaft and died.

Police say the death is considered accidental.

Locals mull N. Korea situation

North Korea's actions have provoked criticism — and analysis — on the UI campus.

BY MICHAEL DALE-STEIN
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Some UI students and faculty are keeping close tabs on the plight of two U.S. journalists sentenced to 12 years of hard labor in North Korea.

"It's a continued attempt to provoke the U.S.," said Brian Lai, a UI associate professor of political science. "You'll probably see the release of these two individuals."

Laura Ling and Euna Lee — two television reporters working for San Francisco-based Current TV — were detained in March for allegedly trespassing on North Korean territory. They were also convicted of an undefined "grave crime."

Lai said the North Korean court decision is among a variety of problems involving the country's relations with the United States.

North Korea launched its second nuclear test on May 25, sparking

condemnation from many countries. Since then, the United Nations has considered imposing new sanctions backed by the United States.

But Lai said North Korea has something to gain from stirring the most recent controversy. Aside from flexing its military strength and challenging the American government, detaining the journalists could spark discourse between North Korea and the Obama administration.

"What the North Koreans want is the United States to start negotia-



Ling
journalist



Lee
journalist

tions," Lai said. "A high-level meeting is what they ultimately want."

UI graduate student Hyeon Seok Park, a political-science graduate student, said a new regime might be seeking political support in North Korea. Leader Kim Jong Il's third son, Kim Jong Un, is reported as the successor to the regime.

"[Kim Jong Un] does not have a very strong political base in North Korea," Park said.

News of the journalists' verdict quickly reached American media on Monday. Families of the two U.S. reporters have asked the North Korean government to grant clemency.

U.S. top officials quickly responded. "We are engaged through all possible channels to secure their release," said William Burton, deputy spokesman for the White House said in a news release.

While some UI students are unaware of the situa-

Timeline of the journalist's detainment

- March 17: North Korean guards arrest Laura Ling and Euna Lee, two San Francisco-based television reporters.
- March 30: A Swedish envoy meets with the reporters
- April 5: North Korea tests long-range missiles for the first time
- May 25: North Korea launches another nuclear test
- June 8: Ling and Lee convicted of illegally crossing into North Korea and other "grave crimes." They were sentenced to 12 years of hard labor.

tion, others are mindful — and concerned.

"We don't have a very good relationship with North Korea," said Park, who grew up in South Korea. A 2007 election in his native country led to more strained relations with the reclusive nation.

"It's horrible for their families, especially not knowing what's going to happen to them," said UI junior Raquel Case, a political-science major.

STATE

Strong storms move across Iowa

DES MOINES (AP) — A line of severe storms moved across Iowa, prompting severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings from the National Weather Service.

The storms on Sunday evening produced quarter-sized hail and winds of up to 70 mph. The National Weather Service also issued warnings that it was tracking tornados near Waukee in Dallas County and Polk City in Polk County.

One trained National Weather Service spotter reported 2.25 inches of rain fell within 15 minutes at the Marshalltown Airport in Marshall County. Jim Peters, the mayor of Adel in Dallas County, said city workers were clearing roads of downed trees in his area.

Dubuque man pleads guilty in fatal crash

DUBUQUE (AP) — A Dubuque man has pleaded guilty to charges related to a crash that left one man dead and two

other people injured. Nineteen-year-old Milton "Seth" Matson pleaded guilty Monday in 1st District Court to one count of homicide by vehicle, serious injury by vehicle, and drunken driving.

Court records show that Matson was driving on a hilly road at speeds up to 90 miles per hour, causing the car to go airborne before it crashed on Nov. 13 near Dubuque.

A passenger in the car, 23-year-old Timothy Hanten, of Dubuque, died in the crash. Two other passengers were injured, one of them seriously.

Matson faces up to 16 years in prison. Sentencing has not been scheduled.

Iowa considers adding more state-licensed casinos

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowa has 17 state-licensed casinos scattered throughout the state, but studies indicate there's room for more and residents seem eager to sign off on such expansion.

Voters in five counties have approved referendums support-

ing new casinos in Fort Dodge and Ottumwa as well as in Franklin, Lyon, and Tama Counties. Last week, the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission began discussing the possibility of new casinos and is expected to make a decision this summer.

Even a leading gambling critic has largely given up his efforts to slow the expansion.

"It won't be until all corners of the state are covered," said Carlos Jayne, a retired lobbyist for the Methodist Church. "There's no way to stop this stuff until we're completely saturated."

Wes Ehrecke, the president of the Iowa Gaming Association, said two studies have pointed to areas that could support more casinos, building on an industry that already generates \$1.4 billion in gambling revenue and pays \$300 million a year in gambling taxes to the state. That's not counting the three tribal casinos that operate in Iowa under different rules.

A study by the Colorado-based Innovation Group speculated Polk County could support another casino, even though the county already is home to Prairie Meadows' casino and

horse racing track. The study found that an additional casino could generate from \$100.7 million and \$159.6 million in gambling revenue.

And a study by consulting company GVA Marquette Advisors noted that the recession may be helping Iowa gambling operations, at a cost to places like Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

Cryonic group wants Burlington body disinterred

BURLINGTON (AP) — An Arizona foundation is asking a court to disinter a Burlington man who died in February so his remains can be preserved through a low-temperature process known as cryonic suspension.

Alcor Life Extension Foundation of Scottsdale, Ariz., wants to dig up the remains of 81-year-old Orville Martin Richardson. The foundation says in a lawsuit that Richardson paid more than \$50,000 in 2004 for membership in the group and wrote in his will that he wanted his body delivered to the organization.

STATE

Ames police blame shove for elevator shaft fall

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Ames police say an Illinois man who fell to his death down an elevator shaft had been shoved against an elevator door that gave way.

Police say 19-year-old Robert Pawlak of Downers Grove was in

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Daily Break

"The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing."
- John Powell

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Tuesdays with Maury (Actual Titles of Maury Episodes)

- I'm 150 Percent Sure You Are My Baby's Daddy!
- This Time I'm Sure He's My Baby's Father
 - 3 Tests Later ... I'm Praying He's the Dad!
 - I'm Ashamed! Which of These 4 Men Is My Baby's Father?
- I Slept With 5 Men ... Is One My Baby's Father?
- I'm Positive One of These 6 Men Is My Baby's Father
 - I'm Back a 7th Time — Will I Finally Find My Baby's Daddy?
 - Will the 8th Man Tested Be My Baby's Daddy?
 - I've Tested 8 Men So Far ... I Think Your Husband Is the Father!
- I'm Testing the 10th Man ... Will I Find the Father Today?
- I've Tested 11 Men ... I'm Praying the 12th Man Is the Father!
 - I'm Back for the 13th Time ... Will I Find My Baby's Father Today?
- 1 Woman, 16 Men! ... Will I Finally Find My Baby's Father?
- 18 Tests Later! Will Maury Say, 'You Are the Father'?
- 24 Men Tested — Will We Finally Find the Father?
 - 26 Men — How Many More Until I Find My Baby's Father?
 - 30 Men Tested and You Still Can't Find Your Baby's Daddy
 - 34 Paternity Tests ... Will We Find the Dad Today?
 - I Slept With 100 Men ... Who's the Father of My Baby?
 - I'll Keep Coming Back Until I Find My Baby's Father!

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Autumn Moen, 11, flips through a book while sitting outside the Seamans Center on Monday. "I like having the opportunity to read books I wouldn't usually read," she said.

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horoscopes Tuesday, June 9, 2009 - by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Keep your thoughts to yourself, especially those of an emotional nature. An interesting relationship with someone you work or study with will make you question your current status and the relationships you have.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 You really need to get away and enjoy life a little more. Plan your next vacation or even just a weekend getaway. Set the record straight, and let others know what you want, need, and will give back.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Don't brag about what you've accomplished or how much you have. Instead, work quietly and build your assets. There is money to be made and paperwork to be finished before you can celebrate.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Emotions will be high, and love can develop quickly and lead to an interesting change in your personal life. Getting involved in something you enjoy will motivate you to live life fully.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 You'll be up against an enormous task that will have you wondering what you are doing. Don't despair: If you stick it out, you will prove why you are considered to be a leader. There is plenty to gain if you are true to yourself.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You have everything going for you except the belief that you can do what you say and want. Stop comparing yourself with others, and focus on pulling things together. A connection you make while networking or presenting will let you know you are on the right track.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Money matters should concern you. If someone you love is taking advantage of your generosity, put an end to it. If you are depending on someone else's financial assistance, prepare to take care of your own needs.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Stop holding yourself back by putting yourself down. You are the only one criticizing your accomplishments, making it difficult for you to grow and develop emotionally, mentally and spiritually. Don't ignore the possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 A little effort will go a long way. A relationship you want to develop will teach you a lesson about human nature. If you exaggerate about what you can do, you will look bad when you don't deliver. Make plans and follow them.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Reveal your thoughts and feelings and you can resolve a lot of bothersome personal issues. Love is on the rise and much can be established regarding your personal life and future. Base changes on what has and hasn't worked in the past.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Put more effort into what you say and do to help others and you will get back far more than you expect. A chance to help others will enlighten you about your own past and where you see yourself heading in the future.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 An old friend, colleague or lover will be able to help you find a new approach to something you wanted to do many years ago. A partnership you never thought could work will fall into place and move forward smoothly.

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- Rummage for Alzheimer's Donation Drop, 9 a.m., Bickford Cottage, 3500 Lower West Branch Road
- Molecular Physiology & Biophysics Seminar, 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen
- Moms Supporting Moms Meeting, 10 a.m., UIHC Melrose Conference Room 4
- Story Time, Barnes & Noble, 10 a.m., Coral Ridge Mall
- Tot Time, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- Children's SRP: Terrific Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Iowa Summer Writing Program Eleveses Literary Hour, 11 a.m., 101 Biology Building East
- Dungeons and Dragons and More, 2 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- Farmers' Market, 3 p.m., Sycamore Mall
- Farmers' Market, 3 p.m., North Park, 400 N. DeVoe St., Lone Tree
- Microbiology Special Seminar, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium III
- Hands-On, Vegetarian

- Sushi Roll with Various Fillings, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- Parties in the Park, 6:30 p.m., Reno Park
- Live from Prairie Lights," Andre Dubus III, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- Iowa Friends of Old-Time Music Tuesday Night Jam Session, 8:30 p.m., Hilltop, 1100 N. Dodge
- Iowa City Summer Music Camp Faculty Recital, 8 p.m., Macbride Auditorium
- Tuesday Night Social Club, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- On Going
 - Iowa A-Z, Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum, 210 Parkside Drive, West Branch
 - Life, Promise, Hope, and Joy, Chait Galleries Downtown
 - Local Photography, Julie Staub, Kelsey Cater, Michael Goedken, and Garth Conley, T Spoons Coffee Cafe, 301 E. Market
 - MetalArt: Miriam Vakulskas and Inae Choi, M.C. Ginsberg, 110 E. Washington
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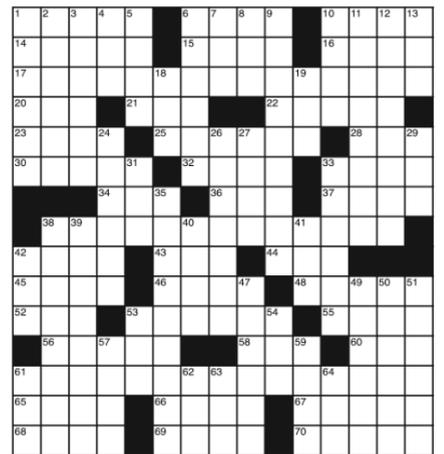
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- Across**
- Cheney's successor as vice president
 - Prize in the ad biz
 - irregular basis
 - Hersey's "A Ball for ..."
 - Prefix with nautical
 - Count (on)
 - Decide against reorganizing the pet store?
 - Mediterranean tree
 - Geog. or geol.
 - Stagehands' items
 - Picked out of a lineup
 - Ankle-related
 - Announcement from a cockpit, for short
 - Doughnut-shaped
 - Very chocolaty, say
 - Finish shooting a movie
 - Bathroom fixture
 - Break in the day
 - Cousin of beige
 - Conversation-filled places in a restaurant?
 - Oscar winner Winslet
 - Aviv, Israel
 - Evil computer in "2001"
 - Mother of Horus
 - Sign of the future
 - Come up again and again
 - Computer connection choice
 - Massless particle
 - A MS. might come back in it
 - Make a connection with
 - "Au Revoir, ___ Enfants"
 - Pre-___ (undergrad study)
 - What chicks have?
 - "Deutschland ___ Alles"
 - "Windows to the soul"
 - Amazingly coincidental
 - Zero
 - Certain conifers
 - "The Devil Wears ___"

- Down**
- Mismatch
 - Musical whose opening song is "All the Dearly Beloved"
 - What a flashing red light may indicate
 - Suffix with differ
 - Jules et Jim, par exemple
 - Expensive eggs
 - Washington and ___ University
 - Certain savings plan, for short
 - Sound from a 38-Down
 - Very small pasta
 - Pacific Northwest tribe
 - Baseball V.I.P.'s
 - Comedian Louis
 - When Canada celebrates Thanksgiving: Abbr.
 - 19 Web address
 - Hair curls
 - Air curl
 - Nonsense singing
 - Clerk on "The Simpsons"
 - Tavern
 - Young goat
 - Amazingly enough
 - Cell phone feature, often
 - Computer handle
 - Sudan/Saudi Arabia separator
 - Sch. group
 - Largest U.S. labor union: Abbr.
 - Old Testament book
 - Dance lesson
 - Employment
 - Hide the gray, say
 - Many's opposite
 - "How Stella Got Groove Back"

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Hawks shine in Europe

BASKETBALL
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He attributed the improvements he has made since the Hawkeyes' 2008-09 campaign ended to working with Rusty Burney, Iowa's strength and conditioning coach, and has placed an emphasis on becoming a better rebounder at both ends of the floor.

"I can really improve a lot of things, but rebounding was something I was always good at in high school," Fuller said. "I felt like I could really be effective doing that, and all the weight-lifting we've been doing and stuff has really helped me elevate that."

His teammates noticed his consistency in Europe.

"He did a great job of hitting the offensive glass and getting us extra opportunities and also scoring the ball. He did a great job of getting in there and finishing his moves," Gatens said. "We're going to need the help down there, and he's going to provide a big boost for us."

As the Hawkeyes look ahead to participating in



LINDSEY WALTERS/THE DAILY IOWAN
Hawkeye forward Aaron Fuller attempts a 3-point shot against Ohio State during the first half at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on March 3. Iowa won two of its three games overseas, winning its first contest in Rome before splitting the last two games in Athens.

Iowa's game-by-game results in Europe:

Opponent	W/L	Final Score	Site
Basket Ferentino	W	78-58	Rome
Greek Selection Team	L	76-75	Athens
Dukas Club	W	85-72	Athens

this summer's Prime Time League, the players who went to Europe all know the importance of continuing the positive

trends each of them developed on this trip and being able to carry them over into the future.

"We got to get the new

guys coming in to get onto the level that we are and just accept them and stay open to where they are," Cole said. "Everybody on the team has to be a leader in order to be successful right now, and that's important to us to just keep the team mentality and stay hungry for basketball and learning more."

Hawk rowers see rosy future

ROWING
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National Scholar Athlete recipients. Kowal said improvements athletically and academically go hand-in-hand.

"We talk a lot about academics and this year we had the highest grades, in terms of GPA, as a squad, in 15 years," she said. "We always tell them what you do academically matches what you do in the water. We had the fastest varsity since I've been here along with the best grades. It shows the work ethic."

"Not everyone will have a 4.0 GPA, but many of them improved their grades from the fall semester, and that is what we talk about — individual improvement."

The team wants to carry its momentum into next season, and a big part of that comes during the off-season, where returning team members such as Haylie Miller know the importance of training.

"The off-season is just as important, if not more so [than the actual season]," the Iowa sophomore said. "We try to get ahead of the competition. We want to be physically ready to race so that we don't have to work on cardio during the season and can work on other things."



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa rower Clara Francois (right) practices keeping her boat steady with teammate Christine Allingham on Wednesday. The Hawkeyes took fifth place at the Central Regional meet and finished their 2009 season ranked 17th nationally.

'Not everyone will have a 4.0 GPA, but many of them improved their grades from the fall semester, and that is what we talk about — individual improvement.'

— Mandi Kowal, head women's rowing coach, on her teams' academics

In addition, the Hawkeyes will greet a new batch of recruits and freshman walk-ons in order to replace departing seniors and provide a further boost to the program. The new members will have an effect

on both the varsity and novice squads, said recruiting coordinator and novice coach Chuck Rodosky.

"We have several girls who will be able to put a lot of effort in and help varsity immediately and produce

speed," he said. "A lot of the others will go to the novice team and be good leaders in helping teach the walk-ons. The freshman and novice [rowers] are the foundation of any team."

The momentum gained during the 2008-09 rowing season, the benefits of a grueling off-season, and the potential impact of new recruits and walk-ons leaves Kowal with one goal in mind for next season.

"Our mission is to qualify for the NCAAs next year," she said.

Frosh runner makes early splash

RUNNER
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of Iowa," Anderson said. "When I watched her compete, I really admired her competitive fire, her tenacity, her eagerness, and the way she really attacked the races."

Flood is determined to continually get better in every way on the track, practicing on average for a couple of hours a day. She believes a strong mindset and hard work will bring rewards in the future.

"I just kind of realized that running is a sport where you can really reap

'When I watched her compete, I really admired her competitive fire, her tenacity, her eagerness, and the way she really attacked the races.'

— Layne Anderson, head coach

the rewards of your hard work," she said. "If you put your mind to it, I think anyone can be a fast runner ... I just want to keep getting better, so I made that a goal."

Through great success on the track, she has not

let it go to her head and remained humble. Anderson is impressed with her personality and thinks she has a positive influence on everyone around her.

"She's a very positive person, she's fun to be around, and she brings a

mood that lightens things up and cuts the tension for everybody," Anderson said. "She's pretty humble, and she's not going to stand up on a footbox and beat her chest and tell you how great she is."

Flood kept her strong sense of humility by steering clear of a predicted finish at the NCAA championships, and insisted she'll be happy with the results as long as she does her best.

"I don't really like making predictions, I just want to run the best that I can run," Flood said. "I'll be happy if it's my best."

Sister act aids rowers

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"[We] watched our sister race while [we] were in high school and then joined the team our freshman year of college," Heidi Miller said.

For the next two seasons, the three Miller sisters provided a lot of support for each other. Among the benefits for Haylie and Heidi Miller was someone to learn from while trying to make the varsity.

"Hannah helped us transition to varsity," Heidi Miller said. "She encouraged us, and we weren't afraid to ask stupid questions."

Haylie Miller agreed, noting the help of her sisters and the coaching staff.

"There definitely were benefits to having all three of us on the team," she said. "We pushed each other a lot, and Hannah was not afraid to tell me what I was doing wrong. Being new, [Hannah and the coaches] had to teach us everything. They taught us how to push ourselves."

The work ethic carried over to the off-season, where the three of them worked out together.

"We pushed each other a lot," Heidi Miller said. "We would work out together in the garage ... and we always looked to see how hard we were rowing. We wouldn't let each other take days off."

Keeping up was especially tough during the school year, and time management proved vital to them.

'We would work out together in the garage ... and we always looked to see how hard we were rowing. We wouldn't let each other take days off.'

— Heidi Miller, rower

"We had to get up at 5 a.m. to work out, go to class, lift weights in the afternoon, go home and eat, and all of a sudden it is 10 p.m., and you feel like you have to go to bed," Hannah Miller said.

With Hannah Miller graduating, Haylie and Heidi admit it will be much different next year.

"We'll definitely be on our own more," Heidi Miller said. "Hannah always made sure we knew what to do."

Iowa head coach Mandi Kowal summed up the Miller sisters' effect on the team.

"They are a good, hard working family," she said. "As a team, we got to enjoy their sense of humor and they are just an enjoyable group of people. ... They were enjoyable, worked hard, and took care of school."

Earning these honors proves to be a fitting end to the trio's time together at Iowa, showing that excellence in sport and in school can be achieved.

"[Doing well in school] is really important," Heidi Miller said. "You shouldn't use the excuse of 'I'm an athlete' for getting bad grades."

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Meeting the hurdles

Iowa runner Ray Varner qualified as an at-large for this week's NCAA championships in the 400-meter hurdles.

BY ROBBIE LEHMAN
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Even during their short races, sprinters have numerous things to think about. There's form, technique, timing, breathing; the list goes on. But Iowa sprinter Ray Varner has a different philosophy.

"Honestly, the best for me is not to think," he said. "When I think too much, I just don't do correct things, and I think about what I did wrong. If I don't think, it just comes smoothly."

Not thinking has catapulted Varner into the NCAA outdoor championships in the 400-meter hurdles Wednesday in Fayetteville, Ark.

At the Midwest Regional meet in Norman, Okla., the junior ran a personal best of 50.54 seconds in the prelims, which ranks as the 15th-best time in the event nationally. He didn't take first place, but Varner's time was fast enough to earn him an at-large bid to this week's meet.

"I didn't get that automatic bid, but knowing

"When I think too much, I just don't do correct things, and I think about what I did wrong. If I don't think, it just comes smoothly."

- Ray Varner, junior sprinter

my time from the previous day, I knew I was in," he said. "I was excited because it was my first time going 14 [seconds] through the first five hurdles, so I'm figuring out the race a little more."

The Wadsworth, Ill., native wasn't upset about not winning the regional meet. Along with not thinking, Varner also does something else out of the ordinary when racing — he isn't focused on winning.

"One of my goals was to finish top eight in every single meet," he said. "Don't go for first all the time, but if you finish top eight every meet, good things will happen."

This is the third year he has run the 400-meter hurdles, the second-consecutive year he has qualified for the national meet, but the first year he has not been injured at this point in the season.

There is a difference between being injured and being hurt, though. The speedster says he experiences some pain

and fatigue now, but that won't be the case when he steps into the starting blocks and the adrenaline kicks in.

"That's how it was at regionals," Varner said. "I was kind of limping around warming up, then once finals came, standing there getting ready in the blocks, the pain went away, and I just got after it."

He says he is finally comfortable running the race. Many consider the 400-meter hurdles the toughest event there is. But he feels otherwise.

"I would give it to the 800 because it includes endurance and speed," he said. "My race kind of includes endurance and speed, but not as much endurance as the 800."

Joining Varner in Fayetteville is fellow teammate and 800-meter qualifier Adam Hairston. They may argue over whose race is more difficult, but they both respect each other's work ethic.

"[Varner's] a good leader, and guys look up to

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him," Hairston said. "He's a good example of working hard every day in practice. He comes in and gets after it every day."

Varner and Hairston are just two of six Hawkeyes who will be competing at the NCAA championships.

"It says that we're growing and shows that we have potential," Varner said.

Iowa assistant coach Joey Woody is proud of what this group has accomplished but says the job isn't quite done yet.

"Obviously, it's a goal that we've had for these guys since the beginning of the year," Woody said. "It's just building on the success they've already had this season. Now, our goal is to get to the next level and make it to the final and be an All-American."

Varner has a tattoo of the Flash that is a personal confidence booster. He is confident heading into Fayetteville. Just don't expect him to be thinking about it.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Vols review another potential violation

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee is looking into whether it committed another NCAA recruiting violation by allowing media to be present during a meeting between coach Lane Kiffin and recruits.

A segment of ESPN's "Outside the Lines," which aired Sunday, showed Kiffin in his office with two people identified by the network as recruits.

According to NCAA recruiting rule 13.10.1, "A member institution shall not permit a media entity to be present during any recruiting contact made by an institution's coaching staff member."

Tennessee spokeswoman Tiffany Carpenter confirmed the review but declined further comment.

Tennessee has reported at least four minor recruiting violations since Kiffin was introduced as coach Dec. 1. Athletics Director Mike Hamilton said recently the number isn't any more than the school usually reports.

ESPN's "Outside the Lines" segment, which recapped Kiffin's first six months as coach of the Volunteers, also included a statement made by Kiffin's former team, the Oakland Raiders.



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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Should fans vote for MLB All-Stars?

Fans shouldn't be involved

The idea behind the MLB All-Star Game is that it will be a showcase of the league's top players. If that were actually the case, then it would be quite a game.

The problem is, somewhere along the line, the All-Star game voting was hijacked by the uninformed homers of the world. Currently, Manny Ramirez is fifth in All-Star voting among National League outfielders; he was suspended for 50 games for violating baseball's drug policy.

By the All-Star game's opening pitch, Ramirez will have been suspended more games than he has played in, yet the brilliant fans of the nation's pastime are proclaiming loudly he has had the fifth-best season of any outfielder in the National League.

This is not simply an isolated incident. San Diego's Adrian Gonzalez, who leads the league in home runs with 22, is sitting fifth in All-Star votes for

National League first basemen. Fifth. The top power hitter in the National League apparently doesn't impress the voting public. Not as much as Houston's Lance Berkman does anyway, who has fewer dingers and a worse batting average than Gonzalez, yet leads in votes.

But it's not simply the fans mucking all of the voting up. The players can't be relied on, either. Let's not forget last year's crime of the players voting Jason Varitek to the All-Star squad instead of, well, anyone else in the known universe. When he was named an All-Star last season, Varitek had a .219 batting average with seven home runs and 27 runs batted in.

The problem is the fans don't know any better, and the players don't care. But what do I know? Let's just go out and see how many Red Sox, Yankees, and Cubs we can squeeze into two teams and see what happens. It's not like home-field advantage in the World Series is on the line or anything.

- by Sean Morgan

Fans should be involved

Summer is heating up, and the MLB All-Star Game is a little more than a month away. As usual, there is some controversy over who is getting voted into the game.

This year, that controversy involves Manny Ramirez. Despite being suspended for the majority of the season thus far for taking performance-enhancing drugs, Ramirez sits in fifth place in the voting for NL outfielders, with the top three being named starters. This is just one problem in the larger controversy of whether fans should be able to vote for the All-Star game starters.

Despite attempts to turn the Mid-Summer Classic into a meaningful one, I still think it is an exhibition and fans should continue to be allowed to vote for the starters. In fact, this is my first point. They only vote for the starters. The managers and players get to choose the reserves and the entire pitching staff. Any player deserving

of making the team will usually get picked by the manager, if not voted in.

As for the game itself, the starters only play long enough to get a couple at-bats. If the game was truly meaningful, managers wouldn't use up the entire roster as they usually do. If they left the starters in the entire game, the first time a player injured himself, every bit of media would be screaming for the MLB to go back to the way it was.

With regards to Ramirez, I think if he were voted into the All-Star game, he should start. His suspension is set to end 11 days beforehand. If the MLB wants to take a serious stand against drug users, there are plenty of other opportunities to do so. The All-Star Game is not one of those opportunities.

In the end, I agree Commissioner Bud Selig should eliminate the rule that gives home-field advantage to the league that wins. However, I think this rule should have no influence on whether fans get to vote for the All-Star Game.

- by Aaron Cooper

NFL

Possible deadline for Favre if he wants to play

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings reportedly have told Brett Favre to decide this week if he wants to play this year.

Coach Brad Childress imposed the deadline on the star quarterback, according to ESPN. The network cited two unidentified sources Monday

on its Web site. The Sirius NFL Radio network, however, reported later Monday without citing a source that a deadline is not in place.

When Favre retired in February for the second time, he blamed a partially torn biceps tendon for his poor play late in the season for the New York Jets. The three-time NFL MVP said his health was the main reason behind his decision.

With the Vikings interested in bringing him back for a

19th season, however, Favre has reportedly been considering a comeback contingent on the full healing of his throwing arm.

ESPN has reported Favre had arthroscopic surgery sometime in May on his ailing right shoulder, but that it hasn't responded. The report said the 39-year-old wouldn't return to the game unless he feels better.

Time could be running out for that.

The Vikings have another series of organized team activities this week, through Thursday, but only two more scheduled for June 15 and 16. Their first full training camp practice is on July 31, but Childress has long called himself a "mother hen" when it comes to wanting all of his players working out at the team's facility and participating in the non-padded, optional practices throughout the summer.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Texas beats TCU 5-2 to earn CWS berth

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Freshman Taylor Jungmann allowed two hits over six innings Monday night, and top-seeded Texas earned its first trip to the College World Series since 2005 with a 5-2 win over TCU.

Kevin Keyes homered in the first inning for the Longhorns (46-14-1), who have won six national championships.

Jungmann struck out five and walked one in picking up his eighth win of the season before being replaced by Austin Wood in the bottom of the seventh.

Texas led 3-0 after the first inning behind an RBI triple by Brandon Belt and Keyes' solo shot.

Texas scored two more runs in the fourth. Keyes led off the inning with a double and scored on Cameron Rupp's double off Horned Frogs reliever Eric Marshall.

Wood, who pitched 12 1/3 scoreless innings in relief in Texas' 25-

inning 3-2 win over Boston College a week earlier, came in with a 5-0 lead and gave up two runs before he was pulled for Chance Ruffin with one out in the ninth.

Tyler Lockwood took the loss for TCU (40-18), which had forced a third game of the Austin Super Regional with a 3-2 win Sunday.

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FIELD HOCKEY

Field hockey announces schedule

Coming off a season capped by an appearance in the Final Four, the Iowa field-hockey team announced its schedule for the upcoming 2009 season.

The campaign is highlighted by the Big Ten/ACC Challenge's return to Grant Field after the current edition of the Hawkeyes' facility was officially opened with the inaugural version of this event. As it has in the previous four Big Ten/ACC Challenges, Iowa will open with a game against Wake Forest on Aug. 29, followed by a contest Aug. 30 against North Carolina.

Other nonconference home games for the Hawkeyes include contests against Stanford, Virginia Commonwealth, Saint Louis, California, and Louisville.

Conference play features home games with Indiana, Michigan State, and Penn State and road dates against Michigan, Ohio State, and Northwestern. The 2009 Big Ten Tournament will be Nov. 5-7 in East Lansing, Mich.

This year's Final Four will be in Winston-Salem, N.C., Nov. 20-22.

— by Brendan Stiles

FOOTBALL

Football gets oral commitment

So far, defense has been the name of the game in Iowa's football recruiting pursuits.

The latest oral commitment to the Hawkeyes' 2010 class came over the weekend from Louis Trinca-Pasat, a defensive end from Chicago's Lane Tech listed by Rivals.com as a three-star recruit.

Trinca-Pasat became the fifth member of Iowa's incoming class, joining four other defensive players who have given oral commitments to Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz. The others are defensive tackle Anthony Ferguson and linebackers Jim Poggi, Austin Gray, and James Morris, who is the Hawkeyes' lone commitment from Iowa thus far, hailing from Solon.

Listed at 6-3, 235 pounds, Trinca-Pasat chose Iowa over seven other schools that gave him offers, including Michigan State, Illinois, and Indiana.

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Europe good for Hawks

The Iowa men's basketball team came away from its Europe trip with confidence after winning two of its three contests overseas.

BY BRENDAN STILES
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The Iowa men's basketball team went on its European tour looking to become better on the hardwood as well as a more closely knit group off it.

Reuniting a week after arriving back to the United States for a team workout on Monday, players are still talking about the experiences they had overseas.

On the court, the Hawkeyes won two of their three exhibition contests against professional teams from Italy and Greece, with the lone defeat coming by a mere point. Away from basketball, team chemistry would improve greatly.

"First and foremost, it was a good opportunity to get a lot of quality time with each other," said junior-to-be Jarryd Cole, who is a cocaptain. "It was real good to be with the guys for 10 days, just away from American customs and just the fast life with just going away and just being all to ourselves, getting to know each other a lot better."

Seven players went with head coach Todd Lickliter and his coaching staff to both Italy and Greece knowing they'd each get significant playing time.

In addition to stellar play from Cole and sophomore-to-be Matt Gatens, perhaps no Hawkeye made more strides from a



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Iowa freshman Aaron Fuller shoots against Michigan during the Big Ten Tournament quarterfinal game at Conesco Field House in Indianapolis on March 12. Fuller displayed consistency during the Hawkeyes' recent trip to Europe, putting up a combined 44 points and 38 rebounds in their three exhibition contests.

basketball standpoint than sophomore-to-be Aaron Fuller. The Mesa, Ariz., native was one rebound short of posting double-doubles for Iowa in

all three of its contests, posting a combined total of 44 points and 38 rebounds on the trip.

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Go to dailyiowan.com to hear more from the Iowa men's basketball team about its trip to Europe.

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Sisterly act on water

Three sisters on the Iowa rowing team demonstrate excellence academically and athletically.

BY AARON COOPER
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When the Academic All-Big Ten team was announced for the 2009 spring season, rowing led the way for Iowa with 22 honorees. Three sisters, senior Hannah Miller and sophomores Haylie and Heidie Miller, earned the distinction by excelling both in the water and in the classroom.

To earn garner the award, the athletes must be varsity letter winners and have a career grade-point average of at least 3.0. The eldest sister said doing both of these is a testament to the value of hard work.

"It is pretty exciting," Hannah Miller said. "It shows that we managed the workload of rowing and ... of school. It shows that you have to work hard and stay focused."

Hannah Miller said she got involved in rowing her freshman year at Iowa after hearing about it from a high-school friend. She relied on the coaching staff to teach her the sport.

She started out on the novice team and made the first Varsity 8 boat by her sophomore year. For her junior year, she was joined by her two sisters, twins Haylie and Heidie.

SEE SISTERS, 9

Flood races to the Hawkeye fore

Iowa's Betsy Flood will compete in the 1,500 meters at the NCAA championships this week in Fayetteville, Ark.

BY TRAVIS VARNER
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Iowa freshman distance runner Betsy Flood was considered a future star before the outdoor track season, but she has made an immediate impact by qualifying for this week's NCAA championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Flood qualified in the 1,500 meters, finishing with a time of 4:25.98 at the NCAA Midwest Regional in Norman, Okla., good for fourth place.

She recalls her final race being quite nerve-racking and starting out very slow. Flood was near the lead for most of the race but eventually was passed. Nevertheless, her fourth-place finish was enough to automatically qualify.

"Before the race, I was really extremely nervous, and was still probably nervous for the first lap,"



Flood
freshman runner

Flood said. "Then, I just calmed and got competitive ... some girls passed me, but I wasn't that nervous and felt good. I was really glad the race was over."

Iowa head coach Layne Anderson was not surprised by her performance at regionals because of her accomplishments in high school — she was a four-time state champion in track.

"I was well aware of her talent," Anderson said. "I've watched her competitive spirit through her high school, and I knew from a talent standpoint she was certainly good enough to compete at the college level. I'm not surprised in the fact that she qualified for the NCAA championships as a true freshman."

Being a native of Des Moines, Flood pretty much knew from the beginning she wanted to go to Iowa. Anderson was more than happy to welcome her to his team.

"She was certainly one of the top runners in the state

SEE RUNNER, 9

Rowers like their improving stock

The Iowa rowing team looks to build on a successful 2009 season.

BY AARON COOPER
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The Iowa rowing team narrowly missed qualifying for the NCAA championships with their fifth-place finish out of 13 teams in the Central Regional. In the May 16-17 event in Oak Ridge, Tenn., the finish left them one spot short. The Hawkeyes' point total of 241 was its highest of the past five years but was 79 points behind fourth-place finisher Michigan State. Michigan won the regional meet with 348 points.

Iowa was paced by the two Varsity 8 boats. The first Hawkeye boat scored 126 points with a victory in the first Varsity 8 petite final with a time of 6:11.7, and second recorded 78 points with a second-place finish in the second Varsity 8 petite final with a time of 6:28.4.

Although the fifth-place finish led to disappointment in not qualifying for the NCAA championships, the season as a whole was one of great



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Iowa head coach Mandi Kowal shouts commands to the Hawkeye rowers on Sept. 17, 2008. The 17th-ranked Hawkeyes finished their 2009 season with a fifth-place finish at the Central Regional meet in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

improvement for the program, said head coach Mandi Kowal.

"We finished much better than in the past. We ended up 17th in the country ... but we still want to be in a better place," she said. "It's great to see progress, and now we are moving onto the next phase. We are moving on to prepare for next season."

The Hawkeyes also garnered two individual awards at the Central Regional — sophomore

Jessica Novack was named to the Central Region first team and senior Kristin Kelly was named to the Central Region second team.

Along with more success in the water, the team produced 22 student-athletes who were named All-Academic Big Ten, the most of any Iowa spring sport. The Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association also named nine Hawkeyes as

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