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Neither Powell nor Reddy have family to the state, but UI graduate Dawn Maddox does. Maddox, a native of Nashville, first heard of her hometown's flood when she received a text from her mother on May 2. From interstate through the streets of downtown, Maddox recalled, "It was over-saturated, rising water; no wisdom.

"It was flooding on top of hills," Powell said.

Jochimsen, who joined the board June 1 and is the president of the Chemistry Department, said he'd be happy with the new member, a 37-year Iowa City resident.

"I'm not without a voice," Champion said. "I'm just not a member of the board."

A group of UI employees of the Chemistry Department, who are responsible for local departments, the population, and the Preservation Committee. Otherwise, "I'd like to have the president of the community," he said, and has past experience in such spots as the Iowa City Council. Prior to his appointment, Jochimsen was a member of the UI Associate Professor Association, who served on the board for less than a year. Jochimsen said she could draw parallels to Nashville looking for an opportunity to move to Nashville on July 1.

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Editorial

For paternalistic UI program, another case of good intentions going awry

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Tall songs from Sweden’s heart

The Tallest Man on Earth will once again travel to Iowa City for a show at the Mill.

By ERIC ANDERSEN

Just two albums into his career and already a cult favorite, the Tallest Man on Earth is building quite a following, particularly among an eclectic folk singer/songwriter crowd. By city and state, fans are almost certainly aware of the 6-foot-7 singing sensation’s look: a shaggy, gnarly beard that looks like it could grow on its own, a penchant for playing his guitar with his upper arm and even a tattoo of a skull and crossbones on his forehead.

“I don’t call it a look,” said the artist, who was born Jonas Bodin, in the Swedish archipelago village of about 30 people where he resides when not touring. “It’s a residue of the van all day every day, a residue of the way you’re on the road already, a residue in that I’m a big guy in a small village. Everything is kind of looking at people a lot, I guess I walk around with a level of adrenaline and stuff,” he said. “I hope I [come across] as a nice guy and not (too) crazy. I’m learning in the last couple of months that I can actually take it easy. I think it’s much easier to play a soft song.”

While the Tallest Man on Earth may be a result of his0 stature, there’s something so unique about his guitar accent in hand and gaze into audi- ence members’ eyes, some- times that it’s hard to imagine not being uncomfortable. While Matsson, whose first language is Swedish, is fairly short (and soft- spoken) in person, onstage he transforms into a com- pletely different being. He will move around the stage with his acoustic guitar in hand and gaze into audi- ence members’ eyes, some- times that in the process of being unforgettable.

If people haven’t been to a show they should be scared (I guess I walk around a lot, and I kind of look at people a lot, and don’t mean to come across like an alcoholic or anything but it’s because there’s a lot of stuff going on). I hope I come across as a nice guy and not (too) crazy. I’m learning in the last couple of months that I can actually take it easy. I think it’s much easier to play a soft song.

When the Tallest Man on Earth is not writing music or touring he either g o i n g home to the village or moved to in Sweden and relax and spend some time cooking, playing soccer or hanging in his pony, named Golden Sky. He has a talk- through on his arm, and he said he misses it because those mem- ories are great. He really like it in the United States a lot, but I like to go home, also,” he said. “I consider myself lucky to get to see the whole country and meet a lot of great people.”

Summer of love

Iowa City summer lovin’ — havin’ some fun.

The Daily Iowan - Iowa City, Iowa - Friday, May 14, 2010 - Medium

By ERIC SUNDERMANN

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 horoscopes

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Taurus — Your reserves of energy will be needed for your social life. A good time will be had by all.

Gemini — Be open to new ideas and the ideas of others.

Cancer — A disagreement over money will come between you and someone you care about. You could get another chance to do whatever needs to be done.

Leo — You need to stabilize your mind, body, and soul by being a part of a celebration. Stay involved and enjoy the good times.

Virgo — There will be positive input. Keep an open mind and be ready to accept what is offered.

Libra — A special evening could be a walk on the beach or romance in a subterranean setting.

Scorpio — Some good things are in store for you. Be aware of what is going on around you. This opportunity will help you understand how to move forward.

Sagittarius — A relationship problem must be dealt with and it will be a long process. You’ll have to learn how to be more patient and understanding in your relationships.

Capricorn — You won’t be likely to change when it comes to finances or a change in your personal appearance. This will be an excellent time to get the highest return. What you must do will be to build a financially stable future for you and your family.

Aquarius — You aren’t well in things when you should be getting ready for whatever is ready to happen. Get yourself in shape and get ready.

Pisces — You are in no mood to test your powers. Your actions and the way you will play with others will be good for you. Put your best foot forward and you will be respected and built up.

SCORPIO — If you have a problem, do your homework and get things into perspective. This will build you up and help you to achieve what you desire.

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• English Conversation Group, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
• Book Babies, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
• Tippey School of Management Commencement, 10 a.m., Marriott, 300 East Ninth St, Coralville
• Epidemiology Seminar — “Acute Leukemia,” Laura Beane-Free man, 12:30 p.m., UCI Health Hospital
• College of Law Commencement — 1 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
• Distinguished Alumni Presentation: Civic Experiences and Emerging Opportunities,” Frank Lasalle, 8:30 p.m., 125 Institute for Rural and Environmental Health
• Nate donneaux Band, 9 p.m., Iowa House, 211 S Jefferson
• Rumble Dance, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E Market
• Bella Bees Tasting, 7:30 p.m., Home Resort, 103 S Market
• The Baltimore Waltz, 9 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E Market
• Postapocalypse, 9 p.m., Uptown, 103 S Market
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Iowa Public Radio awaits an announcement of funding for IPR — which the regents will vote on July 1 and that he said the regents will vote on an $85,000 reduction of Regents meeting, calls which was unveiled at an $85,000 reduction of the University of Kansas make up 23 Nebraska and contribu- the University of state universities, the Corporation of Public Radio has gained a slight reduction in cuts seems as if we are talk- ing of its budget, and it just a microscopic por - tion of its budget, and it seems as if we are talk - ing about roughly a 3 percent decrease. Kansas Public Radio saw a 3 percent reduction from the University of Kansas last year, and it is antici- pating a similar cut, said Janet Campbell, the net- work’s general manager. Other public radio net- works receive aid from state universities, including Wisconsin Public Radio, which gave roughly 23 percent of its total funding from state universities, and Illinois Public Radio, which received $1,317,708 from the University of Illinois, also 23 percent of its total funding. The University of Iowa is the second-largest contributor of funding to Illinois Public Radio, fol- lowing membership contri- butions which account for roughly 40 percent of the operating revenues at the network. But in fiscal 2012, Mark Leonard, Illinois Public Radio’s general manager, and the University of Illinois will reduce its funding by a little more than 3 percent. IPR officials say the effects of decrease in uni - versity funding will be small. For most National Public Radio networks come from the state, grants through state and elementary administra - tors such as the Corporation of Public Broadcasting, as well as donations from listeners. “Over the years, Iowa Public Radio has gained funding in several other areas,” Herrington said. Iowa Public Radio sees little funds effect
J.T. BUGOS scored seven runs, and hit as much as we probably hit during the season, against one of the hottest hitting teams in the country," assistant coach Mira Radu said. "We are not considerate about that and we don't care if they get enough runs and rest up next."

Iowa will compete against Boise State (22-5) in one of the hottest streaks in the NCAA regionals in South Bend, Ind. After the Hawkeyes scored a season-high 11 runs in Sunday night's game, they have two games left to score 31 runs and to win the last game of the regional to earn a spot in the NCAA Super Regionals.

The change allows Durant to feel less pressure at the plate and hit line drives instead of fly balls. "In the past couple weeks," sophomore Ryan Brownlee said, "I've seen the ball and hit line drives more," he said. "We changed our approach in the batters box. Three of us hit the ball and I think everyone is ready to compete with last year's and found the right feel to keep his swing steady and his batting average steady there. It always seemed like he was on the right foot, just seemed like he was on the right foot, and really excited about the possibility to score points."

Before the season started, first-year coach Larry Wieczorek said, "Iowa is going into this season with a cautious optimism." The Hawkeyes have good about what we are where we are with this particular group," he said. "It's going to be a challenge. Sometimes we have to score points to win games and sometimes we can score some points, he said."

Young said. "It's very rare that a team gets better every single week, and this is what we want the Hawkeyes to do."

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The Hawkeyes called on him for relief duty. Dahm said the 6-foot southpaw worked in the offseason, and as a result, he began 2010 as a starter when sophomore Nick Brown was unavailable. Robertson’s starts went very well.

Then Brown returned and was inserted back into the rotation, leading the senior back to the bullpen. Considering Robertson’s previous struggles, Dahm was initially worried about the adjustment.

That concern turned out to be foolish. Robertson’s performance in his new role has been better than acceptable. Pitching each of the first five innings of the season for Iowa, Robertson is an impressive 3-0.

“Anytime you can come back to the bullpen it’s a luxury you really trust and you know will see those three strikes and has the ability to get guys to swing and miss, that helps, and it takes the pressure off your defense,” Maliszewski said. “He’s been the ability to do that.”

The development of Robertson’s slider, which he began working on in the summer, has been crucial to his success. The fastball currently the pitch better than the curve ball he used in the past, and Maliszewski said it’s been “a go-to pitch.”

“It’s a big reason why Robertson has struck out 48 batters in 43 innings this season.”

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As he approached the twilight of his collegiate career, Robertson has settled into a new role — even though it may not be the one he was originally expected to win ball games.”

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Softball digs in for final 2
Iowa will close out the regular season at home today and Saturday against Michigan.

By MITCH SMITH

As of studying for finals wasn’t stressful enough, the Iowa softball team also has another important matter on their minds. Iowa’s (28-10, 9-7) wraps up regular-season play today and Saturday at Pearl Field with a pair of games against No. 19 Michigan. First pitch today is scheduled for 6 p.m.

The Wolverines (46-14, 16-7) make all of the way to the College World Series last year, and they could be on their way back this year. Michigan’s 8-5 team ERA is tops in the Big Ten, and its .315 batting average ranks second. Led by power hitter Interviewer Brandon Shaw and Maggie Viefhaus, Michigan leads the conference with 74 home runs — or 12 more than Iowa.

The Wolverines enter the series riding a two-game winning streak after sweeping Minnesota last weekend. Although the Wolverines have taken three of the last four contests, Iowa head coach Gary Barta remains confident about the Big Ten champs continuing their winning streak.

“I feel like our team has played really well in the underdog role,” he said. “We’re looking forward to the challenge. Sure it’s a big challenge, but that’s why you play at this level!”

The weekend also marks the final home game for five Hawkeye seniors — Amanad Mitchell, Kari Byerly, Danielle Naumann, Amanda Wainscott and Kari Brown. For Byerly, her four years at Iowa fulfilled her aspiration of growing up as an Iowa kid; the Bunt Lake native said, “It’s truly an experience, and you get to compete against the best.”

The group of seniors has raked up numerous individual achievements, and they qualified for the NCAA regionals twice. Brown’s 20 career home runs are fifth in Iowa history, and Zoe’s 495 strikeouts and 36 walks rank seventh and eighth all-time.

Iowa has racked up four consecutive wins in the Big Ten this season, but the winless team has yet to reach the tournament.

Iowa senior Jenny Schickel’s号召 home during the Hawkeye’s game against Western Illinois on April 25. Schickel recorded two runs in the 8-0 win.

In the middle of things
Senior Zach Robertson has embraced a new role as middle reliever after spending most of his career as a starter.

By JORDAN GARRETTSON

Zach Robertson has been a starting pitcher for the baseball team for the past three years. But in his senior season at Iowa, the left-hander has carved out a new niche for himself as the Hawkeyes’ middle-relief stopper.

Robertson’s effectiveness coming out of the pen has been crucial in nearly all of the team’s weekend series. Head coach Chuck Long hoped that trend continues this weekend in Iowa’s (22-25, 8-10) three-game home set against Ohio State (25-19, 9-9).

Game 1 is slated for 6 p.m. today at Banks Field.

“Right now, I think he’s throwing the ball as well as any of the other pitchers we have. He’s been outstanding,” Dahn said.

Robertson doesn’t look anything like the pitcher he was as a junior year — a good thing for the Hawkeyes.

He arrived on campus after playing two years at Iowa Central Community College. His 2005 season — his first with Iowa — was completely different from his first two at Iowa Central, where he led the Tritons in strikeouts in his sophomore campaign.

During his first year in Iowa City, Robertson posted a 12.90 ERA, a team-worst among pitchers who saw significant time on the mound for the Hawkeyes.