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Greek alcohol incidents decrease

The greek community works to educate its members on alcohol use.

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Fewer University of Iowa greek-life students are being ticketed, but they are still twice as likely to receive a citation compared with non-greek students.

Roughly 17 percent of greek members — 12 percent of fraternity members and 5 percent of sorority members — were charged or arrested in the 2009-10 school year, according to a recent report by the Fraternity and Sorority Life Alcohol Task Force. That's compared to 5 percent of all undergraduate students.



Karnes
associate director

Still, the number of students in the greek community being ticketed has dropped since 2004-05 — down about 7 percent for fraternities and 2.5 for sororities.



Rigby
council president

Greek-life members say the decrease is a testament to several programs aimed specifically at reducing drinking citations in the past five years.

"It sets a positive example of what sorority members can do without resorting to alcohol," said senior marketing major Andrea Heisler, a sorority member.

Alpha Phi President Gayle Doud agreed, noting her chapter has decreased its arrest and citation rate to just 3 percent this year. In 2006-07, 11 percent of its members were charged.

The Fraternity and Sorority Life Alcohol Task Force — composed of 20 faculty, staff, and students — offered several recommendations, grouped into 16 priority areas, to further the decrease. Those include increasing education and awareness among students, bar owners, alumni, and UI officials; expanding alcohol-free events; and further limiting greek events with alcohol.

The report also recommended establishing graduated sanctions for chapters that don't show a decline in arrest and citation

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WILSON'S ORCHARD



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Pumpkin season opens

Layla Rouse scouts out the pumpkin patch at Wilson's Orchard on Tuesday. Though Wilson's is known for its 120 varieties of apples, it also has plenty of pumpkins. The weekend of Oct. 16 will be Pumpkin Fest at the orchard, featuring a treasure hunt, games, and homemade pumpkin pie for everyone to enjoy. By the end of the season, Wilson's hopes to sell around 5,000 pumpkins.

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21 VOTE

Police: Fights down

Officials say overall calls are down for fights and assaults downtown.

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This fall, it takes only a couple of Iowa City police officers to handle downtown.

That's a marked decrease from the last few years, when eight strategically placed officers were on the lookout for aggressive behavior. And they didn't have to look long to find it.

The number of violence-related arrests has stayed fairly constant, but authorities attributed that to increased availability of resources since the 21-ordinance went into effect this summer. Calls for service on the Pedestrian Mall have dropped.

"If you lower access to alcohol, your problems decrease," said Iowa City police Lt. Mike Brotherton.



Brotherton
lieutenant

Neighborhood-watch reports from July 1 — the day the ordinance went into effect — to Sept. 28 reveal overall calls for fights in progress and assaults downtown dropped roughly 59 percent from the same time period in 2008, according to documents obtained by *The Daily Iowan*.

Disorderly conduct arrests decreased from 120 in 2008 to 72 in 2009 and 66 in 2010.

Arrests for assault causing injury and simple assault experienced a minor increase from 2008 to 2010. But Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said now that there are fewer people downtown, officers can better focus on preventing altercations and citing those involved, rather than just breaking up fights.

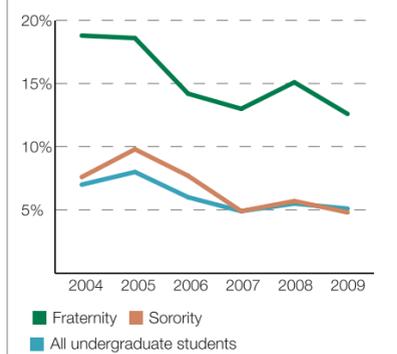
"If we're right there, we can stop it from happening," she said.

Mike Brotherton attributed this partly to limiting the influx of people from surrounding areas. With the atmosphere free from 19- and 20-year-olds in the

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Greek charges

The number of arrests and citations in the UI greek system has been declining.



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Faculty Council OKs peer review

The UI's post-tenure review policy hasn't been changed since the early 1990s.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**
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The University of Iowa Faculty Council approved provisions in the new post-tenure review policy, increasing the number of faculty members subject to peer review.



Wasserman
professor

While the changes have

been on the council's agenda since last spring, the members approved the motion during their meeting Tuesday.

"The general principle is a good one to maintain effectiveness," said psychology Professor Ed Wasserman, a member of the council.

Officials said they hope the new policy will create more consistency in the review process among the colleges, because they found too much variance in

how the different departments went about evaluations.

Now with a standardized five-year time span between peer reviews, administrators have the ability to catch problems among faculty earlier. Additionally, it enables faculty who receive negative reviews a chance to improve in time. Deans may also refrain from any swift decisions in possible terminations, council members said.

Deans and departmental

heads will be reviewed by the provost.

The old policy required only full professors to participate in peer reviews — a process that evaluates teaching performance, possible improvements, and determines merit salary increases, according to the review policy. Now, all tenured faculty, including associate professors, must undergo the reviews every five years.

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Spotlight Iowa City

Truly diving into this life

One UI junior is bringing his scuba diving experiences to fellow divers in Iowa.

By **MAGGIE CUNNINGHAM**
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At a young age, Jared Moon explored a colorful marine world hidden from most eyes.

And since age 18, the University of Iowa junior has been connecting people to that same world through scuba diving.

Moon, 20, the UI Scuba Club co-president, was first introduced to diving through his father's endeavors.

"I guess you could say I get my adventurous spirit from him," the Davenport native said.

Prior to a family cruise in the Caribbean Sea, Moon and his father, JD Moon, a dentist, received their first certification at Scuba Adventures QCA Inc. in Bettendorf when Jared Moon was 11.

"I always wanted to go scuba diving, and I knew I would probably have a better chance going on these trips if someone else in the family knew how to do it," JD Moon said.

Scott Jones, the Scuba Adventures owner, trained Jared Moon and his father throughout their diving careers. Jared Moon recently helped Jones in some check-out dives.

In June, Jones and other "scuba adventurers," including Jared Moon, his father, his 22-year-old sister Vanessa, and Erik, his 18-year-old brother, traveled to Honduras for a diving trip. The group explored a ship wreck and saw lion fish, dolphins, and lobsters.

Although Jared Moon's mother is not certified, she is not surprised by her son's interest in scuba diving. He has always been a natural in the water, she said.

"His need to explore different things and travel to different places [make him a great diver]," she said. "He is really not scared of trying anything new."

She attributes her son's energetic personality to her husband, who has also made skydiving a regular activity.



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UI Scuba Club Co-President Jared Moon walks in the Pentacrest on Tuesday. After beginning scuba diving at a young age, Moon now holds a Master Scuba Diver certification.

Jared Moon

- **Age:** 20
- **Hometown:** Davenport
- **Favorite band:** Wilco
- **Favorite diving spot:** Cozumel, Mexico
- **Other hobbies:** Tennis and Ultimate

Know someone we should shine a light on? E-mail us at: di-spotlight@uiowa.edu. Catch up with others from our series at dailyiowan.com/spotlight.

Jared Moon has continued to elevate his rank on the professional side, and the father-son duo still make diving trips together around the Caribbean.

"As a father, to be able to do something with your son that is not the average walk in the park is really quite enjoyable," JD Moon said.

Jared Moon is certified as a Divemaster, the first entry level of the professional side of scuba divers. He also possesses the highest level of recreational certification: Master Scuba Diver.

In the summer of 2009, the he found an internship on the Professional Association of Diving Instructors website



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Jared Moon (center) stands is pictured during a trip to the coast of Spain in the summer of 2009.

to further his rank as an assistant instructor while teaching the sport in Spain.

"I guess I was just looking for a cool summer job," he said.

While leading dives in Spain, he said he saw some amazing creatures — his favorite is the octopus.

"In Spain, they have tons of [octopi]," he said. "As a Divemaster, you have to find things to show everyone — that's how they tell you if you are good or not. So I would make it my job to try to find octopi."

More recently, Moon has worked with the UI Scuba Club, which certifies around 30 to 40 people each year. The club is open to community members as well as students, and it includes nearly 90 participants. The club was recently featured on the Big Ten Network for its uniqueness as a diving club in the Midwest.

"Our club is kind of weird because we are a scuba-diving club in Iowa," Moon said. "But our goal is to try to reach anyone we can through scuba diving."

Speaker stresses China's importance

Iowa's exports to China have grown by 722 percent over the last 10 years.

By **MAX FREUND**
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The United States is no longer lonely at the top.

As Henry Levine spoke to roughly 50 people in the basement of the Congregational Church Tuesday, he emphasized that point.

"We are living through a historic event," said Levine, a senior director for advisory firm Stonebridge International. "We are seeing a new power emerge in the world."

Levine spent years stationed in China as a Foreign Service officer, and he frequently gives talks on the complex subject of

U.S.-China relations. His speaking event on Tuesday was sponsored by the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council.

"China is not just another big country," he said. "I would make the argument that you can probably not name another single country that is as important on as many issues that America cares about as China."

Levine said China is becoming more bold. One reason may be that in 2012, many top leaders will need to step down as their terms end, and officials who are looking to move up in ranks do not want to "be seen as soft toward America."

Political-science Professor Wenfang Tang, who wasn't at the discussion, offered a different take on who is changing.

"You can look at the

situation differently," said Tang, who teaches Government and Politics of China. "These outgoing leaders are feeling less constrained, so they are bolder."

Regardless of reasons for the changing political climate, the importance of Chinese-U.S. relations was what drew many of the audience members to the talk.

"I like to keep abreast of what the thinking and overall viewpoints in the world are," said Iowa City resident Ann Wade, 79. "You have to keep an open mind and listen to what people are saying before you close it."

A large portion of Levine's talk centered on the pros and cons of trade with China.

According to a report compiled by the U.S.-China Business Council, exports from Iowa to China grew by

722 percent from 2000-2009, while exports from Iowa to the rest of the world jumped by 96 percent.

But the overall increase in Chinese imports by this country has caused some problems, Levine said.

"Some U.S. companies that have felt the pain from competition from China have had to close and have had to move their production to China," he said. "But I believe while that phenomenon is real, that the impact tends to get overstated."

Danielle Dahl, the executive director of the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council, said the topic is relevant to today's society.

"It is kind of a hot topic," she said. "If you can learn about the international world from people that work and live in it, it is one of my favorite things to do."

POLICE BLOTTER

Alexis Begrowicz, 18, McHenry, Ill., was charged Oct. 2 with PAULA. **Jeffrey Bosacki**, 19, 612 E. Court St. Apt. 4, was charged Oct. 1 with PAULA.

Francis Brisco, 23, Chicago, was charged Oct. 2 with possessing an open alcohol container in public. **James Brown**, 34, Marion, was charged Oct. 1 with possessing an open alcohol container in public.

Sandra Clasen, 20, 318 Ridgeland Ave. Apt. 11, was charged Oct. 1 with PAULA. **Ashley Daugherty**, 20, 318 Ridgeland Ave. Apt. 11, was charged Oct. 1 with PAULA.

Cole Ellis, 19, Coralville, was charged Oct. 2 with PAULA. **Michael Gavin**, 32, 10 Heather Drive, was charged Oct. 2 with

possessing an open alcohol container in public. **Daniel Gerjets**, 24, North Liberty, was charged Oct. 2 with public urination.

Bryan Johnson, 25, Davenport, was charged Oct. 2 with public urination. **Alexander Halsey**, 24, Moline, Ill., was charged Oct. 1 with possessing an open alcohol container in public.

Dale Handley, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Oct. 2 with public urination. **Andrew Hansen**, 29, Spirit Lake, Iowa, was charged Oct. 2 with possessing an open alcohol container in public.

Stephen Hayes, 27, 809 E. Davenport St., was charged Oct. 2 with public urination. **Joseph Henry**, 22, 221 Iowa Ave. Apt. 1936, was charged Oct. 2

with possessing an open alcohol container in public. **Maddison Hull**, 18, 3632 E. Court St., was charged Monday with interference with official acts.

Nicholas Kraska, 29, Des Moines, was charged Oct. 2 with public urination. **Elizabeth Krohe**, 21, 905 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1, was charged Oct. 1 with selling alcohol to a minor.

Kristopher Lancaster, 37, Peoria, Ill., was charged Oct. 1 with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. **Miwoo Lee**, 19, E210 Hillcrest, was charged Oct. 2 with PAULA.

Ryan Martin, 19, Tipton, was charged Oct. 2 with PAULA. **Ryan Osby**, 22, 1836 N. Dubuque St., was charged Oct. 2 with public

intoxication and disorderly conduct. **Matthew Petersen**, 19, De Witt, Iowa, was charged Oct. 2 with public intoxication and PAULA.

Benjamin Rathje, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Oct. 2 with PAULA. **Jason Selk**, 26, Grinnell, was charged Oct. 2 with public urination.

Jonathon Sjodergren, 18, Coralville, was charged Sept. 30 and Monday with fraudulent criminal acts with a credit card, interference with official acts, and possessing a fictitious driver's license.

Wesley Turner, 22, 2430 Muscatine Ave. Apt. 30, was charged Oct. 2 with possessing an open alcohol container in public. **Alex Willert**, 22, Bloomingdale, Ill., was charged Oct. 2 with public intoxication.

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Executive Council tweaks funding process

University of Iowa student organizations will now be required to complete an application in order to receive collaborative funding from the UI Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students. The council voted on the new measure at its Tuesday meeting.

A vote by the UI Student Government is still needed to complete the application's approval. The UI SG will vote at its next meeting in two weeks. The governments would then choose funded groups in December.

No previous level of funding will be taken into consideration, said Bill Nelson, the UI director of the Office of Student Life.

Approval is an opportunity for more UI groups to have access to the funds, he said. There are currently 13 collaboratively funded organizations at the UI. They include Student Legal Services, the Bijou, and Dance

Marathon. Currently, a student organization can get as much as \$100,000 from the fund.

— by Ariana Witt

Bank robberies may be connected

Iowa City police believe two US bank robberies in Coralville and Iowa City are connected.

Larry Pate, 42, 2105 Western Road, was charged Oct. 1 with second-degree robbery in the robbery of the US Bank branch at 506 10th Ave. in Coralville.

Pate reportedly entered the bank on Sept. 20, demanded money, then fled with the cash. Witnesses later reportedly identified Pate as the bank robber.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said investigators now believe he may have been involved with an earlier robbery at an Iowa City branch of US Bank at 1117 William St. on Sept. 8.

Brotherton said the case requires further investigation, and no charges have been filed.

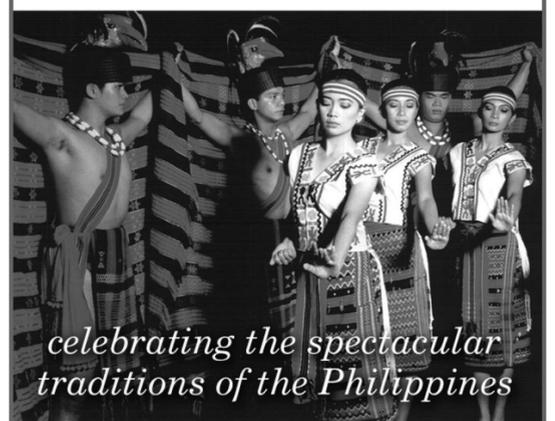
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bars, it seems Iowa City is no longer a party destination for out-of-town underage visitors, police said, noting that UI students rarely caused problems.

Iowa City police Sgt. Brian Krei, who works the late-night shift, has also noticed a difference.

"It's much slower for us now than it was last year," he said.

University of Iowa senior Leland Sims said he thinks any measures aimed at reducing violence are positive, but he remains skeptical about the effectiveness of the 21-ordinance in regards to violence.

The 21-year-old was attacked near the intersection of Governor Street and Iowa Avenue in the spring of 2009.

"I'm worried that there's a lot of potential for [reducing violence] not to happen, because I think there's room that there'd be a problem elsewhere," he said.

Sims said there is still the possibility of violence in neighborhoods, and he has recently witnessed large groups of possibly intoxicated people walking around residential areas



Paramedic Ben Caskey calls to the hospital describing a patient's head laceration on Sept. 5, 2009, around 1:30 a.m. The man was picked up near hotelVetro and said he was sucker-punched.

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Police calls

2008-10 calls for fights and assaults in College Green, Downtown, and Longfellow neighborhoods:

- 2008: 227 calls
- 2009: 163 calls
- 2010: 94 calls

Source: Iowa City police

early in the mornings, which could potentially cause problems.

Matt Pfaltzgraf, the coordinator of the anti-21 group Yes to Entertaining Students Safely, said he was not surprised that numbers decreased downtown.

"Now that people are in the house parties, fights occur all the time, but people are afraid to call the cops," he said.

21 Makes Sense spokesman Nick Westergaard said the numbers show that the 21-ordinance will be a key part of the foundation

for addressing violence.

But as the Nov. 2 vote approaches, the 21-ordinance and its possible effects on downtown may soon change.

Krei said he is worried public safety would take a step backwards if the ordinance is repealed, and the amount of violence may revert back to pre-ordinance levels.

"I don't see why it would change from before," Krei said.

REVIEW

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Though each faculty member undergoes an annual performance review by their respective college's dean and departmental head each year, peer review adds a different approach.

"It's the best intention to evaluate the performance of fellow colleagues," Wasserman said.

Readjusting the peer-review policy has been in discussion for the past five to six years; it hasn't been changed since the early 1990s, said Professor Edwin Dove, the Faculty Senate president.

The council feels it is an appropriate endeavor, Wasserman said.

Concerns arose during discussion that the policy was vague and the designed flexibility contradicted the policy's efforts to create consistency.

"At some point, we have to trust deans to make the right judgment," said UI history Professor Jeffrey Cox.

Faculty at other Iowa institutions are discussing similar policies.

Faculty peer review

The Faculty Council approved changes to the post-tenure review process at its Tuesday meeting:

- All full-tenured faculty members are subject to peer review.
- Peer reviews will be administered every five years.
- The policy has not been changed since the early 1990s.
- Talks to change the policy have gone on for five years.

Source: Faculty Council

Iowa State University is in the process of rewriting a similar review policy, and the University of Northern Iowa will negotiate with the state Board of Regents in February on policy terms.

The UI's revised policy will be brought to the deans by the executive council before it can receive final approval by the Faculty Senate.

"I am hopeful the deans will see it as an improvement," Dove said.

GREEKS

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rates, providing training for chapter judicial board officers on how to better hold peers accountable for legal troubles, and educating members through a poster campaign on the cost of legal trouble.

Though the task force focused on drinking, the arrest and citation rates also include non-alcohol-related offenses.

Greek officials will continue to work with already-implemented programs and hope the downward trend continues, said Kelly Jo Karnes, an associate director of the Office of Student Life and task force member.

And some efforts are already paying off, chapter members said.

Alpha Phi had some education about alcohol use during "College Week,"

Greek tickets

Fraternities:

- 2006-07: 14.2 percent
- 2009-10: 12.6 percent

Sororities:

- 2006-07: 7.7 percent
- 2009-10: 4.8 percent

Source: Alcohol Task Force report

with an Iowa City police officer, Doud said.

And some organizations have internal programs that help curb drinking, such as the father pledge program at Beta Theta Pi.

"Older, active members team up with younger new members, and keep tabs on what they're doing," said President Kevin Lindenberg. "The fraternity holds every member accountable for his actions."

Greek chapters also must sponsor two alcohol-free events each semester.

In the task-force report, committee members recom-

mend incentives for hosting more sober functions as well as rewards for chapters that remain ticket-free or decrease their citation rate.

Interfraternity Council President Mark Rigby said he thinks the numbers should continue going down as people realize their behavior could result in citations.

Nationwide, greek members have consistently demonstrated higher drinking rates than their peers.

A 2009 study published in the *Journal of Behavioral Medicine* showed greek members drank more alcohol on a typical drinking day and binge drank more frequently in the past month than a non-greek students. Students overall reported binge drinking four to five times within 30 days, whereas greek members reported binge drinking on almost seven days.

The task force will issue another report at the end of this semester.

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Editorial

Should Iowa continue to hold judicial retention elections?

Yes

No one wants our judges to be political animals; we want them to be impartial interpreters of the law. That is why, at the federal level, the electorate has no direct say in who sits on federal and Supreme Court benches.

Still, Iowa's retention system is a good one, and it can still serve its original purpose.

The point of the retention system is for the public to place a check on the individuals interpreting Iowa's laws, not as a referendum on the justices' political views. The goal of the system is to remove justices who are incompetent or corrupt, such as judges who are writing shoddy opinions or showing a pronounced bias against an individual or group.

Federal judges have a much stricter screening process before being approved than do state judges. In addition, federal judges usually have a wider résumé for lawmakers to inspect; justices on the state level usually have presided over a narrower variety of cases and for a shorter period of time.

Without the retention system, a judge with serious, unknown problems could be appointed, then be difficult to remove. The only reason the system is being questioned is because people such as Bob Vander Plaats are corrupting the retention vote to advance their anti-gay-marriage agenda.

Vander Plaats and other voters are incensed the court made a decision they disagree with — not because of any real objection to the way the decision was made.

One reason we consider independence to be important in our judiciary is so the rights of a minority are not washed away by public opinion's fickle tide. It is not an issue with the system but a group of Iowans that is threatening that independence.

— by Will Mattessich

No

With Nov. 2 only a few weeks away, the retention election for three Supreme Court justices is gaining more and more attention.

In Iowa, Supreme Court justices are nominated by the governor and confirmed by the Senate. Justices then serve a term until the next election cycle, when a retention election takes place. If retained, the justice goes on to serve an eight-year term.

But why bother going through this long process? If the public ultimately decides the justices' fates, why not let the public vote from the beginning?

Some argue the public is uninterested in the appointment and retention of Iowa Supreme Court justices. So what is the solution to this widespread voter apathy?

Iowa should adopt the same selection process as the federal government.

With this system, justices serve for life, so there aren't retention elections. The system also prevents a justice from being removed from office because of one issue or vote.

That could happen in November, with some Iowans' desire to remove the three justices because of last year's unanimous same-sex-marriage ruling. (A recent *Des Moines Register* poll found 44 percent support retaining all three justices up for a vote, while 40 percent of Iowans said they would remove the triumvirate.)

With longer tenure comes increased expertise, skill, and respect — all which, in the long run, the public should expect out of those who interpret the law.

— by Emily Inman

Your turn. Should Iowa continue to hold judiciary-retention elections? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

Make it better

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Seth Walsh looks at the camera, a hint of an impish smile in his eyes. One hand pinches a bit of hair at his temple, and his smile is just quirky enough to give him dimples. He's 13 years old and playing with a webcam. In another photo, he wears an askew tiara.

Over the photos, a family member's message plays in brightly colored font: Seth will be better soon. Seth was happy being himself. Never bully anyone.

Despite the YouTube video, Seth never ran around again. His Sept. 19 suicide attempt proved fatal after 10 days on life support. Seth's suicide was the third; by the end of last month, there were eight teenage boys dead after homophobic bullying.

Asher Brown shot himself in the head with his stepfather's gun the day he told his parents he was gay. Tyler Clementi's college roommate videotaped him with another man and posted the footage on the Internet; Tyler's body was retrieved from the Hudson River 10 days later. Billy Lucas' family found him hanging in their barn after being suspended from school. He cursed out classmates who were harassing him, and they told him to kill himself.

When every day is another run through the gauntlet, when boys wake up wondering if this is the day the harassment will turn physical, life is an exercise in barely holding on.

And so sex columnist Dan Savage founded the It Gets Better Project after Lucas' suicide on Sept. 9. Savage and his husband created a YouTube video encouraging gay teens to continue living, because, in their experience, it all gets better after high school; the campaign now consists of hundreds of videos from queer adults encouraging youth to find help and stay alive.

Some of these videos connect kids to a help line, and some offer practical solutions for youth. Many, like

Savage's, simply promise queer children that their suffering will inevitably give way to glorious freedom.

But no matter how much we would like to delude ourselves into thinking the adult world is above such childish ways of making people miserable, Savage is wrong. It doesn't always get better — especially for transgender kids, especially for queer people of color, and especially for gay teens who lack the money to go to college or move to some gay-friendly metropolis.

Here's the truth: This is not about what our queer children are doing to themselves, what they identify as, or whether they stay alive one more day. It is about what our society does to our queer children. And all the quiet patience in the world will not solve that problem fast enough to save my queer siblings who are suffering.

The world doesn't get better for our 13- and 14-year-olds unless we make it better — by rejecting every policy, every speech, and every bit of harassment that tells gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people they are simply worth less.

The world doesn't get better for gay and trans kids until we give them an option besides being shamed into the closet or homeless on the street. Not until we realize that poverty, racism, and mental illness are gay issues and that these are the real brutal consequences that make coming out an impossible option.

You gotta give 'em hope, yes. But a real hope, a true hope — and love to go along with it.

Tonight, the University of Iowa Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allied Union will hold a candlelight vigil for Seth, Asher, Tyler, Billy, Raymond, Cody, Harrison, and Caleb on the east side of the Pentacrest at 8:30. Bring a mug to serve as a candleholder.

But don't let your sorrow stop there.

Beginning right now, strive to make the world better for queer kids. Our youth have not let down our society; it is our society that has betrayed our youth. ■

Letters

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Vote to rescind 21-only

Ah, the 21-ordinance. Like most issues in society, there is a pro and a con, a yes and a no, and a this or a that to the madness.

More recently, though, I have been stuck in the middle — do I lean more yes or more no?

I understand the complaints of residents about the overconsumption of alcohol by obviously inexperienced students. But while I wish my drunk neighbor would keep quietly to herself rather than create a scene in the apartment hallway, I can't help but think, "Kids are going to do what they want to do, whether you like it or not." I don't like being woken up at 2 a.m., but there isn't much I can do to stop it.

While some students went to the bars to drink it up and get

"silly," I went to dance off all the stressors I experienced over the week with teachers, assignments, and friends. I went to the bars to witness my brother turn 21 and be the photographer of the night — to be included. I went to the bars to see various musicians, some of whom I had interviewed hours before at KRUI.

But this year, those experiences have been slim to none. This year I haven't danced my anger, stress, or annoyances away. This year I won't be able to celebrate my brother's 22nd birthday with his friends. This year I haven't been able to hang out after a concert without constantly watching the time.

The way I see it, overconsumption of alcohol is a country-wide problem. Until a universal solution is made, I'm going to

vote "yes" to 19 — so I can keep on dancin' my troubles away.

Caitlin Fry
UI sophomore

Nite Ride needs some work

The University of Iowa attempts to provide safety for female students with a free service called Nite Ride. A 2007 news release announcing the program stated that after calling the van driver's cell phone, the driver will "inform the caller of his or her current location and the estimated time of arrival at the designated pickup point."

This was not the case when I and a few friends called this service during the first month of school.

The first night I called, the man who answered the phone spoke in

an aggravated tone and told me the van only picked passengers up at the intersection of Washington and Clinton Streets. After we walked to the destination, we placed another call to see when the van would arrive and got the response, "A van just left." After an hour of wasted time, we decided to walk home. We were continually harassed by drunk men.

The following weekend I called again and asked when the next van would arrive at the corner. The person who answered my call replied, "Not for a while," and hung up. After two failed attempts, I decided to give up, and I have walked home at night instead.

Nite Ride has great potential, but it could use some major adjustments.

Haley Hopkins
UI freshman

Guest opinion

The importance of reproductive health information

By CHRISTIE VILSACK

Sixty years ago, a 23-year-old woman gave up her secretarial job and entered a home for unwed mothers in Pittsburgh. She gave birth to my husband and then left him in the care of nuns at the Catholic orphanage. Four months later, he was adopted by Bud and Dolly Vilsack. The way they described it to him, they chose him as they might a holiday turkey — the plumpest baby — and took him home to join his older sister, Alice.

When I met my husband as a college freshman 42 years ago, he told me he was adopted. Maybe because we were 17 when we met, we always assumed that his birth mother was

our age when she discovered she was pregnant in 1950. Sometimes, we imagined where she might be. We assumed she had probably married and borne other children, but Tom never went looking for her.

During a presidential campaign announcement tour in 2006, we stopped in Pittsburgh. A few weeks after his name and picture appeared on the news there, he received a letter from the nuns who had cared for him before his adoption.

They said they had information he might want about the circumstances of his birth. They couldn't reveal the name of his birth mother because she had never given them permission — and Pennsylvania

law did not allow it — but they were willing to give him other information.

His political advisers suggested he get the information. The letter arrived near his birthday. He learned that his birth mother assumed the name Gloria when she entered the home for unwed mothers. She was the oldest of five children in a Catholic family with an Irish or Scottish surname. And she was 23 years old. Considering our assumptions that she was a teenager, this news was shocking.

Did she think about keeping him, Tom wondered? Marriage must not have been an option. Could her own family afford for her to move home with a

child? Did they consider their oldest daughter a bad influence on the other children? Could she afford to raise him on her own? We'll never know. If she's still living, she is now 84 years old.

Finding Gloria coincided with a new job for me as executive director of the Iowa Initiative to Reduce Unintended Pregnancies, a five-year, privately funded research program dedicated to creating a national model for how states, localities, and the federal government can invest in family planning for adult women aged 18 to 30.

When I held a press conference in January 2008 to announce the goals of the organization and my association with it, I mentioned

Gloria's story and said she would motivate me every day as I travel the state educating people and leading discussions.

Rather flippantly, a reporter asked me, "Well, your husband turned out all right, didn't he?"

"Yes, he did," I said. "But how did his birth mother turn out?"

It was 1950. She had to quit her job and enter a home for unwed mothers. She had to give up her financial security. Did she further her education? Did she marry? Did she have other children? Is she surrounded by grandchildren who love her? How was her life changed by the decisions she made?

We can't know for sure,

but the stories women have told me over the past few years have given me some insight. Knowing my husband and what he's accomplished, I think Gloria must have been an intelligent woman with a great deal of potential.

It is important to make sure every woman has the chance to reach her potential by ensuring she has the information to make informed reproductive health decisions. With that knowledge and access to the most effective birth-control methods, she can control her own fertility and plan her future.

Christie Vilsack is executive director of the Iowa Initiative to Reduce Unintended Pregnancies.

CD REVIEW



PUBLICITY PHOTO

The Avett Brothers' latest CD is the third installment of the folk-rock band's series of CDs and DVDs that capture the group's onstage persona.

Avett Brothers live and passionate

By ERIC HAWKINSON
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Some bands are great on record but the polar opposite in concert. I thought the folk band the Avett Brothers was one of those bands, but upon listening to its new live album, I soon realized I was wrong. The CD records the Avett Brothers' performance in Charlotte, N.C., and is the group's third live album. The volume negates any doubt about whether they can wow an audience.



The Avett Brothers
Live, Volume 3
★★★★½ out of ★★★★★

The Avett Brothers — Seth Avett, Scott Avett, and bassist Bob Crawford — have progressed throughout the 2000s into a hybrid of bluegrass, folk, rock 'n' roll, and punk. The band is recognizable by its vocal harmonies, thoughtful lyrics, and, of course, the Southern twang from Scott Avett's banjo.

The recording begins with a song called "Pretty Girl from Matthews," and right away, one can feel the energy the two brothers create in their music. The crowd's passionate yells provide background noise behind the harmonies of the Avetts' voices and instrumentation. The next track, "Talk on Indolence," carries over the energy from the first song and the crowd continues to go berserk. Performing in their home state, North Carolina, it's apparent the performers have a mutual love for the fans.

"I'm so happy right now I can barely stand it," said Seth Avett during one of the tracks. You hear the fans erupt with screams, and, as a listener, their excitement for the vocalist makes you wish you were right there with them.

Listening to a live album requires listeners to be creative with what they hear and paint their own pictures of what they see. While I sat through the CD, I could feel the energy the members pour into the performance. Both brothers seem to sing with abandon, sometimes sounding hoarse throughout the song. There is a definite difference between hearing these songs live and hearing them on the studio recording. Some people won't listen to live albums because they don't like the imperfection they hear in the tracks. I believe, however, that a live track is most revealing to the passion behind the

band's music. The two brothers have passion.

The show continues with some of the band's honky-tonk ballads such as "I Killed Sally's Lover," "Paranoia in B Flat Major," and "Distraction No. 74." The raw liveliness of the CD is apparent in these, without compromise in the music. The Avett Brothers exhibits its Southern roots in these songs by traditional call-and-response lyrics with simple meanings and bluesy riffs on both guitar and banjo.

Amid the fast-paced songs, the brothers alter their emotions with slower, more reflective

songs that articulate the members' feelings with simple, heartfelt lyrics. Songs such as "Murder in the City," "Ballad of Love and Hate," and The Avett Brothers' single "I and Love and You" all have a different but still strong effects on the listener.

You can really tell each of the band members completely feel the music they play, and that feeling is contagious. They aren't perfect in their playing, but that's what gives character to this album. It's a concert that we all missed, but this CD is the closest thing to the experience.

MEDIUM

Blowing up children not so bad after all

The controversial global-warming video banned last week deserves time on our TVs.



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An explosion of thick red globs splatter across the classroom as two children blow up, leaving their schoolmates gaping in horror at the remnants of their friends. The teacher smiles. The commercial ends.

Last week, the global-warming campaign 10:10's short video about decreasing carbon emissions created an explosion in the media.

The first couple minutes of the commercial include a bespectacled and kind-looking British teacher talking to a room of uniformed students about global warming, encouraging them to reduce their carbon emissions. She asks the children to raise their hands if they will be more carbon-conscious, and all but two of them do so. The school bell rings, and the teacher tells the children to wait. She proceeds to press a large button, and kaboom! All that's left of the children who oppose the initiative are their bloodied clothes and random innards in a pile on their desks.

Yes. Finally a global-warming commercial that actually

leaves an impression on the audience. This is the type of advertising that will make people aware of environmental issues and put a flame under their butts, forcing them to form an opinion and get involved.

No one would argue that the 10:10 commercial provokes thought on the way the media explains and promotes a more environmentally friendly lifestyle. Isn't that the point of the advertisement? The more talk about global-warming issues, the better.

Started in the United Kingdom, 10:10 is an international campaign that aims to cut carbon emissions by 10 percent each year, beginning in 2010.

As a response to unsettling reactions from people who watched the video, the director of 10:10 UK, Eugenie Harvey, posted a statement from the group on its website on Oct. 4 explaining the meaning of the video and apologizing for any negative effects it may have caused. Harvey said the short film was meant to be comical, and the group quickly took down the video as soon as it received disapproving reactions from viewers.

Albeit negative, the advertisement brought attention to the global-warming-prevention movement, making headlines on the daily news and sparking

hate mail from environmentally ignorant people across the globe.

This commercial shouldn't be banned from television, nor should it be taken off of 10:10's website. It does what it is supposed to do — it provokes a response from viewers and sparks the discussion of carbon emissions.

Global warming is an issue that needs attention, whether good or bad. The more people talk about it, the more real it will seem and the more likely people will be to join the movement.

"I think it's great that [the commercial] is promoting sustainability," said UI sophomore Laura Blunk. "I got the message, but I feel like there is a different, better way of conveying it."

She said a video similar to the "go green" advertisements in the United States would have done the trick. I disagree.

While many U.S. commercials feature ways to conserve energy and live in a more eco-friendly way, do they actually change viewers' opinions on global warming? I don't know. But what I do know is that the 10:10 advertisement makes people think, and if seeing something shocking is the way to get more involvement in environmental issues, maybe that's what the world needs.



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You know you're a runner if...

- You chafe in places you didn't know you could chafe.
 - You put Band-Aids on your nipples, and other places they really aren't meant for. (Boys, here's an idea to prevent nipple chafing: Try a bra. I won't judge.)
 - Underwear? Nah, it's already built into your short shorts.
 - You buy diabetic needles to pop unbearable blisters and dream of the day you have more toes than blisters.
 - Your feet could cure any person's foot fetish.
 - You go to get a pedicure and feel bad for the poor person who has to touch your feet. It's not your fault the bottom of your feet look like Fred Flintstone's. Yabba-dabba gross. Those feet won't make anybody's bed rock.
 - You use your car's odometer to see how far you ran. (And you do this so often you have resorted to wearing disguises so you're neighbors don't think you're crazy.)
 - You deny the cutie in your class a dinner date, responding with "Sorry, I can't. I have to run."
 - Getting hit by a sprinkler or child with a squirt gun while running makes your run complete.
 - You dream of being able to keep up with Kenyans, and your arch nemesis is "Kenya Catch Me."
 - You buy new shoes every two to three months. It's completely normal that you have the shoe salesman's cell-phone number.
- Carly Correll says "Sorry, gotta go. I have to run."

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Joe Vedeo of Rushton Sheet Metal crimps the end of the metal panels that cover the sides of the Blank Honors Center on Monday. The renovation should be complete in a couple of weeks.

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PRESENTS...

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- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Don't limit what you can do or let anyone else prohibit you from moving forward with your plans. A little aggression will be needed regarding a partnership, but when dealing with peers and colleagues, approach whomever you disagree with cautiously.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Don't let the changes going on around you create uncertainty or fear. If you become too focused on what might happen, you are apt to make mistakes. Concentrate on doing the best job possible and getting along with everyone.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Attend functions that can help you connect with people in your industry or who are working in an area you'd like to get into. Opportunities are available, but you do have to go after what you want. Children or older relatives will play an important role.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Don't let questions unnerve you. You have to do whatever it takes to relieve personal stress. Taking refuge in familiar territory may comfort you, but it won't solve the problem. Stop hiding.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Don't let someone else's uncertainty cause you to question what you are doing. You have the answers, so stick to your plan. A problem at home may confuse you.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Partners, finances, legalities, and contracts must all be dealt with carefully. Unexpected changes are likely to surface and may leave you in a vulnerable position. Your practicality and good sense will help you make the right choice.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You'll be affected by changes over which you have no control. Take a practical position, and don't allow anyone to push you in a direction you don't feel is in your best interest. An older, more experienced individual may be able to shed some light on your situation.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You'll be tempted to let your heart rule your head. You can be as passionate as you like as long as it doesn't lead to a financial loss or debt. Gambling and taking a risk are off-limits.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Set your sights on the things you can accomplish, and ignore any temptation to follow what someone else is doing. Emotional upset because of unexpected changes will cause you to make a mistake. Rethink your strategy.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Originality will count when it comes to impressing others, so don't be afraid to be different. Getting closer to someone with whom you have a lot in common will help you move in the right direction personally and professionally.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Stick to your plan, and offer what you feel is fair. Handling legal or financial matters will bring good results. Contracts, agreements, negotiations, and legal settlements can all be resolved as long as you stick to the truth.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Home, family, love, marriage, contracts, and fixing up your home should all be part of your plans. The more at ease you feel about where you live and the less stress you have hanging over your head, the better.

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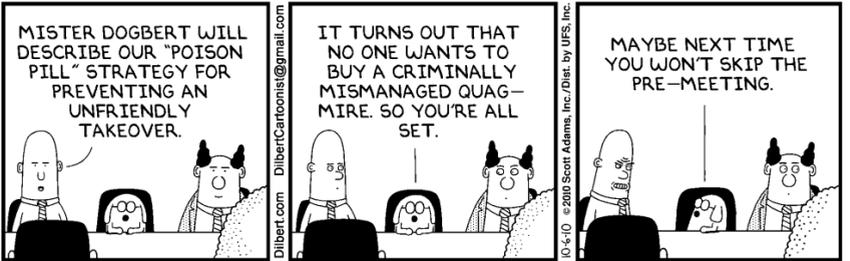
UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 4 p.m. President Obama speaks on health care in the Field House, March 25
- 4:30 Iowa Economic Impact Study, news conference on economic effect of the UI on the state economy, Sept. 23
- 6 UI Symphony Orchestra Concert, March 31, Rouse, Houhness, Copland, Schickele
- 7 Iowa City Book Festival 2010, featuring Jim Galvin
- 8 *Ere Ibeji: Twin Figures from the Collection of J. Richard Simon*, Christopher Roy, curator, Sept. 16, UI Museum of Art
- 9 President Obama speaks on health care in the Field House, March 25
- 9:30 Daily Iowan TV News
- 9:45 The Reel Life, students review movies, Student Video Productions
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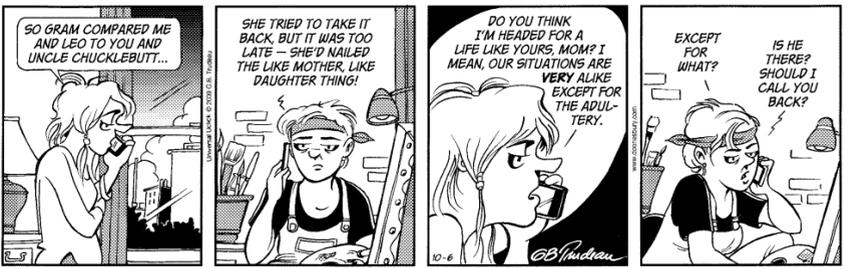
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today's events

- **Dance Marathon Z'Mariks Community Day**, all day, Z'Mariks, 19 S. Dubuque
- **Tot Time**, 9 a.m., Scanlon Gymnasium, 2701 Bradford
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Ethics Grand Rounds, "Through Students' Eyes: Engaging the Ethical Issues Encountered by Third-Year Medical Students during Pediatrics and Internal Medicine Clerkships,"** noon, E331 UIHC General Hospital
- **Technological Entrepreneurial Certificate Advising**, noon-2 p.m., 3123A Seamans Center
- **Brown Bag Lunch with Transfer and Nontraditional Students**, 12:30 p.m., 3124 Seamans Center
- **One Community, One Book Discussion, Gardens of Water**, by Alan Drew, 2 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Visiting Nurses Association Flu Shot Clinic**, 3 p.m., Willowwind School, 950 Dover
- **Visiting Nurses Association Flu Shot Clinic**, 3:15 p.m., Lincoln Elementary, 300 Teeters Court
- **Visiting Nurses Association Flu Shot Clinic**, 3:15 p.m., Southeast Junior High, 2501 Bradford
- **South Asian Studies Program Fall 2010 Seminar Series, "HIV/AIDS in India: Realities and Challenges,"** Nupur Barua, 4:30 p.m., W128 Chemistry Building
- **Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Chauncy Swan parking ramp
- **Fab Abs Pilates Style Class**, 5:30 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation

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- Center, 220 S. Gilbert
- **Welcome Home Wednesdays**, 5:45 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
 - **Life in Iowa: Wii and Casino Night, Office of International Students and Scholars**, 6 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
 - **PJ Story Time**, 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
 - **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn St.
 - **Rainbow Reading Group**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
 - **Screenprinting and Embroidery**, 7 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
 - **Waking Sleeping Beauty**, 7 p.m., Bijou
 - **Israeli Film Series, Free Zone**, 7 p.m., Hillel, 122 E. Market
 - **International Writing Program Cinémathèque, Green Tea**, 8 p.m., E105 Adler
 - **Joan Baez**, 8 p.m., Englert, 221 E. Washington
 - **"The Practice of the Wild: A Conversation with Gary Snyder and Jim Harrison,"** 8 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room
 - **Trampled by Turtles**, 8 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
 - **Breathe Owl Breathe**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
 - **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Big Ten Inn, 707 First Ave., Coralville
 - **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., DC's, 245 Beaver Kreek Center, North Liberty
 - **Kisses**, 9 p.m., Bijou
 - **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0901

- Across**
- 1 Lost-and-found containers
 - 5 It has ringers on its team
 - 9 Brown shade
 - 14 "Got it"
 - 15 Sauce brand
 - 16 Subway station sight
 - 17 Like a sunken treasure?
 - 20 Third of December?
 - 21 Grp. with the platinum record "A New World Record"
 - 22 Systems of principles
 - 23 Ice cream flavor, briefly
 - 26 Secretary on "The Office"
 - 28 High place near Aberdeen?
 - 34 One in custody
 - 35 Breakfast cupful
 - 36 Like most bathrooms
 - 37 Spanish bear
 - 38 "The Wizard of Oz" weather event
 - 41 Eastern V.I.P.
 - 42 "Amazing!"
 - 44 One fawning
 - 45 Gift tag word
 - 46 Restraints for writer Flagg?
 - 50 James who sang "A Sunday Kind of Love"
 - 51 Like some textbooks
 - 52 Complain
 - 55 Grecian art object
 - 57 Creepy
 - 61 Cooking instruction hinting at this puzzle's theme?
 - 65 Thingy
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Puzzle by Michael Torch

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Chuck Pieritz, 23, is one of many hopefuls. The former junior-college wrestler, knows that in order to get to heaven, he must first train in hell: enter Miletich's stuffy war room. Padded with mats on the floor and walls and decorated with fighting icons of the past, pain and sweat define the overheated room.

He started his training program — Miletich Fighting Systems — in 1997, operating out of his hometown. It has since become a training mecca for MMA. Miletich has since raised 14 world champions and more than 90 fighters who have graced pay-per-view events.

Miletich — who boasts an illustrious career that includes a Ultimate Fighting Championship title — sees wannabe fighters flock in and out of his program.

Meanwhile, boxing has all but been reduced to nothing. "What boxing scene?" said Adam Pollack, who owns the ICOR Boxing Club at Fit2Live Gym, 123 Highway 1 W. "It's very small. There are clubs in every major city in Iowa, but they're small."

While boxers struggle to find in-state opponents, anyone who thinks he or she has what it takes can receive instruction from Miletich for \$79 a month. But only around one in 10 can withstand the mentally and physically obliterating beating incurred while running Miletich's gauntlet.

"You get a lot of kids who are either college grads or high-school grads who say, 'I want to be a fighter,'" said Miletich, a former lightweight and welterweight Ultimate Fighting champion said. "We weed them out pretty quickly."

Miletich — who coached top-notch Ultimate Fighting fighters such as Matt Hughes, Tim Sylvia, and Jens Pulver to prominence — said he can usually spot the fighters with a future after one night on the mat.

Though Miletich's gym is one of the most sought-after for aspiring fighters, it's not unique.

Since Ultimate Fighting Championship 1 — which aired Nov. 12, 1993 — mixed martial arts has exploded. Ultimate Fighting and other mixed-martial-arts organizations create a billion-dollar market, replacing boxing as the most popular fighting sport.

Mixed martial arts' saturation and boxing's failure is highlighted in Iowa.

A dying breed

The few still involved in the boxing profession painstakingly search for answers to its decline. Once called the "sweet science," the sport has suffered in Iowa so much, it's hardly possible to make money as a boxer, said 8-0 professional boxer



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Junior Hernandez (right) spars with Chuck Pieritz during mixed-marital-arts practice at the Milltech Training Center in Bettendorf on Sept. 27. Miletich Training Systems began in 1997 and has an extensive program for training fighters.

Emily Klinefelter, an Iowa City native.

"Most of my fights have been out of state," she said.

Klinefelter said the only two professional female fighters in the state are she and sister Katy Klinefelter. Both face difficulties when searching for new opponents or when looking for sparring partners.

Emily Klinefelter said she has increased her fighting weight and spent a large amount of money to attract opponents for bouts.

"As an amateur, I was actually losing money," the Iowa City native said. "A lot of times, it comes out of your own pocket ... even if you're driving, it's probably \$500 a tournament, and if you have to fly, it's \$1,000."

Pollack, who trains both Klinefelters, can only speculate why boxers struggle to make ends meet while mixed martial arts grows exponentially.

"There are no [boxing] shows in Iowa except for the ones I'm doing," he said. "If you look at the history, there have been fewer and fewer boxing shows in Iowa every year."

He believes boxing's lack of media coverage in the state is detrimental for the sport. More than that, a recent increase in regulation also hurts.

"[State officials] have gone to such great lengths to regulate it to death that for a lot of promoters, it's not even economical to do it anymore," he said.

The Association of Boxing Commissions mandates rigorous pre-fight protocol to ensure a boxer's ability to compete safely. Though regulations differ by state, drug tests are mandatory, and boxers must pass anywhere from a basic to extensive physical and sometimes submit to MRI and blood tests.

Other reasons may also be blameworthy for boxing's fall from sports fans' attention.

"Boxing has kind of sunk its own ship," Miletich said. "A lot of the boxers nowadays fight safe. They try to outpoint each other instead of getting after it and winning the fight outright."

ROBINSON

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He's run for a national-best 905 yards — a mark that already ranks as the third-best single-season performance by a quarterback in Big Ten history. Former Indiana quarterback Antwaan Randle El holds the record with a 1,270 rushing yards in 2000.

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said during Tuesday's Big Ten teleconference that he hasn't watched much tape of Robinson this season, but he compared his skills to Randle El. The Iowa head coach joked that if the Hawkeyes had someone who could emulate Robinson, he'd probably be playing, and when asked if he had someone on the scout

team that could simulate the Michigan signal caller, Ferentz said, "I doubt there's anyone in the Midwest or maybe the country." Robinson will face perhaps his most difficult defensive test Saturday, when the Wolverines host Michigan State and All-American linebacker Greg Jones.

"They're very athletic. They've got experience at every position," Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez said. "They're as good, if not better, as anyone we've faced thus far."

Dantonio plans to return Saturday

Michigan State head coach Mark Dantonio said he plans to return to coaching Saturday when the Spartans travel to Ann Arbor, Mich., to face the Wolverines.

Dantonio won't be on the sidelines quite yet, but he



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Emily Klinefelter demonstrates some boxing techniques at Fit 2 Live on Monday, Oct. 4, 2010.

Plus, there's so much going on in mixed martial arts. When you look at our society now, everybody wants instant gratification. "In mixed martial arts, the end can come that quickly."

The mixed martial arts culture

Smaller gyms, such as Valhalla Fight Club of Cedar Rapids, harbor a stable of professional and amateur fighters who train with each other and work to hone devastating strikes and master artful submission holds.

Valhalla, which opened in 2008, lacks the big names and \$250,000 weight room that makes Miletich's gym Iowa's mixed martial arts hotspot, but there is no shortage of professional fighters. Team Hard Drive, a group of fighters that trains at Valhalla, currently boasts 25.

The gym is stocked with secondhand, rust-laden fridges, white walls with peeling paint and donated lockers. Despite lacking state-of-the-art facilities, the gym's fighters spend almost every waking hour together.

"[Mixed martial arts] is so team-dependent," said Damien Papagni, a 33-year-old professional fighter who oversees Team Hard Drive. "If you're better than somebody, it's your duty to help him get better through instruction."

The fighters go through extreme lengths to ensure teammates with upcoming bouts are Zprepared.

"Two weeks out from your fight ... it's called 'Hell Week,'" Papagni said. "It's three or four

will coach the team from the press box.

"As long as I don't have a setback, I think that's where I'll be," said Dantonio, who suffered a heart attack in the early hours of the day after the team's Sept. 18 victory over Notre Dame.

Dantonio intended to return last week against Wisconsin, but a blood clot in his leg forced him to return to the hospital. No. 17 Michigan State (5-0) defeated the Badgers, 34-24, on Oct. 2 without its head coach.

While he wasn't able to be there, Dantonio still understood the importance of the victory — his squad is 5-0 for the first time since 1999.

"Probably the most satisfying moment I've had as a head football coach and one of the biggest wins, even though I was not there," he said.

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V-ball faces must-win match

The Iowa volleyball team needs a win tonight to avoid a 1-4 start in conference play.

By **IAN MARTIN**
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There's no other way to put it: Iowa needs to beat Minnesota.

As a volleyball team in distress after losing six out of its last seven games, the squad faces one of the Big Ten's best tonight in the No. 16 Golden Gophers (13-3, 3-1).

With the Hawkeyes (6-7, 1-3) still believing they have a shot at an NCAA Tournament bid — a feat that requires a .500 record or above — tonight's match is the most important so far this season.

"It would help us so much," freshman setter Nikki Dailey said. "It would give us hope back because we're struggling right now ... it would make the journey [to the NCAA Tournament] a lot easier."

Aside from a win that would send a statement to the volleyball community, the team knows that an upset against one of Iowa's

main rivals could heal the recent wounds in conference play.

Head coach Sharon Dingman emphasized that her motivation for getting a victory this evening was for internal reasons — not for the purpose of making a declaration to the NCAA selection committee.

"I'm thinking more about what it would do for our team," she said. "Not just beating a ranked team but getting another win in the Big Ten."

Playing in what is widely considered the country's top volleyball conference, the Hawkeyes will need to start picking up wins against good teams as well as mediocre ones. There are simply not enough mid-level squads to pick on.

As one of the perennial bottom-feeders in the Big Ten, defeating a ranked conference foe would serve notice to Iowa's competitors that the

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team shouldn't be written off.

"We could really show the Big Ten that we're done with being pushed around," sophomore Allison Straumann said. "We want to make a name for ourselves, and anybody is capable of beating anybody in the Big Ten."

Tactically, the Hawkeyes will get to play the type of defense the team prefers against Minnesota. This season, Iowa has done better — at least in the last few games — when opposing offenses employ numerous outside hitters as opposed to one dominant player. Iowa's one win in its last seven games

came against Indiana, a team that relies on more than one player to generate points.

And the Golden Gophers fall right into that category with Ashley Whitman and Tabitha Love.

Both underclassmen, Love and Whitman have 223 and 202 kills, respectively, this year. With that in mind, the Hawkeyes will need to dig well and rely on the backcourt to get the team back into system.

If libero Bethany Yeager can play well in her role as a defensive specialist — along with the rest of the backline — then that's probably everything the Hawkeyes can do within their power to try to pull off the upset.

"Our backcourt defense is really something we've been able to count on," Dingman said. "Just being disciplined with our block setup [is important]. We'll do what we can."

INTRAMURALS

Cat-quick victory

The Dynamic Cheetahs converted a two-point conversion with 59 seconds left to beat the Dirty Oars, 21-20.

By **RYAN MURPHY**
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In a game marked by big plays, one that gained only 10 yards made all the difference.

Quarterback Mike Sowa found Tim Dinolfo in the front of the end zone for a two-point conversion that gave the Dynamic Cheetahs a 21-20 win over the Dirty Oars Tuesday at the Hawkeye Recreation Fields.

Sowa threw the ball slightly behind Dinolfo, but he was able to adjust and make a sliding catch 1 yard deep in the end zone.

"I ran a quick slant and juked my man to get open," said a jubilant Dinolfo.

Even the opposition was impressed with the intestinal fortitude of the Cheetahs.

"It was bold, but I thought we could have stopped them," said Dirty Oar captain Lee Przybylski. "I probably would have done the same thing."

The back-and-forth contest was filled with long plays from both teams — only one of the teams' five combined touchdowns was fewer than 15 yards. An interception by the Oars' Scott Shubert returned 39 yards for a touchdown began the scoring on the first drive of the game, and the Cheetahs answered in the second quarter with a 68-yard touchdown pass from Sowa to Zack Johnson to even the score 6-6 at halftime.

The scrambling abilities of the two quarterbacks took center stage in the second half as the Oars' Andrew Birschbach and the Cheetahs' Sowa both had touchdown runs and picked up key first downs for their teams. Birschbach ran for a 24-yard touchdown on the first Oar drive of the second half.

"We were just looking for whatever the protection sets us up with, and tried to make plays," Birschbach said.

Sowa set up one touchdown with a 59-

Men's Open Section N Standings

1. Devils (3-0)
2. Dynamic Cheetahs (2-1)
3. Black Plague (2-2)
4. Dirty Oars (1-2)
5. 922 Washington (0-3)

yard keeper, which came after a 64-yard touchdown pass to E.J. Bibbs was negated by a penalty. Sowa scored another himself from 19 yards out.

With the game tied at 13, Birschbach hit Mitchell LeGrand for a 40-yard touchdown, and the 1-point conversion gave the Oars a seven-point lead with 3:30 left. Sowa then led his team 64 yards down the field, culminating in his 19-yard run with 59 seconds left to bring the score to 20-19.

After a short discussion, the Cheetahs elected to go for two, and Sowa found Dinolfo for the lead. Johnson intercepted the first Oar pass on its final drive, and the Cheetahs then ran out the clock to preserve the win.

The Cheetah victory, coupled with a 13-12 win by the Black Plague over 922 Washington sets up an interesting scenario. If the Cheetahs defeat the undefeated Devils next week, the Cheetahs will take first place in the section. A Cheetah loss, however, would open the door to the "A" playoffs for the Black Plague and the Oars. If the Oars were to defeat 922 Washington, the Oars, Plague, and Cheetahs would be tied at 2-2. An Oar loss would send the Black Plague to the "A" playoffs by way of its victory over the Dynamic Cheetahs.

The Cheetah



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Scott Shubert of the Dirty Oars runs during an intramural flag-football game against the Dynamic Cheetahs at the Hawkeye Recreation Fields on Tuesday. The Dynamic Cheetahs won, 21-20.

players, though, were content to celebrate a gutsy victory over the Oars.

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Junior Hernandez (left) of Muscatine spars with Chuck Pieritz during mixed-martial-arts practice at the Miletich Training Center in Bettendorf on Sept. 27. The Miletich gym is considered a mecca for mixed martial arts, producing 14 world champions.

BOXED INTO A CORNER

In the world of fighting sports, Mixed Martial Arts now dominates boxing in popularity across Iowa and the rest of the country. With the decline of a sport that's nearly as old as civilization itself, boxing fans can only watch and cringe.

By **JON FRANK**

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BETTENDORF — Mixed-martial-arts guru Pat Miletich paces around what he hopes is the next crop of studs as they relentlessly grapple and strike at one another in the Miletich Training Center on a late September evening. His cauliflower ears display a life of hardship and successes in a brutal field.

Though he only stands 5-10, he can turn the biggest, baddest brawlers into pea soup with his beady, no-bullshit glare. The Davenport native has hung up his 8-ounce grappling gloves to train fighters full-time.

Miletich takes advantage of the abundant numbers of young people turning away from boxing and toward mixed martial arts.

Now 42, his stern, rigid facial features are indicative of his unrelenting dedication to his sport.

"Great takedown, Chuck," Miletich shouts with his cheeks ballooned, his mouth full of tobacco.

SEE **MARTIAL ARTS**, 7



CHARLIE ANDERSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Emily Kliefelter demonstrates some boxing techniques at Fit 2 Live on Monday. Kliefelter, who has an 8-0 professional record, said decreasing interest in the sport has made it nearly impossible to make money as a boxer in Iowa.

Robinson having season for the ages

Denard Robinson continues to show why he's one of the best players in college football.

By **MITCH SMITH**

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Denard Robinson's explosive play has become a normal weekly occurrence through the first five games of the college-football season.

And the Michigan quarterback's individual stats are anything but common.

Robinson is having one of the best seasons in college-football history, and his stats are better than most Big Ten teams' overall marks.

His 905 rushing yards are more than seven Big Ten schools' total rushing outputs, including Iowa's. The sophomore has more rushing touchdowns (eight) than four conference squads, as well as more passing touchdowns (seven) than four.

The Wolverines signal caller became the only player in Football Bowl Subdivision history to run

and pass for at least 200 yards each in the same game twice in the same season. He accomplished the feat Oct. 2 against Indiana and Sept. 11 against Notre Dame.

Robinson played down his strong start during Tuesday's weekly Big Ten teleconference. He praised his offensive line's ability to create holes for him to run through, saying "anybody could run through them," and deflected questions about his chances of winning the Heisman Trophy, stressing that winning is the most important statistic.

"Any game is a good game if you win," he said. "I wouldn't care about stats or anything like that."

He has led the Wolverines to a 5-0 start, accounting for 15 touchdowns and earning Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week three times.

SEE **ROBINSON**, 7



DARRON CUMMINGS/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson (16) approaches the end zone on a 72-yard touchdown run while being chased by Indiana cornerback Richard Council (6) during the first quarter in Bloomington, Ind., on Oct. 2.

Alexander on Wooden list

Following a first-team All-Big Ten selection last season, senior Kachine Alexander was named to the 2010-11 John R. Wooden Award Preseason Top 30 list on Tuesday. Alexander, who was also named to the "Wade Watch" list earlier this fall, is now on the watch lists for the two most heralded awards in NCAA women's basketball.

Despite missing seven games with a stress fracture in her right leg last season, the Minneapolis native was only one of two guards in Division-I women's basketball to average a double-double with 16 points and 10.4 rebounds per game.

Players will be evaluated and considered for the midseason list in December. The 35th-annual Wooden Award ceremony, which will include the announcement of the men's and women's winners, will take place April 8-10.

The Hawkeyes' first game of the 2010-11 season is an exhibition on Nov. 7 against Concordia-St. Paul in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa will open the regular season Nov. 12 against Southern at the Islander Tip-Off Tournament in Corpus Christi, Texas.

— by Matt Cozzi