In the tiny-baby world

A silent epidemic

‘You slow down, and time is measured in a different way, with slow days, and you start to count grams, and so the rest of the outside world kind of melts away,’ said John Merchant, whose daughter Emma weighed 33 ounces at birth after 27 weeks gestation.

Typical gestation lasts between 37 and 42 weeks.

Source: "Birdie Bats" blog+

By Kelsey Beltrame

The first time John Merchant, a 79-year-old husband, father, and grandfather, lay eyes on his newborn baby, he hesitated to rob air from her lungs.

"If you've ever seen a baby born full out of a nest, that's what she looked like," Merchant said. "She was the smallest thing I've ever seen.

Emma, who was born after 27 weeks of gestation, weighed 33 ounces, weighed slightly more than a pound of blood.

A full-term baby is born at about 25 pounds and usually weighs about nine pounds.

Now, two weeks shy of her second birthday, Emma's weight approximates 18 ounces.

She toddles behind her Iowa City home "all systems go," said her father, the accessible Emma's steadfast, strong will for helping her to survive.

Babies such as Emma — born prematurely with low birth weights — are more common today than ever before, and UI Hospitals and Clinics is feeling the influx.

Jonathan Klein, the director of UIH neonatal intensive care, said admissions to the unit have increased 40 percent over the past five years, with low-birthweight babies accounting for approximately half of the patients.

"Prematurity is what we call a silent epidemic," he said. "We’re not really aware of it unless you're being exposed to it.

The most recent Iowa Department of Health statistics report 1,025 more low-birthweight babies born in 2005 than in 2000, though the state birthrate has held steady around 13 births per 1,000 individuals.

Klein said that almost all underweight babies are born prematurely.

"If anyone knows the one exact precise cause (of early birth), you could correct it, but unfortunately, no one understands why the incidence has gone up," he said.

Researchers have pointed fingers at maternal stress, infections, smoking, and even certain drugs as causes that a US team is studying.

UIHC is delivering 40 percent more tiny babies than five years ago.

By Clara Hogan

The UIHC is delivering 40 percent more tiny babies than five years ago. The football weekend is finally here, and Iowa hopes finally here, and Iowa hopes
Venues gird for cold war

A new downtown ice-cream shop looks spot in crowded field.

By Ben Travers

“With the weather turning cooler, downtown merchants are thinking about what they can do to attract customers,” said John Nelson, assistant manager of Heyn’s Deli and Bakery. “The weather is changing and we’re thinking about how we can change our product to fit this season.”

Heyn’s is one of the many businesses in downtown Iowa City that are gearing up for the arrival of the cold weather. According to manager Trish Morfitt, the business is planning to introduce a new line of hot food items, including soups and sandwiches, to their menu.

The arrival of the cold weather has also prompted the city to begin planning for the upcoming winter season. Mayor Jim Hudak has announced that the city will begin preparing for the winter season in the coming weeks.

“This year we are looking at a number of ways to improve the city’s infrastructure, including the streets and sidewalks,” Hudak said. “We are also planning to increase the amount of snow removal equipment available to the city, and to improve the city’s snow removal procedures.”

The city is also planning to begin construction on a new downtown ice-cream shop, which will be located at 112 E. Washington St.

The new ice-cream shop will be located in the former site of the popular downtown ice-cream shop that closed its doors last year. The new shop will be called “Sunny’s Ice Cream” and will be owned by former Heyn’s employee, Tom Johnson.

Johnson said that he is excited about the opportunity to open his own business in downtown Iowa City.

“I’ve been looking for a place to open my own business for a while now,” Johnson said. “I’ve been impressed with the way the downtown has been growing, and I think there’s a lot of potential for a new ice-cream shop.”

The new ice-cream shop will feature a variety of flavors, including classics like chocolate and vanilla, as well as some unique options like earl grey and beets.

“I’ve been experimenting with new flavors for a while now, and I think there’s a lot of potential for some unique options,” Johnson said. “I’m excited to see what people think of them.”

The new ice-cream shop will be open year-round, and will be located just a few blocks from the popular downtown shop that closed last year.

“With the new ice-cream shop opening, we’ll be able to offer customers a more diverse selection of ice-cream options,” Johnson said. “I think it’s great to have a new option in downtown Iowa City.”
Promises to Keep

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Biden hits Bush ‘incompetence’

Sen. Joe Biden signs books and criticizes the Bush administration at an event in the IMU on Thursday.

By Stephen Schmidt

Delaware senator and Democratic presidential-nomination hopeful Joe Biden was on hand in the University Book Store on Thursday morning to sign copies of his new book, Promises to Keep.

Afterwards, he held an impromptu question-and-answer session for a small audience.

Biden said he had no intention of running for president when he wrote the book, but he hopes his candor throughout will help him with voters.

“When I vote for president, or when I vote for people, I want to not only have a sense of what their position is on specific issues of concern to me, I want to know what their basic core values are,” he said.

“The book does reflect what I believe, and I am reflected in it.”

After signing a few books, Biden expounded on several issues, such as defending Iowa’s status as the first caucus in the nation, laying out his ideas on dealing with daunting problems caused by Hurricane Katrina and the Iraq war, and criticizing the “absolute overwhelming incompetence” of the current administration in its reliance on local government, such as the rebuilding of New Orleans.

“What Katrina showed was, people feel as though their whole underlying rational behind ‘compassionate conservatism’ is being destroyed,” she said.

“There is a federal responsibility (to solve these problems), there is a state responsibility,” he said. “We are a federal system. We are one nation.”

One UI official said cell phones’ popularity could be an alternative to landline sampling, but those who opt to use cell phones instead of landlines might prevent them from being able to reach young people or as many young people as older people. For example, the result from an underrepresented group in a poll can be given an increased weight.

Pollsters may miss youth

The popularity of cell phones, especially among younger potential voters, could cause political surveys some problems.

By Christopher Patton

Because of the importance of the state’s caucuses, many Iowans are receiving calls from pollsters wanting to know whom they plan to support, but those who opt to use cell phones instead of landlines are immune from such calls.

One UI official said cell phones’ popularity could become a problem for political surveys.

David Redlawsk, a UI associate professor of political science, is heavily involved in polling in the state, and he has worked on a series of UI political polls.

“Research does not indicate serious problems yet, but there will potentially be some in the future,” he said.

The problems may arise because of the demographic profile of cell-phone users, he said: 15-to-24-year-olds only use cell phones and never purchase landline phones, so they will be hard for pollsters to reach, he noted.

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Biden expounded on several issues such as the rebuilding of New Orleans if elected president.

“I would commit that in my administration, the United States, under no circumstances anywhere ever, for whatever reason, would engage in torture — period,” Biden said.

Cassie Shindelar, a UI junior in human development and family science, said she was impressed by Biden’s performance in front of the small group.

“They are really good at what they do. They just have good ideas,” she said.

“I liked him. He’s one of the few candidates who speaks his mind and doesn’t mince words,” Nightingale said.

Poll on Aug. 11.

In a press release three days before the Straw Poll, the university said its July poll indicated Mitt Romney’s support had ballooned in the state since the first UI poll in March, making him the Republican frontrunner in Iowa. Romney went on to win the Ames event.

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Although flu levels are at an all-time low, researchers say they are preparing for a pandemic.

By Briana Byrd

While area groups prepare for a potentially deadly flu pandemic, one UI Hospitals and Clinics doctor said Iowa is a relatively safe location.

“We all need to remember that [the most dangerous strains of the flu] will come in a source,outside of the United States,” said UI pediatri- cian Professor Charles Grose. “In Iowa, we are actually relatively safe, because it is unlikely the site of entry.”

As the disease created the US public health threat, the Department of Public Health would have to prepare before it spread into the state.

But the UI Hygienic Laboratory, along with the Emerging Infectious Diseases Fellowship, is taking a more proactive approach to a potential pandemic.

“Anyone with a fever, with a muscle ache or headache or cough who is not treated with a vaccine would be a potential case of flu we would need to be worry about,” said Dr. Jennifer Redd, the interim director of the Hygienic Lab. “The guidance is that everyone who would need to be worry about flu during the pandemic is a person who is not treated with a vaccine. Therefore, local researchers have been investigating different alternatives to prevent the pandemic from spreading rapidly.

One of the groups of researchers is the Emerging Infectious Diseases Fellowship, which began as an initiative to ensure that the public would be safe from numerous infectious diseases. Along with researching those diseases, the fellowship trains tomorrow’s leaders in public-health laboratories.

“From an international level, we are getting guidance that would define the emergence of a pandemic,” said Christopher Atchison, the interim director of the Hygienic Lab. “This guidance has been further refined by the White House and the Centers for Disease Control. We just as a matter of prudence, need to use the guidance to develop the plans to protect us at a community level.”

In case of an outbreak, the state Public Health Department would make a decision about whether to release medicine used to treat the pandemic.

Currently in the United States, there is sporadic flu activity in all 50 states, the

By Liz Siddall

DES MOINES — Republican Fred Thompson will officially jump into race Sept. 6 in a webcast on his campaign site, followed by a five-day tour of early primary states.

On Sept. 5, Thompson will launch his presidential bid with later stops in Florida, and a
tour of Iowa, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Thompson has spent months “testing the waters” of a presidential campaign, querying voters about his position on the issues.

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Senior Chris Dodd, D-Conn., speaks at the Sheraton on Thursday. The International Association of Firefighters General President Harold Schaitberger said Dodd's experience in the Senate qualifies him to be president.

Though he hadn't seen or heard too much about Dodd, "he sounds like the man who's going to do the job," Fort Madison firefighter Pat Gray said.

The association made its decision to support Dodd over the past two weeks, after hearing from 11 candidates and surveying the field. Dodd and fellow longtime Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., tied for the most favorable survey answers, national association staff said.

When asked what distinguished Dodd, Schaitberger listed: "Experience, proven leadership, a track record of really getting things done."

With the endorsement, Dodd's campaign received a bigger spotlight in a crowded Democratic race where the presidential nomination hopeful is polling well behind such names as Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and Barack Obama, D-Ill.

In the latest Rasmussen poll, he even trails two-time presidential long shot Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio.

"I like the fact that the firefighters don't sit around deciding who's winning," Dodd said. "[They] decided who should win."

As in 2004, the firefighters' union gave the first big labor endorsement to eventual caucus winner and Democratic nominee Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

"People had written John [Kerry] off ... and Harold Schaitberger said, 'We don't believe in poll numbers,'" Dodd said.

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Iraq report rolls D.C.

By Anne Flaherty and Anne Gearan

WASHINGTON — An indepen- dent assessment concluding that Iraq has made little politi- cal progress in recent months despite an influx of U.S. troops grew from objections to the White House on Thursday that the Bush administration has said for outlaws.

It took administrators more than 160,000 troops in Iraq the most since the war

■ The information needs to be relayed, he said. "Nearly everyone at Virginia Tech is an adult and capable of making decisions about potential- ly dangerous situations to safe- guard themselves," the governor said. "So the earlier and clearer the warning, the more chance an individual had of surviving."
Gay marriage
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Lamb Legal senior staff member Ken Upton, who provided hand-made plaques for the plaintiffs, said Hanson’s ruling is a huge win not only for his clients but for gay couples all over Iowa who want the rights and benefits of marriage.

But according to that the Iowa Supreme Court would uphold Hanson’s decision, which he described as “very well

done and thorough.

Joanna Brackett, the director of the Iowa gay rights group “One Iowa,” said it’s not surprising to her.

The majority of Americans believe in equal rights for everyone and by making the position truly

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Leaving the UI

Quotes on Michael Hogan’s approaching departure for the University of Connecticut

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Point/Counterpoint

What’s the right response to bomb threats?

Threats demand UI’s full attention

Steve Parrott, the UI’s director of University Relations, states that bomb scares require the same response issue level on Wednesday, warning of troubling possibilities. “There is some concern people are not paying close enough attention,” he said. “The bomb threat is real. It is a serious threat.”

UI’s bomb threat policy is to publish only one letter per author per month. Letters will be chosen for publication by the editors according to the recent past. “Letters from the recent past. Make such a statement, especially between.

Don’t blame the guy that writes the Ledge,” Juhl column. In one of his many failed attempts at being humorous, Juhl wrote, “Just because English is a bastard language does not mean you have to use it like one.”

Letters

Letters to the editor may be sent as email to daily-iowan@uiowa.edu or, on letterhead, to: Daily Iowan, 101 Young Hall, Iowa City, IA 52242. Each letter should include the writer’s name, year of study and school affiliation.

Don’t blame immigrants for this state of greed

I enjoyed Jimmy Reid’s observation on the immigration problem during his recent appearance on Air 22. My concern is not the illegal immigrants stealing American jobs from the native-born. It’s Reid’s explanation for the poor system. An employer who needs a job, for example, takes the risk to hire the immigrant, who must meet the employer’s requirements, yet be denied the protection of American citizens. How should we be expected to work if we don’t have legal rights?

Sending the cavalry for every prank caller is dangerous

A prank caller, who has been known in a month, is the animal-rights activists, who vandalized Spanking Laboratories back in 2004! It is a shadowy group of anti- animal activists, nobody knows its identity.

My sense — and I hope I am wrong — is that the serious forces behind this recent string of threats are mostly high-sensor organisms who are finding it hard to face their impending transit to classes. There have been, “knock on wood — no bombs. It looks much more like someone is indulging in a little inutile cringe-ocracy.

While no one would argue that explosions devices on a crowded college campus aren’t serious threats, the UI hasn’t been known by calling at any one time every person just to call in a bomb threat. Making people nervous and shutting down campus buildings is precisely what a radical cadre hopes to do. It may be to their advantage, but to the citizen’s ends which are serious and which are not?

Well, it’s certainly difficult. Bomb threats are serious and which are not?

Letters and columns are across the country. In 2000. The numbers are only 10,000 and 15,000 cases of child abuse have been reported each year since 2000. The numbers are only those that work for a media outlet, one that works for a media outlet, one that works for a media outlet.

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The UI may consider summer officially over, but Iowa City’s Summer of the Arts is far from cooling. Three more Fridays from tonight until Oct. 5 feature final arts – Ninth Street Arts, Darcy Pressig Nature, and Studio X – in their special Saturday night concerts featuring local acts — Public Property tonight, Illinois John Fever and Rusty Buckets next Friday, and the Savy Steel Band and the Synthesis Brass Band on Sept. 22. For more information about the artists and their concerts, visit http://arts.uic.edu.

By Kate Casper

The Daily Iowan

Though the band doesn’t want to be known only for its political music, Iowa City duo Illinois John Fever undeniably packs a strong message into each song.

“This is a direct result of the horrors of war, of the many Monday hurdles we face,” said Illinois John Fever’s slide guitarist, who goes by the stage name Lute Tucker.

The two-man band includes Tucker and Robert “Buddy” Hail. Tucker refers to their music — unironically — as apocalypse blues, which the group says is a combination of punk, roots rock, and traditional slide guitar, both inspirations from the blues.

Echoes of a jake’s jump are heard in their lyrics, which are inspired by rural life, farms, and the pets they’ve had that live back to times of slavery.

The group’s progressively lyric “Cook Co Death Rag” speaks of the brutality of the horrors of war, one reason the group is included explicitly of the horrors of war, its listeners on the status quo of Washington St.

Tonight’s show will raise money for the actual peace event, which will take place Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in College Green Park.

The UI Antioch Committee, as well as the nonprofit group Iowans for Sensible Priorities, organized the third-annual PeaceFest. Music from local and Greg Thompson and the band head School of Forestry will accompany a series of speakers and workshops.

Some of this year’s speakers include Jeff Levy from the organization Voices for Creative Nonviolence, Lara Elbroh, a UI student and activist for justice in Palestine, and Bianca June from Iowa for Sensible Priorities.

“I love it as a way to combat the rhetoric that surrounds Sept. 11 [2001] and encourage people to talk about peace rather than war,” June said.
Skussels perfroms on the Pentbar during the tue 10,000 Hours Show Concert on Thursday. The 10,000 Hours Show encourages participation from 10 hours of community service in exchange for a free concert.
Hawks see some tough sledding

By Brendan Stiles

THE DAILY IOWAN

Six times, the Iowa Hawkeyes have faced and defeated the Northern Illinois Huskies. But unlike the first half-dozen meetings between the two schools, Saturday’s contest will not be played in Iowa City, but rather at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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Saturday, Soldier Field, 2:34 P.M. TV STATION: ESPN 2, MEDIANET CONNECTIONS CHANNEL 74, AND DI CAMPUS CHANNEL 2, RADIO STATION KXIC AM 800
By Chris Jenkins

P.J. Hill, version 2.0, is a little leaner — but not necessarily meaner.

After running for 1,360 yards and 16 touchdowns in his senior year as a redshirt freshman at Wisconsin last season, Hill missed spring football practice and lost 11 pounds. He trimmed his frame and the wear and tear of those college football games forced him to undergo shoulder surgery in the off-season.

Hill returned during the senior camp and has dropped another five pounds, bringing his weight to 270 pounds. He was the mobility that UW missed last season as the Badgers' running game struggled to consistently gain yards.

"I took a lot of hits, and I delivered a lot of hits, also," he said. "If I was watching film from last season, there were a lot of games I looked at, I was like, 'I shouldn't have (tackled) that.' So I'm still going to be a physical back, that's just an unknown. I'm just going to be smart about the contact that I make.

Instead of learning to deliver a hard shot on a defensive player at the end of a play, the Badgers' running backs now worry more about not running them out of bounds.

"You've got to still go out there, make the big gains and then be smart about good season and things like that," and I took a lot of that into consideration."

In other words, he's going to take a little less like Ron Dayne and more like, say, Barry Sanders.

Hill just laughs.

"No, I'm still going to be physical," he said. "But you might see a little more around defenders more than running through them."

His bowling-ball-running style earned him comparisons with Dayne, Wisconsin's 1999 Heisman Trophy winner. Hill recently met Dayne and now considers him a friend, but he doesn't like being compared with anyone else.

"There are a lot of good backs out there, like Ron Dayne, a lot of good backs in the conference," Hill said. "But I feel like I have a different type of running game. Everybody probably feels as if he has a different type of running game. I don't know if you want to be compared with somebody else, because then they'll always see you as that person, instead of, 'That's P.J. Hill.' So I just want to be seen as that." And P.J. Hill's type of running game, he said, is learning on the job for the Badgers' offense.

"That's a really nice guy," Hill said. "You'd be able to work with him, just call him up. He's the type of guy that made his mark here, so I've been trying to speak to him a lot to take a little bit of his wisdom and share it with me. You've got to still go out there and make the big gains and things like that." And I took a lot of that into consideration.

We think we’re pretty funny. We all think we’ll be the winner come December. See what happens — check back every Friday on 2B to read our “expert” opinions on all three of our columns.

MORE THAN A HILL OF BEANS

A Tennessee win over Oklahoma State and a Florida win over Wake Forest could make the SEC West a little more exciting.

Speaking of Oklahoma State, the Sooners are one of the only programs in the country that has not yet played in a bowl game.

On Monday, Aug 31, 2007, it is expected that, at 11:00 p.m., a white male will be beaten by two white males on the corner of Johnson & Burdette St. where Willowbrook school is located. One of the assailants is described as a tall, white man with red hair and a large nose.

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GOLF
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Hankins stressed the imper-ative of developing a competitive environment in practice and in game situations that will allow the team to compete at its best. He also believes in bring-ing in接收ers who want to play for the game and compete, while also recognizing the importance of the experienced players he has on the roster.

“I’m only as good as my play-ers, they’re the ones to do the play-ing,” he said. “I rely on them and the way they handle the game and their decisions.”

That teaching and guidance is no doubt what has been well-received by the golfers this season.

Senior Dan Hoehn said there is a buzz around the course, and believes the play-ers are excited about the new season starting. The senior

believes that everyone has the utmost respect for a coach with an impressive list of accom-plishments.

“Your respect someone like that and really listen to everything that he has to offer because he knows what it takes to get to where you want to go, and he is extremely knowledgable,” she said.

The Big Ten’s 2007 Coach of the Year also thinks her team has responded well to his com-petitive attitude, adding that the Hawkeyes are excited about winning.

Those wins will come at the expense of whoever else ‘Hawk’s golfers may hold, however. “They’re all on the same level right now with me,” she said. “There’s no one better than anyone else; there’s no one that has any track record with me. Starting right from now, they’ve got a great opportunity to be the best golfer they can be.”

With Hoehn and junior Cole Peevler the only golfers to already have a season, the freshmen isn’t scheduled to arrive until next week. Nor does the trend amongst the freshmen look to be 100 percent on every play, otherwise you’re going to get lost.

Known among her team-mates as ‘the Boss” and heart and soul are what make the Big Ten’s 2007 Coach of the Year defen-sive presence. Additional-ly, her strong leadership is feel-able across the many technical aspects of game, while her presence is felt full field hockey pack-aged.

“She is above the norm for a freshman,” Graebner said. “We’re all on the same level right now with me, so that’s one of the things that I think she’s really going to come on and focus on developing.

There is no on-field growth if a player does not develop into an im-posing entity sound decision-maker. It is a player who can make and prepare themselves for the next game.

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FOOTBALL
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It isn’t only those returning home this weekend who seem excited. Junior Seth Ossler’s level of excitement rose significantly last week after learning he would be starting at right tackle on Sat-urday, rather than at right guard where he’s been for two years.

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Jake Christensen
leads the Hawkeyes into 2007
NEW VISION
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New Vision
The first left-handed quarterback to start at Iowa in nearly three decades, Jake Christensen hopes to guide the Hawkeyes to great things this season, 4C.

Page 12C — From conference capsules to weekly power rankings, our new Odd's N' Ends page offers a quick gamedy fix for the die-hard Big Ten fan.

Page 14C — This off-season, the D/I Brendan Silva caught up with all 12 former Hawkeye football players who have started in the Super Bowl. This week's featured player is former defensive back Bob Jeter.

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Bob Jeter was the MVP of the 1959 Rose Bowl and started in Super Bowls I and II for Green Bay.

By Brendan Stiles

No football player who donned the Black-and-Gold may have had more on-the-field success than Bob Jeter.

As a Hawkeye, Jeter was a member of the 1958 squad, which won the Big Ten and was the last Iowa team to ever win “The Grandaddy Bowl of Them All.” In that 38-12 victory over California in the 1959 Rose Bowl, Jeter rushed for 184 yards on nine carries, which is still the school’s bowl-game rushing record.

His 95-yard touchdown run was the longest touchdown from scrimmage ever in a Rose Bowl at the time, and he was named the game’s Most Valuable Player.

Moving Jeter’s reasons for coming to Iowa were seeing players he liked watching in high school such as Gabby Jones, Eddie Vincent, and Frank Gilliam, make the move to Iowa City. He also liked the type of game plan much Forest Evashevski had. “I liked him as a coach, and he was impressive to me,” Jeter said. “I liked the type of offense they were running, and I knew I was going to get a chance to carry the ball quite a bit.”

Evashevski recalled that when Jeter first arrived on campus in Iowa City, seeing he had a name of “thundertaker.”

“He fumbled a little bit, but by the time he was a senior he was a good all-around player,” the former coach and Iowa AD said. “In those days, they played both ways, not just offense or defense. Bob was equally good on both offense and defense.”

He was very rugged and hard to get hurt.”

As the Hawkeyes went into the 1959 Rose Bowl, the “rugged, all-around” Jeter entered the game in a very business-like manner, saying the crowd of more than 100,000 in Pasadena never got to him. With his approach came discipline once he was able to put that New Year’s Day into context. “All I was worried about was making sure I did the right things and that I didn’t make any mistakes,” Jeter said. “I told you, I didn’t even realize that we had gained all those yards until the game was over and somebody mentioned it to me.”

“I knew I was having a good day but 184 yards on nine carries, I didn’t realize I was doing that well.”

After a stint in the Canadian Football League, Jeter made it in the NFL in 1963 with the decade’s most dominant team, the Green Bay Packers. Under the guidance of head coach Vince Lombardi, Jeter was a member of three consecutive championship teams during his eight-year stint in Green Bay, starting at right cornerback for the Packers in the first two Super Bowls ever played.

When it came to being in the national spotlight once again at the first of what would ultimately become the country’s biggest sporting event, once again, Jeter displayed his business-like demeanor. At the expense of the AFL’s Kansas City Chiefs, the Packers reminded everyone watching in Los Angeles and on television why they were football’s cream of the crop.

“To me, it was just another game,” Jeter said. “I felt like we won the championship before we played them. I didn’t think they were ready or, good enough, to beat us.”

“The AFL did get big, but I didn’t think that Kansas City was ready for us so that Oakland was really the year for the second year.”

After the 1966 NFL season, Jeter played his final three years for the Packers’ archrival, the Cincinnati Bengals, but had nowhere near the success — individually or collectively — that he had with Green Bay. When he retired, Jeter went into selling insurance and runs his own business in the Midwest. Today, he resides with his family in Chicago and works for the city’s Park District.

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Remembering the Hawkeye Express

As a member of the 1958 Iowa team, Jeter was named the Most Valuable Player of the game.

Hawkeyes! Beat Northern!
Christensen becomes the first full-time left-handed QB to start for Iowa in nearly three decades.

By Charlie Kautz

Jake Christensen arrived at Iowa a blue-chip quarterback in a place with big expectations, a Baton Rouge-esque bowl victory, and the most worshipped(explored) quarterback in the country.

How little has changed in two years.

The expectations? Still soaring: The MVP quarterback? Graduated. The bowl victory? Immortalized, postered, and forever ingrained in the minds of Hawkeye fans, who would recognize Warren Holloway if he were: Warmer.

Much as professors Brad Baske and Dave Tate, Christensen wanted a redshirt season and one career start later, he sits atop the quarterback depth chart hours from the kickoff of the 2007 season.

The critical thing that hasn’t changed for Christensen, one of a handful of first-year starting quarterbacks in the Big Ten, is his DNA.

Not the naturally molded football DNA guided by his father and nine-year NFL quarterback, Jeff Christensen.

Not the naturally fertilizing chromosome that saw fall in dual-knots and play-mates of an 11-man starting roster in hundreds of thousands and the admiration of lovers.

But the similarly irreversible DNA that causes Christensen to grip the base on a new Iowa football with his left hand.

When the Lodgett, IL, native steps off the sideline and under center in front of 61,105 people Saturday at Soldier Field, he’ll become the first full-time left-handed quarterback to start at Iowa in 27 years.

“The joke goes that the opposite side of your brain controls the opposite side of your body,” said Phil Izanski, a captain of the 1980 Hawkeye football team and the last Joffy QJ to start at Iowa. “To left-handed people are the only ones in their right mind.”

The scientific reason for No. 6’s being a southpaw, according to an Aug. 1 article in National Geographic News, may be a newly discovered gene known as LRBA1M.

The effect of Jake Christensen’s true, at least in terms of success on the football field, remains to be seen over the next 12 weeks.

Iowa offensive coordinator Ken O’Keefe said the off-season adjustments started with the playbook.

“You flip everything,” he said at the team’s media day earlier this month. “In a certain degree, Jake has benefited by being around the most lefties anyway a lot of other righties. He’s had to do things right-handed to a certain degree.

“When he was running behind Tate and (former Iowa QJ Jan) Manson both, a lot of times, we wouldn’t stop a drill to set it up to go his direction. We’d just make him run it the other way.”

Learning behind righties so far at Iowa, and he feels comfortable rolling out both ways and doesn’t anticipate major offensive changes to accommodate him.

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Hawkeye quarterback Jake Christensen passes the ball to a series of receivers during the Aug. 18 scrimmage at Kinnick Stadium. Christensen will become Iowa’s first full-time left-handed starting quarterback in almost three decades on Saturday.
Odds 'n' Ends

**They Said What?**

"More surprising to me is a statistic that's been thrown around by the experts, that the average member checks the site six times a day. To be happy as hell if they looked at their game plans twice a day."

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**Triple Take**

An oh-so-elevated number carries a pitchfork of 6-5 for the Hawkeyes this season.

6 — The number of wins Iowa recorded in the 2006 season, the lowest total in six years.

6 — Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz has six wins in season-opening games — his last such success came six years ago against Kansas State.

6 — The Hawkeyes will open their conference schedule away from Iowa City for the sixth straight year on Sept. 22, when Iowa will travel to Madison to take on the Badgers.

6 — The lowest jersey number worn by any starting quarterback in the Big Ten belongs to Iowa sophomore JakeChristensen, Christensen started the only game of his career against Northern Illinois last season, leading Iowa to a 24-14 victory. The Hawkeyes all-time record against the Huskies? You guessed it — 6-0.

**Soldier Field, the seventh-inning stretch, and a slow ball from Barta**

The Hawkeyes' season opener in Chicago extends well past the 65 minutes of a football schedule to be played at Soldier Field. On Friday, the Chicago Cubs have designated their home opening against Houston as "Fan Day," with Hawkeye Athletic Director Gary Barta scheduled to throw out the first ceremonial pitch at Wrigley Field. To add even more excitement, Hawkeye head coach Kirk Ferentz will be the Windy City's weekend opening weekend, former Iowa basketball player and Chicago Bull great R.J. Armstrong will sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the seventh-inning stretch. Saturday's contest against Northern Illinois marks the first time an Iowa team will play at Soldier Field and just the fourth season-opener in school history to be played at a neutral site.

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**Stat of the Week**

JakeChristensen leads the Hawkeyes Saturday season-opener against Northern Illinois. It is believed that he'll become the first quarterback in NCAA bowl subdivisions history to lead his first two games against his same team. Christensen finished 19 for 30 for 256 yards and two touchdowns in a 24-10 home win against the Hawkeyes in 2006.

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**Aeschillean More Like Mountain Man**

One of six Hawkeyes who weigh in at over 300 pounds, Iowa's offensive lineman Rob Aeschleman is both the tallest and heaviest player on the roster, standing 6-foot-8 and 318 pounds. Aeschelmann was considered a consensus All American before Marion Jones, standing a mere 5-9 and weighing aopping a whopping 230 pounds, was both the shortest and lightest player listed on any previous Big Ten roster this year.

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**Appalachian State at Michigan**

11 a.m., Big Ten Network

Anything less than 40 points from the Wolverine offense would be a disappointment in this season-opening opener.

**Florida International University at Penn State**

11 a.m., Big Ten Network

With or without, as it is, the question here, the Nittany Lions will get their first taste of postseason junior day at Beaver Stadium on Saturday.

**Northeastern at Northwestern**

11 a.m., Big Ten Network

After the first fall-off-season under Pat Fitzgerald's philosophy, the Wildcats will enjoy plenty of home cooking with seven games at Ryan Field this season.

**Alabama-Birmingham at Michigan State**

11 a.m., ESPN2

The last news for first-year coach Mark Dantonio is that, simply put, the Spartans aren't a very good football team.

**Youngstown State at Ohio State**

11 a.m., Big Ten Network

Brady Bollman get their first test look at new quarterback Todd Boldman and a loaded defense led by James Laurinaitis.

**Missouri at Illinois**

2:30 p.m., ESPN2

The best matchup on the Big Ten schedule could make or break the Illini's dreams for this season.

**Washington State at Wisconsin**

2:30 p.m., ABC

P.J. Hill is slimmer, Tyler Donovan is under center, and second-year coach Bill Belichick looks to continue building on his strong Badgers' resume.

**Purdue at LSU**

6 p.m., ESPN2

One of the Big Ten squads returning 20 starters from a year ago, Purdue turns to veteran quarterback Curtis Painter to lead the high-powered charge from the get-go.

**Bowling Green at Minnesota**

7 p.m., Big Ten Network

The Golden Gophers will give first-year coach Tim Brewster's spread offense a real try Saturday night in Minneapolis.

**Indiana State at Indiana**

7 p.m., Big Ten Network

If this broken finger is truly broken, expect huge numbers from 6-7 Indiana without James Franklin, who spent the off-season working with Oklahoma offensive coordinator Tom Shaw.

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**This Week's Lines**

**Home team in capa.**

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**Good luck on your tailgate and don't drink and drive.**

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**Aeschillean Jones**

Less than 300 pounds, Iowa's offensive lineman Rob Aeschleman is both the tallest and heaviest player on the roster, standing 6-foot-8 and 318 pounds. Aeschleman was considered a consensus All American before Marion Jones, standing a mere 5-9 and weighing aopping a whopping 230 pounds, was both the shortest and lightest player listed on any previous Big Ten roster this year.
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"I don't even think twice about it now," he said. "I mean, we've been calling the plays to the right for the past two years.

"I'm sure it might change a little bit, but drastically, I don't think so." Suess, who totaled 9.31 record as Iowa's starters in 1979-80, and one difference for himself as the way the ball comes out of the quarterback's hand.

"In terms of physical differences, the ball space differently," he said. "I think sometimes the receivers have to adjust a little. It's a little in a lefty-spine a different direction, almost like a curve ball."

The former Hawkeye had the chance to watch Christensen up close and personal at the team's last open scrimmage on Aug. 16, when Suess' son Wyatt, a standout at Cedar Rapids Washington, was invited to attend junior day with other high-school prospects from around the country.

"I was 1 1/2 feet away from Christensen, (Nelson), and Rick (Olstein)," he said... "I look at the personality of the kid and I think right now, Jake has the edge in terms of mental toughness."

After playing alongside Christensen in his only start against Northern Illinois, senior tailback Damien Stamps believes the lefty-versus-righty debate is overrated.

"I don't think it a big deal," he said at the team's media day. "A lot of people make it a big deal, a bigger deal than it is. Sometimes when you're running... down the right side and he's there to give you the ball, it might come out a little different."

"I don't feel like I've grown as accu- tamed to Drew that I can't adjust to the lefty quarterback."

But just how unusual are left-hand- ed quarterbacks?

The August National Geographic story estimates that 10 percent of the world's current population is left- handed.

Two teams ranking in the top 10 of the latest top-25 AP poll, No. 3 West Virginia and No. 6 Florida, are project- ed to start left-handed quarterbacks this year.

And in terms of greater football his- tory, former BYU standout and San Francisco 49er great Steve Young remains the first and only left-handed quarterback to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, which happened in 2005.

Wanting his son to learn from theles- sons best, Jeff Christensen said there was rarely a televised game in which Young played and Jake wasn't watching.

"Steve Young, fundamentally, was about as flawless as you could be from both sides," Jeff Christensen said. "Every time there was on, I highly sug- gested that Jake pay very close atten- tion to how he was doing."

However untraditional the idea of a left-handed quarterback at Iowa may seem, it is clear that Hawkeye coach Kirk Ferentz wants to do everything possible to protect Christensen in his first year at the helm.

An often-asked question during presson camp, Ferentz a announced last week that junior Seth Olsen will start at right tackle in the season open- er — inherently taking on responsibili- ty for Christensen’s all-important left side.

Though Olsen is arguably Iowa’s most veteran offensive lineman, Ferentz said he hadn’t put much additional thought into the decision to have Olsen guard the weak side.

"I’ve heard that thing about the left- handedness,” he said. “I’ve coached the line a long time, and it’s really more how you line up for formation.”

Alarmed with a new quarterback and plenty of able bodies along the offen- sive front, O’Keefe knows the real test for his young leader begins now.

"He knows what’s going on, he knows how to use our offensive, and he knows how to get in and out of things," he said. "The true test is going to be doing it on an every-game basis, an every- play basis, when people are throwing everything they have at him and when you’re really under the gun."

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Moeki excited about Soldiering on

This week, the DI sits down with Iowa junior Tony Moeki. Among the topics the Wheaton, Ill., native, discusses is making his first career start at tight end for Iowa on Saturday, close to home in Chicago.

By Brendan Stiles

DI: What did you learn from playing around such guys as Scott Chandler at tight end?
Moeki: He was really good, always in pass recurring and running route. I just tried to take little stuff from him when he was running routes, like little tips he gave me, stuff like that, and just tried to incorporate it into my game.

DI: How does it make you feel to be following this pattern here of Iowa tight ends going on to the NFL?
Moeki: It’s a great honor. There has been a great tradition here with tight ends, and I’m just happy to be part of the program.

DI: Is there a player whom you’ve always tried to emulate or that you just grew up idolizing?
Moeki: Not necessarily. My favorite player during middle school and high school was Ray Lewis, but I really didn’t try to emulate anyone. I didn’t really start playing football until I was a freshman in high school.

DI: I know that you’re from the Chicago area, so how does it feel to be opening this season at Soldier Field?
Moeki: I’m really excited. Growing up, you always look at Soldier Field being such an amazing place. It has a lot of tradition in there, and it’s just exciting that we’re going to be able to play in there this weekend.

DI: Tell me, what’s your favorite thing about Chicago?
Moeki: The food.

DI: What about Iowa City since you have been there now?
Moeki: It’s a great place to be part of Iowa City in the fun.

DI: What are some of your hobbies or favorite things to do when you’re not playing football and you’re not in school, such as when you have that free time to yourself?
Moeki: Just hanging out with friends, watching movies, normal stuff, I think.

DI: For my last question, I want you to finish this sentence for me. “In 2007, Tony Moeki will...”
Moeki: Try to play his best.

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