State fire deaths spike

UI adds child policy for faculty

The new policy is modeled after ones at the University of Michigan and the University of Illinois.

By Ashlon Shurron
THE DAILY IOWAN

It can often be difficult for new parents to juggle the responsibilities of work and caring for a new child, but the UI is trying to do its part to help its faculty balance it all.

The university has implemented a new family flexi- ter that allows regular faculty members on a tenure-track to modify their teaching schedules for one semester during the first year a new child under it is in the home.

Both male and female faculty can request to modify their teaching schedules, but they must work full-time on research and scholarship duties, which is more feasible, said UI Associate Provost Susan Johnson. Faculty members will still have other responsibilities, such as work- ing with graduate students.

Adopted and foster parents are also covered under this policy.

The new policy came out of the Gender Equity Task Force set up by former UI Provost Michael Hogan.

See CHILD POLICY, 4A

By Brian Stewart
THE DAILY IOWAN

Federal’s embezzlement charges against Steven Sueppel were dropped Wednesday, but the poten- tial for a civil lawsuit remains.

Mike Rabel, the low-enforce- ment coordinator for the Iowa Southern District US Attorney’s Office, and the motion to dismiss charges was issued once the department received official notice of Sueppel’s death—likely in the form of a death certificate.

Rabel said his office could still be involved with a civil case.

“We do have an obligation to evaluate all the circumstances,” he said on March 27.

Sueppel was indicted by a Davenport grand jury on Feb. 12 with one count of embezzlement and six counts of money launder- ing 85,500, 400 years from United Bank, where he worked as a vice president and controller.

Sueppel reportedly had preven- ually admitted to stealing 85,500, allegedly falsifying bank records he used to help fund a cocaine addiction. Police dismissed the explanation after questioning Sueppel and finding no evidence of drugs in his home.

He had trial set to begin April 21.

According to police, Sueppel killed his wife and four children on Easter night or early March 24, before cutting the family in half and killing himself.

Police said that Sueppel alluded to feeling distressed over the embezzlement charges and the mini- mization of Hills Bank in a note left in the family’s home and his final message.

The case was filed on March 31, 2007, on a list of federal crimes from the Iowa One Gift campaign — the only program through which state employees can donate money to charity through payroll deductions. Attorneys with the Alliance Defense Fund are claiming that the campaign excludes religious organizations from receiv- ing those donations.

But Robert Bailey, the communications director for the Iowa Department of Administrative Services, said the program was not denying inclusion of any particu- lar group.

“Employees can give to any organization they choose,” he said. “There has not been an organization that has been turned away from the list.”

By Olivia Moran

Iowa officials have failed to respond to a lawsuit involving state employees’ ability to donate to religious organizations by the April 8 deadline.

Despite requests, the state hasn’t responded by the April 8 deadline, said lead counsel Casey Mattix of the Center for Law and Religious Freedom.

The suit, which was filed on March 21, alleges that the state is acting in violation of a March 2007 court decision that prohibits state employees from diverting money away from religious organizations.

“I guess you just never know,” he said. “Last year we finished, unfortunately, with 30 fatalities. We would like it to be zero.”

He said he doesn’t have a “good answer” for the year’s first-quarter spike.

“I was kind of an overall downward trend,” he said. “However, every now and then, there will be a year where they’ll spike up a bit.”

Iowa City Fire Chief Andrew Rocca said the state’s first-quarter numbers aren’t un- usual.

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Gov. Chet Culver has ordered that all flags in the state fly at half-staff today from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in honor of Lance Cpl. David Williams of Hampton, who died on April 2.

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By Kurtis Hiatt
THE DAILY IOWAN

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Seven women in various fields were recognized on Wednesday afternoon for their achievements at the University of Iowa.

By Melanie Kucera

When Carol Scott-Conner finished her senior rotation at an Iowa City doctor’s office, she received an unusual gift—a piece of wall decor.

She asked her surgery professor for a paperweight that would recognize her work. His response was, “I always give a graduation present.”

This gift was presented at a time when women are still underrepresented in the medical field, and it recognized the uniqueness of Scott-Conner’s story. This story and many more were told about notable women in science at the UI for the 27th-annual Celebration of Excellence and Achievement in Women.

The Wednesday afternoon event included keynote speaker Beth Mason, president of our university and in attendance were UI Provost Melinda E. Norwood and Laura Roesl, a senior associate dean with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Both resources, included the work of women who have made outstanding contributions to their fields.

Both women expressed their surprise at receiving the award. Scott-Conner reflected on her amazement in being associated with all the brilliant women who previously received this award, and Boed noted why this award was so special to her.

“It’s one of the most amazing things that could happen to me in my career,” she said. “The award is from a group of colleagues I know and appreciate a great deal.”

Gina Clark and Miranda Walker presented the Marianne P. Benson Memorial Scholarship, which is given to applicants showing commitment to the study of women’s issues and social activism.

Yvonne Chalkley received the Joan Y. Jew Women’s Rights Award for her pioneer work on the issue of identity theft. She is also a member of the Iowa Women’s University and in attendance was UI Provost Melinda E. Norwood.

“There’s a lot of room for debate,” UI Law Professor Todd Aboytess said about the award. “It’s not clearly right, it’s not clearly wrong.”

The Iowa Supreme Court has set a framework, both sides agree, that all citizens have a fundamental right to vote, and that right together with a number of other rights that they choose to express.

None of that right was infringed on, or what the court said. "The goal of my office was to hold the reins to success," she said.

Reactions on the decision included those who oppose King’s decision and pro-immigrant groups critics.

“This Iowa court ruling supports our official English law,” King said in a statement. “The law is a statement of the Court’s stance on a fundamental right to vote.”

Craig Halvorson, director of the anti-immigrant Iowa Minnesotan Defense Network, was not impressed with the court’s ruling.

“I think that it’s again another example of how they are putting their foot down on democracy, and they are not going to let other people have the vote,” said Halvorson.

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller didn’t determine whether he would appeal a spokesman said Wednesday.

“Those who come in legally, there will be no problem.”

But others, including Latino Law Students Association President Irma Abreyes, say it differently Abreyes said today that even though there will now be two jobs to provide for the families, the law is a step backward in learning English — even if they can speak English.

“I think that it’s again another example of how in this era of multi-"nity," said Abreyes, a second-year law student on Monday. “Once again, you have someone in power that is not going to be welcoming and making — they are going to be outside of it, but from my standpoint, I know how I can do it.”

She added that “the law is going to be appealing something to our workplace.”

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Chief: Fire deaths rare in IC

The last death caused by a fire in Iowa City happened in March 2000, officials said.

heating seasons may see more fires related to electric space heaters, for instance. This spring, he said, he expects those types of fires to taper off.

Roocco agreed, adding local officials also often deal with discarded smoking materials. Iowa City also hasn't had a large number of fire-related deaths, he said.

"It's an uncommon occurrence," Roocco said, noting that the last fire death was in March 2000. "So it's been awhile, and that's a good thing."

The total number of fires in Iowa City in 2006 and 2007 hovered in the 200s. Through April 8 this year, firefighters responded to 41 fires, which Roocco said isn't an unusual number.

Using caution and common sense — being careful with the stove and cigarettes — is the best way to avoid a fire, Roocco said.

Quigle said fire departments and volunteers across the state are working hard to inform residents about fire safety, especially by targeting school-age children.

"They do a wonderful job of helping to spread the safety message."

He has a number of safety tips, including having working smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

He urges people to have a collapsible ladder and safety plan on hand.

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\[Photos by Sara Hamer\]

Deaths caused by fires, by year, by state

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Violence against women gets scrutiny

Task force on Violence Against Women is set to deliver recommendations to the Iowa City City Council later this month.

By Kayla Kelley

The Task Force on Violence Against Women plans to make recommendations to the Iowa City City Council later this month in an effort to make the town safer for women.

Created to recommend new measures, the task force will talk to the council about comprehensive safety initiatives. The group first discussed possible changes on Nov. 27, 2007.

The task force focused on six main topics: neighborhood lighting, neighborhood watch programs, services, and collaborations in the community, increasing the police force, transportation, and creating safety for women.

Violence Intervention Program and the Parent Association, Monique DiCarlo, the Women’s Resource and Action Center, said there is not only policymakers that need to be involved, but also community members.

The biggest concerns will be funding, because the budget is tight,” she said.

“Supportive,” she said. “I can’t see the city not wanting to support the.”

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A PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE UNEMPLOYMENT AS A CRUX OF VITAL ISSUES IN A PUBLIC FORUM

CLINTON, la — A former executive of a state-run job-training agency testified Wednesday against three former officials accused of conspiring to pay huge salaries and bonuses to consortium executives and misusing federal program funds.

Prosecutors say there was a conspiracy to pay huge salaries and bonuses to consortium executives and mislead government agencies that funded consortium.

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Convicted to pay huge salaries and bonuses to the consortium. Federal prosecutors say there was a conspiracy to pay huge salaries and bonuses to the consortium.

The consortium was a result of a partnership between the City of Iowa City, the University of Northern Iowa, and the Parents’ Association.

The group was a result of a petition brought to the City Council by the Coalition for’s, and the UI Student Government, said Abigail Volland, the UISG City Council liaison.

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Ghost hunt quashed
Chatham Oaks, which provides housing for physically and mentally disabled, objected to paranormal investigations after the story became heavily publicized.

By Patrick Futter

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors today voted 3-0 to deny a request for paranormal investigations to examine the former Johnson County Poor Farm and Asylum. A group of real estate developers, who believe this group comes by and investigates,” said Johnson County Supervisor Larry Meyers. “In the beginning, when the idea first came up, they were OK with it but the whole idea exploded.” The situation spiraled out of control when the story was broadcast on national news wire, he said, and Chatham Oaks officials were uncomfortable having their residents subjected to the amount of media attention.

The Johnson County Historical Society, which operates the poor farm and asylum, first alerted supervisors to the request in early March.

Brandon Chunchar, the society’s museum operations assistant, said the facility received an e-mail from a Cornell College professor whose class had created a virtual tour of the farm and asylum. The Carroll Area Paranormal Team contacted the professor, hoping that its members would be allowed to view the site and search for paranormal activity. The historical society forwarded the request to the supervisors on behalf of the investigators, even though the site, which dates back to the 1850s, has never had any reported paranormal activity.

“I don’t think that anyone on the board thought it was a bad idea, but we did get several negative e-mails,” said Supervisor Rod Sullivan. “We don’t usually don’t make decisions on account of e-mails, but in this situation, there was no compelling reason to do it.”

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Ghost plays hide and seek
The Olympic torch roared through streets of San Francisco, the streets of San Francisco, the streets of San Francisco.

By Juliana Barbassa and Marcus Wohlsen

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Pope seeks to avoid U.S. politics

NEW YORK (AP) — Organizers of Pope Benedict XVI’s visit to the United States next week have taken great pains to keep him out of political discussions.

But the Roman Catholic teaching is expected to emphasize — on abortion, human rights, and other issues — its policy consequences, that partisans will inevitably spin their own ends.

“The pope will probably speak in great enough and clear enough terms that any politician who doesn’t want to meddle in direction of his political position will find in that statement,” said Brian Schmalzbauer, a former spokesperson for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and a consultant to the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. “But when and if that happens, it is going to be people reading things into the pope’s comments that aren’t there.”

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Petraeus: No new surge

Petraeus says he won’t ask fresh troop buildup for Iraq; Bush to announce shorter tours.

By Anne Flaherty

WASHINGTON — America’s war commander in Iraq told Congress on Wednesday he is unlikely to endorse any fresh buildup of troops even if security in the country deteriorates, signaling that the limits of the U.S. military have been reached for now.

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Andrew Krepinevich, the president of the independent Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments in Washington, noted that Petraus’ promise to the House Armed Services Committee was a limit to the one-year buildup of roughly 30,000 troops that were sent to Iraq last year to deal with the violence there. Beyond that, the general proposed a 45-day evaluation period, to be followed by an indefinite period of assessment before he would recommend any further pullouts.

“The plan leaves open the possibility that roughly 140,000 U.S. troops will be in Iraq when voters head to the polls that November and Bush leaves office next year. “That would be a pretty remote thought in my mind,” he said.

Instead, the military would try to reallocate existing troops. It also would increase its reliance on Iraqi forces, including highly specialized army and police teams that have been improving in capability, he said.

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In Iraq’s national interest

Sudden Hussein is dead. Iraq has no weapons of mass destruction. And Al Qaeda in Iraq is much weakened. Does the United States still need to keep 140,000 troops in Iraq to prevent a Qadid comeback and to wage a proxy war against Iran?

The Bush administration’s top guns in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker, told two Senate committees Tuesday that the answer was yes. Their argument was the same used to define President Bush’s “surge” strategy in September: Whether it’s going well or badly, the Iraq project is too important to risk failure by withdrawing U.S. forces “prematurely,” as Petraeus and Crocker avoided referring any benchmarks that, if met, would permit U.S. soldiers to leave at last.

On the contrary, they cited the very problems that Bush created by his decision to invade Iraq — a Qaeda presence and enhanced Iranian influence — as requiring an indefinite U.S. military effort. And they seemed more, not less, certain that there was no question to destabilize Al Qaeda in Iraq asserted that Iran is pursuing a “Lebanonization” strategy under the Quds unit of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard to arm and train private militias to attack U.S. and Iraqi government forces. Petraeus said Iran is the source of 107-mm rockets that have recently been fired from Sadr City into the Green Zone.

The United States has offered to join Iraq in another round of talk with Iran, but Tehran has so far declined. Of course, the United States and Iran have been waging a not-always-cold war since 1979. What’s new is the relative military political and economic weakness of the United States after five years in Iraq — and the wealth and assertiveness of Iran. Why should the Iranians negotiate with the Great Satan when they can sit back and let their proxies bleed the United States white?

While Republicans fret about Iran (a good election-year rallying cry for the truth of the “nation’s” plotters), they focus Tuesday on spotlighting its economic, human, and strategic costs. Democratic senators faulted Iraq’s failure to pay more for its own defense, asked why Americans should borrow from China and their oil allies, and noted that Iran has been the most active sponsor of terrorism. Republicans have apparently concluded that the only way to end the war is to win the presidency. Instead of trying to cut off funding to wage further conflict, they focused Tuesday on spotlighting its economic, human, and strategic costs.

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By David Koenig

DALLAS — Business trips and vacations were disrupted for tens of thousands of travelers Wednesday as American Airlines canceled more than 1,000 flights — nearly half its schedule — for faulty wiring that could cause a short-circuit or even a fire and explosion.

The airline said it expected to cancel 900 more flights today.

It was the latest — and largest — in a wave of cancellations at major U.S. airlines that have caused long lines at ticket counters and made flying even more stressful than usual.

Executives at American said safety was never compromised, and they suggested the nation’s biggest airline was the victim of suddenly stepped-up scrutiny by federal regulators.

American estimated that more than 100,000 travelers were booked on Wednesday’s 1,094 canceled flights. Many were stranded at terminals, and their flights were disrupted at major U.S. airports, in Dallas and Chicago.

At New York’s LaGuardia Airport on Wednesday, hundreds of passengers stood in check-in lines or milled about, using cell phones to get updates on their flights.

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IMF sees slump

The agency warns that the U.S. is falling into a recession and dragging the world economy down with it.

By Jeannine Aversa

WASHINGTON — The Unit- ed States is headed for a recession, dragging world economic growth down along with it, the International Monetary Fund warned Wednesday.

The IMF’s World Economic Outlook served as a reminder of just how swiftly economic and financial fortunes in the United States — and beyond can unravel, affecting people, investors, and整个 world financial systems.

The federal deficit spending projections for the United States are projected to increase, the agency warned last week that a recession was possible. An increasing number of analysts think the U.S. economy, which grew by 2.2 percent in 2007, started shrinking in the first three months of this year and is still contracting. Under one rough rule, if the economy contracts for six straight months it is considered to be in a recession.

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IOWA 3, ILLINOIS STATE 2
Hawks notch late win

It wasn’t pretty, but a walk-off single made the Iowa softball team winners in the first game of a long home stand.

By Eric Mandel
TUESDAY IOWA

The Iowa softball team squared away an ugly contest with a walk-off single to take the first game of their nine-game home stand, 2-1 against Illinois State.

A game filled with uncharacteristic sloppiness, the Hawkeyes’ 26th win of the season certainly wasn’t up its dress this pre/Days.

“We didn’t have some elements that were all that sharp — a couple base-running mistakes, miscues, things you can’t have — so we have to get better,” said Iowa head coach Gayle Bliven.

Sophomore Taylor Lashen collecting three bunt singles on the day, the last coming with the score locked at two with one out in the seventh. Freshman Chelsey Casady followed with a smooth-through the right field of the infield. After a bolt and an intentional walk, Erin Riemersma stepped to the plate with the bases loaded.

With a 3-0 count, Riemersma delivered the winning single up the middle, redisccong herself for a base-running gaffe in the sixth inning and becoming the hero for the second-straight game.

“It’s really about moving on,” she said. “You can’t let one mistake, two mistakes bring you down and ruin your at-bat. We had a couple base-running mistakes, but we just kept moving forward, and we learned from the mistakes. We played a little bit sloppy today, but we just know that even if we play sloppy, we can win.”

The Hawkeyes escaped an early deficit from third base.

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AquaHawks honored

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By Mike Brownlee
March 20, 2008

A year ago, when the Iowa men's track team was on the road, assistant coach Joey Woody said. “We've had an award like this, and it's something for the team to be proud of.”

The idea goes beyond the individual. Iowa's men's track team is one of the nation's top programs, and it's a source of pride for everyone involved.

Starting fast apparently is important as well as physically. "It wakes up the body, gets the blood flowing," Napier said. "The first 400 meters is the most important meal of the day."

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By Alex Johnson

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**Hawks win late**

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“We were very fortunate that that ball didn’t go into our dugout, and Colleen had a very head-up play to pick it up on the lip and throw a strike to the plate,” Bliven said. “I was surprised I was the other coach, I probably would have sent my runner, too, because I would have fully expected that ball to be going in.”

There was no such luck on the second half of the second inning — Illinois State’s Jessie Baker smoked a drive to dead center that landed just over the fence and past the scoreboard for a 1-0 lead.

Toole shifted over to short. The freshman Zach McCool, who filled in at second base while Matt Mossey received the night off, leaving positions open and McCool said he’s become a quality shortstop.

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**BASEBALL**

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“That’s fundamental baseball right there,” baseball coach Jack Dahm said. “We had an approach up there (at the plate), but we were still feeling for the ball. After we started to relax, we started hitting the ball a little bit better.”

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“Riemersma is one of those people who really do have that kind of approach and really want to be up there,” Bliven said. “We got a number of them who are doing extremely well.”

But it wasn’t just Riemersma’s bat that proved significant. She, along with the rest of the infield, provided plenty of glove work for pitchers Britney Weil and Amanda Lust.

The highlight defensively came in the top of the fifth with a runner on first and nobody out, when Iowa managed to convert a 5-4 double play on an attempted sacrifice bunt by the catcher, which was an unusual play,” Bliven said. “It’s a smart move on their part. But it was my chance to make up for the base-running error and win the game.”

The infield took care of the ball. That is an unusual play,” Blevins said. “It’s extra expecta- tion.”

“Recently, all the infielders have progressed a long way since the start of the 2008 season. "Our infield has really developed a lot through the course of the season, and we’re really starting to play together," Riemersma said. "We understand each other’s strengths and weaknesses, and we’re really aggressive, which is most important."

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By Whitney Warne

From Thursday evening to Sunday night — the Weekend in Arts & Culture

Thursday, April 10, 2008
don't know:

Technical terms you, the non-psytrance-savvy reader, need to know:

Electronica: This type of music, made from electronic instruments such as synthesizers, drum machines, and samplers, focuses on strong beats and layered sounds. Techno, house, and trance music all fall under this category.

Psytrance music: A type of electronica boasting loose Indian influences. It's most commonly heard at psytrance events and raves. The music is produced at a higher tempo, 135-145 beats per minute, and meant to line up with the alpha brain wave, the frequency associated with when humans close their eyes. This alignment is supposed to induce a hypnagogic, trance-like feeling.

Mindoutpsyde: The Iowa City promoters of psytrance music, Adam Rodriguez, Chris Stark, and Nick Nicholas. The three are the youngest promoters in the United States by seven years and are about to embark on their 234th event, "Rain Dance."

India, Goa: The birthplace of trance music during the '60s, which hippies and European vacationers found themselves in the right place at the right time — that being Goa. Because of this, sometimes psytrance is referred to as Goa trance and dancers are called Goa heads.

Black lights: Used to invoke a trance-like experience, making the atmosphere mysterious and foggy. They are also useful for their ability to illuminate without blinding the audience, leaving the focus on the tapestries.

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Crib Notes for Psytrance

Psytrance participants twirl around glow sticks and other glowing objects during a party on March 8. The event went from 7 p.m. until dawn — typical for psytrance parties.

On Saturday night, Mindoutpsyde will bring together DJs from all around the world to perform psytrance music at the Karro Athletics Hall of Fame, remixing its electronic melodies live and participating in Iowa's growing underground electronic-party scene.

Arrival of the Kings

Not to be confused with the Christmas carol "We Three Kings," the Kings is a Florida power-pop band that just released its debut album. The quartet abandons the Sunshine State for a cooler climate on April 13 when it blows into the Picador for a performance.

Writing on the Radio

Perhaps not as prophetic as writing on the wall, but maybe holding more power: this week's "18 Hours on Air" features two Iowa Writers' Workshop attendees attending to their own works in progress.

Stick around from 5-6 p.m. on 89.7, KRUI, and you might even hear an interview with Jamie, the band opening for Picador visitors Pelican.

Coming up

This Weekend

Check out 2C for a complete list of Iowa City events.

N

o matter where you are in the world, psytrance parties always begin as the sun sets. Psychedelic electronica beams from enormous sound equipment, and black lights illuminate walls covered in neon-painted tapestries. Attendees immerse an environment engineered to accentuate personal freedom, stripping the emphasis on sexuality and throwing it on self-discovery.

Parties in Iowa City are no exception. The music is loud, booming away at an entrancing tempo and covering the body to dance until the sweat is flying. Black lights flicker at key points in songs, sending the brain into force quit, shutting down everything except the ability to move to the beat. Women and men dance apart from each other, with no moves made toward the traditional bump and grind. Volunteer percussionists travel through the numerous rooms, experiencing different trance tracks, occasionally stepping to rest and converse in the "chill room."

Uninhibited dancers from an eclectic mix of cultures and education come decked out in Day-Glo clothes and face paint. Some dress in belly shirts and wide-leg pants circa the late-90s, and others choose all-black clothes to hide from the flashing lights.

These freeform parties can be inside or outside, last for three days or just one, be in small towns or a huge metropolitan city, but one thing remains consistent — a focus on the music and individual exploration.

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Music and philosophy go hand in hand, like peanut butter and chocolate (no, not jelly; grass). Saturday evening, the two will collide at the Whyte for the Slanty Shanty Records Benefit show featuring 13 performers, including local favorites Mannix. Attendees collide at the Mill for the Slanty Shanty Records Benefit show featuring 13 performers, including local favorites Mannix.

**Prom Night**

Saturday 4.12

**The Diving Bell and the Butterfly**

**WHAT?**

Based on the memoir by Jean-Dominique Bauby, it recounts the grueling 5-month journey of a Parisian writer who was left双腿 so debilitated it left him with only his left eye to work with. The memoir has been turned into both Bauby's novel and a film, with a Cannes Jury Prize for best director.

**WHAT?**

If Iowa City residents want to see pelicans, a trip to a coastal area is not necessary. Of course, it’s not time to alert local birdwatchers — Pelican is a Wyoming town where a group of birdwatchers stumbles into a show at the Picador. Can’t get enough bird imagery? Pick up Friday’s Off Arts reporter Jethro Hoban’s preview of the performance. There’s no guarantee of bird parts, but readers can always hope...
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8 p.m. April 13
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HAWKEYE SWING DANCE FESTIVAL

Who: UI Swing Dance Club, with professional troupe and bands Grand Marquis, 33 Delays, Robert Bell's hot Swing Combo

Cost: $40 for the entire weekend; free for UI and high-school students.

Where/When: Friday, 6:30 p.m. at the IMU Blackbox (Beginner), 461 Field House, (Intermediate), 515 Field House (Advanced). Saturday, 9:30 a.m. at IMU Blackbox (Beginner), Old Brick (Intermediate), IMU second-floor ballroom (Advanced). April 13, 10:30 a.m. at 461 Field House, (Beginner), 515 Field House (Intermediate), 462 Field House (Advanced). For more information: www.hawkeyeswingfestival.com

Lindy-hopping its way back into popularity, the Hawkeye Swing Festival links an older style with the flashiness of new this weekend in Iowa City.

Michael Brafford and Erin Taylor (center) instruct dancers during the UI Swing Dance Club practice at the Field House.
An all-night-long exploration

PSYDENCE DANCE
Midouputeys presents: Rain Dance
When: Saturday 7 p.m. to “sunrise”
Where: 1100 Athletics Hall of Fame, intersection of North Avenue and Morrison Trk
Admission: $20, at the door

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Letters to You

Dear Louis,

I like Conan O'Brien, too, but I want to know how you rank late-night talk shows such as his against “The Daily Show” and “The Colbert Report.” If you ask me, Jon and Stephen are much funnier. Jay Leno and David Letterman? When's the last time anybody laughed at them? Don't we outgrow this stuff?

Sure, we do. But for some people who are morally obligated to beseech them outgrown this stuff — the last time anybody allowed. Fortunately, this column doesn’t bring up the topic of talk as we sweats, thrusts us into a howling void of color and, um, The Daily Show and Colbert hit us with news too, but that’s mostly a formality. We need late-night comedy like we need Wendy's frosting and AOL. Work Station. As I’ve mentioned, Louis, my last-minute horoscopes are a complex,ngle, and multifaceted — which reminds me, God bless Mariah Carey. And delicious too, if you're into two cultural events that would eventually grow into something mildly amusing a decade later and I hate being mildly annoyed. What does your criteria mean? The release of the most underrated movie ever, The Wedding Singer, and the introduction of Jon Bon Jovi’s character(’Got Boy’! on “Saturday Night Live”). But let me tell you, the minute the good letters run out, I have no problem replacing the column with my formal discussion on the program “The Young and the Restless.”

My band, Birth Rites, had a time ripe for parody, but the true offender is VH1. When these shows first aired, music was probably the most important thing in the genre’s life span, and it wasn’t even close to “Bust a Move” by Salt-N-Pepa (and so can YOU!), but you do your part to keep this medium music coming as much as possible. The world was as time goes on, seems to happen, and league MVP, for how long you call him uncle,

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