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State's decision in Snyder case worries local Republicans

BY ALEX LANG
THE DAILY IOWAN

Despite a decision by the Iowa Attorney General's Office not to file criminal charges in the release of 1987 police records concerning Republican sheriff candidate Steve Snyder, the Johnson County Republican Party is calling for a more thorough review.

Todd Versteegh, a co-chairman of the county Republicans, wrote

Snyder
RepublicanPulkrabek
Democrat

in a release that the party has "serious concerns" about the

review. The local GOP believes that the investigation was based on an incomplete review of the records in question, and it argues that the state's open-records laws were not applied correctly.

Records turned over by the local Republicans and certain media outlets were not reviewed as part of the investigation. The investigation's findings were made public on Oct. 29 in a letter written by special assistant to the attorney

general, Thomas Miller, who said Democratic sheriff candidate Lonny Pulkrabek, his wife, Julie Pulkrabek, and supporter Dan Vincent did not engage in criminal activity.

The Republicans argued all of the records distributed to the media were not examined, and the copies of the record contained no identifying marks, such as exhibit stickers, to say they came from

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Bush and Kerry stump furiously in closing hours

BY TERENCE HUNT AND SCOTT LINDLAW
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — In the closing hours of their bitter campaign, President Bush and challenger Sen. John Kerry charged through the critical battlegrounds of Florida and Ohio on Sunday, going from hushed church services to raucous campaign rallies with promises to keep America safe.

Kerry said that if elected he would undertake an unprecedented "flurry of activity" to protect national security that would include quick Cabinet appointments. "I'm going to make America safer, and I have some very strong and real steps to take quite immediately to make that happen," Kerry said in an interview with the Associated Press.

Bush emphasized a similar theme. "If you believe America should fight the war on terror with all her might and lead with unwavering confidence," the president said, "I ask you, come stand by me."

"If you are a Democrat who believes your party has turned too far left in this year, I ask you, come stand with me," Bush said.

Strategists on both sides said Tuesday's election likely will hinge on which party is successful in getting its voters to the polls after two vastly different and costly campaigns to increase turnout.

Kerry senior adviser Mike McCurry said the Democratic campaign was no longer concerned with generating big turnouts at rallies but was focused instead on having Kerry make quick stops to attract local media coverage that might help voters decide.

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Rachel Mummy/The Daily Iowan

Robert Arredondo rests on a table while Puppet with Hardrock Tattoo works on a portion of his torso. Puppet and Arredondo traveled from Houston to Iowa City for Inktober.

'Tattoo U' penetrates IC

TATTOO ARTISTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY SET UP SHOP FOR AN EXPO IN IOWA CITY

BY BRIAN SPANNAGEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Kevin "K Diddy" Person dangled 4 feet above the ground from two 5-inch-long hooks stuck through the flesh of each buttock on Sunday at Inktober, Iowa City's first tattoo expo.

With blood trailing down his leg, he slammed one beer and then another from a beer bong. The crowd cheered.

"It's all a state of mind," the 6-foot, 150-pounder said afterward, puffing on a cigarette with the hook still fixed in his rear. "It's about

getting in touch with yourself."

Person said his skin feels like it will rip when he is first hoisted skyward, but then a euphoria "one million times better than a heroin rush" takes over.

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Daily Iowan's Oct. 29 headline error inexcusable

Because of editing errors on several levels, the Oct. 29 edition of *The Daily Iowan* contained a front-page story on the UI chapter of College Republicans with an erroneous headline. As Editor in Chief, I take full responsibility for the headline

Robinson
DI editor

"UI Republicans work hard at preserving their delusions" and want to clarify that the story's writer, *DI* reporter Nick Petersen, had nothing to do with the error. I offer my sincerest apologies to the UI College Republicans and the entire university community for this misrepresentation.

The timing of the mistake was particularly unfortunate because of Tuesday's general election, when Americans will choose several officials ranging

from county supervisor to president of the United States.

It is no secret that the *DI*'s Editorial Board leans Democratic, but we have put forth a strong effort this year to show a political balance.

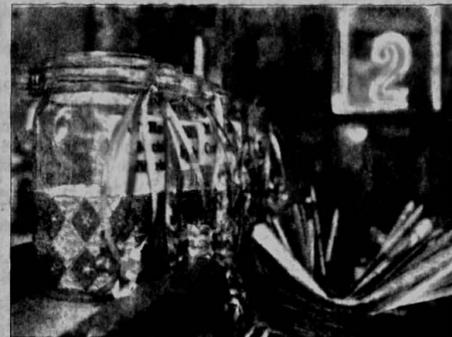
We have welcomed new conservative voices to our Opinions Page in hopes of better representing our diverse community. We have also paid particularly close attention to the placement of all campaign stories and

photographs throughout our news section.

These steps in no way excuse the embarrassing error but show our efforts to produce a fair and objective newspaper for the UI community.

We have taken corrective action with this incident and have devised a more elaborate headline-writing system to better safeguard against similar errors appearing on the pages of *The Daily Iowan*.

— Tony Robinson



Rachel Mummy/The Daily Iowan

Jars for the Coffee Bean Election sit on the window ledge at the Hamburg Inn No. 2. Dave Panther, the owner of Hamburg Inn, has been keeping a weekly tally of bean votes cast by customers.

↑ 48 ..
↓ 39 .. Cloudy, windy, 70% chance of rain

PREVAILING WINDS

The Hawkeyes prevail — and we mean prevail — in wind-blown Champaign. **1B**



KERRY'S THE MAN

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Local pols lead pro-choice rally

BY DANIELLE STRATTON-COULTER
THE DAILY IOWAN

Two days before the election, Iowa House Reps. Vicki Lensing and Mary Mascher rallied a group of supporters on Sunday to consider reproductive rights when casting their ballots.

The incumbent Democrats, both up for re-election, emphasized electing state and federal leaders who support women's right to choose, and they encouraged audience members to assist in the campaigns of pro-choice candidates.

"Each and every one of you have the opportunity between now and Tuesday to volunteer to help these candidates," Mascher said.

The duo recounted experiences reviewing legislation in the Statehouse to illustrate how elected officials can influence abortion rights. If re-elected, both said, they would continue to fight for abortion rights.

Karen Kubby, the executive director of the Emma Goldman Clinic, a co-sponsor of the event, said, "We will not be encouraging people to vote for a specific candidate. We just



Aaron Holmgren/The Daily Iowan

Two-year old Mark Vibhakar holds a sign at a pro-abortion rights rally on the Pentacrest Sunday night. The young boy was accompanied by his parents, Rajeev and Jill Vibhakar of Iowa City, who supplied him with his pro-choice paraphernalia.

wanted to make sure people are aware of the issues."

She stressed that mobilizing others to support pro-choice candidates could determine the outcome of anti-abortion measures.

"Your vote really counts, and whom you get out to vote counts," she said.

Erin Luong, the chairwoman of

the Johnson County Choice Action Team, pointed to the next president's influence over the U.S. Supreme Court, whose *Roe v. Wade* decision legalized abortion. Chief Justice William Rehnquist recently made public his battle with thyroid cancer, prompting concern over a possible vacancy on the court. Luong said the next

president will likely appoint between one and three justices in the next term — nominations that could tip the *Roe* ruling.

"I think the reality is that there's a very scary situation with the Supreme Court judges," said Andrew Goedeken, an event organizer from NARAL Pro-Choice Iowa, an advocacy group. "We want to make sure people know it's not just the economy and Iraq that they are voting on."

UI alumna Leah Sime, who attended the event, said she has already cast an absentee ballot for John Kerry, partially because President Bush opposes abortion.

"If he is elected for another term, our rights might be in danger," she said.

Green Party candidates Daryl Northrop (U.S. Senate) and Kevin Owens (Johnson County Board of Supervisors) also appeared at the rally to demonstrate their support for reproductive rights.

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Small puts his 'Campaign in a Van' on eBay

BY HEATHER LOEB
THE DAILY IOWAN

Future political candidates need not worry about how to put together a campaign.

Just bid on Art Small's "Campaign in a Van" on eBay.

Small, Iowa's Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, put his campaign RV, position papers, field campaign kit, party supplies, yard signs, and numerous other campaign necessities up for sale Oct. 30 on eBay, a website that allows users to buy and sell nearly anything under the sun.

"I have no use for the van after the election," Small said, adding he has no desire to run again.

The RV, decorated with the "Think Big—Vote Small" slogan of Small's campaign, can easily be redecorated for another candidate's

use, said Small's son, Art Small III.

Other items include bulk mailing supplies, pre-coded maps of Iowa, phone books, a complete set of Federal Election Commission campaign regulations, cordless phones, and a coffeemaker. Potential candidates will still need to purchase computers, contracts, permits, and any other legal documents.

As of Sunday evening, the high bid was \$2,500. The auction will remain open until Nov. 6.

The candidate's son said the item's reserve price is \$5,000,



Art Small candidate for U.S. Senate

and the money raised will go toward paying off campaign debts. While the auction was originally tossed around as a joke, it developed into a real idea meant to "dramatize the role of big money in political campaigns," the younger Small said.

Small, 71, faces a tough race against popular Republican incumbent Sen. Charles Grassley, who has raised \$7 million to Small's roughly \$50,000. The Democratic challenger has blasted the Senate Finance Committee chairman for his fiscal policies, including his support for President Bush's tax cuts.

While the eBay advertisement for the "Campaign in a Van" said that the package included "everything you need to run a grass-roots campaign for U.S. Senate," the auction is open to anyone, whether or not they are

planning to run for office.

"Maybe a group of senior citizens could buy the RV to drive to Canada to buy prescription drugs," said the elder Small.

The younger Small said potential buyers could include collectors of political memorabilia, a museum, and perhaps someone who just needs a RV, but it would be ideal for the package to go to a future candidate.

He said that running for public office is akin to starting a business, with a large amount of time required to put together a package of what is needed.

"We would like to pass the torch," said the candidate's son. "If there's another candidate named Art Small, then he's really set to go."

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POLICE BLOTTER

Tyler Behrens, 20, Sioux City, was charged Oct. 30 with possession of alcohol under the legal age.
Douglas Berner, 25, 619 N. Johnson St., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.
Kyle Biffel, 19, 327 W. Benton St., was charged Oct. 29 with PAULA.
Kayla Borja, 20, 203 N. Riverside Drive, was charged Sunday with PAULA.
Zachary Bouslog, 18, 1146 Rienow, was charged Oct. 29 with public intoxication, possession of a fictitious driver's license, and interference with official acts.
Beau Brindley, 26, 101 Hawk Ridge Drive Apt. 1315, was charged Oct. 29 with keeping a disorderly house.
Matthew Carson, 22, North Liberty, was charged Sunday with operating while intoxicated.
Matthew Casario, 20, 600 S. Capitol St. Apt. 102, was charged Oct. 29 with PAULA.
Caley Cheney, 23, 2002 Plain View Dr., was charged Sunday with operating while intoxicated.
Kelly Colgan, 18, 837C Mayflower, was charged Oct. 29 with PAULA.
Keisi Crivaro, 20, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2214, was charged Sunday with PAULA.
Katy Doherty, 18, 334 Stanley, was charged Oct. 30 with PAULA.
Lissa Ericson, 19, 512 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 7, was charged Oct. 29 with PAULA.
Aaron Fangman, 20, 630 S. Capitol St. Apt. 409, was charged Oct. 30 with PAULA.
Terry Hales, 58, address unknown, was charged Oct. 30 with public intoxication.
Justin Hayes, 40, Wonderlake, Ill., was charged Oct. 30 with interference with official acts.
Veronica Horowitz, 19, 320 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1034, was charged Oct. 17 with possession of a schedule II substance with intent to deliver, drug-stamp tax violation, and destroying evidence.

Scott Horwitch, 20, 522 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 2, was charged Oct. 30 with keeping a disorderly house.
Kyle Jacobson, 18, 539D Mayflower, was charged Oct. 30 with PAULA and presence in a licensed liquor establishment after hours.
Matthew Kottal, 18, 1119 Rienow, was charged Oct. 30 with PAULA and presence in a licensed liquor establishment after hours.
Rachel Lutzetok, 19, 819 Gilbert Court, was charged Oct. 30 with keeping a disorderly house.
Caillie Mau, 18, 847 Slater, was charged Oct. 29 with PAULA and presence in a licensed liquor establishment after hours.
Matt McCracken, 22, 6 Melrose Place, was charged Oct. 30 with keeping a disorderly house.
McKenzie McDonald, 19, 4437 Berkley Lane, was charged Sunday with operating while intoxicated.
Aaron Meyer, 20, Muscatine, was charged Oct. 29 with operating while intoxicated.
Joe Mooney, 25, 13 E. Burlington St. Apt. 113, was charged Oct. 29 with keeping a disorderly house.
Sarah Nace, 20, Kalona, was charged Oct. 30 with PAULA.
Carey Nassano-Miller, 22, 101 Hawk Ridge Drive Apt. 1106A, was charged Oct. 30 with public intoxication, interference with official acts, and public urination.
Benjamin Nickels, 20, 703 N. Dubuque St., was charged Oct. 30 with PAULA.
Kimberly Nusslock, 20, 328 N. Clinton St., was charged Oct. 29 with PAULA.
Katherine Preston, 18, 624C Mayflower, was charged Oct. 30 with PAULA.
Shelby Roberts, 18, 819 E. Fairchild St., was charged Oct. 30 with simple assault.
Omolaiye Samuel, 40, 1960 Broadway Apt. 8C, was charged Oct. 29 with simple assault and operating while intoxicated.

Carly Sawvell, 19, Bettendorf, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.
Nora Scharnberg, 20, 200 S. Linn St. Apt. 5, was charged Oct. 29 with PAULA.
Mark Schulte, 18, 930 Slater, was charged Oct. 30 with public intoxication.
Brian Scott, 20, 703 N. Dubuque St., was charged Oct. 30 with PAULA.
Kirk Scott, 18, Hillcrest E204, was charged Oct. 30 with PAULA.
Adam Sewell, 20, Sioux City, was charged Oct. 30 with PAULA.
Kelly Talbot, 19, 112 E. Bloomington St. Apt. 3, was charged Oct. 29 with PAULA.
Winston Tiao, 24, 279 Manchester Lane N.E., was charged Oct. 30 with public intoxication.
Andrew Turner, 18, Antioch, Ill., was charged Oct. 30 with unlawful use of an authentic driver's license of another, PAULA, and presence in a licensed liquor establishment after hours.
Matthew Walter, 50, McHenry, Ill., was charged Oct. 30 with public intoxication.
Allison Walters, 20, 409A Mayflower, was charged Oct. 30 with PAULA.
Robert Wilkins, 33, 1926 Broadway Apt. B, was charged Oct. 30 with conspiracy to deliver a schedule I controlled substance, destroying evidence, interference with official acts intending injury, possession of schedule I controlled substance, and driving while barred.
Samantha Willie, 19, 206A Mayflower, was charged Oct. 29 with PAULA.
Frederick Woods, 21, Ferndale, Mich., was charged Sunday with operating while intoxicated.
Robert Yannitz, 40, Lake Zurich, Ill., was charged Oct. 30 with PAULA.

CITY

Carousel Ford sued again

An Iowa City woman filed civil charges against Carousel Ford Inc. — a car dealership that has experienced legal troubles in the past — for allegedly not honoring a warranty.

Cheryl White alleges that Carousel, 2641 Mormon Trek Blvd., misrepresented a warranty offered with the car, in addition to allegedly tendering her an installment contract that was "substantively unconscionable."

Carousel salesman Bill Webster sold White a used green 1997 BMW 528i on April 23, the lawsuit said. He allegedly told her the warranty fell under the "Premium Warranty," and she could buy the vehicle with an 8 percent interest loan.

Soon thereafter, the car experienced serious engine difficulties, and the interest rate was hiked to 11.45 percent. The warranty was then degraded from the "Premium Warranty" to a "Deluxe Warranty."

White is filing four counts against the dealership: a failure to honor express warranties, breach of implied warranty of merchantability, fraudulent misrepresentation, and unconscionability. She is seeking recession of the contract, actual damages, costs, and reasonable attorney fees.

Last month, a West Branch teenager filed a lawsuit against the dealership for allegedly forcing him to purchase a vehicle through verbal and physical intimidation and for taking advantage of the teenager's inexperience with consumer-credit transaction.

— by Jane Slusark

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 29 article "Sheriff's race lurches in unforeseen directions," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported that Lonny Pulkrabek's wife, Julie Pulkrabek, had been accused of breaking city codes by allegedly obtaining a copy of Snyder's arrest record.

In their complaint, the Johnson County Republicans accused her of violating state law for releasing records that are not usually public. Arrest reports are generally public records.

The *DI* regrets the error.

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Cheney: Kerry used polls for formulating bin Laden reaction

BY MICHELLE SPITZER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT DODGE, Iowa — Vice President Dick Cheney, in a brief campaign stop to energize campaign volunteers, said John Kerry relied on public polls before deciding how to react to the resurfacing of Osama bin Laden in a videotape.

"He had to go and check the polls, stick his finger in the air, and see which way the political winds are blowing, and then make his decision," Cheney said. "George Bush doesn't need a poll."

Gov. Tom Vilsack denied that Kerry took a poll.

"John Kerry's immediate reaction to this tape was crystal clear: to vow that all Americans, Democrats and Republicans, will stand together to hunt and kill the terrorists, and Dick Cheney knows it. John Kerry's campaign did not pay for or sponsor the poll in any way. A poll was conducted by the independent organization Democracy Corps," said Vilsack, who is campaigning for Kerry across the state. "I think it's wrong to attempt to turn this life-or-death matter into a partisan issue, and the vice president's decision to do that is surprising and disappointing and

must reflect a lack of confidence in his campaign's ability to win in Iowa."

Cheney, accompanied by his wife, spoke for less than 15 minutes before shaking hands and signing autographs at a Republican campaign headquarters here.

"I don't want to give a long-winded speech today," he told approximately 50 volunteers. "You guys are working, and we don't want to get in the way."

Campaign spokesman Dan Ronayne said Cheney's visit was part of the 72-hour intensive effort to get Republican voters to the polls.

He said 5,000 volunteers spread across the state Saturday, knocking on doors and making phone calls. He estimated 295,000 people were contacted through the effort.

"Democrats historically have had a stronger get-out-the-vote operation in place, and we have put together the largest and most sophisticated grass-roots campaign in political history," Ronayne said.

Volunteer workers were huddled around five tables with cell phones and lists of potential voters at the headquarters Cheney visited.



Charlie Neibergall/Associated Press
Vice President Dick Cheney speaks to supporters during a visit to the Webster County Republican Party headquarters on Sunday in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Banners proclaiming "Countdown to Victory" and "72-Hour Task Force" hung on the walls.

Thomas Augustine, 15, of Fort Dodge, said callers were given about four pages with about 20 names on a page to call.

"Our goal is to get to the undecided voters and to tell those supporting Bush to go to the polls," he said.

The undecided voters were given a pitch to vote for Bush.

Augustine, chairman of Teenage Republicans of North Central Iowa, said he's excited to see Cheney two days before Election Day.

"Small communities like this do count. Every vote counts. For him to come a couple of days before the election is just great," Augustine said.

Poll has Iowans backing Kerry over Bush, 48-45%

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — A new Iowa Poll said 48 percent of likely voters or those who have already cast ballots support John Kerry, while George Bush had the support of 45 percent.

The difference is within the poll's margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

One percent of likely voters planned to cast their ballots for independent candidate Ralph Nader in Tuesday's election, according to the *Des Moines Sunday Register* poll.

Six percent of likely voters remained undecided in the random telephone poll, which questioned 806 Iowans age 18 or older over five days ending Oct. 29. It was conducted by Selzer & Co. Inc., of Des Moines.

With the state's seven electoral votes possibly a determining factor in the presidential race, the few thousand undecided voters are the focus of much attention.

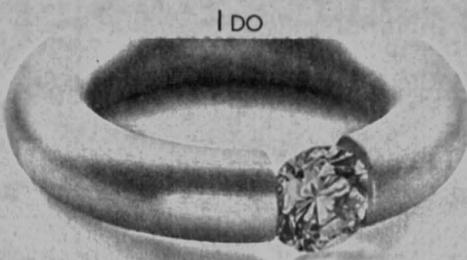
The poll said 5 percent of Bush supporters and 4 percent of Kerry supporters could still change their minds.

Kerry had the advantage among Iowans who have cast absentee or early ballots, the poll said.

Twenty-seven percent of Iowa adults surveyed said they have already voted, and Kerry leads Bush, 52 percent to 41 percent, among that group. Among the 73 percent who said they definitely will vote on Tuesday, Kerry and Bush were tied.

A sign of potential trouble for Bush is the 47 percent of likely voters who disapproved of the president's overall job performance, compared with 45 percent who approved.

The poll said a majority of Iowans have taken a pessimistic view of how things are going in nation — 55 percent said the country has gotten off on the wrong track while 39 percent said it's headed in the right direction.



I DO

I DONT

Edwards: American Dream on this year's election ballot

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATERLOO — Democratic vice-presidential nominee John Edwards said Sunday that the American dream is on the ballot on Election Day.

"It is up to all of you to determine whether that dream is alive and well," Edwards told the crowd of more than 1,000 supporters gathered in an airport hangar in this Eastern Iowa city.

Edwards said the Bush administration has failed on health care, the economy, and the war in Iraq, and that in the two days leading up to the election Americans must ask themselves: "Do I want four more years of this? Or do I want a fresh start with President John Kerry in the White House?"

Edwards, who gave his stump speech surrounded by hay bales and pumpkins, said he has lived the American dream and wants to help others achieve their dreams.

"I have grown up in the bright light of America, but that light is flickering. George Bush doesn't see it, Dick Cheney doesn't see it, but you see it," Edwards said. "What happened is the American dream has been replaced with just trying to get by. I have to tell you John Kerry has been fighting for the American dream his entire life."

Dan Ronayne, a spokesman for the Bush-Cheney campaign, said Edwards will "say anything to score political points because

he can't explain away his and John Kerry's record.

"The fact of the matter is John Edwards and John Kerry are two of the most liberal members of the U.S. Senate and are entirely out-of-step with the values and priorities of Iowans," Ronayne said.

He also said Kerry and Edwards are trying to be everything to everyone.

"You cannot be pro-patient, pro-doctor, and pro-personal injury lawyer all at the same time, and John Kerry made it clear where he stood when he put Mr. Edwards on the ticket," Ronayne said.

As part of the Halloween night event, a handful of youngsters dressed as skeletons, clowns, and other characters for the event. One adult couple donned a homemade roller-coaster car with flickering lights and a sign across the back that read: "We're on a wild ride to the White House."



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Democratic vice-presidential nominee Sen. John Edwards shakes hands with the crowd following a campaign stop in Waterloo on Sunday.



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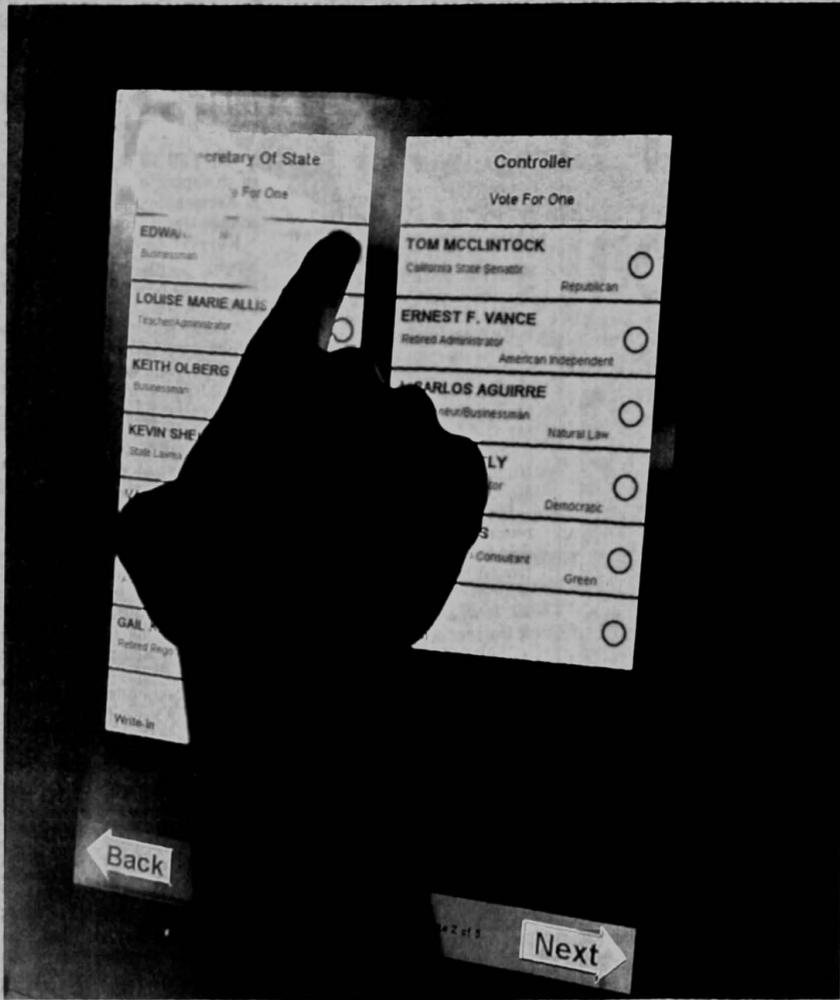
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NEWS



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Evergreen Valley High School student Navied Jabbari learns to use of a touch-screen voting machine during a training session for students wanting to work the polls on the school's campus in San Jose, Calif. Oct. 7. U.S. polling places are facing a record shortage of poll workers.

Poll-worker scarcity looms

A 500,000-worker shortage has voters bracing for long lines and much confusion

BY RACHEL KONRAD
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A shortage of at least 500,000 poll workers nationwide means many voters could face long lines, cranky volunteers, polling places that don't open or close on

schedule, and the chance that results won't be known until long after the polls are closed.

Roughly 1.4 million people have been trained to serve as poll workers on Tuesday, roughly the number four years ago, according to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. But nearly 2 million will be needed to deal with expected heavy turnout, huge numbers of first-time voters, and unfamiliar touch-screen machines in hundreds of counties.

Desperate for workers, the Election Assistance Commission urged businesses and federal agencies to give volunteers the day off with pay to staff the polls.

But as the last deadline for training new workers passed on Oct. 29, critical shortages remained in many states.

"If the criminal-justice system didn't have access to jurors, the criminal-justice system wouldn't exist. Poll workers are just as important as jurors," said DeForest Soaries Jr., chairman of the election panel and former New Jersey secretary of State.

The shortage is acute in urban areas where workers should be able to speak numerous languages. Soaries is most worried about New York City, Washington, St. Louis, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

U.S. threat level remains unchanged

BY KATHERINE PFLEGER
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration left the terror threat level unchanged Saturday, despite warning state and local officials that a videotape message from Osama bin Laden may portend a new terrorist attack.

"We don't have to go to [code level] orange to take action in response either to these tapes or just general action to improve security around the country," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge told reporters.

He urged Americans to go ahead with plans to vote in Tuesday's elections without undue concern.

His words and appearance both

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— Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge

seemed designed to convey a lack of alarm. The nation's top anti-terrorism official made his remarks in casual clothes standing outside his office rather than at a formal news conference of the type he and other administration officials have conveyed word of

increased danger in the past.

Ridge's agency and the FBI issued a memo late on Oct. 29 to local and state officials, hours after a new videotape of bin Laden surfaced.

"We remain concerned about Al Qaeda's interest in attacking the American homeland, and we cannot discount the possibility that the video may be intended to promote violence or serve as a signal for an attack," it said.

Most of the United States has been at code yellow, the midpoint of a five-point color-coded warning scale, for much of the year.

Since August, the terror alert for the financial section in New York, Washington, and Newark, N.J., has stood at orange, or high. At that time, administration officials disclosed Al Qaeda had conducted surveillance of four buildings.

WHO calls for flu-vaccine summit

BY MARILYNN
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WASHINGTON — The World Health Organization has called an unprecedented summit meeting of flu-vaccine makers and nations to expand plans for dealing with the growing threat of a flu pandemic.

Sixteen vaccine companies and health officials from the United States and other large countries already have agreed to attend the summit in Geneva, Switzerland, on Nov. 11, said Klaus Stohr, the influenza chief of the United Nations' health agency.

With increasing signs that bird flu is becoming established in Asia and several worrisome human cases that can't be linked directly to exposure to infected poultry, it's only a matter of time until such a virus adapts itself to spread more easily from person to person and cause a severe worldwide outbreak, he said.

"We believe that we are closer to the next pandemic than we ever were," Stohr said Sunday in an interview before a speech at an American Society for Microbiology meeting in Washington, D.C.

The world's total capacity for flu vaccine now is only 300 million doses, and it would take at least six months to develop a new vaccine to fight a pandemic. The WHO wants to get "all issues on

the table," monetary and scientific, that prevent getting more vaccine more quickly, he said.

"If we continue as we are now, there will be no vaccine available, let alone antivirals, when the next pandemic starts," Stohr said. "We have a window of opportunity now to prepare ourselves."

Flu kills about 36,000 people in the United States and a million worldwide each year by conservative estimates, Stohr said. But tens of millions die in a pandemic, which occurs every 20 to 30 years, when a flu strain changes so dramatically that people have little immunity from previous flu bouts.

There were three pandemics in the 20th century; all spread worldwide within a year of being detected.

The worst was the Spanish flu in 1918-19, when as many as 50 million people worldwide were thought to have died, nearly half of them young, healthy adults. More than 500,000 died in the United States.

The 1957-58 Asian flu caused about 70,000 deaths in the United States, followed by the 1968-69 Hong Kong flu, which caused about 34,000 U.S. deaths.

The current vaccine shortage in the United States, caused by loss of one of the country's two major flu-shot suppliers, reveals how vulnerable the world is and serves as a "dress rehearsal" for the kind of rationing and emergency measures that would be

needed in a pandemic, said Dr. Wendy Keitel of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"The ability to respond with the production of billions of doses of vaccine is quite limited," Keitel said. "We need to think through these problems now. Ninety percent of vaccines are produced in 10 countries that have 10 percent of the world's population."

The United States is the only nation that has commissioned work on potential pandemic bird-flu vaccines, Stohr noted. The National Institutes of Health has given Aventis Pasteur and Chiron Corp. contracts to produce prototype bird flu vaccines that are expected to be ready for human tests late this year. Aventis already has made 8,000 doses at its plant in Swiftwater, Pa.; Chiron is making its doses at a factory in Europe, not the one in Britain that regulators shut down last month, causing the U.S. vaccine shortage.

If a pandemic occurred and a vaccine wasn't ready, antiviral drugs could play a key role in slowing its spread, said Dr. Frederick Hayden, a University of Virginia virus expert who has researched and consulted on many flu vaccines and drugs including oseltamivir, or Tamiflu, which showed some activity against bird flu in lab experiments.

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NEWS

PM gives Fallujah final warning

Ayad Allawi says time is running out for peaceful settlement; blast kills 15 in Tikrit

BY ROBERT H. REID
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BAGHDAD — Iraq's interim prime minister warned Sunday that efforts to resolve the standoff in Fallujah peacefully have entered their "final phase" and said he will not hesitate to launch "a military solution" to end Sunni insurgents' hold over the city.

In another city of Iraq's stormy Sunni Triangle, a rocket slammed into the Sunubar Hotel in Tikrit late Sunday, killing 15 Iraqis and wounding eight others, hospital officials said. Insurgents may have been aiming at an American position, which was targeted by a second rocket. U.S. officials said no American casualties were reported.

Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's warning, delivered in a nationally televised news conference, occurred as U.S. forces prepare

for a showdown with thousands of militants holed up in Fallujah — the city that has become the focal point of armed resistance to the Americans and their Iraqi allies.

Allawi appeared to be aiming to prepare the Iraqi public for an onslaught likely to unleash strong passions, especially among the country's Sunni Muslim minority.

He warned of civilian casualties, saying that if he orders an assault it would be with a "heavy heart," because "there will be some loss of innocent lives."

"But I owe, owe it to the Iraqi people to defend them from the violence and the terrorists and insurgents," he said.

U.S. and Iraqi commanders want to put down guerrillas before vital elections due to be held by Jan. 31, which Allawi insisted will take place as scheduled. On Sunday, insurgents in Fallujah fired mortar rounds and rockets at U.S. Marines, who responded with artillery. U.S. aircraft also struck suspected rebel positions, Marine officials said.

Clashes were also reported between U.S. forces and insurgents in Ramadi, west of Fallujah, killing seven Iraqis and injuring 11, hospital officials said.

As night fell in the Iraqi capital, the rumble of powerful explosions could be heard coming from the western edge of the city, but the cause of the blasts could not be determined.

The blast in Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad, sent frightened guests of the three-story hotel running into the street, some barefoot, others with bloodstains on their clothes.

U.S. military officials blamed the attack on "anti-Iraqi forces," the term they use for insurgents. They said two rockets were fired, one of which exploded near an American military position but caused no damage or casualties.

U.S. officials say Allawi will personally issue the final order to launch any all-out assault on Fallujah and other Sunni insurgent strongholds north and west of the capital.

Allawi gave no deadline for talks with Fallujah city leaders to bear fruit, but he insisted they must hand over foreign fighters and allow Iraqi security forces to take control of the city.

"We have now entered the final phase of attempts to solve Fallujah without a major military confrontation. I hope we can achieve this, but if we cannot, I have no choice but to secure a military solution," he added.

WORLD

Iranian lawmakers vote to resume enrichment

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Defiant lawmakers — shouting "Death to America" — unanimously voted Sunday to approve the outline of a bill requiring the government to resume uranium enrichment, a move likely to deepen an international dispute over Tehran's atomic activities.

Nevertheless, Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Hossein Mousavian, told the Associated Press in an exclusive interview that a compromise could still be reached with European negotiators to avert the risk of U.N. sanctions.

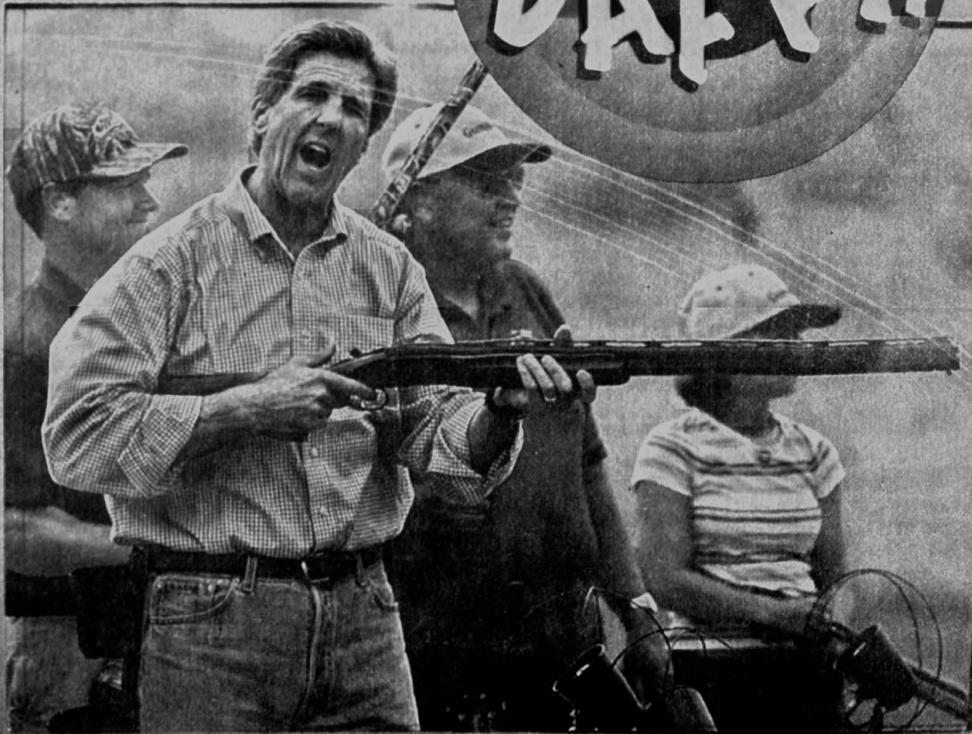
Britain, France, and Germany have offered Iran a trade deal and peaceful nuclear technology — including a light-water research reactor — in

return for assurances Iran would indefinitely stop enriching uranium. Uranium enriched to a low level can be used to produce nuclear fuel, but if enriched further it can be used to make nuclear weapons.

While lawmakers were discussing the bill, Mousavian ruled out an indefinite suspension of enrichment activities. But he suggested Iran would consider halting the building of more nuclear facilities, which it would need to produce enough fuel for additional power plants.

Washington has accused Iran of trying to build atomic weapons and has pushed for the case to be referred to the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions if Tehran doesn't give up all uranium-enrichment activities before a Nov. 25 meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog.

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Local GOP concerned by Snyder-case decision

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court documents. The absence of markings indicates they are an attorney's work products, which are confidential under Iowa law.

Versteeg said the findings are setting up a dangerous precedent that any records used in a court could become public record. "We are concerned about the precedent and its chilling effects," he said. "We are concerned someone could just go into a law office or a doctor office and claim these are public records."

Snyder was less than thrilled with the decision. He said, "One must remember, just because somebody doesn't prosecute

criminally, it doesn't mean there is no liability."

Versteeg said he was hopeful another investigation could be done keeping in note what the party outlined as the problems with the first investigation.

Miller wrote that the arrest records were not confidential because, under Iowa law, police records are only confidential if either party would "suffer" upon their release.

"Even if one were to ignore the foregoing analysis and assume that the documents are confidential, their access and disclosure was not done in violation of any criminal statute," Miller wrote.

"We want the voters of Johnson County to realize the unethical conduct," Versteeg

said, adding these records were released to damage the reputation of Snyder, not to serve the good.

Lonny Pulkrabek said he was "relieved" with the Division of Criminal Investigations decision and added he was not surprised by the ruling.

"It doesn't change the fact that the reports were released," he said on Sunday afternoon. "And if they were released, I wish they hadn't come from one of my campaign supporters."

Pulkrabek said he was glad to see the results from the investigation before election day, because some voters were waiting for this decision before voting.

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PANTS ON FIRE



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City resident Chris Pfalzgraph looks on as Ruth Spinks drives a converted Lincoln Towncar down Lynn Street on Sunday evening. The pair are members of True Majority and volunteered to tow the "Pants on Fire" trailer around Iowa City.

Hamburg Inn big in political scene

HAMBURG

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Gov. Tom Vilsack, and Rep. James Leach, R-Iowa, also belong to the growing guest list.

"It gives candidates a much more personal experience," said former employee and now-frequent patron Gary Sanders. "Not many other places provide that opportunity."

It is indeed an exceptional scene.

The 56-year-old restaurant is more politically charged than most. Photos of Clinton and Leach decorate the walls. A row of clear Mason jars sitting on a window ledge are filled with coffee beans in the first annual "bean ballot poll." After all the beans were counted Sunday, Kerry won 3,687 to 1,259.

Outside, a political-statement banner is covered with endorsements largely skewed to the left. Downstairs each candidate's stances are outlined and posted on a billboard.

"It's hard for us here to recognize the significance of this place," Sanders said, sitting behind a table littered with the day's newspapers. "If you go and live other places, you'll see this place is rare."

But is a trip to Hamburg a key to success?

Apparently not, says Panther, who mentioned four notable absentees: Democratic nominee Kerry, running mate John Edwards, President Bush, and Vice President Dick Cheney.

UI political-science Assistant Professor David Redlawsk, who specializes in campaigns, said candidates who host such events face a tradeoff. They are able to make good connections with voters, but the process is labor-intensive and time-consuming. Additionally, they risk straying from "the message of the day" set by their campaign management.

"Campaigns don't like their candidates to go unscripted," he said. "Candidates, though, like to be free of the organization for a bit."

One recent candidate attempting to capitalize on the venue is Dave Frankner. The Democrat vying for the 2nd District Congressional seat against incumbent Leach says he has eaten at Hamburg for 20 years now and has spent scores of mornings in places just like it.

"It helps [me] understand what it's like for ordinary Iowans," he said, noting the

relaxed atmosphere. He cited a handful of conversations he's had over coffee that have helped him connect with his constituents.

Leach also frequents the restaurant, said Panther, who called him a "real gentleman."

Panther said the politics don't turn customers off, adding the atmosphere is a good marketing tool and conversation starter.

Asked if the dialogue ever escalates in one of the most polarized elections in recent memory, the owner cited a marketing ploy gone awry. After placing both Heinz and "W" ketchup bottles on each table in what was tabbed the "Ketchup Wars," he saw some unfavorable results.

"After a while, all that was left were the 'W' bottles, and people were very upset that we would put those out there," said Panther, who describes himself as "more Democratic than Republican."

Though the election season will soon come to a end, he said, he doesn't expect the politics to leave anytime soon.

"It's just too fun," he said.

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Tattoo expo a swirl of color in IC

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The 23-year-old belongs to the Body Art Dare Devils, a sideshow act from Nashville, Tenn., one of several entertaining the nearly 1,500 tattoo fans who attended the three-day expo at the Sheraton.

Twenty-three tattoo parlors from as far away as Washington, D.C., set up booths at the event. To participants and fans, the expo was more than a spot to gawk at seemingly unimaginable bodily acts. It was a gathering point to swap tattoo designs and techniques, show off artwork, and indulge in self-expression.

Many people at the expo said they know critics often associate tattoos with renegades and self-mutilation. But to them, a tattoo is a piece of their soul that they inscribe onto themselves as a reminder. The idea has caught on nationwide — according to tattoos.com, there are dozens of expos each year, including one earlier this year in Davenport.

Becky Hubbard, an Iowa City resident and communications teacher at West High School, City High, and Regina, has a

tattoo that wraps around her ankle. It is several small characters, including a sweet pea, squirrel, and Madeline doll, connected by a pea vine. The 44-year-old said each character represents a member of her family, and the theme is love.

"To me, it means my family will always be with me. They will always be my kids," she said. She grew up conservative, she said, and she knows teaching is a conservative job, but she became a tattoo enthusiast later in life because it gave her an outlet for self-expression.

A 2004 UI graduate, Brian Korui, sat for five hours on Oct. 30 to finish his third tattoo, a scene from Oscar Wilde's tale "The Nightingale and the Rose." It is a mural that extends from the top of his shoulder to near his elbow and depicts a nightingale perched on a rosebush, its chest impaled by a thorn. A full moon is the background.

"A tattoo definitely has to be something that means something to me," he said. "I'm not one of those people that just pulls a design off the wall."

The 22-year-old said the tat-

too, which he is giving himself as a graduation present, is about sacrifice.

His tattoo artist, Scott Kaufman of Nemesis Studios, designed the tattoo from a description that Korui gave him. He said they already have spent 12 hours on the tattoo and need to finish it this weekend, because Kaufman is moving to San Diego today.

"It is [Kaufman's] art, and I wouldn't think of getting anyone else to finish it," Korui said.

Kaufman, who began tattooing in 1996, said tattoos now are more mainstream and better quality than they were when he started.

"People who are doing it now have more of an artistic background," Kaufman said as he shaded the dark sky for Korui's tattoo. "It's not something that just hoodlums get."

As for the Body Art Dare Devils, this is the group's first time in Iowa.

"Hopefully, they will invite us back next year," Person said.

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Bush, Kerry make their final pushes

CAMPAIGN

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A rash of polls suggested that the race for the popular vote was essentially tied after the costliest political-advertising campaign in history — more than \$600 million spent by

Bush, Kerry, their political parties, and allied groups.

The election's outcome also was uncertain in the battleground states, the eight or so states where Bush and Kerry are vying for a winning margin of the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win the

presidency. The campaign's final weekend was clouded by war and terrorism — a videotape by Osama bin Laden and the deaths of eight U.S. Marines in Iraq.



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The worst failure of the current administration (among many) is the situation in Iraq, a war that President Bush created and chose to wage using intelligence that is now known to be utterly untrue. That said, his most substantial argument to date is that the world is simply a safer place without Saddam Hussein's regime, clearly an effort to trivialize the fallacies upon which the war was justified. This, too, is a dubious claim, particularly considering that Saddam had no weapons of mass destruction, or ties to Al Qaeda, or connection to 9/11. In short, he posed no imminent threat in the first place. Yet this war has already cost more than 1,100 American lives and more than \$120 billion — a price tag that literally climbs by the minute. If the invasion truly had been justified, Bush wouldn't need to work so tirelessly now to defend his decision, a year and a half after the fact.

Bush has made a mockery of the Constitution, using it as a tool to polarize Americans during an election year and proposing the only amendment (save Prohibition) that would take away rights from citizens rather than preserve them. He claims to oppose governmental interference in private lives while simultaneously rallying against abortion and gay rights. He is the first president to cut taxes during a time of war, leaving the federal government hard-pressed to pay for defense and such education programs as No Child Left Behind.



Kerry



Edwards

The current administration has squandered the goodwill of our allies in the wake of 9/11 by ridiculing those who disagree. Bush's dangerous attitude that international opinion is irrelevant has cast America as the world's bully. It's legitimate to argue that the United States does not need a "permission slip" from other nations to defend itself, but not if this defense is against fabricated threats. The U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq, which met with widespread global opposition, has no end in sight. Particularly troubling is the president's refusal to acknowledge that the operation was a mistake or even that any mistakes were made at all. In fact, the biggest blunder Bush will admit to during his entire four years in office is that he "made some mistakes in appointing people, but I'm not going to name them."

To cover for its own failures, the Bush camp has devoted substantial effort to tarnish Kerry's reputation, branding him a flip-flopper who is too liberal and weak on terrorism. All three labels are unfounded and foolish, particularly coming from a president who has changed his own positions on numerous high-profile issues. Bush trumpets the notion that Kerry is too far to the left and weak on defense but plays down his ultraconservative record and the fact that he presided over the worst terrorist attack ever to occur on U.S. soil after virtually ignoring terrorism during the first eight months of his term. This is the same president who routinely says he will not let America "drift toward tragedy ... on my watch," neglecting the fact that he already did.

Kerry has not changed his basic position on key issues facing this nation, but unlike his opponent, he is willing to re-evaluate his decisions and admit errors. The Kerry-Edwards ticket represents two men of strong moral character who are well-suited to repair relations with nations that have been badly damaged during the Bush administration and to continue to protect America against its enemies using a sensible and cooperative policy. They are not simply an alternative to the incumbents; they are intelligent and accomplished individuals who can and will put this nation back on the right track. It is for this reason that *The Daily Iowan* strongly encourages all voters to support Kerry and Edwards if they have not done so already.

Regarding recent events

There are other important things going on in the world. But our airwaves, and mailboxes, and newspapers have stuffed us so full of this election, we're starting to look like the Thanksgiving turkey. And I personally am suffering from election fatigue. So after a few logistical comments about voting, I'll move on to other things.

First, you can vote today at Coralville's City Hall, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the UI Hospitals and Clinics from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and at the Iowa City Public Library from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. All registered voters from anywhere in Johnson County can use any of these places, no matter their home precinct.

Second, for Tuesday, you can locate your home precinct at johnson-county.com; using the "departments" drop-down menu, select either "auditor" or "voter/elections," then click "precinct finder." Enter your address, and it'll tell you where to go to vote on Tuesday, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. (If you're in line to vote when the polls close, you won't be turned away.)

Third, it is important. Now, other things, all briefly. Re: Yasser Arafat's health. I'm suspicious and anxious. Through my core of optimism, I have a deep vein of cynicism, particularly in regards to the Israeli/Palestinian issue. I have sympathy for Arafat: He's never come to the negotiating table equal to Israel. But he has cloistered power and double-deal, and I could see this undiagnosed illness might be faked, either to get him out of house arrest (to Paris, as I write) or to garner sympathy for him from his people.

Yet it might be real. If he lives and retains power, I don't see a way for Israeli-Palestinian relations to improve. Why would he change when he could stay the same? If he dies, I fear for the Israelis; I foresee suicide bombings against them. I fear for the Palestinians; the equality they would like to bring to the table would dwindle further. Barriers between the two peoples would grow higher and more absolute.

Which, by the way, is not the solution. A little book by Daniel Gavron that I read this summer, *The Other Side of Despair*, pretty much convinced me that separate states, much less walls, are not the solution: A single state is needed, with Israelis and Palestinians equally enfranchised. That's an incendiary little firebomb to throw out and then move on, I know, but either read the book or have patience till the next time I write about Israel.

Re: The Herkys. How lame do you have to be to attack a fiberglass bird? More to the point, how lame and/or how drunk? How many friends make a mob? I'm of the sort who thinks vandalism can have a purpose: Scrawling "End Rape Now" or "I Was Queer-Bashed Here" can be a form of healing activism, and sometimes I've found spray-painted train cars rather lovely. Random vandalism, though? It just pisses me off.

Re: Africa. Violence, on two sides of the continent. First, Liberia, where Christians and Muslims are torching each other's houses of worship just prior to the disarmament deadline (which was Sunday). However, 15,000 U.N. peacekeepers were stationed in the country. Arrests were made, and a curfew imposed, so the flare-up might well flare down, and Liberia sink down out of the news again.

Sudan, not so much. We've called it genocide, what's been going on in the Darfur region of Sudan: Arab Muslims killing black Muslims; the government closing refugee camps and stymieing aid (and backing the Arab Muslims). But instead of 15,000, the peacekeeper head count here stands at 390 African Union forces, which will be shored up by 237 Rwandan troops this week. How the hell do we expect 650 troops, or even 3,000, to secure a region the size of France that's laced with genocide? Have we let loose our most mad, callous selves? Or just not outgrown doomed plans? ■



ALLISON HEADY

GUEST OPINION

A rational response to a biased headline

Wow.

That is all that can be said about the headline of the Oct. 29 *DI* article on the College Republicans. I give Nick Petersen a lot of credit for writing a non-partisan article based solely on the facts given to him, and he was not to blame for the creation of the headline. I also have great respect for *DI* Editor Tony Robinson for accepting full responsibility for the bogus headline making it into print. However, the headline was horrendous ("UI Republicans work hard at preserving their delusions").

It seems that the only delusion represented by this headline is the fact that there are individuals on the *DI* staff who actually call themselves objective journalists. The UI College Republicans and UI Students for George W. Bush are completely appalled that a paper that is supposed to represent the entire student body could be so blatantly biased on the front page. The headline, having been placed directly above my own quote and next to the picture of Kim Fierce, Annie McEniry, and

me, is not only humiliating, it is a direct attack on our personal beliefs, as well as those of every other conservative on campus. This headline is hurtful, unorthodox, and completely out of line.

I fully understand that a two-party political system can lead to many quarrels among individuals, but the university-sponsored political organizations (including ours, which happens to be the second-largest organization on campus) should not be subjected to the opinion of one biased journalist in the present public forum. I would like to affirm the opinion of Johnson County Republican Central Committee Chairman, David Arbogast, from the same article: The College Republicans and Students for George W. Bush remain optimistic. We accept others' views on campus without a "sort of persecution mentality." We are the minority among political opinions in Iowa City, and shouting obscenities at liberal activists does not gain ground in issue debates. Nevertheless, this headline's deliberate attack on UI conservatives speaks loud and clear to the ruthless

actions that set aside ethics, which have been thrown in our direction since the campaign began.

With the creation of this headline comes the confirmation of the unfair, biased representation that runs rampant on the *DI* staff. This, of course, does not hold true for all, but a liberal prejudice that is obvious creates massive amounts of doubt with regard to the true facts of any political story produced by *The Daily Iowan*. The *DI* is produced and distributed to every student on campus.

I would like to thank and accept the apology of Robinson. His professionalism is being acknowledged throughout our organizations. It is hard, however, to completely forgive this occurrence, and on behalf of the UI College Republicans and Students for George W. Bush, I want the UI campus to know that we are still fighting for our cause. In the last few days of the campaigns we will be furiously trying to get out the vote to keep our Republican candidates in office.

Adam Bell is a UI junior and vice chairman of the UI College Republicans.

LETTERS

DI is worthless liberal trash

The *Daily Iowan's* journalistic integrity, which was already almost nonexistent, was completely destroyed by the Oct. 29 headline "UI Republicans work hard at preserving their delusions."

Already the thought of many, now the *DI* is officially a worthless college-town liberal rag, useful perhaps in wintertime for kindling. Just because the Editorial Board votes 8-2 in favor of every Democrat does not mean that liberal ideology should permeate the front page.

Eric Spurgeon
UI student

A more fitting headline

News flash: *The Daily Iowan* works hard at preserving its delusion that it is a bipartisan publication. Yeah right, fat chance.

Erica Bruellman
UI pharmacy student,
UI College Republicans member

Who is really delusional?

Your recent article on the College Republicans is offensive to every Republican

and Bush supporter on this campus. While the article itself is a good piece of journalism, the headline is perhaps the most blatantly biased writing I have ever seen.

Personally, as a member of the leadership of these groups, I do not know what we are delusional about. We are the second-largest student group on campus and one of the largest student political organizations in this state and nation. Our efforts the last few months have garnished articles in newspapers across this state, as well as newspapers across the nation and world. The only one who is delusional is whoever wrote this headline. While in my four years at this university I have come not to expect fair treatment for my views from local journalists, I do expect more than this.

Joel Rohlf
co-chairman, UI Students for George W. Bush

News not supposed to be biased

I found the recent publication of the article, "UI Republicans work hard at preserving their delusions" as a story that succinctly describes a student group whose overall goal is to win re-election for

President Bush as well as providing a well-written perspective on the inner workings of this politically affiliated student group and how it is involved with the Republican Party both locally and throughout the state.

However, I find that the headline of this story does not appear to coincide with the story's overall content. In fact, it seems to disclose the idea that the College Republicans are running their campaign on false hopes. Granted, if this was an editorial that was going to criticize the College Republicans' efforts as fruitless, the headline would be far more appropriate. However, because it appears as front-page news and reads as a news article would, the fact that a respectable paper such as *The Daily Iowan* would place such strong bias within a headline, especially when describing a student organization, is a very low blow. The news is meant to shed an unbiased perspective on events — make sure to keep it that way.

Colin Burke
UI student

Grassley cuts his own grass

In regards to Nicholas Bergin's letter to the editor ("Time to retire Grassley," *DI*,

Mike Musser
UI student

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ON THE SPOT

What are your plans for election day?



"I'm just gonna vote."

Jennifer Christ
UI junior



"I've already voted, so I'm just going to watch what happens on CNN all day and hope for the best."

Kristin McGuire
UI freshman



"I have no idea ... no clue."

Donnie Ha
UI sophomore



"I'll probably view the results somewhere. I'm not sure where."

Rod Buttermore
UI freshman

ARTS

CALENDARWORTHY

Poets Jennifer K. Dick and Julie Carr, winners in the Contemporary Poetry Series Competition, will read from their debut collections today at Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque, at 8 p.m. Dick, an Iowa City native who now lives in Paris, will read from *Flourescence* and Carr will read from *Mead: An Epithalamion*.

HALLOWEEN HIJINKS



TOP: "Cry-Baby" sheds a tear at Takanami in Iowa City on Oct. 30, when many celebrated Halloween. The private party was sparsely attended, but a block away, crowds spilled out of bars and onto the Pedestrian mall to see and be seen in their chosen personalities.

A NIGHT OF THRILLS, CHILLS, AND HORDES OF FRENCH MAIDS

Photos by Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan
 BOTTOM: One of the many "sexy" French maids that were out in downtown Iowa City on Oct. 30 rests against a mirrored wall on the dance floor of Third Base. The evening seem to be full of women wearing costumes that were modified with the word "sexy." There were no frumpy French maid costumes.

TV warily faces election

BY DAVID BAUDER
 ASSOCIATED PRESS



Jenna Tyre, NBC/Associated Press

Workers put the finishing touches on the NBC News election studios, overlooking the Rockefeller Center skating rink in New York, in this undated publicity photo. The broadcast networks will devote all of their prime time to election coverage Tuesday.

NEW YORK — Before 2000, the focus of television election-night coverage was pretty simple: Count votes as fast as you can, and explain why people voted the way they did.

Two trends in this year's plans show the residual effect of hanging chads and blown calls. Networks are intent on following potential voter irregularities and laying bare their own decision-making processes as results flood in.

ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, PBS, CNN, Fox News Channel, and MSNBC will all devote prime time to election results Tuesday night. Smaller networks with specialized audiences, such as BET and MTV, have unprecedented coverage because of the intense interest in the presidential race.

Chip Reid will be stationed at the "Making Your Vote Count" desk at NBC News. ABC's Jake Tapper will deliver "Ballot Watch" reports. Mika Brzezinski at CBS, Major Garrett at Fox News Channel, and Jeffrey Toobin at CNN all have the same assignments: Comb the country for reports of potential fraud or disenfranchised voters.

"We all got a civics lesson in 2000, so what we feel we need is some good intelligence with secretaries of State in every battleground state," said Paul Mason, an ABC News senior vice president.

ABC's planning the days before the election resembles the Weather Channel's right before a hurricane makes landfall: Keep checking for where news is likely to strike before putting correspondents on airplanes.

NBC is helping to finance a national voter help line. Civic responsibility is one motive; so is the hope it might tip the network off to trouble spots before its rivals.

"After the election, the story will be about how broken the election system is," NBC's Tom Brokaw said.

Networks also want to rebuild public confidence in their performance after the 2000 disaster. You'll recall them declaring Al Gore the winner in Florida, rescinding it, giving Florida and the presidency to George Bush, then having to wait several weeks before a court fight settled the outcome.

ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox News Channel, and the Associated Press collaborated to construct a new exit-polling system from scratch. AP will also be the sole source for a nationwide vote tabulation.

After the primary season and several test runs, the participants expressed cautious optimism — certainly more optimism than they did in 2002 — that things will work on election night.

"I think everyone rightfully learned a lot of lessons four years ago," said David Bohman, CNN's Washington bureau chief. "You also learned that you don't have 100 percent confidence in anything."

Networks all promise caution in declaring winners state by state, adopting "we'd rather be right

than first" as a new mantra. They also expect to more thoroughly explain why they're calling or hedging on a state's results.

On CBS, for example, Brzezinski will be stationed at her network's decision desk and explain to viewers what her colleagues are doing.

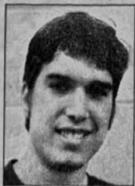
Dan Rather has covered every presidential election since 1964, and he will be CBS News' anchor again. Bob Schieffer is his analyst-sidekick. Watch for whether Rather holds back on his favorite corprone phrases because of the cloud over CBS ensuing from the National Guard controversy.

Peter Jennings will anchor ABC News' coverage, with George Stephanopoulos as analyst.

NBC has constructed an elaborate outdoor studio at New York's Rockefeller Center for Brokaw and analyst Tim Russert. It's likely to be the last big event presided over by Brokaw, who is stepping down as NBC "Nightly News" anchor on Dec. 1 and breaking up the Rather-Jennings-Brokaw triumvirate after two decades.

A nearly perfect stroll through fate, coincidences, second chances

Before Sunset, Richard Linklater's follow-up to the magical romance Before Sunrise, reunites two characters with a flair for natural dialogue



FILM REVIEW

by Will Scheibel

Before Sunset

When:

7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and 9 p.m. Tuesday

Where:

Bijou

★★★★ out of ★★★★★

I fell in love with *Before Sunrise*, Richard Linklater's magical 1995 romance, but what surprised me most about this heartbreaking sequel is that I loved it almost as much. *Before*

Sunset, directed and co-written again by Linklater, is not only a satisfying follow-up to the acclaimed Generation X comedy/drama, but it stands alone as a great film.

For those who haven't seen the first one, here's a brief recap. Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy play a pair of college-aged kids who meet on a train in Europe and decide to get off in Vienna together, where they spend the entire night walking, talking, and, of course, falling in love. The film was not so much about sex as it was about conversation and behavior; these two young characters were profoundly explored and developed through essentially just two hours of straight dialogue.

But what fascinating and fresh dialogue it was. Jesse (Hawke) and Celine (Delpy) shared their dreams, passions, and personal histories while musing over everything from life, death, love, and reincarnation to

records, cable-access television, and adolescent crushes. They both make a pact to reunite in Vienna exactly six months later and pick up where they left off. After a tearful farewell, Jesse heads back to the U.S. and Celine returns to Paris.

Sunset opens with the couple's first reunion after nine years. Jesse has become a writer, and his latest novel is a best-selling account of that unforgettable night in Vienna. While on the final leg of his book tour, Jesse is shocked to bump into Celine at a Parisian bookstore in which he has just finished signing autographs and talking to reporters. He only has a little over an hour before he needs to catch an evening flight back to America, so he and Celine spend the afternoon walking and talking all over again as they catch up with each other on the last decade.

Sunset plays out mostly in real time and, like the original,

is primarily constructed out of endless, Eric Rohmer-esque dialogue. Hawke and Delpy collaborated with Linklater on the witty, philosophical banter, resulting in a script that never seems pretentious, or phony, or the stuff of sappy soap operas. The actors bring this sympathetic duo to life with perfect-pitch performances that resonate in deeply felt emotion and authenticity.

Celine, now a social activist, learns that Jesse is unhappily married with a 4-year-old son. They discuss politics, sex, family, and their fears about entering their 30s, but a sad subtext consistently floats to the surface of their little chats. Gone is the energy and idealism of their youth, and Jesse and Celine now realize that they're lives haven't quite taken them in the directions they expected. More importantly, they both wonder whether, if you'll

excuse the cliché, they were "truly meant to be."

Though the film tackles such familiar themes as fate, coincidences, second chances, and soul mates, Linklater's approach is quite unpredictable. This writer-director is best known for *Slacker* (1991), *Dazed and Confused* (1993), *Suburbia* (1997), and *Waking Life* (2001) — all cult items that I personally never cared for. Most recently, Linklater broke into the mainstream with the boisterously entertaining *School of Rock* (2003). Ever since he hit the independent set

back in the early '90s, he manages to win fans easily in spite of his affinity for experimentation and taking risks (the impressive *Tape* [2001] is further evidence of Linklater's ambition).

As a back-to-back double feature, *Sunrise* and *Sunset* not only remain Linklater's finest work but one of the most mature, intelligent, and insightful love stories I've ever seen. Each film is a small masterpiece of minimalism, understatement, and subtle beauty. Here's hoping for part 3.

E-mail D/I film critic Will Scheibel at leonard-scheibel@uiowa.edu



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Andre Agassi

TENNIS

Agassi beaten in Stockholm final

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Andre Agassi lost the Stockholm Open final in a third-set tiebreaker to Sweden's Thomas Johansson, who won (3-6, 6-3, 7-6 [4]) Sunday to capture the tournament for the second time.

Johansson, a former Australian Open champion, rallied from a set down before a packed Royal Tennis Hall crowd that included Agassi's wife, Steffi Graf.

"I was pretty discouraged with the level of tennis he was playing [in the second set]," Agassi said. "I wasn't getting any chances. I hung in there, and I managed to make it a competitive set. But, again, I was just playing to hang on."

Johansson led all the way in the tiebreaker, going up 6-3 after two mini breaks. Agassi saved the first match point with a passing shot. Johansson, backed by clapping, foot-stomping fans, then smacked an ace to close the match. He had lost all six previous matches to Agassi.

"This was probably my best match ever," said Johansson, who was unseeded in the \$822,000 event.

STUMPING

Schilling makes pitch to Bush voters

BOSTON — Looking to share some of the magic that propelled the Boston Red Sox to their first World Series title in 86 years,



Schilling

supporter of President Bush

President Bush enlisted a fan favorite to deliver his pitch while Democratic Sen. John Kerry recruited the team's front office.

Curt Schilling, the Red Sox winning

pitcher in Game 2 of the series, endorses Bush in automated recordings that will be used in three competitive states — New Hampshire, Maine, and Pennsylvania.

Kerry, the four-term Massachusetts senator who frequently mentions his hometown team and donned a cap this past week, appeared Sunday with Boston's principal owner John Henry, part-owner Tom Werner, and general manager Theo Epstein at a campaign stop in Manchester, N.H.

Schilling endorsed Bush in a television interview Thursday, a day after the Red Sox won the franchise's first title since 1918. In his phone message to voters, Schilling says, "These past couple of weeks, Sox fans ... trusted me when it was my turn on the mound. Now you can trust me on this: President Bush is the right leader for our country," according to a transcript from the Bush campaign.

TRIVIA

Do you know the answer?

Q: Which are the only two wild-card teams to win the Super Bowl?

CHECK YOUR ANSWER WITH THE CORRECT ONE, 2B

IOWA (6-2) 23, ILLINOIS (2-7) 13

NEXT UP: PURDUE, AT KINNICK STADIUM, 2:30 P.M. CDT.



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Iowa sophomore defensive back Miguel Merrick blocks a Steve Weatherford punt in the second quarter inside the Illini 10-yard line. The ball bounced out of the end zone, and the Hawkeyes were awarded a safety.

WIND BREAKERS

Iowa pushes past desperate team for win

Hawkeyes fight 40-mph wind

BY JASON BRUMMOND
 THE DAILY IOWAN

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — If it were a movie, there wouldn't be five stars.

If it were an apple pie, don't expect a blue ribbon from the county fair.

If it were a television show, forget about the high ratings.

It wasn't a masterpiece, but the now-20th-ranked Iowa Hawkeyes did enough to extend its winning streak to four games against a struggling Illinois team, 23-13, at Memorial Stadium.

"We're not a real style team right now or beauty-pageant football team, but we're finding ways to get the job done, and today was no exception,"

Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "It was really a hard-fought game, and a lot of guys came up with some plays."

Iowa's offense struggled in the first half, punting four times and turning the ball over once on six possessions. But other than a nine-play, 49-yard scoring drive on Illinois' first series, the defense hardly bugged.

"We just knew if we kept plugging away, it was going to break open, and the defense was getting the job done for us," guard Brian Ferentz said. "We knew they'd come up with some turnovers and get us some field position."

He was right.

SEE WIN, PAGE 3B

BY BRIAN TRIPLETT
 THE DAILY IOWAN

In any other game, it simply would have been a coincidence if every score occurred in the same end zone.

But in Iowa's 23-13 victory over Illinois in Champaign on Oct. 30, there was a reason all 36 points were tallied up in the north side of Memorial Stadium.

Even during the pregame ceremonies, it was apparent the powerful winds would be a factor.

The 40-mph gusts sent trash and streamers into motion in the skies above and even caused an embarrassing moment for the Illini spirit squad when they lost hold of the blue stripe

of the makeshift American flag during the national anthem.

"This is one of those days where it was probably as windy as I can ever remember in a ball game," said Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz. "Wind is much more of a factor than rain, or snow, or those kinds of things. I mean, wind's the biggest factor in outdoor sports."

Once the game began, strategies changed, field goals weren't even attempted, and punts ranged from 23 yards into the wind to 79 yards with its aid.

"It just changes the way you're looking at the whole thing," Ferentz said.

SEE WIND, PAGE 3B

IOWA MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

TEAM PLACES 3RD IN BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY TED MCCARTAN
 THE DAILY IOWAN

"Wow."

That was the first thing senior Matt Esche thought when he heard the results from the Big Ten Cross-Country championships on Sunday at the Ashton Cross-

Country Course in Iowa City.

It still doesn't describe the joy Hawkeye coach Larry Wiecek had on his face — with shiny eyes and a proud smile.

Iowa finished third in the meet, its best finish since 1967. It upset a trio of nationally renowned programs: seventh-ranked Michigan, 19th-ranked Minnesota, and

27th-ranked Michigan State. Iowa had raced all three of those teams this year and lost to all three. On its home course, however, things were different.

And wow, does it feel good. "Talk about a guy's life and to have a happy day," Wiecek said, almost delirious. "Beautiful weather, dedicating the

cross-country course — which has been a dream of mine — and also to have the team do so well. I can die a happy man; you can bury me right here."

CROSS-COUNTRY, PAGE 3B

CHECK OUT WHERE THE WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM PLACED, 2B

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TRIVIA ANSWER

The Oakland Raiders in 1961, the Denver Broncos in 1966.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press
All Times CST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	1	0	.857	168	124
N.Y. Jets	5	1	0	.833	127	102
Buffalo	2	5	0	.286	115	120
Miami	1	6	0	.143	86	121

SOUTH

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	5	3	0	.625	128	146
Houston	4	3	0	.571	158	143
Indianapolis	4	3	0	.571	218	178
Tennessee	3	5	0	.375	151	178

NORTH

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	1	0	.857	170	134
Baltimore	4	3	0	.571	147	147
Cleveland	3	4	0	.429	126	166
Cincinnati	2	5	0	.286	126	166

WEST

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	5	3	0	.625	168	141
San Diego	5	3	0	.625	219	156
Kansas City	3	4	0	.429	206	177
Oakland	2	6	0	.250	138	223

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7	0	0	1.000	186	104
N.Y. Giants	6	2	0	.714	151	113
Dallas	3	4	0	.429	138	177
Washington	2	5	0	.286	98	123

SOUTH

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	6	2	0	.750	170	170
New Orleans	5	2	0	.625	154	191
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	.500	109	124
Carolina	1	6	0	.143	100	158

NORTH

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	4	2	0	.667	183	162
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	137	154
Chicago	4	4	0	.500	206	186
Indianapolis	2	5	0	.286	128	121

WEST

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	4	3	0	.571	158	165
Seattle	4	3	0	.571	152	118
Arizona	2	5	0	.286	126	142
San Francisco	1	6	0	.143	118	182

Sunday's Games

Dallas 31, Detroit 21
Buffalo 38, Arizona 14
Tennessee 27, Cincinnati 20
Green Bay 28, Washington 14
Houston 20, Jacksonville 6
Kansas City 45, Indianapolis 35
Philadelphia 15, Baltimore 10
N.Y. Giants 34, Minnesota 13
Seattle 23, Carolina 17

Atlanta 41, Denver 28
San Diego 42, Oakland 14
Pittsburgh 34, New England 20
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Today's Game

Washington at Detroit, Noon
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Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, Noon
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, Noon
Chicago at N.Y. Giants, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
New Orleans at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
New England at St. Louis, 3:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Green Bay, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Tennessee
Monday, Nov. 8
Minnesota at Indianapolis, 9 p.m.

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Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	USC (52)	9-0	1,516	1
2	Oklahoma (8)	9-0	1,459	2
3	Auburn (1)	9-0	1,409	4
4	Wisconsin	8-0	1,262	6
5	Georgia	7-1	1,221	7
6	California	6-1	1,200	8
7	Texas	7-1	1,150	9
8	Utah	8-0	1,087	10
9	Michigan	6-1	1,025	11
10	Miami	6-1	979	3
11	Tennessee	7-1	931	12
12	West Virginia	7-1	784	13
13	Virginia	6-1	743	14
14	Florida State	6-2	743	5
15	Boise State	8-0	724	15
16	Louisville	5-1	681	16
17	LSU	6-2	576	18
18	Virginia Tech	6-2	503	22
19	Oklahoma State	6-2	352	20
20	IOWA	6-2	341	24
21	Southern Miss	5-1	239	25
22	Texas A&M	6-2	151	17
23	Arizona State	6-2	144	21
24	Northern Illinois	7-2	110	NR
25	Boston College	5-2	102	NR

IOWA FIELD HOCKEY — BIG TEN CHAMPIONS

TEAM TAKES TITLE

BY JUSTIN SKELNIK
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa field-hockey team is once again the champion of the Big Ten. After pulling out a 3-2 win over Northwestern on Oct. 29, the Hawkeyes won a share of the conference championship. This is the first title for Iowa since 1999 and the first under head coach Tracey Griesbaum.

Iowa's victory over Northwestern didn't come easily. The Wildcats controlled the game tempo from the start, and the Hawkeyes appeared to be flat.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 2-0 lead thanks in part to Candice Cooper, who scored both goals. Her first was on a break-away in the 22nd minute, and nine minutes later she scored on a penalty corner.

It looked as if Iowa would go into halftime trailing by two, but with 22 seconds remaining, the Hawks got one back. Freshman Kadi Sickel tipped a Margot McMahon shot off a penalty corner and cut the Wildcats' lead to 2-1.

Most of the second half was dominated by the Northwestern defense. At times, the Wildcats dropped seven and even eight players on defense to hold on to its one-goal lead. With

just over 11 minutes left, Iowa called a time-out to regroup.

Afterwards, the Hawks started playing with a sense of urgency. Two minutes after the timeout, freshman Caroline Blaum took a pass from Sarah Dawson and slid it past the goaltender to tie the game at 2.

Senior Lauren Stiver scored the winner for Iowa just two minutes later off a penalty corner.

Griesbaum said the Hawkeyes' time-out got the offense going.

"I told them they needed to step up their intensity but calm down a bit," she said Griesbaum. "We were not executing simple passes and receptions, so I knew we were playing uptight."

On Sunday, the Hawkeyes closed out the regular season with a 5-2 victory over Southwest Missouri State. Stiver opened the scoring on a penalty stroke. Junior Debbie Birrell and Dawson added two goals each for the Hawkeyes, with Dawson finishing the season as the team's leading scorer (12 goals and nine assists).

Iowa will be the No. 2 seed in this weekend's Big Ten meet; it will face Northwestern on Nov. 5.

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IOWA SPORTS

Thursday

• WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Australian Institute of Sport vs. Iowa City (Exhibition)
7:05 p.m.

Friday

• MEN'S SWIMMING
vs. Notre Dame,
Iowa City 5 p.m.

• VOLLEYBALL
vs. Ohio State,

Iowa City 7 p.m.

• FIELD HOCKEY
at Evanston, Ill. (Big Ten
Tournament) TBA

Saturday

• MEN'S BASKETBALL
Black and Gold Blowout,
Iowa City (Exhibition) 11:30
a.m.

• WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Minnesota

Minneapolis 1 p.m.

• VOLLEYBALL
vs. Penn State,
Iowa City 7:30 p.m.

• FIELD HOCKEY
at Evanston, Ill. (Big Ten
Tournament) TBA

IOWA ROWING

Hawkeyes take home two medals at regatta

BY KRISTI POOLER
THE DAILY IOWAN

A sea of Iowa Hawkeye fans lined the bridges above the Iowa River to cheer on the rowers competing in the 16th-annual Head of the Iowa Regatta on Sunday.

Iowa ended its fall season on a positive note, capturing two medals.

The Hawkeyes finished second in the women's Open Pair with a time of 16:41.62. In the Open 4, Iowa came in sixth in 15:58.22.

Iowa's Varsity 8 took second in the main event, the Open 8 coming in at 13:44.88. Falling short of their goal, the Hawkeyes failed to defeat 6th-ranked Minnesota but finished close behind the Gophers, who finished with a winning time of 13:43.69.

"I was extremely pleased with their race," said Iowa head coach Mandi Kowal. "I asked them to concentrate on three things, and they did all of that exactly as I asked. They rowed their most aggressive race of the fall, and I was really pleased. Last time we rowed against Minnesota, we lost to all three Varsity 8 teams. Today, we beat all but one."

The members of the Hawkeye Varsity 8 spent long hours at practice focusing on speed and working to improve their stroke

rating. Kowal hoped that speed and quickness drills would increase the number of strokes that the team took per minute.

"I wanted us to come down the course at a 32 or 33," she said.

Competing in their second regatta of the season, the novice group is still making strides to improve. The Hawkeyes novices finished in 12th place in the 4 and took fifth place in the Novice 8 event, finishing the course in a time of 16:03.68.

The Hawkeyes will now turn their focus to their winter training as they prepare for the spring season.

"Over the next three weeks, we will be spending as much time on the water as possible. Usually at this point, we move our practices inside, but this year, I want them to get as much water experience as possible," Kowal said.

Up next for the Hawkeyes is the Longhorn Invitational on March 18 in Austin, Texas.

"The good news is that we are in there with a lot of decent crews, so that is promising for the spring," Kowal said. "I saw a lot of positive things that will help us in the spring season. Ending with the Head of the Iowa was a good way to go into the next phase."

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IOWA SPORTS

Soccer ends season with loss to Cyclones

The Iowa women's soccer team ended the season with a loss in Ames, falling to the Cyclones, 6-1.

The game marked the inaugural contest in the annual HyVee Cy-Hawk Series women's soccer game. Iowa State took control of the game early, scoring in the second minute, and kept the pressure on throughout the first half, taking a 4-0 lead into the break.

The Hawkeyes lone goal came from Melissa Kaetterhenry, who knocked in a shot off a cross from teammate Lindsey Phillips.

Iowa finished the 2004 season with a 2-14-2 overall record, finishing 0-9-1 in the Big Ten.

— by Bryan Bamonte

Men's swimming dunked by Spartans

The Iowa men's swimming and diving team sank in East Lansing this weekend, falling, 162-125, to the Spartans.

Despite suffering their second loss, the Hawkeyes saw a lot of swimmers step up with strong performances. The team was led by junior Andrei Ciurca, who captured two individual events, and sophomore Steven Medaglia, who also collected two victories for the Hawkeyes.

The Hawkeyes will return home for competition with Notre Dame on Friday in the Field House pool.

— by Bryan Bamonte

Hawkeyes fall to Badgers, Wildcats

The women's volleyball team continued to struggle this past weekend, extending their losing streak to 11 games.

The Hawkeyes (9-15, 1-11) fell to Wisconsin (14-5, 8-3) on Oct. 29, 3-0 (30-18, 30-17, 30-20), and Northwestern (8-12, 3-7) on Oct. 30, 3-0 (30-23, 30-28, 30-16).

"It's just disappointing right now," said Hawkeye coach Cindy Fredrick. "We're really not giving ourselves a chance to win right now. We're not taking care of the small things or the big things, which takes away our chances of winning."

Jacqueline Huguélet led the way for Iowa with nine kills against the Badgers, while Tiana Costanzo chipped in with six of her own. Pam Kavadas delivered 10 digs, and Justeen Patton showed a solid effort with 21 sets.

In the match against the Wildcats, Carolyn Giese led with 11 kills and had a .240 hitting percentage. Laura Simpson and Megan Gatens each had six kills for Iowa.

— by Ryan Long

Women's cross-country finishes 17th

BY TED MCCARTAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Given that Iowa had occupied the cellar since 2000, finishing seventh in the Big Ten championships on Sunday on the Hawkeyes' Ashton Cross-Country Course was a huge improvement for the women's cross-country team.

It's the highest finish for the Hawkeyes since 1993. And it's the beginning of coach Layne Anderson's quest to turn around the program.

"As many years as Iowa has been 11th, this is a good step forward," he said after the race.

Michigan, which is ranked fourth in the nation, won the event for the second-consecutive year.

For Iowa, it was a team effort. Sophomore Nikki Chapple finished 18th. A year ago, she finished 15th, but after keeping pace with the two leaders for the first mile on Sunday, she slipped back into the pack.



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan
In the Big Ten championships, the women's 6K race starts at the top of a hill at the Ashton Cross-Country Course on Sunday morning.

Unlike last year, Chapple got some help from her teammates. Freshmen Racheal Marchand and Meghan Armstrong finished 21st and 24th respectively.

And it wasn't only the freshmen, the first installment of

Anderson's recruits. The entire Hawkeye squad improved. Junior Christine Kotarba finished dead last in last year's Big Ten championships — 94th. She improved by 32 slots Sunday and was fifth for Iowa, a posi-

tion that helped her team score points.

"We talked about moving up to the six, seven, eight range being a realistic jump, and we came out right in the middle of that," Anderson said.

Shortly after the race, coach was content with the Hawkeyes' position, but already eager for continued improvement next season. Though moving up the Big Ten isn't easy, it has happened recently.

Last year, Illinois placed ninth and Michigan State tied for seventh. This year, the two tied for second. Anderson thinks his young team is capable of making such a leap next fall.

"We've got a young team and a talented group, and I don't see why we can't make that same kind of jump next year," he said.

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SPORTS

Beutjer scores against old team

WIN

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Senior defensive tackle Jonathan Babineaux forced and recovered a fumble on Illinois' first possession of the second half, giving the Hawkeyes the ball on the Illini 37.

Sophomore quarterback Drew Tate needed only five plays to reach the end zone, connecting with junior Ed Hinkel on a 19-yard crossing pattern, which only scored a touchdown because of a comeback block by receiver Warren Holloway on the sideline at the 8-yard line.

Then, sophomore Miguel Merrick blocked Big Ten leading punter Steve Weatherford's kick through the end zone for a safety, forcing the Illini to kick from the 20 into the wind and giving Iowa excellent field position.

On the ensuing drive, the Hawkeyes converted a third-and-long and a fourth down to continue the series. Tate hit Holloway on third-and-22, and the senior receiver fought through a tackle and stretched to reach the first down.

Tate ended up scoring a rushing touchdown on a play-action rollout in which he pump-faked to lock Illini defensive back Alan Ball on his man in the end zone.

The 6-0, 185-pound signal-caller finished 24-of-34 for 243 yards, two scores, and the first half interception.

"Drew did a great job all day putting the ball where it had to be, and I just did my job catching," said Hinkel, who also caught a 19-yard strike from Tate in the first quarter. "The line was doing a great job of giving Drew time, because that play takes time to develop. Once that ball's in the air, it's just me and the ball, and you got to get it."

Illini redshirt freshman quarterback Brad Bower hit receiver Kendrick Jones across the middle for an 8-yard touchdown in the first quarter but cooled off after that opening drive.

He finished 10-of-17 for 81 yards but didn't have much of a running game to help him out. Illini tailback E.B. Halsey had just 33 yards on 10 carries, and Illinois had only 58 yards as a team.

In the fourth quarter, Illini coach Ron Turner yanked Bower and inserted former Hawkeye quarterback Jon Beutjer. The sixth-year senior completed 12-of-25 passes with an interception and a touchdown.

Beutjer saw action for Kirk Ferentz's team in 2000, including a 380-yard game against Indiana, but he left the team prior to the 2001 season because he felt uncomfortable with the coaching staff's handling of an off-field issue between him and then Iowa offensive lineman Sam Aiello.

"It was pretty emotional for me to go out there," the Wheaton, Ill., native said. "My adrenaline was definitely pumping."

Beutjer attempted eight more throws in the final quarter than Bower did during the first three combined (17), including 15 passes in the final three minutes. One series after being intercepted by Hawkeye cornerback Antwan Allen at Iowa's 2, Beutjer drove

the Illini 65 yards for a 2-yard touchdown pass on fourth down with 49 seconds left.

The Hawkeyes rushing attack, which entered the game averaging less than 90 yards a game, was shutdown for 76 yards, no thanks to four sacks on Tate. Sophomore Sam Brownlee made his second-ever start, tallying a career-high 50 yards on 19 carries.

And if things couldn't get worse, two more members of the Hawkeye backfield went down with injuries.

Fullback Aaron Mickens sustained a head injury when he was knocked out of bounds by Illini defensive back Morris Virgil after catching a 7-yard screen pass from Tate early in the first quarter. The injury was being diagnosed as a mild concussion, but because of back pain, the senior was taken to the hospital for precautionary measures.

The Copperas Cove, Texas native didn't return to the game, but he was seen afterwards wearing a neck brace. Kirk Ferentz said he wasn't certain if Mickens would be available Saturday against Purdue.

A quarter after Mickens left, one of his replacements — sophomore Champ Davis — left the game with a knee injury. Originally called a sprain, the Iowa coach believes the Plano, Texas, native likely tore his anterior cruciate ligament.

The Hawkeyes have now suffered six injuries in the backfield, and assuming Kirk Ferentz's diagnosis of Davis is correct, four of them would be season-ending ACL tears.

After two-straight road losses in September, the Hawkeyes were perfect in their four October games. The three games this month will dictate where Kirk Ferentz's squad spends the holiday.

Iowa will host Purdue on Saturday, which will be the second time this year a team enters Kinnick Stadium on a three-game skid. The Boilermakers' star quarterback Kyle Orton, an Altoona, Iowa, native, suffered a hip injury in a loss to Northwestern, and coach Joe Tiller wouldn't comment on whether the senior would start against the Hawkeyes.

After Purdue, the Hawkeyes will travel to Minnesota on Nov. 13 and host Wisconsin on Nov. 20. The Gophers lost to conference cellar-dweller Indiana last weekend, and they have been a Jekyll and Hyde football team over the last month.

The Badgers are now ranked fourth in the AP poll and are the Big Ten's only unbeaten team.

"I think the biggest thing we're going to have to do is really be careful as a coaching staff to make sure we have some gas left in the tank," Kirk Ferentz said. "If we're not careful, it could catch up to us here in this last month."

"We just have to find a way to get it done each and every week — that's the kind of football team we are. And there's nothing wrong with that."

Nothing at all.

Not when the Hawkeyes have found the right way in four-straight games.

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Van Denend leads team

CROSS-COUNTRY

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As expected, Wisconsin, the top-ranked team in the nation, won the event. Not so expectedly, it won by 81 points. The Badgers swept the top three positions, with junior Simon Bairu taking first for the second-consecutive year, sophomore Chris Solinsky finishing second, and senior Matt Tegenkamp only a few paces behind in third.

Indiana's twins Sean and John Jefferson led the way and placed eighth and ninth for the Hoosiers, who are ranked 13th in the nation. Indiana finished only six points ahead of the Hawkeyes.

The fastest Hawkeye was sophomore Micah VanDenend, who placed 14th. Freshmen Eric MacTaggart finished only a second behind, in 16th place. Senior Matt Esche took 18th. Adam Roche and Jeff Kent rounded out the top-five scoring positions for the Hawks, finishing 27th and 35th respectively.

"Adam Roche is awesome," Wiecezorek said, perhaps still slightly delirious. "He came through big for us."

Roche stepped up and finished strong for Iowa in the absence of two of its top runners from its top five.

Junior Brian Rae — an NCAA qualifier last year, was 13th in the 2003 Big Ten championships. He was Iowa's eighth finisher on Sunday, 48th overall. Senior, captain, and leader, Tony Rakaric finished 11th in the Big Tens last year. He was Iowa's seventh man on Sunday, 43rd overall. "Neither one of them were in our top five, so they didn't score. For Roche to step up like that is huge stuff," Wiecezorek said.

Going into the season, the Hawkeyes had five runners that had been to nationals as individuals.

"It's a talented group that have just never come together on the same page," Wiecezorek said.



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

Iowa junior Brian Rae is followed by sophomore Micah VanDenend during the Big Ten cross-country championships on Sunday at the Hawkeyes' Ashton Cross-Country Course. The Iowa men placed third, their best finish since 1967. VanDenend led the Hawkeyes with a 14th-place finish.

After a third-place finish on Sunday, after beating three ranked teams, the Hawkeyes now have a legitimate shot at the NCAAs as a team.

Until then, they have a little while to enjoy their finish in the Big Ten championships, then it's off to regionals.

"I have a quote after athletics events: Success requires no explanation, failure permits no alibi," Wiecezorek said with a smile. "All we have to say is that

we were third in the Big Ten."

"We ran our best race of the year and got third place in the Big Ten championships."

He might still be grinning.

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Bradley struggles against wind

WIND

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"It's really on your mind all throughout the game."

Although Iowa quarterback Drew Tate said the conditions rarely toyed with his tosses, Hawkeye cornerback Antwan Allen thought it had a big effect on how and where the ball was thrown.

But where Mother Nature showed her face most was in the kicking game.

When asked about the wind following the contest, Iowa punter David Bradley replied, "Hurricane Helen?"

The senior kicked his first of seven punt attempts 23 yards into the wind on Iowa's opening drive, while Illinois' Steve Weatherford booted one 79 yards with the wind at his back later in the first quarter.

"When you're punting into the wind, you gotta hold the ball low and just try to drive it, and this wind, when it's gusty like that, you really gotta stick to your technique," Bradley said. "You can't try to swing your leg any harder. You

can't try to kill it. You just gotta hit it right and let the ball go."

Bradley's second punt of the game, which was intentionally kicked short to the Illini 2-yard line, likely wouldn't have even occurred had it not been for the weather. Hawkeye place-kicker Kyle Schlicher has the leg to make what would have been a 47-yard attempt, but because his team was facing the wind, Ferentz opted not to go for 3.

Iowa receiver and punt returner Ed Hinkel faced the tricky task of judging his opponent's kicks when they sailed into the air.

"There were some nasty looking punts," he said. "Those things are hard to catch, too ... You really never know where they're going to go when the wind's swirling around like that."

Hinkel had little trouble catching balls from Tate, however. The junior racked up 108 yards on five catches, including two 19-yard touchdowns.

Both of which were scored in the same end zone, of course.

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268

PASSING YARDS

243

218

RUSHING YARDS

76

58

TIME OF POSSESSION

35:10

24:50

BY THE NUMBERS

14

Consecutive Big Ten games lost by Illinois

76

Total rushing yards for the Hawkeyes

15

Passes thrown by quarterback Jon Beutjer in the final three minutes of the game

PRIME PLAYS

Miguel Merrick's blocked punt in the third quarter for a safety, which set up an Iowa touchdown on the ensuing drive

— Brian Triplet

Defensive tackle Jonathan Babineaux's forced and recovered fumble at the beginning of the third quarter

— Jason Brummond

GAME BALL



ED HINKEL

The junior wide receiver caught two 19-yard touchdown passes from Drew Tate and finished with five grabs and 108 yards

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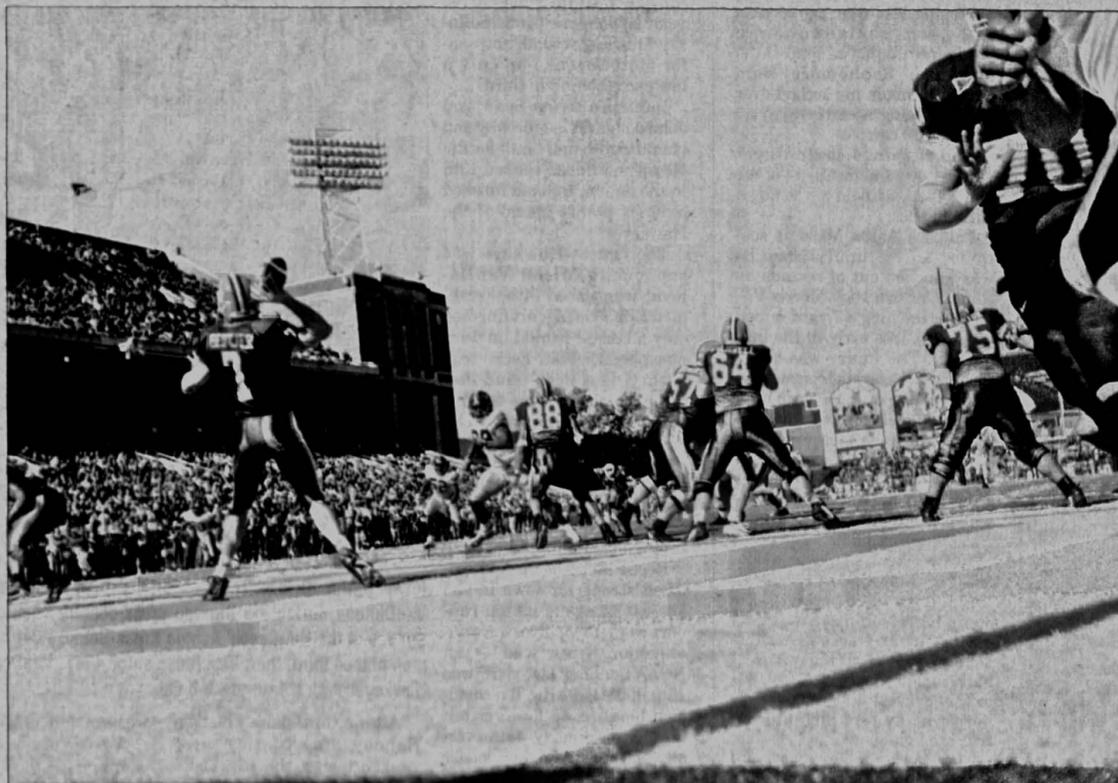
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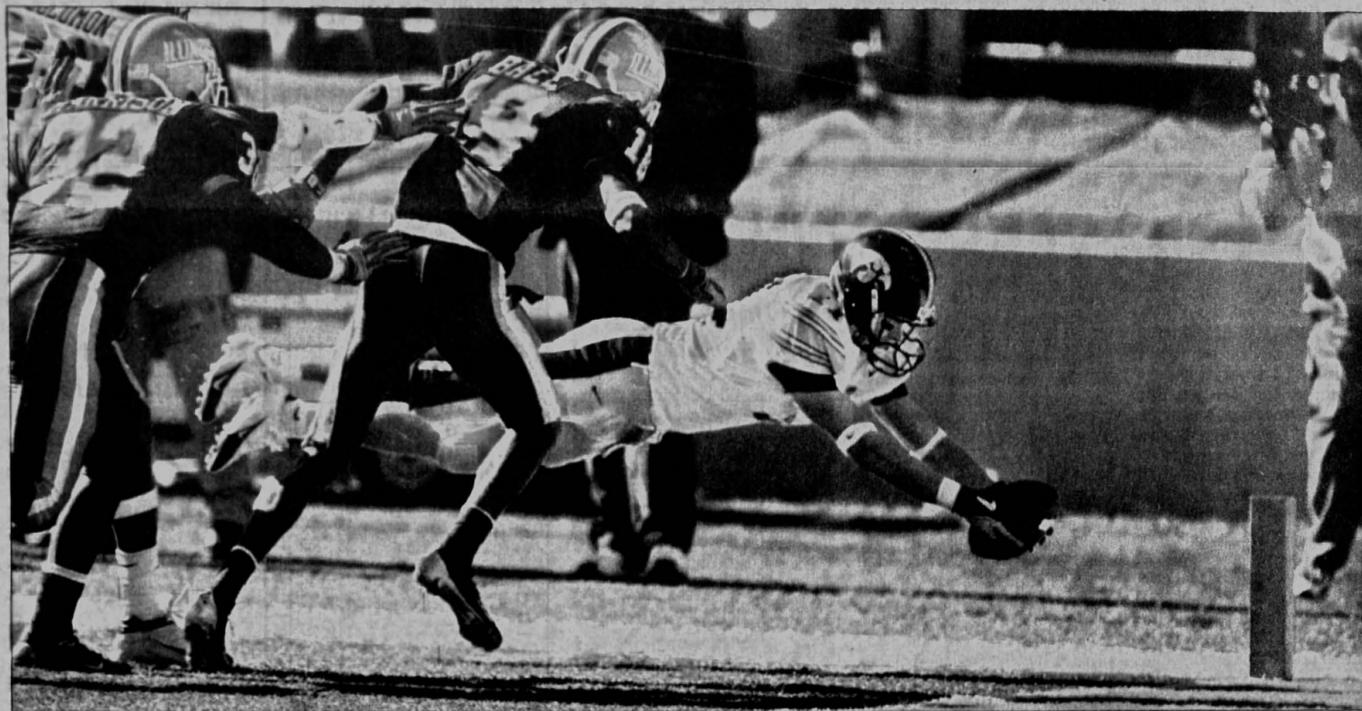
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 Oct. 23 Iowa 6, Penn State 4
Oct. 30 Iowa 23, Illinois 13
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 Nov. 13 @ Minnesota
 Nov. 20 Iowa hosts Wisconsin

BLOWN AWAY

With winds gusts up to 40 mph, the Hawkeyes dominated the Illini, 23-13. The two teams struggled in the near gale, scoring only when the wind was at their backs.



Illini quarterback Jon Beutjer (a former Hawkeye) pulls back to pass during the fourth quarter in Champaign, Ill. The loss was the 14th-consecutive Big Ten defeat for the Illini.



Iowa receiver Ed Hinkel dives for the goal line for a third-quarter 19-yard touchdown on a pass from Drew Tate on Oct. 30 at Illinois' Memorial Stadium. Hinkel had 108 receiving yards and two touchdowns in the 23-13 Hawkeye victory.



TOP: Hawkeye fan Karrie Truitt celebrates a call in Iowa's favor during the fourth quarter. Illinois scored early in the first quarter, but Iowa managed to hold the lead through most of the second half.

LEFT: Drew Tate celebrates with teammates after a five-yard rushing touchdown during the third quarter. Tate collected 249 yards in the game.

NFL ROUNDUP



Keith Srakocic/Associated Press

New England quarterback Tom Brady fumbles the ball as he is hit by the Pittsburgh defense in the first quarter in Pittsburgh on Sunday. The Steelers recovered and later scored a touchdown.

STEELERS TAKE DOWN PATS

PITTSBURGH (AP) — So much for the longest winning streaks in NFL history.

Ben Roethlisberger drove the Steelers to four scores following uncharacteristic New England turnovers, and Pittsburgh ended the Patriots' two long winning streaks with a remarkably easy 34-20 victory Sunday.

The Patriots had won 21 straight counting the playoffs and a league-record 18 in a row in the regular season but were all but out of this one after Roethlisberger — still unbeaten as an NFL starter — threw two touchdown passes to Plaxico Burress in the first quarter.

Maybe all this winning was too much to ask of Boston-area teams. With running back Corey Dillon (knee) sitting out and Pro Bowl cornerback Ty Law (foot) sidelined for all but a few plays, the Patriots' winning streaks ended only four days after the Boston Red Sox won their first World Series in 86 years.

Tom Brady threw two interceptions and lost a fumble, and New England lost its first game since a 20-17 defeat to Washington on Sept. 28, 2003. Roethlisberger upped his personal winning streak to 18. He won his final 13 at Miami of Ohio last season following an opening-game loss to Iowa, and he now is only the second rookie quarterback since the 1970 merger to win his first NFL five NFL starts.

Mike Kruczek won six straight for the injured Terry Bradshaw for the 1976 Steelers, never once throwing a touchdown pass. Roethlisberger already has nine in what is fast becoming the best season by an NFL rookie QB since Dan Marino threw 20 touchdown passes and only six interceptions in 11 games for the 1983 Dolphins. Roethlisberger finished 18-of-24 for 196 yards and no interceptions.

Chargers 42, Raiders 14

SAN DIEGO — Drew Brees threw a career-high five touchdown passes and set the team single-game record for pass efficiency in leading the surprising Chargers (5-3). Brees completed his first eight passes and was 22-of-25 overall — 88 percent — for 281 yards. He had no interceptions for the fifth time in six games. The previous team record was 81.8 percent by Rick Neuheisel, the replacement quarterback during the 1987 strike.

Eagles 15, Ravens 10

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens

had an 11-yard TD catch, and David Akers kicked three field goals, helping Philadelphia reach 7-0 for the first time in franchise history.

Owens, who made a few enemies in Baltimore after he spurned the Ravens and forced a trade to the Eagles in March, had eight catches for 101 yards. After breaking several tackles to score in the fourth quarter, Owens, known for his innovative celebrations, imitated the dance Baltimore's Ray Lewis does when he's introduced before home games.

Chiefs 45, Colts 35

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Trent Green threw for 389 yards and three scores, two to tight end Tony Gonzalez, and Priest Holmes finished with 143 yards rushing and three touchdowns to help the Chiefs break a seven-game losing streak to the Colts.

Peyton Manning passed for 472 yards and five touchdowns. But with his team trying frantically to come back from a 10-point deficit, Manning's pass was intercepted by Greg Wesley in the end zone and returned 65 yards to seal the win.

Falcons 41, Broncos 28

DENVER (AP) — Michael Vick threw two touchdown passes to Peerless Price and accounted for 367 yards of offense to help the Falcons set aside their 56-10 embarrassment at Kansas City last week.

Jake Plummer threw for a Denver record 499 yards — a career high and the best mark in the league this year — but also had three interceptions as the Broncos (5-3) added this upset to last week's 23-10 loss to Cincinnati.

Seahawks 23, Panthers 17

SEATTLE — Shaun Alexander gained 195 yards on 32 carries, and Matt Hasselbeck recovered from a dismal performance last weekend, throwing for 201 yards to help the Seahawks (4-3) break a three-game losing streak.

Giants 34, Vikings 13

MINNEAPOLIS — Tiki Barber ran 24 times for 101 yards and two short touchdowns to give the Giants their third-straight win over the Vikings.

New York (5-2) finally solved its red zone struggles by scoring all five times it reached the Minnesota 20, including four TDs.

Randy Moss was in street clothes after halftime, going without a catch for the second straight game while a strained right hamstring kept him

from running at full speed. Daunte Culpepper finished 24-for-42 for 231 yards, one late touchdown and two interceptions. Rookie Mewelde Moore, who had 610 total yards in the last three games, was held to 29 yards on eight carries for the Vikings (5-2).

Packers 28, Redskins 14

LANDOVER, Md. — Brett Favre and the Packers won their third straight game to pull back to .500 after a 1-4 start.

The Redskins (2-5), trailing 20-14, thought they scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 43-yard reception by Clinton Portis with 2:35 to play. But the celebrations died quickly when the play was called back for an illegal motion penalty on receiver James Thrash.

Texans 20, Jaguars 6

HOUSTON — Demarcus Faggins returned Byron Leftwich's errant pass 43 yards for a score with 42 seconds left, sending the Texans to a victory.

David Carr went 26-of-34 for 276 yards and a touchdown. The Texans held Jacksonville (5-3) to 39 yards rushing, and the Jaguars did almost nothing on offense until the fourth quarter in the latest edition of this burgeoning AFC South rivalry.

Cowboys 31, Lions 21

IRVING, Texas — Vinny Testaverde stunned everyone with a 7-yard run on fourth-and-3 to set up a tying touchdown, then scrambled 3 yards for the go-ahead score to help the Cowboys (3-4) end a three-game losing streak.

With Keyshawn Johnson the only receiver in the lineup who'd ever caught a pass, the Cowboys ran 41 times — 11 more than in any game this season — for 127 yards. Eddie George had season-bests of 31 carries and 99 yards.

Titans 27, Bengals 20

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Titans rested Steve McNair and his aching chest, and backup Billy Volek responded by throwing for two touchdowns and 210 yards for their first victory at home this season.

Bills 38, Cardinals 14

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Willis McGahee provided the spark the Bills needed offensively, running for 102 yards and two touchdowns.

In two starts this season, McGahee has two 100-yard games and has led the Bills (2-5) to both of their victories.

Redskins lose, so Kerry should win

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — John Kerry supporters got a welcome omen for their candidate on Sunday: The Green Bay Packers defeated the Washington Redskins.

If history holds, the 28-14 score portends a victory for Kerry on Tuesday, because the result of the Redskins' final home game before the presidential election has always accurately predicted the White House winner.

If the Redskins win, the incumbent party wins. If they lose, the incumbent party is ousted.

"Oh, yeah, he's going to win. It's guaranteed," said Packers safety Darren Sharper, a Kerry supporter. "I don't have to vote now. Don't even have to go to the polls. Saved me a trip on Tuesday."

The Democratic candidate, who describes himself as superstitious and carries a lucky buckeye, cheered the omen.

"I couldn't be more thrilled with the Packers win today," Kerry said. "The Packers have done their part. This Tuesday, we'll do ours."

President Bush's campaign



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Green Bay tight end Bubba Franks fights Washington linebacker Lemar Marshall for extra yards Sunday in Landover, Md.

pointed to an equally nonscientific prediction of their victory.

"Weekly Reader," said Bush strategist Karl Rove, referring to a mock election held by the Weekly Reader, a Stamford, Conn.-based national school-room newspaper, in which Bush handily beat Kerry.

The streak began in 1933, when the Boston Braves were renamed the Redskins. Since then, beginning with Franklin Roosevelt's re-election in 1936, the trend has held, including a 2000 Redskins loss to the Tennessee Titans that predicted George W. Bush's win over Al Gore.

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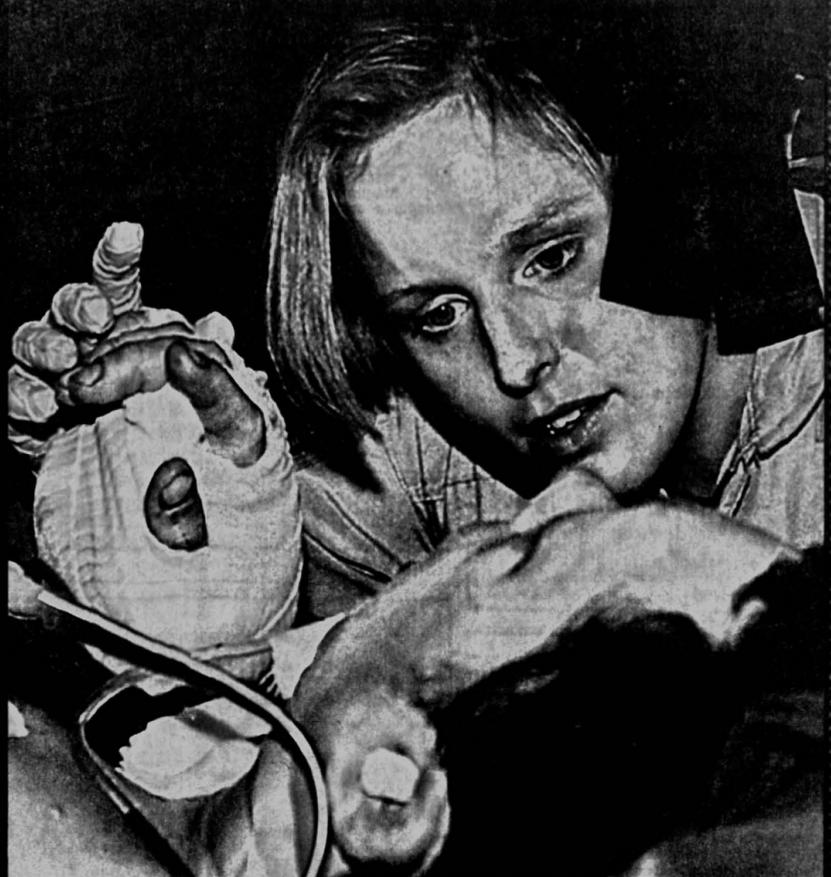
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SPORTS

Purdue's dream season becomes nightmare

BY NANCY ARMOUR
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EVANSTON, Ill. — Three short weeks ago, Purdue and Kyle Orton were on the verge of one of those magical seasons.

The Boilermakers had climbed to No. 5 in the country, their best start in almost 60 years, and fans were thinking Orange Bowl, not the Rose Bowl. Orton was on the fast track to the Heisman Trophy, piling up touchdowns and yardage with dizzying ease.

Now, Orton's starting job is in jeopardy, and the Boilermakers are in shambles, on the wrong end of a three-game losing streak and wondering how things got so bad, so fast.

"We're disappointed. We're trying to get a win; we're trying to play well," Orton said after being benched in Purdue's latest loss, a 13-10 upset at Northwestern on Oct. 30 that dropped the Boilermakers out of the top 25.

"We just have to get a win and try to get back on track."

But what derailed the Boilermakers (5-3, 2-3 Big Ten) in the first place?

Purdue looked almost invincible as it raced out to a 5-0 start. Orton threw 18 touchdown passes in those first five games, and the high-octane offense churned out more than 500 yards and 45 points a game. The young defense looked as nasty as its predecessor, which sent seven players to the NFL.

But something happened in that fifth game. The Nittany Lions clamped down tight on Purdue's receivers, clutching, and grabbing, and getting as close to pass interference as they could without drawing a flag. Purdue still won 20-13, but other teams now had a blueprint for how to attack the Boilermakers.

Wisconsin did it to perfection two weeks ago, smothering the receivers and harassing Orton all afternoon. When he fumbled late in the fourth quarter, the Badgers scooped it up and returned it for the game-winning touchdown. Michigan was equally tough, allowing top receiver Taylor Stubblefield

only one catch and limiting Orton to 213 yards passing.

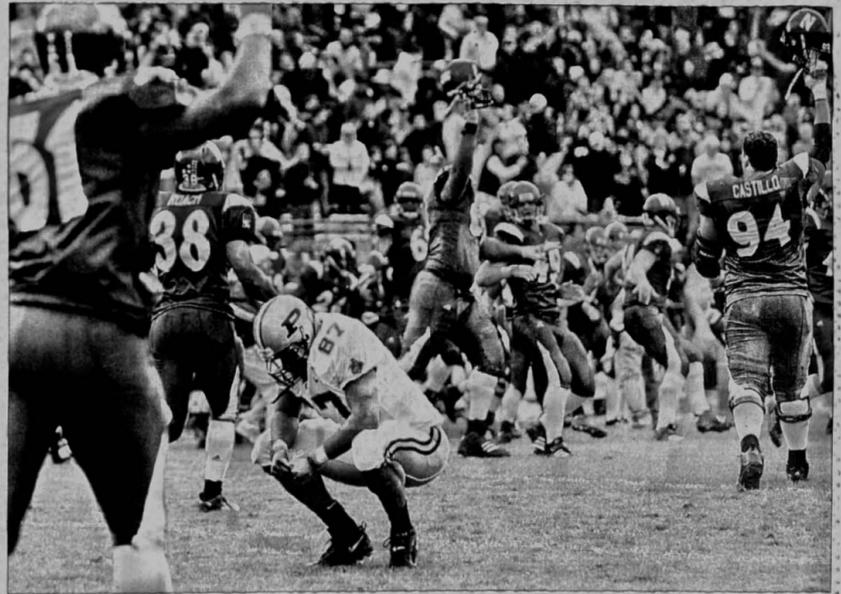
Northwestern wasn't supposed to be nearly so difficult. Not only had Purdue won its last seven against Northwestern, but the Wildcats were giving up more yardage in the air than a frequent flier program.

"We were thinking coming in we were going to throw the ball down the field," Orton said.

Instead, the Wildcats (4-4, 3-2) made Orton look ordinary. Hobbled by an aching left hip flexor — not to be confused with the right hip pointer he suffered against Michigan — Orton had his worst day of the season and was yanked for Brandon Kirsch late in the third quarter.

Orton was just 15-of-33 for 143 yards. He also threw an interception and had a fumble in the first quarter that set up Northwestern's first score.

"I couldn't really move around; I couldn't twist my hips," Orton said. "I couldn't get anything on the football, and offensively, we were stagnant, so we decided to make a switch."



Purdue's Charles Davis (87) reacts as members of the Northwestern football team celebrate their 13-10 victory on Oct. 30 in Evanston, Ill.

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NEED a place to live? One bedroom available in luxury townhouse. \$387.50 plus utilities. On busline. Call (319)248-0725.

ONE bedroom in six bedroom condo. \$290/month plus 1/3 utilities. Parking, on bus route. Nice, quiet place on Westside Dr. Available December 1. Call James (319)466-1691.

ONE bedroom in two bedroom, one bathroom, 507 Bowery St. Internet, cable TV, A/C, on-site W/D, on free busline. First month rent free. **RENT NEGOTIABLE.** Call Adam, (319)354-5061.

ROOMMATE needed for two and three bedroom apartments. \$300-350 all utilities paid. Downtown, east and westside locations. Close to campus. Call Lincoln Real Estate, (319)338-3701.

ROOMMATE needed in three bedroom house. First month free. (319)358-0061.

SECOND semester sublease. \$270/month. Clean and close to campus. (319)415-0608.

SHARE duplex. Two bedrooms, W/D, fenced yard, on bus route, \$300 plus utilities. Nate (319)430-0288, leave message.

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APARTMENT FOR RENT

1, 2, 3, 4 bedrooms and efficiencies available. Free parking. Great student locations. Pool, laundry. Call ASI at (319)621-6750.

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CLOSE-IN, one or two bedroom apartments. HW paid. Fully carpeted, free parking, C/A, laundry facilities. No pets. \$500-\$650. Available now. Alex (319)594-3098 or Gary (319)338-4306.

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LARGE two bedroom. Fireplace. Balcony. Westside. Mile from campus. \$650. (563)940-3252.

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1015 W.Benton. Efficiency & one bedroom. Close to hospital and law. Laundry, storage. \$395/ \$500/ \$545 HW paid. RCPM (319)887-2187 or Jim at (319)330-2948.

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AVAILABLE immediately. One bedroom, \$460 close to UIHC and law school. HW paid. 736 Michael St. (319)936-5662.

AVAILABLE January. Efficiency sublet. 523 E. Burlington. \$539. water included. \$539. (319)400-3883.

AVAILABLE January. One bedroom plus additional living area. Deck, pool, busline. Coralville. \$500. (319)541-3162.

AVAILABLE November 1. 1-1/2 blocks from downtown. Free parking, pets okay. \$510. (319)330-2668.

AVAILABLE January. Efficiency apartment, off-street parking, plus electricity. (319)331-1120.

CLEAN, quiet efficiency and one bedroom. \$395- \$460. Well maintained. HW paid, laundry, busline. Coralville. No smoking, no pets. (319)337-9376.

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EASTSIDE one bedroom near City High. Charming, hardwood floors, up-stairs. \$495 plus electric. Pet? (319)621-5045.

EASTSIDE, \$350. One bedroom basement efficiency. (319)621-5045.

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ONE bedroom sublet available in December. HW, microwave, parking included. Close to UIHC, law, dental, and busline. \$500. Call (319)351-0462.

ONE bedroom sublet available January. First month free. Pentacrest Apartments. Furniture included if wanted. Water paid, laundry, \$699. (708)707-7228.

ONE bedroom sublet available January. Pentacrest Apt. Dishwasher, laundry on-site. Heat included. \$699/ month. Parking spot included at no additional charge. (319)466-9531.

ONE bedroom, Coralville, available now. 670 sq.ft. \$495/ month, water paid. C/A free parking, laundry on-site, pool, on busline. (319)339-7925.

ONE bedroom. \$550/ month. 532 S. Dubuque St. Sublet January through August. (563)380-5758.

ONE bedroom across from dorms. Available now. \$525-\$650. Ten month leases available. Call Lincoln Real Estate, (319)338-3701.

QUIET area, close to shopping, A/C, dishwasher, large deck, non-smoking. Owner managed. Near Hickory Hill Park. (319)337-8955, 541-3939.

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RARE one bedroom at Westgate Villa available November 1st. \$460 includes water and garbage. Laundry in building, 24 hour maintenance and parking. Call (319)337-4323.

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EFFICIENCY/ONE BEDROOM

FURNISHED efficiencies, flexible leases. \$595 all utilities including cable and phone paid. (319)354-0677.

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LUXURY two bedroom apartment, one bath with double vanity, fireplace, balcony, breakfast bar, garage, on busline. Pets negotiable. \$780. November free. (319)541-2953.

NICE, newer two bedroom on eastside. On busline, covered parking with additional storage. W/D hook-ups. \$515 to \$585, pets okay. (319)631-5150.

NORTH LIBERTY sublease available approximately November 22. Spacious two bedroom, two bath, W/D, C/A, patio, garage. \$675/ month. (319)665-3639.

SCOTSDALE APARTMENTS in Coralville has a two bedroom sublet available immediately. \$620 includes water and garbage. 870 sq.ft. 1-1/2 bathrooms, laundry on-site and off-street parking. Call (319)351-1777.

TWO bedroom available January 1. Close to campus. \$790/month including utilities. Parking space included. W/D on-site. (515)778-9122.

TWO bedroom basement apartment. \$650/ month, utilities included. Close to downtown. Laundry on-site. (319)330-7081.

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TWO bedroom excellent. Very close to UIHC, medical and dental schools. Parking. W/D. \$585/month. Call (319)621-1245.

TWO bedroom spacious apartment. Privately owned. Busline, laundry facilities. No pets or smoking. Professional/ graduates preferred. Heat paid. (319)351-9100, (319)330-1480.

TWO bedroom, C/A, three blocks from downtown on Dodge St. \$580/ month plus utilities. (319)330-2503.

TWO bedroom, Coralville, available now. 970 sq.ft. \$575/ month, water paid. Balcony, C/A, free parking, laundry on-site, pool, on busline. (319)339-7925.

TWO bedroom, eastside Iowa City, available now. Rent negotiable, HW paid. A/C, free parking and storage, laundry on-site.

DAILY BREAK

calendar

- **DeGowin Blood Center Blood Drive**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Seamans Center.
- **International Mondays Lecture Series**, "Mash-Ups, Bootlegs, and the London Sound Collage Scene," Kembrew McLeod, noon, International Center Lounge.
- **UI Latin American Studies Program reading**, Giovanna Rivero, fiction, noon, 315 Phillips Hall.

- **Career Center Programs Fall 2004**, "Ready, Set, Search," 1:30 p.m., 472 Phillips Hall.
- **Nuclear and Particle Physics Seminar**, "Strangeness Asymmetry and Isospin Violation Contributions to the Weak Mixing Angle," Mary Hall Reno, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.
- **Physics and Astronomy Colloquium**, "High Energy Gamma-Ray Observations of Gamma-Ray Bursts," Julie McEnery, Goddard Space Flight Center, 3:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.
- **One Community, One Book, Discussion Forum on *The Kite Runner***, by Khaled Hosseini, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St.
- **Bursa Trio Classical Music Concert**, 7:30 p.m., IMU Richey Ballroom.

- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Jennifer K. Dick and Julie Carr**, poetry, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.

quote of the day

"If we continue as we are now, there will be no vaccine available, let alone antivirals, when the next [flu] pandemic starts."

— Klaus Stohr, the World Health Organization influenza chief

horoscopes

Monday, November 1, 2004
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Communication will help you get ahead and reach your goals. You will impress everyone and attract interest in yourself as well as in your future plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let your personal life interfere with your work. Focus on the job, and push for advancement or a career move.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen to the advice being given. You will be able to make a physical alteration that will bring back that youthful look. Love relationships will develop.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There will be lots of entertaining events going on in your life today. Enjoy what you can, but don't neglect something you promised to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on others and what you can do to help. The less emphasis on you and the more on those in need, the better. People will be impressed with your actions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Watch out for someone who is trying to make you look bad. A job well-done will be your safety net. Communication will clarify what you must do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make headway today, no matter what you do. Professional and personal gains are apparent. Someone you haven't seen for a while will surprise you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your mind will be on money — making more of it and taking care of any legal or contractual matters. Stand up for your rights if you want to be respected in the future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An opportunity to meet someone special can be yours if you take part in a charity event or activity you believe in. A partnership will lead to a new adventure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put everything you've got into work. The more you do to differentiate yourself from others, the better. A unique approach will put you ahead of the competition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The time to begin something new is now. You will pick up new skills or develop a talent if you put your mind to it today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Back down if someone is on a rampage. You may be in the right, but that isn't likely to help you today. Steer clear of disputes.

news you need to know

Today — Last day for undergraduates to drop individual semester-length courses, 4:30 p.m.
Today — Plans of study for December Master's recipients and Final Exam Requests for all December graduates due at Graduate College
Tuesday — First day for students to request a change in Final Exam Schedule

happy birthday to ...

Nov. 1 — Kelly "S O" Herwig, 24; Yong You; Sean Wiedemeier, 22

Wish your friends a happy birthday.
E-mail their names, ages, and dates of birth to daily-iowan@uiowa.edu at least two days in advance.

PATV schedule

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 11 Ford Hall Forum "Election 2000 — A Review"
- 12:30 p.m. 2004 Elections: David Cobb
- 12:50 black opals 4
- 1 Move-On Awards
- 2:40 Kerry for President
- 2:55 1 VOTE
- 3 Stop the Terror
- 3:30 The U.S. Congress & You
- 4 NLGE 172
- 5 The Power of Choice
- 5:30 Islam: Dispelling the Myths
- 6:30 SCTV Calendar
- 7 Education Exchange
- 7:30 Live & Local
- 8 Access Update
- 8:30 Nancy Cree Keyboard Highlights
- 9 30 Minutes
- 9:30 Uncovered: The Whole Truth About the Iraq War
- 10:30 The Cutters (replay)

UITV schedule

- 3 p.m. Van Allen Day Lecture Series, Jupiter's Radiation Belt and Pioneer 10 & 11
- 3:45 The Scholar & the Citizen: The Necessity of the Humanities to Democracy
- 4:45 The Dilemmas of Popular Front Anti-Racism: Looking at Frank Sinatra's "The House I Live In"
- 6:30 Van Allen Day Lecture Series, Jupiter's Radiation Belt and Pioneer 10 & 11
- 7:15 Year of the Arts and Humanities, The Creative Process
- 9:30 The Scholar & the Citizen: The Necessity of the Humanities to Democracy
- 10:30 Year of the Arts and Humanities, African Writers: Readings by Kofi Awoonor and Helon Habila
- 11:30 Ueyo No. 6

For complete TV listings and program guides, check out Arts and Entertainment at www.dailyiowan.com.

the ledge

All right, class, let's see a show of hands

— by Nick Narigon

- How many of you did today's reading assignment? Okay, how many of you read the first two pages and then just skimmed over the pictures and bold-lettered words?
- How many of you just watched "SportsCenter"? Twice, who watched "SportsCenter" twice?
- How many of you told your parents upon entering freshman year that you would have no problem maintaining an A average?
- Now how many of you at the end of the semester proudly show off your B-in-art history?
- How many of you tell your grandmother that school is going just fine?
- Shame on you for lying to your grandmother.
- Which of you started school as a pre-med and are now six years later trying to graduate with an M.L.S. degree?
- How many of you are hung over? Not you, professor, just the students.
- How many of you are enjoying these really short, short skirts every single girl seems to be wearing? No really, professor, keep your hand down.
- How many of you should be listening to your professor rather than reading this crap?
- Class adjourned.

Little University

- 1 What European nation welcomed back former King Simeon II as its prime minister in 2001?
- 2 Who spent a record 65 weeks on the *Billboard* Hot 100 with the back-to-back hits "Foolish Games" and "You Were Meant For Me"?
- 3 What creature can transmit the disease leishmaniasis, if it nibbles on you — the praying mantis, llama, or sand fly?
- 4 Who was the first man since Mats Wilander to win three French Open singles titles?
- 5 What detective titled his chart-topping book *Murder in Brentwood*?

1. Bulgaria
2. Jewel
3. Sand fly
4. Gustavo Kuerten
5. Mark Fuhrman

DILBERT ®

by Scott Adams



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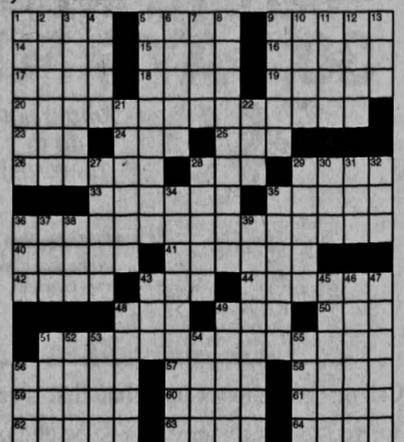
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Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0920

- ACROSS**
- 1 Go to sea
 - 5 Feet above sea level: Abbr.
 - 9 Boston's airport
 - 14 Stubborn animal
 - 15 Ear part
 - 16 Ex-Mrs. Trump
 - 17 Fitzgerald who sang "I'm Making Believe"
 - 18 University V.I.P.
 - 19 Car parker
 - 20 Deceased
 - 23 ___ foil
 - 24 Before, in verse
 - 25 Fleming of 007 fame
 - 26 Bad mark
 - 28 Discontinued
 - 29 Lacking muscle
 - 33 Writer Welty
 - 35 Throng
 - 36 Document of legal representation
 - 40 Liqueur flavoring
 - 41 Armadas
 - 42 Nary a soul
 - 43 Injection units, for short
 - 44 Relaxed
 - 48 Tree swinger
 - 49 Joanne of "Sylvia," 1965
 - 50 1959 hit song about "a man named Charlie"
 - 51 Children's game
 - 56 Easy gallops
 - 57 Bad place to drop a heavy box
 - 58 Landed (on)
 - 59 Florida city
 - 60 Advantage

- DOWN**
- 1 Refines, as metal
 - 2 How some café is served
 - 3 "Fighting" Big Ten team
 - 4 Starring role
 - 5 Fabled New World city
 - 6 "Camelot" composer
 - 7 Israel's Abba
 - 8 Open the windows in
 - 9 Jazz up
 - 10 Running track
 - 11 Festive party
 - 12 Again
 - 13 ___ King Cole
 - 21 Shy
 - 22 "This ___ better be good!"
 - 27 Honkers
 - 28 Rigorous exams
 - 29 On the downslide
 - 30 Sea eagle
 - 31 Lemon or lime drink
 - 32 C minor, for one
 - 61 Ready for picking
 - 62 Like sea air
 - 63 Flagmaker Betsy
 - 64 1930's boxer Max



Puzzle by A. J. Santora

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DEADSPOT PHELPS
RADJALLY OOLALA
ARISTIDE KUDROW
GLORIES BISECTS
SONS YUNER
ARABY KINGS MYV
SEMI SEEIFIGARE
THINKINGOUTLOUD
RAGGEDYANN ETNA
ABO BEANS MASKS
BORNE FINE
ARIOSOS BORSTAL
LABREA AIRROUTE
ISLAND RECOUNTS
APEXES INERTGAS

- 34 Unbalanced
- 35 Spa feature
- 36 Criticize, as a movie
- 37 Plastic ___ Band
- 38 Victory
- 39 Fragrant flowers
- 43 Overseer of co. books
- 45 Earhart who disappeared over the Pacific
- 46 Skunk feature
- 47 It immediately follows Passiontide
- 48 Examine, as ore
- 49 Bottom of the barrel
- 51 ___ Cola
- 52 Iridescent stone
- 53 Skin
- 54 One slow on the uptake
- 55 Cutting remark
- 56 The "L" of L.A.

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IOWA — AS SWING AS SWING CAN BE

WHY VOTE? BECAUSE YOUR VOTE MATTERS, ESPECIALLY IN IOWA



THE DAY THAT WE'VE LONG been anticipating has arrived. Seems almost surreal, doesn't it?

And yet even though the pivotal moment of the year is here, there is still so very little that we know about this day. After all, the presidential race remains deadlocked, and at the risk of betraying pessimism, I recognize the distinct possibility that once again, we may wake up on Wednesday morning and still not know who the next American president will be. Just like four years ago. It surprised us then, but this time around, we should simply expect it.

If there's going to be a dispute over election results, it's because of those feisty swing states. You know the most important ones — Florida, of course, and then Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and yes, Iowa. There are others up for grabs, but I guarantee that these will determine the election.

And if you consider the geographical location of each, you'll note that the majority of them are Midwestern states. Yes, it's true. Our region will pick the president.

But this election is so close that regions don't matter — it's those heart-stopping swing states.

Speaking of which, Iowa is about as swing a state as they come. To my chagrin, I've had conversations with people who have remarked that although the Hawkeye State could easily be awarded to either candidate, it's not terribly significant because it's worth only seven electoral votes. Some of the other battlegrounds, they point out, are worth at least three times as many — Ohio and Pennsylvania with 20 and 21 respectively, and Florida with 27.

To those people, I can offer only one response: You're wrong, and if you retain such a mentality as justification for not participating in this election, you may seriously regret it. Seriously.



PETE WARSKI

SEE ELECTION, PAGE 4C

ELECTIONS BY THE NUMBERS

2000

General Election Turnout in Johnson County in 2000

- 18-24 year olds registered: 16,847
- 18-24 year olds who voted: 10,344
- 61.4 percent turnout of registered voters in age group
- 18-24 year olds cast 19.42 percent of total votes in Johnson County

2004

Voter Registration Numbers for 2004 in Johnson County Ages 18-24

- 23,468 registered out of 24,357 — 93.65 percent
- Breakdown by party:**
- 8,075 Democrats
- 3,900 Republicans
- 11,493 No Party
- Total numbers registered in Johnson County**
- 84,678 registered out of a voting-age population of 92,232 — 91.81 percent

LOCAL OFFICIALS stress the importance of making your voice heard at the polls



“I believe that both candidates are good men who care about this country, but they make each other out to be an abomination. I really believe this negative campaigning polarizes the public; it makes people vote against something, not for something.”

Ernie Lehman
Iowa City mayor



“This is the election in which we're all going to vote. We've got a record deficit that has been assigned to young people's credit cards, we're in war, and 45 million people have no health insurance.”

Tom Slockett
Johnson County auditor



“I want all 18- to 24-year-olds to vote, no matter what. Maybe next time the political candidates will pay attention to us.”

Lindsay Schutte
UISG president



“The importance of voting cannot be overemphasized. It's the aggregate power of our individual votes that makes our democracy what it is ... we need to exercise that power by voting.”

David Skorton
UI president

MEET THE LOCAL CANDIDATES

See who's running in the races for Congress, U.S. Senate, and Johnson County sheriff. **2C**

EXAMINE THE ISSUES

Get one last break-down of where Bush and Kerry stand on 10 prominent election issues, including education and the economy. **2-3C**

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

All of Iowa City's 25 precincts are mapped out with the location of polling places given. **3C**

EVEN MORE REASONS TO VOTE

Read what Bush, Kerry, Clinton, Michael Moore, and other politicians have to say. **4C**

GEORGE BUSH VS. JOHN KERRY



THE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN CLEARLY DIVIDED ON THIS ISSUE ONE LAST LOOK AT WHERE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH AND SENATOR JOHN KERRY STAND



Bush: Opposes abortion except in cases of rape, incest, or threat to a mother's life. Supported a ban on late-term intact dilation-and-extraction abortions.



Bush: The president turned budget surplus into a record deficit, estimated to be approximately half a trillion dollars this year. He says annual deficits can be cut in half in five years.



Bush: Proposes further tax cuts to stimulate the economy. "The role of government is not to create wealth; the role of our government is to create an environment in which the entrepreneur can flourish ..."



Bush: Signed No Child Left Behind, a far-reaching reform of elementary- and secondary-education standards and educator accountability. Education budget increased more than 50 percent during his term. Supports school-voucher programs.



Bush: Favors opening Alaska National Wildlife Refuge for gas and oil drilling to curb foreign dependency. Supports development of hydrogen fuel-cell technology.

Kerry: Voted against the late-term dilation-and-extraction abortion ban. He said he will chose Supreme Court judges who support *Roe v. Wade* but would not use a litmus test when appointing judges.

Kerry: Plans to cut deficit in half in first term by repealing tax cuts for the wealthiest. Said he will end corporate welfare and impose a limit on expenditures to keep the budget in check.

Kerry: Believes health care and jobs will stimulate economy. Plans to create 10 million jobs during his first term and repeal tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans.

Kerry: Voted for No Child Left Behind but said the program is underfunded and too much emphasis is placed on tests measuring student achievement. Opposes school-voucher programs.

Kerry: Opposes drilling in the refuge. Supports cleaner and renewable sources of fuel, particularly ethanol. Plans to create tax incentives for auto manufacturers that produce fuel-efficient vehicles.

OTHER LOCAL & STATE RACES

FRANKER VS. LEACH Race for U.S. House



DAVE FRANKER
Democrat

Hometown: Sioux City
Age: 51
Family: Daughters: Anna, 24, and Christina, 22. Son: Micah, 20
Education: B.A. from Valparaiso University, M.A. in German literature from the UI, Master of Divinity from Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago
Professional experience: K-12 teacher and professor at Kirkwood Community College, Lutheran minister, chaplain at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, Iowa City School Board member from 2001-04



JIM LEACH
Republican

Hometown: Davenport
Age: 62
Family: Wife: Deba. Son: Gallagher, 21. Daughter: Jenny, 18
Education: B.A. in political science from Princeton University, M.A. in Soviet politics from Johns Hopkins University, attended the London School of Economics
Professional experience: 14 terms in Congress, President of Flamegas Companies Inc. 1973-76, Chairman of the Board for Adel Wholesalers Inc. 1973-76, Midwest Region Board Director of Federal Home Loan Bank 1975-76

FOREIGN POLICY/WAR

Franker: The Sioux City native opposed the war in Iraq from the start, and he now endorses the withdrawal of American troops by the summer of 2005. Franker said the United States should work with the international community to replace American troops with an Arab security force. He would also vote to initiate an international humanitarian relief program for Iraq. For better diplomacy, Franker would also provide congressional funding for the study of Arabic in the United States.

Leach: The self-proclaimed political moderate occasionally breaks party lines in congressional votes, as was the case on the war in Iraq. Leach voted against the war, but he later voted to fund the U.S.-led venture. He also has called for a timetable of withdrawal of troops from Iraq. His campaign office clarified that the United States should push democratic elections and be prepared to leave based on the results. "A drawn-out occupation plays into the hand of radicals," Leach is reported to have said on the House floor. "It gives them a rallying cry to keep up resistance in Iraq and expand terrorist assaults around the world."

ECONOMY

Franker: Would work to reduce the deficit by raising taxes for the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans and spread the financial burden in Iraq. "I have a record of fiscal responsibility on the School Board," Franker said. "I will take that record with me to Congress." The former Iowa City School Board member has said he would vote to increase the federal minimum wage, encourage job training, and consider "disincentives" for companies that outsource jobs to other countries.

Leach: Would have an economy that "creates jobs on its own." He said it was the government's job to restrain federal spending to achieve this. His willingness to let entrepreneurs keep their money apparently reaches a point. Leach has said he favors a \$10 million exemption cutoff for the inheritance tax. "If we don't tax the wealthiest of the wealthy, we will have a society of very wealthy people," Leach said at a recent debate.

SOCIAL ISSUES

Franker: Said his experience as a Lutheran minister helps to explain full support for a woman's right to choose whether to have an abortion. He said a few women had come to him for a friendly ear because they had been raped. He explained that the government had no right to deny abortions to these women. Franker wants assault weapons barred in the United States. He has attacked Leach for supporting the party that let a ban on such weapons expire Sept. 13.

Leach: Supports little government interaction in regards to abortions. He is pro-choice and backs stem-cell research, though he opposes late-term dilation-and-extraction abortions. Leach also opposes government funding for abortions. The incumbent favors minimal interference on gun control to protect the rights of hunters, but he has said he wants a ban on assault weapons. "I believe in the right for hunters to hunt," Leach said.

GRASSLEY VS. SMALL Race for U.S. Senate



CHARLES GRASSLEY
Republican

Hometown: New Hartford, Iowa
Age: 71
Family: Wife, Barbara Ann Speicher. Sons: Lee and Jay. Daughters: Wendy, Robin, and Michele
Education: B.A. from University of Northern Iowa. M.A. in political science from UNI; Doctoral Studies, UI
Professional experience: Assembly Line Worker, Sheet Metal Shearer, Farmer, Senator 1980 to present, Representative in the U.S. House 1974-80, State Representative 1958-75
Website: www.grassley-works.com



ART SMALL
Democrat

Hometown: Iowa City
Age: 71
Family: Wife, Mary Jo. Sons: Peter and Art. Daughter: Martha
Education: B.A. from Bowdoin College. M.A. and J.D. from UI
Professional experience: Attorney, Owner/Publisher of Iowa Legislative News Service, Owner Town Copier Printing, Director of Survey Services Westinghouse Learning Corp. State Representative 1971-78. State Senator 1978-86
Website: www.artsmall-forsenate.com

HEALTH CARE

Grassley: Advocated and helped write the Medicare Drug Modernization Act, which was enacted on a temporary basis in March 2004. The program will be made permanent in November 2005. The bill provides seniors on Medicare a voluntary prescription-drug benefit, a coordinated disease-management program, better coverage of preventive screenings, and protection against catastrophic drug costs.

Small: Advocates the implementation of a universal health care program that is separate from employment. Supports the adoption of a Patient's Bill of Rights to allow for appeals when insurance claims are denied. Would work to establish limits on punitive damages sought in medical malpractice lawsuits. Would allow 55 to 65 year-olds to buy into Medicare. Supports stem-cell research on existing lines of stem cells.

ECONOMY

Grassley: Wrote business tax bill that was signed into law Oct. 22 by President Bush. The bill contains incentives for companies who use renewable fuels and also rewards companies that stay within the United States with a 3 percent tax cut. Also recently pushed the Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004, which was signed into law Oct. 4. The bill extends previously enacted tax relief, including the \$1,000 per child tax credit.

Small: Says \$7 trillion deficit was main reason for launching his campaign. Supports the efforts toward a balanced budget and would work to pay off national debt. Says Small: "I will never agree to pass massive debts on to our children and grandchildren." Criticized Grassley's push for \$50 million indoor rain forest to be built in Coralville, calling it "pet project" for one of Grassley's "friends."

IRAQ

Grassley: Lauded the handover of sovereignty this summer as an historic event. Recently remarked, Bush determined "the best defense is a good offense" in hunting terrorists on foreign soil. Said the U.S. will not need more troops to further the effort in Iraq and advocates the continuation of an all-volunteer military. The all-volunteer military, he says, gives "more bang for the buck."

Small: Says President Bush built his case for war in Iraq on "lies." Has criticized Bush for "rushing" into war without international support and without exhausting diplomatic efforts. According to a recent statement: "Throughout the Mideast today, our reputation as a fair and honest nation has been tarnished by these avoidable mistakes." Will work to bring home soldiers as soon as possible.

ALSO RUNNING FOR THE SEAT



DARYL NORTROP of the Green Party
Hometown: Des Moines; **Age:** 32; **Family:** Wife, April; **Education:** Currently enrolled in the International Relations program, Drake University; **Professional Experience:** Select Service Representative, Midland National Life Insurance Co.; **Website:** www.northropforsenate.org

PULKRABEK VS. SNYDER Race for Johnson County sheriff



LONNY PULKRABEK
Democrat

Hometown: La Porte City, Iowa
Age: 41
Family: Wife, Julie, and Son: Samuel, 9
Education: Kirkwood Community College and Mount Mercy graduate with a B.A. in criminal justice
Professional experience: Johnson County deputy for 17 years
Website: www.lonnyforsheriff.com



STEVE SNYDER
Republican

Hometown: Mason City
Age: 46
Family: Divorced. Daughters: Amber, 25, Laura Elizabeth, 22, Erin, 18, Rachel, 4
Education: B.A. in sociology and criminal justice from UI.
Professional experience: Former Coralville and San Diego police officer, he now runs Snyder Construction
Website: www.snyder4sheriff.com

JAIL OVERCROWDING

Pulkrabek: Believes jail overcrowding is the most important issue facing the new sheriff and the best solution is to build a new jail. To finance the new jail the county must pass a bond issue — something that voters shot down in 2000.

Pulkrabek is willing to see the effects of the alternative treatments, such as a public intox center and at-home monitoring before demanding a new facility. Part of the problem is Johnson County citizens need to be better education about why the county needs a new jail, Pulkrabek said. He added it is just not drunken students filling the jail on weekends.

Snyder: Favors building a new jail using money in the current county budget to build a new jail. Money in the budget has to be used and invested more wisely to allow the county to pay for a new jail without having to pass a bond issue. He said there is \$40,000 a month that could be taken out of the budget to be used for a new jail. Snyder stressed the need for less talk and reports and insisted that a new jail needed to be built.

The creation of a new jail would not only solve the overcrowding problem but would also create more jobs for the Johnson County economy, Snyder said. It would also save the county money lost from having to pay to house criminals in Linn County.

BAR ORDINANCES

Pulkrabek said he supports the idea of moving to 21, but he has some concerns including its enforcement and if it just sweeps the underage-drinking problem under the rug.

Pulkrabek was quick to add on personal level he couldn't understand how a young adult could fight for her or his country but could not come back and "have a beer in public."

Snyder said he would like to see the bars raise the minimum age to 21 but said that if Iowa City decides to raise the age, it should communicate with other local communities to see if they will raise their limits as well.

Snyder said his fear is that if Iowa City moves to 21 and other communities do not, it will just move the problem and become a "county-wide" issue with the possibility of students drinking and driving.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE & JOINT COMMUNICATION:

Pulkrabek is trying to revive a recommendation made several years ago that Johnson County have a county-wide ambulance dispatch unit. The recommendation came from a Johnson County Ambulance Service report.

He added current dispatchers do not have the training to offer medical help to callers and as sheriff he would provide the training for a dispatch units.

Snyder said the county need for an emergency medical response modeled on the one in Iowa City, and he is willing to "pay for it out of my own pocket." The joint communications center needed further review before one was created. He said he wasn't against the idea as a sheriff, but he raised concerns putting all of the communications in one building in the event of a natural disaster.

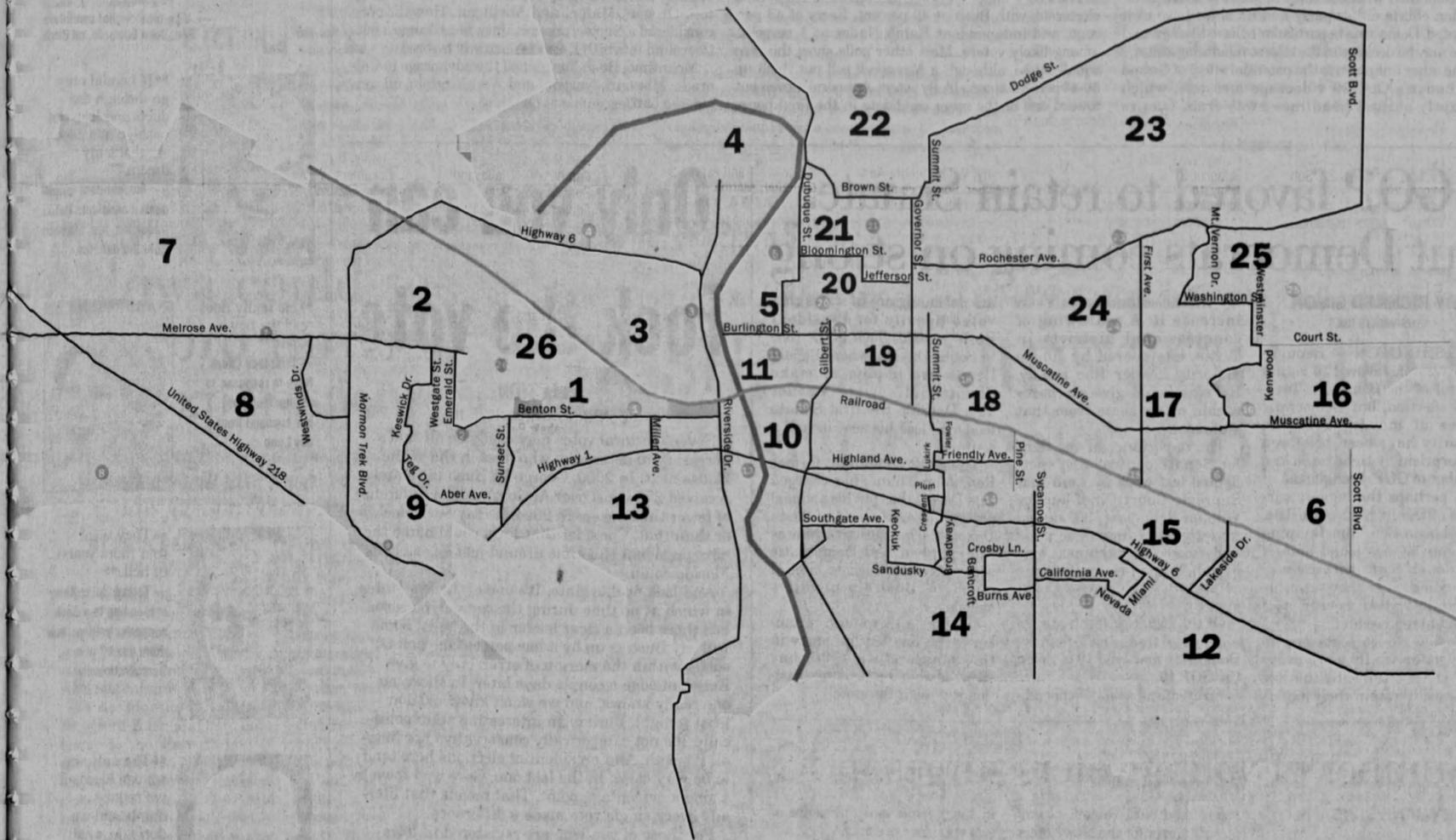
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ON THE ISSUES SINCE THE START OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE. GEORGE BUSH AND PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL JOHN KERRY STAND

FOREIGN POLICY	GAY & LESBIAN RIGHTS	GUN CONTROL	HEALTH CARE	IRAQ
<p>Bush: Focuses on trying to spread democracy in the Middle East to solve problems in the region. He has alienated many European countries and the United Nations.</p>	<p>Bush: Supports constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage but would leave civil-union decisions to individual states.</p>	<p>Bush: Said he would support extension of assault-weapon ban, which expired in September. Doesn't favor holding gun manufacturers liable in civil lawsuits.</p>	<p>Bush: Supports private, tax-free Health Savings Accounts and tax credits for those who enroll in the program. Nearly 4 million Americans have lost health-care coverage since Bush took office in 2001.</p>	<p>Bush: Ousted Saddam Hussein, calling him a threat to national security. More than 1,100 American soldiers have perished since the Iraq campaign began. Saw congressional approval of \$87 billion in military support come to fruition.</p>
<p>Kerry: Seeks increased international participation through strengthened U.N. relations but would not cede U.S. security to any nation.</p>	<p>Kerry: Also opposes same-sex marriages but doesn't support an amendment banning them. Supports civil unions and benefits for gay couples.</p>	<p>Kerry: Also supports assault-weapon ban but opposes immunity for gun manufacturers. Believes law-abiding Americans should be able to own guns.</p>	<p>Kerry: Would extend congressional health-care benefits to private individuals and offset costs through tax credits. Supports tax credits to small businesses and their employees to make health care more affordable and accessible.</p>	<p>Kerry: Voted for Bush to go to war but voted against \$87 billion to support soldiers. Has criticized Bush for pre-emptive strike on Iraq based on faulty intelligence on weapons of mass destruction.</p>



WHY TO CAST YOUR VOTE



FIND THE POLLING PLACE IN YOUR AREA

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| 1. Roosevelt School, 611 Greenwood Drive | 14. Twain School, 1355 De Forest Ave. |
| 2. Hoover School, 600 Koser Ave. | 15. Southeast Jr. High, 2501 Bradford Drive |
| 3. Quinlan Residence Hall, 320 Grand Ave. | 16. Lucas School, 830 Southlawn Drive |
| 4. Lincoln School, 300 Teeters Court | 17. Hoover School, 2200 E. Court St. |
| 5. Quinlan Residence Hall | 18. Longfellow School, 1130 Seymour Ave. |
| 6. Mark Recreation Center, 2701 Bradford Drive | 19. Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert St. |
| 7. Washington School, 2901 Melrose Ave. | 20. Senior Citizens Center, 28 S. Linn St. |
| 8. Washington School, 3850 Rohret Road SW | 21. Mann School, 521 N. Dodge St. |
| 9. All Saints Baptist Church, 1715 Mormon Trek Blvd. | 22. Shimek School, 1400 Grissel Place |
| 10. St. Mary's Army, 1116 Gilbert Court | 23. Regina High School, 2150 Rochester Ave. |
| 11. Courthouse, 417 S. Clinton St. | 24. City High School, 1900 Morningside Drive |
| 12. Washington School, 1930 Lakeside Drive | 25. Lemme School, 3100 E. Washington St. |
| 13. Post Office Building, 1200 S. Riverside Drive | 26. University Heights, St. Andrews Church, 1300 Melrose Ave. |

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO VOTE?

- Nothing. Bring identification if you suspect you will have a problem. A student ID or license will suffice.
- Polling places will provide pencils. Use the pencils they provide to ensure that your vote will count.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VOTE?

- Satellite voting is usually the quickest, available up to election day.
- Polls in Johnson County are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Mid-morning and mid-afternoon are the best times to vote.
- Early evening tends to be the busiest time.

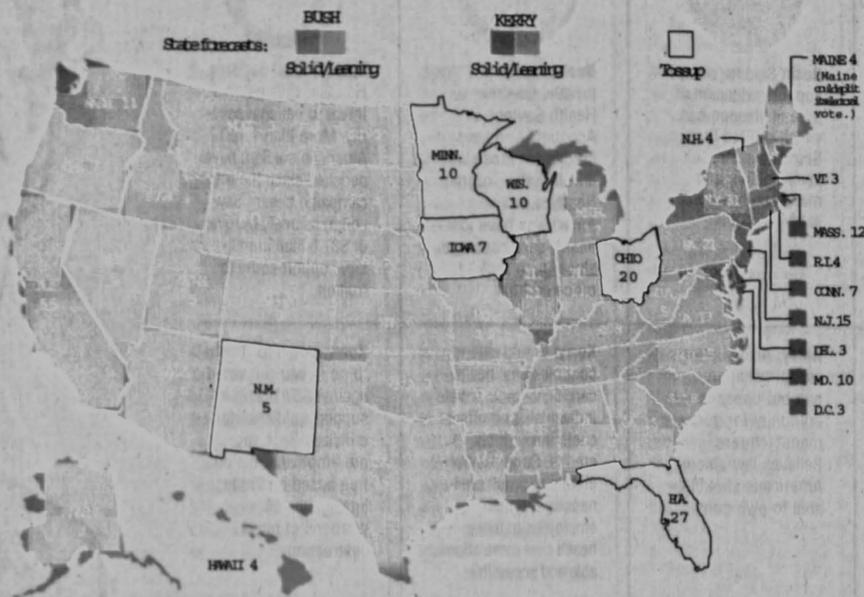
ELECTION COVERAGE

Tossup states remain exactly that

BY DAVID S. BRODER,
DAN BALZ, AND
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WASHINGTON POST

Charting a Course to Victory

Six states with 79 electoral votes are considered tossups and could determine the winner of the presidential election. Of the remaining states, six appear to be leaning toward Democratic Sen. John Kerry, and four appear to be leaning toward President Bush, the Republican.



WASHINGTON — President Bush and his Democratic challenger, Sen. John Kerry, go into the final hours of the 2004 presidential campaign within easy reach of an electoral majority, but neither has a clear advantage in the remaining handful of tossup states.

This year's election is a virtual rerun of the 2000 race, with many of the same states in the too-close-to-call category. But four years ago, Bush's route to an electoral majority was clearer than Al Gore's, while this year his path appears no easier than Kerry's, given the states still in play.

Bush has solid leads in 23 states with 197 electoral votes and is favored in four more, which could bring him to 227. Kerry is equally solid in 13 states with 178 electoral votes and is favored in five states, which would bring him to 232. It takes 270 electoral votes to win.

Six states — Florida, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and New Mexico — with 79 electoral votes could determine the winner. All are regarded as tossups by neutral observers and the two campaigns.

Democratic hopes of overturning the Republicans' shaky 51-vote majority in the Senate are unlikely to be realized. Democratic candidates would have to win all four tossup races and defeat one favored Republican to emerge with 50 seats and a tie that John Edwards could break if he and Kerry win. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle is fighting for his life in South Dakota against former Rep. John Thune, a race both sides expect to be won or lost by fewer than 2,000 votes.

In the House, few analysts see Republicans losing more than three seats net from their 24-seat majority or adding more than that number. But two prominent Republicans — Christopher Shays of Connecticut, a co-sponsor of campaign-finance legislation, and Phil Crane of Illinois, a 35-year veteran, are in jeopardy.

The state-by-state analysis is based on reporting by *Washington Post* staff members traveling with the four presidential and vice presidential candidates and on assignment in nine states, along with private assessments from top Kerry and Bush strategists and interviews with dozens of other political players in Washington and around the country.

What makes this presidential election so difficult to call is the intensity of voter interest, reflected in the swollen registration totals and long lines for early voting, combined with the most aggressive voter-mobilization efforts either party and its allies have ever mounted. Democrats in particular believe their ground game may be decisive in the closest remaining states.

The other unknown is the potential effect of Osama bin Laden's Oct. 29 videotape message, which abruptly shifted headlines away from Iraq to

terrorism and echoes of 9/11. Bush's highest ratings come for his leadership against the terrorists, but there was no discernible shift to the president in polls taken during the first hours after the video aired.

Some Democrats fear Bush may benefit from bin Laden's intervention, but until the tape appeared, Republicans complained that Bush was fighting against a tide of negative news developments: brutal killings in Iraq, shortages of flu vaccine, investigations of Vice President Cheney's former employer, Halliburton, an impasse in Congress over reform of intelligence agencies, and, for most of the past week, headlines suggesting the administration had been negligent in allowing tons of Saddam Hussein's lethal weapons to fall into dangerous hands.

The *Post's* latest tracking poll shows a deadlocked electorate, with Bush at 49 percent, Kerry at 48 percent, and independent Ralph Nader at 1 percent, among likely voters. Most other polls show the race equally close, although a *Newsweek* poll put Bush up 50-44 percent among likely voters. A general movement toward one or the other candidate in the final hours

could significantly alter the electoral map balance.

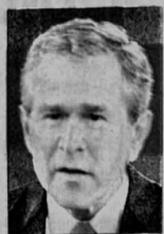
The candidates tried to tune their speeches to the shifting headlines as they campaigned in what they know to be the battleground states. From last winter on, both Bush and Kerry have targeted Florida, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, believing that whoever wins two of them would likely be elected.

Despite more than 40 Bush visits, Pennsylvania has now tilted toward Kerry, and Republicans are fighting desperately to pump the vote in their central and southwestern areas of strength enough to make up for the Democratic margins in Philadelphia and its suburbs. Some public polls show the race tied, but insiders are skeptical Bush can prevail.

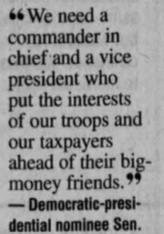
Other states that have moved from the pre-convention tossup category toward Kerry are Washington, Oregon, Maine, and Michigan. Hawaii, once considered a Democratic certainty, has become a battleground in which Kerry is narrowly favored.

Meantime, Bush has gained the advantage in Colorado, Missouri, Nevada, and West Virginia, all considered battlegrounds at one time.

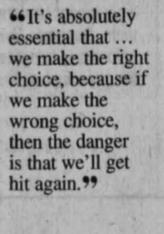
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“Maybe [Kerry] was hoping Saddam Hussein would lose the next Iraqi election.”
— President Bush, on Kerry's opposition to the plan to topple Saddam

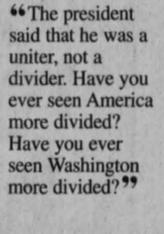


“We need a commander in chief and a vice president who put the interests of our troops and our taxpayers ahead of their big-money friends.”
— Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry on Bush



“It's absolutely essential that ... we make the right choice, because if we make the wrong choice, then the danger is that we'll get hit again.”

— Vice President Dick Cheney, implying that a vote for Kerry would increase chances for another terror attack

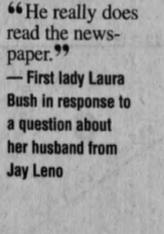


“The president said that he was a uniter, not a divider. Have you ever seen America more divided? Have you ever seen Washington more divided?”

— Vice-presidential candidate Sen. John Edwards, on Bush



“If I could only go through the ducts and leap out onstage in a cape — that's my dream.”
— Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader on his absence from the debates



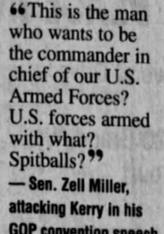
“He really does read the newspaper.”
— First lady Laura Bush in response to a question about her husband from Jay Leno



“They want four more years of hell.”
— Teresa Heinz-Kerry responding to a Bush supporter yelling “four more years” at a Democratic rally



“The only way we can lose is if we're lazy or dumb, and we don't do what we're supposed to do.”
— Former President Clinton in support of Kerry's presidential bid



“This is the man who wants to be the commander in chief of our U.S. Armed Forces? U.S. forces armed with what? Spitballs?”
— Sen. Zell Miller, attacking Kerry in his GOP convention speech



“Any time you got the pope and the Dixie Chicks against you, your time is up.”
— Filmmaker Michael Moore on Bush

GOP favored to retain Senate, but Democrats coming on strong

BY RICHARD SIMON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Republicans remain favored to retain control of the Senate in Tuesday's election, but Democratic hopes of moving into the majority have been bolstered by surprisingly tight races in a number of GOP strongholds.

In perhaps the biggest surprise of the high-stakes battle, Republican Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky has found himself in a tough fight, with Democrats citing what they term his “declining mental health” as a reason to replace him.

All 435 House seats are up for election, as they are every two years. Republicans are expected to retain their major-

ity in the chamber or even increase it. A redrawing of congressional districts in Texas, engineered by House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, could give the party a gain of six seats from that state alone.

The importance of the fight for Senate control was spotlighted last week by word that Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist, 80, suffers from thyroid cancer. The news underscored that the next may be called upon to confirm one or more new Supreme Court justices.

Of the Senate's 100 seats, 34 will be filled on Tuesday; Democrats now hold 19 of them, the GOP 15.

Many of the seats Democrats

are defending are in states that voted heavily for President Bush in 2000. Such is the case in South Dakota, where Republicans are hoping to make Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle the first Senate leader to lose his seat in half a century.

The GOP candidate, former Rep. John Thune, has charged that Daschle has put his national party's interests ahead of South Dakota's. They describe him as the ringleader of Democratic obstructionists who have blocked much of Bush's legislative agenda.

Daschle, a three-term incumbent who has led his party in the Senate since 1995, has stressed that he uses his position to benefit the state.

Number of young voters surges in IC

BY JANE SLUSARK
THE DAILY IOWAN

The nationwide campaign to push young adults into the voting booth resulted in a record 96 percent of eligible Johnson County 18- to 24-year-olds registering to vote — an increase that could have a profound effect on the election if they show up at the polls.

Candidates used everything from celebrity stumping to athlete endorsements to spur the young population to buck the trend of apathy displayed in past presidential elections.

“This is a history-making moment, don't be fooled,” said actor Ron Livingston in a forum last week to support Sen. John Kerry. “You guys are sitting smack dab in the middle of it.”

Voting drives targeting students and young adults have swept Iowa City and the UI campus this fall as part of a massive attempt to motivate the generation to take a more active role in the election.

“For so long, young people have been apathetic, and voter registration has decreased in every presidential election since

1971,” said Nick Rugen, a campus organizer for the New Voters Project. “Let's make politicians pay attention to us.”

The nonpartisan New Voters Project has sent approximately 40 volunteers to canvass the UI. They registered more than 4,500 people on campus; more than a half a million have been registered nationwide by the project.

Two-thirds of the people who have registered to vote in Johnson County since June 1 are 18- to 24-year-olds. The Johnson County Auditor's Office is showing a record number of 18- to 24-year-olds — 23,468 — have registered to vote.

In the 2000 presidential election, 16,847 18- to 24-year-olds registered, and 61 percent cast their vote in Johnson County.

UI political-science Professor Peverill Squire said he believes that young voters will follow through this year and mark their ballots.

“I suspect a good chunk [will vote], simply because once you get registered, half the battle is over,” he said.

In 2000, presidential candidate Al Gore and George Bush were separated by 4,144 votes

in Iowa. That is a difference of two votes per precinct.

Experts expect the Democratic Party to gain the most from the surge in young voters.

“The evidence right now is [young people] tend to be Democrats,” Squire said. “That wasn't the case 10 years ago.”

Livingston, who has appeared in “Sex in the City” and *Office Space*, said Republicans are counting on the young generation not to turn out.

“[Republicans] are strategically trying to make it as difficult as possible [to vote],” Livingston said. “Vote early because long lines work for them. Make it streamlined for people who are as not as committed.”

UI political-science Associate Professor Tim Hagle said Republicans do want students to vote, especially if they are voting Republican.

Of the newly registered voters in Johnson County, 31.5 percent identified with Democrats, 17 percent with Republicans, and 51 percent did not choose a party affiliation.

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Only you can rock the vote

ELECTION

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Seven electoral votes may easily be all that's necessary to determine who lives in the White House next. In 2000, George W. Bush ultimately received 271 votes over Al Gore's 266, a difference of fewer than seven. In 2004, it may be even closer than that. Consider that Iowa could name the next president this time around just as easily as Florida could.

And look at this state. It's one of the few states in which at no time during the campaign season has there been a clear leader in the polls. Some will say Bush is up by a few percentage points, easily within the margin of error, only to give Kerry an edge a couple days later. In short, no one really knows, and we won't know until at least tonight. Iowa is an interesting state politically. It's not categorically conservative nor liberal. It's both. And presidential elections here tend to be very close. In the last one, Gore won Iowa by a single percentage point. That means that literally every single vote made a difference.

For those of you who are registered in Iowa and have yet to hear a compelling reason to go to the polls today, maybe this is it. I'm not a celebrity who is telling you to vote or die, and quite frankly, I'm really sick of hearing those over-publicized catch phrases. My point is not so much to explain why voting in this election is important — we've already had that message relentlessly drilled into our heads — but to point out specifically what the result could be.

As a voter who was originally registered in my home state of Illinois, I opted to change my registration when I came to school here four years ago. With Chicago's political climate, Illinois is, of course, a Democratic bastion. If you vote for John Kerry there, you're preaching to the choir; and if you vote for George W. Bush, your vote simply won't mean much. In a state that is so much more sharply divided politically, my vote will go much further in Iowa than it ever did in Illinois.

This is an important point to consider as we stand at the polls (or, perhaps decide whether we'll go to the polls at all). As an Iowa voter, your voice can tip the balance in this state and decide who grabs those seven electoral votes (and perhaps as a consequence, who the president will be as of January). As I write this, the race in Iowa remains a statistical tie (Kerry and Bush at 45 percent each). So don't take your right to vote lightly. Go to the polls today, if you haven't already, and make your side proud.

I'm Peter Warski, and I approved this message.