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The Daily Iowan will take a brief hiatus next week so that weary staffers can go on their annual pilgrimage for wild turkeys and domestic curds. The business office will be open Nov. 19 and 20 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and the *DI* will resume publishing Nov. 26. Have a safe and fulfilling Thanksgiving.



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Reward offered in 12-year-old slaying

The son of an area woman killed in 1995 says a \$7,000 reward will be given to anyone who gives information leading to the prosecution of the killer.



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan

Jason Kersten (right), the son of Susan Kersten, answers questions from the press during a briefing at the Johnson County Courthouse on Thursday. Kersten was joined by members of his family, law-enforcement officials, and Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness in announcing a \$7,000 reward to anyone with information leading to the arrest of his mother's killer.

By Samantha Miller

THE DAILY IOWAN

Though 12 years have passed since the slaying of Iowa City woman Susan Kersten, her son is still determined to find her killer.

Jason Kersten of Williamsburg announced at the Johnson County Courthouse Tuesday that a \$7,000 reward will be given to anyone who can provide a tip that leads to the arrest and prosecution of

**Searching for a killer**

To find more about the 12-year-old homicide case, watch Daily Iowan Television at dailiowan.com.

the person who killed his mother.

"I know people know information," the 29-year-old said. "Hopefully, this will entice them to come forward."

Susan Kersten's charred remains were found in her car on Sept. 24, 1995, in a field south of Iowa City's Regency Trailer

Court. The autopsy revealed that her death was the result of homicide, not an accident, as authorities had previously surmised.

Jason Kersten, who was 17 when his mother was slain, thanked the Carol Sund/Carrington Foundation for the \$5,000 it donated to the reward fund. The remaining \$2,000 is supplied by Iowa City Crimestoppers.

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Welcome Freshmen | Yihan Sun

The mysteries of cooking turkey

UI international student Yihan Sun misses her family in Tianjin, China, but she will find a way to celebrate Thanksgiving on campus.

By Shajia Ahmad

THE DAILY IOWAN

Yihan Sun

Age: 20
Hometown: Tianjin, China
Major: Biology
How she feels about the semester: In her



American politics course, Sun said, learning about the limited and supervising powers of the different branches of government is very surprising. "In China," she said, "government corruption is a very serious problem."

international students this year at UI and is part of a group of more than 500 students from the People's Republic of China, the largest group of foreign students, according to a statistical report from the Office of International Students and Scholars.

SEE FRESHMAN 3A

Groups don't let day go to waste

Volunteers and officials work to reduce waste on the Pentacrest by collecting and sorting trash.

By Kayla Kelley

THE DAILY IOWAN

Supporters of campus waste reduction donned white tieback suits, goggles, and gloves before diving into heaps of trash collected from in and around the five Pentacrest buildings Thursday morning.

The first waste-characterization project in a three-part series was named Phasing Out Plastics to catch people's attention, because they wouldn't know what "waste characterization" meant, said Ben Kaplan, a campaign coordinator for the Iowa Public Interest Research Group who helped assemble volunteers for the task.

The UI Environmental Coalition, Iowa City Landfill and Recycling Center, UI Facilities Management, UI College of Engineering, UI College of Public Health, East Central Iowa Council of Governments, and Iowa Department of Natural Resources also lent their expertise and time to make the sorting successful.



Photo illustration by Chris Vanderwall/The Daily Iowan
The Waste Characterization Sorting Project will provide data that may improve the UI's recycling program. Officials estimate that up to 80 percent of the waste at the university is recyclable.

messy, and with the outside trash, we focused on redeemable and non-redeemable plastics and bottles."

SEE WASTE, 3A

Sun is one of 60 first-year



News

Hankering for bike safety

A UI bike simulator has tested more than 500 adults and children in the last 12 years.



Sarah O'Brien/The Daily Iowan

Postdoctoral research scholar Sabarish Babu demonstrates the bike simulator in MacLean Hall on Wednesday. Babu works in the computer-science department; the simulator, named Hank, is a joint project between Babu's department and the psychology department.



More than a decade of bike simulation

Watch Daily Iowan Television at dailyiowan.com, for more information about a UI bike simulator.

By Ashton Shurson
THE DAILY IOWAN

One day, a bicyclist rides down the road toward an intersection, then sees a semi coming toward him. Hoping to beat the enormous vehicle, he crosses the intersection — and he's hit.

Well, not really.

The bike is actually stationary, and the roads are part of a virtual world.

The Hank Virtual Environments Laboratory in MacLean Hall is home to a bicycling simulator used to test children's and adults' bicycling behaviors with simulated traffic.

The goal of the experiments is to reduce childhood bicycle injuries, said Joe Kearney, a co-director of Hank and an associate

dean for the UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The rear wheel of the bike connects to a disk and belt that controls inertia and momentum so the participants feel as though they are riding on actual roads. The bike, standing on a platform, is surrounded by three 8-by-10 walls on which simulated streets and neighborhoods appear.

Last week, Jim Cremer, a codirector of Hank and UI computer-science professor, traveled to a conference in Italy to report the results of a recent experiment.

During this particular experiment, riders — both children and adults — approached an intersection with dense traffic and crossed through small gaps between cars. When riders were presented with another random traffic scenario with bigger gaps, riders still chose the smaller gaps, Kearney said.

"Bike injuries are serious and especially most serious with

kids and cars," he said. "We seek the causes of these."

Emergency rooms see approximately 500,000 bike-related injuries per year, according to the study's pamphlet.

The program started in 1995 as a joint project between the computer-science department — Kearney and Cremer — and UI psychology Professor Jodie Plumert, another co-director.

Since its implementation, there have been roughly 10 to 15 experiments with more than 500 participants. Each experiment lasts for 15 to 20 minutes. Sixty to 80 subjects participate per study, ranging in age from 10- to 12-year-olds to college students.

Funding was provided by grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, Ford Motor Co., and the Iowa Center for Injury Prevention. The original model cost roughly \$120,000 and now runs on six computers that cost \$2,000 a piece.

Kearney said Hank presents the opportunity to have virtually controlled experiments and test a person's basic perception with distance and speed involved.

"The substantial question is about ecological validity," Cremer said. "We want to know which things affect the validity of these environments."

One fundamental finding is that kids and adults will choose the same size gaps, but children choose less time to spare when crossing the road, Kearney said, adding that kids are usually less ready to go and fumble more before riding through the gap. Also, adults tend to initiate motion before the gap arrives.

Although the UI is not the home to the only simulator in the country, Kearney is still proud of Hank's accomplishments.

"We like to think this one is the best," Kearney said with a smile.

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Mortgage servicers scrutinized

A new study, compiled in part by a UI professor, shines some light on the often-arcane workings of mortgage servicers.

By Kelli Shaffner
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In cases in which homeowners faced foreclosure, borrowers and debtors disagreed on how much was owed 96 percent of the time, a study conducted by UI law Associate Professor Katherine Porter recently discovered.

Porter, along with Stanford Law School lecturer Tara Twomey, conducted a study to find whether difficulties with accounting information in mortgages are "systematic problems." They studied families who had filed for bankruptcy and were facing foreclosure in April 2006.

In their research, Porter said, they found unreasonable discrepancies between what mortgage servicers were charging borrowers and what these borrowers thought they had to pay.

Their study showed one of three things caused misunderstandings between the homeowner and the mortgage

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servicer, the group that collects payments from homeowners.

The first situation occurs when the servicer fails to attach a required document — more than half of cases in the study had required items missing.

In the second, either the debtor underestimated the amount owned or the servicer added fees and extra charges.

Chris Luzzie, who works for Iowa Legal Aid, said the language — "legalese," she said, referring to the difficult-to-understand jargon — and the large amount of fine print may confuse borrowers.

"Oh my gosh," she said. "It's a ton of paper. You're signing documents left and right."

The final situation Porter

identified was adding vague and unreasonable fees.

She said instances in which a debtor would owe a \$50 fax fee or a \$137 overnight mailing fee were not justified.

"You can send a lot of things [for \$137]," she said.

The fees are usually under \$200, Twomey said, so even if the borrowers challenge these fees, the cost of an attorney would be more than the cost of the fee.

It would be difficult to be worth it, she said. Some fees total as little as \$8.

"[Homeowners] may not have enough resources," she said, noting that they were taking out loans for a reason.

And though an additional \$8 is not an amount most people take companies to court for, Porter said, these fees serve as extra revenue. She noted that recently, 10 percent of Ocwen Financial Corp.'s earnings came from late fees.

If the borrowers were unhappy

with their mortgage servicer, Porter said, they have no option to change companies because of how the system works.

"If they hate the mortgage servicer, they have no ability to change," she said, adding that the mortgage servicers don't have any incentives to not charge fees because the homeowners are not their customer.

Even if they could change, she said, 95 percent of the market is controlled by a small number of companies.

Twomey said the attention these problems are receiving may lead to a solution, especially given that their study is the first empirical data of its kind.

"Our study really shines a light on mortgage servicers," she said.

Twomey said the rules already in place should be enforced.

"That's the first step," she said. "But not the complete solution."

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METRO

Man charged with assault

Authorities arrested a man Wednesday after he reportedly punched his friend repeatedly on Sept. 16, breaking bones in his face, police reported.

Richard Corum, 22, was charged

Nov. 6 by Iowa City police with assault causing serious injury, a felony, after the alleged incident at 200 S. Linn St.

As of Thursday, Corum was not being held at Johnson County Jail.

According to reports, the victim and his friend were leaving a bar.

The victim "playfully slapped

[Corum] and wrestled with him," police reported. Corum then began hitting the victim "hard" in his face, knocking him to the ground.

Corum then allegedly got on top of the victim, continuing to punch him in the face, police said.

When police responded, Corum reportedly fled. The victim was hos-

pitalized, suffering from broken bones in his face.

Corum admitted to punching the victim "pretty hard," "right in the face," police reported.

Assault causing serious injury is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

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POLICE BLOTTER

Katherine Buscher, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Nov. 10 with indecent conduct.

Tanner Schafer, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana.

Antonio Fluker, 21, 929 Iowa Ave. Apt. 17, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Jesse Heyland, 27, 408 S. Dodge St., was charged Oct. 9 with possession of a schedule II controlled substance with intent to deliver, destroying evidence, drug tax-stamp violation, and possession of marijuana.

Joel Hoskins, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Allison Lampariello, 19, LaGrange, Ill., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Kevin Recker, 29, Hiawatha, Iowa, was charged Nov. 10 with PAULA.

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Tanner Schafer, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana.

Sally Schick, 22, 736 Michael St. Apt. 9, was charged Monday with permitting a dog or cat to run.

Andrew Secor, 20, Stillwater, Minn., was charged Nov. 10 with PAULA.

Patrick Snagg, 20, 1103 Hollywood Boulevard, was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana and interference with official acts.

Alexander Stokes, 20, 2360 Mayflower, was charged Nov. 10 with PAULA.

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— Iowa City Sheriff Lonny Pulkabek

Reward offered

Reward

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Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness briefed those at the news conference on the current state of the case.

She detailed the case's difficulties caused by turnover within the various departments dealing with the investigation, adding that she remains optimistic about eventually being able to prosecute the case.

"While no one has yet been charged, the family and law enforcement believe we will be able to find those responsible for Susan's death," she said. "We ask for the public's assistance to make this happen."

Iowa City Sheriff Lonny Pulkabek, who was also at the news conference, said he hopes the monetary incentive will motivate those with knowledge regarding the homicide to come forward, alluding to the possibility that he had specific people in mind.

"We hope this will jar memories," he said. "We want any and all information."

Jason said no matter how much time or work it takes, he will never stop trying to track down his mother's killer. He noted that he and his family, who stood 20-strong behind him at the conference, were attempting to get her artwork on display at local banks. The art could also provide information regarding the case, he said.

"Our family has been deprived of her love and companionship," Jason Kersten said. "I'll pursue this until the very end."

He thinks constantly of the day when his mother will have justice through her killer's capture and conviction, he said.

"It would give me closure and give me a lot of rest of mind," he said. "I've prayed for it."

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'You don't want to veto it, what's the next best thing? Kill it in the Senate.'

— Tom Harkin, D.-Iowa

Political fights boil in D.C.

BUDGET

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Democrats have accused Republicans of trying to kill the bill through a filibuster, the process of extending debate on a bill, never allowing it to reach a vote. In a Thursday morning conference call with reporters, Harkin hinted that the White House was pushing to stop the bill to avoid an unpopular veto.

"You don't want to veto it, what's the next best thing? Kill it in the Senate," he said.

Republicans countered that, unlike Democrats, they are not being allowed to add funding for their own programs to the bill.

"I have to say for those who would like to offer amendments and have those amendments it's been very frustrating," said Sen. John Thune, R-S.D.

The Bush administration has threatened to veto the bill, arguing that, among other

complaints, payments are allowed to go to rich owners of farms instead of smaller family farms.

At the same time proponents failed to overturn Bush's Nov. 13 veto on a bill that funds health, education, and labor programs. Both the House of Representatives and the Senate need to get two-thirds majorities to pass the legislation without Bush's signature.

Bush called the bill too large, while proponents, including Harkin, said the programs are essential. According to Harkin's office, the bill would provide \$3.27 million to eastern Iowa.

Congress has approximately three weeks after the break to get as many yet-to-be spending bills and unresolved issues settled as possible.

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Yihan Sun, a UI student from China, stands by the Iowa River on Thursday. She is a freshman majoring in biology.

FRESHMAN

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Nearing the close of the semester and looking forward to returning to Tianjin over the winter break, Sun is especially excited to visit Chicago's Chinatown.

Sun, who turned 20 on Nov. 7, lamented that she misses authentic Chinese food, just as she misses her home and family.

"I want to see if they have hot pot during my trip," Sun said, describing a common Chinese meal of soup with meat and vegetables, a dish that

varies across the regions of the country.

Scott King, the director of the international-student office, said the transition for international students is the same as for U.S. students, but their concerns can be much more amplified because of the distance and because they are adjusting not only to a new life but a new cultural and educational system as well.

"For many students, this is the first time they're living 24 hours a day, seven days a week with English," King said. "No matter how much you've studied it in the past,

that's still a really tough adjustment."

His office is making attempts to increase undergraduate enrollment of international students at the UI, he said. The population represented at the UI is about half that of UI's peer institutions, he said.

Undergraduate students such as Sun number fewer than 2 percent of the total UI enrollment.

Despite a full 18-hour class schedule that Sun anticipates carrying in the spring semester, she said she wants to use her time at the UI to try some new things. While juggling a heavy

math and science course load, the biology major also plans to take piano instruction for non-majors and is also considering a tae kwon do class.

A red belt in tae kwon do, she jokingly said she'd like to get a black belt but will probably need to retrain because she hasn't practiced in many years.

"I'm not lazy when it comes to my studies, but my mother has always said I need to get more physical activity," she said and laughed.

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Groups work on reducing waste

"There is a lot of weird stuff in the trash, but nothing looked dangerous."

— Dave Jackson, assistant to the UI associate vice president for Facilities Management

WASTE

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Kaplan said Randy Pohlman of UI Facilities Management, who helped bring the garbage down to the sorting site, estimated 40 percent of the outside disposables were plastics.

The project started at 9 a.m. in Hubbard Park, and volunteers took five hours to sort the garbage that had accumulated in and around the Pentacrest buildings.

Kaplan said the group was not able to cover the whole east side, as the members had originally intended, because there was too much trash to go through.

He also said that one of the objectives of the project was to find the best places to put recycling bins for aluminum and plastic containers.

Jennifer Jordan, a recycling coordinator for the Iowa City Landfill and Recycling Center, said approximately 100,000

After being dumped out of garbage bags, trash is sorted into these categories:

- Plastics
- Metals
- Regular paper
- Office paper
- Chipboard
- Food waste and packaging
- Nonrecyclable waste

tons of garbage is dumped into the Iowa City landfill annually.

"There is not an official estimate of what could be recycled, but I would say 85 to 90 percent of it is recyclable or compostable," she said.

Last year, the UI recycled 22 percent of its waste.

Jordan said it is important for people to recycle at any age, but

college is a good place to realize the effect recycling has on the environment.

"We get a jump-start on reducing fossil fuels when we recycle," she said, noting plastics stay in the landfill for a long time.

Dave Jackson, an assistant to the UI associate vice president for Facilities Management, said

students were trained on what the purpose of the sort was and the safety measures involved.

"There is a lot of weird stuff in the trash, but nothing looked dangerous," he said.

Jordan said that precaution turned out to mainly be a way to keep the students clean.

"We weren't sure what we would come across, but it was mostly straightforward garbage," she said.

This event is the first of three — though specific dates have not been set for the next two yet — that will showcase ways to reduce waste on campus and enhance recycling programs and initiatives.

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News

Iowa in green pact

Midwest environmentalists foresee an economic boost from new green-energy pacts.

By Patrick Larkin

THE DAILY IOWAN

Five governors, including Iowa Gov. Chet Culver, and a Canadian premier signed a bill Thursday to reduce greenhouse gases in the Midwest.

The accord is aimed to curb greenhouse gases by 60 to 80 percent by 2050, a goal that is on par with national environmental activists' standards.

The Sierra Club, a national environmental organization, insists upon an 80 percent reduction by 2050.

"The threat of global warming is real, and it is our responsibility to take steps to reduce greenhouse gases," Culver said in a statement.

Culver, along with the governors of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, and Kansas, and the premier of Manitoba, signed the Midwestern Regional Greenhouse-Gas Reduction Accord Thursday in Milwaukee. The governors of South Dakota, Ohio, and Indiana also signed as observers.

Nathaniel Baer, energy program director of the Iowa Environmental Council, said the goal is "likely and realistic."

Details of the plan, including specific targets for gas reductions and accompanying timelines, will be chiseled out over a 30-month period, to be complete by May 2010.

In addition, the nine leaders, plus the governors of Nebraska and North Dakota, signed an Energy Security and Climate Stewardship Platform.

The platform is intended to reduce sales of natural gas and electricity 2 percent by 2015 and 2 percent every year thereafter. It also aims to further integrate wind technology and establish a domestic fuel supply infrastructure for electricity, biofuels, hydrogen, and other low- and zero-carbon fuels.

Environmental activists were pleased with the pacts.

"This is pretty bold stuff," said Mike Carberry, the head of the Iowa City branch of the Sierra Club.

Carberry said the pacts "will

boost Iowa's economy" by creating "green-collar jobs."

Baer said they will "speed our transition to a clean energy economy," and noted that the federal government should "step up and pass legislation."

Mark Kresowik, an organizer for the Sierra Club's Midwest Clean Energy Campaign, said that while the pact was a good first step, he said the Midwest has a long way to go.

Kresowik noted two proposed coal-fired power plants in Marshalltown and Waterloo, saying the plants threaten to undermine the pacts signed today.

He said his campaign has called Culver about the plants on a weekly basis, and Culver is currently reviewing them.

If built, the plants would emit greenhouse gases equivalent to 1.6 million cars and create only 150 jobs, Kresowik said, comparing the plants to five recent wind-power plant projects in Iowa which he said will create upwards of 1,000 jobs.

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Officials eye tourist \$

Tourism in the area is on the rise, and officials at the Iowa City/Coralville Convention and Visitors Bureau have big ideas to keep it that way.

By Ben Travers

THE DAILY IOWAN

An annual report released by the Iowa City/Coralville Convention and Visitors Bureau has city officials excited about the future of the community's tourism industry.

At a luncheon held Thursday afternoon for bureau members, President Josh Schamberger told more than 300 hungry spectators that the Iowa City/Coralville area brought in more than \$264 million from tourists' pockets last year, an increase of more than \$20 million from 2005. Furthermore, visitors to the area also paid more than \$16 million in local and state taxes.

Statistics were compiled by the Iowa Department of Economic Development and distributed in an October report.

Former bureau board head and current Iowa City Mayor Pro Tem Regenia Bailey said the increase showed a positive step for the area.

"We're definitely going in the right direction," she said. "This is a destination place."

Speakers at the luncheon,

including Bailey and Schamberger, spent little time on the past before discussing a possible light-rail transport and a multistory literary theme park and education facility, which is currently in the planning phase. The two proposed projects are meant to bring in even more out-of-town dollars.

Schamberger stressed the importance of implementing the passenger rail service that would run on the CRANDIC line, which was last used by passengers in 1953.

"Every day of every work week, more than 10,000 residents travel along [Interstate] 380 to get from home to work and back," Schamberger said. "That number is sure to grow and grow substantially in the coming years."

While it would cost \$70 million to upgrade and start running the train, he said, adding another lane to I-380 would cost more than \$400 million.

Coralville City Councilor Tom Gill, who attended the presentation, said Coralville has already received federal funding for the project.

"The light rail is coming," he said. "It's just going to be a very slow process."

He said the first step toward a functioning light rail system was the construction of a transit center for trains and buses.

As for the "Stories" project, Schamberger said a Burbank, Calif., design firm is working on a concept plan for the education and literary theme park complex that would cover 25 acres of land near the Iowa River.

Schamberger said the facility would allow visitors to explore literary achievement through tactile and digital displays, as well as animatronics.

Gill added that education would still play a major role in the experience, though.

"People say you don't learn anything at Disney Land," he said. "Disney Land is not what we're looking at."

Schamberger said a committee will work on a development plan over the next five months along with BRC Imagination Arts and then decide if it would be feasible to construct.

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Gov's using GPS to stop abuse

By Frank Eltman

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLIP, N.Y. — GPS tracking devices installed on government-issue vehicles are helping communities around the country reduce waste and abuse, in part by catching employees shopping, working out at the gym, or otherwise loafing while on the clock.

The use of GPS has led to firings, stoking complaints from employees and unions that the devices are intrusive, Big Brother technology. But city officials say that monitoring employees' movements has deterred abuses, saving the taxpayers money in gasoline and lost productivity.

"We can't have public resources being used on private activities. That's Management 101," Phil Nolan, supervisor of the Long Island town of Islip.

Islip saved nearly 14,000 gallons of gas over a three-month period from the previous year after GPS devices were installed.

Nolan said that shows that employees know they are being watched and are no longer using Islip's 614 official vehicles for personal business.

Some administrators around the country emphasized that the primary purpose of the GPS devices is not to catch people goofing off but to improve the

maintenance and operation of the vehicles and to design more efficient bus, snowplow, and trash-pickup routes. Among other things, the devices can be used to alert mechanics that a car's engine is operating inefficiently.

Still, in Indiana, six employees of the Fort Wayne-Allen County Health Department lost their jobs last year after an administrator bought three Global Positioning Satellite devices out of her own pocket and switched them in and out of 12 department vehicles to nail health inspectors running personal errands on the job.

Employees were caught going to stores, gyms, restaurants, churches, and their homes. (And the administrator was reimbursed the \$750 she spent.)

One of those who got in trouble, 27-year employee Elaine Pruitt, decried what she called "sneaky" methods. She said she had fallen ill and stopped at her home for a long lunch break, returning to work just 38 minutes late.

Previously, "as long as we got our work done, there was never any problem. All of a sudden, it became wrong if you stopped at a grocery store for some gum," she said.

In Boston two years ago, a snowplow driver was accused of hiding his GPS device in a snowbank and then going off to do some private plowing. The driver pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor larceny charge and was fined \$300.

In Denver, 76 vehicles equipped with GPS this year were driven 5,000 fewer miles than the unequipped fleet had during the same period the year before. Denver plans to outfit police cars, snowplows, and trash trucks with GPS soon.

"It's growing by leaps and bounds," said Chris Ransom of Networkcar, one of the country's leading providers of GPS systems. "I'd say we're seeing double-digit growth among the municipalities, whether it's statewide or down to the local county."

In Delaware, GPS was used to confirm two employees using state vehicles were going home early, said Terry Barton Jr., fleet administrator for the state. He would not say what action, if any, was taken against the employees.

"If they're in charge of the car and they decide to go visit their Aunt Mary, we'll know that they went someplace they weren't supposed to. It has a chilling effect," he said.

Fate of Mill uncertain



Though the fate of the Mill is unclear, co-owner Marty Christensen, pictured here at the restaurant on Thursday, said he hopes his business will remain open at its current location for years to come. Opened in 1962 by Keith Dempster, the Mill has served Iowa City patrons for 45 years, acting as a restaurant, bar, and music venue.

Developer Marc Moen has plans for the restaurant/music club's current location.

By Melanie Kucera

THE DAILY IOWAN

With talks of developing the north side of Burlington Street, the future of the Mill is at the forefront of many people's minds.

"The Mill's days are numbered in its current location," said co-owner Dan Ouverson, who also owns Baldy's Wraps, 18 S. Clinton St.

It may be anywhere from one to three years before the establishment moves, Ouverson said. It all depends on whether the UI Museum of Art will move into that location, a change that has been in conversation for the past several months.

Essentially two scenarios could happen.

Scenario one: The UI Museum of Art relocates and the block from the parking lot at the intersection of Burlington and Clinton Streets down to the Mill would become the site of a 13- to 14-story building, wrote Marc Moen, an Iowa City developer and owner of the land and the building.

Construction for the museum relocation could occur as early as fall 2008, meaning the Mill would be razed some time around then, said Marty Christensen, the other co-owner of the Mill.

The second scenario would occur if the museum does not move, and something else would take the place along that corner.

"Our intent is to develop the site at some point," Moen said.

This would mean the Mill may have its home for several more years, in order for Moen to find an alternative

'We would work very hard to build something that is just as comfortable, inviting, and warm.'

— **Marty Christensen, co-owner**

another 10 years, ideally.'

Roughly 40-year Mill patron and UI graduate Tony Colby recalled the many memories formed when he was an avid customer.

"A lot of people in the writing/arts world considered/utilized the Mill as a home away from home," he wrote in an e-mail. "I'll bet you could blindfold my kids, then give them a plate of spaghetti from the Mill, and they'd recognize it right away."

Colby remained skeptical of whether a new location of the Mill would continue to embrace its past greatness.

This business was opened in 1962 by Keith Dempster, who later married Pam, who would also become owner. The Dempsters closed the Mill at the end of June 2003, said Christensen.

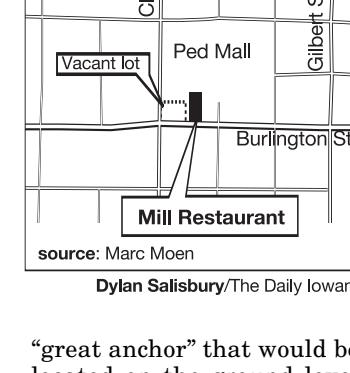
Ouverson and Christensen reopened the Mill on July 19, 2003. Both were passionate about making the transition of whatever is to come as smooth as possible.

"We would work very hard to build something that is just as comfortable, inviting, and warm," Christensen said. "That is what it is all about."

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Moen moves on Mill

Developer Marc Moen has proposed constructing a 14-story building on the current site of the Mill. The new building would also occupy the adjacent lot west of the restaurant.



source: Marc Moen

Dylan Salisbury/The Daily Iowan

"great anchor" that would be located on the ground level, Christensen said.

Museum or no museum, whether they would move the Mill into the new building or relocate it is still up in the air. But both owners leaned one way.

"I think it is a good possibility that we would find a different location," Ouverson said.

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Bush tries to ease air congestion



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Airline passengers line up for a document check at a Transportation Security Administration security check point at Newark Liberty International Airport on Thursday.

By Michael J. Sniffer

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Despite President Bush's personal intervention, American travelers stuck in one of the air traffic system's chokepoints remained skeptical the government would be able to avert serious flight delays over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Bush announced a series of technical measures Thursday to reduce air traffic congestion and long delays that have left passengers stranded and turned holiday travel into "a season of dread for too many Americans." Among the most innovative: Opening two lanes of restricted military airspace off the East Coast to commercial airlines from 4 p.m. EST Nov. 21 through Nov. 25.

"It's probably a good idea, but are the airlines going to be able to handle it?" asked Dawn East, 52, as she waited at New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport for her flight to Miami, which had been delayed for two hours. "It's not a problem of the lanes up there. It's an industry problem. There's no efficiency."

Many of Bush's moves were aimed at New York airports, whose congestion plays a role in 75 percent of the flight delays nationwide.

In a year of record delays, Bush declared that "business as usual is not good enough for American travelers." Opening two lanes of military airspace offshore will supplement the dozen air routes regularly used

from Florida to New England and create "a Thanksgiving express lane" for commercial airliners during the busiest days of Thanksgiving travel.

For the second time since September, when he ordered the Transportation Department and the Federal Aviation Administration to come up with solutions, Bush personally intervened in the intractable problem of air congestion that previous presidents avoided and many aviation experts believe has only long-term solutions.

Crowded airports, stranded passengers, and delayed flights "carry some real costs for the country," Bush said, "not just in the inconvenience they cause, but in the business they obstruct and family gatherings they cause people to miss."

Bush's moves were applauded by trade groups representing the airlines and airports but derided as ineffective by air traffic controllers, who said their ranks have been thinned too much to handle the holiday crush efficiently. The pilots union called some long-term steps too drastic.

Democrats in Congress characterized Bush's actions as "better late than never," in the words of Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Ill., House aviation subcommittee chairman, and not nearly enough in the view of Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Even Transportation Secretary Mary Peters acknowledged, "If we get an ice storm on the Eastern Seaboard, it probably won't be pretty."

At Newark Liberty International Airport, travelers were taking a wait-and-see attitude.

Mike Young, 60, who plans to travel to Arkansas over Thanksgiving to see his daughter, doesn't expect Bush's plan to help. "In theory, it sounds nice, but given his record, I don't trust it to work," said Young, a consultant, headed home to Seattle.

Garth Ehrlich, 51, a molecular biologist waiting for a delayed flight to Pittsburgh, also expects to travel over Thanksgiving to Los Angeles, and hopes the "Thanksgiving express lane" will ease delays and that "it doesn't in any way jeopardize national security."

On Capitol Hill, airline executives told the House aviation subcommittee they will reduce overbooking during the holidays and add ticketing staff. Airport association executives said they are finding places to sleep, including cots, and food and water for people who are stranded. They are contacting local pharmacies and food outlets to make sure those bumped

are well taken care of.

The chief benefit of using the military air routes would be to "get people out of the New York area quicker, especially if we have [bad] weather up and down the East Coast," said Nancy Kalinowski, systems operations vice president at the Federal Aviation Administration. This

could have a wider impact because 75 percent of the nation's air traffic delays are traced to congestion problems in the New York area.

Through September, more than 24 percent of U.S. flights arrived late, the worst on-time performance since comparable data began being collected in 1995. And in these Transportation Department figures, on-time means less than 15 minutes late.

Many of the new moves also will be in effect for Christmas but even some of the short-term steps Bush announced — like doubling the penalties airlines have to pay passengers bumped from overbooked flights — won't take place until next summer at the earliest.

Bush acknowledged these short-term steps "do not cure the underlying problem: In certain parts of our country, the demand for air service exceeds the available supply. As a result, airlines are scheduling more arrivals and departures than airports can possibly handle."

He called on Congress to pass his FAA reauthorization bill, which would finance a multibillion-dollar modernizing of air traffic control by replacing radars with global positioning satellites. The House has passed a reauthorization, but Bush objects to some provisions; the Senate has yet to act.

Supervisors reach consensus on com center

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors move closer to full approval of proposed communication center after Thursday morning's meeting.

By Shawn Gude

THE DAILY IOWAN

Officials estimate that the project will cost approximately \$8 million.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors moved one step closer to beginning the construction of a proposed joint emergency-communication center Thursday morning, reaching a consensus at an informal meeting to enter into an agreement with Iowa City, Coralville, and North Liberty on the project.

The supervisors are expected to formally pass the agreement at their Nov. 20 meeting. North Liberty and Coralville have already formally agreed, and the Iowa City City Council is expected to do so at its Nov. 29 meeting.

Andy Chappell, the county's assistant attorney and the drafter of the measure, noted the distinction between most other so-called 28E agreements — which different levels of government jointly enter into — and this one, which also sets up a separate seven-member board to manage the proposed communication center.

Another distinction: It's a difficult resolution to back out of.

"We don't want any political whims to end up affecting emergency-response communications," Chappell said. "We want this to be a cooperative effort, and we want this to last."

In addition, the supervisors formally pledged their support for the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce's Buy Here Program, which encourages businesses to purchase supplies, services, and other resources locally rather than outside the community.

"I'm glad we're to this point," Supervisor Sally Stuttsman said. "It's so important to keep local businesses healthy and viable, and this is one way we can do it. I think sometimes we take for granted that we do business here [locally], but every once in a while we need to say, 'Yeah, we need to make a conscious effort.'"

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Editorial

Farm bill needs room to grow

On Nov. 5, Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin introduced the Senate's version of the farm bill, which includes legislation to promote healthier nutrition in America as well as farming subsidies, among other things. Last week, however, President Bush threatened to veto the act, citing fears of hidden tax increases and excess spending within the bill.

The administration's concern that the bill will continue subsidizing some wealthy farm owners at a time of record farm incomes is valid, albeit narrow-minded. Even Harkin, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, recognized the imperfections of the bill, calling subsidies "very hard to justify when we're having record prices and incomes." No bill that passes through Congress is without its critics, and the farm bill is not any different; the benefit of the bill, however, includes more than just the controversial subsidies.

In a statement posted on the committee's website, Harkin argued that the Bush administration has criticized "every part of this bill — even the distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables to school children." Bush has consistently listed his opposition to legislation because of spending concerns. The bill will cost \$288 billion, which the administration's acting Agriculture Secretary Charles Conner insisted can be trimmed by reforming subsidies.

Citing House Appropriations Committee records, the *Los Angeles Times*

reported Wednesday that beginning in 2001, President Bush approved various spending bills passed by the Republican-controlled House that didn't meet budgeting requests. In fact, the *Times* reported at least 50 instances in which the president didn't veto over-budgeted legislation. It seems hypocritical that the president is threatening to veto the farm bill when he was much more cooperative with a friendly, Republican-controlled Congress in the past.

The farm bill, despite its flaws, will benefit more than just farmers in rural America. The bill will provide necessary funds that will aid our country's shift towards renewable energy; it will offer support to farmers interested in producing more organic foods; and it will create a commission that will be "responsible for reviewing the nation's food safety system," an essential first step in curbing the widespread distribution of contaminated foods.

Congress should send a firm message to the president by passing the farm bill in a wave of bipartisan support. It should be clear that any veto will be met with a swift and immediate override. The president's veto threat is only as strong as Congress makes it, and with its most recent override of the water-projects veto, Congress is finally showing some resolve. Let's hope it wasn't a one-time offer of strength.

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Commentary

The tax fairy debunked: Nussle acknowledges reality

Tax cuts don't pay for themselves. This might sound like dog-bites-man news, except for one thing: This rather unremarkable statement comes from Jim Nussle, the new director of the Office of Management and Budget in an administration whose president is given to saying things like "You cut taxes, and the tax revenues increase" (February 2006) and "We have cut taxes, causing economic growth, which caused there to be this year alone 187 billion more tax dollars coming into the Treasury" (August 2007).

As Nussle acknowledges, "There are those including myself who ... in the passion of the argument have made statements — I think I even made a statement once — that tax relief did pay for itself." In fact, he said this week at a breakfast with reporters sponsored by the *Christian Science Monitor*, "Some say that [the tax cut] was a total loss. Some say they totally pay for themselves. It's neither extreme."

This is not a merely academic debate, although no serious academic, including President Bush's own economists, has argued that tax cuts produce enough additional economic growth to make up for lost revenue. Congress is debating whether a proposed \$50 billion-plus "patch" exempting millions of taxpayers from the alternative minimum tax should be paid for, as Democrats have

argued, or can simply be added to the national credit-card bill, as congressional Republicans prefer. "Tax relief pays for itself," House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, declared this month, explaining why no one should fuss about another \$50 billion.

Asked whether the administration believes the minimum-tax patch should be paid for, Nussle noted that Bush proposed entitlement cuts when he submitted his budget in February. But of course there is no appetite in Congress for making such cuts, and the president — in pressing Congress to act on the patch in a speech in Indiana on Tuesday — made no mention of them.

"Preventing a tax increase in one area should not be an excuse for raising taxes in other areas," Bush said. "Congress should eliminate the tax increases in the bill and send the [minimum-tax] relief to my desk as soon as possible. That's what the American taxpayer expects." Indeed, that's the kind of free lunch American taxpayers have gotten accustomed to from this administration. If tax cuts don't pay for themselves, though, the administration and its congressional enablers need to explain: Who is going to foot the bill, those enjoying the benefits of the patch or their grandchildren?

This editorial appeared in Thursday's *Washington Post*.

On the Spot

What are your plans for Thanksgiving break?



"I'm going home to Chicago."



"I'm just going to be here."



"I have to work."



"I'm just going home."

Becky Sanderman
UI senior

Amit Baishya
UI graduate student

Myles Tague
UI senior

Sean McWilliams
UI freshman

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When I was 12 years old, I was already in the throes of a violent relationship with social networking. Coming home from school after getting beat down in yet another botched game of touch football, I would escape into the plush, forested realm of Azeroth to do battle with Orcs in a lively LAN party of Warcraft. Chips and salsa stood nearby on the desk flanked by a glass of chocolate milk next to a Cheeto-stained mouse. Patiently I would wait for AOL to dial in, joining my fellow minions, with Knights and Elvish archers I saved the world from evil rule from 3:30 to 6:30.

It's been many years since I abandoned that real-time strategy game for other virtual vices. Among those that have been allowed to stand in the footprint of the epic game are the "real-life" social networks Facebook and MySpace.



JOHN LARUE

These two in particular have provoked me to cast an inward glance on myself and the virtual worlds I have traveled.

I left the shores of fixed social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace because I felt they were inadequate, incapable of holding intact a truly unique personal representation in cyberspace. They weren't giving users enough credit and creative license as Web 2.0 promised to do. Wait, what's Web 2.0? In a microscopic nutshell, Web 2.0 is a new evolution of the Internet in which users control how they experience web content using browser-integrated applications such as Gmail and Flickr to create a richer user interface. It is also the idea that users are viewed as competent software developers with "collective wisdom."

Facebook and CEO's Mark Zuckerberg is trying to take advantage of this new platform in an attempt to increase ad revenue. For instance, according to a *New York Times* article, "a Facebook user who rents a movie on Blockbuster.com will be asked if he would like to have his movie choice broadcast out to all his friends on Facebook. And those friends would have no choice but to receive that movie message, along with an ad from Blockbuster." So basically, you jump in this box called Facebook to be closer to all your friends and then through clicks and turns you start linking yourself to products. What happened to the Facebook of my freshman year? It used to be all about increasing the connections between people. Now, those connections are becoming convoluted with advertisements enticing you to do the work for the corporations by acting as what Facebook calls a "trusted referral." Integrated third-party applications such as iLike and Zombies are the beauty of the customizable Web 2.0 dream, but they being taken advantage of by dorky money freaks like Zuckleburger.

The situation gets even weirder. In order provide users the option of linking to these products, Facebook has allowed the companies to have their own personal pages. The pages are just like any other pages, with music tastes and photos, but the products have "fans" instead of friends. Blockbuster CEO Jim Keyes expressed the change well when he said in a Facebook press release, "This is beyond creating advertising impressions. This is about Blockbuster participating in the community of the consumer so that, in return, consumers feel motivated to share the benefits of our brand with their friends."

Fortunately, people don't seem to be tricked. I mean honestly, who wants to be friends with Crest Whitestrips, let alone admit to using the chemical bands? A quick scan of these product pages revealed that Verizon had the most fans with a measly 258. One Facebookeer articulated the noisome feature well, saying on Coca-Cola's personal, "i love consumerism! this facebook feature rocks! hurray pawns in the game of industry!"

However much people rage against the new advertising feature, Facebook's history has revealed that it is probably here to stay. (Minifeed, anyone?) Product placement's fundamental politics shift the talk away from conversations that induce change and focus them on the status quo. So is there any hope for the future? Absolutely. Think of Facebook as the Fisher-Price of blogging. Facebook is a lake. Blogging is an ocean. ■

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Arts & Culture

The fallout of misconceptions

Chicagoland group Fall Out Boy has come a long way from past van tours. But, as guitarist Joe Trohman can attest, the band's energy level is far from gone.

By Anna Wiegenein

THE DAILY IOWAN

A so-called "intimate concert experience" probably wouldn't take place in an arena, right? Not according to Fall Out Boy.

"I think that there's less of a wall up between us and the crowd than on the last tour," Fall Out Boy guitarist Joe Trohman said while on Chicago band's current Young Wild Things tour.

Despite booking a Nov. 21 date in the Cedar Rapids U.S. Cellular Center, a venue that can play host to an honest-to-God circus, Fall Out Boy has advertised its fall stint on the road as an alternative to a typical arena-rock show.

"I think people crave more of a connection with the band," Trohman, 23, said. "I understand that — it's something that excited me seeing bands growing up."

Say what you will about the group — sell-out, faux-emo, and so forth — but if there's one subject the members can speak authoritatively on, it's creating the listener/band connection. It's how they've gotten this far, after all.

Formed in the suburbs of Chicago in 2001, Fall Out Boy — Trohman, guitarist/singer Patrick Stump, drummer Andy Hurley, and bassist Peter Wentz — cultivated a fanbase through constant cross-country touring, as much as the driving melodies the group is known for.

As the current year in the band's life proves, not much has changed. Its third album, *Infinity on High*, was released in February, and Young Wild Things

The Young Wild Things tour

Fall Out Boy, Gym Class Heroes, Plain White T's, and Cute Is What We Aim For

When: 7 p.m., Nov. 21

Where: U.S. Cellular Center, Cedar Rapids

Admission: Tickets available online for \$27.75

marks its third tour supporting it.

"Sometimes, you're traveling around the world, and you just give whatever you have inside of you," Trohman said. "I think there's something to be said about proper diet and proper rest, but there's also something to be said about coffee." The guitarist went on to mention feeling "worn to shreds" in earlier world tours.

"Coming out on this tour, I've thought a lot about that personally," he said. "I've been trying to make an effort to treat myself enough, to the point where I feel good every time we go on stage."

His mood while performing rarely seems anything but jubilant. If Fall Out Boy's members all have a role to play — Wentz the businessman, Hurley the technical precision — it seems Stump (who would probably be the raw composing talent) might be closest when he declared in a recent interview, "Joe is the cool thing."

The Young Wild Things tour



Publicity photo

Chicago's Fall Out Boys come to the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids next week.

features a host of Fall Out Boy's friends and relations: labelmates Gym Class Heroes, fellow Chicagoans the Plain White T's, and Tyga, a recent hip-hop signee to Wentz's imprint label, Decaydance.

"I think Fall Out Boy's able to pave a road for a lot of bands," Trohman said. "In a weird way, we have created a sort of a lifestyle for our fans, and that's a cool thing."

The success Trohman's band

experienced in recent years, with such radio hits as "Thnks Fr Th Mmrs" and earlier smash "Sugar, We're Goin' Down," has, inevitably, led to a sizable backlash — a situation, he said, hasn't been helped by the media.

When asked what journalists were getting wrong, he sighed and immediately replied, "Everything."

"At the end of the day, it's hard to sit down and tell your story to someone you don't really know,"

he said. "I'll read an article and say, 'Ohhh, that's what they think?' They're living in their own fucking world, and they have no fucking clue."

The solution offered by the Fall Out Boy axman seems simple: Leave preconceptions at the door.

"If people come with this mindset of, 'These guys are dicks,' or all you want to ask is about Ashlee Simpson, [Wentz's current girlfriend], or whatever

— you're just going to write what you want," he said weary.

Hard as it might be for a journalist to admit, it seems that these days, the closest to a personal and private encounter with Fall Out Boy one can get isn't through articles such as this, but through listening in the dark with thousands of others.

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STAFF FAVORITES

5 CELEB FUEDS



COLE CHENEY

Cole Cheney's five favorite celebrity feuds:

1. Kanye West vs. 50 Cent
50 Cent will quit music forever and do everyone a favor. Oops, just kidding.

2. Lindsay Lohan vs. Ashlee Simpson
Fez from "That '70s Show" is definitely worth fighting over.

3. Andrew Jackson vs. Charles Dickinson
Paying tribute to the oldies. At least someone gets morbidly wounded during a shootout. Take a hint, 50.

4. 50 Cent vs. Ja Rule
Beaters and Tattoos vs. Beaters and Tattoos. No one loses.

5. The Bravery vs. The Killers
Your eye makeup is so much more feminine than mine.

WEEKEND CONCERTS



Publicity photo

The Yacht Club hosts reggae band Natty Nation.

Humanitarianism with a beat

Natty Nation, a Madison-based reggae band, will take the stage at the Yacht Club tonight. The venue is promoting the show as one of the most-anticipated of the year.

This isn't the first time Natty Nation has rolled reggae into Iowa City — over the past 12 years, the group has played at the Green Room and the Yacht Club. Reaching back to its roots of rock, dance hall, and fuck music, Natty Nation creates a nice variety of tunes, mixed with powerful lyrics.

"[The name] Natty Nation equals peace, love, and community," said Ron Konkol, the group's manager. "The reggae message is, of course, a very positive, life-affirming message, which is what [the band

Concert

Natty Nation, with Nama Rupa

When: 9 p.m. today

Where: Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

Admission: \$7

is] trying to communicate. And the band's name has great alliteration, don't you think?"

After leaving the mainly Madison circuit, the band played to packed clubs, coffeehouses, and festivals across the Midwest.

"Iowa City reggae fans have had a long love affair with the band," Konkol said.

Natty Nation practices to the reggae message by partaking in humanitarian causes, and it has

played for charities benefits supporting Habitat for Humanity and the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

The band's most recent album is 2003's *Inatty In Jah Music*.

"*Inatty In Jah Music* has biblical underpinnings," Konkol said. "Not only is it positive, but it's about spiritual love."

— by Lauren Matovina

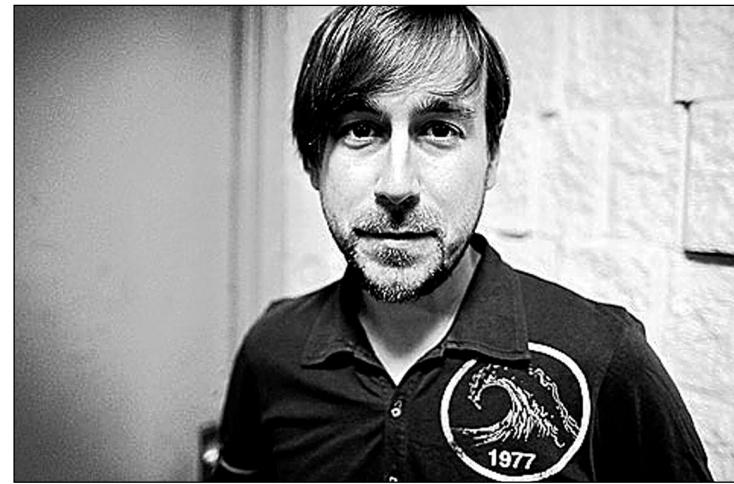
Color him Fred

In the long and colorful history of rock music, artists have managed to come up with some pretty terrible band names. Mr. Mister. Poi Dog Pondering. Hoobastank.

And, as easy as it would be to hate The Color Fred, it seems that Fred Mascherino allowed his fans to pick that one out for him via an online poll, so perhaps exceptions can be made.

Mascherino will bring his band, consisting of himself "and friends," according to MySpace, to the Picador, 330 E. Washington St., on Nov. 18. This is the Color Fred's first tour since Mascherino's departure from emo powerhouse Taking Back Sunday.

In stark contrast to the heavy guitar riffs and screams he brought to Taking Back Sunday, the Color Fred's full-length debut



Publicity photo

Fred Mascherino's band, The Color Fred, is just himself "and friends."

Bend To Break, is characterized by melodies that are downright bouncy. Though the band has been around since the days of Breaking Panagea, Mascherino's first band, the album was released at the end of October, three weeks after he left Taking Back Sunday to concentrate on his solo material.

"I felt like during the time we were together, we made some great music together, but it was getting to the point where I felt I had taken the road as long as I possibly could," Mascherino said to MTV of the reportedly amicable

Concert
The Color Fred with Give Away, The Plot, and Helmer

When: Nov. 18, 6 p.m.
Where: Picador, 330 E. Washington
Admission: \$10

Taking Back Sunday split. "I'm fully aware about the risk ... So as long as I can play guitar, I'm happy."

— by Anna Wiegenein

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News

Powerful cyclone rips Bangladesh

KHULNA, Bangladesh (AP) — A powerful cyclone packing 150 mph winds slammed into Bangladesh on Thursday night, flattening homes, toppling trees and power poles, and forcing hundreds of thousands of people to flee for shelters in this low-lying nation.

Tropical Cyclone Sidr swept in from the Bay of Bengal, buffeting the southwestern coastal areas within a 155-mile radius of its eye with heavy rain and storm surges predicted to reach 20 feet high.

No casualties were immediately reported, but rescue teams were on standby.

Sidr's eye crossed the Khulna-Barisal coast near the Sundarbans mangrove forests, the Bangladesh Meteorological Department said.

At least 650,000 people fled to evacuation centers, and 3.2 million people were expected to be evacuated in all, said Ali Imam Majumder, a senior government official in Dhaka, the capital.

"We have taken all precautions," Majumder said. Authorities dispatched food, medicine, tents, and blankets to the affected areas and suspended operations at the country's two main seaports — Chittagong and Mongla — while ferry services and flights were halted across the coastal region. Ships were warned to return to shore.

In the coastal districts of Bagerhat, Barisal, and Bhola, residents said the storm flattened thousands of flimsy straw and mud huts, flooded low-lying areas, and uprooted trees and electric poles.

"We are sitting out the storm by candlelight," Bagerhat resident Bishnu Prashad said by phone.

State Dept. drops plans to force diplomats to Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department is dropping plans to force diplomats to serve in Iraq because volunteers have filled all 48 vacant positions at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and in outlying provinces, The Associated Press has learned.

The department will announce it no longer needs to move to "directive assignments" for Iraq once

personnel panels give a formal OK to Foreign Service officers who signed up for the remaining three open jobs, U.S. officials said on Thursday. Those three diplomats have won tentative approval, they said.

The announcement could come as early as today, the officials said. They spoke on the condition of anonymity because the decision has not been announced.

Officials had indicated this week that a forced call-up might not be necessary after volunteers cut the number of vacant posts to 11 by Tuesday. All were filled by Thursday with only the final screening process for the last three spots pending, they said.

The announcement will be major relief for Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and the department's senior management. They had struggled to quell a revolt among diplomats who questioned the ethics of ordering unarmed civilians into a war zone under penalty of dismissal.

Bhutto pushes alliance to supplant Musharraf

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Benazir Bhutto urged fellow opposition leaders Thursday to join her in an alliance that could govern until elections, but Pakistan's embattled military leader gave no sign he might hand over power and named his own interim prime minister.

The proposal came on the eve of a visit by a top U.S. envoy who was coming to press President Gen. Pervez Musharraf to end emergency rule and free thousands of people detained for political activism and demonstrating.

Analysts were waiting for Musharraf's announcement today of a caretaker Cabinet to oversee parliamentary elections promised by Jan. 9. A lack of any members friendly to the opposition would intensify doubts about the fairness of the ballot and further fuel discontent.

One of the country's main Islamist parties called its first protests against the state of emergency today, adding the voice of factions opposed to Musharraf's alliance with the U.S. to the recent protests by lawyers, students and secular parties against military rule.

The turmoil deepened Thursday as two children and an adult were killed during a gun battle between police and protesters in the southern



Pavel Rahman/Associated Press

Residents look on as it rains in Barisal, Bangladesh, 75 miles south of the capital, Dhaka, on Thursday. More than 600,000 coastal villagers took shelter inland Thursday as a cyclone rapidly approached Bangladesh's southwestern shores, spawning cold rain, strong winds, and high waves, a weather official said.

city of Karachi — the first deaths during demonstrations since Musharraf suspended the constitution Nov. 3. Protests were reported in other cities and more party activists were arrested.

Agency: Iran generally truthful on nuke aspects

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — A report from the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency on Thursday found Iran to be generally truthful about key aspects of its nuclear history, but it warned that its knowledge of Tehran's present atomic work was shrinking.

The White House said it would continue to push for a third round of U.N. sanctions against Iran despite

the findings by the International Atomic Energy Agency report.

The agency's report, released to its 35 board members, also confirmed that Tehran continued to defy the U.N. Security Council by ignoring its repeated demands to freeze uranium enrichment, a potential pathway to nuclear arms.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said the report indicated that Iran has not suspended its enrichment-related activities and continues to defy the international community.

"We believe that selective cooperation is not good enough," she said. "Iran continues to walk away from a deal that has been offered to it. We said it can have a civil nuclear program if it will just suspend its current activities."

Gates threatens layoffs, contract cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday that unless Congress passes funding for the Iraq war within days, he will direct the Army and Marine Corps to begin developing plans to lay off employees and terminate contracts early next year.

Gates, who met with members of Congress on Wednesday, said that he does not have the money or the flexibility to move funding around to adequately cover the costs of the continuing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"There is a misconception that this department can continue funding our troops in the field for an indefinite period of time through accounting

maneuvers, that we can shuffle money around the department. This is a serious misconception," Gates told reporters at the Pentagon.

As a result, he said that he is faced with the undesirable task of preparing to cease operations at Army bases by mid-February, and lay off about 100,000 defense department employees and an equal number of civilian contractors. A month later, he said, similar moves would have to be made by the Marines.

Some members of Congress believe the Pentagon can switch enough money to cover the war accounts, Gates said. But he added that he only has the flexibility to transfer about \$3.7 billion — which is just one week's worth of war expenses. Lawmakers, he said, may not understand how complicated and restrictive the situation is.

Panel: Upgrade prison system

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — A study panel composed of state lawmakers has recommended that the Legislature move forward with nearly \$240 million in upgrades to the state's prison, including building new prisons in Mitchellville and Fort Madison.

Committee members voted Wednesday to recommend that the state spend \$121 million to build a new maximum-security prison on a prison farm near Fort Madison, and \$51.4 million to build a new women's prison in Mitchellville.

The panel also recommended that the state spend \$25.3 million to add minimum-security beds at Newton and \$41.5 million to add residential beds in Des Moines, Ottumwa, Sioux City, and Waterloo.

"These changes are needed desperately," said John Baldwin, the state corrections department director.

Gov. Chet Culver has already endorsed the improvements.

Along with the construction plans, officials are working on a new classification system to improve management of prisoners. Steps also are being taken to improve education, substance-abuse

I'd like to be in charge of our own destiny rather than having that imposed on us by the courts.'

— Todd Taylor,
Rep. D-Cedar Rapids

treatment, and mental health programs.

Baldwin said wardens at the state's nine prisons have been given a year to review programs and propose ways to fix those that aren't working and those that will be scrapped.

"I firmly believe you're going to see huge improvements over the next three to five years in our results," Baldwin told lawmakers. "I think we're slowly getting there."

Rep. Todd Taylor, D-Cedar Rapids, a committee co-chairman, said he expects lawmakers to approve the recommendations in the 2008 session.

He said the upgrades would likely be paid for with bonds supported by criminal fines, fees, and forfeitures.

With the state's prisons being overcrowded, Taylor said it's better for lawmakers to be proactive than wait for federal courts to order improvements.

"I'd like to be in charge of our own destiny rather than having that imposed on us by the courts," Taylor said.

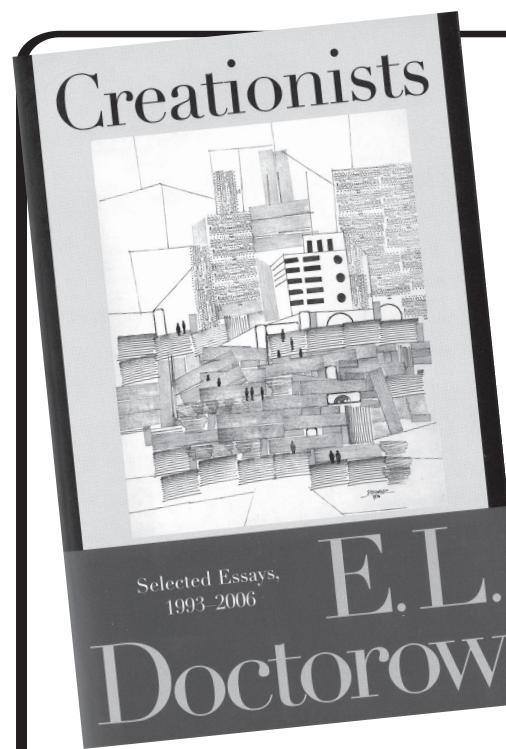
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HAWKEYES

Busy break for men's hoops

Thanksgiving break promises to be a busy one for the Iowa men's basketball team — the Hawkeyes' first of four games over the vacation will come at 1:05 p.m. on Nov. 18 against Florida Gulf Coast.

Fresh off a 59-47 victory over Northern Colorado on Wednesday night — a hard-earned win that boosted the team's record to 2-0 — first-year coach Todd Lickliter hopes to receive more strong contributions from his young players, particularly true freshman Jeff Peterson.

Playing a combined 74 minutes in the absence of injured guard Tony Freeman, Peterson's 20-point effort against the Bears was a big reason the Hawkeyes pulled away late. Sophomore Dan Bohall also looks to continue playing well in his third career start; the Sioux City native scored 14 points and added six rebounds in the team's second win.

After the Hawkeyes host Florida Gulf Coast and Maryland-Eastern Shore (Nov. 20), they will head down to Texas for the South Padre Invitational and a pair of matchups with Bradley (Nov. 23) and the winner of the Vanderbilt-Utah State game (Nov. 24).

— by Charlie Kautz

15 wrestlers head to Omaha

One week before its first true test, when the Iowa wrestlers compete in Lakewood, Ohio, in the St. Edwards Duals, the Hawkeyes will send 15 of its top wrestlers to the Brand-Kaufman Open on Saturday in Omaha.

Coach Tom Brands said the meet will be a strong indicator of whose names will fill the St. Edwards lineup card — a more definitive determination than this week's wrestle-off finals.

A number of current Hawkeye grapplers have found success in the 42-team meet, which draws approximately 650 wrestlers.

Senior Alex Tsirts (2004), junior Dan Erickson (2006), and sophomores Ryan Morningstar (2005) and Brent Metcalf (2006) each have won titles in the all-day affair, with senior Matt Fields previously placing second twice and third at heavyweight.

The wrestlers are split into two groupings based on age, with athletes 21 and older competing in the elite division, and 17- to 20-year-olds in the amateur division. It takes five wins to be crowned champion.

— by Eric Mandel

TV TODAY

College Football
Hawaii at Nevada, 10 p.m.,
ESPN2
NBA
Houston at San Antonio, 7 p.m., ESPN

Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN



IOWA (6-5, 4-4) VS. WESTERN MICHIGAN (3-7, 2-4) 2:35 P.M., TELEVISION: BTN; RADIO: KXIC 800 AM



IT'S CRUNCH TIME



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan

Iowa linebacker Mike Klinkenborg uses his good arm to bring down Minnesota wide receiver Ernie Wheelwright during the fourth quarter on Nov. 10 in Kinnick Stadium. Despite his injury, Klinkenborg led the Hawkeyes with 13 tackles, helping the Hawkeyes defeat the Gophers, 21-16.

Hawks feel they need 1 more

In their final regular-season game of the year, the Hawkeyes will take on Western Michigan with bowl hopes on the line.

By Diane Hendrickson

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bowl-eligible with six wins, but realistically, we aren't," linebacker Mike Humpal said. "We have to win this game."

"It's the biggest game of the year up to this point."

And no one is discounting the Broncos, a 3-7 team from the MAC, who won't be intimidated playing in Kinnick Stadium.

"We are not putting fear in anybody's heart," coach Kirk Ferentz said. "I don't think they are looking at us like we are the Green Bay Packers, or the New England

Patriots, or the Cowboys, the teams that are winning."

The Broncos lost by 28 and 38 points to West Virginia and Missouri but only fell by 10 to Indiana, a team that beat Iowa "pretty handily," Ferentz said.

"I think these guys are better than their record certainly indicates, and if you watch them, they are playing hard and playing well and have a lot of outstanding performers. We're going to have some challenges on both sides of the football."

A perfect November is on the line for the Hawkeyes, who have, with the exception of last season, traditionally played their best ball at the end of the year.

"Last year, it kind of happened at the midway point when we hit the bump in the

road," senior fullback Tom Busch said. "This year was kind of earlier, and fortunately, we had a little success the last couple weeks. It all comes back to how we handle that success. We have to keep our foot on the gas pedal and keep going this last week."

For the seniors, credited with strong leadership during the slump, they hope their final game at Kinnick won't be their last in a Hawkeye uniform.

"There's one more game," Albert Young said. "You remember your last game, and you always got to keep your mind on that because if things go wrong Saturday, it will feel like you maybe dampened your entire career."

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ALEX JOHNSON

Kirk Ferentz and the Iowa Hawkeyes will probably accept an invitation to play in the Insight Bowl on Dec. 31 in Tempe, Ariz.

That's because, with 99.9 percent confidence, I believe the team is going to finish 7-5 (4-4 Big Ten) after easily handling business Saturday against Western Michigan. And also because the Rose, Capital One, Outback, Alamo, and Champs Sports Bowls will be occupied by the teams ahead of Iowa in the conference — a combination of Ohio State, Michigan, Penn State, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

Just because there's an aura of confidence around the Hawkeyes for Saturday's game doesn't mean they'll be intoxicated by their mentalities.

I know they're playing Western Michigan, and every directionally named university (i.e., Central Florida, Eastern Michigan) is a pancake, except for Southern Cal. And I know that it's a MAC opponent not a blockbuster.

But it's Iowa's Senior Day, and this class has more chips on its shoulder than the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl hands out in promos or has in its ad campaigns.

The class is small (only 12 players), it's been forgotten (partially because of 31 freshmen playing this season), and yet it has produced (finishing better than the highly anticipated Drew Tate-led squad of last season). So I figure with all that behind the dozen play-

SEE COMMENTARY, 3B

Hoopsters seek revenge

By Brendan Stiles

THE DAILY IOWAN

It lingers in the minds of the Iowa women's basketball players.

Last season, the Hawkeyes were blown out of the water, 83-62, by UNI in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Last season's Panther win snapped a 10-game losing streak to the Hawkeyes, and it was only the second win over Iowa in the Panthers' history.

In preparation for this weekend's grudge match with the Panthers, Iowa coach Lisa Bluder reminded her players of the disappointment by giving them newspaper articles recapping last year's battle.

"Mine was right on my mirror," senior Jeneé Graham said. "We have a mirror in our cubby, so every time I wanted to look at myself, I had to look at that first."

"It's very depressing to see that."



Ariana McLaughlin/The Daily Iowan
Iowa senior center Stacy Schlakohl goes in for a basket against Nebraska-Omaha on Nov. 2 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes won, 71-53.

Iowa will look to start its first string of games away from home by providing the Panthers with some payback Nov. 18 in Cedar Falls.

SEE HOOPS, 3B

Harriers off to the big one

By Nick Compton

THE DAILY IOWAN

Easing into Thanksgiving break, many university students are comforted by the thought of empty classrooms and full stomachs. Seven members of the Iowa women's cross-country team, however, must endure a few grunts before they can enjoy gravy, a little pain before their pumpkin pie.

The team will compete in the season's final 6K just before Turkey Day in the NCAA meet in Terre Haute, Ind., on Nov. 19.

Ranked 20th nationally in the latest U.S. Track and Cross-Country Coaches Association Polls, the Hawkeyes will

compete in a 31-team field that includes five Big Ten foes and the nation's most elite individual finishers.

With several championship-level competitors of its own, Iowa will vie to eclipse last season's success at the event, which culminated in two All-American finishes and a 17th-place team showing.

"We feel we're every bit as strong this year as last," Iowa head coach Layne Anderson said.



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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#3 Memphis 63, Oklahoma 53
#4 Kansas 92, Washburn 60
#5 Georgetown 74, Michigan 52
#18 Arkansas 75, Charleston 49
#19 Pittsburgh 78, Missouri Valley State 45
#20 Stanford 71, Northwestern 60
#21 North Carolina State 66, William and Mary 47
Women
#1 Tennessee 70, #9 Oklahoma 67
#4 LSU 64, #17 Michigan State 41
#10 Duke 89, South Florida 52
#11 Texas A&M 73, Prairie View A&M 54
#13 Baylor 76, Texas-Pan American 39
#21 Texas 94, Lamar 35
#24 DePaul 89, Florida International 77

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	7	0	1.000	—
New Jersey	4	4	.500	3½
Toronto	4	4	.500	3½
New York	2	5	.286	5
Philadelphia	2	6	.250	5½
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	7	2	.778	—
Charlotte	4	4	.500	2½
Atlanta	3	4	.429	3
Washington	2	5	.286	4
Miami	1	7	.125	5½
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	6	2	.750	—
Cleveland	4	5	.444	2½
Milwaukee	3	4	.429	2½
Indiana	3	5	.375	3
Chicago	1	6	.142	4½
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	7	2	.778	—
San Antonio	7	2	.778	—
Dallas	6	2	.750	½
Houston	6	3	.667	1
Memphis	2	5	.286	4
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	7	2	.778	—
Denver	6	3	.667	1
Portland	4	4	.500	2½
Minnesota	1	5	.167	4½
Seattle	1	8	.111	6
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	7	2	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	5	2	.714	1
L.A. Lakers	4	3	.571	2
Sacramento	2	6	.250	4½
Golden State	0	6	.000	5½
Thursday's Games				
Dallas 105, San Antonio 92				
Phoenix 112, Chicago 102				
Today's Games				
Indiana at Toronto, 6 p.m.				
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Orlando at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.				
Utah at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.				
Seattle at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.				
Houston at Atlanta, 7 p.m.				
New Orleans at Memphis, 7 p.m.				
Washington at Minnesota, 7 p.m.				
New York at Sacramento, 9 p.m.				
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.				
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.				

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	11	6	1	55	44	
N.Y. Rangers	11	7	1	23	42	35
N.Y. Islanders	9	6	0	18	42	44
Pittsburgh	8	10	1	17	53	58
New Jersey	7	9	2	16	42	53
Northeast	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	15	2	0	30	57	34
Montreal	10	4	3	23	53	42
Boston	9	6	2	20	41	39
Toronto	7	8	5	19	53	74
Buffalo	10	1	13	46	53	
Southeast	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	11	5	3	25	60	54
Tampa Bay	9	8	1	19	50	55
Florida	8	11	1	17	50	60
Atlanta	10	0	16	49	66	
Washington	6	11	1	13	39	37
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Central	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	13	4	1	27	61	41
Nashville	10	7	2	21	53	52
Chicago	10	8	1	21	57	58
Columbus	9	6	3	21	47	42
St. Louis	8	7	0	16	39	37
Northwest	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	11	5	1	23	55	45
Minnesota	10	6	2	22	49	43
Vancouver	8	8	1	17	41	47
Calgary	7	8	3	17	52	57
Edmonton	7	11	1	15	43	61
Pacific	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	11	7	2	24	56	45
Anaheim	9	8	3	21	52	57
Dallas	7	7	4	18	52	54
Los Angeles	8	9	1	17	58	62
Phoenix	7	10	0	14	41	56
Thursday's Games						
Boston 5, Toronto 2						
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Ottawa 3, Buffalo 2						
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Islanders 2						
Florida 2, Washington 1						
Nashville 5, Chicago 4, OT						
San Jose 6, Phoenix 0						
Minnesota 4, Edmonton 2						
Anaheim 6 Los Angeles 3						

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	0	0	1.000	355	147
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	143	166
N.Y. Jets	1	8	0	.111	159	228
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	1	0	.875	244	126
Jacksonville	6	3	0	.667	183	164
Tennessee	6	3	0	.667	173	152
Houston	4	5	0	.444	203	226
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	2	0	.778	253	126
Cleveland	5	4	0	.556	255	264
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	138	178
Cincinnati	3	6	0	.333	219	251
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA

Last home stand for V-ball

The Hawkeye volleyball team waves farewell to lone senior Staci Vitali and a forgettable conference home season this weekend.

By Eric Mandel

THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa volleyball team will say two goodbyes this weekend, with one being more heartrending than the other.

Riding a 12-game losing streak, the Hawkeyes (9-16, 1-15) welcome Northwestern (16-11, 7-9) and Michigan State (16-12, 7-9) on Friday and Saturday to conclude their home season.

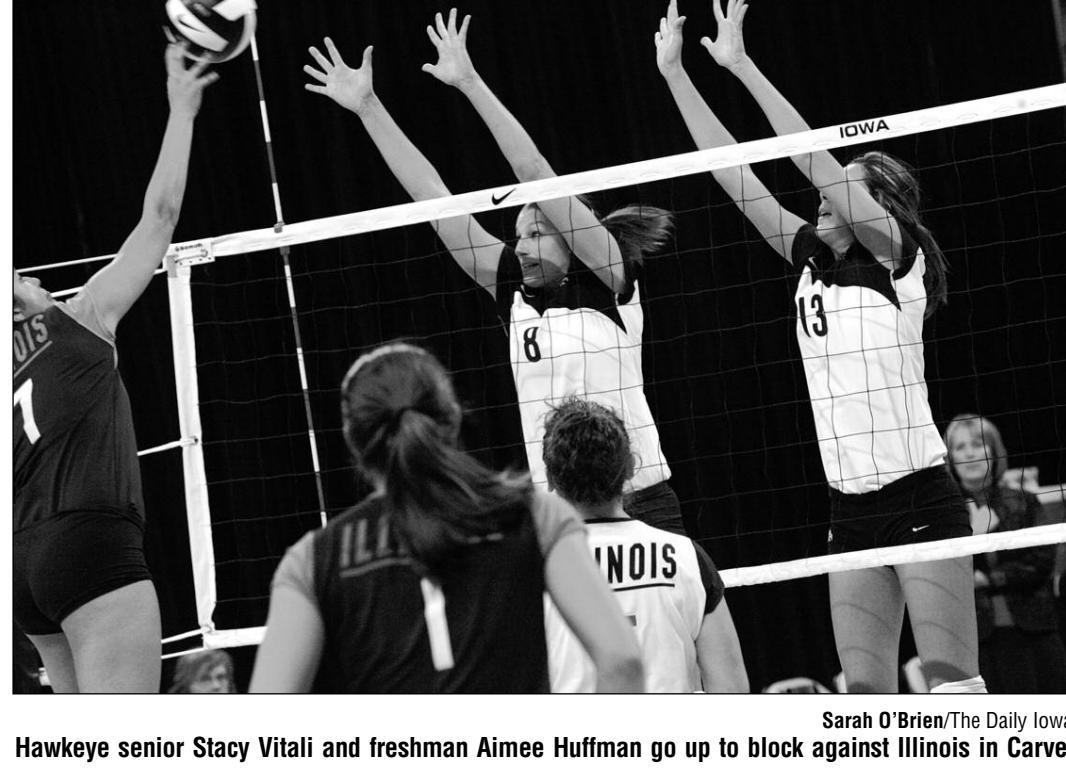
While lone senior Staci Vitali will be honored Saturday with a pregame farewell, saying adios to a lackluster home season — witness to only one conference victory — won't cause too many saltwater droplets to hit the Carver hardwood.

Vitali was thrust into more action than expected this season after red-shirt freshman Becky Walters tore her ACL on Sept. 21, and she has chipped in with 56 kills and 32 blocks in 46 games this season.

"It's going to be hard just because she is the only senior, and she has been such a big part of the team this year," said sophomore and leading hitter Meghan Schipper. "She's just an amazing person and so fun to be around, and she's so fun to play with on the court — she's going to be missed a lot by everyone."

Though Vitali will not soon be forgotten for her leadership and tenacity, the addition of new recruits and retention of the teams nucleus will add much needed depth and experience for next season.

"[Losing one senior] is a good thing for us; it tells us



Hawkeye senior Stacy Vitali and freshman Aimee Huffman go up to block against Illinois in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Oct. 12. The Hawkeyes lost the game, 3-0.

that we can start to build," said head coach Cindy Fredrick. "We've got to start getting more depth — that's going to be huge for us in the future. With the experience that our freshmen and sophomores have had, it should bode well for them in the future."

The experience so far has been disappointing both on the road and at home, with the squad faring only a smidgen better at Carver, managing their lone conference win against Michigan on Sept. 28.

While Schipper said the group's overall mentality

dipped during its winless stretch, the veterans' effort to keep the expectations raised both in matches and during practice helped the younger athletes cope.

"I think just keeping everything in perspective, just remembering that we are fortunate enough to be Division-I athletes in the Big Ten [has helped]," Schipper said. "It's tough — not everything is going to go how you planned and how you dreamed about, but you've just got to keep working one match at a time."

The Hawkeyes are staring at just four more matches,

expect to finish strong despite the tumultuous season filled with injuries to key starters and disappointing losses.

Fredrick said that while a 1-15 conference record is not where the Hawkeyes wanted to be, or where they expected to be, they've continued to move forward.

"You always have choices, and your choice is to wallow in the muck or your choice is to move forward," she said. "My choice is always to move forward, and I hope that is what we always instill in our student-athletes."

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ON THE LINE:

MATCHUPS

Western Michigan at Iowa	**IOWA** — This is my second senior day. I hope I graduate soon.	**IOWA** — Jake Christensen solidifies Heisman campaign.	**IOWA** — Broncos worse than Denver Broncos vs. Detroit Lions.	**IOWA** — Detroit or Tempe? Which game will it be?	**IOWA** — It's Western Michigan.	**IOWA** — Hawkeyes can play Ka-zoo. It's just like any other zoo.	**IOWA** — The Broncos lost their Bronc.

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Harriers at NCAAs



Sarah O'Brien/The Daily Iowan

Members of the Hawkeye women's cross-country team warm up in the Recreation Building on Nov. 6.

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"Not only are we strong up front, but I've been encouraged by our showing at the four, five, six, and seven spots also."

Last year's finish under Anderson marked the Hawkeyes first appearance in the national event since a 13th-place showing in 1992, and was the first time since 1991 that two Iowa finishers captured All-American status. Current senior Diane Nukuri earned the distinction by taking eighth place, and redshirt senior Rachael Marchand's 26th-place finish cemented her spot on the team.

Falling just short of the accolade was now-senior Meghan Armstrong, whose 35th-place performance proved just three seconds shy of the honor.

This year, Anderson hopes to leave Indiana with three All-Americans and a team finish that reflects the squad's hard work and progress from last year.

"We're not cocky, but we are confident," Anderson said. "We

just need to do what we've done all year, not get overwhelmed, and the results will be favorable."

Nukuri, Armstrong, and sophomore Jolly Burke all earned Midwest Regional accolades after their impressive finishes at the national-qualifying competition on Nov. 10, and they are capable of achieving All-American status, Anderson said. To earn a place on the All-American team, the runners would have to finish somewhere near the top-25 of the pack, a tall order in a meet featuring more than 250 individual harriers.

Nukuri, this year's Big Ten and Midwest Regional champion, knows that improving on last year's eighth-place personal finish and 17th-place team effort will require a concerted effort.

"My goal is to be up there, to do better than last year," she said. "I'm more excited this time, I've been running better this year, and don't want to put too much pressure on myself, but I know I'm prepared."

In this year's competition, Anderson said, the teams are

very evenly matched and the only factor breaking the parity will be a team's event-day performance. Especially important for Iowa, he said, will be the finishes by the team's bottom runners.

Anderson looks to senior Jessica Schmidt, who he describes as the "rock" of the lineup, to lead the team's charge behind Nukuri, Armstrong, and Burke. In addition to Schmidt, Anderson expects freshman twins Lauren and Amanda Hardesty to compete for the Hawkeyes.

All of the Hawkeye harriers running at NCAAs competed on the same course at the Pre-NCAA Invitational on Oct. 13. And all of the harriers — with the exception of the Hardestys, competed in last year's championship meet at the same venue. This depth of experience will set the seasoned Hawks apart at the event, Anderson said.

"We won't exactly be cutting on our teeth on this course," he said. "There are no training wheels on our bicycles; we'll enter the meet fully confident."

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Swimmers, divers take on Truman State

The Iowa women's swimming and diving team returns to the water with a dual meet in Kirksville, Mo., against Division-II No. 9 Truman State tonight.

The AquaHawks are 1-4 on the young season, including 1-2 in Big Ten competition. They're coming off a pair of dual losses against Nebraska and Nevada-Reno in a triangular on Nov. 3 in Lincoln, Neb.

"I'm looking forward to facing [Truman State]," Iowa freshman Katarina Tour said. "I hope we get a win."

While the Bulldogs may be Division II, that doesn't mean the Hawkeyes will take them lightly.

"I haven't heard much about them, but we'll take them seriously. It's about winning the race, beating the person next to you," Tour said. "You always want to win, regardless of who you race."

While Iowa will be focused for the meet, facing an opponent a division below affords the team the opportunity to switch up the lineup, allowing swimmers to compete in races they normally don't.

"It'll be fun — it's always fun to have variation," Tour said. "A lot of us will swim events we're not used to. It'll be difficult but fun."

After the Friday meet, Iowa won't compete again until Nov. 30, in the Ohio State Invitational.

— by Mike Brownlee

Bonds indicted on perjury, obstruction charges

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The home-run king wasn't home free after all.

Barry Bonds was indicted for perjury and obstruction of justice Thursday and could go to prison instead of the Hall of Fame for telling a federal grand jury he did not knowingly use performance-enhancing drugs.

The indictment came just three months after the San Francisco Giant star broke Hank Aaron's career home-run record, and it culminated

a four-year investigation into steroid use by elite athletes.

But for all the speculation and accusations that clouded his pursuit of Aaron, Bonds was never identified by Major League Baseball as testing positive for steroids, and personal trainer Greg Anderson spent most of the last year in jail for refusing to testify against his longtime friend.

Then came the indictment — four counts of perjury, one of obstruction of justice, a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison — and Bonds' lawyers seemed caught off-guard.

The 10-page report mainly consists of excerpts from Bonds' December 2003 testimony before a grand jury investigating the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO. It cites 19 occasions in which Bonds allegedly lied under oath.

"I'm surprised," said one of his lawyers, John Burris. "But there's been an effort to get Barry for a long time. I'm curious what evidence they have now they didn't have before."

A-Rod, Yankees have outline of \$275 million deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez and the New York Yankees have agreed to the outline of a record \$275 million, 10-year contract, a deal that potentially would allow him to earn millions more if he sets the career home-run record.

The amount of the guaranteed money was revealed by a person familiar with the negotiations who spoke Thursday on the condition of anonymity because the deal hasn't been completed. A-Rod and his wife met Wednesday in Tampa, Fla., with brothers Hal and Hank Steinbrenner, but the parameters of the agreement were set in place last weekend.

"The meeting was a final get-together," Yankee Senior Vice President Hank Steinbrenner said. "He wanted to make sure myself and my brother knew that he was sincere and serious."

The Yankees still must draft the agreement with Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras. Asked whether the only remaining details were putting the deal on paper, Steinbrenner responded:

Hawks hungry for bowl

Iowa's 12 seniors lead the charge against the overmatched Western Michigan Broncos en route to what could be a trip to Tempe, Ariz. for the Hawkeyes.

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ing their last games in Kinnick Stadium, the adrenaline will surge without hindrance because they will truly care.

If you're convinced Western Michigan has a decent chance of winning, you're either a little off your kilter or you've bought into Ferentz's humble press-conference words a little too easily.

Western Michigan is 3-7, and it is in fact, a MAC team.

Sure, three of its losses came at West Virginia, at Missouri and at home to Indiana. And yes, Branden Ledbetter was just named John Mackey Tight End of the Week (for the second time in his career). But you know, the Broncos really aren't that good of a team.

Granted, that's the same thing everybody said about Minnesota, but the Gophers were playing in a heated rivalry game. The Broncos are a mid-major, nonconference, afterthought-on-the-schedule team with nothing to play for — not even a final game for the seniors — Temple is lined up for Western Michigan in Kalamazoo a week from



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Saturday.

To honestly try to tell Albert Young and Mike Humpal that Western Michigan can play better than the Hawkeyes is insulting, and it would take some seriously poor performances out of Charles Godfrey and Damian Sims along with the rest of the seniors — and juniors, sophomores, and freshmen, for that matter — to drop this contest.

We're talking worse than the performance against Indiana and at Penn State, maybe even worse than the

abomination at Purdue. That's the kind of game Iowa needs to play for Western Michigan to win.

But these 12 seniors are too talented, too anxious, and altogether too sick of losing to let some horses from Kalamazoo wreck a holiday vacation in the Arizona sun.

The only question after Saturday is, how many fans will follow them with their SPF 40?

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Hoopsters hit the road

HOOPS

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Center, where the Panthers began playing home games last season after moving from the UNI-Dome.

"We haven't seen the building, so that will be a whole new environment," Bluder said. "You know what you're getting into when you play at the Knapp Center or Hilton [Coliseum], but we don't have any idea with the McLeod Center."

Among the reasons for UNI looking as dominant as it was a season ago in Iowa City was consistent success from beyond the arc. The Panthers jumped out to a 23-4 lead early on and finished the game shooting 14-of-25 from 3-point range, a Carver-Hawkeye record.

In fact, UNI had a lead as large as 30 points last season.

But in Iowa's two victories thus far this season, defensive play has to be given the most credit. In the Hawkeyes' 62-50 victory over Drake Nov. 13, Iowa held the Bulldogs to 16-of-61 shooting from the field.

"[The Panthers] were pretty hot behind the arc," junior Megan Skouby said. "They were just hitting a lot of shots, and I think a lot of that can be attributed to our defense. We definitely

ly need to get out there and get our defense game face on."

One of Bluder's main concerns going into the contest is making sure her upper-class players have this year's newcomers ready to experience playing away from the confines of Carver-Hawkeye for the first time.

"I think we have enough veterans on this club that it will become a little bit easier, but we have two freshmen on this team who have no idea what's about to happen to them," the coach said. "We need to make sure that they're prepared for those experiences because they will be in the game."

The players believe setting the tone early on the road will be crucial if the Hawkeyes are to leave Cedar Falls with their record unblemished.

"We definitely want to beat our in-state rivals, we definitely want to do really well at home, but we also want to do well on the road," Graham said. "We're just taking the things that we didn't do so well in the last games — even though we may have won — and improving on them since it is early in the season."

They also have plans for what to do with those articles written a year ago.

"I have mine up in my locker still, and hopefully, I'll get to take it down," senior Abby Emmert said.

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Celtics no longer a joke

By Howard Ulman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Kevin Garnett shouted across the locker room in mock anger at teammate Brian Scalabrine, who was peering into the spaghetti platter at the buffet table after the Celtics' latest win.

"I just wanted to see what was in it," Scalabrine pleaded.

Then he joked in a low voice, "I let him down."

From morning practices to post-victory pasta, Garnett quickly has established himself as the leader of the NBA's only unbeaten team that won just three playoff series the past 15 seasons. There is a light-hearted camaraderie but little time for jokes at practice where Garnett brings such intensity that teammates don't want to disappoint him.

Last season, the Celtics were the joke.

They had the second-worst record in their 61 seasons, 24-58, and lost a franchise-high 18-straight games. Paul Pierce and a bunch of youngsters were going nowhere. Something had to be done, especially after Boston missed out on the chance to draft Greg Oden or Kevin Durant in the lottery.

So they scrapped the youth movement and traded for veteran all-stars Garnett and Ray Allen. Suddenly, there is hope that the future will be like the distant past.

The original Big Three of Larry Bird, Kevin McHale, and Robert Parish won the franchise's 16th championship, still the NBA record, in 1985-86. The new Big Three of Garnett, Pierce, and Allen are off to an even better start than



Charles Krupa/Associated Press

Boston Celtic forward Kevin Garnett (5) looks to pass as he is pressured by New Jersey Net forward Malik Allen during the first half in Boston on Wednesday.

any of the Larry-era teams.

Garnett is focused on the present. "Not to disrespect the history of this great franchise," he said, "but I think we're a lot more in tune to what we're not doing well versus the things that we are doing well."

The last time the Celtics were 7-0 was in 1972-73 when they won their first 10 games and finished at 68-14, the best record in club history. But they lost in the Eastern Conference finals to the New York Knicks.

With each victory, the Celtics look more like another team in town.

The New England Patriots also are unbeaten, at 9-0. Tom Brady is their best player, with a strong work ethic and team approach that

motivates his teammates — just like Garnett. If their best player isn't satisfied, why should the others be?

Both teams focus more on fixing problems than celebrating victories.

"People think you're almost repeating them," Celtic coach Doc Rivers said about the need to improve. "I hear it now on the news: 'They sound like the Patriots.' But it's the truth."

He'd like to see the Celtics take fewer risks on defense and finish quarters stronger.

There's another similarity with the NFL team. Both teams are winning by huge margins. The Patriots have won eight games by at least 17 points; the Celtics have won five by at least 11.

Last shot for Wolverine trio

By Larry Lage
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Mike Hart did not guarantee a win over Ohio State, à la Jim Harbaugh a couple decades ago.

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr chose not to give him a chance to open his mouth when the week of hype kicked off.

The star running back with shifty moves and loose lips was not among the players Carr made available for interviews, living up to a prediction Hart heard from a reporter.

"He better let me come next Monday. It's the last one," Hart said last week. "He might not let me because I might say something stupid."

Such as?

Guaranteeing a win over Notre Dame or referring to Michigan State as a little brother, as Hart did this year?

Proclaiming things would be "different" if the Wolverines had a rematch with Ohio State, as Hart did last season, adding its defense wasn't "as good as people thought," after losing last year?

Yeah, something like that.

Hart, Chad Henne, and Chad

Long turned down a chance to make money in the NFL this year, returning for their senior seasons in part for another shot at the Buckeyes.

The trio's wait is almost over.

No. 7 Ohio State (10-1, 6-1 Big Ten) will match up with No. 23 Michigan (8-3, 6-1) Saturday in Ann Arbor with the outright Big Ten title at stake.

For Hart, Henne, and Long, their legacies will be on the line, too.

They are arguably the best running back, quarterback, and offensive tackle the Wolverines have ever had, quite an accomplishment at college football's winningest program.

But if they go 0-4 against the Buckeyes, it will add a permanent blemish on what is otherwise a flawless resume on and off the field. The trio is also 0-3 in bowl Ten.

Long made the biggest gamble financially when he chose to come back because he likely would've been a top-five pick.

The offensive tackle insisted a win wouldn't validate his decision.

"That's not what this game is about," he bristled. "This game is about this team, about this

championship. It's not about me. I'm not even worried about that."

In the preseason, however, Long agreed that it was fair to say the trio's legacy would be diminished without a win against Ohio State or a bowl opponent.

"No matter what type of season we have, people are going to look at what we do against Ohio State and our bowl opponent," Long said in August.

While the trio's mark against the Buckeyes will always be remembered, each player has also accomplished a lot of things that can't be taken away.

Hart is Michigan's career rushing leader with 4,867 yards, ranking fifth in Big Ten history, and has run for at least 100 yards in the eight games he has been healthy enough to start this season. A high-ankle sprain has sidelined him for about 3 1/2 games.

Henne holds school records with 9,274 yards passing and 84 touchdown passes. He added to his lore last month by playing with a separated shoulder at Illinois, helping the Wolverines rally for a 27-17 win. The injury kept Henne off the field for much of last week's loss at Wisconsin and out of a game three weeks ago.

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Two Nittany Lions charged

By Genaro C. Armas
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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State defensive tackle Chris Baker and backup linebacker Navorro Bowman were charged with assault Thursday over a campus fight in which authorities said a man was bloodied after being kicked and punched.

Baker, 20, of Windsor, Conn., and Bowman, 19, of District Heights, Md., were arraigned Thursday on charges including felony aggravated assault and two misdemeanors, simple assault and disorderly conduct. Each was also charged with summary harassment and stalking.

Baker and Bowman were released on their own recognizance. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Wednesday.

Cornerback Knowledge Timmons will be issued a summons by mail for charges of disorderly conduct and defiant trespass in connection with an incident after the fight, Centre County Assistant District Attorney Steve Sloane said.

Coach Joe Paterno at his weekly news conference on Oct. 9 said he was looking into the possibility that players may have been involved in a fight days earlier.

Penn State will play at Michigan State on Saturday in the regular-season finale.

"In early October, several players had been demoted and/or lost playing time based upon our initial understanding of the facts regarding the incident," according to a statement Thursday from the football team. "Based upon today's information, Chris Baker, Navarro Bowman, and Knowledge Timmons will not travel with the team to East Lansing."

Baker attorney Karen Muir said her client was "absolutely" innocent and had cooperated with police throughout the investigation. She said her client offered to take a lie-detector test, but the appointment was canceled by police.

"We maintained he was not involved in the fight," she said.

Bowman's attorney, Stacy Parks Miller, also said her client was innocent.

"The charges and the documents clearly paint a picture of self-defense," she said.

Police said they were called to the Hetzel Union Building early Oct. 7 to break up a fight during a dance party attended by at least a dozen players.

The lengthy 15-page complaint

paints a chaotic scene, in which authorities said the victim, Varney Capehart, suffered a bloody nose and lip and other injuries to his face after being kicked, stomped and punched "by numerous people," authorities said. Capehart was treated at the scene by paramedics.

The complaint quotes witnesses and Baker as telling police that other players were involved in the fight, though no other player was charged.

The investigation took several weeks as police reviewed video surveillance and interviewed witnesses. Capehart and other witnesses were asked to identify suspects by looking at a Penn State football program.

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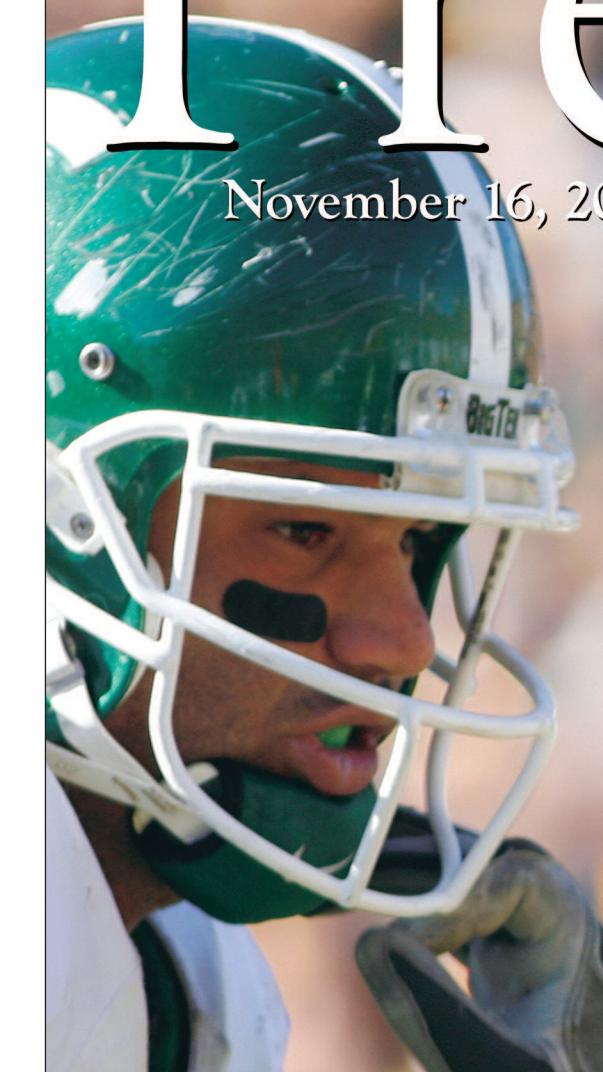
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AP poll

	Record	Points	Previous
1. LSU (40)	9-1	1590	2
2. Oregon (22)	8-1	1574	3
3. Oklahoma (1)	9-1	1471	4
4. Kansas (1)	10-0	1439	5
5. West Virginia (1)	8-1	1340	6
6. Missouri	9-1	1336	7
7. Ohio State	10-1	1184	1
8. Georgia	8-2	1130	10
9. Arizona State	9-1	1122	9
10. Virginia Tech	8-2	1013	11
11. USC	8-2	924	12
12. Texas	9-2	859	15
13. Hawaii	9-0	827	14
14. Florida	7-3	814	17
15. Clemson	8-2	613	20
16. Virginia	9-2	539	23
17. Boise State	9-1	533	19
18. Boston College	8-2	527	8
19. Tennessee	7-3	488	22
20. Illinois	8-3	390	NR
21. Cincinnati	8-2	305	NR
22. Kentucky	7-3	283	24
23. Michigan	8-3	237	13
24. Wisconsin	8-3	182	NR
25. Connecticut	8-2	127	16

Others Receiving Votes: Penn State 98, Auburn 72, Brigham Young 56, South Florida 21, California 18, Mississippi State 6, Arkansas 4, Air Force 2, Alabama 1.

USA Today poll

	Record	Points	Previous
1. LSU (35)	9-1	1457	2
2. Oregon (13)	8-1	1407	3
3. Oklahoma (4)	9-1	1366	4
4. Kansas (7)	10-0	1344	5
5. West Virginia (1)	8-1	1238	6
6. Missouri	9-1	1194	7
7. Ohio State	10-1	1145	1
8. Arizona State	9-2	1042	9
9. Georgia	8-2	1005	10
10. Virginia Tech	8-2	923	11
11. Texas	9-2	844	14
12. Hawaii	9-0	842	12
13. USC	8-2	814	15
14. Florida	7-3	686	18
15. Boise State	9-1	556	19
16. Clemson	8-2	548	20
17. Virginia	9-2	547	21
18. Boston College	8-2	505	8
19. Tennessee	7-3	306	24
20. Kentucky	7-3	304	22
21. Illinois	8-3	271	NR
22. Penn State	8-3	262	25
23. Michigan	8-3	259	13
24. Wisconsin	8-3	226	NR
25. Cincinnati	8-2	163	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Connecticut 103, Brigham Young 64, Auburn 54, Air Force 10, Arkansas 5, Rutgers 4, Mississippi State 3, UCF 1, California 1, Fresno State 1.

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Cupcake label is half-baked



Jonathon Grunke, Kalamazoo Gazette/Associated Press

Western Michigan's Jordan White is brought down by Central Michigan defenders Red Keith (left) and Chaz West on Nov. 6.

By Scott Miller
THE DAILY IOWAN

Sure, they may play teams called the Chippewas and the Owls and travel to such towns as Ypsilanti, Mich., for away games, but that's no reason for Kirk Ferentz's squad to take the Broncos of Western Michigan lightly.

If anything, when Iowa (6-5) and Western Michigan (3-7) kick off Saturday, the Hawkeyes will come looking for a fight from their experienced opponent.

"I think we've got an excellent challenge in front of us, a tough challenge," Ferentz said. "You look at Western Michigan, it seems to be a recurring theme this year. A lot of teams that we've played have a lot of guys back, and they returned 17 guys who started last year."

Saturday's game against the Broncos, who were the preseason favorite to take home the MAC crown, marks

the first time in 42 years that the Hawkeyes have scheduled a season-ending game against a nonconference opponent.

Although Western Michigan hasn't lived up to the preseason hype, its offense has scored in bunches, boasting the nation's 37th-ranked passing attack.

Led by quarterback Tim Hiller and wide receiver Jamarko Simmons, the Broncos scored 24 points in the fourth quarter against Central Michigan last week and had 51- and 42-point outbursts against Central Connecticut State and Toledo respectively earlier in the year.

Besides a potent passing attack, come gametime, head coach Bill Cubit's team will be well-rested after an 11-day layoff since the Broncos' game against Central Michigan.

"They're definitely a good team, and it's definitely another big game for us," senior defensive end Bryan Mattison said. "Their record might not reflect that, but they're definitely a good team, and it's going to be a challenge."

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nonconference schedule against such teams as West Virginia, Indiana, and Missouri.

But with every strength Western Michigan has comes a weakness. And for the Broncos, who are in the midst of a three-game losing streak, that weakness is defense. Ranked 90th in the nation in total defense and 102nd in turnover margin, their defense has surrendered nearly 425 yards in total offense per game.

Despite this, Ferentz knows that Western Michigan's experience, combined with its tough schedule, is reason enough for his team to hold off on thinking about a potential postseason birth for one more week.

"I think most fundamental of all things right now, I'm looking at this as an even game going into it," he said. "I think we have an opportunity to finish this year on a real positive note. And to me, that requires playing our best this weekend, and that's going to be imperative."



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Iowa's biggest win this season was ____?

What bowl will the Hawkeyes play in?

Bold prediction for Saturday

BRENDAN STILES

Iowa 27, Western Michigan 17 — Who scheduled this game for NOVEMBER?

Albert Young/Damian Sims — Both will go out in style on Senior Day.

Charles Godfrey — I always loved watching him on special teams, especially in 2004.

Ohio State — I rode the Michigan bandwagon all year ... until last Saturday, that is.

I was at Kinnick Stadium when it beat Iowa in 2000. Bad memory.

Beating Michigan State — Any win needing two overtimes is big.

Insight Bowl — I'm banking on Indiana beating Purdue, just for good measure.

Senior Tom Busch will score a touchdown down near the goal line.

DIANE HENDRICKSON

Iowa 35, Western Michigan 7 — Offense plays the full 60.

Jake Christensen — He will pick apart this defense.

Albert Young — Young has carried this team so many times.

Ohio State — Lloyd Carr is done.

It's in western Michigan.

Michigan State — Hawks looked lost in first half, ran to the lead in the second, and won it in overtime.

Insight — No one wants to go to Detroit.

Ryan Donahue will punt three times.

ALEX JOHNSON

Iowa 45, Western Michigan 0

DE Christian Ballard — The frosh has been a terror in his limited minutes.

Charles Godfrey — Iowa has better depth and tradition to refill the running backs and linebackers.

Michigan — Adrian Arrington does this Cedar Rapids native proud. Why didn't he come here?

The Broncos wear gold, and Green Bay Packers' WR Greg Jennings was a standout there.

Michigan State — Down 14, lookin' ugly. Really was the turning point for this young team.

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Q&A WITH MIKE HUMPAL

Like the Rock of Gibraltar



Iowa defensive coordinator Norm Parker embraces senior linebacker Mike Humpal after a 34-27 Iowa win over Michigan State on Oct. 27 at Kinnick Stadium.

This week, the *DI* sits down for a Q&A with one of the Hawkeyes' most valuable senior players in 2007, linebacker Mike Humpal.

By Brendan Stiles

THE DAILY IOWAN

DI: How would you describe yourself on the field?

Humpal: On the field, I'd say calm and collected. I try to stay positive and upbeat and just keep everyone together.

DI: And then how about just off the field?

Humpal: Off the field, probably similar. Pretty laid-back, some people might call me goofy. I like to have fun, joke around.

DI: Growing up in Iowa, did you always dream of wanting to play for the Hawkeyes as a kid?

Humpal: Not really, actually. I have

Abdul Hodge early on, what did you learn from those guys?

Humpal: I learned just the level of intensity, competition, learning how to compete and being consistent every day, and studying the films, getting an advantage that way over everyone else.

Also just having fun playing the game and being around all the guys.

DI: How different do you feel you are as a player today than you were when you first showed up on campus?

Humpal: I'd like to think I'm a lot better of a football player than I was. Definitely wasn't as good of a linebacker in high school as now, obviously, with all the work that we put in. But I'd probably say I'm a smarter player with the film, watching that stuff. That has helped out a lot. So I guess that's one of the big things.

DI: I saw that you have already gotten your bachelor's degree. What does it feel like to have graduated from college?

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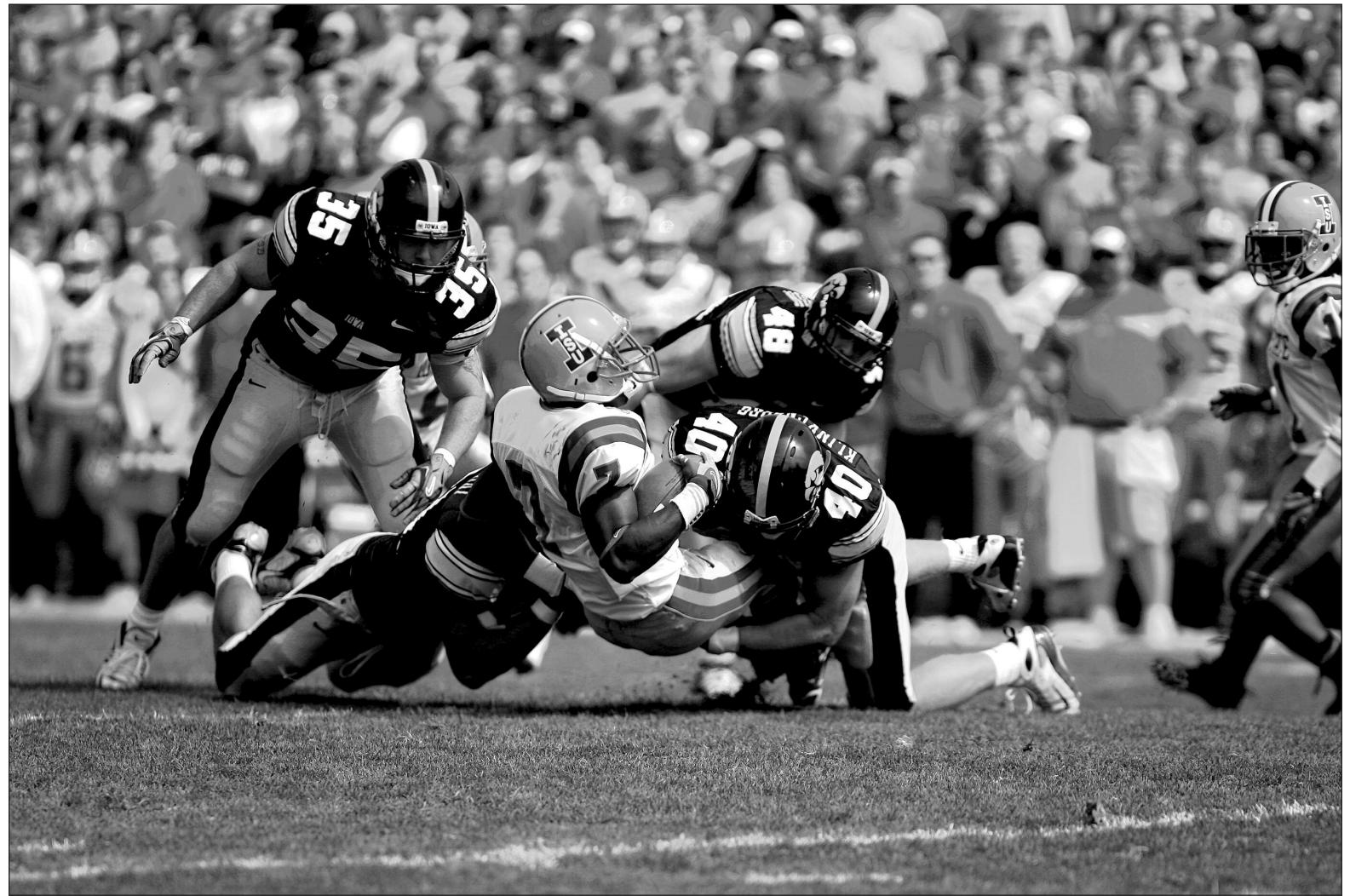
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An impressive dozen

A class small enough to fit in an egg carton, at least by number, has had an impact as large as any in recent memory. The seniors of 2007 have one last game in Kinnick Stadium.



Iowa linebacker Mike Klinkenborg tackles Iowa State quarterback Bret Meyer during a run by Meyer in the second quarter.

By Alex Johnson
THE DAILY IOWAN

This year's senior class of Iowa football players is graduating from what's like a college fraternity formerly on the decline — it wasn't long ago the letters I-O-W-A were attracting top recruits with the best across the nation. But slowly, players dropped out or transferred elsewhere, and now the name "Iowa" is rebuilding its reputation, sending off a small class of 12 valuable and productive seniors.

Such names as Albert Young, Mike Humpal, Damian Sims, and Charles Godfrey are permanently fixed in Hawkeye football lore — whether it's for 3,000 career yards rushing, 18 tackles in a single game twice in one

season, a running back with wheels that averaged 9.9 yards per for an entire season, or if it's for the corner on the major scouts' NFL prospect lists. The group, however small, has the numbers, the grades, and is now closing in on positions in Iowa football as memories.

But the dozen black-and-gold uniforms undergoing name-changes in the off-season haven't been vacated yet — in a fashion typical of their coach, these seniors still have at least one game on their schedule, and that means the only thing on their minds right now is taking care of business.

"I'm not quite sure how I'm going to take it," fullback Tom Busch said. "It's our last game in Kinnick as seniors, and it's a special place. We have to go

out and really play our best football in order to get to 7-5, and that's what I've been thinking about."

Known as a blue-collar blocking fullback, No. 35 spent four seasons street-sweeping for Young and Sims to blow through opposing defenses, and he is one senior who, although he doesn't soak in the spotlight, has been a major contributing force along with the rest of his class.

"You look at the whole senior class, [the guys] have done a great job," Ferentz said. "Certainly [the captains] have been there week-in and week-out and played a prominent role, not only offensively, but you look at guys like Humpal and Busch, you know, they both play significantly on special teams as well."

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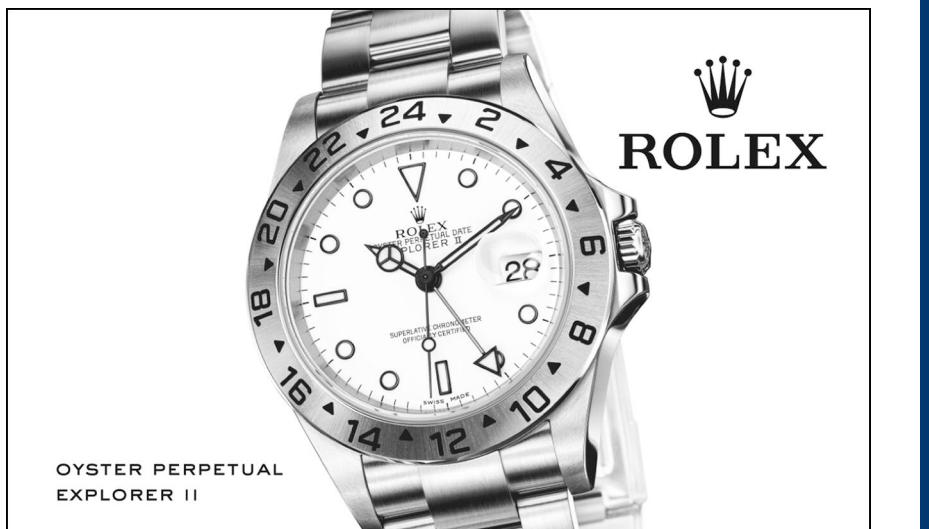
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New meaning to YOUNG AT HEART

By Diane Hendrickson
THE DAILY IOWAN

Three weeks ago against Michigan State, Albert Young lifted the Iowa squad, down by 14, onto his broad shoulder pads and led it to victory, reversing the bowl outlook for a team that started 3-5.

On Saturday, on the same Kinnick turf where he resuscitated the season, the senior will take the field for the final time at home, but largely because of him, it won't be his last game in a Hawkeye uniform — unless Western Michigan can add to a shocking college football season.

Oct. 27's double-overtime win marked a turnaround for the Hawkeyes, who had seemed destined to end the season after this weekend's Senior Day game. Young rushed for 179 yards and two touchdowns against the Spartans and set up the winning score in overtime. With a win over the Broncos, Iowa will have its seventh win — and fourth in a row — in a year that Big Ten teams will seemingly need seven W's to earn a bowl berth.

In his last game, Young wants to ensure the Hawkeyes will play in December, but it will be bittersweet saying goodbye.

"I don't know if it's necessarily something that you're looking forward to because you enjoy your experience so much, but it's a big deal playing your final game at Kinnick," he said. "You remember your last game, and you always got to keep your mind on that, because if things go wrong Saturday, it will feel like you maybe dampened your entire career."

"Saturday's huge."

In his four years, the Moorestown, N.J., native has written himself all over the Iowa record books, despite missing almost all of 2004 and part of 2006 with knee injuries. He will finish his career as the third-leading rusher in school history behind Ladell Betts and Sedrick Shaw and



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Hawkeye running back Albert Young is tackled by Northwestern defenders during a second-quarter run at Ryan Field on Nov. 3. Despite significant injuries in 2004 and 2006, Young will finish his career as the third-leading rusher in school history behind Ladell Betts and Sedrick Shaw.

the only Hawkeye to lead the Big Ten in yards per conference game, averaging 125.2 per contest in 2005.

Currently, Young has 653 receiving yards and 3,078 rushing yards, needing 127 on the ground against Western Michigan to surpass 1,000 yards on the season for the second time in his career.

"If you look at the guys who are ahead of him, it really speaks highly to the type of career he's had despite the injury challenges," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "This year, I think you could make the comparison, that his yards

were a little bit like Ladell's [Betts] yards. They're hard yards. This year, the yards have come tough, because we haven't been a real prolific offense."

But, Ferentz said, besides his competitive fire on the field, Young's attitude with the youthful squad has helped keep the team together during the skid that left the Hawkeyes with five losses.

"When it's all said and done, he's over 3,000 yards and all that. But I guess my snapshot memory of him will probably be when it was going the roughest for us this year. When the yards weren't coming, just how he was with the other guys. To me, that might be his biggest contribution at the end of the day here."

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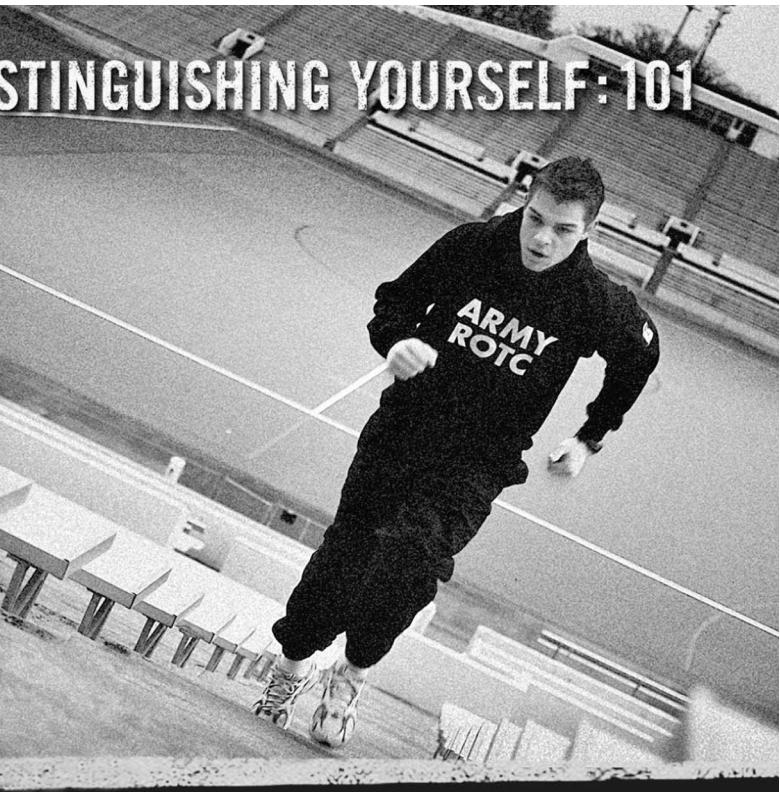
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Iowa fullback Tom Busch tries to push through Ohio State's defensive line during a run in 2005.

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SENIORS

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Starting safety and senior Devan Moylan went down early this season to injury, as did Adam Shada — another senior — at the corner post opposite Godfrey. No. 13 is third in the conference in interceptions (five), fourth in passes defended (14, including four in Iowa's five-point escapist win over Minnesota), and he has 60 tackles as well. Only junior safety Harold Dalton was left as an experienced starter to pair with Godfrey, and Dalton earned his spot last off-season.

Mattison, playing both defensive end and D-tackle, is second in the Big Ten in fumbles forced with four, and his nine sacks place him fifth in the conference. Then, of course, middle

linebacker Mike Klinkenborg has started the last two Iowa victories with a cast on his wrist after his second injury on the season. More commonly known as Klink, No. 40 led the team in tackles a year ago, and he is averaging slightly more than eight per game this year.

"These guys took it over in January, and they have been constant all the way through," Ferentz said. "Couldn't ask for much more out of them in terms of what they are doing on the field, and more importantly, the intangibles. They are the guys that provide leadership and provide an example for younger players."

"We have a lot of younger guys on the team and a lot of younger guys in prominent roles. The older guys are showing the way and doing a great job through thick and thin — it's easy to do it when things are going well;

everybody is a good winner — but when the road gets a little bumpy, that's really when you find out who is who and what's what. These guys have been great all the way through."

That couldn't be more true.

After a 2-4 start, the Hawkeyes, led by the staunch rushing defense and 18-tackle performance from Humpal, planted the first conference loss in then-No. 18 Illinois' résumé. An implosion at Purdue followed, but Young put the team on his shoulders in a stunning overtime comeback against Michigan State. In the two wins that followed, the senior running backs scored five rushing touchdowns, and the staving off of Minnesota was aided greatly by Godfrey's four tackles and four passes defended.

"I've been thinking a little about it, but there's one more game," Young said. "You remember your last game, and you always got to keep your mind on that because if things go wrong Saturday, it will feel like you maybe dampened your entire career."

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Which STANDOUT SENIOR will the Hawkeyes miss most in 2008?

CHARLES GODFREY

Tied for second in the Big Ten with five interceptions and cracking NFL draft guru Mel Kiper's Big Board last week, Godfrey's accolades make this argument an easy one.

The most consistent player in a Hawkeye defensive backfield that has succumbed to a pair of key injuries, Godfrey ranks 25th in the nation in aerial takeaways, all while covering some of the Big Ten's top receivers this season. Also the only senior in the group, Godfrey has pushed the development of red-shirt freshman Brett Greenwood and most recently, cornerback Bradley Fletcher.

With seniors Devan Moylan and Adam Shada missing significant time this fall, Godfrey's level of play, and his draft stock, has continually risen. Talks of an improved 40-time this off-season and an outstanding Junior Day last spring had many believing by August that Godfrey was primed for a breakout season.

Three months later? The 6-foot, 208-pound senior is being labeled the second-best cornerback prospect in the 2008 NFL draft behind South Florida's Mike Jenkins.

Wrote Kiper of Godfrey in a Nov. 7 update on ESPN.com: "A big cover cornerback who has played safety as well. He's one of the fastest corners and has great recovery speed, which is needed in the NFL."

If Godfrey is being projected to compete at the next level, it's safe to say the Hawkeyes will miss the senior a year from now.

Enjoy the flowers, Godfrey's hug from Mom and Dad, and his final four quarters at Kinnick Stadium on Senior Day Saturday. Odds are you'll be watching him on Sundays in '08.

— Charlie Kautz

ALBERT YOUNG

In a 31-6 loss to Purdue on Oct. 20, the Hawkeye offense looked downright ugly. Quarterback Jake Christensen completed only 17-of-40 passes, while senior running back Albert Young only touched the ball nine times for 50 yards.

A week later, offensive coordinator Ken O'Keefe's offense came to life in a 34-27 double-overtime win against Michigan State.

The difference between the two weeks? Young.

In the comeback victory, the 5-10, 209-pound running back carried the ball 34 times for 179 yards and two touchdowns. Even with Christensen completing only five passes, the Hawkeyes were still able to pull out a much-needed win.

During Iowa's three-game winning streak, Young has carried the team with 71 rushes for 331 yards and five touchdowns.

When it looked like all hope for the season was lost, the Moorestown, N.J., native was one of the few players to not allow the Hawkeyes to fall into the cellar of the Big Ten.

In the past two weeks alone, Young has moved even higher into the top ranks of Hawkeye lore, becoming the third-best rusher in school history against Northwestern and surpassing 3,000 career yards on the ground against Minnesota.

Now, with a seventh-consecutive bowl berth around the corner, Young looks like the most indispensable Hawkeye player. Take into account that Iowa lost former third-string running back Shonn Greene over the summer, and Young's shoes look even tougher to fill with senior Damian Sims graduating, as well.

— Scott Miller

MIKE HUMPAL

Senior Mike Humpal is the type of big-motor ball hawk whom one can almost take for granted.

With last year's leading tackler, Mike Klinkenborg, limited by injuries, Humpal has stepped up his game and has anchored the Iowa linebacking corps and defense.

Humpal is second in the Big Ten and leads the Hawkeyes with 117 tackles, and his nose for the ball in pass coverage helped him nab three interceptions this season.

Humpal has also forced a pair of fumbles and picked up a fumble recovery.

Alongside Klinkenborg, the linebacking corps has flourished, with sophomore A.J. Edds learning valuable lessons from the senior duo in the middle. Ranked 16th in the nation in scoring defense and 32nd in total defense, Iowa wouldn't be 6-5 were it not for Norm Parker's unit, one riding Humpal's back for outstanding leadership and consistency.

Continuing to play through an ankle injury, he's been the tough, well-rounded presence that a defense needs making plays behind a stout D-line.

While Bryan Gattas and others have filled in well when Humpal missed time with injuries this fall, Iowa will need its "next man in" to exemplify Humpal's heady style of play and knack for getting to the ball next season.

— Lars Headington

MIKE KLKENBORG

When Mike Klinkenborg stepped into the starting middle-linebacker position last season, he was filling some big shoes. Abdul Hodge had patrolled the middle for three seasons before being taken in the second round of the NFL draft by Green Bay in 2006.

Klinkenborg was up to the task, recording 129 tackles for a 10.8 per game average, good for eighth in the nation.

Not only did Klinkenborg fill the void left by Hodge on the field, he also emerged as a team leader, being named a permanent team captain.

This season, a concussion sidelined Klinkenborg for a key stretch of games, including a loss at Penn State. In a true showing of his commitment to the team and the leadership he provides, Klinkenborg paid his own way to get to Happy Valley, Pa., to be on the Hawkeye sideline.

On the field, his 66 tackles are good for third on the team this season, and he's added one interception and a sack. The numbers would be better, but he missed three games and has played the last two with a cast on his broken left hand.

The leadership, grit, and talent Klinkenborg brings to the field and the Iowa program will be sorely missed next season, when another middle linebacker will try and replace a great Hawkeye.

— Mike Brownlee

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'Bob's all business on the field; he always has been. He doesn't say much. He's relatively quiet on the field and off the field, but when he plays, it's 100 miles an hour, and that's the only way he knows how to go.'

— Kirk Ferentz, Iowa coach

By Brendan Stiles
THE DAILY IOWAN

At Iowa, he was known on the football field by many as "The Hitman."

Now in the middle of his fourth season with the Indianapolis Colts, Bob Sanders not only has the description of "Super Bowl champion" next to his name, but he's also regarded by many, when he's healthy, as the best safety in the NFL.

Growing up in Erie, Pa., Sanders received very few scholarship offers while he was in high school. Given the connections his high-school coach, Joe Moore, had with Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz, Sanders received an offer from the Hawkeyes, then made a recruiting visit to Iowa City.

"It was awesome," Sanders said. "The fans were so supportive, and just the atmosphere, everyone was nice and friendly. So I just felt like it would be the best opportunity, for me and my family, for me to go to Iowa."

During the 2000 season, Sanders' freshman year, he made enough of an impression on Ferentz that the coach started him at safety in a game against Wisconsin, where he came away with 12 tackles (11 solo). From there on out, Sanders evolved into one of the best players in Iowa history by the end of his senior year in 2003.

"Bob's all business on the field; he always has been," Ferentz said. "He doesn't say much. He's relatively quiet on the field and off the field, but when he plays, it's 100 miles an hour, and that's the only way he knows how to go."

"When he became our starter, he was a phenomenal performer. Just absolutely a phenomenal performer."

Although Sanders wasn't picked until the second round of the 2004

NFL draft, he was the Indianapolis Colts' first selection. It marked the second-consecutive year the Colts used their first draft pick on a Hawkeye, having drafted former Iowa tight end Dallas Clark the year before.

"It kind of made me feel a little more comfortable," Sanders said about reuniting with Clark. "He came in right away and started doing some great things, so I felt like if he was able to do it, that I could come in and work hard, get a starting position, and help out as best as I can."

"I just think everything worked out perfectly."

By his second year in the league, Sanders was a Pro Bowler. But that season ended roughly; the Colts lost to the eventual Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers in the playoffs, in spite of starting the 2005 season 13-0.

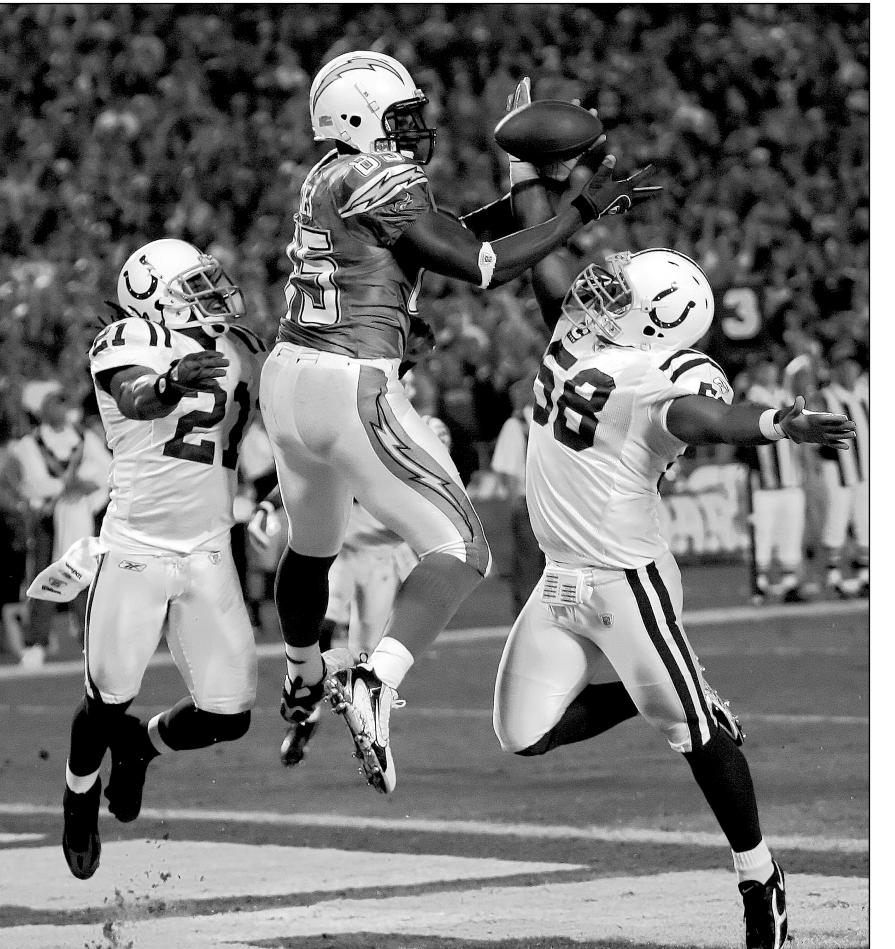
While he did admit that he felt the 2005 Indianapolis Colts were a better team, he also said the loss played a big role in the Colts' run toward Super Bowl XLI last season.

"Once you get that opportunity to get in that situation again, you know how to deal with it," he said. "You know what to do, you know how to get through the week and continue to prepare and not let it slip through your hands."

In the days leading up to the biggest game of his playing career, Sanders was determined to keep his routine the same, saying that his coach, Tony Dungy, stressed the Super Bowl as "a business trip."

As for the actual contest in Miami, Sanders came up with a fourth-quarter interception to ice the game, and the Colts defeated the Chicago Bears, 29-17.

Sanders got the chance to not only



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San Diego Charger Antonio Gates tries to catch a pass in the end zone as Indianapolis Colts' Gary Brackett (right) and Bob Sanders move in to break up the play on Nov. 11 in San Diego. Sanders also played safety for Iowa.

hoist the Vince Lombardi trophy but smack his lips on it. Just as one of his favorite athletes in another sport did.

"As I grew up, I was always able to watch Michael Jordan whenever he would win those championships, and he would kiss the trophy," Sanders said. "In my mind, I was always like, 'I want that. I want that feeling. That's something I want to accomplish, that's something I want to do. I want to win a championship.'

"It's an honor for me to be able to say that I went to Iowa," he said. "That's my home, that's where I grew up from a boy to a man and kind of learned responsibility and doing things right, on and off the field."

"There's nothing higher in this sport than winning the Super Bowl. It was an awesome, awesome feeling, and for me to hold that trophy up in the air, and know that all of our

dreams came true, it just makes you hungrier and makes you want to get it year in and year out."

But just because Sanders has been able to bask in the glory to come his way in the NFL doesn't mean he has forgotten his Hawkeye roots.

"I definitely would like to thank Coach Ferentz for giving me the opportunity to show what I can do."

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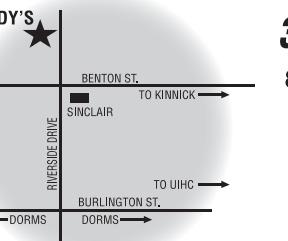
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Sept. 15	@ IOWA STATE L, 15-13	@ SYRACUSE W, 41-20	AKRON W, 41-14	NOTRE DAME W, 38-0	PITTSBURGH W, 17-13	@ FLORIDA ATLANTIC L, 42-39	DUKE L, 20-14	@ WASHINGTON W, 33-14	BUFFALO W, 45-24	CENTRAL MICHIGAN W, 45-22	CITADEL W, 45-31
Sept. 22	@ WISCONSIN L, 17-13	@ INDIANA W, 27-14	ILLINOIS L, 27-14	PENN STATE W, 14-9	@ NOTRE DAME W, 31-14	PURDUE L, 45-31	@ OHIO STATE L, 58-7	NORTHWESTERN W, 58-7	@ MICHIGAN L, 14-9	@ MINNESOTA W, 45-31	IOWA W, 17-13
Sept. 29	INDIANA L, 38-20	PENN STATE W, 27-20	@ IOWA W, 38-20	@ NORTHWESTERN W, 28-16	@ WISCONSIN L, 37-34	OHIO STATE L, 30-7	MICHIGAN L, 28-16	@ MINNESOTA W, 30-7	@ ILLINOIS L, 27-20	NOTRE DAME W, 33-19	MICHIGAN STATE W, 37-34
Oct. 6	@ PENN STATE L, 27-7	WISCONSIN W, 31-26	MINNESOTA W, 40-20	EASTERN MICHIGAN W, 33-22	NORTHWESTERN L, 48-41 (OT)	@ INDIANA L, 40-20	@ MICHIGAN STATE W, 48-41 (OT)	@ PURDUE W, 23-7	IOWA W, 27-7	OHIO STATE L, 23-7	@ ILLINOIS L, 31-26
Oct. 13	ILLINOIS W, 10-6	@ IOWA L, 10-6	@ MICHIGAN STATE L, 52-27	PURDUE W, 48-21	INDIANA W, 52-27	@ NORTHWESTERN L, 49-48 (OT)	MINNESOTA W, 49-48 (OT)	KENT STATE W, 48-3	WISCONSIN W, 38-7	@ MICHIGAN L, 48-21	@ PENN STATE L, 38-7
Oct. 20	@ PURDUE L, 31-6	MICHIGAN L, 27-17	PENN STATE L, 36-31	@ ILLINOIS W, 27-17	@ OHIO STATE L, 24-17	NORTH DAKOTA STATE L, 27-21	E. MICHIGAN W, 26-14	MICHIGAN STATE W, 24-17	@ INDIANA W, 36-31	IOWA W, 31-6	NORTHERN ILLINOIS W, 44-3
Oct. 27	MICHIGAN STATE W, 34-27 (2OT)	BALL STATE W, 28-17	@ WISCONSIN L, 33-3	MINNESOTA W, 34-10	@ IOWA L, 34-27 (2OT)	@ MICHIGAN L, 34-10	@ PURDUE L, 35-17	@ PENN STATE W, 37-17	OHIO STATE L, 37-17	NORTHWESTERN W, 35-17	INDIANA W, 33-3
Nov. 3	@ N.WESTERN W, 27-17	@ MINNESOTA W, 44-17	BALL STATE W, 38-20	@ MICHIGAN STATE W, 28-24	MICHIGAN L, 28-24	ILLINOIS L, 44-17	WISCONSIN W, 38-17	PURDUE W, 26-19	@ PENN STATE L, 26-19	@ OHIO STATE L, 38-17	
Nov. 10	MINNESOTA W, 21-16	@ OHIO STATE W, 28-21	@ N.WESTERN L, 31-28	@ WISCONSIN L, 37-21	@ PURDUE W, 48-31	@ IOWA L, 21-16	INDIANA W, 31-28	ILLINOIS L, 28-21	@ TEMPLE W, 31-0	MICHIGAN ST. L, 48-31	MICHIGAN W, 37-21
Nov. 17	WESTERN MICHIGAN	NORTHWESTERN	PURDUE	OHIO STATE	PENN STATE	WISCONSIN	@ ILLINOIS	@ MICHIGAN	@ MICHIGAN STATE	@ INDIA	@ MINNESOTA

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A CLOSER LOOK: KIRK FERENTZ

MAYDAY! MAYDAY!

While Ferentz admitted that he's not much of a chair-thrower when it comes to raising his voice, one thing the coach doesn't mind tossing, tugging, and yanking is his coaching headset. Frustrated with a player, official, or otherwise, Ferentz just can't seem to keep the earphones on for the full 60 minutes.

It was no different in week five of this season, when Big Ten rival Indiana marched into Kinnick Stadium and stormed out with a 38-20 victory. A glance at the replay scoreboard didn't help soothe Ferentz's on Sept. 29, and behold, another snapshot of the headset clenching was born.

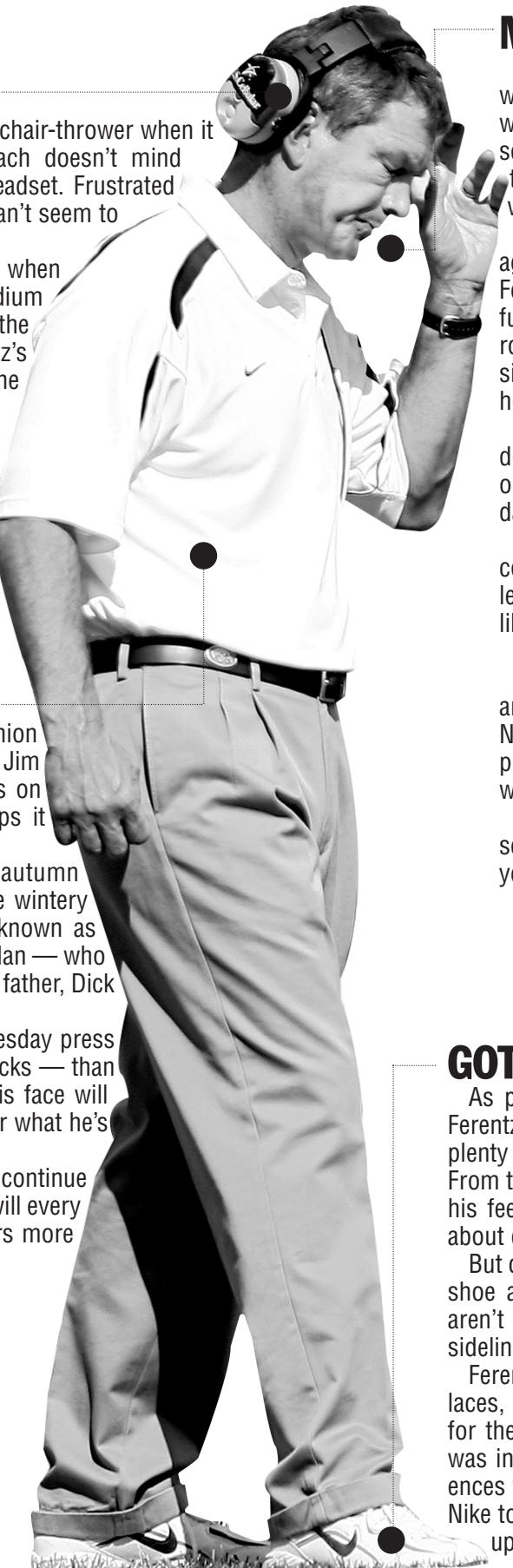
DON'T SWEAT IT

While Ferentz hasn't established his own fashion trademark — as has Ohio State head coach Jim Tressel, who's famous for wearing sweater vests on the sidelines — the Hawkeyes head coach keeps it pretty simple.

Sporting white Iowa polos (pictured) on autumn Saturdays and black-and-gold pullovers on more wintry weekends, Ferentz's look might not be as well-known as Tressel's or as classy as 49er head coach Mike Nolan — who wears a suit on Sundays to commemorate his late father, Dick Nolan.

But so what if Ferentz looks sharper for his Tuesday press conference — often made up in shirt, tie, and slacks — than he does at Kinnick Stadium? It's football, and his face will likely up on TV stations across the state no matter what he's wearing.

Besides, as long as Ferentz and the Hawkeyes continue their winning ways, it's hard to believe Iowa fans will every reach a point where the coach's wardrobe matters more than his record.



GOTTA BE THE SHOES

As part of the agreement the university has with Nike, Ferentz, like many other coaches in the Big Ten, has gotten plenty familiar with wearing the Swoosh over the years. From the team's uniforms all the way down to the shoes on his feet, it seems the small Nike logo makes it onto just about everything Iowa brings to the stadium Saturday.

But choosing against the advice of Spike Lee and an early shoe advertisement for one legendary NBA player, those aren't exactly Air Jordans stomping the Kinnick Stadium sidelines on Saturday.

Ferentz keeps his footwear basic — white leather, white laces, and only a couple black logos is decoration enough for the coach's walking shoes. While Ferentz admitted he was in "terrible shape" at one of his weekly press conferences this fall, he might want to use Iowa's connections at Nike to get in touch with MJ — that is, if he ever considers upgrading his sneakers.

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Big Ten Standings

	Conference	W	L	Overall	W	L
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Michigan		6	1	8	3	3
Illinois		5	2	8	3	3
Penn State		4	3	8	3	3
Wisconsin		4	3	8	3	3
Iowa		4	4	6	5	5
Purdue		3	4	7	4	5
Northwestern		3	4	6	5	5
Indiana		2	5	6	5	5
Michigan State		2	5	6	5	5
Minnesota		0	7	1	10	5

Saturday
Ohio State at Michigan, 11 a.m. (ABC)
Northwestern at Illinois, 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Purdue at Indiana, 2:30 p.m. (BTN)
Penn State at Michigan State, 2:30 p.m. (ABC)
Wisconsin at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m. (BTN)
Western Michigan at Iowa, 2:30 p.m. (BTN)

DI's Big Ten Power Rankings

1. Ohio State
2. Illinois
3. Wisconsin
4. Penn State
5. Michigan
6. Iowa
7. Indiana
8. Purdue
9. Michigan State
10. Northwestern
11. Minnesota

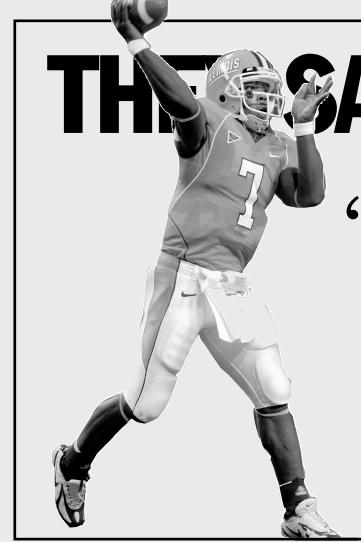
This Week's Lines

Home team in caps

Favorite	Underdog
IOWA	14
Kent	1
GA TECH	10
Penn St	2.5
W VIRGINIA	6.5
UCONN	18.5
TENNESSEE	11.5
Bowling Green	1
Tulsa	15.5
Byu	11
AIR FORCE	11
ARKANSAS	11
N MEXICO ST	9.5
Oklahoma St	14
Oklahoma	8
KANSAS	26.5
BOISE ST	34
NOTRE DAME	6
C Florida	12.5
Rice	2
HOUSTON	11.5
NAVY	15.5
MEMPHIS	11
Cal	7
Lsu	19.5
GEORGIA	7.5
Missouri	7
VA TECH	17
CLEMSON	7.5
FLORIDA ST	7.5
UTAH	14.5
WASH ST	2
LA TECH	6
WAKE FOREST	6
S FLORIDA	7
Wisconsin	14
TCU	17
S Mississippi	3
RUTGERS	11.5
ILLINOIS	13.5
ALABAMA	24.5
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“He said, ‘If you don’t get it, I’ll hurt you.’”
— Illinois quarterback Juice Williams, on what head coach Ron Zook told him before attempting a key fourth-down conversion late in 28-21 upset over No. 1 Ohio State.

Stat of the Week

In a season perhaps filled with the most parity in Big Ten history, the 11-team league now has more eight-win teams (five) than any other conference in the nation. With Illinois' upset of No. 1 Ohio State on Nov. 10 to earn its eighth win this fall, the Illini joined the Buckeyes, Michigan, Penn State, and Wisconsin at the top of the standings. Also tied for the national lead with 10 bowl-eligible teams, the Big Ten has never qualified that many for postseason play or had two handfuls of programs finish above .500.

And to think there's still a week left of action. Only once since the year 1960 has the Big Ten finished a season with at least eight teams at .500 or better — a feat the conference will surely achieve again Saturday. Even more impressive to consider is this: The last time the Big Ten finished with at least nine .500 teams came 103 years ago, in 1904. With a new television network to showcase its universities, and their respective teams playing as evenly as ever before, it's been a landmark year for the Big Ten in college football.

Big Ten attendance could crack 5 million

Hosting a record 39 sellouts in 70 games for the Big Ten this fall, the conference is nearing an calculator-crunching number in total attendance. With 4,989,269 loyal Buckeyes, Badgers, and Hawkeye fans in between helping to push the soaring total, the Big Ten is on pace to break to 5 million for the second year in a row and only the fifth time in conference history.

Like only Wisconsin and Ohio State, Iowa has played a huge role in the growing figure, selling out every game at Kinnick Stadium this season. Hosting Western Michigan on Saturday, the Hawkeyes are poised to record their 30th-consecutive sellout at the 70,000-plus seating venue.

BY THE NUMBERS

5 The number of Iowa punts needed Saturday for redshirt freshman Ryan Donahue to tie the Hawkeyes' all-time single season record of 85, set by Dave Holzclaw in 1978.

5 The Hawkeyes have lost only five fumbles to opponents this season, putting them tied for 12th nationally in the fewest lost.

5 Iowa quarterbacks have combined to throw only five interceptions this fall, tying the Hawkeyes' gun-slingers for seventh in the country for fewest passes picked off. Playing only briefly in a 35-0 blowout of Syracuse, Ricky Stanzi accounts for one of the interceptions, while starting sophomore Jake Christensen has thrown the other four.

5 The total number of tackles for loss recorded by senior linebacker Mike Humpal this season. While his total 117 tackles this season tie for 28th in Iowa single-season history, Humpal ranks second in the Big Ten and 15th nationally among all defensive players.

5 The number of times senior tailback Albert Young has rushed for two touchdowns in a single game, including last weekend's 21-16 win over Minnesota.

Recent history favors Buckeyes

When Michigan and Ohio State face off to determine the Big Ten championship on Saturday, recent history shows that the advantage tilts in the Buckeyes' favor. Winning three-straight games in the rivalry, including last season's classic showdown in Columbus, Ohio State has taken five of seven from the Wolverines this decade and hold an advantage in the rankings this season.

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No. 7 Ohio State (10-1, 6-1) at No. 21 Michigan (8-3, 6-1)

11 a.m., ABC

The Big Ten's grandest rivalry couldn't carry any more weight than it does this season. Bound to decide the conference champion on Saturday, this season-ending matchup couldn't have paired two better teams coming from such different paths this fall. Michigan, having lost its first two games of the year, including a shocking home loss to Appalachian State, has battled fiercely back to an 8-3 record. Ohio State, a defensive powerhouse that rolled through the early season schedule, had won 10 straight games to move to No. 1 in the BCS last week. But then came the biggest twist — both teams lost in Week 11, with the Wolverines falling at Wisconsin and the Buckeyes at home to Illinois. Has the finale lost its luster? Hardly. From the special-edition coin toss featuring the faces of Woody Hayes and Bo Schembechler to the ESPN "Gameday" crew's Saturday morning extravaganza, always expect the unexpected when it comes to the Big Ten's most meaningful rivalry.

Northwestern (6-5, 3-4) at No. 19

Illinois (8-3, 5-2)

11 a.m., ESPN

Two of the conference's 10 bowl-eligible teams, both Illinois and Northwestern enter Saturday's game coming off crucial victories late in the Big Ten season. Stunning the Midwest with its 28-21 downing of previously undefeated Ohio State, Illinois' momentum is obvious, and sophomore quarterback Juice Williams is riding the high of arguably the finest performance of his career. Responding to a second-half collapse against Iowa two weeks ago, the always-pesky Wildcats proved too much for Indiana in a 31-28 win on Nov. 10. Now ranked No. 19 and ready to roll in its regular-season closer, Illinois could be thinking January bowl if it can hold off the Cardiac 'Cats in Champaign this weekend.

No. 25 Wisconsin (8-3, 4-3) at Minnesota (1-10, 0-7)

2:30 p.m., Big Ten Network

While things are shaping up for Bret Bielema's Badgers, most notably the team's 37-21 mauling of Michigan at home last weekend, things can't get much worse for first-year coach Tim Brewster and Minnesota. Starting slowly at Iowa last weekend, the Gophers failed to rally from a 14-point first-quarter deficit despite a late touchdown throw from Adam Weber. As much as Minnesota would like to play spoiler at the Metrodome this weekend — and show an inkling of promise for the handful of Brewster supporters left in Minneapolis — the Gophers likely won't have the talent or the motivation to hang with Wisconsin Saturday. Spring ball can't come sooner for the lone Big Ten squad without bowl-eligibility in Week 12.

Purdue (7-4, 3-4) at Indiana (6-5, 2-5)

2:30 p.m., Big Ten Network

Pairing two teams in the middle of the conference pack, you can bet the rest of the Big Ten teams will have their eyes on Bloomington, Ind., for the Bucket Game this weekend. Scoring 28 and 31 points in defeats respectively on Nov. 10, Indiana and Purdue have plenty on the line for this in-state matchup. Already bowl-eligible for the first time in a while, the Hoosiers can guarantee they'll play past November with a win. At 7-4, Purdue fans can book a flight somewhere warm if they are victorious; a .500 record in the conference will likely send Purdue to the Champs Sports Bowl or better.

Penn State (7-3, 4-3) at Michigan State (6-5, 2-5)

2:30 p.m., ABC

In a matchup carrying similar implications with that of Purdue-Indiana, these two State schools are vying for post-season power stacked between the Big Ten's top and bottom. At only 2-5, the Spartans face nearly a must-win situation to improve their standing in the conference. At 4-3, Penn State already has a bid locked up; it must now determine where with its play this weekend. Answering questions about retirement this week, Nittany Lion coach Joe Paterno will likely get a preview of a warm-weather climate no matter the outcome Saturday. The Spartans are a scrappy bunch, but expect Penn



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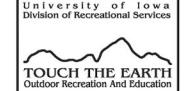
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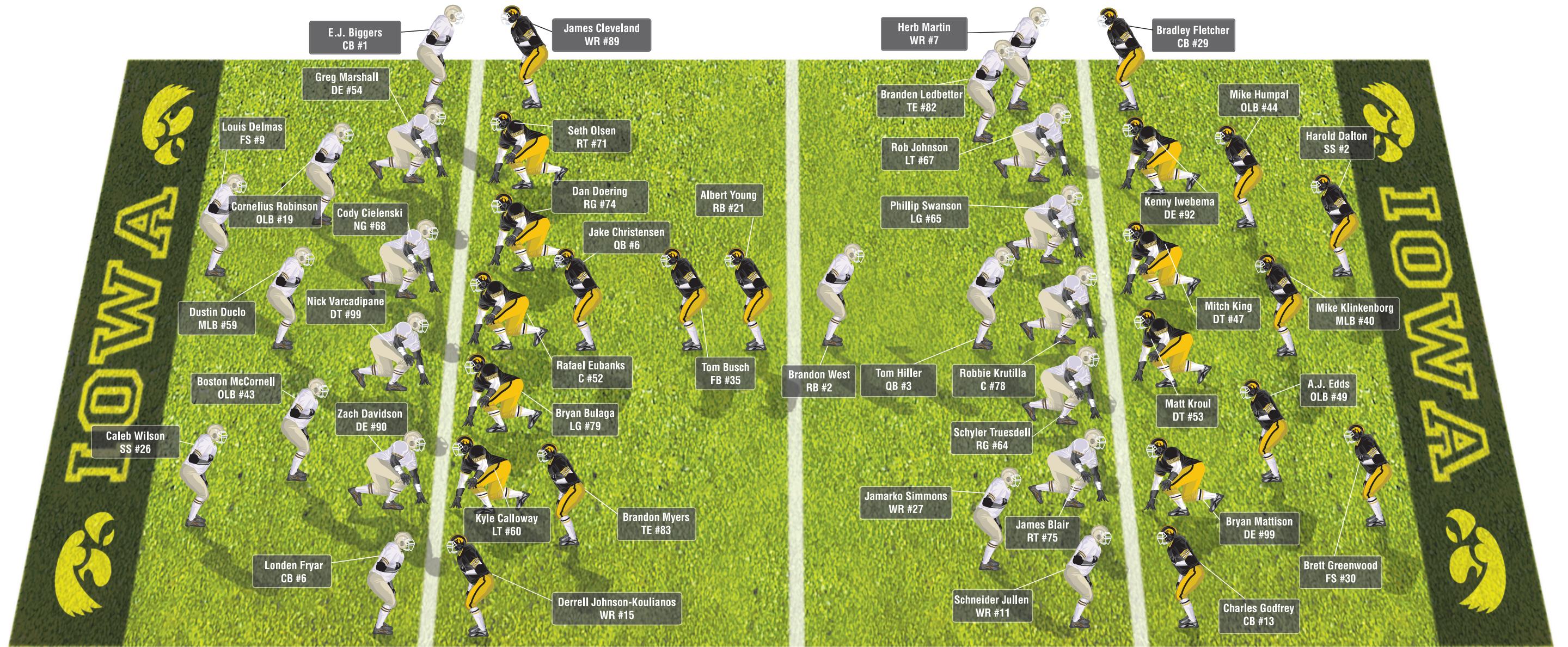
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3	Harold Dalton	DB	Jr.	6-1	201	Camden, N.J.	37	Gavin McGrath	LB	Jr.	6-2	235	Cedar Rapids
4	Eric Guthrie	P	Fr.	6-6	205	Nevada, Iowa	38	Jordan McLaughlin	FB	Jr.	6-0	230	Belmond, Iowa
5	Diauntae Morrow	DB	Fr.	6-0	190	Cleveland	39	Austin Signor	K	So.	6-4	230	Urbandale, Iowa
6	Jordan Bernstein	DB	Fr.	5-11	200	Des Moines	40	Mike Klinkenborg	LB	Sr.	6-2	240	Rock Rapids, Iowa
7	Ryan Donahue	P	#Fr.	6-3	175	Evergreen Park, Ill.	41	Bryon Gattis	LB	Sr.	6-1	233	Mt. Pleasant, Ill.
8	Jake Christensen	QB	So.	6-1	215	Lockport, Ill.	42	Jeremiah Hunter	LB	#Fr.	6-2	222	York, Pa.
9	Marvin McNutt	QB	Fr.	6-4	195	St. Louis	42	Nick Murphy	LS	Fr.	6-2	210	St. Paul, Minn.
10	Arvel Nelson	QB	#Fr.	6-4	210	Cleveland	43	Pat Angerer	LB	So.	6-1	230	Bettendorf
11	Tyler Sash	DB	Fr.	6-1	200	Oskaloosa, Iowa	44	Mike Humpal	LB	Sr.	6-3	242	New Hampton, Iowa
12	Ben Evans	WR	#Fr.	6-0	180	Iowa City	45	Tyler Nielsen	LB	Fr.	6-4	215	Humboldt, Iowa
13	Adam Farnsworth	QB	Jr.	6-4	212	North Ogden, Utah	46	Christian Ballard	DE	Fr.	6-4	270	Lawrence, Kan.
14	Ricky Stanzi	QB	#Fr.	6-4	215	Mentor, Ohio	47	Mitch King	DT	Jr.	6-3	264	Burlington, Iowa
15	Charles Godfrey	DB	Sr.	6-1	208	Baytown, Texas	48	Troy Johnson	LB	#Fr.	6-2	215	Lakeland, Fla.
16	Devan Moylan	DB	Sr.	5-10	201	Panora, Iowa	49	A.J. Edds	LB	So.	6-4	224	Greenwood, Ind.
17	Derrell Johnson-Koulianos	WR	#Fr.	6-1	205	Campbell, Ohio	50	Ross Petersen	LB	#Fr.	6-1	230	Durant, Iowa
18	Drew Gardner	DB	Jr.	5-10	178	Cherry Hill, N.J.	51	Tyler Blum	OL	So.	6-6	285	Walnut, Iowa
19	Erie Satterfield	DB	Fr.	6-1	180	Erie, Pa.	52	Trey Stross	WR	So.	6-3	195	Avon Lake, Ohio
20	Jayme Murphy	DB	#Fr.	5-11	207	Dubuque	53	Zach Furlong	TE	Fr.	6-5	220	Xenia, Ohio
21	Lance Tillison	DB	#Fr.	6-2	205	Seffner, Fla.	54	Thomas Nardo	DL	Fr.	6-3	245	Lancaster, Pa.
22	Adam Shada	DB	Sr.	6-1	195	Omaha, Neb.	55	Dominique Douglas	WR	So.	6-1	190	Detroit
23	Paki O'Meara	RB	#Fr.	5-11	210	Cedar Rapids	56	James Cleveland	WR	#Fr.	6-1	195	Baytown, Texas
24	Cedric Everson	DB	Fr.	6-1	175	Detroit	57	Nyere Aumaître	OL	Jr.	6-5	295	Camden, N.J.
25	Drew Gardner	DB	#Fr.	5-10	178	Cherry Hill, N.J.	58	Jacoby Coleman	LB	Fr.	6-3	240	Beaumont, Texas
26	Nick Kuchel	DB	#Fr.	5-11	195	Kings, Iowa	59	Rashad Dunn	DE	Fr.	6-2	245	Evans, Ga.
27	Albert Young	RB	Sr.	6-10	209	Moorestown, N.J.	60	Markus Zusevics	OL	Fr.	6-5	240	Arlington Heights, Ill.
28	Colin Sandeman	WR	Fr.	6-1	195	Bettendorf	61	Bruce Davis	LB	Fr.	5-11	225	Cleveland
29	Paul Chaney Jr.	WR	#Fr.	5-9	165	St. Louis	62	Adrian Clayborn	DE	#Fr.	6-3	275	St. Louis
30	Jevon Pugh	RB	#Fr.	5-10	210	Naples, Fla.	63	Rob Bruggeman	OL	Jr.	6-3	287	Cedar Rapids
31	Damian Sims	CB	Sr.	5-9	200	Boynton Beach, Fla.	64	Jared Oberland	DL	Jr.	6-0	250	Willingfish Bay, Wis.
32	Bradley Fletcher	DB	Jr.	6-2	200	Youngstown, Ohio	65	Anton Narinskiy	DL	Jr.	6-4	265	Chagrin Falls, Ohio
33	Eddie Williams	FB	Jr.	5-11	240	Rock Island, Ill.	66	Ben Thilges	OL	Fr.	6-4	260	Humboldt, Iowa
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38	Jeff Tarpinian	LB	#Fr.	6-3	220	Omaha, Neb.	71	Cody Hundertmark	DT	Fr.	6-4	260	Humboldt, Iowa
39	Brian Mungongo	RB	#Fr.	5-9	175	Mansfield, Texas	72	Josh Koeppel	OL	#Fr.	6-1	260	Cottage Grove, Minn.
40	Chris Rowell	DB	So.	6-1	197	Warrensville Heights, Ohio	73	Tom Busch	FB	Sr.	5-11	235	Iowa City

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1	E.J. Biggers	CB	Jr.	6-0	180	North Miami Beach, Fla.	41	Dan Krasinski	LB	So.	6-0	212	Mattawan, Mich.
2	Taylor Herbst	DB	So.	6-1	169	Brunswick, Ga.	42	Chad Balkin	TE	Fr.	6-3	239	Almont, Mich.
3	Gavin McGrath	LB	Jr.	6-2	235	Osage, Iowa	43	Boston McConnell	LB	Jr.	6-1	233	Fenton, Mich.
4	Austin Postler	OL	Jr.	6-5	285	Iowa City	44	Jamelle Murray	WR	#Fr.	5-8	167	Macon, Ga.
5	Austin Signor	K	So.	6-4	230	Belmont, Iowa	45	Deshawn Lawrence	WR	Fr.	6-0	175	Pleasant Lake, Mich.
6	Mark Mahmens	DL	So.	6-3	255	Goose Lake, Iowa	46	Londen Fryar	CB	Jr.	5-11	192	Jobstown, N.J.
7	Adam Gettin	OL	Fr.	6-4	235	Frankfort, Ill.	47	Herb Martin	WR	Sr.	6-1	193	Flint, Mich.
8	Dan Doering	OL	So.	6-6	300	Barrington, Ill.	48	Branden Ledbetter	TE	#82	6-0	228	Grosse Pointe, Mich.
9	Jake Christensen	QB	So.	6-6	210	Iowa City	49	Tom Johnson	LT	#67	6-0	210	DeWitt, Mich.
10	Tom Busch	FB	Jr.	6-3	235	Bloomfield, Iowa	50	Phillip Swanson	LG	#65	6-0	224	Clarendon Hills, Ill.
11	Brandon West	RB	Jr.	6-2	230	Bloomfield, Iowa	51	Tim Hiller	QB	#3	6-0	223	Harrison Porter
12	Tom Hiller	QB	Jr.	6-5	230	College Park, Ga.	52	Dennis Reedy	QB	Jr.	6-2	199	Miami, Ga.
13	Rob Johnson	CB	Jr.	6-0	192	Jobstown, N.J.	53	Schuyler Truesdell	RG	#64	6-0	215	South Lyon, Mich.
14	Tom Hiller	QB	Jr.	6-5	210	Orlando	54	Jonathan Wright	S	So.	5-10	190	Portage, Mich.
15	Tom Hiller	QB	Jr.	6-2	180	Orlando	55	Robert Arneheim	QB	Fr.	6-2	180	Desmond Gray
16	Tom Hiller	QB	Jr.	6-2	180	Orlando	56	James Blair	RT	#75	6-0	295	Detroit
17	Tom Hiller	QB	Jr.	6-2	180	Orlando	57	Jameson Simmons	WR	#27	6-0	285	Barrington, Ill.
18	Tom Hiller	QB	Jr.	6-2	180	Orlando	58	Anthony Williams	DE	#Fr.	6-2	230	Pahokee, Fla.
19	Tom Hiller	QB	Jr.	6-2	180	Orlando	59	Mike Jones	K	Sr.	6-0	184	Hilliard, Wis.
20	Tom Hiller	QB	Jr.	6-2	180	Orlando	60	Drew Burdi	LB	#Fr.	6-1	198	Miami Shores, Fla.
21	Tom Hiller	QB	Jr.	6-2	180	Orlando	61	Trey Stross	WR</				