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 **RACE FOR PRESIDENT | BARACK OBAMA (D) 52%, JOHN McCAIN (R) 47%**

UP FROM HISTORY

YES, HE CAN — OBAMA WINS



Dave Loebsack 57%
U.S. HOUSE — The freshman congressman easily passes his first test as an incumbent. **4A**



Tom Harkin 62%
U.S. SENATE — Harkin earns his fifth term with little resistance in yet another Democratic year. **5A**



Mary Mascher 82%
STATEHOUSE — Mascher is one of many Obama down-ballot beneficiaries. **5A**



Tom Slockett 65%
COUNTY AUDITOR — On duty with an eye on the polls, Slockett secures his position. **4A**



JAE C. HONG/ASSOCIATED PRESS

President-elect Barack Obama celebrates at the election night rally in Chicago on Tuesday. In his speech Tuesday night, Obama said this victory started out in areas such as the backyards of Des Moines. The historic win comes 10 months after Iowa's January caucuses picked Obama as the state's choice for the Democratic presidential nomination. Four years ago, the Hawkeye State went narrowly for President Bush.

By **DAVID ESPO**
Associated Press

States declare winner

In the 2008 presidential elections, Barack Obama won 51% of the popular vote.



Kate Rhombert/The Daily Iowan

word of Obama's victory spread. A big crowd filled Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House.

In his first speech as victor, to an enormous throng at Grant Park in Chicago, Obama catalogued the challenges ahead. "The greatest of a lifetime," he said, "two wars, a planet in peril, the worst financial crisis in a century."

"There are many who won't agree with every decision or policy I make as president, and we know that government can't solve every problem. But I will always be honest with you about the challenges we face."

McCain called his former rival to concede defeat — and the end of his own 10-year quest for the White House. "The American people have spoken and spoken clearly," McCain told disappointed supporters in Arizona.

President Bush added his congratulations from the White House, where his tenure

runs out on Jan. 20. "May God bless whoever wins tonight," he had told dinner guests earlier.

Obama, in his speech, invoked the words of Lincoln and seemed to echo John F. Kennedy.

"So let us summon a new spirit of patriotism, of service and responsibility, where each of us resolves to pitch in and work harder," he said.

He and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, will take their oaths of office as president and vice president on Jan. 20, 2009. McCain will remain in the Senate.

Sarah Palin, McCain's running mate, will return to Alaska as governor after a tumultuous debut on the national stage.

Obama will move into the Oval Office as leader of a country that is almost certainly in recession, and fighting two long wars, one in Iraq, the other in Afghanistan.

SEE OBAMA, 3A

Smooth sailing at the local polls

Voting ran steady and smooth Tuesday.

By **KATIE HANSON**
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While Toledo, Ohio, police donned riot gear for any prospective clashes at the polls, all was quiet on the Johnson County front during Election Day.

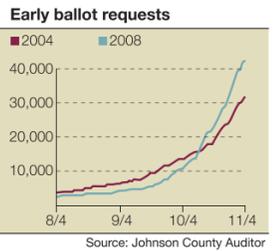
The most conspicuous apparel found Tuesday morning were American flag outfits that swathed elderly women outside Precinct 12 at Grant Wood Elementary.

And so it went for the county from the bright hour of 7 a.m. until it was time to close and count the votes at 9 p.m.

Both Johnson County and the state witnessed record turnouts for the election. County turnout topped 72,814. Precinct officials said that while the stream of voters was steady — roughly 40 people were waiting in line at Grant Wood before the polls

Early voting

The number of early ballot requests has risen since the 2004 election.



Jessica Heacock/The Daily Iowan

opened — no chaotic lines amassed. And officials avoided any major technical glitches through the end of the night.

"We have a peak every hour as classes get out," said precinct worker Myron Smalley at the Johnson County

SEE POLLING, 3A

IC Dems fill night with cries of joy

John McCain supporters conceded defeat early in the night, while the Democrats celebrated into the wee hours.

By **OLIVIA MORAN**
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At 10 p.m., "Yes we can" became "Yes we did." And screams of joy hit the ceiling of the Iowa City Sheraton ballroom as projector screens announced Sen. Barack Obama's victory.

Scores of weary campaign workers in the crowd wiped tears from their cheeks — not just tears of joy, but of relief.

"I'm finally able to relax," said Iowa City resident Jennifer Hinkhouse. "I'll be able to sleep."

Shortly after 1 a.m., Obama had collected 338

Electoral College votes compared with Republican challenger John McCain's 144, according to the Associated Press. Obama trounced McCain in Iowa by nearly 10 percentage points.

In the state that first hinted at the freshman senator's potential, celebrations hit the streets. Roaming packs of students and adults alike celebrated the victory by howling at each other on the Pedestrian Mall.

At Formosa, bartenders doled out more than 100 electric-blue "Obama-tinis" throughout the evening.

SEE REACTION, 3A



BENJAMIN ROBERTS/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI senior Lindsay DeLand rubs the tears from her eyes after hearing word that Barack Obama was elected president at David's Place on Tuesday.

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Floodwaters fill the UI Art Building West on June 15. Almost all of the Arts Campus was heavily damaged by the June flood, but the building will eventually reopen.

Art West to reopen in '09

It will be a long wait, but the UI art school will return to its west-campus building.

By MIKE MCDONALD
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Not open
Major UI buildings still closed because of the flooding

- Art Building
- Art Building West
- Danforth Chapel
- Hancher Auditorium
- Hawkeye Court Apartments
- Museum of Art
- Theatre Building
- PVoxman Music Building
- Clapp Recital Hall

Source: UI flood recovery website

UI officials announced Monday they will begin making plans to repair Art Building West after it endured severe flood damage over the summer. They hope to reoccupy the building by December 2009.

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damage to the building.

A study by UI Facilities Management revealed the building sustained around \$5 million in damages, including those to mechanical systems on the basement level.

With some other campus buildings that were flooded — including the Adler Journalism Building and the English-Philosophy Building — the university was able to fix them before the beginning of the fall semester, but a combination of variables prevented the same speedy recovery for the Art Building West.

Gregg Oden, a co-chairman of the UI Flood Mitigation Task Force, said one of those variables is the building's location on the floodplain, which meant it took on more water.

"There is a major difference between buildings on the West

Side of the river and the East Side," he said, noting Art Building West is deeper into the floodplain than most of facilities east of the river.

Oden also said the decision to pay immediate attention to the other campus buildings was one of sheer necessity. "Mayflower, the Power Plant — we couldn't proceed without them," he said.

Despite having to wait more than a year to return, UI School of Art faculty were excited about the announcement.

Dorothy Johnson, the director of the UI School of Art and Art History, said "this is extremely good news" in a UI news release.

Losing the building was "heart-breaking," she said, but "we look forward with great enthusiasm to fully reoccupying this building by late next fall."

Looking to double-up printing

Student Government is pushing for a new method of printing to save paper.

By MELANIE KUCERA
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Saving paper
While an easier route for double-sided printing is in the works, the university already has been saving millions of pages by its "cost preview" and "print release" mechanisms.

Pages Printed:
2007: 9,347,391
2008: 8,792,323

Source: Chris Clark, UI ITS official

Printing at the UI is going even more green.

UI Student Government Vice President Bridget Szeluga is working to ease the route to double-sided printing.

"There has been a huge move from textbooks to ICON slides, and students find themselves printing out hundreds of pages more than in the past," she said. "I think duplex [double-sided] printing is going to satisfy a lot of people."

Students have the option to print papers on both sides at present, but it's a three-step process.

Szeluga and Chris Clark, the manager of the UI Learning Spaces Technology Group,

said they are looking to add a link, possibly on the ISIS website, that would make duplex printing a default option.

"We have always had students interested in reducing the amount of paper we use," Clark said. "I think [double-sided printing] will decrease the actual paper consumption, and I would think students who are printing out course notes and PowerPoint slides would use it."

The initiative could be available to students by the end of December, Clark said.

"Paper would reduce by 50 percent if everyone were to do it on campus," Szeluga said. Marketing for the paper-saving printing method would be funded by UISG.

Discussions have already circulated about cutting paper

costs if printing on both sides, but Clark said the price is unlikely to drop because printing fees are already inexpensive.

UISG President Maison Bleam said it is a step in the right direction, but he was unsure it would solve the long-term problem.

"I am for it, but I do think

we can do better," he said. "This is a temporary fix, and we can take this and enhance it so it is even easier for students."

UI junior Rachel Nathanson supports duplex printing.

"It is going to save a ton of trees," said Nathanson, who is also an at-large senator and on the UI Environmental Coalition.

While she expressed concern students may not log on to ISIS to set the default, she said it can be accomplished with enough publicity. A price adjustment could also be a key incentive, she said.

"[Students] do have to print a lot of things, and even a couple of cents different could motivate students to make that change," Nathanson said.

METRO

Christiansen to head Sustainability Office

The UI Office of Sustainability will be led by Liz Christiansen, the current deputy director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the UI announced Tuesday.

Christiansen will be responsible for coordinating programs that promote sustainability and resource conservation at the UI. She will also serve as assistant director of Facilities Management.

"I am very excited about having Liz join the University of Iowa to head our

sustainability efforts," UI President Sally Mason said in a release.

The Office of Sustainability is part of a campuswide environmental initiative announced by Mason in April.

"We face a world that must become more environmentally responsible and sustainable," Mason said in an Earth

Day address this year.

As the deputy director of the Iowa Natural Resources, Christiansen coordinated recycling, waste reduction, and sustainability efforts since 2002. She will take over her new job on Dec. 8.

— by Adam Sullivan

BLOTTER

Canon Bleam, 19, Rockwell City, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and fourth-degree criminal mischief.

Kathleen Coyle, 54, Cedar Rapids, was charged Nov. 2 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Fred Crump, 30, 2470 Lakeside Drive Apt. 12, was charged Monday with driving with a revoked license.

Garel Hardiman Jr., 26, Coralville, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Kara Hunt, 20, Wapello, Iowa, was

charged Nov. 1 with fifth-degree theft.

Seth Newberry, 21, 145 Sugar Creek Lane Apt. 2, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Cassie Smith, 37, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. 51, was charged Nov. 1 with fifth-

degree theft.

Samantha Smith, 20, 620 S. Capitol St., was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.

Jason Waters, 36, 2 Expo Drive, was charged Monday with OWI.

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Obama sweeps to White House victory

OBAMA

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The popular vote was close — 51.3 percent to 47.5 percent with 73 percent of all U.S. precincts tallied — but not the count in the Electoral College, where it mattered most.

There, Obama's audacious decision to contest McCain in states that hadn't gone Democratic in years paid rich dividends.

Shortly after midnight in the East, the Associated Press count showed Obama with 338 electoral votes, well over the 270 needed for victory. McCain had

141 after winning states that comprised the normal Republican base, including Texas and most of the South.

Interviews with voters suggested that almost six in 10 women were backing Obama nationwide, while men leaned his way by a narrow margin. Just over half of whites supported McCain, giving him a slim advantage in a group that Bush carried overwhelmingly in 2004.

The results of the AP survey were based on a preliminary partial sample of nearly 10,000 voters in Election Day polls and in telephone interviews over the

past week for early voters. Obama has said his first order of presidential business will be to tackle the economy. He has also pledged to withdraw most U.S. combat troops from Iraq within 16 months.

In Washington, the Democratic leaders of Congress celebrated.

"It is not a mandate for a party or ideology but a mandate for change," said Senate Majority leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Said Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California: "Tonight the American people have called for a new direction. They have called for change in America."

Democrats also acclaimed Senate successes by former Gov. Mark Warner in Virginia, Rep. Tom Udall in New Mexico, and Rep. Mark Udall in Colorado. All won seats left open by Republican retirements.

In New Hampshire, former Gov. Jeanne Shaheen defeated Republican Sen. John Sununu in a rematch of their 2002 race, and Sen. Elizabeth Dole fell to Democrat Kay Hagan in North Carolina.

Biden won a new term in Delaware, a seat he will resign before he is sworn in as vice president.

The Senate's Republican leader,

Mitch McConnell, survived a scare in Kentucky, and in Georgia Sen. Saxby Chambliss hoped to avoid a December runoff.

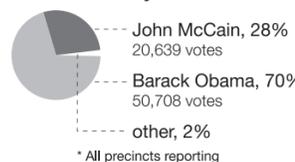
The Democrats piled up gains in the House, as well.

They defeated seven Republican incumbents, including 22-year veteran Chris Shays in Connecticut, and picked up nine more seats where GOP lawmakers had retired.

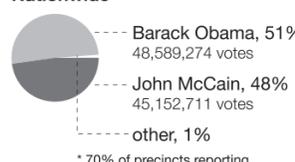
At least three Democrats lost their seats, including Florida Rep. Tim Mahoney, turned out of office after admitting to two extramarital affairs while serving his first term in Florida. In

President

Johnson County



Nationwide



No poll glitches locally

POLLING

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Courthouse around 1 p.m. "We'll have a rush, then we'll be quiet for 15 to 20 minutes, then another rush."

While the turnout so far was higher than some previous elections, he said, the line on the courthouse stairs never crept to more than 10 people.

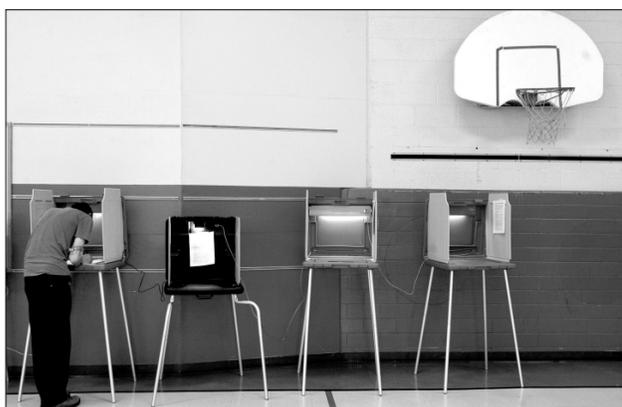
The cause: record-breaking early voting, officials said.

A radio playing Taylor Swift easily dominated the few voters' soft murmurs at the Iowa City Recreation Center, where Precinct 19 official Marty Adams estimated 30 percent of his precinct voted before Election Day.

Students made up much of the local electorate Tuesday. Instead of pushing strollers or lugging shopping bags like the older voters casting their ballots on Sunday, many individuals in line at the Recreation Center instead sported backpacks and wore sweatpants.

Young voters — 18 to 24 — made up roughly 25 percent of the county's early voters, according to the Johnson County Auditor's Office.

Some said they have been following the election since at least the Iowa caucuses in January. Their excitement about voting for the first time increased in the past months



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

A voter fills out a ballot in the gymnasium of Mann Elementary on Tuesday. Officials at the school said while the flow of voters remained steady throughout the morning and afternoon, lines remained short, mostly likely because of early voting.

during a campuswide push to register new voters.

"I was definitely more involved than previously because I can vote, and it will actually count," UI sophomore Daniel Campos said.

He voted two weeks ago but said he had seen a lot of students inside Precinct 3 — the humid, wood-paneled room off the Quadrangle Residence Hall lobby.

"We're considerably lazy, but [the polling place] is right here," Campos said.

UI junior Brian Carroll said he had to "stop procrastinating" and get out to vote when he discovered his stock

portfolio dropped 40 percent in the past 40 days.

"It's pretty important to vote," he said outside Precinct 20 at the Senior Center. "If you don't vote, you can't complain, and I like to complain."

UI Main Library precinct worker Richard Tiegs was so busy he could only manage a five-minute lunch break. The number of voters bending over their ballots had almost reached 700 by 5 p.m., he said.

"Student turnout has been very good," he said. "We've been busy, but we've enjoyed being busy."

DI reporter Adam Sullivan contributed to this report.

Locals Dems jubilant

REACTION

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The more subdued crowd toasted "to change," a last tribute to the Democrats' well-rehearsed motto.

After two years of gritty campaigning, they said the toasts were well-deserved.

"Four years ago, I said I would never give my [energy] to another candidate ever again," Hinkhouse said, giddily swilling a Corona.

In 2004, she was photographed looking worried and frowning as Democratic Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry lost state after state to President Bush.

Obama supporters worked until the very last minute. Hours earlier, the Johnson County Democrats' headquarters, 625 S. Dubuque St., sat empty as volunteers carpooled to different precincts and anxiously made phone calls to registered party members.

Around 9 p.m., the last

stragglers headed to the Sheraton.

Meanwhile, roughly 15 Johnson County Republicans sat quietly at their headquarters in Coralville, nursing half empty soft drinks at tables cluttered with leftover food.

The mood was gloomy as the McCain supporters slowly began to shuffle out close to 11 p.m.

McCain "did everything he needed to do. This just wasn't a good atmosphere for him," said UI College Republican Chairman Greg Baker, who was covered in McCain/Palin stickers and buttons.

All of the candidates have held more than 2,000 campaign events in Iowa since January 2007, the highest number by hundreds than any other state.

In Iowa, McCain hosted 100 fewer campaign events than Obama. Obama visited the state 178 times — making appearances, attending meetings, giving speeches — compared with McCain's visit

count of 75, according to a *Washington Post* campaign tracker.

Bill Keettel, the head of the Johnson County Republicans, said the loss didn't come as a surprise.

"We've been told by the press for so long that this election is over," he said at 10 p.m. Tuesday, already referring to McCain's opponent as "President Obama."

Support for the McCain campaign started to dwindle in October. The Gallup Poll's final national pre-election numbers showed last week that Obama led by 12 percentage points.

Coralville resident Jeff McDowell said it's fair to say that some voters didn't realize McCain's abilities.

"I think our country's dumbing down," he said. "People don't look at the issues. I would like to see people think for themselves."

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2008 RACE FOR U.S. HOUSE | DAVE LOEBSACK (D) RE-ELECTED

Loebsack glides to re-election in 2nd

Dave Loebsack will see second term as a U.S. representative.

By SHAWN GUDE, MARY HARRINGTON, CLARA HOGAN, and LAURA KLAIMONT
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Democrat Dave Loebsack soundly defeated Republican opponent Mariannette Miller-Meeks Tuesday night, part of a continuing Democratic wave that started in 2006.

Loebsack secured 57 percent of the votes, while Miller-Meeks took 39 percent and independent Brian White and Green Party candidate Wendy Barth each received 2 percent of votes.

The former freshman Democrat said he was pleased with the outcome and now wants to focus on the future.

"Obviously, folks thought I've been doing a good job the last few years, and that's what I think this is about," he said. The first thing he wants to do is pass another economic-stimulus plan that will focus on creating jobs.

"Certainly on a larger scale, people want to see the country move in a different direction," he said. "That has been the case in the 2nd District for the last years."

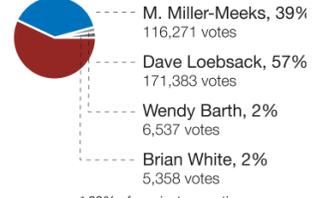
Miller-Meeks watched the results trickle in from the Hotel Ottumwa, accompanied by a crowd of supporters. Though she said she was disappointed by the results, she doesn't regret the campaign she ran — which stressed her Armed Forces and medical experience.

"You can always think that you could've done more, but you do as much as you can without throwing yourself into total exhaustion," she said, adding it's now time to get back to work as an ophthalmologist in Ottumwa.

Democrats retained control of the House and made broad gains. "It's the night we have been waiting for," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Although not as essential as in the U.S. Senate — which only needs 60 votes to pass bills without a filibuster — the added Democratic seats will be very important in passing any legislation supported by the party, UI political-science

U.S. representative (District 2)



Other representative results

1st District (96 percent reporting)
Bruce Braley (Democratic incumbent): **63 percent**
David Hartsuch (Republican challenger): **37 percent**

1st District (96 percent reporting)
Leonard Boswell (Democratic incumbent): **56 percent**
Kim Schmeltz (Republican challenger): **42 percent**
Frank Forrestal (Socialist Workers Party challenger): **1 percent**

4th District (93 percent)
Tom Latham (Republican incumbent): **60 percent**
Becky Greenwald (Democratic challenger): **40 percent**

Fifth District (94 percent)
Steve King (Republican incumbent): **61 percent**
Ron Hubler (Democratic challenger): **36 percent**
Victor Vara (Independent challenger): **3 percent**

93 percent of precincts reporting

Associate Professor Tim Hagle said.

Also, if any Democrat defects from the party, it won't be crippling to any prospective initiatives, he added.

"The bigger majority you have, the bigger defections you can tolerate," Hagle said.

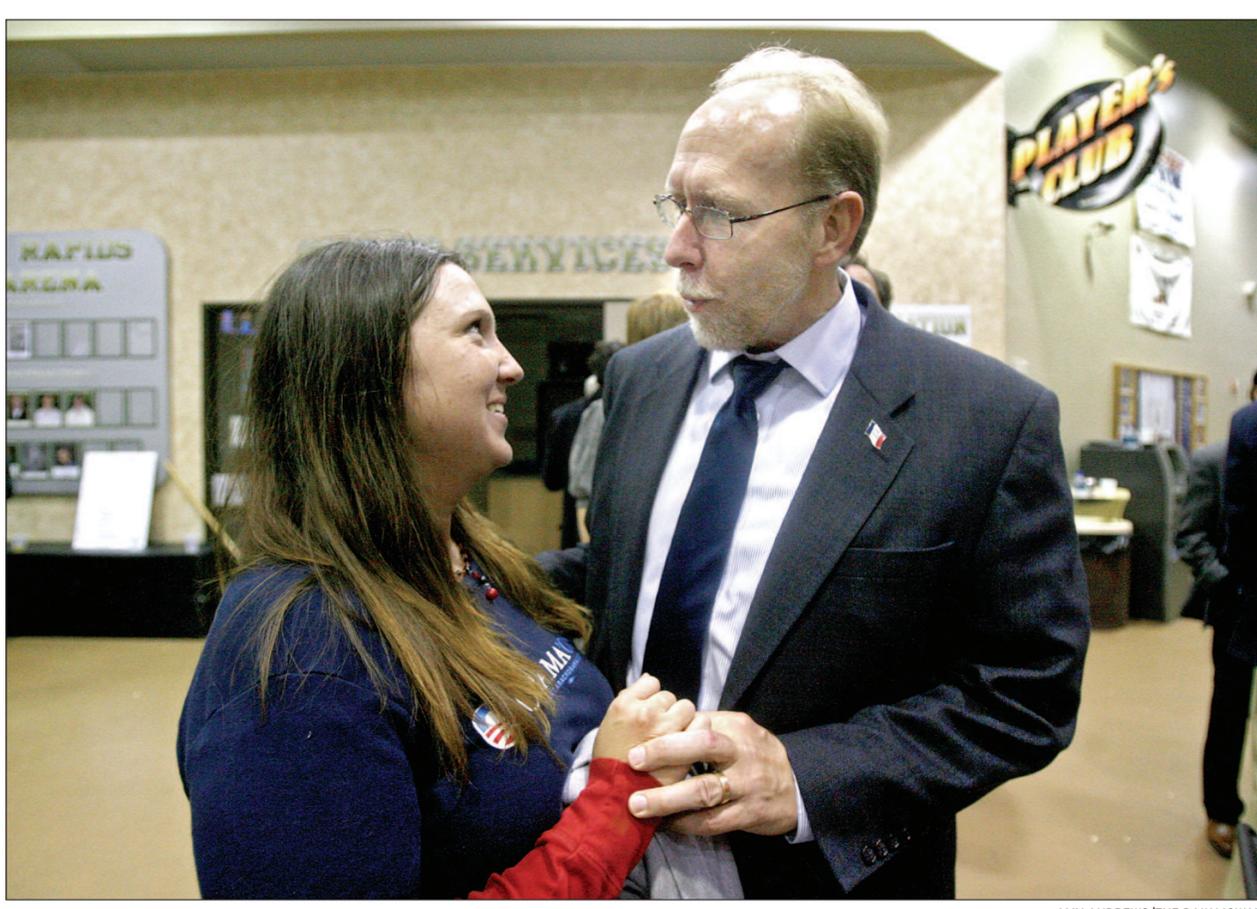
Still, there are potential pitfalls when one party dominates.

U.S. representatives must not become overly partisan, or they could elicit a public backlash — and, ultimately, a loss of seats, Hagle said.

Loebsack was heavily favored in his race, and that Democrats outnumber Republicans in Johnson County nearly 4-1 and by more than 60,000 didn't hurt.

The Democrat's opponents attacked the representative, calling him "Do Nothing Dave" and condemning his support of the bailout bill in September. Barth said his endorsement of the plan was "outrageous" and "irresponsible."

Loebsack rebuked such



AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Rep. Dave Loebsack visits with Sarah LaDue at the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena on Tuesday. Loebsack won re-election handily, beating main opponent Mariannette Miller-Meeks by 19 points. The Congressman took office in 2006, defeating longtime incumbent Republican Jim Leach in a Democratic sweep of the nation that put the party in power in both the U.S. Senate and House. The Democrats solidified those majorities Tuesday night, and Loebsack passed his first test for re-election.

claims, campaigning on his achievements in Congress — highlighting flood relief, veterans' care, and college affordability legislation.

Gaining less publicity, but campaigning substantively, third-party candidates White and Barth pushed for an end to partisanship and special interests.

Though White said he was upset he only received roughly 2 percent of the vote, he doesn't regret failing to affiliate himself with either Democrats or Republicans.

"Our country would be worse shape if I didn't run," he said. "Bottom line, lets stop making excuses; you cannot fix America with a broken hammer. First we need to fix Congress in order to fix America."

Although Barth garnered only 2 percent of the vote, she said she was happy with her campaign's output and that she could raise alternative issues.

"There are not only two sides to an issue," she said. "It's healthy to have another voice."



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Friends and family of independent congressional candidate Brian White sit in the Vine on Tuesday as results came in. With 99 percent of the precincts reporting, incumbent Dave Loebsack had clinched re-election with 57 percent of the vote.

2008 RACE FOR JOHNSON COUNTY AUDITOR | TOM SLOCKETT (INCUMBENT) TRIUMPHS

Veteran Slockett brushes past challenger



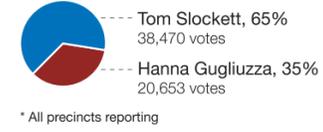
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Johnson County auditor candidate Hanna Gugliuzza watches the early voting results come in with her husband, Joey Gugliuzza, at the Okoboji Grill on Tuesday. Gugliuzza, 24, said she challenged incumbent Tom Slockett to change the face of the office, having said she wanted to revamp how the county analyzes boundaries and zones. Slockett denied the press access to his office Tuesday as he watched results come in because he was in the midst of fulfilling his work duties.

Slockett is set to begin his ninth term as county auditor.

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County auditor



Tom Slockett will remain the Johnson County auditor for yet another four-year term.

Slockett took 65 percent of the electorate with 38,477 votes, while his main opponent, Hanna Gugliuzza, garnered 35 percent on 20,653 votes.

Slockett, 61, was first elected as auditor in 1976, and he has since served for 31 years. He hasn't been opposed during a presidential-election year since 1992.

"I want to continue doing the job I am doing," Slockett said. Johnson County "has a level of excellence that stands out in the state and the country."

He said his main goals for the future include allowing voters to exercise their democracy in any county precinct. In addition to making voting more convenient, he wants to increase accessibility to public information.

Slockett ran against the 24-year-old independent Gugliuzza, a former election technician in the Auditor's Office. Gugliuzza spent the evening watching the numbers file in at Okoboji Grill with her husband and supporters.

Despite the hectic Election Day schedule, she said, she still drove her school bus through its route this morning.

"I won't be driving [today] because I expect a late night," she said.

Before polls closed, Gugliuzza said she had been running nonstop around Johnson County, knocking on doors and reminding last-minute voters to hit the polls. She finally slowed down around 5 p.m. Tuesday to relax with her husband.

"I wanted to stop pestering people; they've had enough" said the Iowa City native.

After the final results came in, Gugliuzza said she will run again in four years.

"He's on the wire," she said, admonishing: "Watch out."

She added that she thinks this is a "mourning" period for Johnson County.

"The repercussions are going to be grand," she said "I feel bad for my county and for the [auditor] employees."

But in the meantime, she said, she'll continue to work with the community and toward earning a bachelor's degree in education.

Slockett's night was quite different: He focused on the other elections, trying to help people cast their ballots, rather than his own re-election.

"I don't have much time to look at [my] numbers while they are coming in," he said. "I am constantly working with personnel to make sure information is coming and answering questions from poll workers."

2008 RACE FOR U.S. SENATOR | TOM HARKIN WINS

Harkin rolls, wins 5th term

Tom Harkin defeats Christopher Reed in the U.S. Senate election, but Democrats come up short of a super majority in the Senate.

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Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa defended his seat in the U.S. Senate Tuesday, as Democrats across the country rode a blue wave that solidified their margins in both houses of Congress and won them the White House.

Harkin defeated Republican challenger Christopher Reed by 62 percent to 38 percent, winning his fifth term in the U.S. Senate. He has served in Congress since 1974.

The win didn't come as a surprise for Harkin.

"Judging by the huge margin in my race, it's very clear that I got the vote of the Democrats and independents, but also that of the Iowa Republicans," Harkin said in his speech Tuesday at the Iowa Democratic Victory Party in Des Moines. "I think that's fitting for this election. I'm a proud progressive — but I know how to get away from bickering and reach across the aisle."

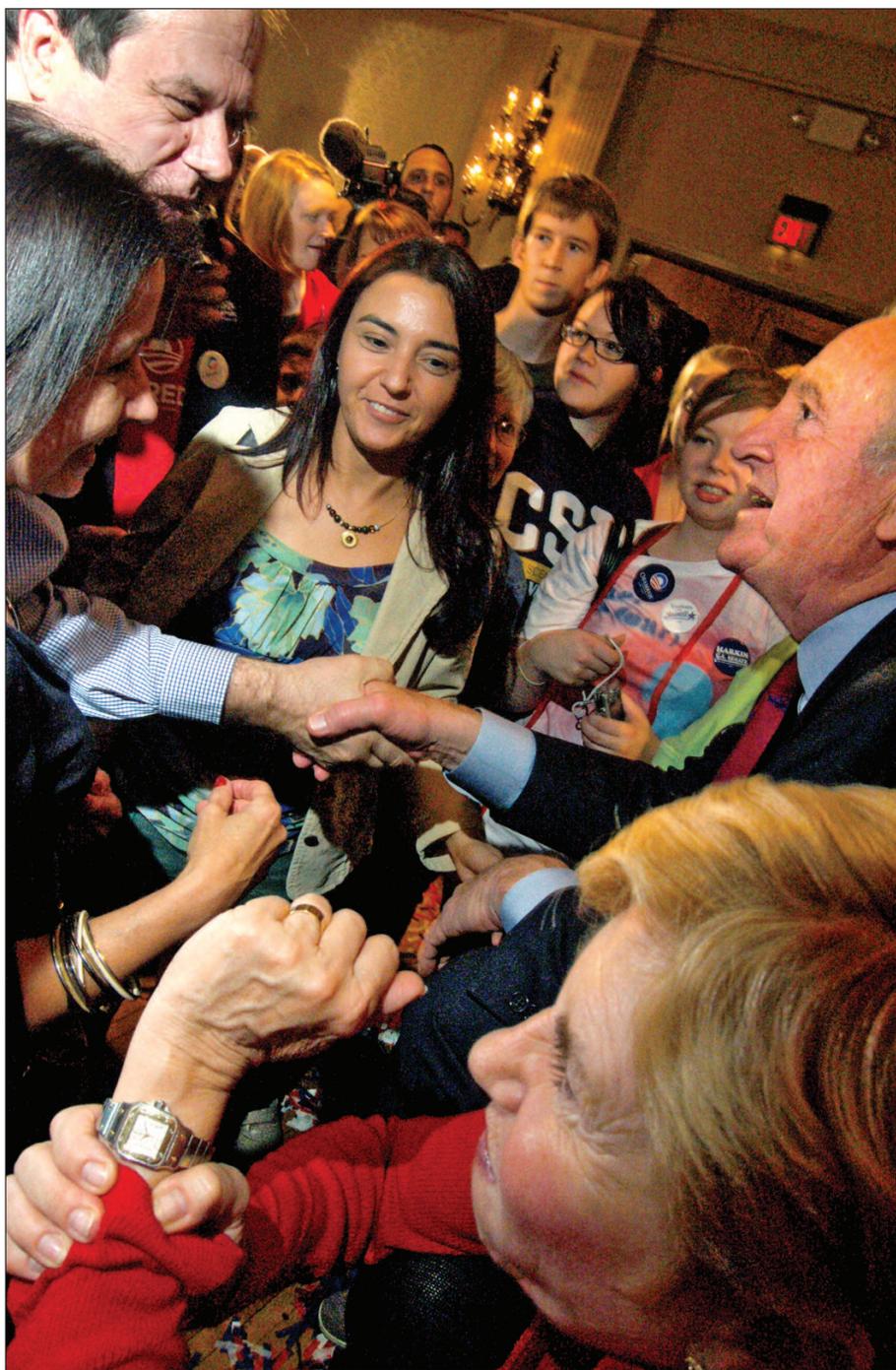
Thirty-five of 100 seats in the Senate were contested Tuesday, 23 of which were held by Republicans. Democrats will hold at least 56 seats in the new Senate.

Democrats have not controlled the House, Senate, and White House since Bill Clinton won the White House in 1992.

But the Democratic gain in the Senate is not enough to drastically strengthen the party's power, said Russell Ross, UI political-science professor emeritus.

"It will help some, but not that much," he said. "The super majority is really the key."

But even 60 seats — a filibuster-proof super majority —



Sen. Tom Harkin and wife Ruth thank supporters after a victory speech in Des Moines on Tuesday. "I'm Tom Harkin, and I approve the message Iowa voters said today," he said during his speech. "That message got me a fifth term in the U.S. Senate and Barack Obama as president."

may not have been enough to give Democrats complete control of the Senate, said Cary Covington, a UI political science associate professor.

"Democrats vote together about half of the time," Covington said. "Carter had 61 Democrats in the Senate, but that meant nothing."

A filibuster-proof majority occurs when one party controls at least 60 seats in the Senate, preventing senators from stalling votes on legislation.

U.S. Senator



* 89% of precincts reporting

Reed, who said he plans to take a break from the election "at least for Wednesday," said he is worried about Democratic control of the Senate.

He would have been even more worried if Democrats had taken control of 60 seats in the Senate.

"I wouldn't want any party to have a filibuster-proof Senate — at least there should be discussion on the table," Reed said. "I wouldn't even want the Republicans to have control because that means half the nation isn't being looked out for."

Parties with the super majority also run the risk of over-reaching, said Tim Hagle, a UI political-science associate professor. With the House, Senate, and presidency controlled by one party, every measure becomes that much harder to repudiate.

Still, Ross said, some positive changes can come from a single-party dominated government, pointing to the Great Society in Lyndon Johnson's presidency and the New Deal during Franklin Roosevelt's presidency.

However, single-party domination generally eliminates any chance of striking a "balance" with the minority party, Ross said. The imbalances often elicit a minority party comeback in later elections, Hagle said.

Such backlashes happened in 1994 and 2006, when the House and Senate shifted after two respective years of Democratic and Republican control of the House, the Senate, and the White House.

Regardless of the Senate filibuster letdown, Harkin remained upbeat in his speech Tuesday.

"Boy, do we celebrate tonight," Harkin said. "But tomorrow, we've got work to do, and I can't wait to go back to work with Barack Obama as my president."

DI reporter Katie Hanson contributed to this story.

Local reactions to the 2008 election

"I'm moving to Mexico. I don't think Obama should be elected."



Taylor Stout
UI freshman

"I saw this happening, but it just kind of sucks, because that shouldn't be how it happened."



Jennifer Geist
UI sophomore

"I'm really excited. This is my first election to vote, and I'm really proud to be part of it."



Chelsea Lloyd
UI senior

"I wasn't too happy with either side. I didn't think either of the campaigns were too strong. They just attacked each other."



Greg Gieselmann
UI sophomore

"I've never been more proud to be an Iowan."



Annie Tye
UI senior

"It's a celebration."



Jon Kimmel
UI junior

"I am surprised. I haven't seen an ad from McCain that impressed me. I'm surprised that McCain has gotten so many votes."



Logan Smith
California resident

"Bummer."



Alison Stark
UI sophomore

"I'm extremely proud to be from Wisconsin, because it went blue. And I'm happy Iowa went blue."



Phillip Offenbry
UI senior

2008 RACE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE | INCUMBENT MARY MASCHER SWEEPS

Mascher thunders to huge victory

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Although Mary Mascher won re-election, as of press time, she wasn't sure if the fight had been won.

Because she didn't see her opponent as a "serious bet," she said, she focused on keeping Democratic control in the Iowa House. But even after the win, she didn't know if state Democrats had won enough seats.

"I'm in a little different place right now," she said.

Mascher took 82 percent of the vote Tuesday, besting opponent independent Chris Brewer, who garnered 18 percent.

Mascher said she plans to address "enormous" issues caused by the June flood, keep Iowa's unemployment rate low, and extend teachers' salaries, even though the state budget is strapped.

She said she's very pleased to even be up for re-election.

"It tells me they think I'm doing a good job," she said.

Brewer said he didn't run hard enough to shine light on all the issues important to him.

"I felt I won when I started the race," he said. "There was an opportunity to do a bit more, but I left that up to others."

Brewer also said that he's not sure about his plans.

State Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, and Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City, ran unopposed.



Two Barack Obama supporters look on as the presidential race unfolds on a large screen in the Sheraton on Tuesday. Rep. Mary Mascher, who won re-election, said she had to teach Wednesday morning so she needed to head home by 11 p.m.

But though Mascher won overwhelmingly Tuesday night — and has done so in each of her last five elections, taking more than 70 percent of the vote — she may have had an automatic advantage as a Democrat in Johnson County.

Because of straight-ticket voting, which allows voters to

choose all candidates from a single party with one vote, Democrats usually collect at least 29 percent of the county's votes, according to Johnson County voting statistics. Only 17 states have such an option.

Democrats had 14,262 straight-ticket voters in the county, Republicans had 5,329,

and the Green Party collected 141.

While straight-ticket voting helps those with a party affiliation, independents don't have that luxury, and Brewer said it put him at a disadvantage.

"I'm concerned with people determined to vote against Republicans," he said.

State representative

(District 77)



* All precincts reporting

Brian Flaherty, the chairman of Johnson County Democratic Party, said he thinks party affiliation definitely benefits the candidate. People associate candidates with party positions — even if they don't know the hopeful.

But Flaherty said he doesn't know whether straight-party tickets matter to politicians. "People on the ballot want you to vote for them," he said. "They take it any way they can get it."

Mascher said such voting doesn't skew results — it depends on the race and numbers. Voters who chose a straight ticket would pick the same candidates anyway, she said.

But something that may alter numbers from year to year is the presidential election.

Tim Hagle, a UI political-science associate professor, said it's typical to see Democrats and Republicans switching parties in election votes.

"When you have school board election, the turnout is just pitiful," he said. "Straight-party or not, there are just more folks voting."



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Editorial

Action in Congo needs to be a top priority for next administration, globe

Up to 100,000 people, around 60 percent of whom are children, have fled their homes because of fighting in North Kivu of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Thousands have had little, if anything, to eat since fleeing, and access to clean water and health care is scarce. Efforts on the part of humanitarian agencies to help refugees has been largely disrupted by the fighting, the capture of humanitarian vehicles, illegal checkpoints, and hostile reactions on the part of local populations. The rebel National Congress for the Defense of the People, headed by Laurent Nkunda, has led a march to Goma, the capital of North Kivu. If the rebels seize Goma, it will be the first time since fighting broke out that they would have control of a major city. The situation is dire, and action must be taken immediately.

Diplomats from Washington, Brussels, and Abbis Ababa successfully brokered a peace agreement between the Congolese government and 22 armed groups, including the group led by Nkunda, in January of this year. The peace agreement ended when fighting between Nkunda and the Congolese government resumed in August. International leaders who successfully negotiated a peace agreement before should return and intensify diplomatic efforts to protect civilians and to bolster the U.N. peacekeeping force on the ground. However, the force on the ground possesses its own set of problems.

Peacekeeping troops in the U.N. Mission in Congo have thus far kept Nkunda's forces from seizing Goma, but the rebels are poised just outside the city, and they could resume fighting at any moment. Of the 17,000 peacekeepers on the ground in the Congo, only 6,000 are located in North Kivu province. The remaining forces are positioned in South Kivu, Ituri, and several other areas where violence persists. Furthermore, the U.N. mission's credibility as a peacekeeping force has been greatly tarnished by accusations of exploitative behavior and sexu-

al abuse. In the last four years, the mission has registered at least 140 alleged cases of sexual abuse and exploitation implicating its personnel. Part of the problem with the mission stems from tribal conflicts in the African diaspora. Because of decades of fighting, tribal groups have continually fled their homes to seek refuge in neighboring nations. Continued tensions all but ensure that peacekeepers sent to Congo from surrounding regions will have some sort of tribal dispute with at least part of the population. It is imperative that member states send more peacekeepers with greater military strength to the region immediately. It may also be necessary for these troops to be composed of peacekeepers from non-African nations.

Another problem arises from a conflict between Rwandan and Congolese governments. There are contentions that Rwanda is providing tacit support to Nkunda's forces. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Jendayi Frazer says there is no evidence to support allegations that Rwanda is supporting the rebels. Nkunda, a Tutsi, claims to be protecting Congolese Tutsis from oppression by the Congo government. International leaders, including our own president-elect, should encourage cooperation and conversation between Rwandan President Paul Kagame and Congolese President Joseph Kabila.

To assert that global attention is needed before the situation in the Congo reaches drastic proportions is to undermine the catastrophic damage already done. Since the outbreak of fighting in 1998, nearly 5.4 million people have died. The recent conflict is but a small part of the terror that country has faced over the last decade. It is time to stop looking the other way. We must address the serious, though often complicated, issues facing the Congo and take action to rectify the consistent crimes against humanity occurring there on an hourly basis.

Golf wars



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So this is the world we live in. One moment on the radio (BBC, if you must know), Donald Trump is proudly announcing, "This is an important golf course."

The next moment, you're (well, OK, me) propelled into the living — and dying — hell that is the eastern Congo. The site, if you've been paying attention, of what most observers say is the bloodiest conflict in the world since World War II. Something on the order of 5 million people may have been killed, a figure that surpasses the slaughter in the Cambodian killing fields of the '70s and outruns the genocide in Rwanda in the '90s (not that we're trying to keep score).

An important golf course? Thank god we had an election Tuesday to take our minds off the wicked-weird string theory that is the stuff of our daily lives.

And if John McCain has won (I have no idea of the outcome as I write this), rich guys such as Trump will get some more tax cuts, and then they'll build some more important golf courses, which will create jobs.

Trump's golf course, it must be admitted, will indeed create 6,000 jobs — although, I have to confess, I'm a tad more concerned about 5 million lives, and all those families affected, than I am about 6,000 jobs. Call me a liberal. See how far it gets you.

And the catch is (you knew there was a catch coming, didn't you?), Trump's important golf course will be built in Scotland, and the 6,000 jobs will, the way the world works, be created there.

Oh, well. At least the election has trickled down to us. And such a campaign it was. I mean, who knew that Barack Obama was part of the "other America," the socialist-Marxist-Muslim America? Quite frankly, not me.

Thank god there is a moose-dresser to let me in on the secret. (Though, I have to confess, I hadn't known that moose needed to be dressed. I had thought they had these tough hides and thick, hairy coverings that protected them during the long Alaskan winters. Silly me.)

Speaking of that "other America," Saxby Chambliss, a Republican senator from Georgia, clued me in that

"the other folks are voting." He was warning his audience about the large numbers of blacks in Georgia committing the act of early voting.

Voting while black? Is that something like driving while black?

Well, that's the kind of campaign it's been.

And then there's Johnny Mav's brother, Joe McCain. (What? you say. John McCain has a brother? Um, yes. It's apparently a closely held family secret.)

Brother Joe — not to be confused with Joe the Plumber or Joe the Gaffe, Obama's running mate — recently alerted me to a condition I'm not sure I realized existed: Northern Virginia is "Communist Virginia." This, apparently, because Obama actually had a chance to win Virginia, which hasn't voted for a Democratic presidential candidate since around 1964, when the world was much more communist. Or so I hear.

Come to think of it, though, it actually makes sense to me that Northern Virginia is communist, because I got married there, and any place that would allow *me* to get married must be communist.

I did marry a woman, by the way — not that it's any of your business. But — gasp — a German woman. From Berlin before the Wall came down. Who translated East German poets. Oh, the communism.

And one final note from the campaign: John McCain was born before the invention of the ballpoint pen.

Which may explain why he believes cutting taxes for the wealthy and deregulating business, especially financial institutions, is good for the economy.

It doesn't matter, I guess, that we've just had eight years of that sort of economic genius, and, well, WOW, DUDE, look how great the economy is doing.

I mean, we have a hard-right Bush administration that has, to put it politely, semi-nationalized some of the nation's financial institutions in order to save them.

That's not socialism, of course, because Obama is the socialist around here as Johnny Mav and Sarah Mav keep telling us.

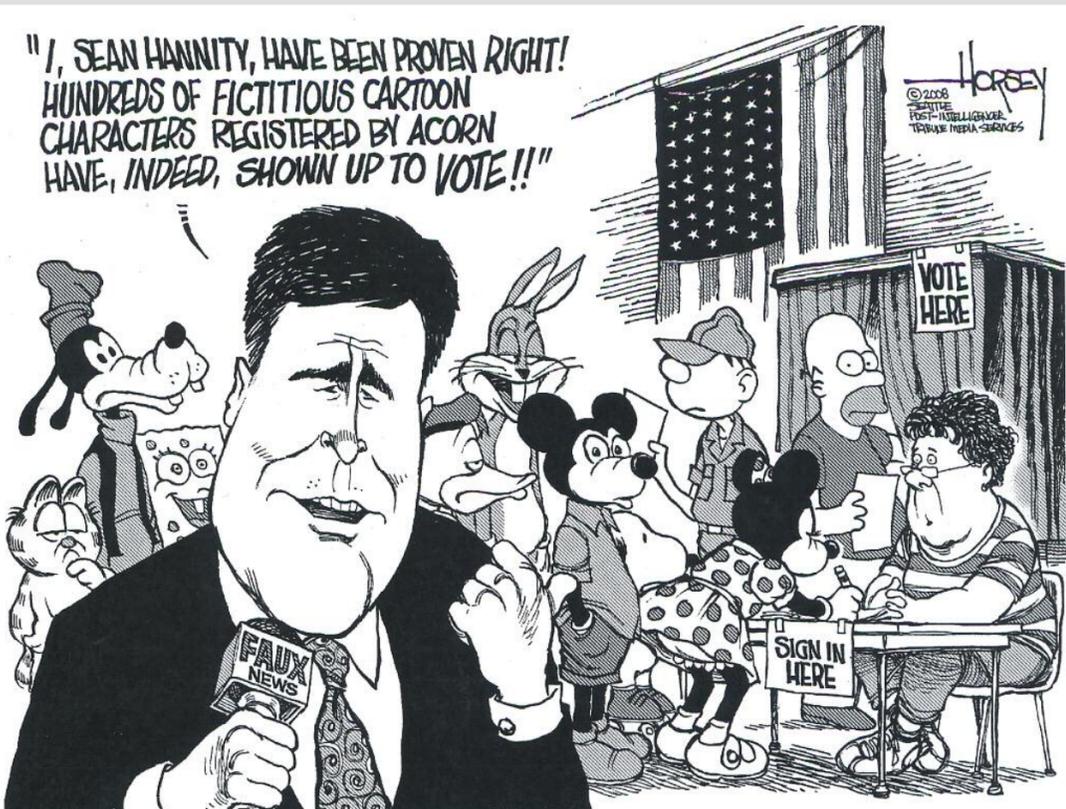
Oh, well. (I keep saying that. It's an Irish thing. Or an "other America" thing. I keep mixing them up.)

Anyway, today, we'll march into a brave new future, which ever one it is. And two things are certainties:

East Congo will bleed on. And Donald Trump will build an important golf course. ■

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Guest Opinion

What is 'diversity'? Who's a 'minority'?

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Diversifying all walks of life is fashionable trend. If there isn't an "acceptable" proportion of one demographic compared with another, something just must be done to fix the "problem." (Why is it a problem anyway?)

For example, an article ran on Sept. 11 of this year titled "Diversity creeps up." In it, a UI spokesman said, "We've been working on [increasing diversity] and consider it a strategic priority. We're getting near the end of a five-

year strategic plan, and increasing diversity was a major element." One can only wonder, "Why?" What's so beneficial about diversity that it's considered a "major element" of Iowa's plan? The presence of numerous races in classes doesn't enhance my ability to learn. More females in math and science doesn't make me retain information better. A higher male-to-female ratio in education doesn't make better teachers than a lower ratio (Oct. 22 issue). There is no good reason a main goal of Iowa is increasing diversity,

but I guess it's just for show, the politically correct thing to do.

The UI has a whole center dedicated to diversity, the Center for Diversity Enrichment. In its mission statement, it says, "This office [helps provide] programs and activities that support the ability of minority and underserved students from diverse backgrounds to increase their skills to thrive and succeed at the University of Iowa ..." Couldn't all students use that? Does their status as a "minority or underserved student" make

them so much less likely to succeed in life that they need a specialized department to help them?

It's using some of my money (soon to be more with the 8 percent increase in my tuition) to help someone who may have a richer family than me, lived in the same town as me, and went to the same school as me, but because (s)he's of another race/sex, Iowa focuses more resources on him/her than on me. That's not only discrimination against the majority, but also against the minority by assuming they've had a diffi-

cult life. I don't want my money promoting discrimination.

I know one reason Iowa recruits minorities and gives them special privileges. They believe minorities are "disadvantaged," generally meant to be taken as "poor." If we're trying to help the poor, let's just do it.

I don't mind when the poor are helped financially, just as I don't mind when others who are genuinely disadvantaged get help in that specific matter. Aiming for diversity should have no place here, and neither should assump-

tions that "looking different" makes you disadvantaged.

Physical diversity isn't bad, but neither is it good. It has nothing to do with intellectual diversity, which is important. Another reason for this discrimination may be to increase tolerance, but you can't increase tolerance by giving certain groups special attention or extra resources. It only divides us more.

This country must learn to stop arbitrarily grouping people by sex or race in cases where it does not matter. The drive for unnecessary "diversity" must die.

Just friends? Not in film



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When I was 9 years old, I met a boy who changed my life. We were on the bus, and he was singing the theme song to a Richard Simmons infomercial — the same infomercial I had watched the day before. Twelve years later, we're still best friends, (not the kind with benefits, unless a default designated driver counts as a perk), and many people think it is only a matter of time before we look into each others' eyes and confess our undying love.

Like hip-hop poet laureate Chuck D once said, "Don't believe the hype." The new Kevin Smith comedy, *Zack and Miri Make a Porno*, is the latest in a string of films telling pairs of heterosexual opposite-sex friends that they must have unconfessed desire for each other. This isn't his first attempt at telling this story. In 1997's indie-darling *Chasing Amy*, he applied the logic to a lesbian and a heterosexual man, garnering a few initial looks of confusion that largely turned into a sea of praise.

Before Smith, there was Ben Stiller's *Reality Bites*, which looked at young Gen X-er Lelaina choosing between "evolving" with her best friend Troy or committing to yuppie TV-exec Michael. By painting the romances as a choice between selling out or staying true, and using words such as "evolve" instead of "hooking up with your best male friend," *Reality Bites* makes the transition from friends to lovers a moral issue. How could you, sensible and adorable woman, not



PUBLICITY PHOTO

In Kevin Smith's latest film, *Zack and Miri Make a Porno*, Zack (Seth Rogen) and Miri (Elizabeth Banks) are lifelong platonic friends who begin to explore their romantic feelings for each other while making a pornographic film to help pay their bills.

fall in love and want to pursue your best male friend? Never mind that he's a slacker who sluts around with nameless skanks.

Rob Reiner's 1989 classic, *When Harry Met Sally*, began the trend by asking the immortal question in its tagline: "Can men and women be friends, or does sex always get in the way?" Nora Ephron's biting script and Meg Ryan's faked orgasm still couldn't remove Hollywood's insatiable need to make men and women romantic companions, even when they're better off as buddies. In the script's first draft, the couple wasn't supposed to end up together, but during production, Ephron and Reiner simply changed their minds.

In a rare inverse of *When Harry Met Sally*'s ending, Julia Roberts' classic *My Best Friend's Wedding* closes with the best friends, Roberts and Dermot Mulroney, apart after she does

everything possible to destroy his relationship and derail his nuptials. He marries his annoyingly sweet fiancée, and Roberts ends up with a best friend only Kevin Smith would pair her off with, her homosexual editor George. Is Hollywood pushing a coital happily-ever-after as the logical next step to platonic boy-girl friendship, or is it human nature?

After years of "Dawson's Creek"-worthy navel gazing, I'm inclined to suggest that audiences are taught to root for romantic love, and the idea of a "soulmate" — someone who understands you on EVERY level — lends itself to wanting male-female friends to become intimate. When someone you could be attracted to appreciates and anticipates your every odd personal tick, it's very difficult to imagine that they aren't "the One." Every other possible romantic partner just looks like a less palatable alternative.

But this mindset's downfall is that Hollywood simultaneously questions the legitimacy of male-female relationships while preaching to us that we should marry our best friends and making movies that show us it can work.

How often does the escalation from fist pounds and high-fives to swapping spit and heavy petting actually yield positive long-term results? More often it seems that friendships are ruined and social networks are destroyed because of carnal urges, curiosity, and consequences not fully thought through.

As for *this* real-life Harry and Sally, we've made it through 12 years without even going on a date. I call that a comedy with a happy ending, but Hollywood seems destined to paint it as incomplete or — even worse — a tragedy.

MUSIC



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI graduate student Michael Hart conducts the Symphony Band during rehearsal on Monday at West High. Hart will appear as a guest conductor for the Symphony Band's performance today.

Symphony Band

The UI Symphony Band is an ensemble that knows how to pull off a fantastic performance, what many would consider effortless. The 75-member band will present a free concert at West High at 8 p.m. today under the direction of Richard Mark Heidel, the UI director of bands.

While there is no specific theme to the upcoming concert, one thing that will be apparent is the incredible amount of variety among the chosen pieces of music. These musical works range from classic to contemporary.

Heidel said he believes it is essential for the students to be provided a "balanced program comprising diverse musical styles."

Tonight's concert will also feature a special guest conductor, graduate student Michael Hart. Under Heidel's instruction, Hart has chosen to conduct the piece "Old Wine in New Bottles."

CONCERT

UI Symphony Band

When: 8 p.m. today
Where: West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.
Admission: Free

As a young, dedicated conductor, Hart has brought a new energy to the Symphony Band, Heidel said.

"It is gratifying to be able to work with a group in which you can focus on higher levels of musical expression," Hart said.

For more on just how much preparation goes into the UI Symphony Band's performances, visit dailyiowan.com.

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Iowans give 'idiot' the ax

Iowans labeled as mentally incompetent will no longer be called 'idiots' by the Iowa Constitution.

By **PETER GUSTIN**
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Stephen Trefz works with between 1,500 and 2,000 mentally disabled patients every year, and he doesn't look at them as idiots — they're people.

That's why the director of Iowa City's Community Mental Health Center was elated when a ballot measure appeared to have passed late Tuesday night that will amend the Iowa Constitution to describe someone who can't vote because of mental disabilities as "a person adjudged mentally incompetent to vote," rather than an "idiot or insane person."

As of late Tuesday night, the Associated Press reported the measure appeared to have

Proposal to change the Iowa Constitution

Timeline of the initiative to change the word "idiot" to "a person adjudged mentally incompetent to vote."

- **1997:** Rep. Pam Jochum, D-Dubuque, and former Rep. Betty Grundberg write the proposal.
- **1999:** Iowa Code 633.556 enumerates the process by which a judge shall determine whether a person is competent to vote.
- **2006:** The measure is supposed to appear on the ballot, but a mix up at the Secretary of State's Office keeps it off.
- **2008:** Measure likely passes with a 4-to-1 margin, with 63 percent of precincts reporting as of late Tuesday night.

passed in a 4-to-1 margin with 63 percent of Iowa precincts reporting. It required a majority to pass.

"It was a very unfortunate thing that the word was still in use and contributing to folks not feeling the stigma of mental illness," Trefz said. "People with mental illnesses aren't flawed or anything less than a

'We have a Code of Iowa written many years ago, and I believe this initiative is bringing us into the next century of it — seeing all people as equal human beings.'

— **Kristin Artley**, Director of the Johnson County Mental Health and Disabilities Services

person with high-blood pressure."

The decision has been 11 years coming in Iowa. In 1997, Rep. Pam Jochum, D-Dubuque, and former Rep. Betty Grundberg proposed the amendment. Through all that time, Trefz said, he never became discouraged that the measure didn't pass.

Across the nation, approximately 6 percent — 1 in 17 people — suffer from a serious mental illness, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. In addition, mental disorders are the leading cause of disability in the United States and Canada for people between 15 and 44.

In fiscal 2008, the Johnson County Mental Health and Disabilities Service treated 1,780 mentally disabled people, who had disabilities such

as cerebral palsy, Director Kristen Artley said.

"We have a Code of Iowa written many years ago, and I believe this initiative is bringing us into the next century of it — seeing all people as equal human beings," she said.

Being called an "idiot" is a derogatory term in today's world, and with such a label, people sometimes automatically assume that a mentally disabled person can't vote even if he or she can, said Terry Cunningham, a member of the Johnson County Mental Health and Disabilities Service's planning council.

"It's sad when these people have to prove they can do things, whereas 'non-idiots' have to prove they can't perform tasks such as voting," Cunningham said.

Conservation bond passes

UI students turn out for the environment.

By **MIKE McDONALD**
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UI students helped push a local environmental initiative past the required 60 percent on Tuesday, narrowly approving the Johnson County Conservation Bond with 61 percent of the vote.

Most students voting at the Main Library and Johnson County Courthouse on Tuesday said they voted "yes" on the bond.

"You can't go wrong with good environment," UI sophomore Nick Arvidson said. "It seems like a good idea to me."

The \$20 million bond — which received 38,988 votes with all precincts reporting — will allow the Johnson County

Conservation Board to buy land with taxpayer money for the purpose of preservation and recreation.

The new measure will cost Johnson County homeowners around \$2.20 per month for the next 20 years. Johnson County farmland owners will chip in with 21 cents per acre per year. The Conservation Board will only buy land from willing sellers.

Harry Graves, the director of the Conservation Board, said no land will be condemned in the process and land will not be purchased for more than its appraised value. The county will not have priority over other hopeful buyers, he said.

"It's important that we do this now before property values go up," Graves said. "Conservation is always an afterthought. This is a reasonable thing."

He hopes to acquire land that will extend hiking and bike trails and provide con-

Conserving land

A rundown of the Johnson County Conservation bond:

- 20-year bond
- Will garner \$20 million total
- Every household will pay roughly \$2.20 per month
- Farmland owners will pay 21 cents per acre per year
- Passed with 38,988 votes (61 percent)

nections to trails as far north as Waterloo. He also thinks the initiative will protect water quality of Iowa's rivers and streams.

Although he could not specify which land will be acquired, he said a poll from October 2007 provided evidence that desired land will become available.

Current Iowa tax laws allow landowners to write off up to \$100,000 on income tax on land that is sold for conservation —

something Graves said will be a good incentive for the board.

Those who opposed the bond, though, say the money could have been used for other pressing concerns.

"Now is not the right time for this bond," said Russel Meade, the president of the Johnson County Farm Bureau. He cited issues such as flood recovery and the new jail as better uses of tax money.

But, he said, the bureau "will continue to keep an open dialogue with the Johnson County Conservation Board to make sure Johnson County's conservation needs are met."

Most UI students saw the bond as a positive use of resources.

"It's something we can deal with," UI student Bradley Holden said. "I'm not an environmentalist, but I like my environment. I think it's a step in the right direction."

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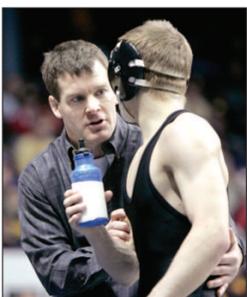
Becky Quinby of the Iowa women's golf team, sits down for the weekly Q&A.

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WRESTLING

Wrestling sets wrestle-offs

The Iowa wrestling team is set to host its intrasquad wrestle-offs at the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex in Carver-Hawkeye Arena this weekend.

Six quarterfinal bouts scheduled for Thursday at 5 p.m. The day will feature a pair of 157-pound bouts, three at 165 pounds, and a 197-pound meeting between freshman Brodie Ambrose and junior Rick Loera.

Beginning at 5 p.m., Friday will feature 11 matches in seven weight classes, and Saturday's finals include matchups in all 10 weight classes, starting at 10 a.m.

Senior Alex Tsirtsis is expected to make his debut at 141 pounds after redshirting last season. Junior Dan LeClere, who wrestled for the Hawkeyes at 141, is not on the wrestle-off roster.

Junior Ryan Morningstar is slated to compete in the 165-pound weight class after wrestling at 157 pounds last season.

Iowa will open the season on Nov. 12 with the Iowa City Duals, in the Field House North Gym. The Hawkeyes will face Coe at 9 a.m. and will conclude the meet with a marquee match against Arizona State at 3:30 p.m.

— by Ryan Young

MLB

Canseco apologizes, gets 12 months' probation

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jose Canseco went to a Tijuana pharmacy looking for something to boost his testosterone level — low after years of admitted steroid use — and got himself in trouble again.

Limping slightly and saying he's tired, depressed, and nearly bankrupt, the former slugger pleaded guilty Tuesday to a misdemeanor offense of trying to bring a fertility drug across the Mexican border. He was sentenced to 12 months' unsupervised probation.



Canseco
baseball

The 44-year-old Canseco apologized to U.S. Magistrate Judge Ruben B. Brooks, saying, "I made an honest mistake."

Brooks wondered aloud whether to make community service and drug testing conditions of Canseco's sentence. The judge decided against those stipulations after attorney Greg Emerson said Canseco is dealing with physical difficulties because of his steroid use and is doing his best to turn around his life.

"It was ignorance on my part, is all it was," Canseco told the Associated Press afterward.

Canseco, who said he also has a bum knee, faced a maximum sentence of one year in prison and a maximum fine of \$1,000. The former star was ordered to pay a \$25 special assessment.

The Wildcats will then have the obstacle of scoring against the Big Ten's top goalkeeper, Lindsey Dare. When the two teams met on Oct. 26, Dare recorded three saves in the Gophers' 2-0 shutout at home.

"Ohio State will be playing with a ton of confidence after their win against Penn State," Rainey said. "I think it will be the team that can set the tempo of the play. Purdue likes to attack with its outside backs, and Ohio State gets balls and get chances with its two big, strong forwards."

Freshman Paige Maxwell and senior Lisa Collison are the Buckeye's key offensively. Collison was Big Ten Offensive Player of the week after scoring the game-winning goal against the Nittany Lions.

Thursday, 4 p.m.
Penn State shares the 2008

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'Obviously, he was 10 years younger then. At that time, it just affected me. Here is a guy who is over 65 at that time, who is just so enthused about what it was he was doing, passionate about what he was doing.'

— Kirk Ferentz, coach

Ferentz lauds Paterno



WHITNEY WRIGHT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz runs onto the field to check on injured offensive lineman Wesley Aeschliman in Memorial Stadium in Champaign Ill., on Nov. 1.

Head coach Kirk Ferentz's press conference Tuesday focused on Joe Paterno, because this could be his last year as head coach at Penn State.

By SCOTT MILLER
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For the first Tuesday since Kirk Ferentz named sophomore quarterback Ricky Stanzi his permanent starter, the topic of conversation at the head coach's weekly press conference didn't center on junior running back Shonn Greene.

No, instead, in the basement of the Hayden Fry Football Complex, the 10-year head

coach spent the better part of his 25-minute meeting with the local media talking about everyone's favorite 81-year old: Joe Paterno.

"One of the thrills for me when I came back here 10 years ago was to go to the first head coaches' meeting and see Coach Paterno," Ferentz said. "Obviously, he was 10 years younger then. At that time, it just affected me. Here is a guy who is over 65 at that time,

who is just so enthused about what it was he was doing, passionate about what he was doing."

Ferentz, whose wife, Mary, attended Penn State University, said he's always seen the Nittany Lions as an elite football program since he attended Upper St. Clair High School in Pittsburgh.

"To me, [the Nittany Lions have] had a model program for a long, long time, as long as I

can remember growing up, just the way they do things," he said. "They're a first-class outfit. They've always been that way. I don't think Coach Paterno would have it any other way."

While doing this, Ferentz said that JoPa's passion and excitement for college football — and college sports, in general — has only helped the game over the years.

"I've said it many times, I just think he's affected college sports, collegiate sports, not just football," Ferentz said. "He's done an awful lot for our

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Plenty of kicks in IC

Iowa soccer opens play as the host of the Big Ten Tournament on Thursday.

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Game 1: No. 2 Minnesota vs. No. 7 Northwestern

Thursday, 10 a.m.
Minnesota and Penn State enter the soccer tournament sharing the title of Big Ten champs. The Oct. 31 1-0 shutout over Iowa clinched Minnesota's share of its first championship since 1997.

"[Minnesota] is very athletic and does all those little things well," Iowa head coach Ron Rainey said. "Northwestern will have to figure out a way to solve the flank play and then progress past Minnesota's midfield to get attacking chances."

The Wildcats will then have the obstacle of scoring against the Big Ten's top goalkeeper, Lindsey Dare. When the two teams met on Oct. 26, Dare recorded three saves in the Gophers' 2-0 shutout at home.

Game 2: No. 3 Purdue vs. No. 6 Ohio State

Thursday, 1 p.m.

Game 3: No. 1 Penn State vs. No. 8 Iowa

Thursday, 4 p.m.

Penn State shares the 2008

Big Ten women's soccer tourney

Big Ten teams matchup on Thursday to start the 2008 Big Ten Women's Soccer Tournament.

Tournament bracket



Jessica Baker/The Daily Iowan

Big Ten soccer championship with Minnesota, and the Nittany Lions now have won 11-consecutive conference titles. Iowa is winless in 13 attempts against Penn State, but the Oct. 19 matchup against Iowa almost changed that. The game went into overtime, when Penn State's

Katie Schoepfer scored in 29 seconds.

"We have to come out and really minimize the mistakes in our defensive half, as we are against an opponent who is technical, athletic, and knows how to win" Rainey said. "We also have to ask ourselves to possess the ball

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JoePa the best



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So apparently there's a football game this weekend.

I know, there was some sort of election Tuesday for some guy in an oval-shaped container. But that sounds kind of sadistic, voting for whom to engage for four years.

I'm tired of hearing about all that (which would explain why I voted early almost a week ago), so if you feel like reading about why Barack Obama's teeth are so white or why John McCain might not have lived out his term (or Joe Paterno), you're reading the wrong section.

Speaking of Paterno (who has now seen nine U.S. presidents in his coaching career), I hear his team isn't concerned with being jumped in the BCS polls by Texas Tech this weekend. The Nittany Lions now sit third, one place behind the No. 2 Red Raiders.

Unfortunately for Iowa, Paterno is instead focused on — well — Iowa. That's the news circulating across the

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Bierich victory tops season

The Iowa men's tennis team concluded its fall season with Christian Bierich's Big Ten singles championship win Monday.

By BRANDON HURLEY
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Ending a season in championship form is what most teams look for every year. With the Iowa men's tennis team, senior Christian Bierich was there to deliver that wish.

He won the Big Ten singles championship match Monday.



Bierich senior

"Christian's title over the weekend is easily the highlight of the season," head coach Steve Houghton said. "As far as the season goes, I feel we have made a lot of progress. The younger guys

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SPORTS 'N' STUFF

Quinby in spotlight

This week, The Daily Iowan has its weekly Q&A with Iowa women's golfer Becky Quinby.

By KRISANNE RYTHER krisanne.ryther@uiowa.edu

wanted to go to a college town and be far enough away from home that I could be on my own. Iowa has such incredible backing and tradition, so when I came on my recruiting trip and to a game, I had no way of saying no.

DI: Your roster bio says that you have two younger brothers. Was it interesting growing up as the only girl in the family? Do you ever play golf with your brothers?

Quinby: Being the only girl and the oldest by six years definitely has its challenges, but it has been a lot of fun watching my brothers grow up as well. My whole family loves to golf, so when I go home, we all play together, and a lot of times I just go out with one or both of them. They don't get to see me much so playing golf is a way for us to bond, and because you can adjust handicaps, we can compete as well. It's really great to be someone that they look up to as not only a college athlete, but just older sister.

DI: What other sports do you enjoy watching and playing besides the game of golf?

Quinby: I was a swimmer my entire life, so I will always hold a soft spot there. I actually had to decide in high school which sport to avidly pursue, and I chose golf. My brothers are big swimmers, so I still go watch them, and a lot of my friends are nationally ranked swimmers, so it's really exciting to be a part of. I used to play softball, and my brothers are baseball players and fanatics, so I'm generally a baseball fan, too. I'd say my favorite sport to watch is football, though, so much excitement and so many things to scream at the TV about.

DI: Looking into this spring, what are your personal goals that you hope to accomplish that you feel you didn't quite master this fall?

Quinby: I think I struggled a lot with consistency this spring, which is disappointing because I feel that I've really grown as a player and shouldn't struggle with that. I'm hitting the ball the



Quinby senior

DI: You and fellow senior Tyrette Metzendorf share an apartment. You two are obviously very close. How much do you appreciate having her as a friend and a teammate?

Quinby: Tyrette and I are really close, which helps at tournaments and at home. We both can read each other really well, and we spend a ton of time together, so at tournaments we usually know what to do that will benefit the other most. It's also great to have a sounding board for ideas and things that can benefit the team. We also push each other to be better either through practicing extra or just making good day to day decisions. She's one of my best friends, so having her as a teammate has been twice the fun.

DI: Coming from Minnesota, what made you decide to consider Iowa as a college choice?

Quinby: My dad is from Iowa and a lot of his side of the family still lives here. My grandparents and one aunt and uncle and cousins live in Cedar Rapids. My grandpa played baseball here, and he is extremely active in the community still. He actually received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the I-Club this year, so his presence influenced my decision a lot. But overall, I

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MLB FREE AGENTS

NEW YORK (AP) — The 158 players who have filed for free agency. Eligible players may file through Nov. 13 (c-pending decision on club option for 29).

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Tuesday's Games

Table with columns: Team, Score, Time. Includes Philadelphia at Miami, Charlotte at New York, Boston at Oklahoma City, Chicago at Cleveland, Washington at Milwaukee, Atlanta at New Orleans, San Antonio at Minnesota, Portland at Utah, Memphis at Sacramento, Denver at Golden State, L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

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JoePa focuses on Hawkeyes

By GENARO C. ARMAS Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Given the chance to weigh in on the BCS, Joe Paterno passed.

Come back to him at the end of the regular season if No. 3 Penn State remains undefeated and is still shut out of the national-title game.

Playfully sparring with the media on Tuesday with a classic blend of humor and bluntness, the wily Paterno said he's focused only on getting the Nittany Lions (9-0, 5-0 Big Ten) ready for their final three conference games, starting with this weekend's at Iowa.

"I want to try to get my team as ready as they can be ... with the idea that we got a tough football game and go from there," Paterno said when asked about the scenario of a one-loss team jumping Penn State in the BCS rankings.

It was one of several questions Paterno got about the BCS at his weekly news conference at Beaver Stadium.

But Paterno, a vocal proponent of a playoff system, didn't bite on a chance to take a shot at college football's current postseason setup.

"Three weeks from now, three weeks from now, I may jump off Rec Hall," he deadpanned in referring to an old gym on campus. "Who knows?"

Some Penn State fans are crying foul after Texas Tech moved into second in the BCS rankings, ahead of the Nittany Lions, following the Red Raiders' win over then top-ranked Texas last weekend.

Penn State remains third behind Alabama and Texas Tech, and the top two teams advance to play in the championship game.

The 81-year-old Paterno would love a chance to get Penn State a third title, the first two coming in 1982 and 1986. He's also experienced the disappointment of going undefeated without a national championship four times, the



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Penn State coach Joe Paterno answers a question during his weekly news conference on Tuesday in State College, Pa. Penn State will play at Iowa on Saturday.

last time in 1994, when the Nittany Lions finished second in the polls.

Now, Penn State may find itself in the same predicament again if Alabama and Texas Tech win out.

"In '94, the problem was not with me personally," he said. "It's a question of a bunch of kids who do everything you ask them to do, and then at the end they don't get what they deserve."

"Yeah, I'd be disappointed. There again, what am I going to do?"

Then there's the scenario that Penn State might still not move up into one of the top two spots even if Alabama or Texas Tech does lose, with a one-loss team leapfrogging the Nittany Lions.

The knock against Penn State from some critics is that their conference is down and their schedule is so-so when compared with the top contenders out of the SEC or Big 12.

The players, just like their Hall of Fame head coach, are following the party line. Paterno told his team at a meeting Monday to forget about the BCS.

"It's not tough at all, all that ranking stuff," safety Anthony Scirrotto said about heeding Paterno's advice. "We still got three weeks go. All we got to do is stay focused on who we play this week."

A bye last weekend allowed Scirrotto and his teammates a chance to catch the Texas Tech game and rest their aches and pains.

It was especially beneficial for quarterback Daryll Clark, who was pulled in the fourth quarter of the Oct. 25 win at Ohio State after suffering a mild concussion. Paterno said the eager Clark is back at practice and should be ready for the Hawkeyes.

Paterno played it coy again about his own health. Doctors last week checked out his

injury, which at random times JoePa has referred to as a problem with his hip, right leg or both.

"We spent most of the time figuring out how to handle the press, to be frank with you," Paterno said.

On Tuesday, he said the problem was minor and affected his leg. He reiterated that he might have a minor procedure to fix the problem after the season is over.

Whatever it is has relegated the hobbled Paterno to coaching from the press box the past four games. He said he'll likely be coaching from upstairs again on Saturday, though he hasn't made a final decision.

As for the BCS? Forget about it. "I haven't got the slightest idea what the BCS ... is it the BCS or the BSC? I don't know," he said. "They are going to do what they are going to do and it won't make any difference what I say or comment on."

Praise for JoePa

FOOTBALL

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game, but I think collegiate sports in general."

Paterno's clout over the sport extends so far that players who don't play for him — such as Iowa senior defensive tackle Matt Kroul — hold the 43-year head coach in high esteem.

"Just a legend," he said. "What he's done for this sport and how long he's been around — to be associated [with] him just in [this] game is an honor for me."

As for the possibility of Ferentz roaming the Kinnick Stadium sidelines — or coaching from the press box, in Paterno's case — when he's 81, the University of Connecticut graduate didn't seem too enthusiastic about the idea.

"No, I won't be out on the field," the 10-year head coach

said, laughing. "I hope I can make it that far. That would be great. I hope we all look and act as vibrant as he is. That would be a great thing."

Moses back on team, Dalton not

Sophomore linebacker Dezman Moses, who was suspended following an arrest for public intoxication on Sept. 21, is back on the team and has been since Oct. 19, Ferentz said. Senior defensive back Harold Dalton, however, will not return to the Hawkeyes this year after being charged with interference with officials acts, disorderly conduct, and public intoxication Nov. 2.

"I'd say in Harold's situation, the more I've learned, I'd say it's very doubtful, yeah," Ferentz said. "Initial report, I was disappointed. Probably more disap-

pointed after learning more details."

Black/Greene-Out

What started as an idea on hawkeyereport.com's message board has now become an official athletic department-sponsored event. In a release Tuesday, athletic director Gary Barta formally supported the student section wearing all green to support Shonn Greene's record-chasing year. To incorporate all the fans, Barta said a Blackout is in effect for the rest of the stadium.

"I'm excited to see our student body getting behind one of their fellow students in their support for Shonn," Barta said. "Their creativity, resourcefulness, and energy will add a little extra color and, more importantly, energy and excitement to an already incredible atmosphere."

Hawks have a chance

COMMENTARY

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Midwest, anyway.

The 81-year-old driver of a BMW (though he couldn't find it Tuesday, resorting to his Saab as he elaborated on in his press conference) is probably the best coach in college football. Gauge a program however you want, and Paterno's the man.

He has wins (just a record 381 of 'em), including bowl wins (most appearances for any one coach with 34, winning 23) and also happens to have a pair of national titles, most recently in 1986.

Then there are his players. He's had 91 first-team All-Americans. And if that's not enough, he has constructed what is now known as "Linebacker U" — Paterno's linebacker alumni list includes Dan Connor, Paul Posluszny, Lavar Arrington, Andre Collins, and Jack Ham. Some of his current NFLers include Bobby Engram, Kerry Collins, Tamba Hali, and Larry Johnson.

Paterno is good.

An understatement of understatements. The best thing that could happen for his sake (though, not for Iowa) is to win a national title this season and call it quits.

That said, Iowa stands in the way.

Fluffy-haired Mel Kiper has been saying for a while now that Iowa was the team he felt could — and probably would — beat the Blue and White.

I wouldn't place a bet on this game either way, but Vegas usually knows something, and has Iowa as just a

7.5-point underdog. The Hawkeyes have a reasonable chance to play Penn State awfully close for a few reasons:

1. Defense. Penn State may lead the conference in scoring defense, allowing just 11.1 points per game, but the Hawkeyes have allowed a tight 13.2 themselves.

2. At home. What may ultimately prove to be the deciding factor (if Iowa is to win), Kinnick Stadium may not be the biggest arena in the Big Ten, but against premier opponents, the historic field has a reputation for raucous crowds. Fan excitement surrounding the game will only be stronger with the Black-Out. With the students in Green(e) against the black backdrop, 5-4 won't be on Iowa City faithful's minds, but Shonn Greene's chance for a Heisman argument will

be. The hometown crowd will also help quarterback Ricky Stanzi, who has been inconsistent but promising through seven starts.

3. Greene. Iowa's superstar of a running back bounces off defenders with tremendous power and effort, and already owns the seventh-most rushing yards in a single season by a Hawkeye with 1,257. If he continues his own Iowa record of consecutive 100-yard games to 10, he would jump to third in the single-season rushing list and top all other Kirk Ferentz-era backs.

If Iowa is to win, all of the big three are must-shows. Even then, Paterno and Penn State may be too dominant.

Regardless of who's president.

Tennis eyes spring

TENNIS

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as well as the older guys made a lot of improvements."

Bierich led the Hawkeyes with two singles titles during the fall season. In addition to the prolific conference championship, he won his first at the Northwestern Invitational.

"It's amazing to have won those two tournaments," Bierich said. "But there's still a lot for me and my teammates to work on in this next few months leading up to the spring season."

With every tournament of the fall season being individual competition only, the Hawkeyes did not have a win-loss record to show their success. The team never finished below .500 in singles or doubles in any tournament. Iowa was led by consistent play from Bierich, senior Greg Holm, and juniors Tommy McGeorge and Reinoud Haal.

"The fall was a little disappointing for me," Holm said. "I didn't win as many matches as I wanted to, but I was facing some tougher opponents than in the past."

Along with Bierich's championship at the Northwestern Invitational, McGeorge was runner-up in Flight B and won a doubles championship with freshman Will Vasos. The Hawkeyes then sent three players to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Tournament in Tulsa, Okla. The trio included Bierich, Holm and Haal, but Bierich was the only Hawkeye to advance past the



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye freshman Tom Mrozwiczak prepares to hit a ball during practice on Oct. 21. Head coach Steve Houghton said the practice was particularly strenuous because the team didn't have a match the following weekend.

second round, falling out in the round of 32.

"It was a pretty disappointing finish for me," Haal said, who only reached the second round. "After that tournament, I knew I had some things to work on."

Improvements were exactly what the Hawkeyes made at the Purdue Invitational the following weekend.

"The whole team made some significant improvements throughout the season," Houghton said. "I was real impressed with that."

After the Purdue Invitational, the Hawkeyes faced their toughest competition of the fall at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association regional and the Big Ten singles championship.

Both tournaments had some of the best players in the country, but the Hawkeyes still won more than 50 percent of their matches.

Without any team competitions in the fall, Iowa is gauging itself on individual successes.

"We have our work cut out for us," Houghton said. "If the season started today, we wouldn't be on the level of the NCAA Tournament yet. But we have plenty of time to work on things, and I think we made a lot of improvement throughout the fall."

The Hawkeyes have nearly three months to work on the problems of the fall season before Northern Illinois comes into town Jan. 30.

Soccer show coming to town

SOCCER

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really well, so we can get some more attacking chances against them than we got the last time."

The Nittany Lions' goalkeeper, Alyssa Naeher, is the reigning Big Ten Defensive Player of the year, and 2008 has been another standout season for the junior. Naeher has made 75 saves and five shutouts.

Game 4: No. 4 Michigan State vs. No. 5 Illinois

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Illinois claimed a 3-0 shutout over Michigan State Oct. 3, led by Emily Zurrer. The Fighting Illini defender is a member of the Canadian National team and has been a vital part in stopping opponents in Illinois' backfield.

"Illinois shut down Laura Heyboer, who scored 19 goals during the season," Rainey

said. "That's the key: to see if Michigan State will figure out ways to get her the ball in dangerous places."

Freshman Heyboer was the two-time Gatorade Player of the year, and she has revitalized the Spartans' offense with 19 goals and 9 assists in regular season.

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BIG TEN CHAMPS

Buckeyes hope to beat bye-week jinx

By RUSTY MILLER
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Take a bye, then kiss the next game bye-bye.

That's been a common refrain for the Ohio State Buckeyes in recent years. In games that follow a week off, they are 1-4 since Jim Tressel took over as head coach in 2001.

"We haven't done wonderful with byes since we've been here," he said on Tuesday as he reflected on not having a game last week and what's in store this Saturday at Northwestern.

The 12th-ranked Buckeyes have had an extra week to stew over a 13-6 loss to No. 3 Penn State on Oct. 25. They took a few days off last week, rested up and recuperated, and now have

returned to a typical week of practice. It's the same procedure they have always followed under Tressel — and which has been far less than successful.

In Tressel's first season in Columbus, they won their opener and were ranked No. 21 before taking a one-week hiatus. They came back to lose, 13-6, at UCLA.

In 2003, they were 5-0 and ranked No. 4 until resting for a week; they returned to lose at Wisconsin, 17-10.

Northwestern provided the heartbreaker in 2004. The Buckeyes opened with three



Tressel
Buckeye coach

wins and were No. 7 heading into an Oct. 2 game at Evanston, Ill., but the Wildcats hung a 33-27 overtime loss on them.

In 2005, Ohio State (3-1) was ranked sixth — a late 25-22 loss to No. 2 Texas marring the slate — before a week of rest. The Buckeyes returned to fall 17-10 at Penn State.

The only time they have won after a week off was in 2002 — a 51-17 win over Kent State. That was also the only time they've followed a bye week with a home game. The Buckeyes have not had the luxury of taking a week off in the past two seasons.

Wide receiver Brian Robiskie feels the team needed time to heal, both physically from the bumps and bruises of a

hard-hitting season and also to mend its psyche after the loss to Penn State.

"I felt it came at a good time," he said. "At this point in the season, guys are obviously hurt, guys are obviously banged up. So any bye week you have is going to be beneficial. To have it this late in the season definitely helped."

The Buckeyes practiced Oct. 28-31. That also gave them an opportunity to look at their mistakes and to make corrections.

"We went back to the basics," safety Kurt Coleman said. "That was probably the best thing because there were some things that we weren't doing well."

Coleman said he used the time to catch up on schoolwork in addition to getting himself prepared for the Buckeyes final

games at Northwestern and Illinois and at home against Michigan.

"It was a good time to just relax and get my mind right," he said.

With almost zero chance of a third-straight trip to the Bowl Championship Series national title game, Ohio State still has some major things on its list of things left to do. The Buckeyes (7-2, 4-1) are in a virtual tie with Michigan State (8-2, 5-1) behind Penn State (9-0, 5-0) in the Big Ten race. A slip by the Nittany Lions and the Buckeyes still could grab a piece of a fourth-straight conference title.

They also can play themselves into a BCS bowl berth, again, if they win those last three games.

Tressel said he was unsure how his players would come

away from the bye week. He pointed out to them that the season was sifting away.

"Coach [Earle] Bruce used to say November is what it's all about, who you are as a football team is really decided by what you do in November," Tressel said. "So I'd like to think that we can come into November a little bit more rested and ready to go."

His Ohio State teams have gone 20-4 in November. The Buckeyes recognize that the success of their season will be predicated on the next three weeks.

"Coach Tressel just wanted to kind of stress to us the importance of the month of November," Robiskie said. "With what we've got in front of us, you can sense that a lot of guys are still excited, a lot of guys are ready to go."

Pelini tries to ride herd on temper

Pelini says he's trying to tone down temper.

By ERIC COLSON
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Bo Pelini knows he needs to cool it.

The first-year Nebraska coach acknowledged his volatile sideline demeanor is casting a negative light on himself and the program.

Pelini has drawn unwanted attention for his tirades against officials, assistant coaches, and players. He said Tuesday at his weekly news conference he knows his temper could hurt the university's image and work against the Cornhuskers in recruiting, especially with videos of him seething and screaming readily available on YouTube.

A montage of Pelini blowups was posted on that website Monday, and it had generated more than 1,000 hits by Tuesday.

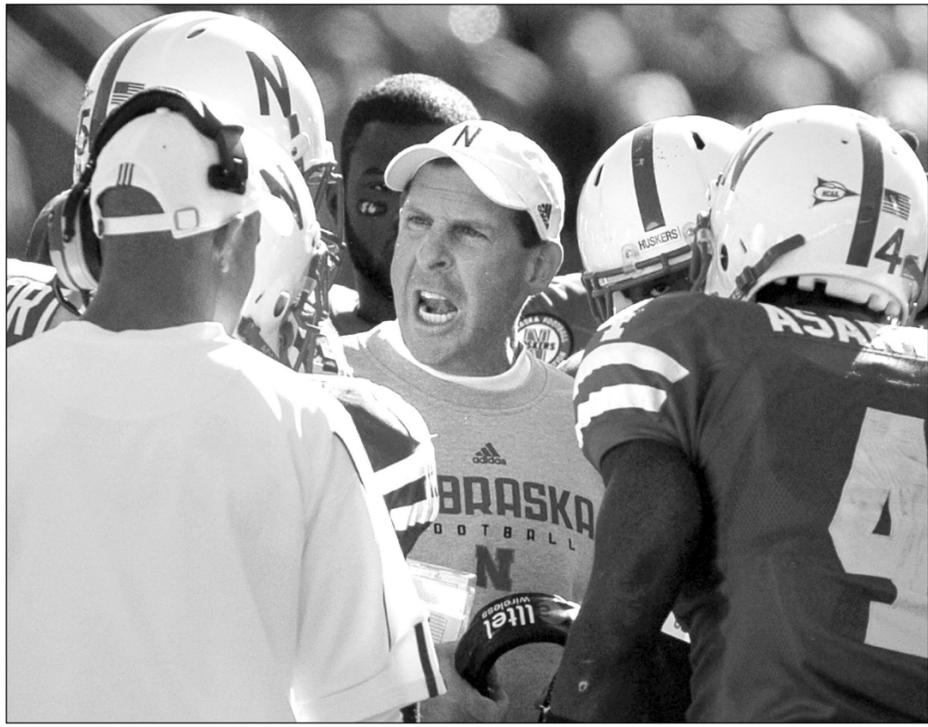
"Perception is reality, so that's something I've got to fix," the coach said. "I understand that. I'm a highly emotional guy. I've got to be careful."

Pelini, whose bickering with officials earned him an unsportsmanlike conduct late in a loss to Virginia Tech, had played down his sideline conduct before this week. But he said he realized he had a problem when a couple of lip-reading family members pointed out their disapproval of his behavior in the Nov. 1 62-28 loss at Oklahoma.

"I regret that," said Pelini, who is married with three young children. "There's a difference between being animated and using some words you wish you didn't use."

TV cameras showed Pelini consoling quarterback Joe Ganz after an interception return on Nebraska's first play from scrimmage gave Oklahoma a two-touchdown lead. But as things unraveled — the Huskers trailed 28-0 six minutes in — Pelini's anger revved up.

He was shown repeatedly



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Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini talks to his defense during the game against Baylor in Lincoln, Neb., on Oct. 25. He says he's concerned about his volatile sideline behavior, especially after TV captured him during last week's Oklahoma loss yelling into his headset, at assistant coaches and players, and grabbing a player by the facemask.

yelling into his headset, badgering officials and quickly grabbing the facemask of a player who had just been ejected.

"I'm not perfect by any means, and I understand that," Pelini said. "What I try to do is evaluate what's happening with me and try to learn from it."

"My job is to coach and represent this university in a particular way all the time, and if I ever fall short, that's something that hurts me personally. And it's something I have to fix."

He said he initiated a discussion about his behavior with Athletics Director Tom Osborne this week. Osborne, known for his stoic persona during a career that netted 255 wins and three national titles in 25 years, was supportive and told

him it's imperative to comport himself the right way, Pelini said.

Osborne declined an interview request Tuesday. He said after the Sept. 27 Virginia Tech game that any discussion between him and Pelini on the matter would remain private.

"Coach Osborne knows the type of person I am, the kind of heart I have, and he also understands how emotional I am," Pelini said. "From my standpoint, I've got to be smarter."

Pelini said there is no connection between his behavior and the rash of 17 personal fouls called on the Huskers through nine games.

"I will say this is not an undisciplined football team in how it acts on or off the football

field," he said.

His players don't seem to have a problem with Pelini's temperament.

"Every coach has his way of getting his views across to a player on the sideline," defensive end Zach Potter said. "He's a get-in-your-face kind of guy. I don't think he's going to change because some of us might not like it or the media are coming after him saying you shouldn't get into players' faces like that."

Linebacker Cody Glenn said Pelini's just trying to manage the game.

"I don't think he's attacking the person or yelling at them. He's trying to fix the problem," Glenn said. "There might be someone who's not on the same page as everybody else."

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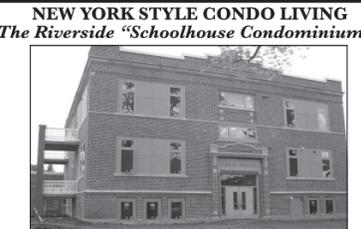


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- Alabama Alaska
- Arizona Arkansas
- California Colorado
- Connecticut Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida Georgia
- Hawaii Idaho
- Illinois Indiana
- Iowa Kansas
- Kentucky Louisiana
- Maine Maryland
- Massachusetts Michigan
- Minnesota Mississippi
- Missouri Montana
- Nebraska Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio Oklahoma
- Oregon Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota Tennessee
- Texas Utah
- Vermont Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin Wyoming

- Andrew R. Juhl recognizes this isn't funny. It's not supposed to be. Whether you voted for the candidate who won, the candidate who lost, or didn't vote at all, you're here for the next four years, just like everybody else. Let's work together.

THE VOTE



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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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today's events

- **UI Faculty and Staff Health Fair**, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Field House main deck
- **Department of Biochemistry Ph.D. Thesis Seminar, "Novel Mechanisms for Enzymatic Regulation of Phosphatidylcholine Synthesis by Proteolysis,"** Beibei Chen, 10 a.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **UI College of Public Health Information Fair**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., University Capitol Centre
- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Lecture, "The Post-Apartheid Generation in South Africa,"** IWP writer Niq Mhlongo, noon, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton
- **Staff Council MSE/C Brown Bag Event, Benefits Open Enrollment Q & A with Richard Saunders, director of benefits and payroll**, noon, University Services Building
- **Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Training Information Session**, 2 p.m., 5 Gilmore Hall
- **"Life in Iowa: The English You Don't Learn in the Classroom,"** 3:30 p.m., 1117

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- University Capitol Centre
- **Welcome Home Wednesdays**, 5:45-8:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City, 10 S. Gilbert
- **"Does Your Vote Count: Problems With The Process,"** 6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **PJ Story Time**, 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **Black & Gold Memories: An Evening with George Wine**, 6:30 p.m., Kinnick Stadium
- **"Bourgeois Deeds: How Ideas Made the Modern World,"** Deirdre McCloskey, University of Illinois-Chicago, 7 p.m., 106 Bowman House
- **Free Pool**, 7 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **Atmosphere, Paint the Nation Tour**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **UI Symphony Band, Richard Mark Heidel, conductor**, 8 p.m., West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.
- **Comedy Night**, 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
- **Karaoke Night**, 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
 - 1** "Prairie Lights" Archive, Abigail Foerstner
 - 2** News from Germany (in German)
 - 3** "Live from Prairie Lights," Tom Piazza
 - 4** University Lecture Committee, Ishmael Beah
 - 5:30** Daily Iowan TV Special Report on the Election
 - 6** College of Education, Autism
 - 7** "Live from Prairie Lights," Tom Piazza
 - 8** Diabetes Research Center, Fraternal Order of Eagles
 - 8:35** Project 3000 UI Health Care
 - 9** Daily Iowan TV Special Report on the Election
 - 9:30** Daily Iowan TV News
 - 9:45** Kirk Ferentz News Conference
 - 10:15** Todd Lickliter News Conference
 - 10:30** Daily Iowan TV News
 - 10:45** Todd Lickliter News Conference
 - 11** "Live from Prairie Lights," Tom Piazza

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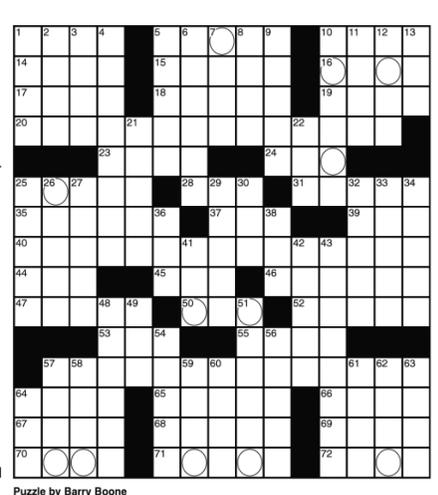
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The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- 1 Figure in "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
 - 5 Kind of cuisine in which onions, bell peppers and celery are the "holy trinity"
 - 10 Fake
 - 14 Hoodwink
 - 15 Jim Croce's "Name"
 - 16 Tremendous
 - 17 Hughes poem with the line "They send me to eat in the kitchen"
 - 18 Introductory course, often
 - 19 Cy Young winner Hershiser
 - 20 Kind of puzzle suggested by this crossword's theme
 - 23 Cleopatra used it as a beauty lotion
 - 24 King, in Portugal
 - 25 Carnivorous fish
 - 28 Terse letter opener
 - 31 Sweater type
 - 35 Bonkers
 - 37 Way to find your way: Abbr.
 - 39 French rejection
 - 40 End of a popular saying related to this puzzle's theme
 - 44 Former telecom giant
 - 45 Big name in kitchen gadgets
 - 46 One way to be caught
 - 47 Ed of "Roots"
 - 50 How some packages arrive
 - 52 Mice can be found around them
 - 53 Blue
 - 55 "The Rubaiyat" poet
 - 57 How to link the 12 letters in this puzzle with a single line to make a picture
 - 64 Drug
 - 65 Quibble
 - 66 "Mon ___!"
 - 67 German car
 - 68 Ore filling
 - 69 Author Dinesen
 - 70 Surveyor's map
 - 71 Baseball pioneer Doubleday
 - 72 Big lugs
- Down**
- 1 Bank protector, for short
 - 2 Camera setting
 - 3 Agreed
 - 4 Just after birth
 - 5 Internet equipment powerhouse
 - 6 Semiprecious stones
 - 7 Big bump
 - 8 Logan's locale
 - 9 Candidate trailing Bush and Gore
 - 10 Sure thing
 - 11 Banged up
 - 12 A long, long time
 - 13 Florida senator Martinez
 - 21 "Maria ___," 1941 #1 hit
 - 22 The "D" in R&D: Abbr.
 - 25 "___ song of sixpence"
 - 26 Sheepshanks, e.g.
 - 27 John Denver wrote two songs about this town
 - 29 Abode north of the Arctic Circle
 - 30 Univ. in Troy, N.Y.
 - 32 ___ Gay



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Barry Boone

- 33 Doer of stand-up
- 34 Gardeners may work on them
- 36 Prefix with tourism
- 38 What one might do in 27-Down
- 41 A+: Abbr.
- 42 1940s computer
- 43 Equipment with a headset
- 48 Sparkle and wit
- 49 College cheer
- 51 Sit behind bars
- 54 Bangladesh's capital, old-style
- 56 Athlete who's not dashing?
- 57 Blue, south of the border
- 58 Russian car
- 59 Unnice comment
- 60 Balanced
- 61 Precursor of the Apple Macintosh
- 62 Dining table expander
- 63 Cheap laughs
- 64 Toy gun ammo

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