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- See a photo and audio slide show from the midnight video-game release.

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Insights and information from inside today's *The Daily Iowan*. "That's the problem with being prolific," charcoal artist Sylvia Schuster said. "You have to edit — not all of my drawings are good drawings." • Learn more about Schuster's work. **5**

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Cloudy, slowly turning sunny, windy.

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Midnight magic strikes



Alex Willging (left), Frederich Kenyon, and Sara Mildenstein craft magic wands while waiting for the midnight debut of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* at the Sycamore Mall on Tuesday. Willging brought iced tea and Red Bull to help her stay awake for the late showing.

Who needs sleep when you've got a magic wand? Fans flock to the midnight premiere of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*.

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UI senior Diana Holtwick is more Hufflepuff than Hawkeye.

She owns a wand with a Veela hair in it and a T-shirt that proclaims "Screw college. I'm going to Hogwarts." The die-hard Harry Potter fan designed the shirt herself, anticipating the 12:01 a.m. premiere of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*.

Based on the popular fantasy book series by British author J.K. Rowling, the sixth of seven flicks made its debut at theaters nationwide early this morning.

UI senior Kim Riha — a self-proclaimed Gryffindor — purchased seats in advance at Coral Ridge 10. It was her fourth midnight Harry Potter premiere.

"Midnight movies are more exciting," she said. "That's when the crazies come out."

But theatergoers Beth Snyder and Jessica Fulton consider themselves to be pretty sane. They've been to every Potter premiere, and they were the first in a long line of fans at Coral Ridge 10, camping out for 10 hours to snag the best seats in the house.

"It's well worth the wait," Fulton said.

Madhana Pandian sat farther down the row of Harry fanatics. After reading her first Potter book at age 10, she was hooked.

"I kept just kept waiting for the owl to come and invite me to Hogwarts," she said. "But he never came."

UI junior Matt Luebert, was waiting for his owl too — or was it a rabbit? The UI junior couldn't remember which, so he brought along a bunny puppet and top hat to complete his Harry costume. "I figured it was a safe choice," he said. "It's a magical movie."

Carol Sokloff, a chil-

dren's book buyer at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., said she's seen an increase in the number of people purchasing the sixth book. And at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., librarian Jason Paulios noted all 13 copies are checked out.

He said the movie craze hasn't sent fans into a frenzy as much as the Harry Potter book debuts.

"The books have a lot of innuendoes and character asides that a film just can't do justice to," Paulios said.

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Board faces enrollment issues

The issue of school boundaries divides the audience at Tuesday's School Board meeting.

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If approved, a new high school in the Iowa City School District will be completed by the 2014-2015 school year.

Superintendent Lane Plugge set the timeline at Tuesday night's School Board meeting. In addition, he outlined six possible scenarios — based on demographics data developed by the UI geography department — in redrawing school boundaries and building the proposed new school.

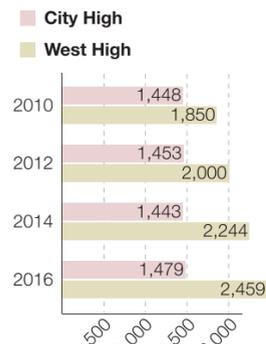
School board officials cited recent discrepancies in enrollment among Iowa City junior high and high schools for the changes. They estimate by the 2011-12 school year, enrollment figures at West High school can top 1,800 students, overshooting the maximum capacity by around 150 students.

Meanwhile, enrollment at City High has remained at approximately 1,400 students, leaving more than 200 spots empty.

In addition, because of

Enrollment

Projections show West High's student numbers exceeding capacity, while City High remains below its limit.



Source: High School Forum Presentation
DAN AMBRISCO/THE DAILY IOWAN

recent growth in North Liberty and the overflowing of North-Central Junior High, officials anticipate the need to build a new high school. The junior high had been built in part to provide additional room to accommodate new students.

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Open arms for bikes

Iowa City is on the road to being designated a 'Bicycle-Friendly Community' by the League of American Bicyclists.

By **NICOLE KARLIS**
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Officials are pedaling along to make Iowa City and surrounding cities "Bicycle-Friendly."

Johnson County cities officially considered adopting the Metro Bicycle Master Plan at the Regional Trails and Bicycling Committee meeting on Tuesday. Once the communities have adopted the plan, they are free to decide how they want to maneuver toward being a "Bicycle-Friendly Community."

"It's a milestone," said Kristopher Ackerson, an assistant transportation planner for the Johnson County Council of Governments.

The Metro Bicycle Master Plan is one of three recommendations Iowa City received after applying in 2007 to become a "Bicycle Friendly Community" to the nonprofit League of American Bicyclists. The other two recommendations were to implement more educational programs and to install street bike facilities, Ackerson said.

SEE **BIKES**, 3

The view from Iran

After 48 days visiting family in Iran, one UI student recalls taking part in a politically, socially, and technologically momentous experience.

By **MICHAEL DALE-STEIN**
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"Ali Elmi" saw it all. The UI graduate student watched as people crowded the streets, rejoicing until 4 in the morning. The women even removed their hijabs, disobeying the law of the country.

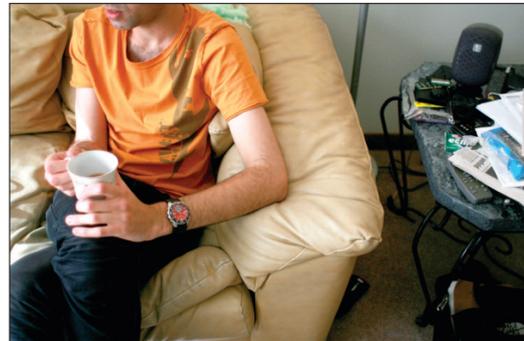
That was Tehran a month ago. Elmi saw the Iranian capital flooded with celebration in the early hours of Election Day for a unified goal: freedom.

"It was like a football game in Iowa," Elmi said of the initial excitement surrounding the prospect of a new Iranian leader.

But the mood changed quickly. For weeks, the streets have brimmed with clashing police and protesters.

In June, Elmi, who holds dual Iranian-American citizenship, told *The Daily Iowan* via e-mail about his experience voting in Iran and the protests that followed. At the time, fear of arrest prevented him from providing too many details.

Even though he has since left the volatile country, he wishes to remain



"Ali Elmi" drinks tea in his Iowa City apartment on Sunday. Elmi said he wished to see the post-election protests while he was in Tehran, but he was forbidden to by his parents.

anonymous out of concern for the safety of his family members still in Tehran, and the *DI* has granted him a pseudonym.

Back in Iowa, he is able to divulge more about his trip without fear of arrest, or worse, being sent to the notorious Evin Prison in northwest Tehran — where, he said, masses of Iranians wait out front, hoping to hear news regarding missing family members.

For almost a month before leaving Tehran, the graduate student saw people crowd the streets

again. But they weren't celebrating anymore — they were protesting the June 12 election, in which Iranian officials declared President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad beat out three candidates.

"I don't think they predicted this at all," Elmi said of the Iranian government's reaction to the widespread demonstrations.

While many across the country supported Ahmadinejad, the voting numbers suggest election fraud may have taken

SEE **IRAN**, 3



Delving into Constitution

The UI is hosting a statewide institute to educate teachers about the U.S. Constitution.

By **HOLLY HINES**
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The delegates to the Constitutional Convention approved the Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. Today, teachers from all over the state will gather on campus to figure out what they meant.

Between 25 and 30 middle-school and high-school educators are set to take part in Iowa's first



Hamot
director

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution Teacher Institute, which aims to teach students how to interpret and apply the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The UI campus — the home of Iowa's center for the program — is one of

the only locations this year to host a state-inclusive institute. The event caters almost exclusively to Iowa educators, and it will cover more information than most others nationwide, said institute Director Gregory Hamot, a UI professor in teaching and learning.

One goal is to hash out the frequently ambiguous Constitution, which kids often see as too complex and daunting, Hamot said.

"It's not like the rules of a board game," he said. "Our Constitution was left intentionally vague, because founders didn't know what the future would hold."

Officials at the California-based center for the "We the People" curriculum chose Iowa as a host based on its institute proposal. This design includes lectures from professors traveling to Iowa from Indiana and Missouri.

Iowa's institute will be one of the only ones to

cover the full curriculum this year.

Though this is the first year Iowa has hosted the constitutional institute, the federally funded program has been active in the state since 1987, Hamot said.

The goals extend beyond a weeklong conference. Officials aim to distribute 125 curricula to Iowa school districts annually. That means providing free textbooks and instruction. This year Iowa exceeded its goal by 112 percent, Hamot said.

Part of the curriculum includes annual mock congressional hearings held at state and national levels, in which middle- and high-school students put their constitutional knowledge to use.

The winning team earns a chance to compete at the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

As the institute comes to a close, teachers will take part in their own mock congressional hearing at the Pappajohn Business Building on July 22.

Local professors and

'We the People' highlights

The institute offers a variety of events, guests, and lecture topics.

- Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, will make an appearance on July 18
- John Patrick, professor emeritus at Indiana University will speak
- A lecture addresses how individual rights are protected in the Constitution
- A lecture is about challenges American constitutional democracy might face in the 21st century

Source: "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" official schedule

officials will judge the hearing, including Johnson County Supervisor Terrence Neuzil. Neuzil — who majored in political science and American history at the UI — will question participants about issues American democracy may face in the future.

"It will be an opportunity for teachers to be challenged," he said.

City mulls floodplain development

With the budget tightening, city officials may consider selling undeveloped land at Iowa City Municipal Airport control.

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There is limited green space left in Iowa City.

And the Iowa City Council has to decide whether to develop that land, some of which is located in the Municipal Airport's south airfield.

The economic downturn has forced city officials to consider potential sites for commercial and industrial establishment. There are only a handful of choices with appropriate zoning ordinances, but members of the Airport Commission are decidedly against developing the area.

The land — which the city owns and airport authorities manage — is part of the Willow Creek floodplain. That means any project would focus

on flood mitigation.

And that could be costly.

Michael Sharp, the airport's manager, said in order to efficiently market the land to perspective clients, the land would have to undergo a \$1.8 million project, a price airport officials can't afford even with help from the Federal Aviation Administration.

"It's just a matter of not having the funds," he said.

The proposed projects include construction of a new levee along Willow Creek and raising the land near the creek's bank, said Rick Fosse, Iowa City's director of Public Works.

At a June 29 meeting, Janelle Rettig, the head of the Airport Commission, discouraged city officials from sinking further into debt to raise the land out of the floodplain and to

refrain from selling the land — at least for now.

Mayor Regenia Bailey and other city officials also considered leasing the land out to pay for project costs as well as seek any available federal funding. Developing, then selling, the land could relieve debt in the long term, officials said.

While budget concerns are at the heart of the discussion, Rettig brought up numerous problems with the plan — including matters of public policy, responsible land use, and effects on neighboring areas.

"Even if I can raise the land or redo the creek, the water has to go somewhere," Rettig said. "It pushes the water onto the neighbors."

The area is among the last pieces of green space in southwestern Iowa City.

Development

Officials considering the fate of undeveloped land near the airport are worried about flooding.

- 100-year floodplain
- 500-year floodplain



Source: City of Iowa City
DAN AMBRISCO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Specific plans for the future of the property are unclear. Public Works is working together with Earth Tech, an engineering firm, to determine whether the land will be improved enough for development in the near future.

METRO

911 service goes out

Iowa City's 911 service was down for part of Tuesday but came back online between 4:30 and 5 p.m., according to the Iowa City police.

Sgt. Troy Kelsay said officials identified the problem — which originated in Iowa City equipment — around 9 a.m. West, the department's phone provider, immediately routed calls to a routine line that goes to the department's dispatch center.

Dispatchers were still able to respond to emergency calls, but they had to do so in an untraditional manner, Kelsay said.

Ordinarily, emergency calls have a unique ring that distinguishes them from non-emergency calls, but it wasn't available Tuesday because of routing.

Dispatchers were unable to pinpoint calls' origins on a map, though they were able to determine a callback number, Kelsay said.

Authorities said such an outage has not occurred in recent years.

— by **Abe Tekippe**

UI prof honored

President Obama has selected a UI professor for the 2009

Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring.

Philip Kutzko, a UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences collegiate fellow and mathematics professor, is one of 20 individuals and organizations honored for mentoring minority students studying science, mathematics, or engineering — three fields in which they are often underrepresented.

"This is a remarkable distinction and a wonderful recognition of Professor Kutzko's talent, accomplishments, and major contributions to his field, as well as his dedication to students and to

diversity," UI President Sally Mason said in a press release.

Kutzko will receive \$10,000 to advance his mentoring and a presidential commemorative certificate during fall ceremonies at the White House.

"I hope ... that our university will continue to move forward as a leader in the effort to educate American students from all backgrounds to prepare them for the role that they must play at this critical moment in our nation's history," Kutzko said in a press release.

— by **Abe Tekippe**

STATE

Paralyzed inmate putting jail's budget at risk

IOWA CITY (AP) — A paralyzed inmate being held in the Iowa Medical & Classification Center in Oakdale is costing Linn County taxpayers more than \$900 daily.

Shawn Kruse of Cedar Rapids crashed his car during a high-speed police chase on May 31 and was paralyzed from the waist down. He is accused of striking his wife and using a crowbar and a hack saw to intimidate her before he fled from police.

Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner says the jail is unable to give him the 24-hour care he requires, thus his transfer to the

Oakdale prison. Gardner says the county is paying the facility a large sum of money to handle Kruse's medical care.

Gardner says the sheriff's department has a budget of \$247,000 for inmate doctor visits and medication.

Culver calls for health-care expansion

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Chet Culver focused Tuesday on health care, using a Des Moines hospital as a backdrop for his message that the state needs to continue expanding health-insurance coverage.

Speaking at a news conference

after touring Blank Children's Hospital, Culver noted his support of a multiyear expansion of state health insurance has resulted in coverage for nearly all children from low-income families through Iowa's Medicaid and HAWK-I programs. He promised to make continued expansion a centerpiece of his agenda for the next legislative session, although he didn't offer details.

"We've come a long way but we've got a ways to go," he said.

He planned to hold a town-hall meeting on health care Tuesday afternoon in Iowa City. He'll be joined by health and state officials.

Last session, the Legislature approved the final step in a threefold effort to offer health insurance to virtually all Iowa

children. The state expanded funding for a program for children of the working poor to cover families making up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level — that's \$66,200 a year for a family of four.

Culver said nearly 99 percent of Iowa children now are eligible for state health insurance, but he noted that approximately 25,000 who could seek coverage haven't signed up. The state must work to bring such children into the program, he said.

The governor was accompanied by Kristi Ruth, who suffered a severe arm injury in 2007 at age 15 while helping her father dig holes with an auger on their farm near Chariton. The accident severed an artery and broke her arm in six spots.

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3. Newcomer pours in 35 points in Prime Time
4. UI officials burden the student body with mandatory fitness fee
5. Prof. Redlawsk, nationally known for political polling, moves to Rutgers

POLICE BLOTTER

Chawn Choum, 22, Keota, Iowa, was charged July 4 with urinating in public.

Amanda Dolgner, 27, 1621 Spruce Court, was charged July 9 with fifth-degree theft.

Herbert Mather, 47, 1212 1/2 Highland Court Apt. 2, was charged July 11 with violating a no-contact domestic-abuse protective order.

Robert Patterson, 30, 530 S. Clinton St. Apt. 5, was charged Monday with domestic assault.

David Vinton, 21, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Zachary Welch, 19, 2433 Catskill Court, was charged Tuesday with keeping a disorderly house.

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Wizardry hits IC

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Holtwick didn't take any chances when it came to scoring tickets to see her favorite boy wizard on the big screen. She snatched 15 tickets last week at Cedar Rapids' Galaxy 16 and was looking to buy one more for her posse — only to find that all 1,250 seats

were sold out. "It's a huge deal," said Galaxy 16 employee Wendy Martin, who confirmed the theater was sold out. The theater gave out free movie passes to Potter trivia winners.

Locally, Sycamore 12 sold out its midnight showing of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. Coral Ridge 10

saw ticket lines beginning to form by 3 p.m.

UI senior Jason Richards is still working on finishing Rowling's book sequence. But that isn't keeping him from the theater.

"The movie looks so awesome that I can't wait," he said. "I'm anticipating a whole lot of pretty cool action."

Aiming for 'bike-friendly'

BIKES
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From "bike to work" days to the recent shared-lane arrows on Market and Jefferson Streets, Iowa City had pulled ahead of the race.

The shared-lane arrows help remind motorists to give enough space when passing bicyclists, and in turn remind cyclists where on the road they should ride.

The recent addition of shared-lane arrows have mostly received positive feedback from locals.

"I like the new bike lanes on Market and Jefferson," said UI alumnus Zeb Squires, an Iowa City resident and long-time biker. But he noted potential improvements.

Potholes and rough roads are particularly annoying, he said.

But becoming a "Bicycle-Friendly Community" is "by no means a rubber stamp," said Elizabeth Kaker, the vice president of the League of American Bicyclists.

There are 108 "Bicycle-Friendly Communities" in

Shared-lane arrows

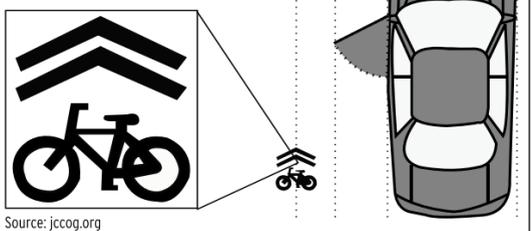
Shared-lane arrows alert cyclists to travel in the proper lane position—to the left of parked cars.

Widths in feet

Approximate parked passenger vehicle width from curb: 7

Approximate door open width: 2.5

Centerline of marking to door: 1.5



Source: jccog.org

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the United States. To qualify, a city must show that it has achieved a majority of the five Es, such as engineering and education. Only about one-third of applicants nationwide receive the award, Kaker said.

Despite frequent sightings of bicyclists on Iowa City roads, Cedar Falls won the race in earning the "Bicycle-

Friendly" title before any other community in the state — one of 13 to receive the award in 2009.

Though the title does not bring a large sum of money, it does garner bragging rights.

Telling your community is the benefit of the "Bicycle-Friendly Community" designation, Kaker said.

New high school eyed

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Pluge also described plans to distribute 35 students each year to schools with extra capacity in Iowa City, Southeast Junior High and City High.

But discussions of those plans ended when School Board member Mike Cooper brought up redrawing boundaries for the whole district. He said the decision must be approached slowly and carefully.

"I think it's wrong to [redraw boundaries] twice. It's better to be right than to go fast and go wrong," said Cooper, drawing nods and whispered agreements from the gathered crowd.

Retracing school boundaries has become a volatile issue in the community, affecting students

from local elementary schools to high schools. Last month, the School Board voted to close Roosevelt Elementary, which the Iowa Department of Education identified as having ethnically and socioeconomically isolated enrollment patterns.

School Board member Michael Shaw pressed for a swift process in deciding the issue; he cited the district's five elementary schools with more than 50 percent of students who eat free or reduced lunch.

"If we delay this [decision] longer, we are effectively saying the impact this has on elementary students is negligible," said Shaw.

Ed Stone, a UI professor of ophthalmology, petitioned for more equal distribution of teaching resources to even out edu-

cational opportunities at the high schools. He is a member of Citizens for Outstanding Public Education in Iowa, a group aiming to improve education quality in Iowa City public schools.

Stone outlined a plan to divert teaching resources to the two high schools based on the number of students. He cited a 7 percent smaller teaching faculty at City High compared with West High for the next year.

"Please do not believe curricular inequality can be unaddressed for four more years," Stone said. "It will hurt children and it will hurt the community."

The School Board pushed back making any decisions pending additional data and input from the community.

Tehran sightings

IRAN
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place. An overwhelming number of Iranians believe Mir Hossein Mousavi — the main opposition leader and seen by many as a political reformer — was robbed of the presidency, sending his supporters cramming the streets in the hundreds of thousands to protest the incumbent's continued reign over the country.

Elmi saw firsthand helicopters that hovered 100 feet above the chaos, and later learned they sprayed chemicals on protesters that burned skin and irritated eyes. The dissenters lit cigarettes and blow smoke in each other's faces, a method to combat the sting of tear gas.

Elmi's immediate family forbade him from attending protests. Other relatives were more outspoken.

He said his 55-year-old cousin was beaten and chased by the Basiji — religious police who answer to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — until, by chance, a family hid her at their house. When Elmi's cousin tried to sneak out the backdoor, a policeman was waiting for her, aiming a metal baton straight at her skull.

He turned out to be more sympathetic than he appeared, however. She arrived home with only a bruised arm.

According to Elmi, the Basiji police chased down, beat, and arrested protesters. Many of the police are young, he said, sometimes 15 or 16 years old.

"They're brainwashing these kids," he said of the government.

Other young Iranians have worked to spread news of unrest in their country through social-networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Elmi said many Iranians, including himself, are tech-savvy, and they have found methods around the government's Internet filters.

To communicate with the *DI* in June, he connect-

ed to computers in other countries via access points called proxy servers, which allow untraceable Internet use.

"I don't think any information would have come out without Twitter and Facebook," Elmi said. "The [foreign] reporters are stuck in their rooms."

Dan Berkowitz, a UI journalism professor, said social-networking websites present an unprecedented method for dispersing news in a country with strict media controls and limited access for journalists. However, he cautioned that people reading Facebook and Twitter for news from Iran need to question what they read.

"As control over information shifts from journalists to citizens, the trustworthiness also needs to come into question," he said.

Elmi said he believes the Iranian government will keep trying new methods to block communication outlets in the future. And the police have also adapted. The Iranian government has reportedly used social media to promote fake protests — essentially sting operations — on Twitter.

When protesters show up to the gatherings, the police are already waiting to make arrests.

"You would see different Twitters saying 'so-and-so is part of the government, don't listen to them,'" Elmi said.

He returned to Iowa City in early July with his parents. They were worried about the 3,000 digital photographs he had on his computer, so he encrypted them, put them on an external hard drive, and hid it in his mother's bag. Luckily, security didn't check for them. It was fairly easy for the family to leave Iran, he said.

The family first left the country when Elmi was 15 months old, and extended family members remained. Elmi's immediate family then briefly lived in Washington, D.C., before settling in Des Moines.

But in a move that some interpret as controversial,

Elmi's adopted country has chosen to remain neutral in the disputes over the election.

"The U.S. is not trying to side with one group in the dispute and is not trying to influence the electoral process," said Brian Lai, a UI associate professor of political science.

There are two reasons the current administration has adopted a neutral stance, he said. First, the United States does not want the Iranian regime to be able to label the American government as interfering with domestic politics. Also, the Obama administration does not want to portray the protesters as part of a broad U.S. plot.

Lai believes antagonizing the current government in Iran could spoil possible negotiations about Iran's nuclear program, he said.

Elmi said Iranians crave the same freedoms Westerners enjoy. Comparing the Iranian election with last year's U.S. election, he said he found parallels between youthful ideologies.

"Everybody's dying for freedom [in Iran], especially the young generation," he said.

Now, the leaders of Iran are embroiled in a political battle. Though the country's supreme religious leader is an outspoken supporter of Ahmadinejad, the clerics who can remove him from power disagree over the legitimacy of the election.

Meanwhile, the fight continues on the streets. Though the protests have calmed in comparison with those of June, pockets of resistance remain. Last week, thousands of activists, mostly students, used the Internet to formulate an impromptu protest in Tehran. "Death to the dictator," the young Iranians chanted.

"People are tired of the suppressive regime," said Elmi, who hopes to return to Iran in the future. "I think in the next year or two, I'm hoping, that there will be some sort of revolution."



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Editorial

Making bike-friendly streets a top priority for local governments

Iowa City's newest bicycle-safety effort looks a little bit like those arrows on the track in Mario Kart 64 — you know, the ones that, when you drive over them, give you a short burst of extra speed. Shared-lane arrows have appeared on several streets in Iowa City and Coralville and are aimed at reminding cyclists and drivers to share the road.

At the cost of a little bit of paint and a little bit of labor, these arrows are just one example of lots of simple things the community can do to make our streets more navigable for both bike and car commuters.

The Johnson County Council of Governments — a planning organization with representation from the county's local governments — has been developing a Metro Bicycle Master Plan. The group hopes the plan can be used as a guideline for communities in the area to design more biker-compatible infrastructure and policies.

The council's Regional Trails and Bicycling Committee met Tuesday to discuss bike plans for the area. The group is on the right track with several of its initiatives.

Shared-lane arrows have been put into place on three bike-heavy streets in Iowa City — College Street, Market Street, and Jefferson Street. Additionally, the markings appear on Fifth Street in Coralville, and they will soon be added to 12th Street and Holiday Road.

However, many residents don't know what the arrows are meant to indicate. Cyclists — including Johnson County Supervisor Terrence Neuzil — have complained that many motorists drive the same way, regardless of the shared-lane arrows. In order for the markings to work, people should take note of them and actively inform others about the markings' purpose.

If they're properly understood, shared-lane arrows can be an effectively subtle reminder for cyclists and motorists to acknowledge the existence of the other. Most importantly, they're a cheap alternative to bike lanes. On most streets, the construction of bike lanes would require widening

streets. That would require a significant monetary cost for materials and labor, in addition to closing down streets for days or weeks at a time.

Another cheap and easy way to promote bicycle safety is through proper street maintenance, said Kristopher Ackerson, the Council of Governments' assistant transportation planner.

Not only do well-kept roadways help bikers prevent accidents, they can prevent damage to cars and trucks. Moreover, rugged streets riddled with pot-holes and cracks are unsightly and generally unpleasant.

The Council of Governments has also made efforts to enhance local communities' trail systems. On that note, we should be careful to ensure we are taking practical steps. Pathways meant for cyclists and pedestrians can be a useful means of transportation, but they can also be frivolous detours to nowhere.

While out-of-the-way routes are surely enjoyable and good for exercise, they do not solve our city's transportation woes. Advancing alternative transportation and slimming downtown congestion should take priority over designing scenic trails.

Even for those of us who don't bike — as sport or as transport — having an infrastructure that encourages numerous modes of transportation is in our collective best interest. Each bike on the road represents one fewer car lining up at a stop sign and one fewer occupied parking spot. Riding a bike causes less pollution than does driving a car, keeping air — mine and yours — a little bit cleaner. And, finally, cyclists are keeping themselves healthy; seeing as we all may soon be paying for each other's health care, that's important.

Unfortunately, on the streets of Iowa City, it often seems that bikers and drivers resent one another. The most productive means of getting bicyclists and auto drivers to coexist peacefully isn't something policymakers or local government officials can solve. Put simply, all travelers need to have mutual respect for one another.

Dragon's hoard

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Books have a wonderful solidity to them, and I really do enjoy the sight of my bedroom walls lined with stacks of them. I've endured that particular Iowa City method of nomadism, moving house to house, apartment upon crumbling apartment, several times now, and so my once-enormous cache of books has disseminated through town. Now, I have my stripped-down essentials, a collection of Calvino, Nabokov, Ballard, and Banville, and the odder novels of my special interest, the weird Czech authors such as Bohumil Hrabal and Karel Capek, but I miss the sheer variety I once possessed.

Another friend seems to have been hoarding books for untold decades. His cube-like apartment consists of a mattress, desk, miniature TV, and thousands of covers, ranging in subject from ancient erotica to Russian opera, in tone from dense academia to Harlequin Romance. His room is awe-inspiring, truly, to be surrounded by high-rises of the these wonderful codices, and I have very little doubt whether he's read every one of them at least twice.

I won't bemoan it here again, that topic has gone stale enough, but I'd like to mention that a purely digital world will never, ever fulfill the wonder and joy I feel when I walk into a book-lined room.

I got into bookbinding as a hobby some years ago, a trick of the hands and eyes that I gave to friends as journals or sketchbooks. It wasn't all that difficult to find diagrams and directions online for various stitches, presses, and paper, and after a few wobbly first tries, I settled on what's called the "Coptic Stitch" technique of binding the pages together, a kind of neat

exposed knitting that runs like vertebrae up the book's spine. People tell me I should investigate the Center for the Book, which does seem to have quite a reputation, but frankly, I keep this hobby as my own. I am no great artist in this sense, it's just my way of relaxing. I think most of all I enjoy holding in my hand the finished product, a book I'd like one day to fill with words of my own. A blank slate, a white canvas, and when I inspect the stitches for soundness, turn the pages I've wrought from anonymous paper, I'm really only thinking about what I might write in it. Nothing's ever good enough, predictably, and I would come to regret maiming my creation with substandard material. I don't even like keeping a journal; I'm often embarrassed by what I peruse from even a week ago and the banal thoughts I thought then so clever.

(I keep one anyway, of course, everybody should, just a pocket notebook for this or that trivium, such and such snatches of eavesdropped phrases, a memory worth jogging, even if later that memory is discarded).

Now that I'm moving yet again into another Iowa City lair, I have to box all these books and heave them a few blocks thataway. I'm sure I'll end up leaving something behind, some treasure that at the time I'll forget but in a month crave. In a way I like the feeling, that so much of myself lingers in the spaces I once occupied. An old roommate once said that he's still finding books of mine in odd corners of the house. I wonder what I'll give this house. Maybe I should sell them all and start going to the library exclusively — it's a little like lining a room with books, in essence, and I'd always know where to find what I'm looking for. I just couldn't underline passages or pen notes in the margins (one of the chief pleasures of holding a book: imparting one's imprint on it). ■

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Guest opinion

UI student reflects on rough time spent in Iran

By "ALI ELMI"

I arrived in Tehran's Imam Khomeini Airport, 30 kilometers (around 18 miles) south of the capital, early Friday morning. As I stepped off the plane, I immediately noticed the smell of the polluted air. I had my bags screened at customs and continued on without any issues.

The hour-long drive to my parents' home felt long, but it was eye-opening. I sat up front, absorbing as much as I could from the surroundings: the architecture, the ubiquitous fliers and campaign material, and of course the bumper-car-style driving in Iran.

I spent the first two weeks sightseeing. One of the many popular places of Tehran was the beautiful trails of Darband and Darakeh in the Alborz

mountain range. The trails are very popular among the younger generation. The air is clean, and the trails are surrounded by first-class restaurants.

A first for Iran were the nationally televised debates between presidential candidates. Starting a week before the election, every night there were two candidates "battling it out." There were some very heated moments, with the candidates mostly attacking Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for his current policies and Iran's economic issues, most notably the rise in inflation.

The debates were to end on the Tuesday before the election. However, on Wednesday, there was an unexpected addition. Ahmadinejad appeared by himself and was given an extra 20 minutes to defend

himself against accusations brought by the other candidates.

The few days before the election, people drove around in excitement, most of which seemed to have been in support for Mousavi. Green ribbons, signs, and fliers were plastered throughout the city. For three continuous days, I could hear people honking their horns from 10:30 p.m. until 3 or 4 a.m. Women were out in the streets, some even taking off their headscarves in joy.

Election day arrived. I walked to the nearest mosque where voting was taking place. As I walked toward the mosque, I began to sweat. It was a hot day — around 90 degrees — and felt even hotter as I saw the line curve around the outside of the mosque.

Although I waited nearly two hours, the voting process was painless. I presented my birth certificate, obtained my form, and placed my fingerprint alongside my vote.

After I came home, we had heard from friends the SMS (text-messaging) system in Iran was down. I turned on the TV to see if there were any updates. I specifically remember the IRIB news channel interviewing and displaying 20 to 30 people all saying exactly the same thing ... "The voting process was very smooth. The people came to vote and will fairly decide our next president."

Late that night, Iranian news stations announced Ahmadinejad as the winner. I pulled out my laptop to read what was going on. I quickly turned to BBC's website only to obtain an

"access denied" page.

It was working just the day before.

The day after the election my family and I traveled to a couple smaller cities in Iran. One of them was a small town in central Iran and from what I understand has a population near 50,000.

It was there I noticed overwhelming support for Ahmadinejad. His fliers, posters, billboards were all over the city. Missing was Mousavi campaign material. I spoke with a few of the residents, all whom were for Ahmadinejad.

One woman I spoke with voted for Ahmadinejad because since he took office four years ago, she has received a raise and now has more money to feed her family. Saturday afternoon, the town had a big parade in

celebration of Ahmadinejad's victory. People were out in the streets with trays handing out pastries and food.

We drove back to Tehran the next day. It was Sunday, two days after the election. As we drove through the city, we pulled up to an intersection and traffic suddenly came to a standstill. We began to hear shouting.

Hundreds of people were cordoned off one side of the street. Riot police stood by in full gear, batons in hand. On the other corner of the street was a state-owned bank, its windows shattered, and a trash can on fire. We got out as fast as we could.

The next few days were long. We left the house only for food and necessities.

"Ali Elmi," whose name has been changed for his protection, is a UI graduate student who was in Iran during the country's disputed election last month.

the ledge

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- God Shammgod (Sith Master)
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- Bjork (Wookiee)
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— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Rise above whatever obstacles are put in your way. You have no time to waste, so avoid anyone who is looking for an argument. Completing what you start will lead to your success.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 You will lose track of what's important if you don't keep things out in the open. Don't allow room for misinformation, or you will end up in a critical state that will be difficult to alter. Your family will count on you.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Calm down, and be observant if you want to get ahead. Fully understanding what everyone else is doing will enable you to maneuver yourself into a key position. If you come across as overly opinionated, you may provoke an enemy.

CANCER June 21-July 22 You are likely to encounter someone who is trying to sell you something you don't really need. Take care of your responsibilities, and stick close to home in order to avoid being taken advantage of by someone desperate and difficult to deal with.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Simplicity will win in the end. You can develop an interesting deal with someone who can lead to financial gains. Your influence will be greater than you realize.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Tighten your budget, and prepare to read the riot act to anyone in your circle who is being frivolous. Expect to face adversity; deal with it head on. The less of an edge you give any opposition you face, the better you will do.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Take care of any personal problems you face before they get too difficult to handle and interfere with what you need to accomplish. Work alongside the people who have the most to offer, and you will make your own job much easier.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Be aware of the possibilities in order to stay on top of what's going on. You will discover something beneficial to your future by observing the way someone handles a situation now. New beginnings are apparent.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 A person you meet will help you get what you want in the end. Getting out and networking will lead to someone who can aid you in achieving your goals. A sudden change will take you by surprise. Use it to your advantage.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Step back from whatever situation you've been facing; view it from another angle. Once you get a chance to rethink what's going on, you can make a positive assessment and act accordingly. Your responsible attitude will help you come out on top.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Keep an open mind and a close eye on what's going on around you. Someone may not be looking out for your interests and could easily use emotional tactics to get something from you. Proceed with caution. Love relationships will be difficult but worth fighting for.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Something that happened in your past will motivate you to move forward with one of your old plans. Touch base with the people who inspired you the first time around. The timing is much better now.

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today's events

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- **Kids Rule Summer Film Series, Surf's Up**, 10 a.m., Sycamore 12
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Iowa City Public Library's Stories in the Park**, 10:30 a.m., Willow Creek Park
- **Terrific Tuesdays, Follow That Line**, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **History for Lunch**, noon, State Historical Society of Iowa, 402 Iowa Ave
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- **Wii Gaming for Grades 4-6**, 1 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
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- **Farmers' Market Music, Aleta and Alan Murphy**, 5 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **Iowa City Farmer's Market**, 5:30 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **Set Your Goals/Four Year Strong**, 5:30 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **PJ Story Time**, 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **Wednesday Night Bicyclists of Iowa City Ride**, 6 p.m., Herky Street and Stoner Court, North Liberty
- **Board Game Night**, 6:30 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 89 Second St., Coralville
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- **Gomorra**, 7 and 9:30 p.m. p.m., Bijou
- **Teen Screenz, School of Rock**, 7 p.m., Coralville Public Library
- **Iowa Summer Rep, Dead Man's Cell Phone**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- **Karaoke Wednesday**, 8 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- **Comedy Night**, 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton

- **ONGOING**
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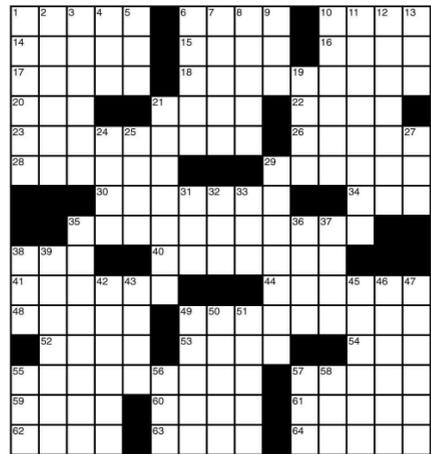
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Cassel signs new deal

By DOUG TUCKER
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City has not officially named Matt Cassel its starting quarterback, but there can be no doubt now.

After praising his leadership and work ethic through spring workouts, the Chiefs announced Tuesday they had signed the 27-year-old Cassel to a multi-year contract. Terms were not disclosed, but he will almost certainly be one of the highest-paid members of the team.

"We are excited to be able to reach a long-term agreement for Matt Cassel to be a Kansas City Chief for many years to come," owner and board chairman Clark Hunt said in a statement. "His proven leadership on and off the field will be a tremendous asset

to the organization."

A lifelong backup until Tom Brady went down with a season-ending knee injury last September, Cassel was obtained from the Patriots during the off-season along with linebacker Mike Vrabel. The former seventh-round pick led New England to an 11-5 record, and the Patriots made him their franchise player, meaning his salary for this season will be about \$15 million.

New head coach Todd Haley, taking over for Herm Edwards after a 2-14 season, refused to name a starter at any position during off-season workouts. But it was obvious to everyone the team belonged to Cassel.

"I go out there each and every day with that focus that I'm the starter," Cassel said during a June minicamp. "Competition brings out the best in everybody."

The signing will come as welcome news to Cassel's new coaches and teammates. Amiable and hardworking, he appeared to win over

everyone at minicamp.

"I think he's got some unique leadership qualities. I think his teammates like him and have respect for him. I think he's doing a pretty good job on the field, too," Haley said last month. "He's doing everything that I'm asking him, that our coaches are asking him to do. I don't have one single complaint how he's carrying himself."

After one workout, wide receiver Devard Darling declared Cassel "a breath of fresh air."

"He has a lot of swagger, a lot of confidence. It's good for us," Darling said. "We trust in him that he's going to go out there and lead us all the way."

Unsettled quarterback play was a big factor in KC's franchise-worst, two-win finish last year. Early in the season, they were down to third-stringer Tyler Thigpen and had to adjust to a spread offense to accommodate his specific abilities.

Trapped on the bench behind Heisman winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart at USC and then

unable to unseat Super Bowl MVP Brady at New England, Cassel seemed destined to be a backup all his life. As Brady was helped off the field last September, Cassel seized the opportunity he'd been waiting for since high school.

In his only sustained action since his teens, he hit 349-of-555 passes for 3,949 yards at New England. He had 23 touchdown passes and 13 interceptions as the Patriots, who had gone unbeaten through the regular season the year before, finished 11-5 and out of the playoffs.

Chief general manager Scott Pioli, who had been Bill Belichick's assistant in New England, engineered the trade after the Patriots became convinced that Brady would recover fully from his knee operation.

"Since Matt arrived in Kansas City, he has embraced the team and the community," Pioli said. "His work ethic, his ability and competitive presence is what we expect from our players."



Cassel
Chief's QB

TRACK AND FIELD

Ex-Hawk Curtis honored

Former Hawkeye A.J. Curtis was recognized on Tuesday as a member of the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Division-I Men's All-Academic track and field team. The announcement comes one day after Hawkeyes Hannah Roeder and McKenzie Melander were named to the women's squad.

This is the second time Curtis has made the team, the first time coming in 2006, and he also has appeared on the Big Ten's All-Academic team on three occasions.

"I am always proud of the way our team members handle their classroom responsibilities,"

Iowa head coach Larry Wieczorek said in a statement on Tuesday. "I am especially happy for A.J., and the honors he has earned with his outstanding academic work. He has been an excellent student-athlete for his entire career at Iowa."

To be selected, athletes must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.25 and meet all indoor or outdoor qualifying standards in their particular event, which for Curtis was the discus.

— by Brendan Stiles

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Blackhawks dump GM Tallon

By RICK GANO
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Dale Tallon helped restore the Chicago Blackhawks from a struggling hockey franchise to a young and talented team that went all the way to the Western Conference finals in May.

On Tuesday, less than two months after that run in the Stanley Cup playoffs, Tallon lost his job as general manager.

His ouster came a week after a missed deadline for sending qualifying offers to restricted free agents prompted the NHL Players Association to file a grievance against the team. Tallon was placed by Stan Bowman, the son of NHL coaching legend Scotty Bowman.

"I believe we could have done a better job," team President John McDonough said Tuesday at a news conference that Tallon did not attend.

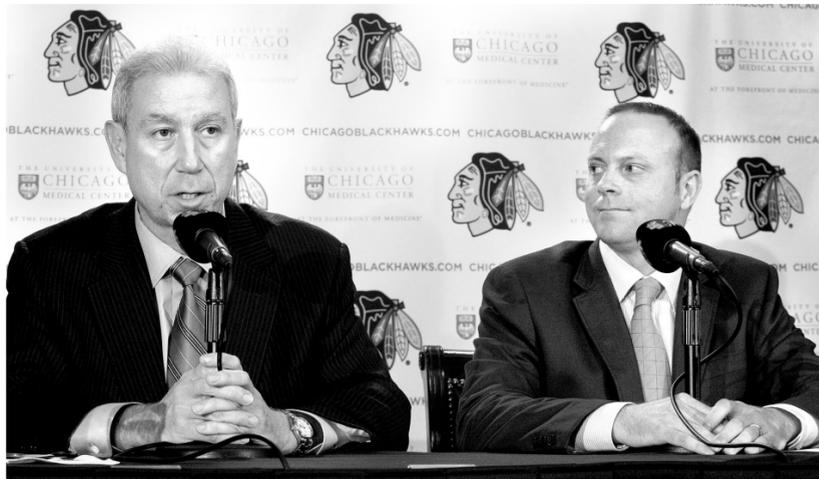
McDonough said he took ultimate responsibility for the foul-up. But asked if Tallon would have been removed at this time if not for the incident, he replied: "Probably not."

Tallon accepted a two-year contract extension to stay on as an adviser.

"Ultimately, when a mistake like that is made, that is on me," McDonough said. "But it is also on me to make sure that mistake does not happen again or that we have the proper channels in place to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Tallon earlier denied that the problem and grievance had caused the Blackhawks to overpay the players, including Kris Versteeg, the team's top rookie last season.

"It costs us some money on the front end, but we'd be paying this money eventually," team owner



Chicago Blackhawk President John McDonough (left) announces the promotion of Stan Bowman (right) son of NHL legend Scotty Bowman, to general manager of the Blackhawks, replacing Dale Tallon during a news conference Tuesday in Chicago.

Rocky Wirtz said Tuesday. Asked what Bowman, who's in his ninth year with the Blackhawks, brings to the job that Tallon didn't, Wirtz said:

"He's 36, Dale is 58. We always want younger people. What he brings is a system in place to get better," Wirtz said.

Tallon has been a member of the organization for more than 30 years, including five as a player, and 10 in the front office. He was made general manager in June 2005 and under his guidance, the team drafted young stars Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews, traded for scorers Martin Havlat and Patrick Sharp, and signed free agents Nikolai Khabibulin, Brian Campbell, and Cristobal Huet.

Last season, the Blackhawks started drawing fans back to the United Center and reached the playoffs for the first time in seven years, losing to the Detroit Red Wings in the conference finals.

As for reports there was friction between Tallon and

himself, McDonough said they had different ways of doing business. He characterized his methods as aggressive and assertive.

"I have great respect for Dale and what he has done for this organization," McDonough said. "I would say there has been some style differences. ... Dale is as every bit as effective, just a different approach."

Earlier this month, the Blackhawks signed free agent Marian Hossa from Detroit to a 12-year, \$62.8 million deal. Havlat, the team's leading scorer last season, was let go and he was signed by Minnesota.

McDonough also said the team needed to improve its communication and decision-making, though he said he played no role in the Hossa and Havlat developments.

"I have been with this organization in several different capacities since coming over as a player in 1973 and although my position has changed, my goals have not," Tallon said in a statement released by

the team. "I've seen Stan come up through our ranks and I'm confident he is the right person to step in. This is what is best for the Chicago Blackhawks."

Bowman's nine years with the Blackhawks have included two seasons as the director of hockey operations and four seasons as a special assistant to the GM. He has been the team's assistant general manager the last two seasons. Bowman will have to maneuver the team through the salary cap when some of the team's young stars become eligible for big paydays.

Bowman called Tallon a mentor and he has another influential one in his dad, who's been a part of 11 Stanley Cup winners — nine as a coach. Scotty Bowman joined the team last year as a senior adviser.

"He's just a great resource for me to bounce ideas off of," Stan Bowman said. "He's been through every situation you could imagine."

MLB

Selig: Still reviewing Rose application

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Twelve years later, Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig still is examining Pete Rose's application for reinstatement.

The career hits leader agreed to a lifetime ban from baseball in 1989 after an investigation concluded he bet on the Cincinnati Reds to win while he was manager of the team.

Rose applied for reinstatement in September 1997 and met with Selig in November 2002.

His effort to gain reinstatement appeared to falter after he admitted in his 2004 autobiography, *Pete Rose: My Prison Without Bars*, that his previous gambling denials were false.

"It is under review," Selig said Tuesday during a question-and-answer session with the Baseball Writers' Association of America. "He did, as you know, accept voluntarily a lifetime suspension from Bart Giamatti, and there really isn't much more I can say about that. I did agree to review it. It is under review. We do spend some time discussing

it. But it's not I think appropriate for me to say any more."

While on the lifetime banned list, Rose is ineligible for the Hall of Fame ballot. The Hall's Board of Directors decided unanimously in February 2001 that anyone on the permanently ineligible list couldn't appear on the ballot.

Rose's final year of eligibility in the writers' vote would have been 2006. Jane Forbes Clark, the Hall's chairwoman, has left open the possibility that the Hall would allow Rose a spot on the ballot should he gain reinstatement.

Pedro agrees to deal with Phils

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A person familiar with the negotiations says Pedro Martinez has agreed to a one-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies.

The three-time Cy Young Award winner was in town for a physical, and the Phillies plan a news conference today, according to the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the announcement wasn't made official.

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Iowa freshman Jaime Printy battles with defenders during Active Endeavors/McCurrys' Game Time contest against Pelling/Cullen on Tuesday in the North Liberty Community Center. Printy scored a team-high 24 points and had eight assists in Active Endeavors/McCurrys' 88-57 win.

Printy-Hamlin win

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"She's really hard to guard," said Iowa incoming freshman Trisha Nesbitt of Pelling/Cullen. "She's got her shot, and whenever you get up on her, she can go right around you."

Active Endeavors/McCurry's opened up its first double-digit lead at 24-14 with 8:30 remaining in the first half. Pelling/Cullen was able to close the lead to nine after Iowa sophomore Kelly Krei drilled a 3-pointer to make the score 26-17 with 4:30 left in the first.

That single-digit deficit was Pelling/Cullen's last, because it couldn't find a way to curb Active Endeavors/McCurry's scoring. Printy drove down the right side of the lane in the closing seconds of the half and finished a tough lay-up to give her team a 41-20 edge.

Pelling/Cullen continued to struggle offensive-

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— Randy Larson, Pelling/Cullen head coach

ly and defensively in the second half, but it was a different player giving it fits.

After only scoring four points in the first half, Hamlin heated up in the second, adding 14 more points on her way to finishing with 18 points and 15 rebounds.

"The first half, I wasn't hitting my shot, and I was a little underconfident," she said. "The second half, you just got to keep shooting and passing the ball more to help your confidence."

Pelling/Cullen was without Iowa sophomore-to-be Hannah Draxten, who was suffering from a back injury that has been with her since high school, Pelling/Cullen head coach Randy Larson said. Larson is unsure if Draxten will be able to

participate in the league the remainder of the summer.

"We were just a little short-handed," he said. "I thought we got some shots early that didn't go in, and then they started pressing, and the game got out of hand."

Larson noted he thought Krei played her best game of the summer after she finished with 21 points and five rebounds.

"I thought Krei had her best night," Larson said. "She did a great job on defense on Hamlin. Hamlin is a load, but she had to take 20 shots to get 18 points and never got a free throw."

Nesbitt, the only other Iowa player in the game, finished with four points, six rebounds, and five assists.

Alexander 'Kashes' in

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"She made like 12-of-13 free throws," said Unkrich, whose team took a tough loss in yet another competitive Game Time League game. "If she misses one of those in the second half, we win the game."

Unkrich, upset with his team's inability to hit the free throws to close out the game, knew what was missing — besides having Alexander on his team, of course.

"We played hard on both ends of the ball, and we had a great chance to win the game," he said. "The biggest thing, is if we make free throws, we win this game easily."

Unkrich said he tells the women to practice their shots before every game, so this shouldn't have been a problem.

"I ask all the girls on the team to shoot 50 free throws before the game," he said.

Even though Hy-Vee pulled off the victory, Alexander wasn't pleased with the way her team came out. Because it's getting near the end of the summer, she's feeling the pressure.

"We took them lightly; we beat them by a good amount last time, but this is the third go around, and everyone is gunning for us," she said.

Hy-Vee didn't come out as strongly as it finished, giving Goodfellow/Imprinted every opportunity

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— Brendan Unkrich, Goodfellow/Imprinted head coach

to close the lead.

Another surprise was ex-Hawkeye Kristi Smith. She suited up for Iowa sophomore Kamille Wahlin, who was unable to attend the game, and filled in admirably.

She scored 39 points while hitting 9-of-11 from 3-point land. Unkrich said he felt fortunate about having her leading the team.

"Kristi is a great person, she's a great basketball player," he said. "She's a leader on the court, and we couldn't ask for anything more."

Smith also pointed to her team's inability to make its free throws as the key to the game.

"Free throws — that's what hurt us," she said. "If we could have made a few more free throws in regulation, we wouldn't have had to go to overtime."

Alexander's stat line wasn't a good indicator, but it

was clear that she was frustrated matching up with Smith all night.

"Kristi played really well," Alexander said. "She was reading screens real well. She would just go back and pull of for a 3."

A little night ball

NCAA

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One of the big problems last year was the Iowa uniforms. Instead of black with white numerals, they were black with gold numerals. Some people weren't too happy about that.

Of the many in line late Monday evening complaining about the Hawkeye jerseys, the most vocal was Dakota Flory, the first person in line.

"The Hawkeye jerseys — they messed them up last year," he said. "If they get Florida schools right, then they should get all the schools right."

While the jerseys have been corrected, another part of Iowa's equipment was the center of controversy this year — the face masks.

"If they can't get something simple like that right, it's kind of dumb," Hawkeye



AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN

A long line forms from the door to the cash register to buy NCAA Football 10 at Video Games Etc! early Tuesday morning.

fan Joerge Baack said.

The majority of the people in the line, if not all, planned on taking the game back home and playing it into the early hours.

Gabe Medd gave a simple reason for why he was at the midnight sale.

"Basically it's ... Monday night, and I have

nothing better to do than come out here and buy the game, but it will be a fun night's activity," he said, grinning.

UI student Chris Artman was also at the midnight sale.

"I want to play right now," he said. "I can't wait; it's going to be sweet."

New football video game scores a TD

REVIEW

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every game. The highlight reel is cool for the first two games, then an annoyance after that because you can't skip it.

Season Showdown is another new mode. It's a long competition that counts credits. The champ will have the most credits. Credits are earned in five categories, and to win the game, you need to win at least three categories. The only way to lose credits is through poor sportsmanship.

The game is by far more fluent than in years past. At points, it can seem like you are watching a real game, despite the slight cartoon feel. Defense is harder to play than last year, and the controls on defense changing don't help that at all. The camera is different, but it always is on the new games. It will take some getting used to, but it shouldn't be too hard to do.

"The play is different from NCAA 09. The CPU isn't dumb as bricks," said Maxwell McBride, who purchased the game at Video Games Etc! of Coralville

when it went on sale at midnight. "The computer is by far smarter in 10."

Everything on the field looks great, from the players to the uniforms to the field. It looks stellar. The stadiums look beautiful, replicated to look like the real things. The fans who pack the stadium even look good from the longer distance views. However, when the fans are viewed up close, there are only a few different people, who are blurry, copied through the entire stadium. Another nice little touch is the net that comes up from behind-the-field goalposts.

The audio of the game is great, from a big hit to crowd noise to the referee's whistle. Some of the teams even have their band that plays the team's fight song. The sounds of the game are vibrant and are a great asset to the game.

Where the game struggles with sound is the commentary team. There is only so much of Lee Corso that one person can take. His comments become redundant and just plain ridiculous. The rest of the broadcast team, which consists of Brad

Nessler and Kirk Herbstreit, has lines that have been recycled through the games of past.

The game itself is playable from the time it comes out until the release of the next NCAA. With game modes such as Dynasty, Road to Glory, Season Showdown, Online Dynasty, Mini-games, the ability to create and customize your own team however you want, or just an exhibition, there is so much to do in the game.

"Whether you're a football fan or not, the replay value is 100 percent," said Steven Tolson, who also purchased the game during a midnight release sale at Video Games Etc.

Overall, NCAA Football 10 is as good, if not better, than its most recent predecessors. Don't let the fact that Iowa's face masks got screwed up by EA Sports this year keep you from purchasing this game. It's worth the \$60 I ended up paying for the Xbox 360 version.

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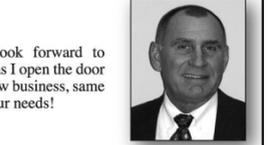
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Mariano Rivera

MLB AL All-Star streak extends with 4-3 win

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Carl Crawford's glove and a dominant bullpen helped save the AL's streak.

Crawford pulled back a home run with a leaping grab an inning before Curtis Granderson tripled and scored the tiebreaking run in the eighth, giving the American League a 4-3 victory Tuesday night at the new Busch Stadium.

The AL has won seven-straight games since 2002's 7-7, 11-inning tie at Milwaukee, and it is 12-0-1 since its 1996 defeat at Philadelphia — the longest unbeaten streak in All-Star history.

The AL has won all seven times the All-Star game has been used to determine home-field advantage for the World Series.

Not even President Obama's ceremonial first pitch helped the NL, which had been 4-0 when sitting presidents threw out the first offering. The NL scored all its runs in the second inning and 22 of its last 24 batters made out.

Starting with Hanley Ramirez's groundout off starter Roy Halladay that ended the second, AL pitchers retired 18-consecutive batters before Adrian Gonzalez's two-out walk in the eighth against Joe Nathan. Orlando Hudson singled and, with pinch-hitter Ryan Howard at the plate, stole second before Howard struck out.

Mariano Rivera pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his record fourth All-Star save, breaking a tie with Dennis Eckersley and giving him eight All-Star innings over eight appearances with no earned runs.

FIELD HOCKEY AAU field-hockey games set for Grant Field

The Iowa field-hockey team got some major news on Tuesday when it learned the 2009 AAU Junior Field Hockey Olympic Games will take place at Grant Field.

The games are slated to start on July 30 and run through Aug. 2.

"It is a phenomenal opportunity to have the top U-16 field-hockey athletes from around the country grace our campus and have the opportunity to play on Grant Field," Iowa head coach Tracey Griesbaum said in a statement. "We are looking forward to running a first-class tournament for these young and talented players and their families."

The tournament staff is seeking volunteers for the event.

"It is a great opportunity for the community to come out, and support this tournament, and lend a hand as a volunteer, if possible," Griesbaum said.

— by Brendan Stiles

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• AAA All-Star Game, at Portland, Ore., 9 p.m., ESPN2



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A group of people waits outside Video Games Etc! in Coralville just before midnight Monday. The store had a midnight sale of NCAA Football 10.

The midnight ride

The long wait for the NCAA Football 10 video game officially comes to an end with midnight sales across the country.

By ZACH CHRISWELL
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As the clock struck midnight Monday, Video Games Etc! of Coralville let anywhere from 50 to 60 people waiting outside in to purchase NCAA Football 10 and grab some slices of pizza.

The store's promotions department came up with the idea since games that come out annually are considered to be shoo-ins and do really well when sold at the earliest possible moment.

Whitney Green, the Video Games Etc! manager, likes the midnight sales.

"The point of the midnight sale really is to get people the ability to be on

Xbox Live or the PlayStation Network as soon as they want to be," Green said. "It's also really to benefit the customer and to get the merchandise out as quickly as possible."

NCAA Football 10 on Xbox Live and the PlayStation Network allows a player to go online and compete against other people and communicate with them while playing.

In the more recent NCAA titles, gamemakers have added an online dynasty, which is essentially where players build up a team and keep playing season after season. When a person does this online, he or she has other people in that same dynasty. So they fight each other

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for top-notch recruits.

The online dynasty gives people the ability to play against friends, family, and coworkers.

UI student Karl Kofmehl, who was in line for the midnight sale of the game, is excited about the online dynasty.

"I and a couple work buddies are going to start an online dynasty," he said. "We will play online; it's going to be really exciting, so that's what I'm looking forward to."

Green said there were

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consequences if games are sold before midnight.

"You get a pretty substantial fine," Green said. "I believe you can actually lose the ability to sell that particular title again in the future, in the most extreme circumstances."

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GAME REVIEW

High marks for game



ZACH CHRISWELL
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Once again, it's time to welcome an addition to EA Sports' NCAA Football franchise.

NCAA Football 10 was officially released Monday at midnight for Xbox 360, PlayStation3, PlayStation2, and PSP. This year's edition has added some new game modes that make it entertaining.

The first new mode is family mode. This setting is essentially for little kids — it brings the play down to an easy level. One button controls everything, for the most part.

The next new mode is Road to Glory. It is the same thing as last year's Campus Legend, but this year's game now includes ESPN's Erin Andrews and a highlight reel after



NCAA Football 10

Cost:
XBOX 360: \$59.95
PlayStation3: \$59.95
PlayStation2: \$39.95
PSP: \$39.95

★★★★½ out of ★★★★★

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Game Time

Printy-Hamlin show a winner

Jaime Printy has a stellar first half and leads the way for Active Endeavors/McCurry's in blowout of Pelling/Cullen.

By CLARK CAHILL
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Active Endeavors/McCurry's rode its familiar 1-2 punch — Iowa incoming freshman Jaime Printy and Iowa senior JoAnn Hamlin — en route to an 88-57 thrashing of L.L. Pelling Company/Cullen Painting in Game Time action Tuesday night in North Liberty.

Printy started on fire, scoring 18 first-half points, including 3-of-4 from the 3-point line. The Marion native also showed skills in driving to the basket with a minimal amount of space, finishing strong at the hoop, drawing fouls, and dishing the ball to open teammates.

"I don't really think about it," she said. "It depends on who is guarding me. If I think I can get to the basket first, but if not, I look for a shot."

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ON THE WEB

Go to dailyiowan.com for video footage from Tuesday's Game Time League contest between Active Endeavors/McCurry's and Pelling/Cullen.

Active Endeavors/McCurry's head coach Mark Weaver said the team thrives when Printy has the ball in her hands.

"Her strength, to me, is to let her have the ball," he said. "It's not necessarily scoring, it's finding the open person, finding who's got the best shot, going to the hoop. She gets to the foul line really well."

Not only did Printy get to the foul line, she capitalized, shooting 7-for-8 from the charity stripe. She nearly had a triple-double, finishing the game with 24 points, 10 rebounds, and eight assists.

Alexander great again

Kachine Alexander's third-straight triple-double pushes Coralville Hy-Vee to overtime victory.

By PATRICK RAFFERTY
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Kachine Alexander is money, or maybe she's "Kash."

For the third-straight Game Time contest, the Iowa junior posted a triple-double, and on Tuesday, it was needed when Coralville Hy-Vee defeated Goodfellow Printing/Imprinted Sports-wear in overtime, 95-87.

In the win, Alexander netted 28 points, grabbed 15 rebounds, and dished out 13 assists.

During the Hawkeyes' 2008-09 campaign, Alexander became the first-ever Hawkeye player to post two triple-doubles in a season, and it looks like that work is carrying over.

Goodfellow/Imprinted head coach Brendan Unkrich, along with everyone in attendance Tuesday, noticed Alexander's play.

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Iowa junior Kachine Alexander searches for teammates during Hy-Vee's Game Time contest against Goodfellow/Imprinted Tuesday.