

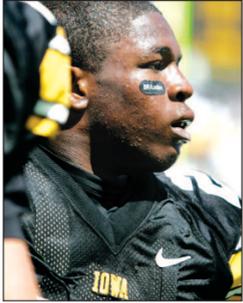
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In the Sept. 1 article, "Int'l grad-student numbers fall in U.S.," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly referenced a report by the Council of Graduate Schools. The report noted a 3 percent decrease in admissions offers to international graduate students at public institutions.

In the Sept. 1 article, "State may back city in license denials," the *DI* incorrectly reported that Jim Clayton owns the Soap Opera, 119 E. College St. Clayton's son owns the business. The *DI* regrets the errors.

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Iowa City hails cab card

The days of students standing on the curb, wishing for money for a cab, are over.

By **NICOLE LUMBRERAS**
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It works like a debit card. Your parents may foot the bill. And it can get you home on a tipsy Saturday night.

University Cab Cash, an online business based in Florida, is designed to help students pay for their cab rides by using a pre-loaded "cab" card.

"It's a new way to pay and we think that not only will students enjoy having [the cards], but it will give peace of minds to parents whose students are going off to school," said Roger Bradley, who works with Yellow Cab of Iowa City.

The Florida company partnered with Yellow Cab of Iowa City, one of the largest cab operators in Iowa,

two week ago to make the UI the first school in the Big Ten to participate in the program.

UI students may use the wallet-sized card only with Yellow Cab, the company University Cab Cash chose to work with.

Yellow Cab was chosen based on how many cabs it has, its relationship to the university, and its service, said Jason Willoughby, the company's president.

"It's better because you are using a single cab company that knows how to provide a better service," he said, noting the simplicity in paying for the ride with a card.

Working with one cab company ensures drivers understand the system, he said.

University Cab Cash was created

University Cab Cash

The program cites drunk driving as an incentive for using its service.

- 13,470 people died because of driving under the influence in 2006.
- 1.4 million drivers were arrested in 2007 for driving under the influence.
- 19 percent of drivers between the ages of 16 and 20 died in 2006 because they were drinking alcohol.
- In 2006, alcohol-related crashes were one-third of the traffic-related deaths in the United States

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

three years ago. The card, which works like a debit system and expires after four years, can be purchased online; the card comes in the mail.

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UI adopts new trash system

Faculty will have to change their disposal habits, but the new system will promote more sustainability.

By **MARLEEN LINARES**
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The UI will soon have a new trash-management system in its academic buildings: Faculty members will have to centralize their garbage disposing, and custodial staff will empty central bins once a month.

The change comes in response to the promotion of a more sustainable campus and to recent budget cuts, said Dan Heater, the director of building and landscape services at UI Facilities Management.

Heater is in the progress of implementing a new trash-management system, which generally aims to reduce waste across campus and is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Faculty members will receive a recycling bin in their offices where they can discard items. They will be asked to drop their full



Heater
director

UI waste adds up

The new trash-management program aims to reduce amount of waste and increase recycling:

- Waste (general trash): 4,500 tons per year
- Recycled waste: 2,000 tons per year
- Confidential waste (paper with student and faculty's personal information): 413 tons per year

Source: UI Facilities Management

trash and recycling bins in central collection bins located in every building.

"Because trash will be picked up less often, faculty are more likely to recycle in order for their trash bins to stay empty, longer," Heater said.

The custodial staff will begin to collect from those bins once per month, as opposed to current practice of picking it up twice per month.

Through all the components of the new management system, custodial positions could potentially be eliminated. However, Heater said a natural attrition is more likely to happen than actual layoffs.

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LICENSE TO SERVE

Sending a message

Officials: PAULA-per-visit ratio is a clear, measurable statistic.

By **CHRIS CLARK**
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Hoping to enforce underage drinking laws, Iowa City City Councilors sought a clear way to hold bars accountable.

That's why they approved an ordinance that hinges bars' liquor-license renewal on their underage drinking ticket counts.

"We're really trying to get the bar owners to regulate who's drinking in their bars," said Councilor Connie Champion. "[The ratio] is something we can put our fingers on; it's something we can measure."

In July, councilors used the new ordinance to deny renewing liquor licenses for Et Cetera, 118 S. Dubuque St., and 3rd Base Sports Bar, 111 E. College St., based exclusively on the ratio of underage drinking tickets to police visits.

As other Iowa City bar owners prepare to face the council, city officials have indicated their desire to send a message.



JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Two women walk by 3rd Base on Tuesday. Et Cetera and 3rd Base had their liquor-license renewals denied by the City Council because of high ratios of underage-drinking tickets issued per police visit to the establishments.

DAILY IOWAN TV

For more on the liquor series, watch Daily Iowan TV's newscast at dailyiowan.com.

In a July 29 e-mail obtained by *The Daily Iowan*, Iowa City police Chief Sam Hargadine wrote to Sgt. Troy Kelsay that the councilors' decision "should send a shock wave through the downtown bars."

Under the ordinance, passed in February, Hargadine is required to recommend denial of liquor-license renewals for any bars with a ratio of more than one PAULA per police visit.

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No Go Zone

Some food vendors are cautious about delivering to the city's Southeast Side.

By **DANNY VALENTINE**
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One local business will no longer deliver pizzas to the city's Southeast Side after two of its employees were recently robbed at gunpoint.

The decision came after a third armed robbery on Monday night, which eventually resulted in the arrest of three men who are allegedly connected to the two pizza-delivery incidents and one other case.

Reginald Payne, 20, Laron James, 19, both of Iowa City, and Elander Simmons, 20, address unknown, face several charges after the late-evening incident. Pizza Pit, 214 E. Market St., will no longer deliver to an area south of Highway 6 between Gilbert Street and Scott Boulevard, said owner Tim Kelly.

The ban will stick until his employees feel safe again, he said.

"Both employees were shaken," Kelly said.

In both robberies involving Pizza Pit drivers, employees immediately gave over the money, ran away and called in the suspect description to police — exactly what they were supposed to do, Kelly said.

SEE **ROBBERY**, 3



Russian gaining students

An increasing number of UI students are drawn to the Russian program, part of the of Asian and Slavic languages and literatures department.

By **LAUREN MILLS**
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UI lecturer Irina Kostina paces back and forth, firing off sentences for students to conjugate, encouraging them as they struggle with a language they began learning just a week ago.

Last semester, she taught 50 students. On Tuesday, her enrollment hovered at 98.

This year, the UI has added a third section of the class, First-Year Russian, because it grew in popularity despite the challenging subject and demanding five-day schedule.

"This year is our most robust enrollment since the early '90s," said UI Professor Margaret Mills.

Growing national trends show more students taking "critical languages"—Russian, Chinese, Korean, Hindi, and Arabic—because of modern events, Mills noted.

"Since Sept. 11, our government has learned the hard way that we need

people who speak these languages," Mills said.

The Russian program now boasts 200 students, an increase of more than 30 percent since 2005. One reason for the increase may be a \$360,000 grant awarded to the program, Mills said.

Jointly funded by the Russian Ministry of Education and the U.S. Department of Education, the program includes intensive classes at the UI—which some students refer to as "Russian boot camp"—and an opportunity to study in Moscow.

"We are kind of leading the curve," Mills said about the UI. "We have increased more with fewer faculty members than other programs in the Big Ten."

In Kostina's class, reasons for learning Russian ranged from a passion for



Mills
UI professor

Growing interest in Russian

Enrollment in the UI Russian program has expanded over the past few years:

- Fall 2005, 148
- Fall 2006, 152
- Fall 2007, 190
- Fall 2008, 187
- Fall 2009, 208

Source: UI Professor Margaret Mills

Russian opera to a desire to work for NASA.

"Russians have different relations among themselves," Kostina mused during a brief break between classes and meetings. "It is a warm, loving culture. Students come to Russia and they make so many good friends. They want to go back again."

The Russian program has plans for further growth, including offering classes about Russian literature and culture.

The program also plans to promote growth through

retention, Kostina said, describing efforts made to provide support for students in the class.

"Russian definitely keeps me on my toes," UI student Ciuin Ferrin said. "But the instructor goes out of her way to take away the intimidation factor. She has a wonderful ability to get down to the student's level, look you right in the eye and get through it."

Despite notable growth, the Russian program employs one official professor along with lecturers and teaching assistants. The program applied to hire a new instructor, but Mills said she doubts it will happen this year due to current financial restrictions.

"I can understand that every decision is driven by budget," she said. "But with such an amazing outcome from students and with so much growth despite being practically starved to death financially, we hope that our voice will eventually be heard."

Board hopefuls reveal positions

Candidates are vying for three seats, for four-year terms, on the Iowa City School Board.

By **HOLLY HINES**
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Six candidates for the Sept. 8 School Board election presented potential solutions to various issues of concern in the district, including the district's strained budget and the closing of Roosevelt Elementary.

Local residents filled all of the seats at a public forum Tuesday night, held at the school district administration offices on Dubuque Street.

Candidates agreed the board must generate solutions to address the troubling financial situation. But the methods they suggested differed.

Jean Jordison, who taught middle-school English, suggested officials increase efficiency in bus routes, which are funded by a portion of the budget the School Board can modify.

The School Board isn't authorized to access or redistribute many parts of the district's funds, she said.

However, Tuyet Dorau, who works in the ophthalmology department at the UI Hospitals and Clinics, suggested lobbying the state to change spending authority for district officials.

In particular, she said she would like to change funding systems in order to redistribute money towards building a third high school.

Candidates also discussed the community's involvement with the board. "I'm going to rely on a great amount of involvement from the community," said Anne Johnson, who works at Pearson.

Others agreed that community engagement should be a priority.

April Armstrong, a professional nanny, said she wants to look into developing "town hall-style" forums where locals could engage in dialogues with board members.

Many locals are unaware of what goes on at a district government level, Jordison added, suggesting board members seek out input from

School board candidates

- April Armstrong – Iowa City
- Michael Cooper – North Liberty
- Tuyet Dorau – Coralville
- Anne Johnson – North Liberty
- Jean Jordison – Iowa City
- Sarah Swisher – Iowa City

district parents at school athletic events and concerts.

"We need to go to where people are in the schools," she said.

During the last half of the forum, community members posed anonymous questions to the candidates. Earlier in the evening, they received scraps of paper on which they wrote comments.

One local asked if the board hopefuls would reconsider the recent decision to close Roosevelt Elementary School, which split the candidates' opinion.

They did not agree on whether they would be open to a possible change,

though the consensus was that keeping the school open would likely be impossible at this point.

Johnson said she was open to reconsidering the Roosevelt decision, but only if board members uncovered new facts.

The decision should not be an emotional one, she said, and some people believe the right decision has been made.

Sarah Swisher, a registered nurse, also said she was willing to re-examine the decision if an appropriate proposal were submitted to the board.

She wouldn't have opted to close the school, she said, had the decision been up to her.

Mike Cooper, the only candidate who currently serves on the board, said he would not be willing to reconsider.

He noted he is excited to bring the community together to find a new use for the building, and suggested renovating the space as an art center.

METRO

Slockett reminds voters of holiday

Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett is advising School Board voters to cast their ballots earlier, given the Labor Day holiday coming up.

Because the school election is Sept. 8 and the Johnson County Auditor's Office will be closed Sept. 7, the last day to vote early is Sept. 4.

Requests for mailed absentee ballots should be sent to the auditor's office by 5 p.m. on Sept. 4—they can be either

mailed or hand delivered, but must arrive by that time.

Completed ballots, then, must be postmarked by Sept. 5 to count. Voters can also hand deliver a completed absentee ballot through the end of voting on Sept. 8, but may not send one via mail on that day.

There are no satellite voting sites scheduled for this weekend.

On Sept. 8, voters must go to their precinct's polling place between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

POLICE BLOTTER

Jessica Alvarez, 20, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with possession of marijuana and driving with a revoked license.

David Balmer, 26, 409 1/2 River St., was charged Monday with OWI.

Austin Campbell, 19, Winnetka, Ill., was charged Aug. 29 with public intoxication.

Stephen Bishop, 18, 504B Mayflower, was charged Aug. 29 with falsifying driver licenses and public intoxication.

Aimee Cecak, 20, Amana, was charged Tuesday with OWI.

Riley Faaborg, 19, 101 Hawkridge Apt. 1305, was charged Tuesday with keeping a disorderly house.

Matthew Flynn, 19, Ames, was charged Aug. 29 with public intoxication.

Cesar Gonzalez-Ceballos, 28, 1205 Laura Dr. Lot 109, was charged June 10 with violation of a no-contact order.

Mollie Holcomb, 24, 415 S. Van Buren St., was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Valerie Herteen, 26, Coralville, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Benjamin Jaeger, 18, Burlington,

CR man charged with extortion, harassment

A Cedar Rapids man faces two charges in connection to a June 26 incident in which he allegedly threatened to kill a man unless he paid him \$10,000, according to North Liberty police.

Chad Luzum, 34, was charged with extortion, a Class D felony, and first-degree harassment, an aggravated misdemeanor.

Iowa, was charged Aug. 29 with public intoxication

Daniel Jensen, 45, 2221 Muscatine Ave., was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.

Anthony Koch, 20, Oak Forest, Ill., was charged Aug. 29 with public intoxication.

Ruth Pihl, 24, Coralville, was charged Sunday with driving with a revoked license.

Jeffrey Rude, 24, Washington, Iowa, was charged Aug. 29 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Ashley Santoro, 18, 619 Slater,

was charged Monday with third-degree harassment.

Michael Southard, 18, N168 Hillcrest, was charged Aug. 29 with public intoxication.

Shane Stange, 21, address unknown, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Richard Tronolone, 19, N235 Currier, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Thomas Vercillo, 20 422 Brown St. Apt. 2, was charged Aug. 29 with public intoxication, falsifying a driver's license, and false representation of record.

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Respondents: 14

STATE

Iowa GOP rivals trade barbs

DES MOINES (AP) — Republican gubernatorial hopeful Bob Vander Plaats is defending himself against claims he's distorting his business background.

Republican rival Christopher Rants says a Sioux City organization Vander Plaats headed "tanked financially" during his tenure.

Rants says a review of tax records shows that Opportunities Unlimited, an agency that serves people with brain injuries, went from a surplus of more than \$470,000 to a deficit of more than \$630,000 under Vander Plaats.

Vander Plaats disputed that on Tuesday, saying Rants is showing signs of desperation.

Vander Plaats says Rants has his facts wrong and that the agency was sound when he left in 2000.

Judge moves Agriprocessors-mangers' trial

IOWA CITY (AP) — A U.S. District Court judge has moved the trial of four former managers of a kosher slaughterhouse from Cedar Rapids to Sioux Falls, S.D.

Judge Linda Reade ruled Tuesday that the "prodigious" amount of negative pretrial publicity about Agriprocessors Inc. and former top manager Sholom Rubashkin caused potential jurors to develop a bias against them.

The trial has been set for Oct. 13.

The order filed Tuesday was the second victory for Rubashkin's defense team, who earlier asked for and received a month's delay in the trial.

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Three charged

ROBBERY

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One driver's description led to the immediate arrest of one of the two suspects in Monday night's robbery. While the delivery driver was calling in the incident around 9:49 p.m., Iowa City police officers reported seeing two suspects running with their hoods up in the same location.

Dispatchers notified officers, who then saw two men changing clothes in the Sycamore Mall parking lot, according to police.

Police later allegedly found money and receipts from the pizza-delivery driver, clothing, one of the suspect's IDs, and a replica .45 automatic BB gun, according to police.

Simmons was charged Monday with first-degree robbery, ongoing criminal conduct, both Class B felonies, and going armed with intent, a Class D felony.

James was charged with first-degree robbery, going armed with intent and interference with official acts, a

simple misdemeanor.

After further investigation, police issued charges for Southeast Side robberies on Aug. 20 and Aug. 29.

Simmons was charged with first-degree robbery and going armed with intent in the Aug. 20 incident, where he allegedly put a gun to a woman's head and demanded her purse while she was sitting in her car.

On Aug. 29, a Pizza Pit delivery person was robbed by two people, one holding a gun, while making a delivery.

Payne was charged in the Aug. 29 incident with first-degree robbery, going armed with intent, and third-degree burglary.

Simmons — the only person allegedly involved in all three robberies — was charged with going armed with intent and third-degree burglary, an aggravated misdemeanor. A charge of first-degree robbery was not yet filed.

The robberies are similar to crimes committed by members of the Broadway Goons, a locally brewed

gang mostly made up of individuals age 17 and under, said Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay.

He said the three people arrested were older, but engaged in the same activities, using similar replica BB guns.

Other local businesses have temporarily halted deliveries to specific streets and telling employees to be more cautious.

On July 25, another pizza-delivery driver was robbed at gunpoint in the 10 block of Regal Lane.

The Wedge Pizzeria, 517 S. Riverside Drive, decided Monday night following the robbery not to deliver to Western Crosspark when it is dark unless it is a known customer.

"It's really unfortunate," said Luther Nash, the manager at the Wedge. "You don't want to brand one whole area — it's not good business."

The establishment might return serving the area now that police have caught the suspects, he said.



JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Yellow Cab driver Roman Schoenberger heads up Burlington street on his way to a fare on Tuesday. Yellow Cab is the only cab company in town that accepts Cab Cash, a debit-style card specifically for paying for cab rides.

Cab card comes to IC

CAB

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"Right now, more parents are buying it for their students," Willoughby said.

Some UI students said they are eager to start this new program, which they can choose to pay for themselves.

"It's a good idea," said UI senior Yuliya Bumar. "I'll probably look into getting myself a card."

Card holders can manage their balance online. University Cab Cash sends users e-mails notifying

them that their balance is low and inviting them to add more funds online.

If a student's account is too low, but they still need a cab ride, they're allowed to charge funds to the card and be billed, Willoughby said.

They don't want to leave people stranded, he said.

But Bradley said there will be plenty of his cabs around for students to get a ride home. On a typical weekend night, Yellow Cab keeps 16 cabs on duty in Iowa City.

Drivers said they expect to see more of the cards,

which carry Yellow Cab's phone number on the back.

"I like the idea of this card — this just makes it easier and a lot safer for the kids," said Roman Schoenberger, a driver with Yellow Cab. "It's a good way for them to get home without them worrying about cash."

UI sophomore Kailey Arrivo said the new payment method is a smart idea. It means her wallet will be less crammed.

"It's cool, because we don't try to bring a lot of money out," she said.

Iowa City lays down the law to bar owners

SHOCK WAVE

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Jim Clayton, who serves on the state Alcoholic Beverages Commission, said he was pleasantly surprised with the council's decision to turn down renewals for Et Cetera and 3rd Base, known informally as the Fieldhouse.

"For years, there has been an economic engine of underage drinking in our community," said Clayton, who owned a business on the Pedestrian Mall for 28 years before passing it on to his son. "I remember I was shocked the City Council actually followed through."

Clayton lauded the council's policy blitz.

"After all this time, out of the blue, the City Council established this policy, passed the [500-foot] zoning ordinance, and now has enforced this policy," he said, calling the councilors' actions a positive approach.

He said the council failed to accomplish anything as dramatic a decade ago. At the time he worked with Stepping Up, a group similar to the more recent Alcohol Steering Committee, focused on the consequences of binge drinking from missing classes to sexual assault.

Councilor Mike O'Donnell said he supports the new regulation because he believes underage drinking is directly related to violence and over-consumption.



JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN

People walk by Et Cetera on the Pedestrian Mall on Tuesday. The City Council recently denied Et Cetera and 3rd Base their liquor-license renewals because of the high ratio of PAULA issued per police visit.



"Bar owners have been making promises and haven't been doing a great job keeping them."

— Connie Champion, councilor



"Some bars told us they would have people walk through the crowd and check IDs, and that wasn't done. I expect cooperation from the bars."

— Mike O'Donnell, councilor

However, he said he isn't a proponent of making Iowa City's bars 21-and-older.

"I think we have students who come into town, and this is an activity for them to go out and socialize and dance," O'Donnell said. "There's really not a lot else for them to do."

Passed in February, the ordinance mandates Iowa City police to suggest

license denial based on one statistic. But Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey said the council takes other factors, like calls for service, into consideration before making a final decision.

"You run your business legally, and that's just that," she said. "I think the council painted it pretty well: Enough is enough."

UI hopes to spur recycling

TRASH

CONTINUED FROM 1

That means some positions will essentially be phased out over time, Heater said.

One way Heater is hoping this attrition will take place is through the UI early retirement program, in which workers 57 years or older can have five years of paid medical and retirement benefits. Then the position will simply not be refilled.

Around 35 positions could be in jeopardy, Heater said.

This is due to an overall decrease in base funding as well as a potential loss of federal stimulus money.

At \$30 million total, the base fund dropped 3.2 percent from last year, Heater said, and is expected to dip another 4 percent by next year.

That money comes from the General Education Fund, with tuition and state money each covering half.

Between 80 and 85 percent of the money pays salaries for 600 employees, 232 of whom belonging to the custodial staff.

In preparation, Heater said he has spoken to the deans of every college at the UI, as well as all building coordinators. They were generally enthusiastic, he added.

William Hunter, dean of the Tippie College of Business, said faculty and staff have responded positively to the new trash management system.

"Our students are committed to our recycling and sustainability efforts and to other socially responsible activities," Hunter wrote in an e-mail. "Recycling waste in the College is taken very seriously and is a responsibility assigned to each faculty and staff member."

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Editorial

Eliminate an inhibitor: Ban driving while talking on cell phone

You're at a stop light, and your phone rings. It's your father. The light changes to green, and you accelerate. The next thing you know, you're blindsided by another driver. Unfortunately, this scenario has become all too common since the rise of cell phones.

On Monday, the Governor's Highway Safety Association announced its support for banning text messaging while driving in all motor vehicles.

Iowa should go even further.

Six states have banned hand-held cell phone use for all drivers, according to the nonprofit governors' group. Eighteen states prohibit text messaging while driving. Late last month, U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., proposed a bill that would ban cell-phone use among drivers in all 50 states. If federal legislation passes, state action would be moot. If the federal legislation isn't approved, the state should consider its own expansive cell-phone ban to prevent Iowans from becoming just another dire statistic in this growing problem. The propensity for accidents is just too high. Drunk driving alone kills too many; we don't need an additional driving inhibitor.

On this issue, the statistics back up the common sense, with research consistently showing that cell-phone use is dangerous for drivers. A University of Utah study found that talking on the phone while driving causes the same impairment as driving drunk. The comparison may seem hyperbolic to some, but it underscores the potentially fatal nature of the driving distraction. A similar study conducted by the Virginia-based Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found that people using a cell phone while driving were four times more likely to get in an accident. Texting increases the crash risk or the risk of a near-crash by 23 times, the group found.

Closer to home, Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek said a countywide prohibition wouldn't work in a "legal, technical sense." In order for any ordinance of this kind to pass, all the city councils of the county would have to approve the ban. The county Board of Supervisors would then have to pass the same ordinance for the unincorporated areas of the county.

"I don't think that is even possible," Pulkrabek said.

A statewide approach is more likely. Indeed,



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several state lawmakers — including Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City — have proposed legislation that would bar drivers from using cell phones or other hand-held devices while operating a vehicle. Bolkcom's bill, which will still be active when the Iowa Legislature reconvenes in January, would exempt hand-held devices from such a ban.

Pulkrabek said that banning drivers from using cell phones would be difficult to enforce, and certain exceptions must be made. The issue of texting "would be the most important," he said.

As Bolkcom told the *DI*, now it's just up to the legislators to see the evidence and go to their constituents with the facts. While civil-liberty activists may have reasonable objections, a cell-phone ban would improve the safety of all drivers. In this case, individual actions can lead to disastrous consequences for others. All the reason to quash these distractions and crack down on such safety hazards.

Driving is difficult and requires acute awareness of one's surroundings. We have all but taken for granted this daily activity as rudimentary and simple. But when texting and cell phone use enters the equation, tragedies can happen.

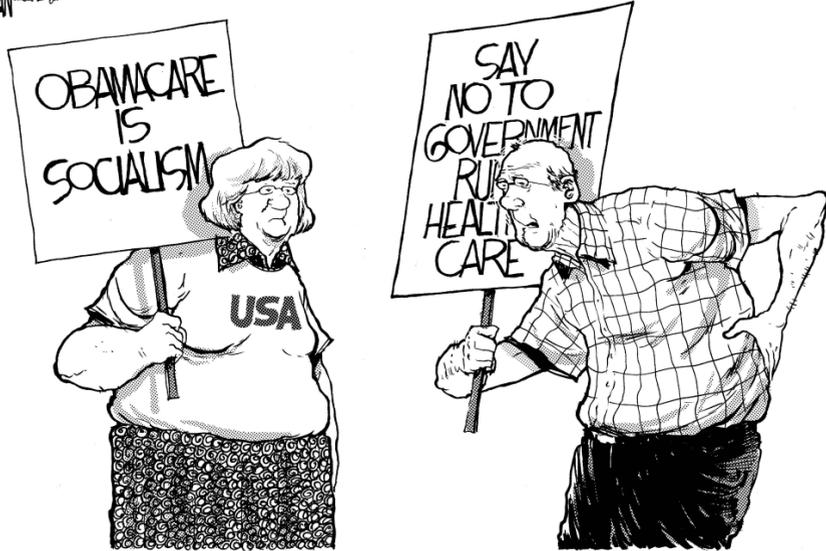
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"ALL THIS PROTESTING IS MAKING MY SCIATICA ACT UP. THANK GOD MEDICARE COVERS MY BACK PILLS."

Guest opinion

The right time for a circumcision debate?

By DEBORAH KOTZ

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention caused quite a stir last week when word slipped out that the agency was considering, for the first time, making public-health recommendations concerning circumcision. In terms of a woman's health, circumcision makes sense because it lowers a man's risk of getting infected with HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases and, thus, decreases his likelihood of transmitting

them to his female partner. But those vehemently opposed to circumcision — who call themselves "intactivists" — have expressed outrage that the government is thinking about recommending that all newborn boys be circumcised. They contend it's a form of mutilation that destroys a man's ability to fully experience sexual pleasure.

I'm wondering why the CDC is choosing to tackle this controversial cultural issue at this particular time, when Americans' tempers are already flaring

over health-care reform and rumors of so-called death panels that will determine whether you live or die just won't go away, even though there's no mention of them in the legislation.

The agency says it hasn't decided yet on the final content of the recommendations and whether it will actually include wording that recommends the procedure for all newborns or merely recommends that doctors educate parents about the potential benefits and risks to help them make an informed decision.

Many experts have drawn the conclusion that circumcised men are less likely to spread certain sexually transmitted diseases to women. Hence, some say, circumcision should be advocated in newborns as part of a public health campaign.

I think, though, that this issue is actually far more complex. Circumcision is not just a medical procedure, it is also a religious and cultural one. Judaism prescribes it on the eighth day after birth, while in Islam, boys may be

circumcised any time from birth to puberty. As a cultural issue, most Americans have come to accept it as the norm (although it's less popular today than it was 20 years ago). Europeans, on the other hand, have never embraced it. In the Philippines, two-thirds of teenage boys who responded to a recent survey said that they were choosing to get circumcised to avoid being different from their peers, according to this United Nations website. Same, too, in South Korea. The intac-

tivists, who are growing in number, say that the procedure is barbaric and akin to genital mutilation in females.

Certainly, the debate isn't about mandatory snipping in the hospital cradle or whether circumcision will solve the AIDS crisis. But I do think CDC folks will have to evaluate the latest research carefully before deciding to take a cultural practice and turn it into a public-health mission.

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Newspaper blues

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The word "free" has many connotations in our literary and cultural world. In either a political or social context, there remains to be found any word with more power to its name. But to a burgeoning journalist such as myself, that term gives me pause and a case of jungle fever. Our profession thrives on the occasional newspaper or subscription sold. Now, our respected profession is being taken over by the free content that spans the Internet.

Fifty years ago, the daily newspaper was a staple of American society. The average youngster could make a buck or two riding his 10-speed up and down the city streets, giving the local banker or dentist the morning news. Now, the only way the paper boy can make a quick buck is by showing grandma and grandpa how to access the *New York Times* on that box in the corner of the room. Technological evolution is such a downer.

Just take a moment to think about all the things that were once free that now have a dollar sign attached to them. Most airlines are now charging extra for a second bag on commercial flights in this country. Passengers can request a certain seat on a flight, but a nominal fee is now required. Bike enthusiasts around the country were stunned when they discovered that in certain places, air for tires cost \$1. Thirty years ago, our parents and grandparents would have scoffed at the notion of charging for a bottle of water. Move to present tense; that has turned into a reality.

Mind-numbing as it is, if people can charge a fee for something, they most likely will. It's survival of the fittest, and the almighty dollar is the kingpin of this brigade. Journalists aren't a greedy bunch. We just need our weekly allowance to pay for our nightly trips to the bar and our chain-smoking habits (present company excluded, however). Tracking down and talking with government officials can be as hard as finding a Republican who supports Obama's health-care reform. You may find one, but try

getting her or him to talk when you have a microphone in your hand.

When the only thing that can shine a bright light to our eternal darkness is watching *All The President's Men* and old reels of Cronkite waxing poetic on that night's festivities, we have reached meltdown status.

The increased numbers in our profession were in part due to the Watergate scandal that rocked the nation. Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward became the poster boys for the good that the journalism profession can create.

Today, the scenario has shifted, and the more likely conclusion will be a breaking news story on a blog, written by a recent college graduate living in his parents' basement.

The good thing about this movement toward web journalism is that it requires the average journalist to be proficient at most tasks that once were rudimentary, but now have become the norm. Shooting and editing video is not just for the Daily Iowan TV staff now. Basic skills such as this can help the beginning journalist stand out in the crowd, especially when revenue is tight and jobs are scarce.

If my bantering comes off as complaining, then I apologize. As journalists, we understand the business we enter into. We enjoy long nights editing copy, speaking with sources, and attending City Council meetings. The only concern we should have is that when the news is free, there really is no barometer of quality. Blogs can run rampant with heresy and speculation, and because of their free nature, they receive undue credibility. If you purchase the *New York Times*, there is a sense of depth and quality reporting that you receive. You may complain about the cost, but at least you know what you're getting when you sit down in the morning with your coffee.

The fiery Fourth Estate is free-falling into the fathoms of fear. But alas, we will strive forward. That is our only recourse, and one we will undertake. The world needs journalism in any form it can withstand. A newspaper is like oxygen. You never know how bad it is until you don't have it. ■

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Stereotype heaven



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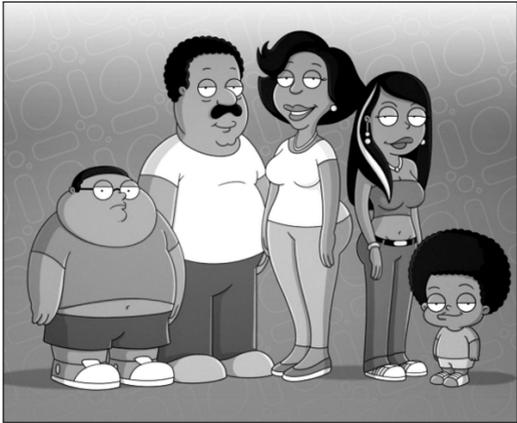
The debut of "The Cleveland Show" is less than one month away, and I'm already sweating it.

I'm not too concerned that three minutes of dialogue spoken in Cleveland's trademark drawl will fill the requisite 22 minutes of an episode. I'm also not worried that Cleveland is essentially a foil for Peter and not interesting enough to carry his own plot lines. I've even overcome my bitterness toward Fox for canceling my beloved "King of the Hill."

Instead, like other white liberals in the media who are afflicted with politically correct syndrome, I am worried that enjoying this show makes me look like a bigot. Let's examine the evidence.

The Brown (insert your own joke here) family closely resembles the Griffins — a smart-aleck baby, a dim-witted, overweight son, and a sensible homemaker for a mother. However, in the place of the angst-ridden and sexually awkward family punchline Meg, "The Cleveland Show" has the flirtatious Roberta, a stereotype straight off the Bratz doll shelf.

In promotional material, Roberta's appearance has changed considerably, leading me to believe the show's creators are already concerned about drawing flak for playing to black



PUBLICITY PHOTO/FOX

"The Cleveland Show" presents the (stereo)typical black family. Well, at least it's not in mono.

stereotyping and are making a pre-emptive apology. Initially portrayed with bare shoulders and midriff, denim skirt, curly hair, gold hoop earrings, stilettos, and a sideways newsboy hat, Roberta's recent teaser appearances dress her in more modest jeans and tennis shoes and lose the hat and curls in place of highlighted, straight hair as if to channel Tyra Banks instead of Chaka Khan.

While Roberta underwent this transformation in the show's advertising, her baby brother Rallo suddenly grew an Afro. The Afro (best worn, in my opinion, by Julius Erving) is another tired black stereotype that the show has proved itself capable of exploiting. "Haireotypes" are tragically overdone (i.e., basketball Herky and his fade) and beneath the standard of "Family Guy." Why should Rallo, the spin-off Stewie, get away with such a cheap laugh? Apparently, Roberta wouldn't let him borrow her hair straightener.

There's a tradition of

black family sitcoms — including television classics such as "The Cosby Show" and "The Jeffersons" and animated shows such as "The Boondocks." However, "The Cleveland Show" differs from its predecessors in that both the creator (Seth MacFarlane) and star (Mike Henry) are white. Given the tendency for "Family Guy" to occasionally delve into ethnic humor, I am left to wonder if "The Cleveland Show" can deliver the same caliber of comedy from a black-centric perspective when the two main creative influences are white.

Barack Obama's bi-ethnic presidency has been heralded countless times as the bellwether of a "post-ethnic America." As a president he (theoretically) elevates the black perspective in politics and reinvents the white one.

So, the new fall lineup of post-ethnic America includes "The Cleveland Show"? I'm less than persuaded.



MEGHAN STEPHENSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Ben Nugent browses the menu at Shorts Burger and Shine on Tuesday. He will read from his book, *American Nerd: The Story of My People*, this evening at Prairie Lights Books.

Stories from nerd nation

Author Ben Nugent reads *American Nerd: The Story of My People*, a investigation of group classification.

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Throughout America's cultural childhood, "nerd" held an incredibly negative connotation. Those who were cast into this category seemed to live exclusively in their Dungeons & Dragons guilds, while those doing the casting effectively created a classification with a word with unexpected historical origins.

Author and Iowa Writers' Workshop student Ben Nugent decided to uncover the tradition behind the word that defined so many. He studied it, created a logical idea of where it came from, and researched groups of people that fell into the definition of "nerd."

Nugent will read from his book, *American Nerd: The Story of My People*, today at 7 p.m. at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St. Admission is free.

The word "nerd" first appeared in 1950 in the book *If I Ran the Zoo*, by Dr. Seuss. Nugent said there is a character in the story whom the author described as a tiny, angry old man called a Nerd. Nugent said that after kids read the book, they started applying the title to ordinary life.

But despite the relatively new term, the actual idea of a nerd dates back many more years. Characters in Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* and Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* (namely Mary Bennet), are all classic examples of nerds, Nugent said. They are peo-

ple who have a hard time interacting with others and thrive from following systems and rules.

"This can apply to people who like computers — computer programming is an elaborate system of rules — but it can also apply to people who are very systematic and rule-loving in the way they talk about something like records they collect," Nugent said. "That love of categorizing things and ranking things and talking about things rather than going out and playing basketball or talking about music."

One of the ways he assembled research and ideas for *American Nerd* was by drawing from his own childhood experiences. He described himself in his early years as being socially awkward, though he said he was able to find a group of kids similar to himself who enjoyed staying inside and playing games similar to Dungeons & Dragons.

"We also used to do this fake medieval times fighting where we would like make these swords out of PVC piping, and put duct tape around them, and whack the shit out of each other on a field somewhere, and call each other medieval names," he said.

Nugent's own life wasn't the only place he researched. Besides gaining ideas from his friends, he also traveled the country — interviewing different groups of people who engage in various activities that can be classified as "nerdy," including groups of medieval fighters.

The author said he found it was moving to meet the many different types of organized groups. Nugent saw positive outcomes for those who were in "nerdy" groups, such as high-school debate teams, because the

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skills they were learning — talking with intellectual counterparts — was more productive than a group of nerds staging a battle.

"With something like medieval battles, it gets a little more ambiguous," he said. "You're like, 'Wow, you're having a really good time, and there's a certain "you go" aspect to doing your own thing, but man, you're sequestered from the reality the rest of us are in a really profound way.' So that finding of one's place in the world can be a dangerous thing as well as good thing. I think seeing that tragedy and that comic/tragic aspect of it is really interesting."

One of the concerns he has about the nerds of today is that they will become much too dependent on sitting alone in front of a computer interacting with the digital world instead of finding groups of similar people and getting together in one room to partake in a common activity.

"I think it was really important, at least when I was a kid playing [Dungeons & Dragons] that we got together in the same room and actually had to have contact with each other face-to-face," he said. "Especially for really dorky kids, it's so easy to spend your entire life on a computer. The fact that nerds communicate solely through the Internet now is a potentially bad thing as well as a useful thing."

CELEBRITY TWITTER

It may not be Earth-shattering when that guy from Slater Seven tweets about his morning breakfast, but what's Twitter good for if not keeping with every mundane thought and detail of our favorite celebrities' lives? So, for our collective voyeuristic pleasure, we have compiled a list of the best celebrity tweets.

michaelianblack: Just in case I decide to make the world's cutest bullet: How fast would a marshmallow have to travel to penetrate the human torso?

johnmayer: The funny thing about breast implants is that everyone who's ever gotten them had to say out loud "getting some fake boobs tomorrow."

diablo Cody: I saw "Snow Leopard" as a trending topic and briefly thought there were some fellow Zoobooks subscribers on here. Crap.

mindykaling: I honestly think we would do a better job writing "The Office" if we were playing Beatles Rock Band.

robhuebel: Thank you, toilet. For being who you are.

rainwilson: "U r as precious to me now as when we first made love. Which was 11 years ago. On your mom's futon couch."

Paula Abdul: Just finished a great workout, and now I am getting a

facial. First time in a while. Tweeting before i fall asleep. Love you all!

DrDaily: @pancheros Who loves Pancheros's more? ISU or Ulowa?

SarahKSilverman: Watched a 7-year-old boy torture a pigeon today in MacArthur Park. It was the performance-art version of my week.

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Queer Showcase set to kick off



A parody of Grant Wood's *American Gothic* called *Marriage Equality* hangs on the wall of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center. The piece, by Laurie Haag, and many others will be on display in the Queer Iowa Showcase beginning tonight.

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With its name alone, the Queer Iowa Showcase 2009 certainly grabs attention.

And that's exactly what the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allied Union is attempting with its kickoff at 7 p.m. today at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center. The Queer Iowa Showcase 2009 will be unveiled and displayed for public viewing until the end of September. Admission is free.

"The Queer Iowa artist exhibit is a space for folks to come in and see a whole variety of work, submitted by artists who identify as either gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender," resource center manager Elizabeth Krause said.

This year's exhibit will feature work from Cheryl Hetherington, Laurie Haag, Sammy Pottebaum, Sara Tokheim, and

GALLERY

Queer Iowa Showcase 2009

When: 7 p.m. today - September
Where: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center
Admission: Free

Sharon Beck. In the spirit of diversity, the exhibit will play host to a wide variety of media, such as shadowboxes, sculptures, and photography.

In addition to the long-standing exhibit, tonight's event will be jam-packed with activities, including live music from local musician David Zollo and plenty of games and refreshments.

"I was up all last night making cookie dough, so we should have a pretty impressive food spread," Krause said.

The kickoff is part of a larger block party event tonight, the Cultural Center Open House, in which other cultural centers will

celebrate and welcome new UI students.

The Queer Iowa artist showcase is the first in many new events taking place this year at the resource center. Krause said she's been busy creating monthly gatherings, including a Social Justice potluck dinner, a prom, and a big barbecue for National Coming Out Day, on Oct. 7.

Smaller groups will also meet monthly at the resource center, including groups for transgenders and sexually fluid individuals.

Christal Weisenstein, a student worker at the center and four other cultural centers, said she's excited about the Queer Iowa artist exhibit's material, and she noted that the artwork is available for purchase. She thinks the art will appeal to a wide audience.

"Although the art is by artists who identify as LGBT, the art itself is not LGBT theme," she said.

Escaping the 'burbs



PUBLICITY PHOTO/CAPGUN COUP

Nebraska natives Capgun Coup will perform with special guests Spot and Mannix at 9 p.m. today at the Mill.

By REBECCA KOONS
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From Dullsville, USA, to indie-punk fame, Capgun Coup has risen from the self-proclaimed "banality of suburban Nebraska" (Omaha, to be exact), to touring the Midwest in support of its debut album, *Brought To You By Nebraskafish*.

As demonstrated by the disc's title, drummer Eric Ohlsson said the environment in which all of the Coup's members grew up has left an indelible mark on the members.

"It has made a huge impact on our music," he said. "It has shaped the way we play, tour, and think — sometimes a little too much."

Capgun Coup, with special guests Spot and Mannix, will perform at 9 p.m. today at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St.

This will not be Capgun Coup's first time at the Mill. Andre Perry, in charge of booking at the venue, said that the band opened for Cursive two years ago, and when it comes to booking acts, the Mill looks for that "certain something."

"We look for a promising musical act — bands that might be on the rise or others that are well-established," Perry said.

The band, formed in

2004, began as group founders lead vocalist/guitarist Sam Martin and Greg Elsasser discovered a mutual interest in the exciting world of musical performance. Before long, the band's original creative duo joined forces with Ohlsson and Andy Matz, fresh out of school and exploring Omaha's downtown scene. The quartet ultimately cultivated its own indie pop/punk sound. The band lineup has since changed: Matz has left, and Jesse McKelvey and "Roadie" have joined.

Martin and Elsasser wrote the majority of the material for *Brought To You By Nebraskafish* while still in high school. From the offset, the group members said, they put nothing but wholehearted effort (and most of their money) into all aspects of the band's being. Capgun Coup was first noticed playing a number of shows at Hotel Frank in Omaha. As a result, the band was signed to the independent label Team Love Records, based in New York City.

"Some of the label people saw [a show], and it must have reminded them of the old days, and they decided to re-release our first album," Ohlsson said.

With this kind of support, Capgun Coup has been able to make a name

for itself on the indie scene, and it has since toured the nation several times. As any up-and-coming musicians probably know, being on the road undoubtedly has its positive aspects, but in most cases, taking the bad with the good is a necessary evil.

"The best part is playing shows in different cities, some we have never been to before, and doing what we love," Ohlsson said. "The downside is being broke, hungry, smelly, and tired. But I think the good outweighs the bad most of the time."

When it comes to crowd interaction, Capgun Coup is always looking for fans and newcomers alike to have a great time. However, that doesn't mean that the audience can just stand around.

"We like to be treated like we treat everyone," Ohlsson said. "We release a lot of energy, and hopefully, they do as well." Armed with a solid set of material and clear work ethic, the band is set to release a new album on Nov. 3, and the members plan on touring through next summer. As far as the future is concerned, all they can do is wait for what happens next.

"With us, you never know what to expect," Ohlsson said.



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Dine on a dime



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Once upon a time, there was a college freshman — let's call him "Harris." One day, he was in the library when he remembered he had a huge paper due in two hours.

Harris chugged some energy drinks and skipped a lecture to pound out 1,526 words that equated to something almost meaningful. After tweaking out during three excruciating hours of class-mandated discussion, he stumbled to his room. The caffeine was just starting to wear when he realized how hungry he was. Of course, it was now near 9:30 and the marketplace was closed. Harris was not one to be so easily defeated, however. He set

Coney Mac and Cheese

Ingredients:
2 packets of microwaveable mac & cheese
1/2 a can of beanless chili (like you would put on a chili dog)

Directions:
Make the two packets of mac and cheese according to directions, using slightly less water than the recipe calls for. Then put the chili in a small cup and microwave it on 70 percent power and 45-90 seconds. Mix the hot chili into the mac and cheese.

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about making some microwave munchies.

Feeling that his remaining two packets of mac and cheese would not be enough, he also made a bowl of ravioli. This is when he got what he thought to be a very good idea. He decided to mix

the ravioli with the mac and cheese. He stirred the two together in a big bowl, devoured it, and then passed out in a state of glutinous euphoria.

He woke up four hours later to the revolting smell of his own mac and ravioli burps. His throat burned with indigestion, and the smell made him ill. Half a bottle of pink antacid and four trips to the bathroom later, Harris passed out again — this time in a state of emaciated pain.

Don't be like Harris (who may or may not be analogous to the author). Think before you mix two random foods together, and try this delicious combination that seems like it might make you sick — but instead leave you, and a lucky friend, wanting seconds.

FROM THE BLOG

THE SECOND IOWA METAL GUILD EXHIBITION

The Second Iowa Metal Guild Exhibition: A Riveting Experience will be on display at the Figge Museum of Art, 224 W. Second St., Davenport. The exhibition will open Sept. 7, and admission is free. There will be a public reception on Sept. 10 at 7 p.m.

The exhibition is centered on commemorating the diverse metalwork in the Iowa arts community. Only artists who reside, have taught, or have received their education in Iowa will be featured. The work was juried by Tom Muir, a professor at Bowling Green State University, Joe Muench, a professor at

Iowa State University, and Robert Coogan, a professor and the head of the metalsmithing department at Tennessee Technological University.

An estimated 44 artists with more than 80 pieces of artwork will be on display. The process for entering the Iowa Metal Guild included the selected jurors analyzing images of the artwork and determining the level of creativity, aesthetics, and innovation. Two out of the three jurors had to approve

the artwork before it could be entered into the exhibition.

"[The artwork to be exhibited] ranges from really fine craft jewelry artwork to objects including furniture," said Kee-Ho Yuen, acting president of the Iowa Metal Guild.

The goal of the Iowa Metal Guild is to promote relationships between artists and the public about the field of metalsmithing. Workshops, lectures, and more will be available.

- by Hanna Rosman

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- George Burns

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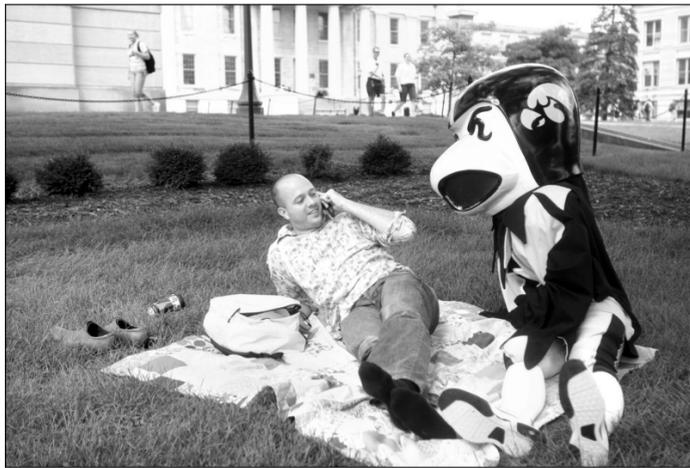
My Home's Ultra-Advanced Antitheft Security System

- **Perimeter:** Veritable minefield of the neighbor's kids' toys, the other neighbor's dogs' droppings, and stinging, biting insects that look as if they belong in a '50s sci-fi movie.
- **Front door:** Protected by a mean-looking iCarly sticker placed above and slightly to the left of the doorknob by the neighbor's daughter, as well as surrounded by a labyrinthine swell of rotting shoppers and cigarette butts.
- **Back door:** Cannot be opened by anyone, even those bearing the key, without Herculean force applied to it from one's shoulder — sending a shock wave through the house that shakes the walls, rattles the furniture, and gives me a helpful 20-second warning to hide the woman I'm cheating on my girlfriend with.
- **Sliding door of back porch:** Never fails to jump its tracks and make a klaxon-like screech whenever someone tries to use it ... very similar to an Amtrak train.
- **Overhead garage door:** Impregnable — even I can't get the damned thing open without a ladder, two buddies, and an afternoon with nothing better to do.
- **Windows:** Cosseted by an opaquely gray (and possibly sentient) film I've been lovingly cultivating over the years.
- **Guard animals:** A pair of portly and pertinacious felines, trained to mewl both loudly and incessantly at every new person that they encounter until fed, regardless of whether there is already food in their bowl.
- **House interior:** Full of ugly, worthless crap that nobody in his right mind would care enough to steal.

Andrew R. Juhl won't throw out old phonebooks because he might need them.

Think you're pretty funny? Prove it. The *Daily Iowan* is looking for Ledge writers. You can submit a Ledge at daily-ian@uiowa.edu. If we think it's good, we'll run it — and maybe contact you for more.

SOME HERKY TIME



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Herky the Hawkeye lounges on the Pentacrest with Pascal Blanc on Tuesday. Blanc was involved in hydraulic research at the UI in 2006 before moving back to his home near Nuremberg, Germany. He is visiting friends in Iowa City.

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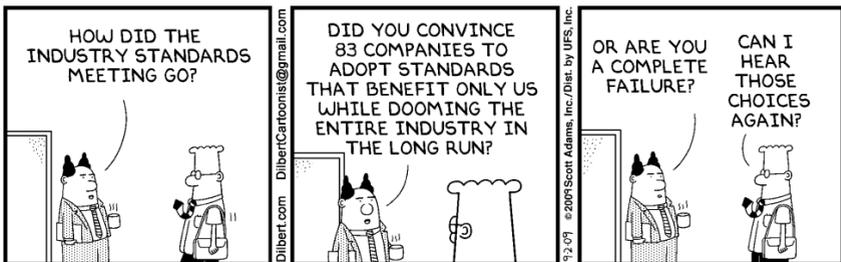
horoscopes

Wednesday, September 2, 2009
- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 A personal overhaul that promises to bring you greater self-confidence should be your goal. Efficiency will be the name of the game, so find out all you can that will help you be your best. Love is in the stars.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 There are too many variables to take a risk. You have to weigh the pros and cons before you make your move. Don't believe everything you hear. False information will distract you from what you should be concentrating on.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 If you fall behind with your chores, you will miss out on something you want to do later in the day. Love and romance will motivate you to move a little faster. Re-evaluate your current personal situation.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Keep a lid on your anger, and you'll avoid a dispute that you cannot win. You should be intent on picking up knowledge, experience, or new skills. A trip or time spent with family will be advantageous.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Don't let a trivial matter escalate into a serious emotional encounter that will be difficult to fix. Try to get along, regardless of what someone else does. Your ability to negotiate is good.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 If you put all your eggs in one basket, you are likely to come up short. You have to be diverse if you want to get ahead. Don't expect anything to go according to plan. Be ready to act fast in order to avoid loss.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Pondering over what to do next will not lead to advancement. Make up your mind, and move on. You have what it takes to charm and network your way to the top, so put your talent to good use.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Stay focused. Don't give in to bribery or anyone promising you something for nothing. Protect your interests and your lifestyle before it's too late. Unpredictable actions will confuse your rival.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You may have to be secretive about your current situation. Visit someone or somewhere that will help you sort out a conundrum that could potentially change your personal life. An older individual will have valuable advice.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Do your best to help someone you love see the ins and outs of a financial situation that might also affect you. Your experience will pay off, and you will end up being a hero if you negotiate on behalf of others.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Put a lid on any inclination to be overindulgent. Don't let anyone talk you into doing something that might not be to your benefit. You aren't likely to find it easy to say no, but if you don't, you will be put in a compromising position.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Keep things out in the open, or you may be blamed for something that was not innocent to begin with. Secrecy and meddling will both lead to a problem with someone you need on your side. Take an open and honest approach.

DILBERT

by Scott Adams



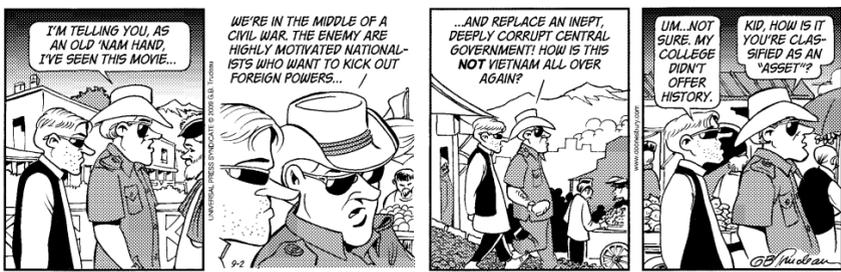
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



today's events

Want to see your super special event appear here? Simply e-mail the name, time, date, and location information to: daily-ian-calendar@uiowa.edu

- **Bicyclists of Iowa City Tuesday Morning Ride**, 9 a.m., Hy-Vee, 1201 N. Dodge
- **Poster Sale**, 10 a.m., Hubbard Park
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Blood Drive**, 11 a.m., Hawkeye Foodservice Distribution, 3550 Second St., Coralville
- **Volunteer Fair**, 11 a.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Market Music, Mutiny in the Parlor**, 5 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **Farmers' Market**, 5:30 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **"Welcome to Our House," Cultural and Resource Center open house and block party**, 6 p.m., Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resource Center
- **Cultural Center Open House**, 6 p.m., African American Cultural Center, Asian Pacific Cultural Center, Latino Native American Cultural Center
- **Iowa City Eagles REAC Dance**, 6 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Bingo**, 6:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge

- **Board Game Night**, 6:30 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 89 Second St., Coralville
- **"What is Public Relations?," Pizza Party**, 7 p.m., E132 Adler
- **"Exploring the Ancient Climate of Mars," Ingrid Ukstins Peate**, 7 p.m., Van Allen Hall Lecture Room 1
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Benjamin Nugent, nonfiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Sin Nombre**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Rainbow Reading Group, "Before Night Falls,"** 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Mandarin Chinese Community Classes**, 7:15 p.m., University Capitol Centre
- **Be a Contestant on "The Smartest Iowan,"** 8 p.m., Public Access Television, 206 Lafayette
- **Cagun Coup, with SPOT and Mannix**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Comedy Night**, 9 p.m., Summit Restaurant and Bar, 10 S. Clinton
- **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Industry, 211 Iowa
- **Outrage**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

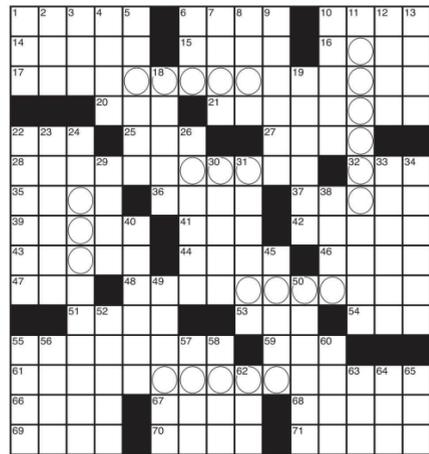
The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0729

- Across**
- Clinks
 - Way out
 - Baseball star in Senate steroid hearings
 - Sheltered water
 - Repetitive routine
 - It may be pumped
 - Argue forcibly
 - South American cruise stop
 - Finish lacing up
 - fly (run producer)
 - Catch red-handed
 - Royal Navy drink of old
 - Pesticide spreader, e.g.
 - Brian of ambient music
 - Prefix with sphere
 - Arthurian times, say
 - Name in 2001 bankruptcy news
 - Knoxville sch.
 - Grizzlies' org.
 - "Call it!" call
 - Lehmann of opera
 - Damage, so to speak
 - Con man?
 - Chaotic place
 - Terse
 - "Don't ___ me, bro!"
 - Dark half of a Chinese circle
 - G.P.S. heading
 - Like a Möbius strip
 - Class with the periodic table on the wall, often: Abbr.
 - Where Olaf I or Olaf II sat
 - ___ la Douce" (1963 film)
 - Fish-eating raptor
 - Moves gingerly
 - Cold war propaganda disseminator
 - Rink fake
 - Like Yogi Berra, physically
- Down**
- Huck's raftmate
 - Bibliophile's suffix
 - Sort
 - Lounge lizard's look
 - Discolorations
 - Works in a gallery
 - Snow structure
 - Yours, in Tours
 - Bridge no-no
 - 2007 Michael Moore documentary
 - Juicer remnants
 - Work without ___ (be daring)
 - Needing a rinse
 - "La Bohème" setting
 - Charles who created Peppermint Patty
 - "Am not!" response
 - Shake hands
 - It's most useful when it's broken
 - Blood drive donation
 - Shady retreat

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- Puzzle by Tim Westcott
- Like bread dough or beer as bets
 - Actor Nick and family are won by
 - Like some football kicks
 - Tandoor-baked bread
 - Storied monster, informally
 - Dance for Chubby Checker
 - Mayo's land
 - Counterbalanced, as bets
 - What some races are won by
 - ___ the custom (traditionally)
 - "Get ___!" ("Stop procrastinating!")
 - "The Thin Man" detective
 - 1970s self-improvement program
 - Dungeonlineke
 - Modern home of ancient Ur
 - Alumna bio word
 - Columbus sch.
 - Teachers' org.

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Spotlight Iowa City

Swinging between music, journalism

By **TOMMY MORGAN, JR.**
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The life of a graduate student and a musician do not often intersect. One requires hours holed up in the library, the other involves playing shows. One involves teaching classes, the other entertaining crowds.

However, for Eric Nelson — a third-year grad student in the UI School of Journalism and Mass Communication — the two seem to blend perfectly.

Nelson, in addition to being a journalism student, is the vocalist and guitarist for Des Moines-based pop-rock outfit Hold for Swank. “It’s been tough, but it’s worth it,” Nelson said. “It’s fun. I wouldn’t do it if it wasn’t fun.”

The singer started the band with bassist Max Kenkel when the two attended Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. Nelson and Kenkel met at a party

when they began playing a game involving throwing beer cans at a moving ceiling fan.

“He’s one of my best friends and has been since pretty much the day we met,” Kenkel said. “He enjoyed the ‘fan can’ game as much as I did.”

They only played three shows while in college, Nelson said, but they kept at it after that. Now, Hold for Swank is beginning to gain national attention, with songs featured on shows such as Oxygen’s “The Bad Girls Club” and MTV’s “Real World/Road Rules Challenge.” Nelson said hearing his songs on television is like when the band in *That Thing You Do* first heard its song on the radio, only “even more surreal.”

“On TV, it’s like all these weird people doing this weird stuff, and your music is the soundtrack for that,” he said. “It’s like, ‘Oh my god, I have to call all my friends. These chicks are slipping and

sliding to our song.’”

In addition to playing in Hold for Swank, Nelson is working on an entertainment webzine as a part of his studies. The lack of press coverage for bands in local papers is what gave him the idea, he said.

“It seems like if I try to get press releases for our band in smaller town newspapers, I always hear ‘we don’t have an entertainment section,’” he said. “It’s frustrating as a musician and as a journalist.”

He plans to continue working on the project after graduating.

“Ideally, I would get advertisers and turn it into a part-time job or at least a paying hobby for a while,” Nelson said.

Though journalism and music sound like professions that would not go well together, Nelson said studying journalism has helped his music career.

“There are a lot of aspects of journalism that I will put into play with the

Eric Nelson

- Has played guitar for 15 years
 - **First song learned:** “Basket Case,” by Green Day
 - **Favorite album:** Weezer’s *Pinkerton*
 - **Most influential album:** Weezer’s *Weezer* (Blue Album)
 - **Best place to relax:** Lincoln, Neb.
- Know someone we should shine a light on? E-mail us at: di-spotlight@uiowa.edu.



BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI graduate student Eric Nelson plays an acoustic guitar in West Music Monday. Nelson is a guitarist and lead singer in the Des Moines-based band Hold for Swank.

ON THE WEB

To see a photo slide show of Eric Nelson, go to dailyiowan.com.

band,” he said. These include professional tasks such as drawing up press releases, but also things like choosing the best words for lyrics.

“They’re not totally hand-in-hand,” he said. “But they’re not completely separate.”

It can be hard to get together sometimes, but Nelson’s partners in Hold

for Swank, Kenkel and drummer Nick Talley, said Nelson’s residing in Iowa City isn’t a problem for the Des Moines-based group.

“It works,” Talley said. “We’re constantly e-mailing each other back and forth just to make sure we’re on the same page.”

Ever since Nelson and Kenkel graduated from

college, the band members have never lived in the same city at the same time.

“No matter what, we can’t all be in the same town,” Nelson joked. “It’s been easier doing it from here as a grad student than it was living in Waterloo and working a full-time job. It hasn’t been that bad, thankfully.”

C’ville gets state grant

By **MOLLY BURKE**
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Coralville garnered \$27 million this week to renovate First Avenue, support flood-prevention efforts, and help decrease traffic congestion.

The funds are part of the state’s \$800 million I-JOBS program, which Gov. Chet Culver created to finance infrastructure projects.

“We were amazed and very thankful we got the amount we asked for,” said Dan Holderness, the Coralville city engineer.

Coralville’s \$36 million project will mainly focus on rebuilding First Avenue — soon to be co-named Hayden Fry Way — from South Sixth Street to Clear Creek, and it will include flood prevention along the Iowa River, Holderness said. The I-JOBS grant will cover 75 percent of the project’s cost.

The venture includes a plan to build three large pump stations — which protect storm sewers from high river levels and flash flooding — and new walls made of concrete and earth berm, or mounds of dirt, as extra safeguards, Holderness said.

“The main goal is flood mitigation,” he said. “We want to keep the water in the Iowa River.”

The renovation also aims to combat some of Coralville’s traffic problems by reducing congestion at Johnson County’s busiest intersection.

The city will add a fifth lane to First Avenue. Coralville Assistant City Administrator Ellen Habel said the extra lane will ease traffic at the corner of Highway 6 and First Avenue.



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Floodwaters cover First Avenue near the Iowa River Power Company in Coralville on June 16, 2008.

“It has been the interest of ours to widen it for a long time,” Habel said.

The project will also replace the traffic bridge over Clear Creek, making it wider, higher, and longer than the current structure, Holderness said.

Motorists won’t be the only ones to benefit from Coralville’s latest projects, officials said. They plan to build a new tunnel for pedestrians and bicyclists next to the Clear Creek Bridge, further improving congestion and safety issues with the city’s trail system, Habel said.

The goal is to finish the massive renovation by early 2011, Holderness said, but officials won’t have exact numbers until they speak with consultants later this week.

The street will stay open during the project, but lanes may be reduced from four to two, he said.

“It’s a lot of work and a long, big project,” Holderness

What \$27 million funds

Coralville’s I-JOBS grant gives renovation plans the go-ahead. The First Avenue renovation plan includes changes to help flood mitigation and traffic congestion, including:

- Adding three large pump stations to help control flooding
 - New concrete and earth berm walls to contain floods
 - A fifth lane on First Avenue, helping to ease traffic congestion
 - A new pedestrian and bicyclist tunnel — an improvement for the recreational trail
 - An expansion of the Clear Creek Bridge, making it wider, longer, and higher
- Source: Ellen Habel, Dan Holderness

said. “We can’t close the street because it would kill the businesses.”

UI Health Care makes flu shots mandatory

Those associated with UI Hospitals and Clinics, Carver College of Medicine, and UI Physicians must comply.

By **JOHN DOETKOTT**
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Flu shots are no longer optional for anyone associated with UI Health Care: It is a condition of employment.

“People who do not comply will not be eligible to continue their positions at UI Health Care,” said UI spokesman Tom Moore.

Staff members were notified about the policy change in an e-mail sent early Tuesday morning.

Collin Willhite, a UI alumnus and staff nurse in the surgical intensive-care unit at the UI Hospitals and Clinics, said he didn’t mind the new policy.

He has been getting the vaccine for the past few years anyway, he said, and it was critical for him to be healthy when working with patients.

“The common flu could kill some of the patients we work with,” Willhite said. “I feel it’s my personal responsibility to get one.”

UI Health Care includes the UIHC, the Carver College of Medicine, and UI Physicians. According to the new rules, flu shots are mandatory for those who work, learn, or volunteer at any

of the three entities. That includes vendors and contractors in the hospital.

Those in need of the flu shot can get one from the free immunization program UI Health Care will begin offering in September or from another source outside the program, the e-mail said.

Those who opt out must provide proper documentation of a medical or religious exemption.

Other individuals who must get the shot include UI and other medical students studying within the system who, like vendors and volunteers, do not technically work for UI Health Care.

To keep track of the immunizations, faculty and hospital workers will swipe their ID badge when vaccinated to electronically update their records. Their supervisor will then receive a report of who has been immunized.

Vendors must report vaccinations to the hospital’s Department of Procurement Services. Likewise, contractors will report to the Facilities Services office where those records will be stored.

Student records already on file will be updated to reflect immunization. Moore said he was not sure who would

check to make sure students had received vaccinations, however.

Staff receiving vaccinations outside the program will be required to provide proof of immunization to their supervisor: a signed physicians note, receipt of payment, or a copy of a medical record.

Moore also said this was not the first time those associated with UI Health Care had to comply with required medical measures. For example, administrators require staff members to take a tuberculosis test annually.

“This is nothing new for those people,” Moore said.

A task force made up of physicians, nurses, and administrators developed the policy, he said. It then received approval from Jean Robillard, the UI vice president for Medical Affairs, and the Hospital Advisory Committee.

Moore said the change in policy reflects the duties of UI Health Care.

“We have a responsibility to take every measure we can to protect the health and safety of our patients and visitors,” he said.

For Willhite, the new mandate goes beyond company policy.

“We owe it to these patients,” he said.

METRO

Volunteer Fair arrives

The UI will host its annual Volunteer Fair today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the IMU Main Lounge.

Roughly 70 local groups, from civic and government organizations to childcare agencies, will send representatives to answer questions and help volunteers sign up.

A poster session showcasing community projects will also be hosted from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Hubbard Commons in the IMU.

Last year, Iowa City boasted the second highest volunteer rate among 75 midsize cities in the nation, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Officials said the 10,000 Hours program, a cosponsor of Wednesday’s events, contributed to high volunteer turnout.

— by Zhi Xiong



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Philadelphia	76	53	.589	—
Atlanta	70	62	.530	7½
Florida	68	64	.515	9½
New York	59	73	.447	18½
Washington	46	87	.346	32
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	78	55	.586	—
Chicago	66	64	.508	10½
Milwaukee	64	67	.489	13
Houston	63	69	.477	14½
Cincinnati	59	73	.447	18½
Pittsburgh	53	78	.405	24
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	78	54	.591	—
Colorado	73	59	.553	5
San Francisco	72	60	.545	6
Arizona	60	72	.455	18
San Diego	58	76	.433	21

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia 1, San Francisco 0
Cincinnati 11, Pittsburgh 5
Atlanta 4, Florida 3
Chicago Cubs 4, Houston 1
St. Louis 7, Milwaukee 6
Colorado 8, N.Y. Mets 3
San Diego 4, Washington 1
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
Pittsburgh (Duke 10-12) at Cincinnati (H. Bailey 4-4), 11:35 a.m.
Houston (F. Paulino 2-6) at Chicago Cubs (Lilly 9-8), 1:20 p.m.
Washington (Lannan 8-9) at San Diego (Correia 9-10), 2:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Penny 0-0) at Philadelphia (Happ 10-3), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (J. Vazquez 11-9) at Florida (VandenHurk 2-2), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Bush 3-5) at St. Louis (C. Carpenter 14-3), 7:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Redding 2-4) at Colorado (Jimenez 12-10), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Scherzer 8-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 12-8), 9:10 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	84	48	.636	—
Boston	77	54	.588	6½
Tampa Bay	71	60	.542	12½
Toronto	59	72	.450	24½
Baltimore	54	75	.416	30½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	70	61	.534	—
Minnesota	67	65	.508	3½
Chicago	64	69	.481	7
Cleveland	58	73	.443	12
Kansas City	51	81	.386	19½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	78	53	.595	—
Texas	74	58	.561	4½
Seattle	69	64	.519	10
Oakland	58	74	.439	20½

Tuesday's Games

Texas 5, Toronto 2, 1st game
Detroit 8, Cleveland 5
N.Y. Yankees 9, Baltimore 6
Boston 8, Tampa Bay 4
Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Texas 5, Toronto 2, 2nd game
Seattle 2, L.A. Angels 1
Kansas City 4, Oakland 3

Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 11-7) at Minnesota (Duensing 2-1), 12:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Bannister 7-11) at Oakland (Cahill 7-12), 2:35 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Kazmir 8-7) at Seattle (F. Hernandez 13-5), 5:40 p.m.
Cleveland (Laffey 7-3) at Detroit (Porcello 11-8), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 15-7) at Baltimore (Berken 4-11), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Beckett 14-5) at Tampa Bay (Garza 7-9), 6:08 p.m.
Toronto (Richmond 6-7) at Texas (Tom Hunter 6-3), 7:05 p.m.

GOLF WEEK CONFERENCE CHALLENGE

Blue Top Ridge Golf Course Riverside, Iowa, Par 72

Team Results

- Florida State 287-285-281-853 (-11)
- IOWA 288-290-293-861 (-9)
- Coastal Carolina 292-284-290-866 (+2)
- California 296-288-285-869 (+5)
- Baylor 280-295-295-870 (+6)
- Middle Tenn. St. 285-294-296-875 (+11)
- Vanderbilt 293-285-298-876 (+12)
- Xavier 290-291-300-881 (+17)
- VCU 299-290-292-881 (+17)
- Illinois State 298-294-298-890 (+26)
- Texas-Arlington 297-297-300-894 (+30)
- Georgia So. 306-291-297-894 (+30)
- New Mexico St. 297-301-299-897 (+33)
- Southern Florida 310-294-299-903 (+39)
- Memphis 302-299-310-911 (+47)

Individual Results - Par 72 (Top 3 + Iowa)

- Brad Hopfinger (UI) 70-67-70-207 (-9)
- Drew Kittleson (Fla.St.) 70-69-68-207 (-9)
- H. Johnson (Vand.) 71-68-70-209 (-7)
- T14. Barrett Kelpin (UI) 69-72-76-217 (+1)
- T22. Vince India (UI) 73-71-75-219 (+3)
- T26. Chris Brant (UI) 76-72-72-220 (+4)
- T61. Ryan Marks (UI) 79-70-81-230 (+14)

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Indiana	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	20	8	.714	—
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Detroit	14	15	.483	6½
Washington	14	15	.483	6½
Chicago	14	16	.467	7
Connecticut	14	17	.452	7½
New York	12	18	.400	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Phoenix	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	20	10	.667	—
Seattle	19	11	.633	1
Los Angeles	15	14	.517	4½
San Antonio	13	17	.433	7
Minnesota	12	18	.400	8
Sacramento	11	20	.355	9½

US OPEN AT A GLANCE

A look at Tuesday's play at the \$21.6 million U.S. Open tennis championships:
ATTENDANCE: Day: 34,603. Night: 23,763. Total: 58,366.

MEN'S SEEDED WINNERS: No. 2 Andy Murray, No. 4 Novak Djokovic, No. 7 J. Wilfried Tsonga, No. 10 Fernando Verdasco, No. 11 Fernando Gonzalez, No. 16 Marin Cilic, No. 17 Tomas Berdych, No. 22 Sam Querrey and No. 30 Viktor Troicki.
MEN'S SEEDED LOSERS: No. 19 Stanislav Wavrinka, No. 27 Ivo Karlovic and No. 29 Igor Andreev.

WOMEN'S SEEDED WINNERS: No. 1 Dinara Safina, No. 4 Elena Dementieva, No. 5 Jelena Jankovic, No. 6 Svetlana Kuznetsova, No. 9 Caroline Wozniacki, No. 13 Nadia Petrova, No. 19 Patty Schnyder, No. 21 Zheng Jie, No. 23 Sabine Lisicki, No. 24 Sorana Cirstea, No. 29 Maria Sharapova and No. 30 Alona Bondarenko.

WOMEN'S SEEDED LOSERS: No. 11 Ana Ivanovic, No. 16 Virginie Razzano, No. 27 Olga Klyuchanova, No. 32 Agnes Szavay.
TOP PLAYERS ON COURT WEDNESDAY: Men: No. 1 Roger Federer vs. Simon Greul, No. 3 Rafael Nadal vs. Richard Gasquet. Women: No. 2 Serena Williams vs. Melinda Czink, No. 3 Venus Williams vs. Bethanie Mattek-Sands.

STAT OF THE DAY: Dinara Safina and Olivia Rogowska combined for 113 unforced errors and 24 double-faults.
WEDNESDAY ON TV: Tennis Channel, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; ESPN2, 12-5 p.m., 6-10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL

National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Released CB Von Hutchins, TE Ben Hartsock and DE Willie Evans.

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Placed CB Samari Rolle on the physically-unable-to-perform list. Released QB Cleo Lemon.

BUFFALO BILLS—Waived OL Chris Denman, LB Solomon Elimian and WR Shaune Smith. Placed TE Travis McCall, DB Lydell Sargeant and DT Marcus Smith on the waived/injured list. Signed TE Tyson DeVree.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Acquired DT Louis Leonard from Cleveland for an undisclosed 2010 draft pick. Announced the resignations of president Mark Richardson and Bank of America stadium head Jon Richardson. Waived DT Lonnie Harvey. Placed S Nate Slayton on injured reserve.

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed DB Rod Hood to a one-year contract. Released WR Derek Kinder.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Placed OL Ryan Tucker on injured reserve.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Claimed CB DeAngelo Williams off waivers from Tampa Bay. Signed CB Jeremy Haynes. Released WR Julian Hawkins. Placed LB Brandon Williams on injured reserve.

DENVER BRONCOS—Released TE Jeb Putzier, P Britton Colquitt, C Blake Schlueter and WR C.J. Jones.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed QB Brooks Bollinger. Waived G Terrence Metcalf.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Waived DB Marvyn Paschal.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Waived WR Amani Toomer, DE Alfonso Boone and R Cameron Goldberg. Placed WR Devard Darling on injured reserve. Placed RB Kolby Smith on the physically-unable-to-perform list.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Released K Taylor Mehtaff, CB Derrick Roberson, RB Antone Smith and G Nick Urban.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Placed RB Andre Brown on injured reserve. Waived TE Lee Vickers and OL Andrew Carnahan.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Traded CB Tye Hill to Atlanta for a 2010 draft pick. Released TE Joe Klempfstein, C Daniel Sanders, CB Marcus Brown and WR Jarrett Byers.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived QB Damon Hudson.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Waived WR Michael Bumpus.

Holmes tries again

By SEAN MORGAN
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When Illinois Class 2A state champion Nick Holmes arrived on campus last fall, high expectations surrounded the Peoria native.

Those close to the Iowa cross-country program hoped he would push top Iowa runner



Holmes runner

Jesse Luciano and help coach Larry Wiecezorek bring his team back into Big Ten contention.

And in his first collegiate race, Holmes seemed to surpass those expectations when he won the Hawkeye Invitational in 18:33, good enough for fourth all-time at Iowa.

“Coach [Wiecezorek] said we would be great together,” Holmes said. “He said, ‘You are going to make me famous some day.’”

Fame was put on hold, though. Within a week of his impressive debut victory, he began experiencing shooting pains in his left leg.

After an MRI came up inconclusive, he attempted to return to competition. “We were trying to do whatever we could,” he said. “Running in the pool. Cortisone shots. It was an up and down year.”

It was also a short year. The injury worsened.

Holmes was diagnosed with an inflamed Achilles tendon and iliotibial band syndrome. His season was over.

“It’s a time when an athlete is getting used to a new environment — classes, a new town. It’s hard when a freshman is healthy,” Wiecezorek said. “With the addition of the injury, Nick went through a real tough time.”

According to *Time-to-Run*, an online running magazine, an iliotibial band syndrome is among the most common and nag-

ging injuries a distance runner can get. It’s defined by pain and inflammation where the iliotibial muscle band rubs along the femur as it moves across the knee joint, making the act of running an excruciating one.

Holmes became frustrated by the lack of progress he was seeing during his sessions with trainers and physical therapists.

By April, he still hadn’t fully recovered and was still unable to run without pain after a few miles. Holmes returned home to be with his family for Easter, not expecting to feel any better when he returned to Iowa City.

But following Easter Mass, his parents requested the pastor pray over his injured leg. Surrounding the wounded Hawkeye, Holmes’ family and priest asked for divine intervention to put him back on the cross-country course.

When he returned to Iowa City that week, he said, he had his first pain-free run since the Hawkeye Invitational.

“It sounds strange, but the pain wasn’t there,” he said. “It was a miracle.”

Now healthy, the high expectations of 2008 haven’t gone away. Though he competed in a collegiate event his freshman season, he received a medical redshirt.

While it’s not certain if Holmes will begin the 2009 cross-country season as explosively as he did in 2008, he hopes to make this season last longer.

“I’ve learned when to take it easier — when to pack run,” he said. “That’s how you make it to nationals.”

Wiecezorek never stopped hammering a mantra into Holmes’ head.

“I kept telling him what I used to tell [former Iowa runner] Micah VanDenand,” Wiecezorek said. “That greatness delayed is not greatness denied.”

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Women's golf looks near and far

By J.T. BUGOS
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The Iowa women's golf team consists of seven players hailing from six different states. Senior Alison Cavanaugh comes from Colorado. Juniors Lauren Forbes and Brianna Coopman are from Oklahoma and Texas, respectively. Four others call the Midwest home.

Only one is from the state of Iowa — junior Laura Cilek, who grew up in Iowa City and attended West High.

Cilek picked up golf later in life, so by the time she was done with high school, her talent had not peaked. Iowa was one of the few schools that pursued the local product, and she believed the program had a lot to offer.

With head coach Kelly Crawford showing enthusiasm about her joining the team, Cilek threw in with the Black and Gold.

Loyalty also played a part. Growing up in the shadow of a Big Ten university, she had friends at Iowa and in the sports program, which made committing an easy decision.

Being the only Iowa native on the team is a source of pride for her.

“I know a lot of people around Iowa City, and they come and support our home tournament a lot,” she said. “I think they like to follow it more because they know there’s an Iowa native who has grown up in Iowa City



The Iowa women's golf team works on its short game during practice in the Bubble on March 3.

her whole life.”

Having only one player on the team from the state may seem like an anomaly at a major public university, but Cilek doesn't see it quite like that.

“I don't think coaches recruit on where you're from. It's more your playing ability,” the junior said. “When you go to tournaments that coaches are recruiting at, there are players from all over, so it makes sense that there are girls on our team from all over.”

Assistant coach John Owens, who does a lot of recruiting for Iowa, agreed with her assessment.

Owens said he looks at talent first and foremost. His initial focus lies in

the Midwest in the talent search, but that isn't a limitation. The program is building a better national recruiting stance and right now is exploring Canada.

“There's a lot of really good Canadian women golfers who might go unnoticed by some other big schools just because they're from up north,” Owens said. “There's a great pool of kids, talent-wise, in Canada that we can choose from, and they don't have a problem coming to a state like Iowa where they can't practice year round.”

Crawford noted that Iowa might be the only team in the Big Ten without a foreign player on the roster. Players from

Canada and Europe have expressed interest, though, and the coach is exploring those venues to boost the team's ranking in the Big Ten.

What it all comes down to is talent. Since Crawford took over in 2007, the program has risen in the rankings. In order to keep ascending, the Hawkeyes have to go out and get the best players available, regardless of location, Crawford said.

“My goal is to put Iowa on the map,” she said. “We're trying to build the best program we can and get the best players we can. If we feel we can get some players who can contribute and move the program forward, we'll go get them.”

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All is not lost, Hawk fans

COMMENTARY
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promise aplenty in the wake of Hampton's unfortunate fall. Each back provides unique skills, and if head coach Kirk Ferentz is serious about going four deep in his rotation, the Hawkeyes could be well served by the diversity.

To the chagrin of some Hawkeye faithful, junior Paki O'Meara is going to get the first crack at establishing himself as Iowa's next go-to guy running the ball.

Before you wince on Saturday when No. 25 runs out to join the first-string huddle, consider that this guy has by far the most experience — in fact, the only experience — of any running back currently on the active roster.

O'Meara won't exactly be running the ball on one leg either.

Nevermind that Iowa has a veteran, talented offensive line, which will make life easier for anyone Ferentz throws back behind Ricky Stanzi. O'Meara admitted before the start of pre-season camp, he had struggled through most of his early career with the speed of the college game. Now, he insists the game has "slowed down," and he has a solid grasp on not just his role, but the offensive as a whole.

Adam Robinson, a redshirt freshman from Des Moines, is listed as O'Meara's backup on the initial two-deep so far this season. Robinson told reporters on Tuesday that his "heart" would be his greatest contribution to the running back equation

this year. He was being modest.

I watched him perform at Iowa's open scrimmage on Aug. 15, and the guy has some big-time ability. He flew under the radar during the recruiting process but ranks second in career rushing yards at Des Moines Lincoln High School.

Robinson's MO is that he is a speed guy, but he showcased impressive power and elusiveness at the open scrimmage. He should emerge as Iowa's No. 1 running back at some point this season.

Fellow redshirt freshman Jeff Brinson is nursing a foot injury that kept him out of some preseason practices, but Ferentz says Brinson will likely challenge for playing time eventually this season.

Like most Hawkeye fans, I'm hoping true

freshman Brandon Wegher lives up to the hype that surfaced after the release of his YouTube highlight videos. We already know he's not redshirting, which means Ferentz is going to play him in some capacity early on. I wouldn't be surprised if it was at running back.

No matter who takes Hampton's place, it won't be Shonn Greene, and it doesn't need to be. The offensive line will be scary good when everyone is back, and Stanzi looks poised to lead any team Ferentz puts on the gridiron.

Iowa still has a plethora of talent compared with 2004, when walk-on Sam Brownlee was Iowa's leading rusher with 227 yards. We all know how that one turned out.

Hawks lose Hampton

HAMPTON
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True freshmen will play

Wegher and wide receiver Keenan Davis came into Iowa as two of the more heralded in-state prospects in recent memory, while cornerback Micah Hyde couldn't have come in more under the radar.

Regardless of the true freshmen's hype coming into school, Ferentz said, "We plan on playing those three guys, and after that we'll tread water a little bit probably."

Ferentz welcomes Fry back

On a day of bad news for Hawk-

eye fans, Ferentz took some time to laugh when a reporter asked him about what he knew about legendary Iowa coach Hayden Fry before Ferentz came to Iowa City.

Fry, whom Ferentz coached under for nine seasons, will be in town this weekend for the first Fry Fest.

"I'm laughing because [my mentor, Joe Moore, had a son who] read that Coach Fry was a square-jawed Texan [and a] former Marine," Ferentz said. "All I knew was [first], get a haircut, and [second] ... I think I borrowed a sport coach [from coach Moore]. ... It was a blue blazer. And that's what I wore out here."

Men's golf finishes second

GOLF
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Iowa head coach Mark Hankins said Hopfinger's win was the result of hard work during the summer and mental toughness.

"I spent a lot of time with Brad [on Tuesday], and I'm proud of him," Hankins said. "He did a nice job of battling and to get his first college win at home is special."

The Hawkeyes, as a team, did not share the same success as

Hopfinger, though.

After a spectacular round on Monday when none of Iowa's golfers shot over par, the Hawkeyes teed off on Tuesday with a four-stroke lead over Florida State.

A lack of patience and too much aggressiveness cost the Hawkeyes the tournament lead, and they eventually ended the day in second place behind the Seminoles. Florida State holed several key birdies to win the team title with a 54-

hole total of 853 (11 under), while the Hawkeyes went to the scores table with an 861.

Sophomore Barrett Kelpin finished tied for 14th after a 76 on the day for a total of 217. Vince India, who eagled the 13th hole Tuesday, finished the tournament in a 22nd place tie with a total of 219.

Freshman Ryan Marks finished his first collegiate tournament tied for 61st after posting a 230.

Hankins, who said a

top-five finish in the 15-team field would be a success before the tournament began, said it was disappointing to lose the lead on the final day. But he is happy with how the team is progressing.

"I don't think all of our team handled it as well as we could've, but we will definitely learn from this," Hankins said. "This is the first time with these five guys together so they have to learn from each other and grow together."

Lions ready to roar

PENN STATE
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The receiver position was not the only position on Penn State's roster that was virtually wiped out by graduation. Of their 10 returning starters, only four play defense.

The defensive line should be solid, despite the losses of defensive ends Aaron Maybin and Maurice Evans to the NFL. Senior Jared Odrick is a potential All-American at defensive tackle.

Penn State's reputation as "Linebacker U" is as strong as ever with the return of junior All-Big Ten selection Navarro

Bowman and senior Josh Hull and the re-emergence of Sean Lee.

Lee sat out the 2008 season with an ACL tear after finishing 2007 with the second most tackles in the Big Ten and is returning to his middle linebacker spot.

"Navorro [Bowman] is an All-American, and he's an unbelievable player," Lee said at Big Ten media day. "I think we're going to play really well together."

Clark headlines a small, but talented returning class of starters on offense from last year's Big Ten championship squad.

Stefan Wisniewski is back for his junior year

and will be counted on to lead the offensive line after losing three first team all-Big Ten performers from that unit in 2008.

The X-factor for the Nittany Lions this season might be junior running back Evan Royster. A second team All-Big Ten pick a year ago, Royster is now the conference's elite back, and he will be counted on to relieve pressure from Clark and the rest of the retooled offense. Stephfon Green is also back after proving to be one of conference's most

capable backups last year as a freshman.

Despite losing over half its starters from a year ago, Penn State should seriously challenge for the Big Ten title once again in 2009 due to a soft schedule.

Iowa and Ohio State both have to visit Happy Valley this year, and the Nittany Lions should cruise through a weak nonconference schedule. If they can win at Michigan State on Nov. 21 to close out the regular season, Penn State could be in position for another BCS bowl invitation.

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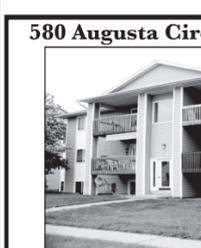
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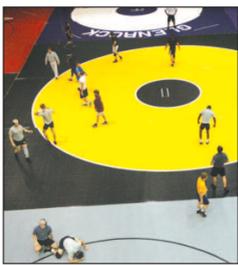


After a leg injury took redshirt freshman Nick Holmes off the cross-country trail last season, he's finally ready to make a comeback.

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CLUB WRESTLING

Wrestling club wants new members

Lace up your shoes and get ready to take to the mat, wrestling fans.

The Hawkeye Olympic Wrestling Club is now searching for new members and all students interested in wrestling are invited to attend practices this week. Tryouts are not applicable.

Practices are located in room S507 in the Field House and are held on Monday and Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The club is open to students with varying levels of experience. A \$10 semester dues apply and equipment, such as headgear, will not be provided.

Three dual meets have been lined up so far with the club competing against teams from Illinois, Illinois State, and DePaul.

Interested student can find additional information on the team's website by going through www.recserve.uiowa.edu.

Kyle Wickersham and Austin Quint are the club team contacts.

— by Ryan Young

CLUB TENNIS

Tennis Club meets

The Iowa Tennis Club is holding a mandatory organizational meeting for all interested students in 335 IMU at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Club sign-ups will take place at the organizational meeting, and former members looking to compete again this year must attend.

Students from all skill levels are welcome.

There will be tryouts during the team's weekly practice. A \$40 membership fee does apply.

Payment must be brought to the meeting on Thursday. Two cases of balls, court time, tennis engine access, and a club T-shirt are included with the membership fee.

The club competes in the U.S. Tennis Association Missouri Valley Section during the spring and plays against some of the top clubs in the country.

There will be a brief organizational overview during the meeting.

Students who have questions they would like to have answered before Thursday are welcome to send them via e-mail to: iowatennisclub@gmail.com.

For those who cannot attend the meeting, a club representative will be available in the Old Capitol Town Center atrium to answer questions and conduct additional sign-ups on from noon to 2 p.m.

— by Ryan Young

FOOTBALL FORUM

Be sure to visit dailyyowan.com every day throughout the 2009 football season for *The Daily Iowan* Football Forum, an in-depth discussion among *DI* and Daily Iowan TV football reporters about the Iowa Hawkeyes.

The daily videocasts can be viewed exclusively online. Today's Football Forum reacts to the news delivered from Kirk Ferentz's press conference on Tuesday that Iowa running back Jewel Hampton will miss the 2009 season with a knee injury.

Hampton lost for season



Iowa running back Jewel Hampton sprints for the end zone during the fourth quarter of the Hawkeyes' contest against Indiana on Oct. 11, 2008, in Bloomington. The Indiana native torched the Hoosier defense, racking up 116 yards and three touchdowns on 22 attempts during the contest.

FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

The Hawkeye running back will undergo knee surgery this week.

By **SCOTT MILLER**
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If Kirk Ferentz plans on replacing even a scant amount of Shonn Greene's production from a year ago, he's going to have to do it with a assortment of inexperienced tailbacks who sport 21 combined career carries.

Ferentz announced on Tuesday that sophomore Jewel Hampton, Greene's likely replacement and Iowa's No. 2 back from last year's Outback Bowl run, will miss the entire season because of a knee injury.

Ferentz said Hampton, who rushed for 463 yards and seven touchdowns as a true freshman last year, will have surgery by week's end and will redshirt this season, leaving the Hawkeyes without an experienced running back just three

days before their opener against Northern Iowa.

"It's just unfortunate," Ferentz said.

The 11-year head coach said Hampton's injury sequence went as follows: Around the July 4 weekend, rumors surfaced that Hampton had hurt his knee. According to a report on WHO 1040 AM in Des Moines, the injury didn't require surgery and the sophomore would be ready for the Sept. 5 opener.

When the Indianapolis native sat out the team's open scrimmage on Aug. 15, more red flags raised. But at the time, Ferentz said Hampton tweaked his knee two days prior to the scrimmage and that he was uncertain about the running back's availability in the opener.

In the last 48 hours, Ferentz said, Hampton re-

aggravated his injury — this time much more seriously than the other time.

"Everybody felt like he had a legitimate chance to make it back — not a 100 percent chance, but a legitimate chance, otherwise ... they would've done surgery right away," Ferentz said. "He actually did some work this weekend. That's the way it goes."

With Hampton out, the crop of backs vying for a permanent starting job includes junior Paki O'Meara, true freshman Brandon Wegher, and redshirt freshmen Adam Robinson and Jeff Brinson.

In the short term, O'Meara, the only one of the group with any playing experience, is listed as the starter, with Robinson listed as the No. 2.

Brinson is just now getting back to practice after recovering from an ankle injury. In his weekly Big Ten teleconference on Tuesday, Ferentz said the Florida

ON THE WEB

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native is "way behind" the other backs because of missed practice time.

Ferentz acknowledged that he's "comfortable" with a running-back-by-committee system, in which as many as four backs could split the reps in the backfield. But on Tuesday, as he sat in the basement of the Hayden Fry Football Complex with a somber look on his face, Ferentz's excitement about the start of the season was drowned out by Hampton's injury.

"Discipline and injuries are the two things I hate to deal with," Ferentz said. "And it's nobody's fault when it comes to injuries. ... It's never fair."

SEE **HAMPTON**, 10

COMMENTARY

Breathe, Hawk fans



JON LINDER
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There's no way to sugarcoat it. Iowa losing sophomore running back Jewel Hampton is a bitter blow.

Hampton's season-ending knee surgery, which head coach Kirk Ferentz announced on Tuesday, leaves a mammoth hole in the Iowa backfield.

How mammoth? Iowa now returns only 5.8 percent of its rushing yards from a year ago, a stat that has already sparked complaining among Hawkeye fans about the lack of experience and talent.

While I admit the loss of experience is a huge setback, I'm willing to stand behind the talent Iowa can field at the position this year. Right now, we know about four different backs that will likely be used at some point this season.

Despite that quartet remaining, for the most part, unproven, there is

SEE **COMMENTARY**, 10

Lot to replace for Penn State

The Nittany Lions will seriously contend for a second-straight Big Ten crown.

By **JON LINDER**
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All it took was one last-minute kick to boot Penn State out of national-title contention last year.

The Nittany Lions were in shock last November when Iowa kicker Daniel Murray nailed a game-winning 31-yard field goal in Iowa City. And they then ran into a woodchipper when they met Southern California in the Rose Bowl, losing, 38-24, on Jan. 1.

All-Big Ten quarterback Daryll Clark is ready to rid that memory and focus on 2009.

"Being out in the Rose Bowl, period, was a really, really good experience," he said at the Big Ten media days in August. "Obviously, I wish the outcome was a lot better ... it was just frustrating watching that film."

Clark passed for 2,592 yards and 19 touchdowns last season and threw only six interceptions. That efficiency under center was aided in a big way by one of the best receiving corps in



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However, Penn State's outstanding trio of receivers — Jordan Norwood, Derrick Williams, and Deon Butler — have all departed after productive senior seasons, leaving a huge hole in the offense.

SEE **PENN STATE**, 10

Hopfinger shares title

The Iowa men's golf team takes second at the *Golfweek* Conference Challenge.

By **CLARK CAHILL**
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It came down to two 6-foot par attempts on the 18th green to decide the individual winner of the inaugural *Golfweek* Conference Challenge Tuesday afternoon.

After Iowa junior Brad Hopfinger and Florida State junior Drew Kittleson birdied hole 17, both players stepped to the 18th tee at Blue Top Ridge in Riverside tied at 203 (9 under) to set up the dramatic finish.

Both golfers missed the fairway to the left, but Hopfinger's flew farther and into the course's thick prairie grass to set up a very tough second shot.

Kittleson's second shot sailed over the green into one of the course's 88 bunkers, and Hopfinger followed with a great layup shot to stick the ball on the fairway around 50 yards from the pin.

The stage was set after both placed their third shots within seven feet of the pin.

Hopfinger, who was a few inches farther from the cup, putted first. The Deerfield, Ill., native crouched behind the ball, carefully analyzing the relatively flat line to the hole, before stepping up to the ball for a



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Iowa junior golfer Brad Hopfinger watches his shot from the 17th fairway at Blue Top Ridge during the *Golfweek* Conference Challenge in Riverside on Tuesday. Hopfinger tied for first place for his first college victory.

chance to win his first collegiate tournament.

As Hopfinger stood over the ball, the only thing that could be heard was the soft rumbling of bulldozers, working on the course's new holes, in the distance.

The junior finally pulled his club back and took a step toward the hole as he watched his ball creep closer to its destination. Hopfinger threw up an exuberant fist pump as his ball rolled into the cup to solidify at least a share of the tournament title.

"I chose a good line, and I just said keep your head down and hit it," Hopfinger said. "As

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soon as I looked up, I knew it was going in the hole." Kittleson, who placed second at the 2008 U.S. Amateur Championship and participated in the 2009 Masters, sank his par attempt, ending the tournament with the two individual title winners posting scores of 207 (9 under).

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