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Post-flood demolition starts

As many as 10 more homes could be demolished by December.

By **PARKER SMITH**
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The first of nine Iowa City houses damaged by the floods of 2008 was torn down by workers early Tuesday morning, a year and three months after the flooding swamped roughly 265 homes in Iowa City.

Shortly after 7 a.m., neighbors, camera crews, city officials, and demolition workers crowded the sidewalks of Normandy Drive. All eyes were on the teeth of a large backhoe as they dug into the roof of the one-story ranch home.

"Demolitions can provide some closure for residents who lost everything during the flood," said David Purdy, Iowa City's flood-recovery specialist.

In addition to 609 Normandy Drive, eight more flood-damaged residences are scheduled for demolition in the next eight days, five of which are also on Normandy Drive. Eight to 10 more houses are set to be demolished in October and December.

Shaun Bradbury, Iowa City's special-projects administrator, said debris from the leveled houses will be deposited in the Iowa City Landfill.

Iowa City was the first community in Iowa to purchase homes earlier this year through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which provides grants to states and local governments to reduce the effect of future disasters. The grant stipulates the lots must be converted to green space within 90 days of demolition.

Ted Tanburg has lived on Normandy Drive since 1985.

"We're losing the



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FEMA demolition specialist Freddy Highsmith supervises the destruction of 609 Normandy Drive on Tuesday. Highsmith was present to ensure safety regulations were followed. "It's all about bringing communities back," he said.

neighborhood," he said. "Most of all, we're losing the neighbors."

Purdy said 58 properties were eligible for buy-

out under the program. To qualify, houses must be in the 100-year floodplain and have sustained more than 50 percent damage.

He expects 30 to 35 homes will be demolished with the program's funds.

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Curfew splits council

By **NICOLE KARLIS**
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The Iowa City City Council on Tuesday evening voted 4-3 to continue moving forward with a potential curfew. However, the council's opinions were just as torn as Iowa City residents'.

"I don't believe it's right to punish an entire age group for the actions of a certain group of people," said City High student 16-year-old Lisa Campie.

Some city officials agree with this young Iowa City native, who would be affected by the ordinance if it passes.

"I don't want to punish a group of people based on their group of age," said Mayor Regina Bailey. "It's the behavior that's problematic, not the time of day."



Bailey
Iowa City mayor

After recent alleged criminal activities in the southeastern Iowa City, some residents proposed a curfew ordinance in the hopes that the violence might come to an end. The City Council held a special work session on Sept. 10 and decided to move forward with the proposed ordinance.

Exceptions to the curfew include school, religious, and government activities — with some restrictions. Emergency errands for a parent, or other "responsible adults" are also allowed. The fine for a citation would not exceed \$50.

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Local medical examiner busy

The Johnson County Medical Examiner's Department is experiencing a record numbers of cases.

By **SCOTT RAYNOR**
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Mike Hensch hasn't been able to take a week-long vacation since he began working at the Johnson County Medical Examiner's Department. He started seven years ago.

"We try really hard to have a lean staff and be respectful of the taxpayers' money," he said. "But being lean makes it pretty tough."

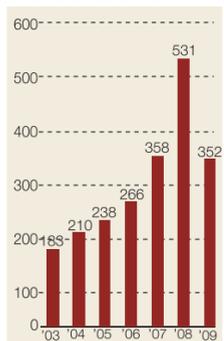
Hensch, the county's medical examiner administrator, told the Johnson County Board of Supervisors this month that his staff of two full-time investigators and four on-call investigators is dealing with a record number of cases.

"It is really an untold story in county government that the medical examiners are so busy in their office," said Supervisor Terrence Neuzil.

Hensch said he finds himself very busy, very often. In fact, he's planning to ask the county to hire another part-time medical examiner.

Rise in cases

The Johnson County Medical Examiner has seen an increase in deaths since 2003.



The small staff handled 531 cases and issued 527 cremation permits in 2008, the most recent year for which the most complete data are available.

The office examines suicides, homicides, accidents, and unusual deaths in order to determine the "cause and manner" of death.

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Study Abroad still popular

A Tuesday fair features more than 1,000 programs.

By **MARLEEN LINARES**
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The second floor of the University Capitol Centre turned into a spectrum of international opportunities for UI students Tuesday afternoon.

Hundreds of students attended the annual Study Abroad Fair, browsing through more than 1,000 programs. The fair consisted of roughly 80 booths, 35 of which were from other universities and external exhibitors.

The fair also allowed the Office of Study Abroad to advertise several new UI programs. Of these, four are winter programs in Greece, Japan, Tanzania, and England. Many four-week long summer programs are also being offered.

The UI is also expanding dramatically in India, said Janis Perkins, the director of the Office of Study Abroad.

"The new summer programs are targeted at students who have completed their first year," she said. "This gives them the opportunity to preview what it would be like to study abroad for a semester."

Though the nation's poor financial health has affected other UI programs, she said, it hasn't seemed carry over to



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A volunteer for the University Studies Abroad Consortium describes programs to UI students in the University Capitol Centre during the 2009 Study Abroad Fair on Tuesday. Last year, more than 1,200 students studied in 59 countries.

Study Abroad.

"No programs have been discontinued, but we are always adding new ones," she said. "There

doesn't seem to be a drop-off in student interest in studying abroad."

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Spotlight Iowa City

Miracle in medicine

By **SAM LANE**
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Terry Wahls is a walking — and biking — miracle. Four days a week, Wahls, a 53-year-old UI clinical professor of internal medicine, rides her bike roughly five miles to and from work. Despite her ability to consistently pass this test of endurance, she maneuvers her large, muscular frame with a slight limp.

That's because Wahls has multiple sclerosis.

However, Wahls, a soft-spoken, gray-haired, self-proclaimed "farmer's kid," has made a remarkable recovery. Through a combination of electrical stimulation, nutrition and exercise, she hardly shows any symptoms of her disease.

"Life is grand," she said. "I've never had so much joy, a sense of purpose, or a desire to give back."

Professionals involved in the treatment of and research into multiple sclerosis rarely see recoveries similar to Wahls'. In fact, her revolutionary combination of treatments is in the process of national testing. Experts are awed by her recovery, but they remain cautious, because every patient's case is different.

Multiple sclerosis is a disease that can interrupt nerve impulses to and from the brain, affecting a person's motor functions.

The onset came quickly. In 2000, not long after

Terry Wahls

- **Age:** 53
- **Favorite Movie:** *Supersize Me*
- **Favorite Food:** Kale
- **Childhood Dream**
- **Occupation:** An artist and scientist
- **Favorite Travel**
- **Destination:** Banff, Alberta, Canada
- **Family:** partner Jackie, son Zach, and daughter Zebby

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Terry Wahls stands outside the UI Medical Education and Research Facility on Tuesday. Wahls, a UI clinical professor of internal medicine, recently began walking after overcoming multiple sclerosis.

Wahls arrived at the UI, she experienced an inability to lift the toes on her left foot. Within two weeks, she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. The physician quickly hit the books, reading as much as she could about the terrifying diagnosis.

"That was very upsetting," she said. "I chose to be optimistic and tried to go on with my life."

As her condition gradually worsened, she needed a cane, then a scooter, and eventually a reclined wheelchair.

But she was not thwarted. She researched various elements of the disease and paid specific attention to cell organelles called mitochondria.

Her focus quickly became mitochondrial health. With a few speed bumps, she embarked on a personal research experiment using a number of vitamins and healthy

nutrition. She paired these elements with an electrical stimulation program with her physical therapist, Dave Reese, and found a way to stop the disease's progression.

After three months on this self-designed program, Wahls was able to sit again.

"It was miraculous," she said. "If that was all I got — that I could sit another year — it felt like a profound gift."

Not long after, the woman who had been using a reclining wheelchair for two years started to walk.

Eventually, she walked to the clinic and between exam rooms.

Among her other conquests are three books, a website, an 18-mile bike tour and, most importantly, studies researching her method of recovery and its effectiveness in others.

Wahls, along with the

medical staff who assisted in her recovery, expects her course of treatment will be repeatable.

Reese is a member of that "staff."

"It's actually amazing," he said. "To go from the state she was in to the state she's in now is unbelievable."

Reese said this is the first case of its kind he's seen. Since Wahls' recovery, he said he's seeing more multiple sclerosis patients with positive results from similar treatments.

Wahls continues to follow a strict diet and exercises regularly, including her bike rides.

And when it comes to the discussion of her as a medical miracle, she isn't skeptical.

"A miracle is something wonderful that no one expects," an emotional Wahls said. "Absolutely, it's a miracle."

UISG backs council forum

UI Student Government will sponsor city council forum to help educate students about local issues.

By **KATHRYN STINSON**
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The UI Student Government unanimously passed a bill Tuesday night calling for an endorsement of the student candidates running for Iowa City City Council and an open forum for the council hopefuls.

Under the bill, UISG will host a public forum in hopes of getting more UI students to vote in November's City Council election.

"We want a UI student there, polling for the students," said Kyle Schwarz, one of the senators who introduced the bill.

The forum's primary purpose will be to offer an opportunity for UI students to better understand the three UI candidates and other local issues, he said, and students should be able to voice their concerns to candidates.

Concerns arose during the meeting from other

senators about exclusively hosting the event for only the student candidates.

The Senate decided to invite all five of the candidates, noting it would benefit both the students campaigning and potential student voters.

"It's our city, too," Schwarz said. "It's important that not just residents get to voice their opinions; the students need a voice, too."

UISG City Council liaison Jeff Shipley, a UI senior, is a candidate in the council race. UI students Dan Tallon and Jared Bazzell are also running for spots on the council.

Whitney Carson, who cowrote the bill, is in a relationship with Shipley, she said. She doesn't think there's any conflict of interest on her part, because, she said, she'd offer support for any student running.

Schwarz said a student representative on the council is necessary

Bills passed

The **UISG passed the following legislation on Tuesday:**

- Open Forum and Endorsement of Student Candidates for Iowa City City Council
- Student Election Board Resolution
- Charter and All-University Appointments Resolution
- Student Judicial Court Resolution
- Fiscal 2010 Supplemental Funding Period II

Source: UI Student Government

to advance the interests of UI students.

In a statement from Shipley read at the meeting, he said he has continually interacted with the City Council, but most of the ideas he proposed garnered little to no interest from the councilors.

"It is imperative that students become involved," Shipley said. "UI Student Government needs to do whatever it can to get out the vote."

The forum is expected to be hosted before the primary election, which is

scheduled for Oct. 6.

No location has been determined, but senators said it may be a conflict of interest to host the event on campus. Instead, they suggested the Iowa City Public Library as a possible location because of its proximity to campus.

Senators also presented legislation on a proposed United States Public Service Academy Resolution. The school would function as preparation for students wanting to enter into public service after graduation but who can't because of student-loan debt.

The legislation called for letters of endorsement from UISG President Michael Currie stating UI support for the proposed school.

The Senate tabled the proposal because of a lack of information on the school.

All of the new member nominations presented by the Nominations Committee were passed. The senate also passed the Supplemental Funding Bill for allocation of money to smaller student organizations.

STATE

Slaughterhouse manager allowed to leave Iowa

IOWA CITY (AP) — A judge has granted the request of a former top manager at a kosher slaugh-

terhouse to travel from Iowa to New York and pray at the grave of a famous Orthodox Jewish leader.

U.S. District Court Judge Linda Reade says Sholom Rubashkin can be driven from Postville to a Queens, N.Y., cemetery for the Jewish New Year.

He's expected to visit the grave of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson on Wednesday.

Rubashkin was a top manager at the Agriprocessors, Inc., slaughterhouse in Postville, the site of a massive immigration raid in May 2008.

Rubashkin faces immigration, bank fraud, wire fraud and mail fraud charges. His trial is set for Oct. 13.

He has been under supervised release since February. He spent more than three months in jail because of flight risk concerns.

POLICE BLOTTER

Ashley Acevedo, 21, Waterloo, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Tiffany Aide, 28, 61 Golfview Court, was charged Sept. 7 with fifth-degree theft and unlawful possession of prescription drugs.

Nicholas Cooling, 21, 347 S. Governor St., was charged

Tuesday with fifth-degree theft. **Daniel Eisenberg**, 21, 347 S. Governor St., was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Keymecizza Furlow, 22, Coralville, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Michael Jiang, 20, 319 N. Linn

St., was charged Aug. 22 with interference, public intoxication, and disorderly conduct. **Benjamin Lewis**, 27, 61 Golfview Court, was charged Sept. 7 with unlawful possession of prescription drugs.

Michael McCullum, 24, 2224 California Ave., was charged Monday with criminal trespass.

Adam Parro, 20, 444 S. Johnson St. Apt. 7, was charged Aug. 22 with disorderly conduct.

Willard Straus, 45, address unknown, was charged Monday with criminal trespass and public urination.

Aaron Studer, 18, Chicago, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

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Curfew divisive

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Despite youngsters and officials who opposed the curfew ordinance, citizens affected by the violence in their neighborhood showed their support at the meeting.

While Southeast Side resident Brandi Mastain understood minors' concerns, she struck them with a challenging question.

"How many have watched violent fist fights in front of the house ... or had to run to the bathroom and lie on the floor?" Mas-

tain asked at the meeting.

As many were unable to respond, she explained that this is a common situation that her family must deal with.

Other Southeast Side residents showed their support in favor of the curfew ordinance.

"I think a curfew would be a tool for the Police Department, but we need to also provide the children with tools," said Kenya Bagget, a three-year Iowa City resident.

While many expressed opposition and support, the city councilors said they

understand both sides of the issue.

"I recognize it will affect people whose actions have not led to this point," said Councilor Matt Hayek. "This is a sacrifice by the entire community."

The council must vote in favor of the curfew two more times to pass the ordinance.

The council also voted 6-1 to further consider a loitering ordinance. The rule would fine large groups of people obstructing traffic.

Demolition begins

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These projects are voluntary; the homeowners are not forced to sell.

Original offers for the homes were set at 112 percent of their assessed market value before flooding, Purdy said. Some interested homeowners are appealing the accuracy of the market value for their homes before selling to the city.

Freddy Highsmith, FEMA's lead demolition specialist for Iowa, will supervise all of Iowa City's demolitions paid for with FEMA grants. He also works in Coralville and Cedar Rapids, where he has overseen the leveling of more than 70 homes.

"The operation is about recovery of the community," he said. "I'm here to make sure everything is

running smoothly and all rules and regulations are being abided by."

D.W. Zinser Demolition of Walford, Iowa, was contracted to take down Iowa City's first nine properties at a cost of \$83,521. Other costs include FEMA-mandated asbestos abatement, which was completed before the demolitions and averaged around \$3,000 per household.

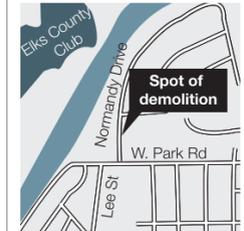
"Safety is most important," Highsmith said.

In addition to FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Iowa City may soon see more grant money for homes not eligible under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has appropriated \$214 million in a Community Development Block Grant for Iowa homes with

Falling homes

609 Normandy Drive is the first Iowa City flood-damaged home to be demolished.



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ON THE WEB

Watch a home being demolished on Normandy drive on Tuesday at dailyiowan.com.

more than 50 percent damage but lie outside the 100-year floodplain. Purdy said the state will announce the awards within the next couple weeks.

Many cases for coroner

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People who are pronounced dead in Johnson County, regardless of where they come from, are the staff's responsibility.

Cases come from as far as southwest Wisconsin to be treated in the UI Hospitals and Clinics' level-one trauma center.

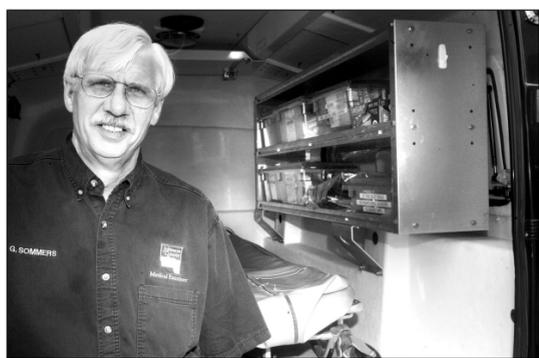
Hensch has seen the annual number of cases more than triple since 2002. And in 2009, he is expecting another record year.

"We are very lucky that we are not afraid to work," he said.

Polk County — with more than three times the population of Johnson County — had 1,217 medical examiner cases last year.

Chris Dixon, the office coordinator for the Polk County medical examiner, said the number of cases varies from year to year and she has not seen an upward trend.

"We pretty much handle things well; if we need assistance, we will call backup," she said.



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Johnson County Medical Examiner Guy Sommers stands outside the main mode of transportation for the medical examiners on Monday. The Medical Examiner's Office has seen a record number of cases in the past year.

Hensch said the case load has increased for a number of reasons.

Johnson County is one of few counties in Iowa with an expanding population, he noted.

From 2000 to 2007, Johnson County's population increased more than 13 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The higher population simply equates to more deaths, Hensch said.

The rising number of cremations — which his office must verify — also add to

the workload.

Hospitals in the area are seeing more patients, Hensch said. The UIHC alone has grown from seeing 26,628 patients in 2004 to more than 30,000 last year, said UIHC spokesman Tom Moore.

Overall, Neuzil said, the reason for these increases is predictable.

"We are the crossroads of America," he said. "When you have that, along with three major hospitals, you have a lot of people unfortunately passing away."

No falloff in Study Abroad

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More than 1,200 students studied abroad in 59 different counties during the 2007-08 school year. Last year's numbers are not yet available, Perkins said.

The trend at the UI seems to apply nationwide. According to the Institute of International Education, the number of students studying abroad went up 8 percent in the 2006-07 academic year compared with the year before.

The energy at the fair was vibrant, as representatives were eager to share information with UI students.

Sara Troy, a regional program representative from Lexia International, said she

enjoyed having interaction with students at the fair.

"These programs are not for the masses, and UI [officials] seek them because they know their students can handle it," Troy said. "I'm not talking to people who are more interested in partying abroad during the program, but students who are truly interested in the cultural experience."

Students who had studied abroad in the past were also available to give insight on their personal experience.

UI junior Guadalupe Trinidad spent last summer studying in Italy.

"[The experience] opened my eyes to different perspectives — political, social, cultural," she

ON THE WEB

See footage from the Study Abroad Fair on dailyiowan.com.

said. "It taught me a lot about myself."

Student feedback seemed to be positive overall.

UI freshman Leah Webster said she came into the fair knowing what she wanted.

"I came to college to study abroad," she said as she picked up information for programs in Wales and England. "Everyone at the fair was extremely informative and helpful, and it just got me that much more excited to study overseas."

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Editorial

UISG in for a difficult year

Plagued by delayed voting and accusations of cheating and name-calling, controversy abounded during last spring's UI Student Government election. This academic year, UISG faces an equally challenging year.

In order to have a successful term, UISG — which had its first meeting Tuesday night — must listen to student concerns and work to accomplish one issue at a time.

Accessibility runs through many of the incoming group's ideas. The members are pushing to increase library hours and expand Internet access to more spots on campus — such as the Pentacrest — which would improve student life. They back a plan to let students pay for parking in university lots by charging it to their U-bill. Because parking officials recently began accepting credit-card payments, there is no reason UISG should not be able to persuade UI officials to allow U-bill payments as well.

And UISG members are also advocating for a more sustainable campus. UISG President Mike Currie told the *DI* Editorial Board he wants to focus on issues in which his administration can have an effect without excessive costs, in light of dramatic budget cuts.

But some of Currie's ideas bring back memories of the kid who ran for student council in third grade who promised extended recess and Mountain Dew in the water fountains.

They're simply implausible.

For one, the notion of implementing a fixed four-year tuition is nonsensical. Because tuition rates have been increasing rapidly, it could be acceptable to campaign for lower tuition. But to persuade the state Board of Regents to give students a set price their freshman year would be nearly impossible. During a student's four-year college career, the UI could lose funding, experience another natural disaster, or encounter a number of other issues in which a tuition increase may be necessary to avoid cutting faculty or university programs. Still, it's imperative student representatives maintain a

close relationship with the regents to further student interests.

Also, UISG's platform also supports giving students second-grade options regardless of their college or past performance in class. While it may be a great way for students to make up for their past grades, such a limitless policy could backfire. For students who perform poorly on the first test or are not satisfied with their grades going into the final, the policy would provide an excuse for a student to give up, and grades could start to drop.

With all of these issues on their proverbial plate, UISG representatives will surely have a loaded agenda. And on top of a hefty workload, last year's separation of graduate and undergraduate governments may also create friction.

In order to maintain the best possible campus life, the two groups need to make amends.

"Relations with graduate and professional students and administrators was a little rough last year, and so rebuilding a few of those bridges and regaining their trust is very important for my administration this year," Currie wrote in an e-mail.

UISG deserves some credit for the moves it made over the summer. But there is one aspect of its campaign that seems like it may already be falling through: direct interaction with students.

One plank listed in the group's platform is to constantly stay in touch with students. Currie and other UISG members want to start holding monthly forums to hear from students and get their input on new or existing ideas. But as of Tuesday afternoon, UISG hadn't posted an agenda for its first meeting, leaving students who are interested in the dark.

That type of behavior doesn't portend well for the year. A successful term hinges on the group's transparency and inclusion of students in making decisions.

Your turn. How confident are you in the UI Student Government? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

RIP,
Norman
BorlaugMICHAEL DAVIS
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A great man and a great Iowan passed away over the weekend: scientist and humanitarian Norman Borlaug.

It's tough to use just one name to define Borlaug, especially considering he despised that "father" moniker. Every man or woman wants to have as many positive adjectives behind her or his name as possible. But do glowing venerations do the man justice?

"Norman Borlaug was a great man!"

Even that is too minor. A man who saved millions of people by finding new breeds of high-yielding crops is beyond our contemplation. The only explanation for his greatness is otherworldly. God must have sent down Borlaug, most likely in a chariot made of freshly plucked corn. His mission: Create food for millions of hungry people.

"Norman Borlaug was an iconic figure."

Ernest Hemingway was an iconic figure, and even he couldn't have used his sharp, terse prose to lavish praise on this giant of human.

Borlaug was one of only five people to win the Nobel Peace Prize, Presidential Medal of Freedom, and the Congressional Gold Medal — putting him in a prestigious group with Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, Elie Wiesel, and Nelson Mandela.

The reason for these many accolades, you may ask?

Borlaug won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 for his work to make Mexico a higher producer of wheat. He later did the same in India and Pakistan, forever changing these Third World countries

to food exporters throughout the world.

"Norman Borlaug is a mythical figure!"

No offense to Homer and *The Odyssey*, but Borlaug transcended literature and biblical narratives. This Iowan, born near Cresco, taught people to use certain resources and capitalize on this by producing more food. In the 1960s, Borlaug's ingenious work helped prevent widespread famine across many countries.

In 2007, during a presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal, former Secretary of State Colin Powell was quick to point out Borlaug's impressive legacy.

"Dr. Borlaug's scientific breakthroughs have eased needless suffering and saved countless lives [and] have been an inspiration to new generations across the globe who have taken up the fight against hunger."

As an Iowan, I take pride in the accomplishments of other Iowans. It's the neighborly aspect of our small community lives.

Iowa is such a small place. Its fixture in this country is marked by two events: the yearly harvest and the Iowa caucuses. Corn and politics. That's what we bring to this nation. Some may even eat the corn while they watch the results of the caucuses.

Norman Borlaug never got into politics. A voice such as his would have been drowned out by the hissing sounds of false platforms. Luckily, he stuck to his guns and, in doing so, saved millions of lives with his brilliant mind.

Hopefully, these few simple words helped shed some light on a true American hero.

I'm sure a few farmers across this state have said a toast to a true pioneer from our state.

"Norman Borlaug was an Iowan."
Perfect. ■

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Guest opinion

Many lessons from recent Iowa House election

By STEFFEN SCHMIDT

Democrat Curt Hanson won by a margin of just 107 votes in a special election earlier this month in Iowa's House District 90. The race was interesting because off-year elections allow you to take the temperature of politics.

This race was also interesting because it was the first contest after the Iowa Supreme Court ruled that gay marriage in Iowa is a constitutionally protected civil liberty. Because it was the first test of how the gay-marriage issue might play out, outside groups poured huge amounts of

money into the race. The National Organization for Marriage was especially prominent, and pro-gay marriage groups also opened their wallets more than you'd expect in such a basically insignificant contest.

So what does the victory of Hanson tell us?

First, it tells us that the gay-marriage issue, which was the prominent campaign theme, was not enough to swing this election.

Second, it tells us very little about support for gay marriage because although Republican

Stephen Burgmeier was the recipient of the anti-gay marriage largesse, Hanson is also not a gay-marriage supporter. Let it be said that outsiders actually stoked the emphasis on gay marriage. Burgmeier himself may not have made that the central storm of the race.

Third, the loss was a big disappointment for the GOP, judging by the private reactions of Republicans I've spoken with.

Fourth, this race puts the question of whether gay marriage is a good issue for Republicans to run on in 2010 front and center.

Fifth, the pending announcement that former Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad will run for governor has underscored the necessity of the GOP to use its former winning strategy of walking down the political center. Both Branstad and former Gov. Robert Ray were very successful at concentrating on non-divisive issues and harvesting majorities of voters in the state.

Sixth, the race suggests that the GOP needs to re-examine its bigger course. The party is running behind both "no-party" and Democrats in registered

voters. The Iowa GOP appears to have moved into the quadrant of "ideological political party," where it adheres to clear and hard positions on social issues, regardless of Iowa voters' concerns.

Republicans were trounced in the 2008 elections in part because of the true believers on the conservative right, especially media celebrities such as Rush Limbaugh, Michael Savage, and Glenn Beck. They attacked Republican candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., for not being conservative enough, which pushed

McCain to the right on issues and lost him the vital independents that both parties need to peel off to win elections.

The recent Iowa House race is a very interesting case study of how all these issues come together, and it forces the GOP and its candidates to study the results. On the other hand, for supporters of gay marriage and for Democrats in Iowa, the race is a cautionary tale: The Democrat who won is not a gay-marriage supporter.

Steffen Schmidt is a political-science professor at Iowa State University.



CHARLIE ANDERSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI freshman nursing student Paxton Bahr shows off clothes Monday in the Quadrangle lobby that she created. Paxton is looking forward to participating in the fashion event in Currier.

Project Carrier

The office of Residence Life will host a designers' fashion challenge in Currier Hall at 7 p.m. today.

By COURTNEY SPEARS
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Residents with a passion for fashion — look no further. The Office of Residence Life will host its own fashion show challenge à la "Project Runway" at 7 p.m. today in Currier Hall.

"As far as I know, this is the first event of its kind," said Allison Allmon, the graduate programming assistant for Residence Life.

The event features a three-phase competition in which designers have 10-15 minutes to create a theme outfit to be modeled on the mock runway. The designs will be scored by a panel of three judges.

"I don't want to give away too much," Allmon said. "But one of the challenges involves a Hawkeye theme."

After each round, designers will be eliminated until the top three have been selected. Those three designers will receive Iowa City/Coralville community gift certificates. The designer with the highest total points will be declared the winner and will receive a \$100 gift certificate.

But the competition isn't limited to the designers. Audience members will

have the opportunity to participate in mini-challenges throughout the competition, designing such small objects as masks or visors. And because of time restraints, no sewing will be necessary.

"There won't just be fabric, but all kinds of different materials will be used," Allmon said. Designers will use duct tape or safety pins to hold their outfits together.

But Allmon is unsure whether the fashion show will go on because of a lack of interested designers.

"We advertised last week and this week," she said. "But so far we have only had two designers sign up. We want a minimum of five to make the event a success."

Allmon said she will accept participants until 2 p.m. today, and those wanting to compete should e-mail her before then. Designers will need to provide their own models.

UI freshman Paxton Bahr is one of the two designers currently registered to participate in the competition. The pre-nursing major has been interested in fashion for some time, having designed her own line of clothing for herself

FASHION SHOW Residence Life Fashion Challenge

When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Currier Hall
Admission: Free

and her friends. Bahr noticed advertisements for the fashion show in the dining halls.

"We had a similar type of fashion show at my high school," she said. "Our challenge was to make an outfit out of recycled material. I made one out of Pepsi cans and plastic bags and won first place."

Allmon and the other Residence Life staff members have been busy planning additional events as well. On Thursday, Residence Life will also host an event called "Busted: Navigating the Red Tape," a panel discussion about hall policies on campus.

"In the beginning of the year, we do more social gathering types of events, such as the fashion show," Allmon said.

Besides providing an artistic outlet, she said, the show is a good way to connect with other students living in the residence halls.

"It's a great way to express creativity and meet new people," she said.

Making jazz new

By DEE FABBRICATORE
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Someone once told Nerissa Campbell she knew nothing about jazz.

"There were no jazz courses offered in my high school," she said. "When I auditioned at the Performing Arts University in Australia, they looked at me and were like, 'You don't know anything. Go away, come back next year.'"

Campbell recalled a high-school trip to the Performing Arts University and remembered falling



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Australian singer and one-time trumpet player Nerissa Campbell will swing in the Mill tonight.

under the spell of musical theater and jazz. Even then, she knew that's where she would eventually be. The next year, she was accepted to her dream school by abandoning her classical trumpet skills and auditioning with her voice instead — which she considers a serendipitous choice.

"It was much easier to shake my classical training through my voice," she said. Today, years later and far away from her jazz begin-

nings, Campbell will bring her jazz tunes to the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., at 9 p.m. She will play with Welsh musician Fflur Dafydd, a singer and fiction writer here as part of the UI International Writing Program.

Although it will be her first time playing in Iowa, she has visited Iowa City for the past eight years with her husband — an Iowa native and UI alum.

"I'm bringing the Aussies over," she said.

Picture Campbell as a raw, 25-year-old talent, who sold her belongings, got a year-long visa, and moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., with an anxious twist of hopes and nerves. Now picture Campbell singing comfortably in 55 Bar, a Prohibition-era jazz venue in Greenwich Village. It is easy to see that she is now undoubtedly a seasoned performer.

Friend and artist Andrew Zomoza, who has known Campbell for three and a half years, said she stubbornly clings to the jazz standard while also having an affinity with modern narrative. For him, the disjunction works.

"I was first intrigued by how she held up certain old-school elements of jazz while making them new," Zomoza said. "She's in that Billie

Holiday mold, even though the Billie era is long gone."

Friend and fellow musician Josh Graham, who has toured with Campbell and his doom-metal band, Storm of Light, echoed Zomoza.

"I think she is pushing the boundaries of traditional jazz and making it her own thing," he said.

Graham and Zomoza use words such as mysterious, elegant, and woozy to describe her voice, but Campbell distinguishes it as a moody, indie-jazz sound.

She hopes to soon reconnect with the trumpet she left behind in Australia and envisions playing her instrument in future performances.

"I just bought an old trumpet from an auction," she said. "It's a 1923 alto trumpet — just like the jazz greats loved to play. I'm hoping to reacquire myself with it."

Campbell meanders through the songwriter experience by blending personal and outside observations to create her tunes.

"I don't like to describe exactly what my lyrics are about because I think it takes something away from the songs," she said. "It's really nice that a song can be a certain something to a listener that it wasn't originally for me."



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Nerissa Campbell

Musings of a Telescopic Tree

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- "Ain't it Peculiar"
- "Bars"

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Daily Break

Why is it that our memory is good enough to retain the least triviality that happens to us, yet not good enough to recollect how often we have told it to the same person?

- François de La Rochefoucauld

the ledge

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Know your Ledge author

- I speed while driving because it decreases the amount of time I spend on the highway, meaning fewer cops will have a chance to see me speeding.
- I only half-try at things. But when it comes to only half-trying at things, I only half-try. I can't even fully commit to not committing fully.
- One of my life's goals is to own a charcoal grill big enough to cook six cats on.
- I'm not a boob guy or a butt guy or a leg guy. I'm a "she-might-sleep-with-me" guy.
- I can count cards. Usually, there's 52. Unless I miss one.
- I love having a penis. It lets me pee on things, and I just think that's pretty cool. Legos really can't compare.
- I licked a toad once, and it was totally awesome. I think it helped that I dipped the toad in LSD first.
- Sometimes, I sit back and wonder just how this university keeps running. Other times, I sit forward and just wonder how to make it stop.
- Every year, I give up Christianity for Lent.
- I observe Lent all year long (I'm very devout).
- I have two cats and love them very much, but they are very needy creatures. Still, I put up with them because they're so soft and fun to touch. They're kind of like little furry versions of my girlfriend, but without the all the loyalty issues.

- Andrew R. Juhl has gotten a lot of criticism in the past for sleeping with numerous women. Especially from the women.

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

STUDY HALL



RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI sophomore Brittany Levin prepares to do Language, Culture and Communication homework outside Burge Hall, her current residence, on Tuesday. It was her first foray outside to study; she generally studies in her room for a quieter environment, but she was lured out by the sun.

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Wednesday, September 16, 2009
- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Don't point the finger or nag when an empathetic point of view will bring better results. The more understanding you are, the more knowledge you will receive for making a sound judgment.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Make the effort to deal with people in person. You will get a much better response and more accomplished if you can offer your ideas and plans directly. Your preparation will lead to success.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Don't do something stupid because you are all wrapped up in a personal matter. Separate your business and personal needs, or mistakes will be made. Confusion is apparent, and the situation will require help from someone who knows and understands you.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 If you are the least bit indecisive, someone will try to talk you into doing something you don't want to do. A little aggression on your part will set the record straight. Good things are heading your way, so stay in control.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 You'll have trouble controlling your emotions, especially when dealing with personal matters, relationships, and where money and love intertwine. There will be a fine line between buying and winning friendship. Let your Leo charm lead the way.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Not everything will be made available to you. You have to refrain from jumping into a situation too quickly or without proper information. The more time you spend listening, the better off you will be.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Asking for help may be daunting, but in doing so, you will connect with someone who can contribute something in return. Greater opportunities will be made available if you are willing to give back and share your expertise, ideas, and time.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Don't find out things the hard way. Dig deep, and you'll discover who is working with you and who isn't. Don't divulge your secrets, or they will be used against you by someone you least expect.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 If you let an emotional matter distract you, you will lose sight of important matters. If someone wants to make changes, don't fight her or him, but if it isn't something you want to take part in, take a pass.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Look at all the different angles involving a financial or legal matter that you are facing. Someone will give you information that may cause you to make a costly mistake. Don't feel you have to act fast, even if someone is pressuring you.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Your future will be influenced by the choices that are made by those close to you. Speak up - let your feelings be known. Love is in the picture, and a relationship you are in will open up some new options that could help your current situation.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 If you are oblivious to what everyone around you is thinking and doing, you will not have a say in what's going on. You must understand the implications so you can protect your interests and perhaps even submit an offer that will benefit you.

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by Scott Adams



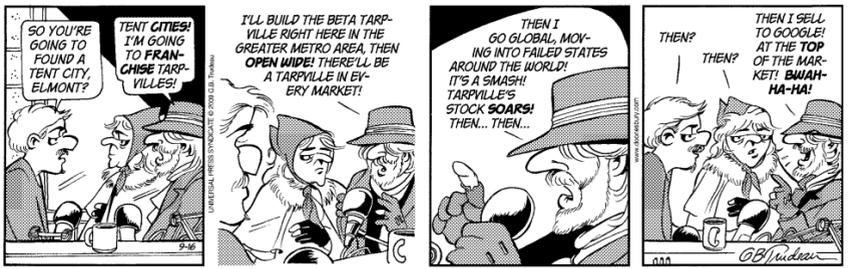
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- **Cardiac Risk Assessment and Cholesterol Screening**, 8 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Pain Research Seminar, "Descending Modulation of Chronic Pain," Josephine Lai, University of Arizona**, 9 a.m., 2-322 Bowen
- **Tot Time**, 9 a.m., Scanlon Gymnasium, 2701 Bradford Drive
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **History for Lunch, "Native American Iowa Football Player in 1928,"** noon, State Historical Society of Iowa, 402 Iowa
- **"How to Make the Job Fair Work for You,"** 12:30 p.m., C130 Pomerantz Center
- **Student Organization Financial Training**, 3 p.m., IMU Black Box Theatre
- **Iowa City Farmers' Market**, 5:30 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **PJ Story Time**, 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **Bingo**, 6:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Board Game Night**, 6:30

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- p.m., Critical Hit Games, 1705 S. First Ave., Coralville
 - **Food Inc.**, 7 p.m., Bijou
 - **Drop-in Buddhist Meditation Class**, 7 p.m., Friends Meeting House, 311 N. Linn
 - **"Live from Prairie Lights," John D'Agata, essays**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
 - **Johnson County Local Food Alliance Beer & Pork Party**, 7 p.m., Atlas World Grill, 127 Iowa
 - **"Don't Get Busted - Know Your Rights," Student Legal Services**, 7 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
 - **Student Organization Financial Training**, 7 p.m., IMU Black Box Theatre
 - **Be a Contestant on "The Smartest Iowan,"** 8 p.m., Public Access Television, 206 Lafayette
 - **International Writing Program Cinémathèque**, 8 p.m., E105 Adler
 - **Moon**, 9 p.m., Bijou
 - **Comedy Night**, 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
 - **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Industry, 211 Iowa Ave.
 - **Nerissa Campbell**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
 - **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

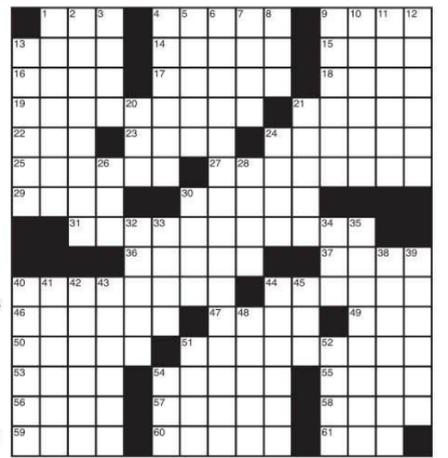
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 - 48 Baklava ingredient
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 - 52 Start of an incantation
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Man faces numerous charges

An Iowa City man was arrested Monday after allegedly breaking into his ex-roommate's apartment, beating the man with a golf club, and threatening him with a gun Sept. 5, according to Iowa City police.

Dolores Adame-Castillo, 33, was charged with first-degree burglary, a Class B felony, willful injury causing bodily injury and going armed with intent, both Class D felonies, as well as assault use or display of a dangerous weapon and first-degree harassment, both of which are aggravated misdemeanors.

He was being held Tuesday at the Johnson County Jail on a \$25,000 cash-only bond.

Adame-Castillo allegedly kicked in the door at the 2401 Highway 6 E. apartment around 11:50 a.m. and struck the victim at least three times with a golf club, according to police. The club apparently broke, and Adame-Castillo continued punching the victim, according to police reports.

Adame-Castillo then allegedly grabbed the victim in a headlock and dragged him outside to his car. He also reportedly threatened the victim with a handgun.

Police said Adame-Castillo and a neighbor then exchanged

words, and the man fled.

Class B felonies are punishable by up to 25 years in prison, while Class D felonies are punishable by up to five years and a fine of no more than \$7,500. Aggravated misdemeanors are punishable by as much as two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$5,000.

— by Danny Valentine

Man accused in shooting pleads not guilty

A man accused of shooting another person in a bar parking

lot pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted murder on Sept. 11.

Bernard Butler, 18, of Cedar Rapids is also charged with public intoxication.

According to Iowa City police, Butler had been involved in a fight with Cortez Parker of Milwaukee in the parking lot of Los Cocos, 1921 Keokuk St.

Butler allegedly shot Parker in the abdomen, and Parker was taken to the UI Hospitals and Clinics, where he underwent surgery for non-life-threatening injuries, according to police reports.

Officers arrested Butler south of the business, police said.

Heather German, the former owner of Los Cocos, shut the bar

down after the shooting and later sold the business.

Attempted murder is a Class B felony, punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

Butler's trial is set for Nov. 2.

— by Regina Zilbermints

Coralville set to clean up

Coralville will host its annual "Mayor's Cleanup Week" from Oct. 5 through Oct. 9.

The week allows residents to put large items on the curb, including furniture, bathroom fixtures, bicycles,

swing sets, and grills.

The items will be picked up on regular garbage days. If not picked up then, they will be collected the next day. Metal will be picked up in a separate truck. City officials are asking residents to label yard waste and garbage separately.

Things that will not be picked up include paint, oil, other hazardous materials, tires, and construction materials such as drywall, lumber, concrete, and brick.

Appliances and electronics can be picked up by appointments on the last Thursday and Friday of each month for an additional charge.

— by Nicole Lumbreras

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	83	60	.580	—
Florida	77	68	.531	7
Atlanta	76	68	.528	7 1/2
New York	63	82	.434	21
Washington	50	94	.347	33 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	85	61	.582	—
Chicago	75	68	.524	8 1/2
Houston	70	75	.483	14 1/2
Milwaukee	69	75	.479	15
Cincinnati	66	79	.455	18 1/2
Pittsburgh	55	87	.387	28
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	86	59	.593	—
Colorado	82	64	.562	4 1/2
San Francisco	79	66	.545	7
San Diego	65	81	.445	21 1/2
Arizona	64	82	.438	22 1/2

Monday's Late Games
 L.A. Dodgers 6, Pittsburgh 2
 San Francisco 9, Colorado 1
Tuesday's Games
 Philadelphia 5, Washington 0
 Cincinnati 5, Houston 4
 Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 0
 Chicago Cubs 13, Milwaukee 7
 Florida 2, St. Louis 1
 Arizona 4, San Diego 2
 San Francisco 10, Colorado 2
 Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers, late
Today's Games
 Florida (Jo.Johnson 14-4) at St. Louis (Pineiro 14-10), 1:15 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (K.Hart 4-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 6-6), 2:10 p.m.
 Arizona (D.Davis 7-13) at San Diego (Mujica 3-4), 2:35 p.m.
 Washington (L.Hernandez 8-10) at Philadelphia (Blanton 9-7), 6:05 p.m.
 Houston (Bazardo 0-1) at Cincinnati (Lehr 4-2), 6:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Parnell 3-9) at Atlanta (D.Lowe 14-9), 6:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Looper 12-6) at Chicago Cubs (Harden 9-8), 7:05 p.m.
 Colorado (De La Rosa 14-9) at San Francisco (Cain 13-5), 9:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	93	53	.637	—
Boston	85	58	.594	6 1/2
Tampa Bay	73	72	.503	19 1/2
Toronto	66	79	.455	26 1/2
Baltimore	59	85	.410	33
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	77	67	.535	—
Minnesota	73	72	.503	4 1/2
Chicago	72	73	.497	5 1/2
Cleveland	61	83	.424	16
Kansas City	58	86	.403	19
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	86	63	.577	—
Texas	80	63	.559	5 1/2
Seattle	74	71	.510	12 1/2
Oakland	65	78	.455	20 1/2

Tuesday's Games
 Kansas City 11, Detroit 1
 Baltimore 10, Tampa Bay 5
 Toronto 10, N.Y. Yankees 4
 Boston 4, L.A. Angels 1
 Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Minnesota 5, Cleveland 4
 Chicago White Sox 6, Seattle 3
Today's Games
 Cleveland (Laffey 7-5) at Minnesota (Blackburn 9-11), 12:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (DiNardo 0-9) at Detroit (Bonine 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Sonnastine 6-9) at Baltimore (Tillman 2-3), 6:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Tallet 7-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Gaudin 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (J.Saunders 13-7) at Boston (P.Byrd 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Cahill 8-12) at Texas (Nippert 5-2), 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (G.Floyd 11-10) at Seattle (Rowland-Smith 3-3), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE WILDCARD

Colorado	82	64	.562	—
San Francisco	79	66	.545	2 1/2
Florida	77	68	.531	4 1/2
Atlanta	76	68	.528	5
Chicago	75	68	.524	5 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE WILDCARD

Boston	85	58	.594	—
Texas	80	63	.559	5 1/2

WNBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

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FIRST ROUND (Best-of-3)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
 Indiana vs. Washington
 Thursday, Sept. 17: Indiana at Washington, 6 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 19: Washington at Indiana, 6 p.m.
 x-Monday, Sept. 21: Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Atlanta vs. Detroit
 Today's Game: Atlanta at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 18: Detroit at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
 x-Sunday, Sept. 20: Detroit at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Phoenix vs. San Antonio
 Thursday, Sept. 17: Phoenix at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 19: San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 x-Monday, Sept. 21: San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Seattle vs. Los Angeles
 Today's Game: Seattle at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 18: Los Angeles at Seattle, 9 p.m.
 x-Sunday, Sept. 20: Los Angeles at Seattle, 4 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct
New England	1	0	0	1.000
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000
Miami	0	1	0	.000
South	W	L	T	Pct
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000
Houston	0	1	0	.000
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000
North	W	L	T	Pct
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000
West	W	L	T	Pct
Denver	1	0	0	1.000
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000
Oakland	0	1	0	.000
NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000
Washington	0	1	0	.000
South	W	L	T	Pct
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000
Carolina	0	1	0	.000
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000
North	W	L	T	Pct
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000
Chicago	0	1	0	.000
Detroit	0	1	0	.000
West	W	L	T	Pct
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000
Arizona	0	1	0	.000
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000

Monday's Games
 New England 25, Buffalo 24
 San Diego 24, Oakland 20
Sunday, Sept. 20
 Houston at Tennessee, 12 p.m.
 Minnesota at Detroit, 12 p.m.
 Carolina at Atlanta, 12 p.m.
 St. Louis at Washington, 12 p.m.
 New England at N.Y. Jets, 12 p.m.
 Oakland at Kansas City, 12 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Green Bay, 12 p.m.
 New Orleans at Philadelphia, 12 p.m.
 Arizona at Jacksonville, 12 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 3:05 p.m.
 Seattle at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Chicago, 3:15 p.m.
 Baltimore at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
 Cleveland at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 21
 Indianapolis at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

BIG TEN SOCCER

	Conf.	All Games				
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Michigan State	0	0	0	5	0	1
Indiana	0	0	0	6	1	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	5	1	1
Iowa	0	0	0	5	2	0
Purdue	0	0	0	5	2	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	4	2	1
Wisconsin	0	0	0	4	2	1
Illinois	0	0	0	3	3	1
Northwestern	0	0	0	3	3	1
Penn State	0	0	0	3	4	0
Michigan	0	0	0	3	5	0

Friday's Game

Iowa State at Iowa, 7 p.m.

Sunday's Game

Northern Iowa at Iowa, 1 p.m.

BIG TEN FIELD HOCKEY

	Conf.	All Games		
	W	L	W	L
Northwestern	0	0	6	2
Indiana	0	0	4	2
Michigan State	0	0	4	2
Ohio State	0	0	2	3
Michigan	0	0	2	4
Iowa	0	0	1	5
Penn State	0	0	1	5

Saturday's Game

St. Louis at Iowa, 1 p.m.

Extra shot for sports

By MATT SCHOMMER
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Students have heard of extra credit, extra mayo, and even extraterrestrials. But extramurals?

Iowa, similar to many other schools, participates in a field of intramurals known as extramurals, which gives students the opportunity to participate in state, regional, and even national intramural tournaments.

Currently, Iowa only offers students a chance to play other schools at this level in two sports — basketball and flag football.

“We host a National Intramural Recreational Sports Association flag-football tournament, and we’ve even sent a team to a basketball tournament in Lincoln, Neb.,” said Dan Payne, a graduate assistant with Recreational Services. “No other Big Ten schools host these events besides Iowa.”

While Iowa is the only Big Ten school that holds a regional event, other conference schools, such as Wisconsin, Michigan, and Ohio State, participate in the extramural events.

Wisconsin intramural and club-sports coordinator Nick Lumpkin said teams from the school have participated in extramurals for around seven years.

“It can enhance relationships on teams and provide them with a fun opportunity,” he said. “I participated in extramurals when I was a student and still do now as a coordinator.”

While numbers are down at Wisconsin this year, he said, the students who are participating are having a good time.

“I think the kids that are doing it now are really enjoying the experience,” he said.

The unique experience for UI students is that the extramural flag-football tournament is held at the Hawkeye Recreational Fields, giving participating

teams a home-field advantage of sorts.

Oklahoma State, UCLA, and Maryland are a few of the others that host regional events.

One Iowa team that has taken advantage of being able to play on its home turf is the UISSC flag-football squad, which won the national tournament in 2007. After winning the regional tournament in Iowa City, the team traveled to the University of South Florida in Tampa Bay and came back with the national trophy.

Even student referees can earn an all-tournament officials’ plaques. The top four referees will also have their fees paid in full. Although, not everyone receives an all-expenses-paid trip from the university.

“Sometimes it’s difficult with the economy,” Payne said. “It really depends on how much money we are able to make.”

Even if students are paying their own way, though, there are a few other obstacles.

In order to be eligible for the tournaments, students must be enrolled with the minimum number of credit hours at least 45 days prior to the event, must not be on a varsity sport, and must be from the same two- or four-year degree-granting college or university.

For the teams that compete, Payne said extramural events are comparable to major college sports. With the Big Ten being known for power and the SEC for speed, Payne sees these similarities in extramurals. Although, he admits, to a lesser degree.

“Each conference in college sports has its unique style and type of play it is known for, and that can sometimes come out in the extramurals,” he said. “It offers students a good opportunity to play schools they wouldn’t normally play and see how they view the sport.”

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	WHITE OUT (R) ✓ 5:00, 7:30, 9:50	SORORITY ROW (R) ✓ 4:40, 7:00, 9:40
		TAKING WOODSTOCK (R) ✓ 7:10, 9:50
		TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) 4:40, 7:00, 9:40
		WHITE OUT (R) ✓ 4:15, 7:15, 9:45

Smoothly closing openings

Smooth Obturators dismantle Dirt Show, 40-0, in flag football.

By TRAVIS VARNER
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The Smooth Obturators dominated in every aspect of the flag-football game Tuesday night, shutting out Dirt Show, 40-0, at the Hawkeye Recreational Fields.

In its third game of the season, Smooth Obturators has yet to allow a single point — relying on a proficient, organized defense consisting of a nasty two-man rush and an explosive secondary.

Dirt Show never stood a chance on Tuesday. Every snap resulted in the team's quarterback being flushed out of the pocket, leaving him running as he heaved the ball downfield — praying, wishing, and hoping for a receiver to come down with the tumbling, spiraling football.

Unfortunately for Dirt Show, the Smooth Obturators' defense usually came down with the passes.

Smooth Obturators' Andrew "Rip" Secory, a fourth-year dental student, said the team's success starts with the defensive linemen up front. The Obturators' speed and intensity every snap has forced opposing quarterbacks to make quick, reckless decisions.

“Our guys up front are pretty aggressive and get



UI fourth-year dental student Brian Fleshner lays out for a touchdown on Tuesday during an intramural flag-football game. The Smooth Obturators won the contest, 40-0, shutting out the Dirt Show.

in there pretty quickly,” Secory said. “It puts a lot of pressure on the quarterbacks and makes them make some bad plays.”

The Smooth Obturators stormed out of the gate and never looked back against Dirt Show, returning an interception for a touchdown on the first drive.

The team's first offensive possession was over quickly — the Smooth Obturators scored on a beautiful deep post route that ended with a diving catch from a receiver who split the secondary.

The team was incredibly well-organized. It continually rotated coverages, utilizing an apparent laundry list of plays.

Fourth-year dental student Brian Fleshner said the Smooth Obturators drew up a plentiful number of plays before the season

started, and with quality teamwork, they have worked like a charm.

“We have a bunch of plays scripted out, and we practice them,” Fleshner said. “They work pretty slick.”

Dirt Show may have had less talent, but the team also made poor mistakes that resulted in a number of yellow flags.

Dirt Show was penalized for flag-guarding, jumping offside, forward laterals, and false starts.

Dirt Show sophomore John Doessel said his team failed to communicate and mistakes recurred because of total team frustration.

“Missed communication ... we were pretty bad on ‘D’ and [had] a lack of football experience,” he said. “A lot of these guys

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haven't played before and don't know what 'going on two' means.”

Dirt Show's communication collapses destroyed it especially on defense. The Smooth Obturators repeatedly found the gaps in the secondary by employing trick plays.

In the second quarter, up 14-0, the Smooth Obturators ran an apparent reverse. Suddenly, the moving receiver lateraled the ball back to the stationary quarterback, who then launched a pass to a wide-open receiver sprinting down the sideline.

The play left Dirt Show

Tennis transfer delights coach

The Gymnazium a Sportovni Gymnazium in Prague has produced a lot of great tennis talent over the years, including Iowa's Zuzana Chmelarova.

By **PATRICK RAFFERTY**
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The Iowa women's tennis team just got stronger.

Transferring to Iowa for her senior season, Zuzana Chmelarova last attended No. 6 Baylor University, which boasts three players in the top 50 and has stood atop the Big 12 standings during the last five years.

But even though the Midwestern tennis scene is humble, Chmelarova is no stranger to the spotlight. She was ranked as high No. 29 in the Czech Republic's under-18 polls and was recruited by Baylor as a freshman out of the highly regarded Gymnazium a Sportovni Gymnazium — a gym in Prague that has produced great tennis



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Iowa senior Zuzana Chmelarova serves the ball during practice at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Tuesday. The Czech native transferred to Iowa after her junior year at Baylor.

talent over the years. Named an All-Big 12 honoree for her doubles play as a sophomore in

2008, Chmelarova was hoping to take the next step forward last year with the Bears. But with such a high level of intrasquad competition at her former school, she had a hard time finding the court, so she came to Iowa.

"I didn't get enough playing time," she said. "At Baylor, I was limited to improve as much as I wanted."

The Hawkeyes were happy to have her and aren't planning to place any limits on her development. However, the Iowa coaching staff would like to see her return to the form that landed her the all-conference distinction.

Chmelarova hopes to improve her play and give the team a hand as well.

"I will try my best to help the team to do well this upcoming season," she said. "My goal is to make the NCAA Tournament as a team."

The last few years of college have breezed by, and now, Chmelarova finds herself taking full advantage of quite possibly one last opportunity at the collegiate level.

She has been in the United States for only three years, but she has relished the opportunity to be in America and play

tennis. She came here for very specific reasons but has found experiences that will last a lifetime.

"I came to the United States because I could be a student and tennis player at the same time," she said. "It has been a great experience to learn a new language, meet new people, learn about a different culture, and travel around the United States."

A proven competitor, Chmelarova is in position to drastically improve the Hawkeyes this season, bringing a lot of Division-I experience, which is something Iowa possessed very little of last year.

Iowa head coach Daryl Greenan said the Hawkeyes went from a team with three veteran players in 2008 to a team

with all eight players having college experience.

"Last year, we didn't have any seniors, and half our team were playing their first season of competition," he said. "This year, we don't have any freshmen and three seniors, including Zuzi. We have grown up quickly."

He was happy to bring in such an experienced player as Chmelarova because he knows what he can expect from her, he said.

"With a true freshman recruit, it is sometimes difficult to tell how they will respond to collegiate competition," he said. "Zuzi has three years of collegiate competition under her belt, and she knows what she is capable of. And we know what we are getting."

Grad student to spark harriers

By **MICHÈLE DANNO**
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Not many people would trade going to school in the nation's largest city for attending school near the world's largest truck stop, but the Iowa women's cross-country program managed to lure graduate student Megan Lessard away from Columbia University in New York City to run for the Hawkeyes.

Lessard said she will miss the "fast pace" of the Big Apple, but she is prepared to bring her own fast pace to the Iowa program.

Because she only competed for three track and cross-country seasons at Columbia, Lessard is still eligible to run for one more year.

"After cross-country nationals last year, one of my coaches said I should think about going to grad school to use up my last year of eligibility," the New Hampshire native said.

She noted Iowa was "the right fit" because it has both the public-health program and the running program she has been looking for.

And women's cross-country head coach Layne Anderson said the program is "fortunate" to have Lessard on board.

Lessard's top mile time is 4:56, and her best time in the 6-kilometer race is a 20:53, which Anderson noted is the currently the best time for this year's squad.

"On paper, she is our top person," Anderson said. "She'll bring an element to our team that I think we've never had."

During the 2008 cross-country season, Lessard placed 58th out of 200-plus runners in the NCAA cross-country championship. That same year, she was named Columbia Class of 2009's

Scholar Athlete and was honored as an All-Ivy Academic.

Lessard said she thinks she has an advantage being the oldest on the team.

"Being a fifth-year runner, I've experienced firsthand waiting patiently for your year to come. I know everyone here is talented, and they all have it in them to do well eventually," she said.

The only intimidation the

22-year old showed going into this season was the thought of getting injured or ill. She noted some past health issues, including iron deficiency and a fracture in her right tibia — both of which affected her performance during her time at Columbia.

Still, Anderson noted Lessard as one of the five women he expects to finish at the front of the pack consistently throughout the season.

"Megan hasn't been with this team for very long," Anderson said. "I don't expect her to jump right in as a leader of the rest of the team, but I think she will lead them

through her performance and her work ethic."

Lessard said she will miss the "supportive community" she had on the East Coast, but now that she is older, she doesn't need as much support as she did at the beginning of her career.

She also said she left the congestion of NYC early this summer to train and work in northern Minnesota, an experience that "gave [her] time to think."

"Running in Central Park has its perks," Lessard said. "But it's not the same as running in the Midwest."



Lessard runner

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two touchdowns, and two interceptions in the game's first 30 minutes, which left fans curious about the quarterback's early game struggles.

"I almost wonder if he's pressing too much, quite frankly," Ferentz said. "The throw to Tony [Moeaki against Iowa State] sailed high. I don't know anything about being a quarterback, but I used to throw a baseball a little bit. And I know that if you press too hard, that's what happens."

Donahue shines

After Iowa's all-too-close 17-16 win over Northern Iowa in the opener, Ferentz said punter Ryan Donahue had Iowa's "best game by far."

The junior, who was named to the Ray Guy



The Hawkeyes run onto the field during Iowa's game against Iowa State game on Sept. 12 in Ames.

Award watch list in August, had five punts for 42.8-yard average, including four inside the 20. Donahue followed

that up by sticking three of his four punts against Iowa State inside the 20, drastically swinging field position in the process.

"It's such a big thing," Ferentz said. "He's really performing well right now. ... He's been pretty impressive."

Orange face 3rd Big Ten team

BIG TEN

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time this season to play its annual showdown with Notre Dame. The Spartans have won the past six meetings with the Fighting Irish in South Bend, Ind., a streak that dates back to 1993.

However, Notre Dame is also coming off a stinging loss as well, which perhaps makes Saturday's game more significant for both squads.

"Both teams are coming off a close loss at the end of the game in the last seconds, and they need to emotionally get reinvolved," Michigan State head coach Mark Dantonio said Tuesday during a teleconference. "That will be one of the keys — how emotional will we be able to play and can we put things behind us?"

Illinois

While the rest of the Big Ten plays on Saturday, Illinois will rest.

Because the Fighting Illini have two nonconference games, against Cincinnati and Fresno State, after the Big Ten slate comes to an end on Nov. 21, Illinois will have the benefit of two bye weeks this season — one of which comes this week.

The Fighting Illini might need the rest, too. Illinois and Purdue are the Big Ten's lone teams that will play eight-straight conference games, and right away, the Fighting Illini have to deal with Ohio State on the road and Penn State in the confines of Memorial Stadium.

"In my belief, to go 12-straight weeks is hard," Illinois head coach Ron Zook said on Tuesday. "It gives us an opportunity to practice on the things we got to practice on and get better on, and it just happens to come before the Ohio State game."

Northwestern

There are only 11 teams in the Big Ten, but lately, it feels like Syracuse is a



Iowa defensive end Adrian Clayborn attempts to tackle Penn State quarterback Daryll Clark at the beginning of the second quarter in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 8, 2008. Clark avoided Clayborn to get a first down before being tackled on the Iowa 26-yard line by linebackers Pat Angerer and A.J. Edds.

12th member.

For the third week in a row, the Orange will play a Big Ten foe. Northwestern will cap a home-and-home with Syracuse this weekend when the Wildcats pay a visit to the Carrier Dome.

Like Minnesota and Penn State before it, Northwestern will try to feast on the Orange and remain unbeaten as both

the Golden Gophers and Nittany Lions did.

"We're going into a hornet's nest," Northwestern head coach Pat Fitzgerald said in a teleconference on Tuesday. "With having played the Gophers multiple times and playing in the Alamo Bowl in the dome down there, we've got a plan for when we've got to go play inside, play in hostile environments."

At last, a calm football season

COMMENTARY

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wipe Dominique Douglas' stupid money-munching mug from my already cluttered attic).

Fortunately, none of the above has happened so far.

Much like the Chicago Cubs in the 2007 and 2008 playoffs, the Hawkeyes have nothing to justifiably point to should the season eventually end up going southbound. They're solely responsible for every victory and defeat, regardless of injuries.

Yet in contrast to preseason speculation, the loss of sophomore running back Jewel Hampton isn't that big of a deal.

Yeah, maybe Iowa's running game would be a little more nightmarish right now if the Indianapolis native wasn't bedeviled by a trick knee and could extrapolate on the 463 yards he attained while averaging 5.1 yards per carry a year ago under former All-Galaxy tailback Shonn Greene.

But the fledgling

duo of Adam Robinson and Brandon Wegher is doing pretty well in Hampton's absence. So how can that possibly be dubbed a controversy?

Practically the only topic that has been mildly controversial during the first two-and-a-half weeks of the season has been Stanzi's play under center.

During the opening quarters against Northern Iowa and Iowa State, the junior didn't seem like the same shaggy-hair signal-caller who started 11 games for the Hawkeyes in 2008.

No, instead he looked more like the former Iowa quarterback who fans mercilessly booed to the sidelines early last year and eventually out of Iowa City.

By the way, Christensen has helped Eastern Illinois to back-to-back wins against Illinois State and Indiana State, tallying 312 passing yards and four touchdowns in the process — just in case you were even a tiny bit curious.

Really though, it's a

good thing Christensen moved on. He wasn't going to get another shot while at Iowa, at least not as long as students were opting to wear "Stanzi-the-Manzi" T-shirts rather than replica No. 6 jerseys in the fall (I guess that's still applicable, though).

Plus, his departure closed the rift between the fair-weather followers who each winter unrealistically daydream that another Chuck Long or Brad Banks will scurry onto campus and the lifelong loyalists who understand Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz doesn't pursue blue-chip QB prospects like Terrelle Pryor and Matt Barkley.

Had he stayed, the 2009 season would have been more drama-packed than the first two seasons of Laguna Beach.

Fortunately, I go to

school in the IC, not the OC.

Men's tennis aims high

TENNIS PREVIEW

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While the Hawkeyes have a fall schedule full of invitationals, the real fireworks will be touched off next spring. On April 2, Iowa will face No. 2 Ohio State, and on April 11, the Hawkeyes are scheduled to play the No. 12-ranked Fighting Illini in Champaign, Ill.

"Every Big Ten match is a big match for us," senior Tommy McGeorge said. "They're always a lot of fun."

One instance of the Hawkeyes' new-found prominence on the national scale is their invitation to participate in the Kickoff Classic in Waco, Texas, on Jan. 29, 2010, when Iowa will be pitted against No. 7 Baylor. The event traditionally brings in the top 50 or 60 teams.

One Hawkeye who definitely has that date circled is sophomore transfer Marc Bruche, who came to Iowa from Baylor via Germany and has a chance to compete for the No. 1 spot on the team, Houghton said.

Bruche is not the only new arrival that Iowa will look to for help this season. Two freshmen, Connor Gilmore and 6-8 Garret Dunn will be asked to make big contri-

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butions throughout the fall and spring.

However, the majority of the load will fall on the elders of the group.

Senior trio Patrick Dwyer, Reinoud Haal, and McGeorge, along with junior Will Vasos, will collectively assume the leadership role left behind by graduated senior Christian Bierich — last year's Big Ten singles champion.

The crew has been working feverishly in the off-season with help from assistant coach Steve Nash, who employs a bevy of different techniques to make the Hawkeyes the best-conditioned team in the conference.

That work ethic has spilled over to the players, who have trained through the summer when there are no coaches to push them.

"You're just always trying to stay in shape," Dwyer said. "We've been hitting the ball for years, so it's pretty much just making sure we're ready mentally and physically."

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This year, 10 percent of the proceeds raised from Blackout Saturday T-shirt sales will go toward the marathon.

Additionally, all students wearing the official Blackout Saturday shirt are invited to attend the Blackout Bash, a nonalcoholic tailgating party hosted by UI entrepreneurship students and Dance Marathon representatives before Saturday's game.

The event will be held in the Hawkeye Village, which is located in the former field-hockey complex across the street from Carver-Hawkeye Arena — north of the Kenyon Practice Facility.

Food and musical entertainment will be provided for free from noon to 2 p.m. Students who attend will also be eligible for a variety of door prizes.

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— by Ryan Young

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— by Ryan Young

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Bulaga status still not clear



Iowa quarterback Ricky Stanzi throws the ball as offensive linemen Adam Gettis, Dace Richardson, and Kyle Calloway block Iowa State's defensive linemen during the Hawkeyes' game against the Cyclones on Sept. 12 in Ames.

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz hopes to get left tackle Bryan Bulaga back in time for Saturday's game.

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The case of Bryan Bulaga is getting more confusing by the day.

After being held out of Iowa's 35-3 win over Iowa State on Sept. 7 because of an unspecified illness, the Hawkeyes' left tackle is listed as the starter for Saturday's home contest against Arizona. But head coach Kirk Ferentz said Bulaga didn't practice on Tuesday and is "day-to-day."

"It really depends on when he's cleared [to play]," the 11-year head coach said. "It's not a matter of if he'll be cleared, but when he [will be] cleared. I'm getting nervous, though, because most players play better if they practice."

Redshirt freshman Riley Reiff filled in nicely for Bulaga against Iowa State, save for a few early game penalties. And last weekend, both right tackle

Kyle Calloway (suspension) and right guard Julian Vandervelde (pectoral injury) returned to the lineup.

But without Bulaga, a preseason second-team All-American, the Hawkeyes' highly touted offensive line remains less than 100 percent — as it has been since spring practice.

While Ferentz said, "It's been like the Bermuda Triangle out there for 30 days," Vandervelde took a more positive approach to the team's issues up front.

"What's nice about this offensive line is that we've all been here for a long time," he said. "We've all been playing together for a while. [Ferentz] can throw us in there any way he wants to. We really feel like we can be productive."

Beyond the return of Calloway and Vandervelde, Ferentz has been pleased with Dace Richardson's versatility. The senior filled in for Calloway at right

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tackle in the opener and then moved to left guard against Iowa State.

Richardson is "playing with more confidence," after missing nearly two full seasons with a knee injury, the coach said. Richardson said he's to the point where he doesn't even think about his knee, other than when he applies ice to it after practices and games.

Even with Richardson's surprising comeback, Ferentz would still like to see Bulaga — the Hawkeyes' linchpin on the left side — return from his illness in time for Saturday's 2:36 p.m. kickoff.

"I know it's a big thing, and I don't mean to minimize it, but we're not going to call the season off or just change our whole game

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— Kirk Ferentz, Iowa football head coach

plan," Ferentz said. "We can't shut it down because one guy's out."

Stanzi's first-half struggles

Quarterback Ricky Stanzi threw two first-half interceptions against Iowa State and had one more that was negated by a Cyclone penalty.

In all, the second-year starter was an uninspiring 12-of-24 for 117 yards,

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COMMENTARY

Calm is the word

Controversy kept to minimum thus far. A season without controversy has been long overdue.



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Iowa fans have suffered through a lot over the last four years.

The staunch — yet sporadically fickle — members of Hawkeye Nation are used to controversy.

There were those two disputed bowl losses in 2005 and 2006, a late-season Drew Tate versus Jake Christensen quarterback derby, as well as last year's totally unfair QB battle between Christensen and Ricky Stanzi.

And don't forget about those seemingly endless off-the-field issues in 2007 (but honestly, who can? It's going to take three 32-ounce spray bottles of Orange Glo and a down-in-the-dumps-economy-sized pack of paper towels to

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Big Ten image a bit better

Each week, the *DI* will take you around the Big Ten to check out some of Iowa's conference brethren.

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Last weekend might not have gone entirely as planned for the Big Ten, but the conference did manage to regain a little credibility.

The team that made the biggest national impression was Michigan, which climbed to No. 25 in the AP poll after pulling out a 38-34 victory over then-No. 18 Notre Dame in the Big House.

Iowa and Minnesota also caught eyes. The Hawkeyes crushed Iowa State in Ames, and the Golden Gophers won their first game ever inside brand-new TCF Bank Stadium, defeating Air Force, 20-13.

But with the success came a few disappoint-

ments — perhaps none greater than Ohio State losing in the final minutes at home to USC, 18-15, in front of the biggest crowd ever at the Horseshoe.

Michigan State

Ohio State had the marquee loss last weekend, but the Big Ten team taking a major step backward was Michigan State.

In the final minutes of their game against Central Michigan, the Spartans blew a late fourth-quarter lead. And behind the play of quarterback Dan LeFevour, the Chipewas pulled off a stunning 29-27 victory in front of the Spartan faithful.

Now, Michigan State will take to the road for the first

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Up-and-coming tennis

The Iowa men's tennis team will try to improve on its seventh-place Big Ten finish last season.

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The Iowa men's tennis team finished tied for seventh place with two other Big Ten teams last year, but just barely.

With just a point to go, the Hawkeyes fell to Wisconsin, 4-0, at the Big Ten Tournament in April and missed fifth place.

Head coach Steve Houghton has been optimistic about his team's chances this season, though, describing his squad as a bunch of up-and-comers on the national scene.

"Last year was very similar to the year before, as we finished right in the middle of the Big Ten," he said. "We've gotten a ton better over the past couple of years, and people around the country would probably label us a team on the rise."

A team on the rise



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Iowa men's tennis player Christian Bierich (left) stands in a ready position while Reinoud Haal returns the ball during a match against DePaul at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Feb. 28.

indeed. After finishing near the bottom of the Big Ten from 2004 to 2007, the past few years have been a vast improvement, with two seventh-place finishes in 2007-09 and 2008-09 — the latter year coming close to an even better ending.

While going from last in the conference to seventh

consistently over a two-year span may seem like baby steps for a program labeled as being "on the rise," it is important to note the strength of the Big Ten, which Houghton said is one of the top "two or three conferences in the country."

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