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- Poet and actress

Amber Tamblin on her visit to Iowa

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- A feature on the Spot youth center
- The highlights of Amber Tamblin's reading tonight
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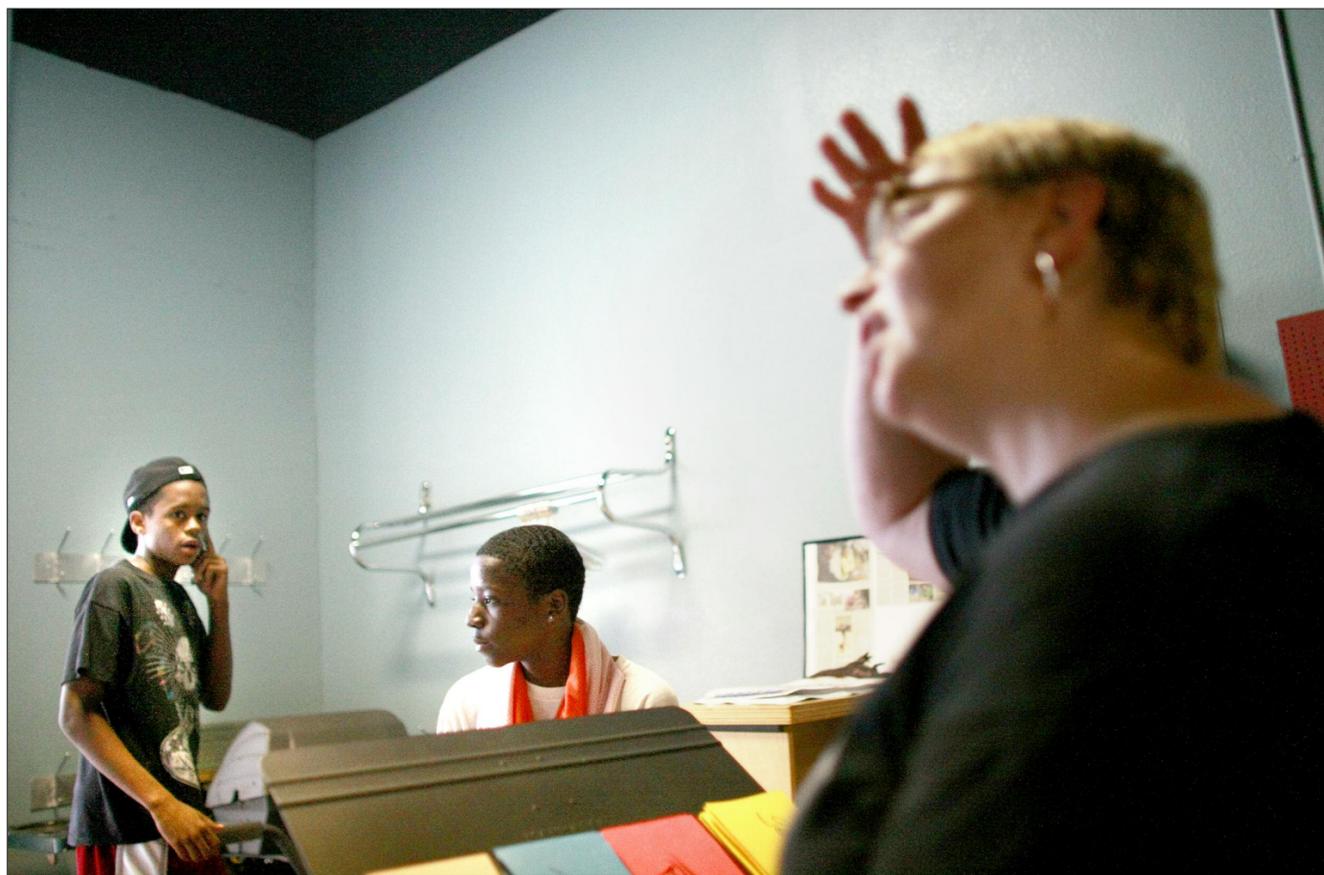
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Center works to aid youth



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Top: Tieron James (center) sits near the entrance of the Spot on Sept. 16. The youth center, funded by Parkview Church, provides activities for area kids to help have a positive effect on their lives. Doug Fern, the director of the facility, said many kids don't have much positive influence in their lives.

Right: Majesty Tutson, a coach at the Spot, chases a stray egg while playing a game in the youth center's gym on Sept. 16. The Parkview Church-funded youth center provides activities for area kids. A large number of volunteers at the facility are UI students, including players from the football and track teams.

A local youth facility is working to change the climate of negativity on Iowa City's Southeast Side.

By **JOHN DOETKOTT**
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Iowa City's Southeast Side has recently become a magnet for media attention. Violence, gang activity, and increased crime have sent the area into a tailspin.

One local group is trying to change that, starting with the kids.

The Spot youth center, 1030 Crosspark Ave., offers programs for kids from kindergarten to high school and tries to have a positive effect on their lives.

Doug Fern, the director of

ON THE WEB



For a video report about the youth facility and its UI mentors, watch Daily Iowan TV on dailyiowan.com.

The Spot youth center

- Located at 1030 Crosspark Ave.
- Kids Club: Mondays 6-8 p.m.
- Remix: Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Preschool Club: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Source: The Spot website

the facility and a UI alumna, said many kids don't have a positive place in their lives or don't have somewhere they feel they're accepted.

"That sense of not belonging contributes to the problems we are seeing now," he said. "[The Spot] gives them something to be a part of and a place to belong."

Dede Parker, a Spot volunteer for three years, said the kids are eager to be a part of the community the facility offers.



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"Kids want to be here," she said. "Every time I come to the building, kids are always at the door, even if there is no Spot that day. They ask if they can come in and help with anything. They really just want something to do with friendly people."

The center depends on the support of volunteers such as Parker who act as positive role models and work to create meaningful relationships with the kids. A significant number of the center's volunteers are UI students, and many of those are athletes, including players from the foot-

ball and track teams.

Brandon Parker, a UI sophomore and the president of the UI Black Student Union, said he, along with 10 to 12 members of his organization, volunteer at the center on a weekly basis.

"A lot of the kids come from similar situations as our members," Brandon Parker said. "What I want is for our members to become mentors for the children."

For both Brandon Parker and Fern, that means doing more than

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'I think a lot of students might use them to get out of tests they aren't prepared for.'

- Nick Johnson, a sophomore majoring in biology.

UI not keeping track of flu forms

Officials are not tracing student H1N1 absence forms.

By **HOLLY HINES**
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UI officials are not tracking the total number of H1N1 forms students turn in when they miss class because of flu-like symptoms.

Faculty members are not required to report the number of forms they receive from students, said UI

spokesman Tom Moore.

Officials have encouraged students to stay home from class if they have flu-like symptoms and to turn in H1N1 absence forms to their professors when they are well.

Students will not be penalized for missing class

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Loebsack addresses student-loan reform

Rep. Dave Loebsack addresses crowd's questions Monday.

By **NICK PEDLEY**
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Rep. Dave Loebsack empathizes with students who have low bank balances.

As an Iowa State University student, the Democrat paid his way through college, relying heavily on federal financial aid.

So it makes sense for him

to endorse legislation that supports expanded educational opportunities for young Americans, he told around 20 people on Monday gathered for a roundtable at the IMU.

"I want lower-income families to have the same collegiate educational opportunities that I had when I was growing up," he said.

The aim of the roundtable was to describe the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, a bill making its way through Congress, and its signifi-

Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act

- Will help keep interest rates low.
- New system will phase out old Federal Family Education Loan Program.
- Promises to speed up application process.
- The Senate is expected to address the bill in October.

Source: Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa

cance for Iowa students.

The congressman, along with his staff and representatives from the UI

SEE LOEBSACK, 3



Hospital No. 2 in contest

UI Children's Hospital in running to win Xbox game room.

By EMILY BUSSE
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The UI Children's Hospital's "teen lounge" is not exactly teenager-friendly.

The "very, very small" room houses one pool table, an old, scratched big-screen TV, and a single computer, said child life specialist Emily Hazelwood.

"It needs some more stuff that kids like to do," she said. "The main thing is there's an age group that really gets lost."

But the entertainment needs of teenage patients may finally be met in coming months as the Children's Hospital is currently second place in the Gameroom Giveaway online contest.

The competition winners will receive a high-tech game room with Xbox 360s, plasma TVs, computers, webcams, video games, and matching

furniture — all paid for by Microsoft up to \$10,000.

More than 150 U.S. hospitals are participating in the contest, hosted by a partnership between the Children's Miracle Network and Microsoft Xbox.

Anyone can vote online until Oct. 16, and voters are then eligible to win an Xbox 360.

The top three highest-voted hospitals are awarded the game room, and the UI Children's Hospital has never dropped below third place, Hazelwood said. It is currently standing at No. 2, with roughly 275,861 votes as of Monday night.

A permanent game room would give extended-stay patients in particular an important sense of "normalcy," said Aubrey Cichelli, the director of public relations for Children's Miracle Network.

"For kids who are there a

long time ... the hospital becomes more than just a hospital. It becomes their home," she said. "So to have a game room where they can go and just be kids ... takes their mind off of the more mature things that kids their age don't have to deal with."

At the UI Children's Hospital, Hazelwood said, the game room would offer patients a chance to socialize the way other teens do, by using Facebook or having friends visit the high-tech lounge.

Ellen Link, a UI clinical associate professor of pediatrics, said pediatricians don't normally recommend playing video games to their patients, but she agreed the socializing opportunity would be "extremely helpful."

In addition to providing a place for fun, Cichelli said, the Xboxes could even shorten patients' hospital stay.

"Kids who get the chance to feel normal and comfortable, and not scared or overwhelmed, recover

Microsoft Xbox 360 offers several gifts to children's hospitals

A roughly year-old partnership between Children's Miracle Network and Microsoft has benefited hospitals nationwide.

- Xbox 360 kiosk for every Children's Miracle Network Hospital
- High-tech Gameroom Giveaway for three hospitals
- Xbox 360 sweepstakes for voters in Gameroom Giveaway
- Vote: xbox.childrensmiracletenetwork.org/

Source: Children's Miracle Network

better," Cichelli said, and the care-free atmosphere of a game room is critical to recovery. "It's something they can almost brag about to their friends. It makes them feel special."

METRO

Man alleges gang connection

A North Liberty man arrested last week after allegedly growing marijuana for a national gang said he was a member of Iowa City's homegrown gang the Broadway Goons, according to North Liberty police.

This would be the first time the Iowa City gang has been found connected to another, but Iowa City police said they find the claim extremely hard to believe.

Jason Austin, 25, was arrested Sept. 16 when North Liberty police allegedly found around 30 drying marijuana plants in his house during a search under a warrant. He said he was growing the plants for the New Breed Gangster Disciples.

Police charged him with criminal-gang participation, possession of a controlled substance, and failure to affix a drug stamp — all Class D felonies — as well as possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor.

As of Monday, he was being held at the Johnson County Jail on a \$27,500 cash-only bond.

Austin told police that a gang paid

him \$3,200 to \$4,000 to grow the plants. He also showed police several gang tattoos, according to North Liberty police.

But Iowa City police Sgt. Mike Brotherton said it seems unusual a 25-year-old would be a member of a gang whose members are primarily between 12 and 17 years old.

Brotherton said the gang was largely disbanded, with much of the leadership still incarcerated following an Aug. 5 reported riot in southeastern Iowa City.

"It seems a little far-fetched for the time," he said.

Brotherton had no idea why Austin would admit to being a member of the gang, but said an Iowa City officer will likely interview the man to find out more information.

— by Danny Valentine

Weinberg sentenced to 10 years

A federal judge sentenced a former Iowa City psychologist to the maximum 10 years in prison for storing child pornography on his computer.

Howard Weinberg, 61, 332 S. Governor St., pleaded guilty to

federal charges of possession of child pornography on March 31. The United States District Court gave him the maximum sentence possible on Sept. 18.

In addition to prison time, Weinberg will be on supervised release for another 10 years, court records show.

During that time, he will not be allowed to use or possess a computer or access the Internet without permission of his probation officer. He also may not use or possess any type of camera, even on a cell phone, according to court documents.

Weinberg was charged in April 2008 after his wife took his computer to a store to be repaired. A tip from store employees led investigators to at least 600 pictures and dozens of videos showing children engaged in sex acts.

The defense said Weinberg has made progress in therapy since his arrest, but U.S. District Court Judge John Jarvey denied a request to reduce the sentence, noting the victims' young age, how long the conduct took place, images of bondage and torture, and the need to protect the public, according to a U.S. Department

of Justice Press Release.

Weinberg gave up his right to appeal when he filed the guilty plea. His attorney, Leon Spies, could not be reached for comment Monday.

— by Regina Zilbermints

Man charged with trying to smuggle pot into jail

A North Liberty man was arrested Sunday after allegedly attempting to bring marijuana concealed inside his anus into the Johnson County Jail.

Kevin Edwards, 36, was charged with possession of contraband in a correctional facility, a Class D felony, and possession of a controlled substance, a serious misdemeanor.

Edwards was originally brought to the jail on assault charges.

A Class D felony is generally punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of as much as \$7,500, while a serious misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year in jail and a maximum \$1,500 fine.

— by Danny Valentine

POLICE BLOTTER

Timothy Anderson, 19, 4446 Burge, was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Amanda Antolik, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 19 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Samantha Barczak, 18, W218 Hillcrest, was charged Sunday with interference.

Mitchell Barthelman, 18, Wellman, Iowa, was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication and PAULA.

Robert Beran, 22, 316 Ridgeland Ave. Apt. 1, was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Eric Bergstrom, 20, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication and interference.

Christopher Brasko, 19, 4346 Burge, was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA.

Paul Bucich, 35, Maricopa, Ariz., was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Emily Burress, 20, Des Moines, was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA.

Edward Caples, 31, Chicago, was charged Aug. 15 with false imprisonment, child endangerment without injury, domestic-abuse assault causing serious or aggravated injury.

Asia Cheeks, 26, 1219 Burns Ave., was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

William Couther, 21, Independence, Iowa, was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Robert Cullen, 19, 703 N. Dubuque St., was charged Sept. 18 with public intoxication.

Sean Curtis, 25, Des Moines, was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Brenden Dailey, 29, North Liberty, was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Andre Daumeller, 19, 511 S. Johnson St. Apt. 6, was charged Sept. 18 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Andrew Devries, 19, 505 E. St. Apt. 7A, was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA.

Megan Dial, 18, 740D Mayflower, was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA.

Amadou Diallo, 22, Moline,

was charged Sept. 19 with disorderly conduct.

Reed Dinsdale, 20, Reinbeck, Iowa, was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication and unlawful use of another's driver's license/ID.

Jefferson Duggan, 18, Crystal Lake, Ill., was charged Sept. 19 with possession of a controlled substance.

Faith Freeman, 19, Buffalo Grove, Ill., was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA.

Grant Gillam, 31, Richland, Iowa, was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Jonathan Goodfellow, 19, 1122 N. Dubuque St., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Gabriel Harris, 20, 922 E. Washington St., was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Kala Henning, 20, 713 Page St., was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA.

Mallory Heitmeier, 20, 6728 College Park S.W. Apt. 10, was charged Sept. 19 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Cameron Heverly, 23, 319 E. Court St. Apt. 339, was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Joseph Honsey, 23, 614½ N. Gilbert St., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Thomas Horan, 25, La Grange, Ill., was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Kara Huffman, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA.

Kyle Jackson, 24, Bettendorf, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Walckesha Jamison, 29, 840 Maggard St. Apt. 11, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

Troy Jansen, 23, Sully, Iowa, was charged Sept. 19, with public intoxication.

Stacy Kelly, 19, 917 E. College St., was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA.

Jason Knipfer, 22, Winfield, Iowa, was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Quinn Kolpin, 20, Des Moines, was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA.

Fredrick Krause, 19, 15 N. Seventh Ave., was charged Sunday with public intoxication and PAULA.

Mark Krieger, 51, Muscatine, was

charged Sept. 19 with OWI.

David Kugler, 33, Bondurant, Iowa, was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Troy Laing, 19, Clarendon Hills, Ill., was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Harry Larner, 28, 2127 Kountry Lane S.E. Apt. 12, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Zachary Latcham, 19, 106 Governor St., was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA.

Blake Loughton, 22, 515 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1, was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Daniel Levinson, 337 Rienow, 20, was charged Sept. 19 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Lauren Levit, 19, Buffalo Grove, Ill., was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA.

Molly Malone, 20, 1426 Burge, was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA.

William Mathews, 19, 214 Slater, was charged Sunday with interference.

William McIlwaine, 18, 219 Slater, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Conor McMahon, 18, 208 Slater, was charged Sunday with interference.

Nicholas McNeley, 25, Des Moines, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Jason Mellows, 18, Le Grand, Iowa, was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA and public intoxication.

Brandon Molyneux, 27, Oskaloosa, Iowa, was charged Sept. 19 with public intoxication.

Kevin Olson, 24, Davenport, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Andrew Otto, 22, Lone Tree, was charged Monday with OWI.

Kaitlyn Oxendine, 18, 3528 Burge, was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA.

Hailey Pata, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 19 with PAULA.

Katherine Patterson, 27, West Des Moines, was charged Sept. 19 with interference with official acts

Joseph Pray, 23, 34 Lincoln Ave. Apt. 9, was charged Sept. 18 with possession of an open alcohol

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Cory Ward (right), the head coach at The Spot, claps after a prayer session on Sept. 16. Ward is one of many volunteers - including a number of UI students and Hawkeye athletes - who run the youth center, which aims to be a positive place for youth in the city's Southeast Side

Hitting the Spot

THE SPOT

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spending only an hour per week with them. Both men said they encourage volunteers to get involved in kids' lives. Whether that means calling them to see how they're doing in school or taking them out to lunch, the goal is to show the kids there is someone out there who cares about them.

Dede Parker said she knows the value of such a mentorship.

"We sometimes go to their games or help mentor them and they are always excited to see us," she said. "Not all these kids have strong support systems, so it makes them really happy to see consistent faces they can trust."

The center's activities include reading programs, open gym time, and events such as barbecues, which are also open to families.

The facility also organizes seasonal events such as a community dinner around Thanksgiving.

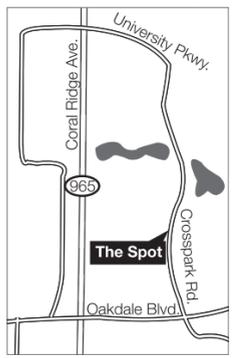
Last winter, the center asked patrons of Parkview Church, which funds the program, to bring in presents and then sold them to parents in need at 10 cents on the dollar. Dede Parker said the center is also considering setting up a scholarship fund for college-bound students.

Brandon Parker laughed as he recalled some of his favorite memories from The Spot. He beamed as he told a story about a time when he took a student out to sushi for the first time, and the young man thought the sushi was dry and said it needed barbecue sauce.

He said even though he gets exhausted from playing with the kids, the time he spends there releases tension in him and gives him new perspective on life.

Youth center

The Spot, located at 1030 Crosspark Ave., works to make positive changes to the South East side of Iowa City.



KURT CUNNINGHAM/THE DAILY IOWAN

"It's just good to see the children progress," he said. "It changes my outlook. It makes me understand what's really important."

DI reporter Marleen Linares contributed to this report.

Dem touts loan plan



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, greets UI students and staff during a roundtable regarding the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act at the IMU on Monday. If the bill becomes law, it could save taxpayers roughly \$87 billion and reform student-loan programs, backers say.

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Office of Financial Aid, fielded questions about the bill's function. The act would simplify the financial-aid-application process, save taxpayers nearly \$87 billion, and keep interest rates on loans low, supporters of the bill say.

"The bill will actually reduce the federal deficit by \$10 billion or \$12 billion," Loebsack said.

The House of Representatives passed the bill on Sept. 17. The Senate will discuss the bill sometime in October. Loebsack said he was confident it would pass on to President Obama.

"I'm confident that a bill very similar to this one will be passed in the Senate," he said.

He addressed the opposition to this bill by telling the crowd the new system will be more efficient than the old process of subsidizing private lenders. Republicans were

adamant in opposing the bill, relating it to the debate on health-care reform.

"Our opposition doesn't want a single-payer educational system, much like they don't want a single-payer health-care system," Loebsack said.

Despite the lack of bipartisanship, the bill received a few votes from Republicans in the House.

Mark Warner, the director of UI Student Financial Aid, said he thinks more people will apply for aid because of the faster application process.

"Some people simply don't apply on the basis that the process takes too long," he said. "Those people who don't apply aren't here [in college] today."

Some critics of the bill predict that it could potentially eliminate jobs. The opposition claims that taking away private loans from banks and letting the government take control would reduce income for those financial institutions. However, Loebsack said, he has not seen any facts to back up that claim.

"I wouldn't favor a bill in

today's economy that would cut jobs and add to the unemployment rate," he said.

After the congressman was finished explaining the bill, he fielded questions from the crowd. One student asked if Loebsack favored a set tuition rate, claiming college graduates in the state finish with an average debt of around \$26,000.

"I don't support that because that could lead to debt for those colleges," Loebsack said. "That's usually decided on a state level; I can't really have any effect on that decision."

Although the House has passed the bill, certain details about it are still unclear to students.

UI senior Larry Hau had one question that didn't get answered.

"I want to know what questions will be dropped from the form," he said, and he also wonders why it took so long to reform the old system if it was inefficient for so long.

However, Hau said, he thinks the act will increase opportunities for students.

UI not following up on flu absence forms

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if they use the form, Moore said, though they will be expected to make up any missed work.

The previous estimate of 200 students suspected to have H1N1 has remained steady over the past week, Moore said.

UI officials are not keeping track of the forms because the virus is not, at present, a severe public health threat in Johnson County. They may consider tracking the forms if the situation worsens, he said.

"We will continue to assess the situation and adjust if necessary," he said.

'I would like to trust my students will not misuse the forms,'

- Josie Liu, UI teaching assistant

Other schools in the state are also addressing H1N1-related absences.

The University of Northern Iowa does not have forms specifically for absences related to flu-like symptoms, said Student Health Clinic Director Shelley O'Connell.

UNI students have also been advised to stay home if they have think they may have H1N1, and officials expect them to discuss the reason for their

H1N1 absence forms

Absence forms for students with flu-like symptoms require students to provide the following information:

- Name
- Student ID number
- Phone number
- E-mail address
- Dates during which student had flu-like symptoms
- A description of details relevant to the student's absence
- A signature verifying that the information provided is true

absence and make up work with their professors, she said.

While officials have said they aren't worried about students lying about having H1N1 to miss class, many believe they would be less likely to misuse the system if they knew the UI kept a closer watch.

UI teaching assistant Josie Liu said officials

should spread the word through e-mail if they decide to start tracking the forms to dissuade students from misusing them.

She intends to keep the H1N1 forms her students turn in so she can accurately calculate grades, she said.

However, she said, she's not too concerned about her students unfairly

using H1N1 as an excuse. Out of her 19 students, two have turned in forms so far, and she knows two more who intend to turn them in soon.

"I would like to trust my students will not misuse the forms," she said, and the documentation on those she's received so far seems genuine.

But several students are less trusting about their peers' intentions.

"I think a lot of students might use them to get out of tests they aren't prepared for," said Nick Johnson, a sophomore majoring in biology.

Many students may be tempted to use the forms to get extensions on assignments, he said. Those turn-

ing in the forms just to get out of class would probably be more concerned about getting caught if the UI kept track, he said.

But Manju Goni, a senior business major, doesn't think students are unfairly using H1N1 as an excuse, saying students who want to skip class are not likely to bother with the forms.

Rosemary Moore, a history lecturer, said students may be tempted to abuse the absence form system, but most will probably be honest.

Officials want students with flu-like symptoms to avoid going to the doctor's office, she said, and teachers will have to take the absence forms on faith.



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Editorial

State of economy should be a factor in Mason's bonus

The state Board of Regents indicated at its Sept. 17 meeting that it is considering pay-for-performance bonuses for the three state universities' presidents. UI President Sally Mason's bonus, for fiscal 2010, would total \$80,000. Her performance has been adequate under very tough circumstances, and it might warrant a bonus if these were normal times. But the state is in the midst of economic malaise, and revenue is falling.

Consequently, the regents should forgo awarding Mason a bonus unless the economic climate improves drastically.

Regent Robert Downer said Monday that the regents likely won't decide whether to grant Mason a bonus until next August, and the economy would be a determining factor and could potentially alter that time frame.

The pay-for-performance bonuses are part of the presidents' general compensation packages. The regents award the bonuses if the presidents satisfy agreed-upon goals. Mason needed to meet eight goals in order to qualify for a bonus in fiscal 2009. Those goals included restoring basic utility services at such flooded sites as the English-Philosophy Building and IMU, filling high-ranking officer positions, and establishing a new sexual-assault policy and investigative processes. The benchmarks for fiscal 2010 will be analogous.

Iowa's fiscal years run from July 1 to June 31; the current fiscal year is 2010.

Downer said Mason was eligible for the bonus last fiscal year, but she refused it because of economic conditions. The money from the fiscal 2010 budget would have paid for Mason's bonus if she had received one.

In addition, she was initially supposed to receive a \$25,000 to \$30,000 pay hike in fiscal 2008, Downer said. But regents backed out of the bonus because of the UI's perceived mishandling of an alleged Hillcrest sexual assault. Downer also said the regents agreed to include the pay raise amount in Mason's fiscal 2009

bonus if she met the agreed-upon goals. UI spokesman Tom Moore said the additional \$25,000 to \$30,000 was one of the reasons Mason's potential bonus was \$80,000 — higher than her UNI and ISU counterparts' possible bonuses.

The economy should be the biggest factor in determining whether Mason should receive a fiscal 2010 bonus. She hasn't been an exemplary president, but many of the issues the UI has faced under her tenure have been beyond her control. She has raised a significant amount of money for the UI and managed flood-recovery efforts adequately. The university's handling of the aforementioned sexual-assault case was flawed, but regents appear to be satisfied with her overall performance. Under better times, a potential bonus wouldn't be out of the question.

But the economy is still stagnant. The state's unemployment rate is 6.8 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and that number could worsen. Last month's tax receipts dropped by around \$26 million compared with the previous August, according to the Legislative Services Agency.

The university is having an equally difficult time as it is subjected to budget cuts and tuition increases. Teaching assistants, as well as members of the UI's research community, are experiencing hiring freezes. Mason's \$80,000 bonus doesn't seem much compared with her \$445,000 salary, but it could save a few jobs. In addition, awarding an \$80,000 bonus would reflect poorly on the university from a purely symbolic standpoint. If the university is cutting, Mason's bank account shouldn't simultaneously be expanding.

The regents should consider withholding her bonus if the economy doesn't improve, regardless of her performance. That's only fair to the TAs and professors who could be rejected for employment or laid off because of budget constraints.

Your turn. Should Sally Mason receive a pay bonus for fiscal 2010? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

Unintended

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The results of human action are, as we all know too well, often confusing and generally unpredictable. The Law of Unintended Consequences, as it's known.

Which is good news for writers, because — let's face it — if people lived in perfectly rational societies and always made perfectly rational decisions, there'd be no literature.

And people like me would have to find honest work.

(Perish the thought.)

Which is why we need no-longer-obscure Joe "YOU LIE" Wilson, the congressman from South Carolina, and pigs.

Especially pigs in Egypt.

Pigs in Egypt? you ask. Yes, pigs in Egypt. Although I warn you, you should not try to make a joke about pigs in Egypt, at least not in print, because if you do, some irate reader will not get the joke and will e-mail you and compare your intelligence to that of a lump of granite. (Who knew granite came in lumps?)

You might remember last spring, before we fixated on town-hall meetings, swine-flu hysteria swept the globe, and as part of that hysteria, the Egyptian government ordered that all pigs in the country be slaughtered. Now, we all know (well, most of us) you cannot get swine flu from swine, but if people always made perfectly rational, etc., etc.

As the *New York Times* reports, Egypt killing all the pigs has had a severe consequence: garbage is piling up by the ton. And that's because the Egyptian Christian community for 50 years, the *Times* says, collected the garbage, sold off what could be recycled, and fed the organic garbage to their pigs.

But now, no pigs. And the garbage is

piling up, heap by heap. "The whole area is trash," the *Times* quotes Cairo resident Ramadan Hediya as saying. "All the pathways are full of trash. When you open up your window to breathe, you find garbage heaps on the ground."

So, you kill all the pigs, and you turn your country into a garbage dump. Swell.

Well, we shouldn't be too harsh with the Egyptians, because making truly bad decisions knows no nationality, no color of skin. Talk about your equal opportunity.

Take fighting the ozone hole. You remember that. (Well, some of you do.) In the '80s, the growing ozone hole was the sexiest thing on the environmental front. A culprit was fingered as the cause — the CFCs used in air conditioning and refrigeration units.

As NPR reports, the Montréal Protocol banned CFCs. And the air-conditioning/refrigeration industry scrambled around and came up with HFCs to replace the CFCs.

Which apparently worked. I mean, how often do you hear about the ozone hole anymore?

There's just one catch (there's always a catch; have you noticed?): It turns out HFCs are a greenhouse gas, and we all know what that means for global climate change. (Well, most of us do; there are still some flat-earthers out there.)

In fact, as NPR reports, HFCs are hundreds of times worse than carbon dioxide. Hmm.

So you try to fight the ozone hole, and global climate change pops up. You try to fight swine flu, and garbage piles up. You shout out, YOU LIE, and while you delight conservatives, and they pour donations into your re-election campaign, you enrage liberals, and from all across the country, they pour donations into your Democratic opponent's campaign.

Human beings are great, aren't they?

Thank god. ■

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Universal health care a necessity

I am writing in support of President Obama's proposals for health-care insurance reform. Our country is in urgent need of universal health care for all our citizens that is sensible, cost-effective, and affordable and that emphasizes preventative health care.

There are more than 30 million Americans lacking health

insurance, and millions more are at risk of losing their coverage because of rising costs. The uninsured do not get timely the health care that they need, live sicker, and die younger. Last year, 900,000 people in the United States went bankrupt because of medical crises. The United States is the only developed country without reasonably good universal health care that provides adequate health care to everyone, not just the

privileged. Medical bankruptcies are uncommon in other developed countries.

America spends a far higher percentage of Gross Domestic Product on health care than any other country, 16 percent of GDP compared to 10 percent of GDP in Canada, for instance. Yet the United States has worse ratings on many health-care criteria as quality, access, efficiency, and outcomes than other developed countries as Germany,

Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada, according to a 2007 Commonwealth Fund study.

The United States ranks 22nd in infant mortality and 46th in life expectancy. Compared with all other developed countries, we are now paying enough per person for high-quality, universal health care but are not getting it. We can do better.

John Macatee
Iowa City resident

Guest opinion

African-U.S. unity necessary for both actors

By PAUL KAGAME

Africa and the United States may be on the verge of a new partnership, not one of dependency and aid but one of shared ideas, vision, and investments that increase our mutual prosperity. To begin this improved relationship, both must accept urgent and substantial changes in the nature of our bond.

Africa needs to acknowledge a key tenet of President Obama's July address to Ghana's Parliament: that a vibrant private sector is critical for capable,

reliable, and transparent societies. Without a dynamic private sector, no society can prosper. The African continent has been slow to foster conditions that build active private enterprise.

Africa must adopt policies that strengthen governance and promote economic growth to create conditions for a strong and innovative private sector. These are the most durable strategies for advancing socioeconomic transformation.

Like all nations, my country is not perfect. But Rwanda continues to

build strong foundations for stability and improve standards of living for all of our people. This has led to greater social integration and sex equity. Rwanda has leveraged the contribution of women for its productivity and prosperity; ours is the only country in the world with women as a majority in Parliament.

The recommendations in Obama's July 11 address are as pertinent for the United States as they were for Africa. Africa's prosperity, he said, "can expand America's prosperity. (Its)

health and security can contribute to the world's." The link between the U.S. economy and African markets is critical, especially given global economic conditions and the potential Africa represents as a profitable new market.

It is no longer enough for the United States to work for Africa based on pity; the United States must work with Africa to build both our economies and improve the lives of all of our people. The United States has long supported assistance for Africa. The United States

must recognize that Africa is now in a position to be of assistance to the United States. It is time to acknowledge our mutual reliance with clear actions.

Meanwhile, the United States should increase financing to U.S. companies wishing to do business in Africa. The United States should also support regional initiatives in Africa. Africa's economic development does not stop at national boundaries. Our markets need to be connected by better roads, by canals and ports, and through

new technologies. Yet few U.S. companies are competing for large-scale and regional projects.

If the U.S. private sector played a greater role in Africa, mutual development would follow. To achieve this, the Obama administration must facilitate U.S. investment in Africa, and African leaders must attract greater U.S. investment by consolidating our institutions for effective governance.

Kagame is president of the Republic of Rwanda. A version of this commentary was originally published by the *Washington Post*.

Living in poetry

Amber Tamblyn, actor and spoken-word artist, will read from her recent collection of poems, *Bang Ditto*, tonight at Prairie Lights.

By JOSIE JONES
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Poet and actress Amber Tamblyn said she is excited about her first visit to Iowa — she called the Hawkeye State's corn crop "sexy" and said she is impressed with the prestigious things she has heard about Prairie Lights Books.

"My publisher was like, 'If you get a chance to perform [at Prairie Lights], it's a big deal,'" she said. "It's considered one of the great performance places for poets to read their work — if you're invited there, it's a really great thing."

Tamblyn will read selections from *Bang Ditto* at 7 p.m. today at Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque St. A book signing will follow the event, which is free to the public.

Although she is famously known for her acting career, especially as the rebellious, sarcastic Tibby in *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* and as Joan in "Joan of Arcadia," she has been writing poetry for the majority of her life. In fact, she had her first poem published at the age 12.

"Sometimes, I think we pick the art forms we're involved in, and sometimes, I think they pick us," she said. "[Poetry] was something I've been interested in since a young age — then it just sort of came about that it wasn't just a hobby but a lifestyle, and something that I really love to do."

When it comes to the passion she has for acting and poetry, Tamblyn said she loves them both equally.

"It's like choosing between two children," she said.

She writes when she has the chance, even if that means while she's working on a film.

"I've written poems on my Sidekick, which is hilarious," she said. "Whenever I was doing movies, I think a lot of people on-set would think I was this stuck-up actress who wouldn't talk to anybody, when really I was on the verge of this brilliant poem."

Bang Ditto took four



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Author and actor Amber Tamblyn (best known for her starring roles in "Joan of Arcadia" and *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*) will read from her new collection of poems, *Bang Ditto*, tonight at Prairie Lights.

years to come together.

"It's really on you to make it something that's special or unique," she said. "[Creating a poetry collection] is its own long process." She labeled *Bang Ditto* as the "most intimate and honest work [she's] ever written" because it's "very much about finding a personal and truthful connection with [her] audience."

Tamblyn said she writes because she has a fondness for the art of storytelling. She compared writing poetry to a meditative state.

"You have an idea, and it's almost hard to explain how the poem finds you and how it attacks you," she said. "In that way, the poem can be kind of a terrorist."

Much of the work in *Bang Ditto* is very personal — she even divulges the names of those who served as inspiration for certain poems in the collection.

"Some of those pieces were written for those very specific people," she said. "The people that you want to identify as the people who were or are very important people to you ... I feel as though it's really important for growth, in general, as human beings to discuss the things that are hard to discuss, impossible to discuss."

Bang Ditto not only refers to a poem in the collection, it also represents the idea

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behind the book's cover design — on which the author is split down the middle, possessing both a conservative and rebellious half.

"One side is as powerful as the other," she said. "[The title] captured the image and then by default captured the poetry inside, which is very much about the public and personal me."

Tamblyn believes everybody will relate to something in the book and that different people will enjoy it for different reasons. Although she is writing for an audience, she said, for her, nothing is greater than finishing a piece.

"It is the greatest feeling when you've written something you feel is so powerful or passionate," she said. "You could win all the awards in the world or could get all the praises in the world for your job, and I think once you've created something and have been able to tell something in such a unique way, there's no greater feeling."

Some sweet monsters

By ALISSA ROSEN
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You may want to peek your head out from under the covers to witness the riveting and refreshing debut album from the self-proclaimed "Monsters of Folk."

After touring together in 2004, My Morning Jacket's Jim James, She & Him's M. Ward, and Bright Eyes' Conor Oberst and Mike Mogis decided to form the first folk-rock super group since the Traveling Wilburys.

Monstrous shoes to fill, yes, but the new group's album is startlingly reminiscent of its predecessors. In the tradition of the Traveling Wilburys, each Monsters of Folk member sings, writes, plays, and produces, grazing from instrument to instrument from track to track. The four Monsters explore foreign territory without hesitation — Mogis, Bright Eyes' producer and instrumentalist, even shared his voice on the album.

Although the group's name is Monsters of Folk, it is hard to distinctly categorize its album into one genre. Ward's soulfully

sunken, country-riden, bluntly blues influence infests the disc's every inch. Oberst created a serene but sensual, dream-provoking pleasure.

The entrancing echo in James' voice, and his free-spirit-inspired lyrics define the word "depth."

The Monsters' members lurk together in the first track, "Dear God (sincerely by M.O.F)." Each artist takes turns to tune lyrics that contemplate theology, as intimate harp strums and distant bass beats stimulate a sedative setting. Though the guys continue to harmonize on the album's next track, the daze wears off to allow "Say



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Please" to strike with a soulful set of lyrics, gripping guitar solo, and a fixating feel of folk.

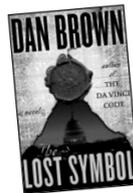
As the album proceeds, the four start to split into songs of their own specific styles. "The Sandman, the Brakeman, and Me," is a spitting image of Ward's influence. In the track, he is the lead vocalist and effortlessly creates a safe and magical atmosphere through his delivery. The soft lyrics are accompanied by subtle guitar strumming, providing a dreamy fog of fantasy. Similarly, in "Man Named Truth," Bright Eyes lead singer/songwriter/guitarist Oberst takes control, departing from his usual soft, sultry vocal declamation to belt out forceful, Western-driven words.

This fabulous foursome has yet to commit to any future releases, but given the strength of the debut, it's safe to assume that a decade-spanning career à la Traveling Wilburys is in the making. These Monsters won't attack your bedrooms but may attack the top of the charts.

Lost among symbols

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Dan Brown has become a world-renown author through capitalizing on history's mysteries. With recurring protagonist Robert Langdon leading the way, the Vatican was spared in *Angels & Demons* and the offspring of Mary Magdeline saved in *The Da Vinci Code*.



Dan Brown
Lost Symbol

In *The Lost Symbol*, Brown takes readers to Washington, D.C., to focus on the myths of the Freemasons. Langdon again plays the reluctant "chosen one," enlisted to solve the mystery and save the entire world from impending doom.

Sound familiar? The name of Brown's game is adhering to a precise pattern. Although this method has proven successful in the past, after two other Langdon books, it has begun to feel extremely formulaic.

Consider, for example,

The Lost Symbol's characters. As always, there is Langdon — the intelligent-yet-apprehensive Harvard professor proficient in the study of symbolism and famous world folklore, including ancient bloodlines and secret societies. One would think that by now, Langdon and his Mickey Mouse watch would know better than to keep ending up in precarious situations.

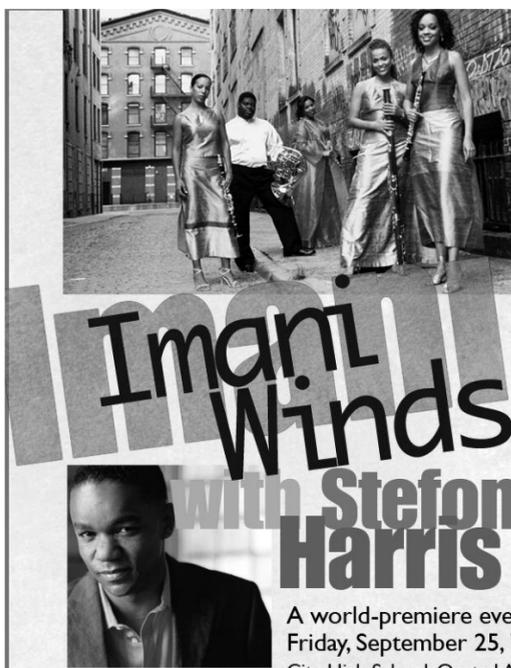
As always, joining Langdon in the fight against whichever vile villain he is trying to thwart are a number of predictable characters. This time, the cast includes noetic scientist Katherine Solomon and her brother Peter, a millionaire and member of the highest Masonic order. Also present is CIA Director Sato, the obligatory power-abusing character who subjectively follows the law of the land.

Though the topic of Freemasonry and its profound effect on the United States from everything from currency to architecture is certainly intriguing, it's been done before (ever seen *National Treasure?*). It's possible that in choosing the next Langdon adventure, Brown sat down at his TV, turned on

the History Channel, and decided to write his next bestseller based on whatever program the father from *Richie Rich* happened to be narrating. At this rate, readers can expect a thriller about Nostradamus and Armageddon in the next five years.

Brown is a talented writer with a gift for describing situations and expressing his character's emotions with eloquence and wit, but he tends to get bogged down in details. It's sometimes even necessary to skip whole sentences to avoid the extreme amount of scene description. A good narrative tactic, however, is his use of italics used to narrate Langdon's thoughts, which serve as a nice insight into the mind's eye of the blazer-clad professor.

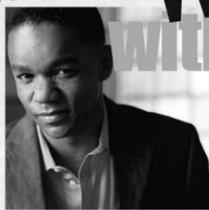
If this novel were to receive a grade, it would be a B-plus. Even though the writing is enjoyable, for the most part the topic and the episodic nature of the novel (combined with the overused plot line) is tedious and predictable. For those interested in reading the book, check it out from the library. It's not worth a trip to the bookstore — or the hard-cover price tag.



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UI senior Abby Milloy stands outside her apartment on Monday. In addition to inventing her own major — Latino health advocacy — she has worked for such organizations as Proteus in Des Moines, assisting migrant workers, and Brazos Abiertos in Merida, Mexico, teaching locals about HIV/AIDS.

Off the beaten academic path

By MATT SCHOMMER
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Thousands of UI students can struggle when trying to pick out a major. That includes senior Abby Milloy, who felt that there might be something missing from the UI's. So she created her own.

As Milloy sat through her chemistry and biology classes during her freshman year, she realized that the things she was learning weren't going to help her connect with people.

"I thought long and hard about what I wanted to do and kind of determined that maybe my strengths were more in communications and connecting with people," she said.

That's just one of the many reasons the bilingual senior from West Des Moines decided to start her own major — Latino health advocacy.

"I just happened to stumble upon this one webpage that told about how you can create a major at the UI," Milloy said.

By combining her love of the Latino culture with her desire to help those in need, she was able to create the perfect major, something some students may be tentative to attempt.

"I'm proud of her for doing that," said her father, Milt Milloy. "She has the ability to relate to people and therefore lead them. I admire that she wasn't afraid to stand up and do what she wants."

Abby Milloy thought the major was the best decision she's made.

"I've always been interested in Spanish," she said. "It's

Abby Milloy

Biggest fear: Jumping in a lake and having her feet touch the bottom.

Favorite food: Empanadas (Argentinian food)

Special talent: She plays a mean cello.

Interesting fact: She has a bunch of Frank Sinatra LPs.

Relationship status: Has a boyfriend in Mexico. He doesn't speak much English.

Source: Abby Milloy

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fascinating. And I like the idea of being involved in health because it gives you instant gratification. You can see how you're helping someone."

And help she did.

She spent a semester in Merida, Mexico, working for a company called Brazos Abiertos — which, she said, translates as Open Arms. She worked as an educational director, helping to teach the locals about HIV/AIDS — an eye-opening experience, she said.

"You'd be amazed at the lack of education," she said. "Not only about things like how to put on a condom but how someone even gets HIV/AIDS."

Going away for a semester was tough at first for her longtime friend, senior Lauren Wenzel.

"We've been friends since first grade," Wenzel said. "But when she went away, we talked on Skype and stayed in touch. I'm definitely a person who understands that she is going to

ON THE WEB

To see a photo slide show of UI senior Abby Milloy, visit dailyiowan.com.

do what she wants to do with her life. I know she would be just as understanding for me."

Milloy's experience in Mexico encouraged her to take up an internship in Des Moines at Proteus, an Iowa-based not-for-profit corporation providing a variety of services for low-income people — primarily farm workers. She worked as a migrant health aide and performed such basic lab duties as hemoglobin and cholesterol tests, translated, and took medical histories from patients.

"That was a very rewarding experience because finally, I felt like what I was learning was really being applied," Milloy said. "I could see the people who needed the help, and I was in a position to finally help them. I loved every minute of it."

She hopes that her time and personalized major at the UI help her reach her ultimate goal, working for the Pan American Health Organization. The organization is in charge of the public-health measures for South and North America.

Although, she admits she is a long way from getting there.

"There's probably 20 years of experience in the public-health field and a master's degree in public health that are preventing me from being eligible from doing work with them," Milloy said with a smile. "But I'm flexible and willing to go where I see there's a need."

UI searches continue

Finding new administrators for the university remains a priority.

By MARLEEN LINARES
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The UI's national search for a chief diversity officer is set to begin in two weeks.

The hiring, along with the search for a vice president for Strategic Communications, will complete President Sally Mason's administrative team.

Provost Wallace Loh, who leads the search, said he has created job requirements for the chief diversity officer, and the UI will start nationally advertising the job in two weeks.

The officer will report directly to the president and provost.

The vice president for Strategic Communications, Loh said, will be a vital part of the Office of University Relations. The vice president will be responsible for the roughly 30 people who work in the office.

"There's a lot of communication involving the university," he said.



Mason president

"There are the press and media, publications, communication with parents, Board of Regents, internal communications. Somebody has to orchestrate all of this, and there is no one right now."

The university has received more than 200 applications so far for the position.

After officials narrow down the applicants, three to five candidates for each position will come to the UI campus for an interview. Officials should have their list of candidates for both positions by the end of this semester, Loh said.

Along with these searches, officials are still looking for an ombudsman and associate provost for faculty.

David Drake, the search committee chairman in the search for the associate provost for faculty, said the searches are advancing smoothly.

"All the applicants [for the vice president for Strategic Communications position] look really good," Drake said. "We have applicants from all over the country. It's a great market."

Sally Mason's administrative team

In addition to the provost, vice presidents cover areas in:

- Finance
- Medical Affairs
- Student Services
- Research
- Legal Affairs
- Strategic Communications

Source: Office of the Provost

Five vice presidents representing areas across campus are now serving under Mason, Loh, and Senior Vice President for Finance Doug True. They meet with Mason once per week, discussing everything from the budget to academics, Loh said. Athletics Director Gary Barta and UI Foundation President Lynette Marshall, who is responsible for university fundraising, also attend the meetings.

"There is no more important task than how well the university runs," Loh said. "How smoothly, how effectively, and how responsive to students [we are] all depends on who is running the show."

All searches are set to be complete by December, when officials will present candidates to Mason for approval.

STATE

New meth formula shows up in Iowa

DES MOINES (AP) — A new formula for methamphetamine using a two-liter bottle, cold pills, and some common household chemicals has made its way to Iowa.

State drug authorities say they've seen signs that so-called "shake-and-bake" meth is being produced in Iowa. The method produces small amounts of the addictive drug with only a relatively small number of pills of the decongestant pseudoephedrine — an amount easily obtained under even the toughest anti-meth laws.

The pills are crushed, combined with some common household chemicals, and then

shaken in the soda bottle. No flame is required — but it can produce powerful explosions and fires.

Iowa drug czar Gary Kendell says the method has shown up in Muscatine and Webster Counties. Authorities have found empty plastic bottles lined with the toxic byproduct along some roads.

Judge to rule soon on Iowa mother's murder case

INDEPENDENCE, Iowa (AP) — A judge could issue a ruling soon on whether the trial of an Iowa woman accused of killing one son and trying to kill another will be moved.

On Sept. 18, a mock jury was assembled to determine if sufficient prejudice exists to prevent Michelle Kehoe from getting a fair trial in Buchanan County.

Judge Bruce Zager said he'll issue a ruling sometime this week.

The Coralville woman is charged with first-degree murder, attempted murder, and willful injury. She's accused of killing her 2-year-old son, Seth, and attempting to kill her other son, 7-year-old Sean, near Littleton in October 2008. They were traveling to visit relatives in Sumner, but never arrived.

Kehoe was injured during the incident and spent several weeks in the hospital.

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Imparting some principal advice

UI students receive financial advice from one of the state's best.

By MITCHELL SCHMIDT
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Terrance Lillis knows about the job market in a struggling economy firsthand.

Having found employment during two different recessions, Lillis visited the UI campus to offer advice to students facing similar challenges.

"This recession is tough," said Lillis, a UI alumnus who is now the senior vice president and chief financial officer of Principal Financial Group, a Des Moines-based company that offers financial products and services.

In a lecture directed toward the UI statistics and actuarial science department last week, he shared his background and experiences.

Originally from Williamsburg, Iowa, Lillis received a bachelor's degree at Simpson College and a master's in actuarial science at the UI in 1982.

After working his way up at the company, Lillis, 56, became senior vice president in May 2008 and was promoted to chief financial officer in August during the economic crisis. He is now responsible for the company's financial integrity and reporting, external and internal reports, and financial results. He also covers investor relations, ensuring there is a solid capital.

"My timing was impeccable," he said. "The night before the first board meeting [Lehman Brothers, a global financial services firm,] crashed."

STATE

Culver calls for inquiry into Iowa film program

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Chet Culver on Monday fired the director of a state program that offered millions of dollars in tax credits to moviemakers and asked the state auditor and attorney general to investigate abuses in the program.

The moves followed Culver's decision to suspend the program pending the outcome of the investigation into problems including inappropriate spending and improper tracking of projects.

Culver announced the firing of Iowa Film Office manager Thomas Wheeler on Monday afternoon. Culver said the resignation of Vince Lintz, the deputy director of the Economic Development Department, also had been accepted.

Last week, Economic Development Department head Michael Tramontina, whose agency oversees the program, abruptly resigned. At that time, Wheeler was suspended.

Wheeler doesn't have a local telephone listing and couldn't be reached. A telephone message left with his attorney, Gordon Fischer of Des Moines, wasn't immediately returned.

A phone message left with Lintz also wasn't immediately returned.

Culver said Amy Johnson, a project manager in the Economic Development Department, will serve as interim manager of the Iowa Film Office.

Ames gets funding to upgrade buses

WASHINGTON, Iowa (AP) — Sen. Tom Harkin has announced the city of Ames will receive \$1.6 million in federal funds to upgrade 40 diesel buses to hybrid electric buses.

The Iowa Democrat said the money will come from the U.S. Transportation Department through its Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction program.

Harkin says the funding will strengthen the transit system in Ames and will also help reduce global warming, lessen America's dependence on oil, and create green jobs.

"Now, we need to deal with the recession."

He also provided students with information about entering the job market in an unstable economy.

UI project assistant Margaret Ebert, who attended the presentation, said Lillis made it clear students should pick up finance, technology, problem-solving, and communication skills before graduating. They should also be self-motivated and good at networking, she said.

"I was very impressed with [Lillis'] positive attitude," she said. "He was encouraging for students."

Lillis stressed three key traits for becoming successful in the workforce — communication, responsibility, and engagement.

Valuable employees have oral, written, and listening skills, are responsible for their own development, and are involved and express their opinions, he said.

"Do the best you can at it," he said, "regardless

of the position."

More than 50 students attended the lecture on Sept. 18, including Tiffany Fodera, a "nontraditional" UI senior in actuarial science and president of the UI Actuarial Science Club.

She said it was particularly important to see Lillis because he is a UI alumnus.

"[Lillis] shows that you can set your goals that high and achieve them," she said. "There are positions out there; you just need to sell yourself"



Lillis
alum

"We've survived the financial crisis," Lillis said.

Terrence Lillis

- Started working at Principal Financial Group in 1982
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	87	61	.588	—
Atlanta	80	70	.533	8
Florida	80	70	.533	8
New York	65	86	.430	23½
Washington	51	98	.342	36½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	88	63	.583	—
Chicago	77	72	.517	10
Milwaukee	74	76	.493	13½
Houston	70	80	.467	17½
Cincinnati	69	81	.460	18½
Pittsburgh	56	92	.378	30½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	90	60	.600	—
Colorado	85	65	.567	5
San Francisco	81	69	.540	9
San Diego	69	82	.457	21½
Arizona	65	86	.430	25½
Monday's Games				
San Diego 11, Pittsburgh 9, 11 innings				
Atlanta 11, N.Y. Mets 3				
Chicago Cubs 10, Milwaukee 2				
St. Louis 7, Houston 3				
San Francisco 5, Arizona 4				
Today's Games				
Philadelphia (Blanton 10-7) at Florida (Jo.Johnson 15-4), 3:10 p.m., 1st game				
Cincinnati (Cueto 9-10) at Pittsburgh (Duke 10-14), 6:05 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 7-6) at Washington (Li.Hernandez 8-11), 6:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Jurjens 12-10) at N.Y. Mets (Figueroa 2-6), 6:10 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Moyer 12-9) at Florida (A.Sanchez 2-7), 6:40 p.m., 2nd game				
Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 10-9) at Milwaukee (Bush 5-7), 7:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (Pineiro 14-11) at Houston (Bazardo 0-1), 7:05 p.m.				
San Diego (Mujica 3-4) at Colorado (De La Rosa 15-9), 7:40 p.m.				
San Francisco (Gain 13-6) at Arizona (D.Davis 7-13), 8:40 p.m.				

AMERICAN LEAGUE WILDCARD

Boston	89	60	.597	—
Texas	82	67	.550	7

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
East	W	L	T	Pct
N.Y. Jets	2	0	0	1.000
New England	1	1	0	.500
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500
Miami	0	2	0	.000
South	W	L	T	Pct
Indianapolis	2	0	0	1.000
Houston	1	1	0	.500
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000
North	W	L	T	Pct
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000
West	W	L	T	Pct
Denver	2	0	0	1.000
San Diego	1	1	0	.500
Oakland	1	1	0	.500
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000
NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct
East	2	0	0	1.000
N.Y. Giants	2	0	0	1.000
Dallas	1	1	0	.500
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500
Washington	1	1	0	.500
South	W	L	T	Pct
Atlanta	2	0	0	1.000
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000
Carolina	0	2	0	.000
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000
North	W	L	T	Pct
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500
Chicago	1	1	0	.500
Detroit	0	2	0	.000
West	W	L	T	Pct
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000
Seattle	1	1	0	.500
Arizona	1	1	0	.500
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000
Monday's Game				
Indianapolis 27, Miami 23				
Sunday's Games				
Washington at Detroit, Noon				
Tennessee at N.Y. Jets, Noon				
Green Bay at St. Louis, Noon				
Cleveland at Baltimore, Noon				
San Francisco at Minnesota, Noon				
Jacksonville at Houston, Noon				
Atlanta at New England, Noon				
N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, Noon				
Kansas City at Philadelphia, Noon				
Chicago at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.				
New Orleans at Buffalo, 3:05 p.m.				
Miami at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.				
Denver at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.				
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 3:15 p.m.				
Indianapolis at Arizona, 7:20 p.m.				
Monday, Sept. 28 Game				
Carolina at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.				

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	95	56	.629	—
Boston	89	60	.597	5
Tampa Bay	77	73	.513	17½
Toronto	67	83	.447	27½
Baltimore	60	90	.400	34½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	79	70	.530	—
Minnesota	77	73	.513	2½
Chicago	73	78	.483	7
Kansas City	62	88	.413	17½
Cleveland	61	88	.409	18
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	90	60	.600	—
Texas	82	67	.550	7
Seattle	78	72	.520	12
Oakland	71	78	.477	18½
Monday's Games				
Toronto 9, Baltimore 2				
Kansas City 12, Boston 9				
Minnesota 7, Chicago White Sox 0				
L.A. Angels 5, N.Y. Yankees 2				
Texas 10, Oakland 3				
Today's Games				
Detroit (E.Jackson 12-7) at Cleveland (Laffey 7-6), 6:05 p.m.				
Baltimore (Hendrickson 5-5) at Toronto (Tallet 7-9), 6:07 p.m.				
Seattle (Rowland-Smith 4-3) at Tampa Bay (Niemann 12-6), 6:08 p.m.				
Boston (P.Byrd 1-1) at Kansas City (Greinke 14-8), 7:10 p.m.				
Minnesota (Manship 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 12-9), 7:11 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Gaudin 1-0) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 7-8), 9:05 p.m.				
Texas (McCarthy 7-3) at Oakland (Cahill 9-12), 9:05 p.m.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE WILDCARD

Colorado	85	65	.567	—
San Francisco	81	69	.540	4
Atlanta	80	70	.533	5
Florida	80	70	.533	5
Chicago	77	72	.517	7½

WNBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

(x-if necessary)
CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-3)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Wednesday's Game: Indiana at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 25: Detroit at Indiana, 6 p.m.
x-Saturday, Sept. 26: Detroit at Indiana, 6 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Wednesday's Game: Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 25: Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
x-Saturday, Sept. 26: Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
HOUSTON ASTROS—Fired manager Cecil Cooper. Named third-base coach Dave Clark interim manager.

No plays, just play

By IAN MARTIN
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UI SC isn't different from any other flag-football team. The players wear matching shirts and cleats and participate to have a little fun between their graduate studies.

But when this team steps onto the gridiron, it dominates. Every time.

UI SC has lost only one game in the last three-plus seasons, a run that includes a National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association championship in 2006 and a regional victory last season.

So far 2-0 this year, including a 66-point victory on Sunday, one may assume that an organized style of ball is the source of success.

Yet, there really is no secret to UI SC's strategy.

"We have three rules: no plays, no huddles, and no punts," said team captain Reed McManigal, a UI law student.

Team members seem to agree.

"It's about the Jimmys and the Joes, not the Xs and the Os," said UI medical student Kyle Duchman.

The squad does have a minor design. UI SC, a team formerly known as UI SSC before dropping the extra letter this season, plays a two-deep zone every defensive play and blitzes two linemen.

On offense, the first option is a deep pass.

"We just have so many targets at receiver," quarterback Clark Anderson said. "Basically, so long as I can scramble around

awhile, somebody is going to get open."

Should the play break down, laterals keep it going. UI SC players pitch the ball behind them and run to the other side of the field as many times as possible.

While opponents have complained, the team takes advantage of one of the many rules that separate flag football from tackle. In this case, when the ball touches the ground, it's dead. So even if a lateral fails, UI SC retains possession.

With the toss-and-dash strategy, the team's speed and athleticism prove potent. The squad sports three former Iowa football walk-ons, including Chris Aldrich, the Iowa high-school single-season receiving-yards record holder.

"We just go out and have fun, and I think that probably helps us out a lot," he said.

Anderson agreed, but emphasized that victory was part of the enjoyment.

"It's like a never-ending circle," he said. "We go out, we win, and it's fun. And then we go, and we have fun, and then we win."

If the team can keep the winning streak going, it appears poised for another championship and perhaps another shot at the national title. But with all the possible accolades, the team actually has another goal the members want to achieve.

"We want to play in the frat league," said Nick Kron, a recent addition to the team. "They're generally overrated, and they're the most fun to beat."

Intramurals Pick 'Em:

Every Monday during the five-week flag football season the *DI* intramural-beat writers will select a handful of notable games being played that week.

MATCHUPS

MITCH SMITH, REPORTER (5-10)

IAN MARTIN, REPORTER (6-9)

TRAVIS VARNER, REPORTER (5-10)

MATT SCHOMMER, REPORTER (8-7)

DVC VS. HOLLA TILL YOU PASS OUT

DVC — DVC is 2-0 and won by 20 in its last game.

DVC — This will be a defensive battle.

DVC — Thanks in part to an explosive offense.

HOLLA TILL YOU PASS OUT — Holla, holla, holla ... holla ... hol ...

THE SIMPSONS VS. GERBIL SHOTZ

GERBIL SHOTZ — Simpsons have lost by 19 and 27 points in their two games.

THE SIMPSONS — Despite its lagging offense, Homer and family get the upset.

GERBIL SHOTZ — In a tight one.

GERBIL SHOTZ — The safe word is Armageddon..

TEAM PUP AND SUDS VS. APOLLO 13 INCHES

TEAM PUP AND SUDS — Pup & Suds has outscored opponents 80-7 in two games.

TEAM PUP AND SUDS — Dogs are cute, especially when they're 2-0.

APOLLO 13 INCHES — A problem for Team Pup and Suds.

TEAM PUP AND SUDS — Who doesn't like "Brink"?

CHINO STOPPAZ VS. TEAM MHA

CHINO STOPPAZ — History of being a strong team, although one win is by forfeit.

CHINO STOPPAZ — This sounds like a dockers diaper.

CHINO STOPPAZ — Passing all over Team MHA.

CHINO STOPPAZ — I'm fairly sure it'll win.

DELTA CHI 1 VS. TKE

DELTA CHI 1 — Upset pick. D-Chi will knock off 10th ranked TKE.

TKE — TKE TaKEs this game easily.

DELTA CHI 1 — Winning a defensive standstill.

DELTA CHI 1 — Ah, fraternities...

RANDY MOSS INC. VS. EA SPORTS

EA SPORTS — It's in the game. Moss Inc.'s one win was by forfeit.

EA SPORTS — If it can make his ratings, it can take them away.

EA SPORTS — It runs video-game plays.

EA SPORTS — I'll be original and say it's in the game.

GINGERS ETC VS. 185 PRAWNS

GINGERS ETC — Gingers won by 30 points in week one, it's a good team, etc.

GINGERS ETC — Its offense is on fire, as is its head.

GINGERS ETC — 185 Prawns are a little too posh for me.

GINGERS ETC — Eric Cartman would not like this pick.

SHOW STOPPAZ VS. BLACKOUT

SHOW STOPPAZ — After watching an 84-0 win in week one, it's hard to go against it.

BLACKOUT — Blackout stops the show in a big way.

SHOW STOPPAZ — The best offense in women's league.

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7:25, 9:50

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5:00

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5:20, 7:30

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9:45

INFORMANT (R) v
7:10, 9:40

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4:40, 8:00

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4:20, 7:10, 9:50

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5:20, 7:40, 10:00

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5:30,



Arizona running back Nic Grigsby is tackled during Iowa's game against Arizona on Sept. 19 in Kinnick Stadium. Iowa beat Arizona, 27-17. CHARLIE ANDERSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Lions remember

FOOTBALL
CONTINUED FROM 12

"We're going to get every team's best," junior offensive lineman Julian Vandervelde said. "We just got to make sure that on Saturday, we're ready to go out there and give them our best shot."

Members of the Iowa defense know what they're going up against. Penn State arguably has the Big Ten's best quarterback in senior Daryll Clark. The Nittany Lions also have a two-headed monster at running back in Evan Royster and Stephon Green.

"It's going to be a big-time game," said junior linebacker Jeremiha Hunter, a native of York, Pa. "We got to practice how we practiced this past week. We got to go hard every single snap and

"It's going to be a big-time game... We got to go hard every single snap and expect the trickery, the plays we're going to get from Clark, and we just got to come out ready."

— Jeremiah Hunter, junior

expect the trickery, the plays we're going to get from Clark, and we just got to come out ready."

The entire swarm of Black and Gold knows about all the events occurring on Penn State's campus leading up to the colossal conference clash.

They understand the magnitude of "College GameDay" being there for this prime-time showdown. They know the entire country will have its eyes glued on the Hawkeyes as they enter what could only be appropriately termed "a lion's den."

They get that when Joe Paterno enters Penn

State's Rec Hall on Friday for a student pep rally, he won't be talking about beating a more historical powerhouse such as Ohio State, Michigan, or Notre Dame. The 44-year head coach's message will be about beating the Hawkeyes.

The 3-0 record Iowa currently holds is one well-earned. But the Hawkeyes know 3-0 won't mean anything if they don't leave Beaver Stadium 4-0.

"Penn State doesn't care what our record is," junior defensive end Adrian Clayborn said. "We got to come out and play."

Running Hawkeyes eye winning a big meet

MENS' X-C
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Another factor contributing to Iowa's relatively low ranking can be attributed to the strength of the Midwest region.

Three teams in the region placed in the final 2008 rankings (Oklahoma State, Iowa State, and Tulsa), as well as four Big Ten squads (Wisconsin, Michigan, Penn State, and Minnesota). And Indiana received votes.

Oklahoma State, which finished last season ranked No. 2 nationally, is No. 1 in the Midwest region — something Iowa cocaptain Tommy Tate has become used to in his five years in Iowa City.

"[The Cowboys] have been consistently very tough for a long time," he said. "They finished highly ranked last season and had a lot of recruits last year."

"Our region is tough. Tougher than most, actually."

Wieczorek's squad will try to gain some national publicity at the Wisconsin Inter-Regional in Madison, Wis. The Oct. 3 meet will give Wieczorek a chance to see where his team stands against some of the nation's top programs — specifically the No. 4 Badgers.

"I'm not a person who thinks polls don't mean anything. They do," Wieczorek said. "I think [polls] are a great motivator. It would be wonderful to be ranked. The Wisconsin meet will be a great challenge for us."

"We need five guys to

'We have to run in a tight pack. We need to keep it strong and beat some tough teams.

We need to perform at some bigger meets.'

— Larry Wieczorek, coach

run under 25 minutes. We need to beat someone tough. Pick up that large point. Our policy is we are a potentially good team. We are optimistic that we can get into the top 25 or 30 in the nation when it's all done."

To upend a top team, Wieczorek doesn't want to

overly-complicate things. Tate said the Hawkeyes' approach won't be anything out of the ordinary when they head to Wisconsin.

"We have to run in a tight pack," he said. "We need to keep it strong and beat some tough teams. We need to perform at some bigger meets."

Runners pick leaders

WOMENS' X-C
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Roeder, who transferred from UCLA her sophomore year, finished third for the Hawkeyes at the NCAA championship last season. She was also named academic All-Big Ten and academic All-American.

Conversely, Docherty has been with the Hawkeyes since her freshman year, and is back running during her first year of graduate school at Iowa.

"Jenny has faced a lot of adversity as far as being injured, but now she is healthy and ready to compete," Flood said. "Even in times she couldn't run, she was really supportive and excited for everyone else."

The Minnesota native also received academic All-Big Ten honors twice in her Iowa career. She redshirted in 2007,

allowing her one more year of eligibility.

Anderson said both women are not only outstanding runners, they are also outstanding students and that gives him confidence they will be able to fulfill their responsibilities as captains.

He noted their commitment to the "running lifestyle" sets a good example for the younger members of the squad.

And Docherty said she is prepared to lead her team and knows what is expected of her.

"I think leading by example and having a hard work ethic is important," she said. "Also, fostering a positive environment among the team members both in and out of practice. I want to be available to anyone if they need help or have questions."

This year's team is not only composed of commit-

ted individuals, she said, it also possesses a strong bond and the dynamic of the squad is "very supportive and encouraging."

Roeder noted the team is more "cohesive" than previous years — which, she said, will make her job easier.

The women have organized team bonding activities, such as dinners, and they will participate in various service projects during the season. Docherty and Roeder are responsible for organizing these events, as well as coordinating activities when the team travels.

Still, Anderson said he tries not to overwork his captains because he needs them healthy and unstressed to compete.

"We try not to burden them with too many responsibilities," he said. "They have a lot on their plates already."

Molnar makes tourney

WOMENS' TENNIS
CONTINUED FROM 12

"I think she's ready," Iowa head coach Daryl Greenan said. "She's definitely ready to compete with any of the best players in the country."

Recently, Molnar qualified for the 2009 Riviera Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Championships. The tournament is one of three major qualifying tournaments, with the other two being the association's National Collegiate Indoor Championships, and the NCAA Tournament at the end of the season.

Molnar will be the first player since ex-Hawkeye Meg Racette (2006) and Toni Neykova (2002) to qualify for the tournament.

"It's a huge honor," Greenan said. "It would really help her to pick up a few wins out there. If she qualifies for the main draw, which she's certainly capable of, that would really give her some momentum going into the rest of the year."

Molnar, who has been training extensively for the upcoming season, said she was happy to see her hard work starting to pay off.

"It feels good," she said. "That's the tournament I've been wanting to play. Hopefully, I play well and get good competition."



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN
Hawkeye Alexis Dorr returns a serve during her singles match against Loren Lui of Northwestern on April 12. Dorr says this season's squad has banded together and the members are very close.

After going 18-4 in the No. 1 spot in the spring, she has seen her share of great competition and big matches. With her first major tournament only weeks away, she remains relaxed.

"There's not on any pressure on me from anything else, the only pressure is what I put on myself," Molnar said. "I don't normally get nervous before matches, so that's a good thing. Hopefully, I'll go in there feeling good and play well."

She won't be the only tennis player with experience. The 2009-10 team features a slew of upperclassmen, with no freshmen. With the exception of Baylor University transfer Zuzana Chmelarova, Iowa has almost the exact same team as last season.

Acquainted with each other long enough, this team has gotten a chance

to bond. Not many teams can say they are as good of a team as they are friends, but the 2009-10 women's tennis team is one of them.

"I think everyone is working hard on being successful this year. We've just banded together as a team," said junior Alexis Dorr, who also works for the DI. "We've had really hard workouts, and we've just been encouraging each other to get a lot better and stronger. Everybody's just got a lot closer."

This weekend, when the Hawkeyes travel to Minneapolis, they find out what the rest of college tennis has to offer.

"It's really a test of not only our team, but what the other teams we're going to see later on in the season are going to look like this year," Radu said. "We're ready to see them, and we're ready to compete."

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Daily Break

There are two ways to slide easily through life; to believe everything or to doubt everything. Both ways save us from thinking.

— Alfred Korzybski

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Thoughts on Sunday's Emmycast:

- Why is Sigourney Weaver doing made-for-television movies? You know there's an *Aliens 5* screenplay floating around out there somewhere.
- Neil Patrick Harris mocked "Wipeout" as lowbrow. I couldn't possibly agree (or like the show "Wipeout") any more.
- Paula Abdul was a no-show. I don't get it; the Emmys is one of two places Paula's talentless and pretentiousness wouldn't be out-of-place. BET is the other.
- Apparently, Jon Hamm makes Tina Fey sweat through her "lady blazer." Is that type of lingerie I'm unfamiliar with?
- Memo to Vanessa Williams: Quit being so prim and uptight. You're on a show called "Ugly Betty." Loosen the hell up.
- John Hodgman, perhaps the whitest man living, served as the night's color commentator. I found that mildly amusing — more so than Hodgman.
- Despite what categories "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" actually won, I consider it the winner of Best Reality Program.
- I had no idea Toni Collette was Australian. Her natural accent is aurally jarring. Much like all her fake ones.
- I don't understand how Kyra Sedgwick stays in such great shape, considering all the Bacon she eats.
- Brendan Gleeson looks a little too much like Brian Dennehy. To think of it, has anyone ever seen them in the same place at the same time?!
- At the two-hour mark, the Emmycast admitted onscreen that it was running five-plus minutes long. Viewers were then immediately treated to five minutes of commercials.
- An impression: "Rargh! I'm Bob Newhart! Computers and references to modern culture scare me! Bad math joke. Rargh!" (That was an impression of me, being an asshole.)

— Andrew R. Juhl thinks it's an honor just to be nominated ... and seconded.

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FOOTBAG BREAK



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Dave Gibbons takes a break from work to play footbag with a group of colleagues from Budcat Creations, a local video game company, in a parking lot outside their building on Monday. A group of employees from the company that made Guitar Hero for the Playstation 2 often takes a break to play footbag for about an hour a day.

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Tuesday, September 22, 2009
— by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Get serious about your spending habits, and you can reduce your overhead. Impulse shopping has to stop and a set budget put into place. The changes you make now will lead to a better lifestyle in the long run.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Calling the shots is in your best interest, and it will help you set the standard for the future. Love is on the rise, and a social event or activity will help you get closer to someone you respect and admire.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Don't give anyone a reason to pick on you. Do whatever you are responsible for quickly and efficiently. You can expect to be blamed for whatever goes wrong. Have your answers ready, and don't leave room for error.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Stick close to home, and make some alterations that will help you be more efficient. Romance is in the stars, and it should be scheduled in for the evening hours. A short business trip will open up new possibilities.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Avoid doing anything in excess. You have to cut back, not spend frivolously. Settle for what's available instead of striving for the impossible. Someone will condemn you if you are lazy or too impartial.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Once you have established your own position, you can accomplish things you have always wanted to do. Your efforts will be rewarded and your confidence boosted. Discuss your feelings with someone you care about.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You may have to leave someone behind or search for a new group to collaborate with if things aren't moving fast enough. You will face opposition if you are too bold or pushy. Make your work or endeavor interesting, and you won't have to ask for favors or help.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Don't let someone else's wants and needs surpass your own or those of the people you feel are worthy of your help. You will find answers to the questions that have been confusing you for some time. Get involved in something unusual.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You may not want to confront a situation you face, but by avoiding it, you will end up in a much worse position. Face your demons head on with facts and figures that cannot be denied. Set the record straight, and move on.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Get out and celebrate. You've got so much to be thankful for, and if you let people see your positive outlook, ideas, and plans, you will be offered all the help you need. A partnership that is important to you needs a little nurturing.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Take a wait-and-see attitude, especially when dealing with friends, relatives, or neighbors. By jumping to conclusions, you are likely to miss something beneficial. Listen to the advice given.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 The more diverse you are, the more people you will meet to form partnerships. Don't be afraid to change your mind at the last minute. At the end of the day, you can feel good about where you are.

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UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 1 p.m. "Prairie Lights" Archive, Susanna Clarke
- 2 News from Germany (in German)
- 3 Women at Iowa, Interview with Jeanne Stoakes, a Woman at Iowa
- 4 International Year of Astronomy Lecture, "Exploring the Ancient Climate of Mars," Ingrid Ukstins Peate, 5:30 "The Exchange," Jane Cranston, Pakistan
- 6:15 Fine Arts Shorts, select fine-arts performances at the UI
- 6:30 Kirk Ferentz News Conference
- 7 Women at Iowa, Interview with Jeanne Stoakes
- 8 "Zoonotic Infections: Their Importance and Neglect," Gregory Gray, Epidemiology and International Programs, Aug. 25
- 9:15 Fine Arts Shorts, select fine-arts performances at the UI
- 9:30 Daily Iowan Television News
- 9:45 Ueye, student life and activities
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- 11 Women at Iowa, Interview with Jeanne Stoakes

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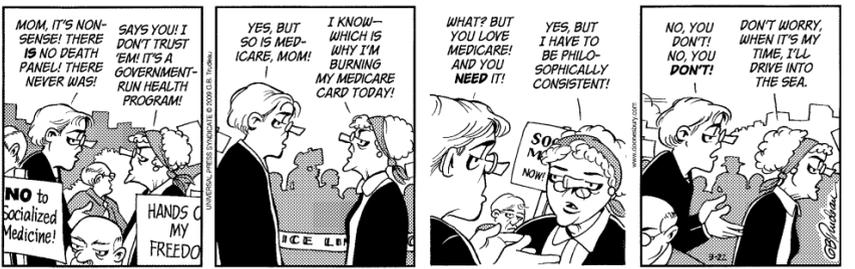
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today's events

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- **Molecular Physiology and Biophysics Seminar Series**, "Molecular Mechanisms of Skeletal Muscle Atrophy," Christopher Adams, 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen
- **Poster Sale**, Office of Student Life, 10 a.m., Hubbard Park
- **Story Time**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Tot Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Fit 4 Fun**, 10:30 a.m., Performance Health & Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- **Pharmacology Faculty Seminar**, "Membrane Traffic Sorting at the Recycling Endosome," David Sheff, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **World Affairs Career Series**, **Careers in Foreign Policy**, Ambassador Nancy Soderberg, Damon Terrill, senior vice president for International Legal and Regulatory Affairs at Integrated DNA Technologies, and Simeon Talley, a senior International Studies student who has worked with Obama for America and the Stanley Foundation, 10:30 a.m., C230 Pomerantz Career Center
- **Drawn into Learning**, Mark Isham and Rachel Williams, 11 a.m., 2520-D University Capital Centre
- **Fall Job & Internship Fair**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council**, "Nuclear Threats and National Security: The Challenge of Proliferation," Ambassador Nancy Soderberg, noon, Congregational United Church of Christ
- **Biochemistry Seminar Series**, "The structure and function of membrane proteins involved in acid acclimation by *H. pylori*," Sharam Khademi, 12:30 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **Farmers' Market**, 3-6:30 p.m., Sycamore Mall
- **Farmers' Market**, 3-7 p.m., Lone Tree North Park
- **Microbiology Department Seminar**, "Transcriptional Activation by the Human T-cell Leukemia Virus Tax Protein," Jennifer Nyborg, Colorado State University, 3 p.m., Bowen Watzke Auditorium
- **Library Community Writing Center**, 4-6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Cross Fit Kids**, 5:30 p.m., Performance Health & Fitness
- **4-H Open House**, 6-8 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Brooke Waggoner, with Denison Witmer**, 6 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Fabulous Fall Mushrooms**, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- **Iowa Track and Field Club**, 6 p.m., West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.
- **Aviation Movie Night**, 6:30 p.m., Alexis Park Inn & Suites, 1165 S. Riverside Drive
- **"Now in Palestine: An Eyewitness Report"**, Joe Goodner, 6:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Beginners Square Dance Night**, Ocean Waves Square Dance Club, 7-9 p.m., Scanlon Gymnasium, 2701 Bradford Drive
- **"Live from Prairie Lights"**, Amber Tamblin, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Manhattan Short Film Fest**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Teen Book Group**, *Blue is for Nightmare*, by Laurie Faria Stolarz, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble
- **Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Studio 13, 13 S. Linn
- **Iowa Friends of Old-Time Music Tuesday Night Jam Session**, 8:30 p.m., Hilltop, 1100 N. Dodge
- **Away We Go**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **The J**, 9 p.m., with Executives and Molly Ringwald, Public Space One, 129 E. Washington

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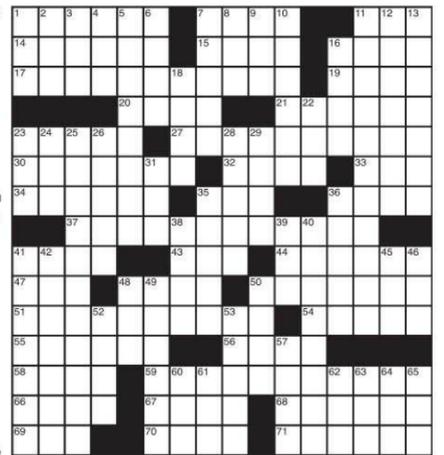
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- Across**
- Short
 - Hideout
 - General on a Chinese menu
 - Plugs
 - Right-hand person
 - Help in a heist, say
 - Fountain treat
 - Bearded beast
 - Bearded bloom
 - "Just watch me!"
 - Type size used in typewriters
 - Tangy pie filler
 - Goes postal
 - Penlight batteries
 - Patty Hearst kidnap grp.
 - He flew too close to the sun, in myth
 - "... du lieber!"
 - Abbr. on an envelope
 - Relative of a certain cobbler
 - Idiosyncrasies
 - Batman and Robin, e.g.
 - Game keeper?
 - Setting for TV's "Newhart"
 - Sharif of "Doctor Zhivago"
 - A little scared
 - Candy bar with maraschinos
 - Big stingers
 - Show deep respect (to)
 - Make
 - Vermeer's "Woman With a ..."
 - Popular Fantalike soda
 - Those, in Toledo
 - "...Cop"
 - Robert Ludlum hero searching for his identity
 - Hideout
 - Carriers of Lyme ticks
 - Balloons
- Down**
- Alert, for short
 - Thing with cups and hooks
 - Harry Potter's best friend
 - Actress Thurman
 - Pays what's due
 - Peter I, II or III
 - Run out, as a subscription
 - Feel ill
 - Uganda's ... Amin
 - Eye part
 - Rib-eye alternatives
 - Natural seasoning
 - Club chair companion piece
 - Biology lab supply
 - Buildup at a river's mouth
 - IV amounts
 - Yale student
 - Tone ... (early rapper)
 - Scientist who experienced a great fall?
 - Maryland squad
 - Lens type
 - Diamond Head locale
 - Archipelago unit: Abbr.
 - Lexus competitor
 - Big name in metal foil

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Tony Orbach

- 38 Dutch dairy product
- 39 Aid in locating a pirate's treasure
- 40 Foot beer float with chocolate ice cream
- 41 Amused
- 42 Not farmed out
- 45 Passbook abbr.
- 46 Masthead contents, briefly
- 48 ... y Plata (Montana's motto)
- 49 "Dear me!"
- 50 Thick carpet
- 52 66 and others: Abbr.
- 53 Guadalajara guy
- 57 Confederate soldiers, for short
- 60 ... v. Wade
- 61 Actor Vigoda
- 62 Lament
- 63 <http://www.yahoo.com>, e.g.
- 64 Skit-filled NBC show, for short
- 65 "For ... a jolly ..."

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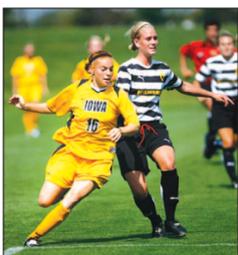


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Texas 10, Oakland 3
L.A. Angels 5, N.Y. Yankees 2



Keli McLaughlin

SOCCER

McLaughlin honored

For the second week in a row, an Iowa soccer player has been honored by the Big Ten following an outstanding performance.

Junior Keli McLaughlin was named the conference's co-Offensive Player of the Week after helping the Hawkeyes oust both Iowa State and Northern Iowa last weekend by scoring three of the Hawkeyes five goals. The forward leads the team in goals (seven) and points (15).

Last week, the conference tabbed Iowa freshman Alyscha Mottershead as both the Offensive Player of the Week and Freshman Player of the Week, making it the first time in the program's 13-year history that two players from the same team have been honored in the same season.

"I feel like it's an accomplishment and a huge honor," McLaughlin said. "Not just personally, but as a team, too."

Three Hawkeyes have previously won the award. Iowa (7-2) is also off to its best start in history, and the Hawkeyes will begin Big Ten play on Sept. 24 when they travel north to take on Minnesota.

— by Robbie Lehman

WATER POLO

Water Polo Club seeks members

The Iowa Women's Water Polo Club is looking for new members for the 2009-10 school year.

Interested students are encouraged to attend an informal meeting on Sept. 30 at the Field House pool during the team's practice from 9 to 11 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

No prior water-polo experience is required, but prospective students should be able to swim 100 meters proficiently. All game equipment is provided.

Team practices are Tuesday through Thursday at the Field House pool from 9 to 11 p.m., as well as on Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. Practices are held year-round for both of the men's and women's clubs.

The women's club competes in the spring, and it will travel during four to five weekends during the season to participate in tournaments and play against other Big Ten club teams.

The men's team is also hosting a tournament beginning on Sept. 27 in the Field House.

Interested students should contact team captain Jenna Georgacakis at jenna-georgacakis@uiowa.edu for additional information.

— by Ryan Young

FOOTBALL FORUM

Be sure to visit dailyiowan.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 focuses on the Iowa defensive line, which limited Arizona to 148 yards rushing on 25 carries in Iowa's 27-27 win.



Iowa running back Adam Robinson runs for 9 yards during the first half of Iowa's game against Arizona on Sept. 19 in Kinnick Stadium. Robinson ran for 101 yards in the 27-17 win over Arizona.

Lions seek revenge

The Hawkeyes begin talking about this week's game at No. 5 Penn State immediately after beating Arizona.

By **BRENDAN STILES**
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If there was any celebration by the Iowa Hawkeyes after beating Arizona last weekend, it didn't last long.

Following a 27-17 win over the Wildcats on Sept. 19, the focus of the Hawkeyes immediately shifted to this week.

They know what's ahead. They know all the story lines that will be told nationwide between now and when Iowa, (3-0), enters Beaver Stadium to face No. 5 Penn State, (3-0).

In fact, when junior kicker Daniel Murray entered the players' postgame interview room inside Kinnick Stadium, the first question asked had nothing to do with either of the two field goals he made against Arizona.

Rather, it had to do with what type of reception he and his Hawkeye teammates will get in State College, Pa.

When Iowa upset then-No. 3 Penn State in Kinnick Stadium last fall, Murray played the role of hero in his hometown; the

Hawkeyes won, 24-23, on his last-second 31-yard field goal.

"They're ready for us, and I think we'll be ready for them," he said. "We knocked them off last year, and we're going to try to do the same thing. But they're going to be ready to go, I can tell you that."

"I have a feeling it will be a little electric out there."

The Hawkeyes know what's at stake in this first Big Ten game of the 2009 season. Members of the Iowa offense know what to expect when they run

ON THE WEB

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on the field for their opening possession — more than 100,000 people dressed in white creating as much raucous noise as possible.

But they're not surprised. They know Penn State fans have had Sept. 26 circled in blue permanent marker on their calendars since the Nittany Lions left Kinnick last November with dreams of a national championship crushed.

SEE FOOTBALL, 9

Harriers choose captains

Iowa women's cross-country team picks Hannah Roeder and Jennie Docherty.

By **MICHÈLE DANNO**
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Two meets into its season, the Iowa women's cross-country squad recognized two women who stand out as "leaders of the pack."

Senior Hannah Roeder and graduate student Jennie Docherty were elected team captains late last week. But head coach Layne Anderson said the vote was not unanimous.

"There were a few other [women] who were just behind them," he said.

"We've just got such a great group. It did not surprise me the voting was fairly evenly distributed. There are about four or five girls I would feel confident in to lead the team."

Despite the close voting session, sophomore Betsy Flood said she is confident in Roeder and Docherty for different reasons, noting the two have diverse personalities and will bring a different dynamic to the team.

"Hannah is a quiet leader; but when she does say things, they are always motivating," Flood said. "We've watched her work hard, and it's paying off for her."

SEE WOMEN'S X-C, 9



Anderson
coach

Runners intend to move up

Iowa head cross-country coach Larry Wieczorek is confident his team's low preseason ranking will be a temporary one.

By **SEAN MORGAN**
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The US Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association has spoken, and it's not saying much about the Iowa men's cross-country program.

The organization ranked the Hawkeyes as the eighth-best team in the Midwest region in its annual preseason poll. There are 15 teams in the region.

This neither fazes nor surprises Iowa men's cross-country coach Larry Wieczorek.

"That's what I expected," said Wieczorek, now in his 23rd season as Iowa's head coach. "We haven't done anything to merit a higher [ranking]."

As in any sport, preseason rankings are largely

based on of a team's performance in the previous season, as well as how many quality athletes the program returns.

With so many of Iowa's top runners unknown on the national level, junior Sam Bailin understands there is still much to prove for the Hawkeyes.

Aside from All-Big Ten selection Jesse Luciano, Iowa's top runners consist of freshman Jeffrey Thode, Nick Holmes, who was injured last season, and Bailin, who up until this season has been mostly relegated to middle-of-the-pack finishes.

"A lot of teams are bringing back four or five of their top runners from last year," said Bailin, who was part of an Iowa squad that finished seventh in the Midwest region last season. "We certainly won't be unknown after this year."



Wieczorek
coach

SEE MENS' X-C, 9

Women's tennis hopeful

The Iowa women's tennis team is possibly on the verge of a breakthrough.

By **PATRICK RAFFERTY**
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From the looks of it, the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex might be home to something special.

The Iowa women's tennis team, eager for the start of the season, will not have to wait much longer. The Hawkeyes have spent countless hours together practicing and preparing for the beginning of what it hopes to be an improved season.

"First of all, we're really excited, and the team looks really good," Iowa assistant coach Mira Radu said. "We've put in a lot of work these first few weeks. We're excited to go to Minnesota."

The Hawkeyes will open up their season on Sept. 25 at the Minnesota Golden Gopher Invitational in Minneapolis.

After posting a 7-15 overall record, while going 2-9 in conference play, the Hawkeyes are hoping to improve upon last season's record with the help of No. 1 and last season's Big Ten Freshman of the Year Sonja Molnar.



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Iowa senior Zuzana Chmelarova chases a shot during practice at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Sept. 15. She was an All-Big 12 honoree in 2008 during her time at Baylor before transferring to Iowa.

SEE WOMEN'S TENNIS, 9