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CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

Low city turnout sets record

Unofficial numbers show UI senior Jared Bazzell is out of the running.

By **NICOLE KARLIS**
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Tuesday night's Iowa City City Council primary election had the lowest voter turnout in history, and it probably knocked UI senior Jared Bazzell out of the race.

After a close race between student candidates Dan Tallon and

Bazzell, Tallon unofficially won a spot on the Nov. 3 ballot by seven votes.

However, results will not be official until Thursday at 1 p.m., said Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett. Some absentee ballots are still lingering, along with some overseas votes yet to be returned.

Any candidate can also request

a recount by filing a petition by Oct. 9.

Candidates Susan Mims and Terry Dickens have unquestionably secured spots for the general election. The unofficial numbers show Mims had 1,399 votes and Dickens 1,320. That's compared with the student candidates, whose numbers ranged from 200 to 275 votes.

"In Iowa City you never know what's going to happen," Dickens said. "It's a relief."

He plans to ride in the UI

Homecoming parade on Friday, he said.

"We're going to hit the streets Friday night," he said. "You're going to see a lot of blue and white Dickens T-shirts."

Mims said she was pleased with the results.

"I guess they like the attributes I bring and my views on the issues," she said.

But she hopes to see a better turnout in the Nov. 3 election.

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Pot talk in IC

A medical-marijuana hearing takes place today.

By **KEVIN HOFFMAN**
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For five years, severe fibromyalgia symptoms kept Lisa Jackson bedridden. She couldn't get up to cook her children a hot meal, and she could barely climb the 14 stairs to the second story of her home.

But Jackson's life improved two years ago when she began using marijuana, which the Crawfordsville, Iowa, resident says helps her function and get through the day.

"Because of my use, I'm able to function," she said. "I can take care of my daily needs and my children's daily needs."

Jackson is one of several witnesses set to testify today in a seven-hour medical marijuana hearing in Iowa City.

The Iowa Board of Pharmacy will hear testimony ranging from medical experts to citizens beginning at noon in the Bowen

SEE **MARIJUANA, 3**

IF LOOKS COULD GRILL



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UI senior Joel Greteman watches as senior Chad Olson flips burgers outside the Pappajohn Business Building during a fundraising event for the Tippie Build Project on Tuesday. In addition to hot dogs and burgers, professors and staff participated in the Second Faculty Grill-Off. The Tippie Build Project partners with Habitat for Humanity to build homes for families in need. The event drew in around 190 students and raised slightly more than \$1,000. Read more about the barbecue, page 8.

Connections kicks off with a bang

Community members work toward bridging the gap.

By **MITCHELL SCHMIDT**
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Booths lined the second-floor conference room at hotelVetro, much like at a career fair.

And just like at those fairs, attendees worked to establish connections and build relationships

Members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transsexual community gathered to talk and make friends at the Iowa City Connections Fourth-Annual Fall Kickoff on Tuesday night.

The event is sponsored by Connections, and it is the first forum of the new schools year's events. The kickoff is a way for those involved to recognize the "sea-

son" has started, said Ellen Krug, the president of Connections' Board of Directors.

"We get everybody charged up and go on with the monthly meetings," she said.

Roughly 25 organizations, churches, and groups participated in the event — including West High, Kirkwood Unity Group, the UI Women's Resource and Action Center, and the Cedar Rapids Gay and Lesbian Resource Center.

Locals flocked to the event, too. Adrienne Woodward, an Iowa City resident, compared Iowa City's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transsexual community to the one in New York.

SEE **CONNECTIONS, 3**



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Books featuring lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender themes are displayed at a table during the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Expo at hotelVetro on Tuesday. Connections, a nonprofit group, hosted the event, which featured approximately 25 organizations.

UISG creates tuition panel

By **KATHRYN STINSON**
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UI Student Government officials moved closer to trying to keep tuition low for UI students at a meeting Tuesday night.

The Senate approved creating a Legislative Tuition Task Force, though not before some contentious discussion among the senators.

The committee's sole focus will be to research ways to influence the state Board of Regents on tuition.

Senate members questioned the legitimacy of the task force, voicing concerns that the action would negatively affect the lobbying committee's efforts, which often deals with tuition problems.

"Tuition is an important issue," said Sen. Whitney Carson. "We need a clear vision on this. The task force will provide that vision."

SEE **UISG, 3**

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Student vets waiting

Many UI student veterans wonder where their benefits are.

By SHANE ERSLAND
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Nearly two months into the fall semester, many student veterans have yet to see promised funds that would enable them to pay their tuition.

Only a third of the roughly 60 UI students who applied for the Post-9/11 GI Bill have received their money.

The new bill, aside from paying tuition, includes a monthly living allowance and a book stipend of \$1,000 per year.

In an attempt to make amends to vets waiting for their money, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is offering \$3,000 emergency checks to those who have not yet received benefits. UI students can apply for a check online, which processes in four to five days, or travel to Des Moines' VA Regional Center to pick one up.

"This is an example of making decisions during wartime; it's crisis management," said Herald "Skip" Kempnich, who handles all the UI student veterans' requests for financial aid.

Funds were originally scheduled for disbursement in late August, but organizational problems associated with the Post-9/11 bill pushed the date back by six to eight weeks. This week marks the sixth since officials announced the delay.

The VA has made funds available to other vets who haven't received benefit payments, not just those signed up for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Active-duty vets signed up for the

Montgomery GI Bill are the only others to receive the full \$3,000. Selected Reserve students signed up for the same bill, along with Post-Vietnam Era Educational Assistance Programs, are only eligible to receive \$1,000. Reserve Education Assistance Program veterans can draw \$2,000. The funds come out of the total amount a student is set to receive.

"Processing on all of the bills seems to be a bit slower than usual," Kempnich said.

UI sophomore Drew Mangler received his benefits last Thursday. Because UI officials are privy to the current delay, he said he was not pressured by the UI Office of Financial Aid officials when he didn't pay his bill.

"I didn't need to worry about that — they knew it was going to be paid [eventually]," he said.

Kempnich e-mailed his vets — more than 330 — to let them know about the emergency checks as soon as the option was announced last week, but he said he hasn't heard of any of them taking advantage of it at this point. He knew of two students who applied for short-term loans through Student Financial Aid to help make up for their lack of benefits.

UI Veteran's Association President Drew Hjelm, who received his Montgomery GI Bill check relatively on time, said UI officials have consistently been understanding about vets' financial issues, even before problems sprung up with the new Post-9/11 bill.



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Drew Hjelm, the president of the UI Veterans Association, discusses the veterans bill update on Tuesday in his office in the Becker Communication Studies Building.

"The UI has been phenomenal; it knows there are a lot of issues with payments," the UI junior said. "Even prior to this year, [officials] said, 'Don't worry about it.' The important thing is for vets to be able to go to school."

Kempnich said VA officials continue to work overtime to correct the problem, but he's still worried about when his vets will receive benefits.

"It's possible people could still be waiting after Halloween," he said. "This

Emergency funding

Students enrolled in these programs can receive checks:

- Montgomery GI Bill, active duty, \$3,000
- Montgomery GI Bill, selected reserve, \$1,000
- Reserve Education Assistance Program, \$2,000
- Post Vietnam Era Educational Assistance Programs, \$1,000

month will be crucial; money should start showing up, and we'll know whether to keep worrying."

2 Iowa races stuck in neutral

By MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press

DES MOINES — Little more than a year before the general election, Iowa's top two races are effectively frozen — one by a potential candidate who hasn't decided whether to run, the other by a promised candidate who hasn't decided whether to be named.

Republicans are waiting to see if former four-term Gov. Terry Branstad will seek the office again after a 12-year absence. And Democrats wonder who the mystery candidate is that party leaders assure them will give GOP Sen. Charles Grassley "the race of his life" as he seeks a sixth term.

"Both sides are doing the same thing," said former Republican Party of Iowa Chairman Stewart Iverson.

The prospect of a well-known, well-financed candidate to run against the incumbents is welcome news to some in the parties but an annoyance to others.

"There are some Iowans who are going to wait to see what happens before they engage in the governor's race on the Republican side or in the Senate race on the Democratic side," said Senate Majority Leader Michael Gronstal, a Democrat from Council Bluffs.

Branstad's highly public wavering about whether to challenge Democratic Gov. Chet Culver has received the most attention. A group

has formed to encourage him to run, airing radio ads, creating a Facebook page, and sending out daily Twitter messages.

Branstad, the president of Des Moines University, initially brushed off the suggestion that he run but during the summer said he'd consider it and would decide by the fall. He didn't return a call Tuesday to his office.

Drake University political-science Professor Dennis Goldford said the attention being given to Branstad damages the standing of the six others who are either in the race or leaning toward a run because it indicates that Republicans have little confidence in their field.

"It suggests they don't think very well about the political standing of the announced candidates," he said.

Those who are running or have made clear they are leaning toward it include Sioux City businessman Bob Vander Plaats, Cedar Rapids businessman Christian Fong, state Reps. Christopher Rants of Sioux City and Rod Roberts of Carroll, and state Sens. Jerry Behn of Boone and Paul McKinley of Chariton.

Rants has expressed irritation about the drawn-out Branstad question. He and other candidates also have pointed out that as governor, Branstad agreed to two increases in the sales tax

and a higher gasoline tax. "I can't do anything about it, so I keep plowing ahead and keep carving out our niche," Rants said. "If he decides to get in, we'll be talking about the future. If he decides to get in, he better be prepared to talk about new ideas."

The Senate race has been even odder, with Iowa Democratic Party Chairman Michael Kiernan stating repeatedly that a big-name candidate will emerge to oppose Grassley. "I'm going to tell you that Chuck Grassley will be in for the race of his life, that 2010 will be a tough race, and that person will announce," Kiernan said.

And the name? "You're just going to have to wait to find out," he said.

When pressed, he says the name will come out soon. He's been saying that since midsummer.

That hasn't sat well with the two Democrats — former state legislators Bob Krause and Tom Fiegen — who have announced they'll seek their party's nomination.

"The act of promoting the idea that there is a mystery candidate that no one can know about — except equally mysterious rumor-mongers — smacks of a throwback to the era of the kingmakers," Krause said.

It's also prompted grumbling within the party by strategists who said the

speculation has done nothing but widen Grassley's already formidable fundraising advantage. At a time when a *Des Moines Register* poll shows Grassley's approval ratings dipping from 75 percent in January to 57 percent in September, the strategists note that instead of focusing on the candidates challenging Grassley, the talk has been about those who have taken themselves out of the running, including former Principal Financial Group CEO Barry Griswell and U.S. Rep. Bruce Braley.

Unless the Democrats produce a jaw-dropping name, Goldford said, the rumors could permanently damage the party's eventual nominee.

"It actually seems to be a disservice to the party," he said. "It was cute at first, but there comes a point when you either have to put up or shut up."

Republican strategist Bob Haus said he'll be surprised if a big-name candidate exists.

"Maybe it's Halloween, but I just don't see who this mystery candidate is," said Haus. "I don't think he's got a name, and I don't think it's going to materialize."

Others argue that there's plenty of time left in both races for new candidates to emerge.

"I don't hear anybody out there clamoring for a longer election season," said Democratic strategist Matt Paul.

members objected to focusing on a single issue. The group discussed reassessing potential biases for all its members, including Mike Cooper's employment at Pearson.

The board members will likely make a decision on the matter at the Oct. 27 meeting.

— by Holly Hines

METRO

Board ponders possible conflicts of interest

Iowa City School Board members said they may seek guidance from the Iowa Attorney General's Office regarding possible conflict-of-interest issues.

POLICE BLOTTER

Jessica Gibson, 22, 1210 William, was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.
Amber Sangali, 29, Cedar Rapids,

was charged Monday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.
Keith Smith, 28, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. J1, was charged Monday with

commendation because positions the labor union holds could affect Swisher's votes.
Swisher should decline to vote on issues about which she feels biased, Frey said, and there will likely be few cases that raise this concern.
However, Frey and some board

driving with a revoked license.
Tucker Stone, 31, 406 Thornbury Ave., was charged Monday with driving with a

suspended or canceled license.
Keith Weaver, 68, Des Moines, was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.

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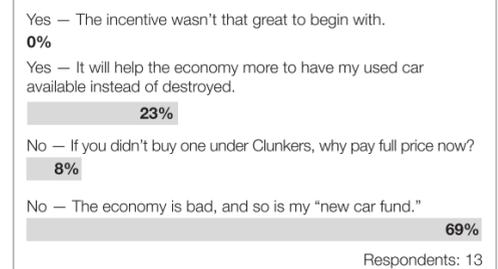
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MARIJUANA

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Science Building third-floor auditorium.

This is the third of four hearings held statewide since August. Nationally, 13 states have legalized medical marijuana since 1996; Michigan was the last to do so, in 2008.

The most recent legal battle will unfold over the next few months, when the American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa Foundation will again ask the Board of Pharmacy to remove marijuana's Schedule-I classification. That designation indicates the drug carries a high risk for abuse and has no accepted medical use.

Since 2008, the board has twice ruled against recommending reclassification.

But ACLU member Carl Olsen, a petitioner in the case, argues that because 13 other states have accepted the drug for medicinal purposes, it fits the criteria of accepted medical use in the United States.

"What we want is a functioning marijuana law in Iowa that allows people to get it for medical use," he said.

Lloyd Jessen, the executive director of the Pharmacy Board, would not comment on whether medical marijuana should be legalized, but said the panel lacked evidence to make an intelligent decision in previous hearings.

ACLU officials said they will present scientific evidence to the board, which will make a decision after the final Nov. 4 hearing in Council Bluffs.

Though the board cannot legalize medical marijuana, it can make a recommendation to state lawmakers, said Mike Meno, assistant director of communications with the Marijuana Policy Project in Washington, D.C.

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, said he is in favor of legalization.

"I've heard from many Iowans who suffer every day in chronic pain from debilitating conditions," said Bolkcom, who plans to attend today's hearing. "[They find] they would get some benefits and pain relief from those conditions if they had legal access to medical marijuana."

Many patients who suffer from chronic pain are prescribed powerful narcotics with adverse side effects, he noted.

And Jackson knows firsthand of the problems associated with potent prescriptions.

Before she began smoking marijuana, she tried "every kind of painkiller you can imagine." She accidentally overdosed twice, at one point unknowingly overdosing for two weeks.

"There was no way I would be able to manage prescription medication when it was not going to do the job," Jackson said. "And I was afraid it was going to take my life."

But officials opposed to legalization said they're concerned it's an easy way for "addicts" to stay hooked.

Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek said he would support medical marijuana, but he is wary of the possible risk of abuse involved.

Pulkrabek said California

Medically approved

States that have approved medical marijuana, beginning with California in 1996:



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KURT CUNNINGHAM/THE DAILY IOWAN

is a prime example of medical marijuana being abused for recreational purposes. He said if Iowa were to legalize it, state officials would need to implement stricter regulations than California's.

This year, 14 other states have considered enacting medical marijuana laws, including Illinois and Minnesota. Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty vetoed the law on May 22; legislation is still pending in Illinois.

UI students are split on the issue.

"I think it's looked at as taboo by a lot of people," UI senior Adam Roquet said. "There are a lot of prescription drugs out there that are highly addictive, not taken seriously, and abused. Just because it's not in a pill form doesn't mean it's not useful."

UI freshman Marc Thies disagrees.

"I think people just find excuses to try to get their hands on it," he said.

Your turn. Do you think Iowa should legalize medical marijuana? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

CONNECTIONS

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"[The movement] is major on the East and West Coasts," Woodward said. "[It's] going really well, and coming in this direction."

New members of the community are also encouraged to attend the group's events, said John Harper, an Iowa City native and previous member of the Connections' Board of Directors.

"People can be comfortable here," he said. "It puts a human face on the organizations."

The event works toward bringing members of the community together to socialize, communicate, and educate. Vendors and social organizations are afforded the opportunity to network and become visible to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transsexual community.

Many people at the event said the tone was welcoming.

"We include everything [such as] religious, political groups, and businesses to educate the community,"



CHARLIE ANDERSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Lorelei Coffin from West High sits at a table with a poster explaining Colors, West High's Gay-Straight alliance at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Expo on Tuesday. The nonprofit organization Connections hosted the event at hotelVetro.

Krug said.

Connections also fosters small community groups such as Spiritual Seekers, OUTdoors, and Moto Posse, as well as cosponsors community events such as Iowa City Pride, Connections Vice President Bridget Malone said in an e-mail.

Connections began in 2004 with around five members. Since its creation, the nonprofit organization has worked

to promote awareness and education of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transsexual community in Iowa City. The group now boasts more than 150 members.

Since the Iowa Supreme Court legalized gay marriage, the culture has gathered more recognition in the local community.

"Gay marriage?" Malone joked. "That is so April 3, 2009."

ELECTION

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Before Tuesday's primary, the lowest voter turnout was in the 1999 primary election, when 2,475 people showed up. This year's primary had a significantly lower number — 1,872 voters.

Some candidates said they were surprised by the turnout, particularly because three UI students were on the ballot.

Jeff Shipley — a candidate and the UI Student Government council liai-

son — said he felt many students didn't know where to vote, which could have caused the low numbers.

"It's a little embarrassing ... and it's something we need to work on," he said.

Votes for Shipley exceeded the other UI candidates. Shipley's unofficial count is 275, compared with Tallon's 202 and Bazzell's 195.

Because the count was so close, some candidates think it was a little extra effort that put Tallon in the lead.

"I think I won because I

went around and talked to a lot of people," he said, noting he was still encouraging students to vote at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

With the results still unclear, Bazzell said he plans to be involved with the general election and could possibly team up with another candidate.

"I'm going to work with Terry Dickens and help him get the student votes," Bazzell said. Dickens did not comment whether he has discussed partnering with Bazzell.

UISG

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Last year, the regents approved an average tuition increase for the three Iowa regent institutions at 4.2 percent for the 2009-10 school year. At September's meeting, regents discussed further tuition increases — and some members of UISG hope to prevent this.

UISG representatives will make a recommendation to the regents at their October meeting, which could draw from the task force's findings.

The committee will work with UI administra-

tors, regents, state officials, and student governments at Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa to determine the best policy.

Sen. Michael Appel drafted the legislation for the task force, and spoke passionately about the cause.

"It's time something is done about tuition," he said. "The task force is a step in the right direction."

The committee's research will be presented to the UISG Senate, which will draft a recommendation from the findings.

Appel's legislation did not specifically endorse UISG President Michael Currie's Lead Lag Tuition Policy, which would freeze

tuition at a 3 percent inflation rate — changing with each freshman class.

Currie didn't take this movement as a job at his own tuition solution.

"The task force doesn't want to be locked into advocating Lead Lag," he said. "This isn't an effort to sidestep the issue, it's an opportunity to be open-minded."

Either way, UISG is looking to keep tuition low, Appel said.

"Our goal is to keep tuition under the median [Higher Education Price Index] or inflation index," Appel said. "We don't want to see tuition exceed the inflation rate."

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Editorial

Elect — don't appoint —
supervisor's replacement

Johnson County Supervisor Larry Meyers' death last month left both a hole in the community and an absent seat on the Board of Supervisors. To fill that seat, the county statutory committee recently voted unanimously to appoint a temporary replacement, rather than hold a special election. A group of citizens is currently collecting petition signatures to hold a special election for the vacant seat instead.

The Editorial Board supports these citizens' actions.

Meyers would have competed in a regular election next November had he lived to his term's end. The statutory committee — which consists of the county auditor, recorder, and treasurer — will now interview temporary candidates to fill Meyers' seat until then.

The replacement would have the same duties, privileges, and powers Meyers had, save for the vice-chairman position he held before dying. That position would rotate to a current serving supervisor, Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said.

Auditor Tom Slockett said the committee set Oct. 28 as a tentative date to name the replacement. The announcement, however, may come either before or after the date if the committee finishes its interviews early or needs more time to conduct them, he said.

The principal reason Slockett gave for choosing an appointment over an election was money. A special election would cost at least \$75,000, and he said he'd rather give voters a choice: elect a candidate for \$75,000 or have one appointed for free. The committee initially preferred to hold a special election, he said, but decided against it because of the sour economy.

That \$75,000 sum is an expensive price for democracy, but it's worth every penny considering the decisions the supervisors will make in the next year, including making plans for the county Justice Center and setting the budget for fiscal 2011.

These decisions are monumental, multimillion-dollar decisions. Johnson County spent more than \$75 million in fiscal 2009, according to the auditor's budget analysis. The Justice Center's price tag has swayed wildly, at one point being estimated to cost as much as \$80 million, according to the supervisors' Aug. 20 meeting minutes.

The cost to hold an election pales in comparison.



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI student Laura Krogh hands in her ballot at the UI Main Library polling place on Tuesday at around 4 p.m. Krogh was the 20th voter at Precinct 5.

A board elected entirely by voters would only add more legitimacy to these important decisions.

Money isn't the only reason to call for a special election. Meyers' replacement could run in the general election and would have an enormous advantage as an incumbent, Neuzil said. Slockett played down such an advantage, saying that in the last six appointments to the board, only two have won re-election in the regular cycle.

The numbers are at best inconclusive, however. Of those six appointments, two won re-election, two lost, and two decided not to run. Incumbents traditionally have an enormous advantage over challengers in elections. While recent elections in Johnson County don't indicate any specific trend, it is still hard to discount the incumbent advantage. The hiring process is open for the public to observe, but the public would have no say in the selection. Johnson County voters could be stuck with someone they did not elect.

The community needs a fully elected government to legitimize the critical tasks before it. County officials require the special-election petition to have at least 7,299 signatures — 10 percent of last year's presidential-election turnout — and be submitted within two weeks of the statutory committee's appointment.

In the interest of greater citizen input, we hope the petitioners can muster enough signatures.

Your turn. Should Johnson County voters select Supervisor Larry Meyers' replacement, or should officials fill the position? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

The all-
important TAMICHAEL DAVIS
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The recent news that UI officials could cut additional UI teaching assistants because of budget cuts — on top of the 150 already axed — was like an unexpected slug.

In my four years at this university, I have had many memorable TAs.

They are the young embryos of the teaching profession. They're not yet fully tenured but still capable of wearing ridiculous tweed jackets. As newly minted academics in their fields, they provide a breadth of knowledge while still being able to share a beer with you at Joe's Place.

Professors can give off an aura of mysticism in their weather-worn faces. Sure, they can be helpful during class, and, more often than not, they are willing to work with you outside of class. But TAs are still irreplaceable.

If General Patton was rushing a bunker in battle, TAs would be at his side.

They are highly adaptable to any situation and can work in tight places. Just take a look at the size of their offices. Prisoners at Guantánamo Bay have more room to spread their feet, and they don't have to write a thesis on the sociological impact of Facebook on teenage adults.

Their lives have become dominated by deciphering coded words and distressing signals: Students can sometimes be messy and schizophrenic writers.

They know how to ration their food. With their small paycheck, many of them survive on ramen noodles and Ritz crackers with a delectable garnish of mustard and ketchup.

The reason teaching assistants are so important to the fabric of this university is that the basis of whether the class is a good one largely depends on the excellence of the TA. Take, for example, the dreaded Interpretation of Literature class. The engagement of the student is primarily based on the engagement of the teacher, and even

more so, her or his selections of what students will read that semester. Poetry is a killer for college students. Anything more sophisticated than Shel Silverstein, and we go into epileptic shock.

Making connections with these individuals is another easy way to get on their good side. I can't even recall the number of times I have gone to office hours to have a chat or discuss an assignment and immediately upon my arrival, they become ecstatic with jubilation. It's like they were in an iron cage and just released to freedom. Your questions become the oxygen they breathe.

Furthermore, it's refreshing to see the average teaching assistants have lives outside the classroom. It's always great seeing them out on Saturday enjoying the game-day festivities. Seeing TAs chug beers lets you know they are normal, everyday students. With the only exception being that that they just gave you a B- on your midterm. But who cares about the texture and density of rocks anyway?

Living in a dual reality of student and teacher, TAs are more apt to understand our failings and mistakes. They understand the cumbersome technicalities that stress us out. They experience the same types of problems we do, but on a magnified scale.

The news that the UI may cut additional TA positions is distressing on many levels. Professors can inspire us to do great work and think creatively. But teaching assistants can do that as well, sometimes with greater effect. The reason I became a journalist in the first place was because of the influence of a TA in my Media and Consumers class.

So the next time you spot your TA on the streets of Iowa City, say hello and chat with her or him for a while. It beats having to grade the crappy paper you wrote in three hours. Yeah, they know about it, too: It's called SparkNotes.

TAs are students, too, after all. ■

Letter

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U.S. conservatives
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Germany offers universal health care to all of its people,

operates trains that run at 217 mph, is advanced in generating electricity from renewable-energy sources, provides its people with two months of vacation each year, and its economy is in better shape than ours is.

The only thing delaying us from doing the same in this country are obstructionist conservatives in Congress, such as Sen. Grassley, R-Iowa, and their backward-looking toadies.

Maybe these conservatives should move to Germany and

find out what people can really do. Their move would facilitate an unimpeded transition into a future that has America once again leading the way in all areas of progress.

Sam Osborne
West Branch resident

Guest opinion

Irresponsible few reflect poorly on Hawkeye tailgating

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As I enjoy my fourth season as athletics director at the UI, I appreciate more than ever before the special feel of "Kinnick Magic." I continue to be amazed and appreciative of the passion shown by Hawkeye fans. We truly enjoy a special game-day environment.

With that said, there is something that has bothered me and that

I've wanted to address for some time. It's something about which everyone is aware but seems taboo to discuss. Among the tens of thousands of Hawkeye fans who do it right on game days, I am discouraged, and sometimes downright disgusted, by a small minority of alcohol abusers who ruin the game-day experience and give Hawkeye tailgating a bad name.

Each week, we deal with hundreds of fans who abuse alcohol to the point of embarrassment — and in many cases endanger themselves and others around them. We eject from Kinnick

Stadium, and sometimes have to place under arrest, dozens of people who drink so much they can't stand on their own, pass out, are underage, throw up on the fans around them, urinate in public, etc.

While I apologize for my graphic descriptions, these scenarios occur with far too much frequency and simply aren't acceptable.

Again, I am a huge fan of tailgating. I believe it is a special part of the college-football tradition. I am also very comfortable with the safe, legal, and responsible use of alcohol. But I am not comfortable with allow-

ing those who abuse this privilege to ruin the experience for the rest of us.

In advance of Saturday's Homecoming game, I want to thank the overwhelming majority of Hawkeye fans who tailgate responsibly, cheer appropriately in the stands, respect their neighbors in the parking lots, respect our campus, and respect the private property of our friends in the neighborhoods that are adjacent to our wonderful football stadium.

I want to thank everyone who contributes in a positive way to the game-day experience at historic Kinnick

Stadium. I know you share our goal to have the best tailgate, game-day, and postgame college football environment in the country. I would argue we already do — and I don't want the actions of a very small minority to ruin it.

I also want to be so bold to ask that — if you are going to the game on Saturday — you assist the UI in our efforts to maintain the family atmosphere that makes a day at Kinnick so very special. If you see a fan engaging in inappropriate behavior, please don't hesitate to call the UI police.

Our staff will double

its efforts this weekend to make certain everyone at Kinnick Stadium and in the areas that surround it have the very best game-day experience possible. However, we can't be everywhere and would appreciate your assistance if and when it's needed.

Last, I want to ask that very small number of fans who choose to not behave in a responsible, positive way on game days to consider raising their personal standards. I guarantee you will enjoy your game day and the game itself much, much more.

As always, go Hawks! Gary Barta is the Hawkeye athletics director.

Not without his walking stick

Leon Redbone lives to reinvigorate America's rich musical past with his 20th century-inspired tunes.

By CAROLINE BERG
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The only excitement the elusive Leon Redbone finds in life is through musical terms.

"I'm interested in the sheer power music has of striking emotion in the listener with just one or two notes," he said. "I'm interested in music that transports me."

The musician resides in the past with the melodies of recorded vaudeville ditties and early 20th century jazz and blues.

"The best I can do, but it's not going to happen, is to recreate the past," he said.

Sure to appear in his trademark Panama hat and dark sunglasses, Redbone will perform his interpretations of American standards at the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St., at 8 p.m. today. Admission is \$32.

"He's definitely a unique personality," said Vince Giordano, a musician, collaborator, and longtime friend of Redbone's. "Still, after all these years, he remains a man of mystery."

Redbone has managed a private personal life ever since he appeared on the musical scene more than 30 years ago.

"It's always been the music," Giordano said. "It's always a very rewarding experience working with Leon."

One of Giordano's most cherished memories was performing with Redbone on "Saturday Night Live" in the '70s. In fact, "Saturday Night Live" was the spark to generate Redbone's career. Initially, Redbone's album was slowly creeping along the sales charts, but his 1976 performance on the show sold 200,000 records by the end of the year without any outside advertising.

Now, even with more than 15 albums to boast,



Leon Redbone dons black and white — just as his favorite artists were pictured in the '20s.

the mumbly crooner has maintained a novel presence in the musical world.

"He likes to experiment with different groupings of musicians to keep things fresh," Giordano said.

One of Redbone's well-known collaborations was "Baby It's Cold Outside," a duet with actress and musician Zoëy Deschanel for the *Elf* soundtrack. His music has also been featured in commercial advertisements and incorporated into a ballet, *Paper Tiger*, upon Mikhail Baryshnikov's suggestion.

"Delving into unusual things and experimentation is important," Redbone said. "Otherwise, there would be no forward movement."

In terms of performing style, Giordano said Redbone's shows are spontaneous.

"You never know where



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Leon's going with a show," Giordano said.

Redbone allows his music and his environment to navigate him onstage. He's often receptive to the audience's needs, sometimes even taking song requests. "The song becomes the vehicle operating the performer," he said. "I become dispossessed from myself."

After all their years of touring and working together, Giordano appreciates the extensive musical history he has learned through Redbone. The two mostly bond over their shared love for the music of simpler times.

"When I listen to older recordings, there's an intensity to the music," Giordano said. "[The music] had a natural, built-in drive to the rhythm ... It's almost like a lost language."

Redbone believes that the craftsmanship of melodies that can reach a listener is essentially the missing link in modern-day music. To him, the contemporary method of grabbing attention is achieved through loud, pounding music screaming in the listener's ear. He asserts the quality of music really lies in its subtlety. Nevertheless, he respects people's diverse range of tastes.

"To corral a bunch of people and force them into the past where they don't want to go is too self-serving," Redbone said. "The music speaks for itself."

Enough soul to spare

By RYAN FOSMARK
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Waiter: *You Vultures* showed the world a new sound.

Portugal. The Man's 2006 full-length debut album was the first to capture the soul-inspired tunes that have become synonymous with the band. No matter how widely its content varies from record to record, the group's music is unmistakable. From the experimental loops and beats in *Waiter: You Vultures* to the hard-hitting psychedelia of 2007's *Church Mouth*, Portugal's soul always shines through.

Portugal. The Man will play with Drug Rug at the Picador, 330 E. Washington St., at 9 p.m. today. Admission is \$10.

Kevin Koppes, the booking agent at the Picador, noted the versatility of the band.

"It should be a real attention-grabbing show," he said. "They really kind of cover every range of sound between the organs and the guitars and the vocals."

Vocalist/guitarist John Gourley said he drained himself with the band's latest album, *The Satanic Satanist*. Emotionally, it was the most he had ever put into an album, evident by the love-ridden and escapist themes that surge through the band's most concise version of that distinctive sound to date.

"The whole record was about family — it's not a romantic love," he said. "The only true love that I can really say is truly there ... is family love and love for your community and love for the people around you. When it becomes singular it's really hard to make those separations and that definition."

While he says that the



Portland-based Portugal. The Man has released at least an album a year for the last four years along with numerous singles and an EP.

album is a positive embrace of the family, there are several moments in *The Satanic Satanist* that evoke a dark depressive state.

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"The whole thought was just Motown — it was

'Ain't No Sunshine,' " Gourley said.

In what has been described as the band's soul/pop album, *The Satanic Satanist* shows the group departing from the long-winded song structures of its past.

"Had we not made *Censored Colors*, I would have thought, 'Oh yeah, let's just write some really tight structured songs,'" Gourley said. "It's really difficult to pick and choose what are the best parts of the song and what deserves to be there."

Nevertheless, the band released *The Satanic Satanist* this summer. A workaholic musical force, Portugal. The Man is on tour now with another potential recorded album in the mixing process. In true Portugal tradition, Gourley said that the new music will be of a different breed from *The Satanic Satanist*.

"I feel like, mentally, I just work that way," he said. "You know, if I made a rock record today, tomorrow I'd want to make an electronic album or a pop album or whatever. I feel like it's so much more fun for me, and it keeps me healthy and trained to just do whatever works."

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Attempted-murder trial delayed

The trial of an Iowa City man accused of attempted murder has been delayed.

Gregory Phillips, 55, is now scheduled to go to trial Feb. 8, 2010. His pretrial conference will be Jan. 28, 2010.

Phillips's trial was supposed to start Oct. 5.

According to police reports, Phillips threatened an apartment manager at gunpoint after the manager reportedly told Phillips he would have to move to another unit because of a remodeling project.

Phillips allegedly pointed a

handgun at the manager and pulled the trigger, but the gun didn't fire.

Attempted murder is a Class B felony, generally punishable by up to 50 years in prison.

- by Regina Zilbermints

Council OKs loitering ordinance

The Iowa City City Council, on a 6-1 vote Tuesday night, passed the loitering ordinance.

The ordinance will go into effect Oct. 16. It will carry a \$50 fine for people who congregate in large groups and obstruct traffic.

The new ordinance is complaint-driven, and it makes an exception

for pedestrians who have the right of way.

The loitering ordinance was first introduced to the council, along with the juvenile curfew ordinance, at a special work session held Sept. 10. The past two considerations had passed by with a 6-1 vote at formal meetings on Sept. 15 and Sept. 29, with Councilor Amy Correia opposing.

- by Nicole Karlis

UI may lose more funds

The UI could potentially see a 1 to 5 percent reversion in its

budget, Faculty Council officials said.

At the Faculty Council meeting Tuesday, David Drake, the president of the Faculty Senate, addressed the budget, noting that the UI may soon have to return some money from the general education fund to the state government.

Each 1 percent equals roughly \$2.35 million.

"Cuts will have to be made and in a very short period of time," Drake said.

The Revenue Estimating Committee will meet Thursday; the members will discuss whether the state will go through with the reversions.

- by Marleen Linares

Judge orders UI to turn over Hillcrest-assault documents

A local judge ordered the UI to turn over more than 1,100 documents related to a sexual-assault investigation involving two former Hawkeye football players.

Sixth District Judge Douglas Russell decided on Oct. 2 the UI has 14 days to turn over the documents.

The ruling came in response to a lawsuit filed in August 2008 by the Iowa City Press-Citizen. UI officials contended the records are protected under federal student-privacy laws.

On Aug. 31, Russell ruled the

university must turn over the papers within 30 days, but school officials requested more time, which Russell allowed.

The judge also ordered the UI pay \$30,500 in costs and attorneys fees to the Press-Citizen.

The lawsuit stems from an alleged Oct. 14, 2007, incident in which two former Hawkeye football players were accused of sexually assaulting a female student-athlete. Neither of the men has gone to trial yet.

The UI was widely criticized for its role in the subsequent investigation, and a probe into the officials' handling of the case resulted in the termination of two administration officials.

- by Regina Zilbermints

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Needlework as high art

A tattoo artist performs deeds as eclectic as his own body art.

By CHRIS CURTLAND
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With bumblebees on their ring fingers, a happy couple walked out of Nemesis Studio about a year ago. But the tattoos weren't just symbolic — an official ordained minister inked them while simultaneously reading their vows.

Matthew Cooper, an inker and the owner of the South Linn Street store, got ordained in February 1993. It was his brother's idea.

"I told him, 'No, not really,' and he said, 'Too bad. I already mailed your form in.'"

Weeks later, Cooper, an atheist, was a minister thanks to Universal Life Church.

Cooper says he can't count how many tattoos or weddings he's performed. For him, the importance of these deeds comes with the "bonds" he develops.

"In terms of the artist-client relationship, there's not another job out there like it," the 34-year-old said, and the fun of his work is that people wear it.

He said weddings are fun, too, but they tend to be more serious.

"It's just as emotional for me as it is for [the couple] — there was one time I had to suck it up and fight back a few tears," said the burly, bearded man with facial "crop-circle" tattoos and several hoops hanging from his lobes, eyebrows, and bottom lip.

Friday will mark the 10-year anniversary of the first tattoo Cooper performed. He has worked across the nation, but is glad to return to Iowa City, a town the Newton, Iowa, native "fell in love with" as a teen.

"I'll never feel more comfortable walking around looking the way I do than I do here," Cooper said.

Cooper got his start in body art as a piercer working in Seattle, where he heard his calling.

"All I did was sit around drawing, and someone asked me one day if I was

MATTHEW COOPER

- **Age:** 34
- **Hometown:** Newton, Iowa
- **Blessed:** A rosary in his office by Pope John Paul II
- **Hobbies:** Playing in a band (Snow Demon), cooking pizza
- **Favorite tattoo performed:** UFO with a tornado connected, sucking up a cow: "Goofy Iowa stuff," Cooper said.
- **Favorite self tattoo:** Bacon cheeseburger on his calf

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ON THE WEB

Learn more about the tattoo artist/ordained minister in photos and audio on dailyiowan.com.

going to waste my time only being a body-piercer," he said. His facial tattoos were also a factor in his decision.

"I looked in the mirror and thought, 'What the hell did I just do? I could have just ruined my life,'" he said. "Then I decided I'd just get really good at tattooing."

Owning Nemesis for almost six years, Cooper has also nailed down the managerial aspects, said John Schmalfeldt, an artist who has worked at Nemesis for more than five years.

"We do things like a team [at Nemesis], so the Coop doesn't have to come down too hard," Schmalfeldt said.

According to one of Cooper's regulars, Jeremy "Junior" Robe of North Liberty, the artist doesn't come down too hard when he's tattooing, either.

"I wouldn't go to anyone else," Robe said. "He's very light-handed — he doesn't grind the needle into you." Cooper said he honed this touch by doing 27 tattoos on himself.

Cooper even presided over Robe's wedding, which was a traditional ceremony. Cooper's other weddings are usually more unorthodox, though, ranging from a three-minute service in a beer garden to a medieval-theme



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Matt Cooper talks about his first tattoo in the Nemesis waiting room on Monday. Cooper has owned the shop for roughly six years and has been a tattoo artist for around 10 years.



BRENNA NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Matthew Cooper tattoos Kate Catizone in his office at Nemesis on Oct. 3. Cooper has owned the shop for almost six years and has been tattooing for about 10 years.

marriage to a Middle-Eastern style in which he wore a peach ceremonial robe.

"That was a special one," he said. "Because you rarely see me in anything other than black."

He loves both tattooing and marrying people,

Cooper said, and he plans to do both for years to come.

His mother, Marlene Omodt of Modesto, Calif., is proud of the interesting life her son has.

"Not everyone gets to do what he loves," she said. "He's very lucky."

Tippie makes a grilling

Grill-Off raises money to build a refugee family a home.

By LAUREN MILLS
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The Tippie School of Business has a new Grill Master.

The prestigious title and Golden Spatula that accompanies it now belong to Kevin Felker, a lecturer in management sciences.

The Second Faculty Grill-Off is run by Delta Sigma Pi, and it supports the Tippie Build Project. Tippie Build, which is in its third year, partners with Habitat for Humanity to build homes for families in need. This year, the organization took over the UI Homecoming Council's project, which fell through because of problems with the original plot of land.

In addition to the Grill-Off, students were offered lunch including freshly grilled burgers and hot dogs with a suggested donation of \$5.

The event drew around 190 students and raised \$1,158, up from last year when donations totaled approximately \$600, UI senior Joe Dickinson said.

"The majority were familiar faces from the business school," he said.

The Tippie Build is financed by several fundraisers held by business groups. The grill-off's collections will contribute to the \$50,000 needed for the building project.

Despite clouds, noise, and dust emanating from a

construction project in the courtyard, UI sophomores Patrick Mahoney and Libby Fuller sat at a table chowing down on their grilled delicacies and potato chips. The two work at the business school.

"Our bosses came back with food and told us it was down here," Fuller said. She was motivated to attend, she said, because "Tippie Build is awesome slash food is delicious."

Dickinson and fellow UI senior Austin Ladd were responsible for arranging donations and recruiting faculty for the event.

"The Golden Spatula is definitely an enticing factor, as well as bragging rights for a year," Ladd said, noting last year a group had security guards at the grilling table.

This year, the departments heckled each other as they prepared their dishes.

"We are on the doorstep of victory," said UI Assistant Professor Ryan Wilson as he watched his colleagues from the accounting department prepare snapper tacos with a mango salsa.

Other departments opted for a simpler approach.

"Recipe is a bit of a strong word for anything I do. It would imply some ability," UI Assistant Professor Phil Davies said about the finance department's meal of steak and corn on the cob.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Students and faculty wait for patrons outside the Pappajohn Business Building during their barbecue fundraiser on Tuesday. Guests were asked to donate at least \$5 in exchange for grilled creations. The event was to raise money for the Tippie Build Project.

ON THE WEB

To see a photo slide show of the Tippie Build BBQ, visit dailyiowan.com.

"I'm an international person, and I'm just trying to bring some Iowa to the table," the Brit joked.

The grilling was evaluated by a panel of three judges chosen from the ranks of the school's students, faculty, and staff.

"There's a lot of effort being put into these dishes right here," UI senior and grill-off judge Sean Wandro said, testing a bite of marinated salmon.

He had an economics test shortly after the event, and he joked he would "see if I can't get the department to raise my grade if I score its dish up a bit."

But mangos, comfort food, and grades paled in comparison to the sea salt

Grill-off menu

Departments in the Tippie College of Business hoped to win over judges with such entries as:

- Sugar and sea-salt brine pork chops — Management Sciences
- Sweet and spicy marinated salmon — Marketing
- Tenderloin steaks with sweet butter corn — Finance
- Grilled snapper tacos with peach salsa — Accounting
- Chicken satay with a peanut sauce over slaw — Economics
- "Chicago surprise" — Management

Source: Tippie Faculty Grill-Off Menu

brine pork chops prepared by Felker and his department, who walked away with the enviable title.

"It was cooked to perfection," he said, holding his trophy.

METRO

Halloween parade Oct. 23

The Iowa City Parks and Recreation Department will hold a Halloween Parade and Carnival on Oct. 23. Activities will begin with a parade departing from Weatherdance Fountain in downtown Iowa

City at 6:15 p.m., and ending at the Robert A. Lee Community Recreation Center.

At the recreation center, children can participate in Halloween-themed games and activities, including: carnival games, cookie decorating, face painting, and a haunted hallway.

— by John Doetkott

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UI students Ryan Wallace (center), Lou Ebert, Aristotle Loumis, and Kyle Grace tug as hard as they can for Sigma Pi at Hubbard Park on Tuesday. Sigma Pi brought Sigma Nu to their knees in a game of tug-of-war. "Beating Sigma Nu is nothing new," said Sigma Pi second-tugger Ebert.

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Wednesday, October 7, 2009
- by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 You'll face trouble for not pulling your weight around home. A change in the way someone wants something done will cause some concern. Don't share secrets or let others in on your future plans.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 A job that can be done from home will get far more attention, bringing better results. An interesting conversation with someone who can influence your advancement will help you assess your situation and future.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Someone you thought you could count on will disappoint you. Focus on what you can do to get ahead professionally, and put any personal matters aside until you are in a better position to act rationally. A change of plans may cause a rift.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Make some minor changes to your home. Adjustments to the way you do things both personally and professionally will stimulate the progress of your projects and enhance your results.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Stick to your game plan, and don't be tempted to try to impress someone by promising the impossible. You may have to take a short trip or spend unexpected time in transit or doing research. Accuracy will be important if you want to protect your reputation.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Spark a conversation with someone you meet, and common ground will lead to a new friendship. A romantic getaway should be among your plans. Visit someone you respect who will shed light on a situation you face.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 There is more going on secretly than you realize. A chance to make some improvements to your residence or to purchase property will add to your assets. An idea you have will do better if you bring on board someone you have worked with successfully in the past.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 The more actively you are involved in a cause or group you enjoy, the greater your chance of getting together with someone who adds value to one of your projects or your personal life. Any opportunity to travel or engage in different cultures will contribute to what you do and who you are.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 The less conspicuous you are, the better. Keep things simple and to the point, and don't cut corners. Prepare to take the bad with the good when it comes to home and family. Not everyone will agree with your plans.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Make sure you understand what everyone else wants and is trying to do. If you are diplomatic, thoughtful, and helpful, you will make a friend instead of someone who will fight every suggestion you make. Productivity is the name of the game.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Your emotions will trick you into doing something you probably shouldn't. Hold off doing anything without a trusted friend's opinion. A sudden change in your financial situation will help ease your stress.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 You'll have far greater input and control if you are upfront and opinionated. Getting together with friends will inspire you to take another stab at a creative venue you have tried to launch in the past. Make sure your motives are reasonable.

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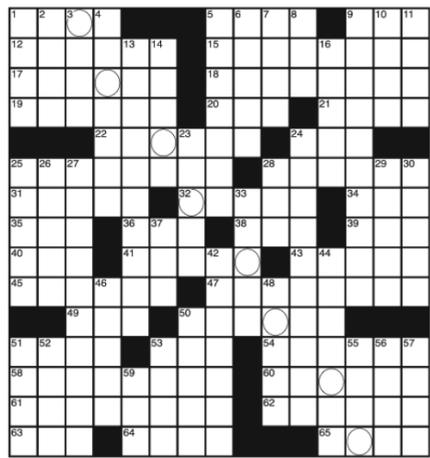
- **Health and Wellness Fair**, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Kirkwood Community College, Iowa City Campus, 1816 Lower Muscatine
- **Intellectual Freedom Festival Remiz**, Tack-Fu, the Chair-crusher, Pirate Radio, and Kembrew McLeod noon, Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **The Iowa Board of Pharmacy Examiners Medical Marijuana Hearings**, noon-7 p.m., Bowen third-floor auditorium
- **Disney College Program Presentation**, 4 p.m., Kirkwood Iowa Hall
- **Farmers' Market**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **Homecoming Week, Hungry Hawkeyes**, 5:45 p.m., IMU
- **Welcome Home Wednesdays**, 5:45 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Homecoming Week Sports Night**, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Karro Athletics Hall of Fame
- **Knitting Cables: Owl Hat**, 6 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Mini Sock or Mini Sweater in One Shot**, 6 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop
- **Unwind Wednesdays**, 6-8 p.m., Muddy Creek Wine Co., 100 E. Oakdale, Coralville
- **Acordian Music**, 6:30 p.m., Walden Place Retirement Residence, 2423 Walden
- **Bingo**, 6:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Board Game Night**, 6:30-10 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 89 Second St., Coralville

- **Whatever Works**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Burlington Street Bluegrass Band**, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Drop-In Meditation Classes**, 7-8:15 p.m., Lanrim Kadampa Buddhist Center, 311 N. Linn
- **Homecoming Kings and Queens Dance Party**, 7-9 p.m., Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center
- **Rainbow Reading Group**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Ballroom Dancing Class**, 7:30-9 p.m., First Christian Church, 900 Lincolnshire Place, Coralville
- **Symphony Band**, Mark Heidel, conductor, 7:30 p.m., IMU Ballroom
- **Be a Contestant on "The Smartest Iowan"**, 8 p.m., Public Access Television, 206 Lafayette
- **International Writing Program Cinémathèque, Poisoning Paradise**, 8 p.m., E105 Adler
- **Leon Redbone**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Little Ashes**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Comedy Night**, 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
- **Homecoming Week, Capture the Flag**, 9 p.m., Pentacrest
- **Intellectual Freedom Festival After Party**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Industry, 211 Iowa
- **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- **Portugal. The Man**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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- Across**
- Source of the music for a 2001 theatrical hit
 - Partner of grease
 - Business card number
 - Legendary opera star
 - Shortly
 - Rabid fan
 - "The one beer to have when you're having more than one" sloganer
 - Fixed, as a tapestry
 - in cat
 - Hubs: Abbr.
 - Come back following renovations, say
 - Admonition to a cell phone user in a theater
 - Comet, for one
 - Seen
 - Bank job
 - Wing, perhaps
 - Laugh syllable
 - E.R.A. part: Abbr.
 - Ad follower
 - Giant slugger
 - Something to stroke
 - O.T. book
 - Fear
 - Part of dressy attire for a woman
 - Foursome
 - Some revenue
 - Contents of a hoodwound seat
 - Echo
 - Identify theft targets: Abbr.
 - Theater sign



- Down**
- Rent-___
 - Wished
 - Arch above the eye
 - Night lights
 - Tell apart
 - Like the sun god Inti
 - Sounds from a 50-Down
 - Old carrier inits.
 - Superfluous person
 - Yank or Ray
 - Gen ___
 - Like some Adventists
 - Round snack items
 - Anne of HBO's "Hung"
 - Cry in "Hair"
 - Intuition
 - Sound from a monastery
 - Army Corps of Engineers construction
 - Lady Lindy
 - Certain filers
 - Colonel's insignia
 - Refuse
 - Bumps
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NOTEBOOK

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Ferentz said Forcier compares with the two quarterbacks Iowa has struggled against the most this year — Northern Iowa's Pat Grace and Arkansas State's Corey Leonard. Those two combined to complete nearly 60 percent of their passes for 486 yards and three touchdowns against Norm Parker's defense.

Bringing pressure might not be the answer to containing the freshman, Ferentz said.

"You better be careful with what you wish for with this quarterback because he's good," the head Hawkeye said. "He's really good."

Moeaki, Prater should play

Ferentz said he expects defensive back Shaun Prater (knee) and tight end Tony Moeaki (ankle) to play on Saturday against the Wolverines. Moeaki has missed the Hawkeyes' last three games.

"Our plan is to play him ... unless something blows up this week," Ferentz said.



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Arkansas State quarterback Corey Leonard throws a pass before Iowa defensive tackle Adrian Clayborn tackle him during the Hawkeyes' game against the Red Wolves on Oct. 3 in Kinnick Stadium.

Ferentz still confident in wideout

Derrell Johnson-Koulianos' absence in the first half on Oct. 3 concerned a good amount of the Hawkeye faithful.

Despite the wide receiver's apparent benching, the head

coach continued to support Johnson-Koulianos.

"I think he's had a good year so far," Ferentz said. "We're counting on him to help us out in the last seven games here. We've got a lot of big football games coming up."

COMMENTARY

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Nothing angers me more than hearing fellow students and Iowa alumni berate the boys in black.

I understand some (if not most) fans are completely hammered by the time they pass through the gates, but that's hardly an excuse for such an unacceptable action.

These players aren't trying to disappoint you. They love this program as much as the rest of us — if not more.

And I've always been a firm believer in cheering for someone as opposed to cheering against someone else.

But I digress. Does anyone else take issue with the way Herky is brought onto the field?

It baffles me to think the greatest entrance Herky can muster is being carried out on a plate before every game.

If folks really want to get the Iowa faithful jacked up before the Hawkeyes swarm the field, build a little

anticipation for the entrance of our lovable morale booster.

Instead of carrying Herky in, build the mascot a big birdhouse or nest between the student sections.

Picture the big hawk sticking his huge, beaked helmet out of either of those homes and imagine the anticipatory roar of the crowd.

And that's not the half of it.

If stadium officials have the ability to put a camera on a wire and move it anywhere above the field, they can certainly put a mascot in a harness, which would really get things rocking in Kinnick.

Yes, have the Head Hawk literally swoop down onto the turf before every game.

To increase fan participation, everyone could yell "KaKaaaa" as Herky glides to the field.

My other changes to the game-day routine are not quite so sweeping.

It would be great if the "Pancho's Burrito Lift" were scratched from the itinerary.

Instead of playing that annoying song and coercing unsuspecting students into making idiots of themselves, I would love to see a Pancho's-sponsored "Fan Lift" for the student section.

Other schools do something similar, and at the very least, it would eliminate something I imagine visiting fans get a good chuckle out of.

It amazes me to see how much people love that damn "Burrito Lift."

We could also get rid of the smile cam altogether. Instead, open up the camera (and a mike) to the crowd, and let them get a few words in. It may go without saying, but there would likely need to be a rigorous screening process — especially for students.

Even if these suggestions fall upon ignorant ears, I take solace in that "Back in Black" will continue to blare from the stadium's speakers. It means the Hawkeyes are taking to Kinnick, and I can deal with the rest.

EILERS

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she'd be a tremendous addition to our team on all fronts."

As a freshman at Iowa, Eilers finished second for the Hawkeyes at the 2008 Pre-National meet, setting a personal best with a time of 21:06 in the 6-kilometer race.

But her journey to the top has not been easy. Throughout her high-school and collegiate careers, she has faced some setbacks.

She blames her leg injuries during high school on training with the men's team, saying she "pounded herself into the ground" by running with the squad because she never had time to recover.

The injuries followed her into college, too. During her freshman season, she was

redshirted during the indoor track season because of an Achilles tendon injury.

And after the outdoor season, her problems grew more severe, forcing Eilers to sit out for the entire summer.

Despite not training, however, Eilers led the Hawkeye pack in Wisconsin last weekend with a time of 17:30 in the 5-kilometer race — the first time she ended an event on top for Iowa.

Cocaptain Hannah Roeder said Eilers' passion and dedication make her one of the Hawkeyes' most consistent runners.

"Brooke is someone who puts all her effort into training," Roeder said. "Every day, she is someone you can count on to go, and train smart, and prepare herself to do the best she can for the team. She will definitely be successful for

the rest of this season and throughout her career."

Although Anderson and Eilers' teammates consider the youngster a "rising star," the beginning of her running career developed somewhat haphazardly.

Eilers said she didn't join her high school's cross-country team until sophomore year, and she only joined because her friends ran for the team.

Later, she was the only one to be recruited to

compete in college.

Eilers said she didn't originally plan to come to Iowa. However, her last-minute decision to become a Hawkeye pleased her parents, both of whom are Iowa alumni.

"I had my heart set on Wake Forest," Eilers said. "I decided to come here after an open recruiting weekend. When I came and fell in love with it, I realized I'm a Midwest girl at heart."

BIG TEN

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After the Fighting Illini dropped to 1-3 with a 35-17 home loss to Penn State, Illinois head coach Ron Zook announced senior quarterback Juice Williams would be benched in favor of junior Eddie McGee when the Illini host Michigan State on Saturday.

Through four games, Williams has just one touchdown pass, and he has thrown four interceptions on the year. McGee saw the most action in Illinois' lone victory, over Illinois State on Sept. 12, after Williams went out with a thigh injury.

Indiana

After a rough 33-14 loss at home last weekend to Ohio State, the Indiana Hoosiers will play a game at Virginia.

Originally, the contest was supposed to be a home game for the Hoosiers against South Florida, which plays in the Big East and is ranked 23rd in the AP poll. However, the Bulls backed out of the game late, and Indiana had to agree to a sixth road game as a result, with the Cavaliers willing to welcome the Hoosiers to Charlottesville, Va.

"We're looking forward to it," Indiana head coach Bill Lynch said during the Big Ten football teleconference on Tuesday. "It's an opportunity to go play a good, traditional ACC school that has been very, very successful — particularly with Coach [Al] Groh, while he's been there."

"We know it's going to be a good challenge and knew it was going to be when it was scheduled."

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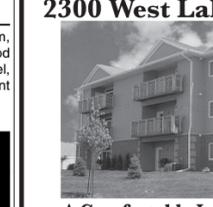
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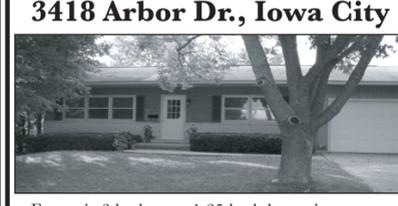
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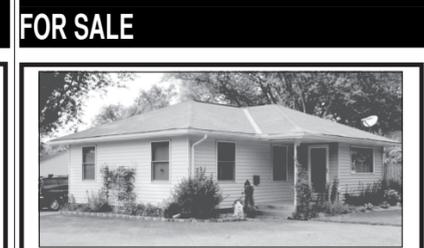
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MEN'S GOLF

Men's golf finishes 6th

The streak has ended. After finishing in the top five in each of its three tournaments this season, the Iowa men's golf team ended tied for sixth place in the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic with a score of 885 (45 over) on Tuesday.

The Hawkeyes entered the final round in second place but faltered down the stretch.

Host team Notre Dame won the tournament with a score of 870.

"I think our guys were playing really well, but we lost a little focus down the stretch," head coach Mark Hankins said. "We didn't complete the round, and it cost us a lot of places."

Junior Vince India, who placed eighth in 2007 and 12th in 2008 in the Irish Classic, finished tied for 10th with a score of 218 (8 over).

Junior Brad Hopfinger finished the tournament tied for 14th at 219.

Sophomore Chris Brant carded a 222, good enough for his highest placing of the season, tied for 24th.

Sophomore Barrett Kelpin had a tough end to his final round, shooting two double-bogeys in the final three holes. The Kalamazoo, Mich., native finished tied for 40th at 226.

Redshirt sophomore James Reiss finished in 81st with a score of 242.

The Hawkeyes will compete in the Baylor Intercollegiate in Dallas on Oct. 26. The tournament will be the final regular-season fall match for Iowa.

— by Clark Cahill

WOMEN'S GOLF

Women's golf finishes 16th

The Iowa women's golf team wrapped up the second and third rounds of play on Tuesday at the Johnnie Imes Invitational in Columbia, Mo.

The Hawkeyes finished 16th out of 18 teams with a three-round score of 961 (97 over).

Big Ten foe Wisconsin took first place with a score of 909. Tulsa took second place with a score of 912, and Missouri followed with a 913 for third.

Freshman Kristi Cardwell had the Hawkeyes' lowest score in round three with an 81 (9 over). Cardwell also carded the team's lowest score in each round and finished tied for 24th individually.

Sophomore Chelsea Harris and freshman Gigi DiGrazia each finished round three with a score of 82, and juniors Laura Cilek and Brianna Coopman both carded 83s.

The Hawkeye Invitational will be Iowa's next competition. The team's lone home tournament of the year will be Oct. 17-18 at Finkbine Golf Course.

— by J.T. Bugos

FOOTBALL FORUM

Be sure to visit dailyiowan.com every day throughout the 2009 football season for the 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 discusses Michigan quarterback Tate Forcier, as well as the return of senior tight end Tony Moeaki and sophomore cornerback Shaun Prater.

'Hopefully, our [defensive] line will do a good job of containing him, but he's probably going to break a couple plays here and there.'

— Pat Angerer, senior

Forcier to reckon with

Michigan quarterback Tate Forcier's dual-threat ability concerns Kirk Ferentz.

By SCOTT MILLER
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Note to Tate Forcier: You've caught Kirk Ferentz's attention in a big way.

Calling Forcier unusual, impressive, and "really good," the 11-year Iowa head coach seemingly spent more time talking about Michigan's true freshman scrambling signal-caller than his own team's 5-0 start and No. 12 ranking.

Forcier came into Ann Arbor as a much-hyped, widely recruited dual-threat quarterback who was apparently made for Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez's spread offense. His self-made website — www.qbforce.com, on which he published every scholarship offer he received, including one from Iowa — created an even bigger following for the California native.

By the time he started in the Wolverines' opener against Western Michigan on Sept. 5, Forcier, who arrived on campus in time for spring practice, had been anointed Michigan's savior following its 3-9 2008 campaign.

Through five games, the 6-1, 188-pound baby-face freshman has led Rodriguez's squad to a 4-1 record, completing nearly 60 percent of his passes and putting up a 9-3 touchdown-interception ratio. Perhaps most



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Iowa strong safety Tyler Sash tackles Arkansas State wide receiver Lucious Henderson during the Hawkeyes' game against the Red Wolves on Oct. 3 at Kinnick Stadium

impressive was Forcier's late-minute drive to beat then-No. 18 Notre Dame at home.

The freshman was 6-of-7 for 56 yards in the drive against the Fighting Irish, which concluded with a 5-yard touchdown toss to Greg Mathews in the final seconds. Ferentz and company watched Forcier's dissection of Notre Dame's defense on their way back from Ames after beating Iowa State, 35-3.

"He seems to thrive in that situation, that circumstance," Ferentz said.

Also in that Notre Dame game, Forcier showed off his scrambling ability. His 31-yard touchdown run on fourth and 3 at the beginning of the fourth quarter put Michigan up by 11.

Iowa senior linebacker Pat Angerer is aware of Forcier's dual-threat ability, he said, and it was a point of emphasis

ON THE WEB

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for the Hawkeyes' defense this week.

"Hopefully, our [defensive] line will do a good job of containing him, but he's probably going to break a couple plays here and there," Angerer said.

SEE NOTEBOOK, 10

Rodriguez likes Iowa 'D'

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

By BRENDAN STILES
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When the Michigan Wolverines come to Kinnick Stadium on Saturday night, they'll enter on a down note.

In September, Michigan wasn't flawless but advanced through the month unscathed with a 4-0 mark. However, the Wolverines visited Michigan State last week and were handed their first defeat, falling in overtime, 26-20.

One of the more glaring statistics showed up in the running game: The Wolverines managed only 28 yards on the ground.

When asked about what he expects from the Hawkeye defense this week, Iowa's front four caught the attention of Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez.

"They're as active and use their hands as well

as any front that I've seen in the last several years," he said during the Big Ten football teleconference on Tuesday.

The former West Virginia head coach also talked about how his team's spread offense, led by true freshman quarterback Tate Forcier, will have to scrap hard for every yard Michigan gets on Saturday.

"They're so good defensively, they don't give up hardly any big plays," Rodriguez said. "They're keeping everything in front of them, and you have to earn what you get."

"Nobody has been able to move the ball consistently on them all year."

Illinois

The biggest bombshell in the Big Ten this week came from Champaign, Ill.

SEE BIG TEN, 10

Sophomore catching eyes

One runner on the Iowa women's cross-country team sees a lot of work left to do.

By MICHÈLE DANNO
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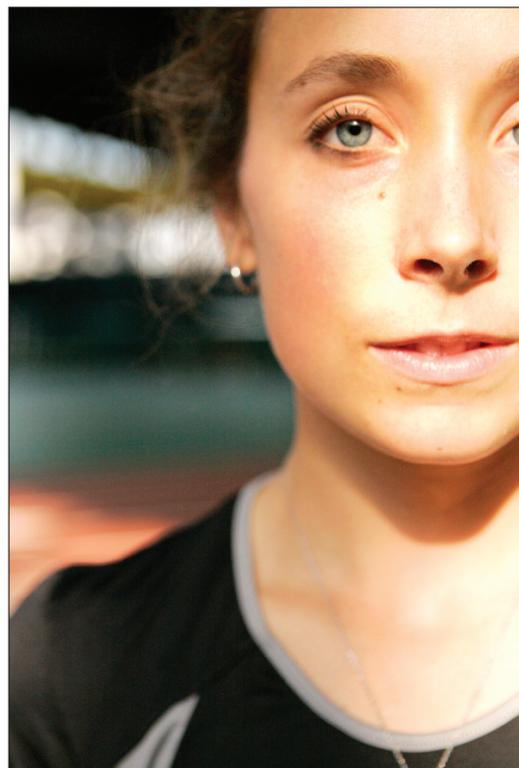
Despite being female, Iowa sophomore harrier Brooke Eilers started her running career competing against guys.

She has come a long way since then, placing first for the Iowa women's cross-country team at the Wisconsin Invitational on Oct. 3.

She was too advanced to practice with the women's team as a prep at Holland Christian High School in Michigan, so she trained with the boys. In turn, she earned attention from Division-I scouts and coaches.

Iowa head coach Layne Anderson was one of the recruiters who recognized Eilers' talents. He said he was impressed with both her running and her attitude.

"She's a quality person," he said. "When I first met her in the recruiting class, I was very impressed with her maturity. We hit it off right away, and I knew



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Iowa sophomore harrier Brooke Eilers stands next to the track at the Recreation Building on Tuesday. On Oct. 3, Eilers placed first for the Hawkeyes at the Wisconsin Invitational.

SEE EILERS, 10

COMMENTARY

Wrong way, fans

One *DI* reporter lives for game day in Kinnick, but things need to change.



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I've seen Shonn Greene make Brett Bielema and the Wisconsin defense look like fools.

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As much as I live for the action on the Kinnick Stadium turf, there are aspects of home games I could do without.

Several in fact.

This may be asking too much of our ever-classy fanbase, but if you're listening out there: Stop booing Iowa players.

Now.

SEE COMMENTARY, 10