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UI VP hopefuls to visit campus

The chosen candidate will not start at the UI until 2010.

By **EMILY BUSSE**
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After a year of searching, UI officials will welcome four final candidates to campus this week to vie for a position in UI President Sally Mason's cabinet.

The hopefuls are aiming to be named the UI's vice president for Strategic Communication — a job that has been left vacant for eight years.

One candidate each day, from today through Thursday, will visit campus to meet with Mason and her vice presidents, as well as give a presentation at a public forum.

The position existed under former President Mary Sue Coleman, but budget cuts forced officials to eliminate it. Though the UI is facing financial woes yet again, officials said they need the position to help the university with its strategic goals and external communication.

"I don't know of any university or major organization that does not have a vice president or chief of communication," UI Provost Wallace Loh said. "It's one of the most absolutely critical positions."

While neither Iowa State University or the University of Northern Iowa have a specific administrative

Other current searches

- Head of neurology department
- Tenure-track assistant statistics professor
- Assistant physics and astronomy professor
- Head of pharmacology department
- Analytic sciences assistant professor

Source: UI website

SEE **SEARCH**, 3A



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Leaves of grass

UI student Maggie Lok plays in the leaves near the Pentacrest on Sunday, taking advantage of the unusually warm weather. Last weekend provided Iowa City with a pleasant warm front — Sunday's high temperature reached 74 degrees, up from 36 degrees on the same day last year, according to the National Weather Service. The service predicts a cold front will move in today, but temperatures will remain higher than normal, in the 60s.

HEALTH CARE

Locals react to health vote

The bill passed narrowly, 220-215.

By **KEVIN HOFFMAN**
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UI professors say the health-care reform bill passed this weekend by the House is "historic" — though it's still far from a victory for the Obama administration.

Representatives approved the bill by a narrow margin, 220-215, with the support of 219 Democrats and one Republican, Rep. Joseph Cao, R-La. Of the 215 who voted against the legislation, 39 were Democrats.

The three Iowa Democrats supported the bill, and the two Republicans opposed it.

"It's interesting that it was so close," said UI political-science Associate Professor Tim Hagle. "But not particularly surprising, because there were a lot of Blue Dog Democrats that had great concerns about various aspects of the bill."



Hagle
associate professor

If implemented, the bill would extend coverage to 36 million underinsured Americans and provide affordable care to an estimated 96 percent of the population.

President Obama praised the House for its "courageous" and "historic" vote.

But UI health management and policy Professor Samuel Levey said he's unsure if lawmakers have spent enough time analyzing the 2,000-page bill.

Levey said waiting a couple more years could bring a new coalition of legislators to develop a more comprehensive bill.

"Personally, I think it's tragic we haven't had some kind of legislation on universal health care," he said. "I think we do need it. The problem is how it's constructed."

SEE **BILL**, 3A

Longtime medical shop to close

Some voiced concerns over the Medical Instrument Shop's closure.



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The Medical Laboratories Building is shown on Nov. 4. With the Medical Instrument Shop closing, surgeons and other medical staff needing instruments fixed or repaired may need to go to a non-university dealers for equipment.

By **SAM LANE**
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Tucked in the underground quarters of the UI Medical Laboratories Building, workers have made and repaired UI Hospitals and Clinics tools for decades.

But financial constraints are now forcing the 86-year-old shop to close.

The department has lost \$300,000 since 2000 because of competition from companies, and it is currently operating on a deficit, said UI spokesman Tom Moore, noting the closure will save the university \$750,000 a year.

Despite the cost savings, doctors and surgeons who often rely on the shop said they

are worried about its closure.

UIHC neurosurgery Professor Matthew Howard said his department turns to the shop's employees to help design and build experimental surgical devices.

"They have provided really important services," he said. "It's a serious loss. I'm not sure what we're going to do."

One person close to the facility's work, who asked not to be named pending final decisions on the matter, said the closure will force all repairs and construction of medical equipment to be outsourced to local companies, none of which have been determined yet.

SEE **CLOSURE**, 3A

Democrat senators divided on government health insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — The glow from a health-care triumph faded quickly for President Obama on Sunday as Democrats realized the bill they fought so hard to pass in the House has nowhere to go in the Senate.

Speaking from the Rose Garden about 14 hours after the late Saturday vote, Obama urged senators to be like runners on a relay team and "take the baton and bring this effort to the finish line on behalf of the American people."

The problem is that the Senate won't run with it. The government health-insurance plan included in the House bill is unacceptable to a few Democratic moderates who hold the balance of power in the Senate.

If a government plan is part of the deal, "as a matter of conscience, I will not allow this bill to come to a final vote," said Sen. Joe Lieberman, the Connecticut independent whose vote Democrats need to overcome GOP filibusters.

"The House bill is dead on arrival in the Senate," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said dismissively.

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Click over to today's web edition for a multimedia feature about this weekend's Hawkeye football game. Exclusively online, we have photos, video, and audio detailing Iowa's first loss of the season.



ACT tests the waters at 50

Strongly rooted in Iowa City history, the test-maker celebrates 50 years and change therein.

By **LAUREN MILLS**
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Half of a century ago, two UI faculty left their lasting mark on the world: a series of lead-filled ovals with no stray markings.

The ACT test celebrated its 50th year this past weekend; its first test was administered on Nov. 7, 1959. This year, more than 1 million students took the ACT in 50 U.S. states and 120 countries.

But the standardized test has a far more local connection.

A group of UI employees first organized ACT in the Old Capitol in August 1959, where an exhibit now stands to commemorate the event.

E.F. Lindquist, a UI professor of education, and Ted McCarrell, the UI's dean of admissions and a registrar, founded the revolutionary exam.

"Anytime you think of the UI, you are surrounded by brilliant people," said Elyse Bauserman, a UI junior in the nursing program, about the achievement. "It makes you aware of how important the UI is."

Headquarters for ACT Inc., originally located in Seashore Hall, remain in Iowa City, now occupying numerous buildings in a campus off North Dodge Street.

"Iowa's educational testing and measurement program is one of the strongest in the world," said Rose Rennekamp, the vice president of communications for ACT, who earned an M.B.A. at the UI. "A large number of our employees are UI graduates."

And that relationship has proven beneficial for the university.

ACT Inc. recently announced a \$5 million endowment gift to the UI's ACT Scholars Program to fund recruitment of students underrepresented in the UI and Iowa City communities. UI students involved in the program can pursue graduate degrees while working at ACT.

The ACT has undertaken a few makeovers since its inception, adding a science section and condensing the

reading section in 1989 and creating an optional essay in 2005.

Today, however, ACT officials are focused on such tests as the Explore and Plan exams for eighth- and 10th-graders. These tests are increasingly popular because more entry-level jobs require college education, Rennekamp said.

"Ideally, no one should have to take remedial classes at a university," she said. "So it helps if teachers and parents can identify those needs before students get to college."

The ACT has grown exponentially from 75,000 students in 1959 to roughly 1.5 million in the 2009 high-school graduating class.

"It was something you had to do," Bauserman said about taking the ACT. "It is a pretty good, cost-effective way to determine whether you are college-bound."

In Iowa, the average test score for high-school graduates is 22.4, the second highest in the nation and 1.3 points

The ACT then and now

Registration fee:

- Then: \$3
 - Now: \$32 (\$47 with the optional essay)
 - Company name:
 - Then: American College Testing Program
 - Now: ACT Inc.
 - Test-takers:
 - 75,000 students in 16 states
 - 1.5 million students in 50 states and more than 120 countries
- Source: ACT Inc.

above the national average. This year, the UI average was 25.4 for incoming freshmen.

However, some students have reservations about universities using the ACT for admissions.

"It is a fair representation of ability, but I don't think it is a good representation of success," UI junior Elliot Cook said. The test is more representative of high schools and the prep and AP classes they teach, he said.

ACT officials said they recognized the test's limits but say it provides an objective way to measure knowledge.

"There are no teacher's pets in a standardized test," Rennekamp said.

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METRO

UI looking for wind funds

The Iowa Power Fund Board will consider a UI proposal Tuesday for \$15 million in state funding to support a \$78 million bid for the world's first test site for large-scale wind turbines.

A team in the UI College of Engineering created the project — titled the Wind Energy Testing Institute. The turbines would be placed at the Oakdale campus, where researchers would test large turbine drive trains, which are used to convert the energy from turning blades into electricity.

Iowa is currently home to the second-largest installation of wind turbines in the nation, and two major producers of turbines are located in nearby: Clipper Windpower in Cedar Rapids and Acciona Windpower in West Branch.

The UI hopes to attract additional funding from other areas such as the Iowa Department of Economic Development and federal stimulus dollars.

— by Lauren Mills

Man charged with stealing cigarettes

Johnson County sheriff's deputies arrested an Iowa City man after he allegedly stole 350 packs of cigarettes from a Casey's General Store.

Authorities charged Eli Vargason, 18, 1112 Hotz Ave., with third-degree theft.

According to reports, Vargason allegedly smashed the glass out of the front door of the store. Cameras recorded Vargason filling bags with cigarettes, police said.

When Vargason was arrested, he had other stolen property in his possession from more than one burglary, police said.

Vargason is in custody at the

Marshall County Jail on \$16,000 cash-only bond.

— by Marleen Linares

Man charged with stealing debit cards

UI police arrested a Coralville man, charging him with stealing debit cards from a car and then using the cards to buy food.

Police charged Theodore Pietryga, 48, 1322 Fifth St. Apt. 1, with second-degree burglary and unauthorized use of a credit card.

According to reports, Pietryga was seen on UI Hospital and Clinics security cameras reaching into an occupied car and taking debit cards from a wallet in the passenger seat.

Pietryga then used the cards to purchase food at the hospital cafeteria.

Second-degree burglary is a Class C felony and is generally punishable by 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

— by Marleen Linares

Man charged with theft

Iowa City police arrested a man after he allegedly stole a vehicle from a driveway.

Police charged Dakota Williams, 18, 519 N. Johnson St., with second-degree theft.

According to reports, a police officer saw Williams driving the vehicle that had been stolen earlier in the evening. When the officer tried to stop the vehicle, Williams ran from the scene, police said.

Police allege that Williams admitted to stealing the vehicle from a driveway and that the keys were inside at the time.

Williams is in custody at the Johnson County Jail on a \$5,500 cash or surety bond.

Second-degree theft is a Class D felony and is generally punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500.

— by Marleen Linares

POLICE BLOTTER

Derryk Berger, 18, Buffalo, Ill., was charged Aug. 30 with willful injury causing bodily injury.

Kathy Bishop, 50, Franklin, Tenn., was charged Nov. 5 with public intoxication.

Kevin Blake, 22, 1626 W. 44th St. Court, was charged Nov. 7 with public intoxication.

Andrew Epstein, 40, 1507 Jackson Avenue, was charged Nov. 6 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Max Etten, 21, Anamosa, Iowa, was charged Nov. 6 with public intoxication.

Samantha Giehl, 18, 202 Stanley, was charged Nov. 5 with fifth-degree theft.

Jesse Griswald, 24, Wheaton, Ill., was charged Nov. 7 with disorderly conduct.

Joshua Henderson, 20, address unknown, was charged Nov. 5 with public intoxication.

Darryl Henry, 18, 1401 Franklin St., was charged Nov. 6 with interference with official acts.

Myles Hermiston, 20, Durant, Iowa, was charged Nov. 6 with possession of a fictitious driver license or ID and public intoxication.

Johann Hildner, 23, 2725 Heinz

Road Apt. 2, was charged Nov. 7 with possession of marijuana.

Kelly Jensen, 49, 4653 Herbert Hoover Highway, was charged Nov. 7 with driving while barred.

Kaitlin Johnson, 18, 625 S. Dodge St. Apt. 7, was charged Nov. 6 with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Shane Kaiser, 22, 1102 Hollywood Blvd. Apt. 203, was charged Nov. 7 with public intoxication.

Christopher Lago, 21, 353 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 203, was charged Nov. 7 with public intoxication.

Robert Lee, 57, 1902 H St., was charged Nov. 6 with fifth-degree criminal mischief and public intoxication.

Shaye Lio, 20, 427 N. Dubuque St. Apt. 11, was charged Nov. 6 with PAULA.

Brandon Lofton, 23, Ottumwa, Iowa, was charged Nov. 7 with public intoxication.

Harry Paul, 21, 304 E. Davenport St., was charged Nov. 5 with public intoxication.

Antonio Martin, 29, 2218 Taylor St., was charged Nov. 5 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Whitney Marquez, 22, 646 S. Dodge St. Apt. 8, was charged Sunday with driving with a

suspended or canceled license.

Kody Merrival, 22, 201 Hawkrigge Drive Apt. 2311, was charged Oct. 27 with theft by deception.

Eric Miller, 24, 1903 Taylor Drive, was charged Nov. 6 with OWI.

Christopher North, 18, 132 Currier, was charged Nov. 5 with fifth-degree theft.

Rene Ortiz, 36, 2401 Lakeside Apt. 2004 was charged Nov. 7 with fourth-degree theft and public intoxication.

Eric Parker, 25, 1131 3rd Avenue, was charged Nov. 5 with assault-domestic abuse.

Brent Paulsen, 20, 445 Highway 1 W Apt. 10, was charged Nov. 6 with unlawful use of authentic driver license or ID of another.

Thomas Piazza, 19, Libertyville, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Kyle Schau, 19, 418 S. Van Buren St., was charged on Nov. 6 with public intoxication.

Brandon Smalley, 22, 622 N. Van Buren St., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Seth Smith, 21, Muscatine, was charged Nov. 6 with public intoxication.

Alexander Taylor, 24, Naperville, Ill., was charged Sunday with

public intoxication.

Victoria Taylor, 18, 846 Slater Hall, was charged Nov. 6 with PAULA and presence on premise after hours.

Markie Thompson, 21, Ottumwa, Iowa, was charged Nov. 6 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Daniel Toraason, 26, Peru, Ill., was charged Nov. 7 with disorderly conduct.

Joseph Vanzant, 20, 220 Lafayette St. Apt. 202, was charged Nov. 6 with PAULA.

Medredith Virgilio, 20, 221 Iowa Ave. Apt. 1916, was charged Nov. 7 with public intoxication.

Dillon Weaver, 19, 205 S. Mount Vernon Drive, was charged Nov. 6 with unlawful use of authentic driver license or ID of another and public intoxication.

Rush Weigelt, 20, Haddonfield, N.J., was charged Nov. 7 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Jay Weisenborn, 21, 302 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1234, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Eric Zborowski, 20, Oswego, Ill., was charged Nov. 6 with public intoxication and false report to law enforcement.

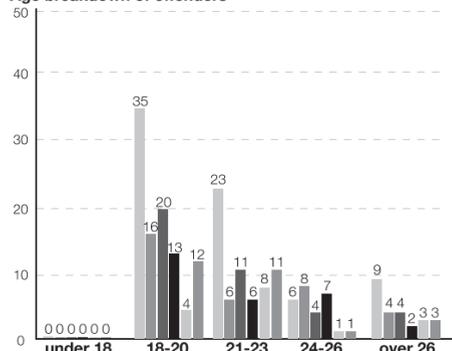
Busted

Between Nov. 6 and Sunday, Iowa City police handed out nearly 27 alcohol- and drug-related tickets — totaling at least \$3,650. Make sure to check out the *DI* after every home-game weekend to make monetary cents of the weekend's blotter.

Alcohol- and drug-related arrests and citations

	Sep. 4 - 6	Sep. 18 - 20	Oct. 2 - 4	Oct. 9 - 11	Oct. 30 - Nov. 1	Nov. 6 - 8
Public intoxication	40	16	22	11	6	22
PAULA	20	7	9	8	0	3
Possession of open container	11	3	1	0	1	0
OWI	6	8	8	7	5	1
Unlawful use of another's ID	5	2	3	2	0	3
Marijuana possession	0	2	0	1	1	1
Disorderly house	7	1	5	1	4	0
Presence in a bar after hours	0	0	1	1	0	1
Possession of drug paraphernalia	0	0	2	2	0	0

Age breakdown of offenders



KURT CUNNINGHAM & DAN AMBRISCO/ THE DAILY IOWAN

METRO

Man charged with 3rd OWI

Iowa City police charged a man with drunk driving after he allegedly backed into a parked car.

Police charged Lawrence Taylor Jr., 49, 1960 Broadway Apt. 1C, with third-offense OWI.

According to reports, police arrived at the scene to find Taylor standing with a security officer. Security told police he watched Taylor back into a parked car while attempting to park his own. Taylor allegedly smelled of alcohol, swayed while standing, and had slurred speech, police said.

Taylor failed all field sobriety tests and had a blood alcohol concentration of .21, according to reports. The legal limit is .08.

Third-offense OWI is a Class D felony, generally punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

— by Marleen Linares

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BILL

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The biggest problem with the bill is its cost, in his opinion, and he notes he's worried health-care expenses "are going to keep spiraling upward."

"I'm not sure we have mechanisms in place to do much about it," Levey said.

UI sophomore Jennifer Pray said she is looking forward to what comes out of the legislation.

"I think it's really exciting because it's such a historic event," she said. "I think health care has problems that need to be addressed."

But others weren't as pleased.

Karen Kubby, the former

executive director of the Emma Goldman Clinic, 227 N. Dubuque St., said she is disappointed with a provision in the bill that cuts federal funds for abortion.

"I realize that Congress needs to make compromises, but what it has done is compromise one of the most basic health-care procedures women seek," she said.

With the abortion amendment, it will be difficult for many poor women to pay for that medical care themselves, she said.

"It makes any kind of public health plan not as viable for women," she said. "It's really kind of dysfunctional for women."

The Senate will now draft its version of a health-care bill, and it will need affirmative votes from 60

senators to override any attempted Republican filibuster. Of the 100 senators, 57 are Democrats and two are independents.

Hagle said it will be difficult for the Senate to pass legislation quickly, noting there are several versions of the bill floating around in different committees.

"It's a step forward, but certainly not quite a victory yet," Hagle said.

If the Senate passes a health-care bill, both chambers will then need to reconcile the bills and pass a comprehensive version again before it hits Obama's desk.

"It's progressing, but it's hard to say," Hagle said. "I doubt, at this point, anything is going to happen this year."



CHARLIE ANDERSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

A sign denotes the Medical Laboratories Building on Nov. 4. The shop has lost customers and money over recent years, and officials said they have chosen to close the shop and outsource the work to outside retailers to help financial woes.

SEARCH

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position for "strategic communication," they employ a vice president for extension and outreach position and an assistant vice president for university marketing and public relations, respectively.

The first candidate to visit campus, Paul Allvin from the University of Arizona, will give a presentation at a public forum from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in S-401 Pappajohn Business Building.

The university received more than 250 applicants over the summer and in early fall before narrowing them down to the four finalists, according to an e-mail from David Kieft, the UI's strategic initiatives coordinator.

Allvin served as the editor-in-chief of the *Arizona Daily Wildcat* and executive director of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona while an undergraduate at the university.

He later worked as director of communications for Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano and served as the national director of

communications for the Make-A-Wish Foundation before joining the university.

He served as the University of Arizona interim vice president for external relations from 2006 to 2007 before entering his current position of associate vice president for communications.

The university plans to release the name of each candidate 24 hours before her or his arrival in Iowa City.

The position calls for someone to "advance the university's mission and goals," according to the UI's website, and whoever is chosen will lead communication for the entire university, Moore said.

"[We need] somebody who is the interface between the [UI] and the world beyond, meaning the media, the public, legislators, and so forth," Loh said. "That's not the job of the president."

Emeritus Professor Jude West is currently serving interim in the position. Although Moore said it is not technically a brand-new position, hiring a new person means it's always subject to a little change.

"I imagine the position will evolve," Moore said. "The new people [would] make

the role their own ... [but] it's difficult to predict which direction they will take."

Moore, who is serving as interim spokesperson for the university, said he will continue in the role at least until the new hire starts. At that time, they will discuss any changes to the entire communication team.

Though Moore said he did not have access to an exact cost for bringing the candidates to campus as of Sunday night, he said the entire process of searching for the four finalists and getting them to campus was "relatively inexpensive in comparison to other searches" because they did not hire a national search firm.

Instead, UI staff and faculty conducted the search and advertised the position primarily online.

Officials are now focusing on the four final candidates, and Loh said the chosen person's arrival next year will fill a gap in the university.

"You have to have somebody who tells the story of the institution," Loh said.

CLOSURE

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"I've heard comments from various departments," the person said. "They're upset. Where will they get this work done? It will be costlier for some departments to replace."

Employees first learned the news when a representative from the Carver College of Medicine visited the shop on Oct. 20. Because of the closing, workers will either be relocated to a different UI department or be laid off, Moore said.

The employees have a long history in the department — their average tenure is roughly 30 years, according to a listing hanging inside the shop.

"The employees are highly experienced and greatly valued," Moore said. "We are making plans to continue meeting the needs that are purchased from the shop."

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union will direct the process of the employees'

relocation.

Employees in such situations must receive 20 days notice before being relocated or laid off, said Danny Homan, the president of the union's Iowa Council 61, which oversees the shop's workers. Homan added he has not seen a formal layoff plan from the UI.

The employer must also inform employees of their bumping rights, the ability to bump employees in a different department who have less seniority than they do.

Homan was unsure whether the practice would occur because the shop's employees are "one-of-a-kind."

The shop moved into the Medical Laboratories in 1927. The expansive room is filled with heavy machinery equipped to make some of the most complex technology used at the hospital.

Spiraled cords run from the equipment, and tools occupy shelves throughout the facility. Its clients extend from the UIHC to across the globe.

Even with an international presence, the number of other shops capable of

Medical Instrument Shop

A brief history:

- 1923: Professors agree to contribute funds to establish a shop in the Psychopathic Hospital to maintain, manufacture, and repair the department's equipment.
- 1927: Shop moves to the Medical Laboratories Building.
- 1980: Shop commissioned to construct laser system for the Adler Planetarium in Chicago.
- 2009: Shop employees told it will close.

Source: Lowell Cross and UI Carver College of Medicine

making similar machines have increased, bringing in fewer customers to the Medical Instrument Shop in recent years.

UI officials said they have not yet determined a timetable for the closure, though sources close to the shop say they were told it would close by the end of the year.

The shop's supervisor, Jerry Swails, declined to comment.

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Board outlines boundary plans

Board members clarified boundary change goals.

By **HOLLY HINES**
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Iowa City School Board members have further defined their four main concerns with redistricting.

The School Board said its boundary-change committee should make recommendations that address the following:

- Keeping students in the school closest to their homes
- Balancing the number of students receiving free or reduced lunch prices throughout the district
- Ensuring boundary-change costs are affordable
- Addressing the increasing high-school enrollment immediately

The district's boundary-change committee will consider these goals when forming two or three potential redistricting options during a series of meetings, which will begin later this month.

The four concerns — introduced during a work session on Sunday — fall under the board's four broader priorities. Those

are demographics, operational costs, keeping neighborhoods intact, and enrollment considerations.

Board members will officially approve their priorities during a meeting Tuesday.

Relocating some students who receive free or reduced lunch prices would likely reduce the number of poverty-level students in some district schools. Board members said the committee should focus on this factor to help balance demographics.

Board President Patti Fields said the committee should emphasize sending students to the school closest to their homes because community members feel the issue is important. Board members said they will try to ensure all students in a single neighborhood attend the same school when possible.

Committee members should consider closing and consolidating schools if necessary to ensure boundary changes are affordable, board members said. Current budget concerns constrict the feasibility of increasing costs to the district for the following couple years, they said.

Board members also said boundary-change plans

should include an immediate solution regarding increasing high-school enrollment, and the district will not likely be able to afford a new high school in the next several years.

Board members don't plan to rank their four priorities, saying the committee should strive to maintain a balance among them.

"I want [the criteria] to drive the process in concert with each other," said board member Gayle Klouda.

District officials are completing the list of people — including city officials, school faculty, and parents — who will participate on the boundary committee.

Superintendent Lane Plugge said he plans to meet with the district's Equity Committee early this week to help ensure



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The hallway of Iowa City High School fills with students eager to go home after class on Jan. 29. Iowa City School Board members are addressing concerns with redistricting in local schools.

the final selections properly represent the whole district.

Officials are considering adding another representative from the northern portion of the district, in addition to members the Equity Committee may

recommend, Plugge said. The committee will likely have 33 or 34 members total, he said.

"People want to know who is on this committee," Fields said, and she thinks it's important to complete the list quickly so officials can

School Board Committee charge

School Board members will present these guidelines to the boundary-change committee to help its members make a recommendation:

- Develop two or three boundary-change scenarios for the board to consider
- Develop recommendations that address both long-term and short-term high-school enrollment concerns
- Use the four priorities determined by the board to aid their process
- Consider redistricting decisions for all grade levels
- Consider the interests of the community over self-interest

Source: School Board

publish it in the community. Board members will likely approve a partial list of committee members at a meeting on Tuesday.



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Staff Council Committee of the Month

Diversity Committee

The Staff Council Diversity Committee promotes diversity awareness and recommends ways to increase diversity and inclusion of all staff on campus in conjunction with the University of Iowa "Core Values," Institutional Goal #5 which strives for a "culturally diverse and inclusive university campus." This committee is concerned with:

- Developing programs throughout the year to promote diversity awareness, including the annual Staff Council Martin Luther King Celebration;
- Actively soliciting information from and interacting with the various diversity groups on campus and in the community in support of their goals as well as jointly sponsoring events/programs; Disseminating information to staff council concerning diversity programs and current activities and seek active support from Staff Council for promotion of these programs; Requesting annual updates from the University on the progress made toward increasing diversity and inclusion of staff on campus.

Read all about this committee at:
<http://www.uiowa.edu/~staff/committees/diversity.shtml>

Charter Committee of the Month

Funded Retirement and Insurance

This month's featured Charter Committee is Funded Retirement and Insurance. Seven members are appointed by the governing body of the faculty, currently the Faculty Senate; Seven members appointed by the governing body of the staff, currently the Staff Council. The Committee is co-chaired by a faculty member and a staff member; chair selections are made by the president of the Faculty Senate and president of Staff Council respectively. The charge to the Committee is to suggest and review faculty and staff retirement programs, insurance programs, medical and health programs, and "fringe benefits" for University employees; And to represent the faculty and staff in discussion and negotiation with vendors of insurance as these are carried forward by responsible officers of the administration. More information and committee membership can be found at: http://www.uiowa.edu/president/charter_committees/Funded-Retirement.htm

Staff Council Agenda

Wednesday, November 11, 2009
2:30pm-4:30pm • 102 CDD

- 2:30 Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2:40 Review/Approval of Minutes
- 2:50 State Appropriation Reversion - **Glenn Kell**
- 3:00 a) New Employee Vesting in Retirement Fund
b) Miscellaneous HR Issues (including Early Retirement)
Sue Buckley, Vice President, UI Human Resources
- 3:20 a) On Boarding/New Employee Assimilation Process
b) Furlough Notice Internship Program - **Diana Leventry, Senior Associate Director, UI Human Resources**
- 3:35 Annual UI Ombudspersons Report
Cynthia Joyce and Lois Cox, UI Ombudspersons
- 3:50 Compensation and Classification Redesign - **Karen Shemanski, Compensation and Classification Specialist**
- 4:00 UIHC HR Issues - **Chad Simmons, Associate Vice President, UIHC Human Resources**
- 4:20 Miscellaneous Issues/Announcements
- 4:30 Adjourn

The results of the Working at Iowa survey are now available at:
<http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/working/>

Meet Your Councilors

George Hospodarsky has been on staff council for four years. Counting time as a student, George has been at the UI for 25 years and as a "real" employee 15 years. George works in the Department of Physics and Astronomy as an Assistant Research Scientist. In this role, he helps build instruments for NASA spacecraft and then analyzes the data the instruments gather. George became involved in Staff Council to represent staff, especially research staff, and bring their concerns and issues to the University administration. Meeting with the University leadership and having the opportunity to discuss the issues and concerns that staff has is what he enjoys most about his involvement. George serves on the Committee on Committee, on Staff Council Executive Committee, and the Comp and Class Redesign Steering Committee. George and his wife, Calista, have no children, but 6 cats. George is a volunteer and fosters animals at the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center.



George Hospodarsky

Melissa Chapman was elected to Staff Council in Spring 2008. She has been at the UI since 2002. Melissa is an Associate Director at the Center for Evaluation and Assessment, where they conduct a variety of program and project evaluations with local and national partners. Melissa joined Staff Council to learn more about the UI, increase her level of engagement on campus, and to represent College of Education staff. Melissa is on the Diversity Committee, as well. She has quite a wide variety of interests, from fitness to literature and music to experimenting in the kitchen.



Melissa Chapman

The newspapers have been awash with state budget issues as of late. Iowa Governor Culver ordered a 10% budget cut due to slumping tax revenues. This sent a ripple throughout every state agency and hit the University of Iowa as well. Information on how the University of Iowa dealt with this challenge can be found at the budget website located at: <http://budget.uiowa.edu/> It is uncertain what Fiscal Year 2011 holds for the University of Iowa in regards to state appropriations. During these times, it is important that you contact your staff council representatives to let your views be known.

Message from the UISC President

The recent ten percent reduction in the state appropriation to the University of Iowa (and virtually every state agency) has impacted all of us. Several factors are worth noting. a) The use of non-recurring federal stimulus funds lessened the negative impact on our university. b) Most of the cut has been absorbed centrally rather than at the college, org or division level. c) Every effort has been made to protect people to the greatest degree possible. d) Local shared governance groups (the Faculty Senate, Staff Council, Graduate Student Senate and Undergraduate Student Senate) were involved collaboratively in addressing the budget reduction.

Collectively, we are making the best of a difficult situation. We applaud President Mason and her leadership team for how they are managing this budget reversion.

Glenn Kell
UISC President, 2009/10

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- JIF (Job Information Form) will soon be open for completion. Starting November 6, you will be able to complete the form on-line (again through the Employee Self Service website). An overview of this project is at: <http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/classcomp/redesign/>

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Teaching human rights

Students prepare to teach immigrants their rights.

By **JOHN DOETKOTT**
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Some UI students will soon spread the message to communities across Iowa: No human being is illegal.

That was the lesson of the day on Nov. 7, as a handful of students attended a "Know Your Rights" training session.

Sponsored by the UI Center for Human Rights, the special training session was for students interested in educating immigrants about their constitutional and human rights. The first of a two-part training program, Saturday's session taught students how to deliver "Know Your Rights" presentations which educate immigrants on their rights should they be arrested or detained by government agencies.

The next training session is slated for early next semester.

The training showed students how to communicate properly with immigrants, where to hold "Know Your Rights" presentations, and what materials to use. The training also prepared students to work with foreigners.

And that work can often be surprising, said Chelsea Moore, a UI senior and intern with the center who helped organize the training.

"They can expect the unexpected," Moore said

about the students who will give the presentations. "I think you have to prepare yourself to be a little shocked."

"We are trying to help them become integrated in a faster and more successful way."

— **Sandra Sanchez**, director

Sandra Sanchez, director of the Immigrants Voice Program for the American Friends Service Committee, said many immigrants may be hesitant to attend presentations because of documentation issues — something in which trainees also must be prepared.

She delivered the training presentation, as she has been doing for the past 14 years. An immigrant from Mexico herself, she said it is critical for both immigrants and Americans to understand their rights.

"In the minds of most Americans, immigrants have no rights," Sanchez told the group. "You are the hope for this country."

The training is part of the UI Center for Human Rights' 10th anniversary celebration, which will also include speakers, films, and will end with a large human rights conference.

"We're really just

trying to get 'human rights' in students' vocabulary," Moore said.

Sanchez said the overall goal of the program is to educate immigrants before problems arise.

"I believe prevention is the best medicine," Sanchez said. "We are trying to help them become integrated in a faster and more successful way."

Center officials hope students will plan "Know Your Rights" presentations sometime next semester after the second orientation session.

Jennifer Hagedorn, a second-year graduate student originally from Dortmund, Germany, said she became interested in immigration issues after taking a class on immigration last year. A teacher who has worked with immigrant children in Germany, Hagedorn said she wants to educate people about their rights as human beings.

"I've always been interested in human rights," Hagedorn said. "You have more rights than you think."

She hopes to work for an nongovernmental organization and help immigrants understand their place in society.

"They don't have to be afraid of who they are," Hagedorn said.

Wal-Mart reduces size of new store

By **SHANE ERSLAND**
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The Wal-Mart Supercenter set to be built in Iowa City will be smaller than the corporation initially planned, but many local residents said they want city officials to stop the facility altogether.

After additional building onto the current Iowa City store at 1001 Highway 1 W, the Wal-Mart Supercenter will cover 150,000 square feet of land — around 40,000 feet fewer than the company originally planned, said Ryan Irsik of Wal-Mart's public-affairs department.

Gary Sanders, the chairman of the local Stop Wal-Mart campaign, said city officials should not allow the corporation to build a supercenter in Iowa City at all.

"It is still the worst corporation in America," he said, noting many of the company's executives are very wealthy.

Wal-Mart first expressed interest in building a supercenter on Ruppert Road near the Iowa City Airport in 2005. Stop Wal-Mart sued the city and told the Iowa City Board of Adjustments to stop the purchase, and in July 2006, the retail giant backed out because it didn't want to be caught up in litigation any longer, Sanders said.

Jon Kinnamon, who is no longer involved with Stop Wal-Mart, was a member of the group that sued.

"I was concerned about the airport," he said. "I didn't want these businesses being placed in the vicinity of the runways."

There were originally plans for smaller businesses to surround the supercenter at that

location. Last year, the Iowa City City Council amended the multi-business zoning to allow Wal-Mart as the only business at the site, where the former Cub Foods and Staples buildings are located.

Sanders was critical of the corporation's recent changes in planning.

"It's ironic that after they went to such lengths to get the city to change the zoning agreement, now they're back 14 months later with another request," he said.

City Councilor Mike O'Donnell said the supercenter will bring employment

opportunities to Iowa City.

"I'd like to see a Super Wal-Mart here. People like to shop there," he said, adding Wal-Mart is creating two other commercial areas nearby.

Sanders agreed the store will create jobs, but said it would be nice if the employees could receive better benefits.

"Obviously it's going to provide entry-level jobs for some people," he said. "I never criticize Wal-Mart employees; for some it would be a good job. It would be good if [Wal-Mart] announced that everyone who works there would get better wages."

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Point/Counterpoint

Is changing the rhetoric requirement a good idea?

Requirement change ultimately hurts students

I was shocked to hear the UI is cutting its rhetoric requirement down to one semester. When I was a freshman, rhetoric was the UI's crown jewel. Neither Iowa State nor Northern Iowa required such classes from their non-English or communications majors. Requiring every student to take rhetoric was the UI's way of demonstrating to the world that all its graduates could express themselves through both oral and written communication, as well as understand the meaning in both forms.

Whittling down the requirement not only adversely affects a storied Iowa tradition, it performs a major disservice for UI students.

The requirement did have its problems. Because it does not belong to any particular department, rhetoric draws teachers from disciplines as varied as anthropology and physics. The lack of continuity can be very confusing to students.

Cutting back the rhetoric requirement won't lesson that inconsistency, but it will impair a student's ability to form a oral or written argument. Few classes other than rhetoric develop students' communication skills.

Check help-wanted ads. Go to job posting sites. Read the listings. Excellent written and oral communication skills are common requirements for most — if not all — job listings. Employers need employees with strong oral and written skills, regardless of the profession. Cutting short the rhetoric requirement shortchanges students' job prospects.

Instead of cutting the rhetoric requirements, the UI should tailor rhetoric courses around specific fields of study. The UI pulls TAs from different disciplines; they should teach from that discipline's perspective. Anthropology students could take rhetoric from anthropology graduate students, for example. Each department could offer its own respective course.

The UI could shave money from the budget by making each class part of a different department. It may not save more money, but it would still be a significant investment in students' futures.

— by Justin Sugg

Change will lead to more consistency

The UI's current rhetoric requirement is not overwhelming, but life would be better without it.

I'd be the first to argue for the power of knowledge through good literature. I'd also be one to



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Garrett Funk (right) and Eric Hawkinson center listen to a speech by a classmate in Steven Kerrigan's rhetoric class in the English-Philosophy Building on Nov. 3. Next year, the rhetoric requirement will be reduced by a semester, and class sizes will be larger.

support the need for students to master public speaking. But despite my support for these, I think university officials were right to put the kibosh on two-semester rhetoric classes.

The lottery of rhetoric TAs consists of a mix of graduate students from a variety of departments. If the plan is implemented, the TA's graduate school will be listed in the course description on ISIS, which will aid in students' decisions. Officials say the change would also reduce the number of TAs needed, and the UI should save money wherever it can.

The lack of consistency in the current system is also reason for altering it. You could get slammed reading a stack of terrible books and bogged down writing speeches to present in front of your classmates — half of whom are texting, the other half sleeping. Or you could get lucky and be assigned to read one not-so-bad book that's easy to discuss with a group of semi-interested classmates.

By cutting the class to one semester, administrators would have more consistency throughout rhetoric courses.

Beside clearing out the clutter, relieving students of the long requirement also opens up opportunities. Having the option to choose what class fills those extra hours would be favorable for students in many respects. They could take an extra course in their major, find a class to help them decide their major, or just take one of those classes that sounds interesting.

— by Chris Clark

Your turn. Is changing the rhetoric requirement a good idea? Weigh in on dailyyowan.com.

Health insurance the problem



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Wendell Potter looked like a stereotypical insurance man.

He wore dark-rimmed glasses, a simple black suit/tie combination, and spoke in a slight Tennessee drawl. There was nothing flashy about his appearance or Nov. 4 presentation at the IMU.

Potter is the latest voice to emerge in the health-care reform debate. He recently left a high-paying job at CIGNA to testify against the insurance industry's rampant greed, claiming that it is undermining our nation's health-care system.

Potter's call for greater government control is admirable, but he's arguing for the wrong reasons. That could have serious negative consequences.

He worked for various insurance companies for many years — but as a public-relations representative. He may look the part, but Potter has no experience in what he called the "line side" of the business: underwriting, claim adjusting, or actuarial work.

I knew this before attending his lecture and was skeptical about his credentials. I grew even more skeptical as he raged against health-insurance companies and their unchecked greed. Rage might seem like an inappropriate way to describe the mild-mannered PR rep, but his comparison between the insurance industry and Frankenstein's monster had all the emotional charge of an angry football coach — but without the volume.

I did not doubt his passion or his sincerity, but I did doubt his expertise. In my experience as an underwriter, I met few (if any) in the PR department who understood the nuts and bolts of insurance. Potter, at first, seemed no different. He was quick to present the number of uninsured Americans and the dollar revenue of health-insurance companies but glossed over any specific figures regarding profit margins.

That was telling. Any company — if led by greedy-enough execs — should have a sizable profit margin. No doubt

that health-insurance companies are bringing in big bucks.

UnitedHealth Group, the largest publicly traded health-insurance company, made more than \$81 billion in 2008. But that only translated into a roughly 5 percent profit. And it was one of the higher earners. The health-insurance industry as a whole averaged a 2.2 percent profit margin, according to an Associated Press article last month. That is hardly a robust margin.

Blaming greed for insurance companies' failure to manage costs is inaccurate and misguided. Potter's advocacy for community rating is one particularly glaring example.

Community rating was the rudimentary system in which insurance companies charged all their clients the same premium. Companies were able to keep premiums low for high-risk clients by averaging their rates with low-risk clients.

Eventually, however, companies shifted away from community rating because when the company had to raise rates on one client, it had to increase rates on everyone.

Companies had to do this because of the Law of Large Numbers, a mathematical rule that states a person who incurs a loss (treatment or accident) is more likely to incur future losses. Insurance companies then moved to a tier rating, which rated people separately and according to their risk.

This had the unfortunate consequence of increasing rates for high-risk customers and even excluding them from coverage. Insurers abandoned community rating not because they were selfish and greedy but because it wasn't a sustainable system. And it wasn't sustainable because insurance is the wrong way to manage costs. Insurance is about paying for potential, yet unforeseeable losses. Human health deals with probable and foreseeable losses. This discrepancy has led to spiraling health-care premiums — not greed.

I agree with Potter that the insurance industry is unsustainable; I disagree with his reasoning. If anything, greed has shed light on the health insurance's unsustainability. Condemning greed only leads people away from that conclusion. ■

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Value language diversity

Beau Elliot's recent opinion piece ("Put English on it," Oct. 27) is spot-on in pointing out how flawed the English-only movement is. But Elliot's own attitude about the English language — an attitude which, unfortunately, many people share — is equally flawed.

The truth is that language is in a constant state of change. This is not a new phenomenon, nor is it peculiar to American English. (Otherwise, Dallas police wouldn't

have a problem with Spanish: Both it and English would still be some Indo-European ancestor language.) Additionally, change in a language is not equivalent to its decline.

The kind of English we learn in school may be labeled "standard English," but this variety is not inherently better or worse than any other variety. All languages and varieties of languages contain a set of rules for constructing words and phrases that make sense; we call these rules "grammar." The grammar of nonstandard varieties of

English may happen to include different rules from that of standard English. But it is important to note that these inclusions or exclusions are mostly arbitrary and are, in either case, consistent, not random, or "sloppy" variations.

For example, the "singular 'they'" phenomenon that Elliot decries has attestations dating back centuries, even to Shakespeare and before. Generally, it is used when the pronoun's antecedent is indeterminate in number or gender. Again, this is not a random or

lazy variation; it is a consistent pattern, but it simply happens to be a rule that standard English does not include.

I'm not dismissing learning standard English or arguing that it's good or bad that society expects it in certain environments. I am arguing that we should be careful not to stigmatize others based upon their language usage. We should value language diversity — inside our own language as much as outside.

Robert Morris

UI graduate student in linguistics

Guest opinion

Plan to merge Mathematics Library would hurt the UI

By RICHARD BAKER and PALLE JORGENSEN

We believe that the plan to "merge" the Mathematics Library constitutes the abolishment and dismantling of the Mathematics Library. We believe that the vast majority of UI faculty are opposed to the dismantling of the Mathematics Library.

The UI Mathematics Library is a historic institution and has been located in 125 MacLean Hall since 1936. The current budget crisis has caused University Librarian Nancy Baker to propose that the entire collection of books and journals in

the Mathematics Library be moved to the shelves of the Main Library or moved to distant storage facilities. She has also proposed merging the Physics Library and Geoscience Library with the Biology Library. An independent delegation of mathematics, physics, and statistics professors has petitioned Provost Wallace Loh to find an alternative plan that would keep the Mathematics Library and Physics Library in their current locations. But to date, the provost continues to endorse Baker's plan.

We believe that the

Mathematics Department has the dual mission of mathematics teaching and mathematics research. It is nationally and internationally recognized that the existence of an in-house mathematics library is an internal strength of a mathematics department.

The Mathematics Library is at a central campus location that is easily accessible for all UI undergraduate and graduate students. The library is a hub of student activities, and it provides them with a stimulating and supportive environment for the study of mathematics.

Working with the library assistant in the Mathematics Library, students can gain immediate access to all the mathematics material that is required for success in their mathematics and statistics courses. The Mathematics Library also provides students with a very quiet and effective study environment. We believe that the overwhelming majority of the undergraduate and graduate students at the UI strongly opposed the dismantling of the Mathematics Library.

The overall value of the in-house Mathematics Library to mathematical

research at the UI is inestimable. We believe that its dismantling would hinder the mathematics department's mission to produce excellent mathematical research across a broad spectrum of pure and applied fields. The dissolution of the Mathematics Library would also adversely affect at least the following aspects of mathematical research: the ability of the Mathematics Department to attract top graduate students, top faculty, post-doctoral fellows, National Science Foundation funding, and other external funding.

We believe that the in-house Mathematics Library is essential to the dual mission of mathematics teaching and mathematics research at the UI. We remain optimistic that an alternative, low-cost solution to this crisis can be found — a solution that involves no layoffs. We urge Provost Loh to review his approval and find a way to keep the Mathematics Library.

Richard Baker is a UI associate professor of mathematics, and Palle Jorgensen is a UI professor of mathematics. Their guest opinion is independent of any stated positions of UI officials.

MOVIE REVIEWS

Not quite getting the goat

Despite an all-star cast, *The Men Who Stare at Goats* confuses viewers with its lack of vision and execution.

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Years ago, Miss Cleo, a self-proclaimed psychic, starred in her own infomercial. Supposedly, in the '80s, the U.S. Army was full of "Miss Cleos" — training and developing a division of "superwarriors" called the First Earth Battalion with abilities to read minds and move objects with thoughts.

The new movie *The Men Who Stare at Goats* attempts to reveal and investigate what exactly happened with this military division. Although the movie centers on an interesting topic — the development of psychic powers — it leaves too many unanswered questions. *Goats* has a good idea; it just poorly executes it.

The film follows Bob Wilton (Ewan McGregor), a reporter for an Ann Arbor newspaper who goes to Iraq to report on the U.S.'s invasion. He meets a man named Lyn Cassidy (George Clooney), who claims he's a Jedi warrior trained by the U.S. military. Bob follows Lyn around Iraq, learning his story and eventually revealing what exactly happened to the First Earth Battalion and its superpowers.

Though an interesting idea, *The Men Who Stare at Goats*' script is its major fault. Adapted from Jon Ronson's book of the same title, it's painfully obvious that screenwriter Peter Straughan wasn't quite sure how to bring the book to life. Rather



PUBLICITY PHOTO

George Clooney explores psychic powers in the new film *The Men Who Stare at Goats*.

than focusing on such basic ideas as character development and interaction, the emphasis is on how m a n y f u n n y o n e - l i n e r s Clooney's c r a z y character c a n deliver.

A severe lack of growth plagued the story. Questions about the First Earth Battalion remained unanswered by the end of the film. The writers provide a history and a present-day scenario involving similar people, but there is a lack of connection between the two. Even though it was likely an attempt to spark viewers' curiosity and force them to seek answers for themselves, it was too confusing. The audience is left thinking, "WTF?"

However, not everything is bad with *The Men Who Stare at Goats*.

With such charming actors as Clooney and McGregor, combined with the talented Jeff Bridges and Kevin Spacey, there isn't an issue with character believability or poor acting. They all embrace and expand on the absurdity of the idea of film, offering quirky lines and mannerisms such as Bridges' hippy character handing out eagle feathers or Spacey's channeling an 80-year-old woman to help with his psychic powers.

Ultimately, the movie cannot escape the poor development of the script. It's insulting to viewers to present such a controversial (and interesting) subject, then not answer the questions it raises. Successful acting couldn't save the lack of clarity and muddiness, and essentially, viewers learn nothing more about the film than what they saw in the TV previews. *The Men Who Stare at Goats* feels like an extended movie trailer.

The Men Who Stare at Goats

When: 5:10, 7:30, 9:50 p.m.

Where: Sycamore 12

When: 5:10, 7:30, 9:40 p.m.

Where: Coral Ridge 10

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Thinking way inside the box

Women are the root of all evil in *The Box*.

By GRETA HAGEN-RICHARDSON
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A million dollars or a human life?

This is the problem facing the young couple in Richard Kelly's (*Donnie Darko*, *Southland Tales*) latest film. *The Box* stars Cameron Diaz (*My Sister's Keeper*, *There's Something About Mary*) as Norma and James Marsden (*The Notebook*, *Hairspray*) as Arthur, a young middle-class couple living in 1970s Virginia.

It is obvious which of the two options is more ethically sound. However, with the very real financial troubles facing millions of people in America, making the choice that one could live with is a little hazy. Norma and Arthur work as a very sympathetic couple. After their son's tuition funding is pulled and Arthur is passed up for a promotion (for seemingly innocuous reasons) their financial situation appears more than a little desperate.

This bleak future is juxtaposed to their middle-class material wealth. While they might be in

trouble in the coming months, they own a home, a sports car and they all have their health. The story is framed around Christmas time, making the couple more relatable to the average American (when children expect gifts under a decorated tree, one might do anything to provide that holiday experience) as well as adding another dimension to their eventual choice.

The Box is most successful at illustrating the complexities of American consumer culture with the lives of Norma and Arthur. They need things in the beginning of the film that, as the stakes get higher, seem completely irrelevant by the end. This contrast communicates the ethical quandary beautifully and makes their situation more personal.

Unfortunately, the manner in which *The Box* goes about moralizing is alienating and absurd. Kelly masterfully contrasts the couple's socially constructed delusions of what people need to get by to the actual truth of the situation. Then, out of nowhere, he steals a major story line out of the Bible. From Genesis, to be more exact, and that is when the movie fails.

The Box turns to Judeo-Christian dogma and folklore to create

tension and fill in plot holes. The enigma of the man with the box and half a face (which is over-emphasized throughout the entire film) turns out to be a God-like figure in human form who rains down judgments from "above." The most offensive allegory comes with the relationship between "original sin" and Norma's choice. It is she, and several other wives who ultimately make the decision to accept the money while their dotting and defenseless husbands sit idly by.

The transparent references to God and the Second Coming of Christ were offensive enough to the unaware viewer. But, the idea that women are naturally so overwhelmed by their need for possessions and status that they are willing to forgo both their own family's collective conscience and human life is completely unacceptable. Men in this film hold no blame, and (surprise anyone?) they run the whole show. Women only want material wealth and are ultimately the catalyst for their families' degradation.

Appalling and manipulating, *The Box* leaves one feeling unwashed and angry. Richard Kelly can keep his moralizing and proselytizing ways inside the box next time.

The Box

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Spotlight Iowa City

A passion for getting better

Mediocrity is not an option for Andre Perry, a man whose passions are writing and music.

By **DANA JUDAS**
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Andre Perry is a modest guy.

The 32-year-old is responsible for bringing the Mission Creek Festival to Iowa City. He's a Princeton University graduate who friends say doesn't realize how great of a writer he is.

But for Perry, he can always be better.

"Everything I wrote last week sucks," he said. "And the show I played last night? It was crap."

Perry, in addition to his musical and writing endeavors, also works as the Mill's booking agent and serves as a UI undergraduate adviser. He's full of energy and always ready to sleep by the end of a long day.

At his home amid an old-time record player and burgundy leather couch, Perry, a lanky man dressed simply in a plain T-shirt and jeans, described writing as his foremost passion.

"I have a lot of activities, but writing is what gets most of my time," the Washington, D.C., native said.

Perry had always loved writing — that is, until Princeton "ruined" it.

"My first creative teacher [at Princeton] wasn't very motivating for people who needed motivating nor did she



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Andre Perry takes a moment to rest in his home on Sunday. Perry attended the UI Nonfiction Writing Program and received an M.F.A.

'He was a terrific student. He is exciting. He has a lot of strong ideas and is very innovative as a thinker. It's always enjoyable for someone teaching to have a student who keeps you on your toes.'

— Robin Hemley, UI director nonfiction writing program

encourage experimentation or challenging the form of fiction," he said. "I never got the sense that anyone was teaching me how to write. Nonetheless, I wish someone had been there to nudge some basic skills into my head."

Perry didn't want other students to feel the same way about their teachers. He eventually landed a job teaching writing to middle-school students, drilling in the basic elements of the craft.

But after four years, Perry began to itch to return to writing on a full-time basis and started applying to graduate programs. His father suggested the UI as an option; Perry didn't think he'd get in, but he was

accepted into the Nonfiction Writing Program.

Though Perry wasn't overly confident, Robin Hemley, the director of the program, described him as a strong writer from the very beginning.

"He was a terrific student," Hemley said. "He is exciting. He has a lot of strong ideas and is very innovative as a thinker. It's always enjoyable for someone teaching to have a student who keeps you on your toes."

In 2005, shortly after Perry's admission into the program, the creative wheels began to turn. Perry and Jeff Ray, a friend from San Francisco and founder of the West Coast's Mission Creek Festival, envisioned

Name Name

- **Age:** 32
- **Hometown:** Washington, D.C.
- **Alma mater:** Princeton University
- **Would morph into:** A tiger cub
- **Favorite color:** Blue
- **Favorite authors:** Nathanael West, James Baldwin, Jonathan Ames, Ernest Hemingway
- **Would love to live in:** England

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bringing the idea — which includes music and literature events — to the Midwest. Perry was on board for anything that fused both music and writing.

Craig Eley, an assistant producer of the Midwest's Mission Creek Festival, points out that although there are many dedicated individuals involved in organizing the festival, Perry is responsible for bringing it to fruition.

"There are a lot of people who have a lot of ideas, a lot of great people with great ideas on how to make Iowa City better, but then don't follow through," he said. "[Perry] will see it through."

Perry hopes to eventually teach writing at a university — and not like that Princeton professor he had early on — and work on writing another book.

Finding the motivation to keep producing is challenging, but Perry has a simple motto.

"I just want to get better. I can be better ... I hope."

METRO

Culver announces buyouts

Gov. Chet Culver announced Nov. 6 that \$150 million in federal funds will be made available for the purchase of 1,352 homes damaged in last year's floods.

This is the first round of awards made to 20 cities and counties to cover residences not eligible for the Federal Emergency Management Agency buyouts. Funding is allocated from the \$516.7 million Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds, according to a news release.

Iowa City will receive \$11.6 million for 52 properties, while Coralville will get \$320,958 for three locations.

The initial round of funding covers homes that are in the 100-year flood plain, or pose a health and safety concern to the community, or have been ascertained as having been substantially damaged.

The remaining properties will need to submit additional justification for buyout if they are in the 500-year flood plain and don't pose health and safety concerns or have major damages.

— by Shane Erland

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FOOTBALL

Hawks plummet in polls

The Iowa football team dropped considerably in each of the major polls released on Sunday following the Hawkeyes' first loss of the season.

The Hawkeyes, now ranked No. 10 in the BCS after ascending to No. 4 two weeks ago weeks after a last-second win at Michigan State, remain the top-ranked team in the Big Ten, standing one spot ahead of No. 11 Ohio State.

Iowa slipped to No. 12 in the Harris Interactive Poll after climbing to No. 7 a week ago. The *USA Today* Coaches' Poll dropped Kirk Ferentz's squad from No. 6 to No. 13 this week as well.

The Coaches' Poll and Harris Poll both contribute to the cumulative BCS rankings, as do a composite computer ranking. Iowa can thank its No. 9 computer ranking for remaining in the BCS top 10.

The Hawkeyes also dropped seven spots in the Associated Press Top 25 poll to No. 15, which ranks Ohio State at the top of the Big Ten at No. 10.

With Iowa and Ohio State each having one loss, the Hawkeyes' game with the Buckeyes on Saturday is essentially a conference championship and a play-in game for the 2010 Rose Bowl.

— by Jon Linder

SOCCER

Team falls in OT

In its last match of the season, the Iowa soccer team fell in overtime to No. 23 Purdue, 3-2, in West Lafayette, Ind.

The Hawkeyes lagged, 2-0, before staging a comeback to send the game into extra time. Senior Nicole Slevin took a shot at the 58-minute mark.

The rebound resulted in a Boilermaker penalty, which senior Alex Seydel converted for her fifth penalty kick of the season.

Slevin then connected on a ball with sophomore Morgan Showlater, who headed in the equalizer for Iowa in the 88th minute.

However, Purdue attacked relentlessly in overtime with five shots in five minutes. Iowa goalkeeper Emily Moran, who made eight saves, blocked two shots in the extra period.

The Hawkeyes end the season at 9-11 overall, 1-9 in the Big Ten.

"We used so much energy," Iowa head coach Ron Rainey said. "To tie that game up on the road against the fourth-place team in league is awesome. It really shows a lot from a character standpoint of our team. ... We said, 'Let's try to end this season with a win.' We talked real quick and went with it. It didn't work out."

— by Robbie Lehman

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 reacts to Iowa's 17-10 loss to Northwestern, which came without the services of quarterback Ricky Stanzi.

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Hawkeye D remains solid



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Northwestern quarterback Dan Persa throws a pass before being tackled by Iowa linebacker Pat Angerer during the second half of Iowa's game against Northwestern on Nov. 7 in Kinnick Stadium. Iowa suffered its first loss of the season, 17-10.

Iowa's defense is still stingy despite a 17-10 loss to Northwestern.

By AMIE KIEHN
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Climbing the bare cement steps up from the Iowa locker room, safety Tyler Sash knew the exact words his mother would utter after seeing her crushed son.

"Everything happens for a reason," she'd say.

The sting of Iowa's 17-10 loss to Northwestern was not only evident as football players walked defeated into the tunnel, but the devastating emotion could be felt as it seeped through Kinnick Stadium. Fans lingered past game time, many immobile — just breathing in the painfully stale air.

The loss not only cost the Hawkeyes' a potential national championship, it also cost them their starting quarterback in Ricky Stanzi. The Mentor, Ohio, native suffered a severe ankle sprain in the second quarter and did not return.

Although the offense is forced to evolve under the new leadership of redshirt freshman James Vandenberg, Iowa's defense totes the same stout men who have been stopping opponents all season long. And it showed despite the loss.

"If you're looking at the defensive side [on Nov. 7], they held the wildcats to 10 [points]," Ferentz said. "Most circumstances, 10 points is going to get you a win. I'm not surprised by that."

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COMMENTARY

Still great season despite loss



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Hawkeye fans, stop acting like the sky is falling.

I get the frustration that comes with watching Iowa lose a game for the first time in more than a calendar year (and to Northwestern, no less). I also understand that seeing Ricky Stanzi go down to injury a week before playing in his home state is a shame. In fact, it's a

damn shame.

But with that said, stop talking about this upcoming game at Ohio State on Saturday as if it's an automatic "L."

Tip your hat to the Wildcats. The 17-10 win was big for them, and they made the plays they needed to make.

Teams that do that usually win.

I'll give you three reasons why Iowa lost to Northwestern:

No. 1 — Running the ball for a net total of 65 yards, especially when your starting quarterback gets injured, doesn't get the job done.

No. 2 — For as great as the defense looked, Northwestern converted nine third-down attempts. And some of those were third-and-short because the Wildcats got positive yardage on the first and second downs.

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Volleyball falls to Penn State juggernaut

The Iowa volleyball team fell to No. 1 Penn State in a 3-0 sweep at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

By EVELYN LAU
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In front of a record volleyball crowd inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena, defending two-time national champion Penn State kept the third-longest NCAA winning streak alive on Nov. 7.

With 2,802 fans in attendance, the top-ranked Nittany Lions (26-0, 14-0) defeated Iowa (11-15, 3-11), 3-0, for their 90th-consecutive victory

dating back to 2007.

The crowd broke the former record of 2,191, set against Wisconsin on Oct. 13, 2007. For many players, seeing that many people pack Carver-Hawkeye Arena was a great feeling.

"It was exciting to be able to feed off their energy and also give them a great game," senior outside hitter Amiee Huffman said. "They came out to support us, and we obviously wanted to play hard for them and for

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ourselves, and we really fed off each other."

In contrast, the loss was the fifth-straight for the Hawkeyes this season.

Despite the disappointing result, head coach Sharon Dingman said she was still proud of her team's effort in the loss.



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Iowa volleyball player Megan Schipper spikes the ball during the Hawkeyes' game against Penn State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 7.

SEE VOLLEYBALL, 3B



Men hoopsters roll

By **BRENDAN STILES**
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The Iowa men's basketball team played Marian University in an exhibition game on Sunday. But the Hawkeyes certainly didn't treat it as such inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

In beating Marian, 76-53, the Hawkeyes provided those in attendance flashes of what has made Iowa an improved team entering Todd Lickliter's third season as head coach.

"It was a good experience for us," Lickliter said. "It is a good experience for our guys to learn that it's just a possession-by-possession game. You don't ever hurry up and win. You execute, execute, and stay the course. I think, all in all, it was what we hoped for."

While the Hawkeyes never trailed against Marian, they only led by five, 34-29, at halftime.

But the second half began with Iowa going on a 14-2 run, which allowed the Hawks to pull away.

Over the summer, the



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Iowa guard Anthony Tucker passes the ball during the Hawkeyes' exhibition game against Marian on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

coaching staff placed a major emphasis on strength and conditioning. That was clear in the 24 points in the paint, which contrasted with the six points inside from Marian in addition to a 16-3 scoring advantage with second-chance opportunities.

The Hawkeyes also pulled down 44 rebounds — 15 from sophomore Aaron Fuller. Junior cocaptain Jarryd Cole had eight.

"The first half, we were

kind of relying too much on the 3 and not kind of punching it in that much," Fuller said. "The second half, we really wanted to get more shots close to the basket."

Iowa also got production from both its veterans and youth.

Sophomore guard Anthony Tucker led the scoring with 21 points. Also posting double-figures for the Hawkeyes were sophomore Matt Gatens with 14, sen-

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ior cocaptain Devan Bawinkel with 12, and freshman Eric May, who finished with 10 points and seven rebounds.

Freshman guard Cully Payne started at the point for Iowa and led the Hawkeyes with six assists. He also drained a 3-pointer in the second half.

"I think it was a great experience," Payne said. "That's just a lot of responsibility that gets put on my shoulders. It's all about winning, so it was real to me."

Despite being an exhibition, the game gave Iowa a good idea of what it needs to improve on before the 2009-10 season begins on Nov. 15 with a home game against Texas-San Antonio.

"We got to focus from start to finish," May said. "We came out in the second half really strong, but there were some points in the first half where we weren't playing really well."

Women get 3-happy

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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Former Hawkeyes Kristi Smith and Wendy Ausdemore were the only two players to sink more than 30 3-point field goals last season.

Their graduation left a question mark on Iowa's long-distance ability during the 2009-10 season.

This year's version of Bluder's Bunch got its first chance to reply Sunday. Their answer?

A 12-of-19 3-point shooting performance in an 88-60 exhibition victory over Washburn in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday.

"That's always our goal, to make [3-point shooting] one of our weapons," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said.

But Bluder won't expect her team to shoot at a 63 percent clip from behind the arc all season.

Still, if Sunday's shooting display was any indication, it's a safe bet that 3-point shooting will once again be a lethal weapon for the Hawkeyes.

After Iowa missed its first six shots from the floor, Iowa sophomore guard Kamille Wahlin converted on a lay-up in the game's fifth minute for the Hawkeyes' first points of the game.

Wahlin drained a triple a minute later to begin the team's long-distance barrage.

"I think when that first [shot] goes in, you get confident — especially when they keep going in," said Wahlin, who was 4-for-7 on 3-pointers.

Additionally, Junior Kachine Alexander, sophomores Hannah Draxten and Kelly Krei, and freshman Jaime Printy all connected on at least one 3-ball. Alexander, who record-

ed 25 points, was 3-for-4 on 3s — one more trey than she made all last season.

Bluder said she was happy to see her star having no problem dialing it up from distance in her first opportunity of the year.

"You're just so happy for those kids like Kachine [Alexander], who recognized [3-point shooting] was a weakness and worked hard over the summer to make it a strength," Bluder said.

Considering the 5-9 guard earned second-team All-Big Ten honors from the conference's coaches last season without the aid of a perimeter shot, Hawkeye opponents could be worried.

"Last year, people started to sag off [of me]," Alexander said. "I feel now that I have that opportunity to shoot, they can't really sag off, and if I drive, I can create things for my team-

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mates. If they do sag, they can't sag onto our posts, so it gives [the posts] enough room to make their moves."

Bluder's Hawkeyes will open up regular-season play with a KCRG-TV9 Hawkeye Challenge matchup against Santa Clara at noon on Saturday. Iowa will then play either UCLA or Illinois State at 2 p.m. on Nov. 15.

Expect Iowa to use the deep ball heavily next weekend, as well as for the rest of the season.

"We want to be able to have everybody on our team, with maybe the exception of our five, shooting 3-point shots," Bluder said. "We feel like we are a more guard-oriented team, so we need to be able to shoot up a lot of 3s."

Frosh look good in victory

The freshmen on the Iowa women's basketball made a strong statement in the Hawkeyes' exhibition win over Washburn on Sunday.

By **EVELYN LAU**
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When senior center JoAnn Hamlin went down with a lower leg injury, it was up to Iowa's youth to pick up the team.

Three days ago, on Nov. 6, freshman Morgan Johnson learned she would start at center for the Iowa women's basketball squad during its exhibition game against Washburn on Sunday. With Hamlin in the hospital, head coach Lisa Bluder turned to the 6-5 freshman to fill the position.

"At first, I was really nervous because I had just gotten comfortable with my role on the team and coming off the bench for Jo," Johnson said. "I had finally gotten around to feeling comfortable with that, and then all of a sudden, getting thrown into a new angle with [her injury]."

The Platte City, Mo., native played 29 minutes, scoring eight points, grabbing seven rebounds, and impressively blocking six shots in her debut in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"As a freshman, to start at the center position, I thought she did some nice things," Bluder said. "She missed some shots she's



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa freshman Jaime Printy passes to freshman Gabby Machado during the Hawkeyes' exhibition game against Washburn in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. The freshmen came off the bench to score a combined 14 points during the Hawkeyes' 88-60 victory.

going to make down the line. I don't remember the last time someone's had six blocked shots in one of our games, so that was kind of nice to see."

The school record for most blocks in a game is seven — a feat that has only been accomplished twice in school history, with the last performance coming in 2001.

Johnson wasn't the only freshman to see playing time. Three other newcomers also made impressive appearances in the 88-60 victory over Washburn.

The lone youngster not seeing action was St. Paul, Minn., recruit Theairra

Taylor. The 5-11 guard is still recovering from a torn ACL she suffered during her final high-school game.

Bluder said she hopes to use Taylor during the KCRG-TV9 Hawkeye Challenge this weekend.

Freshman guard Jaime Printy led the Hawkeyes with six assists, scored eight points, and grabbed two steals in 24 minutes of play. Freshman guard Trisha Nesbitt finished second on the team with three assists and had three rebounds in 16 minutes, and forward Gabby Machado scored six points in eight minutes of action.

"The freshmen did such

a great job of handling the game," sophomore guard Kamille Wahlin said. "I know they were a little nervous, but that's expected. They just came out, and they executed well. They played confidently, and they looked really comfortable out there. It shows how hard they work each and every day in practice — they were more than ready to go, and step in, and get great minutes."

After the Hawkeyes started the game slowly, missing their first six shots, the Iowa offense exploded for 88 points. The Hawkeyes shot 52.4 percent as a team in the exhibition win.

For junior guard Kachine Alexander, the transition to having a new set of teammates wasn't a hard adjustment. She found herself back in the leadership position she first took last season.

"It was a whole different role with having the young girls on the team," she said. "But it's more about staying positive and being able to direct people. If they have questions, you've always got to answer them and just keeping us together and focus and patience. It's just a little bit of a different role, but I think it worked out well today."

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FOOTBALL

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Sash was just as surprised.

"We gave up 10 points, but we still didn't get the job done," he said.

On the play where Stanzi went down, the junior fumbled a ball batted away by Northwestern's Corey Wootton, which was recovered by Marshall Thomas for the Wildcats' first touchdown.

As Stanzi lay on the Kinnick turf shaken up, the sideline understood that defensive plays would be crucial in keeping Iowa's undefeated hopes alive.

"We just knew we had to step up," free safety Joe Conklin said. "There was a real sense of urgency. We went over and talked with James and said, 'James, this is your time.'"

The Wildcats continued

to score, though. Once on quarterback Dan Persa's 4-yard pass to slot back Drake Dunsmore in the first half. Northwestern extended its lead in the fourth quarter when Stefan Demos kicked a 47-yard field goal.

"We shouldn't have let them score," Angerer said, finishing with a game-high 17 tackles. "And that's on us. If they don't score, we win."

Northwestern quarterbacks Persa and Mike Kafka were still significantly limited during the game because of the Hawkeyes' defensive prowess. Iowa racked up three sacks for a loss of 22 yards by Broderick Binns, Adrian Clayborn, Mike Daniels, and Christian Ballard. Karl Klug also tallied two pass breakups and one quarterback hurry on the game.

The Wildcats netted only 109 passing yards but were 9-of-18 on third down

conversions. In Stanzi's four completions, he netted 134 yards.

Northwestern tailbacks — Scott Concannon, Arby Fields, and Stephen Simmons — were also stalled in production, netting only 76 yards. Persa led with 67 rushing yards.

Inside Kinnick, the Iowa defense performed its domineering play but was unable to put points on the board via turnovers.

For Sash, though, it was still hard to believe that a comeback wasn't in the cards. The undefeated magic was over.

"As a competitor, you want to say, 'We are just one play away. One play away,'" he said. "We just didn't catch a break like we have been the last couple weeks. ... This team is going to rally. We'll keep our heads up. We're still playing for a Big Ten championship. We're still 9-1."

COMMENTARY

All right, not the end of the world

In my first year of Hawkeye-fandom, the first loss was the toughest — until I thought about it.



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It's not that I'm not used to losing. It's just that I'm not used to losing as a Hawkeye.

I've been a University of Virginia fan, living an hour from Charlottesville, Va., for the last eight years of my life. I'm also a Viking, National, and Wizard fan.

Aside from Virginia's national lacrosse championship in 2006, I have experienced devastation when it comes to my sports followings and fanhoods.

And honestly, I didn't think Iowa would be any different when I came to Iowa City. I knew I would watch and follow the team (figuring my Virginia and Iowa support could be mutually exclusive).

Watching the Northern Iowa game, I would have settled for a bowl berth this season and, as always, hoped next year would be better. After Iowa State, and even Arizona, I reserved my euphoria for a reserved excitement.

I had been here before.

Al Groh's Cavaliers had a 9-2 record going in to the Commonwealth Cup with Virginia Tech in 2007. All they had to do was beat the Hokies, and, by jove, the Cavaliers were in the ACC championship game. After finally believing, Sean Glennon and Tyrod Taylor tore through the defense the whole game, winning, 33-21.

That was the last time I had truly believed in one of the teams I followed and invested all of my emotional energy into a squad contending for a BCS game. I swore I would be more cautious.

Then Adrian Clayborn blocked the punt at Penn State, and I knew I was an Iowa fan. If the Hawkeyes could beat the Nittany Lions, then they could beat anybody.

Even the national championship was in reach after the BCS standings came out,

and I hadn't been so excited about a team since the 1999 Minnesota Vikings.

After Northwestern, when the Ricky "Stanzi-coaster" derailed, I was distraught. It was my first loss as an Iowa fan, and Iowa's first loss with me in attendance — including the 34-27 win over Michigan State during my official campus visit two years ago.

If you had looked into the student section after the Northwestern loss, you might have mistaken me for the Crying Indian, a single tear rolling down my cheek. I had invested in my team once again, and now I knew Jan. 7, 2010, was out of the question.

But after a two-hour nap, and a subsequent night of "therapy," I realized the 17-10 final wasn't really as bad as I had initially made it out to be. It was a loss to an inferior team at home, but think of all the worse things that have happened in Iowa football.

In my research (also known as me talking to

my grandfather from Cedar Rapids), this is still one of the best years in Hawkeye history.

No team had ever started 9-0, and no team had been so highly ranked in the BCS. The feat was even more impressive considering the number of teams that are undefeated this season.

So think of all the students during the Frank Lauterbur era of the 1970s. Actually, just think of any fan during the gap between Forest Evashevski and Hayden Fry, and how they never got to see the Hawkeyes in a bowl game.

Really, I'm ecstatic with my new team and how well it has done and all the fans who have committed much more time in to the cause than I have.

At the beginning of the year, if someone had said, "Iowa will be 9-1 overall going into its road game against Ohio State, even though Stanzi, Jewel Hampton, Adam Robinson, and Dace Richardson are out," you would take it, right?

Because I sure know I would.

VOLLEYBALL

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"There was some really good volleyball going in," she said. "In the third set, [fans] saw Penn State morph into a national championship team. I think we got a little fatigued, and I think that's OK. We had to play really, really hard."

Junior middle blocker Becky Walters and Huffman led Iowa with seven kills, while junior Mara Hilgenberg dished 21 assists, and senior libero Christina Meister had 15 digs.

On the other end, Penn State senior outside hitter Megan Hodge had 12 kills, while senior setter Alisha Glass added 36 assists, and junior libero Alyssa D'Erri-co had 15 digs in the win.

Earlier in the season, Iowa was the first team to take a set from Penn State, ending a streak that included 141 consecutive sets won by the Nittany Lions.

Over the weekend, the Hawkeyes opened the match with a 3-3 tie in the first set. However, the Nittany Lions used an 8-3 run to pull away, 11-6.

With Iowa down 23-13, the Hawkeyes used a 4-0 run with four kills to get within 23-17. But it wasn't enough to rally as Penn State took the first set, 25-17, and a 1-0



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Penn State and Iowa volleyball players low-five one another after their match in the Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 7.

match advantage.

The Nittany Lions boasted a .438 attack percentage, a significantly higher ratio compared to the Hawkeyes' .184.

In the second set, Iowa took an early 7-3 lead. Penn State responded by going on a 7-0 run to take the 10-7 edge.

Throughout the set, both teams traded points before coming to a standstill at 17-17. A 6-2 run gave Penn State a 23-19 favor, but Iowa score the next two points before trailing, 24-22.

Despite the Hawkeyes attempt to steal the set, the Nittany Lions took the set point afterwards, 25-22, and the 2-0 lead.

In the decisive third set, the Nittany Lions started quick. Although getting within 8-7, Iowa couldn't stop an 8-0 run that saw

Penn State go up 16-8, and eventually win the set, 25-13, and seal the 3-0 victory.

During the final set, Penn State hit .200 while holding Iowa to minus-.121 in the victory. The Nittany Lions were credited with 10 total team blocks as opposed to Iowa's four.

Underdogs throughout the match, senior outside hitter Megan Schipper said she thought the Hawkeyes still matched up well with the Nittany Lions.

"It felt good to be on the court," Schipper said. "We were intense. We were into the match. We were focused. Penn State decided to block the crap out of us in the third game. We just couldn't get around their block, and that was the biggest thing."

COMMENTARY

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No. 3 — Turnovers. Just as in last year's game at Kinnick Stadium, when Iowa turned the ball over five times, the Hawkeyes lost two fumbles and threw two interceptions. Again, teams aren't going to win too often when they give the ball away.

Stanzi's injury played a part, granted, but his absence still could've been overcome.

And don't even get me started on this notion of a *Sports Illustrated* cover jinx. A magazine has nothing to do with what happens in a football game.

No players or coaches wearing black and gold are making any excuses for why they got beat last weekend. They've accepted the fact that Northwestern beat the Hawkeyes fair and square and are moving on.

I suggest you all do the same and look at the bright side of things for a second — even if the light is dimmer than it was a week ago.

For all the adversity and turmoil that has come the Hawkeyes' way the past three months, they're sitting at 9-1 with two games left. This speaks volumes about the team, from the top down.

My guess is there wouldn't be too many college football teams out there that can overcome everything Iowa has this season and still have a 9-1 record. In fact, a team

like Michigan would kill to trade places with Iowa right now.

To act like the Hawkeyes' storybook 2009 season just went down the drains because of one game is a slap in the face to this team and what it has accomplished already.

And guess what? There's still a chance for the happy ending people across the state want to see.

You realize if Iowa does what some now find unfathomable (winning at Ohio State), it locks up a trip to the Rose Bowl — no matter what happens against Minnesota.

Let me repeat myself: Beat the Buckeyes, and the Hawkeyes will spend New Year's Day in Pasadena, Calif., playing in "The Granddaddy of 'Em All." It has become that simple.

Iowa's game with Ohio State is as close to a championship game as there is in the Big Ten. One set of "Eyes" is smelling roses come Saturday night. That's what every Big Ten team that enters the

month of August hopes to do come November.

All year long, the Hawkeyes have shown how resilient they can be. And with or without perhaps the most resilient player there is, their goal is still within reach and will be obtained with a victory at the Horseshoe.

Now is not the time for any Hawkeye fan to abandon ship. After all, no one on the team is panicking.

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NORTHWESTERN 17, IOWA 10

Northwestern	0	14	0	3-17
Iowa	10	0	0	0-10

First Quarter
Iowa - McNutt 74 catch from Stanzi (Murray kick), 14:00
Iowa - FG Murray 39, 9:50
Second Quarter
Northwestern - Thomas 0 fumble recovery (Demos kick), 11:46
Northwestern - Dunsmore 4 catch from Persa (Demos kick), 5:20
Fourth Quarter
Northwestern - FG Demos 47, 13:29

INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING—Northwestern, Persa 17-67, Concannon 15-59, Simmons 6-11, Fields 1-6, Schmidt 3-5, TEAM 3-minus 6, Kafka 4-minus 12. Iowa, Wegher 19-63, O'Meara 3-6, Vandenberg 3-2, Davis 1-0, Stanzi 1-minus 6.
PASSING—Northwestern, Kafka 10-18-0-72, Persa 5-9-1-37, Iowa, Vandenberg 9-27-1-82, Stanzi 4-9-1-134.
RECEIVING—Northwestern, Stewart 4-24, Brewer 3-33, Markshausen 3-20, Dunsmore 3-19, Schmidt 1-7, Ebert 1-6. Iowa, Johnson-Koulianos 6-63, Stross 3-45, McNutt 2-91, Wegher 1-14, Morse 1-3.

PRIME PLAYS

On the Hawkeyes' third play from scrimmage, Iowa quarterback Ricky Stanzi found sophomore wideout Marvin McNutt for a 74-yard touchdown pass that put Iowa ahead 7-0 one minute into the contest.

The complexion of the game changed in the second quarter when Stanzi was hit in the end zone by Northwestern's Corey Wootton. In addition to fumbling the ball and having the Wildcats' Marshall Thomas recover it for a touchdown that made the score 10-7, Stanzi left the game with a severe ankle sprain.

Filling in for an injured Stanzi, red-shirt freshman quarterback James Vandenberg's first pass of the afternoon was intercepted by Northwestern's Quinten Davie.

After picking off Vandenberg, Northwestern responded with what proved to be the game-winning touchdown when quarterback Dan Persa threw a 4-yard pass to Drake Dunsmore, putting the Wildcats ahead, 14-10.

A 64-yard touchdown run by Iowa running back Brandon Wegher that would have given the Hawkeyes a 16-14 lead was called back when center Rafael Eubanks was called for holding.



AMY OLESON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa quarterback James Vandenberg attempts to pass during the second half of Iowa's game against Northwestern on Nov. 7 in Kinnick Stadium. Iowa lost, 17-10. Vandenberg, a redshirt freshman, came into the game after starter Ricky Stanzi sprained an ankle.



BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Joe Goedken rests his head in his hand at the end of Iowa's game against Northwestern in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 7. Iowa lost, 17-10.

'This team is full of competitors. Our backs have been against the wall the whole season, and the way we've responded talks big of this team.'

— Tyler Sash



AMY OLESON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Northwestern cornerback Tim Weak is taken down by Iowa linebacker A.J. Edds while Iowa defensive tackle Karl Klug leaps through the air on Nov. 7 in Kinnick Stadium.

'It hurts, yes, but worse things could happen. We're not dead. No one is dead. We're not at war. We're not away from our family and friends. It's a football game. It's pretty small when you think about the big picture.'

— Pat Angerer on the Hawkeyes' first loss.



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Iowa wide receiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianos looks at the referee after an incomplete pass from Iowa redshirt freshman quarterback James Vandenberg on Nov. 7 in Kinnick Stadium. With the 17-10 loss, Iowa is now 9-1 overall.



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Northwestern wide receiver Andrew Brewer runs downfield during the second half of Iowa's game against Northwestern on Nov. 7 in Kinnick Stadium.

IOWA GAME BALL PAT ANGERER



Losing the first game of the 2009 season shouldn't overshadow Angerer's performance. The senior linebacker amassed a game-high 17 tackles for the Hawkeyes.



NORTHWESTERN GAME BALL DAN PERSA



Before leaving the game with an injured hand, the Wildcat quarterback threw the go-ahead touchdown pass to Drake Dunsmore and led Northwestern with 67 yards on the ground.



City High rolls under Derby

Future Hawkeye leads City High to semifinals.

By IAN MARTIN
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Iowa recruit A.J. Derby threw a touchdown on his first pass of the game. And his second. And his fourth.

Derby led Iowa City High one step closer to a 4A state championship with four passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown in a 35-14 victory over the one-dimensional Cedar Rapids Washington Warriors in a state quarter-final game on Nov. 6.

The Warriors, despite 190 yards on 33 carries in the game from workhorse Andre Dawson, were down 28-0 at the half because of Derby's and his team's big plays in the first half. The most impressive play came early in the second quarter when the team was up 14-0.

On fourth and two at the Little Hawks' own 28-yard line, Derby lined up in the short punt formation his team has used all year. But on this play, he instead rolled out to the right and found John Chelf open downfield. A run down the sideline and a broken tackle later, Chelf was in for the 72-yard touchdown, and it was 21-0.

"I love fake punts," said coach Dan Sabers. "I've got A.J. Derby back there — is it really that risky?"

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Check out a slide show from City High's second-round playoff game against Cedar Rapids Washington.

After the game, the quarterback/punter smiled as he talked about the call.

"We've been saving that all year," he said.

The initial touchdown came on an amazing 8-yard catch by Chelf, in which he dove and picked the ball out of the air with his fingertips on the side of the end zone.

The next drive, Derby found Adam Prybil on a play-action pass for a 59-yard hookup late in the first quarter.

Washington's Shay Gutman threw an interception, one of his two on the night, in the red zone to junior Andrew McNulty on the ensuing drive, and then Derby drove home an early dagger in the Warrior's hopes.

Derby added a 30-yard touchdown run with under a minute left in the half to push the Little Hawk's lead.

The Warriors scored 14 points in the third to make the game closer, however, with a 5-yard touchdown run by Dawson and then a break from a couple of fumbles.

City High's Tucker



RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN

City High quarterback A.J. Derby beams with happiness following the Little Hawks' victory over Cedar Rapids Washington on Nov. 6. City High defeated Washington, 35-14, and the Little Hawks will play Cedar Rapids Xavier on Friday in the 4A state championships semifinals in the UNI-Dome.

Tholen fumbled after a 15-yard reception, giving the ball back to the Warriors. Then on a fourth and goal, Dawson fumbled into the end zone where it was recovered by receiver Colin Thorson.

But a fourth-quarter drive by City High bled the clock and culminated in a

32-yard touchdown catch by Noah Cmiel that dashed any hopes of a comeback at Bates Field.

Now the Little Hawks are poised for revenge, after Cedar Rapids Xavier defeated Clinton, 28-6, on Nov. 6. Xavier knocked City High out of the playoffs last year, with a 27-3 win in

Iowa City in the first round of the playoffs. But this year City High is ranked No. 1 in 4A, and Xavier is unranked during a nine-game winning streak.

During the regular season, the Saints gave the undefeated Little Hawks their closest game of the season, a 24-17 battle at

Xavier. Because of the earlier game and how hot both teams are right now, the battle on the UNI-Dome turf has the recipe of a classic. But City High's coach is never one to have his team shy away from a tough test.

"Xavier is who we've wanted to play all along," Sabers said.

COMMENTARY

Worshipping at the altar of wrestle-offs

Wrestle-offs are easily the best way to select starters of any sport.



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I was raised on sports as a kid. I played basketball, baseball, football, and volleyball.

But wrestling never entered my sports realm.

My high school didn't have a wrestling team, so I was clueless about how popular it is in my home state of Illinois. In a conversation with legendary former coach Dan Gable, he informed me that wrestling is huge in the Land of Lincoln — after I foolishly said wrestling wasn't that big in my hometown.

So when I got to Iowa my freshman year, just over two years ago, I had

no idea we had a championship-caliber team. After that first championship, I took interest and followed the Hawkeys throughout their second-consecutive title run.

I learned a little bit, but the sport was still mostly foreign to me.

This summer I watched a few practices, and my admiration for wrestling exploded.

Just four days ago, I witnessed something that doesn't compare with any other sports I've played: wrestle-offs.

Wrestle-offs, put simply, are used to determine the starter for each weight class. Grapplers go head-to-head with teammates to determine who will take the No. 1 spot.

Teammates are thrown onto the mat, forced to attack each other if they want to suit up. Imagine if this happened in other

sports.

Basketball could obviously have one-on-one games, but what could be better than a no-holds barred game of knock-out?

You better be quick to the rebound, because if you aren't, I'm punting your ball across the gym.

Who will start the first game of the College World Series? Let's bring out the dunk tank. Starting pitchers have to use one of their secondary pitches and dunk fellow hurlers. First person to dunk three different guys, who must throw while drenched, gets the nod.

If there is a need to determine your starting quarterback, no better way than the quarterback challenge. Signal callers have to hit moving targets, each one farther downfield than the previous, while Chris Berman stands next to them yelling

"Backbackbackback. Hits the target."

Track can easily be done head-to-head, but then, why not spice it up a little bit. Try jumping over the hurdle as a discus thrower tosses Frisbees at you.

Wrestling allows an athlete to prove he deserves to start. When Brent Metcalf pinned Stew Gillmor in 2:17, nobody could conjure an argument against the former NCAA champion being the better wrestler. The result was obvious.

In other sports, coaches' opinions come into play, and sometimes the better player doesn't start. While players are always competing with each other and proving they have the talent to play, ultimately, a human makes the final decisions.

And humans make mistakes.

Wrestle-off results:

Finals:

- 125 - Matt McDonough dec. J.J. Krutsinger, 10-3
- 133 - Daniel Dennis dec. Nate Moore, 5-3
- 141 - Montell Marion dec. Dan LeClere, 11-7
- 149 - Brent Metcalf tech. fall Phillip Sheridan, 21-4 in 6:10
- 157 - Derek St. John won by injury default over Aaron Janssen, 3:35
- 165 - Ryan Morningstar major dec. Joe DuCharme, 12-3
- 174 - Jay Borschel dec. Ethen Lofthouse, 8-3
- 184 - Phillip Keddy dec. Grant Gambrall, 6-2
- 197 - Chad Beatty dec. Luke Lofthouse, 7-3
- HWT - Jordan Johnson dec. Blake Rasing, 3-2

Semifinals:

- 125 - J.J. Krutsinger major

- dec. Nick Trizzino, 16-5
- 125 - Matt McDonough dec. Tyler Clark, 5-1
- 133 - Nate Moore dec. Mark Ballweg, 13-7
- 149 - Phillip Sheridan pinned Jeret Chiri, 4:59
- 149 - Brent Metcalf pinned Stew Gillmor, 2:17
- 157 - Aaron Janssen dec. Jake Kerr, 6-2
- 157 - Derek St. John dec. Matt Ballweg, 7-4
- 165 - Joe DuCharme dec. Ruffin Tchakounte, 4-3
- 184 - Phillip Keddy major dec. Tomas Lira, 16-5
- 184 - Grant Gambrall dec. Vinnie Wagner, 6-4

Quarterfinals:

- 149 - Stew Gillmor dec. Ethan Sebert, 2-1
- 157 - Derek St. John dec. Brooks Kopsa, 10-5

Source: UI Sports Information

Wrestling cuts out opinion and human error, allowing the wrestlers to each take hold and grapple for the chance to start.

The wrestle-offs are cutthroat, and it's appar-

ent in the intensity with which teammates attack each other. No other sport compares to wrestling in its selection process, and that's what makes the wrestle-offs so electric to see.

FIELD HOCKEY

Hawks out

No. 8 Michigan State ended the Iowa field hockey team's 10-match Big Ten Tournament winning streak on Nov. 6, defeating the Hawkeyes, 5-1, in the semifinals of the Big Ten Tournament in East Lansing, Mich.

The loss puts Iowa at 9-10 overall, and the sub-.500 record leaves the Hawkeyes ineligible for an NCAA Tournament at-large bid.

Iowa looked to continue its recent streak, entering having won five of its last six games. The high-powered Spartan offense proved too much in the first half.

Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year Floor Rijpma, along with teammates Manouk Vernij, Jeannie Deacon, and Adelle Lever all scored goals for Michigan State, leaving Iowa with a 4-0 hole before halftime.

Iowa senior cocaptain Tricia Dean scored her final collegiate goal, trimming the margin to 4-1. Junior Sarah Pergine was credited with the assist. But Iowa wasn't able to overcome the deficit, and a second goal from Vernij at the extended Michigan State's lead to 5-1 and the eventual win.

Michigan State went on to defeat third-seeded Indiana in Sunday's Big Ten championship game.

- by Jordan Garretson

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Chins up, Hawk fans!

Perfection isn't meant to last forever, and just as even the best toy rocket shot into the stratosphere must eventually return crashing back to earth, an ugly, mangled shell, erupting into flames and making the children cry uncontrollably. I know that you're all probably more bummed than the San Francisco boardwalk right about now, but we, the fans, must remain positive (again, like much like the San Francisco boardwalk).

Saturday was not the tragic end to our storybook season; it was merely the beginning of the tragic end. We must continue to remember the silver lining of our defeat: Things could get worse. Yet, I keep hearing some of you talk about giving up. Let me ask you this: Did George Washington give up when the steam engine beat him at digging that tunnel under the Potomac? NO. He tied that steam engine to a kite and electrocuted it, then invented the peanut, helping us conquer the French Canadians at the Alamo. And did the Star Trek franchise give up after its first crappy Next Generation move? NO. They made three more attempts before the studio finally realized how horrible the movies were and hired good-looking young people to come in and shake things up.

So don't give up, Hawk fans. Learn from these fine examples of stalwartness and everything be OK: Cut loose, watch a few bad movies, and simply rewrite history. Yeah ... that's right ... we didn't lose on Saturday; we cleaned Northwestern's clock by six touchdowns! In fact, it was shutout!

— Andrew R. Juhl watched the game in public and swore in front of many, many little children many, many times.

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SMOOTH AS SILK



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The glass door on a case full of books reflects Rebecca Troup, a graduate student in the UI Center for the Book certificate program, as she attaches silk headbands to the spine of the book she is making Sunday in a studio in North Hall. Silk headbands are decorative elements used in traditional bookmaking. They are made by weaving silk around string and sewing onto a cotton tape. Log onto dailyiowan.com/photo to view a slide show of the UI Center for the Book certificate program.

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Monday, November 9, 2009
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Your ambitious attitude will help you share your ideas with those as intent to get ahead as you. Together, you may be able to form a unique and successful group. Financial gains can be made if you are smart with money.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Keep your thoughts to yourself, and you'll avoid upsetting loved ones. You will discover that the people you are closest to may not have the same intentions or direction you are taking. You may have to make a difficult but necessary decision.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 You'll be inclined to exaggerate, making it essential that you leave yourself enough time to follow through with promises made. In doing so, you will be a big hit with your friends, neighbors, and relatives.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Don't overspend because you are feeling low. Being generous will not buy love, respect, or loyalty. Consider what's bringing you down, and eliminate your problem. You will be glad you made the necessary changes.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Be sensitive and understanding, and you can avoid upset, anger, and an argument. If you force others to do things your way, you'll be accused of meddling and blamed for not being fair.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Keep your mind on what's important. Take care of your responsibilities, and don't get involved in what others are doing. You will have enough to deal with without taking on someone else's battles. False information will lead to someone's taking advantage of you.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Attend an event that will encourage you to meet new friends and make connections to help you achieve your goals. Volunteer your services. This is not the time to spend money, but offering your time will make a difference.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Jealousy will lead to disaster. If things aren't going according to plan or you feel someone is not paying enough attention to you, consider why. Your professional and mature attitude will help you get through troubled times.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You will do better with matters concerning outsiders or peers than those of your loved ones. Avoid any personal concerns. Time and distance have a way of dealing with such issues.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Focus on your own investments or bank balance for now. If you are diligent about where your money goes, you can save enough to invest in yourself and your own endeavors. Be creative and network.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Some relationships are best left alone. When trust is lacking, there is nothing you can do but move on. Change may be inevitable, but once it is made, you will feel better about your future. Get out with friends who are supportive.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 You will have an opportunity that you must not pass by. Talk to people who are interested in what you do and share what you have to offer. Don't let your restlessness cause you to go in the wrong direction.

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Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

3:30 p.m. University Lecture Committee presents Harry Allen, April 1
4:45 University Lecture Committee presents Naomi Klein, Feb. 18
6 University Lecture Committee presents Inga Musico, Feb. 3
7 University Lecture Committee presents E.O. Wilson, Feb. 11
8 University Lecture Committee pres-

ents Sudhir Venkatesh, Sept. 15
9:30 Daily Iowan TV News
9:45 Talk Iowa, Student Video Productions
10:15 Kirk Ferentz Postgame News Conference
10:30 Daily Iowan TV News
10:45 University Lecture Committee presents Paul Krugman, March 27

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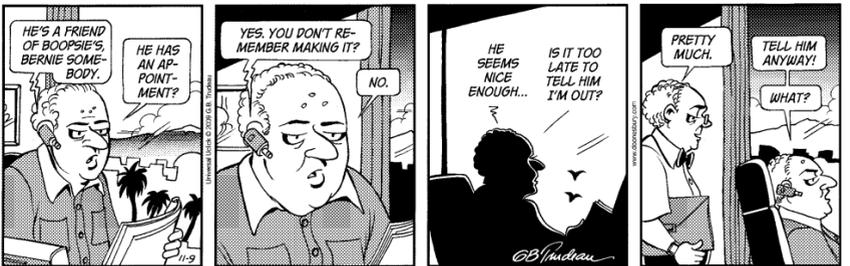
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today's events

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- **Tot Time**, 9 a.m., Scanlon Gymnasium, 2701 Bradford Drive
- **Tumble Tots**, 9:30 a.m., Performance Health & Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- **Sociable Seniors**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Assessing Student Learning in Large Lectures**, 12 p.m., 2520-D University Capitol Centre
- **Careers for Change**, Ambassador Kenneth Quinn Speaks About World Hunger, noon, 22 Schaeffer
- **International Mondays Lecture Series**, "Establishment of Interdisciplinary Child Protection Teams in Turkey," Resmiye Oral, noon, Iowa City Public Library
- **Free Blood Pressure Clinic**, 12:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **College of Education: New Opportunities to Education in Passport Fair**, 2 p.m., Lindquist Center Jones Commons
- **Euchre Club**, 2 p.m., Legacy Senior Living Community, 1020 S. Scott Blvd.
- **"Medicare Part D**,

- **Medicare Advantage Plans and Health-Care Reform**, 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Fit 4 Fun**, 4:30 p.m., Performance Health & Fitness
- **Younger Stamfords**, 6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **"Coping With Loss: New Beginnings"**, 6:30 p.m., Kirkwood Room, 515 Kirkwood
- **Marvelous Monday**, 6:30 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **In the Loop**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **"Crossing Borders — Translating Place,"** reading and discussion with Robin Hemley, Christopher Merrill, Cole Swensen and Russell Valentino, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Monday Night Swing**, 7:30 p.m., 515 Field House
- **Scott Conklin, violin**, Tami Lee Hughes, violin, Ellen Bottorf, piano, 7:30 p.m., University Capitol Centre
- **UI Symphony, Jazz, and Marching Band Extravaganza**, 7:30 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye Arena
- **Open Mike**, with Jay Knight, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Rashomon**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Red Knife Lottery**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Blues Jam**, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1005

- Across**
- Brown eyes or curly hair
 - Surrender
 - House in Spain
 - Cry of exasperation
 - Salve ingredient
 - Boxer Muhammad and family
 - \$500
 - Stoops
 - Not knowledgeable in the ways of the world
 - Prefix with plunk or plop
 - Collection of information in tabular form
 - \$5,000
 - Gladden
 - Sort of: Suffix
 - Sort of: "du lieber!"
 - Exactly ... or where to find 17-, 25-, 43- and 57-Across?
 - China's Chiang —-shek
 - Tricked
 - Questioned
 - \$10,000
 - Not to be missed, as a TV show
 - "... boy — girl?"
 - Pester
 - Divided in appropriate amounts
 - \$1,000
 - Swampy ground
 - Snakes that constrict
 - U.S./Mex./Can. commerce pact
 - Years and years
 - Rodgers and Hart's "___ It Romantic?"
 - Nervous

- Down**
- Fancy marbles
 - Banister
 - Singer Guthrie
 - Ice house: Var.
 - Stocky
 - Kodak product
 - Majestic shade trees
 - Only one of the Seven Dwarfs to wear glasses
 - Hair-raising cry
 - Ancient Palestine
 - "___ well" ("Don't worry")
 - Kitchen utensil with a mesh
 - So far
 - Sound before "Your, um, fly is open"
 - Take ___ account
 - Waiter's serving
 - Tennis's Arthur
 - Bozo
 - Inter ___ (among other things)
 - Bearers of gold, frankincense and myrrh
 - Biblical suffix
 - "Same for me"
 - Paul who sang "Diana"
 - Middling grades
 - Jekyll's counterpart
 - Undress with the eyes
 - Alaskan city near the Arctic Circle
 - Dance craze of the '90s
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Puzzle by Mark Feldman

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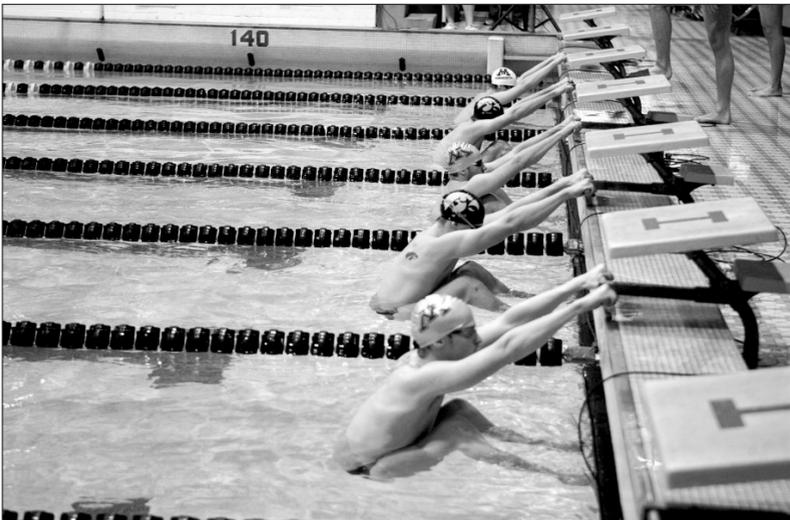
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Iowa and Minnesota men's swimmers prepare to race during the Hawkeyes' meet against the Golden Gophers in the Field House on Nov. 6. Minnesota ended the night with a 184-114 win.

Men swimmers remain upbeat

Despite falling to Minnesota, the Iowa men's swimming and diving team is optimistic about rest of season.

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Auspicious may not be the best word to describe a team that has just lost.

But it illustrates the feeling of the Iowa men's swimming and diving team after a 184-114 defeat by Minnesota on Nov. 6.

Iowa head coach Marc Long said he thought the Hawkeyes did well against the Golden Gophers. But he wasn't satisfied with finishing second.

"Well, it's a tough loss," Long said. "Minnesota is a great program. The last couple decades, it has been outstanding. We knew it was going to be hard-fought, and we had to race well to have a chance."

Minnesota came into Iowa City having won 13-straight dual meets dating to the 2007-08 season. The Gophers also had only lost one dual meet in the last five years — the lone blemish coming at the hands of Florida, 158-142.

Despite winning four of 16 events, Long still thought his team made its mark.

"Some races could have gone better," Long said. "But as things progress, we want to make sure we finish strongly, and we did finish strongly. We're happy with that but clearly not happy with losing."

While Iowa trailed at the

end of the meet, the Hawkeyes wanted to make a splash.

They did so with the 400-freestyle relay. Similar to the 15 events prior, Iowa trailed in the relay. The team of sophomores Ryan Phelan, Duncan Partridge, Paul Gordon, and freshman Jordan Huff got off to a great start but were behind the Gophers.

Gordon anchored the team, and the Hawkeye swimmer sliced through the water for an event-best 44.05 seconds during his leg, which capped off the race.

Gordon said the team had plenty of motivation.

"We're all really pumped, and we knew that the relay was going to be close because we're all so excited for it," he said. "Some of the schools in the Big Ten have trouble respecting Iowa swimming, so in the back of our minds, we just wanted to stick it to a good team."

Along with the 400-freestyle relay, Gordon also won the 200 freestyle (1:38.33) and the 100 butterfly (48.96), the only other first-place finishes for the Hawkeye swimming team.

Gordon said he had pent up energy for the Gophers because he grew up racing many of the team's members when he was in club swimming.

"It's definitely nice to see

that No. 1 against the gophers," Gordon said. "We had a lot of guys stepping up; it was a great meet. It wasn't just wins for us. It was the close finishes — the 200 individual medley, where we're right with them. I think it made us excited about what we can do at Big Tens this year."

Long said Gordon is progressing during his sophomore season, and the head coach expects it to continue.

"Paul is really stepping up and becoming a real leader on the team in the water," Long said. "Whatever we put him into, he's a real confident swimmer, and he keeps getting better and better. ... That last relay was a nice step in the right direction for us as a program, and he's a key part of that, definitely."

Iowa's other wins came during the diving. Senior Frank Van Dijkhuizen had a tough break, placing second in the 3-meter with a score of 352.05 — a score usually good enough for first.

Senior Michael Gilligan won both the 1-meter diving event and praise from his coach with a score of 340 even.

"That's the best he's dived all year," Iowa diving coach Bob Rydze said. "He was real consistent. ... but he sort of missed his back 2½ tuck, or he would have gotten the pool record."

AquaHawks nail some victories

Despite losing at home to Minnesota, members of the women's team say the meet held a confidence boost.

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The women's swimming and diving team closed out its meet on Nov. 6 in dramatic fashion, despite losing to the Golden Gophers, 176-118.

Despite defeat, senior Christine Kuczek said there were plenty of positives to take from the meet as the AquaHawks build for the rest of the season.

"We did a really good job of stepping up and racing," she said. "We didn't let them get in our heads. We got some first places on them, and I think we stepped up and raced in a way they might not have expected."

In the final leg of the 400 relay, Kuczek and Minnesota junior Alison Eggers were neck-and-neck. Eggers earned All-America honors last season and was part of the Minnesota 400 relay squad that took first at the Big Ten championships a year ago.

As both swimmers touched the finish, the Field House echoed loudly as hundreds of AquaHawks fans cheered when Kuczek and the rest of the Iowa relay team seized the event by one-tenth of a second. The rest of the AquaHawks relay squad included sophomores Daniela Cubelic and Danielle Carty and junior Verity Hicks.

"It's a love-hate relationship between being

an anchor on a relay like that," Kuczek said. "It stinks being on the [starting] block. You feel real nervous, but it feels good when it's done, and that's the first time we've beat a Minnesota relay in a long time."

Earlier in the week, Kuczek said this year was probably her best dual-meet season of her career so far.

Her success in the pool continued in the weekend meet.

Kuczek took first in the 50 and 100 freestyle events, defeating Eggers again and fellow Gopher All-American Kaylee Jamison, respectively. The two individual victories gave Kuczek her sixth and seventh first-place finishes of the season and marked the first time she had finished first in a dual-meet against a Minnesota swimmer during her four years at Iowa, she said.

"That's a big confidence booster for me," she said. "Especially for girls hoping to go to NCAAs, like myself. To get up and race girls who are NCAA qualifiers and beat them is a really big accomplishment."

The AquaHawks also continued its streak of success in the backstroke events.

Cocaptain Carty took first in the 100 backstroke, with Cubelic finishing second. Cubelic improved on her runner-up finish later in the meet when she took first in the 200 backstroke.

"They stepped up and

raced well against a good Minnesota team," Iowa head swimming coach Marc Long said of his backstrokers. "They had a good meet, and it was nice to see that. This time of year we look for them competing, and they did just that today."

Junior Katarina Tour nabbed the only other first-place finish for the AquaHawks, taking the 200 individual medley.

In the 1- and 3-meter diving events, senior Brittany Logan and freshman Mary Sue LeMay each had a third- and fourth-place finish.

The diving events were dominated by Gopher sophomore Kelci Bryant, a member of the 2008 Olympic diving team in Beijing.

Iowa diving coach Bob Rydze, chairman of USA diving, has worked with Bryant in the past and said he hoped the fans were paying attention when she took to the board.

"I've seen her do a lot of dives that are some of the best you've ever seen," he said. "She's one of America's best divers. Period."

The AquaHawks have a slight break from action until the Hawkeye Invitational on Nov. 20-22, in which they will face Truman State, Western Illinois, and Northern Iowa.

"We have a lot more work to do before that meet and on throughout the season," Long said.

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