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Audience members give the gesture for "namaste" as Dean Jacobs delivers the keynote address to area middle schoolers and faculty during the 13th-annual International Day at the Coralville Marriott Hotel on Tuesday.

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Summit sues city

The lawsuit claims PAULA-per-visit ratio is unfairly applied and unconstitutional.

By **NICOLE KARLIS**
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Just before the Iowa City City Council denied a downtown bar's liquor-license renewal on Tuesday, its owner filed a lawsuit against the city, claiming an ordinance is unconstitutional.

The Summit, 10 S. Clinton St., became the third bar denied according to a new guideline that mandates police recommend that councilors refuse licenses to bars with a high number of underage drinking tickets.



Bailey
mayor

Councilors did not hesitate to uphold police Chief Sam Hargadine's recommendation for denial, voting 6-0 against the bar.

Mayor Regenia Bailey made her message clear — bars with high PAULA-per-police visit rates need to be monitoring underage patrons.

"Please talk to your colleagues and find ways to address it," she said. "Apparently, some people are finding methods."

Mike Porter, who owns three downtown bars including the Summit, filed a lawsuit against the city around 4 p.m. Tuesday, calling the city's new guidelines for liquor-license denials unconstitutional and unlawful.

Hours later, standing in front of the City Council, Porter defended himself as a license holder.

"I've done nothing illegal," he said. "I really want you to consider that I haven't broken a law."

Porter employs more than 100 employees in Iowa City and runs businesses that bring in millions of dollars in taxes to the city, he said. According to the lawsuit, no Summit employee was charged with serving to a minor during the 12-months considered in the PAULA ratio.

Summit clocked in with a final PAULA-per-visit ratio of 1.925.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay presented the council with new statistics after further reviewing the numbers. He said the best ratio Summit could have — accounting for any errors in tabulation — would be roughly 1.53.

"When it comes to the end, it's the PAULA rate, no matter how you slice it," Kelsay said.

Before the council could hold a vote on the license, Porter's attorney, Steven J. Havencamp, presented the lawsuit to City

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Hands-on human rights

UI speakers teach middle-school students about human rights.

By **HOLLY HINES**
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A group of 40 middle-schoolers spoke out on Tuesday about what news stories they find most important, giving priority to hard news about domestic events, politics, and science.

Unfazed by catchy slogans and brightly colored pictures, the students ranked advertisements last.

"I thought that was rather telling of the group," said Nick Stuber, a UI Center for Human Rights staff member who led the workshop.

Stuber's exercise was one of



Dean Jacobs delivers the keynote address to area middle-schoolers and faculty during the 13th-annual International Day at the Coralville Marriott Hotel on Tuesday.

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16 workshops held for 300 students from eastern Iowa and western Illinois during the 13th-annual International Day human-rights event,

cosponsored by the UI, at the Coralville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center.

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Presentation topics

Speakers' workshops included:

- A Visit to a Cambodian School
- Diversity of Human Languages: from the Global to the Local
- Sex, Drugs, Rock 'n' Roll, and Scientific Literacy
- Woodstock Plus 40 — Protest Music Then and Now
- Presto Chango: Where's the Truth?
- What is Story Telling For?
- The Rights of Refugees
- Life is Calling. How Far Will You Go?

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Check out a video report on the International Day human-rights event on dailyiowan.com.

UI explores cliff vesting

A change in the university's vesting plan could save \$1 million a year.

By **REGINA ZILBERMINTS**
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UI Faculty Senate members learned Tuesday that faculty would be subject to the same change in the vesting policy as staff if officials approve the plan.

The proposal, known as cliff vesting, would annul all retirement contributions from the UI to employees who leave the university within three

years of their being hired, said Susan Buckley, the UI vice president for Human Resources.

"I was asked to resurrect the idea and take people's temperature about it," she said.

Currently, all new UI



Buckley
vice president for Human Resources

employees are immediately vested into the institution, meaning they receive a share of retirement benefits regardless of how long they stay.

The change would apply to the roughly 16,000 employees enrolled in the TIAA-CREF retirement plan and could save the university around \$1 million a year, though the savings wouldn't start for three years.

The proposal comes soon after officials announced they would cut the university's retirement contributions to employees from 10 to 8 percent.

Just as at last week's Staff Council meeting, Faculty Senate members discussed possible exceptions to the policy.

These can be written into the policy in advance,

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UI reaches out of Iowa

By **JOHN DOETKOTT**
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The UI Admissions Office has seen a spike in applications from last year, with the majority coming from students outside Iowa, officials said.

The UI has received around 1,500 more applications this year compared with last year at this time

— and more than 1,250 of those are from nonresident and international students, Michael Barron, the director of Admissions, wrote in an e-mail.

And it fits with a growing trend of admitting more out-of-state students at the UI.

In 2009, the UI enrolled

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Iowa City officials' plans to expand have caused a rift. Exclusively online, hear local business owner Will Ingles talk about how the proposed Riverfront Crossings plan could have a negative effect.



Riverfront Crossings gets some bad reviews

By MITCHELL SCHMIDT
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Will Ingles' bookstore was built in 1859, when the building was used as a stagecoach layover station and later as a Pony Express station.

But now city officials are planning a renovation project in the area, known as the Riverfront Crossings District, that contains Ingles' the Book Shop, 608 S. Dubuque St. "I know things change," he said. "But change is not always welcome by those who have no input."

He said he was concerned when representatives from one of the urban-design firms showed little knowledge about the area. They were unaware of his shop's history and other aspects, such as the location of the Iowa City Post Office — a building less than a block away.

Ingles — and some other residents — said they're concerned they will have limited say in decisions, while others have praised the project.

During three sessions open to the public last week, Iowa City officials, members of the Environmental Protection Agency, and representatives from two urban-design firms shared ideas and gathered public opinions on changes to the area in discussion — the Riverfront Crossings District — which extends south of Burlington Street to Highway 6.

Some said they fear the city did not gather enough public input during a brief visit. While a handful of residents agree changes such as

The Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Depot

The building is located in the Riverfront Crossings District:

- Built in 1898
- Used as a rail depot until 1974
- Once had 15 diesel locomotives
- Acquired "rocket streamliners" in 1930
- Traveled by the 1956 and 1958 Iowa Hawkeye Rose Bowl teams
- Railroad carried troops in and out of Iowa City during the Civil War

Source: State Historical Society of Iowa



A train passes through the Riverfront Crossings District south of downtown Iowa City on Nov. 11. The rails, which once moved people, are now used for freight.

business owners.

While downtown bar life appeals to a short-term student audience, Farnsworth — who opened her establishment earlier this month — sees more middle-age customers.

"It would be good to bring back the family setting to this area," she said.

This increase in a friendly atmosphere could be achieved through one of the issues discussed during planning — an Amtrak rail service.

If a renovation ensues, the old Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Depot building might be reopened as a station, said Karen Howard, an Iowa City assistant planner. This may, in turn, lead to use of the Chicago-Iowa City rail line as well as a line to Cedar Rapids for people. The latter of the two rail lines would help Iowa City and Cedar Rapids grow and share ideas, Farnsworth said.

A renovation on a scale

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Check out footage of the *DI*'s interviews with residents and business owners in the Riverfront Crossings District.

this large would take time, Howard noted.

"We're planting the seeds for thought," she said. "It's up to the community to decide."

Ted Pacha, the owner of Theo Resources, 610 S. Dubuque St., said he has heard very little about renovation plans. Pacha, who owns a large portion of the buildings on the 600 block of South Dubuque Street, said he believes much more community input needs to be gathered so the city doesn't "put the cart in front of the horse."

The Iowa City resident said these plans for change seem to come and go in Iowa City, pointing to a copy of a previous development plan from 1995.

"It's pretty disconcerting," the skeptical property owner said. "I don't get too excited about it."

Pushing cornea transplants ahead

Lab manager pioneers more efficient corneal transplant.

By SAM LANE
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Greg Schmidt furiously scrubs his hands and forearms as his research assistant, Vickie LeGare, watches with a hint of impatience.

The duo from the Iowa Lions Eye Bank in Iowa City is about to prepare a cornea for research into a year-old procedure called Descemet's Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty — a type of corneal transplant.

Thanks to Schmidt, the newest innovation in corneal transplants actually comes from outside the operating room.

Until about a month ago, surgeons at the UIHC and around the country performed all aspects of the procedure in the operating room — from preparing the cornea sliver to transplanting it. But this causes many problems, professionals said, because any surgical mistakes during the cornea preparation would cause them to reschedule the surgery.

Now, Schmidt is the one who prepares the cornea for transplant, meaning surgeons are given corneas ready for immediate transplantation.

"This is thrilling," Schmidt said. "Everyone in the Eye Bank has a part in the donor process."

The procedure, Schmidt said, is "cutting edge" in the world of corneal transplants.

For more than 100 years, doctors used a technique known as a full-penetrating keratoplasty. This procedure involved a transplant of the entire cornea and often did not correct the patient's condition.

But Schmidt's research could help the roughly 40,000 patients who receive cornea transplants each year, according to the Eye Bank Association of America.

A year ago, a researcher in Switzerland developed the procedure to which Schmidt is now devoted. It involves only the removal of a single layer of cells. Schmidt compared this thickness to 15 sheets of paper contained in a ream of more than 500 sheets.

In order to remove such a thin section, Schmidt pumps air into the cornea with a needle. When this air supply creates a



Eye Bank technician Greg Schmidt from the Iowa Lions Eye Bank begins a procedure at the UIHC on Monday. The procedure reduces patients' recovery time and reduces the risk of infection.

bubble, it's ready for removal and eventual transplant.

Schmidt said the procedure is virtually undetectable and takes very little time to regain full vision.

Robert Mullins, a UI associate professor, relies on Schmidt's services for much of his cornea research.

"The idea that you can keep a lot of your own cornea and only replace the cells that are failing is an innovative and important advance in the field," Mullins said.

Schmidt has not only had an effect on cornea transplants in Iowa City, he's garnering attention around the country.

"Greg Schmidt is amazing;

Cornea transplants

A history of cornea transplants:

- More than 100 years ago: Entire cornea
- 2006: Two-thirds of cornea tissue
- 2008: Single layer of cells

Source: Greg Schmidt

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See more photos and video of the procedure of removing a thin layer from a donated cornea.

he's a pioneer," said Marianne Price, the executive director of the Cornea Research Foundation of America. "It's a delicate surgery. It's helpful to have that portion done ahead of time."

POLICE BLOTTER

William Berryman, 44, 260 Scott Court Apt. 5, was charged Nov. 14 with second-degree criminal mischief, criminal trespass, violating a no-contact domestic-abuse protective order, and violating harassment/stalking protective order.

Timur Dogan, 21, 106 Hawkeye Court, was charged Tuesday with

keeping a disorderly house.

Shawn Guhl, 25, 101 Shrader Road, was charged Nov. 13 with theft.

Jill Hill, 53, 628 N. Linn St. Apt. 2, was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.

Tate Kapple, 21, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with possession of a canceled, suspended, or

altered driver license or ID.

Daniel Scheuer, 19, 278 E. Court St. Apt. 301, was charged Nov. 14 with littering.

Robert Spain, 18, 929 Hudson Ave., was charged Monday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Tyler Wall, 23, Urbandale, Iowa, was charged Nov. 14 with urinating in public.

Kelvin Ware, 18, 2430 Muscatine Ave. Apt. 29, was charged Monday with fourth-degree theft.

Alex Weirich, 20, 929 Hudson Ave., was charged on Sunday with fifth-degree theft and PAULA.

Wayne Witham, 42, West Branch, was charged Nov. 13 with driving with a revoked license and OWI.

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METRO

Council passes 2nd reading of franchise fee

The Iowa City City Council voted 5-1 in favor of implementing a franchise fee on Tuesday. The vote was the council's second consideration of the fee; it needs one more vote before the fee passes.

The proposed fee would charge MidAmerican Energy

between 1 and 5 percent of its total services, which would in turn tax consumers 2 percent on their monthly utility bills.

Councilor Connie Champion voted against the fee, and Councilor Amy Correia was absent.

The increase would bring in an estimated \$1.7 million to hire more firefighters and police officers, councilors have said.

— by Brian Stewart

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Attorney Eleanor Dilkes. "I think it's important for you to be aware that we've sued," Havencamp said. "If the council denies the liquor-license tonight, the Summit will appeal like Et Cetera and 3rd Base."

Et Cetera, 118 S. Dubuque St., and 3rd Base Sports Bar, 111 E. College St., were the first to face the City Council since the new guidelines to renew liquor licenses went into effect July 1. The new policy directs Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine to recommend license denials to the City Council if bars have a ratio of more than one PAULA per police visit. Both bars have appealed to the state Alcoholic Beverages Division.

The lawsuit states the city's actions will significantly hurt the Summit's business, as it did with Et Cetera and 3rd Base. The latter lost nearly 80 percent of gross receipts in the two months immediately following the city's disapproval of its liquor-license, the lawsuit claims.

Havencamp told councilors the lawsuit claims the resolution is unconstitutional, applied unevenly, and runs "directly contrary to Iowa law."

One factor Iowa Code mandates as a requirement for holding a liquor-license is maintaining "good moral character."

UI political-science associate professor Tim Hagle, who teaches an undergraduate course in constitutional law, noted having a liquor-license is a privilege for a business, not a right.

He noted a high PAULA



JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Summit owner Mike Porter listens as city councilors discuss their reasons for supporting a resolution to deny renewal of the bar's liquor-license at City Hall on Tuesday.

ratio could be perceived as abusing that privilege.

"They may not have a very strong case," he said.

UI law Professor Randall Bezanson said one claim in the lawsuit — that police target some bars more than others — is similar to a speed trap. Police are going to frequent where they know there is illegal activity and possible arrests, he said.

At the meeting Councilor Mike Wright said certain Iowa City businesses, including the Summit, have failed to comply with state law.

"It's contributed to a culture the community does not appreciate," he said.

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Read the full text of Mike Porter's lawsuit against the city over the code.

Councilors acknowledges that the state's decision on Et Cetera and 3rd Base could find the resolution vague or unconstitutional.

"We will find out at some point if what we enacted holds up," said Councilor Matt Hayek. "But that is a separate consideration, and we aren't equipped to talk about tonight."

Your turn. Is the city doing the right thing? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

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Workshops at this year's gathering — which cost \$10,000 and was also sponsored by the Stanley Foundation — focused on interpreting media information and media access in other countries.

Of the 16 sessions, 14 were taught by UI faculty, staff, or students.

Event coordinators aimed to help the students understand which information to trust in a digital age filled with faulty facts, said UI Center for Human Rights coordinator Greg Hamot, who helped plan the event.

"There's a tidal wave of information that hits them," he said, and he hopes the workshops help students learn more about human rights and morality. "To understand why people do what they do, you have to understand how much information is available to them."

Within 20 minutes of

opening registration last spring, teachers filled the 300 available spots, Hamot said.

"I have to say that [the event] is definitely exceeding my expectations," said Lindsay Hobson, a teacher from Roosevelt Middle School in Cedar Rapids.

She said her students enjoyed the "Songs from the Holocaust" session, which included a presentation about music performed in the ghettos of Poland during World War II.

Her students liked the topic because it's not normally discussed in school, she said.

Students from McKinley Middle School, also in Cedar Rapids, have attended International Day for the past five years, said teacher Barb Rhame.

McKinley eighth-grader Caroline Rossberger said she enjoyed a role-playing activity in the presentation called "The Rights of Refugees."

At the workshop students were split into groups representing bor-

der control, refugees, and onlookers.

"You just got to act like you were one of the refugees from Africa," she said.

McKinley students who attended last year's event did projects about the information they learned after the event, Rhame said, and, "They were some of the most meaningful projects I've ever had students complete."

From Iowa City, several sixth-graders from Longfellow and Hoover attended the event.

"It's really an honor to go every year; we've been going for 12 years," said Sharon Thomas, a teacher for the extended learning program at Hoover and Longfellow.

Teresa Garringer, a UI College of Education staff member who helped coordinate the event, said she overheard students discussing what they learned on their way to lunch and noted, "It's their right to know and be informed."

VESTING

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Buckley said, such as for breaks in service to the UI. That exception would apply to researchers who experience gaps between grants.

Senate members also discussed whether the manner in which someone leaves the UI should matter.

Cliff vesting would apply to employees who are terminated before three years have elapsed, Buckley said.

But engineering Professor Richard Valentine said employees who are laid off because of budget issues shouldn't be penalized by losing retirement benefits.

Last week, staff members also questioned the effect implementing cliff

vesting would have on recruitment, particularly among younger people who may not be planning to remain at the UI.

Iowa State University officials implemented cliff vesting in response to budget cuts leading up to fiscal 2010. At ISU, employees are vested after three years of continuous service.

Tom Schellhardt, vice president for administration and financial services at the University of Northern Iowa, said all employees covered by TIAA-CREF are vested immediately. However, UNI officials are examining the possibility of implementing cliff vesting, which Schellhardt called an "industry standard."

"This is pretty much the norm for people not in academia," said Laura Prince,

a member of the UI Staff Council, who said she worked in the private sector before coming to the university.

UI officials also looked at a graduated five-year vesting option, where employees earn an increasing percentage of their benefits each year for up to five years. But Buckley said the UI would save less money with this option.

UI officials considered vesting several years ago amid earlier budget cuts, but decided against the practice, she added.

The plan would only apply to new hires; all current employees are exempt. President Sally Mason would make the final decision regarding vesting at the UI, though the state Board of Regents must also approve the change.

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Editorial

FDA's action on alcoholic energy drinks is warranted

Your heart races while your head spins.

The intoxication from alcoholic energy drinks is unmistakable and distinct from other types of intoxication. Alcohol's depressing numbness dulls the mind, while caffeine gives the body a buzz to keep it going.

The combination of effects is quite popular, creating a subindustry in the greater brewing industry to supply a club-happy public with drinks that both mellow and provide a kick. The federal Food and Drug Administration pulled the plug on the fun last week, however, asking 28 companies to defend their mass-produced, caffeine-infused alcoholic beverages.

It is right to come down on these companies. Artificially inserting caffeine into alcoholic beverages is illegal from a FDA de-facto ban — and rightly so. The combination of the two drugs can harm people, both young and old.

Caffeine is not a natural product in ordinary fermentation or distillation. Brewers must artificially insert the substance into alcoholic beverages in order to produce the popular product. This process is illegal without prior approval from the FDA under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Until the FDA approves — or they are deemed Generally Recognized As Safe — such products are banned, according to the FDA's website. To date, the FDA has only approved artificially inserting caffeine into soft drinks — not alcoholic beverages.

Injecting caffeine into soft drinks is one thing. Including it in an alcoholic beverage is quite another. Besides a plethora of preservatives (mandated by the FDA, no less), the primary substance in most soft drinks is corn syrup, which causes nowhere near the same number of harmful side effects alcohol does.

The special drinks' negative effects are well-documented.

Alcohol is a depressant. Caffeine is a stimulant.

The two substances create opposite neural-chemical reactions in the body and can lead to significant health and heart problems. Aside from the havoc wreaked by the opposite effects in the body, the two chemicals combine to elevate a person's blood pressure. High blood pressure can lead to kidney and liver damage, as well increase the risks of strokes and blindness.

A Tuesday *Daily Iowan* story referenced a 2007 Wake Forest study indicating consumers of these beverages are at a greater risk of being taken advantage sexually and have a higher proclivity toward experiencing alcohol-related consequences, such as requiring medical treatment.

But there are other factors to consider, such as the public's right to choose what to consume.

Regulations like these do restrict people's ability to choose their pursuit of happiness, however fleeting. People should generally have decision-making autonomy, but in a democratic

republic, citizens entrust our leadership to monitor and ensure the safety of the products we choose as well.

The de-facto ban on alcoholic beverages containing caffeine does not preclude people from mixing the drinks themselves. Nor does it prevent the public from ordering these drinks at local nightclubs. The FDA's current regulation ensures the public's safety and well-being by ensuring the quality of the products we buy.

Time will tell if such drinks are harmful enough to warrant explicit prohibition or should remain in the market under proper supervision. Alcohol-infused energy drinks are very popular at the bars, but people should be aware of the side effects. Until the public writ large is more cognizant, both the government and consumers should act responsibly when handling these dangerous drinks.

Your turn. Should the FDA ban mass-produced drinks that contain both alcohol and caffeine? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.



A Modest Proposal

By AL HORNE

With Congress tied up over health reform — legislation whose initial, much-discussed goal was to extend health insurance to as many as 47 million uninsured Americans — this may be as good a time as any to propose another, less divisive reform.

The FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms estimated in 2008 that more than 250 million guns were owned by U.S. citizens. Since President Obama's election last November, newspapers and electronic media have reported a sharp increase in U.S. gun sales, spurred by rumors that the new administration has secret plans to block gun sales to law-abiding Americans. Normally, around 4.5 million guns are sold in the United States each year, so this surge in sales means that Americans own roughly 260 million guns, in a population of nearly 309 million.

Surveys indicate that gun ownership is not spread evenly across U.S. households. In fact, chances are that a substantial proportion of U.S. gun owners have more than one weapon, so it's quite possible that fewer than 200 million Americans own those 260 million guns. That means there may be more than 100 million citizens left unprotected against their gun-owning fellow citizens.

Surely, everyone can agree that this is an outrage. Moreover, it is an outrage that Congress can easily fix, without months of committee meetings, town halls, or tea parties. All that is required is a bipartisan, pro-constitutional bill to extend the Second Amendment's protection of gun ownership to all Americans, whether they like it or not.

Under such legislation — let's call it the Gun Insurance Act of 2009 — every

American would be required to buy some kind of gun. Those who cannot afford even the simplest weapon — say, those whose 2009 annual income is less than twice the federal poverty level — could be issued \$500 vouchers that would be valid only at gun shops or gun shows and would have to be used before the 2010 Census. (Just think: What a stimulus to private enterprise all these gun sales would provide, and how many new gun-selling jobs would be created.)

How would the law be enforced? Census takers could verify that everyone they count has a weapon in working condition, and those census takers who survive could report all noncompliant Americans to the FBI so it could notify local police departments, which would issue citations for whatever fines Congress chooses to impose. (Note that this proposed legislation would not require creating any new bureaucracy, public option, or death panels.) Of course, illegal immigrants would not receive vouchers, would not be required to buy guns, and would not be counted in the Census.

So there it is: a modest proposal even Max Baucus and Chuck Grassley can agree on. If we're willing to require people to buy health insurance, why not require them to buy guns? Sure, maybe the Congressional Budget Office could overestimate its cost, and some wimpy liberals could file a court challenge, but the Supreme Court would slap it down on a clear 5-4 vote. Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid, here's one issue where you can count on at least a couple of Republican votes.

The writer, a former *Post* reporter and editor, lives in Alexandria, Va. This commentary was published in Tuesday's *Washington Post*.

Letter

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Ads are deceptive, destructive

It astounds me that *The Daily Iowan* keeps printing, and accepting money for, ads put out by Facts & Logic About the Middle East. These quarter-page ads are propaganda to justify the land grab by Israel and the

dehumanization of the displaced Arab people.

How can you justify taking farmland, homes, and livelihoods, closing schools, separating families by checkpoints and large cement walls, and giving building permits to Israelis only? How do you justify digging deep wells and

diverting much-needed water and not permitting Arabs to dig any wells? How do you justify having lush gardens and swimming pools and allowing Arab farms to dry up?

Iowa City is a diverse community. Many doctors and professionals are Arab and live and work right here with us.

Why does *The Daily Iowan* print an ad that is so racist, insulting, and full of lies? These ads are divisive. Iowans are too educated to be fed such misinformation.

Tracy Aly

UI director of diagnostic photography in the ophthalmology department

Guest opinion

Iowa elections 2010: An interesting rerun?

By STEFFEN SCHMIDT

When Iowans go to the polls in 2010, they will have several interesting choices to make. Among them: Whom to choose for in the gubernatorial race, incumbent Chet Culver or the GOP challenger, who could be former Gov. Terry Branstad?

But the 2010 political season will be especially compelling if an aging Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, is running against a maturing Roxanne Conlin, who ran for governor and lost to Branstad in 1982.

Conlin is a formidable person and could be a powerful adversary. She was

admitted to Drake University in 1961 at age 16 and graduated from law school with honors at 21.

From 1969 to 1976, she was an assistant attorney general for the state of Iowa, heading the Iowa Civil Rights section. In 1977, she became one of the first women to serve as a U.S. attorney. She was the first woman president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Conlin has a Des Moines law firm, Roxanne Conlin & Associates, P.C., in which according to her biography, "she exclusively represents people who have been harmed by others, whether

by discrimination, products, doctors, or vehicles."

She is certain to have the following statement from a July 1982 *New York Times* article thrown at her: "she paid no state income taxes for 1981, in part because she and her husband took advantage of tax shelters that she had denounced."

Conlin will also be painted as a far-left liberal, politically inexperienced, and the fact that she is a trial lawyer will be held against her. Iowa has also been a tough place for women running for office, and it remains one of a handful of states never to have elected a woman to Congress or

the governorship.

Of course it's far from certain that Conlin will win the Democratic primary, and there are other well-qualified challengers for that race. Bob Krause of Fairfield, who served in the Iowa House of Representatives and retired in 2008 after a 20-year career with the state's Department of Transportation, is the leading contender. Tom Fiegen of Clarence and Sal Mohamed of Sioux City have also announced an interest in the Democratic primary, but they are truly unknown statewide.

Grassley was re-elected with 70 percent of the vote

in November 2004, but his poll numbers have been falling as Washington politics becomes more brutal and as Iowa becomes more Democratic. Also, Grassley bought into former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's notion that "death panels" for older Americans would be part of health-care reform, which was roundly criticized.

It is widely accepted that 2010 will be a difficult year for incumbents. In Connecticut, Christopher Dodd and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania — who are Senate cohorts of Grassley from the 1980 freshman class — will also face tough challenges.

The key question, then, is

whether Grassley has been so damaged that the almost-certain re-election of an incumbent will fail in his case.

The second question is whether a woman anticipating spending \$10 million to run for the Senate can connect with Iowa voters. If younger voters (the Obama brigades that overwhelmed politics in 2008) turn out in numbers, they could sweep a woman into a top office. If they stay at home, as some polls suggest, Conlin will have a difficult time overcoming the more conservative older voters.

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Pedestrians walk by India Cafe in downtown Iowa City on Tuesday. The UI and Iowa City communities are celebrating cultural diversity and global education this week. International Education Week includes events that encourage students to broaden their understanding of other cultures and allow international students a chance to network and mix with other students.

Iowa City, UI join the world

UI faculty and students celebrate international education.

By COURTNEY SPEARS

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When Ayumi Irie, 23, stepped onto Iowa soil for the first time, she was flabbergasted.

"I had never seen squirrels outside of a zoo," the native of Hitachi, Japan, said. "And there was grass everywhere."

The UI and Iowa City community join in celebrating global education and cultural diversity with International Education Week. Festivities continue today with an International Programs Student Funding Expo at 3 p.m. in 1117 University Capitol Centre and a Student Networking Social at Mia Za's Italian Cafe, 122 E. Washington St. at 5 p.m. The week's celebrations end Thursday with an International Education Week Awards Ceremony and reception at 5:30 p.m. in the Old Capitol.

International Education Week is a joint initiative between the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education set aside to celebrate the benefit of worldwide education and exchange.

"The purpose of [this week's] events is to make students aware of opportunities to study abroad and to promote international funding," said Carly Andrews, an outreach coordinator for UI International Programs. "But it's also about allowing students and faculty to make connections."

Andrews stressed the importance of student interest in international work, especially with the growing development of the "global university." In an increas-

ingly globalized world, understanding of international cultures has become of foremost importance for students and educators.

"There's this sense we have when we're young that our culture exists everywhere," Andrews said.

Sharon Benzoni, the executive director of the Iowa City Foreign Relations Committee, agreed, noting that cross-cultural integration is significant because it happens everywhere.

"As citizens, we need to be aware that there are other ways of viewing the world," she said.

Benzoni said study-abroad students have shown increasing interest in developing countries, such as China, India, Africa and areas in the Middle East.

"I think students are becoming aware of the importance of helping and serving in these countries with multilateralism," she said.

And more than 2,000 international students enroll at the UI each year.

Graduate student Nikhil Sikka, a second-year Ph.D. candidate in civil engineering, is in his fourth year at the UI. The New Delhi native planned to attend the university to complete a master's degree before returning to India.

"I loved it here from the get-go," he said. "[The UI] is a great place for students, and there's always a lot to do."

Sikka said the biggest culture shock was the small size of Iowa City, a far cry from the 300,000-plus population of New Delhi.

"The main problem I had, and that most other international students have, was

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When: 5:30 p.m. Thursday
Where: Old Capitol Rotunda
Admission: Free

to make friends and stop hanging in ethnic groups," Sikka said. "Iowa City's a great melting pot and oasis for cultural diversity."

UI senior Irie had a similar experience adjusting.

"I was always excited because everything is so new," she said. "It's [been] a great experience to put myself in a new place and meet so many new people."

Her experience at an American university has taught her independence and given her a new confidence she hopes to carry with her, she said.

"They let me take responsibility by myself," she said, noting that in Japan there is more pressure and oversight of education. "But there has always been help available when I needed it."

Staring at the Moon

Author Philip Graham is more than just a travel writer.

By ERIC ANDERSEN

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Phillip Graham never planned on traveling across the world.

"I'm not very good at planning, and I think if I've ever tried to plan something, it has fallen apart," he said and chuckled. "So you just sort of adapt to what life gives you."

The 58-year-old has hitchhiked in Japan, canoed on the Yukon River in Canada, and lived in Africa, where he once contracted malaria. Most recently, the University of Illinois creative-writing professor spent a year living in Lisbon, Portugal, writing a series of travel dispatches for the literary magazine *McSweeney's*.

This material eventually made its way into Graham's latest book, *The Moon, Come to Earth: Dispatches From Lisbon*, from which he will read at 7 p.m. today at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St. The author has written several other books, including a travel memoir about his time spent living in Africa called *Parallel Worlds*.

UI Nonfiction Writing Program Director Robin Hemley uses Graham's writings in his current travel essay class.

"I've admired his work from way back," Hemley said. "He combines memoir and travelogue really well. He writes very sensitively, but also with a sense of

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Philip Graham

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humor, about Portugal."

Graham said that Lisbon was one of his and wife Alma's favorite cities. He described Lisbon as being filled with white-washed Mediterranean-style buildings with salmon tile floors, wide open spaces and parks, and a "sparkling crystal clear blue sky."

In the collection of stories, he often comes back to the Portuguese term *saudade* — "a complicated feeling that combines sorrow, longing, and regret, laced perhaps with a little mournful pleasure" — to describe the mindset of the country and its people.

"The term is actually in everything," Graham said. "It's in their literature; it's in their poetry. It's in every kind of music that the Portuguese make, and they make wonderful music, called *fado*."

Despite all of this scenic detail, the main portion of *The Moon, Come to Earth* focuses on Graham's observations of daughter Hannah trying to adjust to life in Portugal and his wife's anthropological research.

The books title story discusses an experience the



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Philip Graham teaches creative writing at the University of Illinois when he is not exploring new places.

family had while attending a Lisbon arts festival.

"It was [Hannah's] second week of being at a Portuguese school," Graham said. "It was a very difficult experience for her, and when she saw the Moon, she just really bonded with it ... In many ways she saw herself as that Moon. Something that was out of context, isolated, and stared at. She felt the same way around crowds and in her Portuguese school."

The author said it wasn't until this experience that he realized his dispatches could be made into a full-length book, focusing more on the observations around him rather than just the scenic beauty of Lisbon.

"Being a parent is actually far more adventurous than canoeing on the Yukon River or being a crew member on a schooner," Graham said. "That was action. Drama, drama is family. The greatest adventure for me has been the personal adventure of my family, and I think that is kind of put in perspective through my writing."

The Halls-mark of charm



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Lately, my attempts to turn on the charm have fallen flat. With all the striking out I've been doing, I considered giving up all together.

Fortunately, America's advertisers have struck gold with the ultimate pickup line: "Would you like a Halls Refresh?"

In case you haven't been trolling Hulu lately, allow me to summarize the TV spot — a mother is helping her son move into his dorm room, when the son's socially

awkward roommate offers the tired woman a Halls Refresh lozenge. She accepts and enjoys the candy-like lozenge while sharing extended eye contact with the roommate. Her son and husband enter, agog.

Seems like any other medical-supplement sales pitch to me, but apparently the Halls Refresh is killing on the singles scene.

I would never have suspected that this seemingly innocuous offer of a cough drop would have such a steamy connotation, but according to the American Decency Association (I didn't know it existed, either), the ad is "disgusting" because of its brazen display of "a mom standing inches apart from a young college boy staring at him as he stares at her as the camera focuses

on their mouths moving in sexually suggestive ways while the voice-over shares their suggestive thoughts."

The decency association goes further to call Cadbury, Halls' parent company, "morally bankrupt." Call me out-of-touch, but I didn't know that soothing a sore throat was the gateway to second base.

Cadbury assured the association that the ad "is intended to communicate the product's key attributes — refreshing, juicy, and mouth-wateringly intense flavor enjoyment," but this explanation has done little to quell the outrage of the group's members (who, obviously, will be handling flu season with the help of pure, wholesome Ricola).

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UI to promote diversity skills

New certificate program can benefit all majors.

By **ASHLEY OERMAN**
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In the middle of mostly white Iowa, UI officials are hoping to attract students with some diverse thinking.

Beginning in the spring of 2010, the university will be the first school in the Big Ten to offer a certificate program promoting cultural understanding.

Program coordinator Ed Saunders, a UI associate professor of social work, said his team recognized that students from Iowa should have some background knowledge of cultural diversity before graduating.

"In a state like Iowa, which might not have a large urban population with a lot of diversity, we need to educate our students with a set of skills that they will use in Iowa or if they leave," he said.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Iowa is 94.2 percent white.

The UI's program, called Critical Cultural Competency, entails 18 semester hours of coursework — half of which will come from electives in such categories as Gender and Sexuality, African American Studies, and Global and International Populations. The course load also includes an

introductory class called Foundations of Critical Cultural Competency and a seminar in Cultural Competence.

"It's very innovative," said Jefri Palermo, development coordinator for the UI School of Social Work.

Palermo said the program differs from other certificates based on diversity, such as American Indian and Native studies, because of its broad range of content.

"There are no other programs that look at all of these things integrated together," Palermo said.

Saunders said the certificate will only create two new courses, which will be funded by tuition money set aside for Saturday and evening courses. The rest of the elective classes are already taught at the UI.

More diverse universities such as San Diego State, located in an area that has a minority population of around 40 percent, have already adopted similar cultural-competency programs.

The new certificate joins 18 others offered at the UI, ranging from Aging Studies to International Business. However, unlike most of these certificates — which are usually paired with a specific major — Saunders noted the cultur-

UI certificates

The UI offers undergraduate certificates in several areas, including:

- Aging Studies
- Critical Cultural Competence
- Global Health Studies
- Medieval Studies
- Public Health
- Sexuality Studies
- Sustainability

Source: UI Registrar

al competency program would be beneficial for a majority of students.

"All can profit by having this certificate in hand when they leave the university," he said.

Students' future employers will see the value in the certificate as workplaces become increasingly diverse.

"It will be helpful for students to tell employers this is something additional I have to bring to my job," he said.

UI freshman Leah Webster, a psychology and English major, said she is considering taking the certificate program because it could help her when she becomes a therapist.

"I think on some level everyone should have some knowledge of cultural competency so you can relate better to other people," she said.

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more out-of-state freshmen than resident freshmen for the first time. Roughly 51 percent of first-year students are not from Iowa, though overall only 38 percent of total undergraduates hail from elsewhere.

UI Provost Wallace Loh said this fits into the university's plan to bring in more students and transform into what he called a "destination university." Loh said the UI is "no longer isolated in the Heartland" and needs to recruit more international and other students to become a more diverse and ultimately better university.

UI officials have already discussed bringing 100 new students to campus each year for the next five years. Loh said officials would target both resident and non-resident students to make up that 100 students and disregarded the idea that the increase is meant solely to generate revenue.

"I don't think anything should be done strictly on the basis of revenue," he said but noted that it is a factor.

For the 2009-10 school year, the average out-of-state

undergraduate student will pay more than \$30,000 for tuition and housing; in-state students pay around half that number.

Loh said the UI will eventually need to add more out-of-state students because the number of high-school graduates in Iowa is steadily decreasing.

"It's a very significant strategic issue," he said, and there's a dwindling number of qualified students graduating from Iowa high schools. "We still admit every qualified student."

Loh noted that Iowa has one of the oldest populations in the nation — 14.8 percent of Iowa's population is over the age of 65, higher than the national average, according to the U.S. Census Bureau — and said more international students stay and get their first job in Iowa than native Iowans do. Loh said adding outside students does more than help the UI, it helps the whole state.

"It's more than increasing revenue; it's also thinking long-term," he said.

But other university presidents say funding is an important issue when admitting out-of-state students. Officials from several state university officials — includ-

ing the University of Washington and University of Virginia — told the *Washington Post* that tipping the scales toward nonresidents is one way to increase revenue.

Barron said increased visibility through the Internet, including the UI's presence on Facebook and YouTube, can be credited with much of the increase of applications overall. But he also said more traditional marketing has helped attract new students.

"Certainly, athletics keeps the name out there," Barron said. "It doesn't hurt us that others have labeled us a best buy."

Loh credits the increase in applications to four factors: the economy, the football season, a change in the admissions formula, and the emerging economies of countries around the world.

More students are going to college to ride out the recession as well, he said, and the winning football season has brought the university greater publicity. Loh also noted high-school counselors now understand the UI's new admissions formula, and a growing number of students in developing countries can afford to come to the United States for college.

Profs debate time

A policy change could keep faculty time management under closer review.

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Faculty could find their time more strictly regulated under a new policy the UI Faculty Council considered on Tuesday.

A change in the Post-Tenure Effort Allocation Policy would give UI deans the power to make decisions about how faculty divide their time among teaching, research, and service. The policy change would also create an advisory committee to aid in those decisions. The policy's goal is to involve faculty who aren't "pulling their weight" in their unit or department, said UI Faculty Council President David Drake.

Faculty currently develop guidelines within each unit as a basis for the amount of work and scholarship expected from each member.

If the head of the department, or someone else in the department, does not think faculty members are meeting those expectations, they may ask them to change the amount of effort they put toward each goal. In other words, if someone thinks faculty are not putting enough effort toward their research, they can suggest dedicating more time to teaching.

But sometimes, faculty members don't want to change their schedule, and the policy change allows the department dean to make the final decision on how faculty spend their time. The dean would be advised by the Dean's Advisory Group, a standing council of at least three tenured full professors who would be elected by faculty.

The faculty member could appeal to the provost, who would make the final

decision on time allocation.

Drake, who said he supports the policy, was adamant that a only small minority of professors would be affected by the policy, noting that most professors work extremely hard.

Opinion among the Faculty Council was mixed, with some councilors praising the progressive approach to dealing with faculty who fail to meet standards, and others condemning the way in which the policy might force faculty into classes they are unqualified to teach.

Law Professor Sheldon Kurtz said simply requiring teachers to take on more classes doesn't make up for a lack of research or professors not meeting standards.

"To say 'teach more' doesn't really address the problem," he said. "Our No. 1 responsibility is teaching, not scholarship."

English Associate Professor Teresa Mangum, who isn't in favor of the policy change, said the alteration strayed too far from the policy's original intent. The real issues go beyond a simple policy change, she said, calling for a "change of culture" in which the punitive connotations of an increased course load is removed and professors begin to think of it as an "honor to teach."

History Professor Katherine Tachau said the goal of the policy is not to punish teachers but to shift their focus from research to teaching.

"What this really is designed to do is get people in the classroom," she said.

The council made no decision on the policy, concluding it needed further revision and review before being put to a vote.



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One theater director will stage an adaptation of a popular holiday show at City High.

By NICOLE KARLIS
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Janet Schlapkohl is producing young starlets every day — growing pains included.

Monday's life lesson: dancing the waltz.

Schlapkohl, 52, founded City High's "Combined Efforts Community Drama," a group that includes future superstars both with and without special needs.

"Am I going to have to teach you how to dance?" the director joked with an actor struggling with the waltz, jumping on stage shortly after and taking his hands to instruct.

Schlapkohl started the group around nine years ago, when she was a special-education teacher at City High, working with the school's mainstage productions at the same time.

"I saw kids in my class who could sing and dance," she said, sipping a drink at Teaspoons during some off-stage time. "I said I'm just going to start my own group, and I did."

Many young performers didn't initially see theater as their forte. But she got them to come around — eventually.

"It took a little wheedling," said Schlapkohl, who has electric-blue eyes

and short, brown hair. She said she had to practically beg students to join at first. On Monday, roughly 30 students rehearsed.

So clearly, she's got the directing and convincing down. But writing the shows? She does that, too.

Schlapkohl was recently admitted into the UI's M.F.A. program in playwriting (she wonders if she's the oldest person it has ever taken) and began this fall. She's come a long way since writing her first play in seventh grade ("It was very dramatic," she noted).

"It's a great feeling to write for something and have people laugh or hold their breath for a second," she said.

In addition to all her accomplishments, she also won the Isabel Turner Award last October.

The humble woman — who also performs monologues at Riverside Theatre when she's not at the farm with the goats, ducks, and cows — was at first skeptical about why she should accept such prestigious human-rights recognition.

"It felt wrong," she said.

"Someone shouldn't get an award for spending time with kids with special needs, but then I realized I've made an opportunity for kids to get to spend time with kids in classes they usually aren't with."



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ABOVE: Janet Schlapkohl directs students in City High's Little Theater during rehearsal for an adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* on Monday. Schlapkohl has been directing plays with groups of children with special needs and those without for nine years.

BELOW: Janet Schlapkohl teaches students how to dance during a routine in City High's Little Theater for rehearsal of *A Christmas Carol* on Monday.

It's an opportunity her young performers — who are staging an adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* to debut Dec. 17 — are definitely thankful for.

"It's nice that the students with disabilities can bond with the other students," said shaggy-haired City High junior Wyatt Bettis, an actor in this season's play, working on some homework between his scenes.

Says parent Carlyn Christensen-Szalanski: "It's the combination of people working together and the transformation it makes to a play." Her



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daughter is in her fourth year with the group.

It's not only the opportu-

nity to make new friends at City High that draws participants. Spending time

Janet Schlapkohl

- **Age:** 52
- **Hometown:** West Union, Iowa
- **Education:** Biology major, education minor from Iowa State University; master's in education with a focus on learning disabilities from the UI; master's in fine arts — playwriting program at the UI (in progress)
- **Family:** Husband David (a veterinarian whom she met in a college biology class), and children Laura, Paul, and Jane
- **Hobbies:** Tending to the goats, ducks, and cows on her acre of land outside Iowa City; makes cheese, milk
- **Summer school:** Holds Country Camp, in which students can go to the farm and help produce a film
- **Recent proud moments:** Paul, an actor, will have a role on "Nip/Tuck"; has a new grandson, Beckett

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with Schlapkohl is another perk. The West Union native is very hands-on, keeping the group under control but still leading a fun, lively rehearsal.

"My favorite part about being in the group is being with Janet," said City High sophomore Sara Mildenstein, who's working on costumes for the show. "She's a really awesome person."

Stupak measure infuriates some locals

Some say health-care amendment is a threat to women's health.

By KEVIN HOFFMAN
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Iowa City legislators and local women's health advocates say they are infuriated by an addition to the House health-care bill that would restrict access to abortion coverage in the private insurance sector.



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"I can't think of a more blatant example of government getting involved in health-care decisions between a woman and her doctor," said Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City.

On Nov. 7, the House

passed the Affordable Health Care for America Act — H.R. 3962 — which included a controversial amendment known as Stupak-Pitts. The amendment would keep women who get government subsidies for health insurance from purchasing private health plans that cover abortion, even with their own money.

The bill would also eliminate the option of abortion coverage in a government national insurance exchange, which the bill would create to allow individuals to shop for a health-care plan among different insurance providers. This exchange would provide more affordable options to individuals and employees of

small businesses who otherwise can't afford it, experts said.

Karen Kubby, the former executive director of the Emma Goldman Clinic, 227 N. Dubuque St., said she believes the amendment is a detrimental setback to women's health.

"We need to understand that abortion is part of the reproductive health options for women," she said. "This amendment is putting women's sexual reproduction health and financial health at risk."

The amendment would place more of a burden on nonprofit organizations, such as the Emma Goldman Clinic, that provide financial assistance to many women, she said. Clinics would have to find ways to raise more money to provide those services.

Rather than finding

ways to come up with money to provide care to women in need, Kubby believes funds should be used for educational programs to prevent pregnancy and help people think about their sexual choices.

But proponents of the bill say it's necessary for any health-care reform.

"The only thing that will prevent the health-care bill from being an abortion bill' is precisely the Stupak-Pitts Amendment," said Douglas Johnson, legislative director for the National Right to Life Committee in a statement.

National officials and state legislators such as Bolkcom believe the House added the amendment as a compromise between Democrats and Republicans in order to get enough votes to pass the bill.

Iowa representatives

were split on whether to add the Stupak-Pitts Amendment to the bill.

House Democrats from Iowa — Bruce Braley, Dave Loebsack, and Leonard Boswell — voted against the amendment. Republicans Tom Latham and Steve King voted for it.

Planned Parenthood has noted the amendment will disproportionately affect low-income women who already can't afford coverage, as well as go one step further than the Hyde Amendment — passed in 1976 — which places a strict limitation on federal funds to pay for abortions.

Iowans can use federal funds for abortions in four instances — cases of rape, incest, fetal anomalies, and to save the woman's life.

There were nearly 6,649 abortions in Iowa in

Officials on the Stupak-Pitts Amendment

Here is a list of the Iowa representatives and how they voted:

- Bruce Braley, D — Nay
- Dave Loebsack, D — Nay
- Leonard Boswell, D — Nay
- Tom Latham, R — Yea
- Steve King, R — Yea

Source: U.S. House

2007, according to the Iowa Department of Public Health's Center for Statistics.

One in four women will have an abortion sometime in their life, according to Planned Parenthood of the Heartland.

The Senate will draft its own version of the bill, where the amendment has a chance to be cut.

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Hawkeyes face tall task

The Iowa women's basketball team will host No. 19 Kansas tonight in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

By EVELYN LAU
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After sweeping through the KCRG-TV9 Hawkeye Challenge, the Iowa women's basketball team will try to build on its winning streak.

But standing in the way is the team that handed the Hawkeyes their first loss last season — the Kansas Jayhawks.

After a disappointing 76-55 defeat in Lawrence, Kan., Iowa (2-0) will try for redemption when it hosts the No. 19 Jayhawks (1-0) in Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 7 p.m. today.

"This year, I think we'll be a little bit more prepared for what we're going to see against Kansas," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "We can remember that [loss] pretty vividly and what

that was like."

The Jayhawks return three starters from last year's squad, which lost in the championship game of the WNIT. Kansas, previously ranked No. 20 in the preseason polls, moved up a spot following a 106-80 win in its season-opener against Oral Roberts.

Preseason Big 12 Player of the Year Danielle McCray led the Jayhawks in that victory with 27 points, 11 rebounds, and seven assists.

"They're incredibly athletic," Bluder said. "This is a very good basketball team. Again, you're not picked to finish second in the Big 12 if you're not a good team and have the player of the year in the Big 12 on your team. That's amazing statistics right there."

With four Iowa players out because of injuries — freshmen Gabby Machado (ankle) and Theaira Taylor (eye), sophomore Hannah Draxten (back), and senior JoAnn Hamlin (leg) — the Hawkeyes will turn toward their youth.

Iowa's starting lineup will consist of sophomore Kamille Wahlin and junior Kachine Alexander at guard, freshman Jaime Printy and sophomore Kelly Krei at forward, and freshman Morgan Johnson at center.

"It's really exciting," Printy said. "It will be a really good challenge for our team. We're just going to have to step up big for this one, but it's going to be a really fun game."

The Hawkeyes are led by Alexander, the co-Big Ten Player of the Week who is

Iowa (2-0) vs. No. 19 Kansas (1-0)

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averaging 20 points, 15 rebounds, and 4 1/2 assists in two games. She was also named the MVP of the Hawkeye Challenge.

Another key to Iowa's early success is Krei's 3-point shooting. In the Hawkeyes' home tournament, she shot 57.1 percent from behind the arc. Over the summer, she said, she worked on becoming more consistent with the shot.

"Last year, I wasn't really a threat from outside," she said. "So early in the season, yes, I wouldn't expect them to know [about my shooting] because they haven't been with me this summer. But maybe they'll learn, and maybe I'll go

cold. Who knows?"

After losing five seniors from last year, Bluder believes there is untapped potential in the squad. With unexpected injuries plaguing the team so early in the season, the coach hopes her squad uses its unfavorable circumstances as motivation.

"We don't have a lot of kids on our team who played there last year," she said. "At the same time, we've got a lot of things to motivate us right now. With the type of injuries that we have, that is motivation in itself. I think that we just need to really be appreciative that we have health, and we have the ability to go out and play and to play as hard as we can."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

2 degrees and a ton of wins

By MITCH SMITH
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After five years at Iowa, *DI* Intramural Athlete of the Week Nick McCoy is like many other soon-to-be-college graduates — unsure about the future.

But two things have remained the same for the Council Bluffs native — intramural sports and the dream of hosting a television show on the Discovery Channel.

McCoy, 22, received an accounting degree in December 2008, and he is pursuing a degree in engineering. He plans on graduating in the spring of 2011.

"I'll have those two degrees, but I don't know," he said. "You can get scared about [finding a job], but I'm trying to get excited about it ... I think a show like 'Mythbusters' or 'Dirty Jobs' would be fun to host."

What isn't a myth is McCoy's success in intramural sports.

After playing both soccer and football in high school, he turned to intramurals in college to fill his sports void.

"My favorite part of intramurals is the competition," he said. "It's a good way to get away from school for a little while, and there is a social aspect, too."

He has participated in everything from flag-football to darts to badminton. He is a three-time champion at intramural dodge ball, and he has amassed at least

nine or 10 of the extremely sought after intramural champion T-shirts.

He has enjoyed recent success this season as a member of co-rec flag-football semifinalist Purple Nurple and the All-University flag-football champion, Favre's Favorites.

In 2008, McCoy teamed up with former *DI* Intramural Athlete of the Week Derek "White Chocolate" Johnson in an attempt to win the All-University intramural championship, which is awarded to the intramural squad that performs well in the most intramural sports.

The squad ultimately took second. But now that McCoy and Johnson's team won the All-University flag-football title, the squad is poised to win the All-U title.

"To say that Nick is a great guy is not giving nearly enough credit," Johnson said. "As a teammate, Nick is as intense as they get. Once the game starts, play time is over, and he is at it 150 percent from start to finish."

Outside of intramurals, McCoy has spent the past year volunteering with the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program in Johnson County.

"It's fun to get one-on-one time with a kid," he said. "Over the year, you grow a friendship and hopefully provide a positive influence."

There's one other thing that



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UI senior Nick McCoy chats with a friend at the Pappajohn ITC on Tuesday. McCoy was named *DI* intramural Athlete of the Week for his flag-football performance as a member of Purple Nurple. McCoy also is a volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

McCoy is known for, Johnson said — his sense of humor.

"The way he stretches and warms up before the game really exemplifies his

goofy nature," Johnson said. "It is just a really elaborate and over-the-top performance that is nothing but good comedy."

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

A defensive anchor and carpenter

By IAN MARTIN
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Usually, the *DI* intramural Athlete of the Week is a player who puts up the biggest flag-football numbers or has the meanest volleyball skills.

But the Week Seven honor went to someone who had a much more gritty job on the gridirons of the Hawkeye Recreational Fields.

Senior Joel Ryerson anchored the defensive line all year for Team Pup 'N' Suds, which went 5-1 this season with its only loss coming in the second round of the men's Open League playoffs. As a defensive specialist, he pressured the quarterback on every play but had only one statistical feat all year.

"A pick-six is my claim to fame," he said. "[The opposing quarterback] threw it, and I picked it right off. I was right in his face, and I just jumped up and snagged it."

While his flag-football numbers may not be huge, Ryerson has managed contributions on the fútbol field. As a left back, left midfielder, and captain on the Iowa soccer club, he said the

"beautiful game" is his best sport by far.

He won a 4A state soccer championship his senior year at Valley High in West Des Moines.

Outside of sports, Ryerson is an accounting major in the Tippie College of Business, hoping to come back next year to earn a master's degree.

When not studying or playing sports, though, he occupies much of his time with his two roommates and teammates, fellow seniors Brian Carlson and Andrew Moen. The three spend their days competing in various activities, such as video games or alley football outside their apartment on Gilbert Street.

Moen said things can become pretty heated.

"It's everything we do," he said. "Bags, beer pong, flippy cup — we're always competitive."

Ryerson agreed, saying the group always seems to be busy.

They often use the bags set that Ryerson made in his spare time. The 4-foot by 2-foot boards are "regulation," said Ryerson, who noted that he cannot play on the



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Joel Ryerson of the Pup 'N' Suds hangs out in his Iowa City apartment on Wednesday. Besides flag-football, the Des Moines native enjoys playing soccer and bags.

smaller, mass-produced sets often seen in parking lots before the Iowa football games.

He also recently built an Adirondack-style chair.

But for Ryerson and his team, there is no sitting back when it comes to the next flag-football season. He doesn't know what other intramural sports he wants to compete in this year, but Ryerson said Team Pup 'N' Suds will be back. And if this season's commitment is any indication, Ryerson will be even a bigger part of the

team next year. "When we let Joel join the team, he went out and bought two huge containers of Creatine," said Carlson jokingly.

Ryerson said football was one of the main reasons he wants to come back for a master's degree at the UI. He enjoys watching the Iowa football team — especially with his student discount.

"I'm a huge football fan. We go to every game," Ryerson said. "I'm pretty excited I get to come back next year for the good schedule."

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Gophers seek some revenge

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

By **BRENDAN STILES**
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Lately, the battle for Floyd of Rosedale has been fairly one-sided.

Coming into Saturday's game at Kinnick Stadium, the No. 15 Iowa Hawkeyes have won seven of their last eight contests against Minnesota. Last season, Iowa won the final Gopher football game played in the Metrodome, 55-0.

The blowout score may have been accidentally omitted in the Minnesota football media guide sent out this year, but it hasn't been forgotten by head coach Tim Brewster.

"We know exactly what happened last year," he said during the Big Ten football teleconference on Tuesday. "Obviously, Iowa was much better than us the day we played them. They played an outstanding game, and we did not play well."

Entering his third year as the Gophers' head coach, Brewster knows what is at stake this weekend.

"It's a very meaningful trophy game," he said. "It's a big rivalry, and it's important to the state of Minnesota, to our players, to our fans ... it's important to everybody. We're going to

take a football team down there that's excited to play."

Michigan

What once looked to be a great turnaround season for Rich Rodriguez and the Michigan Wolverines is becoming a nightmare.

After losing, 45-24, at Wisconsin last weekend, Michigan now sits at 5-6 overall, needing a win against its chief nemesis Ohio State in the Big House on Saturday to avoid missing a bowl for the second-straight year.

The ninth-ranked Buckeyes come into college football's biggest rivalry having won five straight against the Wolverines. They also sealed up a trip to the Rose Bowl last weekend after beating Iowa at home in overtime, 27-24.

"Everything has gone out the window, so to speak," Rodriguez said during the Big Ten football teleconference on Tuesday. "It's not only the big rivalry with Ohio State, but it's also our seniors' last home game."

"I don't think you have to preach it to your kids because they hear about it every day, but as coaches, we want our guys to feel like it's going to be the most special game of the year."

Penn State

With talks of a second Big Ten team possibly getting a BCS at-large bid, the two most viable candidates appear to be Iowa and No. 13 Penn State.

This weekend, the Nittany Lions get one more chance to state a case for themselves to the BCS when they visit Michigan State, which became bowl eligible last weekend after a 40-37 win at Purdue.

Losses at home to both Iowa and Ohio State this season have given Penn State the perception of being a disappointing 9-2 squad. But having Joe Paterno at the helm, as well as a solid traveling fan base, are among the list of criteria the Nittany Lions will use to make their case for a BCS game, should they win this weekend at Spartan Stadium.

But even Paterno said he thinks his team has a fight on its hands against Michigan State, and among the Spartans he praised were quarterback Kirk Cousins and linebacker Greg Jones.

"[Jones] is as good a linebacker as there is in the country. If somebody has a better one, I'd like to see him, because [Jones] does everything," Paterno said during the Big Ten football teleconference on Tuesday. "It's a good, solid football team that has had some bad luck at times, but when they're playing, they're tough."

FERENTZ

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"That No. 90 [Gibson] got down that field pretty quickly with the ball in his arms," Ferentz said. "I guess I've got to think about those things, too."

After the game, junior Derrell Johnson-Koulianos said that as a receiver, he wanted his head coach to let the offense try to win the game. But the junior said, "That's the coach's job. That's what they're paid to do."

On Tuesday, Ferentz

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Check out excerpts from Kirk Ferentz's press conference on Tuesday.

said he understood — and even liked — his offensive players' thinking this way. He countered by saying, "But I also think about winning the game. That's the most important thing."

Injuries piling up

Ferentz wasted no time on Tuesday ruling junior quarterback Ricky Stanzi (high ankle sprain) out for Saturday's game against Minnesota, saying, "He's still pretty swollen and not moving around."

As for Brandon Wegher, who missed the Ohio State game with what Ferentz called "internal complications," the head coach said he's hopeful his true freshman running back will play on Saturday.

The same goes for linebacker Jeremiha Hunter, who left the Ohio State game with an ankle injury and didn't practice on Tuesday. Ferentz said Hunter's injury isn't as severe as the ones Stanzi, tight end Tony Moeaki, and running back Adam Robinson have suffered this season.

"I wouldn't call it that because he has a chance this week," he said.

BASKETBALL

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But despite being held to only 19 second-half points, the Dukes left Iowa City with their first road win ever against a Big Ten school.

"I just thought that Iowa just did a tremendous job defensively on us in the second half," Duquesne head coach Ron Everhart said. "Normally, we're an offense that likes to cut, and move, and get down the floor, especially in transition."

Lickliter said, "We were getting stops. We were really defending. We just couldn't capitalize. ... It was incredible."

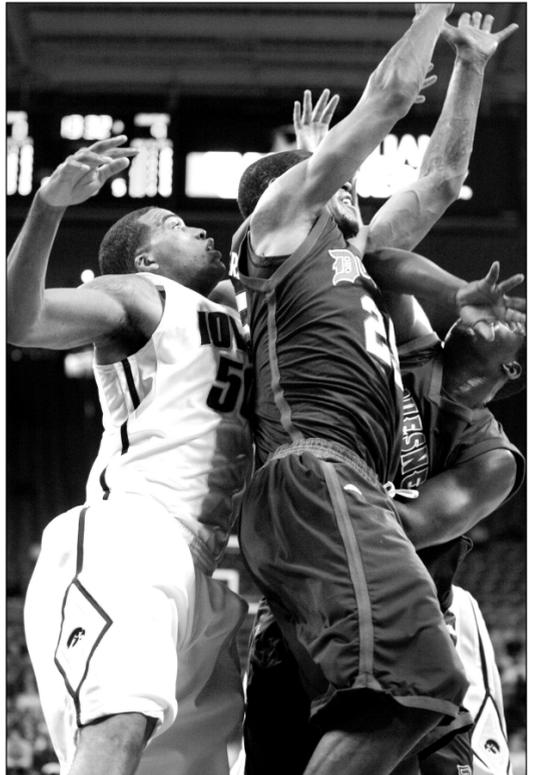
A dunk by sophomore Aaron Fuller excited the crowd early in the second half, but the Hawkeye faithful were soon silenced after Damian Saunders' fast-break lay-in and a few stagnant offensive possessions.

Clark officially ended any of Iowa's momentum with his third 3-pointer of the game, putting the Dukes up 11 with 15:45 remaining in the second half. He finished the game with a game-high 20 points on 7-of-17 shooting.

Tucker's range from long distance kept Iowa in the game. When the sophomore nailed his second triple of the second half with under 14 minutes to play, he screamed to the Carver-Hawkeye Arena ceiling as he walked back down the floor.

But it wasn't enough to give the Hawkeyes their first victory of the season.

"Any game you can win, you have to win," Cole said. "It's just not at all acceptable. We're going to work our tails off to come back and try to defend Carver on Friday."



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Iowa forward Jarryd Cole reaches for the ball as Damian Saunders of Duquesne attempts to block him on Tuesday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

COMMENTARY

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The inkling stuck. I am sportswriter now. Cool. Thanks, Mom.

Covering this year's football team has been, to be blunt, unpredictable.

With the mounting criminal behavior ransacking the program between 2006-2008, I was constantly defending Iowa's reputation to friends from far more inferior schools. It was frustrating.

This year, however, has been a good one. Scratch that — a great year.

Iowa's athletics accomplishments have prevailed passed previous questionable off-the-field happenings. I mean, Iowa was on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* after ushering in the best start in school history.

Stuff like that happens to USC and Florida because, well, they're USC and Florida. The temperature toward Iowa nationally consistently

appears to be boringly lukewarm, not worthy of glossy magazine pages.

"Dude. Amie. What happened at Penn State last year was a stupid fluke. It ain't going to happen this year. No way, no how," I was told.

Scoreboard: Iowa 21-10. (Ahem, you obviously have not seen Adrian Clayborn's football résumé.)

"Ricky Stanzi's inconsistency is plaguing Iowa's offense," they said.

Hmm. How about Stanzi's final drive against Michigan State for accuracy? And boy, that Indiana fourth quarter was a great little afternoon delight wasn't it?

"Iowa is going to be ripped to shreds by the Buckeyes. Hope someone is smart enough to put Marvin McNutt back behind center," doubters continued.

If James Vandenberg did not impress you against Ohio State, I am going to tell you to stop inviting "Debbie" to your pity party. The redshirt freshman threw for 233 yards while Terrelle Pryor had only 93.

Stop being a downer. The effort in Columbus, Ohio, showed why Iowa has been great for college football.

Tuesday, head coach Kirk Ferentz was asked, "What changed to make these last two years so enjoyable?"

"A lot of hard work and a lot of collective effort," he replied. "But it's all about the players."

I cannot agree with you more, Coach K. The players in this exceptional collegiate ride may not have been highly rated recruits, but they're five-star-caliber individuals.

"To me, it's all about attitude more than anything else," Ferentz said, "and whatever reason, I think we're back on the path we want to be on."

The makeup of the Iowa's team varies, but two consistent threads connect everyone associated with the program — humility and tenacity.

Giving up isn't an option. Ever.

I like that. I started my sports journalism career learning that valuable lesson.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Illinois thumps N. Illinois

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Brandon Paul scored all 20 of his points in the first half, leading No. 23 Illinois to a 80-61 victory over Northern Illinois on Tuesday night.

Paul, a freshman guard, had 14 of Illinois' first 21 points. He finished 6 of 16 from the field, including 4 of 8 from beyond the arc.

Paul's outside shooting opened the lane for 7-1 center Mike Tisdale and 6-9 forward Mike Davis. The two big men combined to shoot 7-of-15 with Davis and Tisdale scoring 14 and 10 points, respectively. Davis added a career-high 17 rebounds for his 11th career double-double.

Foul trouble by Demetri McCamey forced Illinois head coach Bruce Weber to give freshmen Paul and D.J. Richardson more minutes, though turnovers were a problem. The Illini gave the ball away 14 times while recording only 15 assists. The Illini turnovers resulted in 17 Huskie points.

Richardson and Paul struggled handling the ball at times,

but the team made up for it on the defensive end. Illinois had 10 blocks while holding the Huskies to 36.8 percent shoot-

ing, including 26.3 percent from behind the 3-point line.

Illinois shot 43.5 percent from the field. McCamey had eight assists.

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Dear ex-girlfriend who pretended not to see me at the supermarket

Why pretend not to see me? Because you think I dislike you? Why would I dislike you? Surely not because you went from 'slightly crazy' to 'mental' to 'whackadoodle nutball' and back again, never once bothering to stop and send me a postcard? Definitely not because your disease-riddled body tried to infect me with every known STD, from the clap to the standing ovation. Do you perhaps think that I'm somehow worse off without you? Well if that isn't the pot calling the delusional woman who cheated on me with half of my Intro to Comparative Religion class black. Lady, you had breath like a charnel house, all the libido of a frozen fish stick, and an apartment that smelled like a landfill after a 40-day-rain of rotten eggs. In July, with ugly art on the walls. I'm doing just fine.

But maybe you're not. I heard you lost your job at the hospital being a big slice of stupid with a scoop of half-wit on top. That's too bad, as I always thought you were a big-hearted lady (with hips to match). But it's not surprising, since your head's even emptier than Ruben Studdard's day planner. Actually, that was a little too mean. I'm sorry, Mr. Studdard.

Seriously, though, you've looked better. Your roots are about 77 days overdue for a touch-up (not that it's noticeable or anything). Maybe you're going for that head-like-a-derelect-wheat-field look? I'm awful with fashions; is that in right now? I also noticed you had a few bottles of [yellow tail] Shiraz and some cat food in your shopping cart. That's good; [yellow tail] makes a quality bottle of wine for the price, and cats will keep you company as you continue on your cold, lonely trek toward death. And buying a new broom, too, I see? Planning on a trip?

I guess what I'm saying is ... "Call me?"

— Andrew R. Juhl thanks Mycah K. for help on this and several other Ledges.

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RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI junior Nick Piplani cleans a vehicle at the Cambus Maintenance Facility on South Madison Street on Tuesday. Piplani, a mechanical engineering major, has been working for Fleet Services since August 2009. He opted for this particular job, he said, because it pays well and gives him the hours he desires.

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PRESENTS...

horoscopes

Wednesday, November 18, 2009
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Be the one to coordinate and plan events, and you will gain control, enhance your reputation, and make contact with some very interesting connections for the future. You can stabilize your position and ease your stress by taking action.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Change may seem like a good idea, but when you take a look at the facts and figures, you will see a discrepancy. Love is heating up. Emotions are going to be tough to control, and an outlet is needed to avoid anxiety.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 It's up to you to maintain your position and control of whatever situation you face. Now is not the time to back down or give in. Take credit for what you do, and don't be afraid to brag a little.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Learning will be a big part of your day, and if you can put the information you acquire to good use, you will excel. Love is in the stars, so plan a little celebration that will help move things along personally.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 You should be spending time with people who have something to contribute, not your faithful followers. A partnership may be offered, but before you go down that road, question what this person can bring to the table. Don't sell yourself short.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Don't jeopardize friendships or partnerships. Meddling or getting involved in emotional spats will backfire. Keep any changes you want to make to a minimum for now, working quietly behind the scenes.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Communication will be the key, and your creativity and ingenious way of explaining what you want to do will enable you to drum up the support you need. Don't hold back. Travel plans should be in the works.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Organize your day to fit the absolute most into every waking moment. Idle time will lead to anxiety, impulsive actions, and mistakes that will take forever to undo. You can impress someone important and satisfy your needs.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Don't let someone else do the work and collect your rewards. You will have an opportunity to make some money or come into it quickly because of a decision you made. Foolish spending based on the information of others will reverse your good fortune.

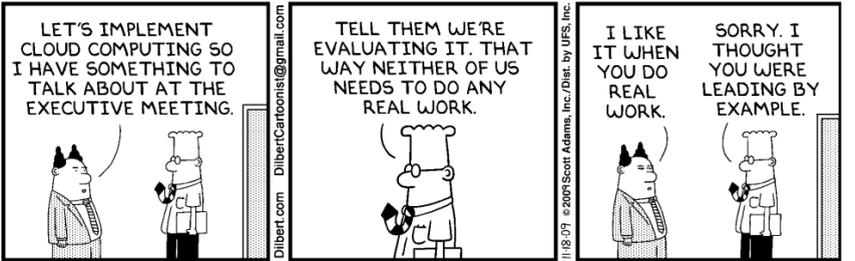
CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 A change in the way you earn your living looks beneficial and should be implemented as soon as you can get a contract or negotiate the deal that best protects you. Working with someone who has the same goals will pay off.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Don't give in to demands. Your intellectual approach coupled with your inventive mind will produce substantial interest from those looking to invest. Don't let anyone upset your plans using unfair emotional ploys.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Ultimatums will backfire, and greater restraint will be necessary to avoid arguments that will get you nowhere. Don't mess with rules and regulations unless you are ready to pay the price.

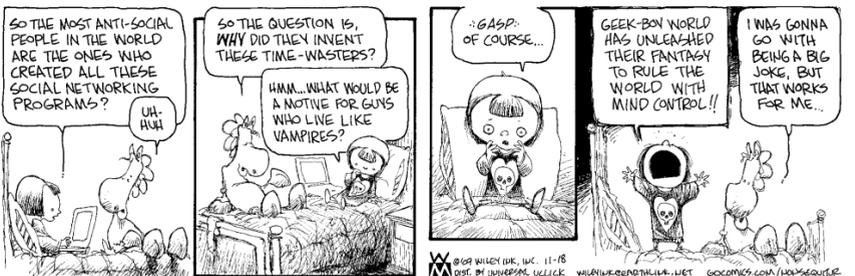
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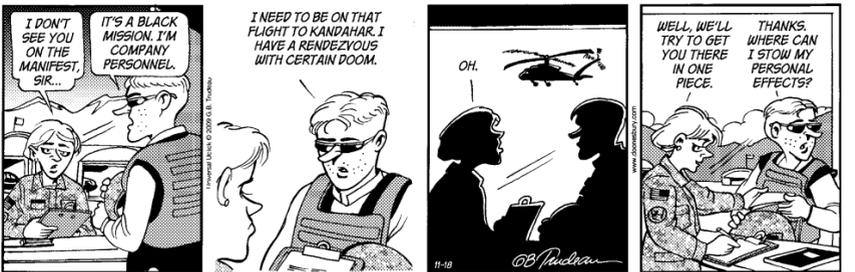
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today's events

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

- **Pain Research Seminar**, "Persistent Visceral Pain: A Collision of TRP Channels and Growth Factors," Brian Davis, University of Pittsburgh, 9 a.m., 2-322 Bowen
- **Tot Time**, 9 a.m., Scanlon Gymnasium, 2701 Bradford Drive
- **It's a Mystery book discussion**, 10 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Provost's Task Force: Undergraduate Education and Success**, noon, 106 Gilmore Hall
- **International Programs Student Funding Expo**, 3-5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **International Education Week Student Networking Social**, 5 p.m., Mia Za's Italian Cafe, 112 E. Washington
- **Dawn's Bead and Hide Away Staff Show**, 5 p.m., Dawn's Hide & Bead Away, 220 E. Washington St.
- **Welcome Home Wednesdays**, 5:45 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Fall Wine Tasting**, 6 p.m., Muddy Creek Wine Co., 100 E. Oakdale Blvd., Coralville
- **Person L**, 6 p.m., Picador,

- 330 E. Washington
- **PJ Story Time**, 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **Board Game Night**, 6:30 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 89 Second St., Coralville
- **MET Opera: Turandot Encore**, 6:30 p.m., Sycamore 12
- **Big Fan**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Burlington St. Bluegrass Band**, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Philip Graham, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Praire Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **UI Symphony Band**, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Reefer Madness: The Musical**, University Theatres Mainstage Series, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Mabie Theater
- **Be a Contestant on "The Smartest Iowan,"** 8 p.m., Public Access Television, 206 Lafayette
- **Comedy Night**, 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
- **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Industry, 211 Iowa
- **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., DC's, 245 Beaver Kreek Center, North Liberty
- **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Big Ten Inn, 707 First Ave., Coralville
- **Lorna's Silence**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Talk Art, Writers' Workshop**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

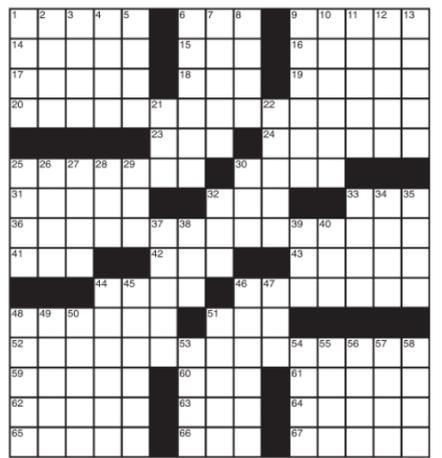
The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1014

- Across**
- Gallows-shaped letter
 - 1975 musical with the song "Believe in Yourself," with "The"
 - Perle who inspired "Call Me Madam"
 - Not native
 - Stand buy
 - Sing the praises of
 - Attacked
 - The Caribbean, for one
 - Alternative to Rover or Rex
 - Wriggly fish
 - Wise old Greek
 - Subject of some tables
 - Cook's wear
 - "Now I get it!"
 - 33 Essence of a person, one might say
 - 36 What this puzzle's four missing clues spell, in order
 - 41 Slalom section
 - 42 "Frasier" role
 - 43 Inflicted upon
 - 44 Analogic's target
 - 46
 - 48 Teeming
 - 51 Atom ____, 1960s cartoon superhero
 - 52
 - 59 Hazardous
 - 60 Tease
 - mercilessly, with "on"
 - 61 Sign up
 - 62 " __ inside" (slogan)
 - 63 Sculpting medium
 - 64 Desolate
 - 65 Plow man
 - 66 In accordance with
 - 67 Fillers of library shelves
- Down**
- Duds
 - Banned apple spray
 - Dress not for the self-conscious
 - Butcher's stock
 - Non-pro?
 - Bathes
 - Standard of perfection
 - Passion
 - Became engaged
 - Blow the whistle on
 - Thickset
 - Trunk
 - Shorten the sleeves on, e.g.
 - Get an eyeful
 - Univac's predecessor
 - Massachusetts getaway, with "the"
 - Piece of music
 - Scepter toppers
 - "My mama done __ me"
 - Italian diminutive ending
 - Tue. plus two
 - Wood-smoothing tool
 - Founder and first queen of Carthage
 - Reply to the Little Red Hen
 - 35 In a bit
 - 37 Arrestable offense
 - 38 Endless years
 - 39 What summers do
 - 40 Nervous mannerism
 - 44 Sarah Jessica of "Sex and the City"
 - 45 Tartan pattern
 - 46 Wild ass
 - 47 Paper size: Abbr.
 - 48 Biting
 - 49 Perform very well
 - 50 Coffee grounds and orange peels, typically
 - 51 On the double
 - 53 Tap trouble
 - 54 Dry run
 - 55 Sondheim's " __ the Woods"
 - 56 Fill by force
 - 57 Washington chopping down the cherry tree, e.g.
 - 58 Part of B.P.O.E.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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VOLLEYBALL

V-ball signs 4

The Iowa volleyball team announced on Tuesday that four prep athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for Iowa.

Texans Rachael Bedell, Chanté Thompson, and Nikki Dailey, along with Bethany Yeager of Wisconsin, will join the Hawkeyes next season.

Bedell and Thompson will add height to the squad. Bedell, a 6-1 outside hitter from Plano, Texas, ranks fourth in career kills and third in career blocks at West Plano High School.

As a 6-3 middle blocker, Thompson was named to the 2009-10 Under Armour High School All-American watch list. She and Bedell were named Senior Aces by PrepVolleyball.com and earned Lonestar Volleyball all-Texas special recognition along with libero Yeager.

The 5-7 Yeager was also recognized in *ESPN Rise Magazine* following her junior season when she was named to the 4A all-state team.

Meanwhile, Dailey, a 5-9 setter from Franklin, Wis., earned first team all-state honors and was named a PrepVolleyball.com Senior Ace this year. During her final season, Dailey was named Conference Player of the Year. She will graduate from Franklin High School as the career leader in assists and service aces.

— by Evelyn Lau

WRESTLING

Top wrestlers to face Russians

A group of top American wrestlers will go toe-to-toe with an elite Russian team during a freestyle dual meet at Cornell College's Small Multi-Sports Center in Mount Vernon at 7 p.m. today.

The 700 tickets remaining will be sold at the arena. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets prices range from \$10 for adults to \$5 for students.

Iowa volunteer assistant coach Mike Zadick, Iowa assistant coach Doug Schwab, and former Hawkeye grappler Steve Mocco — all 2008 U.S. Olympians — will be in the lineup.

Schwab and Mocco both won NCAA titles for Iowa, and Zadick earned All-American honors while with the Hawkeyes. Zadick also won a World silver medal for the United States in 2006.

He will compete in 132 pounds weight class, Schwab will wrestle at 145.5 pounds, and Mocco will be in 264.5 pound spot.

Russia is the defending World Team freestyle champions and has been a longtime rival for the U.S. in world wrestling supremacy.

The Russian lineup has yet to be decided, but it is expected to include a number of grapplers who have won medals at the international level.

— by Ryan Young

FOOTBALL FORUM

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

The daily videocasts can be viewed exclusively online. Today's Football Forum reacts to Kirk Ferentz's press conference on Tuesday when the coach defended his choice to play for overtime against Ohio State.

Ferentz has no regrets



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Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz greets the Iowa offense as the players approach the sideline following Iowa wide receiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianos' touchdown run during Iowa's game against Ohio State on Nov. 14 in Columbus.

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz defends his decision to play for overtime against Ohio State on Nov. 14.

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With 52 seconds on the clock, 67 yards to the end zone, and the game tied at 24, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz made the unpopular decision to swallow his remaining time-out and play for overtime against Ohio State on Nov. 14.

On Tuesday, the 11-year head coach contended he has no regrets about the situation, especially considering his starting quarterback was making his first career start, and his field goal kicker had missed a 22-yard attempt earlier in the game.

Iowa failed to turn its first overtime possession into any points, though, leading to the Buckeyes' 27-24 win.

"There [were] two ways to play the situation," Ferentz said. "We played it one way. And if we had won in overtime, it would have been a nonissue. When you lose games, everybody has got to find a reason to [criticize] — that's just how it goes."

As he did after the game, Ferentz again iterated at his Tuesday press conference that his team's field position played a major role in his decision.

The Hawkeyes started the drive on their own 33-yard line, and theoretically had to gain 55 yards in 52 seconds — with only one time-out — to give kicker Daniel Murray a 30-yard field goal attempt.

Once he factored in Ohio State's defense and the possibility of a turnover, Ferentz made his decision.

MAILBAG



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"I'd like to get us across midfield or up over [our] 40 for sure. That was kind of our thinking," the head coach said. "If you get up over the 40, I think it's a little bit more realistic."

Earlier in the fourth quarter, redshirt freshman quarterback James Vandenberg threw a pick-six to Ohio State defensive end Thaddeus Gibson. At the time, it would have put the Buckeyes up 14 with only 5:40 remaining.

But an offside penalty on the Ohio State defense took the touchdown off the board and gave Iowa a first down.

The Hawkeyes went on to score the game-tying touchdown six plays later.

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COMMENTARY

Hawkeyes' feel-good story

Covering the Hawkeyes has led to lessons in humility and tenacity.



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My house brimmed with adolescent boys when I was a mullet-sporting 8-year-old. (Sadly, my mother thought it was an endearing look. She always loved the '80s.)

I have three older brothers, Tom, Joe, and Dave. They undoubtedly put my parents through the ringer with their athletic powers, playing numerous sports.

I, of course, was my mom's tagalong companion.

It became a tradition for my redheaded, boisterous mother and me to wait for my siblings to emerge from the locker room following every game.

To occupy me, but mostly to entertain herself, "Mama Kiehn" as she became affectionately known in the Chicago burbs, had me pretend I was a sports reporter on live TV.

I'd spew out highlight rundowns ("Kiehn breaks the tackle ... moves down the sideline ... First down, Pirates") and awe-some one-liners ("Boom goes the dynamite" ring a bell?) as if my words were being transmitted on ESPN airwaves.

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Hawks stumble again

The Iowa men's basketball team fell to Duquesne, 52-50, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena Tuesday night.

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The Iowa men's basketball team is off to its worst start in 79 years following another poor shooting night that resulted in a second-consecutive home loss to a non-power-conference school.

Just two days after Iowa head coach Todd Lickliter's team fell to Texas-San Antonio, 62-50, Duquesne nipped Iowa, 52-50, in the preliminary round of the O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic.

Duquesne's Bill Clark nailed his fourth 3-pointer of the game with 12 seconds left to give the Dukes a 52-50 lead. After Iowa's Anthony Tucker missed a mid-range jumper with two ticks on the clock, B.J. Monteiro swatted away Eric May's desperation shot.

"That's probably the one shot I've ever taken in my basketball career. I wish I could have back," Tucker said. "It was a



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Iowa freshman Brennan Cougill dunks the ball during the Hawkeyes' game against Duquesne on Tuesday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

wide-open 15-footer, and I just short-armed it."

Freshman Cully Payne's 3-pointer — his first points of the game — with just under three minutes to go gave the Hawkeyes their first lead since 4:55 remaining in the first half. Iowa junior Jarryd Cole drew a pivotal charging foul on Clark on the following possession.

After a missed triple from Tucker, the Dukes'

Jason Duty nailed his first points of the game with a 3-pointer from the top of the key, regaining a two-point lead for Duquesne.

Brennan Cougill grabbed an offensive rebound, made a lay-up, and was fouled with 41 seconds remaining. The Hawkeye freshman gave Iowa a 50-49 lead with a made free throw.

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