Sloppy dog adoptions

By EMILY BUSSE

The regent telephone meetings save
major decision-making.

By MELCHIE SCHMIDT

Despite some hassles, regents use electronic meetings

By EMMY BUSSE

Some state Board of Regents members say the increased use
of telephonic meetings is causing
some problems and isn’t as
conducive to major decision-making.

Near the end of last week’s
telephonic meeting, after almost
an hour of discussing tuition
surcharges, budgets, and bonds, Regent Mark Gertler had
one more suggestion.

“I’d like to add one more
to the list,” he said. “To have
something improves the
telecommunication for these
kinds of meetings.”

His suggestion came after a
telephone conference call meeting
filled with sounds of typing, voices
fading out, and static.

Regent President David Miller
was forced several times to inter-
rupt the meeting to remind peo-
ple to mute their phones.

In addition to causing incon-
municacies, the meeting’s tele-
phone setup was also the rea-
son regents cited for postponing
votes on the Hascher resolution
and a tuition increase for next
year were delayed until the
Feb. 4 in-person meeting.

“The biggest disadvantage is
that it is very difficult to go
through matters that are of
importance,” said Regent
Bob Downer, who said
his suggestion came after a
telephone conference call meet-
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Stimulus funds are meant to go to creat-
ing and saving jobs. While there are
many programs, former employees isn’t meeting
that standard, UI officials maintain the
stimulus will ultimately prevent jobs and
save the university money.

Officials estimate saving the university around $14 million annually over the five-
year life of the early retirement program.

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‘Tis the season to give back

Students and community members
volunteer during the holiday season.

By MITCHELL SCHMIDT

Among family and friends, UI junior Katie Murphy walked along the kennels in the Iowa City Animal Care and
Control Shelter.

With families coming around the center to find their poten-
tial new pet, she spent the afternoon answering questions about the nine dogs the shelter had available for adoption.

By NICK KARLIS

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Alcohol groups in private – Committee members will discuss Monday's meeting at a later date.

by REGINA ZILKRETS / regina@daily-iowan.com

The Partnership for Alcohol Safety is currently in a closed season, though it was

closed earlier this year due to budget cuts. The group – a collaboration

between the city and university – was formed in 2005 to help combat Iowa City’s binge-drinking

problems.

The committee doesn’t have an agenda for their meetings (nor an outline in the
calendar), but when it’s created by a state board, it requires the group to open its

meetings to the public and media.

Monday evening was why offi-
cially closed season or who made that
decision. They didn’t say they knew the meeting was closed and didn’t recall the group
discussing the issue at previous meetings.

The committee welcomed

the public at its meeting in May, its first meeting of the year, which addressed

many both advantages and disadvantages of having closed season meetings.

Chairman Mayor Regenia Bailey said, in her experi-

ence, the meetings are more productive.

Student Government Board

President Everett lost the closed meeting argument, saying it will allow for more open and honest

discourse. He didn’t disagree with the idea in public, but felt it would be more difficult for others to speak.

“Think it’s better when there is the maximum amount of community par-

Partnership for Alcohol Safety

• Boarding member businesses

• Establishing an alcohol monitoring system

• Developing an alcohol education program

• Advising alcohol awareness and education

• Promoting alcohol awareness and education

• Monitoring alcohol awareness and education

Committee members will discuss details of discussions dur-

ing Monday’s meeting at a later, unspecified date.

The budget, however, is on hold

when the group’s next meeting, three months, will also be
closed to the public.

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Mount vernon

 nightlife

Leigh Shaver

University of Iowa

Senior year engineering student, 21, was charged

with second-degree public indecency.

On Tuesday, Shaver was

charged with second-degree public indecency.

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Despite inconveniences, members said several aspects they continue to push cutting out travel and travel expenses.

By cutting out travel expenses, the regents said that the cost of the technology will probably allow members to speak only once on a conference call.

"It is challenging," he said. "It's an expense, and we obviously don't need any more of the technology. It does a great job, but we all bring our own variables as well." The Daily Iowan

Stimulus money

• Total stimulus funds: $363 million
• Direct savings at universities: $133 million
• Remaining funds committed: $21 million

Stimulus savings of the early retirement program

For six years, 130 employees

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Currie's presidency ends with both success and failure.
Closely approaching a decade of observance, an Iowa tradition show that another side of the holiday.

By ADAM SALAZAR

The Hanukkah menorah sits lit to celebrate the Jewish holiday following the lighting of the menorah.

Black, two lights and four lights. The menorah stands as a symbol of Jewish identity and heritage, with each candle representing a different aspect of the Hanukkah story.

Hanukkah is a celebration of miracle, a victory over oppression and the triumph of light over darkness.

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The tradition continues today, as people around the world observe this important holiday and remember its history.

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Howard leads Magic win

BY ANTONIO GONZALEZ

EDDIE WESTBROOKS, a onetime once promising point guard, had 10 points and 11 rebounds, and the Oklahoma City Thunder ended the Los Angeles Lakers' seven-game winning streak with a 95-86 victory. Westbrooks scored 10 of his 10 points in the final 2:30 of the game when the Thunder were starting to pull away. The Thunder have won four straight games and improved to 12-13 on the season. The Lakers fell to 18-7.

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ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard scored a game-high 23 points and 22 rebounds, providing an imposing presence in the middle for the Orlando Magic, who ended the Indiana Pacers’ five-game winning streak with a 105-99 victory. Howard is the third Magic player to score 20-plus points and 20-plus rebounds in a game. The other two were Shaquille O’Neal and Shaquille O’Neal.

Howard’s big man had some help with 28 points in the fourth quarter. The Magic had 26 points in the final two minutes of the game to add to their lead.

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Although Moore was recruited by a number of competitive track schools, including Florida State, Notre Dame, Columbia, and Georgia State, she said Iowa had added appeal because it was “different.”

Moore had always been in sports, she said, even as a young child playing with boys in her neighborhood.

The Atlanta native said she had never been to the Midwest before making her official visit during her senior year of high school. Iowa, sprouting chicken feeder and recruiting coordinator Cissy Roberts, craved a “relationship” with Moore as a reason to recruit her to the Blue-and-Gold.

Moore headed to Iowa City on the eve of the 2003 state track meet and took her first practice meet on Dec. 6. Moore tied the national record in the 60-meter dash. Her new school was “different,” she said. “I thought we had a great thing going at Iowa. We just had to take advantage of it.”

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As a freshman, Moore helped Iowa win its first conference title since 1998. Moore said her decision to transfer to Iowa was “different.”

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Haiku Tuesday
My family tree, five branches but still standing, and so full of leaves.

Would you like a drink? I invite you to share a glass of wine.

I pay you with laughs, and though she accepts, she tires of news.

But my teachers had it wrong: You’re a tramp, I’m “sexperienced.”

Sleeps all day, needs pills, I’m not thinking clearly. I need your help.

I am not “a tramp,” and I have not “been around.”

I’m not thinking clearly. I need your help.

Don’t dwell on work-related issues, but don’t ignore what has to be done.

Your focus should be on partnerships. Changes at home may bring good news.

PISCES
You will be the center of attention, the one everyone looks up to. Your entertaining and tasteful way of dealing with others will prove a great asset.

You will discover that the smartest decisions have been made if you compromise.

There may be a lot of unknowns and variables with new love in your life, and tell her how I love her, too.

I pledge heart, soul, life, and fortune to the Republic.

...by Eugenia Last

ANDREW R. JUHL

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PizzA BroKeK

12 students Morgan Meyer and Paul Berning enjoy pizza while studying for finals at the Main Library on Monday. All three interned for Southwestern, and used the pizza to entice the others who worked to study with them on finals.

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**BASKETBALL**

**Kansas on top**

Associated Press

Kansas was the runaway No. 1 in the Associated Press' college basketball poll Monday, just as it has been each week since the season began last month.

Kansas State and New Mexico entered the rankings this week. The Wildcats picked the poll for the first time since the 2007-08 season, a dramatic breakthrough by the team, whose previous appearance in the Top 25 was in March 1999. Kentucky (16-0), which won its 12th game in a row and Portland (7-0) both moved up one spot from third and fourth. Following Villanova's 75-72 loss to St. John's in the Big East, the Wildcats (15-2) dropped from eighth.

The Associated Press' Top 25.

**UConn stays No. 1**

It's been almost a decade since Connecticut last had a run this long of No. 1.

The top-ranked Huskies remained No. 1 in the Associated Press Top 25 for the 33rd straight week, marking the record run atop the poll in school history. Connecticut, which received 45 of a possible 65 first-place votes Monday from the national media panel, had the mark set from 1999-2001.

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SCOREBOARD

**Iowa freshmen sprinter Raven Moore posts 7th fastest time in school history.**

Iowa freshman sprinter Raven Moore swims in the 200-meter breaststroke race on Sunday, March 1, at the Big Ten Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

Her time of 2:15.56 is the 7th fastest time in school history.

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