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Five Iowa players are participating in the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League this summer. SPORTS, 10

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A house located at 310 Douglas Court is seen on Thursday. The home has been almost completed renovated – from the roof to the windows, the driveway to the carpet – as part of the UniverCity Neighborhood Partnership Affordable Housing Program.

UniverCity finishes 1st house

The partnership between the UI and the city is renovating older properties.

By COLLEEN KENNEDY
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The Iowa City house at 310 Douglas Court has undergone an extreme makeover.

In just one month, it transformed from a rundown rental property to a modern house ready for long-term residents, featuring fresh paint, updated appliances, and more space.

UniverCity, a partnership between the University of Iowa and Iowa City, poured thousands of dollars into renovations on the one-story house, starting work May 24 and finishing June 16.

It is the first home to undergo improvements under the UniverCity Neighborhood Partnership program, which strives to develop well-managed rental properties in Iowa City to foster relationships

UniverCity Neighborhood Partnership

Program Costs and Funding:

- \$1.25 million: Funding from I-JOBS grant
- \$180,000: Cost of most-expensive purchased house
- \$85,000: Cost of least-expensive purchased house
- \$50,000: Maximum cost of renovations per house

Source: City of Iowa City

with the community, said Steve Long, a community-development coordinator.

“There is a dramatic improvement from where the house was,” said David Powers, a housing-rehabilitation specialist, as he walked along the freshly paved walkway to the home.



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The house at 517 S. Governor St. is in the process of being renovated after having been purchased by the UniverCity Neighborhood Partnership.

UniverCity purchased the house for \$85,000. And after installing a new kitchen, bathroom, carpet, laundry machines, and drywall, among other projects, the partnership will sell it at the same price with a little interest — making the total price tag roughly \$86,000. Two other major ren-

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21 VOTE

21-only heads for vote

Even if the 21-ordinance is repealed in November, many say the measure will likely not go away.

By RYAN ROCCAFORTE
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The public will likely be able to vote in November on whether to repeal Iowa City's 21-ordinance, city officials announced Thursday after validating enough petition signatures to get the issue on the ballot.

In total, the City Clerk's office validated 2,961 signatures submitted by Yes to Entertaining Students Safely, a group opposed to the ordinance, said City Clerk Marian Karr. The group needed 2,500 to put the measure to a vote on Nov. 2.

The Iowa City City Council now has 30 days to either repeal the ordinance itself or put it to a vote in November, which many agree is the more likely scenario. City councilors plan to discuss the matter at their July 12 meeting.

Those against the 21-ordinance are looking to motivate the same outpouring of support they had in 2007, when voters decided to keep the bar entry age at 19.

While proponents of keeping the measure in place said they knew a public vote was inevitable, they plan to keep up the fight.

Data have shown University of Iowa students are getting substantially more drunk in recent years, to the point of being dangerous. UI Student Health statistics show blood-alcohol concentrations for students with alcohol-related violations rose from 0.13-0.17 to 0.18-0.25 in the most recent five-year period.

Since the 21-ordinance took effect on June 1 — kicking all 19- and 20-year-olds



Champion
councilor

SEE PETITION, 3

Having fun to get better in new gameroom

Children play to recover in the Children's Hospital new game room. Two other hospitals also won the rooms.

By TYLER HARRIS
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Twelve-year-old Reid Shadle has been in and out of the hospital ever since he was a baby.

Now, he is in the hospital for gallbladder removal.

But in the University of Iowa Children's Hospital's brand-new game room, his mind is on the Xbox.

That's not all — three Guitar Hero controllers hang on the wall and three 40-inch TVs with three Xboxes sit in the decked-out game room.

The space features blocked carpet, blue bean-

bags, and Xbox games ranging from Madden 2010 to Shrek the Third and Kung Fu Panda, among many others from Microsoft.

But the game room, also

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Watch video footage from the UIHC's brand-new game room.

known as the teen lounge, didn't always have these luxuries.

The Children's Hospital ranked first out of the 150 hospitals participating in

the Game-Room Giveaway contest, hosted by the Children's Miracle Network and Microsoft Xbox. The top three hospitals with the most votes won game rooms.

On Thursday, mothers sat on the couches of the rec room, talking to smiling nurses and watching their kids take part in the action.

Five-year-old Jack Petty and his 6-year-old brother Luke, intent on the screens, played computer games with their father.

SEE GAMEROOM, 3

UI Children's Hospital's new game room

The Teen Lounge's new features:

- Xbox 360s, with two controllers each, and three Guitar Hero controllers
- Microsoft games, including Madden 2010, Kung Fu Panda, Shrek the Third, Wall E, and Guitar Hero
- New plasma TVs
- New furniture, including bean-bags for kids to sit in while playing games

Source: UI Children's Hospital



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Formerly the staff lounge of the inpatient pediatric unit, the new University of Iowa Children's Hospital Game Room was buzzing with activity on Thursday after opening a little more than 24 hours earlier.

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Spotlight Iowa City

Spirit of the Hawkeyes

Gregg Niemiec has been the Iowa cheerleading coach and spirit coordinator for 14 years.

By MITCH SMITH
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On any given game day in Kinnick Stadium or Carver-Hawkeye Arena, Gregg Niemiec can be found on the sidelines supporting the Hawkeyes.

While Fran McCaffery, Kirk Ferentz, and Lisa Bluder instruct their players during a game or practice, Niemiec is also coaching a group of Hawkeyes.

Niemiec, 39, has served as Iowa's head cheerleading coach and spirit coordinator for 14 years, a job that involves overseeing the 25-member cheer squad as well as the 18-member dance team and the Herky mascots.

A former high-school gymnast, Niemiec's gymnastics coaches suggested he try cheerleading. He followed their advice when he attended college at Northern Illinois University, where he was a three-year captain of the cheerleading squad.

"It seemed like a really good opportunity to be right on the sideline and have a good time supporting the team," he said.

After college, the Mount Prospect, Ill., native became an assistant cheer coach at Northwestern, a position he held for three years before taking his current job in Iowa City.

He said watching his athletes grow and progress is the best part of his job.

"Without having the cheerleaders here and being able to work with them and seeing them progress, the job would have gotten boring a long time ago," Niemiec said. "But they're always enthusiastic. It's a great experience seeing the new cheerleaders come through that



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Gregg Niemiec oversees the Iowa Basketball Camp in the Field House on Wednesday. Niemiec has been with the UI for 14 years, and his duties include managing the youth summer camps, Dance Team coach, cheerleading coach, and the faculty adviser for the Hawks Nest.

first time they go out in Kinnick Stadium with 70,000 people and realize what they got into and how special it is."

But while coaching is his primary endeavor, it certainly isn't the only thing he's involved in on campus.

Niemiec serves as assistant director of Iowa Sports Camps, working with housing and counselors for the numerous camps held during summer months. He is also the faculty adviser for the Hawks Nest, the student organization devoted to supporting the Hawkeyes and increasing spirit at athletics events.

Having a member of the athletics department such as Niemiec has been integral to the success the Hawks Nest has had in its first two years of existence, said Bryce Carlson, the director of fundraising for the group.

"Gregg has been an irreplaceable adviser for us at

the Hawks Nest," Carlson said. "He plays a great role of being able to come to our meetings and listen to our ideas that we have."

Niemiec's involvement with so many organizations on campus doesn't surprise male cheerleading captain Kevin Karnstedt. He said Niemiec's selfless attitude best defines his work.

"The best way to describe Gregg is hard-working," Karnstedt said. "He's very unselfish; he does a lot of work and doesn't ask for much in return."

Working at Iowa has been particularly special, Niemiec said, because of all the die-hard Hawkeye fans he's had the pleasure of seeing each and every game day.

Whether it's around Iowa City or at an NCAA Tournament or bowl game, the spirit of the Hawkeyes is infectious and is what excites Niemiec most about his job.

Gregg Niemiec

- **Age:** 39
- **Hometown:** Mount Prospect, Ill.
- **Ideal Vacation:** Disney vacation with his wife and two daughters
- **Favorite Food:** Chicago-style pizza
- **Favorite Sports Team (besides the Hawkeyes):** Chicago Bears
- **Favorite TV Show:** "24"
- **Favorite Movie:** *Braveheart*

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"It's great to see those fans out there, and it's great to see all the enthusiasm we have," he said. "It seems like the Hawkeye fans, wherever they go, up or down, they're always there to help support and believe in the cause of the Hawkeyes."

Supervisors OK 3 projects

The demolition project is expected to cost \$761,198.

By GABE DEJONG
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Two county buildings will be demolished and the courthouse will get a face-lift, county officials decided Thursday.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve proposed plans, including an estimated total cost for demolition of the former Iowa National Guard armory, 925 S. Dubuque St., and the Fisher Building, 800 S. Dubuque St.



Sullivan supervisor

After being inundated by floodwaters in 2008, the former armory was not suitable for any use, supervisors said at their meeting on Thursday.

"The old armory sus-

tained a lot of flood damage," said Supervisor Rod Sullivan.

The Fisher Building, which had been used for storage, was "pretty run down when the county bought it" around 10 years ago, he said, and now is "just dilapidated."

The demolition project is expected to cost \$761,198.

A grant from I-JOBS, a statewide \$875 million program to create jobs and improve Iowa's infrastructure, will be used to fund the project.

After demolition, the county plans to use the location of the former armory as green space, said Supervisor Pat Harney, where employees could "go have a lunch."

Eventually, the space may also be used as a location for a geothermal loop field to heat and cool the adjacent Johnson County Administration Building,

Harney said. The building currently uses a boiler system, and county officials don't plan to replace it in the immediate future, he noted.

The supervisors also unanimously approved the proposed plans of entrance renovation and stone tuckpointing at the Johnson County Courthouse. The total project is expected to cost \$800,487, but a contingency budget for unexpected costs raises the total to \$965,084.

Harney said the entryway has settled in some areas and the floor is cracking, making a renovation project necessary.

Tuckpointing is a masonry procedure that will repair chipped and aging mortar on the courthouse's central tower. Plans are to tuckpoint the entire building in phases.

"When you're working with a 105-plus-year-old

Construction projects

Approved cost for the projects:

- \$761,198: Estimated cost of demolishing the former National Guard armory and Fisher Building
- \$965,084: Estimated cost of entrance renovation and stone tuckpointing on the central tower of the Johnson County Courthouse

Source: David Kempf, Johnson County facilities manager

building you never know what you're going to run in to," said David Kempf, the county facilities manager.

Kempf said he has set aside around \$600,000 from the facilities budget over the last four years in anticipation of the project.

budget gap, low student test scores, and teacher layoffs. The state senator said she will help Iowa to do better in the future.

The state Republican Convention in Des Moines will officially nominate and vote on Reynolds on Saturday.

— by Colleen Kennedy

Police release annual report

The Iowa City police released its 2009 annual report Thursday.

The report updated the Iowa City community on everything

from changing crime statistics to the specially trained police dogs, Becky and Naton.

Police Chief Sam Hargadine opened with a letter to citizens describing 2009 as a "challenging year" for the police.

Hargadine addressed issues including the summer of 2009 — which marked an increase in juvenile-related crime — and a new Crime Prevention Unit that was reopened after several years of not being able to staff the position.

"A new curfew law and neighborhood revitalization is under-

way, which should give both the police and citizens a few more tools to make their neighborhoods safe," Hargadine said in the letter.

Also included in the report was a list of crime statistics over the last five years.

From 2008 to 2009 crime went down in areas such as burglary but went up in areas such as vandalism of property, which increased from 709 incidents to 784.

Shoplifting also increased, from 191 incidents in 2008 to 329 in 2009.

— by Lisa Brahm

POLICE BLOTTER

Kenneth Briggs, 23, 1958 Broadway Apt. B11, was charged Wednesday with second-degree theft.

Gary Duffel, 42, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with pub-

lic intoxication.

Jacob Johnson, 27, 536 Elkhorn Trail, was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Muhamed Oliver, 36, 506 Mineral

Point Lane, was charged June 19 with urinating in public.

Nathaniel Stephens, 21, Central City, Iowa, was charged Sunday with assault causing injury.

Neil Vandermeulen, 37, 430

Southgate, was charged Wednesday with interference with official acts and public intoxication. **Benjamin Washington**, 26, 705 19th Ave. Apt. 5B, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

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PETITION

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out of bars after 10 p.m. — police have said they noticed a decrease in calls to downtown, even for the slower summer months.

Calling it a sad situation, City Councilor Connie Champion spoke somberly about the issue, saying councilors will work to inform students and community members on reasons to vote to keep the 21-ordinance.

“We’re up against some battles to educate the public,” she said. “I think we’ve had a lot of young people in trouble downtown — they are really affecting their lives for the long-term.”

Anti-21 fundraising efforts have begun. Tom Leno — the general manager at One-Eyed Jakes, Vito’s, and the Summit — said he believes the Employee Party Iowa City party at

Union Bar on May 2 raised roughly \$7,000. In 2007, the Bloc-21 group, which fueled the anti-21 movement, pulled in more than \$16,000 in donations to defeat the ordinance at bay.

While a pro-21-ordinance group existed in 2007, one has yet to surface this year.

Lenoch said there is plenty of work to be accomplished in the four months before voters head to the polls.

“We have to focus on getting voter support in the community,” he said. “Now that we have a month of figures behind us and a month of observations, we have a little more proof to back up what we say.”

But getting out the student vote may be more difficult this year than in 2007, when most of the campaigning occurred inside the bars with the 19- and 20-year-olds.

“Previously, [the ordinance] was an impending threat; now it’s the status

quo,” said Atul Nakhasi, an adviser to the anti-21 group and a key proponent in the 2007 movement. “We’ll have to do a greater job of raising awareness about the dangers of the ordinance, and that will make itself evident.”

While specific campaigning efforts have yet to be formulated, Leno said he believes the community showed support against the 21-ordinance with a successful petition.

“Whether we win or not is a completely different story,” he said. “The fact is that the community wants to vote, and it was apparent by people signing [the petition].”

Not all those with an opinion on the 21-ordinance are still able to speak up.

University of Iowa officials, including President Sally Mason, have supported the 21-ordinance. However, the UI is no longer able to take a stance on the measure.



Iowa City resident Jerry Peck looks over the packet of information including petition forms necessary for a vote on the 21-ordinance on Nov. 6, 2007.

“This is for voters to decide,” UI spokesman Tom Moore said.

UI officials cannot ethically campaign for a ballot issue, Charlie Smithson of the Iowa Ethics & Cam-

paign Disclosure Board told *The Daily Iowan* in April.

Regardless of the outcome this year, Champion said she remains confident the City Council will get the “problem” taken care of.

“If the referendum passes, if they don’t correct the problem, I’ll bring this up again in two years, and we’ll eventually get this done,” Champion said.

UNIVERCITY

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ovation to the house included a 6-inch expansion of the hallway, giving more space and making the house wheel-chair accessible.

Using funds from a \$1.25 million state I-JOBS grant and several community groups, the UniverCity Neighborhood Partnership aims to improve homes in Iowa City neighborhoods for long-term owners rather than renters.

The I-JOBS grant pays up to \$50,000 in improvements per house, said Sarah Walz, an associate Iowa City planner. The second home under renovation, 517 S. Governor St., should be completed with-

in the next two weeks.

Built in 1915 and purchased at \$180,000, the three-bedroom, one-bath house is being remodeled to update its historic look.

“We are hoping our work will spur others in the neighborhood as well,” Powers said.

The partnership has already approved an applicant to live in the Governor Street residence, and the members are still reviewing applications for the Douglas Court house.

The Iowa City Housing Authority donated \$100,000 to the partnership, and the UI put \$200,000 into the program, Jeff Davidson, the director of planning and community development, wrote in a memo to the Iowa City City Council.

“The intent is to improve relationships with stu-

dents and families living in residential areas close to campus, as well as boost home ownership in those areas,” said UI spokesman Tom Moore.

Powers, along with community-development interns Rebecca Raab and Erika Skemp, look for homes that may be suitable with the program and its budget.

“We set up meetings with home sellers and buyers and work with applicants,” Raab said. Powers then inspects the homes, later working with contractors and overseeing the work.

Once Powers determines a home eligible, UniverCity staff members tour it with the landlord or owners.

A committee made up of UI representatives, members of the Iowa Home

Builders Association, a real-estate agent, a banker, a historic-preservation specialist, and members of neighborhood associations makes the final decision.

The panel has toured more than 40 homes so far, including three houses on Wednesday, Long said. UniverCity also owns two additional houses on Douglas Court. Purchasing the houses can cost between \$85,000 to \$180,000.

Davidson and Long said there are plans to purchase five more houses in the next five weeks.

“The committee evaluates houses based on whether it will fulfill the mission of the organization, and gut reaction of whether it is right for the program,” Walz said.



ZANDRA FEIG/THE DAILY IOWAN
A floor sander sits in a room of the house at 517 S. Governor St., which is undergoing renovation, on Thursday. The home features 1,548 square feet, three bedrooms, one bath, and a two-car garage; UniverCity will sell the house for around \$180,000.

GAME ROOM

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Jack had open heart surgery two weeks ago.

“My favorite game is the Lego Starwars game on the Xbox,” he said.

Jack’s mother, Jenny Petty, sat with Vicki Shadle, another mother.

“It is a nice diversion for Jack to get him up and active so he can play with his older brother while he recovers,” Petty said.

Jack got to cut the ribbon in the ceremony that officially opened the game room on Wednesday, along with Bruce Hoffman, a senior marketing manager at Microsoft.

Gwen Senio, a UI Child Life program manager, said the room has received a lot of support from people in the hospital, who got their friends and family to vote.

“Kids were asking and asking when it was coming, and they were all very excited when they came in,” she said. “All the kids at the ribbon cutting made a beeline for the games and couldn’t wait to try them out.”

While the room is open for all ages, certain times will be set aside for specific age groups — younger children earlier in the day and older kids in the afternoon, Senio said.

“Before, the teen lounge had a small pool table and a TV with a VHS and DVD player,” she said. “So this is an upgrade.”

Reid, who was the kid captain for the Hawkeyes at the Orange Bowl in January, said he used to go to the library and rent movies to pass time.

“Reid gets tests where he can’t eat or drink for a long time, and it was nice to come and play during those times to take his mind off of everything,” said his mother, Vicki Shadle.

“This place is a lot better; I will come here a lot,” Reid said, playing as the Kansas City Chiefs on Madden 2010 with his IV pole next to him and looking back at his mom occasionally.

Jo Beil, who has been a staff nurse for 37 years, has cared for Reid since he was a baby.

“Play is important for these kids,” said Beil, wearing the tie-dye scrubs she said the children love. “This

is the way kids heal. They have fun to get better.”

DI reporter Lisa Brahm contributed to this report.

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Editorial

Latest debacle for medical pot

The once bright future for medical marijuana is looking a lot hazier after a recent dispute between the Iowa Board of Pharmacy and the state's legislators.

Medical marijuana in Iowa had appeared to be progressing successfully when the state Board of Pharmacy voted unanimously to recommend the Legislature legalize the substance. However, recent major arguments on whether it is up to the state board or the Legislature to give the final go-head have delayed the process. Each party points to the other, and as they do so, the prospects of obtaining a prescription for medical marijuana seem to be further from reach.

While the *DI* Editorial Board — which supports legalizing medical marijuana — waits with the rest of Iowa, we hope the state will end the bickering and legalize the substance, thus allowing those in dire need to reap the medical benefits as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, after speaking with Sen. Tom Courtney, D-Burlington, we are not optimistic we will see any development before January.

"I think you won't see this become a law for several years, but the only way we are going to make it a law is to study it," Courtney said.

Initially, the Pharmacy Board (which unanimously voted for medicinal marijuana on Feb. 17) said it recommends the Legislature to look into the medical benefits in order to proceed toward legalization. However, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy has said there is no need for a legislative committee to study the matter because the Iowa Code gives the Pharmacy Board the power to set rules for medical marijuana.

Without officially taking a side on the issue, Courtney said he believes the Pharmacy Board is correct, saying, "The Legislature is the one that needs to move forward on this issue."

The *DI* Editorial Board is quite skeptical whether the dispute will ever be settled. Courtney said the soonest medical marijuana could again be discussed is January, and even then it will take time before the logistics are all straightened out.

Courtney said the state's biggest concern (which



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A marijuana cigarette sits in an ashtray next to a lighter and a roach clip inside the "smoking" chamber at the UIHC on Sept. 8, 2005. Participant in the UI study "Gender differences in the effects of marijuana on driving performance" were using the room.

should come as no surprise) is that over time, it will be easier for people to obtain the drug for recreational purposes.

"If you're going to make marijuana legal, you have to figure out the mechanics of it," he said.

And Courtney is certainly correct — there are many technicalities that the state must research — and that will take some time before we see any progress.

Courtney is a strong advocate for the drug, and he believes many hospitals are in favor of medical marijuana, because it can ease the pain and nausea for many patients.

He says if we can alleviate people's pain, and do it in a way that doesn't jeopardize anybody else, we are obligated to at least look into it.

And many will agree with him. According to the Compassionate Coalition, marijuana has been proven to be one of the safest, therapeutically active substances that can be used for an array of medical purposes.

Regardless of the dispute, the *DI* Editorial Board remains optimistic that the state board and Legislature will work together to ensure medical marijuana is legalized with proper regulations in a timely manner.

'Booka, booka'

ZACH WAHLS
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"Booka, booka, booka, booka, booka, booka."

So begins rapper Mos Def's classic track "Mathematics." How unintentionally appropriate.

As a student at the University of Iowa, I can personally attest to the outrageous mathematics behind purchasing the required textbooks for my schooling. This summer, I'm taking Principles of Chemistry I. For the five materials required for this single course, I shelled out more than \$300. This is in addition to the \$1,200 cost for the actual class.

Luckily, I'm not alone in my righteous indignation. A number of other, far more powerful people have reached the same conclusion about this ridiculous equation independent of my eager advice: Starting July 1, the U.S. government will have the backs of broke college students everywhere. And it's about time.

When the reauthorization of the Higher Education Opportunity Act takes effect in five days, textbook publishers will be required to provide postsecondary faculty with detailed information regarding the price of textbooks, copyright dates of earlier editions, what the changes between those editions are, and more.

Vincent Sampson, the deputy assistant secretary for policy, planning, and innovation in the Office of Postsecondary Education (what a title), said the education act will enable professors to use books that provide more or less current information at fair prices.

It's worth noting, however, that there won't be any statutes limiting prices. The latest edition will still cost lots and lots of money. It's going to be on professors to take a moment and review the differences between latest edition (X) and almost-latest edition (X minus one) and then decide if those differences merit requiring their students to shell out gobs of money.

And here's to hoping they decide it's not worth it, because what are my options for recouping my \$300-plus investment in my chemistry materials? Sell back the books? I could probably get about \$100 back for my main chemistry textbook. But the lab manual or course packet, which cost me almost \$50? Can't resell those. So I get \$100 back, and that's not bad. But, here's the thing.

Classes are being taught in such a way that students simply don't remember the material after a few semesters (let alone years). So, while I'm certainly learning a lot about chemistry (Did you know that the formula for chromate is CrO₄, and the formula for dichromate is Cr₂O₇? Neither did I.) I'm probably not going to remember everything I need to know in a few years. And I don't know about you, but rather than trust my notes, I'd prefer to be able to go back and check vital information at the source.

This is awfully difficult to do if I sold my textbook back just so I could afford rent over the summer. (I feel like it should tell you something about the price of these books if selling them back nets you a month's worth of rent ...) Thus, I am faced with the prospect of paying, and not recouping, the full price of some awfully expensive textbooks.

So, and I never thought I'd say this, but thank you, President Bush. (He signed the education act into law in August 2008.) The aforementioned laundry list of revisions will be a great first step toward bringing the celestial prices of next year's textbooks back to earth. At the end of the day, however, it's still on professors to execute a final analysis of cost and benefit; they'll just be much better informed.

Course packet? \$10. Safety goggles? \$15. Lab manual? \$30. Course review book? \$70. Actual text book? A ridiculous \$220. Federal legislation that will actually keep that sum less than next month's rent? Priceless. Definitely priceless. ■

Letter

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Special interest vs. student interests

This is a response to the *DI* story "Labor deals spark debate" (June 23):

The unpopular Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick had to stack the board of the University of Massachusetts Building Authority in order to secure enough votes to impose an unpopular union-only project labor agreement on \$750 million of construction.

With 50 percent of likely vot-

ers disapproving of Patrick's job performance, the governor is doing all he can to curry favor with such labor bosses as Francis Callahan, the president of the Massachusetts Building Trades Council.

The project labor agreement will increase the costs on taxpayers and college students all to give a monopoly to labor unions, which represent only one in five Massachusetts construction workers.

And it's not surprising to see

that Callahan is still up to his old tricks to sell the costly and discriminatory measure, saying a project labor agreement "... sets standard working conditions for union and nonunion laborers to live by." Callahan knows full well that under a such agreements, all workers must belong to a union. Therefore, open-shop workers cannot and do not participate on such projects.

Unfortunately, this quid pro quo between Patrick and his supporters in organized labor means

that once again, special interests trumps the best interests of taxpayers and working families.

Project labor agreements are a bad deal for Massachusetts, and they're a bad deal for Iowa — a point Callahan conveniently neglected to mention.

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Guest opinion

Lane Plugge bids the community a fond farewell

By LANE PLUGGE

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Iowa City School District Superintendent for the past eleven years. During my tenure, enrollment has increased by 1,300 students, and the communities composing the School District have responded to this growth by funding the construction of four new schools and eleven major building additions. The School District is a quality district and the primary reasons for this are a talented staff that is committed to all children and strong support from parents and community.

Providing quality public education is becoming increasingly difficult, and school staff must overcome

challenges to make certain each child reaches her or his potential. The district is blessed to have dedicated men and women who have high expectations and care about children. I continue to be impressed by the work that is done on a daily basis in the classrooms making up the 24 schools of the district. The staff members working with students are the solid foundation of the district. They understand that they have a mission to serve students, and they emulate the following words of Marian Wright Edelman, "Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."

The community should

be proud of the cooperation among the municipal and county governments and the district. The cities of Coralville, Iowa City, and North Liberty have all provided funding to construct shared gymnasium space. This space serves students during school time and also provides facilities after hours for both youth and adult activities. The cities of Hills, North Liberty, and Coralville provide annual revenues for the operation of family-resource centers that are housed in 10 elementary schools. The city of Iowa City provided a major grant to construct an addition to Wood Elementary that houses the family-resource center and a preschool.

Another great example of community support was the response to a need to provide health care for school children by the United Way of Johnson County, Mercy Hospital, the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, UI College of Nursing, UI College of Dentistry, and the Community Foundation. These organizations under the leadership of Susie Poulton, the School District director of health, have two school-based health clinics operating to serve children, and the clinics have been instrumental in improving children's health and school attendance. The School District is also blessed to have numerous talented volunteers working in schools to

provide extra tutoring and mentoring to students. Area businesses are generous in their support of the School District Foundation. This support makes it possible to provide many extra educational opportunities for district students. Examples of these programs are School of the Wild, Run for Schools, the Iowa Symphony Program, Artists in Residence, Reading Month with Visiting Authors, and the elementary track and field day. The quality of district programs is made possible by this extraordinary community support of public education.

It has also been my good fortune to work with the dedicated volunteers who have the courage to serve

as members of the School Board. Every director I have worked with has given up family and personal time to provide a service of leadership to the community's schools. Over the past 11 years, I have witnessed directors make decisions based on the best interests of all students. I applaud the work they do without any financial reward and in many cases undeserved criticism.

The School District has a bright future, and I am certain educational excellence will be maintained by current and future staff and community members.

Lane Plugge has served as the superintendent of Iowa City schools for the past decade. His final day with the district is June 30.

Soul of Chicago

The Right Now will bring a bit of soul to the Mill.

By **JASON M. LARSON**
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Soul is known as an emotional style of music. And the Right Now is a band with plenty of soul to give to the audience.

"Soul, funk, liveliness, energy — all of these things describe [the group's] live show," Cedar Rapids resident Cat Wolfe said.

Chicago-based the Right Now will perform at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., at 9 p.m. today. Admission will be \$7. KRUI 89.7 FM will broadcast a preshow interview with the band at 5 p.m.

Members of the group include Stefanie Berecz on vocals, Brendan O'Connell on keyboards, guitar, and vocals, Chris Corsale also on guitar and vocals, Greg Nergaard on bass, John Smillie on drums, Jonathon Edwards on baritone and alto sax, and Jim Schram on tenor sax.



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While the Right Now's members look flashy in photos, they're more focused on creating a musically engaging live show to get fans moving.

Ryan Sibert, from Cedar Rapids, said he's seen the band at least a half dozen times.

"It's a band that provides quality, soulful music," Sibert said. "The lead female singer is drop-dead gorgeous and has the pipes to really throw down. It's like a really good soul and review band from the '70s."

The Right Now released its second album, *Carry Me Home*, in March, and it will play some of the tunes at the show. O'Connell said it took a year to get the record done.

"It was a really long process," he said. "We have the eight-piece band and then backup singers, a string section, gospel choir, and all kinds of keyboards, so it was a huge learning experience."

O'Connell writes most of the music and lyrics, and he collaborates with Berecz on some of the vocals. The band will then arrange the songs, with the horn-section members writing their parts.

Though the group has played some big festivals and clubs (including a recent stop at Chicago's Metronome Celebration), O'Connell said he prefers to perform at smaller clubs.

"It's a little easier to connect with the audience when you play at a place such as the Mill," he said. "The Mill specifically is such a storied stage, and it's always fun to go there."

Along with the music from *Carry Me Home*, the Right Now will play some other new songs as well as tracks from its previous album.

Wolfe has followed the band for years and loves the emotion in its shows.

"Stefanie's voice really just puts me at ease," Wolfe said. "The first time I saw them, I felt like I was on the East Coast. Being back on a heavy jazz scene with a lot of undertones like funk and soul, and I really just like that, because I haven't heard a band like that around here before."



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Still less than zero

The struggles of the characters in *Imperial Bedrooms* to accept adulthood are matched by the author's struggles to depict them as adults.

By **MICHAEL GALLAGHER**
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In the sequel *Imperial Bedrooms*, Bret Easton Ellis shows what happens as the teenage nihilists from his 1985 novel, *Less Than Zero*, enter middle age. Although

calls from landlines are replaced by texts from iPhones, and Bat for Lashes' songs take the place of references to the Go-Gos, the characters remain largely unchanged in their new setting. They still have too much money, obsess over appearances, abuse drugs, and seem oblivious to the world that exists outside of their bubble of narcissism.

These similarities exist despite Ellis' attempts to separate *Imperial Bed-*

rooms from its predecessor. The story opens with Clay, the narrator, acknowledging the existence of *Less Than Zero* and the film adaptation of the book. From there, Clay denounces the accuracy of the characters' portrayal in both the book and movie, implying that the upcoming story will reveal the characters in their true form. This literary sleight of hand allows Ellis to briefly provide background for the novel, while simultaneously establishing his new book's independence.

Unlike his characters, Ellis' writing has seen some change in the 25 years between his debut novel and *Imperial Bedrooms*. At only 169 pages, the book reflects how the fast-paced world he captured in '85 has only increased its speed. Additionally, *Imperial Bedrooms* contains the grotesque violence and sexuality Ellis only gave a sampling of in *Less Than Zero* but later mastered in *American Psycho* and *Glamora-*

ma. These faint-inducing descriptions of sociopathic behavior function as a slap in the face to readers, forcing awareness of disturbing societal trends.

A difficulty Ellis faces with this novel is still connecting with the teenage and young-adult audience that primarily consumes his work, while using characters who are well into adulthood. Fans of Ellis will still find the satire and surrealism that has marked the author's works throughout his career. However, without the peer connection to the characters, the bizarre elements of the story lose their impact; they feel distant, and even more implausible than usual. Maybe Ellis, who is now 46 years old, is trying to connect to an older audience, closer to his own age.

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work, and enjoy time fishing or on the beach.

The 19-year old catcher said the quality of pitchers in the Cape Cod league sets it apart from the Big Ten.

"In Big Ten baseball, there is usually the ace of the pitching staff, and then the other guys are just pretty good," Sheppard said. "All of those aces come to the Cape, and it's like facing a team's best pitcher every day."

Despite tougher opponents on the mound, Sheppard has racked up five hits and four RBIs in the six games he's seen action in so far.

Dermody has posted a 5.78 ERA in 4 2/3 innings pitched.

The lefty hurler said the summer has allowed him to get experience against top-notch batters. He agreed with Dahm and said the Cape Cod invitations demonstrate the tremendous strides made by the Hawkeyes.

"It definitely sends out a message that we are going to be a pretty solid team in the future," Dermody said.

Brown

After recording both the

third-lowest ERA in Big Ten play on the team (4.73) and the third-most innings pitched (62), the 6-3 righty earned a spot on the Falmouth Commodores in Falmouth, Mass.

The Commodores typically play five games a week. Brown has pitched in four games so far, surrendering only one run in 5 1/2 innings.

The Warrenville, Ill., native had a successful stint with the Alexandria Beetles in Minnesota last summer.

The junior is also living with a host family, but in Brown's case, the home has a lot more Hawkeye roots in it — he's staying with the parents of teammate Patrick Brennan.

Brown noted the higher level of pitching as well and said he sees opponents throwing 95 mph or more on a regular basis.

He also said the different styles of play that come from such a diverse roster adds a twist to the game.

"Some kids from different schools are used to seeing a power conference led by power pitching and hitting," Brown said. "The Big Ten is more of a mix of small ball and power teams."

The now-upperclassman is anxious to use the summer



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa starting pitcher Jarred Hippen throws a curve ball against Northern Iowa during the Corridor Classic on April 28, 2009, at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Cedar Rapids.

to get in better shape and partake in a little friendly rivalry when his Commodores square off against Dermody and Sheppard's Hawks July 8.

Schreiber

Phil Schreiber has noticed a significant difference in the summer competition.

"It's an all-wood-bat league, which is nice as a pitcher," he said. "But the competition is very tough because everyone is really experienced."

Although his record is 0-1, Schreiber has also been able to report some good news.

Through seven innings, he has struck out nine

hitters, tying him for ninth out of 62 pitchers in the east division for most strikeouts.

He is aware of the exposure he has playing in the Cape league, and he said that all college players would want to play in it if they could. He welcomes the chance to be successful. "I think it's a great thing to have on my baseball resumé," Schreiber said. "Only the best kids get a chance to play out here. It's a great experience for me. And I'm happy I got to have that chance."

The Anglers are second in the overall standings with a record of 6-2-1.

Hippen

Throwing for the Fal-

love the game so much, and being able to share the knowledge that I've accumulated from playing was a really good experience."

Hankins said the program might someday branch farther out from Iowa City to give more children the opportunity to participate, but the camp's location didn't stop kids from coming from Illinois and Atlanta this year.

Most — 95 percent (three kids commuted every day) — of the campers stayed in Hillcrest, and they all received the full week's instruction in spite of frequent thunderstorms that bogged down greens and filled sand traps with muddy water.

"We got everything in that we wanted," Hankins said. "We had to get off the

golf course a couple times, but we adapted. It was so wet that the greens were soft and slower than normal. They're usually really difficult because they're really fast, but the kids did a good job learning."

The coach said the education and intensive exposure to the game are the most important things his campers can take away from the experience.

"It's an opportunity for the kids to see if they really like golf or not," he said. "If they come through this long week and still want more, then they really love golf. Some are so freaking tired that they need a break, but some go home and play their best golf."

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goals," Hankins said. "One is to provide the opportunity for kids who want to experience the University of Iowa to have a week full of professional golf instruction. It gives my players the opportunity to give back their knowledge and have fun. And the kids get the Hawkeye experience, living in the dorms with 200 or 300 campers from other sports."

Around 20 campers participated in the session — a number Hankins said is somewhat lower than in the past. He said the smaller groups — one counselor for every three or four kids — allow for greater personal attention from the teachers.

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nious relationship among member institutions."

In contrast, the letter said, "It appears that the majority of the Big Ten's operations revolve around NCAA athletics and the marketing, promotion, and revenue-generating activities affiliated with those athletics activities. Moreover, most of the discussions surrounding the potential realignment of member institutions from one league to another appear to be designed not to further the charitable operation of the Big Ten."

The letter cites an Associated Press report that said Big 12 members each received between \$7 million and \$10 million last year. The Big Ten — whose revenue is significantly increased by the Big Ten Network — distributed some \$22 million to its member institutions.

In light of this report, the letter says invitations to the Big Ten seem to be extended solely to improve the "financial bottom line" for member institutions, because invitations appear to be extended based on the location of institutions in "major media markets."

The letter then asks the Big Ten to provide "detailed justification and responses" regarding the conference's tax-exempt charitable status. Some of the specific

requests include: a copy of the conference's most recent Form 990, a comprehensive breakdown of all program service revenue, an explanation of how any expansion of the conference furthers the charitable purpose of the conference, and all copies of proposed "expansion, merger, or consolidation" plans the conference has considered and an explanation of how the conference chose which schools to invite.

Grassley and Harkin also said in the letter they wish to better understand the relationship between the conference and the Big Ten Network.

The lawmakers' letter considers the speculation of conference realignment resulting in "four 'super' conferences" and questions

the difference between such a scenario and professional sports associations such as the NFL or MLB.

Thus, the letter requests an explanation of why such conferences should continue to be tax-exempt, what requirements member schools must meet to be in the conference, as well as what the costs are to meet such requirements and how these costs affect tuition and other costs for those schools' students.

The Big Ten officially announced the approval of Nebraska as its 12th school June 11.

Harkin's press secretary, Bergen Kenny, did not immediately return a voice mail left Thursday.

Mechanics of speed

Iowa will host its first Speed and Development Camp beginning July 26.

By **JERRY SCHERWIN JR.**

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Gaining an edge has always been vital in sports, and many athletes are starting at an early age. Kids sign up for expensive camps and one-on-one training in hopes of turning big league dreams into reality.

What they might not know is that something as simple as running mechanics and proper strength and conditioning techniques can give them the advantage they seek and prevent injuries.

J.C. Moreau, the Iowa director of strength and conditioning, wants to give young athletes the edge they seek.

Along with assistant

strength coach Dan Hammes, he will put on an inaugural Speed and Development Camp for boys and girls ages 11 to 17 at the end of July. The camp will provide the athletes with experiences that will keep them ahead of the curve well into college.

"I have always been a firm believer that if we can teach more movement patterns and how to warm up correctly at the grass-roots level, we would see a lot fewer injuries in high school and college," Moreau said.

"We want to provide [the athletes] with drills and proper exercises they can continue doing on their own time to develop and grow," Hammes said.

They two will teach an assortment of mechanics that range from running and mobility to acceleration and deceleration.

"Running is important in

most sports, and we will focus on a range of athletic movements," Moreau said. "We're going to tell the campers this is not a combine. We want to teach them how to properly accelerate and decelerate."

One of the main focuses of the camp is the teaching of proper deceleration — something the two instructors believe strongly in.

"It's funny — you play sports your whole life, but not once did I ever have a coach tell me to run a dead sprint and stop as fast as I could," Moreau said. "When you picture Barry Sanders, he had an ability to stop on a dime, and totally turn 180 degrees, and start again. Those are the types of things we are working on."

The camp has been in the works for quite some time. Moreau and his staff have put on a few free clinics on the basics of warming up correctly in the past

year, and they have ended with great reviews.

This inspired Moreau to look into expanding the clinics to a summer camp.

"We got some great feedback from people wanting more information about the clinics we put on," Moreau said.

The camp, though serious, will also have some built in competitions that focus on the lessons the athletes have learned in camp.

"We want to create a fun environment for the student-athlete to learn in," Hammes said.

The three-day sessions will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The first session will be held July 26, 28, and 30; session two will be held Aug. 2, 4, and 6.

"If they can learn [these mechanics] at a younger age instead of in college, they will have a giant step above competition," Hammes said.

mouth Commodores, left-hander Jarred Hippen understands the success that can come from playing in the Cape League. And he expects it will help him continue his baseball career after Iowa.

"If you're out here, you probably will have a future [in baseball] past college because this league is the best," he said. "A lot of the elite players play here. It's great that I am able to play here, too."

An important distinction between Hawkeye baseball and Commodore baseball is the weight of each regular-season game and the atmosphere it creates. Games are scheduled just about every day.

"At Iowa, every game means a lot more because our season is on the line,"

Hippen said. "Here, it's a lot more relaxed."

He also notes the advantage pitchers have throwing against wooden bats and hopes that he can capitalize on that.

"It's a lot different," he said. "You can miss down the middle and still get rewarded. There's a lot more room for error."

Although Hippen sees the wooden bat as an advantage, he is not having the success he had for Iowa. Hippen recorded a team-best 3.71 ERA and three four complete games.

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Canoeists ready to race down Iowa River

The inaugural Great Iowa River Canoe Race will be held Saturday, covering nearly 10 miles of the Iowa River.

By **JON FRANK**
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The Iowa River will grant registered participants an opportunity to compete in murky waters at 10 a.m. Saturday during the first Great Iowa River Canoe Race.

The race will cover 9 1/4 miles of the Iowa River, starting from the Sturgis Ferry Park in Iowa City and finishing at the Hills access point in Hills. The race should take approximately an hour and a half to complete, depending on skill level.

"This whole thing is my nightmare," canoeing enthusiast Rick Hill said and laughed. Hill, who will also participate in the race, approached the Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development officials with the idea, and they agreed to organize the event.

He began canoeing 20 years ago. His passion for the outdoor sport did not

The Great Iowa River Canoe Race

- When: 10 a.m. Saturday
- Start point: Sturgis Ferry Park, Iowa City
- End point: Hills Access, Hills
- Race length: 9.25 miles

turn competitive until a few years ago, when a friend introduced him to racing. Since then, he has competed in only a handful of races but hopes to enter between four and six this year. He has lived in Iowa City for 26 years and is excited at the prospect of competing in the area.

Like many others who canoe, Hill, an avid outdoorsman, said he takes to the water in his vessel during all seasons.

"The peacefulness, the scenery, and the thrill of being outdoors on the water trips my trigger," he said.

The race is not specifi-

cally geared toward experienced canoe racers. People of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to participate.

Iowa Valley organization coordinator Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen believes the event could help foster a greater appreciation for the local environment.

"[The canoe race] is a really fun way to raise awareness about our organization," she said. "It's also a really great way to enhance awareness about natural resources."

Meyer-Dideriksen's concern about Iowa's natural resources raises issues some may have with the weekend event: The Iowa River is a heavily polluted body of water, and the stench of the course alone is foul enough to deter most people.

The river is listed by the Environmental Protection Agency as an impaired body of water, which means that it suffers from

pollution and the water quality is affected.

Nonetheless, the Iowa Valley group plans to turn the race into an annual occurrence. The members also hope to attract canoe-

ing enthusiasts from across the country.

Group employee Lori Schrodemier said she looks forward to the outdoor atmosphere.

"It's an unusual thing,"

she said. "I have just gotten jazzed. There are people who have specialized canoes ... apparently somebody is bringing a home-made canoe."

Cubs upend Seattle in 13

By **TIM BOOTH**
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Marlon Byrd hit an opposite field RBI single with one out in the 13th inning, and the Chicago Cubs avoided a sweep in Seattle with a 3-2 victory over the Mariners on Thursday.

With the Cubs hitless since the ninth inning but having plenty of chances, Byrd finally came through on a day both teams struggled to get clutch hits.

Pinch-hitter Alfonso Soriano led off the 13th with a walk against reliever Garrett Olson (0-2). Kosuke Fukudome sacrificed Soriano to second, and, after Ryan Theriot walked, Byrd lined a 1-2 pitch from Sean White into right field. Soriano was

waved around third and beat Ichiro Suzuki's throw to the plate.

John Grabow (1-3) pitched two innings of relief for the win. He gave up just one hit in his first victory since May 24, 2009, for Pittsburgh.

Tom Gorzelanny got one out 13th inning for his first career save.

The Cubs' victory snapped Seattle's six-game winning streak and spoiled another stellar performance by young right-hander Felix Hernandez. But Hernandez became a footnote for a day when Seattle's bats had many chances to hand Hernandez his sixth win of the season. The Mariners left 13 runners on base and were 3-for-16 with runners in scoring position. Mike Fontenot drove in Chicago's first run with a sacrifice fly in the third, and Chad Tracy gave the Cubs a 2-1 lead in the seventh with an RBI single. Jack Wilson hit an RBI

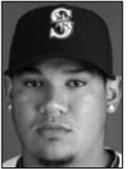
double in the bottom half off reliever Andrew Cashner to tie it at 2.

It was the continuation of a strong month by Hernandez. Recovering from a 2-4 start to the season, Hernandez has now thrown at least eight innings on five of his last six outings. He tossed a complete game on June 19 against Cincinnati, giving up just one run and five hits.

He nearly matched that on Thursday. Hernandez scattered five hits, struck out eight, and allowed just the two runs.

Closer David Aardsma came on for the 10th inning and immediately walked Tracy on four pitches and saw pinch-runner Starlin Castro advance to second on Koyie Hill's sacrifice.

Castro moved to third on Fukudome's ground-out, and Aardsma got Theriot to fly out to right to end the threat.



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SWIMMING

AquaHawks announce schedule

The Iowa swimming and diving teams have announced their schedule for the upcoming season. The Hawkeyes will host six home meets in the new Campus Recreation and Wellness Center.

Head coach Marc Long's squads will kick off the season by hosting the annual Black and Gold intrasquad meet Oct. 2, then host Truman State on Oct. 8. Iowa's other home meets include Wisconsin (Oct. 15), the Hawkeye Invitational (Dec. 3-5), Iowa State (Dec. 10), Northwestern (Jan. 22), and Western Illinois and Northern Iowa (Feb. 4).

Notre Dame, Denver, Northern Iowa, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Wisconsin-Green Bay, and South Dakota State are set to compete against Iowa in the Hawkeye Invitational.

The squad will hit the road for three Big Ten meets, at Michigan State (Oct. 22), at Minnesota (Nov. 5), and at Illinois (Jan. 15).

The men will begin the postseason with the Big Ten championships at Minnesota Feb. 23-26. The NCAA championships are also slated to take place at Minnesota, March 24-26. The women will compete in Big Tens at Indiana Feb. 16-19. The women's NCAA championships are scheduled for March 17-19 in Austin, Texas.

The new rec center will also serve as host to the U.S. diving meet Jan. 16-23.

— by Jordan Garretson



Long
coach

5 Hawks facing the best

Iowa's Dan Sheppard, Matt Dermody, and Nick Brown are among five Hawkeyes playing in the prestigious Cape Cod League this summer.



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Iowa pitcher Matt Dermody throws a strike against Western Illinois on April 20 at Banks Field. Dermody is one of five Hawkeyes playing in the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League this summer.

By **MAGGIE CUNNINGHAM AND JESSIE SMITH**

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The Iowa baseball team compiled a postseason résumé worthy of praise this past season.

Not only did the Hawkeyes assemble a record surpassing .500 (30-28), they also shot up eight spots in the Big Ten standings (third place) from last season. Iowa's second-place finish at the Big Ten Tournament was its best since 1983.

Five Hawkeyes felt the immediate perks of the noteworthy season: Matt Dermody, Dan Sheppard, Nick Brown, Phil Schreiber, and

Jarred Hippen.

Those five — one-sixth of head coach Jack Dahm's roster — earned invitations to play in the Cape Cod Baseball League, the most the 16-year head coach has ever sent.

Cape Cod is regarded as the most prestigious summer league by both coaches and professional scouts.

Dahm said Cape Cod's national reputation makes it very difficult to get into, and it is unlikely for a school to send as many as five players there in the same summer.

"It's a compliment to the young talent we have in the program," he said. "When we first got here, we

didn't have too many guys out there. It's something you have to build off of reputation and have good players go out there and handle themselves. It opens up the doors to everyone else."

Dermody & Sheppard

After exceptional first-year campaigns for the Black and Gold, the two were invited to play for the Hyannis Harbor Hawks, a squad of rich history — 23 alumni saw major-league action in 2009.

Dermody, a 6-5 left-handed pitcher, had 10 appearances, including seven starts for the Hawkeyes. Sheppard, a 6-0 catcher, appeared in 28 games and had

the second-best freshman batting average (.260) with 28 RBIs.

Both were selected in the 2009 major-league first-year player draft prior to their freshman seasons.

Dermody was selected in the 26th round (775th pick) by the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Sheppard was picked by the Chicago Cubs in the 30th round (920th pick).

The two Cape Cod rookies live together with a host family in Hyannis, Mass., and compete in up to six games a week.

Aside from time spent playing at McKeon Park, the two work out regularly, partake in volunteer

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FOOTBALL

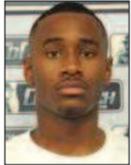
Hawkeyes land 3rd wide receiver

The Iowa football team received an oral commitment from class of 2011 prospect Austin Vincent on Wednesday.

Vincent is a 6-1, 176-pound wide receiver from DeSoto, Texas. He recorded 17 catches for 214 yards and two touchdowns as a junior for DeSoto High in 2009.

He is the fifth 2011 recruit to commit to the Hawkeyes and the third wide receiver, joining Marcus Grant (Groton, Mass.) and JaCorey Shepherd (Mesquite, Texas).

— by Jordan Garretson



Vincent
receiver

GYMNASTICS

Hawks hire Reive as new men's gymnastics coach

Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta announced Thursday that JD Reive has been named head men's gymnastics coach. The previous coach, Tom Dunn, retired after the team's 2010 season. He had spent the past 31 years with the Hawkeyes program.

Reive served as an assistant coach at Stanford for the past seven seasons. The Cardinal posted four top-three finishes at the NCAA championships during that time and won the national championship in 2009.

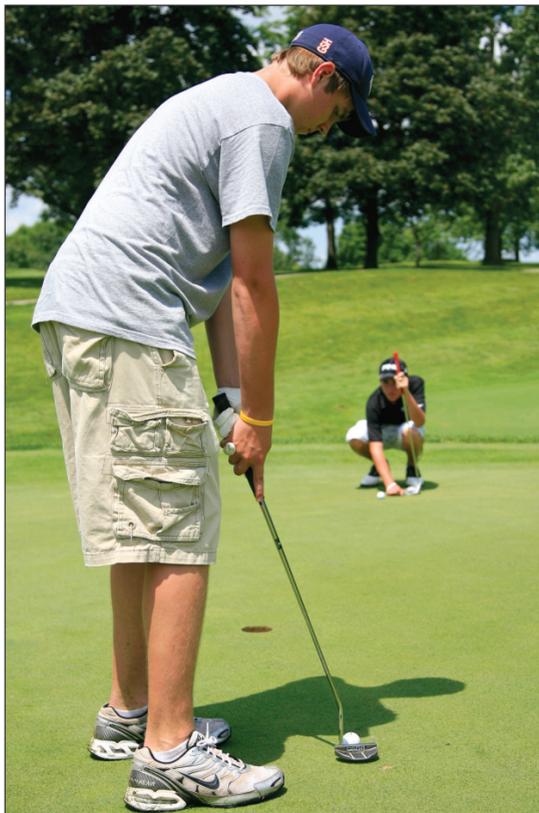
Reive was named 2009 National Assistant Coach of the Year.

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity to represent the University of Iowa," Reive said in a release. "The athletics department's continued support of men's gymnastics is a testament to the great legacy of Hawkeye gymnastics, a legacy that I fully intend to build upon."

— by Jordan Garretson

Intensity at Finkbine Senators cast skeptical eye on Big Ten status

Iowa men's head golf coach Mark Hankins runs an intensive youth camp.



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Reed Dueley of Roanoke, Ill., putts the ball as Drew Haas of Iowa City lines up his putt on Thursday at Finkbine Golf Course. Dueley and Haas, as well as other campers, were competing in a last day tournament at the Iowa Golf Camp.

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A 12-year-old boy strolled past Iowa men's head golf coach Mark Hankins as he sat watching members of his youth golf camp hit on the 11th fairway at Finkbine Golf Course.

"My foot was bleeding, but it's OK now," the boy said before lining up a shot. "I think I popped a blister."

Hankins smiled and said he wasn't surprised that small ailments were starting to affect his 10- to 17-year-old campers.

The camp began Sunday and concluded Thursday.

"It's a full week," Hankins said. "It's a long day. We get up at 7:30, practice for three hours, have lunch, and play golf in the afternoon. An adult would be dead tired at the end of the week."

Hankins said he hopes the grueling schedule won't be the only thing his campers remember, however. The third-year coach and his staff of Hawkeye players and assistant coaches spent five-day session giving lessons in driving, putting, and the college experience.

"We have numerous

Senators cast skeptical eye on Big Ten status

Iowa's U.S. senators have questions about of the Big Ten being a charitable organization amid conference realignment.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**

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Conference expansion has prompted Iowa's U.S. senators to question the Big Ten's status as a charitable organization.

In a letter dated June 10 to Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany, Republican Charles Grassley and Democrat Tom Harkin requested financial information and an explanation of why conferences such as the Big Ten should remain tax-exempt amid apparent financial motivations for realignment.

The Big Ten operates as a charitable organization under federal tax code. Grassley is the ranking member on the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, which oversees tax-exempt organizations.

The letter noted the Big Ten's primary

exempt

purpose,

according to its Form

990 (a form that the IRS

uses to assess public charities' compliance with tax laws), is "to regulate intercollegiate athletics as institutional activities to encourage sound academic practices for student-athletics and to establish harmon-



Grassley
senator



Harkin
senator

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To view the full letter from Sen. Charles Grassley and Sen. Tom Harkin addressed to Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany, go to www.dailyiowan.com.

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