Engineering students get extra help

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By ARABIA MITT

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Opinions

What should be the bigger issue in the gubernatorial race, jobs or education?

By STEPHEN SIEBERT

With the recent nominat-

ions period officially over, the

Republican and Demo-

cratic candidates in the
gubernatorial race are
now vying for votes on
decades-old promises. In

Iowa, there have been
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uum merit pay. Increase the number of charter

schools. And, above all, test students incessantly.

The future of the state workforce and our citizenry is contingent on our education system. That’s why it should rule the student experience and continue this bud-

getary commitment until 2012.

It’s a refreshing change from the days when USG

ought to actually take an active role in all the neces-
sary affairs. I can only hope that future governments will think of ideas when they see it and try to

be proactive about educating students.

Even though it’s hard to argue with a student who

really has the capacity to perceive the direct change or action on our side, it’s a relief to have an opportu-

ty and role that it should reject. I’d encourage students thinking about O$10,000 campaign spending limit

expenditures. Instead, I’d encourage you to see how a coordinated ‘get out of the vote’

effort could have resulted in the election of Van

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certain as it may seem. The 2011 ordinance was de-

fined by in 2007. Those 2,500 votes are

nothing. Now there are more than 20,000 UI stu-

dents, nearly all of whom are eligible to vote.

If students, if you don’t vote, don’t com-

plain. Take it.

Guest opinion

Tea Party will hurt Republicans in the run

by Willeke Jansen

Tea Party candidates are arenom of the
campaign season. Many of these
candidates have career or
diplomacy experience and
are well known to the popu-

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The long road to butterflies

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By ALYSSA MARIE HARN

Robert Michael Pyle looks on as a butterfly perches on his hand. Pyle will read from his latest book, Mariposa Road, tonight at Prairie Lights.

The author started his journey with the goal of finding 500 of the 900 different butterfly species in Canada and the United States. During his 40-day journey, he encountered a “butterfly-habitat-conservation project. I come out thinking that there are a lot of dedicated people working hard to protect the butterflies and their habitat, but we still have a lot to do,” he said. Ingram hopes to attract more “nature-oriented creeds” at the author’s reading, he said.

Pyle noted 30 of the 40 holy-grail butterflies he wanted to encounter on his journey comparing the discovery of one particular butterfly to “finding a treasure chest.” He had wanted to find the dockland Hairstreak once he was a young boy. After two trips to Catalina Island, the only place in the world the blue and gray butterfly calls home, he found the prized butterfly.

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The book gives me hope that the world is still worth encountering and taking care of,” said. “It also showed me that the world is still as exciting to me as it was when I was in grade school, with a kiddy cup and a butterfly net.”

“Top Model” minions. This season is sure to be quite entertaining, with the always-objectified women, the fierce judges, the high-pressure competition, and the always-anticipated runway shows. Expect plenty of drama as the contestants vie for the coveted titles. The pressure of the competition and the demands of the judges are sure to make for an intense and entertaining viewing experience.

Taking a pointer from Lady Gaga and Beyonce, the opening credits of cycle 15 of America’s Next Top Model show Tyra Banks and the contestants posing in tasteful with various geometric cutouts. The theme of the season is “high fashion,” and that includes the prizes. For the first time, the winner will get two fashion spreads in Vogue Italia and the cover photo of Elle in Vogue. She will also be represented by IMG Modeling Agency and receive a $100,000 contract with CoverGirl cosmetics. "We are raising the bar," Banks said in the first episode.

The author wrote his book as his “holy treasure chest.” He had noticed a street sign that included the name Mariposa. After some research, he found that the word “Mariposa” means butterfly in Spanish, and he began his journey in Mariposa, California.

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By MADISON BENNETT

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The first few weeks were tough, but you kind of have to get the hang of things,” Suhjada said. To help Suhjada and other students deal with being new to the major, the Student Development Center, the Tippie College of Engineering and La Crosse Technical College each started new programs this fall aimed at giving the rapid influx of students more academic direction. Hoping to continue to meet the demands of its students, the center created Academic Advising Workshops, which helps students in the college deal with different issues, from stress to taking tests.

Officials have also increased the number of free tutoring hours available, and 90 students took advantage of that offer on Monday alone, said Megan Allen, the student records manager for the engineering school.

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Keeping the creative fires burning

Nancy Westvig, the co-owner and operator of Fired Up Iowa City, provides fun, local activities for groups and friends at a unique, contemporary ceramics studio.

By AMY TIFFANY

A puppy dog cookie jar painted pink, green, and yellow, along with plates, bowls, and mugs are scattered along the front window of Fired Up Iowa City. Upon entering, an eclectic mix of music fills customers’ ears. Co-owner and operator Nancy Westvig tends to customers, fills shelves, and displays pieces.

At the first ceramic pottery studio in the state of Iowa, Fired Up, 112 S. Linn St., customers can pick out a piece of ceramic pottery, design it, and paint it. After the painting is done, Westvig and co-owner and husband Michael Burt fire the pieces in the kiln. Around a week later, the piece is ready to be picked up.

Burt creates approximately 50 percent of their bisque ware, but both own approximately 50 percent of their pottery.

The most common birthday parties the couple sees are for 7- and 50-year-olds. Westvig had noticed the trend of ceramic studios popping up on the East and West Coasts and saw the need for one in Iowa City. Fired Up is one of seven ceramic studios in Iowa, according to Contemporary Ceramic Studios Association, it will celebrate its 13-year anniversary in October.

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By SCOTT MILLER

Two weeks ago, Jewel Hampton called football a ‘passion.’ So compared to existing and breathing, and now it has been taken away from him — again.

The sophomore running back suffered a season-ending knee injury on Sept. 18 against Arizona. Head coach Kirk Ferentz announced Tuesday that senior Paki O’Meara, who had been the team’s third-string running back, would miss Saturday’s Big Ten game against state rival Michigan.

“It’s perfect, it’s fall, it’s innovative shows on television.”

Among other things, I learn about football (something he said himself) — just one of the many quirks on the crew. Actually, I learned how a publicist is supposed to do their job.

By the time the sophomore returns in 2011, he will have played in two football games since Jan. 1, 2009. Hampton — who has 577 yards and eight touchdowns in 13 career games — tore the ACL in his opposite knee during the summer.

Running back Adam Robinson, now the team’s unquestioned leader, showed up Tuesday’s press conference with a fresh haircut and a smile on his face. But underneath was a strange sort of emotion.

Hampton’s injury means more playing time and more carries for him. But on Tuesday, Robinson’s comments sounded more rhetorical than genuine.

“I don’t like what he’s thinking.”

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Yet later, I saw Cowherd again fist-bump one of his producers. Somehow, I got the feeling this was a usual thing — just one of the many quirks of one of the quirkiest crews in sports television.

“For the first time, I take the chance to interview Cowherd for ‘SportsNation’ about his take on the team’s upcoming game against Arizona. Asked about Hampton, his roommate’s surprise return to the program Tuesday, he said: "It’s perfect, it’s fall, it’s football!" I tell him about our campus and how it’s a far walk to most classes from the West Coast. I don’t know if I can’t even imagine what he’s going through, what he’s thinking.”

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A crowd of spectators at ESPN’s “SportsNation” reacts to the camera in Hubbard Park on Tuesday. The show aired at 4 p.m. following a weather delay.

The following is my behind-the-scenes account of the seemingly longest day with Colin Cowherd, Michelle Beadle, and the ‘SportsNation’ crew.

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Yet later, I saw Cowherd again fist-bump one of his producers. Somehow, I got the feeling this was a usual thing — just one of the many quirks of one of the quirkiest crews in sports television.
Michigan State head coach Dantonio returns.

By MITCH SMITH

Michigan State head coach Mark Dantonio returns from recovering, but there is still much uncertainty about when he will return to the sidelines.

Dantonio underwent heart surgery on Sept. 10, after the Spartans defeated Western Michigan 35-7 as interim head coach. The former defensive coordinator against Notre Dame in the Rose Bowl and Fighting Irish in the Sugar Bowl.

"We've very excited about the progress at this point," Dantonio said Tuesday during the Big Ten coach's roundtable on Sept. 17. "Not having a head coach for an undefined period of time, the team hopes to have some info in its weekly preparation. The Spartans close out their nonconference schedule Saturday against Colorado State on Saturday Michigan State finished the season 7-6, since the team opened the season 7-6. The team's straight victories and the week's AP ranking at No. 26."

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By ELIZABETH MURPHY

Tennant is known to be just as much of a mental sport as it is physical, and for good reason.

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Tennis in fall means work

With records not counting in the fall, the Iowa men's tennis team tries to take full advantage of the time on the court.

By MATT COZZI

Despite the fall tennis season not counting toward its official records, the members of the Iowa men's tennis team are trying to make the most of anything and everything.

When asked what it takes to be a tennis player, Iowa's coach, Ross Houghton, says, "It's all about the work and the heart. If you put in the time, you will see the results."

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