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Itoh guilty of assault

The UI assistant professor plans to appeal the convictions.

By **HAYLEY BRUCE**
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University of Iowa assistant professor Toshiki Itoh was found guilty Tuesday on two counts of assault with intent to cause bodily injury, stemming from incidents in which he injured his then-research assistant.

But after nine hours of deliberation, the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on a third-degree sexual abuse charge. Jury member Nick Schaier, 27, said the sexual-abuse charge came down to a 10-2 split. "I just was not convinced the state had put forth

enough evidence," he said. "The other two [charges] were pretty cut-and-dried." The other juror who voted against conviction agreed. While the jury deliberated, Itoh's wife, Yuka Itoh, sobbed in the courtroom as she waited for the verdict, occasionally drying her tears with a red handkerchief.

Some of the Itohs' friends and family attempted to comfort her while Itoh stood in front of them, staring toward the back of the room. Itoh was charged in September 2008 with two counts of assault with intent to cause bodily



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN
University of Iowa Assistant Professor Toshiki Itoh walks out of the Johnson County Courthouse with his wife (far left) and defense attorney Patricia C. Kamath (center) on Tuesday.

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Board may probe YESS

An anti-21 group has raised more than \$9,000 in donations this filing period.

By **ALLIE WRIGHT**
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The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board may launch an investigation into whether anti-21 group Yes to Entertaining Students Safely intentionally filed its campaign's financial report nearly a week late.

Charlie Smithson, the executive director of the ethics board, said he received the campaign's financial reports, which were due on Oct. 19, on Tuesday morning. A \$20 fine is automatically pinned to a late filing.



Pfaltzgraf
anti-21 organizer

If an investigation finds that the delay was intentional, the board could impose several penalties, ranging from a letter of reprimand to a fine of up to \$2,000, Smithson said.

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KATHLEEN WILLEM/THE DAILY IOWAN
Gov. Chet Culver discusses details of the new passenger train that will run from Iowa City to Chicago at the Iowa City Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday. Culver said the rail line will make Iowa "the best connected state in America."

Officials want new train to be green

By **MITCHELL SCHMIDT**
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Officials in charge of Iowa City's newly approved train service are striving for green rails.

Gov. Chet Culver announced Tuesday at the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce that the upcoming passenger rail service is on track to be "the greenest in the nation."

"We can continue to lead America in terms

of renewable energy and energy efficiency," Culver said. "I'm so proud of the fact that this is going to put our state on the map once again as a state that is committed to sustainability, committed to a clean environment, committed to smart growth, and I think that really helped us secure this \$230 million grant."

Such green initiatives discussed include soy-based lubricants instead of petroleum-based, biodeisel-fueled locomotives, paperless tickets, and possibly rail stations

meeting Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification.

This "green-line concept" would put Iowa on the plateau of states taking similar initiatives.

While such plans would add to the sustainability of the service, Sen. Joe Bolkom, D-Iowa City, said being green is as simple as cutting back on driving.

SEE CULVER, 3

UIHC breaks ground on clinic

UIHC anticipates the River Landing facility to be occupancy-ready by October 2012.

By **ARIANA WITT**
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University of Iowa officials, members of the state Board of Regents, and Coralville city officials were among the roughly 50 people in attendance as UI Health Care broke ground on the River Landing Project on Tuesday in Coralville.

The future \$72 million outpatient clinic is an expansion of UI Hospitals and Clinics facilities, and it could clear space at the main hospital for an expansion of the UI Children's Hospital.

Construction on the 167,000-square-foot facility, located at First

UI Health Care - Iowa River Landing
Construction on the project is scheduled to begin in November.

- Budget: \$71,675,000
- Location: Ninth Street and First Avenue, Coralville
- Features: Five floors, approximately 100 exam rooms
- Construction manager: J.E. Dunn Construction
- Anticipated occupancy: October 2012

Source: UI Health Care

Avenue and Ninth Street, is set to begin in November, said Jean Robillard, the UI vice president for Medical Affairs. It is expected to open to



MOHAMMED ALHADAB/THE DAILY IOWAN
Officials from the UI, state Board of Regents, and the city of Coralville pose for a picture in the Marriott during the UI Hospitals and Clinics River Landing groundbreaking in Coralville on Tuesday.

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patients in October 2012. The Coralville City Council will work in an "equal partnership" with

the UIHC throughout the building process, said Coralville Mayor Jim Fausett. The project is part of a planned unit development in the Iowa River Landing that will include other businesses.

SEE RIVER LANDING, 3

Q&A with **Sally Mason**

Mason talks 21, upcoming vote

The Daily Iowan sat down with University of Iowa President Sally Mason to discuss the upcoming election, the 21-ordinance, and administration hirings.

The Daily Iowan: Does the university have any further alcohol-initiative plans for after the vote on the 21-ordinance?

President Sally Mason: This is an initiative we're going to keep working on and keep working on, with the city engagement as well for the long term. It's not something that's going to go away after the election one way or the other. What we'll have to do after the election is regroup and see where we are. I'm also committed, quite frankly, on the reputation

side. Students don't need to be tainted with a reputation.

... When they go out on the job market, I don't want students to have to answer questions, [like] "So what's it really like being at a party school?" And what was your participation in that party school?" That really shouldn't be the issue.

DI: Why did you donate money to the 21 Makes Sense campaign?

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Log on to read about Republican consultant Fred Karger's visit to the University of Iowa campus on Tuesday night. Karger, who intends to run for president in 2012, would be the first openly gay presidential candidate.





21 VOTE

Council OKs split, entertainment venues

Underage patrons must leave alcohol-serving entertainment venues, which the council approved Tuesday, by midnight.

By **ALICIA KRAMME**
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The Iowa City City Council expedited the approval of both an entertainment venue and a split-venue ordinance on Tuesday evening.

Both amendments to the 21-ordinance were passed unanimously after their second reading. Councilor Ross Wilburn was absent.

The decision to approve the ordinance came in part because of the upcoming 21-ordinance vote — which could potentially affect the entertainment and split-venue ordinances, councilors said.

Under the amendments, 19- and 20-year-olds will be allowed into bars after 10 p.m. under a number of restrictions City Attorney Eleanor Dilkes described as a “fairly long list of criteria.”

The split-venue ordinance will require venues to physically separate an alcohol-free area from the alcohol-permitted area for special events approved by the police chief. Both areas are required to have their

own entrances, restrooms, and fire escapes.

“We’re willing to work with entertainment venues,” Councilor Mike Wright said.

For the entertainment-venue ordinance—bars must have a PAULA ratio of 0.5 or less and put on at least 150 shows a year. Even then, 19- and 20-year-old patrons would have to leave at midnight.

Wright said it was important to pass the ordinances because establishments showed interest in their potential.

“Some parties want to hit the ground running,” he said. “There’s no reason to hold back on this.”

He said if the issue was controversial, it wouldn’t have been expedited.

Councilor Regenia Bailey said it isn’t unusual for an issues such as these to be passed after only two



Champion
councilor

readings.

She said an advantage to passing the ordinances now is businesses will be able to move forward in case the 21-ordinance is upheld on Nov. 2. Otherwise, businesses would have to wait until the next meeting, Nov. 16 — two weeks after the elections.

“It has been a concern of people. We have to make sure that the council addresses that concern in the case that the 21-ordinance is upheld,” said Councilor Connie Champion.

Bailey said even if the 21-ordinance is repealed, it is important the amendments passed because they will provide a business model for bars.

“Everyone will have a better idea of where they need to go,” she said, and passing the amendments now will allow city councilors to better manage



Wright
councilor

Split- and Entertainment exemptions

Criteria for becoming a split-venue:

- Alcohol-free and alcohol-permitted areas must be physically separated.
- Both areas are required to have their own entrances, restrooms, and fire escapes.

Criteria for becoming an entertainment venue:

- Establishments must have a PAULA ratio of 0.5 or less.
- Establishments must put on 150 shows a year.
- 19- and 20-year-old patrons must leave by midnight.

Source: Iowa City City Council

agenda items for the next meeting.

Assistant City Attorney Eric Goers said he didn’t think about the possibility of repealing the 21-ordinance when drafting the split- and entertainment-venue amendments.

“When you are drafting an ordinance, you have to assume it is going to be in effect,” he said.

Both ordinances will be automatically repealed if the 21-ordinance is overturned at the Nov. 2 election.

Candidates split on education

Loeb sack vows not to cut federal higher education funding.

By **ADAM B SULLIVAN**
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Both major candidates in this year’s 2nd Congressional District race grew up poor and eventually became doctors — one an M.D. and one a Ph.D. Both say higher education was the key to their ascension.

But U.S. Rep Dave Loeb sack, D-Iowa, and Republican challenger Mariannette Miller-Meeks offer very different plans for supporting higher education. Loeb sack has vowed not to cut higher-education funding, while Miller-Meeks stressed making postsecondary education more affordable.

Neither candidate has made higher education a central tenet of her or his campaign, preferring to focus on issues such as health-care reform and the stimulus. Loeb sack has stood by his vote in favor of both of those measures, while Miller-Meeks has said she would like to repeal the health-care bill and has criticized the stimulus.

Still, higher education is an issue both are considering, because of the billions of dollars the federal government allocates to it.

Higher education is largely funded by states, but most students rely on federal assistance to pay tuition. The U.S. Department of Education will dis-

burse about \$135 billion in direct loans next fiscal year. That’s in addition to almost \$1 billion in work-study funding and \$757 million in supplemental grants.

Loeb sack says he won’t touch that money, even as the push to trim the federal deficit grows.

“I don’t think any of that should be on the chopping block,” Loeb sack said in an interview with *The Daily Iowan*. “Education is a key for so many people, not just getting out of poverty but moving forward. Education is not just an equalizer, but it’s necessary in the job market.”

Miller-Meeks didn’t commit to protecting federal higher-education funding and instead stressed the federal government needs to do more to bring down college costs.

“Regardless of the accessibility of student loans, the real problem is the cost,” she said. “Nothing is being done about the cost of tuition and the costs that students pay.”

The Republican said federal policy should focus on preparing students for college so they don’t have to pay for remedial coursework in college. She also stressed the role of postsecondary schools besides four-year universities.

Chet Rzonca, the University of Iowa dean of contin-



Dave Loeb sack

- Age: 57
- Home: Mount Vernon
- Family: Wife and four adult children
- Education: Ph.D., University of California-Davis
- Political experience: Elected to U.S. House in 2006



Mariannette Miller-Meeks

- Age: 55
- Home: Ottumwa
- Family: Husband and two adult children
- Alma mater: M.D., University of Texas
- Political experience: Ran for U.S. House in 2008

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uing education, said starting at an affordable college and then pursuing a baccalaureate at a four-year school is often beneficial.

“If you control for backgrounds like family income, there’s no difference in outcomes when students come from community colleges,” he said.

Both Loeb sack and Miller-Meeks said they’re wary of the federal government imposing regulations on higher education — one of the most well-preserved bastions of state control.

“Any time the federal government becomes involved in funding for education on any level, it then imposes mandates, and it has strings attached to any

money,” Miller-Meeks said.

But Loeb sack says Miller-Meeks’ plan to make college more affordable “walks a fine line.”

“It is not the federal government’s function to determine tuition,” he said. “It is not the function to determine what happens at these institutions.”

Some others say making college more affordable and trimming federal education funding are linked.

“If you decrease student aid, you’ll see a slowing down of tuition increases or a reversal of tuition increases,” said Neal McCluskey, an associate director of the Center for Education Freedom. “As they get less money out of students because they don’t have as much, then they’ll have to prioritize and become more efficient.”

METRO

Man to plead guilty to theft

An Iowa City man will plead guilty to second-degree theft, according to court documents.

Joseph Moore, 34 was charged with second-degree theft Jan. 10 after taking merchandise, with no license or privilege, from a Kum ‘N’ Go in Iowa City on Jan. 10, court documents said.

The value of the property taken was approximately \$2,350.

Second-degree theft is a Class D felony, punishable by a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a minimum fine of \$750.

Court documents said Moore

will plead guilty to second-degree theft on Nov. 9.

— by Hayley Bruce

Council OKs Moss Green rezoning

The Iowa City City Council unanimously approved the rezoning of Moss Green Urban Village on Tuesday evening.

According to the meeting agenda, approval allows the property to be developed with a mix of office, residential, and research development uses.

The City Council deferred making a decision on the zoning

earlier this year when additional wetlands were found on the property.

Revisions were made to original plan, and it was resubmitted to council Tuesday night.

— by Alicia Kramme

E-market forsee split Congress

The Iowa Electronic Market, run by the University of Iowa Tippie College of Business, has minimized its evaluation of a GOP sweep of Congress.

The IEM, started in 1988, expects a Republican House and Democratic Senate after the Nov.

2 election. Traders think there is a 72 percent chance of a split Congress. Contracts were traded for 72 cents on the IEM’s Congressional Control market, according to a UI news release.

The Republican sweep contract was selling at 15.3 cents, indicating a 15.3 percent probability. The Democratic control of both houses contract price was 11 cents.

The IEM is a research and teaching tool that has a better record than its alternatives, such as opinion pools. In the program, traders are allowed to invest as much as \$500 in a prediction market.

— by Allie Wright

POLICE BLOTTER

Daryl Bocharski, 34, address unknown, was charged Monday with violating a no-contact order. **Rhoda Gorvin**, 18, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2806, was charged

Monday with keeping a disorderly house. **Arthur Johnson**, 21, 1156 Downey Drive, was charged Oct. 23 with public intoxication.

Stephanie Morrison, 38, 80 Arbor Hill Circle, was charged Oct. 12 with domestic assault. **Kenneth Neither**, 31, 2104 Taylor

Drive, was charged Oct. 23 with public intoxication, simple assault, and interference with official acts.

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Police investigate reported robbery near downtown

Iowa City police are investigating a robbery that reportedly occurred near downtown.

The adult male victim was walking home from L&M Mighty Shop, 504 E. Burlington St., at 10:45 p.m. on Oct. 23 when he sensed someone walking behind him, authorities said.

When the man reached the Summit Street and Court Street area, he was reportedly tackled from behind and knocked to the ground, though he sustained no injuries. The assailant took the man’s wallet out of his back pocket and ran away before the victim could react, police reports show.

According to police, the victim described the suspect as roughly 5-8’, wearing a puffy coat and stocking cap.

— by Nina Earnest



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SPECIAL ONLINE PREGAME ISSUE NOV. 26

This special issue will be online only. The Hawks play at Minnesota on Sat., Nov. 27. Reach over 7,500 pregame issue readers online.

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CULVER

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"Anything that gets people out of their cars is green," he said.

Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, said the idea has been in the making for some time now.

"This isn't a new idea," he said. "We've been talking about a passenger rail for years."

Culver also credited the combined time and effort among local and state officials to acquire the grant needed for this rail line.

"We kind of had a full-court press on, and it worked," he said. "It's very impressive that we were able to put all these pieces together, and we had to have it all."

Officials applied for federal money in 2009, but were unsuccessful because of a high number of applicants for stimulus funding. In August, Iowa and Illinois submitted a joint application that garnered the grant. The two states will make up the rest of the total \$310 million project cost with Iowa funding \$20

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million and Illinois putting up \$45 million. U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood will officially announce the federal grant in Iowa City on Thursday.

On top of providing a passenger service to both states' residents, Culver said, the project should provide the area with roughly 600 jobs and help aid Iowa's economy.

But University of Iowa urban and regional planning Professor John Fuller said he is a little skeptical about the project's full effect on the economy.

"I suspect it is going to be a ways into the future till this makes the difference," he said, and a real impact might not be visible for several years, if at all.

But in the eyes of Iowa City residents such as UI Professor Emeritus Frank Cheng, the rail service means recognition for the entire area.

"This will put the Iowa City, Coralville, and North Liberty area on the map," the 86-year-old said.

Itoh

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injury and one count of third-degree sexual abuse after his former research assistant called UI police on July 10, 2008.

Jury members said the trial was very exhausting, and although they were unable to come to a verdict on the third-degree sexual-abuse charge, everyone's opinions were respected.

The jury foreman, Marcia Loan, said the jury was very conscientious and wanted to do what was best.

"I think we agree it was a very fair and honest evaluation," she said. "We went over every single detail."

Throughout deliberation, several jury members agreed Itoh's guilt on the assault charges hinged on photographic evidence presented by the prosecution.

Possible sentencing

A jury found UI Assistant Professor Toshiki Itoh guilty on two counts of assault with intent to cause bodily injury Tuesday. Jurors could not reach a verdict on the charge of sexual abuse.

- Assault with intent to cause bodily injury: serious misdemeanor, punishable by a minimum fine of \$315 and a maximum sentence of one year in prison
- Third-degree sexual abuse: Punishable by five years in prison

Source: Iowa Judicial Branch website

"The photographs were huge," said juror Paul Julius. "And not only showed there had been abuse, but showed there had been abuse on multiple occasions."

Loan also said it was hard to deny the photographic evidence.

Itoh is on paid leave

with an annual salary of \$93,000.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said the university doesn't have a specific policy regarding the termination of employees charged with a crime. The school makes decisions on a case-by-case basis, he said, and he couldn't comment specifically on what would happen to a person with these charges.

Because of the hung jury, the state has the choice of dropping the third-degree sexual-abuse charge or retrying the case.

Prosecuting attorney Elizabeth Beglin said if the alleged victim agrees to go through the trial process a second time, the state will "absolutely" move forward on a retrial.

Beglin said she was happy with the verdict on the physical assault charges, but very disappointed with the verdict on sexual abuse.

Defense attorney Patricia Kamath also said she

was disappointed by the outcome, and she plans to file an appeal on the assault charges today.

"When you've gone through seven days of trial work, and the ultimate issue isn't resolved, you always feel a little burned out," she said, following Itoh and his family out of the courtroom.

Kamath said she is unsure whether she will represent Itoh in the appeal, because she plans to retire and has not discussed the prospect with Itoh.

Assault with intent to cause bodily injury is a serious misdemeanor punishable by a minimum fine of \$315 and a maximum of one year in prison. Third-degree sexual abuse is punishable by up to five years in prison.

Itoh is on court supervision, and a sentencing date is expected to be set within the next 30 days.

MASON

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Mason: Because I believe in it. Last time this initiative came up, I was very new to the community and hadn't fully understood what the culture was like.

This time around, I feel very, very strongly that we needed to do something to make this a safe place and we needed to do it not only on the behalf of our students but as a community member here in Iowa City.

Last time, the bar owners spent a lot of money to defeat the initiative, and many of us didn't feel like we wanted this just left in the hands of the bar owners — you know, people who certainly have a business stake in it. So if people such as me and Coach Ferentz weren't willing to step up and put our money where our mouth was, then who's going to do it?

DI: Does the UI plan to continue promoting voting among students?

Mason: Absolutely, I think it's the responsibility of the universities in particular — especially with our younger voters who have never voted before.

I'm a little disappointed to hear that many of our students are going and vot-

ing on one issue and one issue only. That's not responsible voting. They should familiarize themselves with the campaigns, and if they really want to be good citizens they should familiarize themselves with the candidates, the campaigns and vote like good citizens.

DI: With the recent permanent installment of three interim vice presidents — Tom Rocklin, Jordan Cohen, and Carroll Reasoner — is it typical to not extend a national search?

Mason: It really does depend. What's typical for universities is to do searches. We're blessed to have three really talented people who are willing to step into these interim positions when I needed them. Really, we couldn't afford the time or, quite frankly, the money even to do the big national searches.

DI: Is waiving a national search the preferred method?

Mason: No, not really and in fact I think the preferred method would be to do the searches because you really want to cast a net to see what the talent pool out there is like. Now, when economic times are tough and when you've got really strong talent internally and you're able to reward people for doing a great job, this is a find way to do it.

RIVER LANDING

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"This is an exciting development for the River Landing community," Fausett said. "An area we've been trying to uplift for years."

The next step will be to work with other companies that are interested in moving to the area, he said.

Roughly 300,000 of the UIHC's 850,000 annual visits will be moved to the River Landing location in an effort to reduce the patient congestion at the hospital's main site,

Robillard said.

"It's going to be much easier for people to pull up, get to their appropriate clinic, complete their business, and leave," said Regent Robert Downer.

The regents unanimously approved building the outpatient clinic in June. UI officials will propose at least one building project at every regents' meeting to improve the university following the 2008 flood, said UI President Sally Mason, for a total of \$900 million. One of the latest project includes plans for a new Children's Hospital, and officials hope to present plans for the renovation of the IMU at Thursday's meeting.

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver said in a speech at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday the project, along with others initiated after the 2008 flood, are ideal ways to improve Iowa's economy because of the potential jobs they bring.

The number of hospital-related jobs that will result from the new UIHC building is unclear as of now. There will, however, be several hundred current hospital employees moved to the new location.

"There are no concerns about the movement," Robillard said. "It's just one mile from the main campus, and it's not very different from how other institutions around the

country operate."

Robillard said this type of expansion is nothing new for the UIHC, which operates clinics in North Liberty, Davenport, and various Iowa City locations. A maximum of 17 UIHC services will be moved to the location, including the general surgery, dermatology, and diabetic center.

"Its going to free up space within the existing hospital so that necessary renovation and restructuring can take place," Downer said.

Robillard said the UIHC will present its final project plans for the facility to the regents in February.

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Matt Pfaltzgraf, the campaign manager of the group, said there's nothing fishy about the situation.

"It was an honest mistake," he said. "We obviously didn't do it intentionally."

The group raised a total of \$9,853.75 and spent \$9,496.13 on campaign costs between the last filing in July to now. Pfaltzgraf said he submitted the report the day after it was due.

"We sent it to Zephyr [Copies and Design] to fax it, and we thought it was all taken care of," he said.

Pfaltzgraf said Zephyr was unable to send the file to the board, and the store didn't notify him when the report didn't go through because it didn't have his contact information.

A large portion of the campaign's funding has come from Camden Amusement, which donated \$4,296 to the anti-21 group.

Manager Lee Kruger said his business — which outfits bars with electronic games and other entertainment options — has suffered since the 21-ordinance took effect June 1. He estimated business is down 50 percent from last year.

Brother's, 125 S. Dubuque St., donated \$500, and Cream LLC DBA —

Union Bar — 121 East College St., donated \$1,797.75 to the group. It also received 165 \$12 donations, totaling \$1,980, and 250 \$5 donations, totaling \$1,250.

Nick Westergaard, a spokesman for the pro-ordinance group 21 Makes Sense, said he believes the group filed its reports late on purpose.

"It's not that complicated of a report," he said. "In my view, [group officials] chose to file it a week late for whatever reason."

The pro-21 group also faced some issues with the filing. Last week, Johnson County Director of Public Health Doug Beardsley took some heat for faxing part of the group's filing report from the county building.

That part of the document didn't go through the previous night, Beardsley said, and he has since apologized. He will reimburse the county for the fax and dock himself an hour of vacation time.

To avoid any future problems, Pfaltzgraf said the group already has the financial report prepared for the next deadline.

"We are happy with the amount we filed," said Pfaltzgraf, noting early voting turnout has been high, particularly at on-campus sites. "We've put every dollar to good use, and we're proud of that."

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Editorial

2010 ENDORSEMENTS

Thicke would bring needed change to Iowa agriculture

Francis Thicke was farming organically long before it became the hot new trend in urban America. The Democratic candidate for secretary of Agriculture has been ahead of the curve on other things as well: His dairy farm, rebooted in 1996, uses a perennial grass field — modeling a prairie ecosystem — to feed 80 cows.

Thicke, who has a Ph.D. in agronomy and a soil-fertility specialty, makes perceptive points on the future of food in a post-oil world and the preservation of natural resources. His stances are well thought-out and admirably pro-small farmer.

He deserves the vote of anyone concerned about the future of agriculture in Iowa and the United States as a whole; we unequivocally endorse him over incumbent Bill Northey.

Thicke favors farmer-owned renewable-energy production, protection of soil quality through crop rotation, and local control over concentrated animal feeding operations. Thicke's vision — buttressed by specific policy points and goals — represents a challenge to big agribusiness, which wrecks the environment, drives small farmers out of business, and imperils America's food safety.

As Thicke told us in a meeting last month, "We've been deficit-spending our ecological capital. We can reverse that."

Statements such as this crystallize the ideological distinctions between Thicke and Northey. The Republican incumbent seems to take pride in Iowa's large-scale food-production system while ignoring the long-term problems it poses — declining soil quality, agricultural runoff, and the looming specter of peak oil.

Indeed, Northey seems hesitant to do anything that might draw the scrutiny of the big-business interests that support him. A prime example is his stance on fertilizer pollution. Northey offers nitrate-removal wetlands as a solution to the "dead zone," an area of the Gulf of Mexico replete with nitrogen-fed algae that drains oxygen from the water.

While these wetlands can be effective in mitigat-

ing the nitrate contamination, Ohio State University researchers found they reduce nitrate runoff by only 40 percent.

Instead of Northey's harm-reduction philosophy, Thicke advocates going directly to the source of the problem — the overuse of nitrogen fertilizers and lack of soil quality. He supports the expansion of perennial crops to prevent erosion, and his farming operation challenges the idea that massive amounts of fertilizer are necessary or advisable.

And it's not just food crops Thicke is targeting for overhaul. Unlike Northey, Thicke supports giving towns and counties direct control over where corporations can build earthen lagoons for manure and giant facilities for storing thousands of animals. Contrary to his opponent, Thicke believes these huge operations endanger the environment and the safety of our food. He supports mandatory vaccinations against salmonella for all egg-laying hens as a measure to prevent another salmonella outbreak.

Thicke would be a radical departure from the status quo on energy as well; he favors constructing mid-size windmills controlled by agricultural producers. This small-scale energy production, he explained to the Editorial Board, would move power away from large corporations and into the hands of the hundreds of family farmers struggling to make a living.

The dairy farmer champions the power of the common man to determine the future of agriculture and seeks to update Iowa's current practices to long-term sustainability, regardless of corporate interests. Sure, it's a tall order, but Thicke dreams big. And he offers the kind of honest, no-nonsense regulatory approach lacking under Northey.

Sitting across from us last month, he mused on big agribusiness: "You have to stand up to them. I'm used to debating the lawyers from the Farm Bureau." His suntanned face broke into a boyish grin. "I rather enjoy it, actually."

Your turn. Whom do you support in the Iowa secretary of Agriculture race? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

Heavy-metal politics

KIRSTEN JACOBSEN
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Burned out on robocalls? Looking to drown out those incessant political ads on TV? Sick of hearing so many talking points it makes your ears bleed? Well, have I got the election season remedy for you — and it even comes with a soundtrack.

If listeners dig beneath the growls and noise, heavy-metal music is suffused with some poignant thoughts on politics. It offers both commentary and a heaping dose of discontent with the status quo. And though the relentless, crushing sound may require acclimation, no doubt some will find it less oppressive than, say, a libertarian finds the Federal Reserve.

Contrary to popular opinion, it's not always about what you hear — it's about what's being said through music that counts.

"Lyrics with social or political themes present their messages literally; their reform-oriented agendas are both more overt and more easily digested by the respectable masses," sociopolitical activist Natalie Purcell writes in *Death Metal Music: The Passion and Politics of a Subculture*. "On a deeper level, such challenges to tradition promote questioning and reassessment of personal and cultural values."

Metal bands' politics fall all along the ideological spectrum. The anarchical Belgian group Leng Tch'e blends into leftist metal band Gojira, with Californian four-piece Belay My Last holding the ideological middle. Virginian heavy-metal group Lamb of God has a conservative bent, and the Californian death-core band All Shall Perish resides on the far right. Las Vegas-based Molotov Solution hangs back, admonishing politics of all stripes.

But the bands themselves aren't immune from political posturing. In 1995, then-Kansas Sen. Bob Dole addressed Congress, bemoaning death-metal band

Cannibal Corpse's undermining of "our character as a nation."

Just a year later, the same band — along with several rap groups — were excoriated as one of the country's 20 most-offensive musical acts. In 1999, then-Vice President Al Gore and the Senate Judiciary Committee pressed America's entertainment industry to clean up its act, labeling metal musicians "purveyors of violence." Certainly a handful of disgraced politicians can sympathize with these types of character assassination.

Left-leaning four-piece Beneath the Massacre would likely have responded to Dole like this: "We fear what we can't understand; deny, what we cannot bear, comprehend, and respect." (They're Canadian, but apparently they understand the breadth of the First Amendment better than some politicians.)

So in light of our dismal political environment, I am proposing some changes to the current slate of candidates. Instead of attempting to sway the voting public with politicians who we only lambaste, pursuing policies we only disdain, I'm offering some alternatives.

For governor, I nominate Woe of Tyrants — the tried and true fomenter of democracy at its finest. Senator, naturally, will be hard-core outfit Plebian Grandstand. The Second District representative will be the Faceless, in order to be heard, not seen. As for attorney general, it's only appropriate that death-metal band Pig Destroyer fill the position (don't let the name fool you; the members will uphold the rule of law to the best of their abilities).

Finally, Cattle Decapitation, a staunchly pro-PETA, pro-animalian band, will fill the state secretary of Agriculture position (hope Iowans like salad). Melechesh will be our diplomatic envoy to the Middle East; I'll replace the U.N. with, well, United Nations.

As my tongue-in-cheek nominations illustrate, current affairs will continue to play an integral role in the metal genre — even once election season hell has thankfully passed. ■

Letters

Vote for health — retain 21-ordinance

As a physician and president of the Johnson County Medical Society, I am pleased to report the overwhelming support of our community's physicians for retaining the 21-ordinance, a common-sense law.

There is a significant risk associated with underage drinking because adolescent brain development continues throughout the 20s. Alcohol use during this period of development impacts brain structure and function.

In addition to the effect on the developing brain, early alcohol use can lead to: increased risk for developing alcohol dependence, higher risk for physical and sexual assault, and deaths from injuries, which are the leading cause of death for those under 21. Retention of our local ordinance will save lives; maybe yours, maybe your child's.

Underage drinkers are more likely to do something they regret: blackout, cause property damage, get in trouble with police, or injure themselves. They also pose a significant risk to those around them as a result of drunk-driving crashes, injuries, and assaults.

Environmental factors, including easy accessibility of alcohol, results in higher rates of alcohol use. Access facilitates underage drinking in both practical ways (the more access one has, the more chances to obtain alcohol) and indirect ways (communities with more access to alcohol may create community social norms that underage drinking is "normal and expected"). Communities with more restricted access to alcohol generally have lower rates of underage drinking.

The harder it is to access alcohol, the less likely underage individuals are to drink. The primary governmental expert bod-

ies on this issue (e.g., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Surgeon General's Office, and the National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse) all urge communities to enact and support policies designed to reduce access.

It is impossible to review all of the fact-based and health-related reasons to support the 21-ordinance in one letter. But a rational and objective review of the beneficial effects of this policy on the health of the community has led the majority of the physicians to support the ordinance and encourage its continuation.

Retention of the 21-ordinance will continue to have a positive effect on reducing access to those under the legal drinking age, thus reducing their health risks and keeping our community safer.

Victoria Sharp

Johnson County Medical Society president, UI clinical professor

Vote for safety — repeal 21-only

Many of the statistics presented by the pro-21-ordinance group are almost completely irrelevant. Since the 21-ordinance has passed, there have been fewer people downtown, where many police officers are present. It is because of this that there have been fewer reports of fights, underage drinking, etc. The large misconception on the pro-21 side is that because these numbers are down, the general level of crime has been decreased. This is not true at all.

Students are spreading out across the town, and it has become much more difficult for police to monitor their activity. Now, when fights happen or someone gets sick because of alcohol or drugs, there are no authority figures to help. In most cases when this occurs, the persons involved don't get

the help needed, which can be very dangerous.

I can honestly say that this is not just a false idea presented by the anti-21 side. I have witnessed these sorts of events firsthand. Many people are scared to call for help when something of this sort is occurring.

It is because of this that we have seen a drop in ambulance calls. The fact of the matter is that there are not fewer injuries on the weekends; rather, there are fewer injuries reported.

Now ask yourself this: Would you rather students be downtown, where they can be properly monitored, or throughout the neighborhoods in houses and apartments, where if something happens, they will most likely receive no help?

If you support increasing the overall safety of Iowa City, vote "yes" to repealing the ordinance.

Nicholas Silas

UI freshman

Vote for safety — retain 21-ordinance

Current and past members of the University of Iowa Parent Association Advisory Board strongly support voting to keep the 21-ordinance.

This ordinance is not about prohibition but about safety. The Parent Association Advisory Board also cares about and wants to make life better for our students. Tough underage-drinking laws make sense, and we support them.

That said, individuals can still get alcohol elsewhere, and that's a concern to all of us. Some theorize the Iowa City bars are providing a community service by keeping the students in a confined area and avoiding the private house-party issue. There is no research to support this theory, and, in fact, the problem is made worse.

Our board promotes healthy lifestyles, and limiting access to

those of legal drinking age in Iowa City's bars is a vital step in this process. We fully support additional programs and plans of the UI now and in the future.

UI Parent Association
Advisory Board

Discussing the ascendant right-wing

Anti-immigrant laws and scapegoating, attacks on gay marriage, increasing Islamophobia, the rising numbers of hate crimes, and the rise of the Tea Party are among the signs of a rightward shift in domestic politics.

Those seeking to understand this shift and those who want to fight back against the right will be interested in attending the next meeting of the University of Iowa Socialist Club, at 8 p.m. Thursday in 259 IMU. John McDonald, a longtime antiwar and anti-budget-cut activist from Chicago, will speak on "The Right Turn in U.S. Politics, how it happened and what we can do to stop it."

Michael Rack

member of UI Socialist Club,
UI employee

Loeb sack strong on veterans' issues

As a Navy veteran who benefited from the GI Bill after the Korean War, it's important to me to know my representative in Congress cares about veterans' issues and works to make sure services are available for returning vets.

That's why I'm voting for Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa. He has taken the time to inform himself about veterans' issues, and I believe he will continue to work hard in Washington to make sure the young men and women who are serving now will be taken care of when they come home.

Ernest Nicholas

Coralville resident

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Anna Karenina, live in IC

By **ALYSSA MARIE HARN**
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Talking about today's reading of Anna Karenina is as exciting to Anna Barker as talking about Halloween costumes is to a child.

The enthusiasm of the adjunct assistant professor of Russian about the events in the next week was evident in her fast-paced speech and animated gestures as she described the upcoming celebration of Russian literature in Iowa City.

Born and raised in Russia, Barker is excited about the five-day commemoration of the 100th anniversary of author Leo Tolstoy's death, the 150th anniversary of playwright Anton Chekhov's birth, and the UI Russian program's 50th anniversary.

There will be six events running from Tuesday through Oct. 31 in Iowa City to honor this important year in Russian history, including a public reading of *The Cherry Orchard*, by Chekhov and a reading of Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina*. The book will be read today and Thursday near the fountain on the Pedestrian Mall from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The reading will continue on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or until it is finished.

Barker, UI faculty member for eight years, organized the public reading, and she believes the novel is the perfect piece to read.

"I thought that Anna Karenina was a good choice for the reading," she said. "[Tolstoy] felt that Anna Karenina was his first novel, and it stands out as a book that has its own following."

Russian Professor Margaret Mills said the upcom-

ing readings ring true to Iowa City's literary presence in the world.

"Simply sharing the mastery of these works with people walking downtown is going to illustrate one of the reasons that Iowa City has been designated one of the UNESCO Literary Cities of the World," she said.

Today, Barker will start

the event by reading the epigraph and the first paragraph of the book in both Russian and English.

"Books are alive as long as we revisit them," she said.

The more than 600-page text will be read by 120-140 volunteers in 20-minute chunks. Mills encouraged her students to sign up to read and helped come up with the idea for the reading.

"We [at the Russian language program] are thrilled that Anna took this on herself, and we are going to do everything possible to help her make this happen," she said.

Jeanette Pilak, the executive director of Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature who helped promote the event by designing the posters, said the reading

will bring life to Iowa City.

"We are excited, because this event brings breath and depth of literature to everyone in the community," she said.

Pilak also said the reading fits well with the mission of the UNESCO designation.

"The City of Literature is about facilitating and assisting in bringing literature to life," she said.

READING

Public reading of Leo Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina*

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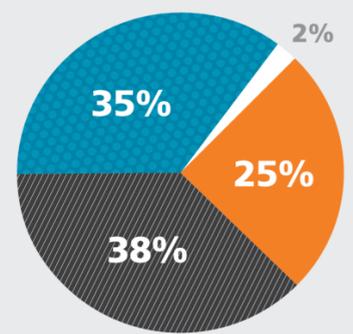
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MAY 2010

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JUNE 2010

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- Fourth annual "What's the Rush" conference in September

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Mercy Iowa City



Officials outline Iowa future

Some officials are worried about the Iowa brain drain.

By **MAX FREUND**
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Increased state revenues and a push for greater efficiency could propel Iowa's public universities toward receiving the majority of their funding from state appropriations, Dick Oshlo, the state budget director for Gov. Chet Culver, told *The Daily Iowan* on Tuesday.

Oshlo, joined by Jim Larew, Culver's chief of staff, and three other government officials, visited the UI to speak with a class of 11 Honors students regarding policymaking and the future of the state.

"Gov. Culver has termed the 21st century as being Iowa's century," Larew said. "In the 21st century, you will have a new-energy economy. Resources that are scarce in the world, Iowa has in abundance."

The Iowa Policy Research Organization class invited the speakers to discuss topics ranging from making Iowa an interconnected state to raising graduation rates and graduate retention.

The panel also highlighted many of the state's strong suits, including its central location in the country.

"I didn't realize that Iowa really does have the building blocks to be a progressive world leader," said UI senior Elyse Kamps. "I think each one of them pointed that out in different ways."

But Iowa has hurdles to overcome as well, they said.

"One of the biggest challenges we face at a state legislative level, there is a brain drain," said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, who was one of the five officials. "We are losing people over 45, not quite at the same rate as younger [people are leaving], but close to that rate."

Some panelists said this



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Jim Larew, the chief of staff for Gov. Chet Culver, talks to the Iowa Policy Research Organization in the Blanks Honors Center on Tuesday. Larew and State Budget Director Dick Oshlo (right) were two of five officials who spoke to the class.

Panel members

Five speakers visited the Iowa Policy Research Organization class:

- Jim Larew, chief of staff to Gov. Chet Culver
- Dick Oshlo, state budget director for Culver
- Robert Downer, State Board of Regents member
- Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City
- Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville

Source: Caroline Tolbert, UI professor of political science

"brain drain" can be attributed to educated people wanting to move somewhere with more opportunities for higher paying jobs.

Tim Albrecht, a spokesman for the gubernatorial hopeful Terry Branstad, said job creation has been a weakness of Culver's.

"Young people are leaving the state because there are not sufficient job opportunities in the state," he said. "He has had four years to fix that, and he has not done so."

Oshlo told the *DI* Iowa's budget has been balanced, and he projected a surplus for fiscal 2011, citing the lack of tax hikes and reduced

spending on state employees.

While the panel discussion did not get into the nuts and bolts of the budget and job creation, the teacher said it was beneficial for the class, which focuses on creating policy reports on governmental projects.

"By bringing them in, we can learn what are the topics that are most important facing Iowa," said Caroline Tolbert, a UI professor of political science.

And many students said the meeting will benefit their work.

"It gave us an opportunity to have a dialogue about what we can do to service the legislators," said UI sophomore Katy Kinney. "We do not want to write policy reports that no one is going to read."

The visit was one of many Larew and Oshlo have made to institutions to provide people with a greater understanding of the way state government functions, and they said they were happy to make the trip.

"I hope that something said — whether it was by any of our panelists or the students — something came out of it that will provoke a sense of inquiry, and better yet, action," Larew said.

Spotlight Iowa City

Shaping sports studies

Susan Birrell is one of the leading figures of sports studies after years of wrestling with inequality in athletics.

By **SETH ROBERTS**
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The contents of Susan Birrell's office bookshelves offer the best clue to her passion.

The majority of the hundreds of books are dedicated to athletics, and a good number were written by Birrell herself.

Birrell is a UI professor of American studies and gender, women's, and sexuality studies — a long title that conceals a strong interest in sports. The New Jersey native is a pioneering figure in the field of sports sociology, and she has published somewhere between 30 and 50 articles that cover every aspect of athletic culture.

"[There's] this idea of sports having all kinds of positive values, and I think that's been eroded over time," Birrell said. "When we see people taking drugs, when we see the violence in some sports — and certainly the violence outside the world of sports with some of the male athletes — I think it makes people a little cynical about whether sports is really a space in which heroes are made."

She said she doesn't necessarily subscribe to that ideology, though. She participated in every available sport at St. Lawrence University in the mid-1960s, and she was inducted into the school's Athletics Hall of Fame in 1993.

The 64-year-old said she feels athletics can still foster friendships and teamwork when stripped of the commercialism that has become a dominant motivating factor in recent years.



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Susan Birrell, a UI American studies professor, shows part of her collection of toy cars in her office in the Jefferson Building on Tuesday.

Susan Birrell

- **Age:** 64
- **Hometown:** Chatham, NJ
- **Favorite class to teach:** First-Year Seminar: Exploring Mount. Everest
- **Favorite Hawkeye team:** Women's basketball (season-ticket holder)
- **Summer vacation spot:** An island in Flathead Lake, Mont.

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Birrell became interested in athletics while growing up in Chatham, N.J., but she was frustrated by the lack of opportunities for women in the years before Title IX began to level the playing field. This frustration would eventually become a major part of her life's work: Much of her research in the 32 years since she received her Ph.D. from the fledgling sports-studies program at the University of Massachusetts

has revolved around inequality in athletics.

"The [goal] is to look critically at sport — to look at issues of race, class, and gender, and look beneath the surface," she said.

Her pursuit of that goal isn't lost on her colleagues. Jennifer Metz has worked with Birrell for five years, and the UI American studies lecturer gave her mentor a glowing review.

"[Birrell] is a force in our field," Metz said. "Her work and leadership has shaped two generations of academics in sports studies, and she continues to publish and teach with rigor on new and interesting topics."

Junior Grant Gillon agreed. The native of Altoona, who is taking Birrell's Inequality in Sports this semester, said the professor's expertise shines.

"At the beginning, I didn't know how prominent she is [in sports studies]," he said. "But with the examples she gives from the years of her research, you can tell she's one of the best at what she does."

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Awesome-ness of Halloween Treats in Decreasing Order:

- puppy
- early Christmas present
- wad of cash
- 12 pack of Rolling Rock
- eggs to throw at houses
- king-size Snickers
- regular-size Snickers
- fun-size Snickers
- Luden's cough drops
- an angry look
- coupon to the Gap
- can of pork and beans
- a rock (only happens if you're as unlikable as Charlie Brown)
- 12 Pack of Natty Light
- apples
- razorblade apples
- a punch in the face
- raisins
- dental floss
- hepatitis C
- OMG is that a real finger?!
- a porno starring your parents
- popcorn balls

- Daniel Frana is no longer allowed to give out Halloween candy by court order.

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Four-year-old Coralville resident Arthur Warren Murphy III sits on a 1909 IHC antique car in the Antique Car Museum of Iowa in Coralville on Tuesday. "He doesn't love these cars as he loves the model-train display," said his father, Arthur Warren Murphy Jr. The museum has been open for around four years displaying approximately 90 antique cars with models ranging between 1899-1994. Of the 90 cars, 88 are in working condition.

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Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010
- by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Watch your back or someone might trick you into admitting something you will pay for later. Don't allow anyone you deal with to put restrictions on you that stand in the way of an opportunity. Avoid group or joint efforts.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 There is plenty you can do to secure your position or ensure that you keep moving in a positive direction. Travel and educational pursuits will help you increase your knowledge and apply your skills.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 A little charm cast in the right direction will enable you to advance with one of your creative talents. Financial gains can be made if you push for what you want and present what you have to offer.

CANCER June 21-July 22 You may be emotional and feel on edge if you have left a relationship up in the air. Contact someone to whom you owe an explanation or apology. It's never too late to correct something you did without thinking.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Step outside the box, and you will have a better view of what needs to be done to rectify a problem you are facing. Take action now, before you are riddled with personal problems you cannot fix. Someone who loves you will be fed up if you haven't been honest.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 A change in your financial situation is apparent. You will prosper through an investment, settlement, or property deal. Don't be afraid to ask friends and family for the support you need to fulfill a dream.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 If you are busy, you will overcome any melancholy you have. Rise above the negatives in your life. It may be easier said than done, but without changing lanes, you will continue to spin your wheels.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Money matters may be the root of your uncertainty, but if you make an impulsive move trying to overcome your lack of funds, you will end up further behind. Save, and stick to a budget so you don't add to the stress you are already experiencing.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You may be confused about one of your partnerships. Both business and personal connections will be under duress and will need clarification if you plan to move forward. Talk matters through, and make alterations.

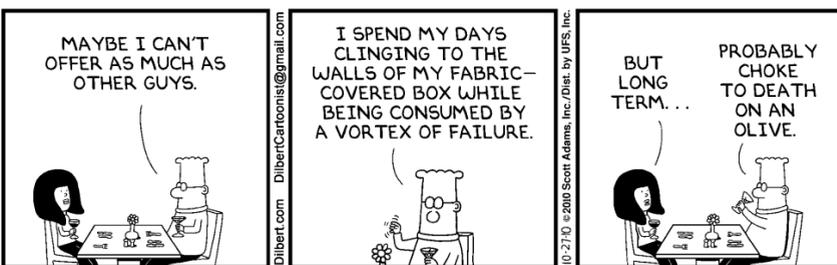
CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You know what you have to do in order to get ahead, so what's the holdup? Take action now while you have the opportunity to make a difference. Set the stage for what's to come, and you will be a hero.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Don't say anything, just do what you are supposed to do without being asked. By showing responsibility and taking on extra tasks, you will heighten your reputation. A war of words will only slow you down and make you unhappy.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 There is money to be made, and with a little effort on your part, you will be in charge. You can make some favorable changes at home. You are in a high cycle regarding love, whether you are single or in a relationship.

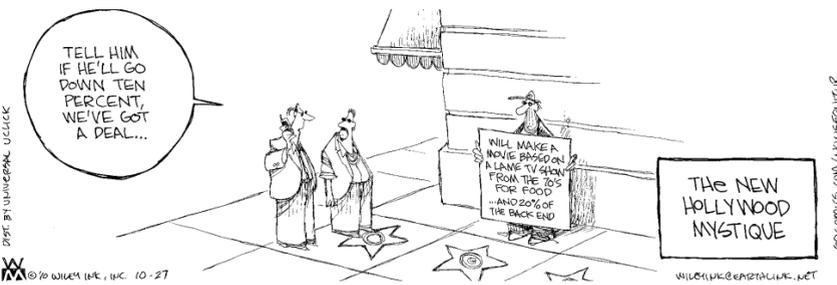
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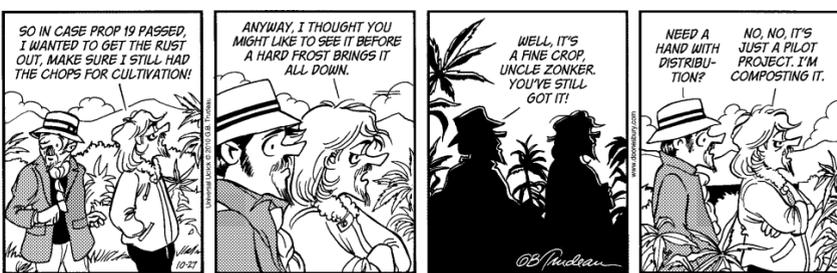
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today's events

- **Tot Time**, 9 a.m., Scanlon Gymnasium, 2701 Bradford
- **Hansen Distinguished Lecture**, "Primary Care and the Future of American Medicine," Ed Wagner, 9:15 a.m., Coralville Marriott Coral Ballroom, 300 E. Ninth 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
- **Technological Entrepreneurial Certificate Advising**, noon, 3123A Seaman's Center
- **"How to Survive an Iowa Winter"**, 12:30 p.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **"Where do I stand academically" Workshop**, 12:30 p.m., 3124 Seaman's Center
- **College of Public Health Student Seminar**, "Primary Care and the Future of American Medicine," Ed Wagner, 1 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **Teen Craft: Scary creatures**, 4:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **Domestic Violence Awareness Month Free Movie, Wave After Wave: Domestic Violence in the Korean-American Community**, 5:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Welcome Home Wednesdays**, 5:45 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Lecture by Israel Davis**, visiting artist in ceramics, 6 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Centre
- **Life in Iowa**, Halloween

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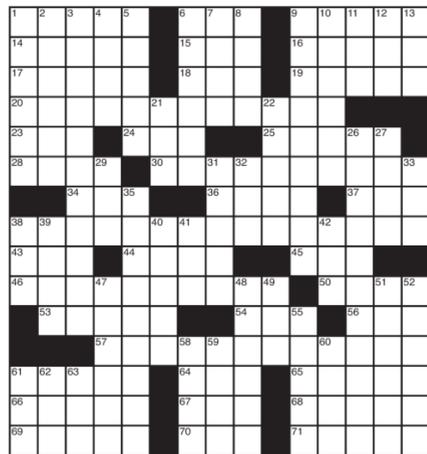
- Pumpkin Carving and Costume Contest, 6 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Health for Your Lifetime**, "Taking the Confusion Out of Breast Health," UI Health Care experts, 6:30 p.m., UIHC Carver Pavilion seventh-floor atrium dining room (Elevator F, Level 7)
- **PJ Story Time**, 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **A Film Unfinished**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Burlington Street Bluegrass**, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Felted Wool Slippers**, 7 p.m., Home Ec Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Israeli Film Series, Something Sweet**, 7 p.m., Market Street Building (Hillel House)
- **Los Campesinos**, 7 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **Nichole Maury lecture**, 7 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- **Johnson County Landmark**, John Rapson, director, 7:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Center, 320 E College
- **Maia Quartet**, 7:30, Riverside Recital Hall
- **IWP Cinémathèque, The Day a Pig Fell Into a Well**, 8 p.m., E105 Adler
- **Jane Smiley**, fiction, 8:15 p.m., Van Allen Lecture Room 2
- **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., DC's, 245 Beaver Kreek, North Liberty
- **Women Without Men**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **University Democrats Meeting**, 9 p.m., IMU Purdue Room
- **Kristoff Krane**, 10 p.m., Blue Moose
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- 1 Dweller on an Asian peninsula
 - 6 Ballgoer, for short
 - 9 Steamed
 - 14 Whack-
 - 15 Org. doing atmospheric tests
 - 16 Meeting point
 - 17 Gifts for divas
 - 18 Shoreline indentation
 - 19 Has only half-servings, maybe
 - 20 "Turn-of-the-millennium explorer
 - 23 Saudi "son of"
 - 24 Punk rocker
 - 25 Immovable
 - 28 Hounds
 - 30 "1996 Grammy winner for the album "Falling Into You"
 - 34 "Not a chance!"
 - 36 Kind of place to the left of the decimal point
 - 37 1,055 joules: Abbr.
 - 38 "Treaty of Versailles signer
 - 43 "Give ___ little time"
 - 44 Pitcher Maddux who won four straight Cy Young Awards
 - 45 Cleopatra held it close
 - 46 "Point in a planet's orbit that's closest to the sun
 - 50 Attract
 - 53 Expensive violin, for short
 - 54 ___ pad
 - 56 Before, to Byron
 - 57 Subject of a children's song associated with the vowels in the answer to each starred clue
 - 61 Overly thin
 - 64 Fertility clinic samples
 - 65 Put on, as cargo
 - 66 Sleep disorder
- Down**
- 1 Catch that might be mounted
 - 2 It multiplies by dividing
 - 3 Becoming discouraged
 - 4 Beth preceder
 - 5 Some survey responses
 - 6 Ridicule
 - 7 Like some battles
 - 8 Sounds heard by 57-Across
 - 9 World's fourth-most populous country
 - 10 Restricted, with "in"
 - 11 Tool used by Hansel and Gretel's father
 - 12 King ___
 - 13 What's extracted from soil to get oil?
 - 21 Singer Ocasek of the Cars
 - 22 Tendon
 - 26 Tool used in thoracic surgery
 - 27 Kansas canine
 - 29 Carrier with a hub in Copenhagen
 - 31 Second in line?
 - 32 Abbr. on a bank statement
 - 33 Carmelite, for one
 - 35 Sanctuary fixture
 - 38 Any singer with Gladys Knight
 - 39 Delivery persons' assignments: Abbr.
 - 40 Judicial title role for Stallone
 - 41 Slippery swimmer
 - 42 It was dropped in the '60s
 - 47 Worker whose job always has a new wrinkle?
 - 48 Hollywood treasures
 - 49 Silent assent
 - 51 Francis of "What's My Line?"
 - 52 Kind of bliss
 - 55 Nonliquid state
 - 58 Sounds heard by 57-Across
 - 59 Maintain
 - 60 "The Lion King" role
 - 61 Nonliquid state
 - 62 Likely
 - 63 Italian article

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CLIMBING

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The recreation center's mammoth wall — scarred with divots, cracks, and jagged corners — leads climbers on a new adventure almost every trip. The face of the mountain and routes to

the peak are rearranged on a weekly basis by recreational staff members.

"[The wall is] basically fiberglass with texture on it," said David Patton, an assistant director of Recreational Services. "The materials allow for more realistic climbing. There are more pockets, and cracks, and ledges, and edges.

RAMSEY

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the athletes with very honest feedback so they can progress appropriately."

He has been rowing since his freshman year of high school. His Latin teacher asked him to join the team, but at the time, he had no idea that rowing would be such a large part of his life. He made a deal with his

best friend that they would go out for the team together, then went on to row all four years in high school and was recruited to row at Penn. After graduating from Penn in 2004, Ramsey dabbled in strength and conditioning work but said he "got the itch to get back into rowing."

He coached women's rowing at the high-school level for two years, then went on to be an assistant coach for the men and

"It has more natural features."

Patton, who has 19 years of climbing experience, has seen enthusiasm for the sport grow in recent months in his hometown of Iowa City. As an undergrad, he worked at the old climbing wall in the Field House.

Tucked away with the racket ball courts, the old

climbing wall lacked many of the amenities — as well as the eye-catching visibility — that make the new wall a success.

"We have had a lot more people come in and become certified as climbers," said Jaro Lepic, a student supervisor. "We have had even a few people who probably didn't realize that

we had a climbing wall start climbing here."

Aside from its assertive presence, the new wall offers members a vastly superior training experience the approximately \$75,000 Field House structure could not.

"The climbing itself, there are a lot of similarities there," Patton, 34, said.

"The [new] wall is more modern, though. [The old] wall was built in '98 ... it was a plywood wall.

"Technology has improved the product ... There are more of these natural features which makes it more realistic. More like outdoor climbing."

FERENTZ

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As Ferentz said, "That didn't happen."

Shortly thereafter, he said, "Had we gone punt safe, it would not have been an issue. Put it down, we blew that one. That's my job."

With the second-guessing finished, Ferentz contended it was time to move past the team's second loss of the season and look forward to Saturday's game. Fifth-ranked and undefeated Michigan State (8-0, 4-0 Big

Ten) comes to Kinnick Stadium for a 2:36 p.m. kickoff.

Players admitted the team's close losses sting even more — Iowa's two defeats have been by a combined eight points. But they maintained no one is dwelling on the "what if" or the still-up-for-grabs Big Ten championship race.

"Just knowing that we're that close — it does kind of put things in perspective," offensive lineman Julian Vandervelde said. "If we all just push ourselves a little bit more, if we can tighten things up just one notch for every

guy on the team, it's going to make a huge impact."

Robinson, the team's starting running back, simply said, "I think the team knows we can get some big things accomplished still."

Parker has a chance for Saturday

Ferentz has often pinpointed this week for Norm Parker's return. The 12-year defense coordinator has missed Iowa's last six games after diabetes-related complications forced him to get his right foot

recruiting, but he wishes he could spend more time coaching.

"I would much rather prefer to spend the eight hours a day coaching ... but the recruiting is the lifeblood of the program," Ramsey said.

Kowal said a novice coach must be a good teacher who knows how to teach the stroke. Assistant coach Carrie Callen has noticed that Ramsey is a very good at teaching the

technical side of rowing.

"He has high expectations for his group, and you can see that carried over when this group is moved up to varsity," she said. "They have that hard work, dedication, and focus that they didn't just start doing."

But one overriding aspect drew Ramsey to coaching: seeing the transformation of young athletes.

"Seeing them become not a stronger athlete, but a stronger human being, and

being able to mentor and guide them through that transition and seeing the character that it builds in them and the confidence it builds in them is really rewarding," he said.

"And that's what I was passionate about then, and that's what I'm passionate about now is seeing that change in young people."

CROSS-COUNTRY

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"Small things can make a difference," he said. "And knowing how to attack a certain part of a course, or how to make a move on a certain part of a course, can have you well-prepared for what it's going to throw at you."

Senior captain Mark Batista said he gains a strategic advantage from having experience on a course.

"It helps because you know where the hills and the toughest spots on the course are," he said. "For me,

running on a course and knowing it, and then when you're back home getting ready for it, it's a lot easier."

Having experience at one course may be more beneficial than at another. Wisconsin's Zimmer Course is flat with good footing and wide enough for runners to spread out, making it a relatively unchallenging course. That limits the advantage a team can gain from having already experienced it.

The Newman Golf Course — Bradley University's home course and the site of regionals — is different.

It consists mainly of one 2-kilometer loop, repeated four times during a 10,000-meter race. That loop is made up of

two separate hills. Junior Sam Bailin said he is glad to have run the challenging terrain at Newman before the regional meet.

"At Wisconsin, there are no real big surprises, so the biggest factor probably will just be how the race goes out and how the leaders go out," Bailin said. "But Bradley is one of the better courses to have that experience on, because there's so many different factors that you see four times."

Not every runner puts significant stock into knowing the course, however. Bailin, despite acknowledging the benefits of already running at Bradley, said he draws more strategy from knowing

amputated in late September.

The head coach said Tuesday that Parker won't be in the office this week, but he has a shot at attending Saturday's game against Michigan State. Regardless, Ferentz thinks next week is more realistic for Parker's return to the office.

"That may be some extra motivation just to have him around," linebacker Tyler Nielsen said. "But we've got the fifth-ranked team in the country coming in. We don't need any more motivation than we already have."

the people in the race rather than the course it's on.

But Wiczorek said having run exceptionally well at Bradley's course — Iowa won the meet, and every one of its 10 participants set a new personal best — would give the team confidence when it returns for regionals.

"We competed very well [at Bradley], so that's got to give a guy a positive feeling going into the race," Wiczorek said. "And mentally, it gives us a chance to visualize that race and picture how we want to perform. So it is an advantage to have been there this year."

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Which team will win the World Series?

San Francisco Giants

The reasons the Giants will be victorious against the Texas Rangers in the World Series are the two reasons teams win in the playoffs: pitching and timely hitting.

San Francisco boasts baseball's best pitching and its ace, two-time Cy Young Winner Tim Lincecum, will start Game 1 tonight. Lincecum, aptly nicknamed, "The Freak" and generously listed at 5-11 and 172 pounds, pitches to hitters as though his body will break in half. His deceptive delivery and high-90s fastball was the reason he led the NL with 231 strikeouts in the regular season.

In Lincecum's first-ever playoff game against the Braves in the NLDS, he allowed two hits in a complete game, 14-strikeout effort. For the postseason he is 2-1 with a 1.93 ERA.

After Lincecum, the Rangers' hopes don't get any easier as they go against Matt Cain, who still hasn't allowed an earned run this postseason.

San Francisco's bullpen is another strength, and the Giants excel in one-run games. Seven Texas hitters have faced Giant closer Brian Wilson and are a combined 0-for-19 against him.

Two more factors tilt the

balance of the first two games in the Giants' favor. The games will be started in the twilight; that especially in AT&T Park gives good pitchers a major advantage. The other major factor is that in NL parks, there is no designated hitter, which means trouble for Ranger's designated hitter/outfielder Vladimir Guerrero. Guerrero, once a solid right-fielder and feared hitter, is in the latter part of his career, and Ranger manager Ron Washington is faced with a major gamble — sit Guerrero and remove the cleanup hitter from his potent lineup or have Guerrero start in the outfield and become a major defensive liability.

This World Series is what baseball lovers dream of: two underdog teams built on pitching and defense. The Giants will capture a World Series title if they use their home-field advantage and neutralize the potent Ranger defense.

— by Ben Wolfson

Texas Rangers

The Texas Rangers are four wins away from a World Series championship no one could have predicted. Underdogs to both the Rays and Yankees, Texas used its



proficient offense and deep pitching rotation to claim its first American League title in franchise history.

It is this balance that will lead the Rangers to the 2010 World Series championship.

Texas ranked first in the American League in batting average in the regular season, and it will continue that success in the World Series. The Rangers are led at the plate by center fielder Josh Hamilton, who hit four home runs and was named ALCS MVP against the Yankees. Hamilton was tops in the AL in batting average and slugging percentage this year, too.

Wielding an even hotter bat than Hamilton is right fielder Nelson Cruz, who has hit .375 with five home runs in the postseason. Add in veterans such as Michael Young, Bengie Molina, and Vladimir Guerrero, and it becomes evident that the Rangers have a skilled lineup from top to bottom.

On the mound, the Rangers' Game 1 starter and ace, Cliff Lee, is the best postseason pitcher in baseball. In eight career playoff starts, Lee is 7-0 with a 1.26 ERA. This postseason, Lee is 3-0 with a minuscule 0.75 ERA. The Rangers are clear favorites in any game in which Lee takes the hill.

The pitching staff goes deeper than just Lee. Team President Nolan Ryan put together a

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Iowa's volleyball team will make the short trip to Minneapolis for tonight's Big Ten contest against the rival Golden Gophers. The Hawkeyes (6-13, 1-9) will face No. 20 Minnesota (15-7, 5-5) at 7 p.m. in a match that will air on the Big Ten Network.

Earlier this season, Iowa was

swept by Minnesota in three sets in what turned out to be part of the team's current seven-game losing streak. The Hawkeyes can ill-afford to lose this match — a squad must have at least a .500 record in conference play to qualify for the NCAA Tournament, and the team has just 10 games left in Big Ten play.

The match will be tough for the struggling Iowa team — the

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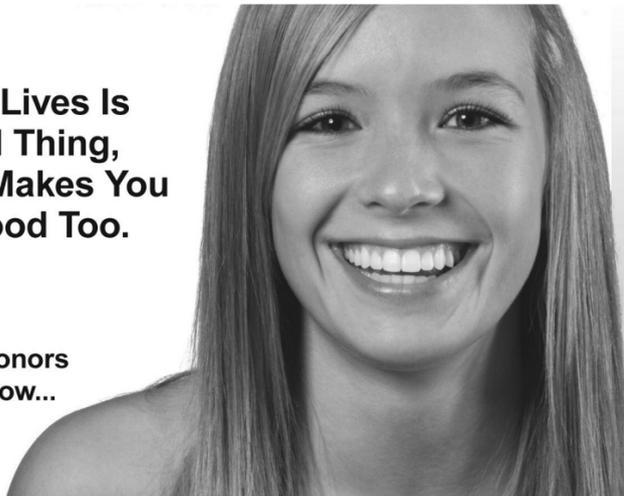
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Ferentz: My bad on time-out

Head coach Kirk Ferentz takes responsibility for Iowa's time-out mishap on the team's final drive against Wisconsin.

By **SCOTT MILLER**
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Tuesday was a day for second-guessing in the Hayden Fry Football Complex.

Head coach Kirk Ferentz admitted he "blew some things" during his team's 31-30 loss to Wisconsin Oct. 23. He was talking about his decision to take Iowa's final time-out with 12 seconds

remaining, rather than spiking the ball.

Running back Adam Robinson was tackled on the game's next play, and time ran out before the Hawkeyes could line up again.



Ferentz
coach

On Tuesday, Ferentz admitted confusion after Ricky Stanzi's quarterback sneak on fourth-and-1 only took one second off the clock. Stanzi said they were expecting three seconds to come off during the sneak. As Ferentz said, "I'm not sure how that happened."

"We thought the clock was going to be down under

10 when — after the sneak. That was our thinking," Ferentz said. "... Retrospect, I wish I had done it over, could do over. I can't. So, live with it. Cost us one play."

Stanzi said, "They were trying to give us a break, and we weren't on the same page, I guess."

The botched time-out wasn't the only miscue in

Iowa's loss to Wisconsin.

Earlier in the fourth quarter, Badger head coach Bret Bielema called a fake punt on a fourth-and-four, gaining 17 yards. The Hawkeyes weren't in "punt safe" — a formation that would have made it much more difficult to for Wisconsin to convert a fake.

Ferentz admitted he thought about being in "punt safe," but the coaching staff decided to run a normal punt-return formation. In that formation, two players go after the punter and two others make sure the punter boots the ball before they leave their responsibilities.

SEE **FERENTZ**, 10



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Climbers make their way up the climbing wall at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Monday. The wall is more than 50 feet high and features a variety of routes.

Rec center's climbing wall hugely popular

The Campus Recreation & Wellness Center's new rock-climbing wall inspires new climbers to explore its crevices.

By **JON FRANK**
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A gargantuan man-made cliff peers over weight machines, treadmills, and a smoothie bar.

At the base of the structure, Ben Caskey, 40, lectures a group about the safety and concentration

required to successfully scale trying landscapes.

"Climbing lets me think about nothing else," he said, stressing the importance of unfaltering attention to detail.

Caskey, a UI adjunct instructor, is a 14-year rock-climbing and mountaineering veteran. He

provides his audience with in-depth history lessons of the equipment used while climbing, as well as their function, before allowing them to try their hands and feet at the wall.

The Campus Recreation & Wellness Center opened in August, and the climbing

wall towers near the structure's ceiling at 52 feet.

The indoor training ground for an outdoor sport cost the university more than \$300,000. It replaced the former climbing wall in the Field House, which was recently dismantled.

Since its inauguration, rec center members have

flocked to the spectacle. So many people, in fact, that the waiting list for the \$20 mandatory preliminary rock-climbing class is booked solid for weeks — and even months — in advance.

"I signed up in September," said senior Kyle Forness as he waited Monday

for the two-hour training session to commence. "[Today] was one of the first openings."

Forness, 24, said training on the indoor wall will help him prepare for future outdoor excursions with his friends.

SEE **CLIMBING**, 10

Pushing rowers to strokes of brilliance

Through his passion for coaching and education, Scott Ramsey is focused on getting novice rowers to the varsity level.

By **AMY TIFFANY**
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Scott Ramsey loves coaching.

He describes his coaching style as firm but fair, and he said he bases his coaching on principles that he hopes get novice rowers to a point where they can contribute to the varsity team by the end of the year.

In his second year as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the Iowa rowing team, Ramsey said his goal is to prepare novice rowers to be a part of a varsity boat in the Big Ten and NCAA championships.

Iowa's novice team is made up of primarily freshmen and

inexperienced rowers.

"They need to know how to work extremely hard," he said. "And they need to learn not only the work ethic but the volume of work that is going to be required of them to be a successful varsity athlete."

Ramsey said he believes that honesty is an important part of any coach-player relationship. Sometimes that means telling athletes what they don't want to hear. Novice rower Katherine Ciminelli said if there is an issue, Ramsey presents it as a learning experience.

"I don't know exactly what to do, but I do know what you can't do, and one thing you certainly cannot



KATHLEEN WILLEM/THE DAILY IOWAN

Novice rowers complete an exercise in the Beckwith Boathouse as assistant coach Scott Ramsey observes during a morning rowing practice on Oct. 21.

do is whether it's men or women, novice or elite-level athletes, is be disingenuous

and dishonest," Ramsey said. "You need to provide

SEE **RAMSEY**, 10

Harriers know their courses

The men's cross-country already raced on the courses of its two biggest meets.

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Forgive the Iowa men's cross-country team for experiencing some déjà vu during its next two meets.

The Big Ten championship meet will take place at the Zimmer Championship Cross-Country Course in Verona, Wis., on Oct. 31. The NCAA Midwest Regional is at Newman Golf Course in Peoria, Ill., on Nov. 13. The Hawkeyes have raced on both courses this season, competing in the Wisconsin Adidas Invitational

on Oct. 2 and the Bradley Classic on Oct. 15.

Head coach Larry Wiczorek said while the location of the team's meets wasn't the main motivation for him in scheduling those earlier competitions, that familiarity could prove helpful for his team.



Wiczorek
coach

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