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**TOP:** Ryan Miller/The Daily Iowan | 21 Makes Sense organizers Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek (left), UI officials Tom Rocklin (center) and Sarah Hansen, and campaign manager Nick Westergaard celebrate after hearing the election results at Bob's Your Uncle on Tuesday. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Rob Johnson/The Daily Iowan | After the 21-ordinance was upheld, Bo-James owner Leah Cohen and friends console each other on Tuesday. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Alex Crider/The Daily Iowan | Employees of One-Eyed Jakes monitor results online in the bar on Tuesday. Manager Tom Lench said the bar could close now that the ordinance was upheld.

BY NORA HEATON, SAM LANE, AND ARIANA WITT • DAILY-IOWAN@UIOWA.EDU

## It's 21.

As of around 10:30 p.m. in the Iowa City area, the highly debated 21-ordinance was upheld, winning approximately 52 percent of the Johnson County vote.

Students, 21-organizations, and downtown bars were all quick to express their mixed reactions.

"I guess I'm looking for a new job tomorrow," said Tom Lench, the manager of One-Eyed Jakes, 18-20 S. Clinton St.

As the results trickled in, bar owners, employees, and community members rubbed their eyes, revealing noticeable bags. They stared at TV screens in a blocked-off section of the Sports Column, 12 S. Dubuque St. Silence eventually

filled the bar; blaring music could be heard from Dubuque Street just two hours earlier.

Meanwhile, at least 40 cheers erupted in Bob's Your Uncle, 2208 North Dodge St., on Tuesday. But six players remained long after the revelries had subsided, gathered in a small circle, heads bowed together. The core, the heart and soul of 21 Makes Sense was enjoying a round of long overdue victory beers.

"I keep glancing at the TV thinking, 'Will something change?'" Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek said while Rocklin turned to order him a Boulevard.

Hayek said he didn't sleep last night but seeing their hard work pay off is "extremely gratifying."

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## High-court justices out

Experts are concerned the vote may deter judges from applying.

By HAYLEY BRUCE  
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Three Iowa Supreme Court justices are out.

In a historic Tuesday vote, whose margin grew wider as the night wore on, a little more than half of Iowa citizens voted not to retain all three justices.

David Baker, Michael Streit, and Marsha Ternus were all ousted by about 54 percent of the votes.

"The electorate just poured sugar down the gas tank of the judicial system, and it's going to take a whole lot of

work to keep there from being permanent damage," said University of Iowa law Professor John Whiston.

While such a vote isn't unheard of, he said, it isn't common.

"It's just extremely disappointing," said 6th District Chief Judge Patrick Grady.

The unprecedented campaign to remove the justices, appointed by both Republican and Democratic governors, began after a decision legalizing gay marriage in the state.

"I'm very disappointed on a personal level," Grady said. "Judge Baker was a longtime friend of mine, and he was a very successful lawyer and a capable judge."

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## Branstad returns to governor's seat

Chet Culver touts his record in his concession speech.

By ALICIA KRAMME  
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Terry Branstad is back in the governor's seat.

The Republican candidate will return to the position for his fifth term after an 11-year hiatus.

Democratic incumbent Chet Culver called Branstad to "graciously concede" the race for governor Tuesday night before all precincts were reported, Branstad said in his victory speech Tuesday night. Culver took the lead as the first precincts came in, but the vote

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Spotlight Iowa City

# A passion for crocodiles

Chris Brochu travels to museums around the world as a leading crocodile expert.

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Chris Brochu leans back in his office chair. With his right leg crossed over his left, he speaks casually and unhurriedly about his work. He is the picture of a calm, relaxed man — despite the snake coiled around both of his arms and shoulders.

Brochu, a UI associate professor of geoscience, teaches the class Age of Dinosaurs to non-majors in an attempt to interest students in the subject.

But that's not all he does.

The 43-year old professor travels the world conducting research as a leading expert in the field of crocodiles. His research consists mostly of studying museum fossil collections. He's been to museums "pretty much everywhere," including Memphis, Argentina, Kenya. Most of his work is in an effort to understand how different groups of crocodylians are related.

The Springfield, Mass., native said the complexity of his field energizes him.

"Finding how complex crocodylians' evolutionary history is has been a never-ending source of amazement to me," he said. "Every time a new fossil is found, it forces me to rethink what I thought I knew. I can never sit back and say the group is finished. The fact that I will never finish my work is actually a source of inspiration to me."

Brochu hasn't always been interested in crocodiles, but general science captured his attention from a young age. As a kid, he was a self-described "dino-freak." He recalled, as a 7-year-old child, seeing a garter snake for the first time and thinking "it was the most beautiful thing I'd ever seen."

That interest in — and love of — reptiles has stuck.

Brochu's wife, Cindy Brochu, a UI research assistant, said her husband constantly views the world



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UI associate professor of geoscience, Chris Brochu, handles one of the many fossils in his office at Trowbridge Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2010. Brochu has been working for the UI since 2001 and teaches the Age of the Dinosaurs course every fall.

## Chris Brochu

- **Age:** 43
- **Hometown:** Springfield, Mass
- **Hobbies:** Birding, home-brewing, building model aircraft
- **Favorite food:** An old-fashioned cheeseburger
- **Favorite movie:** *Lord of the Rings* trilogy

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scientifically.

"Science is always on his mind," she said. "We'll be at a movie, and he'll see something that reminds him of crocodiles, and he'll start talking to me about them."

Associate Professor of biology John Logsdon, Brochu's colleague and personal friend, admires his friend's zeal for his work.

"He's *always* talking about science," Logsdon said. "Whether it's his own work or others, he's deeply knowledgeable and passionate. And he can communicate that excitement very well."

That ability to communicate his enthusiasm serves Brochu well in the other



BRENNA NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Associate Professor of geoscience Chris Brochu examines one of the many fossils in his Trowbridge Hall office on Tuesday. Brochu's research consists mostly of studying museum fossil collections, and his research has taken him to such places as Memphis, Argentina, Kenya.

aspect of his job: teaching. He said he makes a point to bring his research back into the classroom with him, and he started the Age of Dinosaurs class at Iowa after working as a teaching assistant for a similar class at the University of Texas. Brochu said a goal for his class is to expose students to the human side of science and show them how a scientist operates.

Logsdon called his friend a "superb teacher," and Brochu said he considers himself fortunate for the

chance to explain his studies to other people.

"I love teaching. Any scientific concept can be explained to anybody, even if it takes a little simplifying, and I really enjoy conveying this stuff to people," he said. "I get to stand up in front of a group of people three days a week and talk about what I do. How lucky is that?"

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Log on to check out a photo slide show of Chris Brochu.

## METRO

### Study: Initial investing success not necessarily good

A recent study conducted at the University of Iowa showed that investors receive less-impressive returns as they get more experience, according to a university press release.

Experts said that individual investors who get good returns on their first purchases tend to be more aggressive with their following purchases and consequently receive less earnings.

Institutional investors, however, do not see their earnings fluctuate in any specific pattern, the experts said in the press release.

In the press release, experts cited a psychological concept called "naïve reinforcement learning," which says people frequently fail at something they succeeded at initially because they came away with the wrong methods from that initial success.

— by Cathryn Sloane

### Purse snatching reported

Iowa City police said they received a report of a purse snatching at 1:05 p.m. on

Tuesday.

According to police, the female victim said a black male approached her asking for a cigarette while she exited her vehicle. Police said she told him she didn't have one before continuing to get her baby out of the car. The suspect — described in his late 20s, 5-10', with a thin build and black hair — grabbed her wallet from her hand as she tried to get the baby out of vehicle. The amount of cash in the wallet was not available, police said.

The suspect, last seen wearing black jeans, black shoes, a red stocking cap, and a black hoodie pulled over his head, fled to the northeast.

Neither the baby nor the woman were harmed during the incident.

— by Nina Earnest

### Dead man identified

Iowa City police have identified the man found under the Highway 6 bridge Monday.

Mark Benjamin Brown, 49, was homeless and last known to have stayed in Iowa City.

Police said a passerby on the bike trail under the bridge discovered Brown.

Iowa City police, Fire Department, and Johnson County Ambulance Service responded to the call.

— by Nina Earnest

### Robbery reported

A man was reportedly robbed Monday morning.

According to police reports, officers took a report of an armed robbery around 2 p.m. The robbery had allegedly occurred at about 9:45 a.m. in the area of Hollywood Boulevard and Taylor Drive.

The reported victim told police he was approached by a black male with a handgun who demanded his money, authorities said. The reported victim gave the man the money, then the suspect and three other males standing nearby fled the scene.

The suspect is described as a black male, 6 feet and 200 pounds; he may be in his late 20s.

— by Nina Earnest

### Vigil for missing hiker to be held

A vigil will be held Saturday for an Iowa City native who went missing while hiking in Colorado.

James Nelson, who now lives in Chicago, is a City High graduate and alumnus of Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa.

He went missing while hiking in the Holy Cross Mountain Range in Colorado during the first week of October.

Family and friends of Nelson will hold the vigil at Our

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 E. Court St. from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

According to a letter from Nelson's sister, Christy Nelson Waters, the vigil will be a way to inform the community of the search and rescue mission that is taking place in Colorado. Information will be provided for those who wish to donate to the search or a general memorial for Nelson.

Family will be available 30 minutes before and after the vigil.

— by Alicia Kramme

### Mason to present international award

University of Iowa President Sally Mason will present a new International Impact Award at the Nov. 12 "WorldCanvass" program.

The event is open to the public, and people are also invited to other events as part of International Education Week Nov. 15-19.

The week, celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide, promotes international understanding and encourages the development of programs that prepare students to live and work in a global environment.

— by Regina Zilbermints

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Robert Elliott**, 30, 319 S. Court St. Apt. 24, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Latonya Mack**, 40, 2401 Highway

6 E. Apt. 3605, was charged Tuesday with driving while barred.

**Jovana Novakovic**, 20, Highland Park, Ill., was charged Monday

with public intoxication and OWI.

**Melinda Pfab**, 22, 1447 Aber Ave. Apt. 9, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Lewin Whiteneir**, 47, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2340, was charged Tuesday with false use of emergency communications.

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"This was a victory for the entire community," he said. "This is not the end of the road, and this is only one piece of the puzzle. More needs to be done. More will be done."

Leah Cohen, the owner of Bo-James, 118 East Washington St., and co-chairwoman of anti-21 group Iowa City Safety Committee, along with everyone in attendance, hugged and consoled each other.

"Tomorrow, we pick up the pieces," Cohen said. "It's going to be a very different community from what we have right now."

Iowa City will be a "different landscape" by mid-January, she said.

Cohen said she thinks a number of downtown bars will close.

Lenoch said Jakes is likely "to call it quits," given the results and that he thinks selling the bar to the University of Iowa might be the next step.

Some UI students screamed profanities behind the closed doors of their dorm rooms upon learning the final vote.

Pre-law students in Hillcrest watched anxiously as the "Yes" vote slipped away. Some watched the TV, but others, like UI freshman Jack Krejci watched in anticipation as updates trickled in from the auditor's website.

But after the decision went final, Krejci held his head in his hands and sighed.

"How the [expletive] did that win?" he said.

At a watch party across campus, UI sophomore Julia Radasevich and two friends were less than impressed by the "No" victory.

"I'm not surprised," said Radasevich, who watched the results come in at Burge with two friends. "Bummed but not surprised."

UI officials issued a statement following Tuesday night's vote, saying they feel the support showed commitment to a

safer downtown.

"We need to move forward as a community," Cohen said. "We've been stagnant since March. We need to join hands and move forward as a community."

Outside the Sports Column, on a nearly desolate sidewalk, a spokesman for the anti-21 group Yes to Entertaining Students Safely Matt Pfaltzgraf said the group didn't have the resources to reach all the voters it needed to.

The City Council proposed the ordinance for a second time this year. It was previously overturned with a "No" vote Nov. 6, 2007. After passing three council votes this year, the ordinance — which states Iowa City bars cannot allow people under the age of 21 in their establishments after 10 p.m. — took effect June 1.

Lenoch said he was disappointed in the voter turnout, given the record size of the University of Iowa's incoming class.

"There's not even 1,500 votes, but 1,404," he said referring to the number of

**Largest precincts for 'Yes' and 'No'**

**Precincts Voting Yes**

- 11 Courthouse: 91 percent Yes
- 05 Main Library: 90 percent Yes
- 03 Quad: 86 percent Yes
- 19 Rec Center 86 percent Yes

**Precincts Voting No**

- 17 Hoover 73 percent No
- 25 Lemme 70 percent No
- 08 Weber School: 70 percent
- 16 Lucas: 68 percent No

Source: Johnson County Auditor's Office website

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See more photos of people reacting to the 21-ordinance decision

votes that the anti-21 side lost by. "That's not even a tenth of students."

One student at the Hillcrest watch party threatened to transfer schools due to the results.

"Who's going to the Airliner?" asked freshman Kevin Lingle to the room of about nine UI students. "I've got to sulk."

**JUDGES**

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And experts and supporters of the justices say that's exactly the problem.

The politicization of the process may not only deter judges from acting independently, but also from applying for the position in the first place.

"The concern is although the system will put in place qualified people, that it will become a disincen-

tive for the most talented and most qualified to be in the judiciary for fear they will lose their job if they make a decision that is legally correct but publicly unpopular," said UI law student Alexander Abrams, who has participated in forums encouraging retention.

Still, Iowa's merit selection and retention system differs from the process in many other states, where judges are elected. And it will allow qualified judges to replace these three, he said.

In Johnson County, the public voted overwhelmingly — though by a smaller margin than most judicial-retention elections — to retain the judges, with an average of 68 percent voting to retain.

Whiston's main concern is that such a move will be the beginning of campaigning for a justice's seat, which could lead to judges thinking of their decisions in political, rather than legal, terms.

The national impact isn't immediately clear,

Grady said, because Iowa's system differs from many other states, where justices are elected.

This vote could become a constant issue, or Tuesday could prove a historical oddity, Grady added.

Tuesday's vote won't reverse the gay-marriage decision. That could only happen if a new panel of judges heard a similar case and reversed the former court's ruling, said UI political-science Associate Professor Tim Hagle.

**Gubernatorial race**

**Culver concedes to Branstad Statewide Vote (1,465 precincts out of 1,774 reporting):**

- Branstad: 52 percent
  - Culver: 43 percent
- Johnson County Vote:**
- Branstad: 35 percent
  - Culver: 62 percent

**GOVERNOR**

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quickly turned around. With 1,465 of 1,774 districts reporting, Branstad had 52 percent of the vote, and Culver 44 percent. In Johnson County, Culver received 62 percent of the vote, Branstad 35.

Tim Albrecht, a spokesman for the Branstad campaign, said campaign members were excited about the victory.

"We are ready to put this state back on track," he said. "The people have spoken, and tomorrow the hard work begins."

Branstad was Iowa's longest-serving governor, from 1983 and 1999, serving as president of Des Moines University during his absence.

When Branstad left office, Iowa had a record high employment rate and a \$900 million surplus, but some have accused him of using misleading accounting techniques.

The University of Iowa College Republicans celebrated the victory with the Johnson County Republicans at the Mariannette Miller-Meeks party in the Kinnick press box.

UI College Republicans President Natalie Ginty said she is happy to see the Republicans back in control in the governor's office.

"Hopefully, it will lead to all the things we were promised in the campaign," she said.

In October 2009, Branstad retired from Des Moines University to explore running for governor. He formally announced his candidacy in January.

In June, Branstad announced Republican Iowa Sen. Kim Reynolds as

his running mate.

"I'm more excited about the job ahead than I was when I first stood in this position," Branstad said in his victory speech last night.

"I think it's great news for the Republicans, but I feel it's great news for the state of Iowa that two such gifted people have taken public office," said Bob Anderson, chairman of the Johnson County Republicans, referring also to Charles Grassley's victory in the Senate.

In the final days leading up to the election, the University of Iowa Democrats went door-to-door and made phone calls within the community.

Neither the Johnson County Democrats nor the UI Democrats could be reached for comment Tuesday night.

In his concession speech, Culver said he was proud of his team's record, noting they were raised the minimum wage, overturned Iowa's ban on stem-cell research, and raised teachers' pay in Iowa to the national average.

Other items on Culver's track record include the Smoke Free Air Act, the I-JOBS initiative, and expanding health care for uninsured Iowa children.

"It has been a great privilege and honor to serve the people in Iowa," Culver said in his speech.

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tor of the Iowa Turkey Foundation, will present: "Turkey - Part of a Heart Healthy Diet."

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## Point/Counterpoint

## Was the City Council right to increase smoking fines to \$50?

## Yes

Attention smokers: You might want to find a cheaper hobby.

The City Council recently increased the penalty for smoking in a prohibited area — including the Pedestrian Mall — to a simple misdemeanor with a \$50 fine.

While some may look at this newly modified ban as unfair and asinine, I embrace the stricter changes. In addition, I remain unconvinced that \$50 is asking too much from those willingly to break the law.

Several factors have reaffirmed my decision to support the City Council. First, it's pretty simple: For those careless enough to disobey the law, they should expect to pay the consequences. Laws are enforced for a reason. If people aren't going to take them seriously, then harsher penalties need to be enacted.

Obviously, mere warnings weren't doing the trick. So naturally, the city has done the only thing possible to guarantee those who disobey the law refrain from doing so.

I'm sure most smokers would argue that if they can no longer light up outside, where are they expected to go? And some argue the smoke from these cancer sticks invade the air for no more than a matter of minutes.

However, those susceptible to secondhand smoke should be able to go outside and not be bombarded with countless people's cigarette smoke at any given moment. If people want to smoke, they need to do so in an area where others aren't affected.

So while I'm sure the increased fine will anger our smoking population, I welcome increased penalties to diminish the number of careless smokers. In reality, 50 bucks is a small price to pay.

— by Taylor Casey

## No

If I had my way, smoking bans would be loosened, if not eradicated. With a few exceptions — restaurants,

schools, playgrounds — I regard them as unnecessary trampling of personal rights. Expansive smoking prohibitions are more benign manifestations of majority tyranny than, say, anti-gay marriage laws. But they still curtail the rights of a marginalized minority.

Whether lawmakers should eschew smoking restrictions isn't the specific issue at hand, however. City councilors have instituted a penalty hike, and recalcitrant smokers now have to fork over an extra \$50 if caught in a barred area.

So does the punishment fit the crime? I don't think so.

Despite my general aversion to smoking bans, the question isn't one of endorsing lawbreaking or enforcing laws. While it's easy to construct this simplistic dichotomy, it's a false one. In the real world, different crimes require different punishments and levels of enforcement.

Murder and robbery are more serious crimes than underage drinking and smoking, so police officers expend more energy investigating them. Criminalizing behavior doesn't necessitate strident enforcement.

The real question, then, is one of degree — is smoking on the Pedestrian Mall egregious enough to warrant a \$50 fine and a simple misdemeanor charge? I don't think so.

I wouldn't necessarily object to a small fine increase to ensure compliance. Openly flouted laws are ineffective laws, after all. But \$50 — and a simple misdemeanor charge — is too hefty. Police officers have much better things to do than crack down on stubborn smokers. And those who are caught taking a few illegal whiffs should be asked to put it out, not hand over \$50.

Illegal or not, such a pedestrian act doesn't justify that kind of penalty.

— by Shawn Gude

Your turn. Should the City Council have cracked down on smokers? Weigh in on [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).



Iowa City police Lt. Mike Brotherton tells people to put out their cigarettes on the Pedestrian Mall on Aug. 21.

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## Letter

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## Stewart/Colbert rally ineffective

Had I been with Shay O'Reilly at the Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear ("Rallying for America's soul," Nov. 1), I too, might have taken away a sense of the warm fuzzies and a call for a moderate America. I wasn't, though, and from a distance the event looked pretty benign and full of the haplessness of well-meaning liberals —

the same liberals who have done virtually nothing in the last 10 years but talk about the dangers of an increasingly hostile conservative country.

I am much more inclined to give credence to progressive writers Chris Hedges and Matthew Rothschild of [TruthDig.com](http://TruthDig.com) and *The Progressive*, respectively, in their immediate condemnation of the rally and its personality-driven center. Both of them

point out that when a media star puts on a show (and the rally has to be called a show), it is only entertainment.

Hedges argues that the "left" Stewart is pandering to hasn't really existed in years. Rothschild — and I agree — believes that a progressive left does exist, but a rally that calls for everyone to play nice does not address the world exactly as progressives see it.

Those of us who have been watching, warning, and demonstrating for decades know that much sterner, and occasionally sacrificial, action needs to take place. A rally of 200,000 on a nice day in D.C. is fine — but it would be a lot more meaningful if a crowd that size marched to the Capitol and refused to move until, say, Congress quits bailing out Wall Street.

Tom Yates  
Iowa City resident

## Guest opinion

## Wikileaks release paints a troubling picture of Iraq

By STEFFEN SCHMIDT

The truth is, nothing about the Iraq war has turned out well, as the 391,832 classified documents recently released by WikiLeaks prove beyond a shadow of a doubt. The credibility is impeccable because these are in the words of the United States military on the ground, in battle. Here is a quick summary of what has been confirmed, from the *Los Angeles Times*.

"Americans carelessly opened fire at checkpoints when Iraqis failed to stop. Militias and insurgents roamed the streets, randomly killing members of the other sect. Iraqi security forces rounded up suspects at will and tortured them.

Iran infiltrated, armed, and influenced the Shiite Muslim militias responsible for thousands of the deaths."

Soon after the war started, we discovered there were no weapons of mass destruction (none we could find, at least). Saddam Hussein needed to pump that myth up as protection against his Iranian enemy, which was a big military threat.

Then Bush and Cheney said, "Well, but Saddam was a terrible man and we got rid of him, torture, violence, and brought democracy to Iraq." Documents now show a country in which torture, instability, violence, and brutality are probably as bad as under Saddam, and the country is in ruins.

The use of private contractors has also proven to be a catastrophic failure because they are not in the chain of command, and it looks like they were given free rein to do whatever they wanted.

Many of us argued from day one (you can check out the archives of my comments on WOI radio, KASI radio, and in my writings) that Iraq was not a nation but a loose collection of Kurds, Shiites, Sunni, and other groups which were held together with the glue of blood and threats by Saddam.

The long-term viability of a single, unified, and "democratic" Iraq seems more remote today than ever in the seven-plus years the U.S. coalition and

the Iraqi people have been expending blood, sweat, tears, tragedy, and coin.

What's disturbing is the 680 civilians that were killed by U.S. forces after failing to stop at roadblocks. Of course, U.S. forces, under constant attack, were quick at the trigger. We put them in that position. The soldiers were at war. The politicians put them there.

It is a war where the enemy fights asymmetrical and anyone could be a combatant — the old woman walking by, the kid on a bicycle, the street vendor. It's like Vietnam, only to the nth power.

But for the people of Iraq and the relatives of these folks, Americans are not like-

## Trains &amp; political groupthink



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I have the task of writing the post-election column. On Tuesday, our city, state, and country voted. A few days out, it seems to be accepted as fact the GOP is going to have had a phenomenally good night. Were he still alive, I would have asked Paul the Psychic Octopus to lend me a hand (or in his case, a tentacle), but he passed on last week. So instead of wasting your time with predictions of how the GOP will govern, I want to talk about trains.

Growing up, I'd been fascinated with trains, and I was more than happy to throw my support behind a train connecting Iowa City to Chicago. And then I went to the Rally to Restore Sanity.

I took a Greyhound out to D.C. I stayed in Fairfax, Va., with some friends, and when we tried to take the Metro into the city, we were told it was over capacity. Way over capacity. This got me thinking.

So I did some quick research. The local Amtrak line at Mount Pleasant was an average of 110 minutes late during the month of October. During my 55-hour journey by Greyhound, I experienced two late buses, at an average of 25 minutes late. The rest weren't.

All right, I thought — well, at least Amtrak is better for the environment, right?

Nope. Bus services such as Greyhound get 184 passenger miles per gallon, more than double commuter rail, which weighs in at 86 passenger miles per gallon. (And this is the national average. I have a hard time believing the IC-Chicago Amtrak will be as full as East Coast lines.)

But that's not even the biggest factor. Motorcoaches received 0.3 percent of all federal transportation subsidies. Mass transit and air received 92 percent (55 percent and 37 percent, respectively) of those subsidies.

Eugene Hibbs, the owner of the Iowa City Bus Depot, estimated that for 10 percent of the amount of money being sunk into the train, the

state could provide four daily buses exclusively from Iowa City to Chicago, which would make the journey in around four and a half hours. And these aren't your grandpa's Greyhounds. These babies would have high-speed wireless, outlets for your laptop and cell phones, first-class-style seating, and even in-bus catering.

And they would be free. That's right. Free. You wouldn't have to pay a dime.

(If you kept the buses how they are, you could give out free tickets from IC to Chicago for 200 years.)

By comparison, Amtrak would have two trains per day, would get you to Chicago at the same speed as the Greyhound, have none of the aforementioned amenities, and tickets would cost you more than \$50 for a round trip. And did I mention that it's often really, really late?

Ladies and gentlemen, this is what wasteful government spending looks like.

But trains are sexy. They're a kind of a retro-future. The technology that forged the modern United States of America that also has the capacity to reshape our nation in the 21st century. And in a lot of places, trains make a lot of sense. But this is Iowa. This is the Midwest. The population density out here is, in case you hadn't noticed, awfully low. Our highways, while busy, aren't packed.

Trains connecting Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York City, Baltimore, Boston, Washington, D.C., and Richmond make sense. (Interestingly enough, every single one of those cities is significantly larger than ours ...)

A train connecting Iowa City to Chicago does not. Not when there is a readily available, easily upgradeable alternative already in place. However tempting this project may be, it's not a good idea. It's not "21st-century innovation" or "American ingenuity."

It's political groupthink. Someone needs to snap our lawmakers out of it.

Because this is *exactly* the kind of thinking that got us into this mess. And given Terry Branstad's refusal to defund this project, I'm not sure last night's election made much of a difference after all. ■

can be safe is to come under the protection of their own sectarian militia — their own people; their "tribe."

I have studied this conflict in great detail, and my conclusion, sadly, is that there is almost no hope for a political solution for a unified Iraq.

When politicians say that we need to continue to sustain or increase American troop and financial expenditures in these difficult places, I suggest they look at the wreckage we have brought. Maybe a change in direction is in order.

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# Songwriter stays in touch

SCOPE will host Megan McCormick in the IMU Black Box Theater.

By ERIC HAWKINSON  
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Megan McCormick wants to know her fans. The Nashville musician encourages her listeners and others to contact her online — just one gesture that expresses the character of the young performer and one that sets her apart from musicians of her status.

"I would suggest people get in touch with me on Facebook," McCormick said

while weaving in and out of traffic and paying tolls on the New York interstate. "I do all the online communication stuff. I like to be in touch with everybody."

The down-to-earth musician will visit Iowa City to play for the fourth time, now welcomed by SCOPE. The concert will begin at 9:30 p.m. today in the IMU Black Box Theater. Admission is \$12.

The 23-year-old musician is touring to promote her newest album, *Honest Words*, on which she speaks about personal life experiences with love, relationships, and addiction. Gabe talent booker Paul Knapp believes she is one of the better musicians that venue has had and one who will make it big.

"Megan is just phenomenal. Hell of a guitar player," Knapp said. "[Her music] is well thought-out, wise beyond her years. It hits you when you listen to it."

McCormick has spent much of her past year on

the road as part of her tour, something she believes is necessary.

"I've been all over the country, just keeping at it," she said. "Your main source of income is selling albums, so touring is essential."

Through touring, she has had some dreamlike experiences as a musician, such as meeting Bruce Springsteen, but she still resonates the most with her fans.

"When the sound of the room is great, the show goes great, and you meet people, talking to them about how the music affects them," she said about the best experiences she had while touring. "It's all about having a relationship with the audience."

The young singer/songwriter has been influenced by music for most of her life, growing up in a family of musicians. Her grandparents were very fond of jazz and swing, and her parents were open to new styles, such as rock 'n' roll.

McCormick shares that open mind with an ever-changing style. She does not label herself as a genre-specific player.

"I went through a period where I was really obsessed on bluegrass. That was the only time I've had my mind set on one thing," she said. "It's not just one genre. The album and live shows encompass a lot of different styles and genres."

McCormick plans to con-

tinue recording and touring. She wants it to be known, though, that it is also her passion.

"They [concertgoers] can expect a raw, organic performance. I got a great band behind me," she said. "A good organic rock 'n' roll show."

Knapp, who's booked McCormick twice at Gabe's, has seen more than just her musical side. He also had good things to say about her athleticism. Before one of her shows at Gabe's, McCormick asked to go outside to toss around the football in the street. This came as a surprise to Knapp.

"She's got an arm. Can throw a football," he said. "Pretty impressive for a musician."



Pop-rock singer Megan McCormick will perform at 9:30 p.m. today in the IMU Black Box Theater in a SCOPE production.



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## SCREENING

### Bijou to show *Dear Jack*

The Bijou, in collaboration with Dance Marathon and SCOPE, will host a free screening of documentary *Dear Jack* today at 7 p.m.

Opening with the day of his diagnosis in 2005, the film follows Andrew McMahon, the lead singer and songwriter of the band Jack's Mannequin as he endures the painful treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Only 22 years old when he was first diagnosed, he recorded his experience, from spinal taps and stem-cell transplants to the release of his first album with Jack's Mannequin.

McMahon, who was also the former frontman of Something Corporate, used a DV camera that his record label, Sire Records, bought him to capture the experience of recording the album, *Everything in Transit*. Tommy Lee, a friend of McMahon, narrates the film, which looks into the relationships in McMahon's life through a trying time of highs as a musician and lows as a young man coping with cancer. An EP of the same title was also released in conjunction with the film.

The film was initially released on DVD on Nov. 3, 2009, and was also shown in select cities by Warner Bros. The screening at the Bijou is a precursor to the upcoming Jack's Mannequin concert that SCOPE and Dance Marathon are putting on at 7 p.m. Nov. 7 in the IMU Main Ballroom.

— by Hannah Kramer

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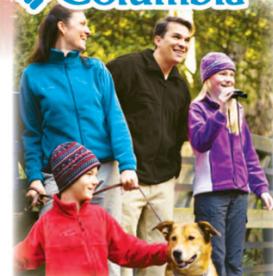
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## Student Reactions



**Abbey Moffitt**  
junior  
"I want to cry."



**Brandon Tomson**  
freshman  
"I'm 18, and it makes me feel like shit. I don't like being told I can't do something."



**Justin Paraznowski**  
sophomore  
"The bars and the nightlife are what brought me to Iowa City. I might even transfer after this."



**Kayla Phelan**  
senior  
"It would have been nice to have a lively downtown."



**Charlotte Dutcher**  
freshman  
"I'm not surprised by that at all. Students are passionate about the issue, but they don't want to spend the time to vote."



**Kelsey McGurn**  
senior  
"I feel bad for all the business owners."



**Kennedy Spedding**  
freshman  
"Why wouldn't they want people downtown where there's supervision and options for them to get home, such as taxis and Nite Ride?"



**Stephanie Nelson**  
junior  
"It makes me feel frustrated, and angry, and sad, and unsafe. I can't go to bars, I have to go to house parties, where I won't be safe. Iowa City's going to be dead."

### OTHER ELECTION RESULTS

**U.S. House - 1st District**  
TOO CLOSE TO CALL

**U.S. House - 3rd District**  
LEONARD BOSWELL (INCUMBENT D) BEATS BRAD ZAUN (R)

**U.S. House - 4th District**  
TOM LATHAM (INCUMBENT R) BEATS BILL MASKE (D)

**U.S. House - 5th District**  
STEVE KING (INCUMBENT R) BEATS MATT CAMPBELL (D)

**Auditor of state**  
DAVE VAUDT (INCUMBENT R) BEATS JON MURPHY (D)

**Treasurer of state**  
MICHAEL FITZGERALD (INCUMBENT D) BEATS DAVID JAMISON (R)

**Secretary of agriculture**  
BILL NORTHEY (INCUMBENT R) BEATS FRANCIS THICKE (D)

\*Editor's note: These projections are based on data from the Secretary of State's Office at midnight Tuesday. Final canvasses may vary.\*

## WHAT'S NEXT

# 21 here for long haul

Repealing the ordinance in the future is unlikely, experts say.

By HAYLEY BRUCE  
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Two years. That's how long the 21-ordinance will be in place, at the very least.

And in that time, no one can touch it — not city councilors, not students, not residents.

According to the city code, once an ordinance is voted on by the public, it can't be brought up by the council or by referendum for at least two years.

Tuesday night Iowa City voted "No" to keep the 5-month-old 21-ordinance.

"I'm most excited about the chance we have given this ordinance to succeed. And in five months we've seen it has succeeded," said Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek. "We know we are safer. This is a good thing for Iowa City."

City and university officials said they'll keep doing what they've been doing since June while they wait to see the long-term effects of the relatively recent regulation.

"I think we would wait and see how the ordinance continues to play out," Hayek said. "The first five months have shown us that it has resulted in many benefits to the community."

City councilors said they will continue to watch the effects of the ordinance before implementing any other measures to control Iowa City's drinking environment.

Iowa City police officials said the department was prepared to return to patrolling downtown as they did before the 21-ordinance went into effect, and they will continue with the party patrol as needed.

Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine said he plans to keep the party patrol in place throughout the year during "peak" partying times, and the force will continue to monitor downtown by adding more officers Thursday through Saturday evenings.

Tom Rocklin, the University of Iowa vice president for Student Services, said the UI's plans for combating alcohol issues did not hinge on the vote, but the vote upholding the 21-ordinance will allow the university's plans to be more effective.

Although no official plans have been made regarding nighttime activities, he said, if participation stays up, the UI will try continue to host them, and funding for alternative activities will also depend on demand.

A comprehensive plan is set to be approved and released later this week in regards to alcohol consumption, he said.

Hayek said there is nothing on the council's agenda to further address alcohol and binge-drinking issues.

However, he said, the City Council will continue to partner with the UI, county, private sector, and Partnership for Alcohol Safety to address alcohol issues in the community even though the ordinance was not overturned.

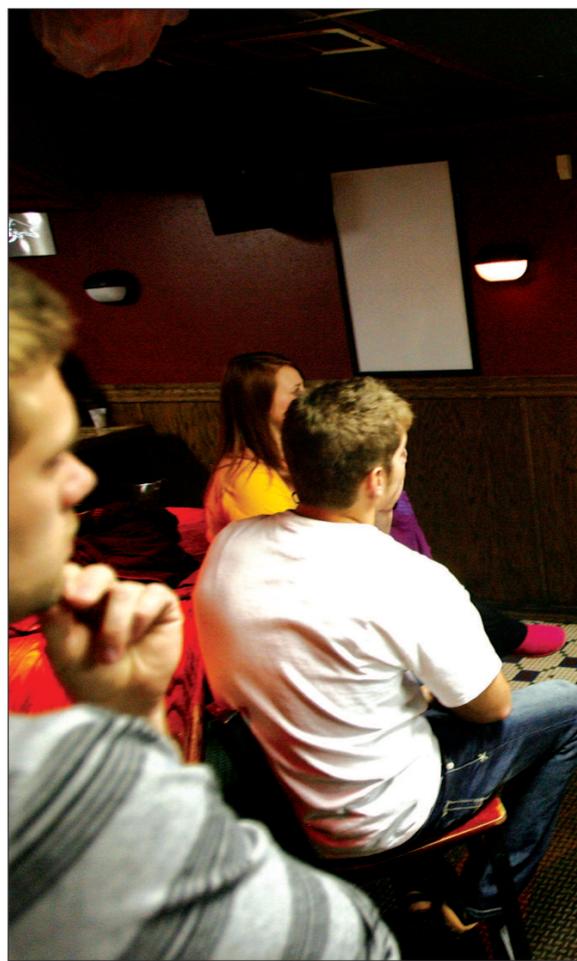
"You have to look at this particular ordinance against the backdrop of other things going on," he said, and the city has already addressed the issue of split-venue and entertainment-venue options. Both will remain in place.

One expert said that while a new group of students may try for an appeal in the future, overturning the ordinance would be unlikely.

Toben F. Nelson, an associate professor at the University of Minnesota who has studied college binge drinking and state alcohol policies, said since the 21-ordinance passed, it would be unlikely for a new group of students to repeal it successfully.

"The argument for those under 21 trying to gain access to bars is a more difficult one to make if the ordinance is set at 21," he said. "It raises the question of why those who can't legally drink would want access to a place where the primary activity is drinking."

DI reporter Nora Heaton contributed to this report.



Tom Lenoch (center), manager of One-Eyed Jakes, speaks to his employees after the 21-ordinance was upheld on Tuesday.

### TURNOUT

# Johnson County voters flock to polls

By ALLIE WRIGHT  
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A record number of Johnson County voters cast their ballots on Tuesday for a midterm election.

Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett reported a nearly 58 percent turnout rate, with 53,512 of 92,610 registered voters showing up to the polls in Johnson County. The previous midterm record was 56 percent turnout in 2006.

The record was expected after huge early voting numbers — a final count of 25,404 people voted early in Iowa City alone, roughly 47 percent of the total number of votes.

Polling places saw long lines on Tuesday.

"We have been busy, too busy," said Connie Richardson, the chairwoman of the 20th Precinct, as she locked the door of the Senior Center after ushering in two potential voters right before 9 p.m. "Waits have been long."

Long lines were not unusual throughout Tuesday, especially going into the evening hours.

Six voting locations, including the University of Iowa Main Library, Weber Elementary, and the Iowa City Recreation Center reported waits of more than 20 minutes to vote at 8 p.m.

"It's been kind of dragging," said Joey Gallagher, 18, who waited in line at the UI Main Library. He estimated his wait at roughly 40 minutes.

Gallagher's estimate was echoed by many leaving the Senior Center.

"I came this afternoon, then later at 5, and finally got in line around 8," said Tom Evans, 23, who attempted to vote three times today but left because of the lines. "I had to wait 45 minutes."

Waits at the Main Library were con-

sistently around 30 minutes.

Roughly 400 poll workers were stationed throughout Johnson County, comparable to most midterms. Additional laptops and speed up registration.

Slockett attributed the increase in turnout to people needing to change addresses before the election.

Matthias Franzen, a senior at the University of Iowa, said he liked the feeling of voting at a polling place.

"I like the feeling of voting at a polling place," he said. "It was his civic duty to vote."

UI sophomore Rachel Frick said she voted early to have more time on the 21-only law, Tuesday night.

"I voted because, not because of the bars back," she said.

Frederick Boehmke, a professor of political science, said the increase in voter turnout was attributed to the 21-ordinance. "The 21-ordinance increased the number of voters that participated otherwise," he said.

Boehmke said he and other students who voted for the 21-ordinance probably voted for the 21-ordinance, but not at the polls.

Slockett said the turnout was among people 65 and older.

Young people aged 18-24 increased their voting participation in the previous midterm election.

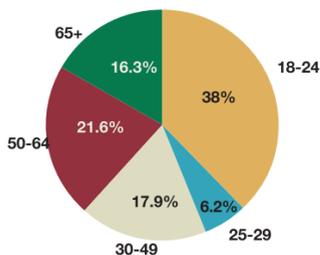
In the 2007 city election, the turnout was also on the high side — about 60 percent of registered voters in Iowa City.

In the 2006 midterm election, the turnout was a 52.71 percent, or about 1,044,459.

## Poll Percentages

### Age breakdown of early voters

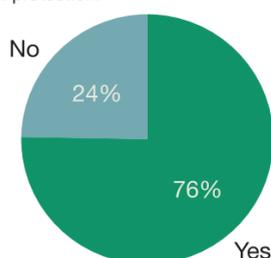
This year's election saw 18,641 votes from Iowa City residents before the Election Day on Tuesday.



Source: Johnson County Auditor's Office, Iowa Secretary of State

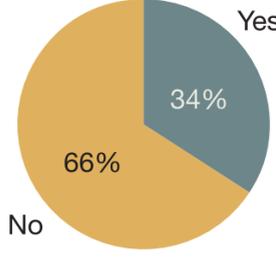
### Constitutional amendment

Voters approved the "Water and Land Legacy Amendment" to create a fund for water and land conservation and environment protection.



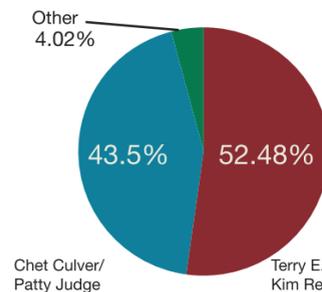
### Constitutional convention

Iowans can call a state constitutional convention every 10 years. This year, some wanted one to push for an anti-gay marriage law.



### Governor

Republican Terry Brandstad took back the governor seat from incumbent Chet Culver.





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...es inside the bar on Tuesday. Lenoach said the downtown bar, owned by Mike Porter, will likely close because the 21-

## U.S. HOUSE

# Loebsack keeps seat

Dave Loebsack says he will continue to focus on health-care reform and higher education.

By CATHRYN SLOANE  
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Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, beat his Republican challenger by 6 percentage points Tuesday in what was expected to be a dead-heat race.

With 300 of 313 precincts reporting at midnight, Loebsack had secured slightly more than 51 percent of the vote; challenger Mariannette Miller-Meeks had 45.7 percent. It was a gap of 12,231 votes.

"We have many challenges that we must tackle as a state and as a country — that includes working to bring good-paying jobs and projects that boost economic development into the region," Loebsack said in a statement. "I am proud to represent the 2nd District of Iowa and am humbled by the voters' decision to re-elect me."

In Johnson County, Loebsack won by 27 percent, earning 31,623 votes to Miller-Meeks' 17,837.

Loebsack said he will continue to focus on issues such as the health-care reform, the stimulus, and higher education.

Dennis Roseman, the chairman of the Johnson County Democrats, said Loebsack's win is an example of the Democrats' strength in Iowa, and he has "really believed in him" since

the beginning.

"Loebsack is the one we care about here," Roseman said. "But I think Iowa has shown Democratic strength, so we are proud of that. We hate to lose the governorship, because that is so important, but what can you do?"

Miller-Meeks said she saw her loss more as "not being able to achieve a victory." Surrounded by family and friends, she said she is feeling fine.

"We will continue to do what it is we do best, and that is taking a risk," she said. "Sometimes we succeed, and sometimes we don't, but that doesn't mean we stop trying."

Bob Anderson, the chairman of the Johnson County Republicans, said those at the group's watch party at Kinnick Stadium were intused as the vote fluctuated throughout the night. Seeing Miller-Meeks lose was a huge disappointment, he said.

"It's obviously a disappointment because all of the people in attendance here from both Johnson and Linn Counties who are here tonight at this event have been very committed to Miller-Meeks as a candidate and also as a person," he said. "Emotionally, as well as politically, we have all been in her corner and working in support of her campaign."

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### House race

U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, held on to his seat in the 2nd Congressional District. Mariannette Miller-Meeks was his Republican challenger.

#### State vote: (as of midnight Tuesday)

- Loebsack: 51.24 percent
- Miller-Meeks: 45.7 percent

#### Johnson County vote:

- Loebsack: 62 percent
- Miller-Meeks: 35 percent

Source: Johnson County Auditor's Office website and iowaelectionresults.gov

College Republicans experienced a big let-down as well. Natalie Ginty, the chairwoman of the organization, said it was an "uphill battle the entire time."

She said she thinks Loebsack will not accomplish necessary things for issues in the state of Iowa to improve.

"Everything he is doing is not in the best interest of the 2nd District of Iowa," she said.

The UI Democrats could not be reached for comment on Tuesday night.

Loebsack said in his statement that he will continue to work on his initiatives immediately.

"I look forward to continuing my bipartisan work on behalf of Iowa families, small businesses, seniors, and farmers," he said.

And to Roseman, Loebsack's re-election is a good sign for the county.

"The bottom line is Johnson County Democrats came through strong," he said.

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UI students react as results come in for the midterm election on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010. The students held an election watch party in Hilcrest to watch the both the local and national election results.



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

21 Makes Sense co-chair and UI Vice President for Student Services Tom Rocklin speaks at an impromptu press conference with campaign manager Nick Westergaard (left), and Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek (right), on Tuesday.

## OTHER ELECTION RESULTS

### Water amendment passes

The Iowa Water and Land Legacy amendment passed Tuesday with a vote of 76 percent in favor of the amendment and 24 opposed.

The constitutional amendment will create a trust fund by putting money toward outreach to prevent environmental damage.

Though the vote will establish the fund, no money will go into it unless Legislature raises the sales tax. If taxes are raised, the first three-eighths of the tax will go toward the fund.

In an earlier \*Daily Iowan\* article about the amendment, Mike Moran, Iowa City's director of Parks and Recreation, said it is just preparation for the future, as a sales tax hike cannot be predicted.

— by Emily Busse

### Miller retakes attorney general position

The race for state attorney general was predicted to be close, but incumbent Democrat Tom Miller appears to have won by a healthy margin.

With almost 90 percent of precincts reporting, Miller holds an 11-point lead over Republican challenger Brenna Findley.

Miller served as attorney general between 1979 and 1991, then took four years off after a failed gubernatorial bid. He has held the office again since 1995.

Findley garnered a handful of high-profile endorsements, including one from Sarah Palin. Two weeks ago, \*Governing Magazine\* called the race a tossup.

Miller has indicated this will likely be his last run for re-election.

— by Adam B Sullivan

### Grassley sails to re-election

U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley easily won re-election Tuesday night over Democratic challenger Roxanne Conlin. Grassley won 63 percent of the vote; Conlin earned merely 34 percent.

A poll released early this year showed Conlin was within striking distance of the 30-year incumbent. However, more recent data showed Grassley with a safe lead. Before Tuesday election, *New York Times* blogger Nate Silver gave Grassley a 100 percent chance of winning.

Grassley served in the Iowa Legislature during the 1960s and '70s. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1974, where he served until his election to the U.S. Senate in 1980.

Grassley is Iowa's senior senator and holds influential positions on Senate Finance Committee, Senate Budget Committee, and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

— by Adam B Sullivan



Grassley senator

### Secretary of State too close to call

Late on Tuesday night, the race for Iowa secretary of State was too close to call.

With almost 90 percent of precincts around the state reporting, incumbent Democrat Michael Mauro had 47.27 percent of the vote. Republican challenger Matt Schultz led with 49.55 percent of the vote. Libertarian Jake Porter had earned about 3.13 percent of the reported votes.

If Schultz wins that race, he and former Gov. Terry Branstad would be the only winning challenger's in this November's statewide races.

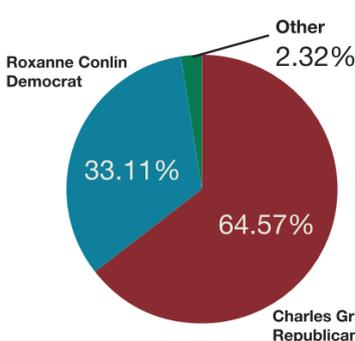
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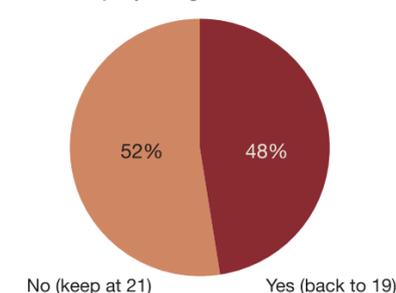
### U.S. Senator

Charles Grassley kept his Senate seat.



### Iowa City ordinance

Residents upheld the 21-ordinance Tuesday with the majority voting 'no.'



## the ledge

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### Thoughts About Traffic:

- It's extremely hard for me to go any faster than the car in front of me. If I'm already less than a car length behind the slow car in front of me, climbing up on my rear bumper is not going to enable me to go any faster.
- If you have a minivan with a DVD player, I'm probably tailgating you only to try to see what you're watching.
- I act on stage quite a bit and am used to staring into stage lights, so trying to shine your halogens into my rearview mirror is futile. Futile, I say.
- "Speed zones" are a total misnomer. Those areas should be where you can go even faster.
- I've freaked myself out when someone has followed me home, only to find that it's just my neighbor who happened to come home at the same time.
- Don't "No Passing Zones" just scream "Challenge" to you, too?
- Did you know that Iowa is one of only four states without helmet laws? At least we got the marriage thing right.
- Turn signals want to be used. It's disrespecting them not to.
- If your pickup truck is so large it can't possibly fit in standard parking-lot lines, you should probably stop feeding it the heavy fuel. Give it some unleaded and drive it around a park some.
- I should not have to follow you home and ask you what your vanity plate is trying to say.

- Brian Tanner doesn't have a vanity plate but if he did, it would probably read "JUHL LVPR".

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## FULL LAND



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**Iowa City recycling coordinator Jennifer Jordan explains the many functions of the city landfill to a small group from City High on Tuesday. Johnson County produces 125,000 tons of trash each year, while only recycling roughly 15,000 tons. The current waste cell being used in the landfill has roughly three years until it will be full and officials are in the process of constructing a new cell which should last approximately 25 years.**

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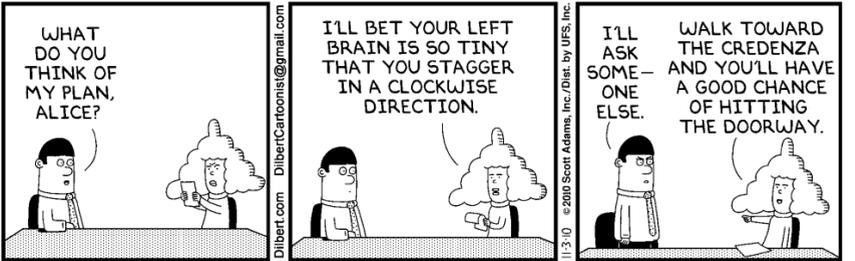
## horoscopes Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010

- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Charm will be your greatest weapon and will allow you to get what you want but not give more than what you want to give. It's about being fair and striving for equality. You'll only get ahead if you put a price on what you have to offer.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 You have to meet your opponent halfway if you want to get something accomplished. Love and romance can be the highlight of your day, so socialize, if you are single, or make special plans for you and your current partner.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Get serious about your personal life and future. Don't let someone cause you grief or make you feel unloved or unwanted. There is someone special waiting for you in the wings. Honesty can spare you making a huge mistake.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 You will have everything at your fingertips, but if you allow someone to railroad you into taking on an added responsibility, you will miss possibilities that lead to personal and professional advancement. This time, change will be for the best.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Resist any desire to cause trouble or to make someone displeased. Get what's required of you out of the way so you can move on to activities, events, or hobbies you enjoy. Discipline and a sense of responsibility will be the name of the game.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Opportunity knocks, but if you don't open the door, nothing good will come of it. A short trip, a group, club, or organization can contribute to what you are trying to accomplish and bring you an enhanced reputation.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Uncertainty will cloud your day. Decipher what it is you want and what you can actually have. Once that is clear, you will be able to make a better decision. Problems at home will escalate. You'll achieve more by working alone.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Take an interest in friends, family, and children's activities, and you will improve your relationships. Think big, and you will accomplish more and impress the people you are trying to get to know better or work alongside. Creative input will be constructive.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Anything less than hard work and doing your best will not be acceptable and can result in complaints and criticism. Know your boundaries; move swiftly. Being mature and responsible will be the key to making a lasting impression.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 As soon as you get mixed up in someone else's problem, you will lose time and ground. Refuse to take on burdens that aren't yours to bear. Focus on what will help you get ahead.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Take care of personal paperwork. Problems with friends, relatives, and authority figures will leave you in a compromising position. Listen and observe, but do not get involved. Strive to get ahead, and you will please everyone who cares about you.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 You've got everything going for you, so don't take a break. Love is heightened, and the opportunity to make a decision regarding a commitment will be possible. It's a new day and a new beginning.

## DILBERT

by Scott Adams



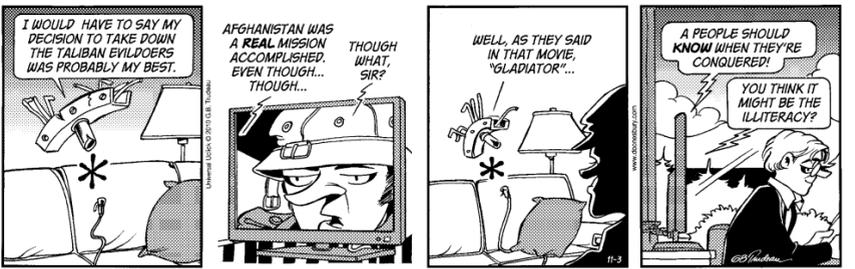
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## Doonesbury

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## today's events

- **UI Faculty and Staff Health Fair**, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Field House
- **Tot Time**, 9 a.m., Scanlon Gymnasium, 2701 Bradford Drive
- **Preschool Pottery Program**, 10 a.m., Renee's Ceramic Café, Sycamore Mall
- **U.S. Court of Appeals to hear cases**, 10 a.m., Boyd Law Building Levitt Courtroom
- **UI QuickCare flu shot clinics**, 10 a.m., UI QuickCare-East, 1843 Lower Muscatine Road
- **Osher Institute genealogy course**, 10:30 a.m., Medical Education and Research Facility, UI health sciences campus
- **Preschool Storytime**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research and Training Information Session**, 11 a.m., 1135 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Technological Entrepreneurial Certificate Advising**, noon, 3123A Seamans Center
- **How to Prepare for Spring Registration Workshop**, 12:30 p.m., 3124 Seamans Center
- **Inorganic Seminar**, "Organometallic C-H Activation of Unsaturated Molecules: Insights and Applications," Christopher Kassl, 12:30 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- **Visiting Nurse Association Public Flu Clinics**, 1 p.m., Lepic Kroeger Realtors, 2346 Mormon Trek Blvd.
- **Women in Science and Engineering Advising**, 1-4 p.m., 3123A Seamans Center
- **Pharmacology Ph.D. Thesis Defense**, "Geranylgeranyl Diphosphate Synthase as a Novel Cancer Therapeutic Target," Amel Dudakovic, 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility

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- **Wii Gaming**, 3:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "Aspects of innate immunity to human parainfluenza virus infections," Roberto Garofalo, University of Texas, 4 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **Iowa Centers for Enterprise Elevator Pitch Workshop**, 4:30 p.m., Pappajohn Business Building
- **Fab Abs Pilates Style Class**, 5:30 p.m., Robert A. Lee Community Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert Street
- **Welcome Home Wednesdays**, 5:45 p.m., Universalist Unitarian Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Festive Holiday Wines**, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-Op, Coralville
- **Ghostface Killah**, 6 p.m., Blue Moose Tap House, 211 Iowa Ave.
- **Carl Klaus reading**, 7 p.m., Van Allen Lecture Room 2
- **Life in Iowa: Ice Skating at Coral Ridge**, 6 p.m., Coral Ridge Mall
- **Rainbow Reading Group**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Special Film, One Night Only, Dear Jack**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Band Extravaganza**, Hawkeye Marching Band, UI Symphony Band, and Johnson County Landmark, 7:30 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye Arena
- **Susan De Kam**, organ, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **IWP Cinémathèque**, 8:11 p.m., E105 Adler
- **Jay Farrar**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Last Train Home**, 9:15 p.m., Bijou
- **SCOPE Concert**, Megan McCormick, 9:30 p.m., IMU Black Box Theatre

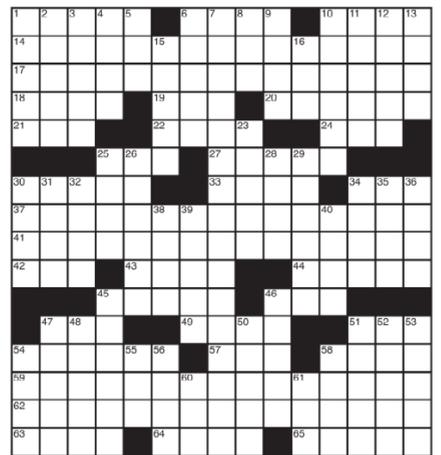
## The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- Supply with more ammo, say
  - Term of endearment
  - Bits of land in la Seine
  - 2003 Sandler/Nicholson comedy
  - 1940 Crosby/Lamour/Hope film that was the first of a "travel" series
  - Yalies
  - Part of NATO: Abbr.
  - "Mad Men" extras
  - Conducted
  - Actor Bert
  - Mystery writer Deighton
  - It may make a ewe turn
  - Big name in baseball cards
  - Gelatinous ingredient in desserts
  - 34 First X or O, say
  - 1971 film that was Cybill Shepherd's debut, with "The"
  - 1954 Eila Kazan Oscar winner
  - Bout stopper
  - Author Philip
  - Some razors
  - Ergo
  - Pugilists' grp.
  - Blood-typing syst.
  - Mystery writer Edward D. \_\_\_
  - Ode title starter
  - World Cup chant
  - Singer/actress Zadora
  - Lomond, e.g.
  - 2008 film derived from Dr. Seuss
  - 1986 film for which Paul Newman won his only Oscar
  - Inauguration Day highlight
  - Proverbial heptad
  - Addicts
- Down**
- Less well done
  - Gay, historic plane displayed by the Smithsonian
  - "Encore!"
  - N.L. Central team
  - "I pity the fool" speaker
  - Mideast city whose name, coincidentally, is an anagram of ARABS
  - 1935 Marx Brothers romp
  - Proscribe
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  - Sierra \_\_\_
  - Bankrupt company in 2001-02 news
  - Fr. holy women
  - Lettuce or kale
  - Corrode
  - Ne'er-do-well
  - Setting for candlelit romance
  - Current unit
  - Henry VIII's sixth
  - Like some suburban homes
  - Scads
  - Go south
  - "perpetua" (Idaho's motto)
  - Lei-person's greeting?
  - College in New Rochelle, N.Y.
  - 100-lb. units
  - Triumphant cry
  - Fisherman's 10-pounder, e.g.
  - Mex. miss
  - The sauce
  - Fisherman's spot
  - 47 Lei-person's greeting?
  - Covering for la tête
  - Pietro's ta-tas
  - Olde (historic area, quaintly)
  - Orangish shade
  - Shipboard cries
  - \_\_\_ be in England ..."
  - 55 Old card game with forfeits
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  - Vientiane's country
  - 60 Implement in a Millet painting
  - Dallas sch.

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## District seeks tech head

The new director of technology will make around \$100,000.

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Iowa City schools are getting redirected, tech style.

Because of budget cuts and position vacancies, the Iowa City Community School District has been without a director of technology for the past few years, but that's slated to change in January.

"We have very good people in our different fingers of technology," said Jim Pedersen, the executive director of human resources for the district. "But didn't have the hand to hold them all together."

When Superintendent Steve Murley was hired in the spring, he identified hiring a director of information services as an important asset.

"One of the things that was apparent when I came in was for a district of this size, there was a lack of articulation and implementation of technology in the classroom," he said.

The district just finished collecting applications for the new position that will have a yearly salary between \$100,000 and \$109,000 — in the average range for director salaries, Murley said.

"We have a very deep pool, not a lot of breadth, but the pool is very deep and rich," Pedersen said. "We have had a lot of interest from people with a variety of professional experiences, so we are going to have a very good group of interviewees."

And for a candidate to get the job, he or she will have to have a strong grasp on hardware as well as the implementation of technology into the curriculum.

"We are trying to find that super person," Pedersen said, describing the role of the new coordinator. "For example, we are just getting smart boards in lots of our classrooms, and just the coordinating of getting it up and running is one piece, but now that we have them, how are we going to utilize them in the lesson design?"

Other Iowa school-district officials said their technology and information directors are an integral part of their system.

Twyla Woods, chief of staff and student affairs for Des Moines Public Schools, said hiring a technology director benefits the whole district. Woods said the Des Moines district has 30 to 40 working under the director.

"I think they will see a better alignment with the focus of their district and be able to support their efforts of student achievement," Woods said. "One person can bring a vision to the department, where it is harder to maintain and sustain when you have multiple people bringing leadership."

Both the Des Moines district and Cedar Rapids district have had directors of technology for years, and Lori Bruzek, technology director for Cedar Rapids schools, said Iowa City officials are on the right track with hiring someone.

"I am surprised that they are operating without one, because of the varied responsibilities," she said. "If you have someone that is handling numerous responsibilities, there is always the question of what takes priority."

And Murley is confident that the new director will help keep Iowa City students on the cutting edge.

"The kids who are kindergartners this year will graduate in 2024," he said. "I do not know what technology will look like in 2024, but I want somebody thinking about that."

# No bridge too far for them

Five UI engineering students to build a bridge in Nicaragua.

By IAN SMITH  
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Last year, the small Zambian village of Libuyu needed a bridge in order to access the only school in the area without having to walk several miles around a dangerous river.

But they didn't have the resources. And when a group of students from the University of Washington backed out at the last minute, five engineering students from the University of Iowa stepped in.

This Thanksgiving, the same five students are going to Nicaragua to help another village.

"It's always been something that I wanted to do," said UI senior



Just scientist

Lora Buckman. "I really enjoy putting civil engineering into practice."

UI seniors David Crawford, Buckman, Ross Johnson, Thomas Bang, and Luke Smith are planning a Nov. 21 trip to Ciudad Sandino in Nicaragua.

In a week, they will assess a location that needs a 40-meter-long bridge that will service approximately 5,000 people. They will draft designs upon their return, and they plan to go back in June to build the bridge.

This will be the third bridge project for the organization Continental Crossings, the second for this specific group of students. A different group of UI students built a bridge in Peru in 2006 as part of a senior project.

The bridge designs for Zambia were mostly complete by the time the UI students got involved last year — all the group had to do was fly out and help construction with the local community of Zambia.

But this time around, they'll start from scratch.

Smith said he felt this year's project was different because they were leading it.

"[We are] part of the entire process from

beginning to end," Smith said.

Of the approximately \$16,000 the project will cost, a little more than half will cover the bridge's materials and construction — the rest is travel expenses.

So far Continental Crossings has raised a little more than \$4,500. The trip is only funded through donations, Crawford said.

Though Continental Crossings is a student-run organization, it has no affiliation with the UI. Johnson said Associate Research Scientist Craig Just has been a big help in trying to turn the organization into a yearly UI program.

The major benefit of affiliating Continental Crossings with the university would be help with funding, Johnson said.

The team is trying to establish a connection with the UI and the group Engineers Without Borders, but it requires activity in one place for five years to become a university program, Just said. Because Continental Crossings works all over the globe, it doesn't fit the criteria.

"It is a pretty complicated issue to be a UI program," he said.

A part from his encour-

'I really enjoy putting civil engineering into practice.'

— Lora Buckman, UI senior

agement, Just said he doesn't play a major role in the organization.

"It's a complicated role, and certainly I'm a cheerleader," Just said.

As they prepare to leave in less than a month, Bang

said they look forward to the work.

"Most of it is it's just a really great experience," he said. "And to get the hands-on work and see what you've studied actually being built."

### Continental Crossings

Five UI engineering students head efforts to build bridges for foreign communities in need.

- 2006 Yavina, Peru
- 2010 Libuyu, Zambia
- 2011 Ciudad Sandino, Nicaragua

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<b>Friday, November 5</b> • Rebecca Solnit, Reading, 8:30 pm, "Englert Theatre"	<b>Friday, November 5</b> • Readings by authors from the <i>Bellingham Review</i> , 8:45 am • Irish Perspectives on <i>Creative Nonfiction</i> , 1:45 pm • Contemporary <i>Australian Nonfiction</i> , 3:30 pm
<b>Saturday, November 6</b> • John Edgar Wideman, Reading, 8:30 pm	<b>Saturday, November 6</b> • <i>Adventuring the Self: Changing Perspectives in Personal Writing in Australia</i> , 1:45 pm • Reading: <i>Between Song and Story: Essays for the Twenty-first Century</i> , 5:00 pm • <i>Farthest North Nonfiction: A Reading by Alaskan Writers</i> , 5:00 pm • <i>An Addiction to Narrative: A Reading of Narrative Essays</i> , 5:00 pm, "Englert Theatre Gallery"

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# Women golfers disappointed

The Iowa women's golf team ends its fall season with an 11th-place finish in the Onion Creek Challenge.

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All hopes of the Iowa women's golf squad finishing the season the way it began were dashed at the Onion Creek Challenge on Tuesday. The Hawkeyes tallied a three-round score of 914, finishing 11th out of the 15 participating teams in Austin, Texas.



Crawford  
coach

Iowa State won the tournament with a score of 884. The Cyclones posted three-round scores of 287, 288, and 309. Following the Cyclones were Arkansas-Little Rock and Illinois with scores of 887 and 890, respectively.

"It was a very disappointing end to a great fall

season," head coach Kelly Crawford said. "We didn't do much right today. I'm happy for Kristi and proud of her finish this week."

Crawford was referring to sophomore Kristi Cardwell, who led the Hawkeyes both days of the tournament and finished in a three-way tie for seventh place with a three-round score of 218. Cardwell began the second day in 11th place and settled in seventh after a final round score of 75. Her most impressive score came in round two when she recorded three birdies and only two bogeys, which enabled her to end the round with a 69 (1-under).

"I feel great about how I played," Cardwell said. "I tied my record for three rounds at 8 over par. I know our team could have done a lot better, but it happens.

We can't take it back now; we can only learn from it."

The next highest finisher for the Hawkeyes was junior Chelsea Harris, who ended in 29th. She began incredibly strong with a first-round score of 72. The next round Harris remained solid with a 75, but the final round proved to be a struggle. Her nine bogeys and one double bogey took a toll on her score, and she ended with a final-round score of 80.

Entering the tournament Harris had the lowest average score for the Hawkeyes. "I am disappointed in my performance," she said. "I didn't really do anything well. The team's performance was not what any of us expected, and none of us are too pleased."

The three remaining Hawkeyes were Lauren Forbes, who finished in 49th, Gigi DiGrazia (63rd), and

Laura Cilek (71st). Forbes compiled a three-round score of 232. DiGrazia carded scores of 78, 78, and 82.

"I played well the first two rounds," Forbes said. "I struck the ball well and gave myself good chances to make birdies, but the putts just didn't fall. [Tuesday] I just couldn't get anything going and got behind early in the round."

Cilek, who led the Hawkeyes for the majority of their previous tournaments, struggled throughout the competition. Her play was riddled with bogeys and double bogeys, and she carded only four birdies in the three rounds. The third round proved to be the toughest — Cilek recorded her worst score of the season, 89.

This wasn't the ending the Hawkeyes had intended on, but they have plenty

of time from now until spring competition to shake off this performance and improve.

"We are all very disappointed in our scores,"

Forbes said. "This was not how we expected to play. We will let this one go, and learn from our mistakes, and prepare over the winter for our spring season."

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Hawkeyes finished with a total score of 551 (17-under) after 36 holes, and the Aggies ended up finishing second with a total score of 556. Arkansas rounded out the top three after carding 564. Tournament host Baylor ended up with a disappointing ninth-place finish

as they shot 576.

Despite having a three-week layoff and enduring cold practice conditions in Iowa City, the squad remained resilient while facing a field that featured four teams ranked in the top-20 in the country.

Iowa's preparation and focus was the key in achieving so much in the fall season. After starting off the year with a disappointing

sixth-place finish at the Golden Gopher Invitational in Minneapolis, the Hawkeyes rattled off a remarkable four tournament wins in a row.

"I think we've done a really good job at keeping it one tournament at a time, and it feels good to win this tournament more than anything," Hankins said. "We know preparation is the key to winning championships, and

I believe we've won each of these tournaments because of our team depth."

The team will savor this victory and begin off-season conditioning to prepare for the spring season beginning in February.

"Winning doesn't come by too often, and we've all worked really hard to have a fall season and a stretch like this," Hopfinger said. "Our hard work has paid off."

## CARVER

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had to compete for practice time on the arena court, and the strength and conditioning center was only large enough for half the soccer team to use at one time.

That's all changing, though.

A practice gym on the third floor of the addition will hold two full-size basketball courts and three volleyball courts, and the area devoted to strength and conditioning will expand from 1,800 to 11,000 square feet.

First-year men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery

said this aspect in particular will help with rebuilding a program that has struggled in recent years.

"When you look at our facility, and in particular the renovation, I think we can bring a recruit and his parents to our campus and say, 'Look at our commitment as an institution,'" McCaffery said during his team's media day on Oct. 14. "Very few facilities will be like ours as we move forward."

Fans likely won't notice most of the changes, though. While the glass Boomerang is hard to miss, and new electrical wiring will facilitate more ice cream machines in the concourse, Meyer said, most of

the project has been conducted "behind the scenes."

Instead, the hope is fans will create the change themselves by coming out to see teams that have improved because of the construction.

McCaffery has firsthand experience of how tough it can be to be a visitor in the arena. Both his 1985 Lehigh team and 2004 North Carolina-Greensboro squad were throttled in Carver-Hawkeye, and he said a goal is to recreate the atmosphere that has helped Iowa win 77 percent of its games in the facility.

Athletics Director Gary Barta agreed, telling hawkeyesports.com that the investment in "one of

the landmark buildings on our campus" is vital for the teams that call it home.

"To say that our staff and coaches are excited or that our student-athletes are excited would be a tremendous understatement," Barta said.

Although there's a lot more to be done — the basketball practice gym still has a dirt floor, for example — Meyer echoed Barta's enthusiasm.

"To have that drywall in place actually gives you the size of the spaces [in the Boomerang]," she said. "You sit here and say, 'You know what — this is really going to work.'"

## FOOTBALL

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The Hoosiers are one of two winless teams in conference play — the other being Minnesota, which the Hawkeyes will play on Nov. 27. Also, a tricky matchup at Northwestern awaits Iowa in two weeks. The Wildcats are 6-2 and nearly tripped up Michigan State at home on Oct. 23.

It's not unfeasible to think Ferentz's squad will be favored in all of its remaining games — a possibility that means little to defensive tackle Mike Daniels. When asked

Tuesday about if there was a different mindset in November, the junior took a comical approach.

"It does get colder outside in November. Thanksgiving is coming up. I might possibly see my family from Jersey. Might practice in the Bubble," he joked. "That's the point I'm making: It doesn't matter. It's another game. You have to approach it the same way."

"You have to block out everything, and ignore the rhetoric, and just get to work."

### Nielsen out 'weeks'

Ferentz said it's a matter of weeks — not days

— before linebacker Tyler Nielsen (neck) will be able to play. Nielsen had started all of Iowa's first eight games at outside linebacker. Ross Petersen — a fifth-year senior walk-on who played last week against Michigan State — could get the start.

"It's a tough loss for us," the head coach said. "First and foremost, it's tough on Tyler. As an individual he wants to play out there; it means an awful lot to him. He's going to be out for a while. We have to try to get through that. It's tough. We'll just see what happens here."

### Parker won't travel

Norm Parker was in the press box for Iowa's Oct. 30 game against Michigan State, marking the first time since Sept. 4 the defensive coordinator was at a Hawkeye game. Ferentz said Tuesday that Parker won't travel this weekend to Bloomington, Ind.

The head coach said Parker is about "five to eight days" away from leaving a Cedar Rapids rehabilitation center Parker's recovering from having his right foot amputated in late September.

"It'll be good to get him back here," Ferentz said. "It's coming soon, I think."

## BIG TEN

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Head coach Rich Rodriguez said he doesn't want to reflect on years past, but excluding the first four games of all three of Rodriguez's seasons, the coach has won just three games at Michigan.

This year, the main culprit is the defense, which ranks second-to-last in scoring defense in the Big Ten — and 89th in the country — ahead of only Minnesota.

"I think experience is probably the biggest issue," Rodriguez said. "If we do our job in developing, which I feel very confident in both in the weight room and the spring practice sessions, that our younger players their talent will show more and more as they get through the process of development. But the inexperience has sometimes got us because we don't have a lot of experience at certain

positions, and there are some positions that have one guy that's inexperienced backed up by an even more inexperienced guy."

Beyond inexperience, the Wolverine defense has struggled getting off the field. The defense ranks 95th in the country in third-down efficiency — ninth in the Big Ten.

"We've allowed drives to keep going on, and the frustrating part is sometimes we're really close to making a play, and the other times we just have to execute a little better and react a little bit better," the third-year head coach said. "We work so much on third downs throughout the week, and that's probably the most frustrating part about it."

Rodriguez said there's no simple fix to the defensive issues, noting that each week a different problem has presented itself. But the head coach sees hope for his squad.

"I think that the young

guys are getting experience and they are learning a little bit," he said. "And when we go back and try and correct some things they know immediately what they did wrong. Earlier, you tell them what they did wrong and they're still learning. Now, at least they know immediately the issues they have and try and get corrected."

Rodriguez said he wants the defense to be more enthusiastic and excited, which will come when plays start being made. But in addition to turning around a mediocre defense, Rodriguez must shield the team from the criticism that comes with burning out after a 5-0 start.

"It's hard to shelter them," he said. "We don't talk about what everybody else is saying outside of our building because there's nothing we can do about it. But there's been that for two or three years now. We've probably gotten kind of accustomed to it."

"We're very close as a

football family, I think all of our players and staff would tell you that, and we're going to keep pressing forward."

### Coaching milestones

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"I've not ever gotten to the point where I've felt, 'Hey, I'm going to get out of this thing,'" Paterno said. "But it's going to come. That's why I don't get excited about that 400 if it happens is because, geez, you hang around long enough ... How many years I been the head coach, 40? You know, you've got to win a couple of games in that time."

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# Men's golf takes fourth straight

Vince India earns individual medalist honors as he finishes 10-under in the Hawkeyes' fourth tournament win of the fall.

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Now that the off-season is officially under way for the Iowa men's golf team, the first order of business for head coach Mark Hankins should be to get a new trophy case.

The Hawkeyes finished an unprecedented stretch in team history by closing out their fall season in Dallas at the Royal Oaks

Intercollegiate with a school record fourth-straight tournament win Tuesday.

Senior Vince India capped a masterful Monday performance in which he shot consecutive rounds of 66 (10-under) by



**Hankins**  
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finishing in first place.

He finished in the top-10 in all five of Iowa's tournaments during the fall.

"My game came around in all areas this week," India said. "This is the year I've been waiting for to finally get a win, and this means a lot to me."

As the Hawkeyes began their final round Tuesday morning and teed off, stormy conditions loomed. By the time the team had

begun play on the first few holes, thunder was rolling in, and play was suspended because of severe rain.

"Things like that are out of our control," Hopfinger said. "We were prepared to play, and we felt ready to go; things like this just show how important every round is."

The teams took cover in the Royal Oaks clubhouse; tournament officials decided that the third round

would be canceled and Tuesday's scores were wiped out, giving Iowa the win by default.

"I definitely would've liked to finish that out; we have the confidence on our side," India said. "I feel like we would've beat everyone hands down."

Fellow senior Brad Hopfinger celebrated his third-consecutive top-10 finish. His seven birdies — and an eagle — earned

him a share of seventh place with a total score of 137 (5-under). Juniors Chris Brant and Barrett Kelpin both carded a 36-hole total of 141, and Brad George posted rounds of 76 and 74.

Iowa got out to a blazing start on Monday and led the 12-team field after battling defending tournament champion Texas A&M. The

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A view from an administration room on the fourth floor of Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Tuesday. The renovations also include an 11,000-square-foot strength and conditioning area, an upgrade from the old 1,800-square-foot area. The project is expected to be completed in August 2011.

# Carver-Hawkeye project right on schedule

Senior Associate Athletics Director Jane Meyer says the \$47 million project is on schedule to be finished in August 2011.

By **SETH ROBERTS**  
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The construction workers buzzing around Carver-Hawkeye Arena have made quite a bit of progress since this summer.

The home of Hawkeye basketball, volleyball, and

wrestling is about halfway through a \$47 million facelift that includes renovations to the arena and the construction of a brand-new, glass-encased practice and office facility.

This addition, affectionately coined the "Boomerang" because of its distinctive

swooping shape, will house two gymnasiums and an enormous new strength and conditioning center. It will also become the headquarters for most of Iowa's athletics programs and Student Athletics Services.

Senior Associate Athletic Director Jane Meyer

conducted a tour of the addition on Tuesday afternoon and said she's been pleased with the progress.

"Right now, the Carver-Hawkeye Project is on time," she said. "We look to be able to move back into this facility — into [both] the new and the renovated

pieces — right around the first part of August of 2011."

The broad scope of the project was born out of necessity. Carver-Hawkeye hadn't had any major work done in its 27 years of existence, and the training facilities in particular were woefully insufficient for the

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Check out a photo slide show of Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Hawkeye program.

Iowa's two basketball teams and volleyball squad

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## FOOTBALL

### Sash named Thorpe semifinalist

The Jim Thorpe Award screening committee announced Tuesday that Iowa safety Tyler Sash has been named one of 10 semifinalists for the 2010 Jim Thorpe Award. The honor is bestowed annually to the nation's best defensive back.

Sash has recorded 48 tackles, two interceptions, and two pass breakups through eight games for the Hawkeyes this year.

Ohio State's Chimdi Chekwa is the only other Big Ten player to be named a semifinalist.

The winner will be announced on the "Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards" show on Dec. 9 on ESPN.

— by **Jordan Garretson**

## Tough Nov. ahead for Hawks

As November commences, the games will only get more important for 15th-ranked Iowa.

By **SCOTT MILLER**  
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For a brief moment Tuesday afternoon, Ken O'Keefe wasn't studying film of Indiana's defense. With his glasses on and scotch tape in hand, the Iowa offensive coordinator hung a quote in the first-floor hallway of the Hayden Fry Football Complex.

It read: "Everyone will remember what we do in November."

Indeed, it's that time of year for the No. 15 Hawkeyes, who likely need an undefeated final month of the season to remain in the Big Ten title picture. Coming off a 37-6 win over then-No. 5

Michigan State, Iowa (6-2, 3-1 Big Ten) knows the most important part of its season lies ahead.

Hence the sign.

Ferentz's squads are 6-4 in November the last three seasons.

Tight end Allen Reisner seemed aware of the month's significance, saying Tuesday, "We've definitely got to start making plays, and we need to start winning. If you lose late, that hurts your BCS standings



**Ferentz**  
coach

and all that stuff that helps you go to bowls."

Head coach Kirk Ferentz said, "If you're going to have a good team and have a good season, you have to play well in November. I think that goes without saying. We'll find out where we're at in ... three and a half weeks."

Though records indicate otherwise, it won't be an easy three and a half weeks for Ferentz & Co. Only one home game remains — and that's against No. 8 Ohio State. The three other contests are away from Kinnick Stadium, starting Saturday against Indiana.

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## Michigan sliding again

Michigan's abysmal defense is leading to a second-half slump.

By **J.T. BUGOS**  
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Michigan may have the most dynamic player in the country, but even Denard Robinson can't help the Wolverines avoid a second half slide.

Michigan started the season 5-0, thanks in large part to Robinson, who leads the nation in rushing with 1,287 yards. But the Wolverines have

dropped their last three games to fall to 5-3 — an eerily similar situation to the 2009 season, in which they started 4-0 only to lose seven of their next eight games.



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