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— **Liz Ford**, Friends of the Animal Center Foundation executive director



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Three kittens from the same litter — which were recently left at the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center — lie in a cage together on Nov. 5. The animals have joined the roughly 70 other cats at the facility that are kept in the same room.



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Animal shelter employees work from the facility's crowded main lobby on Oct. 12. The shelter hopes to move to a new, closer location in the next couple of years.



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Animal-services officer Willa Hamilton prepares to let Caboose out to play at the animal shelter on Oct. 12. All of the shelter's dogs are kept in one room, something officials hope to change in the permanent facility.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The web has eyes

Companies are increasingly using social media to evaluate potential employees.

By **NINA EARNEST**
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David Fahey keeps his Facebook profile as private as possible. His profile picture isn't of him, and he said he has "blocked everything."

The 22-year-old University of Iowa senior is preparing to apply to medical school, and the potential downside to social networking is something he aims to avoid.

"I changed [my Facebook] because I don't want employers looking at mine right now," Fahey said, adding even the tiniest details can be misconstrued.

Fahey's efforts relate to social media's role in the workforce, a presence that has expanded from recreation to a hiring tool for some employers.

National experts and local career advisers echoed Fahey's concerns, saying the importance of social media outside of personal lives has increased, especially in the job hunt.

A new company, Social Intelligence, is designed specifically to scan job applicants' social media for potential employers.

Max Drucker, the CEO and president of Social Intelligence, said a client company provides Social Intelligence with what it considers "objectionable material," such as evidence of violence or racist attitudes.

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U Heights battle nears end

Survey results show a majority of residents disagree with the plan.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**
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University Heights city councilors are set to hold a final vote tonight on a controversial rezoning ordinance which would allow a multi-level commercial development to be built within the small community.

Maxwell Construction Co. wants to construct a six-story, two-building complex with 80 apartments and 20,000 square feet of commercial space on what is now the site of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1300 Melrose Ave.

The current ordinance limits construction to single-family homes.

While many residents have not been shy about expressing disapproval of the plan at the first two council votes — both of which passed — they say they now have a survey to back them up.

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Animal shelter needs new home

Officials say they hope the animal shelter's future facility, located closer to the city, will help increase the number of volunteers and adoptions.

By **CATHRYN SLOANE**
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Three fuzzy kittens were recently left at the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center in a Rubbermaid bin, with just a few holes drilled in it.

Workers at the animal shelter found them at the doorstep of their temporary facility, 4852 Sand Road — around five miles south of Iowa City. The three kittens joined the roughly 70 other homeless cats sharing cages in a single room.

A lack of space for animals is just one of the aspects the shelter's employees have been struggling with since they were forced from their previous location at 111 Kirkwood Ave. during the 2008 floods, and its distance from the city center has limited volunteer recruitment and the number of adoptions made each year.

"The animals are under a lot of stress," said Misha Goodman, director of Animal Services. "It's like if you were thrown into

Helping the shelter

To donate or volunteer:

- Anyone interested in volunteering can contact the shelter at (319) 356-5295, ext. 7.
- Monetary donations can be made to Friends of the Animal Center Foundation at PO Box 1345, Iowa City, Iowa, 52244, or online at www.facf.org.
- Other donations can be dropped off at 4852 Sand Road S.E. during business hours.

Source: Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center

a jail environment."

And although shelter officials had hoped to move into a permanent location by May 2012, that date might now be delayed, said Liz Ford, the executive director of the Friends of the Animal Center Foundation.

The selected site sits on the west side of South Gilbert Street, north of McCollister Boulevard, but construction cannot begin until the Federal Emergency Manage-

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ment Agency approves the results of an archaeological study conducted on the land. The study is required to make sure there aren't any archaeological barriers, such as historical artifacts, that would prevent construction.

The delay comes after FEMA denied two previous studies the city submitted after the agency requested a study to be done specifically on the desired location. The city submitted two studies that had taken place over the past year that were done for other projects concerning land near the shelter's potential location, said Deb Mansfield, Iowa City budget-management analyst.

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Spotlight Iowa City

Not minding detours

One UI law student interned at the World Bank over the summer.

By **NORA HEATON**
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The hardest thing Rachel Nathanson had to do during her internship last summer was *not* do hands-on work.

Sitting in the World Bank building, interning with the World Bank Inspection Panel, Nathanson did some desk research with internal bank documents, but the “doer” felt conflicted and stifled. A first-year law student, she said, she prefers to be “out in the field.”

The panel, the internal accountability agent of the World Bank, ensures that the bank is complying with its own policies, procedures, and directives to provide social and environmental benefits and avoid harm, according to the group’s website.

Nathanson went to Washington, D.C., on a Harry S. Truman scholarship — 60 such scholarships are available nationwide — over this past summer after completing undergraduate degrees in economics and geography at the University of Iowa. She also earned a minor in Spanish.

She will present her internship experiences at an Iowa City Foreign Relations Council luncheon today at noon. And she is excited to do so, said Nathanson, a soft-spoken 23-year-old who speaks with her hands, waving them to accentuate her points.

“I’m kind of the adventurous one in the family,” said Nathanson, who — aside from the stiff prestige of her law schooling, her Truman scholarship, and her distinguished summer gig — still enjoys a good salsa dance now and then.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

UI first-year law student Rachel Nathanson stands near a building in Quito, Ecuador, where she studied abroad during the spring. Nathanson has also interned at the World Bank Inspection Panel.

She hopes to branch out from law school’s academic confines and take elective classes she loves, such as Portuguese and courses abroad.

“People say, ‘Rachel, you need to focus on class and apply for jobs,’ and I say, ‘I know, I know,’” she said. “One of my least favorite words ever is networking.”

One of her favorite words may be travel, she said. During her undergraduate years, she traveled to Spain, Ecuador, and Mexico, where she worked with coffee cooperatives.

“I had never felt so powerless [as when working with the cooperatives],” she

said. “There’d be torrential rainstorms, nobody would know the bus schedule, and the phones wouldn’t work. There was this sense that time didn’t matter.”

Still, there were benefits to the madness — it was a huge confidence-booster, said Nathanson, who now wants to work in a legal-“ish” capacity at the U.S. State Department, possibly taking a break after law school to work for the Judge Advocate General Corps.

“Being so clueless and powerless and having to deal with it, I realized I could pretty much be com-

Rachel Nathanson

- **Age:** 23
- **Hometown:** West Des Moines
- **Countries studied in:** Spain, Ecuador, and Mexico
- **Mentor at the UI:** Late Rex Honey, a geography professor
- **At the World Bank:** studied palm oil in borrower countries

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fortable everywhere,” she said. “That gave me a lot of confidence. If I can do that, nothing in Iowa’s going to scare me.”

As a result of those experiences, she said, she does her best to make those in her home country feel at ease.

Her kindness is visible, said friend Chris Page, who knew Nathanson when she worked with the UI Environmental Coalition as an undergraduate. He best describes her as “driven, enthusiastic, and kind.”

Sister Lisa Nathanson echoed Page’s sentiments.

“I can see how driven she is to achieve her goals, but also she stays down-to-earth and stays connected to her family and friends,” she said.

And being driven doesn’t always mean driving in one direction.

“People often classify, and say, ‘This is your path. This is how you should get there,’” Nathanson said. “But some detours might not be that bad. They might put you on a path better than you anticipated.”

City adds signs to busy intersection

City officials are discussing constructing a median down Burlington Street to help with pedestrian traffic.

By **HAYLEY BRUCE**
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Iowa City wants to be more walkable. And it’s not alone.

“Walkability” is the new trend in urban development, experts said, and new additions to Iowa City streets are just the most recent local example.

After concern about increasing traffic near the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center, located at the intersection of Madison and Burlington Streets, officials began to closely monitor the area.

The city recently installed high-visibility signs and pedestrian signal countdown timers at the intersection, said Darian Nagle-Gamm, an Iowa City traffic engineering planner. And on Monday, neon in-street signs were installed at the intersection of Court and Madison Streets on the other side of the rec center.

Additionally, officials have discussed building a median on Burlington Street, extending from the Iowa River bridge to Capitol Street, said Brian Boelk, a city senior civil engineer.

Concern about vehicle

traffic in that intersection is nothing new, said University of Iowa spokesman Tom Moore, but with the new building, pedestrians added a new element to the mix.

That change left Iowa City officials trying to balance walkability with increased traffic.

“The city has a long history of its inhabitants being much more transit users than other cities in Iowa, of this size or larger ones,” said UI urban and regional planning Professor John Fuller. “The idea of walkability is not exactly new to Iowa City, but it is being promoted much more so now than in the past.”

The new signs is part of an ongoing plan to make the area safer, and they come just days after two vehicle-pedestrian accidents on Madison Street — one at the intersection with Burlington, the other at Iowa Avenue.

The Johnson County Council of Governments conducted a before-and-after study at the Madison and Burlington Street intersection and found the number of drivers yielding to pedestrians increased

Pedestrian safety

Officials have implemented measures at the intersection of Burlington and Madison Streets, as well as at nearby streets:

- Updated signs from black and white text to multicolor graphics
- In-street neon signs reminding to drivers to yield to pedestrians
- Discussion of constructing a median on Burlington Street, from the Iowa River bridge to Capitol Street

Source: Darian Nagle-Gamm and Brian Boelk

after the new signs were installed.

This is a change many cities statewide are undertaking, said Scott Falb, a driver-safety specialist in the Iowa Department of Transportation.

He said the updated signs, crosswalk timers, and talk of a median for pedestrians are additions that will have a positive effect on driver awareness and pedestrian safety.

smoking marijuana just prior to the stop.

Police said Orr was taken to the Iowa City police station for an evaluation. Officers determined Orr was allegedly under the influence of cannabis and unable to safely operate a vehicle.

First-offense OWI is a serious misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison and a maximum fine of \$1,250. Child endangerment is an aggravated misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by Nina Earnest

METRO

Man charged with OWI, endangerment

A Cedar Rapids man has been arrested for allegedly operating a vehicle while smoking marijuana with children in the car.

Frank Orr Jr., 42, was charged Nov. 5 with OWI and child endangerment.

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Terra Belden, 24, Coralville, was charged Oct. 23 with OWI and driving with a revoked license.

Debra Danielson, 50, 1104 S. First Ave., was charged Oct. 31 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Gustavo Ramon, 27, 2300 California Ave., was charged Oct. 27 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Laron Swift, 25, 1946 Broadway Apt. C, was charged Nov. 5 with violating a no-contact order.

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METRO

Vets conference begins today

The first University of Iowa Statewide Veterans Conference will begin at 9 a.m. today on the fourth floor of the Levitt Center.

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, will give the keynote address, UI dignitaries will make opening remarks, and a panel of veterans and specialists will discuss the concerns and challenges veterans face. An estimated 385

UI students are veterans, according to a press release.

Approximately 80 veteran service providers in Iowa, including UI faculty, staff and students, plan to participate in the event.

It is sponsored by the UI Office of the Provost, UI Office of the Registrar, UI Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, and the UI Student Veterans Association.

— by Hayley Bruce

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The outside of the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center's temporary facility is shown on July 6. The shelter moved to this location after its former location was flooded in 2008.

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"FEMA determined they didn't have enough overlap [of the land] to be relevant," Mansfield said.

After the two denials, the city is now working with FEMA to review potential applicants to conduct the study on the specified land.

"We do expect some action sometime very soon," said Russ Edmonston, a FEMA spokesman.

Until then, employees and volunteers must contend with a building that wasn't designed to hold animals.

"It's frustrating," Ford said. "It's frustrating to be in a facility where we want to be able to do more, but we're limited. But I really feel strongly that our core volunteers are putting their hearts and minds into doing the best we can for animals."

Cleanliness — a priority in a space that holds hundreds of animals — is diffi-

cult when the building is made of materials not meant to be cleaned daily, and when drainage and water pressure are issues.

The building takes hours to clean properly, often taking up time of volunteers that could be used on interacting with animals.

It's also difficult to do community outreach when there aren't rooms designed for education and when volunteer orientation classes take place in the crowded lobby, which also holds animals.

The new building, specifically designed as an animal shelter, will ease all that.

The old facility on Kirkwood Avenue was roughly 7,200 square feet, and while the current site is estimated to be well over 10,000 square feet, officials anticipate that their future home would be approximately 16,000 square feet.

Iowa City officials have already had a study completed by an architect specializing in designing shel-

ters, which will be used once they get approval to move forward.

The distance from Iowa City is also a major issue, Ford said. When she goes to volunteer fairs, such as those at the University of Iowa, an important question from prospective volunteers, many of whom don't have cars, is where the shelter located.

The current building isn't on a bus line, while the new location is expected to be accessible by bus and will be near a bike trail, Ford said.

Not being readily accessible in the community has also hindered their adoption efforts, Ford said.

"When people think about getting a pet, we want them to think about adoption. If it's inconvenient to find the shelter, to drive all the way out there, they might not want to do that," she said. "I think location is very important to getting animals adopted."

DI Metro Editor Regina Zilbermintz contributed to this article.

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Survey results for the One University Place plans have shown a majority of members in the University Heights community — located near Kinnick Stadium — oppose several plans proposed for the property.

The results indicate 50 percent of the residents said they strongly disagree with the Maxwell plan, and 6.2 disagree. Nearly 28 percent strongly agreed with the proposal, and 12 percent agreed.

The survey was sent out to 504 residents who had voted in one of the past three city elections, of which 324 responded. It posed questions about three other development plans in addition to the Maxwell plan.

The survey was administered voluntarily by Julie Andsager, a University Heights resident and University of Iowa journalism professor. Representatives from both the pro- and anti-development sides helped with the survey.

Though Andsager said she is neutral on the topic, she has neighbors who strongly fight on either side of the issue.

Resident Mary Mathew-Wilson, who has lived in University Heights for 18 years, opposes the development plan. Despite the efforts of community members, she said, the City Council has served as nothing but a wall.

"It brings home once again the fact that the community is split," said Mathew-Wilson.

City Councilor Pat Yegge said it would take a large majority of disapproving citizens to sway the council's vote.

Survey results

Responses from University Heights residents on the Maxwell plan:

- 50 percent: strongly disagree
- 6.2 percent: disagree
- 27.6 percent: strongly agree
- 12 percent: agree
- 4 percent: neutral

Source: Community survey results

MEDIA

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Job search expert Rick Gillis said there was "no question" that employers are increasingly checking the Internet and social media while considering job applicants.

"Google is your first résumé," Gillis said.

He said applicants lose positions all the time because of what can turn up in a social-media search, and applicants won't know why they lost the potential position. It's better to be cautious, he said.

"If it could potentially embarrass you, it probably will," Gillis said.

Companies are also monitoring already hired employees' online behavior. Social Intelligence offers this service, including checking to see if employees are criticizing managers on the web, posing in questionable photos,

or spending too much time on personal sites at work, according to its website.

On Monday, the *New York Times* reported the National Labor Relations Board accused American Medical Response of Connecticut of illegally firing an employee after the woman criticized her supervisor on Facebook.

However, social networking can provide a positive view for potential employers if an applicant's profile includes such topics as charitable activities or job experience, Gillis noted.

When reviewing applicants, Drucker said, Social Intelligence only looks at the specified criteria.

Drucker said the company represented companies for all industries, and there has been a tremendous demand.

"Companies in the future will be willing to differentiate candidates by what they have been doing online," he said.

Professionalism

Students should maintain a "professional image" by:

- Dressing for interviews
- Proper e-mail address
- Professional voice message
- Respectful correspondence

Source: Pomerantz Career Center

But Angi McKie, director of marketing and public relations at the Pomerantz Career Center, said employers told them they're not checking profiles to scan applicants. After speaking to three of the center's advisers, McKie said no students indicated they lost opportunities because of an online presence.

UI senior Joshua Nelson said he felt checking profiles was a good way for employers to get an accurate picture of potential employees, and applicants should project the right image online.

"You don't want to take any risks," he said.

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during the next election.

"A lot of people are taking a closer look at local politics," Mathew-Wilson said.

"If 90 percent didn't like it, then it would make a difference," she said.

Fellow University Heights City Councilor Brennan McGrath, who has opposed the rezoning ordinance, said she's pleased with the results.

"This development is not what the community wants," he said.

Despite the response, McGrath is concerned it may fall on deaf ears.

"Unfortunately, some of the councilors are so far gone that they've gone beyond what their duties are, which is to represent the community," he said.

So far, Mathew-Wilson said she is just happy with the community's dedication.

"I'm so proud of my neighbors," she said. "We've come forward with the initiative."

Either way the vote goes, McGrath said, community members will likely express their opinions long after the council makes its decision tonight — such as

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Editorial

Distressing government failures in Coralville flood rebuilding

Though the 2008 floodwaters have receded, some of the resulting complications are still with us.

The natural disaster destroyed the Coralville Parks & Recreation and Transit building. The two departments were temporarily relocated to separate city buildings until federal funding could be used to build new facilities. Two and a half years later, the departments are still in their temporary buildings.

This is not because of a lack of funding, resources, or land, however, but because of government inefficiency. This bureaucratic inertia is inexcusable; we call on government at all levels to expedite this process and complete the building.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency funds the temporary housing facilities; a new 37,000-square-foot, \$6.5 million building to house the departments is still in the works. FEMA approved funding for the new building in 2009. The city of Coralville was also awarded a grant for the project from the Iowa Department of Transportation. However, there is still no official start date for the project.

"There's been a long delay on FEMA's part," Coralville City Administrator Kelly Hayworth told the Editorial Board. "We had everything together."

There has been much back and forth between Coralville and FEMA throughout the process. The city's first contract bid for the new building construction was not approved because of delays. The city then had to reauthorize the funding through Congress and resubmit a request to FEMA, because the funding had expired. The funding was again approved, and a second contract bid was not accepted until October. The city has until Dec. 14 to avoid being denied a second time.

The city received an approval letter late last week from FEMA's Iowa Recovery Office, which

authorized the city to move forward with the construction of the new building. The city will meet with the Department of Homeland Security later this week to show FEMA's approval and the new contract bid. The final steps are now contingent upon paperwork getting through to the contractor and the contractor's approval. If the city acts before Dec. 14 and gets contractor approval, groundbreaking would take place in January, with the majority of the work to be completed in the spring of 2011.

FEMA's funding for the temporary housing of the departments, whether the contract bid goes through or not, will expire in February 2011. A representative from the FEMA Recovery Office in Iowa said it does not have record of a request for a funding extension for the temporary facilities from Coralville.

Hayworth said the city has not yet submitted a request, because it is still three months from the expiration date of the funding. The FEMA Recovery Office said the city can send in the paperwork at any time and it will consider any request that is placed.

This bureaucratic back and forth is not conducive to flood recovery. Governmental lapses such as these undermine citizens' trust in government. If we can't trust government at all levels to work together to rebuild after natural disasters, when can we? This protracted ordeal is distressing and inexcusable.

The city has to deal with red tape and bureaucratic nonsense. FEMA has to deal with a sluggish city administration. Both are then hindered by ill-managed federal-to-state activity. Iowans suffered enough during the flood. It is time government officials on the federal and local levels got their act together and served the needs of Iowans.

Your turn. Has the governmental response to the eastern Iowa floods been satisfactory? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

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In the Years of the Prince of Hope, change comes like a glacier, and people soon return to video games, which are understandable because video games don't speak in Ivy League words.

Also, change comes with a flick of the finger.

BOOM, and another one bites the dust, a terrorist or an immigrant or, for some reason, a unicorn. BOOM. There's some change you can believe in.

In the Years of the Prince of Hope, even the Moon doesn't change, stubbornly remaining half-full. No, the Moon is half-empty, goes the cry. The Moon is all the way empty, Higgs grumbles like the bosun he once was, except for rocks. Like some people's heads.

In the Years of the Prince of Hope, grumbling replaces baseball as the national pastime, and fans and announcers thrill to the whack whack whack of disenchantment being hit over the fence. That one's not coming back, folks, the announcers shout with glee, or something approaching it. Though most have forgotten how, exactly, one approaches glee or, for that matter, what one would say to her, if, say, you happen to meet her in a bar.

What's a bar? says the youngster. Everyone ignores him, because he's still wet behind the ears and everyone knows, like they know the Moon is half-empty, that you have to be extremely dry behind the ears to hit disenchantment over the fence properly.

In the Years of the Prince of Hope, hope withers on the vine — which surprises most people because who knew it grew there? Vines are for Ivy League language and wine grapes, goes the prevailing wisdom.

No, no, intones an expert sagely, baritonely, this is a cheerful little hope, with a slight taste of buttercup and an overtone of Dorian mode, caramel, and red — no, purple — pepper with a smooth BlackBerry finish.

In the Years of the Prince of Hope, a smooth BlackBerry finish is all you need for that must-do cosmopolitan cool.

No, no, rage the people, cool is last year's man. (Not realizing they're quoting Leonard Cohen, who is Canadian and therefore an immigrant who should be dispatched in a video game.) We demand that porchy, screechy-voice thing.

No, says the Agriculture Department. Eat more cheese. It's good for you.

No, no, eat less cheese, says the Agriculture Department. It's full of saturated fats.

In the Years of the Prince of Hope, no is the new yes.

So France and Switzerland go to war over who makes the real Gruyère. And Italians go all Rococo over ricotta.

Who cares? Higgs grumbles. Appenzeller is better, anyway.

In the Years of the Prince of Hope, the people dance to the beat of a different plumber. Conga lines form all across the land, then abruptly disappear when experts intone sagely, soprano, that congas are immigrants and probably don't speak well English.

It's all same old song and dance, Higgs grumbles. If he were a real Prince, he would have saved Cinderella by now.

Besides, the Prince promised us real change, and what happened?

We still have the same old tired weather. Blizzards and ice storms and tornadoes and 101 in the shade and 98 percent humidity. Spring is too short, and autumn is just a time to wonder if you should buy a new winter coat. You call that change? I got real change in my wallet.

Don't know why, exactly. It won't buy anything.

When Higgs gets on a good grumble, he can really rumble.

In the Years of the Prince of Hope, the Prince gets shellacked and goes into his varnishing act.

Look at all this shiny wood, the Prince grins.

Would would would, Higgs grumbles. Everything is always would.

See what my conditional my conditional is in. For some reason, a unicorn.

In the Years of the Prince of Hope. ■

Letters

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Rail service the way to go

I began reading your Amtrak editorial ("Iowa City-Chicago Amtrak route a poor use of public funds," Nov. 4) with interest. But when I reached "Randal O'Toole," I started laughing. O'Toole has been around for a long time panicking urban and interurban public-transportation projects. (I dare say you did some cutting and pasting from his stuff to write your piece.) That said, I take issue with a couple of your (and O'Toole's) assertions.

Interstate highways: The highways may be "cost efficient" at today's gasoline prices, but there are any number of sources who can show you the price is way too low. By my own estimation, the tax on gasoline should be around \$6 per gallon.

At present, we are paying that tax indirectly: traffic-polluted air and its attendant health-care costs, traffic congestion and its attendant economic costs (the driver better not be tapping on his laptop when he is at the wheel), war (we are in Afghanistan and Iraq for more reasons than to "catch terrorists"), and income and property taxes (when the state issues multimillion dollar bonds to build or rebuild a highway, those bonds are not all paid from gasoline-tax revenues).

Intercity buses: Many people get all warm and fuzzy about Megabus. What most folks don't realize is that Megabus does not pay for amenities such as waiting rooms and restrooms. Greyhound/Trailways pays for its space at the bus station. I

saw lots of people standing around in shorts and T-shirts this summer waiting for Megabus. Let's see what they do when they're waiting for the bus in January. The coffee shop that is near the Megabus pickup point had to put up a sign saying that its restroom was only for its own customers.

I am looking forward to passenger rail service between Iowa City and Chicago. Rail service will be by far the most cost-effective means for intercity travel between the two cities.

Ed Fischer
Iowa City resident

Quote the smart students

Out of the thousands of intelligent college students in town,

The Daily Iowan has chosen to quote students who said they might transfer and that they now have to go to house parties because of the 21-ordinance. Look around and find the students who are enjoying clubs, sports, shows, lectures, and the hundreds of activities that are available in any given week on campus.

Sure, this ordinance will be tough on some students and some downtown bars, but the culture can change. Other college towns have had this law for years and continue to educate bright, interesting, engaged students. Instead of focusing on those who whine and don't want to change, encourage each other to become something better.

Karen Parrott
UI employee

Guest opinion

Market solutions needed to improve economy

By ZACH HALSTEAD

Unemployment is a major issue facing the state of Iowa and this country. The national unemployment rate is 9.6 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. But in reality, it is much higher than that.

The official unemployment index, based on a monthly survey of sample households, only counts people who reported looking for work in the past four weeks. It doesn't account for part-time workers who want to work more hours but can't, given the tight job market. And it doesn't include those who have given up trying to find work. When the underemployed and the discouraged are added to the numbers,

the unemployment rate rises to 17 percent.

Not only does unemployment result in the tangible effect of losing one's income, it also results in serious emotional strain. Pride, confidence, and self-worth can all be shattered quickly after losing a job. Unfortunately, the government's response to the unemployment problem is grossly inadequate and fails to recognize the underlying problems its policies create.

The problem of unemployment is a problem of disconnect between those who would work and those who would hire. What is this disconnect? It comes down to affordability. There is not a lack of work

to be done in this country. It is merely too expensive to pay for the work to be done. Too many barriers are present that prevent the hiring of workers.

The first and most visible barrier is the minimum wage. Since the minimum wage increase a couple of years back, millions of workers whose marginal value of labor is lower than the minimum wage have joined the ranks of the unemployed. Politicians love to tout the passage of a minimum-wage law as beneficial to its low-wage earning constituents. I concede that this is true — but only to those workers who actually keep their jobs.

In his 1850 book *That*

Which is Seen, and That Which is Not Seen, Frédéric Bastiat pointed out this fallacy. He wrote, "Between a good and a bad economist this constitutes the whole difference — the one takes account of the visible effect; the other takes account both of the effects which are seen, and also of those which it is necessary to foresee."

Another reason unemployment has remained high has to do with employment-protection laws. These laws, which mandate that no one can be fired without due process, are supposed to protect employees. However, if the government tells the employer that he or she must keep an employee no

matter what, the employer will tend not to hire her or him in the first place.

This law, which appears to help workers, instead keeps them from gaining employment. When employers find it difficult to dismiss workers, they will create fewer jobs because of the risks attached to hiring employees who might become unruly, unproductive, or uneconomical over time. In this case, jobs may be moved across the border to more employer-friendly environments, or the employer may substitute more capital and technology for labor, as has been the trend in the last decade in the United States.

The No. 1 issue on the minds of voters is the econ-

omy, and they are growing impatient. We saw this attitude prevail in the election last week, in which incumbents were slaughtered. Tackling the unemployment problem has become the focus in Washington, and rightfully so. It is my hope that the new Congress focuses on repealing burdensome and confusing laws and regulations, instead of creating more.

Central economic planning has failed time and time again throughout history, and this time is no different. Market-based solutions are desperately needed to promote employment in this country and move the economy in the right direction.

Zach Halstead is a sophomore in the Tippie College of Business.

Music that really cooks

A culinary experience influences the music style of songwriter and poet Ben Weaver.

By **SAMANTHA GENTRY**
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For musician Ben Weaver, mirepoix isn't just a culinary term for the mixture of celery, carrots, and onions. It's also the name of his newest album, *Mirepoix & Smoke*, which is based on the artist's experience working in the restaurant business.

But he never dreamed working with meats and vegetables would influence his music as much as it did.

At 9 p.m. today, the culinary musician will play music from his new album at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St. Admission is free.

Weaver recorded his first CD in 1999, where he started out playing in coffeehouses and local businesses.

Though he is a skilled guitarist now, he didn't learn how to play until ninth grade, so before he began his career in music, he occupied himself by writing poetry.

"I was always doing things to express myself," he said. "My music and poetry are kind of related to each other; I need to have them both in my life."

Mirepoix & Smoke is the seventh album Weaver has recorded. Recently, he took a year and half off to work as a prep cook at a farm-to-table restaurant in Minneapolis. Everything in the restaurant was made from scratch, and this experience influenced Weaver's new record.

"The whole process of learning something new and making food was mystical and magical, just like I see music," he said. "It indirectly more than directly inspired this new record."

Not only is the album about his culinary experience, but a lot of the songs are stories or personal experiences he encountered throughout his stint as a cook.

"The album is about my

food experience more literally than emotionally," he said.

Weaver has performed at the Mill more than half a dozen times, but this will be the first time he will perform since taking time off for his job at the restaurant.

Ben Weaver has a knack for interesting songwriting and also possesses a really good ear for arrangements," said Andre Perry, a talent buyer at the Mill. "His mix of indie-



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Ben Weaver
Mirepoix & Smoke

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Tracks:

• "The Rooster's Wife"

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folk tendencies and electronic soundscapes is particularly appealing."

Weaver is on a tour through the Midwest, and once it's over, he will head east. This is the seventh year he has toured during his career.

While he says he doesn't have any favorite performances while on tour, there was one show in particular that sticks out in his head.

"I remember having a really fun time at a show with Greg Brown in Seattle," Weaver said. "At the end of the show, he had me come up on stage and play a Neil Young song with him for the encore."

But for this culinary musician, it's not about just touring across the country, jamming with fellow artists, and perfecting his cooking skills. What he loves more than anything are his fans.

"I think everything fans need to know is in the



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Musician Ben Weaver took time off from his singing and writing songs to become a prep cook at a Minneapolis restaurant.

songs," Weaver said. "It's really great when people listen to my music, because then I know that I'm connecting with them."

CD REVIEW

Standing out on the crowded rap stage

The Kid named Cudi is back for a second chapter live from the moon.

By **EVAN CLARK**
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When we first became acquainted with Kid Cudi, right off the bat we got the vibe that the guy is relatively reclusive.

But the lonely stoner persona was the backbone of his charm, and his debut album, *Man on the Moon: The End of the Day*, gave us a look into the scatter-brained, paranoid, and at times, insecure mind of Solo Dolo himself.

While everyone was rapping about all the money and girls we don't have, Cudi represented a sophisticated, self-loathing style that spawned a number of hits, including "Day 'n' Nite" and "Pursuit of Happiness."

And now we watch as Cudi attempts to avoid the dreaded sophomore slump with his newest release, *Man on the Moon 2: The Legend of Mr. Rager*.

The album begins on a slightly inspiring note, allowing us to get a sense of who Cudi wants Mr. Rager to be, which is the cliché "hottest rapper alive" character.

The first two tracks, "Scott Mescudi vs. the World" and "REVOFEV" are a part of Act 1: The World I am Ruling" and feature Cudi rapping about life's struggles and asking us, "Where will we be for the revolution?"

But along with these words of hope is a hint of sarcasm when we're officially introduced to Mr. Rager in Act 2: A Stronger Trip. The third track, "Don't Play this Song," shows the dark side of Mr. Rager, the party animal who indulges in life's vices to escape the reality of being a rap star. Act 2 contains four songs that contribute to the vulnerability and self-consciousness of Cudi, yet tend to stray too far into a Debbie Downer persona that begs for too much attention.

After the sullen Act 2, he shakes off his depression in favor of the lighter more playful side of Mr. Rager in Act 3: Party On. It's eight tracks into the album where we finally get a taste of the irresistible catchiness that Cudi is so capable of, with the Weezer-like guitar riffs of the album's first single "Erase Me." Cudi and guest

Kanye West's smoothness and swagger keep the song from becoming a throwaway Green Day track and turn it into a feel-good college anthem.

The album's potential can be summed up in Act 4: The Transformation. The first song of Act 4 is the spontaneous yet predictable track "Maniac" featuring indie-rock newbie St. Vincent. It's songs such as this on which Cudi has a chance to go further in his music and blend genres to create something magical, but instead he prefers to rap the typical lyrics of imperfection and dissatisfaction, which comes off as lazy compared with the outgoing trippy beat of the track.

The album's final act is

Act 5: You Live & You Learn, which sums up the kind of year 2010 has been for him. With everything from run-ins with law enforcement to canceled TV appearances because of hangers, he takes these experiences and runs with them, ending his rambunctious album on a high note. The song "All Along" is when he steps aside from his Mr. Rager persona and honestly tells his trials and tribu-



Kid Cudi
Man on the Moon 2: The Legend of Mr. Rager

★★★ out of ★★★★★

lations, which range from struggling to find self-identity to simply "eating too much junk food."

It's apparent that Cudi strives to be the David Bowie of today's rap game with all of his numerous personalities, but what this album proves is that he needs to narrow his focus on something that's more straightforward. There are times when he shoves his troubles down our throats, but when he's discreet about his problems, he's at his best, proving why he can stand out in today's overcrowded rap game.



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Rapper Kid Cudi's *Man on the Moon: The Legend of Mr. Rager* is the second album by the artist, who is known for his slightly off-kilter and reclusive persona.

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Things that worried my parents when they visited last weekend:

- My entire "pantry" consists of one pack of ramen noodles, a bottle of Coca-Cola, and three Kraft Singles.
- There is an unidentified substance growing on my shower curtain that has thus far proven resistant to every cleaning supply I've tried. And I'm pretty sure it growled at my mother when she saw it.
- Instead of putting on the Freshman 15, I appear to have developed a chronic wasting disease. I look akin to a skeleton wearing a "goofy college student" costume.
- When my parents asked my roommate how I was to live with, he obviously hadn't fully memorized the statement I'd prepared.
- Some nicknames that my friends have given me and frequently call me that have no basis in reality and are too inappropriate to print in *The Daily Iowan*.
- My parents bumped into my RA and introduced themselves as my parents. My RA just said "good luck" and walked away.
- My room's smell is unidentifiable. It has proven immune to Febreze, car air fresheners, leaving the windows open, and removing everything from the room and scrubbing it down with bleach.
- My schedule is empty except for weekends, where it says "have a good time, you deserve it."
- There is an inch layer of dust on everything in the room, and it looks like it hasn't been in use for 10 years.
- I write for the Ledge.

— Brendan O'Donnell hopes his parents are still willing to pay for me to come here after the things they saw this weekend.

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NEVER TOO YOUNG FOR THE BARS



EUGENE CHUNG/THE DAILY IOWAN

Asher Overholt, 5, of Iowa City swings from the monkey bars on the Pedestrian Mall playground on Monday. Overholt comes to the playground about twice a week, weather permitting. He said his favorite part of the playground is hanging on the bars and playing pirates with his friends.

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PRESENTS...

horoscopes Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Respond only after you have thought about the consequences. Your emotions will tempt you to be abrupt and caustic. Look beyond what others are doing or saying, and concentrate on getting ahead personally, professionally and financially.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Pull out every imaginable idea, plan, or goal, and revisit the possibilities. Short trips, serious discussions, and pouring your heart out to whomever you need on board are all in order. A personal issue will surface.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Someone lacking your vision may stifle your plans. Work closely with anyone who needs proof — coaxing with a few facts and figures thrown into the equation. Uncertainty regarding the help you get may lead to scaling down your initial start-up plans.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Don't let your personal life stand in the way of what needs to be done. A partnership can work in your favor but only if you specify who will be responsible for what. You have more control over the outcome than you realize.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Kick back, and enjoy yourself. You need to show the people you work with your fun side. You'll be surprised how much easier it will be to get what you want professionally if you play as hard as you work.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Someone from your past may disrupt your home life. Review the consequences you'll face if you get involved in something that you ended a long time ago. Focus more on what you have, and consider if you want to hold on to it.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Roll the dice, or play your hand. There may be a risk, but you don't really have a choice. It's better to make a move than to wait for someone to corner you or take advantage of you. Welcome an experienced point of view.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Cover all the bases. Change is good, but if you fear failure, you are likely to lose. Courage and confidence will be the key requirements if you want to progress. If it's worthwhile, it's worth working for.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You may be jumpy, but it's good to be on edge when you are trying to accomplish something big. Don't worry if someone backs out or changes plans midway. In the end, you will control more and get what you want.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Emotions will be close to the surface and can cause you to make a mistake because of demands from friends, family, or your lover. Make whatever concessions you can, but don't compromise to a point that makes you to walk away.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You can try to talk your way out of something but a commitment is expected if you intend to move ahead with the support that's been offered. Love is in the stars, but you can no longer sit on the sidelines.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Anger is not the way to get what you want, but taking action and showing what you have to offer is. Avoid any sort of discrepancy. Socialize with peers and colleagues, and you will get your way.

DILBERT

by Scott Adams



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BY WILEY



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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



today's events

- **Engineering Success Seminar for First-Year Students**, 8:30 a.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- **Statewide Veteran's Conference and UI Veterans Reception**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Levitt Center
- **Three-Month Seminar, "Asymmetric 1, 5-Polyol Synthesis: A Concise Configuration, Encoded Approach,"** Gopeekrishnan Sreenilayam, 9:30 a.m., 104 Iowa Advanced Technology Labs
- **Pharmacology Faculty Seminar Speaker, "Probing the Roles of Prostaglandins in Regulating Actin Remodeling,"** Tina Tootle, 10:30 a.m., 2189 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Epidemiology Department Journal Club**, 11:30 a.m., 1-107 Bowen
- **University Club Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m., University Athletics Club, 1360 Melrose
- **Leadership Development Series, "Debunking Leadership Myths,"** noon, 335 IMU
- **OrgSync Basic Training**, noon, 345 IMU
- **Investment Roundtable**, 12:15 p.m., S121 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Biochemistry Workshop: Xiao Peng and Aaron Ver Heul**, 12:30 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **Engineering Success Seminar for First-Year Students**, 12:30 p.m., 1505 Seaman Center
- **Joint Astrophysics/Space State Physics Seminar, "Optical Photometry and Spectroscopy of SN 2006be, a Type IIP Supernova,"** Christine Lynch, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Operator Theory Seminar, "Operator Algebras from Rings of Genetic Matrices,"** 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Math Physics Seminar, "Curvature Scalars as Quantum-Theoretic Potentials,"** 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Microbiology Seminar, "Wildlife disease investigation: Bat white-nose syndrome,"** 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3

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- **Occupational & Environmental Health Seminar**, 4 p.m., 1213/125 Institute for Rural and Environmental Health
- **Donn Schaeffer, trombone master class**, 4 p.m., University Capitol Centre Recital Hall
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **KC Fall Dinner**, 5 p.m., KC Family Center, 4776 American Legion Road
- **UI Model UN Cold Stone Benefit**, 5 p.m., Cold Stone Creamery, 39 S. Dubuque
- **Pancake Supper**, 5:30 p.m., Mann Elementary, 521 N. Dodge
- **Classic French Dinner**, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- **UI Engineers Without Borders General Meeting**, 6 p.m., 3111 Seaman Center
- **Dressing for Success Seminar**, 6:30 p.m., Levitt Center
- **MC Chris**, 6:30 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **Socks: Toe Up, Two at a Time**, 6:30 p.m., Home Ec Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Howl**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **See How Simple Music Can Be**, 7 p.m., West Music, 1212 Fifth St., Coralville
- **Texas Hold 'em**, 7 p.m., Firewater, 347 S. Gilbert
- **Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Wildwood, 4919 B Walleye Dr. S.E.
- **Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Studio 13, 13 S. Linn
- **OrgSync Basic Training**, 8 p.m., 345 IMU
- **Iowa Friends of Old-Time Music Jam Session**, 8:30 p.m., The Hilltop Tavern, 1100 N. Dodge
- **Restrepo**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Tuesday Night Social Club**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Open Mike**, 10 p.m., Firewater, 347 S. Gilbert

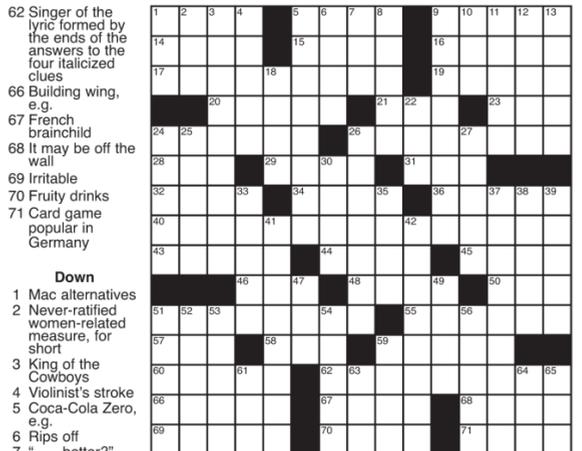
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- Andean land
 - Race for hot rods
 - Open, as a pill bottle
 - Photoshop option
 - Actress Skye
 - Indira Gandhi's family name
 - Bid adieu, informally*
 - Live
 - Family beginnings
 - Boise-to-Phoenix dir.
 - Thanksgiving invitee, commonly: Abbr.
 - Is on the hunt
 - Failure by a narrow margin*
 - Captain's record
 - Gorilla famously taught to use sign language
 - "Brain" of a computer, briefly
 - Topographic map notation: Abbr.
 - Lavish affection (on)
 - Beasts of burden
 - Like Oprah Winfrey and Michael Jordan*
 - Villa
 - Take ___ of (sample)
 - Where a pear's seeds are
 - Spot for a shot
 - Not a major haircut
 - Flamenco cry
 - It's often ordered à la mode*
 - Meddle (with)
 - Do that one would rarely wear a hat with
 - Online portal since Windows 95 was launched
 - Book of divine guidance
 - Argot

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Paula Gamache

- Down**
- Mac alternatives
 - Never-rationed women-related measure, for short
 - King of the Cowboys
 - Violinist's stroke
 - Coca-Cola Zero, e.g.
 - Rips off "___ better?"
 - Fliers in V's
 - Like a good golf score
 - Novel
 - Dear, in 12-Down
 - Van Gogh locale
 - Attracts
 - Fatty part of an egg
 - fly (certain baseball hit, for short)
 - Answer, in court
 - Husband of Pocahontas
 - Characteristic of bland food and bad dressers
 - Swing or rock
 - Coffee cultivated on Mauna Loa
 - Life-or-death
 - Mideast noble
 - Cleavage-revealing dress feature
 - Brit. legislators
 - Hall-of-Famer Combs who played with Gehrig and Ruth
 - Malfoy's look, in the Harry Potter books
 - Group of lions
 - Places for ornamental fish
 - Abstracts
 - Polonaise in Major, Op. 53
 - Group of lions
 - Places for ornamental fish
 - Neighbor of Bhutan
 - No enrollees at Smith College
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 - Caught
 - Bizarre
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BASKETBALL

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two at the guard spot.” Any Big Ten guard who has ever been assigned to cover Alexander in a game knows the hardships and frustrations that accompany the task. Arguably the most aggressive player on Iowa’s talented roster, Alexander — who claimed the Big Ten rebounding title last season — scores the majority of her points

by slashing through defenders on her way to the basket, often times earning free-throws in the process. Alexander, who holds the school record for free throws made in a season (146), said that Printy is progressing rapidly as an all-around player and has a newfound confidence in her ability. “[Printy] came in, and she kind of was just like ‘OK, I’m thrust into the starting lineup,’” Alexander said. “She just kind of went with what she could, and you kind of kept hav-

ing to tell her ‘Jaime, you are a great player. Keep shooting the ball’ ... But now, she’s so much more confident. She has been in the gym in the summertime. She is confident in her shot. “I think confidence is the best shooter.” Printy said that improving her defensive skill set required a revamped mindset from her career at Linn-Mar High School. Before arriving at Iowa, Printy focused solely on offensive production and shooting. But to be a complete player,

she said, she had to develop defensive skills. While offensive production is easily measured in points and shooting percentages, defensive skill — such as the ability to stay in front of opponents during drives and prevent open passes — is not as easy to gauge. But head coach Lisa Bluder said Printy has succeeded in her off-season goals and worked toward being a more complete basketball player. “That’s where [Printy’s] main focus was, was

strength and defense, and she’s done a good job in both areas,” said Bluder, who is in her 11th year as Iowa’s coach said. “Offensively, she shot the ball well for us, she penetrated, she got to the free-throw line well, so she did a lot of good things offensively for us, but she had to round out her game defensively, and she has.”

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Hawkeyes (7-2, 4-1) travel to Northwestern (6-3, 2-3). But that’s not to say Coker won’t play a larger role in Iowa’s offense in the team’s final three conference games.

Much of the reason Ferentz was originally apprehensive about Coker playing in Big Ten play can be traced back to the freshman missing nearly all of fall camp with a shoulder injury. The head coach indicated on Nov. 6 that Coker is at a point where playing time will become a norm.

“This is a big step for him, and that’s a good thing for us,” Ferentz said.

The 12-year head coach joked after the Indiana game that the “silver lining” in Robinson’s injury was that it gave the sophomore a second bye week. In the three games after Iowa’s actual bye week, Robinson averaged more than 27 touches per game.

Robinson had a career-high 35 touches in the Oct. 16 contest at Michigan.

The Hawkeyes will face two of the Big Ten’s better run defenses in the season’s final three games. On Saturday, Iowa meets conference’s No. 6 rush defense, Northwestern (141 yards per game). The Hawkeyes’ matchup with Ohio State (No. 1 with 84 yards per game) is Nov. 20.

Coker’s emergence will only help diversify Iowa’s running game as the season goes on.

“He did a great job,” Stanzi said. “As a freshman, stepping in, new role for him, A-Rob’s not there. And A-Rob’s a leader on this



Iowa running back Marcus Coker fends off Spartan free safety Trenton Robinson during the Iowa-Michigan State game in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 30. Coker recorded 40 yards on 16 carries.

offense. Believe that for sure. ... [Coker] is a big guy, he runs very hard. It’s just great to see him have a good game.”

Meyer named Player of the Week

Iowa kicker Michael Meyer earned Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week honors for his four-field goal performance against Indiana on Nov. 6. The true freshman made kicks of 23, 27, 27, and 42 yards. He also missed a 22-yarder.

Meyer’s 12 points kept the Hawkeyes in the game until quarterback Ricky Stanzi connected with wide receiver Marvin McNutt late in the fourth quarter for the game-winning touchdown.

Clayborn, Stanzi named award semifinalists

Iowa seniors Adrian Clayborn and Ricky Stanzi have been named semifinalists for two major college football awards.

Clayborn, a 6-4, 285-pound defensive end, appears on the semifinalist list for the Bednarik Award, which is given annually to the top defensive player in the country. Stanzi — the Hawkeyes’ three-year starting quarterback — has been named a semifinalist for the Maxwell Award, which honors the nation’s outstanding player.

Stanzi ranks first in the Big Ten and third in the country in pass efficiency (175.13); he has completed 157-of-230 passes for 2,212 yards and 20 touchdowns. The Mentor, Ohio, native has only thrown three interceptions.

Clayborn, who hails from St. Louis, has recorded 40 tackles, including six for loss and 2.5 sacks. He has also blocked one field goal and forced a fumble.

Former Hawkeyes to win the Maxwell include Nile Kinnick (1939) and Chuck Long (1985); no Iowa player has been honored with the Bednarik.

— by Jordan Garretson

SOCCER

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“What we really need is that one player who can score,” Kaeding said. “Somebody who can come and score goals, and outrun the defensive line, and who’s hungry for a goal and isn’t afraid to take shots.”

The young Hawkeye offense showed flashes of

fulfilling that need this year. Freshman Leah DeMoss shredded nonconference opponents for five goals and three assists, but the entire attack stalled for the majority of a 1-7-2 conference season.

Still, Iowa stuck with most of the Big Ten teams it played and looked impressive when it scored three goals to knock off Purdue in the last game of the year on Nov. 6. Both teams recorded 20 shots in

the 3-2 slugfest, a statistic that encourages Rainey.

“[In other seasons], the game might have been 25-6 in shots,” Rainey said. “Now, the games are equal. Now, the next phase of this program is, how do we take some of these equal games and get one goal wins and get more of the results we want in the Big Ten?”

For Rainey, the answer lies in the off-season. He said the months from November to August are

vital for conditioning and cultivating the killer instinct necessary to find results in a difficult conference.

“The strides are there,” Rainey said. “We’ve been able to play with some of these teams. Our big challenge is to play above their level or technically look to do some things that can give us wins in the league. That’s something everyone can agree with, from top to bottom.”

Northwestern, archrival?

Yes

What constitutes an archrival? Is it a shared border, the same conference, or a history of close games?

While an Iowa-Northwestern competition doesn’t normally draw a great deal of attention from the Hawkeye community, it should.

Across Iowa’s eastern border lies Big Ten foe Northwestern, which has taken it to the Hawkeyes four of the past five years.

Some might argue the history between the teams is not deep enough to be considered a true rivalry, and Iowa’s impressive overall record against the Wildcats shows the Hawkeyes’ dominance.

However, recent history describes the matchup very differently. Hawkeye fans should consider it a rivalry on the rise.

Although the feud is not worthy of Heartland, Cy-Hawk, or Floyd of Rosedale, the Wildcats have been more than just a bump in the road for the Hawkeyes.

It is easy to overlook Northwestern as a strong competitor with Iowa’s tough schedule and success over the years, but the Wildcat fans have not been disappointed after recent

games against the Hawkeyes.

Last season’s Family Weekend game against Northwestern was especially devastating — it ended the Hawkeyes undefeated run. Only adrenaline stirred up from a rivalry could allow the unranked Wildcats to overpower then-No. 4 Iowa in Kinnick Stadium.

Though the games between the Hawkeyes and Wildcats have typically been close, Northwestern dominated Iowa, 21-7, in the 2006 meeting in Iowa City.

Northwestern always comes out strong whether it’s at Kinnick or Ryan Field, and history shows it has been successful.

If the last five years indicate anything, the Hawkeyes should have plenty of motivation to view the Wildcats as an archrival.

— by Maggie Cunningham

No

To say that Iowa versus Northwestern has become a rivalry is a disgrace to Hawkeye football.

According to Merriam-Webster, a “rival” is “one of two or more striving to reach or obtain some-

thing that only one can possess.”

Before Iowa’s season began, a Rose Bowl or even a national-championship appearance was a goal many believed Iowa could achieve.

When was the last time anyone brought up the Wildcats as a contender for either of those prestigious competitions?

In other words, Iowa and Northwestern do not compete for the same goal; the Hawkeyes aim higher.

I know I cannot turn a blind eye to the fact that a team that holds the longest losing streak in Division-I college football history (34 games) has beaten the Black and Gold three-consecutive times in Kinnick Stadium, but the all-time record in the Wildcat ver-

sus Hawkeye series favors Iowa, 46-22-3.

To call a matchup between two teams a rivalry sets the series on a pedestal and sepa-

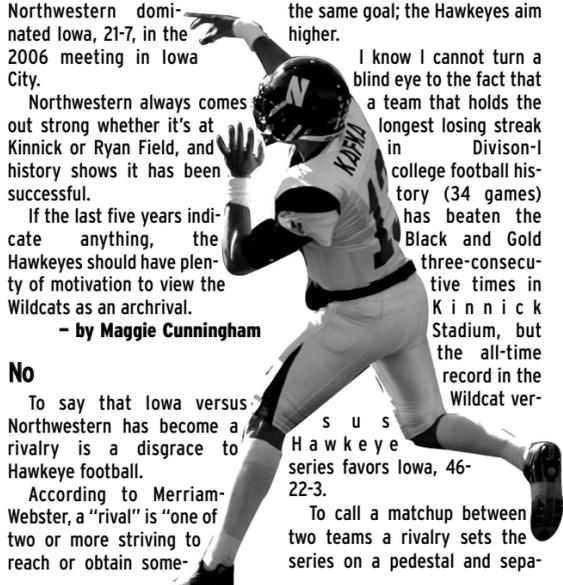
rates it from all others. Oklahoma versus Texas, Ohio State versus Michigan, USC versus Notre Dame — these are rivalry games. Rivalries withstand coaching changes and conference realignments. In fact, I dare to say that Iowa football doesn’t have one epic game on its schedule that can be called a rivalry.

A perfect example of this is the guaranteed crossover game the Big Ten gave Iowa after its separation into two divisions: Purdue. The Hawkeyes haven’t even played the Boilermakers since 2008, and they are our protected crossover rival?

People want to call Iowa versus Northwestern a rivalry because for the past few years, the Wildcats have upset the Hawkeyes, and last season, they took away the Hawks’ 13-game winning streak along with Iowa’s quarterback.

But calling this series a rivalry implies that Northwestern and Iowa are on the same level, and that is not acceptable. Moreover, to throw around the term rivalry in relation to this series takes away the word’s power and prestige.

— by Megan Berg



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Battista comes back to run again

After nearly underachieving his way off the team two years ago, captain Mark Battista has emerged as Iowa's leader and one of its top runners.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**
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Two years ago, Mark Battista sat in coach Larry Wiecek's office for an uncomfortable conversation. Battista, a talented sophomore runner, had underachieved to the point where he failed to make the Hawkeyes' traveling roster for the Big Ten outdoor track-and-field championship.



Battista
runner

Wiecek, the men's track and cross-country head coach, told Battista his career as a scholarship Iowa runner was in jeopardy.

"I kind of just left it at that," Wiecek said. "And then I went off to the Big Ten meet, and he went home for the summer to digest things."

How did Battista respond?

"I'd say the proof is in the pudding," the 24-year head coach said.

Battista rededicated himself that summer, and the New Lenox, Ill., native emerged the next year as a new runner. He placed 25th at the NCAA Midwest Regional meet to earn All-Region honors in cross-country and qualified for

the NCAA national meet in the steeplechase in track. Wiecek saw "a renewed sense of urgency" in his runner and a confidence that grew with each successful race.

That success has continued this year. Battista has been Iowa's second finisher — behind sophomore Jeff Thode — in every meet, and he finished 25th at the Big Ten championship meet on Oct. 31.

Battista vividly recalled details from that day in his coach's office and called it a "game-changer" in his running career.

"[Wiecek] said I wasn't living up to expectations, and he was thinking about not even bringing me back and letting me finish my career out," he said. "I had to think, 'Do I really want this to be over?' And I didn't. So I started working a lot harder and changed my attitude."

That change in attitude — and accompanying career resurgence — helped Battista become the Hawkeyes' captain this year. Wiecek said sometimes being a captain is simply a status symbol or "a nice honor" for an individual.

"But every once in a while, a captain does make a difference," he said. "And I sincerely think Mark is one

of those captains."

Freshman runner Jon Michael Brandt agreed, saying Battista's presence helped him adjust to NCAA cross-country.

"He really took all of us freshmen under his wing and helped us transition to college running," Brandt said. "He took the time the first couple weeks to get to know us and talked to us one-on-one about concerns or things we had."

Brandt said it's clear Battista is motivated by his past struggles.

"That's his fire, his driving force," he said. "You can really see it in practice."

Wiecek praised Battista's ability to lead both vocally and by example and said the captain has the respect of his teammates. Battista said his role as a captain includes motivating teammates, keeping them from taking shortcuts, and lifting their spirits when they're down on themselves.

His own early career struggles help him take care of that last one.

"I've tried to use that [story] sometimes," Battista said. "It's not fun to talk about, but I try to tell guys, 'I've been in a worse place than where you're at right now, and you just got to keep going and keep believing in yourself.'"

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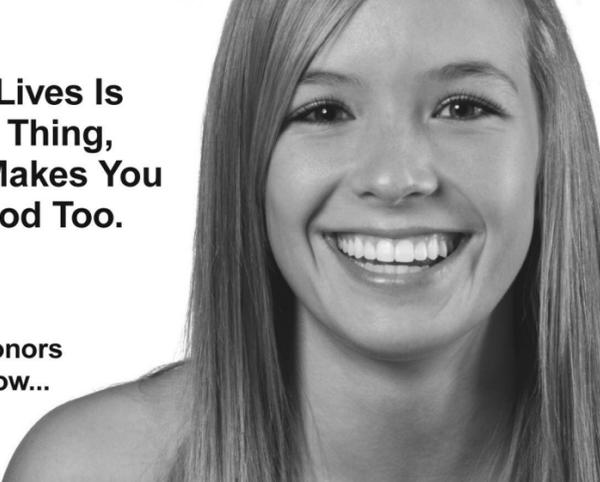
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Iowa soccer's starting lineup is announced before the team's home-opener against DePaul on Aug. 22. The 14-year-old Hawkeye program has finished last in the Big Ten six times.

Soccer tries to hone killer instinct

Iowa soccer has historically struggled in the Big Ten, but coaches and former players see reason for encouragement.

By **SETH ROBERTS**
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Iowa isn't known for its soccer. The 14-year-old Hawkeye program is the worst in the Big Ten. The team's all-time 33-93-12 conference record adds up to a .283 winning percentage, and Iowa has finished in the league cellar six times.

Head coach Ron Rainey sees reason for optimism, though. The Hawkeyes are young and talented, and they ended the 2010 season with a thrilling conference win.

History will always be there, but Iowa isn't looking back.

The wonder years

The Iowa soccer program's inaugural season wasn't special.

After an 8-11 season in 1997, though, head coach Stephanie Gabbert turned the Hawkeyes into a legitimate threat. Iowa posted its only winning Big Ten season in 1999, a 7-3 campaign that earned Gabbert Big Ten Coach of the Year honors.

"As the first coach in the history of the program, I felt I was able to establish a certain kind of culture and a belief in the program," Gabbert said. "In the short time I was there, we made some pretty good strides. But beyond the winning piece of it, it was more of having pride and being a Hawkeye — and being able to carry that forward as well."

Gabbert left Iowa to coach Iowa State after the 1999 season, and successor Wendy Logan coached

the team to a 5-5 conference record in 2000. Iowa hasn't achieved a .500 Big Ten record since.

The blunder years

Wins became scarce after the turn of the century.

Logan left the school after two years at the helm, and Carla Baker's four-year tenure marked the worst stretch in Iowa history. Iowa went 20-45-9 from 2002 to 2005, including a 4-30-6 mark in conference play. Hawkeye scoring dipped from 37 goals per season in the program's first five years to just 21.

This didn't help Britta Marmon, formerly Britta Vogele, Iowa's goalkeeper from 2001 to 2004. Marmon made the most of her playing time, anyway — she's

Iowa's all-time leader in wins (23) and second in Big Ten history with 489 career saves — and said the team wasn't lacking ambition.

"[As captain, I was] motivating people to be passionate and commit themselves ... to that common goal of winning Big Ten championships," the now William and Mary assistant coach said. "That was the goal and the mindset I felt everybody else should want."

Rainey era moves forward

The team has improved in Rainey's five years as Iowa's head coach, but Big Ten play has remained a glaring problem. Iowa is 29-11-7 in nonconference games, but just 10-36-4 in league matches under Rainey's tutelage.

"Some of the teams in the [con-

ference] season are flat-out better than the teams we played in the first half," Rainey said. "In the league, the margin of error becomes a lot slimmer. We have to have people with the confidence and mindset to step up and make plays. I think we have this year in certain games, but we haven't done it enough."

Jackie Kaeding is optimistic about the team's future. The former midfielder and defender (2005-2009), who regularly attends games, said the Hawkeyes have the talent to hang with the Big Ten's best, but they need one more piece to push them over the edge.

SEE **SOCCER**, 7

Coker ready for more time

Freshman running back Marcus Coker rushed for 129 yards against Indiana on Nov. 6.

By **SCOTT MILLER**
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Following Marcus Coker's first career game against Ball State on Sept. 25, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz questioned whether his true freshman running back was ready for Big Ten play.

Coker didn't play the next three games, and starter Adam Robinson rambled for 437 total yards. If there was any doubt who Iowa's featured back was in the wake of Jewel Hampton's injury, Ferentz's decision to solely play Robinson in the teeth of the team's Big Ten schedule said it all.



Coker
running back

But then Robinson suffered a concussion in the fourth quarter of Iowa's 37-6 win over Michigan State on Oct. 30, sidelining him for the Hawkeyes' contest against Indiana.

Enter Coker. The true freshman got his first career start on Nov. 6 against the Hoosiers, and he piled up 129 rushing yards.

"It was really incredible to watch," offensive lineman Julian Vandervelde said. "He never really said anything in the huddle. He'd get in, he'd get the play, [and] he'd run as hard as he could. And man, that's pretty hard."

Ferentz said Robinson would be back at practice Tuesday. The sophomore will likely be the starter Saturday when the No. 13

SEE **FOOTBALL**, 7

Printy spells hoops with a D

Sophomore Jaime Printy has a defensive mindset this season.

By **JON FRANK**
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Reigning Big Ten Freshman of the Year Jaime Printy can cripple the opposition with pinpoint shooting. She can handle and distribute the ball with the poise and intelligence of an experienced point guard. She can even drive down the lane for easy baskets in the paint, capped off with trips to the free-throw line.

The Marion native can dominate almost every facet of the game on the offensive end.

Though Printy — who led the Hawkeyes with 501 total points last season — is about as offensively sound as any coach could ask of an underclassman, she wasn't satisfied with her defensive presence.

During the off-season, she focused primarily on strength and defense.

"I've gotten a lot stronger and faster. I've definitely been in the weight room all summer," the 5-11 guard



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Jaime Printy shoots during Iowa's exhibition game against Concordia-St. Paul in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. The 2009-10 Big Ten Freshman of the Year scored nine points in the Hawks' 101-59 victory.

said. "I've focused on [defense] this summer, and it's finally starting to show a little bit."

Aside from engaging in drills and exercise regimens

focused on improving her defensive prowess, Printy drew some help from her teammates to make her a more complete player.

"Every scrimmage I

guard either [Kachine Alexander] or [Kamille Wahlin], and you won't get much better than those

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