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The Hawkeyes enter the 2011 season with an inexperienced defense. See how defensive coordinator Norm Parker plans to cope in this week's PREGAME.



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Iowa extended Learfield contract in 2009

The University of Iowa Athletics Department signed a 10-year contract extension worth \$114 million with a sports marketing company in 2009, the Associated Press reported Thursday.

Missouri-based Learfield Communications Inc. signed a contract with the UI in 2006, but officials quietly agreed to extend the contract to 2026 in November 2009, according to documents released to AP. At the same time, the UI gave Learfield the right to sell the naming rights to the court at Carver-Hawkeye Arena and the Outdoor Club at Kinnick Stadium.

The contract gives Learfield radio rights to Iowa athletics and coaches' shows and allows the company to negotiate sponsorships and sell advertising.

With the deal, the Athletics Department is guaranteed annual payments that will rise from \$5.8 million this year to \$8 million in 2026, AP reported.

— by Sam Lane

City manager urges city to hire lobbyist

Iowa City City Manager Tom Markus recommended the city hire a lobbyist to more effectively advocate for city issues to state government officials.

In a letter to city councilors Thursday, Markus estimated a lobbyist would cost between \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year.

The lobbyist would advocate for the city on issues such as Amtrak train service, state grants, the effect of taxation of apartment cooperatives, and other legislative issues, Markus said.

At present, elected officials, administrative staff, and other city organizations lobby on behalf of the city.

In addition to lobbying, the person would be required to maintain relationships with legislative officials, attend several City Council meetings, and provide additional reports outside of the legislative session.

Nine Iowa cities have hired lobbyists, including Coralville, Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines.

— by Alison Sullivan

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Protest targets non-local hiring



Members of several trade unions gather to protest out-of-state hiring by construction contractors working on the Pappajohn Biomedical Discovery Building on Thursday. Protesters from 25 different trade unions attended the rally and were joined by a handful of Iowa politicians. (The Daily Iowan/Jules Pratt)

Rep. Dave Loebsack calls for more Iowans to be hired by Walsh Construction.

By **MATT STARNES**
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More than 80 protesters from 25 different union-related groups protested on the University of Iowa campus on Thursday morning, accusing a Chicago-based company of hiring too many out-of-state workers.

This was the second protest by Iowa union advocates at odds with Walsh Construction, which is contracted to build the UI's Pappa-

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As the holiday weekend approaches, labor leaders reflect on a rough year for workers' rights. **PAGE 5.**

john Biomedical Discovery Building.

Walsh took on the \$78 million project — located on Newton Road near Westlawn — a year ago. Since then, Gov. Terry Branstad signed an executive order outlawing project-labor agreements, opening the way for Walsh to hire out-of-state workers.

The decision was a letdown for local union leaders.

"We've been looking forward to this job for a couple years, we saw it on the pre-bid list for the University of Iowa, and we've been telling all our local workers that there's going to be a \$78 million job here," said Randy Rayner, a business manager for the local laborers' union who helped organize the protest.

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New Melrose era

This year, 30 vendors have purchased permits along Melrose Avenue.

By **AMANDA HOFFMAN**
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Hawkeye tailgaters will notice a handful of more rules than usual at this weekend's game.

The season-opener marks the first Saturday since Iowa City officials passed an ordinance tightening restrictions on vendors. University officials also say they'll maintain the amped-up enforcement on tailgaters they introduced last year.

This year, 30 vendors have registered through the city for



Blake Taylor and Blake Jr. cook chicken and corn dogs on Melrose Avenue before the game on Nov. 3, 2006. This year, 30 vendors have registered through the city for vendor permits, up from 24 vendors last year, officials said. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

permits, up from 24 vendors last year, said Doug Boothroy, the director of Iowa City Housing and Inspection Services.

Now vendors are required to purchase a one-time \$75 per-

SEE **MELROSE**, 3

UI dorm fines are on the rise

By **ASMAA ELKEURTI**
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Rolling a doobie as Steely Dan's "Deacon Blues" played in the background is how University of Iowa sophomore Daniel Williams spent the last moments before his arrest.

When he opened his door to find out why his friend had been gone so long, Williams found a parade of police officers ready with handcuffs. He was charged with possession of marijuana and found himself facing a \$700 fine from University of Iowa Housing & Dining.

"I wasn't hurting anybody, and I wasn't stealing from anybody," Williams said.

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Spotlight Iowa City



Iowa's Will Vasos returns the ball during his doubles match with Marc Bruche against Northwestern's Joshua Graves and Spencer Wolf at the Klotz Outdoor Tennis Courts on April 8. The duo won their match, 8-6, but Iowa lost, 5-2. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

The 'laid-back' tiger

Hawkeye senior tennis player Will Vasos is a leader, both on and off the court.

BY RYAN MURPHY
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Senior tennis player Will Vasos describes himself as a "pretty laid-back guy."

The 21-year-old Hawkeye loves watching "Entourage" and football, and he said he tries not to take things "too seriously."

But as soon as Vasos sets foot on the court to compete for the Hawkeyes, he morphs into one of the team's most driven and confident players — a player who has become a top performer for the Iowa men's tennis team in the last three years.

Vasos led the Hawkeyes in dual-meet singles victories last spring and was named team MVP in spring 2010. His accomplishments have made him a team leader for the Hawkeyes.

Junior teammate Garrett Dunn said Vasos is as much of a team leader off

the court, a feat accomplished by his infectious personality.

"He's a really great guy to be around, and that really helps to make us a cohesive team," Dunn said.

Vasos said he doesn't do anything in particular to solidify his spot as a team leader, he just leads by example and fosters team unity.

"I just try to bring everyone together, and I just try to bring that family aspect to the team," he said. "We all hang out together, and it shows in our team chemistry."

The Fort Collins, Colo., native chose Iowa, in part, because both his parents were Hawkeyes. On the court, he models his personality on professional tennis player Marcos Baghdatis by staying loose and never taking the game too seriously.

Throughout his three seasons as a Hawkeye, Vasos has been able to improve his game, and he has winning records in singles play in all three spring seasons.

Head men's tennis coach Steve Houghton said his constant progress is a difficult task.

"He has made tremendous improvement, and

Will Vasos

- **Age:** 21
- **Hometown:** Fort Collins, Colo.
- **Favorite Sport (besides tennis):** Football
- **Favorite Movie:** *The Departed*
- **Favorite TV Show:** "Entourage"

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he's done something that isn't all that easy, which is to improve every year," Houghton said. "Some people take a big jump one year and then level off. He hasn't done that."

Vasos worked his way up the Iowa lineup from the No. 4 position, where he competed as a freshman, to the No. 2 position, which he finished the 2011 spring season. He has also played on the No. 1 doubles team for 11 matches in spring 2010 and all but two matches in 2011. Last spring's No. 1 doubles team of Vasos and current senior Marc Bruche recorded a Big Ten record of 6-4.

Houghton said Vasos continues to work on cer-

tain aspects of his game to improve, and he noted that a spike in Vasos' conditioning has markedly improved his play.

"He wins a lot with big shots from his forehand, and he's really improved his backhand," Houghton said. "The next step is to really improve his serve to the [extent] where he is winning points with it."

Vasos' 11-16 fall singles record has not been stellar — especially when compared with his 51-43 career mark in spring singles events. Vasos attributes this to the more singular nature of fall competition.

"The fall is more individual than the spring, but I'm working harder than I have ever before to have a good fall and then a great spring," he said.

As one of the team's leaders, Vasos knows eyes are on him every time he steps on the court, a fact that he uses to lead by example. So far, it seems as if it's working, because Vasos' personality earned him the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award in both his sophomore and junior seasons.

"I just try to get better every day and also make my teammates better," he said.

METRO/WORLD

Supervisors designate Constitution Week

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors proclaimed Sept. 17-23 of each year as "Constitution Week" at a meeting on Thursday.

Sept. 17 will mark the 224th anniversary of the drafting of the U.S. Constitution by the Constitutional Convention. Supervisors said this week they think it's fitting to officially recognize the document and the anniversary.

In remembrance of the signing of the Constitution, the Congress, by joint resolution of Feb. 29, 1952, designated Sept. 17 as "Citizenship Day" and by joint resolution of Aug. 2, 1956, requested that the president proclaim the week beginning Sept. 17 and ending Sept. 23 of each year as "Constitution Week."

This request for the procla-

mation began in Story County through the Daughters of American Revolution requesting that all 99 counties in the state adopt a Constitution Week.

— by Jordan Mickle

Murder trial to begin this month

Lawyers expect the murder trial of a local teenager to begin later this month and last around two weeks.

Charles William Curtis Thompson was charged in the October 2009 shooting death of John Versypt, a landlord of several Broadway buildings. Police believed Thompson planned to rob Versypt.

Attorneys met at a pretrial conference on Thursday morning. Both the state's prosecutors and Thompson's defenders said they'll be

ready to begin on Sept. 19.

The only issue presented in the courtroom on Thursday was that Thompson's lawyers said they've had trouble obtaining records on the gun allegedly used to kill Versypt. Defense attorney Tyler Johnston said the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives had ignored a request months ago but state officials are now working on compiling that information.

Thompson was 17 when Versypt was killed, but he will be tried as an adult; he faces a possible life sentence if convicted.

— by Adam B Sullivan

6-year-old allegedly used in heroin deal

Lacresia White, 33, 1217 Burns Ave., was charged

Wednesday with use of a minor in a drug trade, possession of a controlled substance, and child endangerment.

According to a police complaint, on Aug. 31, White allegedly drove her 6-year-old daughter to a Coralville Burger King and instructed her to go inside to get a confidential informant. The confidential informant was working with the Johnson County Drug Task Force at the time. Supposedly, once the daughter told the informant to go to her mother's car, the drug deal was then conducted.

White allegedly delivered approximately 1 gram of heroin to the individual in exchange for \$200. The 6-year old daughter was reportedly present at the time of exchange.

— by Brittany Till

BLOTTER

Luke Freebolin, 19, Solon, was charged Thursday with public intoxication and assault causing injury.

Megan Burnside, 20, 650 S. Johnson St. No. 4, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Vernard Dillon, 50, 1100 Arthur

St. Apt F3, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Chonghui Hannah, 24, 2001 Keokuk St. No. 9, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Darcy Norem, 48, Ackley, Iowa, was charged Wednesday with

public intoxication.

Timothy Odonnell, 22, 439 S. Johnson St. No. 3, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Richard Sandifer, 44, Coralville, was charged Aug. 16 with delivering cocaine.

Thomas Turrentine, 34, Santa

Maria, Calif., was charged Aug. 4 with possession of an open alcohol container and public intoxication.

Russell Weston, 51, address unknown, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

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He said he was astonished when he found out who was subcontracted for the project.

"Unfortunately, on this job, they decided to bring in people from Colorado, Texas, Florida, Georgia ... pretty much everywhere

but [Iowa]," he said.

Leaders are particularly frustrated because some of the project is funded by the state through I-JOBS, former Gov. Chet Culver's initiative that intended to strengthen the Iowa economy with infrastructure projects.

Shane Merrick, a local business representative for the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters, carried an upside-down Iowa flag during the protest.

"The flag is upside down,

it's the national standard for distress. Iowa is in distress," Merrick said. "How can we have \$10 million in I-JOBS money on a [construction] job, and I don't think we have 10 percent Iowa workers."

Bill Gerhard, a member of a local union building-trades council, said he feels strongly that Walsh is in the wrong.

"This is an \$80 million, three-year project, and it could feed a lot of families, families of taxpayers here

in Iowa," he said.

Calls to Walsh offices by *The Daily Iowan* were not returned Thursday.

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, also spoke at the event, calling on Walsh to hire more local workers.

"This is in support of workers, this is in support of labor unions who should be having workers on the job here," he said. "Walsh is not hiring the folks it should be hiring; it's not hiring Iowans on any of these jobs, either."

MELROSE

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mit, post safety standards, and pass an inspection once setup has been completed. City officials will observe the area Friday night and Saturday morning to ensure regulations are being followed.

Vendors are optimistic about this year's football season.

"We have been here since 1990," said Ron Christiansen, the owner of Gameday Iowa. "We will be returning, and we are expecting a fantastic year."

Following the ordinance, some fans were concerned the fees would keep vendors away.

"It's a huge loss for everyone," said UI sophomore David Quach. "It takes away income, and it's a big downgrade on the whole Melrose experience."

But vendors see the new regulations as a way to ensure better business practices.

"By having rules, it will keep away the guys who aren't always legal and who have been a problem in the past," Christiansen said. "Having a permit gives you privileges and protects you, and it's something you want to have. It's a win-win for everybody."

Other vendors agree.

"It's better for the legitimate businesses," said Matt Gerard, the owner of Rage Grafix Signs & Screen Printing.

Jean Walker, a member of the Melrose Neighbor-

Commercial Vending Regulations

This summer, Iowa City officials approved a measure to regulate vending along Melrose Avenue:

- One-time fee for vendors
- A list of safety standards to be followed
- An inspection of the vendor's setup

Source: Doug Boothroy, director of Iowa City Housing and Inspection Services

hood Association who initially proposed increased measures, did not return phone calls Thursday.

Saturday's game will also see different safety measures enforced for tailgaters.

Last football season, the UI launched the "Think Before You Drink" campaign, which enforced regulations on post-game alcohol consumption and tailgating. Within two hours of the game's conclusion, tailgaters were required to leave, and drinking was limited to UI parking lot ramps.

"We are doing everything the same as last year, when it comes to reinforcing laws on tailgaters. We are really enforcing open containers on streets and sidewalks. We are strict on underage drinking, public intoxication, and public urination," said David Visin, the UI police associate director, who noted other local law-enforcement officers would pitch in. "We are operating the same as last year. There are no changes, so there should be no surprises."

FINES

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"I'm an Honors student. I don't get bad grades. I'm competent enough to make good decisions about my life. I just don't think I was doing anything wrong."

The number of students fined for drug use in the dorms has increased from 26 two years ago to 104 in the last academic year. Factor in 311 alcohol violations and the Housing Department collected more than \$147,000 in fines from students last year.

The Daily Iowan obtained that data through an open-records request. The university charged the paper \$35 to compile the information.

Prior to 2009, students were not fined for drug possession in university dorms, and drug incidents were handled by law enforcement. Housing officials decided to include drugs in order to be consistent with the alcohol policies in UI dorms, said Greg Thompson, the manager of Residence Life. Students involved in incidents in which illicit drugs or alcohol are involved can receive a fine of anywhere between \$200 and \$700. Fees for educational sessions are included in the fine.

"We want to create an environment that's conducive to studying, living, and pursuing goals," Thompson said.

If any illegal substance is found,

RAs are required to file an incident report, the student is called in for a meeting, and the hall coordinator decides what action will be taken in response to the violation.

Thompson said officials try to maintain fines to similar fees off campus.

"If our policies don't match types of outcomes they can get off campus, they're more likely to engage in behavior outside residence halls," Thompson said. "We try to stay as consistent with the off-campus piece as possible."

Currently, first-time marijuana offenders are charged between \$300 and \$1,000 by the state, and the penalties can also include jail time.

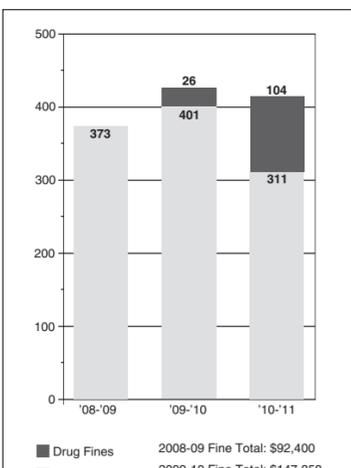
And Williams was not alone when he was fined. Students who are in residence-hall rooms where contraband is found can also be subjected to a fine and disciplinary action.

"We implemented a fine for that violation because we found many students claiming that they were not drinking, that they were simply there hanging out," Thompson said. "Students used it as a way to avoid other fines."

Some students said they feel the fines have ulterior purposes.

"I got a \$300 fine just for Dan being in the room with me," said Alberto Miller, a UI sophomore studying bioinformatics. "Technically, [fines] are supposed to prevent abuse of drugs or alcohol, but I think they're just money-getters."

Fines taken from possession of illicit substances go towards educational sessions through Health Iowa and



The number of students fined for drug violations in University of Iowa residence halls has grown over the last two years. This graph shows the breakdown of drug- and alcohol-related fines in the dorms for the last three years, as well as the total amount of money brought in by the university for those fines. *The Daily Iowan* obtained the data through an open-records request. The university charged the paper \$35 to compile the information.

Source: University of Iowa Housing & Dining

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late-night residence-hall activities.

"We intentionally schedule these programs Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights so students can do those instead of going out and partying," Thompson said.

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Editorial

New brand of Labor Day recognition

This Labor Day, the state's under- and unemployed can look forward to investing their futures in the Iowa Workforce Development's equivalent of a Redbox.

On Sept. 5, 1882, the Central Labor Union of New York marched into Union Square in order to show the strength and resilience of the prominent trade and labor organizations that were responsible "for all the grandeur we behold." The first Labor Day featured a street parade, a festival, and speeches from notable men and women, but it wasn't until 12 years later, in 1894, that Congress unanimously voted to make Labor Day a national holiday.

Falling on the first Monday of every September, Labor Day reminds us that our workers are the driving force behind many of our economic and social achievements and that, for this, they must be celebrated. While Labor Day traditions vary from state to state, one constant remains: Labor Day is a time in which the state honors the strength, unity, and accomplishments of its workers.

As Labor Day draws near, however, many of Iowa's workers feel compromised, rather than appreciated, by their state's governing officials.

Given the state's easily manageable budget, job creation must be prioritized over fringe deficit-reduction strategies.

Gov. Terry Branstad has made clear his intentions of shutting down 36 Iowa Workforce Development field offices and replacing them with computers and kiosks when he line-item-vetoed language of Senate File 517. Branstad, while vetoing the proposition to keep the offices open, didn't veto the funding, proposing that the funds instead be allocated to these new computers and kiosks. This, according to AFSCME Council 61 President Danny Homan, along with Sen. Bill Dotzler, and Reps. Bruce Hunter, Dave Jacoby, and Kirsten Running-Marquet, is a violation of the state Constitution, and, after Republican lawmakers refused to meet in a special session to address and resolve this issue, prompted them to bring lawsuit against Branstad.

"The veto is mean-spirited and aimed at state workers," said Jacoby, D-Coralville. "And that does include those in the University of Iowa."

Under Branstad's new plan, more than 500 computers and kiosks, distributed throughout the state and accessible in public locations, such as libraries, are to be provided. Lawmakers in favor of Branstad's plan argue that dispersing these computers around the state in easily accessible locations will enable many more thousands of under- and/or unemployed individuals to seek help and will, in the long run, be much more effective at addressing Iowa's unemployment

rate. Many of the field offices Branstad aims to shut down are only open part-time, as opposed to computers and kiosks, which would be available full-time. Additionally, the closures of the workforce centers are expected to save the state \$7 million a year.

But if an individual is in such a compromised situation to seek guidance from a government authority, that individual would undoubtedly be underwhelmed at the prospect of consulting a machine. Iowans can access the current offices from nearly any point in the state and they are distributed in accordance to population density to ensure efficiency.

When Iowa's steadily increasing unemployment rate is weighed against the low deficit the state is currently running, it makes sense to keep these offices open and make lowering the unemployment rate a higher priority.

The issue of shutting down the field offices is about much more than facts and statistics, however; some lawmakers believe that the veto targets state workers and will anger the labor movement and lead to discord, if not rebellion.

"If Branstad wants a transition, he needs to work with the Legislature better. The Legislature made clear the changes that needed to happen in these field offices," Jacoby said, "specifically in the realms of consolidation, streamlining services, and improvement of services."

Instead of attempting to make these changes, Branstad is shutting them down.

"One hundred thousand unemployed people are just as important as 100,000 people who are underemployed, and he decided to skip the groove and shut down the workforce centers completely at a time when they are most needed," Jacoby said.

Not only does this compromise the futures of those seeking direction and opportunity from the state government, it also jeopardizes those of hundreds of state employees offering that same guidance.

On a day that the federal government has set aside to recognize the plight of the American worker, many unemployed Iowans will find themselves victimized by strong pattern of misguided state priorities, many specifically aimed against them.

Here's to celebrating those who are happily employed, and here's to hoping that others will have an opportunity to experience that same happiness.

Your turn. Are the Workforce Development offices valuable?
Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Andrews will not have died in vain

Marcellus Andrews was brutally beaten to death on Aug. 19 in Waterloo.

Let this remind us of the uphill battle we still face here in Iowa. Whether you are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or straight — we all have the responsibility to act when we see such a violation of human rights. I can proudly say I am a straight college student up for equal rights for all and a member of the NOH8 campaign.

We must be conscience of our actions and language. The word "faggot" was heard repeated times while a group of teens beat Marcellus to death. While we may not always use this term with the intent to harm others, the word itself inherently implies violence and hatred.

One Iowa Executive Director Troy Price released the following statement on Aug. 23:

"We are deeply saddened by the brutal and tragic death of Marcellus. This is just not something that happens in Iowa and we are appalled at this level of extreme violence and intolerance. Tragedies like this underscore the incredible need to talk about issues affecting gay and lesbian Iowans and to fight for equality in our communities. When community, state, and national leaders ridicule and deride gay and lesbians, it creates a hurtful environment and gives license to this sort of attack. Most importantly, it harms lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender young people by sending the message that they are not equal. We can and must do better, because we can never, ever allow an attack like this to take place in Iowa again."

I belong to a community of students here at the University of Iowa, not a group of straights and a group of LGBT students. We are all one community, and let this be a lesson to all of us to stick together and continue to care for each other for who we are, not whom we love. I am proud to show my support for equal treatment (not only in the eyes of the state of Iowa, but in daily life through actions and

lack of prejudices) for all people by wearing my NOH8 bracelet everywhere I go.

I admit, at times I've felt uncomfortable displaying the bracelet for all to see, fearing I would be judged and labeled as gay. But after working for Organizing for America this past summer, I came to the realizations that A) Although I am straight, being called gay is nothing about which to be ashamed. I should neither be embarrassed nor angry about being recognized as possibly a gay man, because there is absolutely nothing wrong with it. And B) It is no one's business to judge me, especially based on my outward appearance. If someone feels the need to call me gay because of the bracelet I wear and the friends I have, I will let them. Nothing I do will stop them from labeling me.

However, it is not alright for me to stand by and allow people to treat me or others any different because of our sexual orientations. I will let them judge me, but I will not let their bigotry interfere with my daily life or the lives of my friends.

It is easy to promise to stand up if you see an injustice happen to another person in front of you. However, it is not easy to take a stand when people use harmful slurs in casual conversation or when people talk about people behind their backs. I promise to never allow others around me to discriminate with their actions or language without standing up for the oppressed. I am proud to be a leader in my new home of Iowa City.

I never knew Marcellus, but I am confident that he would not want his brutal murder to have happened in vain. Let's all take a stand and stop the senseless harassment that exists everywhere. I challenge you to pledge your support of equal treatment for all people. I challenge you to not allow harassment and discrimination to continue in your presence. I challenge you to take a stand.

NOH8. ■
Will Reasoner is a freshman at the University of Iowa

Letter

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More helicopters needed

On Aug. 6, the United States lost 30 Special Forces troops, including 22 Navy SEALs, in a helicopter shot down over Afghanistan. These people were the elite of our military who have trained for these missions over many years.

Unfortunately, we have suffered similar losses in prior mis-

sions in which helicopters loaded with military personnel have been shot down or crashed because of equipment problems. Helicopters are relatively slow-moving vehicles, especially the large Chinook helicopters, which operate close to the ground. They make easy targets for rocket-propelled grenades and hand-held missile systems. We need missile and RPG counter-

measure defensive systems to protect our vulnerable helicopters.

U.S. Special Forces should re-evaluate their operational plans to encompass minimizing casualties from helicopter operations. Instead of loading up 38 people in one helicopter, why not use more helicopters?

Granted, using more helicopters is costly, and landing zones may

not be able to handle numerous helicopter landings simultaneously, but these impediments can be overcome, and our casualties can probably be reduced.

We should also determine whether there could have been an intelligence leak by Afghan forces prior to the operation.

Donald A. Moskowitz

Londonderry, N.H.

Guest opinion

Bachmann's Irene 'joke' not in the least funny

Over this past weekend, Rep. Michele Bachmann made a comment effectively saying that the recent earthquake and hurricane that hit the East Coast was God's way of telling Washington to listen to the American people. You can see the true context of her comment by searching "Bachmann jokes hurricane" on YouTube.

I reference the link because, to her defense, Bachmann, through her campaign spokesman, says she was just making a joke.

While I appreciate her attempt to distance herself from Pat Robertson's editorial-weather-reporting style, I think there is something that needs to be said.

As a Christian, I find this kind of speech NOT FUNNY.

First, more than 40 people have died. If God is trying to get the attention of the politicians, then why did he take out 40-plus people who have not been elected to any office? What about the flooding on the Missouri River this spring?

What political missteps have the elected officials in Iowa, North and South Dakota, and Nebraska taken that has garnered the attention of the Most High God?

My Bible contains lots of stuff about how to treat widows and orphans (James 1:27), the homeless (Isaiah 58), and pursuing justice (Micah). Should we trust some weather, or tectonic plate shifts designed to get our collective attention, on those issues?

Finally, I think that any

self-appointed spokesman for God, whether pursuing humor or not, ought to read Luke 13:4 and have some extended remarks about how Jesus is applying that statement to a recent catastrophe. Or perhaps he or she might want to read through the book of Job and ask her or himself what God thought about Job's friend's insightful commentary on his misfortune (see Job 42:7).

Many of the ways of God are unsearchable. Such is the nature of the creator-

creature distinction. What is true is that we live in a world that awaits its restoration and recreation, as God's people await the completion of our redemption. The reality of the gospel is offensive enough: "Jesus came to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15) and "God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36).

Politicians and others should stick to the practical things that they are able to speak to and effect change

upon. Comments like those made by Bachmann and others get in the way of people responding to the true gospel by providing a set of false defeaters to true Christianity that are most definitely not needed.

Thankfully, God and his mission in this world are not ultimately thwarted by the scripted or non-scripted statements of politicians (see Job 42:2, Matthew 16:18).

The Rev. Michael Langer is the pastor and church planter of One Ancient Hope in Iowa City.

Tough year for labor



Union organizers speak in Des Moines in March. Republican lawmakers put forth a bill to curb collective-bargaining rights, drawing ire from activists. The bill eventually died in the Senate. (IowaPolitics.com)

Republicans say compensation for public employees ought to be curbed to ease state budget woes.

By **CHASTITY DILLARD**
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As the Labor Day weekend approaches, labor advocates in eastern Iowa say the past year has seen struggles for workers' rights in the state.

"It's been a tough year for labor, and that's because there's been a lot of political sentiment," said Patrick Hughes, the president of the Iowa City Federation of Labor.

Labor debates sparked across the country this year when at least a handful of states attempted to cut public-employee compensation in order to close budget gaps. In Wisconsin, for instance, an aggressive Republican-sponsored bill led to months of protest in the state capital.

Here in Iowa, Gov. Terry Branstad caused a stir this year when he signed an executive order against project-labor agreements — pre-hiring negotiations between an employer and trade union that can lay down percentage requirements for in-state workers on projects.

And this past spring, Republican lawmakers pushed a bill that would have tightened restrictions on collective bargaining. That leg-

islation passed the Republican-controlled House but died in the senate, where Democrats have a majority.

"A lot of frightening things have happened," said Jennifer Sherer, the director of the University of Iowa Labor Center.

She said unemployment and Workforce Development offices, safety and health regulations, collective bargaining, and workers' compensation are in trouble.

"Across the board, the working class has been hit by the recession," she said. "Folks on top are OK; everybody else has been hit hard."

But Republicans say curbing public workers' compensation will help bridge budget gaps.

Branstad spokesman Tim Albrecht said the governor was placed in a bad situation when he took office in January because of policies put in place by former Gov. Chet Culver.

"Gov. Culver and the unions negotiated an exorbitant salary package that will increase incomes by 15 percent for a number of state workers over the next two years," Albrecht said. "Additionally, 87 percent of state employees continue to pay nothing toward their health insurance at a time when Iowans are strugg-

ling to make ends meet. This is all at the expense of Iowa's working families who pay taxes.

"Progress with unions will be made if they return to the negotiating table and a sensible salary and benefits package can be agreed upon. Thus far, they have been unwilling to do so."

But Hughes said he's confident the next election cycle will bode well for the workers' movement.

"We will be out knocking on doors and wearing out our shoes, trying to get people out to vote that support our issues ... As you see in Wisconsin and Ohio, if you beat labor down, labor is going to get back up and come back even stronger than before."

Nontraditional student to run

Michelle Payne is the 10th person to announce a run for the council.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**
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There are more than just bars downtown.

Vitality in downtown Iowa City is one issue University of Iowa student Michelle Payne intends to focus on as the newest

Iowa City Council candidate.

Payne, who officially filed to

run for a seat on the council on Wednesday, said she supports the 21-ordinance and wants to see a shift in the culture downtown away from alcohol.

Payne said she is also hoping to address the parking problems found in downtown.

"I hate it when I want to go somewhere and I can't find a place to park," she said.

Providing adequate parking downtown is not only important for businesses and people who shop downtown, she said, but for those living in the area's apartments and condominiums.

"I guess the biggest [priority] is pro-business [policies]," she said. "I would obviously like to see our community grow and find

City Council Candidates

Candidates are focusing on numerous city issues:

- Southeast Side
- Affordable housing
- Downtown vitality
- Sustainability

Source: City Council candidates



Payne city council candidate

ways that we can grow ... through other types of businesses besides drinking establishments."

Mark Ginsberg, who owns MC Ginsberg, 110 E. Washington St., said current city officials do a good job promoting downtown, which is an important aspect of the city.

"The downtown is a mirror into the soul of those who live here," he said. "It has all of the local families that still exist here."

The 45-year-old Payne grew up in the Quad Cities and moved to Iowa City in 2005. She serves as an operations supervisor with

MidAmerican Energy, where she has observed field crews and gas and electric servicemen for the past 28 years.

Payne is also a UI student, planning to graduate in 2012 with a bachelor's degree.

Payne has prior experience with city organizations, serving on the Iowa City's Board of Adjustment. She currently serves on the Iowa City Planning and Zoning Commission.

Former City Councilor Bob Elliott said Payne would bring a new perspective to the council.

"I think she would bring the knowledge of a working mother — a blue-collar working mother — who has gone to school part-time," Elliott said. "She's an educated person who understands the needs and concerns, and wishes, and dreams of the average family."

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Mike Posner performs at Thursday night's Hawkapalooza at Hubbard Park. Hundreds of students and community members attended the third-annual event, hosted by SCOPE and the Hawks Nest. Posner took the stage after fall sports teams introduced themselves to the crowd. Following a day of temperatures in the high 90s, a 14-year-old female passed out from heat exhaustion during the performance. Ambulances arrived to take her to the hospital and officials said she'd like to be okay. (The Daily Iowan/Elvira Bakalbasics)

Tea Party in no one's camp

Tea Party supporters energized, but not mobilized

BY HANNAH HESS
IowaPolitics.com

CEDAR RAPIDS — The double-decker Tea Party Express buses rolled up to the park here as part of the group's "Reclaiming America Tour," attempting to mobilize a crowd still unsure of which candidate best fits its vision for 2012.

"I'm looking at a lot of them, and I think there's a lot of great ones out there. So, we'll come up with the best one when we get done here," said Mike Alt of Marion, who stood near the back of the 175-person crowd in Green Park.

Like many who turned out in the near 100-degree heat for the two-hour rally, Alt clapped for the boisterous attacks against President Obama and nodded to the beat of a folksy tune proclaiming "We're reclaiming America with the power of our vote."

Alt said he has listened to speeches from Minnesota U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann

and Texas Gov. Rick Perry, but no one candidate in the crowded GOP group best represents his Tea Party beliefs. He said the country must cut the deficit so his five children and four grandchildren are free of the debt burden.

He glanced around at the seven booths hawking anti-Obama merchandise, "I love Tea" buttons, and "We the people" T-shirts, as he took in the environment of the political rally.

"It's festive and uplifting. It gives us, you know, it's a reason to celebrate for sure, what they stand for — the Tea Party," Alt said.

For Tim Pugh, a small-business owner from Cedar Rapids who credits himself with founding the local Tea Party movement, the event energized but didn't organize.

"The Cedar Rapids Tea Party kind of falls in its own little circle. We do look at the national Tea Parties," Pugh said, pointing toward the stage. "We do kind of look at what they have to say, what their positions are, but

all in all, it is the local people in Cedar Rapids making all of the decisions for the Cedar Rapids Tea Party."

Good thing, too. When a woman opened up the rally Thursday, she accidentally greeted people in "Rapid City," even though she was in Cedar Rapids.

No presidential candidates spoke at Thursday's rally. When IowaPolitics.com asked Pugh which candidate he felt the energy swelling for in 2012, he declined to comment. He said the event would encourage people to be engaged in the process.

Only one candidate appeared to be

attempting to organize among the tents and lawn chairs at the Tea Party Express event.

Phil Valenziano, the state field director for former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, sported a royal blue Romney T-shirt and a clipboard. He wove through the crowd, registering those who showed interest in Romney's campaign.

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 — David “Honeyboy” Edwards, one of the legendary Delta Blues musicians, who died Monday at the age of 96.

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2:15 Youth Ballet Concert, Dance Department, Dec. 19, 2010
3 Undergraduate Dance Concert, Dance Department, May 7
4 Bart/Genta/Maris M.F.A. Thesis Dance, Dance Department, March 31
6 Faculty/Graduate Dance, Dance Department, Feb. 17
- 7:15** Youth Ballet Concert, Dance Department, Dec. 19, 2010
8 WorldCanvass, UI International Programs and Joan Kjaer, “Slavery,” October 2010
10 Dancers in Company, Dance Department, March 4
11:30 UITV Summer Movies, UITV students produce a series of movies about the UI this past summer

horoscopes Friday, Sept. 2

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Don't limit the possibilities. If someone pressures you, be prepared to reciprocate. Concentrate on honing your skills and using what you have to offer in a unique manner. There is no time to bicker over something you cannot change.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 A partnership will open doors to bigger and better opportunities. Love is in the stars, and planning something special will enhance your current relationship or, if single, lead to an interesting encounter.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Do your best to take care of any pressing matters at home before you go out with friends or get involved in social events. Avoid emotional discussions. A personal problem will develop if you are flirtatious.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Interact with friends, neighbors, and relatives. You should enjoy getting involved in a hobby or interest that makes you feel like you are accomplishing something. Shopping for bargains should be scheduled. Love is in the stars.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Do your best to finish what you start, especially if it has to do with a promise you made to someone special. You can change your home or plan to visit a place you've never been before. The change will do you good.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You'll have a clear-cut vision regarding how you can help friends, family, or someone in need. Your kindness will impress the people you encounter throughout the day. Visit familiar places, or touch base with someone from your past with whom you would like to reconnect.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You have to pay more attention to how you can work toward greater financial freedom. Use your insight and creative ideas to come up with a prosperous venture. Using emotional tactics, you will have no trouble persuading the right people to support your plans.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 It's time to have a little fun. Whether you are single or in a relationship, it's important to interact with people who interest you. Much can be accomplished if you are upfront about your feelings and intentions.

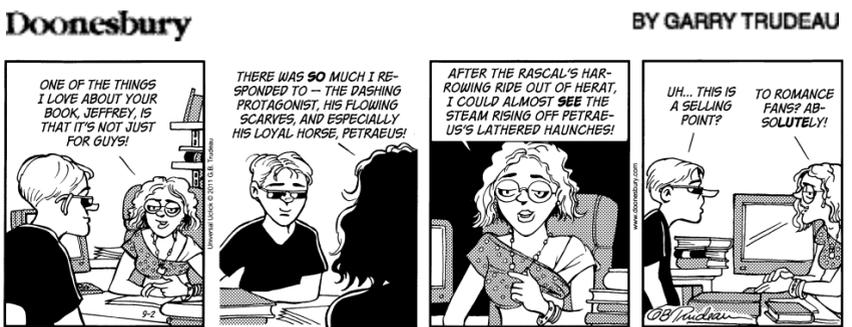
SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Accept the inevitable and keep on moving. Not everyone will agree with what you are doing or planning, but as long as you don't mislead anyone, you should be able to make the changes required to reach your goals.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Added responsibilities may be a burden, but if you do what's being asked, it will become clear that good results will materialize. Changes at home will pay off and bring you greater respect, coupled with a promise from someone who is important to you.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Don't let emotional matters escalate. You have to stay in control and call the shots. Listen and observe — it will help you avoid trouble and make a wise choice.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Touch base with yesteryear. People, places, and old ideas will surface, allowing you to revisit some goals that got left by the wayside. Don't be afraid to contact someone from your past who can help you with a goal you want to pursue.

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- **FRY Fest**, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Coralville River Landing/Marriott
- **EAA 1929 Ford Tri-Motor Aircraft Flights**, 9 a.m., Iowa City Municipal Airport, 1801 S. Riverside Drive
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Knitting Nurse**, 10 a.m., Home Ec Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Health Management and Policy Research Updates**, “Influence of Survey Design in Assessing Nurses’ Perceptions During an EHR Implementation,” Marcia Ward and Smruti Vartak, noon, E216 UIHC General Hospital
- **Beginning Quilting**, 1 p.m., Iowa City/Johnson County Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
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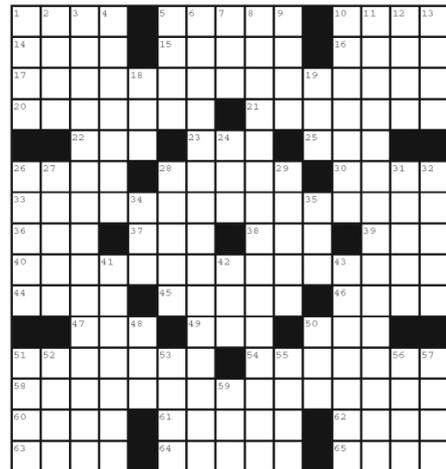
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 - 22- and 38-Across
 - Pipeline accident investigator: Abbr.
 - Saab competitor
 - How deli meat may be served
 - Item in a “lick race”
 - Pregame rituals, for some
 - Opposite of swell
 - What some lawns cover
 - Ham's place
 - Kind of sheet
 - Jan. honoree
 - Like many salts
 - 28 Introduction
 - Princess _____ (Disney duck)
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 - _____twist
 - _____ poco (soon, in Sorrento)
 - Opinions about books
 - Singer with a wide range
 - Wags
 - Tick, e.g.
 - Maker of calls
 - Twist-_____
 - “_____ man!”
 - Compose together
 - Tire shop employee, at times
 - It can make for fruity kisses
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 - Brush up on?
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 - Some columns
 - They're subject to inflation and deflation
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 - How some things are brought back
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 - Chicken feed
 - Activity of some ghosts
 - One reading signs
 - Giant in audio equipment
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 - 19 Dreamer's activity
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CROSS-COUNTRY

Runners to shake off rust

Iowa hopes to gain more attention by making it to the NCAA championships this year.

By **BEN ROSS**
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Today marks the kickoff for the Iowa men's cross-country season, when it competes in the annual Iowa Open meet at the Ashton Cross-Country Course.

The men will compete against Illinois State, a team they have had success against. In its last four meetings against the Redbirds, the Hawkeyes have compiled a 4-0 record. The runners will begin competition at 6:30 p.m.

As in all sports, the first competition of the season will try to answer questions about the team and the runners.

Sophomore runner Jon Michael Brandt said he thinks today's meet will answer a lot of those questions about the condition the squad is in and how the younger athletes will fare throughout the season.

"We have a young team," he said. "This year, it's about figuring out where we are and where we can get to. The freshmen don't know where they will be; they have to get used to running 8 [kilometers]."

Iowa will also be without its lone senior, Chase Kadlec, who is still battling a nagging Achilles tendinitis injury. He would rather be running, but he will offer words of encouragement.

"Go out as a pack," he said. "Everyone's rusty, so try to stick together as a pack. Don't break away until the end."

The past few years have been what head coach Larry Wiecek calls "a rebuilding phase," an attempt to restore the luster of the Hawkeye runners who qualified for the NCAA

Men and women's cross-country meet

Against: Illinois State
When: 6 p.m.
Where: Ashton Cross-Country Course

championships four out of five years in 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Wiecek believes this team can make it to the NCAAs, and it all starts with junior runner Jeff Thode.

Thode is the sixth All-American in Iowa's history, the first since 1998. He is the first runner at Iowa to ever clock a sub 4-minute mile and placed sixth in the mile and eighth in the 5,000 meters at the NCAA championships. His 5,000 meter time of 14:16:00 ranks fifth best in school history.

With his list of achievements, one would expect Thode to take the first meet of the season with full confidence. But he said that he still needs to work out some kinks, while he hopes that the rest of squad can gain attention as well.

"For me, [today] will definitely be for shaking some rust off," he said. "But I think people will begin to notice us as a team and not individualize us as much. People will see more pack-running and more of a team effort."

Emotions range on the Hawkeye squad. While Thode looks at this meet with focus and optimism, Brandt is much more relaxed and confident in the team's abilities after going through practice this week.

"Practice wasn't too different this week than it has been in the past," the Minnesota native said. "Thursday is a recovery day, and this week had average workouts. We always have a workout Friday, [and] this week it just happens to be a race."

Harriers set to open some eyes

Women harriers open the season with the Iowa Open.

By **SAM ODEYEMI**
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The Iowa women's cross-country team will begin its season today by hosting the Iowa Open at the Ashton Cross-Country Course. The harriers ended last season seventh out of 27 teams at the Midwest Regional at the Newton Golf Course in Peoria, Ill., in November 2010.

The seventh-place finish was not good enough to receive an at-large bid to the NCAA championships, however.

Not quite a year later, the team is eager to get back to work.

Head coach Layne Anderson said he is optimistic about the team this season.

"My best finish at Iowa was in 2009, when we placed 10th at the national level and fifth in the Big Ten meet, but this team on paper is probably better than the team that placed 10th nationally," he said.

Most of the experienced runners will not compete in the first meet.

Instead, sophomores Katherin Rehn, Megan Ranegar and Jaisa Miller, juniors Nicole Benson and Kelesy Hart, and seniors Danielle Berndt and Jackie Laesch will run for the Hawkeyes this weekend.

Anderson said he wants to save his experienced runners until later in the season.

"This season, I want to be a little more conservative," he said. "We are optimistic that by not racing some of our runners at the early stage, it gives us a chance to identify and have our top runners ready when the meets matter more."

Anderson pointed to Berndt and Ranegar as runners who could have breakout weekends.

"Danielle was an NCAA

qualifier last year, and Megan Ranegar was our third-best runner at regionals, and she has performed at a high level for us at times," Anderson said. Ranegar ran a college-best 21:15 (6,000 meters) in the NCAA regional, which ranks 10th-all time at Iowa.

Hart and Laesch will be the most experienced Hawkeyes running in addition to Bradley transfer Nicole Benson. Hart finished the 2010 season with a personal best of 87th with a 21:51.95 in the Midwest Regional. Last fall, Laesch finished 24th at the Hawkeye Invitational with a 11:20 in the 3,000 meters and 29th at the Iowa Invitational with a 11:27.

Senior McKenzie Melander said it was important to have the less-experienced runners compete in the first meet.

"We are looking for other girls to step up and have a good first race and compete for a spot on the traveling team," she said.

Seniors Betsy Flood, Melander, and Brooke Eilers are three of the Hawkeyes' top runners. Flood will try to make her third NCAA championship appearance this season; the Des Moines native finished the 2010 season as a All-Regional honoree when she placed ninth with a 20:22.71 in the Midwest Regional 6K.

"I'm excited to see them race, and hopefully, they can work well together," Flood said.

The theme before the race this week was to stay focused, Anderson said. The Hawkeyes read a weekly chapter out of the book *Goal Setting*.

"This chapter is very appropriate for athletics," Anderson said. "You get school and workouts — you can't lose focus on what helps you succeed."

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Volleyball gears up for Ames tourney

The Iowa volleyball team will play the first Cy-Hawk Series game Saturday when it challenges Iowa State in Ames.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**
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Iowa at No.19 Iowa State

What: Iowa State Challenge tournament
When: Tomorrow, 2 p.m.
Where: Hilton Coliseum, Ames

The Iowa volleyball team prepares for the Iowa State Challenge in Ames this weekend, and even though the team is 1-2, it isn't thinking about its record.

Instead, the Hawkeyes are focusing on their performance and whether they improve with each game.

Iowa will play Arizona at 10 a.m. today and Southern Mississippi at 4:30 p.m. On Saturday, the Black and Gold will kick off the Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series when it competes against No. 19 Iowa State at 2 p.m.

Nonconference games are crucial for the Hawkeyes, who haven't had a winning conference record since 1994. With its eyes on the NCAA Tournament — which requires a .500 overall record to qualify — the Hawks know the nonconference games are must-wins in order to make it to the tournament in November.

With two losses already, head coach Sharon Ding-

man knows the stakes are high; however, she isn't worried about whether her team will return from the in-state matches with a losing record.

"This is the second weekend of the season, so we can't look at it with total doom and gloom at all," Dingman said. "It's hard to know [how well we'd have to do in nonconference games] because you obviously can't predict what's going to happen in the Big Ten. What I do know is that every single match brings a sense of urgency and a some pressure. We understand that every weekend is really important."

The Hawkeyes' adrenaline is building as the squad prepares for the Iowa State game. The in-state rivalry brings a good

kind of pressure, and instead of buckling under with nerves, the Hawkeyes use the pressure to get fired up.

"Competition motivates me the most out of all things," sophomore setter Nikki Dailey said. "I get pumped up as soon as I see the other team. Being ranked and being such a good team as Iowa State is supposed to be, I am pumped for that."

Iowa State enters the tournament with a 3-0 record, including two wins in three sets. To prepare, the Hawkeyes have been scouting the Cyclones' recruiting and in-game strategies and have devoted entire practices to different aspects of the upcoming games.

"It's definitely a game we want to win," senior and Iowa native Tiffany Nilges said. "It's in-state, so it shows who has a better volleyball program in the state. We want to win, so it makes you step your game up to their level."

Nilges and Dailey agreed

that the team as a whole isn't anxious because of the hype — the players instead are looking forward to the game because of the high expectations and increased competition.

Dingman saw improvement during each game of the Hawkeye Challenge on Aug. 26-27. She said she'll be satisfied if the team continues to improve with every match, regardless of wins or losses.

Dailey and Nilges both said they expect to improve in every match and end the tournament playing their best against the Cyclones. Between the extra sets of experience and the high emotional charge attached to the rivalry, the Hawkeyes hope the Iowa State game will bump them to the next level of volleyball.

"In games like these, your whole demeanor is different," Dailey said. "It's special. It's like you're more confident because you're more pumped up. It's like you're playing the big boys now, so you're in the big time."

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"This team at the beginning [of the season], we were having a hard time all

gelling. Now, everyone is clicking and knows each other's flaws and positives."

That doesn't bode well for Iowa's opponents this weekend — the Hawkeyes will play George Washington today and American

University on Sept. 4.

Even though the Hawkeyes have never faced the two opponents, they seem not to be concerned.

"We prepare like we do for every game," senior Emily Moran said. "We try

to set our own tone for games."

Rainey agreed, saying who his team plays before Big Ten season starts isn't as much of a concern for him as is building chemistry in the squad.

"At the beginning of the year, the biggest thing for us is how good we can play and putting our best product out each weekend," he said. "Our kids know that our opponent in these first few weeks is Iowa."

Soccer

What: Iowa vs. George Washington, Iowa vs. American University
Where: Washington, D.C.
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FOOTBALL

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quarterback Tre Lamb is one of the team's 21 returning starters. Lamb threw for 974 yards and 11 touchdowns in eight games last year, and Iowa head coach

Kirk Ferentz called him a "very exciting performer."

"They've got some players on offense who really grab your attention, starting with their quarterback," Ferentz said. "They've got an attack they're promoting right now, it's fast-paced, high-tempo. And I think we'll see a lot of that this year."

Cornerback Shaun Prater said facing that type

of attack so early in the season will provide a good learning opportunity for the defense. He noted that Northwestern and Iowa State run similar offenses.

"Honestly, with their fast tempo, this is a game that we as a group are looking forward to," he said. "This challenge is something we can learn from as the season goes on, because other teams in our conference

run it as well."

A key to stopping fast-paced offenses, Iowa players said, was to improve their conditioning. Several defensive players admitted to being tired after the Northwestern loss last season. Prater said that was a point of emphasis not just for this week's game but all off-season.

"That was a weak point last year," he said. "But our

strength coach made a very serious movement to keep our guys well-conditioned this year."

Senior defensive end Broderick Binns said the Hawkeyes had worked hard enough on their conditioning to handle the speed of Tennessee Tech and the many other teams on the Hawkeyes' schedule that play offense at the Golden

Eagles' speed.

"It's up to us to keep up with their tempo," Binns said. "But I feel like we are very conditioned. I think we addressed that issue. This [off-season] was — by far — in my five years here the hardest conditioning time we had. Hopefully, it'll show on Saturday."

WISCONSIN

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With Wisconsin's depth chart consisting of a trio of inexperienced signal callers after the graduation of last year's starter, Scott Tolzien, the choice likely wasn't too difficult to make for Badgers coaches.

In total, Wilson had 36 college starts heading into Wisconsin's game against UNLV on Thursday night. The Badgers won, albeit behind Montee Ball and the running game, 51-17.

Offensive coordinator Paul Chryst said Wilson's experience eased the quarterback's transition to the team's offensive playbook.

"[Experience is] invaluable," Chryst said after Badgers' practice on Aug. 10. "I think the toughest

thing for him was learning a new [offense]. He's done a great job of diving into it. I think experience tells him it's good to know everything. He's a smart guy, he's got great football intelligence. He's eager, and guys have been great helping him learn it."

Players have taken to Wilson's playing ability as well.

Senior Bradie Ewing said Wilson had been receptive in fall camp and

that the team is eager to see how the season progresses with their new man under center.

"I hadn't seen him play much at NC State, but since he's come in here, I've had nothing but respect for him," the fullback said on Aug. 10. "He's a great person. He's leading the offense well, and we're looking forward to seeing him in [the regular season]."

Wilson has also boosted the Badgers' squad with his leadership ability. The Richmond, Va., native was named by Bielema, along with senior defensive back Aaron Henry, as a captain for 2011.

The former Colorado Rockies' draft pick said the Badgers have to be determined in order to be successful this season.

"Most of all, you have to be a leader on and off the field, and you have to make sure you put the hard work in every single day," Wilson said after practice on Aug. 22. "You got to make sure you're doing the right thing all the time. I'm blessed to just be here at Wisconsin, and it feels good to be a captain."

Field hockey set for Kent St.

No. 23 Iowa will take on No. 25 Kent State today at 5 p.m. for its home-opener in Grant Field.

By NICK SZAFRANSKI
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The Iowa field-hockey team will be almost unrecognizable when the players enter Grant Field at 5 p.m. today. The No. 23 Hawkeyes (1-1) will make their 2011 home debut against No. 25 Kent State (0-2).

In 2010, Iowa finished with a disappointing 3-14 record. But after an off-season of transformation, 12th-year head coach Tracey Griesbaum said the fans of the Black and Gold are in for a surprise.

"I think that, as a whole, we are playing every facet of the game at a higher level," she said. "So I don't

Iowa vs. Kent State

When: Grant Field
Where: 5 p.m. today

think that it is one specific thing but just overall that — 'wow' — this is a completely different team. I think to the fans, if they watched us last year and they see us now, they will be really impressed with how far we have come in nine months. After taking some really hard hits, being a little vulnerable, being a little down, now we are determined and very athletic. We will be out there competing."

Iowa opened the season up last weekend at the annual Big Ten/ACC challenge, going 1-1. The Hawkeyes upset No. 11 Wake Forest, 3-2, on Aug. 27 before falling to No. 2 North Carolina, 2-0.

"Our underlying goal is to progress from last weekend," junior midfielder Geena Lesiak said. "There are a lot of really good things we did from last weekend from when we played Wake Forest and North Carolina, but there were also a lot of things that we didn't do so well that we worked on in practice. If we put what we did in practice into the game this weekend, we will win

and be happy with the way we progressed."

Throughout the past week the Hawkeyes have concentrated on improving their midfield defense. Scoring on the attack has also been a focus of Griesbaum and the squad.

"We want better transition from our defense to the attack," Lesiak said. "We need to be able to join [the attack] so we can have more numbers above the ball."

Despite the winless record of the Golden Flashes, Griesbaum said, the Hawks aren't going to look past them. Kent State's both losses came to two ranked teams — No. 22

Northwestern and No. 26 New Hampshire.

The Flashes knocked off the Hawkeyes last season, 3-1, in Kent, Ohio. However, Iowa has the upper hand in the all-time series, 3-1, including a 2-0 record at home.

"This is the time where it is really easy to get caught up in what [Kent State] did last weekend because it was opening weekend," Griesbaum said. "I think every team has the mentality that it has a clean slate ... I think everyone is saying it's a new day and it's a new game. I think we are going to get a phenomenal game from Kent State. It played us last year, and it

beat us, so I think it has confidence. It has returners who can execute and take over a game at any time."

Senior forward Debbie Bell returns as the nation's fourth-leading scorer for Kent State. The matchup between Hawkeyes Jessica Barnett and Niki Schultheis and Bell will be the most compelling of the game.

"Playing under the lights in any sport for any team is awesome," Hawkeye junior forward Sarah Drake said. "There is going to be a lot of attention on our team. Our parents, friends, and fans will be there, and there will be a lot of energy in the crowd."

CARDINALS 8, BREWERS 4

Cardinals sweep Brewers

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MILWAUKEE — Despite getting swept in a three-game series by the St. Louis Cardinals, the Milwaukee Brewers know they still have a big lead in the NL Central.

Albert Pujols hit a pair of home runs, including a grand slam, and went 4-for-4 as the Cardinals beat the Brewers 8-4 to pull within 7½ games of Milwaukee. The Brewers have 24 games left, and the Cardinals have 25 remaining.

"Seven and a half is still plenty good," said Corey Hart, who hit his 23rd home run in the third inning. "I felt like we played extremely well [most of the year]. This is the first series in a while when we didn't play as we should have. You're going to get beat by good teams when you don't play well."

Prince Fielder also homered for Milwaukee, hitting his 30th homer in the eighth inning to cap the game's scoring. It was the big first baseman's fifth-consecutive season with at least 30 homers, a franchise record.

Starter Yovani Gallardo (15-9) had little control on his fastball and gave up a pair of solo home runs to Rafael Furcal and Pujols in

the first inning.

"It's always frustrating," he said. "You give it all you got. You try everything. You try to get the ball down, but it just wasn't consistent. I was able to make a couple good pitches, but then would fall out of rhythm, and the ball was up in the zone again."

Pujols came into the game batting just .189 against the Brewers this year, but he homered in the first and again in the third. The second one was the 12th grand slam of his career, and it gave the Cardinals a 6-0 lead.

"It wasn't easy," Pujols said. "These guys are playing pretty well in their ballpark. Taking three games out of three is awesome."

The Brewers scored three runs in the bottom of the inning off St. Louis starter Brandon Dickson on home runs by Jonathan Lucroy and Hart, and they had two runners on in the fourth with Lucroy up again as the tying run.

St. Louis manager Tony La Russa, though, pulled Dickson, who was making his first major-league start. He replaced him with veteran Octavio Dotel (1-2), who struck out Lucroy and Gallardo to end the Milwaukee threat.



St. Louis Cardinal Matt Holliday (right) gets a high-five from teammate Albert Pujols after hitting a two-run home run in the fifth inning against the Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday in Milwaukee. (Associated Press/Jeffrey Phelps)

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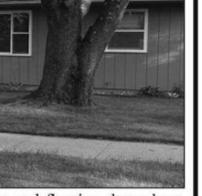
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An Eastern Illinois player is tackled by Micah Hyde and others in Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 4, 2010. The Hawkeye defense held the Panthers to only 157 yards and one touchdown. (The Daily Iowan/Rob Johnson)

Badgers have big goals

After a Rose Bowl loss last season, new quarterback Russell Wilson turns Wisconsin into BCS title-game contenders.

BY MATT COZZI
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Russell Wilson was faced with a decision to make.

After he was released from his scholarship with North Carolina State and hung up his baseball spikes at the minor-league level, the dual-threat quarterback had options.

Wilson considered his transfer to Auburn or Wisconsin, two perennial BCS teams.

Head coach Bret Bielema is pleased with his new quarterback's choice.

"No matter how good a football player Russell Wilson is, the first thing I wanted to find out is what kind of person he is," Bielema said at Big Ten media days in July. "I always say that in recruiting, you recruit your own problems. I wanted to make sure that I wasn't recruiting somebody who was going to be potentially a problem at Wisconsin."

"He's a stand-up guy, great character. Just a really, really good kid."

Despite Bielema's claim that there would be a quarterback competition in fall camp, Wilson has been the front-runner since his arrival in Madison.

A three-year starter with the Wolfpack, Wilson threw for 3,563 yards and 28 touchdowns last season. Wilson also rushed for 435 yards and nine touchdowns in 2010.

Hawks face 'track' team

Tennessee Tech will debut this year 'The Fastest 60 Minutes in Football,' the very kind of quick-hitting attack that has given the Hawkeyes trouble.

BY SAM LOUWAGIE
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When Tennessee Tech's football team unveiled its new offensive philosophy, it wasn't just to give Iowa fits.

The Golden Eagles trailed Jacksonville State, then the No. 4 team in the Football Championship Subdivision, 24-7 in the fourth quarter on Nov. 20, 2010. Then the offense woke up, quarterback Cass Barnes accounted for 213 yards in the final period, and Tennessee Tech scored 28 unanswered points to pull off an upset in the season finale.

In order to quickly make up the deficit, head coach Watson Brown elected to

switch to an up-tempo, no-huddle offense. It worked so well that Tennessee Tech, Iowa's opponent Saturday, has pledged to keep the pace up permanently this season, branding itself "The Fastest 60 Minutes in Football."

That fast-paced spread offense happens to be exactly the type of attack the Hawkeye defense has struggled with in recent years.

Arizona quarterback Dan Foles threw for 303 yards in a spread offense in beating Iowa on Sept. 18, 2010. Perhaps the best example of Iowa's struggles against quick-hitting offenses came on Nov. 13 against Northwestern. Led by quarterback Dan Persa, the Wildcats went on

Iowa vs. Tennessee Tech

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consecutive scoring drives of 85 and 91 yards in the fourth quarter to win the game. The Iowa defensive line grew visibly exhausted as Northwestern zipped its way up the field.

Tennessee Tech doesn't have any players the caliber of Persa or Foles. But

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BANKS RETURNS TO KINNICK



Then-senior quarterback Brad Banks scampers for a gain against Utah State in September 2002. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Banks to be honorary captain

One of the best quarterbacks to ever wear Black and Gold will be in Kinnick Stadium Saturday.

Brad Banks, who played at Iowa from 2001-02, has been named the honorary captain for the Hawkeyes' season-opener

against Tennessee Tech.

In his only season as a starter, Banks led the 2002 Hawkeyes to an 11-2 record, a share of the Big Ten championship, and Iowa's first-ever appearance in a BCS Bowl Game with a trip to the Orange Bowl.

The 2002 Davey O'Brien Award winner compiled 2,996 yards of total offense that sea-

son — still the third-best mark in school history — on the way to finishing runner-up for the Heisman Trophy. He was named AP College Football Player of the Year as well as Big Ten Player of the Year.

Banks' 155.53 career passing efficiency still ranks as the best ever by an Iowa quarterback.

The Belle Glade, Fla., native

started for the Iowa Barnstormers of the Arena Football League last spring, setting a franchise record for touchdown passes in one game with 10 against San Jose on April 1.

Banks will accompany the Iowa captains to midfield for Saturday's coin toss.

— by Jordan Garretson

Frosh Lacasse shines early

Freshman Cloe Lacasse's attacking style has led to offensive success for the Hawkeyes.

By BEN WOLFSON
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In the 31st minute of Iowa soccer's Aug. 26 6-1 victory over Western Illinois, Hawkeye freshman Cloe Lacasse took the ball on the right side of the Leathernecks' zone, skillfully dribbled past a defender, and angled a shot past Western Illinois goalkeeper Victoria Kappel.

The ease with which Lacasse maneuvered to score summed up how her rookie season is going for the Iowa soccer team.

Lacasse has been a consistent offensive weapon so far for the Hawkeyes (3-0). She is tied for the team lead for goals (3) with sophomore Katie Nasenbenny.

"The biggest thing with [Lacasse] was being able to accept her role in this team," senior Rachel Blakesley said. "She transitioned very well from high school to college, which I think was huge because some freshmen have difficulties with that."

"Cloe's biggest thing is being willing to learn and listen to people ... She takes it in and learns from them."

The Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, native is one of 10

newcomers on the squad, and she has adjusted quickly to the camaraderie of the team.

"The [upperclassmen] really brought us in easy, and I felt like family as soon as we walked in," Lacasse said. "That helped us be comfortable on the field."

Head coach Ron Rainey believes when newcomers succeed, it's because the team helps them.

"I think the team does a good job with [freshmen]," he said. "A freshman playing means that she's a good player, but being on the field and having the confidence to play — that means people are in her ear saying, 'Go ahead, take somebody on, we need you to do that, we need you to do well there.'"

Lacasse's game is built on attacking the net and not stopping until she's finished. In the Hawkeyes' first game against DePaul, her first shot on goal was saved by the keeper and dropped. Lacasse quickly booted the rebound into the back of the net.

"My strength has always been attacking," she said.

SEE SOCCER, 10

Mauer returns, Twins fall to White Sox

CHICAGO — Minnesota Twin Joe Mauer's return to the lineup was spoiled by defensive miscues as the Chicago White Sox beat the Twins, 8-6, on Tuesday night.

Minnesota has dropped 11 of its last 13 games and is just 6-21 in the month of August.

"We care," said Michael Cuddyer. "I wish we could figure it out. I wish we could put a finger on it. The fact is that we make too many mistakes, offensively and defensively."

"You do your best to correct those mistakes. That's the only thing I think you can do is continue to work and continue to try to correct the mistakes you make. It's tough when you're losing a lot, everything's magnified. It seems like every play is a make-or-break play."

Trailing 6-3, the White Sox sent 10 batters to the plate in the fifth inning and were helped by an error and two hit batsmen. Cuddyer threw the ball away on what might have been an inning-ending double play, opening the floodgates for Chicago.

— Associated Press