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Blizzard whacks East

SOUTH WINDSOR, Conn. — A freak October storm knocked out power to more than 3 million homes and businesses across the Northeast on Sunday in large part because leaves still on the trees caught more snow, overloading branches that snapped and wreaked havoc. Close to 2 feet of snow fell in some areas over the weekend, and it was particularly wet and heavy, making the storm even more damaging.

"You just have absolute tree carnage with this heavy snow just straining the branches," said National Weather Service spokesman Chris Vaccaro.

From Maryland to Maine, officials said it would take days to restore electricity, even though the snow ended Sunday.

The storm smashed record snowfall totals for October and worsened as it moved north. Communities in western Massachusetts were among the hardest hit. Snowfall totals topped 27 inches in Plainfield, and nearby Windsor had received 26 inches by early Sunday.

It was blamed for at least 11 deaths, and states of emergency were declared in New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and parts of New York.

Roads, rails and airline flights were knocked out, and passengers on a JetBlue flight were stuck on a plane in Hartford, Conn., for more than seven hours. And while children across the region were thrilled to see snow so early, it also complicated many of their Halloween plans.

— Associated Press

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Finding spooky Iowa City



The front of the building that once housed Vito's bar is seen on Sunday. Some believe the building is haunted. (The Daily Iowan/Toan Nguyen)

The Johnson County Paranormal Team videotapes all of its investigations.

By **ERIC MOORE**
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The building that once housed Vito's has all the physical characteristics of a haunted place: old musty smells, dilapidated walls and floors, all of its contents covered in a thick layer of dust.

The Johnson County Paranormal Team investigated the vacant 118 E. College St. property Sunday in hopes of determining whether the building has the spiritual characteristics of a haunted site as well.

Cat Sinclair, the self-proclaimed "Clairvoyant" of the

team, walked gingerly along the broken floor and furniture, hoping to sense "energy." While investigating, she said discovered "at least three aware spirits."

Sinclair described one spirit in detail she believed was named "Joseph" on the second floor.

"He was definitely a heavy drinker... he was disrespected and a bit feared but not necessarily liked," Sinclair said. "I don't know why he's here, but he didn't die here; he's tied here somehow."

Sinclair, who said her ability "becomes easier to use" the

more she uses it, also said she sensed there was a rape in the basement and a possible suicide on the second floor. She said her process is "very fatiguing."

This is not the first time someone has reported paranormal activity at the East College Street property.

Bobby Jett of the Moen Group, which owns the property, said one of the interning architects involved in the remodeling approached him a few months ago and said he "was never going back into the

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Payne stresses business past

The candidate said she has experience in both big and small business.

By **MARY KATE KNORR**
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One Iowa City City Council candidate said city officials should be more accessible to local businesses.

"I would like ... to make it easier for business people, developers — people like that — to deal with the city staff, so that we're not looked at as kind of a brick wall," said council candidate Michelle Payne, who is a University of Iowa student. "[I want to] make it easier for people to do things in the city, not have to jump over such high hoops that they feel they have to jump over today."

Payne told *The Daily Iowan* the biggest issues that face Iowa City officials are open communication between officials and businesses. Payne, at a meet-and-greet held Sunday afternoon, also said the city faces budget problems that could be addressed through attracting more people to the area.

"We have great selling points for marketing [Iowa City] and getting not only people to come here just to visit, but also getting people here to stay," Payne said. "The budget is probably the biggest issue that we have ... and economic development can offset some of our budget problems."

Local business owners said they need a more approachable city staff.

"That's what I want — more access to getting something done," said Sandra Navalesi, the owner of Dulcinea, 2 S. Dubuque St. "Perhaps if one could get more access directly, that would be good, too."

Some small businesses are unhappy with the recent actions of City Council.

Robert de Blois, the owner of Micky's Irish Pub and Grill, 11 S. Dubuque St., said the council's attempts at "calming" downtown Iowa City are hurting small businesses.

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Politicos use broad canvass

UI College Republicans plan to knock on doors again before the Nov. 8 election.

By **AUDREY ROEN**
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Young Republicans at the University of Iowa are getting involved in a Linn County statehouse race that will likely have a big impact on state politics.

"I think we are becoming more aware of how effective knocking on doors is in a grassroots campaign," said University of Iowa College Republican President John Twillman. "We are trying to get face-to-face contact with future voters."

Roughly 11 UI College Republicans traveled to Iowa Senate hopeful Cindy Golding's headquarters in Marion to help support Golding through the campaign on the morning of Oct. 29.

It was the first time UI Col-



Steve West talks about his fire truck, which supports Republican candidate Cindy Golding on Oct. 29. The special election to replace the seat vacated by Swati Dandekar will be held Nov. 8. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Bauer)

lege Republicans had volunteered to knock on doors for Golding, Twillman said.

The group gathered with other volunteers from across Johnson County to reach out to Republican voters in rural Iowa to support Golding, the Republican candidate vying for the 18th District Senate seat.

The seat is open following

the resignation of former Democratic Sen. Swati Dandekar, who accepted a position on the Iowa Utilities Board. Now, Democrats are at risk of losing control of the Senate, which could lead to a change in the status of same-sex marriage in Iowa.

SEE REPUBLICANS, 5

DI, library partner on new archive

By **CHASTITY DILLARD**
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Daily Iowan Publisher Bill Casey was supposed to have been born a December baby. But a 1950 Iowa/Minnesota football game upset pushed his mother into early labor.

"I was actually at that game, but I wasn't born yet," he said and laughed. "And I never knew who won the game. [My mom] never told me that Iowa won 13 to nothing."

Casey was able to search through the new *DI* archive to discover the story about the victory, Headlined "Hawkeyes Whip Minnesota, 13-0."

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Spotlight Iowa City

Creating the power of dance

By JULIA JESSEN
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The pounding Latin beat of the music reverberated around the room of the small dance studio as a petite woman clad in striking black and red faced the mirror and swiveled her hips. Completely at ease with the movements, she scooped the air above her head with the palm of her hand and laughed at the occasional misstep.

Nora Garda's creativity and ease is not limited to the dance floor. The local dance powerhouse is also a University of Iowa chemist at UI Pharmaceuticals.

"She has a fascinating combination of skills in that she's a chemist, and she can work very precisely on scientific questions, and she also is very expansive and creative and able to dance," said UI music Professor Kate Gfeller, a friend of Garda's who has taken dance classes with her in the past.

Garda started taking ballet when she was 5 years old in her home country of Argentina, a place she described as being enmeshed in dance.

"It's a dancing culture," she said. "Every time three or four people get together, you end up dancing. You don't have to have a party or a reason."

Her ballet lessons continued for 10 years, and she also discovered other styles of dance, including modern, Argentinean folk dance, African dance, Spanish dance, and flamenco.

In her senior year of high school, she discovered an affinity for chemistry and decided to turn it into a career. But Garda still held on to her passion for dance.

"I think they kind of complement each other," she said. "I need the artsy part



Nora Garda, a chemist at UI Pharmaceuticals and one of the founders of dancing group Dile Que Si, stretches her legs in a dancing room of Senior Center on Oct. 25. Besides teaching dance for the Southeast Junior High Dance Club, Garda also teach Spanish, her mother language, in the Senior Center. (The Daily Iowan/Ya Chen Chen)

Nora Garda

- **Hometown:** Santa Fe, Argentina
- **Favorite movie:** *Before Sunset*
- **Favorite singer:** Joaquín Sabina
- **Favorite hobby:** Gardening

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in my life. I can't just go with the plain science."

Dancing balances out Garda's stressful job in chemistry; she develops methods of analysis for new drugs and does preliminary testing on the new compounds before they are filed with the Food and Drug

Administration. She said she finds a release from this high-responsibility occupation in movement.

"After a heavy day, you can go to a studio, and the only problem is how to position your hands and your shoulders," Garda said.

The 52-year-old also furthers her passion for dance by enriching the Iowa City community with myriad programs and classes. In addition to helping organize Iowa Dance Fest and National Dance Day, Garda founded the nonprofit organization Interdance, a group that coordinates all of the programs and performances.

"The idea of Interdance is to use dance as a way of communication — breaking cultural barriers and seeing that when we are moving and dancing we are all the same," she said.

She teaches an after-

school dance program at Southeast Junior High for kids who might not have tried dancing before. The program, which recently received a grant from the Iowa Women's Foundation, helps young people build confidence and have fun.

"She's able to bring this creativity out of these junior-high kids, and they discover that they can dance, that they can do things in front of people; they can be creative and choreograph pieces," said Carol Johnk, a friend who's known Nora for more than 10 years. "And they love being around her."

Garda views anytime that people are inspired by the work she does as an accomplishment.

Every time we perform, we have two people who decide to go and take a class, that has been a huge success," she said.

METRO

Daily Iowan wins national recognition

The Daily Iowan placed in the top 10 in two categories at the National College Media Convention over the weekend.

The DI's Sept. 11 anniversary issue from earlier this year was named the seventh-best special edition among newspapers at four-year colleges. The Daily Illini at the University of Illinois won that category, and the Iowa State Daily at Iowa State University won second.

The DI also won seventh place in the four-year daily broadsheet

best-of-show competition. The Daily Kent Stater from Kent State University won that category, and the Daily Illini took second.

Dozens of schools from across the country attended the conference in Orlando, Fla., over the weekend. The event was co-hosted by the Associated Collegiate Press and College Media Advisers.

- by Adam B Sullivan

Man charged with habitual public intox

An Iowa City man was charged

with habitual public intoxication and disorderly conduct on Oct. 28 after he allegedly displayed a knife during a verbal altercation on the Pedestrian Mall.

Iowa City police responded to reports of a dispute between two males on the Ped Mall.

According to a complaint by Iowa City police, Jerald Navarre, 35, was intoxicated and yelling at another man when he allegedly took out a knife.

The report said Navarre did not threaten the victim with the knife, and the argument ended

when Navarre left the scene before officers arrived.

According to the complaint, Navarre was later found under the bridge in the 500 block of South Gilbert Street. He reportedly had red, watery bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, and poor balance. He reportedly refused a post-arrest breath test.

Habitual public intoxication is an aggravated misdemeanor; disorderly conduct is a simple misdemeanor.

- by Matt Starns

BLOTTER

Sara Akant, 24, 501 N. Dubuque St. Apt. 3, was charged Oct. 29 with fifth-degree theft.

Michael Andries, 20, Mankato, Minn., was charged Oct. 29 with public intoxication.

Jack Artis, 58, Waterloo, was charged Oct. 28 with driving while barred.

Nick Baccam, 20, 519 S. Dodge St. Apt. 2, was charged Oct. 29 with PAULA.

Samantha Bassler, 21, West Liberty, was charged Oct. 28 with selling an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

Alex Bauer, 22, 1328 E. Davenport St., was charged Oct. 28 with selling an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

Camille Beckman, 24, 923 E. Washington St., was charged Oct. 28 with selling an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

Lucas Bernhard, 22, 619 S. Johnson St. Apt. 6, was charged Oct. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Ramson Bobo, 22, Skokie, Ill., was charged Oct. 29 with public intoxication.

Marilyn Brammeier, 75, Wilton, Iowa, was charged Oct. 29 with fifth-degree theft.

Grant Brown, 21, 512 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 9, was charged Oct. 29 with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Skyler Burkett, 20, 2100 S. Scott Blvd., was charged Oct. 28 with possession of a controlled substance.

Christopher Calafiore, 32, Madera, Calif., was charged Oct. 27 with public intoxication.

Ousmane Camara, 21, address unknown, was charged Oct. 29 with fifth-degree theft and public intoxication.

Eric Castagnoli, 21, Davenport, was charged Oct. 29 with fifth-degree theft.

Ethan Cobb, 20, 353 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2224, was charged Sunday with unlawful use of an authentic driver's license, public intoxication, and interference with official acts.

Ian Crawford, 21, 922 E. Washington St., was charged Oct. 28 with keeping a disorderly house.

James Crawford, 26, 421 S. Dodge St. Apt. 6, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house and interference with official acts.

Darren Doye, 22, Carbon Cliff, Iowa, was charged Oct. 27 with public intoxication.

Roy Fachman, 20, 625 S. Clinton St. Apt. 12, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Maggie Furgerson, 22, 2128 S. Riverside Drive Lot 119, was charged Oct. 27 with domestic assault with injury, serious or aggravated.

Connor Gavin, 19, Homewood, Ill., was charged Oct. 29 with public intoxication, PAULA, and possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Terrence Gavin, 19, Chicago, was charged Oct. 29 with PAULA and possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Cody Gent, 20, 914 S. Gilbert St., was charged Oct. 27 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Nicholas Gonzales, 22, Coal Valley, Iowa, was charged Oct. 27 with public intoxication.

Abraham Graber, 26, Solon, was charged Oct. 29 with public intoxication.

Dylan Green, 18, Nichols, Iowa, was charged Oct. 29 with PAULA.

Steven Hamilton, 20, 429 Ronalds St., was charged Oct. 28 with selling an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

Nathan Hansen, 21, Davenport, was charged Oct. 29 with fifth-degree theft.

Matthew Harding, 27, 4906 Lower West Branch Road, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Valerie Herdeen, 28, Coralville, was charged Oct. 28 with second-offense OWI.

Siobhan Higgins, 18, Des Plaines, Ill., was charged Oct. 29 with public intoxication.

Emily Horn, 19, 840 S. Maggard St. Apt. 4, was charged Sunday with OWI and PAULA.

Zachary Hughes, 20, 2547 Sylvan Glen Court, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Soren Hultman, 28, Waterloo, was charged Oct. 29 with possession of marijuana.

Seth Johnson, 22, Urbandale, Iowa, was charged Oct. 29 with public intoxication.

Daniel Mangas, 20, 513 Bowers St., was charged Oct. 29 with public intoxication.

Matthew Mango, 28, 209 Teeters Court, was charged Oct. 29 with domestic assault causing injury and public intoxication.

David Martindale, 41, 7 Durham Court, was charged Oct. 28 with selling an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

Gilberto Martinez, 19, Columbus Junction, Iowa, was charged Sunday with carrying a concealed dangerous weapon, interference with official acts, disorderly conduct, unlawful use of an authentic driver's license, and public intoxication.

John O'Rourke, 23, 1015 Oakcrest St., was charged Oct. 27 with public intoxication.

Blake Pedersen, 19, 427 S. Johnson St. Apt. 2, was charged Oct. 28 with PAULA.

Alexander Peters, 24, 914 Iowa Ave., was charged Oct. 28 with

public intoxication.

Eric Rodriguez, 30, 619 Orchard Court Apt. A, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Sean Rollins, 22, Palatine, Ill., was charged Oct. 28 with public intoxication.

Carlos Rosario, 19, Skokie, Ill., was charged Oct. 29 with public intoxication.

Benjamin Roth, 19, 500 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 14, was charged Oct. 28 with keeping a disorderly house.

Jeffrey Rylander, 19, 417 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2232, was charged Oct. 28 with keeping a disorderly house.

Christopher Schwebach, 25, 730 E. Burlington St., was charged Oct. 28 with possession of marijuana.

Matthew Schwebach, 23, 730 E. Burlington St., was charged March 14 with possession of a controlled substance.

Benjamin Sidmore, 20, 2401 Lakeside Drive, was charged Oct. 29 with OWI.

Tracy Stucker, 31, 302 Finkbine Lane Apt. 3, was charged Oct. 28 with selling an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

Nicholas Toben, 20, Cedar Falls, was charged Oct. 29 with possession of marijuana and OWI.

Brady Van Patten, 22, 720 E. Jefferson St., was charged Oct. 28 with selling an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

Jeffrey Vial, 21, 702 Iowa Ave., was charged Oct. 2 with public intoxication.

Morgan Vock, 19, Champaign, Ill., was charged Oct. 28 with public intoxication.

Brian Wade, 25, Coralville, was charged Oct. 28 with fifth-degree theft.

Joseph Yates, 21, Davenport, was charged Oct. 29 with fifth-degree theft.

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Candidate skeptical about Occupy

Council candidate Steve Soboroff said he believes Occupy Iowa City falls short of a legitimate protest.

BY ASMAA ELKEURTI
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Most of the candidates vying for Iowa City City Council seats this year say they support the Occupy Iowa City movement.

But not all candidates. When contacted by *The Daily Iowan* over the weekend, Steve Soboroff was the only one — of the four candidates who responded — to criticize the movement while the others voiced support or declined to take sides.

"If they [want to] know how to protest something, they should look at footage from the '60s and '70s," Soboroff said. "A protest is a disruption. This is not a disruption — not saying I want it to be violent, but a protest usually disrupts something. This is a cam-pout."

However, other candidates said the Iowa City Occupy movement is fostering important discussion among community members.

"They're bringing light to a lot of issues that are not being talked about or haven't been," said Jarrett Mitchell, an at-large candidate.

Mitchell said he sympathizes with the movement, but the thing he is most proud of is the community's cooperation.

"I'm just glad that the protesters and police in the city have all done well, and I think that's a testament to the citizens in our community," he said.

At-large candidate Raj Patel declined to comment about his thoughts on the protest's ideals but voiced respect for their efforts.

"It's citizens of Iowa City living out the democratic process, and I respect what they're doing in College Green Park, and I wish them well," he said.

Rick Dobyms, running in District A, also cited the importance of the right to collectively protest.

"I think for the 99 percent they're talking about, in general, the growing disparity ... I recognize that. I think that it exists," Dobyms said in regards to the national Occupy Wall Street movement.

But Soboroff maintained the movement is unfocused.

"I personally don't sympathize," Soboroff said. "I see the problems — everybody sees the problems. I'm not getting the movement. When we protested something, we have one goal, one topic. This movement is all over the road."

Soboroff also said the movement's execution fell short in terms of proper protesting, citing his own involvement in protests during the civil-rights movement and against the Vietnam War.

"We had sit-ins, we blocked things, we demonstrated. We didn't just camp out," he said. "When I look at the movement here in the park, I'm not seeing

City Council Candidate Platforms

- Raj Patel, at-large: Sustainability, business growth, downtown entertainment alternatives
- Jarrett Mitchell, at-large: Cycling, urban farming, urban chickens, government and business
- Stephen Soboroff, District C: Safety, community restoration, business growth
- Rick Dobyms, District C: Marketing Iowa City, neighborhood renovations, alcohol safety

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the effectiveness of it. They're getting permission from the city, they're getting Port-a-Potties, they go home at night, and they go to work during the day."

But Occupy representative Steve Hoffelt said the constant presence in the community is meant to bring people together.

"We don't have all the answers to this movement right now, but by building a community, we're getting a place to meet and talk, and we're starting to form the answers," he said.

Hoffelt said he doesn't believe that candidates have made any attempts to reach out to the Occupy movement.

"I'm at the camp a lot ... I haven't seen any of the candidates come down and talk to us and find out what we're doing or what we're about," he said. "I encourage them to please do so."

Patel uses voting incentive

Raj Patel visited roughly seven chapters prior to the Oct. 11 primary.

By KRISTEN EAST
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University of Iowa fraternities and sororities may have a larger incentive to vote in the upcoming Iowa City City Council election.

Ravi Patel, Raj Patel's brother, has promised to pledge \$1 to each chapter's respective philanthropy for every voter registration form completed.

Raj Patel is running for the at-large position on City Council against three others.

"I've just always believed in the importance of a philanthropic contribution," Ravi Patel told *The Daily Iowan* on Sunday. "I was involved in a business fraternity, and I understand how important it is to raise money for their various causes. I

look forward to the community and the students alike exercising their right to vote."

Ravi Patel, a UI graduate and executive vice president of Hawkeye Hotels, declined to comment further.

Raj Patel said he didn't talk to his brother at all about the voting incentive.

"That's something he decided," he said. "He thinks it's important for students to come out and vote."

Frederick Boehmke, a UI associate professor of political science, said he doesn't believe there's anything illegal about using charitable donations as an incentive to vote.

"It is certainly unusual," he said. "Certainly it's illegal to pay someone to register to vote, but here the payment isn't to the indi-

vidual. The donation could be viewed as charitable. A different way to look at it is that it is legal to pay someone to go out and register people."

No other Iowa City City Council candidates have similar voting-incentive campaigns.

Michael Charles, Patel's campaign manager, said the candidate visited around seven chapters before the Oct. 11 primary, and he plans to visit "as many as he can" before the general election on Nov. 8.

"You can't possibly get to all [39] meetings before the elections," Charles said, noting that most chapter meetings occur on Sunday or Monday nights.

Alpha Chi Omega President Traci Bauer said sorority members were interested and enthusiastic when Raj visited their

house last week. Approximately 50 Alpha Chi Omega sisters completed voter-registration forms.

"It makes it easy for students to vote and be educated about the process," Bauer said. "It seems like he's actually interested in the students' well-being at the University of Iowa."

Though speaking with sororities and fraternities is important, Charles said, the campaign has focused more on knocking on doors and reaching out to student organizations.

"The use of technology and on- and off-campus door-knocking has been just as successful, if not more, than reaching out to sororities and fraternities," Charles said. "[The campaign] has been more different than any other candidate who has ever run before."

PAYNE

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"[City Councilors] call it calming. Calming is another word for slow," de Blois said. "[Slow] means [small businesses] go bankrupt."

Payne noted she has worked with city officials as well.

"I have dealt with city staff at least on a monthly basis for the past five years," she said. This experience, she said, sets her apart from many of the other candidates.

Bill Nusser, the owner of Hands Jewelers, 109 E. Washington St., said Payne's plans for Iowa City sound promising.

"Making small business[es] feel that the city is more accessible is a strong campaign goal," Nusser said. "I personally feel that the city is very accessible, but many business owners don't."

Payne is the operations supervisor at MidAmerican Energy, and she has served on Iowa City's Planning and Zoning Commission since 2005.

"She's done well with MidAmerican, and that's a big job,"

Nusser said. "She has been promoted well [and] in terms of her business background, it's very legitimate."

Navalesi said a business background would be a positive for a newly city councilor.

"Iowa City does need to be more proactive in doing positive things that are going to make people want to come here," Navalesi said. "I think [a city councilor with business experience is] probably what's going to help."

Payne has also served on the Board of Adjustment in Iowa City.

"She's very dedicated to the things she does," said Cheryl Bock, who hosted Payne's meet-and-greet. "She's meticulous in her work and ... she doesn't wear blinders. She opens



UI part-time student Michelle Payne holds an informal coffee brunch on Sunday. Payne is running for a City Council at-large seat. (The Daily Iowan/Gabrielle Eliason)

her eyes and her ears to everyone's needs."

Payne said overall her business experience and common sense are two of her most valuable qualities as a City Council candidate.

"I'm the type of person who is always going to ask 'why,' " Payne said. "I'm not going to stop asking until I get ... not just an answer, but an answer that I'm satisfied with."

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Editorial

Should third-graders who fail a literacy test be held back?

Yes

I don't run marathons. But I imagine it would be difficult to win a marathon with one of your legs cut off. You are ready to run, getting all excited, and then someone comes along and just lops one of your legs clean off.

That is what the third-grade literacy test is trying to prevent: kids starting marathons without both their legs.

Gov. Terry Branstad's new blueprint for educational reform in Iowa's public-school system is drastic. Some view the plan as a necessary evil, while some see it as playing with children for political gain.

One of the reformations is a required test in the spring term of every child's third-grade year, in which students would be examined on their ability to read. If they do not pass, they are "retained" (a pretty word for "held back") for another year.

Scary to some, a reformation such as this is true reform, and it will bring positive change to Iowa. Being a state that has been held as a standard for primary and secondary education, we hold a burning obligation to model the future of academia to the rest of the nation.

The ability to not only read but comprehend after third grade is considered essential to the growth of a student. According to the blueprint Branstad ordered on educational reform, from fourth grade and beyond, students are asked to "read in order to learn," as opposed to before, where they are "learning to read." If people are unable to read at the third-grade level, they will struggle to keep up with the higher expectations in the curriculum, leading to lower graduation rates.

No matter how hard you try to argue against it, education is a race. It is a competition. Students always want to set the curve, and teachers want to pay more attention to those who do, because, frankly, those students will make the teachers look better. Some children get left in the cracks and are shoved through the system without retaining any knowledge.

Our system is currently set up to line students up and make them run for years, jump through hoops, hurdling through barriers. Branstad's plan just wants to make sure students have both their legs and maybe a helmet before the gun is fired.

— Benjamin Evans

No

Gov. Terry Branstad's new third-grade literacy plan would require that third-graders who do not pass a literacy test at the end of the school year would be held back for a year.

While the ability to read is undoubtedly one of the most important skills young children need to have to be successful students, it seems unnecessary to make them repeat the third grade.

Excelling in literacy does not guarantee students' success or automatically make them a good students — they could suffer in other subjects, equally as others suffer in the realm of literacy, and still progress to the next grade.

Students learn at different levels. Perhaps some students who do not pass the literacy test would excel in similar tests in the fields of science and math. These students would be qualified to continue onto the next grade with their fellow students but would be held back for a year to develop a skill that, for them, might be one that they would acquire naturally later in their schooling.

If students suffer in the realm of literacy but excel in science, math, or other subjects, going onto the fourth grade and being immersed in reading and writing may give them the push they need to be on the same literacy level as their peers.

Holding students back and making them take the same classes might make them feel inadequate or decrease their motivation to succeed. A better approach might be to require tutoring for students who are falling behind in literacy but succeeding in all other fields or asking parents to read more with their children on a daily basis to ensure that they can keep up with their fellow students.

While Branstad's third-grade literacy plan is a good attempt at eliminating illiteracy in Iowa and ensuring that students can be successful in the future, holding students back does not seem to be the most effective way in which to do this, both for the success and happiness of the student.

— Sarah Damsky

Your turn. Should a literacy test determine grade advancement? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com

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Gross can lead a community

I first met Coralville City Council candidate Mitch Gross when I was a junior at West High when I had to interview him for an article for our newspaper. I was immediately struck by his willingness to make time for a quick, unplanned interview, the earnestness with which he answered my questions, and by the depth of his follow through when I had questions later.

The next year, he was my advanced-placement U.S. history teacher, and in that class, he instructed my peers and me in our country's past, taught us about the lessons to be gleaned from our 200-plus years of shared history. It was clear from the onset that these lessons were more than just part of the curriculum — they were a defining part of who he was, as both a teacher and a city councilor.

More recently, when a YouTube video briefly propelled

my two mothers and me into the national spotlight, he was there again, offering his insight, assistance, and guidance as we navigated an unfamiliar stage.

Though I cannot vote for Mitch Gross — I am an Iowa City citizen — if I could, I would in a heartbeat. As a man, he exemplifies the character needed to lead a community. And as I learned while working as a journalist for *The Daily Iowan*, his accomplishments as a policy-

maker have not only carefully steered the city of Coralville through the calamity of a 500-year flood but also continued to advance an agenda of good governance and clarity.

His record of recovery and progress speaks for itself, but nevertheless, I strongly encourage my friends and neighbors in Coralville to re-elect Mitch Gross to the Coralville City Council.

Zach Wahls
Former *DI* columnist

Guest opinion

Farm bill merits massive support

Earlier this week, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack laid out his priorities for the upcoming farm bill. Now, this bill is about a whole lot more than farming: It's about supporting the jobs of the future, it's about keeping pace with the changing needs of agriculture and rural America, it's about providing a food and fuel supply for the nation, all while conserving our natural resources.

As Congress works to write this bill, the members will have to look for ways to do more with less. They must simplify programs and find innovative solutions to future challenges while still making targeted investments to keep agriculture productive and rural communities vibrant.

It's our responsibility to maintain the strength of agriculture, which today is a bright spot in the American economy. Congress should build on that record by focusing on three core principles that have shaped the success of the American farmer: maintaining a strong safety net, supporting sustainable productivity, and promoting vibrant markets.

In businesses as risky as farming, a strong safety net can keep natural disasters from putting farm families out of business. Our safety net should quickly provide assistance to producers of all types and sizes when they need it — and only when they need it. It is very important for supporting beginning farmers, who are

particularly vulnerable to disasters and other unpredictable events.

The Agriculture Department is helping to develop a biofuels economy in Iowa by promoting research at our major universities and working with private industry to pursue these new opportunities. And we're helping establish the infrastructure to put renewable fuel in American's gas tanks. The farm-bill assistance for energy must be targeted, but we shouldn't lose the momentum we have gain to grow non-food feedstocks in order to expand production of advanced biofuels and other emerging bio-based technologies.

At the same time farmers, ranchers, and growers

must be able to produce an affordable, quality product year after year. That means continuing investments in research to maintain our farmers' leadership as the most productive in the world. It also means investing in conservation to support healthy, productive soil and a plentiful water supply, all while protecting our natural resources.

The farm bill should continue to promote vibrant, fair, and diverse markets — at home and abroad — for farmers, ranchers, and growers of all types and sizes. We should continue efforts to expanded markets for "Grown in America" goods abroad, which will help support record agricultural exports and more than 1 million Ameri-

can jobs this year. At the same time, we need to grow opportunities here in Iowa for everyone interested in local and regional markets.

And the farm bill must address the needs of all Americans. It needs to continue to support our efforts to develop renewable industries while creating good paying jobs and increasing our national security. In the past two years, USDA has helped create or save more than 250,000 rural jobs. The farm bill should improve rural-development programs to make the federal government the best partner possible for people and businesses in rural communities. That means making it easier for people to access USDA support, ensuring

that emerging rural businesses have the capital they need to grow, create jobs, and grow Iowa's rural communities.

Today the future for American agriculture is bright, as is the future of our rural communities. We must build on this positive outlook and prepare for the challenges and opportunities ahead. This bill should help move our nation and our economy forward: creating jobs, providing a safety net for millions of Americans, supporting rural communities and building on the incredible success, productivity and strength of American agriculture.

John R. Whitaker is the state executive director of the Iowa Farm Service Agency.

Embrace libertarian foreign policy



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If there were more libertarian influence in U.S. foreign policy, we would have been out of this war much sooner.

Constitutional use of the military, an end to welfare for foreign nations, and a pursuit of peace and commerce — that's the libertarian foreign policy platform in a nutshell.

The libertarian movement is one criticized as being soft on defense and global justice. Its resurgence in the 2012 presidential race is getting another swift beating by military-industrial hardliners. Candidates such as U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, and former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson subscribe to this philosophy, asserting that it's the creed that our Founding Fathers stood by. Is this true, and would it make America more secure?

Take George Washington's farewell address for example. In it, he demands that the leaders who follow him adhere to "history and experience," which "prove that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of republican government." He also stated, "It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world."

OK, but that's only one man. So then take Thomas Jefferson. He said in his 1801 inaugural address that we should have "peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none."

There's also James Madison, who penned in 1795, "No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare," and John Quincy Adams, who, though not a Founding Father, said in 1821 that America is known not by its military prowess but its love for liberty.

I could find quotes for any of the early leaders if I wanted to. It's beyond clear that they had crafted the correct system — through extensive knowledge of the history of governmental structures — that would live on for many years.

Many will dismiss these great minds for being outdated. We can't possibly follow this thinking in the interconnected world we live, right? If we accept this argument, what other principles

from that period should we abandon? Should we give up our rights to free speech or due process because times have changed? What of the rest of the Bill of Rights?

Paul said it best at his Ames Straw Poll speech in August: "If we got into this trouble by a lack of loyalty to our rule of law and our Constitution ... all we have to do is restore the belief in freedom, restore the belief of what made America great, [and] restore our conviction that the Constitution works." He was preaching the same thing last weekend here in Iowa City.

It's hypocritical to dismiss certain founding principles simply because there needs to be a convenient solution to a political predicament. The values preserved in the Constitution should be just that: preserved. If anything, today's complex global structure cries out for the morality provided by a non-interventionist foreign policy.

See what I did there? The word to be used is "noninterventionist," not "isolationist," because it's definitely not the latter. Noninterventionism opens the gates to honest friendship with allies and free trade with all, while isolationism would deter those options. If we are attacked, Congress can declare war and defend us. There is no question that the libertarian notion of noninterventionism can keep us safe.

It's the solution to our problem in the Middle East. Believe it or not, many libertarian thinkers — such as Ron Paul — supported retaliation against Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda for the 9/11 attacks. In a previous column, I explained Jefferson's war against the Barbary pirates. It was the 1800s equivalent of modern-day terrorism, and it shows that it's Constitutional to target individuals after they've committed a crime. What is not Constitutional is to waltz into any nation for whatever reason we come up with.

Noninterventionism and other aspects of libertarian foreign policy could bring about a new era in America's standing throughout the world. We're on the right track by leaving Iraq. When we bring home the rest, we will save lives, our principles, and a plethora of taxpayer dollars. This philosophy should not be dismissed. ■

HAUNTED VITO'S

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building.”
“The first time, he felt there air change very rapidly ... [he] got the chills. The second time, someone whispered in his ear, ‘Go-oooo,’” Jett said. “It totally freaked him out; he ran out of the building.”

Jett said he later bought University of Iowa alumnus Vernon Trollinger’s

recent book, *Haunted Iowa City*, which includes a chapter on the history of the property that later became Vito’s.

Trollinger, who was also a main contributor to the late 1990s satirical paranormal activity zine *Third Eye Over Iowa*, said the property was owned by the Schneider Brothers and was previously used as a funeral parlor as well as a place to construct cabinets.

He said a bookstore worker in 1990 witnessed an entity that looked like a farmer or cabinet maker walking through the Hall

Mall. The story “fits into the methodology of the building” because of the known history of the property, he said.

“They have an experience, and then they try to make sense of it the best way they can,” Trollinger said. “Stories are tied to places ... as long as you have someone that remembers the story, it will stay tied to that place.”

He said local stories vary because of Iowa City’s “constantly changing” population.

He said the stories will continue to stick around

“until there’s no one there to keep the story going.”

Joe Mihm, another member of the Johnson County Paranormal Team, said approximately 90 percent of its investigations stem from “word of mouth” stories. He said his goal is to see if something could “communicate back to” him.

“My goal is to see ... not necessarily proof for everyone else but proof for myself,” Mihm said.

After the investigation was completed, Sinclair drank water and continued looking around the aging



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brick walls.

“It’s very fatiguing at times,” she said. “It’s the energy it takes them to communicate with me.”

Ghost Stories

Why some locals think people are interested in ghost stories:

- “I think all of us want to not be forgotten when we die.” – Bobby Jett, co-owner of former Vito’s property.
- “[They’re] cautionary tales.” – Vernon Trollinger, author of *Haunted Iowa City*.
- “Most people either have a story themselves or they know someone who has had a story. It’s often a very interesting set of conversations you can have with them.” – Lori Erickson, author of *Ghosts of Johnson County*.

REPUBLICANS

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UI senior Natalie Ginty, the head of the Iowa Federation of College Republicans, said College Republicans agreed to volunteer for the campaign because of Golding’s election could have a significant effect on the balance of the Iowa Senate.

“The government should be balanced at a 25-25 split,” Ginty said, and she would like to see that kind of balance.

Cindy Golding

Golding is running for the Iowa Senate in District 18. Policies:

- Fewer regulations on Iowa employers so they can hire additional workers.
- Protecting an individual’s freedom to join a union.
- Minimal taxation on Iowan families.
- Allowing the state of Iowa to vote on the marriage issue so that it will “go away.”

Source: Cindy Golding and her campaign website

District voters will cast their ballots on Nov. 8.

Liz Mathis, the Democratic challenger, is supported by UI College Democrats, who have knocked on

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doors in past weekends in support of Mathis.

Nate Fiala, the president of the UI College Democrats, said that while the Democrats did not canvass this past weekend, they have canvassed for about every single election in the past.

“Every single election we knock on doors,” he said. “It’s been proven through research to have support-

ers and candidates going from door to door, meeting with people in their home and their environment, is very effective.”

Ginty said Republicans were reaching out to discuss Golding’s campaign with Republican voters — using a new Mobile Voter app. The volunteers handed out absentee ballots to voters who said they found it difficult to come into the city and vote.

“We are literally going out and getting voters, and we are contacting them,” Ginty said, while knocking on doors. “This will be a

very close election, so every vote is very beneficial.”

Don McDowell, a spokesman for Golding’s campaign, said canvassing has had an effect on campaign efforts.

Jim Hutter, a retired Iowa State political-science professor, said, however, that sometimes the outreach method can disenchant voters.

“Campaigners tend to run into people frustrated that they wake the baby or are uninterested in politics when they go door-to-door,” he said.

Overall, though, it

“It’s been proven through research to have supporters and candidates going from door to door, meeting with people in their home and their environment, is very effective.”

remains an important tool in campaigning.

“But by and large, there are many people who are happy to meet candidates and basically take a view of the person standing there before them,” Hutter said.

ARCHIVES

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beginning in 1868.

The project has been a long time coming, Casey said.

The *DI* partnered with the University of Iowa Library in a four-year project to preserve the history of the newspaper.

“If you actually went to Special Collections and looked at the old papers, they were brittle,” Casey said. “It was going to fall apart. We basically had to do something.”

UI Libraries Archivist David McCartney said he and other librarians had recognized the need to improve access to the archive for years.

“We were looking at a very extensive amount of material to digitize,” he said. “The scope of it was something beyond what we

History

The *Daily Iowan* archive will officially launch today. Since its first issue in 1868, the newspaper has captured important moments in history.

- Dec. 7, 1939 – Kinnick wins tremendous ovation
- Nov. 5, 1950 – Hawkeyes whip Minnesota, 13-0
- April 5, 1968 – Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated
- Nov. 2, 1991 – Gunman kills 5, wounds 2
- Sept. 12, 2001 – A day of infamy

Source: Daily Iowan Archives

could do in a timely and efficient manner at the university.”

And the accessibility to history is something a former *DI* editor and reporter said is a useful way to get a glimpse of history as it was first perceived.

“This is the first draft of our local history,” said John Kenyon, now the editor of the *Corridor Business Journal*.

Kenyon said one notable incident for him was looking back at the Nov. 2,

1991, issue of the UI campus shooting by student Gang Lu.

“I was amazed about how much content was put out in just a span of few hours,” Kenyon said.

Librarians digitized more than 400 volumes — 750,000 image files — of the *DI*’s archived newspaper issues.

“I’m really glad to see this project come to fruition,” McCartney said. “We are delighted that this is available online and for our researchers. It’s a tremendous resource for anyone looking for university issues and also community history.”

McCartney said the *DI* is one of the most consulted archives the UI Libraries offers. With the exception of two periods — the fall of 1918 and summer of 1984 — the archive is a complete set, he said.

Annette Schulte, the managing editor of the

Gazette, was an editor at the *DI* in the early 1990s.

Now a Student Publications Inc. board member,

Schulte said the new archive creates a wonderful resource for moving forward in the community.

“It’s wonderful, of course,” she said. “Have it out there where everyone can access it.”

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BREAKDOWN



BOX SCORE

MINNESOTA 22, IOWA 21

Iowa	0	7	7	7	21
Minnesota	0	7	3	12	22

Second Quarter
Iowa - McNutt 12-yard pass from Vandenberg (Meyer kick), 5:06
Minnesota - McGarry 3-yard pass from Gray (Wettstein kick), 1:13

Third Quarter
Iowa - Coker 1-yard run (Meyer kick), 8:44
Minnesota - Wettstein 38-yard field goal, 2:03

Fourth Quarter
Iowa - Coker 2-yard run (Meyer kick), 13:51
Minnesota - Bennet 1-yard run (Stoudemire pass failed), 8:22
Minnesota - Gray 3-yard run (Gray rush failed), 2:48

INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING - Iowa, Coker 32-252, McNutt 1-19, Johnson 2-3, Vandenberg 7-minus 5, Minnesota, Bennett 20-101, Gray 11-62, Kirkwood 6-18, Cobb 1-0, Team 2-minus 3.

PASSING - Iowa, Vandenberg 16-24-177-0, Minnesota, Gray 11-17-193-0.

RECEIVING - Iowa, McNutt 7-101, Martin-Manley 5-35, Fiedorowicz 1-21, Orne 1-12, Herman 1-4, Cotton 1-4, Minnesota, McKnight 5-62, McGarry 3-27, Crawford-Tufts 2-100, Green 1-4.

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'It's really frustrating. We know we have to execute down there in the red zone. We didn't get that done today. We put together some really good drives and then stalled out in the red zone. You can't do that.'

- James Vandenberg on Iowa's 50 percent success rate in the red zone.

'We really didn't do a good job of showing up last year [against Minnesota]. Our effort was lacking and theirs wasn't. Today, they outplayed us in all three phases. I don't think there was a lack of effort. Every game is different.'

- Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz on what made the difference in the Hawkeyes' loss.



IOWA 21, MINN

Bacon is fattenin

Another trophy game, another loss. This time, the 98-pound bronze pig named Floyd slipped through Iowa's fingers. The Hawkeyes looked solid for most of their 22-21 loss to Minnesota. After all, Marcus Coker ran for 252 yards — the third-highest single-game total in school history — and the defense forced five Golden Gopher punts.

But Iowa crumbled when it counted. The Hawkeyes couldn't score in the red zone, going 3-of-6. Mike Meyer missed two field goals. Minnesota held the ball for 13:25 of the fourth quarter, doing so by con-

verting an onside kick completely off-guard. The all game finally broke right for the game. The result? Iowa's team that had been unbeaten in Mexico State. A team that had beaten Michigan State. And so Floyd will



Iowa quarterback James Vandenberg goes down under pressure from Minnesota at TCF Bank Stadium on Oct. 29. Vandenberg was sacked three times in the Hawkeyes' 22-21 loss to Minnesota (Wesley)



Iowa running back Marcus Coker pushes forward against Minnesota at TCF Bank Stadium on Oct. 29. Coker rushed for 252 yards — the third-highest single-game tally in school history (Wesley)



BY THE NUMBERS

The number of rushing yards gained by Marcus Coker, the third-highest tally in school history.

The number of sacks by Minnesota; the Gophers entered the game with five all season.

Iowa's offense converted 50 percent of its red zone opportunities; the Hawkeyes had missed just once in 27 tries prior to the game.

The number of times Minnesota has beaten Iowa by 1 point; the Gophers won, 14-13, in 1964.

PRIME PLAYS

Minnesota had just scored to pull within 5 points late in the fourth quarter, and the Gophers lined up to kick the ball away. Iowa, expecting a full kick, lined up all the way down the field; the Hawkeyes were even cheating farther back than they needed to be. Minnesota slapped a surprise onside kick, no one on the Hawkeyes looked prepared, and the Gophers recovered with ease. No white Iowa shirt was within 5 yards of the ball when Kim Royston fell on top of it to keep his team in control. A few minutes later in the ensuing drive, MarQueis Gray took the snap out of the shotgun with the Gophers down by 5 and under three minutes left. He glanced to his left before taking off to his right. He scampered into the end zone untouched; the only contact he felt was from linebacker James Morris' desperate diving tackle after he crossed the plane. Gray didn't convert the 2-point try, but the damage had been done. Minnesota led, 22-21.

IOWA GAME BALL
MARCUS COKER



If any Hawkeye doesn't deserve a share of the blame for Iowa's 1-point loss to Minnesota, it's Coker. The running back ran 32 times for 252 yards — the third-most in school history — and a pair of scores. All of his rushes went for positive yardage, and he had 187 yards on 19 carries at halftime.

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Gray carried 193 yards on 19 carries at halftime. He had 187 yards on 19 carries at halftime.

Recap

MINNESOTA 22 

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kick that seemed to catch the Black and Gold com-
The defense that had been bending-but-not-breaking
oke when quarterback MarQueis Gray rumbled to his
winning touchdown late in the game.
s second loss to the Gophers in two years. A loss to a
n defeated by the likes of North Dakota State and New
am so miserable that its win prompted ESPN blogger
dd “(No, really)” to his postgame headline.
l stay in the Twin Cities for another year.



Iowa wide receiver Marvin McNutt hauls in a touchdown pass from quarterback James Vandenberg against Minnesota at TCF Bank Stadium on Oct. 29. McNutt had seven catches for 101 yards and a score in the Hawkeyes' 22-21 loss to the Gophers. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)



Minnesota defensive back Grayson Levine pumps up the crowd in TCF Bank Stadium on Oct. 29. Minnesota beat Iowa for the second-straight season, 22-21. (The Daily Iowan/Christy Aumer)

loss to the Gophers, who entered the game with five quarterback takedowns all year. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)



Members of the Minnesota football team carry Floyd of Rosedale trophy off the field in TCF Bank Stadium on Oct. 29. Minnesota defeated Iowa, 22-21, and the Gophers will keep Floyd of Rosedale for the second year in a row. (The Daily Iowan/Christy Aumer)

chool history – and scored two touchdowns for the Hawkeyes. (The Daily Iowan/Christy Aumer & Adam Wesley)

MINNESOTA GAME BALL

MARQUEIS GRAY



ouldn't be stopped. He threw for
ds on just 17 tries, and rushed 11
or 62 yards without being tack-
a loss. His 3-yard touchdown
r with fewer than three minutes
the Gophers ahead to stay –
he failed to convert the ensu-
oint conversion on the ground.

THUMBS UP



The running game. Coker carried the load of the rushing attack – he rushed 32 times, the fifth time this season he has had at least 20 – but he had a little help from Marvin McNutt (19 yards on an end-around) and James Vandenberg (21 yards, although he officially finished with minus 5 due to three sacks). Iowa outgained Minnesota 269-178 on the ground despite having just two more carries and ran for 14 first downs to the Gophers' nine.

THUMBS DOWN



Everything else. The Hawkeyes missed two field goals. They looked surprised when Minnesota tried – and subsequently converted – a fourth-quarter outside kick. After playing passably well most of the game, the defense couldn't get off the field in the fourth quarter; Minnesota held the ball for 13:25 in the period. Oh, and Iowa's last drive of the game – the one that started at the 2:48 mark with a time-out available – fizzled out after incompletions to Brad Herman (twice) and Jason White, a false-start penalty, and a quarterback scramble on fourth-and-15.

LOOK AHEAD

The Hawkeyes (5-3, 2-2 Big Ten) return home, but it could be an unhappy homecoming because Michigan comes to town next week. Iowa is giving up 163.6 yards per game on the ground, which doesn't bode well against a Michigan team averaging 245.4 yards rushing in eight games. The Hawkeyes have especially struggled to contain mobile quarterbacks, and the Wolverines' Denard Robinson is the gold standard for shifty gunslingers; he leads all quarterbacks with just more than 103 yards per game on the ground.

SCHEDULE

Sept. 3 Iowa 34, Tennessee Tech 7
Sept. 10 Iowa at Iowa State
Sept. 17 Iowa vs. Pittsburgh
Sept. 24 Iowa vs. Louisiana-Monroe
Oct. 8 Iowa at Penn State
Oct. 15 Iowa vs. Northwestern
Oct. 22 Iowa vs. Indiana
Oct. 29 Iowa at Minnesota
Nov. 5 Iowa vs. Michigan
Nov. 12 Iowa vs. Michigan State
Nov. 19 Iowa at Purdue
Nov. 25 Iowa at Nebraska

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Swimmers crush Spartans

The Hawkeyes will continue to work hard in practice to prepare for Minnesota.

By **BEN ROSS**
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Coming off a strong performance against Wisconsin, the Iowa men's swimming team won all 16 events against Michigan State to cruise to a 202-91 win on Oct. 29 in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center.

The Hawkeyes came off the blocks hot to start the meet, and they took the top two spots in the 200 medley relay. The quartet of Dustin Rhoads, Duncan Partridge, Paul Gordon, and Ryan Phelan earned first with a time of 1:30.60.

Iowa never allowed Michigan State to get rolling after that, as they placed first in the rest of the 15 events. Even though Iowa (2-0, 2-0 Big Ten) handled its

last two opponents, head coach Marc Long said he thinks his squad is still a team in training.

"Just like Michigan State, we're on our training phase right now, but everyone is still anxious to race," he said.

And Long said he believes it will be a while until his team reaches its full potential.

"[We'll still be in a training phase] until January," he said. "It could be February. They work hard, so anytime we get an opportunity to race, they take advantage of it."

Iowa has taken advantage of its opportunities to swim competitively this season; Iowa's win over Michigan State gives the Hawkeyes a 2-0 record in the Big Ten before Minnesota visits Iowa City on Friday.

In addition to his contribution in the 200 medley, Phelan — a senior All-American and captain — earned first-place finishes in

the 50 and 100 freestyles. His time in the 50 equaled his pool-record time of 20.20. Phelan helped the Hawkeyes gain first-place points in the 200 medley and individual free events and also helped the Black and Gold get first in 400 freestyle relay with Sean Swibes, Gordon, and Partridge. The four had a time of 3:03.86.

Phelan said the strong start contributed to his success, and the aggressiveness his team displayed was a big reason for the victory.

"Our relays got off to a really good start," the Cedar Rapids native said. "We won the 200 medley with a pretty respectable time of 1:30. It kind of set the tone for the meet, which was great for us. Everyone else did his job from then on."

Phelan wasn't the only Hawkeye to enjoy success; junior Patrick Weigand finished first in the 1,000 with a time of 9:32, and Rhoads inked a pool-record time of 49.49 in the 100 backstroke.

Iowa will attempt to be as

flawless as it was this past weekend when it takes on Minnesota. The Golden Gophers (1-0, 1-0) have one win this season, against Wisconsin, and they are coming off a 2010-11 season in which they finished No. 15 in the nation.

Rhoads, who said a tough week of practice contributed to the positive result against the Spartans, believes another strenuous week in the pool is what the squad needs to have success against Minnesota.

"I was happy with all my races today," the sophomore said. "We've had some tough practices the past few weeks. I took advantage of my opportunities and raced to my potential. The practices really help me with my endurance — that's really what has helped me with my races this year."

"Minnesota is one of our biggest rivals; we'll work pretty hard during the week and watch film to see where we can improve in races, and we'll put our strongest lineup together and be ready."

Soccer blanks Badgers, earns tourney bid

The Iowa soccer team traveled to Madison, Wis., and blanked the Badgers, 2-0, in the last game of the 2011 regular season on Oct. 29.

The win gives the Hawkeyes (13-4-2, 5-4-2 Big Ten) five conference victories, tied for the most in program history.

It also helped secure Iowa's bid in this week's Big Ten Tournament, which will be held in Evanston, Ill., Wednesday through Nov. 6.

"The team played the last 45 minutes wanting to win every single ball, wanting to attack, and wanting to defend," head coach Ron Rainey said. "Anytime you play a team like Wisconsin and can earn a shutout, it's pretty exciting for the group."

Sophomore midfielder Leah DeMoss scored the Hawkeyes' first goal of the game in the 56th minute, her eighth of the season.

Iowa's second goal came when freshman striker Cloé Lacasse was taken down in the box with fewer than 10 minutes remaining. She drew a penalty kick that senior Morgan Showalter was able to convert for the game's second goal.

Iowa will now prepare for the conference tournament; the sixth-seeded Hawkeyes will face Michigan State at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Thomas Sports Complex in Evanston.

The Hawkeyes beat the Spartans, 1-0, when they came to Iowa City on Oct. 2. Junior Dana Dalrymple's score was the difference in the victory nearly a month ago, but Rainey said the team can't take anything for granted now that his team is entering the postseason for the first time since the Hawkeyes hosted the event in 2008.

— by Ben Wolfson



Phelan swimmer



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Daily Break

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Zombified sayings:

- A house is where you hang your hat; a home is where you hang a zombie from a tree as a warning to other zombies, not that they'll understand it.
- A zombie herd is only as strong as its weakest zombie, which is pretty strong because even the weakest zombie is an untiringly ceaseless undead monster.
- The best laid plans of mice and men are still better than any made by those of the mindless zombie horde.
- Let's cross that bridge when we get there, and then blow it up so the zombies can't cross it, too.
- See no zombie, hear no zombie, speak like there's still a zombie nearby because chances are there probably is.
- See a penny, leave it there; coinage has no place in our postapocalyptic society, and you need to remain unencumbered.
- You can't make an omelet without killing a few zombies roaming near the chicken coop.
- Sticks and stones may break their bones, but words will never hurt zombies. Use the howitzer.
- It's easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for a zombie to climb a rope ladder.
- Call a zombie a zombie. Then hit it with a spade.
- Zombies of a feather means the virus has gone airborne and all hope is lost.
- Nothing is certain in life but taxes.

- Andrew R. Juhl thanks Brian Tanner for giving him this wonderful idea.

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- 7 UI Explorers Lecture Series, "Hydro-science," Connie Mutel of Hydroscience and Engineering, Oct. 13
- 8 WorldCanvass Studio, "Roy Bennett & the Hard Road to Democracy in Zimbabwe," Joan Kjaer and International Programs, Oct. 3
- 9 College of Dentistry Dedication for New Facilities, ribbon cutting ceremony for new Dental Science Building wing, Oct. 14
- 9:30 Daily Iowan Television News
- 9:45 International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives Symposium, Ida Beam Lecture, "Comics, Creativity, and Culture," Phoebe Gloeckner, Oct. 5
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- 10:45 2011 Homecoming Parade Replay, UITV and Daily Iowan TV present the 2011 Parade, Oct. 21

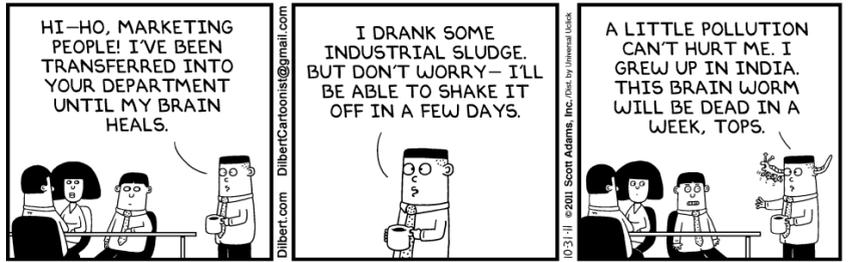
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- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Don't let your emotions limit you. Problems with partnerships will arise if you feel inadequate or displaced. Don't dwell on the negative. Fix whatever isn't working for you, and prepare to move forward. It's mind over matter that counts.
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- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Talks will lead to solutions. An opportunity will be the result of an understanding you come to with someone you are considering or with whom you are already partnered. It's critical that you share your intentions fully to ensure you aren't wasting time.
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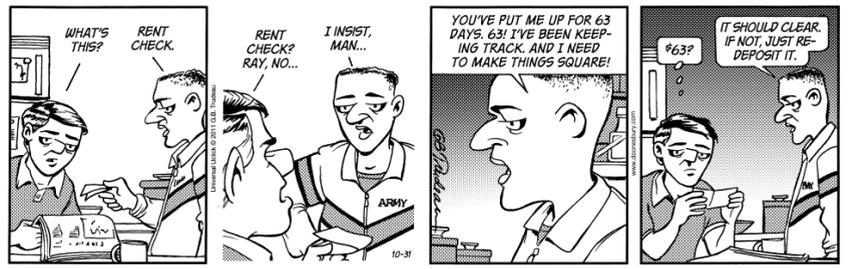
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- **Parent and Toddler Fitness**, 9:30 a.m., Scanlon Gymnasium
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Physical and Environmental Seminar**, TBA. Jeevapani Hettige, Chemistry, 12:30 p.m., 104 Iowa Advanced Technology Labs
- **Hand & Foot**, 1 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Nuclear and Particle Physics Seminar**, "Holographic Wilson Loops, K-strings, and Gauged Gravity," Bradley Button, Physics/Astronomy, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Plasma Physics Seminar**, "Plasmas Produced by Hot, Luminous Stars," Steven Spangler, Physics/Astronomy, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Trick or Treat at the Seaman Center**, 2 p.m., Rooms 1256, 1402, 2001, 3016, 3307, 3124, 3131, 4016, 4105, 4133
- **Halloween Party**, 2:30 p.m., Senior Center
- **Colloquium**, "Comparative DFT Studies for Molecular-level Understanding of Environmental Interface Reactivity," Sara Mason, Chemistry, 3:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
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- **Halloween Safe House**, 4 p.m., Walden Place Retirement Residence, 2423 Walden
- **Affirmationists Toastmasters**, 5:30 p.m., W401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **River City Toastmasters**, 5:30 p.m., Gus' Food & Spirits, 2421 Coral Court
- **Ballroom Dance Lessons**, 6 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **The Younger Stamfords meeting**, 6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **ZUMBA**, 6 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Sigrid Nunez, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Havest Fun Festival**, 7:30 p.m., Grace Fellowship, 3980 Poweshiek S.E.
- **Open Mike**, with J Knight, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Simply Food**, 8:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Halloween Show with Insectoid**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
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- **One Night Stand**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club

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- Across**
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 - 5 Result of a mosquito bite
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 - 14 Gas company famous for its toy trucks
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 - 16 Acknowledge as true, as a crime
 - 17 Operatic solo
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 - 20 Some McDonald's burgers
 - 23 Four-baggers: Abbr.
 - 24 View
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 - 29 It might make you go "Achoo!"
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 - 35 Good, in Guatemala
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 - 38 Part of a 2005 Harry Potter title
 - 41 "That's ___ haven't heard"
 - 42 Paris airport
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 - 44 Double-___ (oboe, e.g.)
 - 45 Bus. opposite image
 - 46 Party south of the border
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 - 10 Items for gamblers who cheat
 - 11 Area that may have stained-glass windows
 - 12 Use a teaspoon in tea, e.g.
 - 13 "Bonanza" brother
 - 21 Pulsate painfully
 - 22 Improperly seize
 - 25 Despise
 - 26 One of the Allman Brothers
 - 27 Brawl
 - 28 Cheating on a spouse
 - 29 April 1 victims
 - 30 ___ Gaga
 - 32 Female relations
 - 33 Not said explicitly
 - 34 1941 chart-topper "Maria"
 - 36 Drill a hole
 - 39 Michaels of "S.N.L."
 - 40 Mrs. Gorbachev
 - 46 Tex-Mex wrap
 - 48 Old Dodges
 - 49 Ecto- or proto-ending
 - 50 Elmer with a double-barreled shotgun
 - 51 Manipulator
 - 52 Actress Turner
 - 53 Explain to
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FOOTBALL

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said. "He probably played his best game of the year."

Coker had 148 yards on 11 carries on Iowa's first four possessions. He had runs of 50, 41, and 18 yards.

The Hawkeyes scored zero points on those four drives.

Iowa turned the ball over on downs in Minnesota territory on its first possession and punted on its second.

Placekicker Mike Meyer missed field goal attempts of 24 and 43 yards on the team's third and fourth drives.

The Hawkeyes had the ball and a 14-7 lead in the third quarter. Coker took five handoffs for 27 yards as Iowa reached Minnesota's 14-yard line with a chance to make it a two-possession game. Vandenberg faked a handoff to Coker and dropped back to pass but was sacked and fumbled.

Coker was the workhorse that dragged Iowa's offense into scoring position time

and time again. The Hawkeyes failed to capitalize too often, though. And so Iowa lost to a 1-6 team despite having its running back gain more than 250 yards and score two touchdowns.

"It comes down to execution in that red-zone area," James Ferentz said. "With a guy like Marcus running hard, for whatever reason we just couldn't get it done."

Head coach Kirk Ferentz didn't have much to say about his running back's performance in the aftermath of the loss.

"He ran the ball well," he said. "Unfortunately, it went to waste."

Coker became the fourth running back in Iowa history to have multiple 200-yard rushing games. He had a dominant performance in a season in which he has been criticized for appearing tentative.

An embarrassing loss wiped all that out.

"I came here to win football games, and that's all I care about," Coker said. "I don't care if I get 30 yards, 30 carries. If we're not winning, I don't care."

TENNIS

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the first set in his opening match, he has won eight-consecutive sets.

Dierckx's successes began on Oct. 28, when he teamed up with Hagan to claim the Flight B doubles championship. Hagan and Dierckx played together for the first time.

Dierckx said his successful weekend has been the result of simply being ready to play.

"I prepared really well, I came to play early, and practiced really well, and I think that has been the key this weekend," he said.

Freshman Andres Estenssoro was the only other Hawkeye to win multiple games in singles play. The Santa Cruz, Bolivia, native won two back-draw

matches — his first two wins in the Black and Gold — to record a 2-2 record on the weekend.

"It's great to win again," Estenssoro said. "It's opened up something new for me."

The semifinals and finals in both the main and back draws will begin today at 9 a.m. at the tennis center. Dierckx's match is one of four beginning play at 9 a.m.

Houghton said obtaining

the last two wins necessary for the conference title won't be easy for Dierckx.

"It'll be even tougher tomorrow, but he is capable of doing all kinds of things," Houghton said. "This has been his weekend."

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SWIMMING

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ty she has to race, she always races and gives it her all — no questions asked."

Long said he used the day to mix things up in order to see what his athletes could do in events in which they don't typically

compete. He said he was pleased with the results.

Senior captain Danielle Carty said the team was determined to defend its home pool. The overall performance of this year's freshman class has given the team a new energy, she said.

"With our freshman class coming in so strong this year, we have a different kind of atmosphere in the

water," she said. "We're just trying to win a lot of races and put out a lot of good racing. This week was a really good stepping stone for [a meet against] Minnesota next week, because they're going to give us a run for our money."

Iowa also was strong in the diving well. Senior All-American Veronica Rydze took first place in 1-meter diving and third place in 3-

meter diving to lead the Black and Gold.

Up next for Iowa are the Golden Gophers, who come to Iowa City on Nov. 4 for an evening dual. Long said he expects a strong test from one of the top programs in the Big Ten.

"We need a lot of preparation, and they're outstanding teams — both their men and women — with a long tradition," Long said. "We're just hoping we can hang with them."

HEAD OF THE IOWA

Rowers fall just short



Members of the Iowa rowing team participate in the Varsity 8 race during the Head of the Iowa on Sunday on the Iowa River. Iowa placed two boats in the top 10 of the event. (The Daily Iowan/Toan Nguyen)

The Hawkeyes' best finish in the Head of the Iowa was third in the Varsity 8.

By **CONRAD SWANSON**
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The Iowa rowing team fell short of the gold when it competed in the Head of the Iowa on Sunday morning.

The rowers overcame some early morning showers at the Iowa regatta; Creighton, Colorado, Drake, Minnesota, and Wisconsin all competed in the race.

This was Iowa's last competition of the year, and the coaches said they anticipated a strong home advantage brought on in part by a large Hawkeye support base. That fan-base, which consisted of Iowa fans, family of the rowers, and teammates, stood and yelled encouragement as Iowa's boats passed them at Lower City Park.

"When you pass City Park, you can't even hear your coxswain," first-year assistant coach Courtney

Valerious said. "It's so loud with everybody yelling."

Before the Varsity 8 race, Valerious said she thought the home-water advantage would have a large effect on how her athletes would perform, and she predicted a significant boost in energy compared with competing in races hosted by other schools.

"We encourage crews to practice the way they want to perform," Valerious said. "It's a great place to do that."

Assistant coach Carrie Callen agreed with Valerious that there can be an element of home-water advantage but noted there are still logistical problems with hosting such a large event.

"We've got a lot of girls racing today, some of them in multiple events," Callen said. "It's a lot of work to get them fueled up and ready to go for every-thing."

But despite the potential home-surf advantage, the Hawkeyes didn't row quite as fast as they had hoped. Iowa fell short of first in the Varsity 8 race, placing one boat in third, another in 10th, and the last boat in 12th with times of 14:23.173, 14:51.608, and 15:30.173.

"It wasn't lack of effort, just a timing issue," head coach Mandi Kowal said in a release. "We've been battling injuries, so we haven't [had] our lineups together very much. In rowing, you really have to sync up together to be dialed in."

The Novice 4 followed, and the Iowa women placed fifth, behind four boats from Minnesota and Wisconsin. Iowa's time was 18:12.103.

Three Black and Gold women's Varsity 4 boats finished fifth, ninth, and 14th with times of 16:02.366, 16:21.712, and 17:07.359.

Iowa's two Novice 8 boats placed third with a time of 15:00.672 and fifth at 16:02.520.

The women's open pair closed out the event, and Iowa had two boats competing in the race. They placed sixth and eighth with times of 16:37.570 and 16:44.538.

Although the Hawkeyes failed to place higher than third in any event, the coaches and athletes said they'll take the results in stride and use them to prepare for the winter season.

"This isn't where I want to be — and I'm sure the team feels the same way — but it's a steppingstone for the winter season," Kowal said. "We have a relatively new crew in terms of our varsity, so we have a lot of [repetitions] to get in during the winter. We have enough information to take into the winter, and we'll focus on specific things in order to improve."

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Coker — who posted the third-highest single-game rushing total ever by an Iowa back — a single carry on the final drive, even though they had 2:48 and one time-out to work with.

Whatever it was, Iowa's 13th-year coach and his staff clearly didn't get the job done.

Still, I'm a firm believer that the fate of most games lies largely in the hands of the people who are actually on the field — you know, the players.

Aside from Coker and Marvin McNutt, who caught seven balls for 101 yards and a touchdown, few Hawkeyes played well.

Iowa failed to score on half of its red-zone possessions. Mike Meyer, who entered the game 12-of-14 on field goals this season, missed two kicks, one of which — a 24-yarder in the first quarter — was quite makeable.

The offensive line often buckled against aggressive Minnesota blitzes. One in the third quarter leveled James Vanden-

berg, who fumbled, and that led to a Gopher field goal.

The Hawkeye defense played probably its best three quarters of the season before the same old problems resurfaced. Iowa's D-line failed to contain MarQueis Gray to the pocket, ultimately resulting in Gray's game-winning touchdown run. Gopher running back Duane Bennett — previously averaging 3.4 yards per carry — ran for 5.1 yards a pop against a porous run defense. And the Iowa secondary again suffered coverage breakdowns, leading to plays such as Minnesota's 61-yard pass to Devin Crawford-Tufts.

Hell, even the only punt of the day from Eric Guthrie — Iowa's most consistent performer this season — traveled an underwhelming 19 yards.

Unlike last year's 27-24 debacle of a loss to the Gophers, this defeat was not a question of effort or energy.

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Hawks waste banner day



Iowa running back Marcus Coker rumbles forward against Minnesota at TCF Bank Stadium on Oct. 29. Coker rushed for 252 yards and two touchdowns on 32 carries, but his effort was wasted as the Hawkeyes lost to the Gophers, 22-21. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Marcus Coker ran for 252 yards and two touchdowns. But in Iowa's loss, as Kirk Ferentz said, that performance 'went to waste.'

By SAM LOUWAGIE
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MINNEAPOLIS — Marcus Coker leaned against a wall in the bowels of TCF Bank Stadium with his arms folded across his chest.

He spoke so quietly that it was difficult to hear him over the joyful shouts and songs of passing Minnesota cheerleaders. When someone asked him about his own individual

efforts, the sophomore running back rolled his eyes, then closed them and shook his head.

Coker had just run for 252 yards. Only two Iowa running backs have ever run for more in a game.

"Doesn't matter," he said. "We lost."

OK, so he was frustrated. But when the sting of Iowa's 22-21 loss to the Gophers fades, will Coker ever be able

to look back at his monstrous performance and be happy with it?

"Nope," he said. "No." All the pain and frustration

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of a second-straight upset loss to Minnesota erased a huge effort from Coker. And while he wouldn't take any individual credit, the Maryland native's teammates praised the way he carried an otherwise-struggling offense.

"Marcus ran really hard today and he deserves a lot of credit," center James Ferentz

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COMMENTARY

Very easy to spread the blame

Disappointed Hawkeye fans opting for the blame game can direct their criticism at the entire team, not just one aspect of it.



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MINNEAPOLIS — Who should be blamed for Iowa's 22-21 loss to Minnesota?

It sounds trivial — maybe even superficial. But it's also an understandable and predictable question from fans after their team suffered an unforeseeable loss against a really bad opponent.

To answer the question concisely, almost everyone.

Even though coach Kirk Ferentz's postgame press conference primarily consisted of the usual company lines, he was right about at least one thing.

"Today they outplayed us in all three phases," he said. "... If you don't finish drives and get points, that a lot of times will come back and get you. Can't stop the run and slow people down at some point, that's going to get you. And if you don't capitalize on special teams ..."

All of that happened, and it all cost the Hawkeyes. But Ferentz neglected to mention that he was out-coached, too.

There was Minnesota coach Jerry Kill's gutsy — and ultimately successful — onside kick call. There was Ferentz's decision to enter halftime in a 7-7 tie despite having possession of the ball with 1:13 and two time-outs left. And don't forget how the Hawkeyes didn't give Marcus

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IOWA 184.5, MICHIGAN STATE 93.5

Swimmers bury Spartans

The Hawkeyes led wire-to-wire in second-straight dual meet, and Becky Stoughton set a school record.

By TORK MASON
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Domination was the theme of the day at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Oct. 29.

The Iowa women's swimming and diving team won 13 of the 14 swimming events and split the 1- and 3-meter diving events with Michigan State on the way to a 184.5-93.5 victory.

The Hawkeyes didn't just win; they buried the Spartans. The team took the top two spots in four different



Stouton swimmer

They're just a hungry bunch right now, this young group," head coach Marc Long said.

Perhaps the hungriest of the bunch was freshman Becky Stoughton, who won the 100 backstroke and set another record in a career

that consists of just three meets. Her time of 4:17.90 in the 400 individual medley set the mark.

"At the beginning, I knew I had to take it out fast because I lack a lot in the breaststroke," Stoughton said. "I was trying to hit sub-two minutes in the first 200, and then whatever happens in the breaststroke happens, and then try to bring it back in the freestyle."

She wasn't able to achieve her goal of a sub-two minute 200 in the race, but it didn't matter. She had nearly a 10-second lead entering the third leg of the race and put it away from there, winning the race by slightly more than 15 seconds and shattering the previous school mark by three seconds.

"[Stoughton] does swim that event, but it's not necessarily one of her top events," Long said. "It was great. I think the main thing is that any opportuni-

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BIG TEN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dierckx reaches semis

Iowa sophomore Jonas Dierckx is 8-0 at the Big Ten indoor championships.

By RYAN MURPHY
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The Big Ten indoor championships are a chance for the Iowa men's tennis team to make a statement before the end of the fall season.

And no one on the Hawkeye roster has made a bigger impact than Jonas Dierckx.

He won four singles matches to advance to the semifinals of the conference indoor tournament today. The sophomore will face Michigan State's No. 12-seeded Aaron Pfister in the semis at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Center.

"I never expected to go so far in the tournament," Dierckx said. "It's really special to do it ... and to have my team right there cheering for me."

Iowa head coach Steve Houghton said Dierckx has had one of the best weekends of his Hawkeye career; his run in singles



Sophomore Jonas Dierckx returns a volley during a Big Ten indoor championships match against Michigan's Eli Brown on Sunday in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Center. Dierckx beat Brown and No. 1-seed Josh MacTaggart of Indiana to advance to today's semifinal round. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Bauer)

came after the Belgian native claimed the doubles championship with teammate Matt Hagan.

"It's been an unbelievable weekend for Jonas," said Houghton, who is in his 31st year as Iowa coach. "[The quarterfinal] was probably the biggest win he has had since he's been here."

That match came

against Indiana's No. 1-seeded Josh MacTaggart, whom the sophomore trailed 4-2 in the second set before reeling off four-straight games to win the match (6-4, 6-4).

Houghton said beating MacTaggart, who was an All-Big Ten player last season, gives Dierckx a career-defining victory.

"[MacTaggart] plays a

style that is designed to annoy opponents and drive them crazy, but Jonas stayed mentally tough throughout the match, and that's probably the main reason he won," the coach said.

Dierckx also knocked off two players from Michigan in his run. After losing

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