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Ferentz on Penn St.: 'I've got a great job'

Kirk Ferentz didn't say much on Tuesday when asked about the coaching situation at Penn State. Instead, the Hawkeye head coach spoke highly of his current position.

"I've got a great job," he said. "I just feel fortunate to be here."

Ferentz's name has been linked to many openings during his 13 seasons as Iowa's head coach, both in the NFL with the Steelers and Chiefs, among other teams, as well as in the college ranks with schools such as Michigan.

After Penn State fired Joe Paterno last week in light of the scandal involving a former assistant coach allegedly sexually abusing children, Ferentz's name has surfaced on many experts' lists as a potential coaching candidate for the Nittany Lions.

Ferentz signed a contract extension in 2010 to keep him in Iowa City through 2020 while making about \$3.8 million annually.

A reporter asked Ferentz if Penn State officials had spoken to his agent, Neil Cornrich.

"Absolutely no idea," Ferentz said. "If they have, I have no knowledge."

— by **Jordan Garretson**

Perry: Make Congress part-time

BETTENDORF — Iowa caucus candidate Rick Perry said Tuesday that if elected, he would end lifetime appointments for federal judges and slash the pay for federal lawmakers, effectively turning Congress into a part-time institution.

In a speech laying out how he would "uproot and overhaul" Washington, the Texas governor suggested that his Washington outsider background — unlike some of his GOP rivals — would help him succeed at changing the city's culture. Changing Washington also was one of President Obama's goals; he's had no success on that front since taking office.

"Unique to the Republican field, I have never been an establishment figure, have never served in Congress or part of an administration and have never been a paid lobbyist," Perry said. "My career has been that of a Washington outsider."

Until he jumped into the presidential race in August, Perry spent his entire political career in his home state of Texas.

— **Associated Press**

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Canoe top this? Special-delivery IPA



Toppling Goliath Brewery general manager Nick Murphy and owner Clark Lewey (front) row back down the Iowa River after making a delivery of beer to John's Grocery on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Bauer)



Toppling Goliath Brewery general manager Nick Murphy (left) and owner Clark Lewey carry the first delivery of their bottled beer to John's Grocery on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Bauer)



Doug Alberhasky, the "Bier Guy" at John's Grocery, receives a bottle of Golden Nugget IPA on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Bauer)

Decorah-based Toppling Goliath Brewing uses proceeds to preserve watersheds in northeastern Iowa.

By **MATT STARNS**
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Craft-brewed beer is not new to the Iowa City market, but beer delivery by canoe might be.

Clark Lewey, owner and president of Decorah-based Toppling Goliath Brewing Company, delivered 24 "bombers" — 22-ounce bottles — of the company's famed Golden Nugget India Pale Ale to John's Grocery, 401 E. Market St., Tuesday afternoon. He was accompanied by Nick Murphy, the company's general manager.

The pair paddled their canoe — with the nearly 85 pounds of handcrafted ale aboard — upstream on the Iowa River from the dam on Burlington St. to the IMU, where the two unloaded the precious cargo and carried it six

blocks up Market Street to John's Grocery.

Lewey said the canoe delivery was a symbol of Toppling Goliath's dedication to preserving watersheds in northeast Iowa.

"I grew up protecting watersheds," he said. "It's a big mission for me."

Watersheds are areas of land where surface water from precipitation drains into rivers and lakes. The water from these plots is often polluted, which can be a problem for small brewing companies that rely heavily on local sources of water for brewing.

Lewey also said he has purchased watershed land for preservation.

"I've worked in a family business in the beverage industry for 24 years," he said. "We invest all of our profits from that business in

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Bruegger fire probe continues

Most fire investigations by the Iowa City Fire Department are completed in fewer than eight hours.

By **ERIC MOORE**
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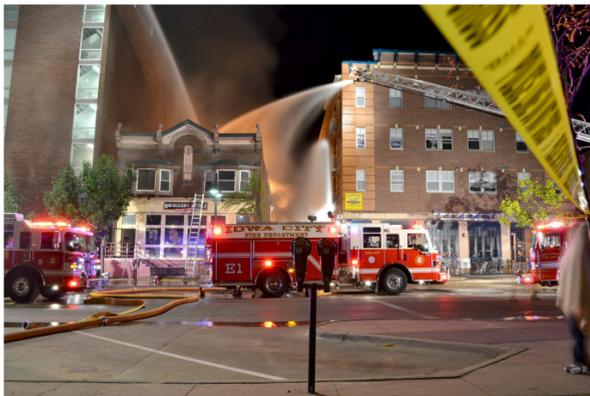
Local fire and police officials have spent more than \$7,100 and 164 hours investigating the cause of a late-September fire at a local Bruegger's Bagel Bakery.

Iowa City Fire Marshal John Grier, the lead investigator for the case, said the time, money, and the extent of the damage were unusual.

"It's taken much more time than your typical run-of-the-mill fire," Grier said. "The magnitude of this one was different just because the amount of debris."

The fire at the 225 Iowa Ave. property reportedly started early in the morning of Sept. 24. The fire quickly spread to nearby buildings and was reported by local officials to be under control at 7:30 a.m.

Grier said it's difficult to average the amount of money spent on fire investigations



Firefighters put out the fire at Bruegger's on Iowa Avenue on Sept. 24. Investigations into the cause of the blaze are still ongoing and have cost more than \$7,000 so far. (Photo contributed by Mackenzie Elmer)

because of the varying circumstances in each incident.

He said typically most investigations are completed in fewer than eight hours.

"Bruegger's is certainly on the end of the scale in terms of what's normal," Grier said. "Depending on the extent of the incident, that would certainly vary."

Though officials are not searching for evidence at the scene, the investigation still ongoing.

Grier said the investigative team is required to determine what caused the fire, or whether the cause is "undeterminable."

"We don't just willy-nilly say something; we want to be sure," Grier said. "If new evidence comes to light later on, then we can always go in and change the determination, but you want to be pretty sure."

Iowa City Fire Chief Andrew Rocca said the investigation's cost did not entirely require extra compensation; some investigators involved were already on duty with set pay during the time of the investigation.

"If a fire occurs, and they happen to be on duty, they would investigate it to the best

SEE **FIRE**, 3

HAWKALERT

UI: Alert issued promptly

UI police sent out the HawkAlert 17 minutes after they were notified Monday night.

By **KRISTEN EAST**
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University of Iowa officials said on Tuesday the HawkAlert system notifies students only in cases of real threats.

A HawkAlert was issued at 10:27 p.m. Monday night, warning of a possible armed suspect near campus. That was more than an hour after Iowa City police received the initial report.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said the department was notified of a domestic dispute at 9:08 p.m. She said she was unsure what caused the delay in reporting to the UI.

But UI spokesman Tom Moore said the HawkAlert wasn't delayed.

According to a UI news release, UI police received information of a credible threat at 10:10 p.m. The first HawkAlert was issued at approximately 10:27, only 17 minutes after learning of the threat. UI police are responsible for issuing a HawkAlert.

Moore also said he did not know why it took so long for Iowa City police to report the incident to campus officials. UI police officials did not return calls seeking comment on the delay.

Moore said HawkAlerts are issued when someone or something threatens the UI community.

"The overriding criteria will be some-

SEE **ALERT**, 3

Confusion reigns after alert

UI officials said they first received reports about the potential threat at 10:10 p.m.

By **JORDYN REILAND**
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University of Iowa students, their parents, and faculty were alarmed when their evening activities were interrupted by a possible threat on campus Monday evening.

The HawkAlert, issued by UI police, said police were looking for a man reported to have a weapon near campus. The alert instructed the recipients to stay inside until further notice.

And many who received the alert — via text, phone, or email — said they were concerned at the vague and untimely information.

"At first I was really freaked out and confused because I was done with a midterm, and I was downtown at Mesa," said UI freshman Danijel Pejkanovic. "I wasn't sure where the suspect was because the alert was vague."

Pejkanovic said he felt panicked after receiving the alert and asked the Mesa pizza-delivery guy for a ride back to his residence in Daum.

Parents of students at the UI who received the HawkAlert said they were startled by the late-night call.

UI parent Laura Renault of Hubbard, Iowa, said she didn't pick up the phone when she first received a call from an unknown number. Renault said the other two alerts she received were identified as the UI on her caller ID.

"If my daughter had not called me before, and I had just gotten the two alerts, I would have been even more confused," Renault said.

Others who received the alert felt inun-

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CRÊPES DE PARADIS



Fadwa El'Qoudsi, the wife of the Crêpes de Luxe Café's owner, makes crêpes in the café on Tuesday. The restaurant serves sweet and savory crêpes, thin pancakes that originated in Brittany, France. Owner and chef Hicham Chehouani, a Moroccan who grew up in France, started his crêpe business as a vendor on the Pedestrian Mall. In order to have a more stable business, Chehouani opened the crêpe restaurant in 2009. (The Daily Iowan/Ya Chen Chen)

METRO

Man charged with domestic-abuse assault

Iowa City police charged a local man after he allegedly struck a female, knocking a baby out of her arms.

Abdikadir Abdi, 21, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4012, was charged Nov. 14 with domestic-abuse assault without intent causing injury and endangerment/no injury.

According to complaints, a woman told police she was holding her 5-month-old baby when her boyfriend struck her in the right eye. Abdi also allegedly struck her in the hand and stomach, causing her to drop the infant.

Police said the baby fell on a bed and onto the floor, which prompted crying. The complaint said the baby did not have any visible injuries.

Complaints said the female was crying, had visible swelling around her eye, and stomach pain when police arrived. She was later transported to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics by ambulance for treatment.

Abdi allegedly admitted to striking and biting the woman during a physical fight between them.

— by Hayley Bruce

New database for faculty touted

A new database of faculty information will provide better access to information when lob-

bing, University of Iowa officials said.

Associate Provost Tom Rice presented information about the Electronic Curriculum Vitae project during a UI Faculty Council meeting Tuesday.

The project is a campuswide database of career information on faculty.

The electronic CV includes basic information and past research faculty members have completed. Each UI college has its own database, which can be tailored to departmental needs.

Some council members supported the idea but were concerned about the time it would take to gather the appropriate information.

The CV was originally proposed five years ago but the plan was put on hold because of the flood and economic instability. The Tippie College of Business is the only college that uses the program at present.

Officials hope to use the program to provide better information to state officials about university members.

Rice said that while the transition will require some necessary time and effort, in the end, it will save time.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Renovations on Main Library begin

University of Iowa officials have begun work on the new Learning Commons in the Main Library.

Chris Clark, the UI learning-spaces technologies manager,

presented the project's details to the UI Student Government at a general Senate meeting Tuesday night.

"The first phase of this is going to be moving a lot of the library staff in that space up to the fifth floor," he said. "It won't be too terribly disruptive."

The heaviest demolition will start in May 2012, once students leave for the summer.

The 37,000-square-foot project is slated for completion in fall 2013, and it will cost the UI roughly \$14 million.

The space will include 20 private-group study areas, 150 desktop computers, and study space for more than 500 students. It will have a 45-seat TILE classroom and a renovated café.

Officials plan to cut a hole in the east side of the Main Library, creating a primary entrance on Madison Street. They will also cut "a decent amount of holes" in the building for additional windows, Clark said.

The Learning Commons will be open 24 hours a day, five days a week.

— by Kristen East

Two charged with burglary

Iowa City police charged two local men after they allegedly tried to steal an Xbox from an occupied residence.

Morgan Powell, 20, and Albert Black, 19, 2023 Taylor Drive, were charged Nov. 14 with first-degree burglary.

According to complaints, a resident was home when he heard

noises inside his apartment. When he went to investigate the noise, the complaint said, he found three males in his apartment committing burglary.

When the resident tried to evict the intruders, they allegedly hit him in the nose before leaving the apartment.

The complaint said Powell left his bag and a cell phone at the residence. The intruders also left with the resident's Xbox, which was located later.

— by Hayley Bruce

Woman charged with theft

Iowa City police charged a Cedar Rapids woman after she allegedly stole \$1,300 while working as a manager at Hy-Vee.

Rebekka Hayslett, 27, was charged Nov. 11 with second-degree theft.

According to a complaint, Hayslett was employed at the North Dodge Hy-Vee, where she had access to the store safe.

The complaint said a store audit/investigation revealed Hayslett allegedly "shorted" the safe \$100 at least 12 times and used a \$100 gift card fraudulently.

Hayslett allegedly gave a Hy-Vee a signed confession, explaining she took the money because she was frustrated, struggling, and in a "financial situation."

Hayslett also allegedly admitted to taking the money in a recorded interview at the Iowa City police station under Miranda, but she thought the amount was closer to \$300 or \$400.

— by Hayley Bruce

BLOTTER

Samantha Allen, 20, 4 E. Prentiss St. Apt. 5, was charged Nov. 12 with PAULA.

Brooke Ainley, 31, Clear Lake, Iowa, was charged Nov. 12 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Jesse Ayers, 21, Lidderdale, Iowa, was charged Nov. 13 with public intoxication.

Kristen Bachewicz, 31, Chicago, was charged Nov. 12 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Bradly Bauer, 31, Stratford, Iowa, was charged Nov. 12 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Brett Black, 31, 2037 Sherman Drive, was charged Nov. 12 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Danan Block, 19, 444 S. Johnson St. Apt. 4, was charged Nov. 12 with PAULA.

Thomas Brewer, 48, Onalaska, Wis., was charged Nov. 12 with fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Steven Brown, 48, Olathe, Kan., was charged Nov. 12 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Skyler Burkett, 20, 2100 S. Scott Blvd. Apt. 123, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.

Daria Campbell, 48, St. Joseph, Mich., was charged Nov. 12 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Ryan Card, 34, Rochester, Minn., was charged Nov. 12 with public intoxication.

Austin Carlson, 22, Stratford, Iowa, was charged Nov. 12 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Joseph Cetanyan, 58, Bettendorf, was charged Nov. 12 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Paul Close, 67, 61 Regal Lane, was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft.

Samantha Cochrane, 19, 402 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 735, was charged Nov. 12 with presence in a bar after hours.

David Collins, 25, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with assault.

Lindsey Cook, 20, 307 E. College St. Apt. 1833, was charged Nov. 11 with presence in a bar after hours.

Maria Cruz Ambriz, 24, 2801 Highway 6 E. Apt. 65, was charged Sunday with dispensing alcohol after hours.

Phillipe Diamitani, 23, 2541 Clearwater Court, was charged Monday with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Daniel Dykstra, 31, West Des Moines, was charged Nov. 12 with public intoxication.

Sarah Ensminger, 20, 830 E. Jefferson St. Apt. 4, was charged Nov. 10 with unlawful use of an authentic driver's license.

Neil Erickson, 27, Grimes, Iowa, was charged Nov. 12 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Scott Erikson, 30, Grimes, Iowa, was charged Nov. 12 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Christian Ferro, 20, 307 E. College St. was charged Nov. 11 with presence in a bar after hours.

Michael Foley, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Nov. 12 with PAULA.

Jon Folman, 35, 1960 Broadway Apt. 11C, was charged Nov. 12 with public intoxication.

Ethan Frakes, 18, Keokuk, Iowa, was charged Nov. 12 with PAULA.

Benjamin Fritz, 18, Streamwood, Ill., was charged Nov. 13 with public intoxication.

Emily Gardner, 19, 801 Gilbert Court Apt. 214, was charged Nov. 12 with PAULA.

Nathaniel Gartin, 19, 216A Mayflower, was charged Nov. 12 with possession of a controlled substance.

Eric Gillespie, 36, Urbandale, Iowa, was charged Nov. 12 with public intoxication.

Logan Goetsch, 19, Cedar Falls, was charged Nov. 12 with disorderly conduct.

Kevin Green, 39, Minooka, Ill., was charged Nov. 12 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Daniel Griffin, 37, Marion, was charged Nov. 12 with possession of

an open alcohol container in public.

Jesmar Guzman, 18, Glendale Heights, Ill., was charged Nov. 12 with PAULA.

Tyler Guzzo, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Nov. 12 with PAULA.

Jacob Hagedorn, 19, 1243 Slater Hall, was charged Nov. 12 with PAULA and falsifying driver's licenses.

Brent Harmeier, 28, Sioux City, was charged Nov. 12 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Bryan Harp, 37, Batavia, Ill., was charged Nov. 12 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Brode Hills, 19, 902 Benton Drive Apt. 33, was charged Nov. 12 with OWI.

Tharman Hinds Jr., 48, 2151 Davis St., was charged Nov. 9 with possession of a controlled substance.

Jesse Hodges, 19, Coralville, was charged Nov. 11 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sophie Holland, 20, N206 Parklawn, was charged Nov. 12 with public intoxication.

Ashley Hutchings, 20, 200 S. Linn St. Apt. 4, was charged Nov. 11 with presence in a bar after hours.

Alexander Jennings, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Nov. 11 with public intoxication, interference with official acts, and disorderly conduct.

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CANOE

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northeast Iowa real estate, specifically watersheds."

Toppling Goliath marketing director Madison McMullen said the company will release its Watershed Wheat beer next week, with 100 percent of

profits from the batch going directly to watershed projects in northeast Iowa.

"It's really important to us to keep our rivers and our streams clean," she said. "Everybody brews downstream, and if the water's not clean, you can't make good beer."

Doug Alberhasky, the "Bier Guy" at John's, said "good beer" is exactly what Toppling Goliath delivers.

"It's very refreshing to see so many of the Iowa

Breweries really stepping up their quality and making some really world-class stuff," he said.

Alberhasky said he was excited to be one of the recipients of the Golden Nugget bombers — the brewery's first bottling debut outside its Decorah taproom.

"I've been very anxious to finally carry the Toppling Goliath beers," he said. "This is something they filled by hand, capped

by hand, and labeled by hand — When you talk about something that is craft-brewed, this is it."

Alberhasky said the beer — priced at a cool \$13.99 per bottle — will be limited to one bottle per customer, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lewey said the limited quantity of bottles available is an intentional move by Toppling Goliath to bring customers back to local bars, where they can

get the Golden Nugget on tap.

He also said the company is very selective when it comes to allowing establishments to carry its beers.

"We give our accounts a tool that is unique," he said. "We're typically the most expensive-priced beer in there because we're small-batch, and you can't get it anywhere but a few select accounts."

Since it became available

in Iowa City last March, Toppling Goliath beer have been a resounding success in the Iowa City market, Lewey said. He said the craft beers are currently available on-tap in Iowa City at a handful of locations, including the Sanctuary, Red's, and Joe's Place.

"It's been a long time coming," said McMullen about the limited bottling run. "Even at this point, we're going to keep bottling small."

ALERT

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thing that poses a threat to the health, safety, or well being of faculty, staff, and students," Moore said, and a HawkAlert can concern on-campus threats and natural disasters.

The suspect was located around 30 miles from the UI campus in Muscatine, and police did not find a weapon him. The incident has since been forwarded to Iowa City police's domestic-abuse investigator, Brotherton said.

Brittany Caplin, UI Student Government vice president and an employee

Past HawkAlerts

UI students have expressed their disapproval of delayed HawkAlerts in recently. Including:

- December 2010: Students received HawkAlert nearly 10 hours after a man reportedly escaped from the UI Hospitals and Clinics.
- April 2010: The HawkAlert system was criticized for a delayed notification about a tornado near Iowa City.
- March 2008: Students were sent a delayed notification after a local man killed his family before taking his own life.

Source: UI archives

of the University News Services, said deciding whether an issue warrants

a HawkAlert is a "really difficult situation."

"[The UI] wants to get the alert out as soon as possible, but they don't want it to be a cry wolf situation," she said. "Of course, we want to know if there's a weapon involved as soon as possible, but you also want to make sure there's a real problem. We want to have the correct information."

David Zarifis, the director of public safety at the University of Northern Iowa, agreed with Caplin.

"There is always a time delay," Zarifis said. "You can be criticized for putting [the alert] out too early, too late, or not at all. I know that we always struggle with the timing of that and having the information at hand and making sure it's

valid information."

Zarifis said decisions to send UNI Alerts are not taken lightly.

"You want to make sure you're applying [the alert] as necessary, and not crying wolf every time something happens," he said. "It comes to a point where people don't listen to it. We got to be very sure of what we put out there."

The only delayed warning UNI students have received recently was an instance several years ago after a potential gunman was reported on campus. Students received the alert 45 minutes after the initial report because UNI police wanted to determine where the gunman was and if the threat was legitimate, Zarifis said.

UI students have expressed discontent with the HawkAlert system in recent years. Most recently when an inmate patient escaped the UI Hospitals and Clinics in December 2010, students received a HawkAlert nearly 10 hours after the inmate's escape was reported.

Moore said he didn't know of any specific changes made to the HawkAlert system following the December 2010

incident.

Caplin said UISG will look into improving the HawkAlert system following Monday's alert. One of UISG's top priorities this year is promoting campus safety.

"We're absolutely going to look into it and see what we can do to meet with [UI police] and talk about what we can do to improve communication," Caplin said.

REACTION

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dated by the numerous media and consecutive alerts.

Some faculty received up to four alerts over approximately a three-hour span.

"I was woken up four times," said Mary Clark, a UI professor of nursing. "It's good to alert someone, but four calls may be a little much."

Clark, however, said she

HawkAlert

University of Iowa students, faculty, and staff can sign up for different options to receive information during campuswide emergencies.

- Text message
- Email
- Phone call

Source: University of Iowa

approved of the alert system and felt officials provided the appropriate amount of information in the alert.

"You don't want students

to take a risk because you tell them the suspect is somewhere specific on campus," Clark said. "Students are more likely to think they are in less danger if they are not close to where the alleged suspect is."

UI faculty, staff, and students along with their parents are able to sign up to receive HawkAlerts.

UI freshman Danielle Tiernan said she wasn't aware of the time between the first report and the HawkAlert.

"My parents got a call, but they were not awake, and they left a message on

the voice mail," she said.

The Iowa City police received a call at 9:08 p.m. A HawkAlert was not sent out until an hour and a half later.

And though UI police said they did not receive word of the threat until 10:10 p.m., UI senior Kelsey Defenbaugh said the UI should have sent out the information sooner.

"If that's the whole point of it," Defenbaugh said. "It's not useful if you get it after the fact."

FIRE

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of their ability," Rocca said. "They may request additional assistance from the fire marshal and additional investigators who may or may not be on duty."

Rocca said additional assistance became necessary during and following the fire.

Ron Humphrey, the special agent in charge of the State Fire Marshal's Arson and Explosives Bureau, works on the criminal side of fire investigations.

"A majority of our fires are accidental or undetermined and the others are arson," Humphrey said. "We may have a fire that

Bruegger's Bagel Bakery Fire

Numerous businesses originally damaged by the fire have since reopened.

- Takanami
- Yacht Club
- Studio 13
- Akar

we will never know [the cause]."

Humphrey iterated Grier's opinion regarding the various lengths of investigations.

"It just depends upon many factors that go into that case," he said, adding he has cases open from late 2008.

Grier said the goal of the investigation is to determine the cause of the fire and how it could have been

prevented.

"The idea of the investigation is not to point the finger at somebody ... We want to make things safer, make machines safer," Grier said. "How can we educate, how can we engineer, how can we do things a little differently so they don't happen again?"

Grier will attend a hearing Thursday and Friday to examine results from laboratory examinations of evidence left at the scene.

He said depending on the results of this evidence, the investigation could be completed following a review.

"We'll see if they provide any insight into what's happened, and after that's done, I think that'll be as much as I can do," Grier said.

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Editorial

Repeal 'No Child' leave education reform to experts

It looks as if the do-nothing Congress might actually get something done through common-ground on education reform — well, next year, anyway.

Last week, U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, announced that a bill he has cosponsored to reform many portions of the 2001 No Child Left Behind law would arrive on the U.S. Senate floor in 2012. Harkin agrees with many educators and experts in the field who believe that No Child Left Behind did a huge disservice to the progression of elementary and secondary education by enforcing impractical standards.

State governments know their school systems better than the federal government, and thus, they know better how to address any of the systems' shortcomings — that much people seem to agree upon. Using the same logic, school districts know how to address their problems better than the state government.

Thus, individual school districts should be the responsible parties in optimizing their students' futures — with some government oversight. With the amount of time left for the bill to reach Congress, this should be researched and considered.

The bill would do away with annual performance tests for students — a much-needed first step. As the law stands, these performance tests determine the levels of federal funding that public schools receive.

Peter Hlebowitsh, the chairman of the Teaching and Learning Department of the University of Iowa College of Education, believes that the ties between federal subsidies and performance exams should be ended as soon as possible.

"You don't want to tie a test to high-stakes consequences because tests are, by nature, fallible," he said.

Since the law was passed, teachers have had to abandon their traditional ways of teaching and instead have had to focus on having their students pass standardized tests.

Thus, such provisions give school districts financial incentive to disregard every other subject — social studies, science, the fine arts, music, physical education, and more.

In addition, because these subsidies are so important to many public schools that rely upon them to stay open, states often have a "race to the bottom" when it comes to standard-setting. The current law allows states to set their own standards to allow some sort of localized control, since, traditionally, states know their populations best. If the standards are set low enough for a given state, there is lit-

tle reason to worry about a denial of federal funding.

As many have noted, for these reasons, No Child Left Behind is widely regarded as a disaster. Hlebowitsh agrees. "The accountability system is largely ineffective because of the clash between federal policy and different state standards," he said. "The system is largely a failure."

Another provision of the Harkin bill would replace the annual performance tests with college- and workplace-readiness exams for high-school students. Students are often unprepared for entering the radically different environments of higher education and the workplace, in which instructors and supervisors are far more demanding than in high school.

Hlebowitsh also said that if the structure were to be more decentralized, he would like to see a system more like Britain's Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services, and Skills system, in which school inspectors evaluate both state and independent schools to ensure a certain set of benchmarks. Moreover, he suggested, "if people are concerned about standards, they should look at the National Assessment of Educational Progress exam as a replacement."

There have been numerous campaigns against this ill-advised regulation — including the National Education Association — and they seem to have finally caught the attention of our leaders in Washington. Many on the left and the right agree that No Child Left Behind has done harm to American education and want to put an end to it.

Because of the more significant problems of economic stagnation, expanding government debt, and, frankly, re-election campaigns, the issue won't be brought to a vote for a few months. But Congress must not set this issue to the side when the time comes. It is one of the most consequential issues our country will face in the next few years.

Hlebowitsh believes that Harkin's bill is a good step in the right direction, but he realizes there is a long way to go.

"While No Child Left Behind should be credited for bringing attention to the achievement gap, any system that allows districts to design their own system is a better one," he said.

Let's hope our elected officials *at least* look into such a measure when the subject is debated in 2012.

Your turn. Should schools design their own standards? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Google keeps it fresh

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Elevators to space; cars that can drive themselves; refrigerators that can order new shipments of food when supplies run short.

In light of a new project on behalf of one of the world's fastest-expanding companies, such fantasies might one day become reality.

This past Sunday, a few *New York Times* reporters interviewed dozens of people knowledgeable of — but, because of secrecy, not directly involved with — Google's Google X headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. The top-secret lab is home to a new initiative by the mega-corporation that seeks to tackle a list of roughly 100 "shoot-for-the-stars ideas."

The new project is a testament to not only what remains of a dwindling American dominance of technological ingenuity but also the innovative potential of corporations even in times of recession. Amid the trying backdrop of economic sluggishness, Google continues to prove that with a concentration on research and continual investment in innovation, expansion is possible, even against the odds.

While most of the ideas on Google X's hit list are in the abstract stages — mere projections of hopeful advancements to come — it's in the nature of the company's endeavors that we find promise.

Google's success isn't by any means a reflection of the norm. Since the official declaration of a recession in late 2007, the financial times have taken a toll on an innumerable number of domestic and global corporations, from Blockbuster and Borders to SkyBus and Circuit City. So what, then, makes Google so special?

The answer, simply put, is innovation. Despite the long list of failed companies, the names of those that flourished during economic crises is just as shocking. Thomas Edison's General Electric, for instance, was founded during the Panic of 1873; MTV spawned amid the chaotic rubble of the early 1980s economy; more recently, Wikipedia rose like a phoenix from the ashes of the 9/11 recession.

The *Wall Street*

Journal released the winner of its 2011 "Small Business, Big Innovation" competition Tuesday. The award went to Quadlogic Controls Corp., a New York City-based manufacturer of electricity-metering systems. While the company is no Google, don't dis its style — after years of record lows following the economic downturn, Quadlogic is on track to bring in \$20 million in revenue this year.

Its secret? Like Google, Quadlogic's claim to fame is innovation. The company's partners found success in a calculated gamble born from desperate circumstances, increasing research and funding for a new, experimental branch of its production and restructuring its marketing strategy.

Endeavors such as the Google X project seek to facilitate advancements in robotics, automobile technology, and aerospace engineering, as it looks to become a catalyst for new ideas and a workplace for genius minds. The trend of Google's innovative scope seems to represent the same stroke of calculated risk seen in Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic project, in Zuckerberg's social-networking brainchild; in Neil Clark Warren's eHarmony.

The instinctive reaction of many businesses during recession is often one marked by paralysis, with a business strategy emphasizing maintenance instead of proactivity. Yet, by re-evaluating marketing strategies and increasing funding for research, expansion is a real possibility. As they say, fortune favors the bold.

Google and its X project shouldn't serve as a demonstration of extraordinary corporate ambition but an indicator of a necessary mentality: Innovation of such a degree is directly linked to the vitality of any corporation today, especially in America. Since its founding and resultant popularization as a search engine, Google has continually proven itself as a vessel of progress and ingenuity — it has created jobs, supported the arts, revolutionized the contemporary workplace, and facilitated both technological and social advancements. Despite the company's trial early this year on suspicions of being a monopoly, Google represents everything that American business should aspire to become. ■

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Upset with fat jokes

I am surprised *The Daily Iowan* allowed the Nov. 15 piece making fun of fat people to run in the Ledge. It was incredibly mean-spirited and reinforces the misconceptions and prejudices many people already hold about people of size.

It is patently obvious that it's not acceptable to run a column making fun of other historically marginalized groups (African-Americans, Jewish people, or the disabled, for example), so why are fat people somehow still an acceptable target of hateful "humor?"

Please hold your writers to higher standards, both creatively and ethically.

Katherine Parker Bryden
UI graduate

Forget Romney, research Paul

Many people think former Gov. Mitt Romney is the ONLY candidate who can beat President Obama. Really?

The Democrats already have a website lambasting Romney's flip-flops.

While I have no problem with Romney being a Mormon, Democrats will have a heyday.

Then there's RomneyCare. Romney still says he's all for mandating people to buy health insurance. Romney tells us he'll repeal ObamaCare. However, based on his past U-turns, once inaugurated will he, really?

Romney was a Wall Street insider. Obama's machine will paint him as such. It won't be difficult.

Romney supported Bush's and Obama's bailout of "too-big-to-fail" banks. He said so in the Dartmouth debate. You think Obama's campaign won't use that?

On what other issues has Romney wavered?

- Man-made climate change
- Gun control
- Amnesty for illegals
- Same-sex marriage
- Abortion

Then there's this from the October debate in Las Vegas. When pressed on hiring a company that employed illegal aliens Romney said, "So, we went to the company and we said, 'Look, you can't have illegals working on our property. I'm running for office, for Pete's sake. I can't have illegals.'"

If you want a principled, consistent, and moral leader who can beat President Obama you should research U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas.

The Democrats and the Obama campaign have *nothing* on this man. His consistency in Congress always based on the Constitution, his humble morality, and his steadfastness to principles provide no "dirt" for the Democrats.

Paul's consistent voting record prompted one congresswoman to comment, "There are few people in public life who, through thick and thin, rain or shine, stick to their principles. Ron Paul is one of those few."

Learn about Ron Paul and vote for him in the Jan. 3 caucus.

Jeff Luecke
Dubuque resident

Guest opinion

Setting things straight with 'Tailgate legal advice'

I am the supervising attorney at Student Legal Services, and I wish to respond some inaccuracies in an article titled "Tailgate legal advice," which was printed in *The Daily Iowan* on Oct. 20 and written by Will Mattessich.

Mattessich is an undergraduate student who works at Student Legal Services in the role of undergraduate director. As such, he is responsible for filing documents and compiling statistics. However, he is not a law student nor

does he provide legal advice to students. The contents of the article were not approved by me, anyone else at Student Legal Services, or by any University of Iowa employee.

The first error in the article is a reference to a "partial breath test" which the police may offer to drivers whom the police suspect of OWI. The correct term for the test is "Preliminary Breath Test." The second error in the article is the statement that "you should never consent to

this test." A person does have the right to not consent to this test, and each person must decide whether to exercise that right. For example, if a person has had absolutely nothing to drink, the test should reflect that, in which case the police officer is likely to not arrest the driver.

Another error in the article is when the writer insinuates that one cannot be convicted of a PAULA if that person is not physically holding the drink. This

is a misstatement of Iowa law, which provides that a person under the legal age of 21 shall not individually or jointly have alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer in their possession or control. A person may be in constructive possession of alcohol even if they do not have physical possession of alcohol. Some of the factors which may support constructive possession are if the person exercised control over the drink, knew of its presence, and knew the drink contained alcohol.

Finally, the article states that "police officers even arrest students and cite them for the wrong charge." People sometimes are wrongfully charged, because everyone makes mistakes, even police officers. This is one reason a person charged with a criminal offense should carefully consider whether to plead guilty at the initial appearance. Another reason not to plead guilty right away is that some people charged with PAULA, public intoxica-

tion, or possession of marijuana may be eligible for diversion programs that could result in dismissal of the charge. Pleading guilty at the initial appearance may preclude a person from participating in the diversion program and possibly having the charge dismissed. To learn about legal options, University of Iowa students can get free legal advice from Student Legal Services.

Greg Bal is the supervising attorney of the University of Iowa's Student Legal Services.

New district tax has naysayers

Around \$50,000 of the municipal-district tax levy will go toward marketing downtown and the North Side Marketplace.

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Local business owners want their peers, the Iowa City City Council, and others promoting the Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District tax levy to understand its implications.

Though the proposal for a tax levy to diversify Iowa City's central and North Side areas has been well-received — with only 17 percent of business owners signing a petition against it — some business owners find themselves at odds with the representation of tenants who are affected by the tax.

The municipal district would require businesses to pay an additional \$2 for every \$1,000 in taxable property value. That money would then go to the maintenance, improvement, and marketing of the commercial areas.

In order to sign a petition in favor or against the district, business owners must own property, which leaves some tenants feeling they don't have enough say.

"I think this is an example where the people who bear the cost don't really have a vote, but that doesn't mean that [district is] not a good thing," said Holly Sanger, a partner in the Anderson Arnold & Partners LLP therapy clinic, 229 E. Washington St.

Some landlords have recognized the issue.

Scott Cray, an owner of the Paul-Helen Building, 209 E. Washington St., is the landlord for a variety of businesses that the tax increase will be passed on to. Cray decided to sign a petition opposing the levy because many of his tenants objected.

"Since we were presented competing petitions to sign, we felt the fair thing to do was to take a survey of our tenants, and see if they wanted us to support the [district]," Cray said.

Business owners are also uncomfortable with the idea of having a downtown manager; one aspect of the district plan incorporates a downtown manager and an assistant manager. Their salaries, office space, and other factors are budgeted for \$205,000.

"I was told this person would know the intimate details and be able to market my space much better than anybody else," said Ben Chait, the owner of Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington St. "Traditionally, as a landlord, I want to market myself, not have the government do it."

Karen Kubby, the owner of Beadology, 220 E. Washington St., and chairwoman of the Downtown

Association's municipal-district committee, said the budget is merely tentative and can be adjusted.

"One of the risks of being so specific with our proposal is that people wouldn't like the details of the budget, and we're fine with accepting that risk because we felt it was our obligation to put out that budget," she said.

Colin Gordon, a senior research consultant at Iowa Policy Project, said he doesn't feel objections to the municipal district are unique.

"People pay school taxes even if they think schools are doing a lousy job," he said. "Even though it's a different kind of tax, being that it's self-imposed, I don't see the opposition as really distinct or surprising."

But for business owners such as Sanger, spreading awareness is a priority.

"The bottom line is, we support a vibrant downtown. That's great — let's give that a try," she said. "I just want people to pay attention to how it's being funded and to be aware that not all businesses that are bearing the cost of this benefit in the same way."

The ordinance has received enthusiastic response from each city councilor, with the first of three hearings passing in a 4-0 vote.

The ordinance, however, will not last forever. If unsuccessful, the tax levy will expire in four years, with a renewal option.

"I think it's good that it has a sunset, so if people are dissatisfied with it, it's not going to go on forever," said City Councilor Connie Champion. "It'll be tested before it's renewed. I think that's important."

Two more public hearings will be held on the municipal-district proposal this year in which community members will have a chance to voice opposition or support, followed by a City Council vote.

Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District

The two final hearings are Nov. 22 and Dec. 6.

Municipal-district details:

- \$2 for every \$1,000 of taxable value
- Approval from 25 percent of property owners who make up a quarter of the assessed value of the district is required for passage
- \$240,000 will be generated by the tax
- The University of Iowa has pledged to contribute \$100,000 annually

Source: Karen Kubby, chairwoman of the Downtown Association's municipal-district committee

Santorum staunchly anti-abortion

Two of Rick Santorum's children help with his campaign.

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Protection of unborn babies and the disabled is personal for Iowa caucus candidate Rick Santorum and his family.

So personal that Santorum has made family values the center of his campaign, and he is calling on his daughter Elizabeth Santorum to help spread the message.

"I have a special-needs little sister, so [the life issue] is very dear to our hearts," Elizabeth Santorum said in Iowa City on Tuesday. "We're very committed to this on a personal level."

While at lunch with University of Iowa College Republicans, the University of Dallas junior described how the intimacy of her family has influenced her father's politics.

Bella Santorum — the former U.S. senator from Pennsylvania's youngest daughter — was diagnosed with Trisomy 18, a physical and mental disability, just five days after she was born.

"We've seen that the pro-life fight is in the womb and at the bedsides of the elderly but also at the bedsides of special-needs children," Elizabeth Santorum said.

The Santorum family also suffered a loss when their son Gabriel died after being born prematurely in 1996.

In light of her father's anti-abortion background,



Elizabeth Santorum, a daughter of GOP caucus candidate Rick Santorum, has lunch at Buffalo Wild Wings on Tuesday. She met with University of Iowa College Republicans to discuss her father's campaign. (The Daily Iowan/Gabrielle Eliason)

Elizabeth Santorum told *The Daily Iowan* her family aims to "defend and promote the culture of life in all phases."

"When you lose a child or you have a child with certain disabilities, sometimes it can cause a family to go off the rails in some ways," said Jenifer Bowen, the executive director of Iowa Right to Life. "For his family, it's really caused them to become even more pro-family, more pro-life."

During his time in the U.S. Senate, Rick Santorum wrote several pieces of anti-abortion legislation including a law that would extend legal protection to infants born alive after failed attempts at induced abortion and a law that would recognize a developing embryo as a legal entity. He also composed the act that outlawed intact dilation and extraction, a late-term abortion.

Some anti-abortion

activists say Rick Santorum has been a "warrior" for pushing such legislation forward in Washington.

"He was very instrumental in the late-90s during the national discussion that we had as to what partial-birth abortion was," Bowen said. "He has been solid for us for many, many years."

Some experts say a focus on anti-abortion issues may make him more appealing to right-leaning voters.

"The life issue has been central to Rick Santorum ever since he has been in politics," said John Robert Hendrickson, a research analyst at the Public Interest Institute in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. "That registers very highly to many conservatives."

But others said a focus on family issues may not be enough for Santorum to come out on top.

"I think he's going to appeal to a very small segment of really family-valued Christian conservatives in Iowa, but because he's competing with [other conservative candidates], I just don't think he's going to appeal to them that much," said Jason Edwards, an assistant professor of communication studies at Bridgewater State College, in Massachusetts.

Others argued Santorum's focus on family issues is merely a talking point.

"Rick Santorum will never have a uterus, he will never have to choose whether or not to have an abortion," said Emily Sullivan, the president of the UI Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance. "I think it's just a buzz topic. There are a lot more important things going on. It's a silly game to play."



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Becoming more int'l

University officials say 111 countries are represented on campus this year.

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Kariuki Maina has a lot to learn about United States culture before he'll feel comfortable.

And for that reason, the Kenyan said he has actively sought out University of Iowa programs, such as the International Programs, to help acclimate himself to Western life.

"[International Programs] help out with the immigration visa, the paperwork," the first-year biomedical-science graduate student said. "They help acclimate us to the community at large. They help us understand the U.S. culture. They've been instrumental in making our stay comfortable."

Roughly 20 people, including Maina, gathered to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the UI International Programs Tuesday evening.

This year, the program is also celebrating an enrollment record, with 3,275 international students, compared with last year's 2,825.

"The world has changed in 40 years, and our students reflect it," said Scott King, the director of International Students and Scholars. "This is the first year that [international] undergraduates have outnumbered our [international] graduates."

There are 1,734 undergraduates, 1,266 graduates, and 275 in professional programs.

With more international students on campus, King said, International Programs has expanded its acclimation programs, as well as general student advising and immigration-reporting requirements.

"We are always trying to diversify the population in nationality and majors to study," he said.

The largest international student population — with 1,737 — hails from China, which is an increase over last fall's 1,312. South



Scott King, an assistant dean of International Programs, speaks at an event marking the 40th anniversary of the Office of International Programs at the University Capitol Centre on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Korea follows with 383 students, and there are 316 Indian students.

When Helen Jiang came to the UI two years ago from China, she joined the Friends of International Students and was paired with a Coralville family.

"I had the opportunity to know how Americans think," Jiang said. "They helped me to adapt to American culture more quickly and make American friends."

The program pairs international students with local American families in hopes to immerse students into the culture faster.

UI Dean of International Programs Downing Thomas said the university didn't begin recruiting internationally until 2007.

"We were very low in relation to our peers in the Big Ten," he said. "We wanted to make an effort to increase that recruitment, because international students bring global issues."

The UI has seen a huge spike in international enrollment since 2007, with international undergraduates jumping from 1.9 percent of the total UI population to 8.2 percent this fall.

Thomas said the program continues to recruit internationally because it's good for the institution and students.

UI Assistant Provost for Admissions Michael Barron said there is an educational benefit for the diver-

Student Populations by Country:

Fall 2011 enrollment for UI international students reached 3,275 - up from 2,825 last fall.

- Fall 2011**
- China - 1,737
 - South Korea - 383
 - India - 316
 - Taiwan - 98

- Fall 2010**
- China - 1,312
 - South Korea - 351
 - India - 337
 - Taiwan - 109

Source: International Programs report

sity of students coming to the UI.

Having a diverse international presence on campus mirrors the professional world, he noted.

"So having a rich mix from across the world and all over the country is certainly a goal," he said.

Even though Maina is still getting used to life at the UI, he said, leaving behind friends and family was a tough decision.

"It's difficult to get out of your box and face something you are totally not used to," the 23-year-old said. "But at the same time, that's how we grow, that's how we challenge ourselves. Learn something here, learn something there. You move on. That's life. That's peace."

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BIG TEN NOTEBOOK

Wrong question; Zook bolts presser

Illinois head coach Ron Zook walked out on his own press conference after being asked about his job security following the Illini's four-straight losses.

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Illinois head football coach Ron Zook prefaced his weekly press conference on Tuesday by giving reporters one condition.

There were to be no questions about Zook's future. No opportunities to address rumors of his possible removal as head coach.

"It's not about me," he said. "It's not about our future. I think our players and our fans deserve that."

So when a reporter rattled off a question about possible distractions Illinois' players may have because of Zook's shaky job security, the seventh-year coach stuck to his word — and he walked out of the room.

The Illini began the season 6-0, but they have since lost four-straight games and appear to be headed for a low-tier bowl game with matchups against No. 15 Wisconsin and an improving Minnesota team coming up.

Thus, speculation has arisen regarding the potential firing of Zook following the Illini's remaining two games.

"I'll assess the situation, the whole body of work, at the end of the season," said first-year Athletics Director Mike Thomas, who came to Illinois from Cincinnati in August. "That's when we'll assess where we are as a program."

Zook is 34-49 overall at Illinois, 18-36 in the Big Ten since being hired in 2005. He's under contract through the 2013 season and earns \$1.75 million per year.

Parity within the conference

Four teams remain in contention for first place in both the Legends and Leaders Divisions.

Michigan State, Michigan, Nebraska, and Iowa are battling for the Legends crown, and Penn State, Wisconsin, Ohio State, and Purdue are still in the Leaders Division race. Additionally, Illinois is bowl eligible, and Northwestern is one win away from earning postseason eligibility.

In his weekly teleconference, Michigan head coach Brady Hoke said the number of teams in divisional contention this season is a testament to the Big Ten's parity.

"I think we have great quality in this league," he said. "Anything can happen in this game. That's why you have to prepare so well from a mental standpoint before you play your opponent."

"There's a lot to play for and for a lot of teams."

Coaching icons stable one year, vanish the next

Rewind back to a year ago. What were the odds that neither Jim Tressel nor Joe Paterno would be on the sidelines for Saturday's game between Penn State and Ohio State?

Such is the case following two of the most prominent scandals in college-football history.

For the first time since 2001, the squads will oppose each other without Tressel or Paterno.

Buckeyes interim head coach Luke Fickell said in his weekly teleconference that he hasn't spoken to Penn State interim head coach Tom Bradley despite

the recent tough times they have both endured.

"Neither one of us probably have the time to sit down," Fickell said. "I'm sure when it's all set and

done — Tom and I know each other from recruiting trips and other things — it will be good for us to sit down and learn from each other."

PRASKA

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you commit yourself [and] if every single day, you're trying to be better, people look at her and think, 'This is what's possible.'"

Iowa Head coach Layne Anderson agreed, and said having Praska around has been good both for the current program and for her relationship with Roberts.

"She's definitely made

strides with him," he said.

The relationship between Roberts and Praska has developed over each of the years that Praska has been at the university.

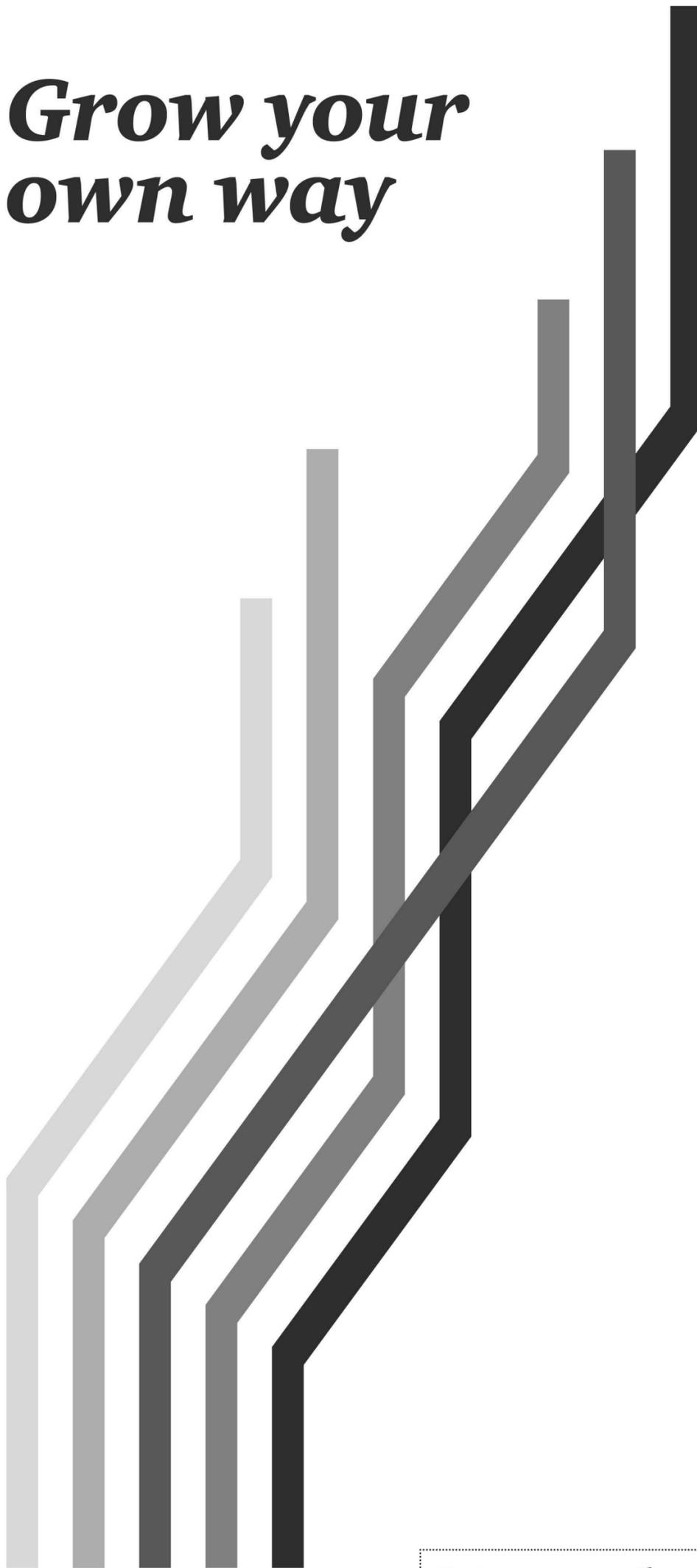
"We've been building a relationship for quite some time," Roberts said. "She's a special young lady. We've spent four years working together. That time spent together strengthened our relationship."

Praska is also taking

this time in Iowa City to finish up classes she needs for her degree. The fifth-year Spanish major, who is taking classes in education, said that while academics are important, she wants to see how far her post-college athletics career can take her.

"Right now, I'll definitely see where running goes," she said. "That's not something you can put away for a while and get back into."

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FOOTBALL

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is real and exactly who would make such a determination. He expects the topic to be discussed in the off-season.

"They'll probably come

up with some formula," Ferentz said. "Probably hold a player out for a play or two, something like that. But it's just one of those things."

Staggs fills in

Steven Staggs appeared in Saturday's game as Iowa's latest edition of the "Next Man In" philosophy.

The junior receiver had

made only one catch all season before recording three receptions for 36 yards against Michigan State. Staggs entered the game in place of Keenan Davis, who left in the third quarter after appearing to aggravate an sprained ankle he originally sustained Oct. 22 against Indiana.

"I was just ready to step

in when my number was called," Staggs said. "We talk about 'Next Man In' all the time. I've just been preparing like I'm a starter."

Staggs, a native of Oskaloosa, had no receptions in his career until this year.

"He's been doing a nice job for us for a while," quarterback James Vandenberg

said. "He does a really good job of catching the ball and understands our offense real well."

Davis expected to play

Despite needing help from the Hawkeye training staff to exit the field at one point Nov. 12, Davis eventually returned to the game. He is expected to start this week at Purdue.

Players will often re-aggravate that type of injury upon returning from them, Ferentz said.

"It's part of the process, and the good news is he was doing well on Sunday," Ferentz said. "Unless you take about eight weeks off, it's really hard to come back full speed. Hopefully, he'll get totally well in December."

BASKETBALL

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didn't get to the rim enough to create foul situations, either."

Part of that problem was

because center Morgan Johnson exited with a lower leg injury in the second half, but the 6-5 junior is still listed as the starter in the game notes released by the team on Tuesday afternoon.

Johnson has a history of

knee tendinitis, and that she didn't return to Sunday's game may have been a precaution.

"It's one of those things I'll have to deal with," Johnson said, speaking about the tendinitis on Nov. 10. "When it comes to game

time, I can't worry about myself; I have to worry about the team."

Tendinitis was a problem for Johnson during her freshman year, but it calmed down last season. During the summer, though, Johnson said, some

of the lifts the team was working with "made it flare up again."

Though Johnson had a poor game against UNLV — she was scoreless on 0-for-5 shooting with three rebounds — she's the only post player with experience on the roster. The next

tallest player, 6-4 Bethany Doolittle, is a true freshman.

"Well, it hurt, obviously, not to have your center in there [against UNLV]," Bluder said. "[Johnson is] somebody that you really rely on and has been there for us in those situations."

WRESTLING

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Telford said he still has work to do before he'll be satisfied with his performance. In the final round of the wrestle-off, he gained an advantage with a top position over Rasing in the second period and gained a riding time point. His only other point came from an escape in the following period.

The Hockessin, Del., native said building on his faults

from his matches last weekend will help him defend the upper hand he now has over Rasing in the competition for the starting position.

Brands said performance on the mat is the key factor in deciding who's going to start for the year.

"This isn't about necessarily if I can train hard and have a good attitude every day," Brands said. "This is about being able to whip some tail in St. Louis this weekend."

Clark set to defend his

wrestle-off victory

Tyler Clark emerged victorious over Ramos in the finals of wrestle-offs on Nov. 12, just as he did last year by a 3-2 tie-break decision in the preliminary rounds. Clark won the 2010 wrestle-off tournament at 133 when he pinned Nate Moore in 8:48 in the final round.

But Ramos was chosen over Clark for the starting position — and, ultimately, the NCAA spot last year.

Brands said he can see Clark is "hungry" and

"wants to be the guy" as the 133-pound senior tries to defend his victory against another coach's decision.

"It's my last year, so this is my last run at it," Clark said. "There's maybe a little more drive behind me than in the past few years."

The leadership search continues

Brands said the Hawkeyes "still need some work in the leadership category" during the team's media day on Nov. 9.

One week later, Brands'

search for an outgoing vocal leader on his team continues. He said has to be convinced in order for a wrestler to be named a captain.

"It has to be real," Brands said. "It has to be genuine and invested and not just a phony thing. It has to be like 'I care.'"

Returning All-American and national champion Matt McDonough said he feels the pressure to step up and become a strong leader for the Hawkeyes.

"Everyone gets a little bit of a talking-to," the junior said. "You've got to have

people who are willing to speak up. Maybe they're timid or afraid to, but that's something they're constantly working on every day."

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CLUB SPORTS

Club hockey used to strange home

The Hawkeye club-hockey team says it's proud to call Coral Ridge Ice Arena home.

By **TOMMY REINKING**
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First-year Iowa club-hockey assistant coach Jim Doersam said he was shocked when told where his team would play its home games.

Instead of a hockey-specific venue, instead of Carver-Hawkeye Arena, and even instead of a frozen patch of the Iowa River, the team calls the ice rink in the Coral Ridge Mall home.

"I thought it was something they only had in Canada," said Doersam, a New Yorker who has been a coach for 10 seasons. "It's certainly interesting ... When I first found out, I looked up videos on the Internet and sent them to my friends. It's definitely unusual."

Even though the ice and surrounding area have a distinctly mall-esque aura — there's a movie theater on one side, a food court on the other, and only a dozen benches scattered around the perimeter — the team has one special place that gives them the sense that

Coral Ridge is their home: the locker room.

A Tigerhawk on the floor and a similar logo on the wall with the words "Go Hawks" remind the players of the university they represent. Lockers filled with gear and adorned with a gold plate bearing the name and number of each player stretch from wall to wall. The lockers were built by former Iowa club-hockey players six years ago.

The team says the rink has many charms and even some advantages that gives the arena its own special flair.

"It's really fun to see all of the little kids from the mall watching the game," forward Larry Laino said. "We get a variety of people at our games. A lot are students, our friends, or our family, but the kids really love hockey."

The team draws an average of 100 to 150 fans per game, the junior said. Most opponents the team plays have ice rinks of their own or are from a major university nearby, but the players said the venue doesn't matter.

"We play in all varieties

of places — some nice and some not nice," forward Brian Rooke said. "But the ice is what matters most."

And while some may think all ice is created equal, Doersam said that's not the case. Most ice needs to be kept at a certain temperature to maintain the best playing surface, but having a mall atmosphere around the Coral Ridge rink causes the on-ice humidity to be higher than normal and leads to softer ice than some teams might be used to.

"We definitely have more of a home-ice advantage," Doersam said. "We know the bounces and where not to throw the puck. The temperature is understandably hard to control. We're used to our ice, [and] other teams aren't."

The players agreed that most opponents don't like playing in the mall; most said a common complaint is that it's too hot. But they also said opponents usually arrive two hours before the game is scheduled to start to experience the mall.

The team also plays a few games every season at the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena, and players said they would love to have a similar venue. They'd be open to having a space closer to campus, they said, or even moving home games to Cedar Rapids, but there are difficulties with both proposals.

"It's mostly just wanting at this point," Doersam said. "Unfortunately, we have a loose affiliation with the university, and it has other things to worry about. There's also no way to charge fans for tickets, so we don't receive any revenue from the fans."

Even though the players said they never imagined playing hockey at the place they now call home, Laino said that they wouldn't have it any other way.

"Sure, growing up, you see these huge ice arenas that you imagine yourself playing in," he said. "But we make the best out of playing here. That's what we do. We just play."

INTRAMURALS

Defending champs roll in dodge ball

By **PATRICK MASON**
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The Field House racquetball courts are the home to the 3-on-3 intramural dodge ball tournament this fall, and divisions two and five kicked off their seasons on Tuesday night. The 6:30 p.m. matches included Boom! Roasted versus Hesstosterone, and Us Off against the Enginerds.

When Boom! Roasted first signed in and walked to the courts, the players took one look at the small size of the racquetball court and said the games will be like colonial warfare.

The games lived up to the hype. Balls slamming against the wall echoed in the closed-in courts, and almost all of the outs came from players being hit with the ball instead of from catches.

Because of the 3-on-3 nature of the sport, each individual game went by very quickly; each typically lasted between 30 seconds and a minute.

Boom! Roasted featured the only female in the 6:30 slate of games, and Xochi-quetzal Martinez held her own in the team's two matches of the night — even though the squad lost the first match in the decisive 15th game, 8-7.

"It was a lot of fun out there, and I wasn't fazed at all by all of the bros," Martinez said. "I'm really good at dodging, I guess, and I even got some of the last outs of the game, which was pretty exciting. I showed them."

Boom! Roasted righted the ship in the next match, winning 8-6, against a fresh and energetic Spets-Spazes team. The Spazes jumped around the court yelling and banged on the glass, saying it was a way to try to stay pumped up.

"You need intensity in the intense game," Spaz team member Lucas Britton said.

Us Off, the other team in the 6:30 time slot, won the dodge-ball championship last year. The team started



Spets-Spazes players Jonathan Plank (front), Cameron Pribyl (left), and Lucas Britton compete in an intramural dodge-ball game in the Field House on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Toan Nguyen)

the 2011 season on the right foot, defending the title by crushing both the Enginerds and Hesstosterone.

"We have the same team this year, so hopefully, we can win it all again this year," Us Off's Joseph Heckman said. "We all played baseball in high school, so that probably helps."

Us Off beat the freshman-dominated Enginerds, 8-2, and put up the same

score against Hesstosterone. Both teams appeared lost and didn't seem ready for the onslaught that Us Off delivered.

"They were really freakin' good," Hesstosterone player Jake Hess said. "I mean, they had some mad skill — it was crazy. We thought we played well in the first match, but these guys brought us back to earth a little bit."

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Ferentz talks execution



The Michigan State training staff tends to an injured Spartan player on Nov. 12 in Kinnick Stadium. The Spartans were criticized by some who perceived Michigan State's rash of late injuries as a tactic to stop Iowa's momentum. (The Daily Iowan/Ricky Bahner)

Expect off-season discussion to take place regarding unusual series of 'injuries,' Kirk Ferentz says.

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Kirk Ferentz said on Tuesday he doesn't plan on sending game tape to the Big Ten office in response to the late rash of injuries Michigan State suffered against Iowa on Nov. 12.

The 13th-year Hawkeye coach said he's "more focused on the things we didn't do well enough" in his team's 37-21 loss at Kinnick Stadium.

"Bottom line is they played better, executed better than we did," Ferentz said. "That's really the issue to me."

Suspicious arose when Spartan after Spartan went down with injuries as Iowa tried to rally late in the second half. Some suggested those players faked injuries in an attempt to disrupt the rhythm of the Hawkeye offense.

Michigan State coach Mark

Dantonio said after the game the injuries were "severe" and his players "weren't going down," something he iterated during Tuesday's Big Ten coaches' teleconference.

"Believe it or not, they were legitimate injuries," Dantonio said.

But similar to Ferentz, Iowa players were less concerned with the legitimacy of Michigan State's injuries and more concerned with their

lack of execution.

"I can't really comment on why they were going down. I have no idea," right tackle Markus Zusevics said. "Just because someone goes down doesn't mean you can't execute the next play. That's on us."

Ferentz called it a "really complex issue," highlighting the challenge of how one would determine if an injury

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Wrestling lineup not set in stone

The Iowa wrestling team will make more decisions about the year's lineup after its tournament this weekend.

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The Iowa wrestling team isn't quite ready to pin down its starting lineup for the start of 2011-12 season.

Despite the results of this past weekend's wrestle-off, head coach Tom Brands said the true test comes this weekend when the Hawkeyes will compete at the Linwood University Open in St. Charles, Mo., on Saturday.

There, the "million-dollar question" about who will start in several weight classes will be answered.

"This weekend is for real," Brands said. "It was upon us last weekend — it was real — but now it's for real against other competition than what's in [Iowa's] room."

During the wrestle-offs, Senior Tyler Clark — carrying only a 6-3 career record with the Hawkeyes — upset returning NCAA qualifier and last year's 133-pound starter, Tony Ramos. Redshirt freshman Bobby Telford then brought down defending Big Ten heavyweight champion Blake Rasling in a 2-0 scrape.

Telford agreed with Brands that the wrestle-offs didn't prove much. He said the tournament is more like a bump in the road he has to cross before he can earn a starting position on the mat.

"Just because you win wrestle-offs, it doesn't put your name in the starting lineup or stamp your name in there for March," Telford said. "There's not that much self-satisfaction there to win them. It's more like you're appointed with a challenge, and it's something you've just got to meet."



Clark senior

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Hawks work on their boards

Iowa was out-rebounded by 20 in its loss last weekend, but the Hawks will try to control the boards against Albany tonight.

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Iowa women's basketball head coach Lisa Bluder was adamant about what went wrong in Sunday's 69-59 loss to UNLV.

"Rebounding continues to be a sore subject for us," the 12th-year head coach said. "I don't know who you're going to beat giving up 20 rebounds to. We've got some work to do — and it's not just the defensive end boxing out, it's the offensive end."

Albany has opened the season 2-0 after beating Fordham, 59-42, and La Salle, 81-76.

One member of the Great Danes who Iowa will have to be sure to contain is junior forward Julie Forster.

She was named the America East Conference Player of the Week on Monday after averaging 21

points and 14 rebounds in the Great Danes' first two games of the season. She's shooting 57.6 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the free-throw line while playing all but one minute in the two games combined.

With Forster being listed at 6-0, that means Iowa will have to work hard to keep her away from the backboard. The Hawkeyes struggled against UNLV's undersized frontcourt and let senior forwards Jamie Smith and Sandrine Nzeukou control the glass.

Smith ended up with 17 boards and Nzeukou had 15, even though the players are listed at 6-0 and 6-2, respectively.

But junior guard Jaime Printy said Sunday rebounding isn't the only thing hampering the Hawkeyes.

"We need to shoot the ball better, and we're not going to win games if we don't," she said.

The Hawkeyes are only shooting 42.9 percent from the field so far, 34.8 percent from beyond the arc. Iowa made 31 of its 37 free-throws in two games but attempted only two freebies in the second half against UNLV.

"They had [11] more opportunities to shoot the ball from the free-throw line than we did," Bluder said. "... We just

Praska trains on, setting sighs high

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Former Hawkeye Bethany Praska continues to train in Iowa City in preparation for the Olympic Trials.

The former Hawkeye middle-distance runner can be found partaking in Iowa's track and field practice at 2:50 p.m. every day. She performs the same warm-up, practice, and cool-down routines she did for four years with the Black and Gold.

Praska, the 2011 Big Ten champion in the 800 meters, is pursuing post-college athletics and has chosen to continue her training in Iowa City.

The 2011 All-American put together a strong pair of international performances this past summer. She traveled to the Netherlands on Aug. 6, where she posted a 2:05.01 time in the 800 meters. She turned in a new personal-best 2:03.74 in the same event a week later in Belgium.

Still, Praska said, practicing with her former teammates has helped her the most. Most importantly, she said she stayed because of the coaches.

Praska said she trains at the UI because of coach Clive Roberts. She said that if it hadn't been for Roberts, she wouldn't have been nearly as successful.

"I've made all the progress and got to where I am with his training," she said. "I'm going to stay for that."

Roberts said Praska probably felt more at home in Iowa City than anywhere else when it came to training for her ultimate goal: the Olympic Trials.

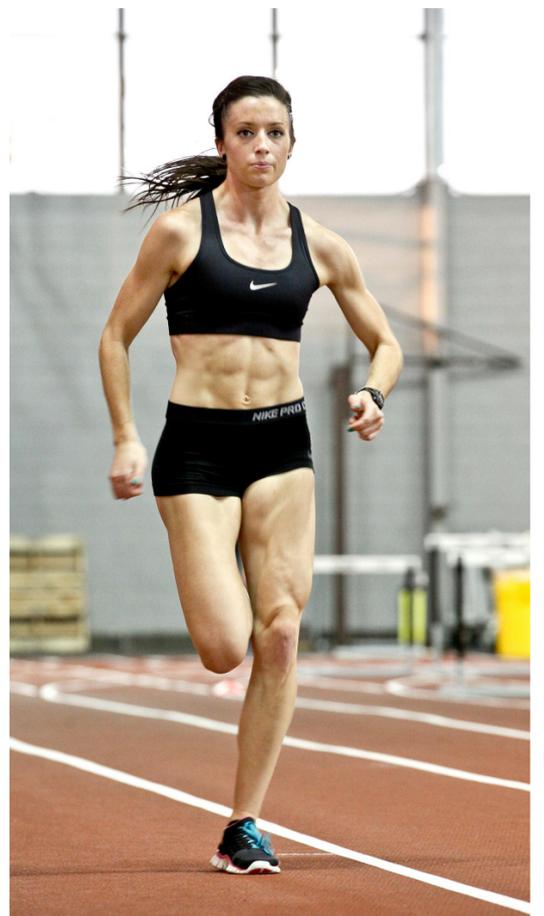
"I think she felt like she had a good training [atmosphere]. She felt like I would put her in the best possible situation to [succeed]," he said. "The University of Iowa Athletics Department takes care of you, even when everything is said and done."

'You're a Hawkeye for life'

Roberts also said Praska has made significant improvements from the first time he saw her run. He said her running style at her first Big Ten championships was "atrocious."

"Bethany was struggling just to get around the track," he said.

Roberts said he believes the 22-year-old's improvement over the years can show younger athletes that major development is possible. Before Praska left the Hawkeye program, she had claimed three Big Ten titles, earned All-American status in both indoor and out-



Former Iowa middle-distance runner Bethany Praska practices in the Recreation Building on Nov. 11. Praska is working out in Iowa City in preparation for the 2012 Olympic Trials. (The Daily Iowan/Toan Nguyen)

door track, and collected four school records.

Even if Praska's former teammates joke around by calling her "coach" at practice, they can learn something from her.

"When athletes look at her, they see where she's been and where she's at now," Roberts said. "If you stick with the program, if

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