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Party ranking draws fire

The University of Iowa jumped to the No. 2 party school spot, according to the *Princeton Review*.

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No. 4 no more.

The University of Iowa moved up on the *Princeton Review*'s top 20 party schools list this year by two spots, despite many recent initiatives to combat the binge drinking culture at the university.

"We find it amazing that any one pays attention to such an unscientific, invalid survey," UI spokesman Tom Moore said. "There's no validity to it whatsoever."

President Sally Mason offered no statement Monday evening.

UI freshman Will Hean said he knew the UI was considered a party school but was surprised to hear about the university's new ranking.

"It's great the world knows we're having fun," he said. Leah Cohen, the owner of Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., said she is not surprised by the new ranking, despite efforts to reduce excessive drinking, including the 21-ordinance and the Iowa City police Party Patrols.

"Iowa has always been known as a party school, and it is going to take a number of years to reduce," she said.

Though the UI jumped in the rankings, the statistics do show some changes on and near campus.

In fact, the number of several alcohol-related charges decreased for the first weekend of this academic year compared with the first weekend last year.

Iowa City police issued 23 PAULA citations this past weekend, down from the 38 issued during the first weekend last year. The number of citations officials doled out for the use of fake IDs over the first weekend decreased from 12 in 2011 to just one this year. Charges for presence in a bar after hours also decreased from 10 in 2011 to three this year.

Further, according to data gathered by the Iowa Community-Integrated Geography Organization, the alcohol culture has also shifted geographically in Iowa City.

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THE NUMBER OF SEVERAL ALCOHOL-RELATED CITATIONS DURING THE FIRST ACADEMIC WEEKEND DECREASED COMPARED TO THE FIRST WEEKEND LAST YEAR:



(The Daily Iowan/File Photos) GRAPHIC BY ALLIE WRIGHT/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI amps up ties with China

One UI alum is helping the UI Office of Admissions bring Chinese and Asian students to Iowa City.

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Despite an already robust international student population on campus, University of Iowa officials are still looking to bridge the gap between the UI and other countries by hiring someone to focus specifically on recruitment in Asia.

The UI Admissions Office of hired Ying Xu over the summer to take on the role of assistant director of Admissions for China and Asian recruitment. Xu told *The Daily Iowan* she was particularly excited to start working because the Chinese market of students is growing.

"I feel the Chinese market is huge, and we can do a lot more to recruit the best

of quality students," the UI alumna said. "We think it would be important for us at the University of Iowa to connect to the top Chinese high schools so that we can open a great pool [of applicants]."

One reason behind Xu's hiring was the convergence of recruitment efforts between the UI Office of Admissions and the Office of International Students and Scholar Services. International-student recruitment was previously handled by the latter but will now be handled by the Admissions Office.

UI officials have traveled across the globe to recruit international students. UI President Sally Mason traveled across Eastern Asia, making stops in Hong Kong, Shang-



Ying Xu stands outside Calvin Hall on Monday. A new addition to the Admissions Office, Xu is the assistant director of Admissions for China and Asian recruitment. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

hai, Beijing, and Taiwan from July 1-9 to network and recruit international students.

According to a profile of international students and scholars done by the UI in 2011, 3,275 international students enrolled at the university — 1,734 of those students

were in the undergraduate program, and, in total, 1,737 students hailed from China.

Michael Barron, the director of UI Admissions, said Xu will be a strong asset in the UI's efforts to bring international students to the university —

SEE **ADMISSIONS**, 6

City may nix youth panel

The Youth Advisory Commission began in 1996.

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While the Youth Advisory Commission will likely come to an end in the near future, city officials say there will still be a place for youth input in city politics and the community.

"The City Council values the engagement of young people and is not in any way, shape, or form trying to squelch the voice of high-school youth," Mayor Matt Hayek said. "It's great to have their perspectives when voting on issues in the community."

The Iowa City City Council will likely vote to pass a resolution to abolish the Iowa City Youth Advisory Commission at today's meeting. The city staff members are focused on creating an ad-hoc committee, which targets working on specific projects in Iowa City, and they plan

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District ponders grounds contract

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Community parents want to see greater opportunities arise from groundskeeping in the Iowa City School District, but they are concerned that the move might have a large price tag.

School district officials held a meeting Monday night at the Educational Services Center to discuss the current lawn contract with Quality Lawn Care Co. and adjustments that could be made with next year's contract.

"We're really committed to making this a transparent and open process," said David Dude, the executive director of resources for the School District.

Quality Lawn Care has provided its services to the district for the past 25 years. When the contract came up for renewal in 2006, no other company bid for it. Quality Lawn Care has averaged a cost of \$450,000 per year for the last three years.

Many community members are concerned about the costs.

"If you got into a car accident, the insurance company wouldn't send you to just one company to get



Landscaping at Borlaug Elementary is shown on Monday in North Liberty. (The Daily Iowan/Nicholas Faneli)

an estimate, it would send you to three," community member Phil Hemingway said. "We'll cut costs in the curriculum, but we won't cut costs for the grounds."

School Board member Sarah Swisher is less focused on the cost.

"I'd like to see us hire a firm that provides health care to its workers," she said. "I'm less worried about the dollars and more about the workers."

Dude plans to release the request for proposal in October.

Quality Lawn Care is willing to take into consideration the community members' concerns.

"I took very thorough

notes through the meeting," company Vice President Geoff Wilming said. "It has been a long time, lots of the public have suggestions, which we love. We've gotten a lot of feedback [on our services], and most of it has been very positive."

Many community members were present at the meeting, giving input ranging from not using chemicals on the grounds to having students help with the grounds care. One of the suggestions that will be taken into great consideration would be dividing the school grounds and having different local companies each get a sec-

tion of the total land. "Zoning the district ... we've heard that one a lot," Dude said. "We could look at natural gaps or take each individual school and split it that way."

The School District hopes to be able to keep suggestions about the lawn care and other aspects by creating a website on which parents and community members comment. The website, which would be called the Mind Mixer, has not been launched. There is also a possibility for future meetings regarding the lawn care, once the administrators go over the current suggestions.

Community members were also concerned with the educational services the lawn can provide for students.

Planting gardens and having students help with lawn care to not only learn but also save money were among the suggestions.

"A concern was what could we do to have students be a part of this," Dude said. "A teacher came up to me after the meeting and said how her class grew milkweed for a butterfly garden. We just have to see how students can participate and make sure it's realistic."

FORCED OUT



Students evacuate the IMU after a smoke detector sounded at approximately 1:05 p.m. Monday. The alarm, which went off in the kitchen, forced people to wait outside until receiving clearance from officials at 1:17 p.m. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

BLOTTER

Keisha Ballard, 26, 130 Oak Ridge Ave. Apt. 3, was charged Aug. 17 with OWI and driving with a revoked license.

Michael Bowles, 24, Coralville, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Ryan Burton, 21, 313 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2031, was charged Aug. 18 with public urination.

Sarah Caren, 21, 313 N. Linn St., was charged Aug. 20 with public urination.

Ellen Conklin, 19, 500 S. Linn St. Apt. 5, was charged Aug. 17 with PAULA.

Gage Cooper, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Jonathan Fischer, 18, N335 Currier, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance and interference with official acts.

Addison Folkers, 20, Sterling, Ill., was charged Aug. 18 with presence in a bar after hours.

Jessica Forman, 19, Tiffin, was charged Aug. 18 with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

Russell Friedman, 18, 2240 Quadrangle, was charged Aug. 17 with possession of a controlled substance.

Timothy Frye, 42, 429 Southgate Ave., was charged Aug. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Andres Garcia, 19, Columbus Junction, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and obstructing an officer.

Daniel Guarnieri, 18, 3227 Burge, was charged Aug. 18 with public intoxication.

Adam Hay, 19, 335 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2535, was charged Aug. 16 with presence in a bar after hours.

Nathan Heine, 20, 522 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 15, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

Westley Heuermann, 20, 707 N. Dubuque St. Apt. 1, was charged Aug. 17 with PAULA.

Michael Kuderna, 22, 325 E. College St. Apt. 1631, was charged Aug. 18 with public intoxication.

Martin Lamping, 23, Riverside, Iowa, was charged Aug. 16 with public urination.

Mallory Litzo, 20, 4 E. Prentiss St. Apt. 5, was charged Aug. 17 with presence in a bar after hours.

Austin Marshall, 19, 225 Church St., was charged Aug. 15 with keeping a disorderly house.

Jordan McCormick, 19, 17 S. Gov-

ernor St., was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Cody McCoy, 21, Burlington, was charged Sunday with driving with a revoked license and second-offense OWI.

Mark McKenna, 25, Coralville, was charged Aug. 17 with OWI.

Albin Mehmedovic, 20, Des Moines, was charged Aug. 18 with second-offense public intoxication, possession of an open alcohol container in public, PAULA, interference with official acts, and escaping from custody.

Kyle Meyer, 18, C226 Hillcrest, was charged Aug. 18 with public intoxication.

Darren Mossman, 43, 1313 E. Daventport St., was charged Aug. 15 with OWI.

Daniel Mysnyk, 3655 Forest Gate Drive, was charged Aug. 17 with OWI.

Cooper Odegard, 18, 514 Reinow, was charged Aug. 18 with public intoxication and falsifying driver's licenses.

Kaylie O'Hara Hoyle, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance, PAULA, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Holly Oleniczak, 23, 2448 Cascade Lane, was charged Aug. 18 with OWI.

Joshua Ollervidez, 18, Williamsburg, Iowa, was charged Aug. 18 with fifth-degree theft.

Adam O'Neil, 22, 4345 York Place, was charged Aug. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

James Palasz, 18, 320A Mayflower, was charged Aug. 17 with PAULA.

Edward Petree, 19, 302 Ridgeland Ave., was charged Aug. 17 with public intoxication.

Jerry Phesant, 51, address unknown, was charged Aug. 18 with fifth-degree theft, third-and-subsequent public intoxication, and criminal trespass.

Kayla Pierson, 20, 534 S. Lucas Apt. A, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

Jorge Pineda-Rivas, 26, Schuyler, Neb., was charged Sunday with OWI.

Corbin Ploessly, 20, Bellevue, Iowa, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of a driver's license.

Bryan Quinn, 20, 526 S. Johnson St. Apt. 4, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Christopher Rangel, 26, 635 S.

Dodge St. Apt. 2, was charged Sunday with child endangerment and OWI.

Tyler Reynolds, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana, interference with official acts, and PAULA.

Jerrold Richardson, 18, Ottumwa, Iowa, was charged Aug. 20 with possession of drug paraphernalia, carrying weapons, and third-offense possession of a controlled substance.

Patrick Riemersma, 20, 411 N. Linn St., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Anthony Rier, 18, 3224 Burge, was charged Aug. 18 with PAULA.

Charles Risinger, 18, Grayslake, Ill., was charged Aug. 12 with PAULA.

Shawn Robinson, 45, 986 Oxen Lane, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Jeffrey Rogers, 20, Western Springs, Ill., was charged Aug. 17 with PAULA.

Ryan Schenefelt, 21, 108 S. Lynn St. Apt. 6, was charged Aug. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Matthew Schmitt, 20, Liscomb, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Gregory Schultz, 20, 630 S. Capitol St. Apt. 214, was charged Aug. 16 with PAULA.

Curtis Seals, 48, address unknown, was charged Aug. 18 with fifth-degree theft.

Cody Seeger, 21, Barrington, Ill., was charged Aug. 18 with public intoxication.

Nathan Selberg, 20, 17 S. Governor St., was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Daniel Simonds, 23, Wellesley, Mass., was charged Aug. 18 with possession of marijuana, interference with official acts, and public intoxication.

Christina Sjogren, 31, Coralville, was charged Aug. 16 with second-offense OWI.

Theodore Stafford, 425 Highway 1 W. Apt. 9, was charged Aug. 18 with public intoxication.

Derek Stanton, 50, Coralville, was charged Aug. 20 with interference with official acts and fifth-degree theft.

Joseph Steffen, 27, Clive, Iowa, was charged Aug. 17 with OWI.

Eric Stone, 19, 702 N. Dubuque St., was charged Aug. 16 with PAULA

and possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Kyle Sullivan, 19, 503 N. Van Buren St., was charged Aug. 16 with keeping a disorderly house.

Alex Thierjung, 18, N335 Currier, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance.

Charles Thrapp, 22, 617 Bowery St., was charged Aug. 18 with public intoxication.

Malcom Ude, 25, Tuscon, Ariz., was charged Aug. 18 with fifth-degree theft and public intoxication.

Alicia Ulrich, 414 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 2, was charged Aug. 18 with OWI.

Guillermo Villegas, 19, 503 N. Van Buren St., was charged Aug. 16 with keeping a disorderly house.

Lakshman Wadhvani, 34, 815 Cross Park Ave. Apt. 2B, was charged Aug. 18 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Justin Wasik, 20, Park Ridge, Ill., was charged Aug. 17 with PAULA.

Wade Weber, 20, Keota, Iowa, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

Jessica Welsh, 21, 417 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2311, was charged Aug. 18 with keeping a disorderly house.

Christopher Wendel, 19, 702 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 714, was charged Aug. 16 with PAULA.

Brandon Wiederhold, 20, Swisher, Iowa, was charged Aug. 18 with unlawful use of a driver's license and presence in a bar after hours.

Daronda Williams, 20, 2724 Wayne Ave. Apt. 6, was charged Aug. 17 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Jennifer Williams, 43, 946 Sandusky Drive, was charged Aug. 17 with OWI.

Moirah Wahl, 19, 130 E. Jefferson St. Apt. 3, was charged Aug. 17 with PAULA, presence in a bar after hours, and unlawful use of a driver's license.

Jackson Wollard, 34, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Martyna Wozek, 19, 643 S. Lucas St. Apt. C, was charged Aug. 18 with presence in a bar after hours.

Michael Yegge, 24, 937 E. Jefferson St., was charged Aug. 17 with OWI.

Preston Young, 26, Maywood, Ill., was charged Aug. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

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Bomb threat empties Regina

Classes will resume today after a bomb threat closed Regina High on Monday morning.

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Classes at Regina High will resume today after a bomb threat Monday morning, and school officials say they have protocols in place should such an event happen again.

Lee Iben, the Regina Catholic Education Center president and CEO, said someone called with a bomb threat at 8:45 a.m. Monday morning. He said the caller then called back some minutes later with a more severe threat, causing school administrators to take action. Administrators, faculty, and students evacuated the building shortly after, and classes were canceled.

"It's unfortunate we have a protocol for this, but we do," he said. "We evacuated everyone to a safe zone, which was located safely off campus."

Steve Murley, the superintendent of the Iowa City School District, said he thinks Iowa City schools are prepared should a similar event take place.

"We have processes in place to deal with things like this," he said, noting new construction and remodeling of schools in the district allows administrators to better monitor traffic in and out of the buildings.

He did say, however, he has never seen an event like this happen in the Iowa City public schools. "I've been here three



Police cordon off Regina High on Monday. Students evacuated the school after a bomb threat was called in to the school at 8:56 a.m. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

'It's unfortunate we have a protocol for [bomb threats], but we do.'

— Lee Iben, Regina President and CEO

years, and we have not had anything like this in the time I've been here," he said.

Iben said school officials called police to report the incident, and the Iowa City police and Johnson County Bomb Squad arrived to evaluate the situation.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said the final call, which was placed at 8:56 a.m., said there was a bomb in the building. She said officers used dogs to sweep the school.

Brotherton said the sweep was completed without incident, and the dogs did not indicate there was a bomb inside the school.

Regina faculty and staff were allowed to re-enter the building at 1:50 p.m., after the completion of the sweep, Iben said.

"We let them know what was going on and let them ask any questions," he said.

Brotherton said some officers remained on the scene to investigate and advise the faculty on things to look for in case the sweep had missed a potential threat.

"The faculty will still

be on the lookout for anything suspicious, but the dogs did not find anything," she said.

Brotherton also said the primary investigative focus for the incident has shifted to the phone call and finding those responsible for the threat — though she couldn't give many specifics.

"It's going to be treated like any other investigation," she said. "They're going to do what they're going to do."

Murley said safety continues to be one of the most important priorities for the public School District.

Murley said cooperation from private schools such as Regina in the event of an emergency can be very beneficial — and in this case allowed Iowa City public schools to notify their staff and students in a timely manner.

"We were able to notify our schools," he said. "And though we didn't have to take any action, it was important to keep our students and staff informed."

DI reporter Lauren Coffey contributed to this story.

UISG presses on with issues

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The University of Iowa Student Government is underway with a mix of new and old initiatives this year, and the group's leaders say the Get Out the Vote campaign is a priority this semester with the election being fewer than three months away.

"We ran on a platform of improving students' lives, the little things as well as the big things, and we're excited just to announce a few things thus far that we've been working on," UISG President Nic Pottebaum said.

While Pottebaum was not able to provide the overall budget, UISG had a budget of \$114,700 to work with last year.

The goal of the Get Out the Vote campaign is to get students registered to vote and make them more aware of voting locations and campaigns, even including a "debate watch" for the presidential debate to be held in the IMU in the fall.

"[We want students to be] more aware about campaigns, obviously not promoting a specific campaign or issue," he said.

UISG members registered 195 first-year students to vote in two hours at the On Iowa Engage Fair, according to its Facebook page.

This year, officials also hope to revive the Textbook Tax Rebate for students. Despite the credit being enacted in 1987, Pottebaum said, it has remained relatively unknown at the UI.

"For the past seven or eight years now, student government, the university, or the bookstore just haven't promoted it," he said.

To be able to use the rebate, students have to go to the UISG website or to the office and fill out a form that they then send with the receipt.

While the 7 percent re-

bate might seem small, Pottebaum said, the money can add up.

A program many freshmen may have experienced last weekend during On Iowa was the Get To Know Me campaign. The program focused on talks about diversity and featured a video made by students as well as discussion portions in small groups.

Yet one student said he did not believe the discussion section where the video was showed had changed the way people interacted with him or got to know him.

Hanyang Qian, a freshman international student from Shanghai, China, who participated in On Iowa, said he didn't really remember the video, and that not much had changed.

Not all of the programs are up and running yet.

Safe Ride, a program announced over the summer that allows students of both genders to receive an emergency taxi service once per semester, is still being finalized.

While UISG had hoped to have the program running by the start of classes this fall, Pottebaum stressed nothing has changed.

"Safe Ride will still provide a free taxi service to students from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and will run on-campus to off-campus and vice versa," he said.

While former President Elliot Higgins and Vice President Brittany Caplin had initiatives in the works, current UISG Vice President Jessie Tobin said those goals will not be forgotten.

"While we are pushing in a new direction with Safe Ride and some of our other initiatives, we're not going to drop the ball on some of the things that student government is already doing," she said.

Pottebaum agreed.

"We want to make sure we're being proactive. A lot of times, student government has been reactive, in particular to student organizations and initiatives," he said.

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Editorial

UISG taking aim at its goals

Students running for University of Iowa Student Government received excellent practice for the political “real world” last semester during the campaign season.

With political propaganda, complaints, and unrealistic campaign promises — such as concerts that could fill Kinnick Stadium or free taxi rides for University of Iowa students — those running for student government went through the trials of exciting their political base.

However, many students remained either doubtful the UISG candidates could accomplish any of the things they proposed, or didn't care — only around 25 percent of undergraduates voted, as reported by *The Daily Iowan*.

But the problem is not so much that UISG is unable to accomplish its initiatives, rather it needed to better engage students — and starting this semester, UISG representatives are determined to do just that.

“Some of the programs I'm most excited about are the Get Out The Vote campaign, Get To Know Me diversity campaign, and the Textbook Tax Rebate program,” said UISG President Nic Pottebaum.

“It's great that we have these wonderful projects underway, but now one of the most important things is to make sure the students know about them.”

These are not the only projects that UISG is working on this semester, but they are among the many new projects that are getting the most attention.

“Student involvement varies depending on the topic,” Pottebaum said. “When it's a project such as sustainability, and we have some 13 or 14 student groups focused on sustainability, then it's really easy to see student involvement.”

Perhaps students do not always see results — or don't look — but that doesn't mean that UISG fails to achieve accomplishments.

Moreover, despite the wide variety of bureaucratic

hurdles the representatives must overcome, the various appointed and elected students still find ways to promote the student body.

For example, last year, UISG representatives increased sustainability projects by dispersing free water bottles and reminding students to use the filling stations rather than wasting plastic water bottles.

They are also in large part responsible for lobbying in Washington, D.C., to keep loan rates low.

Furthermore, the varying administrative positions on UISG send students to the Statehouse to lobby for appropriations, and last year that started a program called Universities for a Better Iowa, which focuses on maintaining a good relationship between the state Board of Regents' schools and the state government.

This year, UISG will help students learn about student organizations, diversity, the national election, and their own taxes. UISG is also in charge of appropriating funds to the various student organizations.

Though some have criticized UISG as an organization of college students who have all the qualities of lying politicians or who simply are unaware of their actual capabilities, this student government is tackling problems well within its realm and working hard to affect student lives.

Sure, the UISG officials may fall short of some of their especially ambitious goals, such as the unlikely free taxicab service (still in the planning stages), they are certainly capable of affecting the campus community.

So fellow students, prepare to get that tax rebate on books this year, get to know each other, and be reminded, possibly on a daily basis of how, when, and where to vote, thanks to UISG.

Your turn. How valuable are UISG's initiatives? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Red in the face Sox

By BEAU ELLIOT

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This is not about the Red Sox, by the way. (Or even by the weigh.)

You probably thought the Red Sox were a baseball team and yawned. But — ha-ha — the Sox turn out to be not a baseball team at all. Joke's on you.

Actually, the bad joke that is the Red Sox is on all of us but mostly on the baseball geniuses (we're talking about you, Lucky Lucchino) who thought that you could create a baseball team by sticking together all these shiny metallic pieces every-which-way on the basis that they all looked so shiny. And so metallic. (Metallic is so masculine and cool, you know.)

(Me neither.)

Anyway, that's called fantasy baseball. It's being played out in a Fenway Park near you.

It's kind of like Mitt Romney's economic plan before he married Paul Ryan. And after.

Wait a minute, you say. Romney is against same-sex marriage.

Well, yes — now. Accent on now. But then?

But then (to use that phrase again), what else is new?

OK, the Mitt wasn't exactly for same-sex marriage — as far as anyone can tell about what the Mitt is for or against — but in the past, he did seem a bit touchy-feely (we're not suggesting anything here) about creeping up (again, no suggestions) to something approaching civil unions.

To be fair to the GOP presidential candidate (which is tough, given that he is not all that fair to those of us in the 99 percent), Romney (seemingly the product of a union between HAL, the computer in Kubrick's *2001: A Space Odyssey*, and a Dodge minivan) is obviously afflicted with neurons that wear flip-flops.

His father, a successful (and rich, but who's counting?) businessman, governor of Michigan, and unsuccessful candidate for the 1968 GOP presidential nomination, was apparently afflicted with the same neurons (see the Vietnam War).

Maybe those aren't neurons. Maybe they're old-rons.

But we were talking about the Boston Red Sox. Well, not really. And anyway, who wants to?

Not so much the Mitt, apparently. Not all that long ago (and we're not

talking geological time here, not that most of us have those kind of watches — they're rather expensive, so you want to wait for your girlfriend to buy you one, which will happen sometime in the next epoch, dreamer), Romney praised the Red Sox for unforgettably winning the Super Bowl.

Yeah, that Super Bowl. Unforgettable.

Talk about being in touch with us common folk. (OK, I'm common, you're unique. How does it feel? Just wondering.)

Do you suppose if there were more common folk, there'd be more common sense?

Yeah — me, neither.

Not that I'm calling them common, but the Tea Party folks in a Florida Congressional district spoke up recently.

They, according to several news reports, knocked off Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., in a GOP primary even though Stearns, a bona fide right-winger if there ever was one, was famous for trying to kill federal bucks for Planned Parenthood and investigated the Solyndra loans in an attempt to shiv the Obama administration.

Apparently, Tea Party voters, at least in Florida, won't be satisfied until they get Attila the Hun as a candidate.

Well, you have to admit, Attila was not common.

Which brings us by commodious vicus of recirculation (to steal a line from the finest writer of the English language) to the very common, quite ordinary Red Sox. Who astonishingly enough, managed to beat the Yankees on Aug. 18.

In that game, they made a bit of history, according to AP: In the eighth inning, they had the first all-Yale battery (that would be the pitcher and catcher) in the big leagues since September 1883 — relief pitcher Craig Breslow (molecular biophysics and biochemistry major) and catcher Ryan Lavarney (philosophy major).

“We didn't need to put any signs down. We're all on the same wavelength,” Breslow joked, according to AP.

That could be an analogy for the Romney campaign, except that first, scientists would have to discover that Romney actually has a brain and a wavelength and not just a dog strapped to the top of his head.

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Vegetable garden downtown a success

Welcome back, students! I just wanted to take a moment to thank the university community for an act of profound respect. I'm the person who was able to work with the city this summer to put in the vegetable garden downtown on the Pedestrian Mall by the library.

Since early June, we've been able to cultivate and harvest lettuce, kale, radishes, carrots, cucumbers, basil, thyme, sweet corn, zucchini, watermelon, peppers, broccoli, and flowers.

Food was used for children's events at the library, donated to Table to Table, and just sampled by people passing by who engaged me in so many rewarding conversations about gardening and nature in general. Late-season spinach, a cover crop, and garlic will go in soon.

The extreme heat this summer was a challenge — tomatoes and beans, for instance, were putting all their energy into just staying alive and not into much fruit production. And the wind can be pretty fierce through the Ped Mall, so the corn got knocked

down a couple times.

But at least it was the wind and not a disrespectful person who'd had perhaps a bit too much to drink.

I was frankly concerned that vandalism would be a real problem, but tens of thousands of people have given that space nothing but the highest respect since June 3. You have no idea how encouraging that is.

Thank you so much for being my guardian garden angels. As I always tell my Soilmates students, the best is yet to come.

Oh, and, of course, go Hawks.

Scott Koepke
Iowa City resident

Reject the Romney-Ryan health-care plan

Time to wake up and smell the snake oil. Medicare was created to solve a problem. In old age, people need health care. This is pretty much guaranteed. Private health insurers want to insure people who are healthy and avoid paying claims. Medicare covers every senior (sick or well) at very low administrative costs because the free-market

insurance companies can't do it and make a profit. That's why Medicare was created in 1965.

Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan want to take away the health and economic security of Medicare for people under 55 years of age and for all future seniors. They falsely and dangerously believe that sending all seniors out to buy their own health insurance policies will create more competition among insurance companies and this will make care better.

We currently have the most competitive free-market health-insurance system ever devised in the history of the world for people under 65 years of age.

How is that working? For the past 40 years, health-care costs have increased annually at two to three times the costs of virtually everything else in the economy. Forty million to 50 million Americans can't afford insurance. Health-insurance costs are killing small businesses. Every American pays more than twice that of any of our industrialized neighbors that have national health-care systems.

And by many wellness indica-

tors, including life expectancy, we trail countries with national health systems badly in keeping people healthy and alive. We have free-market competition gone wild in health insurance, and we really can't afford any more of it.

Medicare has strengthened all families and made the country stronger for almost five decades. Turning future seniors and their families' health and income security over to private insurance companies and their Wall Street investors is a colossal mistake.

Today's Medicare recipients who benefit from having comprehensive health care now have a responsibility to keep this system intact and strong for future generations.

We must reject this cynical and radical Romney-Ryan plan to divide current Medicare recipients from their younger family members and future generations of hardworking Americans who will need this incredibly important government-organized program. If we allow them to privatize Medicare, Social Security will be next.

Sen. Joe Bolkcom
D-Iowa City

Column

Party-school ranking means virtually nothing

By BENJAMIN EVANS

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Yes, the University of Iowa is a party school. Yes, the university jumped to second place in the latest ranking. Yes, Hawkeyes tend to drink a lot.

No, I don't care.

Hear me out, guys: Don't start writing the letters just yet. Obviously, binge drinking is a problem for UI students. And it's easy to point fingers at the current UI administration when you read about the university bringing home the silver medal for partying.

But let's look at the facts.

The high-risk drinking rate for UI students is down 9 percent from 2009. And it's the lowest it's been in 10 years.

The *Princeton Review's* survey wasn't exactly scientific. It was voluntary, so any current Hawkeye with a computer and an imagination could supply juicy encounters.

And there was little, if any, verification of popular opinion — I could have written that Olivia Wilde came down from heaven and partied hardy with the boys

from Phi Delta Theta, and the *Review* would have eaten it up.

There's no one to blame here — the administration is not at fault.

UI spokesman Tom Moore echoed the sentiment that the publication's rankings were loosely based on factual data.

“We find it amazing that any one pays attention to such an unscientific, invalid survey,” he said. “There's no validity to it whatsoever.”

There are decreases across the board in the number of drinks

consumed, percentages of students drinking at all in a 30-day period, and of students drinking 10 or more days per month — all according to the National College Health Assessment Data for 2012.

“Among all the rankings published by various media outlets, the *Princeton Review's* stand out for its complete lack of objective, scientific methodology,” wrote Moore in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. “Its rankings are based almost exclusively on anecdotes and random, subjective feedback.”

Moore noted that most of the data concerning drinking at the UI are more positive than negative.

And this ranking will have hardly any effect on reality. Sure, groups of drunken students can shout, “We're No. 2,” in bars and dorm rooms, but nothing substantial will change on campus.

Kelly Bender, the UI campus community harm-reduction-initiative coordinator, said the administration's commitment to addressing the binge-drinking culture is not affected by less-than-scientific polling.

“We don't change strategies based on rankings like these,” she said. “It creates community awareness, which is positive, but we know the problem won't be solved in a couple of years.”

Bender said that in addressing the binge-drinking culture in Iowa City, the administration uses solutions based in scientific evidence.

So, yeah, drink to your second-place trophy — but don't kid yourself that the ranking means any more than a bruise in the air and a masculine beating of the chest.

Barges stuck on low Mississippi River

By ADRIAN SAINZ
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Nearly 100 boats and barges were waiting for passage Monday along an 11-mile stretch of the Mississippi River that has been closed because of low water levels, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

New Orleans-based Coast Guard spokesman Ryan Tippets said the stretch of river near Greenville, Miss., has been closed intermittently since Aug. 11, when a vessel ran aground.

Tippetts said the area is being surveyed for dredging, and a Coast Guard boat is replacing eight navigation markers. He says 40 northbound vessels and 57 southbound vessels were stranded and waiting for passage Monday afternoon.

Tippetts said it is not immediately clear when the river will reopen. A stretch of river near Greenville was also closed in 1988 because of low water levels caused by severe drought. The river hit a record low on the Memphis gauge that year.

The Mississippi River from Illinois to Louisiana has seen water levels plummet because of drought conditions in the past three months. Near



Frank Segree, the captain of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Dredge Hurley, points as he talks to reporters about dredging operations on the Mississippi River on Monday near Memphis, Tenn. The Mississippi River from Illinois to Louisiana has seen water levels plummet because of drought conditions in the past three months. Near Memphis, the river level was more than 12 feet lower than normal for this time of year. (Associated Press/Adrian Sainz)

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Maintaining the navigation channel is essential to keeping vessels from colliding or running aground. Thousands of tons of material are shipped on the river each day.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is using dredges to dig out sand and ensure the navigation channel is deep enough for barges loaded with coal, steel, agricultural products, and

other goods. The Corps is required to provide a minimum navigation channel that is 9 feet deep and 300 feet wide on the lower Mississippi River.

Shippers that move material up and down the river on a daily basis have complained that the shallow river is forcing them to lighten the loads on their barges to avoid hitting bottom. Lighter loads mean less revenue for the shippers, who still have to deal with costs such as labor and fuel.

Also, low water at docks and terminals makes it more difficult to load or unload material, because ships have trouble getting close enough to docks.

Just north of downtown Memphis on Aug. 17, the dredge Hurley was cutting a 2,000-foot swath of river bottom to ensure that the channel is safe for vessels. The dredge is referred to as a dustpan, which means it uses a vacuum-like suction to suck up sand from the river bottom, said its captain, Frank Segree.

Suspect faces drug charge

One of the men sought by police in conjunction with an Aug. 16 shooting at Breckenridge Trailer Court has been charged with a felony controlled-substance violation.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Norman Dudley, 20, 1121 Gilbert Court, was charged after a meeting with an undercover Division of Narcotics Enforcement special agent near K-Mart, 901 Hollywood Blvd.

The complaint said the agent purchased approximately 14.1 grams of cocaine base from Dudley in exchange for \$950.

Dudley is charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, a Class-C felony.

— by Matt Starns

Sex offender charged with not registering

A sexual offender has been charged with a Class-C felony after allegedly failing

to register his most recent address with police.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Daniel McMahon, 22, a registered sex offender, was charged March 5 after police conducted an investigation into his address and concluded he had vacated that residence and allegedly failed to register a new one.

The complaint said the manager of McMahon's last registered residence, 1601 Ridge St., said he no longer lived at the address. McMahon had allegedly failed to register his change of address with police.

The complaint said police checked McMahon's previous address as well, and he was not living there.

McMahon's current whereabouts are unknown, according to the complaint.

This is allegedly the second time McMahon has failed to register; he was convicted of first-offense failure to register on Dec. 22, 2010.

A sex-offender-verification violation is a Class-C felony.

— by Matt Starns

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sity. "She has a strong sense of wanting to recruit the strongest students from her home," he said. "It just makes sense for us to make sure that we are establishing relationships with very strong high schools in China and having someone who has the knowledge in the educational system."

With a B.A. from Beijing Normal University,

Xu came to the UI to attend the Tippie College of Business for graduate school. She said making the transition from the Chinese school system to the system in the United States was not a particularly easy transition.

"I think, for me, my experience was a little different from the undergraduate students, because I came here as a college graduate," the 36-year-old said. "I thought I was prepared, but I felt the first semester was a little hard for me because those business classes had dis-

ussions. But after [first semester], I think I handled it well."

Xu said the nature of school in China prepares the international students for college in the United States.

"Chinese people have a profound belief in education," she said. "Chinese students are academically strong because the Chinese primary- and secondary-education systems really award attributes such as self-discipline, respect, and hardworking."

In addition to Xu's experience with the Chi-

nese educational system, officials say her ability to translate and her familiarity with the UI campus make her the right person for the job.

"We are definitely taking advantage of her translation skills," said Becky Hanson, associate director of international outreach and recruitment. "She's able to accompany us to presentations of the UI with larger groups of Chinese students and translate."

Xu's alumna status gives her a one-up as well,

Hanson said.

"[Xu] is very familiar with the campus," she said. "When she travels abroad [to recruit students and promote the UI], she has that credibility."

Xu said she thinks American students can learn from the international students and expand their knowledge of different cultures.

"I think U.S. students are the same as Chinese students," she said. "They leave their family to go to college — they all face a totally new environment."

International Students

A report by the UI shows enrollment statistics for the fall 2011 semester.

- 3,275 enrolled international students
- 1,734 undergraduates
- 10.5 percent of all students were international
- 2,818 students were from Asia
- 1,737 were from China

Source: UI Profile of International Students and Scholars Fall 2011

YOUTH

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to partner with city principals to engage youth in local events.

"We're not getting rid of it — just restructuring it," City Councilor Rick Dobyms said.

Dobyms, the liaison for the Youth Advisory Commission, proposed the plan to end the commission.

This would be the first commission to be abol-

ished by the City Council, specifically because it has been difficult to maintain and find volunteers.

"We [the City Council and city government] have struggled for years to attract young people in sufficient numbers for the commission," Hayek said.

The commission works with Global Village during Summer of the Arts, awards the Youth Empowerment Grant — which funds projects for Iowa City youth to help better the city — and the

Youth Recognition Grant, a leadership award for junior-high students.

The Youth Advisory Commission began in 1996; it currently has five members. The panel's mission is "to promote understanding and awareness of Iowa City among Iowa City youth."

The commission is supposed to have seven members, all appointed by the City Council with no member older than 18 at the time of applying. The members must be enrolled

in an Iowa City high school or an equivalent and all of the members should be residents of Iowa City, with four of them representing Regina, Tate, City, and West.

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Leah Murray, who had been a member of the Youth Advisory Commission for a year and a half, resigned from the commission because she will head off to college in the upcoming month.

She was surprised to hear that the commission could be abolished and said she would be unhappy to see it go.

"I love the Youth Advisory Commission, and I think it's a great thing for teens to get involved in," she said. "It really shows you how the local government operates."

Youth Advisory Commission

The Iowa City City Council could abolish the Youth Advisory Commission at tonight's meeting.

- Started in 1996
- Currently has five members
- Commission designed to hold seven members
- Members should be younger than 18 when applying
- Mission is to "promote understanding and awareness of Iowa City among Iowa City youth."

Source: City documents

PARTY SCHOOL

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Between the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years, PAULA citations by Iowa City police declined more than 46 percent, and public-intoxication citations dropped more than 17 percent. However, disorderly house charges jumped by nearly 70 percent in that time. Overall, the group's work demonstrated alcohol-related crime diminished in downtown Iowa City while increasing in residential areas dominated by college students.

And after the 21-ordinance went into effect in June 2010, several downtown bars closed, including Vito's, Jakes, and Firewater. One year after the ordinance, the number of UI students going to the emergency room for alco-

Princeton Review Rankings

The UI regularly ranks on the Princeton Review's top-20 party-school list.

1. West Virginia University
2. University of Iowa
3. Ohio University
4. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
5. University of Georgia

Source: Princeton Review

tained the Princeton Review ranking is not representative of the situation on campus.

Moore pointed to numbers from the 2012 National College Health Assessment Data, citing that the percent of students who reported drinking in the past 30 days is at the lowest level in the last 20 years. In 2011, 83.2 percent of students reported drinking in the last 30 days and in 2012, 79.9 reported drinking in that time frame.

Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek said the Princeton Review ranking is "nothing to be proud of" and slow, steady progress is being seen.

"I think we should take stock of the progress made," he said. "The efforts of the university and the city have shown positive movement on reductions of high risk drinking."

Ultimately, officials



A young woman drinks from a beer bong during a house party on Aug. 21, 2010. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

said, the ranking change has no bearing on their efforts.

"We don't change strategies based on rankings like these," said Kelly Bender, the UI's campus-community harm-reduction ini-

tiatives coordinator. "It creates community awareness, which is positive, but we know the problem

won't be solved in a couple of years."

DI reporter Eric Clark contributed to this story.

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- I donated it to a needy student in the class. You can pay it forward by giving me an A.
- I was at a demonstration calling for higher salaries for UI professors.
- Can anybody ever really "know" the "answers" to homework, professor?
- I'd like to, but that would really cut into my not-doing-homework time.
- It's genetic: Both of my parents hated homework, so I hate homework. You wouldn't give me an F based on the color of my hair, skin, or eyes, so drop this unwarranted and close-minded inquiry as to the whereabouts of my homework, or you can expect a call from the ACLU, bigot.
- I was at my therapist's office.
- I was at a funeral.
- I was at my therapist's funeral.
- I was murdering my therapist.
- Sure, today it's homework, but what about next week? You might ask me for a report or a paper, or maybe even a class project. No, no, no; we're heading down a slippery slope here, and I have no intention of enabling you.
- I already did one homework assignment from you — isn't that enough proof that I know how to do homework? I think you might have a mild form of OCD or something.
- I burned it to keep it from falling into enemy hands.
- Doing homework brings back too many painful memories; my parents were killed by a rogue homework assignment.
- You didn't say "please."

— Andrew R. Juhl thanks Erik J. for collaborating on today's Ledge.

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- Pharmacology Post-doctoral Workshop, "A Novel Role for the PI3K-mTOR Axis in the Cardiovascular and Sympathetic Effects of Leptin," Shannon Harlan, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility**
- Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn**
- Farmers' Market, 3 p.m., Sycamore Mall**
- Microbiology Seminar, "Pseudomonas aeruginosa type III secretion system: to be on or not to be on, that is the question," Timothy Yahr, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3**
- BME Professional Seminar, 3:30 p.m., 101 Biology Building East**
- Community Writing Center, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library**
- Cultural Centers Open House, Afro American Cultural Center, Asian Pacific American Cultural Center, Latino Native American Cultural Center, LGBT Resource Center 5 p.m.**
- Zumba, 5:55 p.m., Iowa City Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert**
- UI Jazz Faculty with guest artist Adam Schroeder, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington**
- Superchief and Snow Demon, 8 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa**
- Flight School, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn**

UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 12:30 p.m.** Piano Sundays Concert, School of Music students Grethe Nothling and Casey Rafn perform, Oct. 9, 2011
- 2 Women at Iowa**, stef schuster, presented by the Council on the Status of Women (New)
- 3 University Lecture Committee**, Paul Farmer, worldwide leader in global-health and social-justice issues, Aug. 24, 2011
- 4:30 UI Symphony Orchestra Concert**, Beethoven *Symphony No. 6*, Samuel Barber, Nico Rota with soloist Volkan Orhon, double bass, Oct. 26, 2011
- 6:30 Higher Education Today**, discussion on the underlying purpose of schools of education,
- College of Education Dean Margaret Crocco, Sept. 14, 2011
- 7 Women at Iowa**, stef schuster, presented by the Council on the Status of Women (New)
- 8 University Lecture Committee**, Paul Farmer, worldwide leader in global-health and social-justice issues, Aug. 24, 2011
- 9:30 Daily Iowan TV News**
- 9:45 Carver-Hawkeye Dedication Ceremony for the New Wing of the Arena**, Sept. 23, 2011
- 10:30 Daily Iowan TV News**
- 10:45 Ueye**, student life and activities
- 11 Women at Iowa**, stef schuster, presented by the Council on the Status of Women (New)

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Tuesday, August 21 — by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Preparation is key. Expect to be limited by people who don't understand what you are trying to accomplish. Believe in what you can do, and forge ahead on your own. Satisfaction will be your reward, along with a healthy boost of confidence.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 An opportunity to advance at work or to find a new job looks promising. Send out your résumé, answer ads, or set up interviews. Your enthusiasm will give you the edge that will help seal a deal you are working toward.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 You can settle an emotional difference you have with someone if you are honest about the way you feel. Take advantage of a proposal, and you will have no regrets. Experience will play a role in helping you get what you want now.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 An emotional matter is likely to influence the way you do things. Don't trust anyone with an important job that needs your undivided attention. Live with a situation for a while before you make a decision that cannot be reversed.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Form a tight alliance with the people you know you can trust. Working as a team player will help you earn respect. Much can be accomplished personally if you are versatile and welcome the changes that come along with sharing space or plans.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Don't take on too much. Before you go down that path, make sure you take care of personal matters that could make you look neglectful. Helping others is fine, but remember that charity begins at home. Offer suggestions, not time or money.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Learning should be high on your list. You will pick up information readily and be able to elaborate, turning whatever information you gather into something unique. Visiting a destination that offers you a change of scenery will do you good.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Noticing the little things will be to your advantage. Keep what you do mysterious, and pursue your goals quietly. A unique approach to a skill you have to offer will turn into a prosperous venture. When ready, share your vision with confidence.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Share your knowledge, and you will get good feedback as well as the go-ahead to proceed with your plans. Helping others will bring you far more returns than expected.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You may think you have control, but emotional matters will throw you off your game. Don't make assumptions; dig deep and find out what you need to know before you make a move. A partnership may be jeopardized by what you do or say.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Tie up loose ends so you can pursue something or someone special. You can turn one of your ideas or skills into a moneymaking venture. A change at home can bring you greater cash flow. Open-mindedness will lead to an excellent offer.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 A partnership with someone creative will pay off. Expand your knowledge through networking functions, reading, and personal improvement projects. Make sure you are readily available to take part in an event that can enhance your plans. Love is in the stars.

FUNERAL IN ADEN



A Yemeni boy holds a poster depicting his father, who was killed in an attack in the city of Aden, during his funeral in Sanaa, Yemen, on Monday. Suspected Qaeda militants attacked a Yemeni intelligence headquarters, killing 20 people in the port city of Aden on Aug. 18, 2012, in the worst such attack in a year that highlights the challenges faced by the country's new leadership as it struggles to bring security and reconcile a military with split loyalties. (Associated Press/Hani Mohammed)

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OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0717

- ACROSS**
- Karate school
 - Pier
 - "Look what I just did!"
 - Grad
 - Washington who was called "Queen of the Blues"
 - "Voulez-vous coucher moi ce soir?"
 - Geographical formation whose name is Spanish for 9-Down
 - Rizzo, "Midnight Cowboy" role
 - What might take a stand outside a school?
 - Dope fiend
 - Burn without a flame
 - Tap
 - New Year's ____
 - Baja bear
 - Land where the Danube flows
 - Cleopatra's killer
 - Hold filler
 - Mover's vehicle
 - Model
 - Nicole Smith
 - Author of the book whose title is circled in the grid
 - "Yes, there is _____!"
 - _____ the fields we go ...
 - Japanese port
 - Right out of the box
 - With lack of distinctiveness
 - Street cred
 - "Get it?"
 - Bonbons, e.g.
 - Musical instruments listed very late alphabetically
 - Trouser measurements
 - Latin love
 - Straighten
 - Brickell who sang "What I Am"
 - China's En-lai ____
 - Keister
 - Groucho or Chico
 - "King ____"
 - Send out
 - "Don't leave!"

DOWN

- Like morning grass, typically
- Dairy-free spread
- Temporarily
- Nebraska home of Berkshire Hathaway
- Crown
- Prov. east of Manitoba
- Mama ____ Elliot
- Iranian Revolution leader
- See 16-Across
- Gung-ho
- Hockey feint
- Computer giant
- ____ Malfroy (Harry Potter villain)
- Continental coins
- Tube travelers?
- Businesses where the customers call the shots?
- Indian ____
- Beetle Bailey's boss
- '60s war locale
- Camp David
- Accords party
- Capture
- Winner's demand
- H.S. dropout's document
- 1950s-'60s comic Bruce
- Gestures accompanying "Beats me"
- Swarms
- 2009 Cy Young Award winner
- Hive member
- One of the D's in D.D.E.
- Bugs Bunny or Tweety Bird
- Dickensian setting
- Sorvino of "Mighty Aphrodite"
- Very exciting
- "If you ask me," in textspeak
- "It ____" (formal acknowledgment)

Puzzle by Peter A. Collins

36 F.B.I. employee: Abbr.

38 Abide

39 "Isn't ____ bit like you and me?" (Beatles lyric)

40 "The Highwayman" poet

45 Hive member

46 One of the D's in D.D.E.

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49 Gesture accompanying "Beats me"

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Breaking ground not new for Moore

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Busting into an all-boys club has never been a problem for Darla Moore.

The Wall Street wizard with rich Southern roots made a name for herself in the male-dominated world of finance as executive vice president of one of the largest private investment firms in the United States. She was the first woman featured for a cover story by *Fortune* magazine in 1997, and at one point, she was the only woman on the board of trustees at her alma mater, the University of South Carolina.

Moore broke another gender barrier Monday when the exclusive Augusta National Golf Club, which hosts the Masters tournament each year, asked her and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to become the first women in green jackets when the club opens for a new season in October. (Associated Press/David J. Phillip)



Bright yellow flowers in the shape of the United States adorn the lawn at the clubhouse during practice for the Masters golf tournament on April 5, 2006, at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. For the first time in its 80-year history, Augusta National Golf Club will have female members. The home of the Masters, under increasing criticism the last decade because of its all-male membership, invited former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and South Carolina financier Darla Moore to become the first women in green jackets when the club opens for a new season in October. (Associated Press/David J. Phillip)

is the top donor to the University of South Carolina, pledging \$75 million since 1998, when the business school was named after her. She also donated \$10 million to her late father's alma mater, Clemson University.

Much of her philanthropy is done behind the scenes, as she eschews the spotlight. She declined an interview request for this article, instead choosing to release a short statement.

"She loves to do her work under the radar. It's the people around her she wants to highlight and put out there. She doesn't want it to be about her," said Jim Fields, the executive director of the Palmetto Institute, a nonprofit research group Moore founded in 2002 that is

committed to improving South Carolinians' economic well-being.

Moore is known for her ability to get things done, whether it's raising money or making decisions in the board room. *Fortune* called her the "toughest babe in business" in 1997.

"She's very direct in her thoughts and opinions and doesn't mind telling you, and she's extraordinarily proud of her roots in South Carolina and Lake City," Fields said.

The institute is using her native Lake City, a rural town in the northeast part of the state, as a petri dish for how to improve a distressed economy.

That includes turning the former bean market, once one of the world's largest for string beans, into a community center,

complete with geothermal heating and cooling.

Moore worked quietly through her foundations to renovate the 35,000-square-foot building after former Gov. Mark Sanford called the project pork in a proposed state budget.

Restoring the 1930s-era building was a passion of her father's, Gene Moore, that she wanted to complete, said Joe Rogers, chief operating officer of the Lake City Partnership Council, cofounded by Darla Moore.

"She's a very loyal friend, just an incredible person," Rogers said. "She's smart, funny, intense, incredibly high energy; she's unconventional in a very good way."

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FOOTBALL

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True freshman Maurice Fleming garnered praise from Campbell, who noted Fleming's speed and experience as a defensive back

as reasons the freshman could contribute right away.

Campbell said playing on the other side of the ball could make it easier for a receiver to read coverages and anticipate what the defenders will do. He also said that it takes a certain level of toughness to play

defense, and that can be a positive for a receiver, too.

Davis said a key for the unit's success is the desire to always have the ball in their hands. He said they all feel they can be the go-to man for Vandenberg. But Davis himself is the guy many expect to take on the role previously held

by McNutt. Davis is following a 2011 campaign in which he snagged 50 receptions for 713 yards.

Campbell said that role is in good hands.

"Oh, he's capable," he said. "He started for us last year. He's a guy who started, played a lot of football, been around for

four years, and now he's a senior. We expect him to have his best season."

Vandenberg said Davis isn't the only sufficient receiver on the field.

"They're all proving it right now," he said at the team's media day on Aug. 6. "It's the guys who can

show up, day in and day out through these next three weeks of grinding practices — those are the guys you really get that trust in, that they're going to be there through the ups and downs, through the good plays and the bad plays."

ILLINOIS

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during the Big Ten media day on July 26. "You'll see two running backs in the football game at times ... It's a commitment that our offensive staff has made to running the football, and we've got to establish the run first for us to be successful."

Sticking to the ground game is likely where Illinois will see the most success, too.

Spencer Harris returns

as the team's leading receiver with 26 catches for 226 yards last season.

Fourteen Illini starters will return to the gridiron this season, bringing Beckman into a situation that most new coaches don't get the luxury of enjoying. The biggest question mark he has to deal with going into the season is how to fix the special-team mess that Zook left.

The Illini ranked last in the nation in kick returns and second-to-last in punt returns a year ago. Two walk-ons — Taylor Zaleski and Nick Immerkus — are battling for kicking

duties. Beckman brought in the special-team coach Tim Salem from Central Florida to try to improve that unit.

"Right now, in the special-team phase, we're working on the fundamentals," Salem told the *Chicago Tribune*. "Finding guys to be able to catch the ball, finding guys who can block, and finding guys who have talent in the open field. Right now, we're trying to improve the individual, and if we improve the individual, we improve the team."

The biggest question mark for this team might be the status of the offensive line. Beckman has been

forced to shuffle the line in order to meet the requirements of his offense.

Hugh Thornton, last season's starting left guard, is the projected starting tackle on the same side of the line. Graham Pocic, who has 26 career starts at center, will likely take Thornton's old spot. Michael Heitz, recruited as a tackle, could be the opening-day starter at right guard.

The transition to a new role doesn't upset the players.

"Moving to tackle involves some minor technical changes, but it's physical and fast, and we're

in the Big Ten," Thornton told the *Northwest Herald*. "No matter what position I play, I'm going to see great competition. So it has been a smooth transition for me. And I'm still playing next to Graham, just as I was when I was at guard and he was at center."

Even with a new head coach and some major

holes to fill at some key positions, Illinois has the talent to go a third-straight bowl game. And with Penn State and Ohio State ineligible to play in the post-season, the Illini can some noise in the crippled Leaders division of the Big Ten.

VOLLEYBALL

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Sophomore hitter Alex Lovell said the Hawkeyes' practices have been "running very smoothly" because they have enough players to switch in and out of positions.

And it's not easy to get playing time anymore, which really just makes the practices every more beneficial.

"The reps, you have to fight for your reps now, so it definitely improves the mindset on the court," Lovell said. "Everyone wants to be the person to earn those reps."

Defensive specialist and lone senior Allison Straumann only played in 35 sets last season and tallied 36 digs. But she's not intimidated by all the com-



Players watch the ball during the Black and Gold scrimmage in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Aug. 18. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

petition coming into her position this season.

"Maybe you're not getting as many reps in practice as you're used to ... But you have people fight-

ing for spots, which is just making everybody better," she said. "There's always going to be a winner, and there's always going to be a loser — there's only six

spots on the court, which makes us compete against each other but remember that we're teammates, too."

SOCCER

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continued. "We did well in the [conference] last year, and I believe that our players want to do well in the [conference] this year."

The head coach spoke very highly of the first few weeks of the preseason, where the players have participated in two-a-days out at the Iowa Soccer Complex. He said the first few practices, which began on Aug. 1, have shown this season's team is prepared to face higher expectations and tougher opponents from a year ago.

To say the team's schedule is tougher might be an understatement. Compared with last year's nonconference foes, the Hawkeyes have amped up the level of competition, raising their opponent's average RPI "some 30 to 40 points" from a year ago. Notable nonconference opponents for this year's squad include Army and Long Island-Brooklyn — both NCAA Tournament qualifiers a year ago.

That alone has the Iowa players thinking bigger. Many of the players believe that this year's team has the potential to contend for the conference title, as well as possibly reach the Big Dance.

"I think it's going to be our best season yet," senior forward/midfielder



Iowa's Katherine Lewis dribbles against Eastern Illinois at the Iowa Soccer Complex on Aug. 17. The Hawkeyes defeated the Panthers, 5-0. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Allie Adam said. "I think we have the potential to [make the NCAA Tournament], but we still have to go out there and make it happen."

The Hawkeyes have never made the tournament, and they have only made the Big Ten tourney a select amount of times. If they're going to snag a spot in the 64-team NCAA field this season, they're going to have to rely on an underclassmen-heavy lineup. Of the 24 women who are listed on the roster, 16 are either freshmen or sophomores.

As recent history has shown, underclassmen are welcome on the field for Iowa. Last season, Cloe Lacasse posted a record-breaking season as a freshman, racking up 12 goals and tallying 6 assists.

Lacasse, a native of Ontario, Canada, kept her skills fine-tuned this past summer when she got the opportunity to play with the Canadian U20 National Team. Experience like that only heightened her confidence.

She has showed no signs of slowing down. This past weekend, Lacasse scored three goals in two games. The Hawkeyes won both games — 5-0 over Eastern Illinois and 3-0 over North Dakota — sparking a 2-0-0 start.

The sophomore said this season will likely be a better one, both for her and for the team. The familiarity with the Big Ten, she said, will be a strong factor.

"I'm just hoping that what I did this summer is going to work out," she said.

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Receivers expect to step up



Iowa wide receivers Kevonte Martin-Manley (left) and Keenan Davis celebrate Martin-Manley's touchdown during scrimmage at Kids Day at Kinnick stadium in Iowa City on Saturday, August 11, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

The Iowa offense lacks former star Marvin McNutt, but the receivers think they could be even better without him.

Second in a 10-part series

Follow along as *The Daily Iowan* takes a look at each position unit on the Hawkeye football team in the days leading up to the season opener on Sept. 1.

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By **TORK MASON**

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The Hawkeyes lost Marvin McNutt, their all-time leading receiver, to the NFL after last season. But Keenan Davis said he thinks the team's receivers might be better this year without him.

"[Receivers coach Erik Campbell] says if we all do what we're supposed to do, we're going to have a great crew," Davis said. "We're all out there catching the ball, so there's not going to be any difference there. And I think it's made us stronger that Marv's not here and made us better."

Only Davis and sophomore Kevonte Martin-Manley return with significant playing time on their résumés. But Davis said he doesn't expect the group to miss a beat.

The Hawkeyes will look to a committee

of young receivers to help replace former star McNutt, who was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in April. Who will step up remains unknown, but the team is optimistic about its options.

Redshirt freshman Jacob Hillyer is creating a positive buzz. The Somerset, Texas, native provides a big target at 6-4, and he spent time working with the first-team offense at Iowa's open practice on Aug. 18.

"He's just grown up. I think having that first full year under your belt — school, football, the whole shebang. He's been a really mature guy from the get go, but he's grown up physically and grown in this offense," quarterback James Vandenberg said. "He's a guy who we all have confidence in, and we know he can get the job done."

SEE **FOOTBALL**, 10

Illini eye yet another bowl

Illinois football is likely bowl-bound for a third-straight year, despite a new head coach and the six-game losing streak that ended the Illini's season in 2011.

By **BEN ROSS**

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The Illinois football team has plenty of work to do, despite coming off back-to-back bowl appearances for the first time in school history.

Tim Beckman has replaced Ron Zook as head coach; the latter was fired after his squad became the first team in Division I history to lose its final six games of the season after winning the first six.

Beckman comes to Champaign after coaching at Toledo, where he went 17-7 in three years at the helm of the Rockets' program. Last season, his squad ranked in the top-10 in country in both points per game (42) and yards per game (481). And with dual-threat quarterback Nathan Scheelhaase — Illinois' leading rusher and passer a year ago — returning for the Illini, Beckman might have the perfect athlete for his system.

"With the offense that we're installing in Champaign, it will be a dual-threat offense," Beckman said

SEE **ILLINOIS**, 10

Second in a 10-part series

The *DI* will unveil its 2012 Big Ten predictions with a feature on each team in the conference. Follow along this week as we rank the Leaders Division bottom-to-top, and check back next week for the Legends Division.

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Fresh faces boost V-ball

The Iowa volleyball team welcomes six new players — four freshmen and two transfers — to relieve overworked players and increase competitive drive this season.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**

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Iowa volleyball's Bethany Yeager played 122 of 123 sets at libero in 2011, while the three other defensive specialists totaled only 66 sets combined in the season.

Nikki Dailey was the team's only setter; after the early retirement of injured Paige Stevens during preseason in 2011, Dailey carried the burden of setting all 33 matches, 123 sets, and all 4,428 attack attempts.

Yeager and Dailey were overworked throughout the 2011 season, which ended with an 11-22 overall record, 1-19 in the conference.

And that's not even mentioning the workload they had to handle on the court in practice.

But they have help this season. The Iowa volleyball team grown for the third-straight year — losing three seniors but welcoming four freshmen and two transfer students to bring the roster up to 17 players.

Freshman Anne Yanda will share the setter position with Dailey, and fellow classmates Julianne Blomberg and Kathleen Daily (no relation) will join Yeager as defensive specialists.

Nikki Dailey said that in-game fatigue wasn't an issue last season, but the "wear



Iowa junior Nikki Dailey sets the ball during the Black and Gold scrimmage in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Aug. 18. As the team's only setter in 2011, Dailey had to play in all 123 sets during the season, but this year, the Hawkeyes will welcome freshman Anne Yanda as a second setter. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

and tear of the whole season" was a struggle.

"Last year, every single drill was me, every single time, with no breaks ever. It's nice to just catch a break once in a while," she said. "But from another perspective, I like having someone else in my position that I can take under my wing and mentor."

She said she's a strong believer in the "if you can teach it, you know it the best" theory, so being able to show Yanda her techniques and strategies is improving her game as well.

Yeager agrees that teaching the younger players who share her position makes her a better libero because she's being held to a higher standard to set an example.

"It reminds us, too, that if we're going to be telling someone to do something, we better well be doing it, too," she said. "It's a great reminder for us to do our jobs [on the court] as well."

The influx of rookie Hawkeyes doesn't only affect setters and defensive specialists. Having more bodies on the court helps the entire team train.

Iowa's roster included only 11 players in 2009, so assistant coaches Jason Allen and Ben Boldt had to fill in so the Hawkeyes could run an entire 12-player scrimmage. The squad grew to 13 in 2010, then 14 in 2011, but having a full 17 players in practice makes a difference for game-situation drills and scrimmages.

SEE **VOLLEYBALL**, 10

Soccer raises expectations

Iowa women's soccer team toughens up the schedule and returns plenty of experience with sights set on another great year.

By **CODY GOODWIN**

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The Iowa women's soccer team had a breakout season last year. And the players believe they can do better this fall.

They started fast, winning 10 of their first 12 games and tallying 30 goals as a squad. The numbers may have slowed down once the Big Ten schedule began — a conference slate that yielded the only four losses of the year. But Iowa went on to record one of, if not the, most successful seasons in recent school history.

The Hawks finished 13-4-3 (5-4-2 Big Ten) and broke or tied nine school records. Of their 13 wins, nine of them were shutouts. They posted their best winning percentage ever at .737, along with a nine-game winning streak. That streak was also a part of a 12-game unbeaten streak.

But ask head coach Ron Rainey about the expectations for this upcoming season, and he'll say this year's team can be even better. Specifically, he said this season is going to be a fun one.

"We have to be ready to play at a higher level than we did last year," he

SEE **SOCCER**, 10