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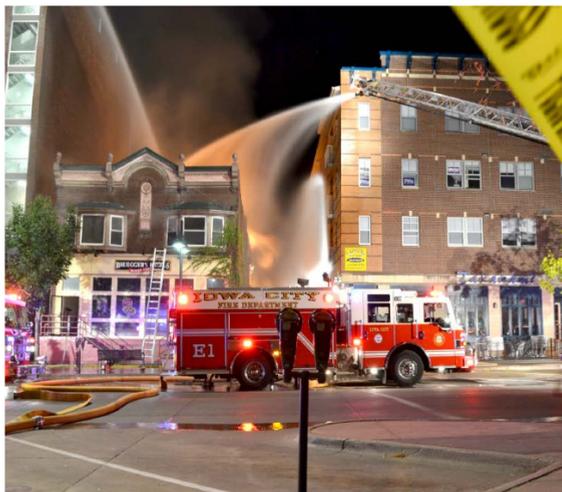
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Bruegger's plans return to Iowa Ave.

The bagel shop will reopen at its previous location, 225 Iowa Ave.



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After a post-midnight blaze leveled the downtown business nearly a year ago, Bruegger's Bagels is poised to begin construction on a new building at the same location, 225 Iowa Ave.

Mario Arguelles — a manager at the 715 S. Riverside Drive Bruegger's Bagels location and former general manager at the Iowa Avenue location — said the new store is set to open in January 2013.

"We're planning to open Jan. 9," he said. "But that's still tentative, based on how quickly they get things built."

Arguelles said winter weather could slow the construction of the new building.

He also said former Iowa Avenue Bruegger's staffers who remained with the company will be offered the opportunity to return to their original store.

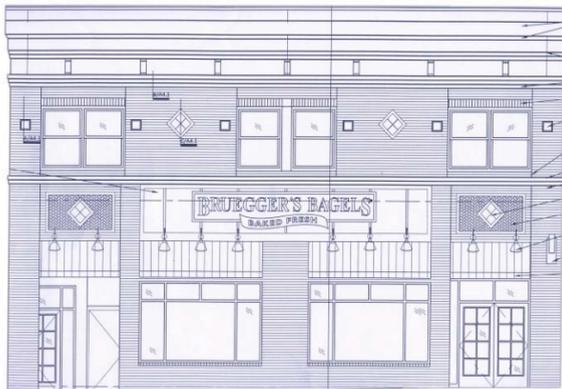
"The staff originally at the Iowa Avenue location was dispersed to the Riverside and Coralville locations," he said. "Some will return, and there will also be plenty of new staff as well."

The fire, which broke out early on the morning of Sept. 24, 2011, quickly spread from Bruegger's to neighboring buildings, including the historic Van Patten house on Linn Street, which was also destroyed. By 7:30 a.m., when firefighters declared the fire under control, smoke and water from the fire and fire suppression efforts had damaged Takanami, Yacht Club, Studio 13, and AKAR Design, all in buildings adjacent to the 225 Iowa Ave. property.

Tim Hennes, a senior building inspector for the city, said the process for rebuilding a property after a fire is fairly simple.

"Once the [fire] investigation is done, and the owner has

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(Top left) Bruegger's sits at its 225 Iowa Ave. location before the fire. (Top right) The early morning fire destroyed the location in September 2011. (Above) A blueprint depicts the plans for the new building set to be opened in January 2013.

Hungry for Bruegger's?

While the Iowa Avenue site is under construction, here are some other Bruegger's Bagels locations in the area:

- 715 S. Riverside Drive, Iowa City
- 404 First Ave., Coralville

Mason: UI alcohol stance 'consistent'

By **ANNA THEODOSIS**
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University of Iowa President Sally Mason said she believes her stance on alcohol consumption at the UI has been "very consistent," despite recent criticism that she and other UI officials are sending mixed messages.

Mason told *The Daily Iowan* in an interview Monday that she has been firm with her message that she is not against alcohol consumption as a whole, but rather students who consume alcohol should do so safely and legally.

"We're not prohibitionists," she said. "I joke with my husband that I probably drink three beers a year, but I am not against drinking. I am not against alcohol consumption. I am against alcohol abuse. I am against doing things that are dangerous and, frankly, not safe. And I am against doing things that are not legal. And I've been very consistent with that message."

The contract between Anheuser-Busch and Learfield Communications Inc. — the sports-marketing company representing the Hawkeye Athletics Department — allows Anheuser-Busch to use the Tigerhawk logo in advertising, along with a message about drinking responsibly. Learfield will pay the Athletics Department \$114 million through 2026. The contract will provide \$43,000 for the UI's alcohol-harm-reduction plan in its first year.

Many city and UI officials say the contract is inconsistent. Some students, such as UI senior Jesse Marks, acknowledge that it's a complicated situation.

"[The administration's] stated position at least is 'We believe in legal, responsible drinking,'" he said. "And so, you can have a contract with [Anheuser-Busch] and encourage and promote that sort of thing. By the same token, [UI officials] say they're all for responsible and legal drinking but the severity and intensity with which they try to discourage it through various punishments and other things — it's very mushy, and nobody wins, I guess."

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Q&A

Mason talks flood, UISG, dorms

In a Q&A with *The Daily Iowan*, University of Iowa President Sally Mason discussed flood recovery efforts, the construction of the campus' new dorm, UI Student Government initiatives, and the firing of a professor.

The Daily Iowan: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials announced in early August that they were siding with the UI, following an audit done by the U.S. Department of Homeland



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Judge to rule on murder-trial delay

Justin Marshall is accused of murder in connection with the death of Broadway Apartments landlord John Versypt.

By **BRENT GRIFFITHS**
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Johnson County Judge Sean McPartland said he would rule by today on a motion to delay the trial of a man accused of first-degree murder in the slaying of a local landlord.

Justin Marshall is accused of murder in connection with the Octo-



Marshall

ber 2009 death of Broadway Apartments landlord John Versypt.

During a hearing Monday at the Johnson County Courthouse, Marshall's attorney Thomas Gaul said he wanted to the delay the trial primarily because of his belief that Marshall was interrogated after he invoked his right to remain silent. However, Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness said a motion to suppress that piece of evidence has not been filed.

"In my opinion, police ac-

knowledge during depositions given during last week that they continued to interrogate Mr. Marshall after he invoked his right to remain silent," Gaul said during the hearing.

During depositions, the officer acknowledged Marshall told him, "I don't want to talk anymore, and yet we keep talking," at an interrogation.

Assistant County Attorney Meredith Rich-Chappel countered by stating that the video in question was available to Gaul "for some

time now." McPartland also questioned Gaul by asking if Marshall's original attorney, Steven Addington, had access to the video in question. Gaul responded that he did and confirmed to the judge that he and Addington work in the same building.

Marshall spoke briefly during the hearing, stating that the communication between him and Gaul was "getting better."

McPartland on Monday also addressed whether Mar-

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UI plans more dorm upgrades



The construction site of the newest UI residence hall sits empty on Burlington Street on Monday. Officials want to make improvements on the existing residence halls. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

In addition to the new dorm, other residence halls will be upgraded in the near future.

By **CASSIDY RILEY**

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While University of Iowa officials broke ground on a new residence hall this past summer, housing officials say there's still a lot of work to be done on existing dorms.

UI President Sally Mason said she is excited to look at possible renovations for existing residence halls.

"Part of getting that new residence hall underway and completed allows us to then look at existing residence-hall space and say, 'How can we make this better quality space for students and accommodate the needs of today's students, as opposed to the needs of students 40 years ago or 50 years ago when these buildings were built?'" Mason said during an interview with *The Daily Iowan* Monday.

UI Director of Housing and Dining Von Stange said it's important that all residence halls be updat-

ed. Many of the residence halls are 45 to 50 years old, some of the oldest being Stanley and Currier. UI officials have an annual budget of \$8 million to renovate existing dorms; a portion of room and board fees students pay make up the fund.

University officials have a 20-year plan to ensure that all necessary renovations are taken care of in the residence halls, Stange said.

Currier is approaching the 100-year mark, and as the buildings age, it becomes even more important that things are upgraded and replaced, he said.

"We want students to be able to enjoy the residence halls, and if we have 1960s residence halls and we don't upgrade them, students aren't going to want to live here," Stange said.

There are several things on the list for next summer that are pressing concerns in some of the residence halls or projects that have already begun that are

scheduled to be finished. Some projects include roof patching and sprinkler installation in Currier and new restrooms, vanity installation, and piping in Slater and Stanley.

Further out, Hillcrest will be the last residence hall to have sprinklers installed, and the Burge Marketplace may eventually have a pulper installed after analyzing the results of the \$58,000 pulper recently installed in Hillcrest. If the pulper were to be installed, plans would be made on how to rearrange the kitchen to accommodate one.

Jeffery Aaberg, director of facilities and operations for UI Housing and Dining, said the least exciting renovations — such as roofing and plumbing — must be taken care of first.

"Those types of things are always front and center," he said.

Other cosmetic renovations are on the list to be done, following the most pressing renovations, such as painting and new carpeting in rooms and halls.

"Some of the walls look like lunar landings," Stange said.

Eventually, he said, in Daum, Rienow, and Slat-

er, officials hope to gut out the first floors and create more public space for students to congregate and study.

"Of course, with any good plan we have \$10 million worth of projects and \$8 million worth of funds," he said.

Stange said the UI wants students to enjoy living in residence halls because the facilities available may factor into a student's college choice. The UI wants students to live on campus, not only for their first year, but for a year or two after that as well.

"I believe that students will compare not only academic programs but also housing facilities," Stange said.

Aaberg said the UI's mission is to educate students and in a way, the renovating of residence halls is a part of that. Residence halls need to be functioning well so that students aren't distracted by broken, outdated, or leaking facilities.

"... So you don't have to focus on your living environment," he said. "So you can focus on school. That is why it is significant, and we take it seriously."

METRO

Woman charged with theft of \$141K

Iowa City police have charged a woman with first-degree theft after she allegedly misappropriated more than \$141,000 from her employer.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Kimberly Kurka, address unknown, was charged Aug. 23 after a forensic fraud examination of Kurka's actions concluded that she had misappropriated the funds.

According to the complaint, Kurka worked as manager of payroll, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and business related to the trust and operating accounts of her employer. The complaint said she had access to online accounts and passwords at the business.

Kurka allegedly misappropriated money through many different processes, including allegedly writing herself additional paychecks, inflating her payroll, and stealing cash payments from clients, the complaint said.

According to the complaint, a forensic fraud examination showed Kurka's alleged actions to have started no later than 2008 and to have caused misappropriations in excess of \$141,000.

Kurka is charged with first-degree theft, a Class-C felony.

—by Matt Starns

Company sues Coralville

A construction company that formerly worked for Coralville has sued the city, alleging that the city breached contract by withholding payment.

Tricon General Construction Inc. was contracted by the city in

2010 to complete the First Avenue Corridor Flood Recovery and Protection project. Tricon alleges that the city owes it \$201,512.50 plus interests and court costs, according to court documents.

Tricon believes the project was "substantially completed by April 29, 2011." The city of Coralville notified Tricon on June 27 that it intended to withhold payment of \$195,500 because of alleged delays in Tricon's work. Tricon does not agree that it is liable for delay damages of \$500 a day from April 29-July 13, 2011, and believes the city is not entitled to the money.

Tricon further asserts that the city caused delays to the project by "failing to secure 'The Brown residence site' in a timely fashion and delaying the completion of fiber-optic connections" that Tricon needed for its work. Tricon officials believe that these delays required them to spend an extra \$26,000 for a project manager on the site and another \$14,512.50 for a project superintendent.

According to the city of Coralville's website, the project was "intended to ... provide flood protection to the First Avenue corridor."

—by Brent Griffiths

Man faces pot charge

An Iowa City man was charged Aug. 26 after an early morning altercation on Davis Street.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Jerion Wilkins, 22, was charged after officers responded to a call at 2110 Davis St. shortly after midnight. The complaint said officers arrived to find Wilkins grappling with another man in the street.

The complaint said Wilkins was arrested for disorderly conduct. Upon arrest, a search of Wilkins' person allegedly revealed a plastic bag containing nine small sealed bags of marijuana. Each smaller bag contained approximately one gram of marijuana, according to the complaint.

Wilkins is charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, a Class-D felony.

—by Matt Starns

IC man faces many charges

An Iowa City man faces numerous charges after an Aug. 25 traffic stop downtown.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Spencer Paige, 25, was charged after officers pulled over his vehicle for driving without headlights on. The complaint said the officers smelled marijuana coming from the vehicle.

According to the complaint, the officers noticed loose marijuana on Paige's shirt as he exited the vehicle. He was then cuffed and searched, according to the complaint. Officers allegedly found a plastic bag containing five Adderall pills on Paige's person. The complaint also said more loose marijuana was found on his clothes.

The complaint said a probable-cause search of the vehicle revealed several loose Xanax pills under the passenger seat, along with a suitcase that contained approximately nine grams of marijuana and approximately \$2,600 in cash. The complaint also said there was a lamp commonly used to grow marijuana in the vehicle.

According to the complaint, field sobriety tests allegedly

showed Paige was impaired, though a breath test showed no alcohol level in his blood. The complaint said a drug-recognition expert concluded Paige was under the influence of drugs and unable to safely operate a motor vehicle.

Paige is charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of prescription drugs, and second-degree OWI.

Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute is a Class-D felony.

—by Matt Starns

Couple accused in child's death to be tried together

A couple accused of felony child endangerment in connection with death of 20-month-old child are scheduled to be tried together.

Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness said that the pair would be tried together unless the defense prevents it.

"Our intent is to try them together," she said. "The defense could file a motion to separate, but they have not."

According to online court documents, Jorge Perez's pretrial conference is scheduled for Nov. 11 at 1:30 p.m. with a trial to follow at 9 a.m. Dec. 11. Mireya Balcera was previously scheduled for those same dates and times. Both have also waived their right to a speedy trial.

Perez was originally charged with child endangerment with no injury, an aggravated misdemeanor, but prosecutors dismissed this charge in July.

—by Brent Griffiths

BLOTTER

Andrew Brandt, 24, 1912 Rochester Court, was charged Aug. 25 with OWI.
Samuel Carmony, 19, Mitchellville, Iowa, was charged

Aug. 24 with public intoxication.
Timothy Jackson III, 22, Cedar Falls, was charged July 27 with interference with official

acts.
Martin Schuh, 21, 100 Hawk Ridge Drive Apt. 2103, was charged Aug. 24 with OWI.
Cindy Stroud, 57, 1310 Marcy

St., was charged July 29 with OWI.
Nikia Terry, 19, address unknown, was charged Aug. 26 with fifth-degree theft.

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decided to rebuild, they go through essentially the same process as if you were building on a vacant lot," he said. "Once they obtain

the permit and go through a zoning review, they can build."

The investigation into the fire at 225 Iowa Ave. took much longer than Iowa City Fire Marshall John Grier had anticipated because of the volume of debris from the fire. During

the course of the investigation, 56 articles from the scene of the fire were sent to Anderson Engineering Co. in Streamwood, Ill. for evaluation.

Blueprints for the planned building are markedly similar to the original Bruegger's struc-

ture — the two-story building will house three one-bedroom apartments above the bakery, with one dedicated exterior point of access for the apartments and one shared entrance to the apartment stairs and Bruegger's space.

George Etre, the owner of

neighboring Takanami, 219 Iowa Ave., said though his business recovered quickly from last year's fire, he feels Bruegger's return will bring a welcome increase in traffic to Iowa Avenue.

"They have a great following and a large traffic flow, and it's just going to showcase Takanami to

more and more customers," he said. "We want to be around the action. We want our neighbors to have people going in and out."

Etre also said the new building will be a refreshing change from Takanami's recent neighbor, an empty lot.

MASON CONTINUED FROM 1

Security Office of Inspector General. How will you continue to make sure that the university follows its projected timetable for flood recovery efforts?

Sally Mason: We are and we really appreciate, obviously, FEMA's support. I think that was a very difficult situation. The office of the inspector general came in and did an audit of the work that FEMA had done for the University of Iowa since our flood and I think came back with what FEMA has now acknowledged were some very valid suggestions. And I also feel very, very good that FEMA in its wisdom said that while we very much appreciate the suggestions from [the Office of Inspector General] and likely will make changes in the future, the University of Iowa really shouldn't be impacted by those chang-

es going forward. So we obviously are continuing to plan our facilities and our new buildings from the flood and we'll continue to work very closely with FEMA as we will.

DI: With the construction of the new dorm up-and-running, some students believe the noise produced from the construction can be disturbing. Are you concerned about the new location of this dorm with so much traffic and movement flowing through the West side of campus with the four existing dorms, the athletic facilities, and hospital buildings, that there may be too much going on?

Mason: You know, unless our students are sleeping in late, and I mean real late, the noise really shouldn't be an issue. Because they're not working after hours and they're not working at what I would consider to be a very, very early hours in the morning either. Yes, I have warned the campus over and over again that with the flood

renewal projects with the new residence hall construction, with the hospital modifications, there is going to be a fair amount of construction, noise, and mess on campus for several years. Short-term pain but for what will be I think some magnificent long-term gain for the community and the campus. Hold tight, I know for some of the students it's going to be a tough one because they're only going to know construction. That residence hall will be open in 2015 so that's a pretty short period of time, but for students who are here right now and are having to have to try to find ways to avoid the construction or who like to sleep in late during the week, that's probably going to be what we might hear from them.

DI: The University of Iowa Student Government plans to unveil its latest initiative today or

sometime this week. Safe Ride is a transportation option for both males and females to get where they need to go on-campus, with several restrictions. Do you think there's a significant need to have this kind of transportation option available to both men and women?

Mason: The students know best and I think if our student government has looked into this and feels that it's the smart thing to do, we certainly want to listen and be responsive. [Nite]Ride obviously was started a few years ago and we targeted it towards our young women cause we definitely did not want young women to be in any way at risk at night if they were out, especially if they were out by themselves and it seems to have been pretty successful. So if it gets expanded to include young men as well, so be it.

DI: Flood recovery is an ongoing process for both UI officials and the state Board of Regents. What

right now would you say is the immediate next step in recovering and rebuilding those parts of campus that were affected by the flood?

Mason: Well there are so many projects. The Iowa Memorial Union — that's a huge project now that we'll get underway with. Obviously, beginning to clear the sites for the three new buildings, that's going to be a big part of what goes on this year as well. And we continue with the planning process for the new buildings as well as well as for re-occupying some of the space that has been affected by the flood and we're still not in. The IMU being one of the big projects that's out there still. There is, as you know, we give a flood report [to the Regents] — not sure that I'll ever live long enough to see us when we don't have to give a flood report to the Regents but the flood report generally updates the regents on where we are on a variety of projects. So that's one way to keep up with how things are

progressing on campus. There's always progress being made, there's always more progress to be made. [The flood] was a huge huge event on this campus in 2008.

DI: Following professor Malik Juweid's termination on Thursday for disruptive behavior in the workplace, how has the University learned to manage situations such as this one for the future? Do you think the University responded well? Why?

Mason: I think you see how difficult situations can be at times. I was pleased by the way the faculty panel conducted itself and conducted its business and I was pleased with the outcome. I think it was the right outcome. You learn from every one of these situations. You hope you don't have to face another one in the future.

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shall was satisfied with his new counsel.

Gaul previously replaced Marshall's first attorney, Steven Addington, according to online court documents.

Marshall said he was satisfied with his representation.

Gaul also defended his request for a delay by explaining Marshall's case might "bleed over" into

another criminal case in Council Bluffs in which he is involved.

Marshall was originally a material witness in the trial of Charles William Curtis Thompson.

After the Iowa Supreme Court affirmed his release, Marshall went to Texas before being arrested and extradited back to Iowa to face his current charges.

McPartland concluded

the hearing by suspending the deadline to file motions and said that the new deadline would be 48 hours after his ruling on the motion to delay.

ALCOHOL CONTINUED FROM 1

Marks said neither those opposing or supporting the contract can declare themselves completely right.

"I think that on both sides of that issue there are a lot of assumptions, generalizations, mistruths, and overblown intense rhetoric," he said. "The whole thing is just a big mess."

Mason said the UI's con-

tract with Anheuser-Busch does not clash with the university's message to promote legal drinking while making smart choices.

"On the issue of alcohol abuse, binge drinking ... we've been working on [it] for a number of years, and certainly we've taken a pretty firm stand the last couple of years on this. Along [that] vein, people always ask me, 'Are we making progress?' she said. "All the statistics say we are making progress."

Despite that progress, the

Princeton Review ranked the UI the No. 2 party school early last week. UI officials, including spokesman Tom Moore, quickly responded, calling the ranking "an unscientific, invalid survey."

But on Monday, Mason said the ranking has a silver lining.

"It's a mixed bag of news," she said. "No one I think enjoys seeing their school on a party-school list, but by the same token, once you read through what the *Princeton Review* has written, it's hard to deny that these are some

of the very same things that we pride ourselves on — making a large Big Ten school feel very at ease and at home for students and creating an environment where students feel like they are getting a great education for a great price."

Kelly Bender, campus-community harm reduction initiative coordinator for the UI, said people need to work on "changing the norm" when it comes to the perception of the UI as a party school.

"It's not the university's job only, it's not law enforcement," she said. "It's the media, community members. In some ways, students get the message if they don't get drunk often enough, they get the message that they're missing out on something. That's not a healthy message."

While the party-school atmosphere is a natural part of college life, Mason said, people should look beyond that and pay attention to the positive things students are saying about the UI.

"The party-school atmosphere — I dare you to show me a college campus that doesn't have aspects of partying that go along with being in college. I think that for good, for bad, for better, for worse — it's part of the college experience," she said. "That our students are coming here, and they're seeing not only the party aspect but [also] a really good environment for education and a really good environment for achieving goals beyond college."

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Point/Counterpoint

Is the heightened attendance monitoring reasonable?

Yes

The federal government provides financial aid to approximately half of all college students in the nation. So, of course, there is nothing wrong with making sure its money is being used correctly.

How does it do that? By making sure students are going to class.

The federal government offers an average of approximately \$5,000 in Stafford loans to young people with 0 percent interest during school, an interest rate as low as 3.4 percent afterwards, and the knowledge that more than 8 percent of students will default on the loans.

The federal government also provides funding in the forms of grants and scholarships — which will not be paid back and are involved in helping to finance nearly half of all undergraduates.

But it really can't afford that.

The federal debt is now more than \$15.9 trillion, so the government is finally trying to find ways to spend taxpayer money a little more wisely. In terms of student financial aid, a sound investment only applies to students who actually go to class.

This week, students at

the University of Iowa all received an email encouraging them to attend at least one class period for each one of their classes in these first two weeks of school or risk losing financial aid.

Immediately, students may object that they do not want the government telling them what to do, because they are adults perfectly capable of deciding to attend class. While that may be the case, they are also adults who entered a contract, which stipulates that they must go to class in order to receive funding and therefore should act like adults and uphold their end of the bargain.

Giving money to people who will not use it properly or who may never pay it back is a very foolish thing to do with taxpayer money, as the federal government discovered in the housing crash that caused one of the largest recessions in our nation's history.

The federal government has every right to monitor those who will receive its funding. Taxpayers should not pay for students to go to college if that student is not actually going to college.

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No

Students who receive federal aid are no different from students who receive no federal aid; the same rules should apply to both groups.

No, attendance should not be monitored for recipients of financial aid.

Current UI Student Financial Aid Office policy mandates that students receiving federal financial aid attend all of their registered classes at least once during the first 10 days of the semester and "continue to actively participate in classes throughout the semester."

Federal law requires the university to investigate attendance habits of federal-aid recipients who don't receive any passing grades in a given enrollment period. It also uses attendance to determine whether students will have to return any of their unused federal aid.

Currently, a student whose attendance can only be verified for the first 60 percent of an enrollment period could be required by law to refund 40 percent of her or his unused aid money.

An email sent to beneficiaries of federal financial aid by the Financial Aid Office last week warned that "approximately 40

students had to repay an average of \$1,900 because the UI Office of Student Financial Aid could not confirm participation in classes throughout the semester."

The monitoring of students' class attendance is an imposition on individuals whose academic progress could be adequately measured without the need for classroom surveillance.

Forty-seven percent of undergraduate students nationwide have some kind of federal financial aid, according to a report by the National Center for Education Statistics. This massive group of students shouldn't be scrutinized like high-school truants for the sake of weeding out a handful of freeloaders whose academic disinclinations can be discovered by far less-invasive means.

A reliance on academic standards such as grade-point averages, completion of required assignments or exams, and progress toward degrees would reveal potential abusers of the system without subjecting students who receive federal aid to stricter attendance rules than those that apply to other students.

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Your turn.

Is the heightened attendance monitoring reasonable?
Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Letters

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Caravan for Peace and Justice with Dignity

Want to stop the drug war? Here's your chance to help. Javier Sicilia, one of Mexico's most revered and influential poets, is leading a caravan across the United States to call for an end to the war on drugs. The Caravan for Peace with Justice and Dignity began in California Aug. 12, will arrive in Chicago in time for Labor Day and end in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 12.

Sicilia, whose 24-year-old son was killed by drug traffickers last year, is confronting the failed policies that have taken

the lives of more than 60,000 people in Mexico since President Felipe Calderón took office in December 2006.

To raise awareness of the enormous cost of this war, Sicilia and others are bringing their message to the United States, which spends more than \$51 billion a year on the failed effort to stop illegal drug use. They want policies that approach drug use as a medical problem, not a criminal one and to stop gun trafficking. Drug cartels are opposed to both of these actions, which would cut deeply into their business.

Throughout Latin America, the war in drugs is used to militarize daily life, while in

the United States, it's used to incarcerate and cast as felons primarily people of color. One-fourth of all inmates in state and half in federal prisons in the United States are nonviolent drug offenders.

To support the Caravan for Peace on Labor Day, you can join Sicilia at 18th and Union Avenue at 11:30 a.m., at the Museum of Mexican Art at 1852 W. 19th St. from 1-4 p.m., or join the March for Peace starting at 4005 W. 26th St. (Little Village's Arch) at 5 p.m.

It's time to show the people of Mexico that we can be good neighbors and stop this nonsense.

Gloria Walker
Iowa City

Dismissal of Rastetter allegations wrong

I would like to address the dismissal of ethics charges against Iowa Regent Bruce Rastetter by the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board with a cliché.

If it looks like a duck (a late conflict-of-interest disclosure), if it sounds like a duck (a \$13,379.82 check to ISU officials), if it walks like a duck (a misleading and incomplete financial disclosure), it's probably a duck.

The Iowa ethics board failed all Iowans by not bagging this duck.

Frank Jones

Column

It's better to be SAFE than sorry

By IAN FRIEDMAN
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Earlier in the summer, *The Daily Iowan* published a column about an organization called Be SAFE Iowa. The founders, Bill Schmooke and Becky Russo, install digital-readout breath testers in places that serve alcohol throughout Iowa.

As of July, Schmooke and Russo were reaching out to businesses to see if they were at all interested in the idea of even having a breath test on their premises.

They don't have that problem anymore.

Businesses are recognizing the potential for good the breath tests bring, and if more establishments start to understand that, the quicker the University of Iowa will lose value as a party school.

The Be SAFE Iowa program now operates four machines around Iowa City in Deadwood, Wildwood, Liquor Downtown, and most recently the Airliner, with six more around the state.

Russo said people who use the machine will be educated about their blood-alcohol level, whether they like it or

not.

"Even if [people] don't use the Breathalyzer as an educational tool, they're still going to learn what their blood alcohol is," she said.

She noted that even if people don't feel drunk, they might wait a little while after checking their blood alcohol before getting into a car.

Just because you know your content level doesn't necessarily mean you're going to take it seriously.

There's always the chance that the breath tests could be used as a part in some perverse

drinking game. Worse, though, would be people using the machine and disregarding the results even if there's alcohol in their system. Alcohol that would be a person getting into a car and driving home.

OWIs are a serious issue in Iowa City. Iowa City police arrest statistics reveal that there were 26 OWI arrests in June, bringing the total up to 183 for the year. The average blood-alcohol level for those arrested since January was .158, almost twice the legal limit.

A first offense carries

Killing cats

By BEAU ELLIOT

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Roving around Mars the other day, Curiosity accidentally killed a couple of Martian cats.

(What is Curiosity? you ask. It's the new Mars rover; where's your mind been? Lost in Iowa? Lot of that going around.)

(I mean, it's not rocket science. Well, OK, it actually is. Details, details.)

It's sad about Curiosity and the Martian cats. Unless, of course, you're one of those who hates cats. In which case, good luck with that schnauzer-sized brain.

I mean, who wants to travel millions upon millions of miles (more in kilometers, which is how everybody except Americans, including Martian cats, measures such stuff) and use all that hyper-technology just to kill a couple of cats? (Outside of my old pal Higgs, the former Navy bosun whom nobody seems to be able to find except me.)

On the other hand, that's what Curiosity does.

(You ever wonder whether the proverbial other hand is the left or the right? Me, too. All these philosophical questions yet to be answered, after all these many geological minutes since Plato and Aristotle.)

Which brings us to Republicans. They're everywhere, like pollen. Even in Bettendorf.

Speaking of which, last week in Bettendorf, Mitt Romney — he's the presidential candidate with the dog strapped to his head, as opposed to the presidential candidate who engaged in a Byzantine conspiracy going back more than 40 years (when he was still in his mother's womb, that's how diabolical he is) to fake an American birth certificate — anyway, the Good Ship Mitt promised to protect American workers from labor unions.

Well, thank god somebody's courageously standing up to protect us from the dictatorial whims — and clenched-fist might — of labor unions.

(Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain. He's probably homeless — look at his clothes, probably from some secondhand place, muttering some nonsense about labor-union membership falling off so precipitously in the last four decades that unions are going

the way of dinosaurs. What do homeless people know? [And how do they know the word "precipitously"?] I mean, dinosaurs these days are extremely popular.)

The Republicans are assembling this week in the Tampa/St. Pete area (that's in Florida, for those of you who are geographically challenged; the state is famous for its imaginative way of counting votes). Also, a hurricane might be on the way, which some could see as Mother Nature's way of displaying her view of the GOP platform.

Not me, of course.

But some. The Republican platform is a true work of art, if you're into that sort of thing. As Dana Milbank of the *Washington Post* points out, it includes such items as "a study of whether to return to the gold standard, a call for auditing the Federal Reserve, positions denying statehood to the District but seeking to introduce more guns onto its streets, a provision denying women a role in combat, and others calling for a Constitutional amendment that makes tax increases a thing of the past and for a spiffy new border fence ..."

I particularly like the no statehood for D.C., but you got to have a lot more firearms roaming the streets. (Full-disclosure alert: I was born in D.C.) The Republicans basically seem to be saying, You don't get to be full American citizens, so why don't you just go kill each other off?

Then there's abortion. The GOPers (which I pronounce gopp-ers), according to Milbank, want no abortions, no exceptions. Never mind that *Roe v. Wade* is the law of the land. Never mind that some women's lives are threatened by continuing their pregnancies. They're just [bad word] out of luck.

This in the wake of Todd "legitimate rape" Akin. Yeah, that was a good one. "The platform appears to be the most conservative platform in modern history," said GOP platform-committee member Russ Walker, Milbank reports.

Welcome to the 17th century, GOP. Kind of makes you long for the days of Curiosity smashing Martian cats. ■

UI working on its wireless issues

The university will transition completely to the Eduroam wireless server on Nov. 1.

By LAUREN COFFEY
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As the line outside the Information Technology Service help center begins to grow, so does University of Iowa freshman Kate McCann's frustration about her Internet connection.

"I can't connect with the Internet — it connected the first couple of days and then just canceled out," she said. "I have to use my Ethernet computer cord to connect. It's just frustrating when I want to use it in a classroom."

McCann is one of more than 1,000 students in the past two weeks who have had questions regarding the wireless system on-campus. However, this is not any change from last year, before the UI adopted Eduroam, the new wireless system, on May 21.

"There have been some snags with wireless recently, and ITS has been troubleshooting with our wireless vendor and replacing equipment to get those resolved," said Nicole Riehl, the ITS strategic communication manager. "We swapped out 18 controllers this week, and that has made a big difference."

The controllers have been the cause of the trouble with students connecting to the Internet — not the switch to Eduroam. Now that they are replaced, the number of complaints from students has significantly decreased.

University officials implemented Eduroam in May in addition to the UI-Wireless-WPA2 server. These two servers are essentially the same, offi-



The UI Information Technology Service help center has recently received a slew of complaints regarding wireless Internet connection. However, since replacing 18 controllers, the number of complaints has gone down. The Daily Iowan/Photo Illustration, Rachel Jessen

cialists said.

"There is very little difference between Eduroam and UI-Wireless-WPA2," ITS Director of Network Services Steve Troester said. "It's like having one building have two different names."

ITS officials encourage staff and students to use Eduroam, for when the UI transitions completely to the single server starting Nov. 1. Having two servers doesn't cost UI officials any extra.

When classes started this year, it became difficult for students, faculty, and staff to maintain a wireless connection — and many people thought Eduroam was to blame.

Tracy Scott, the ITS user support and education manager, said it is normal for many students to have questions about the wireless system, such as how to set it up and passwords needed — they're never related to the server for the wireless system.

He also noted that the wireless system has to adjust to the increase in student activity now that the school year has started.

"There are people with computers, cell phones, iPads, all using the system," Scott said. "Think of the wireless system you use at your house with your parents — that works just fine. Our system is

Wireless On-Campus

A timeline:
 • May 2012: Eduroam introduced, becoming the second server
 • Nov. 1: Eduroam becomes sole server for the UI
 • For the future, officials hope to create a new guest log in for parents and outside vendors

Source: ITS officials

designed and architected to withhold all of the [activity], but you guys are spread out. If 20,000 people went to the IMU, the system wouldn't work as well."

UI officials originally decided to switch to Eduroam because the server can be used across other college campuses that have it as well, making connecting to wireless much easier for both visitors to the UI and officials who travel to other colleges.

For the future, ITS hopes to have a system that would help people who would not typically use Eduroam.

"We plan to stick with Eduroam," Scott said. "We hope to have a guest account access, for people who wouldn't be a part of Eduroam like a parent or outside vendor; that scenario is next on our radar."

Regents set process for finding new UNI president

By MADELINE SAVOIE
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The state Board of Regents on Monday accepted University of Northern Iowa President Benjamin Allen's retirement.

During the board's telephonic meeting, regents agreed Allen's retirement will be effective upon appointment of a successor.

Following Allen's retirement, University of Iowa President Sally Mason will become the longest sitting president among the three regent universities. She was hired in 2007.

After accepting Allen's retirement plans, the regents outlined the search process and asked if any members opposed or felt any actions needed to be amended.

Regent Katie Mulholland said she wanted to add another regent to the presidential Search and Screen Advisory Committee.

"One of the things that's extremely challenging if you don't live in the university area is getting to know how the school works," she said.

She said having an additional regent on the committee closes a disconnect, allowing for a better under-

standing of how the school works, and aids in choosing a better president.

The addition of another regent to the committee would bring the member count up to 20 from the originally-planned 19. Though Lang acknowledged the even number could pose problems if a vote is tied, he sees that as a sign the choices of the committee will need more work.

"I'm not afraid of 20," he said.

The budget for the search committee would likely be under \$150,000, he said, around the same amount the search for Iowa State University President Steven Leath cost last year.

Regent Nicole Carroll also addressed the regent presence on the search panel.

"Three Board of Regent members would not be excessive on the committee, because of the size of the committee," she said.

President Pro Tem Bruce Rastetter seconded Mulholland's amendment and the motion to add another regent to the committee passed.

Lang said Mulholland and Jack Evans are the pro-

spective regent nominees to the search panel. Lang said he would talk to Rastetter to decide on the third regent.

The board office is receiving potential nominees now, and hopes to approve the members of the committee during a Sept. 12 meeting. The groups should offer up the final nominees by Sept. 10 or 11.

Lang said the regents plan to request three individuals from the public hold positions on the search committee, one of whom will be the co-head.

"This individual will be a UNI graduate who has proven leadership, has been recognized statewide; one who strongly believes in the value of higher education," he said.

Lang said this member will not be a legislator, because the regents hope to have a balanced demographic on the committee and not be involved with politics.

Lang hopes that a potential presidential candidate will be chosen by Christmas.

"Ben is not in a hurry to step down," Lang said. "I would hope the search committee will be formed soon."

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Comments found on my grade-school report cards:

- "While disturbing, the number of crayons he can eat is remarkable."
- "Wets his pants often. I think he's just too lazy to walk to the bathroom. Or maybe he just really hates pants."
- "Daniel doesn't play well with his imaginary friends."
- "Continues to ask for a fair trial by his peers — even when he hasn't done anything wrong, which is rarely."
- "Daniel's potential is unlimited, for it is also nonexistent."
- "Never in all my years of teaching have I encountered a child that so resembled his own bobble-head doll, both in the size of his head and the seeming inability of his neck to support it."
- "Daniel is constantly attempting to incite revolution."
- "Danny can take a swirly with the best of them."
- "He has quite the cottage industry on the playground selling cooty insurance."
- "Refuses to learn if Congress isn't in session."
- "Daniel is a super word muncher."
- "Daniel lies, cheats, and steals at a high-school level."
- "Daniel has learned how to forge my handwriting very, very well."
- "Daniel is not having any problems at all in school, Mommy and Daddy."

Daniel Frana performed "less than adequate" in Ledge writing class. C-

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- **Co-sponsored Visiting Seminar**, "Noxs, TRPM Cation Channels and Microparticles: New Paradigms in Vascular Redox Signaling," Rhian Touyz, University of Glasgow, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Operator Theory Seminar**, "Rigidity in von Neuman Algebras," Ionut Chigan, Mathematics, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Math Physics Seminar**, "Beyond Local Potential Approximation," Yannick Meurice, Physics/Astronomy, 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Farmers' Market**, 3 p.m., Sycamore Mall
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "Coronavirus RNA proofreading: a novel determinant of evolution, replication, and pathogenesis," Mark Denison, Vanderbilt, 3 p.m., Bowen Science Building Auditorium 3
- **Biomedical Engineering Professional Seminar**, 3:30 p.m., John Deere Plaza, Seamans Center
- **Faculty Candidate in Biomedical Informatics**, "Using Electronic Medical Records Systems for Clinical Research: Benefits and Challenges," Prakash Nadkarni, 4 p.m., C44-A UIHC General Hospital
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Zumba**, 5:55 p.m., Iowa City Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert
- **Beyond the Black Rainbow**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Live from Prairie Lights**, Iowa Review reading, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **I-Envision Entrepreneurship Club Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Bedell Entrepreneurial Learning Laboratory
- **IWP Cinémathèque**, *The New World* (USA), 8:15 p.m., E105 Adler
- **The Invisible War**, 9:15 p.m., Bijou
- **Flight School**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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- 12:30 p.m.** President's Lecture 2010, Pulitzer-Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson, Feb. 14, 2010
- 1:45** Iowa Now Updates, features and events at the University of Iowa
- 2** Feeding the World and Feeding the Community Lecture Series, "Climate change, biofuels, & hunger," Jerry Schnoor, UI Civil & Environmental Engineering, Jan. 22
- 3:15** Human Rights Week Convocation & Celebration, Keynote speaker state Rep. Wayne Ford, Jan 18, 2010
- 5:15** Johnson County Landmark Jazz Band, John Rapson, conductor, Nov. 3, 2011
- 6:30** Kirk Ferentz News Conference, Tuesday afternoon
- 7** Feeding the World and Feeding the Community Lecture Series, "Climate change, biofuels, & hunger," Jerry Schnoor, UI Civil & Environmental Engineering, Jan. 22
- 8:15** Iowa Now Updates, features and events at the University of Iowa
- 8:30** Iowa Summer Music Camps Faculty Jazz Concert, June 26 (Short Version)
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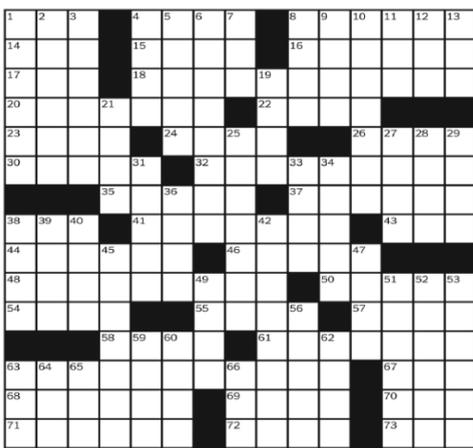
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- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Pace yourself. Helping someone is fine, unless your work suffers, making you look bad. You can advance by enlisting the help of someone you can count on and focusing on your goals. A past acquaintance will come in handy.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Promoting, presenting, and pushing what you want to do will turn out well, as long as you don't let emotions stand in your way. Accept criticism, and implement what's suggested. Don't let ego stop you from getting ahead.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Stick to your budget. You may have some great ideas that will improve your living arrangements, but if what you do is costly and adds to your financial stress, it won't be worth it in the end. Check out more cost-efficient lifestyles.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Let your imagination wander. Implement some of the ideas you come up with to help you meet people who interest you personally or professionally. A contract can be written and signed that will help you financially. Love is highlighted.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Mingle, and try new activities that are conducive to meeting people who share your interests or your professional goals. Voicing your opinion will open doors that can bring about an offer that is too good to refuse.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Encourage others, and you will get plenty of help to achieve your goals in return. Include a diverse group of people in your plans. A challenge will be exhilarating and prove that you are up for anything that comes your way.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Seeing is believing. Making sense of a situation that is spinning out of control may be difficult if you don't separate your emotions. Stop ignoring facts, and take action. You may need to make a move or change your goals.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Be careful when dealing with someone in a competitive position. Giving away your secrets or ideas will leave you open to imitation. Love is on the rise, and interacting with someone you love will feed your creativity.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Mixed signals may confuse you. Ask questions before you promise something you'll regret. Greater opportunity to work as a team player or to broaden your relationships with people you find interesting is apparent. Try something new, and challenge yourself.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Put together a plan that will allow you to budget wisely and bank more. Consistency will count if you want to move forward. Too much waffling or impulsive action will be equally confining. Focus on what you can do in the moment.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Fix up your surroundings, or pick up financial information that will help you prosper. Speak up, and share your thoughts with someone who is capable of helping you make personal changes. Use your ability to maneuver into a favorable position.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Secrets are apparent, and it doesn't matter whether it's you or someone else withholding information; both cases will make you look bad or lead you in the wrong direction. Step back, and focus on love and having a little fun for now.

The New York Times Crossword

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LIFE IN THE SHADE LANE



UI freshman Evan Wolfe catches up on events in a local newspaper as he sits in the shade on the Pentacrest on Monday. Wolfe is an international-studies major. (The Daily Iowan/Nicholas Fanelli)

Questions surround Thode's departure

By **JALYN SOUCHEK**
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Jeff Thode's senior season could have included a second All-American honor and a fifth school record.

But instead of preparing for his senior season, Thode is selling cars in Illinois.

That Thode left Iowa is not disputed. The question is why.

The Schaumburg, Ill., native said numerous arguments over grades with head coach Larry Wiezcorek led to his departure — something with which the coach disagrees.

"Coach and I didn't see eye to eye," Thode told *The Daily Iowan*. "He didn't see the messages I was giving him in one-on-one talks ... Leaving just made things better instead of continuing to keep arguing back and forth."

Wiezcorek didn't feel the runner was receiving enough help in classes, Thode said. However, Thode noted he worked with numerous tutors without any results. He said he believes he already reached his academic potential.

But Wiezcorek's view is slightly different. He said Thode left Iowa simply to



Iowa cross-country runner Jeff Thode (left) stands following a race against Northern Iowa on Sept. 4, 2009, at the Ashton Cross-Country Course. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

enter the working world, returning to Illinois and his dad's construction company. He "had other choices," Wiezcorek said.

"He was an adult," Wiezcorek said. "He made a choice. He was doing well in school and cross-country."

Wiezcorek said he never tried to argue with Thode.

Instead, he encouraged him. Wiezcorek said he felt it was important for Thode to receive his degree.

During his time at Iowa, Thode was a two-time qualifier for the NCAA cross-country championship, three-time All-Region honoree, and an All-American. Thode was able to clinch his NCAA

qualification by placing eighth at the NCAA Midwest Regional.

In 2011, he became the first runner in school history to run a sub-four-minute mile with a 3:58.72 time at the Last Chance Qualifier. Thode held the school records in the mile, the 3,000-meters, 3,200-meter relay, and the

Cretzmeyer facility record in the 1,500-meter.

"[Thode's departure] was obviously a great loss," Wiezcorek said. "I was ... disappointed when he made that decision."

Still, Wiezcorek looks back on Thode's time at Iowa fondly. He called the period a "wonderful time for cross-country" and

called Thode a "great player," "a great contribution," and "a great Hawkeye."

Though he was flattered by his former coach's remarks, Thode said leaving was better for him and the team.

"With me and [Wiezcorek] arguing, it brought down the energy for not just the team but the whole entire track and field team as well," he said.

Roughly two months after Thode's departure, Wiezcorek named fifth-year senior Nick Holmes this season's captain.

Holmes said the situation was confusing and felt Thode had difficulties "staying with running mentally."

"I think he's just worried about the next chapter in his life," Holmes said. "I wish, for his own benefit, that he would have stayed for his last year and for school. I think I was more upset about that."

And even Thode will admit his regrets. Now working as a car dealer at Bill Azteck Chevrolet in Schaumburg, Thode said he's "50-50" on his decision.

"I wish I could have been [at Iowa] for one more year. It would have been nice to make the last year work," he said. "It was a shame. We both have to deal with it and get past it."

RUNNING BACKS

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real thing. There is no other way to explain the attrition at that position. Numbers don't lie, and there is no way that only having four senior running backs since 2001 is a coincidence. There are plenty of curses in sports, but the curse of the Iowa running backs may be the most devastating.

— by Kevin Glueck

No

A flurry of boneheaded decisions and Kirk Fer-

entz's unfortunate luck when it comes to his recruits' knee ligaments are to blame for Iowa's current running-back carousel.

It's not a curse. In case you all haven't noticed yet, blaming one's misfortunes on curses usually doesn't bode well for you in the world of sports. As a Cub fan, I know this all too well.

Let's take a step back, though. Marcus Coker ran for 1,384 yards and 15 touchdowns last season. Those numbers were good enough to put him in the top 15 in both categories among all Football Bowl Subdivision tailbacks.

Coker and Adam Rob-

inson combined to run for 1,563 yards and 13 touchdowns in 2010. The Robinson-Brandon Wegher duo combined for eerily similar statistics the year before in 2009. And Shonn Greene won the Doak Walker Award in 2008.

Some schools would kill for that type of "misfortune," right?

I'm not saying the Hawkeyes' running-back situation has been ideal lately, but it's hard to argue with that kind of production.

To debunk this so-called curse, I nominate myself to be the guinea pig of the operation. With Coach Ferentz's consent, I'm will-

ing to suit up at Soldier Field on Saturday and prove once and for all that Iowa running backs are not cursed.

For those wondering, I have no previous history of knee injuries and am in good academic standing with the university.

If you'd like to come and see me create a one-man highlight reel, I'll be the 5-foot-8, 160-pound kid running for his dear life. It shouldn't be that hard to find me.

All jokes aside, it's clear that Iowa running backs aren't seriously cursed by some higher power.

— by Ryan Probasco

LACASSE

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off, while other times she knows to take people on

and look to score."

Just because Lacasse didn't make the cut in 2012 doesn't mean she is ready to run back and try again in 2013. The 19-year-old said it's best to take some time and weigh

her options before committing to anything next summer.

The Hawkeyes' leading goal scorer may not be certain what the future holds, but the sophomore striker does know that if

she returns to Canada, she needs to keep up a certain level of her game.

"I've learned that I need to play quicker," Lacasse said. "If you aren't quick, you're going to get hit pretty bad."

NORTHWESTERN

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yards and 9 touchdowns on the ground and hauling in 43 catches for 466 yards and 3 scores through the air.

Northwestern head coach Pat Fitzgerald echoed the sentiments Colter gave in regards to keeping him at quarterback.

"I put my best player at quarterback," Fitzgerald said. "That cat's touching the ball every play. So,

yeah, it was easy. I say that, but you can also see the skill set he has. ... As we start camp, he's our starting quarterback, and I'm excited about it."

Running backs Mike Trumpy and Treyvon Green return to the backfield to help take some pressure off the passing game, which is good, because Colter seems to lack a reliable target.

Demetrius Fields is the leading returning receiver behind Colter, but he had only 32 catches last season. USC transfer Kyle Prater has the potential to have an immediate effect

during his first year as a Wildcat. In 2010, ESPN.com listed Prater as the ninth-best receiver recruit in the nation.

Defense might be the side of the ball where Northwestern has problems.

Just one player, sophomore Ibraheim Campbell, returns with any starting experience in the secondary. Ends Tyler Scott and Quentin Williams return as starters, while Collin Ellis and David Nwabuisi could emerge as leaders in the linebacking corps.

Nwabuisi said that inexperience shouldn't be

considered a factor when looking at the Wildcat defense. The inside linebacker said getting back to the basics is way he sees this unit cutting down on the nearly 30 points a game it allowed a year ago.

"There's a lot of young talent," he said. "These guys want to get out on the field and play ball like we do. We're a lot more focused on vocalizing everything. Signaling we got the call, make sure the safeties know we got the call. ... We're just focusing on the little things to make sure we're on the same page."

SPECIAL TEAMS

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er over the summer and is listed behind Kornbrath.

The coaching staff hasn't been secretive about who will return punts and kicks.

"Obviously, we'll have Keenan Davis and Kevonte [Martin-Manley] be working back there on punt returner," special-team coach Lester Erb said. "I'd be willing to bet that the first day Micah will be back returning punts for us. Kickoff return is a different story. We've had Keenan Davis back there for about two years now, but we're look-

ing for another returner back there, and that has not yet been determined."

The Hawkeyes did well covering opposing kick and punt returns a season ago. They allowed just 64 yards on a total of 14 punt returns, while allowing opponents a little more than 21 yards on the average kickoff.

Even though he has looked timid at times re-

turning punts, Hyde said that he was proud to be given the nod to line up deep in the backfield on fourth downs.

"It's an honor that Coach Ferentz has that much trust in me to catch punts and believes in me to put the offense in a good position," Hyde said. "Anything I can do to put the offense in good field position I'm going to try to do."

SPORTS

Public-intox plea set aside for hoopster

Freshman Iowa basketball player Kyle Meyer had a guilty plea for public intoxication set

aside Monday, with the Alpharetta, Ga., native instead pleading guilty to PAULA.

According to a release from Meyer's attorney, Randy Larson, the 18-year-old had his charges amended in agreement with Johnson County prosecutor Jan-

et Lyness even though Meyer did not have any alcohol in his possession at the time of his Aug. 18 arrest.

The public-intoxication charge was in dispute in part because it was deemed that Meyer was not in a public place when arrested.

In a written statement through Larson, Meyer apologized to his teammates, coaches, and Iowa basketball fans. He also said that he "will learn from this experience and ensure nothing like this ever happens again."

— by Ian Martin

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Field hockey learns from defeat against N. Carolina



Geena Lesiak looks for a pass during the field hockey Black and Gold scrimmage at Grant Field on Aug. 15. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

With the season underway, Iowa field hockey takes their experience from the opening weekend to move forward.

By **CODY GOODWIN**
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Iowa's field-hockey team needed a taste of the best in order to play like the best.

That's exactly what the Hawkeyes got this past weekend with No. 2 North Carolina. A 5-0 defeat showed the Hawkeyes what it takes to compete with a three-time defending NCAA finalist.

Despite the score, head coach Tracey Griesbaum wasn't dismayed with the overall play of her team. She said she was a little upset with how they began each game, but she wasn't disappointed in the results.

"Going into [the Big Ten/ACC Challenge] every year, your goal is to win two games," she said.

'We need to work a lot harder. It's really unfortunate when you go into competition, and you realize your opponent is raising your level [of play]. That should never be the case.'

Tracey Griesbaum, head coach

"Beating Wake Forest was big and really vital for us to start off our season."

The Tar Heels tend to take advantage of their opponent's slow starts. Last fall, Carolina netted 43 goals in the first half of its games while only allowing the same number of shots to the opposition.

Sunday's game against the Hawkeyes was no different; the Tar Heels scored 4 goals in the first half while allowing Iowa only 3 shots.

Griesbaum praised North Carolina for its style of play, saying it isn't the kind of team that will let go of the throttle. But it also showed the Hawks the level of play they must reach to compete at the top of the rankings.

"We need to work a lot harder," the head coach said. "It's really unfortunate when you go into

competition, and you realize your opponent is raising your level [of play]. That should never be the case."

Griesbaum said her seniors took charge during Monday's meeting before the women hit the weight room for a workout. They challenged the entire team, themselves included, to step up and work harder at practice.

The seniors talked about how they need to run harder, defend with more of a purpose, and tackle with meaning — without injuring their teammates, of course. The level of practice and drills will be amped up to replicate a game setting.

This way, when the Hawkeyes take the pitch again — their next game is at home against Missouri State at 1 p.m. Sept. 2 — they'll have more of

a "been there, done that" mindset.

"[This weekend] was definitely something to build upon because we didn't come out of it 2-0," Kelsey Mitchell said. She scored one of Iowa's 3 goals this past weekend.

One issue the Black and Gold didn't have was picking up the pace in the second half of either game. The defense stiffened and the Hawkeyes were able to get more shots on goal.

All three of their weekend goals came after half-time, and the Hawkeyes tallied nine more saves in the latter half than they did in the first.

That was a definite positive for the squad, and one that didn't go unnoticed.

"In the first half [of the first game], we worried too much about Wake Forest's play and not really our own," Corinne Allen said. "In the second half, we focused more on our game plan and how we needed to play."

In terms of the goals for the rest of the year, Mitchell said, "[North Carolina's style of play] is what we're striving for."

Iowa State football ponders defense

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AMES — Iowa State knows it can lean heavily on Jake Knott and A.J. Klein, among the best pair of linebackers in the country.

It's the other nine guys who start on defense that will determine just how far the Cyclones can go in 2012.

Iowa State has plenty of depth on a defense that got better as last season wore on. But where all those pieces fit around Knott and Klein — first-team All-Big 12 picks who combined for 231 tackles in 2011 — needs

to be sorted out with the Cyclones set to open the season Saturday against Tulsa.

"Improved, in a single word," Iowa State coach Paul Rhoads said when asked to assess his defense. "You just don't know where you're at until you start lining up against other folks."

That might not be apparent for weeks.

Iowa State (6-7 in 2011) is replacing six starters from a defense that allowed 29.4 points a game last season. Though there are some familiar names in line for starting jobs,

the Cyclones will ask many of them to contribute more than they ever have.

Senior nose guard Jake McDonough is the only returning starter on the line and one of three seniors projected to start against the Golden Hurricane (8-5).

Rhoads said Monday that Iowa State could play as many as a dozen defensive linemen this season.

Cornerback Jeremy Reeves joins junior safety Jacques Washington as the returning starters in a secondary that lost star cornerback Leonard Johnson.

Senior Durrell Givins made three starts in 2011, and he will get a shot at making at least 12 more at strong safety this season. The Cyclones will give junior Jansen Watson the first crack at right cornerback, with the likes of freshmen Kenneth Lynn and Sam Richardson ready to play in nickel packages and possibly start in the near future.

"I do know this for a fact: We're a smarter defense," Rhoads said. "We've coached things a lot less as we've gone through this training camp than we have in the past."

SPORTS

Ukah to become a Hawkeye

Power forward and Iowa City West graduate Okey Ukah will transfer to Iowa this year with intentions of walking on to the Hawkeye basketball team for the 2013-14 season.

Iowa basketball sports communications director Matt Weitzel confirmed Ukah's transfer after the *Iowa City Press-Citizen's* Pat Harty reported it initially.

Ukah is transferring after one season at Kirkwood Community College, and he will be on the

Iowa practice squad for the upcoming season.

Ukah played with future teammates Jarrod Uthoff, Zach McCabe, Adam Woodbury, and Josh Oglesby on the Vinton Merchants/Gatens squad in the 2012 Prime Time League and averaged 5.8 points and 2.6 rebounds per game.

In his senior season at West High, the 6-8 Ukeh averaged 10 points and 6 rebounds per game while earning second-team All-State honors. The Trojans went 21-6 that season.

— by Ian Martin

Hansen to warble in Wrigley Field on Friday

Bobby Hansen, a former Chicago Bull guard and member of Iowa's 1980 Final Four team, will sing during the seventh-inning stretch at Wrigley Field on Friday.

The current Iowa men's basketball color commentator will croon as part of the "Hawkeye Day with the Cubs" on the eve of Iowa's season-opening football game against Northern Illinois

at Soldier Field in Chicago.

Hansen was the Iowa team MVP in 1983 and won an NBA title as a backup to Michael Jordan in 1992.

Prior to his NCAA career and nine NBA seasons, the Des Moines native also won the Iowa Class 4-A state title in 1979 while attending Dowling High School.

The Cubs will play the San Francisco Giants on "Hawkeye Day," with first pitch scheduled for 1:20 p.m. Central Daylight Time.

— by Ian Martin

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Meyer works with Kaeding



Iowa kicker Mike Meyer attempts a field goal during scrimmage at Kids' Day in Kinnick Stadium on Aug. 11. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

PART SEVEN 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.

Aug. 20: Defensive backs
Aug. 21: Wide receivers
Aug. 22: Linebackers
Aug. 23: Offensive line
Aug. 24: Defensive line
Monday: Coaches
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Wednesday: Tight ends
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Friday: Running backs

Kicker Mike Meyer had the chance to work with a Hawkeye great during the off-season.

By **BEN ROSS**
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College football players don't often get the luxury of working with a Pro Bowl talent to hone their skills.

But Hawkeye kicker Mike Meyer had the chance to spend two or three weeks this summer working on his kicking technique with former Hawkeye and current San Diego Charger Nate Kaeding. Meyer made just 14-of-20 field-goal attempts last season and missed two crucial kicks — including a 24-yarder — in a 22-21 loss to Minnesota a season ago.

"He's been a great resource to me," Meyer said about Kaeding. "When he was back in town, we would go out and kick. It was good to have another pair of eyes. ... He always knew what was going on because he has been in more situations than I have."

The Hawkeyes hope the extra work will pay off for Meyer and the rest of the special teams this year. Iowa has many pieces returning from last year's special teams — but it was an up-and-down season for the unit in 2011.

Micah Hyde comes back to return punts. Hyde averaged a little more than 8 yards on the 13 punts he decided to field last season, but too often he called for a fair catch or let a punt bounce behind him.

Freshman Connor Kornbrath got plenty of punting reps during an open scrimmage on Aug. 18, but most of his punts traveled fewer than 40 yards and had little hang time. Kornbrath is listed as the Hawkeyes' starting punter for the season-opener. Former quarterback John Wienke switched to punt-

SEE **LACASSE, 7**

Versatile QB leads Wildcats

The Northwestern football team will look to break in another successful quarterback in Kain Colter.

By **BEN ROSS**
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The Northwestern Wildcats will bring back a 670-yard passer from last season, a 650-yard rusher, and a 460-yard receiver. That's a lot of skill-position talent on paper.

The only problem: It's all the same person. Kain Colter heads into the Wildcats' season as the leading returning player in all three categories. But he will stick to calling signals at quarterback this season, limiting his versatility. When asked if quarterback was his favorite position, Colter responded immediately.

"Definitely," he said. "You're the leader out there on the field. I'm not going to lie and say I don't like going out there and running a route and maybe playing some running back. It's always fun, but playing quarterback is the best."

Colter started the first three games at the position last season as a sophomore in place of an injured Dan Persa. After that, he saw limited action at quarterback but continued to appear for the Wildcats as a runner, racking up 654

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SEVENTH 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 Legends Division bottom-to-top.

Monday: No. 6 — Minnesota
Today: No. 5 — Northwestern
Wednesday: No. 4
Thursday: No. 3
Friday: No. 2 and No. 1.

Setback aids Lacasse's game

Cloe Lacasse has accomplished many things in just over a year at Iowa, but her national aspirations will have to wait.

By **TOM CLOS**
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Cloe Lacasse has conquered Iowa City, becoming the face of the women's soccer program in just one season. She's one of the Big Ten's best players and is primed to make her mark on the NCAA in 2012.

Her global presence, however, will have to wait.

The Hawkeye sophomore was one of 24 Canadians selected to participate in her country's U-20 team camp this past July in Montréal. Lacasse performed valiantly throughout the six-day program but was unable to make the final roster.

But the Sudbury, Ontario, native was not discouraged with the result and instead decided that there was a lot to take from the time she spent north of the border.

"It was really good for me because I was able to train with the best players in the country," she said.



Iowa forward Cloe Lacasse fights for the ball during the game against UNI on Sept. 14, 2011, at the Iowa Soccer Complex. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

"It makes you want to move up your tempo and just get better."

Iowa head coach Ron Rainey believes that the experience was a success the minute she was selected last June. He said there are noticeable improvements the underclassman has made on the field in the young season.

"Cloe has added some things to her game," Rainey said. "She's now able to play back-to-goal better and she has read the ball on where she needs to be in the box."

Rainey felt though her rookie campaign was good, Lacasse's game was far from complete. This is not

the case anymore — she is on pace to shatter her assists mark of 6 from 2011 with 3 through four games this year.

"We told her that goals and assists are the same thing," Rainey said. "She already might have as many [assists] as she did last year, which is something that's really been nice to see."

Iowa assistant coach Julie Hanley, who works with several of the team's players individually, including Lacasse, said it was nice to see her return from Canada as the horse the team rode last year en route to its best record in school history.

"Cloe has had a great start to the season and is someone who we'll continue to rely on," Hanley wrote in a text message on Monday. "She is just a natural goal scorer."

For some, with failure comes disappointment, but Rainey didn't think of the cut as unsuccessful. Instead, he said the camp has helped her grow immensely as a player and will serve her game in the future.

"She's been somebody that's a lot more comfortable on the field," Rainey said. "Cloe knows that sometimes she needs to keep possessions or lay it

SEE **LACASSE, 7**

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Iowa running backs cursed?

Barkley Hill became the most recent victim of the Angry Iowa Running Back Hating God (AIRBHG) when his season-ending knee injury was announced. Two of our staffers (facetiously, of course) debate if there are any supernatural forces at work beyond bad luck for the Iowa football team.

Yes

In light of the news Barkley Hill will miss the season because of an ACL tear and the dismissal of DeAndre Johnson, I've become convinced that the Iowa Hawkeye running backs are cursed. In fact, there is a vengeful God behind it: the Angry Iowa Running Back Hating God (credit to Hawkeye sports blog Black Heart Gold Pants for uncovering this monster).

It all started in 2001, when Aaron Greving filled in for an injured Ladell Betts in the Alamo Bowl and rushed for more than 100 yards. The next season, he got hurt and quit football. The AIRBHG had made his first strike.

Three ACL tears and other injuries sidelined Iowa running backs during the 2004. Still, the Hawkeyes went on to win the Big Ten. But do you remember what happened in 2004? The school started renovations on Kinnick Stadium. Perhaps the spirit of Nile Kinnick took offense to renovations at the stadium named after him. The AIRBHG took notice at Nile's displeasure and took it upon himself to punish the Hawks in crippling fashion.

Some may point to Shonn Greene and say, "Wait, he never ripped up his knee." But he was academically ineligible as a freshman and went to a junior college for two years. He played one year at Iowa and got out before the AIRBHG could get him.

Of course, we all know about the past few years with the departures of Brandon Wegher, Adam Robinson, Jewel Hampton, and Marcus Coker. Quick, name the only scholarship running back since 2002 to go four years without a season-ending injury. Still thinking? It was Damian Sims. However, Kirk Ferentz fooled the AIRBHG by moving Sims to cornerback briefly during his career.

The God and the running-back curse has to be a

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