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11 YEARS LATER: IN MEMORY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001



Lucas Elementary student Elizabeth Lee releases monarch butterflies at the Gay and Ciha Funeral and Cremation Service Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

NEVER FORGET.

The utterance has become synonymous with the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. On Tuesday, Americans nationwide marked the 11th anniversary of the tragic events. In Iowa City, 90 third graders from Lucas Elementary gathered at Gay and Ciha Funeral and Cremation Service for the 10th-annual monarch butterfly tag and release ceremony. The "Wings of Hope" event honors the victims of 9/11 while also providing scientific information for the University of Kansas' research of butterflies' migratory travels. The children also spoke about their wishes and hopes for a better world as the butterflies were released.

UISG backs rail plan

UISG senators voted to endorse a proposed rail line from Chicago to Omaha.

By **NICK HASSETT**
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A proposed rail line running from Chicago to Omaha would provide University of Iowa students yet another mode of transportation, and UI Student Government officials are in support of the project.

After an in-depth debate on the floor of a UISG meeting Tuesday evening, the Senate passed a resolution endorsing a proposed rail line, 19-11, with eight senators abstaining.

The project proposes a route that would run from Chicago to Omaha, making a stop in Iowa City along the way.

The discussion and vote on the resolution was prefaced by a presentation by Geoff Fruin, assistant to the Iowa City city manager, and Adam Bentley, an administrative assistant in the City Manager's Office. The two city officials support the rail line.

"We believe a regional route can serve the state better than the current cross-country route," Fruin said at the

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REACH's 3rd year deemed success

Six REACH students are using the third-year option.

By **LAUREN COFFEY**
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Realizing Educational and Career Hopes now has a third-year option for students, and those involved with the program say they've seen positive results.

REACH is currently in its first year of implementing an optional third-year in its two-year certificate program, after piloting the program during the 2011-12 school year. REACH is a program for individuals with intellectual, cognitive, and learning disabilities.

The optional third year was implemented as a way for students to live with more independence while still attending the university. Six students are taking advantage of the third-year option this year.

"The third-year program was initiated due to parent demand," said Jo Hendrickson, the director of REACH. "They were insistent their sons and daughters have been learning a lot and developing important skills, and they wanted them to have more time in between leaving



Greenhouse supervisor Ken Snyder and Megan Dornbush trim a banana plant as part of an internship with the Realizing Educational and Career Hopes program in the Biology Building in 2011. The program allows students with disabilities to have semester-long internships with various organizations with the university. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

REACH and going home."

Students who are accepted into the third-year program live in Parklawn Apartments, where they cook and clean

for themselves. They also take on a full-time class schedule of 13 credit hours and are encouraged to get involved in

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UI likes new admissions

The UI offers prospective students an admission decision within 48 hours of their application submission.

By **STACEY MURRAY**
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University of Iowa officials say they are pleased with a new application process implemented this year, despite concerns from some that a 48-hour admissions decision may be too much of a quick turnaround.

The University of Iowa adopted a new process this year that allows first-year applicants to self-report their GPAs, test scores, and classes taken, eliminating the transcripts and extra paperwork.

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Drought, fungus hits local Yule-trees farms



Barnes Tree Farm, located just outside Iowa City, is shown on Tuesday. Because of this past summer's drought, future crops of Christmas trees could be affected. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

Local Christmas tree growers believe the drought won't dampen this year's holiday, but future years could be affected.

By **BRENT GRIFFITHS**
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In the midst of a drought, most people think about the staple crops of Iowa: corn and soybeans. But the dry spell has also affected the holiday symbol of the Christmas tree, which can illuminate a living room or become the center of a city.

Barbara Kistler, who runs Kistler Tree Farm near Fairfield, Iowa, with her husband, said the drought killed all the 1,800 plugs she planted. Plugs are growing trees transplanted to allow for easier growing.

"It was so hot and dry that there were cracks in the yard and trees, and we watched [the plugs] dry up and crinkle right before our eyes like cornflakes," Kistler said.

She's not the only one who is seeing the impact of the drought.

Margaret Handley, a co-owner of Handley's Christmas tree farm, believes she has "adequate" supply of Christmas trees for this year, but she believes the effect of the drought will be felt eight to 10 years down the road,

"It was so hot and dry that there were cracks in the yard and trees, and we watched [the plugs] dry up and crinkle right before our eyes like cornflakes."

Barbara Kistler, owner of Kistler Tree Farm

because the farm lost close to 75 percent of the 2,000 seedlings planted.

"We were surprised that some of the larger trees came through and fared very well," said Handley, whose tree farm — one of two in Johnson County — began selling trees in 1976. "This is the worst year we've ever had, and we first planted in 1967. I feel like it is going to affect the industry seven to 10 years down the road."

Kistler, who took over the farm's operation from her aging father-in-law, believes the drought has compounded the problems her farm faced over the past three years while dealing with a "needle-blight" fungus.

Kistler said the fungus forced her to cut and burn 50 trees and another 65 trees this year — a huge loss — on average, she sells 50 trees a year.

"These last three years

have been horrendous," Kistler said. "We could have watered every single day. We could have watered in the morning, and the trees would be dead by night."

While the effect of the drought will not be immediately felt in Iowa, Rick Dungey of the National Christmas Tree Association believes predicting any economic effect is impossible, and drought is something growers across North America are faced with every year.

"I've been doing this for 15 years now," Dungey said. "This [drought] is not an uncommon thing. Any number of things — deer, bugs, and pathogens in the trees — can kill trees. Tree mortality happens all over North America every single year."

Across Iowa, State Forester Paul Tauke believes the possible shortage in trees could have a "big ef-

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees contribute roughly \$1 million to Iowa's economy.

From 2002-2007:

- 196 Christmas-tree farms
- 39,575 trees harvested in Iowa

Source: National Christmas Tree Association

fect," but growers may employ a variety of solutions to lessen that, including planting twice as many seedlings this spring, holding back some trees, or possibly switching to more drought-resistant trees such as Scotch or white pine.

Immediate effects are being felt by smaller-scale growers such as Kistler, who said the combination of the drought and fungus has forced her to cut advertising for a second-straight year.

"I just don't hold my breath at all," she said. "This year we're not guaranteeing any trees will be out there. You're welcome to come, and if you find one, you're welcome to cut it down and have a merry Christmas."

METRO

CR man charged with harassment

A Cedar Rapids man was charged Sunday after he allegedly used an iPhone app to disguise his phone number and impersonate the Iowa City police.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Thomas Garland, 24, was charged after a female reported to police that he had been calling and texting her phone, allegedly harassing her. The complaint said the woman said Garland sent numerous text messages to her, saying that he wanted his property returned. The texts allegedly included vulgarities and vague threats of bodily harm.

The complaint said the woman blocked Garland's number. He then allegedly used an iPhone app that disguised his number, calling and texting her from different numbers. The complaint

said Garland also used the app to call her, pretending to be the Iowa City police, using the app to display the Police Department's number on the woman's caller ID.

Garland has been charged with third-degree harassment.

— by Matt Starns

Merci store returns

A local consignment store is set to reopen Friday.

Merci, a store owned by Catherine Champion and Shelia Davison, 30 S. Clinton St., will donate 10 percent of its pretax sales to Mission Creek and the Domestic Violence Intervention Program.

The second edition of the store will remain open for 30 days.

Merci donated nearly \$3,000 to the Domestic Violence Intervention Program, the United Action for Youth, Shelter House,

and Public Space One when open last spring.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Reed new VP for Research

Daniel Reed has been named the next vice president for Research and Economic Development at the University of Iowa, according to a UI press release.

Reed, the current corporate vice president for Microsoft, will succeed current Vice President Jordan Cohen, who has served in the position since 2010. Reed's term will begin Oct. 15.

"I am delighted to be joining the University of Iowa, one of this country's great public research universities," Reed said in the press release. "These are exciting and challenging times, and Iowa is strategically placed to help shape the future of acad-

emic research, enhance technology transfer and economic development, and address important issues for Iowa, the U.S., and the world. Working together, even greater things are ahead."

Reed was the second of three candidate finalists to hold forums during the vice-president search. He spoke on May 24 about wanting the UI to become multilingual in research and said he aims to direct money from infrastructure to basic research, *The Daily Iowan* previously reported.

Reed earned a doctorate at Purdue University in 1983, and he has been a professor at the University of North Carolina and the University of Illinois.

The state Board of Regents will discuss Reed's appointment and vote on his salary during a meeting today in Ames. The release said that Reed's salary will be \$345,000.

— by Kristen East

BLOTTER

Josh Coustry, 44, 3523 Utah Ave. N.E., was charged Monday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Stephen Ebelt, 44, 2015 Taylor Drive, was charged Monday with domestic assault causing injury.

Heather Highly, 34, 1258 Dover St., was charged Monday with OWI.

Earl McKee, 22, 51 Regal Lane, was charged Monday with obstructing an officer.

Martha Rodriguez, 22, 2100

Scott Blvd. Apt. 62, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Yin Yu, 25, 1105 Emily Court, was charged Tuesday with false use of emergency communica-

tions.

Eustolia Partida, 69, West Liberty, was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.

Jesse Poznikowich, 19, 734 Mayflower, was charged April 26 with public intoxication.

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IC leads in volunteers



Student volunteers for United Way (from left to right) Wanaabee Carr, Natalie Wickland, Kristi Musser, Thuy Nguyen, Melissa Hamilton, and Tess Feldman hold bags of cans they collected during tailgating in 2006. Iowa City is ranked the highest city in Iowa in volunteering. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

With such volunteering marvels as Dance Marathon and 10,000 Hours, Iowa City ranks highest in volunteering in Iowa, third highest nationally.

By **RISHABH R. JAIN**
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Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds raised the bar on community service in Iowa and have called upon Iowans to become the leader in volunteering by 2015.

The Volunteer Iowa: A Call to Service initiative aims to increase the supply, demand, and retention, while also working closely with the private sector to endorse community service.

With an average of 38 percent of the state doing its part, Iowa had the second highest volunteer rate in the country, next to Utah's 44.5 percent, last year.

"Volunteerism is an integral part to the state's future and well-being," Branstad said in a press release. "Our objective for the 'Call to Service' is to increase the number of Iowans who are volunteering as well as the number of hours that they serve. Just as we want to become the healthiest state in the nation and have the best schools, I know Iowa can lead the nation in volunteerism as well."

According to statistics provided by Volunteer in America officials, ambitions for the top position seem achievable if the state follows Iowa City's volunteering trend, whose rate is 51 percent — third highest in the nation of midsize cities.

Patti Fields, the vice president for community impact and engagement

for United Way of Johnson County, said the University of Iowa plays an important role in Iowa City's high ranking.

"I think there is strong current of service and understanding for the need for service to a community at the University of Iowa," she said.

A strong need exists to increase volunteering efforts, she said, because more than 4,000 children are on a waiting list for mentors and a dozen cities need volunteer firefighters, among other types of volunteers needed.

"Why should we do more?" she said. "Because we can."

Dance Marathon, a marvel of volunteering at the UI, aims to take on more projects and get bigger.

"As the Dance Marathon takes on more projects, it requires more and more hours from volunteers," UI Dance Marathon adviser Courtney Bond said. "So we look to our student leaders to take on extra hours and ask others in the community to do the same."

Branstad's office is working with the Iowa Commission on Volunteering Service, which is in the process drafting the final plan for the initiative, and it will be submitted to the Governor's Office next month.

Adam Lounsbury, the executive director of the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service, said an important part of its strategy is to increase volunteer retention.

"If you think about the

Volunteering Rates

Midsize cities with the highest volunteering rates:

- No. 1: Provo, Utah, 61 percent
- No. 2: Ogden, Utah, 52.2 percent
- **No. 3: Iowa City, 50.9 percent**
- No. 4: Boulder, Colo., 44.8 percent

Source: Volunteers in America

volunteering industry, it is like a leaky bucket," he said. "About a third of volunteers abandon their volunteering experience during the course of a year. The easiest way to increase volunteerism is to slow the loss."

With only a quarter of the volunteers not returning each year, he said, Iowa ranks No. 1 in volunteer retention.

The initiative is driven by the private sector, and Lounsbury said private-sector involvement is integral — only 1 percent of people participate in volunteering activities at their workplace.

"The connection between the strength of a community and volunteering is very clear," he said. "There are hundreds of studies show this correlation, and the more engaged people are, the better off the community is and the better off the state is."

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Aiding IC's homeless

The Carver College of Medicine Student Government President Shady Henien proposed a new plan to help get the homeless back on their feet.

By **BRIANNA JETT**
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Students from four different University of Iowa programs may soon come together to help the homeless of Iowa City get back to work.

Shady Henien, the president of the Carver College of Medicine Student Government, proposed the Get Back to Work program during a meeting Tuesday night. The program would bring together medical, pharmaceutical, dental, and social-work students in an effort to make sure the homeless of Iowa City can have both a job and good health.

"It's just a lot of wasted potential," Henien said. "We want to help these people get back on their feet."

The program will allow students of the four schools to work as a team to assist each person in need. Medical students would provide medical care, dental students would provide dental care, pharmacy students would help with the necessary medicines, and social-work students would help evaluate what each patient needs to do to better find a job.

"I think it would be a good idea to continue beyond just the immediate medical care," said student government member Jenna Wald.

Participating students will also benefit.

"It would be a really cool way to have a multidisciplinary approach among all the different colleges in health," Henien said.

Other members of the student government are excited about the program.

"I think it's an abso-

lutely fantastic idea," executive council member Eric Reynolds said. "There are so many student organizations in the medical school that have little community-outreach programs like this, but none of them work interdisciplinary with any other schools."

The collaboration among schools is important to provide real-world experience for the medical students, because current medical practices work together to treat a patient.

"The future of health care is going to be a team-based approach," Reynolds said. "Learning how to do that at an early age is a fantastic idea."

Members said the program would provide a need to people who cannot provide for themselves.

"Anyone who goes downtown on a weekend or a weeknight is able to see that there is a large population that aren't able to provide for themselves," Wald said.

The program is still in

Carver College of Medicine Student Government

President Shady Henien proposed a new project called "GB2W: Get Back to Work" that will bring four UI colleges together to help the homeless of Iowa City get back on their feet.

- Carver College of Medicine
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Dentistry
- School of Social Work

Source: Shady Henien, president of the Carver College of Medicine Student Government

development, but Henien hopes to have it running by the end of the semester.

Henien hopes to form a sort of partnership with the local Free Medical Clinic in Iowa City. The student government wishes to borrow space and use the existing physicians in order to write prescriptions, which they are not able to yet do.

Student government member Ambrose Munro believes it is a great idea, as long as it is done right.

"I like it quite a bit. It does a good job of organizing all the schools together for a joint purpose," Munro said. "[But] It's all about the implementation of it."



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Column

The path to substandard living

By KATIE KUNTZ

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The August jobs report released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on Sept. 7 has done little to increase Americans' confidence in the economy.

At this point in the presidential campaign, the economy is an extremely important topic, as demonstrated by both parties stumping on the economy in the Iowa City area last week.

But Americans must be wary when listening to campaign promises and plans.

For example, one plan proposed by GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney and running mate Paul Ryan asserts that cutting taxes for corporations is the best way to boost the U.S. economy. But this promise might actually prove detrimental to U.S. citizens.

There is no number of tax cuts that could ever make the United States labor market competitive with the outrageously low costs of labor in other nations. And tax cuts now really mean a serious decrease in American standard of living.

The Path to Prosperity, a fiscal 2013 budget resolution drafted and proposed by Ryan, explains the Republican platform belief that the high corporate tax rate in America is a burden to businesses, and it may encourage corporations to move their factories to other countries, for example Bangladesh.

In fact, Tommy Hilfiger and American Eagle are two American businesses taking advantage of the competitive tax rates of a mere 27.5 percent in Bangladesh, according to taxrates.cc. Even more competitive than low tax rates are the low labor standards, including a minimum wage of only \$37 a month, as reported by the *New York Times*.

To put that in perspective, an income of \$1,545 a month for an American family of three is considered under the poverty line, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. That means that an impoverished American family is still making nearly 20 times that of a Bangladesh family (that's assuming both parents are paid equally).

Large corporate tax cuts really don't make sense. For fiscal 2012, U.S. corporate income taxes accounted for 9 percent of total U.S. tax revenue, according to the Tax Policy Center. A significant cut in revenue would only serve to increase the federal debt, even if not directly, and further damage our economy and quality of life.

The American economy needs serious work, but American labor should refuse to compete with standards of living like those in Bangladesh and should instead encourage international treaties that push other countries to treat workers better. The Romney and Ryan budget not only fails to increase job growth in the short run, it does not support people in the long run.

The true problem with the flag

By BENJI MCELROY

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The United States has a lot of problems. The American flag being laid on the ground isn't one of them.

Leading up to President Obama's visit to Iowa City, the University of Iowa posted a picture on Facebook depicting a mammoth American flag lying on the ground. Yes, some workers had the audacity to set the flag, in some capacity, on the ground before hoisting all 10 million of its square feet up the side of a building.

Naturally, the online mobs who came out of the cyber woodwork with pitchforks and pants hiked up to their belly buttons wanted the president's head over this direct attack on America the beautiful.

The mob cited the American Flag Code and wondered how a president could get away with such an unthinkable act. Beyond forbidding contact with the filthy earth, the "code" (likely handed down via prophet from the angel of George Washington) states the flag must be "hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously."

This is where I brisk-

ly raise my eyebrows and ceremoniously tell you to get a grip.

Everyone throwing a hissy fit over the flag's brief encounter with the ground needs to ground herself or himself before she or he loses all touch with reality. After all, it's not like the ground tried to use government-funded birth control for a one-night stand with the flag.

This backlash should be rerouted to a meaningful cause, a cause that positively reflects on the very flag that's up (or down) for debate. As a nation, we ignore the more than 20 million veterans who sleep on the same ground we can't bear to let the flag brush up against. As a nation, we ignore the nearly 8 million children who go uninsured and, as a result, lack even an ounce of attention this specific flag is receiving. As a nation, we ignore the estimated 1.3 million women who are domestic-assault victims and yet light the torches when flag is "abused."

The United States' problem isn't how we treat the flag — it's how we treat the people under it.

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No more home games for us

I attempted to email the following letter to Gary Barta and Jane Meyer, but their spam-blockers prevented me from reaching them.

My husband and I attend some of the home games by purchasing tickets from a longtime season-ticket holder. On Sept. 8, we attended the Iowa State game. We sit in the west stands.

I don't think we are going to any more games this season. The reason? The painful, harmful, and senseless volume of the music played through the speakers at Kinnick.

Don't get me wrong — I like the music that is played. It is fun. But on Sept. 8, as I was sitting in the stands, I looked over at the big sign that reads "University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics," and I wondered what the head of the Department of Audiology would have to say about how loud the

recorded music is at the game.

Loud is not a strong enough word. Ear splitting, while an overused phrase, does accurately describe the decibel level. It just can't be good for people.

I think the games could still be fun, and the music lively, with a reasonable volume. Everyone I've talked with about this agrees. Have any administrators actually sat in the open stands during an entire game? Really, the volume is dangerous to one's hearing and very unpleasant.

Thanks for your ear (you probably still have one).

Sara Gaarde
Mount Vernon, Iowa

Photographic responsibility

I was excited to see in the Sept. 10 issue of *The Daily Iowan* that our esteemed president of the United States and his magnificent first lady were in town

on Sept. 7, bringing a sense of pride at the thought that 8,000 citizens came out to hear the Leader of the Free World.

This was a tremendous chance to showcase the citizenship that our university and Iowa City represents.

However, I was dismayed that immediately adjacent to the picture of our president was a picture of Hawkeye fans playing flippy cup, a game in which alcohol is consumed sometimes with reckless abandon. Not only was it inappropriate as I am sure no verification was pursued to show if the fans were of legal age, but what a disjointed image to show after the patriotism that was displayed by the president's visit.

To then reduce our university to images of fans drinking instead of perhaps fans in the Hawks Nest cheering or a picture of our football team running onto the field in their throw-

back jerseys is insulting and an embarrassment to the University of Iowa.

Byrne Berry
UI senior

RE: 'Point/Counterpoint: Whose loss was worse for the Big Ten?'

Nice article to hide the fact the Iowa's loss was pathetic — one touchdown in two games. Rhodes makes better use of his talent than Ferentz currently does.

Hot Dogs

I'm going with Iowa's loss versus Iowa State. Two years in a row is beyond disgusting. With home games versus UNI, chips, and [Minnesota], things don't look any easier. If [Minnesota] makes it three years in a row, dogs and cats may start to live together.

Peter Speck Mote

Guest Column

I know who I'm voting for — do you?

I am a student. I am a refugee. I am a woman. I am an Iowan, and I am an adamant supporter of President Obama.

As a Croatian refugee, I grew up seeing the American dream play out in front of me. My parents, who went to one of the best and oldest universities in Europe, were highly educated. However, their chemistry and engineering degrees were reduced to low-paying construction and cleaning jobs because their degrees didn't count here. They always emphasized that there was no shame in hard work and that good things come to those who work hard.

My education was always their first concern. Their insistence that every B could always be an A pushed me to have higher expectations. So, I studied hard. I planned ahead. I got into college. Now, I'm at the University of Iowa, and like many of my

peers, I go to class each day hoping my hard work will pay off.

I was taught you should only ask for help when you really need it. Well, it's my second year at Iowa, and I have a lot of student debt. I don't want to work so hard now just to spend the rest of my life paying back my college loans. I need help, and I'm not alone. The average student at the UI graduates with \$26,338 in student debt.

Obama understands that in order to compete on an international level, we have to out-educate the rest of the world. He also understands that it's hard to do when you're burdened with student loans and have to repay them soon after you graduate.

To put it in perspective, my parent's education in Europe was basically free. We absolutely have to make it easier for students to attend college. If we don't, we

are not only sacrificing our future but our country's position as a world leader.

When I talk to students on campus, I tell them how Obama doubled investments in scholarships and financial aid so that students from working- and middle-class families could complete their college education. A look of surprise crosses their faces.

I then tell them that Obama pushed Congress to keep student-loan interest rates from increasing, which saved the average student \$1,000. Their eyes widen, and they tell me that they didn't know that. Last, I tell them that I volunteer with the Obama campaign because I know what Obama will do for me and what he'll do for them.

When you look at the candidates, ask yourself who will help young Americans? It isn't Mitt Romney, who told stu-

dents they should just "shop around" and ask their parents for more money to help pay for college. He is more concerned with the people at the top, who already have healthy 401Ks.

Romney plans to slash education funding, which means 203,000 Iowa students with Pell Grants could lose some of their funding.

Obama is worried about us, those who are going to school hoping to have decent jobs after we graduate. Obama is invested in the future of this country because he knows young Americans are the future.

So, be proactive, and think about your future. Register to vote, and know that early voting is coming soon to our campus. There is only one person on that ballot who cares about young Americans.

I know who I'm voting for. Do you?

Monika Sehic
UI student

Politics of believing in America

WASHINGTON — After all this time running to lead America, Barack Obama and Mitt Romney are still trying to show they really believe in America.

Both men have made the election not just about the economy or even the American Dream, but about America itself. They see a nation pessimistic about itself and nervous about its future, hardly American traits.

They see political opportunity if they can come across as the one who gets what it means to be American, the guy who restores the glory.

What's more, for reasons quietly tied to religion or race or family roots, Romney and Obama can never do enough to shore up their own American bona fides in voters' minds.

This despite the fact that one of them will be the president next year, and one already is the president.

In the midst of their

patriotic push, Obama and Romney have never overtly accused the other of being un-American.

Both talk about the goodness of Americans and the exceptional nature of America itself. They rarely concede that the other candidate shares that view.

When Romney stood up at the GOP Convention to accept the nomination, the theme of the night was on the giant screen behind him: "We Believe In America." The sentiment is on the side of his campaign plane, too.

The suggestion is that the other party, led by Obama, does not believe in America, and that it's chiefly Obama. He flies on an airplane, Air Force One, with "United States of America" on its side.

The believe part is implied.

There is something to this nagging sense that America has lost its way.

Ben Feller

AP White House correspondent

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UISG

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meeting in response to a question from one of the senators.

Bentley agreed. Citing a study conducted by the Iowa Department of Transportation, he listed what he saw as economic advantages for the city and state.

"For every public dollar put into this project, we see an estimated return of \$1.80 in economic benefits," Bentley said.

The estimated total cost of the project is \$310

Rail line

UISG officials endorse rail line.

- Senators voted 19-11 in favor, with eight abstaining
- The project is estimated to be completed in 2016-2017
- The rail line has an estimated annual ridership of 246,800

Source: Iowa Department of Transportation

million, which is divided among Iowa, Illinois, and federal stimulus money allocated for infrastructure projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The state of Iowa is expected to have to pay \$20 million for the

project, and Iowa City's expected contribution is \$1.2 million.

However, the UISG student body was not in agreement about the project. Several senators voiced their concerns in the discussion session prior to the vote.

"These are numbers produced by a government agency for a government project," UISG Senator Jerry Gao said. "We've seen a project like this in California, and it went way over budget."

Several other senators had doubts about the rail line. They voiced concerns

about the viability of the project, the cost to the state — both in initial investment and continued maintenance of the railroad — and the lack of any planned student rate for trains.

Proponents of the resolution said the rail line would reduce traffic, benefit the environment, and provide a convenient service to students.

Ultimately, the resolution to endorse the rail passed 19-11.

UI officials also endorse the rail line.

"The university supports the exploration of

potential new public-transport options for our students that may provide convenient, affordable travel alternatives in communities across the state," UI spokesman Tom Moore wrote in an email.

The Chicago to Omaha line is currently being evaluated in an Environmental Impact Statement, according to the project's website.

Though City Council officials believe support from UISG will help the project's chances, it still needs to be approved in the state Legislature. There, Bentley expects it

will face the greatest opposition.

"The political environment right now is very stagnant," he said at the meeting.

Brad Neumann, the associate transportation director for Iowa City, said that while he's not sure if the UISG endorsement will make an impact during the state legislative session, he's looking forward to it.

"I'm not sure about the success of the project [in the Legislature], but I'm hopeful," he said. "We'll just have to wait and see what happens in the legislative session in January."

REACH

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student organizations or volunteering.

Students in the REACH program also have the opportunity to take on internships. They identify their career interests and work three afternoons a week for up to three hours. The program has reached out to local organizations and businesses to set up internships, including *The Daily Iowan*.

"We look at our third year as a way to expand skills," said Janis Men-

denhall, the coordinator of career development and transition. "Our program is unique, because we have the student-life aspect, like the ability to interact with other students and getting involved."

Other colleges, including Kirkwood Community College, have programs geared toward special-needs students, but REACH is one of the few that assimilates students into the university.

"There are different programs across the country that follow different models," Hendrickson said. "Some are in high school and some are part of community colleges, but ours

has the on-campus living component."

The REACH program has 49 students, with six taking advantage of the third-year option. Students in their first and second year live in Stanley Hall with a REACH residence assistant, where they have to follow a curfew and specific rules. Students in their third year are enjoying the independence that comes with living on their own.

"I like living in Parklawn — there's more space and more rooms to go to rather than living in Stanley," third-year

student Lindsay Wark said. "I think REACH is a great program. I've liked the last two years, and I like the third year so far. I hope every school has a program like this."

After students complete their third year, they have two years of post-program support. Students can keep in touch with other students and attend events put on by a parent-alumni association.

"Many students have come back over the years," Hendrickson said. "Last week, a student recently told us she got a job in Des Moines as a CNA and

recently married another REACH alumni. We build something called a circle of support to help everyone keep in touch."

Because there are so few students chosen to take part in the third-year option, they serve as leaders to the other students in the REACH program.

"The second-year students really want to prove themselves to be in the third-year program," Mendenhall said.

In addition to having a leadership position, being in the third-year program has also given the students a confident boost.

"There's one boy, and

REACH

The third-year option for REACH includes:

- Living in the Parklawn Apartments
- Taking classes such as cooking and money management
- Creating a portfolio including a résumé and cover letter

Source: Jo Hendrickson, director of the REACH program

he's not just walking taller, he feels very accomplished," Hendrickson said. "Their level of motivation is through the roof. They are thrilled with the opportunity."

ADMISSIONS

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Students will receive an admissions decision within 48 hours.

"At first when I heard about people doing this, I cringed," said UI Senior Associate Director of Admissions Emil Rinderspacher.

UI Admissions Office officials maintain that all applicants are accurately receiving an admissions decision within that time frame.

Instead of receiving up to 20,000 transcripts and leafing through each transcript before offering admission, Admission Office officials have the students self-report the needed information for the application. This information is

Admissions

- The UI has received more than 3,500 applications this fall
- Iowa State rescinded only 10 students' admission last year, not all for academic dishonesty
- Students at the UI and Iowa State remain honest in their applications, officials say

Source: UI and Iowa State admissions officials

calculated into a Regent Admission Index score, something that is used by each of the regent universities. Transcripts and final test scores are still required before the student officially enrolls at the UI.

Yet some prospective students said they are feeling a slight anxiety about this quick turn around.

"An admission to a university is a big deal, and I just want my applica-

tion to go under appropriate consideration, which might be a stretch in two days," said Kate Huber, a senior at Maquoketa Valley High School in Delhi, Iowa.

While Huber may be anxious about the response time, she appreciates the quick response.

"If it was a longer amount of time, I would spend more worrying, and I don't want to worry for weeks," the 18-year-old said.

The speedy replies aren't the only potentially problematic changes to the system. The students' self-reporting leaves room for intentional error.

This doesn't seem to be a concern for the UI.

"We've talked with [other schools] about this," Rinderspacher said. "Students are honest and I think this is one of the

reasons this works."

Iowa State University adopted the self-reporting program three years ago and has had success without dishonesty.

"In today's times, many students have access to their information pretty readily or pretty quickly," said Maura Flaschner, the associate director of Iowa State's Admissions Office. "It's not surprising that students know what credentials they have."

Iowa State reported that it rescinded fewer than 10 students last year and not all were due to academic dishonesty.

If students accept their admission to the UI, they will eventually be required to submit final transcripts, along with official class ranking and test scores, Rinderspacher said. This keeps nearly 15,000 transcripts out of the Admis-

sions Office, cutting down on paperwork.

With less paperwork, the UI's process has efficiently responded to applications of nearly 3,000 students thus far, averaging roughly 850 applications per week, Rinderspacher said.

But Rinderspacher be-

lieves the busiest months lie ahead, but the work has been significantly reduced due to student-reporting.

"It concerns me a little that the process is so quick, but if they feel they can accurately do it, then I'll gladly take a two-day response," Huber said.

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From Nature for Life

the ledge

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Ask your local Ledge writer:

Q: What's your favorite number?
A: Sex. It's also my favorite color, food, TV show, and movie.

Q: What are your sneezes like?
A: Like my nose is having an orgasm but doesn't want to.

Q: How's your willpower?
A: 22. But I'm gonna level-up soon, then I'll sink some more points into it.

Q: Have you broken any bones? If so, how?
A: An arm and six ribs. With rage and a hammer.

Q: What do you do when you wake up in the middle of the night?
A: Put on my clothes and go home.

Q: Have you ever played a drinking game?
A: Never. When I drink, I take that shit seriously.

Q: What's the one thing you want to get done this weekend?
A: Everything.

Q: Do you judge people based on their religion?
A: Of course not. I judge people based on my religion, infidel.

Q: Are you a good speller?
A: Yse.

Q: What do you think the future will be like?
A: It'll be a lot like now, but with more history.

- Andrew R. Juhl welcomes any of your questions, and he thanks the readers who submitted these.

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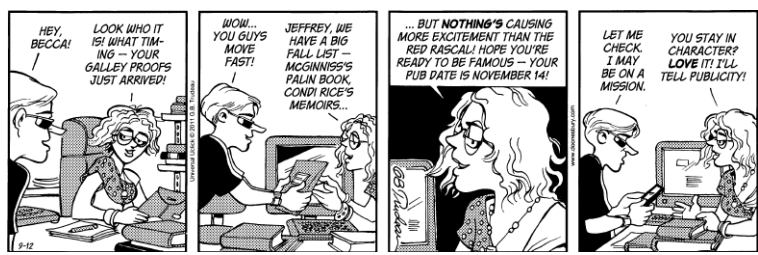
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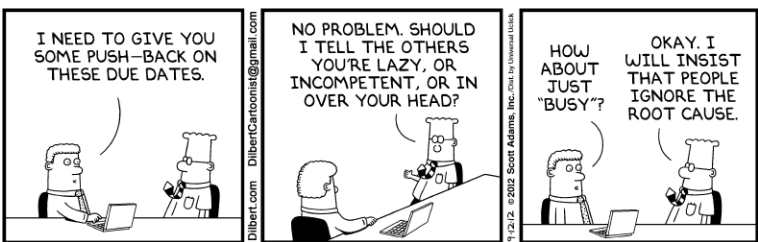
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- **Poster Sale**, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Hubbard Park
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Luncheon Series No. 2**, Kathy Kelly, perspectives of Afghani peace volunteers, noon, Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton
- **Anatomy and Cell Biology Departmental Seminar**, "An Iowa CHOP: An ER Stress-Regulated Transcription Factor Links Metabolism and Oncogenesis in the Liver," Thomas Rutkowski, Anatomy and Cell Biology, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen
- **Staff Council Meeting**, 2:30 p.m., S401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Joint Astrophysics/Space Physics Seminar**, "Probing the Rosette Superbubble with Faraday Rotation Measurements," Allison Savage, Physics/Astronomy, 3:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Life in Iowa Career Series**, Prepare for the Career Fair, 4 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **Backyard Abundance Education**, 5 p.m., Chauncey Swan Park

- **Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **Bicyclists of Iowa City**, 5:30 p.m., Flannigan's, 501 First Ave., Coralville
- **Seed Saving: How and Why**, 5:30 p.m., Earth Source Gardens, 22 S. Van Buren
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **"Know the Law; Know Your Rights"**, Student Legal Services, 6:30 p.m., IMU Main Ballroom
- **Broken On All Sides: Race, Mass Incarceration & New Visions for Criminal Justice in the U.S.**, Screening, Q&A with the producer/director after the screening, 7 p.m., 107 EPB
- **Katharine Goeldner Master Class**, 7 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Natalie Bakopoulos, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Marina Abramovic: The Artist is Present**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **"Report from Kabul"**, 7 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Kid with a Bike**, 9:15 p.m., Bijou

UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 8 p.m. Feeding the World and Feeding the Community Series, "Hidden Hunger in Iowa," Jordan Vernoy, state director of Iowa Food Bank, Jan. 29
- 9 Incompetent Sports Talk, student sports journalists and analysts review the week in sports, Student Video Productions
- 9:30 Daily Iowan TV News
- 9:45 Iowa Now, features and news about the University of Iowa
- 10 Incompetent Sports Talk, student

- sports journalists and analysts review the week in sports, Student Video Productions
- 10:30 Daily Iowan TV News
- 10:45 Kirk Ferentz News Conference, Iowa football coach meets with the media, presented unedited by UITV and Hawkeye Video
- 11:15 Kid Captains, UI Children's Hospital profiles on children selected to be Kid Captains at Iowa football games

horoscopes

Wednesday, September 12, 2012
- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19: Show off; have confidence. It's your life, so take control, and make things happen. If there is something you want, go after it. If there is someone you want to get to know better, make the effort. Take charge.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20: Keep your eyes open for anyone trying to dismantle your plans. You may have to make a last-minute change in order to stay on track and finish what you start. Staying calm and showing your professionalism will pay off.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20: Put time aside for those special people in your life. Don't allow someone's negativity to spoil your fun. Opt to do something that revolves around home and family. Fixing up your place or planning a get-together will give you a boost.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22: Size up your situation before you make any promises or changes. You need to feel comfortable with your surroundings as well as with the people you are dealing with before you make a move. Don't put up with aggressive behavior.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22: Question why you want to do something before you start. Your motives may be pushing you in a direction that could damage your reputation. Watch to see what others do first. Take a practical position that is attainable.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22: Put more energy into detail, and you will get stellar results. You don't have to do more, you just have to be precise. Uncertainty caused by what others do or say is a waste of time. Listen to your heart, and follow your intuition.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22: Lend a helping hand, and you will get one in return. Love is in the stars, and spending time with someone you find fascinating will lead to new interests and personal goals. A change of heart regarding relationships will result in greater stability.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21: Don't get distracted by someone who is possessive, jealous, or makes your life complicated. Focus on the present and what you need to do in order to feel good about your accomplishments. A creative project will help you move forward.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21: Make whatever adjustment is necessary to add to your earning potential or to turn an investment you have into a profit. Take care of personal business, and make alterations to your home and family life that better suit your future goals.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19: Don't let added responsibilities cause you to miss out on something that can help you get ahead personally or professionally. You have to take care of business before you tend to those who command your attention. Be realistic and stern.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18: Your unusual desire to do things differently will draw attention. Make sure you have the facts to back your plans before you get started. Love is in the stars, and making changes to the way you live will do you good.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20: Too much of anything will backfire. Stick to what you know you can afford and handle mentally, emotionally, physically, and financially before you make promises or take a one-way path. A partnership may be jeopardized.

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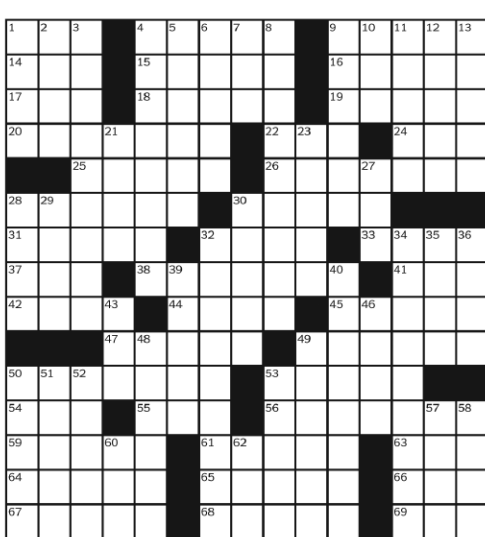
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Letters in front of an e-mail address
 - 4 "Brother of Moses"
 - 9 "Von Richthofen, e.g."
 - 14 Sender of much e-mail
 - 15 Campfire treat
 - 16 Like some rial spenders
 - 17 Country music's ___ Young Band
 - 18 It's just not done
 - 19 Arc lamp gas
 - 20 Victoria Falls river
 - 22 Many a PX patron
 - 24 Hydrocarbon suffix
 - 25 "Element in the cleanser"
 - 20 Mule Team
 - 26 More haggard
 - 28 Second man to walk on the moon
 - 30 ___ Bandito
 - 31 Subatomic particles
 - 32 Cassandra, e.g.
 - 33 Place for many an office
 - 37 Org. that bargains with G.M.
 - 38 Manx litter
 - 41 Kilmer of film
 - 42 Areas in dog pounds
 - 44 Director Joel or Ethan
 - 45 Founding member of NATO
 - 47 Several Russian czars
 - 49 "Will it play in ___?"
 - 50 Potpourri fragrance

- DOWN**
- 1 Joan with a guitar
 - 2 Pepsi, e.g.
 - 3 Dismount
 - 4 Star
 - 5 Fighting female of myth
 - 6 With 46-Down, cohort of Little John
 - 7 Conquistador's goal
 - 8 Baylor basketball uniform color
 - 9 Block from rebounding, in basketball
 - 10 ___ Zion Church
 - 11 Charged
 - 12 ___ occasion
 - 13 San Fran griddler
 - 21 Partner of bred
 - 23 Terrier type
 - 27 Japanese drama
 - 28 Russia/China border river
 - 55 "The Mayor of Simpleton" band, 1989
 - 56 Coat electrolytically
 - 59 Dish alternative
 - 61 Spokes
 - 63 1970s-'80s Pakistani leader
 - 64 Bagel choice
 - 65 "Find ___ and fill it"
 - 66 Ambulance org.
 - 67 "Sonny and Chaz"
 - 68 "Adheres"
 - 69 1/14 of a fortnight



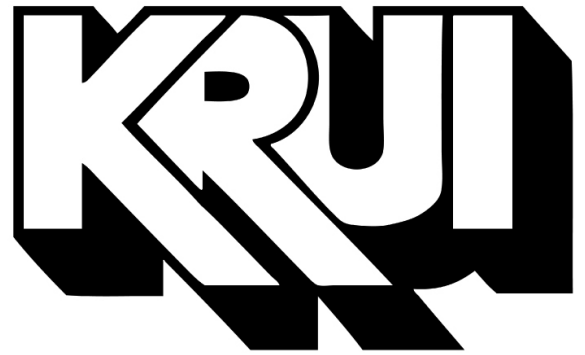
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- 29 Pig-roasting occasion
- 30 Honors with style
- 32 Creature prized for its claws
- 34 Too large
- 35 Hawaiian isle
- 36 Lancheater of film
- 39 Quilter's cry
- 40 Athletes' no-nos
- 43 ___ card
- 46 See 6-Down
- 48 Alluring ladies
- 49 Paid (up)
- 50 Ebenezer's partner in "A Christmas Carol"
- 51 Hershey ball town
- 52 Polio vaccine pioneer
- 53 When doubled, a spa city
- 57 Coors alcopop brand
- 58 "Don't get so excited!"
- 60 Head of Parliament?
- 62 "I'll take that as ___"

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A VIEW FROM THE SUMMIT



Jennifer Mercado (left) and Jill Arends (right) have a beer at Summit on Tuesday. Summit recently reopened after being closed for remodeling over the summer. (The Daily Iowan/Josha Housing)

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Sports

BIG TEN

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is young — he graduated from New Mexico State in 2007 — he has a long history in athletics, including working with his alma mater's offensive line and working in the front office of the Chicago Blackhawks.

Bielema isn't afraid to throw his support in Miller's direction, who he believes will bring a "new dynamic" and fresh energy to the stagnant offensive line.

"Age is just a number," Bielema said. "All that good coaches need are opportunities, and I wanted to supply them with that."

Huskers hurt without Rex

Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini is one of the most confident coaches in Division I football, but he sounded despondent during the Big Ten teleconference on Tuesday.

The Cornhuskers, then ranked No. 16 nationally,

AP Top 25 Rankings

(Last week's ranking)

1. Alabama (1)
 2. USC (2)
 3. LSU (3)
 4. Oregon (4)
 5. Oklahoma (5)
 6. Florida State (6)
 7. Georgia (7)
 8. South Carolina (9)
 9. West Virginia (9)
 10. **Michigan State (11)**
 11. Clemson (12)
 12. **Ohio State (14)**
 13. Virginia Tech (13)
 14. Texas (17)
 15. Kansas State (21)
 16. TCU (20)
 17. **Michigan (19)**
 18. Florida (24)
 19. Louisville (23)
 20. Notre Dame (22)
 21. Stanford (25)
 22. UCLA (n/a)
 23. Tennessee (n/a)
 24. Arizona (n/a)
 25. Brigham Young (n/a)
- Bold denotes Big Ten**

lost to unranked UCLA, 36-30. And now Nebraska is off the list while the Bruins cracked in at No. 22.

"We took our turns in that game the other night," Pelini said. "As far

as our consistency is concerned, it's not where we need to be, and our level of execution is not where we need to be yet."

There is hope ahead for the Huskers. Nebraska has had to go without senior running back Rex Burkhead, who injured his knee in the first half of his squad's game against Southern Miss on Sept. 1. Burkhead missed the entire UCLA game.

Burkhead rushed for nearly 1,500 yards last season as a starter, averaging 104.4 yards per contest. He accounted for 46 percent of all the Huskers rushing attempts last season.

The running back is still on a day-to-day basis, Pelini said, but Tuesday was his best day of rehab. The head coach said he wants to ensure that Burkhead is "100 percent ready" before he sees the field again.

Big Ten coaches not worried

Six Big Ten teams lost during week two. Five of them — Wisconsin, Nebraska, Penn State, Illinois, and Iowa — lost to previously unranked non-



Nebraska running back Rex Burkhead rushes past Iowa defensive back Jordan Bernstine in Nebraska's 20-7 victory over Iowa at Memorial Stadium in 2011. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

"There's a lot of football left to be played ... I don't think you can make snap judgments until the end of year and see how it plays out."

-Bo Pelini, Nebraska head football coach

conference opponents. But the Big Ten leaders said there's no need for alarm. Not yet, anyway.

"I don't make too much of it; it's early in the year," Pelini said. "There's a lot

of football left to be played ... I don't think you can make snap judgments until the end of year and see how it plays out."

Furthermore, the Big Ten coaches seem to blame

themselves for playing poorly.

"When we lose, we lose as a team," Illinois coach Tim Beckman said. "We didn't play right, really, on any side of the ball."

FOOTBALL

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DE McMinn returns

Iowa's defensive line gained one more member on Sept. 8 as redshirt freshman Riley McMinn

made his Hawkeye debut against Iowa State.

The 6-7, 245-pound defensive end saw a handful of snaps in Iowa's loss to the Cyclones. He had missed much of fall camp with what he called "problems with my groin." But McMinn is healthy and was glad he had the

chance to see the field.

"Those few plays I had were quite the experience," he said. "It's been over a year since my last game. My last game was in high school, so it was great to get back out there."

McMinn joined a line that has played surprisingly well this season. And

it has been a deep line as well, rotating at least six players onto the field. McMinn said that would help the linemen stay fresh.

"I think it's beneficial," he said. "That way you can go as hard as you can for a shorter number of plays and keep the energy rolling."

Sleeper suspension ends

Ferentz announced on Tuesday that safety Colin Sleeper's suspension had been lifted. The head coach said at the team's media day on Aug. 6 that Sleeper would serve a "multi-game" suspension for team violations.

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coach's decision, and for right now, we've all handled the competition very well."

Clark has started five of the team's eight games, but Goodson has gotten the nod in net three times and has the most saves in the group with 16.

Goodson, a Van Meter, Iowa, native, was adamant that it didn't matter to her if a starter was ever named, and she said she wouldn't mind having the rotation the rest of the season.

"The fact that we're ro-

tating has made all of us maintain and compete at a higher level," Goodson said. "It has been healthy for us, and it's fine how it is."

Beck would seem to be the long shot to assume the full-time gig; she has made only three appearances this season, but Rainey disagreed with that to an extent.

"It's been our most competitive position, and there are three people who've been doing a nice job," he said. "But of course, you don't have a three goalkeeper rotation as you go through the season."

Iowa will get one last chance to figure out its backstop plan before conference play, when the Hawkeyes line up against

St. Louis at Robert Hermann Stadium in St. Louis today.

There is no goalie controversy across the field; senior Billiken goalkeeper Katie Walsh has played every minute of the season, allowing 5 goals through six games.

As for the Black and Gold, Rainey decided he's sticking with the status quo.

"We're going to start Hannah, and Meg will play in the second half," Rainey said. "Right now, we still see that position as relatively equal."

A win in St. Louis will push the Hawkeyes to a 9-0-0 start, matching last season's side for the best in school history.

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Moran started every game for that 2011 team en route to a historic season, but Rainey said that he wasn't afraid to see what this year's squad can for an encore with a tandem in net.

"I used a rotation [when I coached] at Ball State one year, and it worked out pretty well," he said. "You always just want to get the best results for your team, and sometimes that's with two people in net."

SPORTS

Women's golf slips in Lincoln

Inconsistency plagued the Iowa women's golf team in Lincoln, Neb., this week. After an encouraging day of 36 holes on Monday, the Hawkeyes were unable to overcome surges from several other teams during the final round and finished fifth of 13 teams at the Chip-N-Club Invitational.

Lauren English, a sophomore from Bloomington, Ill., was the only Hawkeye to shoot under 80 in every round of the 54-hole event. She finished the tournament with the best total among the Hawkeye golfers, shooting a 13-over 229.

"Lauren was very steady over the three days," head coach Megan Menzel said in a release. "It was good to see her get the first top-10 finish of her career."

Despite the sophomore's strong showing in the team's first tournament of the year, Iowa fell two places during the final round after starting the day in third.

Southern Methodist roared back from a late deficit to claim the Chip-N-Club title for the second year in a row. The Mustangs started the day in second place, trailing Missouri by 3 strokes. The eventual champions put together the best combined round of the tournament (289) on Tuesday, highlighted by freshman Alexandra Rossi's 4-under 68. Her

round featured 5 birdies and just 1 bogey.

After gaining the lead, the Mustangs quickly widened the gap between themselves and the competition. They finished the tournament 15 strokes ahead of Missouri, which finished second.

The Hawks will need better performances from seniors Gigi DiGrazia and Kristi Cardwell if they expect to contend in future events. The Hawkeyes' next scheduled tournament will be held in Albuquerque, N.M., in the Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invitational. The invitational will take place on Sept. 17-18.

- by Ryan Probasco

Big Ten honors McGraw

Iowa field-hockey goalie Kathleen McGraw was selected Tuesday as the Big Ten's Defensive Player of the Week.

The senior goalkeeper earned the award after holding two teams scoreless this past weekend during Iowa's West Coast trip. McGraw tallied 10 saves, put up a 1.29 goal-against average, and had a .769 save percentage.

McGraw — whom the team commonly refers to as Merty — led the Hawkeyes to a 2-1 record, with the only loss coming against No. 16 Stanford on Sept. 7.

"Merty had a great weekend in California," Iowa head

coach Tracey Griesbaum said in a release. "She displayed great leadership and presence in every game ... This is a great accomplishment for [her] and the entire team."

The Atherton, Calif., native holds a 4-2 record this season, starting every game for the Black and Gold. Three of her four wins have come via shutout.

This is the second time that McGraw has been Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week in her career. She earned her first honor during the week of Oct. 11, 2011.

- by Cody Goodwin

Dunn, Swank highly ranked

A pair of Hawkeyes are being nationally recognized on the tennis court.

Senior Garret Dunn and Junior Michael Swank earned a doubles preseason ranking of No. 55 from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, the governing body of college tennis.

Dunn and Swank went 8-14 as a doubles pair last year, with seven wins at the No. 1 position in the Iowa lineup. Two of those wins came at the Big Ten indoor championships.

Head coach Steve Houghton said he believes in his nationally ranked Hawkeyes.

"We're very proud of Garret

and Michael," the coach said in a release.

"They really meshed well as a team last year, and the sky's the limit this year."

Houghton said he hopes that the pair can qualify for the 2012 Men's All-American Championships, which is being held at the University of Tulsa Oct. 4-7.

- by Kevin Glueck

Wrestling-tourney change moves on

The motion to change the NCAA wrestling team-title competition is moving on to the last test: NCAA approval.

The Division I head coaches voted to change the format from the point-based system currently used at a single NCAA championship meet — which names both the individual champions and the team winner from the same tournament — to a dual-meet tournament.

The change received 39 votes, while 36 head coaches voted against the motion. Two coaches abstained from voting.

The National Duals proposal will now move to the NCAA Wrestling Committee, other NCAA and individual conference officials, athletics administrators, and a group of university presidents.

Iowa head coach Tom Brands opposes the National Duals proposal, as reported by *The Daily Iowan* on Sept. 7.

- by Molly Irene Olmstead



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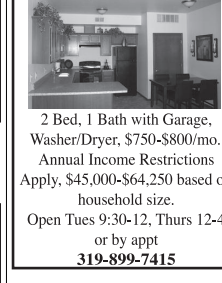
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Late call; Miller's a Hawk



Iowa defensive back Tanner Miller tackles Iowa State receiver Jarvis West in the second half of the Hawkeyes' 9-6 loss to ISU in Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 8. Miller had committed to Northern Iowa his senior year of high school in 2010 but then was offered a scholarship by Iowa just two days before the signing deadline. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Iowa safety Tanner Miller was originally headed to Northern Iowa until the Hawkeyes made a late offer. He will face the Panthers this weekend.

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When Tanner Miller lines up in the secondary and looks down the field at the Northern Iowa offense, he insists he won't be thinking about how close those players were to being his teammates.

"I can't focus too much on that now," the Hawkeye safety said on Tuesday. "I see it as just another game."

For much of his senior year in high school in 2010, Miller thought he was headed to Northern Iowa to play football. He had earned first-team All-State

honors his last two years at Mid-Prairie High School in Wellman. But that hadn't earned him a scholarship offer from a BCS program — only invitations to walk-on from the likes of Iowa and Nebraska.

But two days before national signing day, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz offered Miller a scholarship. And now Miller will start at safety in a black helmet — rather than a purple one — on Sept. 15.

"I don't know if I remember all the exact details, other than we have done that with several guys where recruiting is an unpredictable time," Ferentz said. "We made that phone call, and he was receptive. He certain-

ly was, quote-unquote, under-recruited."

Miller started 11 games for Iowa at safety last season and tied the school record for longest interception return. He said this week that it was difficult to call Panther coach Mark Farley and tell him of his change, but that the chance to play for an Football Bowl Subdivision team was too exciting not to take.

"That was my whole goal in high school, to play at the highest level possible," Miller said. "That chance arrived, and that's not something a lot of kids are going to pass up."

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Wis. ditches coach

Wisconsin's head coach was unimpressed with the team's offensive put-out, so he fired its offensive-line coach.

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Wisconsin ran for only 35 yards in the Badgers' 10-7 loss to Oregon State. Only 35 yards on 23 carries — that's 1.5 yards per attempt.

So what does head coach Bret Bielema do? He fires offensive-line coach Mike Markuson, only two games into Markuson's first season on the job.

Bielema said his decision was based solely on his need to see more progress from his team, to see the Badgers "moving forward."

"One of the things I decided early on in my career was that if I didn't like the direction someone was going ... I wasn't going to wait until the end just because that's how it's normally done," Bielema said.

But the head coach said his players' response — although they were surprised — was entirely positive.

Bart Miller, the former offensive quality-control coordinator, has stepped up to fill the role as interim offensive-line coach. Although Miller

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Thompson breaks out for V-ball

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Junior middle blocker Chanté Thompson suffered through a pair of nagging knee injuries last season, but the volleyball player has made her way into the starting lineup in 2012.

Her insertion into the Hawkeye lineup came after an off-season in which she dedicated herself to training and ignoring the knee injuries that bothered her through her first two seasons.

"I was focused more during training [camp] this past spring and summer," the Hurst, Texas, native said. "I wanted to control my energy better, be more consistent, and not worry about my [past] knee injuries. I've had some nagging knee problems, and knees are very important. My position involves a lot of jumping."

So far this season, Thompson has performed well and has been one of the more consistent Hawkeyes on the team. Her focus during practice has translated to the court — she has already topped her previous career high of 10 kills in a match five times this season. Her play has also helped Iowa to a 7-3 start.

"This year, she's playing like she has a sense of urgency as a junior," head coach Sharon Dingman said. "She competes hard every day, and that's the area we've been missing from her the past few years ... She's coming into her own and taking [volleyball] seriously now, and it's good for our team and for her."

Thompson was mostly a bench player last year, appearing in 25 matches while starting only 11 in the team's 33-game season. But this year, with the graduation of star blocker Mallory Husz, Thompson was expected to come into the season as one of the starting middle blockers.

"Last year, she still had some people in front of her at [middle blocker], so she kept fighting and got more playing time," junior setter Nikki Dailey said. "This year, she was expected to be [on the floor]



Junior Chanté Thompson spikes the ball against Southeast Missouri in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Aug. 25. Thompson has emerged this year as an offensive force for the Hawkeyes. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

every single [set], and she's lived up to that expectation."

Thompson and Dailey communicate particularly well on the court together. Dailey trusts her middle blockers to score, and Thompson is always prepared for a ball to come her way.

"Nikki and I have had a connection since freshman year. She knows when to set for me and to set for the middles," Thompson said. "She has a feel for [setting the ball], and whenever she needs to set it to her middles, she can."

When it comes time to pass, Dailey has no problem setting it up for her friend.

"If you really look at our offense, the middles have been carrying a lot of weight on their backs," Dailey said. "I know when I set to [Thompson], it's either going to be a kill or [a ball] in play. I rarely think of her getting an error."

Thompson is third on the team in kills and points. She has recorded 97 kills, which have helped account for her 117.5 points thus far. And her .296 hitting per-

Thompson's stats

2010 (29 games)

40 sets
37 kills
.050 hitting %

2011 (33 games)

60 sets
74 kills
.142 hitting %

2012 (10 games)

40 sets
97 kills
.296 hitting %

centage is the highest on the team of players with more than 50 kills.

The 6-3 blocker's effort hasn't been in question this season, and she's proven that by her energy on the court.

"My mindset is different this year," Thompson said. "I'm more involved. My role [on the team] is to work hard and now that I'm healthy, I can go after things. I can be more aggressive when I play."

Goalies square off

The Iowa women's soccer team officially has a goalie controversy on its hands as the Hawkeyes look for a 9-0 start.

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The Iowa women's soccer team has sailed to an 8-0-0 record and is on the verge of going undefeated in nonconference play for the second-consecutive season.

But there's one burning question that has developed during the Hawkeyes' hot start:

Who's in the net?

Sophomore goaltender Kiley Beck and freshman goalies Hannah Clark and Meg Goodson have all seen action as Iowa's last line of defense this season. The trio has held opposing offenses to 3 goals on 80 shots, including a four-game shutout streak to begin the season.

"We don't know whether we'll stay with a rotation or go with just one starter," Iowa head coach Ron Rainey said. "We want to keep seeing people in game situations."

Rainey's keepers haven't made the decision an easy one. Clark and Goodson rank first and second in the Big Ten in save percentage at .900 and .889 respectively, and they have seen significantly more minutes than the elder Beck.

"We're all working toward the No. 1 spot, and it's definitely been competitive," Clark said. "But ultimately, it's

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