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**2012 VOTE 2012: JUSTICE CENTER**

## Not all favor justice center



This rendering from Neumann Monson Architects depicts the design for the proposed Johnson County Justice Center. The projected cost of building the center is estimated at \$48.1 million. (Contributed Photo/Yes for Justice)

By **NATHANIEL OTJEN**  
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Although no one spoke out publicly against the proposed Johnson County justice center at a forum Monday, the proposal for the \$48.1 million center remains a contested issue.

A \$46.8 million bond would fund most of the construction of the proposed center. The jail would contain 243 beds with a pod design, creating a centralized area to maintain watch on the inmates.

The public will have a chance to vote on the bond on the November ballot.

"The whole plan behind the justice center is to deal with three issues — security, safety, and space," Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness said. "I really have not heard a lot of the negative comments I expected to hear. I have been very impressed with the public response we have seen."

However, the Facebook page "Oppose the Johnson County Jail" has gathered followers in the area, and it had 47 "likes" on its page as of Monday evening. Donald Baxter, who is in charge of the group, has worked for companies who design and build prisons and jails.

SEE **JUSTICE**, 5

### Justice Center

County officials have discussed plans for a Johnson County justice center for more than a decade.

**Oct. 8, 2009:** Proposal to use the old *Press-Citizen* building for the Center recommended by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee

**July 6, 2011:** Plans to introduce the justice center bond vote on the ballot for 2012 come forth, along with planning of the center.

**Feb. 29, 2012:** Center plans put on hold over lack of agreement among the Johnson County Board of Supervisors.

**March 7:** Justice-center plans back on with county officials settling their differences.

**Nov. 6:** Johnson County residents have the chance to vote on whether the center should be approved.

**PRO:** County officials say the center would alleviate overcrowding currently facing the Johnson County Jail.

**CON:** Those opposed to the center say the costs for the project are steep.

Source: Daily Iowan archives

## Report: Crimes up

By **MATT STARNES**  
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A new report prepared by the University of Iowa late last week shows a rise in the number of crimes in several categories, and several university officials said the increase might be due to a change in policy and law enforcement.

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics and Fire Safety Report for 2012 contains crime data from the years 2009 through 2011, organized by crime category.

Chuck Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, said the report contains information about all crimes that occurred on UI-owned or UI-controlled property, on directly adjacent public property, or on property that is controlled by the university but is not in the vicinity of the main campus.

The report shows arrests and judicial referrals for liquor-law violations fluctuated between 2009 and 2011, with 127 arrests and 537 judicial referrals in 2009, 561 arrests and 508 referrals in 2010, and 497 arrests and 777 referrals in 2011 — an overall increase in both arrests and referrals.

Kelly Bender, the UI campus-community harm-reduction initiatives coordinator, said the increase in judicial referrals might be explained by a change made in 2010 to the UI Student Code of Conduct to allow any students arrested in Johnson County for violence, drug, or alcohol possession to be subject to disciplinary action through the UI.

"We did see a big increase in judicial referrals as a result of that policy change," she said.

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**2012 VOTE 2012: ARAB VOTERS**

## Arab support for Obama drops

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A poll released last week by the Arab American Institute shows a 15 percent decline in registered Arab-American Democrats since the last election cycle, and several local experts said the Obama administration's involvement in the Middle East could be to blame.

Abdulrahman Aljoufi, a University of Iowa junior and a registered Democrat, said there is a lot of resentment in the Arab community about President Obama's foreign policy, particularly Predator Drone attacks that can kill innocent civilians and perceived double standards in the Arab Spring.

"The Arab Americans in general are very disappointed with Obama for the last four years," the former intern for Obama's 2012 campaign said. "They came to the elections in 2008 with so much hope since the entire campaign was about hope."

Aljoufi said Arab Americans also supported Obama because many have the feeling Republicans think the United States is only for Christians.

"We support the Democratic Party

SEE **ARAB**, 5

## Mixed bag for this year's pumpkins

By **BRIANNA JETT**  
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This summer's drought left farmers all over the nation grappling with crop damage — however, when it comes to pumpkins, the results are often the opposite.

As the negative effects from the heat continue to ricochet across the Midwest, a few positive effects are taking the form of large, orange vegetables.

"We have certainly the best crop of pumpkins we've ever grown here," said Paul Rasch, the owner of Wilson's Orchard in Iowa City.

This sentiment echoed through Indiana and Illinois.

"Pumpkins love it dry, and we've had the best pumpkins we've seen in many years," said Sue Murdock of Goebbert's Farm and Garden Center in South Barrington, Ill.

Rasch detected little negative effects from the drought in his pumpkin patch.

"It just seemed that the plants grew right through the drought," he said.

In fact, the drought seems to have helped the pumpkins survive.

"Pumpkins like heat," Rasch said. "The drought kept disease down and insect pressure down."



Jim Magera of Kansas City examines a pumpkin with daughter Macey at Wilson's Orchard on Sunday. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

Officials at Curtis Orchard in Champaign, Ill., are seeing similar results.

"Because of the drought, we didn't have to worry about powdery mildew," said Chris Curtis, a spokesman for Curtis Orchard.

Kathleen Delate, a professor of agronomy and horticulture at Iowa State University, noted that diseases need moisture to survive.

"We had a very low disease rate be-

SEE **PUMPKINS**, 5

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# Obama tour backs early voting



Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, speaks during the Iowa City appearance of the Gotta Vote bus tour in front of the Pentacrest on Monday. The tour, put on by the Democratic National Committee and Obama for America, made stops earlier in the day in Dubuque and Cedar Rapids. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

The Obama for America's Gotta Vote tour made stops in Dubuque, Cedar Rapids, and Iowa City on Monday.

By **ERIC CLARK**  
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More people are voting earlier this election year in Johnson County, and Obama for America officials maintain early voting is something college students can and should take advantage of.

The Democratic National Committee and Obama for America officials brought their Gotta Vote bus tour to Iowa City on Monday. The tour, which encouraged attendees to register and vote early, will continue on to Davenport today, then make stops in Wisconsin, Ohio, and Virginia.

The program featured actor Tate Donovan and Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, along with former Lt. Gov. Patty Judge and Georgetown law student-turned-women's-health-advocate Sandra Fluke.

She backed early voting, especially for college students.

"Anything can happen on Election Day," she said. "Don't wait to vote. College students' lives are crazy."

Fluke said voting early, regardless of candidate, helps the respective party better allocate its resources by focusing on those

who are still undecided.

As of Sept. 28, 12,478 early voting ballots had been requested locally. Only 7,724 ballots were requested 39 days before the election in 2008, which was down from 11,697 in 2004, according to the Johnson County Auditor's Office.

UI senior Linda Pan, a student from China, is not able to vote but stopped by the event due to the international implications the election will have.

"It matters a lot," Pan said. "[The election] will definitely affect foreign policy."

Pan, who did not have a preference in candidates, plans to watch the presidential debate on Wednesday.

Romney spokeswoman Alissa Ohl said the Romney campaign is working hard to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to vote, especially because Republicans hold a voter-registration advantage in the state for the first time in six years.

"Our campaign is working hard to ensure that regardless of whether a voter prefers to cast her or his ballot early or on Nov. 6, he or she will have the opportunity to voice support for Gov. Romney," she said.

Donovan encouraged everyone to not only watch the debates but to pay attention to the minor details in the policies of both candidates.

"I love the debates," he said. "It's going to be a great example of the differences between the candidates."

Donovan said although the Gotta Vote program encourages voters to vote early, people should wait until they feel fully confident in their choice for president.

"People should wait until they feel fully informed," he said. "But if you watch the news, you pretty much know who these men are."

Fluke also brushed off the argument that by voting early, voters miss out on their opportunity to truly understand the country's issues and the candidates' stances on them.

"We've had Obama for four years now," she said. "There are very clear differences between the candidates."

Judge said the stakes are high in the first presidential debate, and issues critical to the state of Iowa would likely be addressed. She said both renewable fuel and energy would be key points of the debate,

## Johnson County Early Voting

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- 11,697 were requested at same point in 2004

Source: Johnson County Auditor's Office

as well as the candidate's stances on exports.

"You're going to see clear differences in vision between the candidates," she said.

UI junior Bill Cook, a member of the UI Democrats, plans to watch the debate on Wednesday. In fact, he encourages all students to do so.

"I'd encourage them to not only watch the debates but to pay attention and really be analytical," he said.

Cook has yet to vote, but he plans to make a trip to the closest voting station as soon as his busy schedule will allow it.

"It's kind of like turning in an assignment early," he said. "It will feel good to know that I voted, and that it's completely set in stone."

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2. Football commentary: Iowa should keep feeding Weisman
3. Letters to the Editor
4. UI fraternities participate in 'Walk a Mile in her Shoes'
5. Fundraiser at Carver helps raise awareness for at-risk kids

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## BLOTTER

**Kristen Alesch**, 19, 318 Ridgeland Ave. Apt. 11, was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication, interference with official acts causing injury, PAULA, and possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Amy Anderson**, 39, Fairfield, Iowa, was charged Sept. 29 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

**Adesola Ayodele**, 19, 628D Mayflower, was charged Sept. 28 with possession of a controlled substance.

**Stephanie Battles**, 20, Bristol, Wis., was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication.

**Jason Bauman**, 22, 610 E. Jefferson St., was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Joshua Berry**, 25, 2923 Cornell Ave., was charged Sept. 28 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

**Paul Biagas**, 19, North Liberty, was charged Sept. 28 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

**John Bierbaum**, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication.

**Hannah Boyd**, 20, 601 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 634, was charged Sept. 29 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Courtney Branstad**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 29 with PAULA.

**Nicholas Brennan**, 20, 308 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 113, was charged Sept. 27 with public intoxication, presence in a bar after hours, and interference with official acts.

**Chelsea Breza-Berndt**, 20, Vernon Center, Minn., was charged Sept. 29 with PAULA.

**Hunnando Brim**, 21, 608 Westgate St. Apt. 16, was charged Sept. 28 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Casey Bruce**, 19, 702 N. Dubuque St., was charged Sept. 27 with presence in a bar after hours.

**James Bryant II**, 44, 1131 Third Ave. Apt. 3F, was charged Sept. 29 with OWI.

**Ryan Buckendahl**, 35, St. Paul, Minn., was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Christopher Burnett**, 23, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2436, was charged Oct. 1 with OWI and driving with a revoked license.

**Alexander Cantu**, 20, 500 S. Linn St. Apt. 9, was charged Sept. 27 with PAULA.

**Rose Considine**, 19, Winona, Minn., was charged Sept. 29 with possession of drug paraphernalia and OWI.

**Deb Danielson**, 52, 1104 First Ave., was charged Sept. 20 with animal abuse.

**Kaleigh Drumm**, 19, 612 S. Dodge St. Apt. 4, was charged Sept. 29 with PAULA.

**Timothy Duffy**, 27, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication.

**Shelby Edmonds**, 19, Glenwood, Iowa, was charged Sept. 29 with PAULA and public intoxication.

**Justin-Adam Ewoldsen**, 32, St. Charles, Iowa, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Ryan Fluhr**, 28, East Dubuque, Ill., was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Michael Fossum**, 28, Palatine, Ill., was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Austin Goetzinger**, 20, Carroll, Iowa, was charged Sept. 29 with PAULA.

**Ciera Greene**, 20, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. M6, was charged Oct. 1 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

**Matthew Griffin**, 27, 615 S. Governor St. Apt. 9, was charged Sept. 30 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

**Christina Guenther**, 20, 216 E. Market St. Apt. 7, was charged Sept. 27 with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of an authentic driver's license.

**Daniel Hackman**, 32, Shumway, Ill., was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**James Hackman**, 42, Coralville, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Carley Hinrichs**, 22, 370 Camden Road, was charged Sept. 30 with OWI.

**Crstan Hoag**, 33, Muscatine, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Weston Hulst**, 27, Albert Lea, Minn., was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Eric Jacobson**, 22, 407 Bowery St. Apt. 1, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Christopher Janyk**, 18, Tinley Park, Ill., was charged Sept. 29 with PAULA.

**Nicole Krier**, 19, 321 S. Linn St. Apt. 227, was charged Sept. 28 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Eric Loichle**, 37, Minneapolis, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Glenda Lopez**, 19, 511 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2821, was charged Sept. 29 with PAULA.

**Patrick Lucas**, 24, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Martin Malone**, 26, Downers Grove, Ill., was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Michael Maske**, 48, 2128 Prairie Du Chien Road, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**David McCullough**, 31, Coralville, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**James McDonnell**, 32, West Des Moines, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**William McKinnon**, 18, Kenilworth, Ill., was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public and PAULA.

**David Meyers**, 35, 227 E. First St., was charged Oct. 1 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

**Skyler Miell**, 22, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Amanda Milne**, 19, Davenport, was charged Sept. 29 with PAULA.

**Nikolas Milovsky**, 51, 203 Myrtle Ave. Apt. 307, was charged Sept. 28 with public intoxication.

**Pooyan Mohammadi**, 27, Coralville, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Dwayne Osborn**, 33, Coralville, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Randall Ragan**, 35, Muscatine, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Agustin Rodriguez**, 55, 1429 Ash St., was charged Sept. 29 with OWI.

**Melissa Rothmeyer**, 18, Carroll, Iowa, was charged Sept. 29 with PAULA.

**Clifton Smith**, 27, Waterloo, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Houston Thola**, 25, Preston, Iowa, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Daniel Tomaszewski**, 19, Tinley Park, Ill., was charged Sept. 29 with PAULA.

**Stuart Vanderveide**, 18, S405 Hillcrest, was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication.

**Nicholas Warren**, 36, Brooklyn Park, Minn., was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Liza Weeks**, 34, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication.

**Alaina Zahner**, 19, 612 S. Dodge St. Apt. 4, was charged Sept. 29 with PAULA.

# News

## CLERY CONTINUED FROM 1

Bender also said the increase in both arrests and referrals could be attributed to an increase in the enforcement of liquor laws, especially during football season.

"Enforcement is typically not a very popular solution," she said. "But it's a pretty important part of redefining what's considered acceptable behavior."

Bender said the increase in enforcement was encouraged by several local coalitions, as well as by local business owners, some of whom didn't like to have intoxicated patrons in their stores after home

football games.

"It really is an important part of making the shift to sort of having a different normal on those days," she said, adding it's important to remember the intended effect of the increased enforcement.

The report also showed a rise in the number of forcible sex offenses on campus, with 11 total offenses in 2011, compared with the 7 total offenses reported in 2010.

Karla Miller, executive director of the Rape Victim Advocacy Program, said the rise in offenses contained in the report is not a very clear indicator of the pattern of sexual assaults in the community.

"The question is, were more assaults occurring

or did people report more [of them]," she said. "And if they reported more, what drives more reporting?"

Miller said there are many factors that can influence whether a victim decides to report an assault to law enforcement, or at all.

"I think there have been more efforts to get information into the community about reporting," she said, adding the UI has aimed to make information about reporting sexual assaults available to the community. "And whenever that happens, then it leaves signals to potential victims and everybody else that they're paying attention to these types of crimes, and they want them reported."

## METRO

### School District panel eyes funding

The Iowa City School District Governance Committee discussed the language of a clause in the Superintendent Limitation on Monday morning.

The current clause states for Superintendent Steve Murley to set aside \$20 million for elementary-school construction and \$32 million for construction of a new high school from the school-infrastructure local option tax funds.

The School Board will discuss and vote on the wording for the clause. It is unclear on which direction the board will vote.

"It was brought up at the last board meeting," said Marla Swezey, the board president and a Governance Committee member. "We put it on the agenda and the wordage was off. The governance chair didn't have the words in front of her, so we couldn't talk about the exact wording."

- by Lauren Coffey

### Police investigate robbery

Iowa City police are investi-

gating a Sept. 21 robbery at Romantix, 315 Kirkwood Ave., after receiving reports that a man allegedly blocked a female employee behind the checkout counter and demanded money.

According to a release by the Iowa City police, officers responded to Romantix around 7:40 p.m. When they arrived, the suspect had fled the scene, the release said. The Romantix employee described the suspect as a heavy-set white male with facial hair stubble. She said he was between 30 and 40 years old, approximately 6 feet tall, between 215 and 250 pounds, and wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt. He allegedly had entered the store with his hood up and made small talk with the female employee as he moved closer to her, blocking her into the checkout area, according to the release. He then demanded she hand over the money in the register. After receiving the money, the man fled the store.

The release said officers searched the area but could not locate the suspect.

The female employee was

not injured, though she was not sure whether the suspect had been armed or not. The release said surveillance footage of the store captured the suspect, who appeared to have white paint smears on his sweatshirt.

Iowa City Area CrimeStoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of this suspect.

- by Matt Starns

### Jon Bon Jovi to perform

Jon Bon Jovi will perform in Iowa City Friday for one of Obama for America's Early Vote campaign events.

According to an Obama for America Iowa release, Bon Jovi will head to Hubbard Park for a special acoustic performance. The event is free, and tickets are available starting Wednesday through Obama for America offices in Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines.

Bon Jovi is also set to play in Des Moines at the Western Gateway Park the same day.

-by Jordyn Reiland



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## Editorial

# Don't politicize Iowa judges

Last week, Patriot Voices partnered with Iowans for Freedom and Rick Santorum in a bus tour across Iowa to encourage Iowans to vote to remove Iowa Supreme Court Justice David Wiggins in the upcoming election.

Although the bus tour says it is promoting a better democratic society, it is incorrect in its claim. The group only further politicizes the judicial selection process and in turn politicizes Iowa's judicial branch.

Justices are meant to be impartial or, better stated, beyond the corruptive power plays of special interests. Though this is idealistic, judges should be able to decide issues on a case-by-case basis without worry about the political backlash from the electorate. This bus tour forces justices into the political arena and destroys the very democracy they claim to promote.

The "No Wiggins" bus-tour supporters and organizers believe that Wiggins inappropriately used his judicial authority to allow same-sex marriage in the state in April 2009. They also claim this judge was making a political statement and not a legal argument when making this decision.

Another bus tour promoted by the Iowa State Bar Association traveled to many of the same sites as the "No Wiggins" bus tour, and it also stopped in Iowa City to remind Iowans of the importance of judicial retention.

Cindy Moser, the president of the Iowa State Bar Association, said the "Yes Iowa Judges tour" aimed to educate Iowans about judicial retention and discuss the importance of a fair and impartial court.

"I think it has a very chilling effect on other judges and justices if their rulings are subject to changing political opinions — it's very dangerous," she said.

The Iowa State Bar Association preforms a judicial review, she said, and this year, the results of the statewide survey were overwhelmingly supportive of retaining all the judges.

"Our courts are the final guardians of our liberty, and they make decisions based on the Constitution," Moser said. "If citizens believe that the finding is unconstitu-

tional, one could submit a Constitutional amendment, not vote a judge or justice off the bench. That does nothing to change the law."

There are situations in which it is reasonable to remove a judge from the bench, such as if a judge is seen to be too old or not performing the job to the proper capacity. A judge who is corrupt or is politicizing the bench are possible reasons to not retain.

But a judge is meant to interpret the law as it stands, and there is no evidence Wiggins did anything but that. Simply disagreeing with the decision based on political views of what is right and wrong is not a reason to not retain a judge — it is a reason to push the Iowa Legislature for a Constitutional amendment.

The Iowa Supreme Court has historically made difficult and controversial decisions that may otherwise have been impossible if the justices were subject to political campaigns and special interests. Without an impartial judiciary, Iowa students may not have access to schools and Iowa protesters may have lost their right to protest.

Not quite 90 years before the U.S. Supreme Court decided "separate but equal" schools were unconstitutional, the Iowa Supreme Court held that Iowa schools were open to all students in *Clark v. Board of Directors* in 1868.

Furthermore, the Iowa Supreme Court decided, before the U.S. Supreme Court decided, that all people have the right to protest in the decision *Griffin v. Katz Drug Store* in 1949.

The Iowa court has protected rights of all Iowans even when the time made its decisions politically unpopular but Constitutionally valid. And these are exactly the reasons the American electorate needs an impartial judicial system.

Your Turn  
Should Wiggins be retained as a justice?  
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## Cartoon

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## Letters/Online Comments

### Vote for justice center

There are major security and safety deficiencies at our historic Johnson County Courthouse.

In this November's election, voters can support a \$46.8 million bond issue that addresses those deficiencies, proposing a secure justice center that combines court-related offices and the Sheriff's Office, with a significantly expanded jail.

The present Courthouse poses serious safety and security threats to the public. Some of the most striking deficiencies include entrances lacking even basic security checkpoints to protect against persons entering with weapons; no separate and secure entrance for deputies escorting criminal suspects; and no way to separate inmates from students, general public, jurors, employees, and judges.

Security is not the only problem. Major safety issues

in the century-old Courthouse include hallways and backstairs so narrow they pose a serious threat in case of emergency, no automated sprinkler system, and entrances not accessible for persons with disabilities.

Safety and security are increasingly critical concerns in today's society. As a student at the University of Iowa, I believe this issue directly affects students' safety. Students using the Courthouse — whether for such things as university classes, traffic violations, voting, jury duty, or appealing fines — need to be able to do so in a secure and safe environment.

The proposed justice center would provide important safety/security measures currently lacking, as well as full accessibility for all citizens. These measures include weapon-screening checkpoints at all entrances, standard fire-suppression sprinklers, separation between public

and inmates being transported for court hearings, and full accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Johnson County is very fortunate to have avoided incidents of courthouse violence in recent years. It shouldn't take a tragedy for us to remedy these safety concerns.

So on Nov. 6, or whenever you vote between now and then, flip the ballot and vote yes to support the Johnson County justice center. We all have a right to use our justice system in a safe and secure environment.

Drew Lakin  
Iowa City resident

### RE: 'Moustafa: Niqab un-veiled'

Yours is not the point. The point is that in most parts of the Muslim world — and in ever-increasing numbers — Muslim women are forced to wear the niqab. If they do not, they are

arrested or worse. Steve Jobs dressed however he wanted, and so do any other number of successful men and women in the free world. If they want to wear suits, they can; if not, they do not have to. Islam represses freedoms, it shackles free speech, freedom of religion, freedom of choice, freedom of expression, and even freedom to dress as one would see fit.

Arafat

In the name of Allah, the most merciful, the most gracious. Peace upon all who read this. Islam is perfect. It doesn't shackle free speech; it filters it so that a Muslim is one to say only the truth and only words that would benefit the world. "Speak only if what you're going to say is more beautiful than silence" — so basically, in Islam, a Muslim should not say something to aggravate her or his brothers or neighbors (such as, say, making a disgraceful

# Doorknobs & football



By BEAU ELLIOT  
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There has been little more ludicrous in America than the "replacement" NFL refs, hard as that is to imagine in a nation that has been home to both the Kardashians and the "campaign" of Michele Bachmann.

Remember that? Me, neither.

Well, except that her husband (yeah, somebody married her) had some high-tech, hyper-mumbo-jumbo, wiz-bang plan to convert gay people into slick heterosexual robots that would produce more cars than China and China combined.

Remember the good old days before replacement refs?

At one point, the replacements did seem to be pretty much in place — but then, my doorknobs are in place, and they are probably just as knowledgeable about NFL rules as the replacements.

Which would put my doorknobs pretty much in the same category as Mitt Romney. Except that my doorknobs are not 8 points behind in the polls.

OK, when I wrote that, the replacement NFL referees seemed like oak trees or maple trees. Turns out, now they seem like oak leaves or maple leaves — turning into dust around our feet, faint memories in a culture that doesn't much value memories. Or memory.

So maybe the replacement refs can find jobs with the Boston Red Sox, who seem to specialize in employing people who don't know a thing about what they're doing.

Take Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine, for instance. Anybody. Please. He'd make a perfect replacement ref: continually mistaken, clueless about the rules or any other version of reality, and utterly obstinate in insisting that his meager slice of the universe fully describes the universe at large.

He sounds like a better running mate for Mitt Romney than Paul Ryan, who does pretty much the same thing, only without quite the vinegar. (Which

sounds rather like Terry Branstad.)

You might wonder why the universe is still at large, despite the best efforts of law enforcement. Well, the universe is quite cagey, even cagier than legendary composer John Cage, who pretty much set the definitions for cagey that legendary pianist and composer Thelonius Monk forgot to set. You can't blame Monk; he nodded off once or twice after "Ruby My Dear."

Actually, Bobby V. would make a better running mate for the Good Ship Mitt than Paul Ryan. For one thing, he could out-prickly (yes, Virginia, I know that's not a word, just as there's no — SPOILER ALERT, Cub fans — Santa Claus, and in any case, his name is not Theo) Joe Biden in a debate.

So, Mitt, you could have saved Boston fans two months of anguish had you tapped Bobby for your VP. Yes, I know, you don't much care for Boston fans, even though you were once governor of the state and signed Romneycare into law (which is Obamacare in everything but its name). We can tell you don't care about Sox fans from your waxing eloquent (yes, I know you're not familiar with those two words) about the Sox winning the Super Bowl.

Also, Bobby V. is smart enough (yeah, I know, Red Sox fans, it's been a bit difficult to tell, just from his track record this season, that Bobby is smart) that he wouldn't smack down President Obama for walking away from the Simpson-Bowles budget plan when he himself had walked away from it.

Yes, Ryan was on the Simpson-Bowles Commission, and he voted against sending its budget-cutting plan to Congress, and he was joined by enough panel members that the plan was not sent to Congress. So it's maybe a bit hypocritical to criticize Obama for not supporting the plan.

("Maybe a bit"? How about wallowing in hypocrisy?) Oh, well. Ryan's from Wisconsin. They know something about wallowing up there. Say, you know, now that the replacement refs have some time on their hands, maybe they could run for president.

I mean, they already saved the NFL. ■

than it or return it' (4:86)."

No matter what the situation or whom you are encountered with, Islam teaches us to be respectful and polite to everyone. Islam is accepting of everyone.

Islam doesn't force you to do anything; rather, it helps and teaches an individual have self control and patience. Allah gave us all free will, so I can choose to do anything I want really. However, I choose to wear hijab and choose to follow Allah as best as I can, just as Rana Moustafa chose to wear niqab out of pure faith in our God.

With regards to your example of the Muslim world, unfortunately this is kind of true. However, like I mentioned in a previous response, Islam is perfect, people are not.

I hope I shed some light on your mistaken words about Islam.

Mariam El-Hattab

# News

## JUSTICE

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"I had to do something because I couldn't see anyone else doing anything," he said. "There is opposition to this in the community. We're a really tiny group right now."

UI Professor Jeffrey Cox, who opposes the center, said he wants to make

people aware of what they might vote for.

"I think students need to know that if they vote for this justice center, then they're getting a free ticket to jail," he said.

However, the push behind the new center is rooted in needing a new facility to house more inmates because, officials say, the current facility doesn't have enough space and is in poor condition. "Last week, a judge used a

[Courthouse] library because there wasn't a courtroom available," Lyness said.

The current jail was built in 1981, and it holds 92 inmates with an average of 160-170 inmates coming into the jail per day. Johnson County has been paying \$1.3 million per year to send these inmates to other counties. "The needs are just going to increase," Lyness said.

The current jail has one staff member for every 2.3

inmates; the new jail will have one projected staff member per every 5.5 to 8.5 inmates because of the centralized pod design.

The proposed Justice Center had an initial cost estimate of \$70 million to \$80 million.

"We really have cut down considerably [on costs]," Lyness said.

However, both Cox and Baxter pointed out what they consider to be other flaws with the project be-

sides the cost.

"[The new center] will sit empty, or they will fill it up," Cox said.

Baxter believes the push for a new center is through local government, not the actual need for a new facility.

"I've never met a sheriff who didn't want a new jail," Baxter said. "The people in jail are in for petty drug offenses — we don't have a lot of violent crime in Johnson County. We

can't see ourselves as being remotely racist here."

Yet Cox said he is in support of building a jail that will house the number of inmates it currently needs to hold — not any more.

"Regardless of what size jail they have — they will fill it," Baxter said. "They are built to fill. There's big money in this. They want the jobs, and the sheriff wants the facility."

## PUMPKINS

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cause there wasn't that high moisture that diseases love," Delate said.

However, not all pumpkin patches fared so well. Honey Creek Acres of Swisher did not see a good year.

"One of our fields was hit really hard by the drought," said Mike Pilarczyk, the owner of Hon-

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ey Creek.

He estimates this year's crop dropped around 50 percent, compared with an average year, because of the drought.

"They need water," Pilarczyk said.

Ajay Nair, a professor of horticulture at Iowa State University, said the high heat combined with lack of water was detrimental.

"Growers did have a hard time growing pumpkins

this year due to excessive heat and drought conditions," he wrote in an email. "Pumpkins started well with an early and warm spring, but lack of adequate rainfall affected growth, development, and yields."

Delate believes the great difference between the two Iowa farms, only 20 miles apart, is due to the lack of uniformity in this summer's rainfall.

"It's very variable, depending on where you live and how much rain you get," Delate said. "Some

[farms] had a good crop, some had a 10-20 percent lower crop."

For many farms, the benefits of the drought were only realized if they were able to irrigate.

"Irrigation systems are very expensive. Very effective but too expensive," said Pilarczyk, who was unable to provide irrigation to his fields.

Wilson's Orchard applied irrigation systems to only about half of its pumpkins and reported no difference in the crop yield

of either section.

"When it's dry, we see great pumpkins, and when

it's wet — that's when we see disease and smaller sizes," Murdock said.

## ARAB

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because they support minorities," he said. "We are a minority as Muslims and as people from the Middle East."

UI law Professor Adrien Wing, an expert on Middle Eastern issues, also cited Obama's foreign policy as being the main deterrent for the Arab American vote.

"The Obama foreign policy has been, in many ways, a continuation of George Bush's policies," she said. "Some Arab Americans may not like the fact that United States, via NATO, was involved in Libya and yet is not doing anything about Syria."

Despite the criticism of Obama's policy, the president has, even recently, spoken about relationships with the Arab World.

"More broadly, the events of the last two weeks also speak to the need for all of

us to honestly address the tensions between the West and the Arab world that is moving toward democracy," Obama told the U.N. General Assembly last week. His speech came on the heels of turmoil in the Middle East caused by an American-made anti-Islam video.

While foreign policy may look like the obvious reason for dissent among the Arab American community, the Arab American Institute poll cites the economy as being the most important factor for the Arab American vote this year, with 89 percent of the population agreeing with the issue.

"In this election, the No. 1 issue for everyone is the economy," said James Zogby, the president of the Arab American Institute. "In Michigan, we have reverse immigration. People who came here 50 years ago, are now seeing their children and grandchildren have to go overseas to look for jobs."

Zogby said that while

Arab Americans are more concerned about foreign policy than average Americans, he believes foreign issues do not eclipse the dramatic impact of the economy that affects everyone in America.

The report may come as bad news for the Obama administration, but Arab American support for the Republican Party is also at a historical low of 22 percent.

Also, independent voters now compose 24 percent of the Arab-American vote — the highest ever.

"People are discontented with the Democrats and what Obama has done," Wing said. "On the other hand, they do not see anything, or see very little, with what the Republicans are saying. That puts them in the middle. They can't jump over to the Republican side."

Zogby said he believes most of the independents would either vote for Obama or not vote at all.

A key finding of the re-

port states more than half the Arab American community still believes they will be discriminated against because of their origin.

Wing said that in all reality — though not legal — it is more permissible to discriminate against people who look like they are from the Middle East today, than other minorities that have faced similar situations in the past.

"Honestly, I think it is a major issue," Zogby said. "The fact that profiling guidelines that were passed by the Bush administration have not been rescinded is a big problem. The tone has changed, from here in Washington, but we are still very troubled by the policies. We expect a change, but it hasn't happened."

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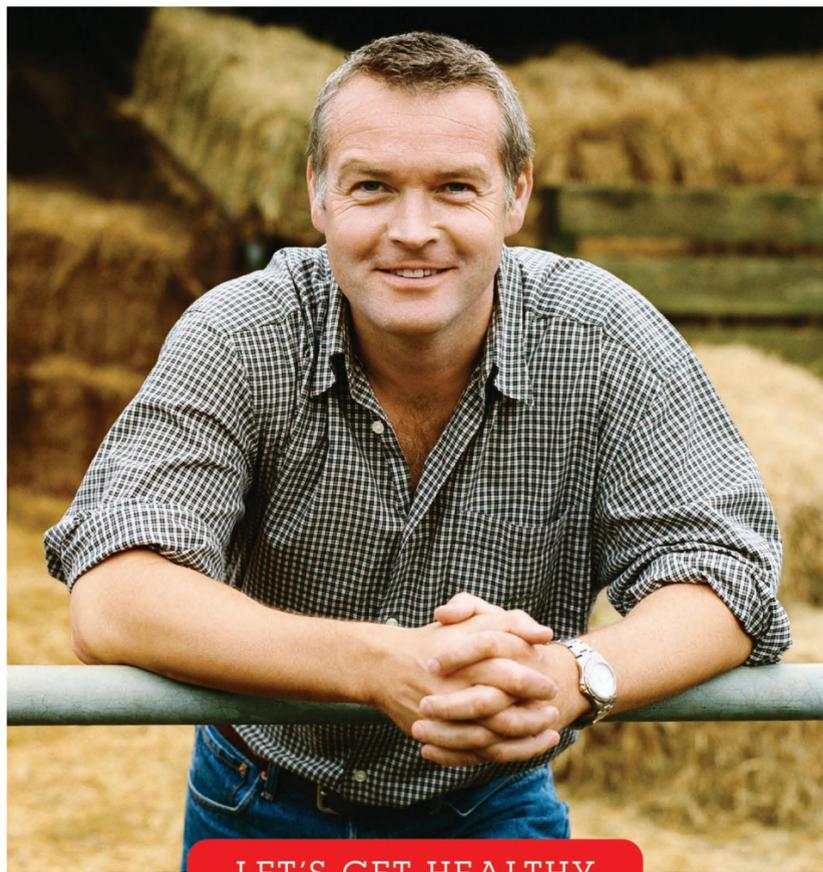
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- ... mercilessly mocking my hapless fellow Ledge authors for scribbling lame Ledges about writing the Ledge.
- ... derisively dismissing the 47 percent of losers who victimize themselves by reading the Ledge every day.
- ... about all of the unusual things that have gone into, and subsequently come out of, my dog.
- ... regarding how friggin' hard to write a totally witchin' Ledge without using any real dang swear words.
- ... threatening an explosive exposé about Coralville's sin-drenched hedonistic underbelly, unless it agrees to quash all of my library fines.
- ... hinting that I will defect to the *Press-Citizen* unless I get a key to the luxurious Ledge executive washroom.
- ... addressing my alleged penchant for hunting and eating endangered exotic animals.
- ... about how I successfully conceal the fact that I write for the Ledge from my wife, friends, and coworkers ("Duncan Stewart" is a pseudonym; my real name is Stewart Duncan (suckahs)).
- ... illustrating all the funny sounding foreign words I know, like "fahrt" ("goes" in German), "phoque" ("seal" in French), and "pisat" ("to write" in Russian).
- ... arguing forcefully that the next Ledge Christmas Party should feature strip-teasers, an open bar, and vegan dinner options. Last year there were no vegan dinner options.
- ... rapping about how a cool hipster like me keeps tuned into all the groovy things that neat-o young folks are doing right here on Space-ship Earth, man.

- Duncan Stewart thanks Ange and Molly T. for inspiration, and emphasizes that he really does care about 100 percent of all Ledge readers.

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  - 6 Musical copyright org.
  - 11 Came down with
  - 14 1998 BP acquisition
  - 15 "Phoey!"
  - 16 Can
  - 17 Opposite of an AC/DC song?
  - 20 Sellout signs
  - 21 Outdated tape format
  - 22 Light units
  - 23 Prefix with classical
  - 24 Mother of Helen, in myth
  - 25 Opposite of a Led Zeppelin number?
  - 32 Most confident
  - 33 Virginia's Washington and \_\_\_ University
  - 34 Classic actor \_\_\_ G. Carroll
  - 35 Big arcade name
  - 36 Plea at sea
  - 37 Hit hard
  - 39 Path of a pop-up
  - 40 From \_\_\_ Z
  - 41 Lea
  - 42 Opposite of a Meat Loaf tune?
  - 46 Movie-rating org.
  - 47 Baseball's Mel
  - 48 Many a young summer employee
  - 51 Crew member's handful
  - 52 Church niche
  - 56 Opposite of a Bing Crosby hit?
  - 59 Buckeyes, for short
  - 60 Golfer Sam
  - 61 \_\_\_ metabolism
- Down**
- 1 Scrooge-like cries
  - 2 V.I.P. in a robe
  - 3 An apple for Apple Inc., e.g.
  - 4 Newspaperman Adolph
  - 5 "Unbelievable!"
  - 6 "Be that as it may ..."
  - 7 Complete collections
  - 8 \_\_\_-Magnon
  - 9 Olympics competitor
  - 10 False start?
  - 11 Buckled
  - 12 "Oily oily \_\_\_ free"
  - 13 Hamiltons
  - 18 Stave off
  - 19 Asian nurse
  - 23 Not final, in law
  - 24 Cleaning agents
  - 25 Kama \_\_\_
  - 26 Chunk of land
  - 27 \_\_\_ Lingus
  - 28 Not personally engaged
  - 29 Slur over
  - 30 Give an indication (that)
  - 31 MGM founder
  - 32 Discontinued Swedish car
  - 62 Summer hrs.
  - 63 Utopias
  - 64 Traditional location of one of this puzzle's theme words

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Tech Help**, noon, Iowa City Public Library
- **"Marvelous Chinese Characters," Confucius Institute Culture for Lunch Series**, 12:15 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **English Conversation Group**, 12:30 p.m., 6 Pomerantz Family Pavilion
- **Line Dance Lessons**, 1 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **20th Annual Michael J. Brody Memorial Lecture**, "Nedd9 and Aurora-A: Integrating Multiple Signaling Pathways in Cancer and Other Pathologies," Erica Golemis, Fox Chase Cancer Center, 1 p.m., 1110 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Operator Theory Seminar**, "The Existence and Uniqueness of Coisometric Extensions," Travis Wolf, Mathematics, 1:30 p.m., 358 Van Allen
- **Math Physics Seminar**, "Electro-weak Physics at CMS," Ping Tan, Physics/Astronomy, 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Tech Zone**, 3 p.m., Pepperwood Plaza Police Substation, 1067 Highway 6 E.
- **DAAD (German Academic**

- Exchange Service) Grants Workshop**, Leslie Harlson, 3:30 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **Microbiology Seminar**, William Shafer, Emory University, 3:30 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Scoops for Scholars Ice-Cream Social**, 4 p.m., Blank Honors Center Atrium
- **Make Three Pairs of Earrings through Kirkwood Community College**, 6 p.m., Beadology Iowa, 220 E. Washington
- **Six-Week Start-Up, program for aspiring entrepreneurs**, 6-9 p.m., BioVenture Center, 2500 Crosspark Road, Coralville
- **Beasts of the Southern Wild**, 7 and 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Film Screening, Young Frankenstein**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **"Live from Prairie Light,"** James Autry, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Tango Club Practica**, 7 p.m., Senior Center
- **I-Envision Entrepreneurship Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Bedell Entrepreneurship Learning Laboratory
- **Goldenboy**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Flight School**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

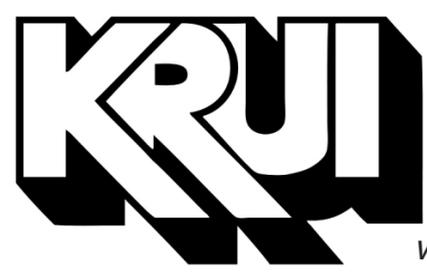
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- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 7 p.m.** Iowa Magazine No. 6, human interest stories on education, research, and service at the UI
  - 7:30** Kid Captains, UI Children's Hospital, profiles on children selected to be Kid Captains at Iowa football games
  - 8:15** Orchestra Invitational Gala Concert, *Bach Cello Suite*, Stravinsky, Copland, Mozart
  - 9** Kirk Ferentz News Conference, Iowa football coach meets with the media, presented unedited by UITV
- and Hawkeye Video
- 9:30** Daily Iowan TV News
  - 9:45** Evey, student life and activities
  - 10** Kirk Ferentz News Conference, Iowa football coach meets with the media, presented unedited by UITV and Hawkeye Video
  - 10:30** Daily Iowan TV News
  - 10:45** UI Center for New Music Celebration of John Cage Centennial, Ensemble Concert, compositions from the 1930s to the 1970s

## horoscopes

Tuesday, October 2, 2012  
- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Your ambition may bother the people around you. Find a quiet spot where you can work diligently and stay out of the way, or take your interests and head out to places where you will encounter people who share your concerns.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Share your thoughts, but be open for suggestions. Much can be accomplished if you don't allow emotional discord to stand in your way. A partnership may disappoint you if you are heading in different directions. You must fulfill your creative dreams.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Expect to have problems with a colleague. Take time out to enjoy someone's company who isn't judgmental and wants to explore activities that you find more fun. Moneymaking and friendship will lead to trouble.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Don't be a martyr. Taking on responsibilities will leave you depressed and tired. Delegate work to others so everyone can have a balance between hard work and play. Don't let a pushy client or colleague cause you to make an impulsive move.
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Marion Brown (center) plays Wii bowling at the Senior Center on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

# Institute brings China to Iowa



(From left to right) Program Coordinator at UI International Programs Erin Mullins, Iowa City Public Library librarian Candice Smith, and Yanhao Hu, a student-intern at the Confucius Institute stand near book donations made from the Confucius Institute to the Public Library. (Contributed Photo/Iowa City Public Library)

## UI Confucius Institute donates Chinese media to local libraries.

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Books printed in English and Chinese are soon to make an appearance on the shelves of local libraries, including the Iowa City Public Library, which received its donation last week.

The University of Iowa Confucius Institute began its Chinese Book Exhibition project earlier this year. The institute has hosted different lectures, festivals, and workshops throughout the year to educate the public on different aspects of China and Chinese culture. As part of this project, officials have collected and purchased hundreds of books, CDs, DVDs, and games printed in English and Chinese to donate to local libraries and schools.

Erin Mullins, a program coordinator for the UI Confucius Institute, said the group received \$30,000 from an organization based in Beijing called Hanban, the Chinese National Office for teaching Chinese as a foreign language, to fund the project.

"[We're] bridging the two cultures to help Americans have a better understanding about China," she said.

Mullins said the institute has 10 collections, some already donated and others sitting ready for donation, and each collection has close to 100 pieces of multimedia.

"[We're] just trying to get as much information as possible out to people," she said. "[And] we thought that public libraries are one of the best places for people to access materials."

A handful of local libraries and schools have accepted donations, including the Iowa City Public Library, Wellman Elementary, and St. Ambrose University.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 5.4 percent of the Johnson County population is of Asian ethnicity. A total of 1,737 Chinese students attended the UI in 2011.

Xi Ma, curriculum coordinator at the Confucius Institute, said she helped in the selection process of the materials, and she believes this project is very beneficial to the community.

"There is so limited information [community members] can have to learn about China," Ma said. "There is a need out there. People are curious about China."

Ma said this is why most of the materials are printed in English or in both Chinese and English. The main audiences for the donations are Americans with a curiosity about China, therefore English print is considered important.

Barbara Black, collection services coordinator of the Iowa City Public Library, said officials are very excited to have accepted the donation.

"Our mission is to share information about the world," Black said.

She said the library often accepts donations from different organiza-

tions and they are glad to do so in order to get the information out there. The library already has a collection of books about different languages and printed in different language, so the donation will fit nicely.

Jean Hussey, a faculty member who teaches Chinese in the Wellman Elementary School of the Mid-Prairie School District, said she received a donation and was excited for the many children's books, games and art instructional books available for her to use.

The school began teaching Chinese six years ago, when it received a federal grant, but since then, the federal money has run out, and Hussey said she needs new materials.

Each donated collection contains materials for children and adults. After taking the materials beneficial to her students, she took the rest of the materials to the Kalona Public Library on Monday.

"We have a very small multilingual collection, so this will be added to the collection to be available to the community," Anne Skaden, director of the Kalona Public Library, said.

Hussey took approximately 15 materials from the collection for use at the school and about 25 items were leftover for the library. The library intends to contact the Confucius Institute for more children's material as well.

"I appreciate the Confucius Institute for contacting us," Skaden said. "I think it's going to be a wonderful addition to the library."

# Planners map out IC future at open house



This artistic rendering shows proposed changes to a section of the Riverfront Crossings District. A draft of downtown and Riverfront Crossings plan was presented during an open house at City Hall. (Contributed Photo/City of Iowa City)

By BRENT GRIFFITHS  
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Images of cities from San Antonio to Portland flashed across the screen as residents of Iowa City viewed the draft plan for downtown and Riverfront Crossings during an open house Monday evening.

"You look to Minneapolis and Omaha especially in this area and balance those with local suggestions," said Doug Bisson, vice president of community planning and urban design at HDR, a firm that consulted on the plan. "So we try to come up with key framework, and ideas that work anywhere."

The draft plan included proposals such as an art district in the Gilbert Street area, a grand promenade connecting downtown Iowa City with a previously proposed park at the site of the wastewater treatment plant, and a focus on better using the Iowa River and Ralston Creek.

"The city kind of turns its back to the river, and our goal is to make it more public and more usable," senior city planner Robert Miklo said after the meeting.

Iowa City residents and business owners were generally in favor of the plan but expressed concern about the time frame for completion.

"I think it's a really good plan; it's just going to take a long time to implement, because there's a lot of infrastructure there, and a lot of current buildings," community member Jessica Clark said.

One resident said she was concerned about the project's affect on the history of the area.

"I'm concerned about the ambiance of the area, and if it would be overbuilt or overcrowded," Holly Hart said before the presentation. "I would

like to keep more historic buildings, and we don't have to have huge high rises or extremely expensive stores."

Bisson said during the presentation the plan intends to preserve as many of the historic buildings as possible.

"[Historic buildings] are an important part of the fabric of downtown; [we will] work to try to really maintain those structures," he said.

He mentioned three properties: the Sabin School, Dubuque Street Cottages, and Tate Arms.

Planners involved in the draft stressed the long-term nature of the plan. Although, Miklo said, the park project should start sometime after 2014 and agreed with Bisson that short-term goals exist.

"It's a long-term plan of 15 to 20 years," Bisson said. "In the short term, there's some low-hanging fruit including building confidence in the development."

Other community

members expressed concern about the possible cost of the plan. Miklo said exact cost estimates for portions of the plan were not yet available but stressed the "community needs to invest in making [the plan] a reality."

"[The money] has to come from someplace," said Donna Hamm, the owner of Hamm's Home Interiors, 1134S. Gilbert St. "Somebody, a developer or landlord, will have to make a significant investment in his or her current property to help this happen."

The next step for the plan is for it to appear in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission, but planners stress the flexibility of the plan, stating nothing was final.

"We're trying to captivate people, and we want to show you what it could be but it doesn't have to be," Jeff Davidson, the director Iowa City's Planning and Development Department, said before ending the presentation.

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# Texas connection spurs V-ball

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The Iowa volleyball team has a noticeable Texas influence. Assistant coach Jason Allen and juniors Rachael Bedell, Chanté Thompson, and Bethany Yeager hail from the Lone Star State and have all brought some of the South with them to Iowa.

Allen, who was hired before the 2008 season, coached club volleyball and gained fame while in Texas. His numerous stops as a coach and recruiting coordinator allowed him to make connections with such players as Yeager and Bedell, a former *Daily Iowan* employee.

"[Texas] is much bigger than Iowa, and there are so many more volleyball players," Allen said. "There's a lot of competition in Texas, and that generates a lot of good volleyball."

There are more than 25,000,000 people in Texas; 27 percent of the population is under 18 years of age, which creates the opportunity for consistent high-school, recruits in sports such as football, basketball, and volleyball.

"In high-school competition is really high; you have to come out every single day ready to play," Brenham, Texas, native Yeager said. "Playing at that level in high school and in club, with Jason, prepared me mentally and physically for college. A lot of those players who I



Iowa outside hitter and Texas native Rachael Bedell celebrates after scoring a point in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sept. 29. Michigan State swept Iowa, 3-0. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

played against are playing in college now, and I get to play against them in the Big Ten."

The number of people in one state leads to higher competition and eventually better recruits.

"Where I and Rachael played, everyone learned each position," Hurst, Texas, native Thompson said. "Rachael used to play every position, and I used to play two. That eventually molded us to have a high volleyball IQ. For us, it was learning volleyball IQ first, then learning a position."

Allen was able to take advantage of the talent by being able to coach and eventually recruit some of his players to play for the Hawkeyes.

"The connections that I have from Texas are help-

ing and have helped us a lot in recruiting," he said.

The assistant coach was able to connect with the three current Hawkeyes because he coached Yeager for a season, and their Texas Tornados team faced Bedell's and Thompson's side seven times in one year.

Since coming to Iowa, Allen has been able to help bring in nationally honored recruiting classes. But recruiting is just a part of how Texas has influenced the Iowa volleyball team, because the now-upperclassmen have had to adjust from the Southern way of life to the Midwest.

In two-plus seasons at Iowa, each woman has had a different experience.

After a strong freshman campaign, Bedell strug-

gled in her second year. Her playing time was reduced, as was Thompson's — although that reduction had much to do with a nagging knee injury. Both, however, have rebounded and have consistently started for the Hawkeyes in their third year.

Yeager, on the other hand, has only missed one set in her career as a Hawkeye (289-290). She has also been climbing the Iowa career digs list; she is ranked sixth and is on pace to leave school as the all-time leader.

"To see them grow as women, not just volleyball players, and mature and starting to see them think about their future outside of college is rewarding," Allen said.

## HARRIERS

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good at and what we aren't good at," she said. "He tells me to stick with Lisa [Gordon], don't lose sight of her. And then he tells Lisa to stick with me through the middle, and then towards the finish line, we duke it out. He has us help each other that way."

According to some harriers, the strategy doesn't just result in better indi-

vidual scores, it helps Iowa's overall result as well.

"We just want the least amount of space between our No. 1 and No. 7 runners," senior Kelsey Hart said. "Because if we're closer together, we can move up together and place high in the meets."

Saliba emphasized the effectiveness of the strategy during the middle part of a race. There seems to be the thinking that some runners start well because of excitement, then slow down significantly in the later part of the race.

"Once you get to the middle, you have to push through, because a lot of people tend to slow down during that middle mile," she said. "The lactic acid builds, and a lot of people break down during the middle, but when you have your teammates, it helps to push each other."

The packs are distributed based on the quality of runners and how they are able to finish. Graduate student Marieke Schrulle, Beattie, and Hart and Megan Ranegar form the first pack, which is seen as the

higher placing, more competitive group of runners.

The second pack consists of a predominantly younger group, with senior leader Nicole Benson and freshman harriers Courtney Martin, Saliba, and Lisa Gordon.

"The older girls mentor us newcomers, they help us out because we're new to it," Saliba said. "The chemistry is good. Because we have those groups that bring our race together, and that's what makes us successful [as a team]."

## MEN'S GOLF

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Association allows golfers playing for the Iowa golf team to take part in state events such as the Iowa Amateur or Iowa Open tournaments, even if they're from another state.

Hankins said some Hawkeye golfers stay in Iowa City over the summer

to golf in the Iowa tournaments instead of golfing in their home state or country.

But coming together as a team hasn't been difficult. Winslow said the athletes are similar enough in their Midwestern backgrounds that they have more in common than not.

"Because they're all Midwestern players, they often play in the same tournaments," Hankins said. "They're good enough

that they've played in a lot of national level tournaments. At Iowa, they'll get the experience of traveling as a team and growing together as adults."

When looking for players to recruit, Hankins said, the Hawks try to pluck the top player from each state in the Midwest. But the head coach looks for more than just athletic skill when scouting.

Hankins searches for

golfers who have the attitude and personality that will mesh best with the team he's trying to create. He said regardless of the state the players come from, they try to get the best players.

"We usually look for Midwestern kids who understand we've been a pretty good golf team for the last four years," Hankins said. "They want to be a part of a great program."

## DEPALMA

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The winter weather of the Midwest may not faze DePalma, but the adjustments that she'll have to make in her golf game are a whole different story. In California and Hawaii, DePalma was able to work on her swing nearly year-round. In Iowa, that's not exactly the case. DePalma's confident, though, that with the help of her team and coaching staff, her transition should be seamless.

"The team has already given me a heads up

on what we do when it snows or when the course is closed," she said. "We have indoor facilities, and they're building the new indoor facility at Finkbine Golf Course as well."

The new facility at Finkbine to which she referred is a brand-new, \$1.8 million building that will give both the Iowa women's and men's teams a place to work on their game during the winter. The building includes performance studios as well as the V-1 Video Swing Analysis System, which will allow players to analyze their swings with digital recordings.

"The weather is obviously an adjustment, but being

at Iowa gives us so much opportunity to work on our game regardless of the weather," DePalma said.

Seeing snow on the golf course isn't the only adjustment DePalma has had to make in her first semester at Iowa.

"Anytime you come to a new school, you have to meet new people. She's had to get used to the campus and the golf course," assistant coach Laura Cilek said. "We're just trying to help her do that right now."

DePalma pointed to one teammate in particular who has helped to simplify her adjustment.

"Kristi Cardwell has

taken me under her wing. She's been there to tell me what to expect and what's expected of me," DePalma said. "The girls gave her the nickname 'Mama Hawk,' and she's really lived up to that."

DePalma has not competed for the Hawkeyes in tournament play yet, but she expects to compete when the coaches believe she's fully adjusted.

"The team has helped push me to the highest competitive level of golf that I can get to," DePalma said. "If we continue to do that for each other, we'll be successful in everything we do."

## HAWKEYE SPORTS

### Dunn, Swank head to Tulsa tournament

Iowa tennis doubles team Garret Dunn and Michael Swank will travel to Tulsa, Okla., to compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Championships at the University of Tulsa.

The No. 55 duo in the country begins competition in the qualifying bracket today; the Hawkeyes must win four matches in two days in order to qualify for the main draw. A field of 32 doubles teams will compete in the single-elimination main draw beginning on Oct. 4.

Dunn and Swank have not played an official match together this year, and this will be the first competition for Swank this fall. Dunn played in two singles matches at the Penn Invitational and lost both.

Assistant coach Steve Nash stressed the importance of

getting a fast start this season against top talent in the country.

"It's good to play some tournaments with nationally ranked guys," he said. "If you get your ranking up high in the fall, it tends to allow you to stay high all year."

— by Kevin Glueck

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## THE BOX SCORE

## What a rush for Hawks



Iowa running back Mark Weisman rushes against Minnesota in Kinnick on Sept. 29. Weisman had 1 touchdown in the Hawkeyes' 31-13 victory over the Gophers. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Mark Weisman had more yards in first three games as a runner than any stretch Shonn Greene put together in his 2008 Doak Walker-winning season.

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*The Box Score is a weekly segment in which a Daily Iowan football reporter uses statistics to contextualize Iowa football's performance over the course of a season.*

Mark Weisman has been good for the last three games. But exactly how good? Here's a look at his numbers and few others:

**Weisman rushing yards per last three games: 169**

Weisman has 507 rushing yards since taking over as Iowa's top ballcarrier. That is second best in the nation over that span, and it puts him in rare company in school history as well.

Marcus Coker averaged 106 yards per game on his way to an All-Big Ten second-team selection last year. Shonn Greene tallied 142 yards per game in his Doak Walker-winning 2008 season. And Greene's best three-game stretch from that season was 489 yards — 18 fewer than what Weisman has produced.

The bruising sophomore is also gaining more than 7 yards on average every time he carries the ball. That's

almost a full yard more than Greene's 2008 campaign and more than 2 yards above Coker last season.

It remains to be seen whether Weisman can run like this for the whole year or against defenses like Michigan State or Ohio State. But his three-game run has been historically good.

**Net yards per punt: 33.5**

The Hawkeyes were the Big Ten's best punting team last season, with an average of 38.5 yards netted per punt.

This season, under true freshman Connor Kornbrath, the Hawkeyes have seen that ranking drop off to 11th in the conference and 100th nationally. Kornbrath is averaging just 36.3 yards on 17 punts, although a Sept. 15 punt against Northern Iowa hurts that average. Kornbrath kicked the ball only 25 yards through the air, and then it bounced back toward the line of scrimmage. Kornbrath himself downed the punt for a net of 11 yards.

Senior John Wienke, however, is excelling in his new, highly specialized role. Wienke is Iowa's designated short-yardage punter, kicking the ball when the Hawkeyes need to pin it in opponent territory. Out of Wienke's sev-

en punts, five have been downed inside the 20-yard line — two inside the five.

**Turnover margin: plus-7**

After forcing four turnovers and committing none against Minnesota on Sept. 29, the Hawkeyes have jumped to the top of the conference and to 14th nationally in this stat. Iowa's defense has come up with 10 takeaways this season, and its secondary has intercepted four passes.

The Hawkeyes' active threesome of starting linebackers — James Morris, Christian Kirksey, and Anthony Hitchens — are responsible for four of those takeaways in addition to 143 total tackles.

Although James Vandenberg and Iowa's passing game have struggled to move the ball, the senior quarterback does not seem to commit turnovers. The Iowa offense has turned the ball over just three times this season. Vandenberg only has 2 interceptions, both in a loss to Iowa State. In fact, he has only been intercepted 9 times in the last two seasons in 563 passes.

As a team that does not have a high-powered offense, Iowa needs to find ways to get good field position. Winning the turnover battle always helps.

## Golfers hail from all over

The Iowa men's golf team is made up of players from many different states.

By **TOMMY REINKING**  
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The season before Mark Hankins took over as the head coach of Iowa men's golf team, in 2006, the team had 13 players, all from Iowa. When Hankins arrived, his hyper-local squad hailed from nearby places such as Cedar Rapids, Coralville, and even Iowa City proper.

Seven years later, the club sports seven athletes from five different states and one from Thailand. Diversifying the roster has been the name of the game for Hankins.

"They all have their different interests and different backgrounds," the six-year coach said. "And they help each other learn. One thing we do have is a lot of Midwestern kids."

In 2007, the first year with Hankins at the helm, the Hawks had seven players from Iowa. The next season, there were only four.

This season's Black and Gold golf crew has only two players from Iowa and two from Illinois. The remaining players are from Missouri, Kansas, Ohio, and Bangkok, Thailand.

Iowa native Steven Ihm said having players from different locales is essential to creating a winning program.



Iowa golfer Steven Ihm gives an interview during men's golf media day at Finkbine Golf Course on Sept. 13. Ihm is one of two members of the men's golf team who comes from Iowa. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

"It's hard to make a good team with players from only one state," the junior said. "There's generally only one or two quality golfers from each state, so you have to go out-of-state and get them."

Hankins said that each player brings his distinct flavor to the squad. Having many different experiences on the many different styles of courses gives the team advantages whenever it plays somewhere new.

For instance, Joseph Winslow, who hails from Overland Park, Kan., said the type of grass he's played on for

most of his life is different from the grass on most courses the Hawkeyes play on.

"Everyone notices different things in different areas," the sophomore said. "I'm used to hitting off of zoysia grass, and everyone else is used to bent grass. When we play on a course with zoysia grass, I can show everyone how best to hit off of it."

Another attractive aspect to out-of-state swingers is that the Iowa Golf

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## Pack mentality aids Hawks

By **LEVI LYNOTT**

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The women's cross-country team isn't just a cast of individuals who separate during meets to try to better their individual times. Instead, they stick together for most of a meet in order to improve each other's habits, as well as improve the team's overall outcome.

Sophomore Kayla Beattie noted that this team atmosphere carries over into the meet and improves the runners' comfort level while running in front of other teams.

"Cross-country races are usually more than 100 people competing," she said. "So when you have teammates whom you train with every day and you see them in the meet, it gives you confidence. The meet isn't as big as 100 people — it's just like practice."

Freshman Cindy Saliba said the strategy helps teammates with different habits, so that they can stay strong through the toughest parts of the race and not burn out.

"Personally, I start out a little bit slower at the beginning of a race, and Lisa Gordon comes out fast, which reflects our running styles," she said.

This is why head coach Layne Anderson executes the buddy-system strategy, she said.

"[Anderson] focuses on what we are

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## From sunshine to Hawkshine

By **RYAN PROBASCO**

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No one could have predicted that Anna DePalma would eventually become a Hawkeye.

After growing up in warm San Clemente, Calif., she decided to pursue golf collegiately at the University of Hawaii. Two years into being a Warrior she knew she needed a change.

"She was unhappy with her current situation on her team," Iowa women's golf coach Megan Menzel said. "She was curious about her other options, and Iowa seemed to really interest her."

After mulling her options, DePalma decided that Iowa, the complete opposite of what had been normal to her, was the right choice.

"I really fell in love with the team and the coaching staff," she said. "They really opened themselves up and made me feel like a part of the family before I had even committed. It just felt like home."

She soon realized Iowa was much different from "home."

"It was actually snowing when she came out to visit," assistant coach Laura Cilek said. "She didn't seem to mind the cold, though. So that's when we knew this could be the right place for her."

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## Another hole-in-one for Hawkeyes

Hawkeye sophomore Shelby Phillips recorded a hole-in-one for the Iowa women's golf team on Monday in the second round of the Johnnie Imes Invitational at the University of Missouri. Iowa (plus 27) is sixth among the 19 teams, although the Hawkeyes are 22 strokes behind leader SMU (plus 5).

Phillips' shot marked the second-straight tournament in which Iowa has recorded an ace. The details of the holes-in-one:

• Phillips — Par-3, 16th hole, 112 yards, 9-iron in the Johnnie Imes Invitational at the Club at Old Hawthorne (Oct. 1)

• Kristi Cardwell, senior — Par-3, eighth hole, 137 yards, 7-iron at the Championship Golf Course at the University of New Mexico (Sept. 17)



DePalma