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Ryan Grant, vice president of the Billiards Club, sets up his next shot at the Robert E. Lee Recreation Center on Tuesday. The Billiards Club aims to provide a venue for students to play pool outside of downtown bars. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

Roughly 25 people attended the first Iowa City Billiards Club meeting Sept. 18.

By **MATT STARNS**
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A new student organization on campus aims to make playing pool in an alcohol-free environment easier.

The Iowa City Billiards Club held its third meeting Tuesday evening. University of Iowa junior DJ Trunnell, the president of the club, said he created the student organization with Vice President and UI senior Ryan Grant after realizing there was no club devoted to playing pool and billiards. Trunnell and Grant are members of the UI's chapter of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

"In our fraternity, we're required to be in an organization outside of the fraternity, on campus," he said. So and he and Grant reviewed the options and decided to start their own club.

Grant, a UI senior majoring in biomedical engineering, said the first meeting of the billiards club — hosted at the Lambda Chi fraternity house — drew more attention

than he had expected.

"We had a pretty good turnout with our first meeting, upwards of 25 people," he said, and the high interest in the club prompted them to move the club's future meetings to the Robert A. Lee Community Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert St.

He said the center offers more tables and a larger space for the group than the Lambda Chi house.

Kelly Bender, the UI campus community harm-reduction initiatives coordinator, said the billiards club is an opportunity for students to socialize and have fun without the involvement of alcohol.

"Something like this, it just provides an opportunity to do something different," she said. "It seems to replicate a lot of the things people like about being in a bar at

SEE **POOL**, 3

UISG backs tuition freeze

The Iowa State University Student Government is also in favor of a tuition freeze for the next school year.

By **NICK HASSETT**
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The University of Iowa Student Government officially endorsed the proposed tuition freeze Tuesday evening, and student leaders say doing so will encourage the state Board of Regents universities to implement the policy sooner.

Though some senators expressed concerns during discussion, the Senate unanimously voted to support the tuition freeze, which would hold in-state tuition at the current level for the 2013-14 school year, and urged the state Legislature to approve a 2.5 percent increase in state funding for the university to help offset the cost of the tuition freeze.

UISG President Nic Pottebaum said the endorsement will be helpful to getting the tuition-freeze measure approved and getting the state Legislature to pass the funding increase proposal.

"UISG's support is instrumental in this proposal. It shows the university's position is to keep costs low for students, and we hope the legislature will support our effort," he said.

Sen. Jerry Gao had concerns about the repercussions in the future of freezing tuition.

"So we freeze tuition now, and what happens the next year," he said. "Will 2014's tuition be 7 percent higher?"

Sen. Hannah Walsh, one of the bill's sponsors, dismissed these concerns, saying she doesn't believe there would be a significant tu-

SEE **TUITION**, 3

City council open to street cafés

The Iowa City City Council passed a resolution on the street/sidewalk café ordinance.

By **NATE OTJEN**
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Restaurants and bars in Iowa City now have the opportunity to take their business to the streets.

The Iowa City City Council on Tuesday night unanimously approved a resolution that will permit businesses to construct street cafés. The resolution also added rules to the ordinance regarding the size and configuration of such cafés.

Further, the councilors' decision provides guidelines for how close sidewalk cafés — which the city already permits — may come to city planters.

City Councilor Jim Throgmorton said he favors street cafés in Iowa City. "It's a terrific idea — it will enhance the vitality of downtown," he said. "I fully support the idea," he said.

But he also expressed some concern about the issue of the sidewalk cafés' proximity to planters.

"I'll probably support [the new guidelines], but I want to hear what the other councilors have to say," he said be-



People sit in the patio area outside of Bo James' restaurant on Washington St. on Tuesday. The Iowa City Council approved the final reading of an ordinance allowing expanded patio space for restaurants in the downtown district. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

fore the meeting.

In September, councilors passed a sidewalk café ordinance that sparked conversation about the regulation of outdoor seating.

At that meeting, the council voted unanimously to remove regulation of sidewalk cafés from the city code and make it an administrative code. It in-

cluded an administrative policy on how to handle the current sidewalk cafés and it added flexibility to expand sidewalk cafés around planters.

Nearly 30 businesses in Iowa City could be affected by the sidewalk and street café ordinance.

SEE **CAFES**, 3

District eyes funding

By **LAUREN COFFEY**
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Talk of reallocating local-option tax funds has been a contentious issue for the Iowa City School District and community members for the last few months. Now, officials have proposed using state-controlled funds instead of the locally controlled money to deal with the allocation decision.

School Board members on Tuesday night discussed an option called a general obligation bond, which could give the district access to \$100 million from future funding sources. Officials also discussed a bond option that is based on enrollment.

"I really feel as a growing district our community needs a quality learning environment," Chief Financial Officer Craig Handel said. "As far as a model goes, it doesn't matter if we de-fund or don't de-fund, we can borrow money."

The district currently uses a "pay as you go project," in which officials only spend sales-tax money that has been received and is in the bank. The current system has \$32 million set aside for a new high school and \$20 million for construction on the elementary schools.

The School Board unanimously voted to bring the options to Superintendent Steve Murley, who was absent from Tuesday's meeting.

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New UI QuickCare clinic opens on Iowa City West Side

By **TIERRA SIMPSON**
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University of Iowa officials opened a fourth UI QuickCare location on Aug. 15, and officials say it will help meet the community's increasing demand for health services.

"Compared with the summer before, the number of patient visits has continued to increase by an average of 16.8 percent," UI spokesman Tom Moore said. "So obviously, the demand is there, the demand is growing, the need is obvious, and we're just doing our best to meet that demand in the community."

The latest QuickCare to open is located at 767 Mormon Trek Blvd., and it will serve the West Side of Iowa City and provide the same health services as other QuickCare locations. "We try to place the QuickCares on different sides of town so that we are serving the community no matter where they live," clinic manager Connie Phommaly said.

QuickCare is an acute-care walk-in facility that does not require an appointment. The clinic provides health care to anyone in the community and sees people as young as 6 months old.

"It provides additional options for patients who have conditions that wouldn't necessarily require a trip to the emergency room," Moore said. "It's an additional access and convenience for patients."

Phommaly agrees the



The latest UI QuickCare facility with walk in appointments available is located at 767 Mormon Trek Blvd. on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

UI QuickCare

UI QuickCare clinics locations:

- University Capitol Center
- 3645 Mulberry Ave., Muscatine
- 2510 Corridor Way, Suite 6A, Coralville
- 767 Mormon Trek Blvd.
- 1843 Lower Muscatine Road

Source: UIHC website

clinic is yet another source for health care.

"We don't want to take place of anybody's primary-care provider," she said.

UI second-year medical student Tana Friesth thinks the new clinic will benefit the community.

"I think using QuickCare takes away some of the demand placed on the emergency room," she said. "A lot of people need

medical care quickly without making an appointment, and some of those people end up at the ER for things that don't need to be taken care of there. [QuickCare] can fill that demand."

After being sick all week, UI junior Lindsey Hanson went to the clinic in the University Capitol Center to find out if she had something more than cold.

"It didn't take too long for me to get in, but when I was done with my appointment, the waiting room was full of people," she said.

Hanson predicted the new QuickCare will help with the traffic in the clinic.

"Opening a new one will help out the congestion,

and it will allow people to be seen faster," she said.

Typically, each individual QuickCare services 25 to 30 patients per day, Phommaly said. Officials project they will see 30 to 35 patients per day at the new location on Mormon Trek.

The new QuickCare location has seen success so far.

"It's doing very well," Phommaly said. "I think on the West Side of town is not a part of town that we've touched yet. We are seeing a lot of people in that community."

Moore predicts QuickCare demand will continue to grow.

"QuickCare clinics continue to be very popular, and we anticipate that their popularity will continue to increase," he said.

METRO

City reports interest in Gilbert/College site

Interested parties have submitted 10 requests for proposals about the construction of a building at the intersection of Gilbert and College Streets.

City staff will spend the next week to 10 days examining the proposals and will then release the information to the city.

The staff committee will review the proposals after this process is complete and then recommend a group of finalists to the Iowa City City Council.

"The whole process could take a couple of months," city transportation planner John Yapp said.

There are three lots in this location — one used to be a Greyhound depot and before that, a gas station. There has been talk of building a hotel, entertainment venue, or a grocery store in the location, Yapp said.

The New Pioneer Co-op is interested in moving out of its current location, 22 S. Van Buren St., and relocating to this location using the building as multi-use facility, Yapp said.

— by Nathaniel Otjen

City Council backs justice center

The Iowa City City Council passed a resolution on Tuesday in support of the language used on the referendum for the proposed Johnson County justice center.

The vote passed 6-1, with City Councilor Jim Throgmorton opposing the measure.

City Councilor Rick Dobyms, who voted in support of the referendum, said, "There was a previous attempt at passing a similar center years ago, but it was defeated. The improved version is now in front of us. I'm very much for the Justice Center."

City Councilor Susan Mims also favored the center.

"I'm convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt that it has to be done," she said. "This is something this community needs to do. We just have to do it."

Throgmorton, however, believes that some answers haven't been addressed about the proposed project, and he wasn't persuaded that the proposed center needed to be as large as the plans indicate.

"Maybe all of you are in full agreement," he said. "I'm not

sure what I think."

Throgmorton is concerned about the number of people who have been arrested and also about who has been arrested for which specific reasons.

"Even if something were done that resulted for fewer arrests, you still have the basic safety and space issues to contend with," Mayor Matt Hayek said in response to Throgmorton's concerns. "The situation down there is dire. It's a very serious issue."

A representative from the local group called Yes for Justice spoke in favor of the proposed center Tuesday night.

The proposed Center would cost \$46.8 million; Johnson County citizens will be able to vote on the issue on Nov. 6.

— Nathaniel Otjen

UISG backs justice center

The University of Iowa Student Government officially expressed its support for the proposed Johnson County justice center Tuesday evening, although several senators opposed the endorsement.

The resolution endorsing the proposed center passed with only two "nay" votes.

Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek said the current jail was not adequate for the county's needs.

"We simply don't have enough room for people who get arrested," he said.

"We can't provide a safe and secure environment for them and our staff."

As previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*, the current jail was built in 1981; it has a capacity of 92 inmates but sees 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, and Pulkrabek says the proposed justice center would be able to contain those inmates, and more.

"We want something that will allow the growth of Johnson County for the next 10 or 20 years," he said.

"It's no different from grocery shopping; people don't get groceries two or three times a day, you plan for weeks in advance."

— by Nick Hasset

BLOTTER

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

Jamie Baldwin, 20, 360 Ridgeland Ave. Apt. 4, was charged Sept. 15 with presence in a bar after hours.

Joshua Bear, 26, Marshalltown, Iowa, was charged Sept. 30 with second-offense possession of a controlled substance and public intoxication.

Morgan Bierman, 20, 270 E. Court St. Apt. 203, was charged Sept. 30 with public intoxication.

Darla Blair, 42, 628 N. Linn St. Apt. 3, was charged Oct. 2 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kevin Brummond, 19, McHenry, Ill., was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication and falsifying driver's licenses.

Bryan Buck, 19, Rockford, Ill., was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication.

Kyle Colletier, 22, 416 S. Linn St. Apt. 3, was charged Oct. 1 with fifth-degree theft.

Ashley Ernst, 26, Mount Vernon, Iowa, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

John Finan, 18, 4132 Burge, was charged Sept. 29 with PAULA and possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Nicolle Fischer, 36, Stout, Iowa, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Thayne Good, 54, Camanche, Iowa, was charged Sept. 29 with public urination.

Aaramis Gore, 18, Des Moines, was charged Sept. 30 with falsifying driver's licenses and possession of a controlled substance.

Brandon Herman, 18, 826D Mayflower, was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication.

Nolan Ireland, 18, Arlington, Ill., was charged Sept. 30 with public intoxication.

Zachary Johnson, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication.

Robert Jones, 36, Coralville, was charged Oct. 2 with disorderly conduct.

Jennifer Juchem, 19, Oelwien, Iowa, was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication.

Kathleen Kelly, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication.

Amy Maxey, 21, 912 Gilbert Court, was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication.

Corey McMillian, 19, Des Moines, was charged Sept. 30 with possession of a controlled substance.

Trisha Meyers, 39, Jessup, Iowa,

was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication and possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Elhag Mohammed, 31, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 30 with public intoxication.

Christopher Mouw, 30, Aurora, Ill., was charged Sept. 29 with OWI.

Kyle Murray, 20, Mankato, Minn., was charged Sept. 29 with possession of a controlled substance and public intoxication.

Blake Newton, 18, 919 Rienow, was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication.

Spencer Osborn, 19, 522 E. Burlington St. Apt. 8, was charged Sept. 30 with simple assault.

Kevin Pavesic, 22, Oak Forest, Ill., was charged Sept. 30 with public intoxication.

Anthony Peak, 20, Wheeling, Ill., was charged Sept. 30 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

William Quinby, 18, E006 Hillcrest, was charged Sept. 30 with public intoxication.

Braden Ramm, 18, Eden Prairie, Minn., was charged Sept. 30 with public intoxication.

William Reed, 28, Davenport, was charged Oct. 1 with second-offense OWI.

Michelle Roe, 30, 313 Cherokee

Trail, was charged Oct. 1 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Moses Rogers, 18, 635C Mayflower, was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication.

Adam Smith, 27, Bloomington, Minn., was charged Sept. 30 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Michael Smith, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication.

Myles Tornow, 18, 4304 Burge, was charged Sept. 30 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Robert Travers, 19, 5304 Parklawn, was charged Sept. 30 with PAULA.

Zachary Vaassen, 18, Dubuque, was charged Sept. 30 with possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.

Julietta Venegas, 39, West Liberty, was charged April 26 with identity theft.

Dwayne White, 25, Coralville, was charged Oct. 1 with fifth-degree theft.

Chelsea Wilharm, 25, North Liberty, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Joseph Zander, 20, Lakeville, Minn., was charged Sept. 29 with public intoxication, falsifying driver's licenses, and PAULA.

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In the Oct. 2 article "Arab Support for Obama drops," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported the Arab American Institute poll showed a 15 percent decrease in registered Arab American Democrats. There was in fact an 8 percent decrease in the number of Arab American Democrats and a 15 percent decrease in number of people who supported Obama as the presidential candidate in 2008. The *DI* regrets the error.

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mosphere. Not everybody wants to go out and get drunk every weekend."

Bender said the club might also be important for bar owners looking to protect themselves from the liability of hosting underage patrons after hours.

"I think the overwhelming majority of bars and

restaurants are socially responsible and are happy to have young people involved in activities," she said. "And they don't need to have them in their bar drinking."

Terry French, owner of Sam's Pizza, 441 S. Gilbert St., said he anticipates little disruption of his business because of the club's focus on keeping play away from the bars.

"I don't think it's a big concern," he said. "I think it's good for kids to have a

place to go."

Grant said concerns about the connection between bar culture and pool and billiards were raised when he and Trunnell proposed the new organization to the UI Student Government.

"They were worried that we were going to be playing at the bar," he said. "They didn't want to sponsor an organization that's at a bar."

Grant said he and Trunnell offered the Lambda

Chi house — which has a pool table — as the club's original meeting location, and the club was approved. He stressed, however, that the club is not only for students involved in greek life.

"It's a pretty good distribution," he said. "It's not just us."

Overall, Grant said he and Trunnell hope the club will grow to be a dynamic student organization. He said they'll focus on holding weekly meetings this

semester, but he hopes to host some competitive play and possibly reach out to other schools for some intramural competition next semester.

He said the most important thing, however, is getting students involved.

"One of the things with the club is just getting people playing pool, because a lot of people don't have access to a table," he said. "It's about learning the game."

Iowa City Billiards Club

The Iowa City Billiards Club meets Tuesday evenings at Robert A. Lee Recreation Center at 7 p.m.

- The club is a registered student organization.
- Players of all experience levels are welcome.
- The club's next meeting will be 7 p.m. Oct. 9.

Source: Iowa City Billiards Club Vice President Ryan Grant

CAFES

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Gina Landau, owner of the Brown Bottle, 115 E. Washington St., said she and her husband have some reservations about the ordinance but definitely support it.

"[My husband and I] definitely enjoy hav-

ing sidewalk cafés in the downtown area," Landau told *The Daily Iowan* on Sept. 4. "It enhances the downtown to sit outside and enjoy the beautiful weather."

The discussion over street cafés includes several provisions that businesses have to follow. A business cannot operate a street café if it has enough space — 120 square feet

or more — to build a café on the sidewalk in front of the establishment.

In addition, a business owner must build a street café such that a 4-foot buffer separates it from any surrounding object. Further, no street café can occupy more than 30 percent of that block's total parking space. Finally, the resolution states street cafés can't be located in loading

zones and must be on a platform above the street.

Despite Tuesday's 7-0 vote, City Councilor Rick Dobyms said he is concerned about the problems the street cafés could bring.

"I'm concerned that it might be too complex," he said. "It's more complex because you have to set the boundaries of restaurants with the boundaries

of parking spaces."

Dobyms said he is concerned this might affect the number of applications the city receives by February. The due date for applications for a street café is Feb. 1.

The City Council may consider loosening the requirements if officials don't receive enough applications by the deadline, Dobyms said. The public

works office will handle all applications for sidewalk and street cafés.

Kim Sandbery of the Iowa City Public Works office echoed Dobyms' perception of the issue and said it's unclear how much interest businesses will express.

"We could have a dozen applications or we could have no applications," she said.

TUITION

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tion hike after the freeze. Several senators asked why the freeze would only apply to in-state tuition.

"I've been studying at the university and working in Iowa City; why should I pay a higher rate just because I'm from Illinois," senator Matt Tarnoff said.

However, Sen. Amy Hanson thinks the regents need to provide more incentives to in-state students to stay in Iowa and that out-of-state tuition is manageable.

"I had a 4.0 in high school and didn't receive a

dime to go here," she said. "I know out-of-state students that get thousands of dollars in scholarships to help with their tuition."

Mark Warner, the director of Student Financial Aid at the UI, said he supported a tuition freeze, because it would provide financial relief to students and families in Iowa.

Regent Robert Downer said he supports a tuition freeze as long as it is part of a sustainable program to ensure financial stability for the universities and students.

"We have to be sure that we don't have a roller-coaster effect on tuitions," he said.

Downer also stressed that a tuition freeze has to be balanced with maintaining the quality of the

universities.

"In my view, time is much more important than money," he said. "The worst thing to befall students is to see the institutions [they study at] deteriorate in quality and waste their time."

Other student governments of regent schools had mixed reactions on the tuition freeze.

Jared Knight, president of Iowa State University's student government, said while its legislature hadn't put forth a resolution supporting it, they were in support of a tuition freeze nonetheless.

"A unanimous voice from the student body is a very powerful message to send to legislators," he said.

Tuition Freeze

University of Iowa tuition for the 2012-13 school year:

- In-state: \$8,057
- Out-of-state: \$26,279

Source: UI Registrar's Office

However, the student government at the University of Northern Iowa hasn't taken an official position on the freeze, and Jaime Yowler, the director of governmental relations of the student govern, said he wasn't sure if the tuition freeze would be a good thing for UNI.

"I think a freeze might do more harm than good right now," he said.

SILO

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With either of the new proposals, the district would have access to funds through 2029. In the current system, the funds are only available to the district through 2017.

"It has a much greater flexibility," board member Tuyet Dorau said. "[The general obligation fund] gives you the ability to control on how to spend the funds. It has such positive implications for our district."

Neither proposal will increase property taxes or the sales tax. If the board decided to use a general obligation bond, the increase in available funds would be due to the district's use of already-scheduled taxes. The bond money could

go towards

air conditioning for the elementary schools or the creation of a new high school.

Although one of the new proposals only needs to be passed 60 days before the current fund's expiration date in 2017, Handel and other board members want to come to a decision as soon as possible.

If the board decides to move forward with one of the state-involved ways of dealing with the funds, they must meet one of several deadlines, the earliest of which is this October. If officials submit a proposal by then, Iowa City residents would vote on the measure on Dec. 4.

If the state approves the general obligation bond option, it would require the support of a super-majority — 60 percent — of Iowa City voters. If the

district receives the state's approval on the other option, officials would only need a majority vote. If voters do not pass either of the proposals, the district must wait six months before presenting the options to the state again.

West Liberty resident Joe Strathman said he believes the discussion of the allocation of the local-option tax funds is distracting from the issue of the new proposals, and believes the board needs to address it as soon as possible.

"It is vitally important to pass [one of the proposals]," he said. "Discussion of the reallocation of the [local-option] funds have caused people in the district to become disillusioned. We need to get refocused on [ways of dealing with the funds]. It's a matter of priority."

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Editorial

Take a gap year, find your passion

Almost every teacher, parent, or guardian gives the same old spiel: Go to high school, get into a good college, and get a good job. It's what is expected of and encouraged in practically every student.

However, a new trend for students graduating from high school and undergraduate degrees is to take a "gap year."

Students should consider deferring their acceptance to college and take a gap year, because it can benefit their studies in the long run.

A gap year is a year or so to take a breather from academic life, and it is a chance for students to gain personal or professional experience, participate in service work, or to partake in educational programs. Gap-year programs can include a variety of work or play in the U.S. or abroad.

The common-sense argument immediately is that students are burned-out from classes, they graduate from one stage of

school and head off to an even harder one and to be honest: very few people actually enjoy school.

But the increasing trend of taking time before college helps students prepare for the future, according to a report released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The allotted break gives students time to ease out of classroom-based learning and into more experiential learning outside of the traditional school.

Also, as stated by the report, a gap allows students to focus on what they are passionate about and gives them the opportunities to raise funds to directly support those passions.

Plus, time off from academics is scientifically shown to significantly increase academic motivation.

In a study in the August 2010 issue of the *Journal of Educational Psychology*, scientists showed that participating in a gap year positively predicts

academic motivation more than other factors such as sex, age, and ethnicity.

High-school students and undergraduates aren't the only ones who would benefit from a gap year, either.

Students of high academic achievement, such as prospective graduate students, may also find taking a year off before starting their respective graduate programs to be an advantage.

University of Iowa law student Zane Umsted took a gap year after graduating from the UI as an undergraduate.

"It depends on the person," he said.

"If you're feeling stressed out from school or feel relief at graduation, then there's nothing wrong with taking a year off."

But contrary to popular belief, students aren't always switching work for play.

Many gap-year programs provide students

with opportunities to figure out what they want to do after the program ends.

Umsted took the year off from schooling to more carefully decide where he wanted to apply to law school the following year.

Veering from the traditional educational path may come with a drawback or two.

Opponents of this idea argue that a gap year causes students to lose focus on their academics.

But a survey conducted by Rae Nelson and Karl Haigler reported that of the 300 students who had taken gap years, 90 percent returned to school within one year, and 80 percent returned within six months.

Though the established academic route may make the most sense and keep students on the safe track to getting an education, students should be encouraged to participate in the different opportunities that a gap year has to offer.

Your turn.
Should more students take a gap year?
Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

I got 99 problems but the president ain't one

By **KATIE KUNTZ**
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Last week, Americans for Prosperity stopped in different Iowa towns in an effort to highlight what the group believes are President Obama's failed energy policies.

The group offered some lucky Iowans gasoline for only \$1.84 per gallon on Sept. 25. The group used this stunt in an attempt to persuade Iowans that Obama's energy initiatives have failed the nation and the high cost of gas shows that his policies are not working.

However, the entire stunt is misleading, because increased gas prices are not the fault of this president and could not be reversed by another.

The government can only do so much to affect gas prices, and the current president has been doing many of those things.

For example, during the Obama presidency, even though some Congressional representatives proposed increases, the gas tax did not rise and is still as low today as it was in 1997.

Also, the president did oversee increases in domestic production of oil, to the point that the United States has been a net exporter of oil in

the last two years, and U.S. imports of foreign gasoline have decreased in the last four years — but prices at the pump have remained high.

As much as Iowans may want the federal government to subsidize gas at the pump so that it cost less than \$2, as Americans for Prosperity did on Sept. 25, it's simply infeasible.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average American spent more than \$2,600 on gasoline and motor oil in 2011. That sort of subsidy would be completely irresponsible.

Unfortunately, none of the options for government interference in an international marketplace are realistic, because gas is simply in high demand with limited supply.

However, the president has done many of the things he could do to keep prices low, but it turns out that the president is not in charge of gas prices.

Iowans do not have to support this president, but they should not be fooled by ill-advised political stunts. There are 99 problems that determine gas prices, but the president isn't one. ■

Cartoon



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Guest Column

Demand leaders shed labels

For the 17th straight year, Congress has missed the deadline for passing a final budget and the spending bills needed to fund government operations for the next 12 months. This may not have made the headlines, but it's a big deal.

The most basic job Congress has is deciding how much money the government takes in and how much it spends. And when Congress does not do its job, you suffer.

One reason the economy is growing too slowly to cut unemployment or create jobs for new college graduates is uncertainty about federal tax and spending plans.

It is for possible for our leaders to work together, if citizens demand it. College students across America need to insist on it, too

— and the best way to do so in 2012 and beyond is by joining No Labels.

We are a group of almost 600,000 Democrats, Republicans, and independents dedicated to moving America away from the old politics of point scoring and towards a new politics of problem solving.

No Labels' work will be critically important no matter who wins or loses in the November elections, because many of our nation's problems have become election-proof.

Democratic and Republican leaders come and go but the dysfunction remains. It's the only certainty you will find in our nation's capital.

That's why No Labels supports specific reforms, leaders, and legislation that will make it

easier to create effective, principled, and pragmatic solutions to America's problems.

No Labels is above all, an action- and results-oriented organization offering common sense reforms to our nation's problems and exerting grass-roots pressure on our leaders to work together.

A great example is our solution to deal with Congress' chronic inability to meet simple budget and spending deadlines: Stop paying them.

No Budget, No Pay is just one of the proposals featured in our Make Congress Work! action plan, which features 12 commonsense reforms to fix the gridlock and hyper partisanship in Congress.

No Budget, No Pay has been turned into legislation in the House and Senate, and we are working Capitol Hill aggressively to turn it into law.

But the success of our effort to get our government to stop fighting and start fixing depends almost entirely on the size and dedication of our grassroots army, which is growing every single day.

You don't need to shed your identity to join the No Labels movement. You just need to be open to the idea that people with different beliefs really can set aside the labels and come together to solve problems.

And we would love a few Hawkeyes to climb aboard this movement.

Nancy Jacobson & Mark McKinnon
No Labels cofounders

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement acts for good

By **BENJI MCELROY**
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All too often, we 99 percenters (or 47 percenters, depending where you rank on the "victim" scale) are drowned out by the hordes of political-action groups known as corporations. When Big Business pays the big bucks to have lobbyists in the hip pocket of every politician, they can delicately whisper sweet nothings into Washington's ear. But what are those of us stuck in Iowa, without a slimy manipulator at our fingertips, supposed to do?

Well, of course. that's just what Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement has done since 1975. Decibels be damned.

Whether or not the suits are in Washington, D.C., or Des Moines, the game remains the same. The Citizens for Community Improvement plays the game for regular citizens. Just ask the Iowa City City Council, which recently approved zoning restrictions on payday lenders that were pushed by the citizens group.

The group's famous encounter with Mitt Rom-

ney at the 2011 Iowa State Fair is perhaps a better example of its means. Poking and prodding at the man of many stances, the organization's hecklers finally pinned down Romney's one, undying belief: Corporations are people.

No statement could be further from the coalition's principles, and no moment could further validate its techniques. The group's techniques may be annoying at times, but those techniques get the job done.

The group methodically verbalizes the pleas of Iowans in the forms of protests, pickets and anti-pandering. From payday lenders to proposed factory farms, Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement finds a way to render those endless loops of sweet nothings mute.

When we 99 percenters aren't given a seat at the big-boy table, we don't have to act like big boys. Citizens for Community Improvement deserves praise for consistently making sure the little guy gets her and his word in. No matter how many decibels it takes. ■

Iowa City gets to the seat of the problem

By **BRIANNA JETT**
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Car seats are supposed to be safe.

But according to government officials, they are only safe if they are properly installed.

"I shudder to think what would happen if I got into some sort of an accident, and they weren't properly in their seats," said Kristin Schneider, a local mother of two, after having certified technicians review her two car seats.

For the first time, Iowa City maintains a permanent safety seat fitting station. The station, located at the Iowa City Fire Department Station No. 4, will hold regular events allowing parents to drive in and make sure their children's car seats are installed properly.

"What our goal here at Station 4 is to turn this into a routine safety-seat check station," said Greg Tinnes, a co-coordinator for Safe Kids Johnson County.

Previously, technicians traveled around to different events to educate adults.

"We go around," said Iowa City police Officer Allan Mebus, a child-passenger safety-seat instructor. "But we don't have to go around [anymore]. We have one place that everyone can come to at different times of the year."

Tuesday evening marked the end of a four-day training session and the addition of 12 newly certified child-passenger-safety technicians to the current 29 in the Johnson County area.

The Fire Department collaborated with Mercy Hospital and Safe Kids, a



Christopher Schneider waits in his car seat during a child-seat-safety inspection at Iowa City Fire Station No. 4 on Tuesday. Twelve new instructors were certified as child-passenger-safety technicians this week after taking four-day classes. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

national organization, to bring education about children's car seats to the area.

"If we can get car seats installed correctly, or just make sure car seats are installed correctly, it just helps prevent injuries for kids," Tinnes said.

As well as education, officials wanted to reassure parents.

"We want to empower them with the knowledge and the confidence that they are doing the right thing," Mebus said.

Schneider appreciated the double-sided approach.

"It confirmed that my husband did install it right in the first place," she said. "But it taught me how to install it, because I had just let him do it, and I had no clue. It was both educational, and it double-checked the safety."

Officials see the most problems in misuse of child restraints.

"We know our families utilize child-passenger safety seats," said Katrina Altenhofen, Iowa's director for Emergency Medical Service for Children.

"The sad part is that only about 2 percent actually

Safety Seat

Child safety seats can greatly decrease the risk of injury.

- Reduces fatal injury in infants by 71 percent and in toddlers by 54 percent
- Compared with seat belts, reduces the risk of injury for young children by 82 percent and fatal injury by 28 percent
- In children ages 4 to 8, booster seats, compared with seat belts, reduce the risk of fatal injury by 45 percent

Source: SafeKids.org

use them in the appropriate way."

Mebus also believes there is a problem in parents taking children out of child-safety seats too early.

"We are putting small children into a vehicle-safety system that was designed for the fifth-percentile adult, which is 4-foot-9 and 80 pounds," he said. "That's where a lot of our injuries here are happening."

District forms sustainability panel

The School District plans to relaunch a committee to focus on sustainability.

By **STACEY MURRAY**
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Sustainability, an ongoing movement in modern society, has found a place in the Iowa City School District.

After informally ending the Energy Conservation Committee, the School District will look to the Sustainability Advisory Committee to focus on broader issues and sustainability.

"I think it's really important to look at how we incorporate things our community is already doing," School Board member Tuyet Dorau said.

While the panel wants to look at energy, its members also hope to examine conservation.

"We want to address broader needs than just looking at energy," said David Dude, the district's executive director of resources. "We want to look at sustainability conservation."

The committee consists of a teacher, custodian, students from West High and City High, several community members, the chief financial officer, and Dude.

The students took an active role in becoming a part of the committee.

"The students [on the

panel] really chose themselves, by being very involved in their school recycling programs and talking to [Superintendent] Steve Murley," Dude said.

An option for the committee is to partner with the Iowa Energy Bank, but Dorau said it is too early to know what the panel will do.

The group has not yet made any plans.

At the last meeting, the committee hosted a guest speaker from the Iowa Energy Bank who presented information regarding the organization's purpose and the projects it finances.

What the program typically does, especially regarding sustainability, is make recommendations to take a look at a school districts' buildings, said Brenda Easter, the Iowa Energy Bank program officer.

"We're able to help save time and money," Easter said.

The Iowa Energy Bank provides low-cost financing to schools, with loans starting at \$100,000 with schools typically borrowing \$200,000 to \$250,000, but that money regenerates through energy savings.

Previously, the Iowa

Energy Committee

The Iowa City School Board reformed its energy committee.

- Two students, a teacher, a custodian, and David Dude all serve on the Sustainability Advisory Council
- The next meeting for the panel will take place on Oct. 15
- The Sustainability Advisory Council will replace the former Energy Conservation Council

Source: David Dude, Chief Operating Officer

Energy Bank worked with the Central City, Nashua-Plainfield, and East Marshall School Districts.

While the Iowa City School District has not made any agreements or plans with the Iowa Energy Bank, the organization remains hopeful about a partnership.

"The possibilities right now are endless," Dorau said in regard to projects for the committee.

While the committee is still in its infancy stage, the School Board and the Iowa Energy Bank have common ground in the hopes to conserve spending.

"Everyone is interested in saving money," Easter said. "It spreads budgets further while improving learning facilities."

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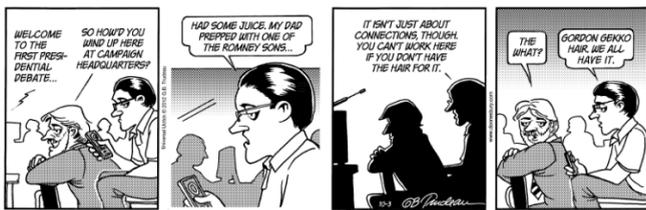
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 - Place for a washer and dryer: Abbr.
 - Cross one's fingers
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 - 33 N.Y.C.'s first subway line
 - Tattoo ___
 - Steamrolled stuff
 - Words of encouragement to a tailor?
 - "Evil Woman" grp.
 - Regency hotels
 - Place to play video games
 - Next-to-last Greek letters
 - Comic Margaret
 - Cameron who voiced Fiona
 - Matey's greeting
 - Figure at Sarah's cigar store?
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 - Mass vestments
 - "Columbo" trench coat?

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 - A real smarty
 - Dimin.'s opposite, in music
 - Here, there and everywhere
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39 Scan, as a U.P.C.

42 Like under-watered plants
44 Pizazz
46 Render harmless
48 Some H.S. exams
49 Counselor-
50 Pushover
51 "... lovely tree"

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- **Hearts in Touch**, 9 a.m., Parkview Church, 15 Foster Road
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Healthiest State Walk**, Noon, Hy-Vee, 1720 Waterfront Drive
- **Anatomy and Cell Biology Departmental Seminar**, "Resemblance and diversity of motor function and cross-bridge kinetics in myosin regulatory light chain mutated mice D166V and R58Q," Li Wang, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen
- **Chess and Scrabble Group**, 1 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **It's Life**, Carlos: Encore Event, 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Joint Astrophysics/Space Physics Seminar**, "Multi-wavelength Imaging and X-ray Spectroscopy of Potential SMC Type Ia Supernova Remnants and their Environments," Quentin Roper, Physics/Astronomy, 3:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Learning Styles, Study, Workshops, & Tutoring Program** and University Counseling Service, 3:30 p.m., 14 Schaeffer
- **First Avenue Hy-Vee Walking Club**, 4 p.m., Hy-Vee, 812 S. First
- **Backyard Abundance Educational Sessions**, 5 p.m., Chauncey Swan Park
- **Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **Life In Iowa — Traveling, International Programs**, 5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **Living Through Loss Program: Regaining Meaning after the Loss of a Loved One**, 5:15 p.m., Pathways, 817 Pepperwood Lane
- **Welcome Home Wednesdays**, 5:35 p.m., 10 S. Gilbert
- **Joe L. Parkin Memorial Lecture on Aging**, "Having Your Own Say: Getting the Right Care When It Matters Most," Bernard Hammes, Gundersen Health System, La Crosse, Wis., 6 p.m., 1110 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center
- **Salsa Practice Group**, 6:30 p.m., Iowa City Senior Center
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Andrew Porter, fiction, 6:45 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- *Beasts of the Southern Wild*, 7 and 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Reading, Geoff Dyer**, Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Nonfiction Writing Program, 7 p.m., Englert Theater, 221 E. Washington
- **Immigration Film Series**, 7 p.m., 10 S. Gilbert
- **"Tall Tales from a Large Man,"** Aaron Draplin, visiting artist in graphic design, 7 p.m., 116 Art Building West
- **Spoken Word**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's
- **Third-Annual Rockwell Lecture**, "What do cardiovascular stents, the World Trade Center, and carbon nano-tubes have in common?," Suncica Canic, University of Houston, 7:30 p.m., Van Allen Lecture Room 1
- **Four Short Documentaries on Popular Islam in India**, Yousuf Saeed, 8 p.m., E105 Adler
- **Jam Session**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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- 6:30 p.m.** Incompetent Sports Talk, student sports journalists and analysts review the week in sports, Student Video Productions
- 7** 2012 Homecoming Parade, presented by UITV and DITV, Sept. 28
- 8:30** Iowa Magazine, human interest features on education, research and service at the UI
- 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, news and features from the UI
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Wednesday, October 3, 2012
- by Eugenia Last

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CHALK IT UP



UI sophomore Abby Peeters and senior Nicole Ketelaar write on the Chalk Talk board in the Iowa River Room on Tuesday. Student organizations on campus can write down information about their groups on this board, including the dates and times that their organizations meet. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

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Weisman opening up the passing game

Running back Mark Weisman has rushed for 507 yards and 7 touchdowns in his last three games.

Defensive coordinator Phil Parker said Weisman is a physical back who

'We want to be balanced; we need to be balanced.'

— James Vandenberg, Iowa quarterback

runs with a good pad level and can punish defenders, especially defensive backs in the open field.

"I'm glad our guys don't have to tackle him too much," Parker said during a press conference on Tuesday. "I know in the spring when our offense went down and they wanted to score against

us, they gave him the ball and just let him plug it away. It's hard to tackle him."

Vandenberg said the offense needs to have the kind of effort Weisman is putting out to reach its potential, both on the ground and through the air.

"... We want to be balanced; we need to be bal-

anced," he said. "That's how we're built; that's how we've always been built. We know how important that is to get a defense on their heels when you can run the ball."

Iowa quarterback James Vandenberg attempts a pass to wide receiver Keenan Davis against Minnesota at Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 29, 2012. Vandenberg threw for 192 yards in the Hawkeyes' 31-13 victory over the Gophers. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)



BADGERS

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offense depends greatly on the quarterback's tendencies.

Nebraska signal caller Taylor Martinez completed 13 of the Huskers' 46 run attempts against the Badgers on Sept. 29, but Illinois QB Nathan Scheelhaase only rushed 7 out of 41 attempts.

Dantonio, Meyer not dwelling on Buckeye-Spartan film-exchange issue

Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer upset the Michigan State football program when the Buckeyes sent "doctored" film to East Lansing last week. The Spartans lost to Ohio State, 17-16 on Sept. 29.

The Big Ten requires schools to trade game footage, but the tapes supplied

to Michigan State were allegedly edited in a way that made it difficult for the Spartans to prepare.

Spartan defensive coordinator Pat Narduzzi told the *Detroit Free Press* following the loss that the tape was "all cut off" and that he couldn't see "shifts or motions or anything else" based on the film he received.

Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer said he had "no idea" about the video exchange, and he main-

tained that the Buckeye video coordinators are "very standard" in their practices. The Buckeye head coach went on to say that the state of his reputation in the conference "doesn't concern [him] at all."

Spartan head man Mark Dantonio didn't acknowledge his defensive coordinator's remarks during the Big Ten teleconference on Tuesday.

"I'm not going to go through that right now;

I'm going to set my sights on what's important to us, and that's winning our next football game," he said. "What happened on the game field on Saturday translated into winning or losing, and I'm going to leave it at that."

Fitzgerald: No excuse for losing in October

The Wildcats have the potential to start 6-0 for the first time since 1962 if they can beat Penn State on Saturday. But the pro-

gram has historically struggled in October.

Northwestern has lost more in October in the past six seasons than the team has in August and September.

"We're taking the approach of no excuses," head coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "I'm going to be really demanding on them this month. I'm not going to tolerate the past ... We just haven't done well in this month, and I'm tired of it."

GOALIE

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older. Friends knew her as "Merty," rather than Kathleen, and still do.

The reactions to the name have been as quick as a simple acceptance, or as long as a questionnaire. When she was younger, no one questioned it. As she grew older, more people began to wonder.

A lot of people mishear the first time McGraw says it. She'll get people saying "Birdy" or "Marty." "Gerty" is a common one, too.

There came a time, though, when the senior did begin to wonder herself about how weird the name might appear to those who don't know her. Upon entering high school,

McGraw switched schools. She found herself having to reintroduce the nickname over again to a crop of kids who didn't know her.

She got a few weird looks and was peppered with questions of why and how, she said, but stuck with it. It would've been odd to go by Kathleen.

Head coach Tracey Griesbaum finds herself very rarely calling McGraw by her true name. Griesbaum will occasionally slip in a "Kathleen" when she's reading school documents or other important papers.

The rest of the team will either dismiss it or look around for a "Kathleen." In their minds, they don't play with a Kathleen. Only a Merty.

"She just made it known that that's what she wanted to be called, right away,"

Griesbaum said. "We haven't looked back."

The head coach also admitted to calling the senior Kathleen when she's looking for a certain reaction out of her goalie. But it never really works to her advantage.

"I don't ever get the reaction I'm looking for," Griesbaum said, smiling.

The nickname is as rare as the skills she brings to the net. An argument can be made to name McGraw the best goalie in the Big Ten. The leadership and poise she maintains in goal trickles its way to Iowa's backline, which has been one of, if not, the most important part of the Hawks' success so far this season.

"It shows a lot of character with this team," senior defender Geena Lesiak said, regarding how McGraw was able to help lead

the defensive effort against Ohio State on Sept. 30. "We remained really poised, and it really shows how we've grown as a team."

But no matter how McGraw reaches out to the defense in which she leads, they'll always call her by the name in which she grew up with.

"I think it would be more weird to go by Kathleen for me now after all these years," she said.

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to change the rhythm of a game, they've been getting the job done."

Dalrymple said she and her compatriots have turned those lean years into a teaching lesson for their younger disciples.

"My freshman and soph-

omore years weren't the best of seasons; we didn't finish the way we had hoped," she said. "And now that we've had some success the last two seasons, we're trying to show the freshmen and sophomores that you can't take anything for granted throughout your time here."

Lewis will never forget the losing that plagued the start of her time in

Iowa City. But rather than seek the limelight during her farewell tour, the Cedar Rapids native decided that she simply wanted to make sure the program never returned to the state it was in when she set foot on campus.

"It's not really about being in the spotlight for us," Lewis said. "If we get a win, the whole team wins, no matter who plays."

SPORTS

Big Ten honors McGraw again

For the third time in four weeks, senior Kathleen McGraw has set the standard of the Big Ten.

The senior goalkeeper snagged her third Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week award in the last four weeks. The award has found a home in Iowa City for a month straight.

McGraw took the award during the weeks of Sept. 11, 18, and Oct. 2. Senior defender Jessica Barnett claimed the award during the week of Sept. 25.

This is the first time in conference history that a school was able to win a specific weekly award four times in a row (defensive, offensive, or freshman of the week).

"Our defense held strong against a great Ohio State team," head coach Tracey Griesbaum said in a release. "Merty came up with a couple of key saves in each half. ... Her leadership and ability to organize the entire defense has been really helpful."

This award was McGraw's fourth of her career. She leads the Big Ten conference in shut-outs, tallying four this season.

— by Cody Goodwin

Women's golf finishes 6th

The Iowa women's golf team

finished sixth among 19 teams at the Johnnie Imes Invitational in Columbia, Mo., on Tuesday. The event, which was hosted by Missouri at the Club at Old Hawthorne, was the Hawkeyes' third of four scheduled tournaments in the fall season.

The Hawkeyes' team score (plus-5) during the final round Tuesday was the lowest single-round score the Black and Gold have posted thus far this season. Iowa had 293 strokes combining its four best scores of the day.

Lauren English, a sophomore from Bloomington, Ill., had the best individual score of the tournament for the Hawkeyes on Tuesday. English's 68 (minus-4) was highlighted by four birdies. The sophomore did not have a bogey during the final round.

"Lauren led the way today for us," head coach Megan Menzel said. "It was an outstanding individual performance."

Menzel saw three of her players finish in the top 20. English led the way for the Hawkeyes with an eighth-place finish. The other Iowa women in the top 20 were Kristi Cardwell (tied for 13th) and Shelby Phillips (tied for 20th).

Southern Methodist secured the Imes title. Mustang senior Melanie White led her squad to the title by shooting a tournament best 208 (minus-8) in her three rounds.

Iowa will return to action for its final tournament of the fall

season on Oct. 13, when it will compete in the Lady Northern in Florence, Ind. After that, the Hawkeyes will be on hiatus until February.

— by Ryan Probasco

Dunn/Swank fall in Tulsa

Iowa men's tennis senior Garret Dunn and junior Michael Swank lost in the second round of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All American Tournament in Tulsa, Okla., on Tuesday.

The duo received a bye in the first round because of their No. 55 ranking. They then lost to Japie De-Klerk and Alejandro Sanchez of junior host school Tulsa (8-4).

It was the first tournament of the year for Dunn and Swank as a doubles pair.

"It's good it was only our first tournament of the fall; we have a lot of time to work out the kinks before the next fall tournaments and even the spring matches," Dunn said in a message on Tuesday. "We just need to make sure we serve and return well. That's what we'll work on over the next couple of weeks."

The next tournament on the schedule for Iowa is the regional in Minneapolis on Oct. 18-21.

— by Kevin Glueck



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Hankins' success nets top recruits

Iowa head coach Mark Hankins uses the promise of a successful future in the golf world as a recruiting tool, and as a result, the Iowa golf team has attracted more top-tier golfers recently than it has in the past 10 years.

By **TOMMY REINKING**
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Change can be good, or it can be bad. In the history of the Iowa men's golf team, the change brought on by Mark Hankins when he became head coach of the Hawkeyes in 2006 has probably been the best for the program.

Hankins said the team was in bad shape when he arrived, ranked 145th in the nation. Now, six years later, the Hawkeyes have received 31 votes in the NCAA coaches' poll.

Hankins has used recruiting to fashion a new Hawkeye golf team centered on the players' attitudes and personalities as well as their potential. This strategy has brought the squad almost immediate results that have continued into the 2012-13 season.

Success is something Hankins is accustomed to seeing. In seven seasons as the head coach at Michigan State, the Spartans made it to five NCAA Tournaments and won two Big Ten championships. He said his success was one factor that started bringing talent to Iowa when he took over.

"Having success at

We want to get players who want to play professional golf — that's their motivation right there.

— Mark Hankins, head coach

Michigan State gave me some credibility with players in the Midwest," he said. "Knowing the players of this region and finding success with them is one of the biggest draws."

Hankins named four players — Barrett Kelpin, Brad Hopfinger, Chris Brant, and Brad George — as some of the few early recruits who helped build the program to where it is today.

Some of the eventual Hawkeyes knew about Hankins from his time as the Spartan head coach. Hopfinger, a transfer from Kansas in fall of 2008, said the way Hankins persuaded him to play for Iowa was simple.

"He laid out all the strengths of the team," the 2011 graduate said. "He showed me the strength of schedule, the facilities, and how the team would be traveling. He went out and got more competitive players who wanted to win. We all wanted to win."

The continuous cycle of recruiting golfers with potential to succeed and

then shaping them into quality athletes has gone according to plan. The team has advanced to the NCAA championships in three out of the last four seasons, a feat only accomplished by 21 other Division-I teams during that time.

Hankins said Kelpin, Hopfinger, Brant, and George are playing professional golf in some capacity.

"We want to get players who want to play professional golf — that's their motivation right there," Hankins said. "They work hard for us every day, and they will win."

He sees and sells Iowa golf as a pathway into a career in golf, with options beyond touring for a profession. A career at Iowa can also set the golfers up for a lifetime of being golf teachers or professionals for courses. He pointed out that the aforementioned quartet has made their golf aspirations become a reality.

The success that Hankins and the Black and Gold have experi-



Iowa men's golf head coach Mark Hankins talks to members of the press at the golf team's media day at Finkbine Golf Course on April 10. Hankins has improved the Hawkeyes' roster by expanding recruiting boundaries and inking top-tier golfers over the past six years. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

enced recently hasn't made recruiting easier, but it has given them a foot in the door that they might not have gotten before.

The awareness of how well the team does, as well as other factors such as the new golf facility scheduled to be completed this winter, has attracted the attention of top players.

Current Iowa golfer Ryan Marks said the way Hankins has shaped the team in the past has continued in the team's current incarnation.

"It's super important to bring the right guys in and run things the right way," Marks said. "Coach Hankins brings guys who work hard and fit the Hawkeye golf mold. Each player has a good family and loves to play the game."

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Cubs lose to Astros in cellar-dweller battle

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CHICAGO — As the losses continue to pile up, they start to look the same to Chicago Cub manager Dale Sveum.

"Deja vu," Sveum said after the Cubs were blanked for a second-straight game. "It's kind of typifying the whole season, these last two nights swinging the bats."

Bud Norris pitched six shutout innings, Jason Castro homered, and the Houston Astros beat the Cubs 3-0 Tuesday night in a matchup of 100-loss teams.

"Not a lot of quality at-bats again," Sveum said. "Left some guys on, striking out with guys in scoring position again."

The season-ending series between NL Central clubs marks the first meeting of 100-loss teams in the majors since 1962, when the Cubs played the New York Mets.

The Cubs were blanked for the 16th time this season. It's the second time they have been shutout in back-to-back games, the other instance coming July 21-22 at St. Louis.

Chris Volstad (3-12) took the loss for the Cubs, who fell to 60-101.

Castro hit his sixth homer of the year, sending a solo shot into the right-field bleachers with two outs in the second inning. Justin Maxwell reached on shortstop Starlin Castro's 27th blunder of the year following the home run, and scored on Tyler Greene's single.

Volstad was otherwise effective, striking out six



Houston Astros' Justin Maxwell (right) crosses the plate in front of Chicago Cubs catcher Wellington Castillo to score on a single by Jason Castro during the fourth inning Sept. 10 in Houston. (Associated Press/Dave Insel)

and walking none in seven innings. He had gone eight innings over his previous two starts without striking out a batter.

"I could have used a few more of those [starts]," Volstad said. "But it felt good to end it that way and go into the offseason with a positive."

Volstad carried a winless streak with him for much of the season, unable to snap the 24-start skid until late August.

"This season I learned more than I have any other year about myself and about baseball," Volstad said. "I'm going to take

away the positives and work on that in the offseason."

Astros pinch-hitter Brian Bogusevic walked and scored on Alberto Cabrera's wild pitch to add an insurance run in the eighth.

Houston (55-106) threw its third-straight shutout and won for the fifth time in six games. The Astros have already matched last year's franchise-worst loss total with one game left.

"The team won three in a row, that's the way we're looking at it," Norris said. "We're trying to end this thing strong and play it all the way through."

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Davis strongly backs QB



Iowa tight end Ray Hamilton runs with the ball during the game against Minnesota at Kinnick Stadium on September 29. Iowa offensive coordinator Greg Davis said he has been impressed with the development of his tight ends. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Iowa offensive coordinator Greg Davis said his quarterback issues are overstated.

By **TORK MASON**

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Iowa quarterback James Vandenberg threw for 25 touchdowns last season; he has just 2 TD passes through five games this year. His struggles have been speculated about and dissected by fans and media alike.

But Iowa offensive coordinator Greg Davis said his quarterback is fine.

"Would you like him to be better? Yeah, you'd like him to be better, sure," Davis said. "But at the same time, you're not going to try to force the issue."

Davis praised Vandenberg's selfless play and how he has checked out of pass plays when he sees an opportunity for the running backs. He said those are good plays that Vandenberg doesn't get credit for because they aren't clear to the casual observer.

Davis also said Vandenberg may appear to be locking onto receivers at times, but in reality, he's skipped progressions based on what he's seeing from the defense before the snap. He said that's a product of Vandenberg's film-study habits.

"The one thing that happens with a guy like James is that he does so much study during the course of the week; a lot of times he's getting a pre-snap tip as to what he feels like the defense is going to do," Davis said. "And that pre-snap tip will, in some cases, eliminate progressions. I don't think that's a problem."

Tight ends producing

The Hawkeyes got a pair of big plays from their tight ends against Minnesota on Sept. 29 — a 20-yard gain on third down by Ray Hamilton and a 45-yard strike to C.J. Fiedorowicz on the second play of the game. Davis said he's pleased with their progression, particularly Fiedorowicz's during his junior year.

"C.J. is playing really well both with the football and without the football," Davis said. "A lot of the slant plays that have been productive through the first five ballgames. And he's given us an edge to be able to run the ball."

But Jake Duzey has gotten more playing time recently, and Davis said the redshirt freshman offers the versatility to play on the line and as a split-out option.

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BIG TEN NOTEBOOK

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Spread doesn't worry Badgers

Bret Bielema and the Badgers don't expect their loss to Nebraska's spread offense to affect their play against Illinois' spread on Saturday.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**

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The Wisconsin Badgers have 29 true freshmen on their roster. And one true senior.

Head coach Bret Bielema said that's a good thing because his team's youth helps the Badgers rebound after a tough loss — a tough loss such as 30-27 loss to Nebraska in the Big Ten opener last week.

The Badgers gave up 259 rushing yards while only gaining 56 themselves, and despite a 14-point first quarter, Wisconsin fizzled and couldn't score in the fourth to defend the lead.

Bielema said his team was simply unable to defend against the Huskers' spread offense, but he doesn't worry about falling to the same fate against Illinois' spread on Saturday.

"Everybody in this league runs a different type of spread — Illinois' spread is a lot different than the one we just saw at Nebraska," he said in a teleconference on Tuesday. "We play teams that want to run the football using a running back, teams that want to run the football by using the quarterbacks, some blend the two together, and some just want to get in there and pass the football."

Nebraska uses a rush-heavy spread, but the Illini are a lot more prone to a more balanced offense. Bielema said his team's ability to defend against a spread

SEE BADGERS, 7

Seniors strong for soccer Hawks

Sometimes lost in the shuffle, seniors have led the Iowa women's soccer team this season.

By **TOM CLOS**

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It's safe to say the Iowa women's soccer team is a full-fledged youth movement.

Whether it's sophomore forward Cloe Lacasse and her rise to becoming one of the Big Ten's most talented players or the dynamic freshman goaltending duo of Hannah Clark and Meg Goodson closing in on the school record for most shutouts in a season, the Hawkeyes have young talent.

But the Hawkeye roster does have six seniors, and they've had an intangible impact on this season's 11-1-2 start.

No class in program history has gone through as many ups and downs as the one of 2013. They experienced the tail end of a dormant era at Iowa, followed by the last two seasons, which has seen the Hawkeyes rise to relevancy.

The group should naturally garner attention while they play out the last few weeks of their Iowa careers, but instead have assumed a more hushed role on a squad attempting to capture the school's first-ever Big Ten title.

"We have taken the on and off the field leadership role of



Iowa senior Allie Adam prepares to head the ball during practice at the Iowa Soccer Complex on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Sumei Chen)

this team," senior defenseman Katherine Lewis said. "We've tried to set examples for the younger players so they know what we as seniors expect out of them and what will be expected of them throughout their careers."

Lewis is one of three seniors who have started all 14 of Iowa's contests this season, along with defenseman Jade Grimm and Dana Dalrymple. The trio of defensemen has notched 20 points, 7 goals, and 6 assists combined.

Dalrymple has gotten the most attention of the conglomerate, posting 13 points on 5 goals and 3 assists, good

for the third-highest offensive output on the roster behind Lacasse and junior forward Ashley Catrell.

But Cincinnati native Dalrymple insisted that even though the statistics may suggest otherwise, the sustainability of the team is just as dependent upon her class as the underclassmen.

"We have some standout younger players who have done a good job and have received most of the publicity, but we definitely haven't taken a backseat to them," Dalrymple said. "We're doing just as much as anybody else on this team."

Iowa head coach Ron Rainey was with the seniors through the 2009-10 seasons when the Black and Gold went 18-20-3 overall. He said those two seasons helped his seniors grow up and become better all-around athletes, especially in situations where they faltered as underclassmen.

"Thinking back to their first two seasons and fast-forwarding to this one, when a big play has needed to be made ... these seniors have done it many times," Rainey said. "Whether it's been defensively, on a re-start, or simply keeping possession on a pass

SEE SENIORS, 7

'Merty' steady in goal

Senior goalie Kathleen McGraw thinks it would be weird to go by anything other than her nickname, 'Merty.'

By **CODY GOODWIN**

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It almost always throws her classmates off guard when Kathleen McGraw introduces herself on the first day of class.

Some scratch their heads. Others aren't sure what to think. The teacher often asks for a repetition. The senior nods, and proceeds to say it again.

"I go by 'Merty,'" she says, smiling.

It's seemingly odd that the nickname "Merty" would arise from Kathleen McGraw. Merty isn't a descendant from either name — like Bill from William, or Bob from Robert. The idea belongs to McGraw's father, John McGraw.

The morning that McGraw was born, a news article ran about a Russian politician. As a joke, John McGraw introduced the newborn to McGraw's older sisters under the name of the Russian.

Her older sisters attempted to relay the name back to their father, with various pronunciations like "Shmerty" and "Merty."

"Merty" just so happened to be the name that stuck.

"Everyone in my family just called me that," McGraw said, chuckling. "It was just what I went by."

Her family and friends picked up on the name quickly, and it was how she began to introduce herself as she grew

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