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School vote set for Feb.

The Iowa City School Board decided to delay the vote on funding.

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After months of deliberation over funding for the Iowa City Community School District, school board members decided to wait a bit longer to make a final decision.

The Board will vote during the next Iowa City School Board meeting on whether to approve a new comprehensive plan, regarding a new way to allocate school infrastructure funds.

The plan, if approved, would be voted on by the public on Feb. 5, 2013. Superintendent Steve Murlley officially endorsed the Feb. 5 voting date, instead of the other option, Dec. 4.

"I just think it's coming up too fast," School Board Vice President Karla Cook said. "With the voting on the bond issue and the election, there's a lot of things on [voters'] minds. [Bringing the vote on Feb. 5] will allow us to address issues early and react to various things."

The proposal, called the SAVE plan, will take the local-option funds — in the hands of the state, instead of locally — and allocate the funds based on the number of students in each district. The district will receive \$870 per pupil, giving the School District \$10.6 million in fiscal 2013 and at the same time be able to borrow up to \$100 million until 2029.

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 board ran into problems deciding whether to help fund the elementary schools or save for a new high school. This new plan could address both problems.

The board members unofficially approved the plan at a meeting Oct. 11 and most likely will all agree to pass the new plan.

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VOTE 2012: PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

CRACKLING DEBATE

Three weeks before the election, the presidential candidates faced off in a town-hall style debate.



President Obama and Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney exchange views during the second presidential debate on Tuesday at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. (Associated Press/David Goldman)

Candidates tackle the issues: Obama and Romney discuss college debt.

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President Obama and Mitt Romney offered their jobs agenda at the start of the second presidential debate Tuesday, responding to a college student concerned about finding a job after graduation.

Romney told the student that his question was one that's being asked by college students across the nation. He said his administration would try to make it easier for students to afford college and promote economic growth to help students.

Romney says the nation faces more debt and fewer jobs. He said, "I'm going to change that."

Obama said he would build upon the 5 million private sector jobs created during his first term, pushing for more manufacturing jobs. The president said his policies aimed to improve the education system and promote a variety of

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Student voters: UISG broadcast the debate for a packed house at the Bijou.

By **BRIANNA JETT**
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Nearly 200 University of Iowa students filled the Bijou to capacity, with more spilling into an overflow room two floors above on Tuesday night, all to watch the second presidential debate of the election season.

UI Student Government hosted a debate showing for the first time, broadcasting the program live. Food, drink, and shirts were provided free of charge to UI students. UISG hopes the event will inform students

as well as encourage them to vote.

"We wanted to engage students," UISG Vice President Jessie Tobin said. "One of the big aspects of the Get Out the Vote movement was to inform students, and what better way than having a space for them to watch the debate and become more informed voters."

UI student Tom Meirick came to the showing for both the social and political aspects.

"I just wanted to get to

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FATAL FIRE

Coralville woman to plead guilty



Williams
The 50-year-old will plead guilty to first-degree arson and burglary. She faces up to 25 years in prison.

A Coralville woman accused of first-degree murder will attend a plea hearing today at the Johnson County Courthouse.

Lillie Williams, 50, is accused of a Class-A felony in connection with the death of a 14-year-old boy and two others injured during a house fire in Coralville in November 2011.

Williams' pretrial hearing was originally set for at 9 a.m. Friday, and her trial was set for 9 a.m. Oct. 23, but this date could be in jeopardy following the hearing.

Williams will plead guilty to

first-degree arson and first-degree burglary, Class-B felonies that carry sentences of up to 25 years. She will also plead guilty to involuntary manslaughter, a Class D felony with a maximum five-year sentence.

Prior to her plea, Williams had planned to use intoxication as a part of her defense, as reported by *The Daily Iowan*. The court also ruled in early October that a 6-year-old boy was competent to testify against Williams.

Williams' bond is set at \$1 million.

— by **Jordyn Reiland**

Sutliff bridge reopens



The historic Sutliff Bridge reopened on Oct. 12 to the public after being heavily damaged in the 2008 flood. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

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The 114-year-old Sutliff Bridge reopened to the public last weekend, and officials have high hopes for the bridge continuing to thrive.

"There was never any question in my mind that it would turn out to be a nice structure completed," Johnson County Supervisor Pat Harney said. "I think it still serves that area very well."

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UI entrepreneurship lab looks to expand

The Bedell Laboratory expansion is delayed, but businesses with offices in the lab are still working full-time on their various projects.

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Sitting at his desk in a bright-orange office, recent University of Iowa graduate Josh Krakauer said he considers the UI Bedell Entrepreneurship Learning Laboratory to be a great asset to Sculpt, a company he founded with two other UI students early this year.

"You're looking at one of the biggest resources for us," Krakauer said in the colorful room on the third floor of the lab. "It's really difficult to work with other people and be creative and collaborative when you don't have your own space [in which] to do so."

Sculpt, a social-media marketing agency with such local clients as Java House and Buzz Salon, occupies one of the 17 office spaces made available to UI students in the lab.

Lynn Allendorf, the director of the lab, said a proposed \$1.5 million addition to the lab would increase that number to 25.

"We'd also like to have some physical office space up here for staff, so there could be a mentor on-site 40 hours a week," Allendorf said. She said the first floor of the lab, which is a former fraternity house, could be remodeled to house several staff offices.

She said the addition, which was proposed before

the 2008 floods, is in the process of being evaluated in terms of priority by the UI Foundation, the fundraising arm of the university.

"We were moving up on that priority list, and then the flood happened," Allendorf said, noting the recovery efforts affected the timeline for some funding priorities. "We're hopeful that this becomes a bigger priority in the near term, and we can start actively fundraising to get some financial support to expand this building."

Thomas Hornbeck, a UI computer-science student on a leave of absence — and founder and CPO of Tutor Universe, an online start-up with two office suites in the Bedell lab — said the office space has been invaluable to his business. He also said, however, that perhaps of equal value is the mentoring available to students through the lab.

"It's basically an incubator," he said. "We have weekly meetings with [the advisers], and they give us advice on business development and strategy and give us feedback on our business plan."

Hornbeck said the mentoring has helped to accelerate the growth and sophistication of Tutor Universe — an online tutoring platform that connects tutors and students

Bedell Learning Lab

There are currently 16 start-up businesses located in the laboratory.

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- Earth Accessories
- Epiphany Social Design
- Farm Manuals Fast
- I3 Dots
- KeConWa Sports
- Life Designs
- Mazira
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Source: Lynn Allendorf, director of Bedell Entrepreneurship Learning Laboratory

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— JOSH KRAKAUER, UI GRADUATE

on a global scale — more quickly than he and his partners would have been able to alone.

"I and the other co-founder of the company, we're both non-business students," he said. "We've never taken a business course. We were just computer scientists."

Allendorf said the lab's resources can allow businesses such as Sculpt and Tutor Universe to get a head start on their business plans, giving a sense of legitimacy to start-ups and helping the businesses grow through mentors



Recent UI graduate Josh Krakauer works in the Sculpt office in the Bedell Entrepreneurship Learning Laboratory on Tuesday. Krakauer is a cofounder of Sculpt, a 9-month-old startup that provides social-media promotion services for a wide range of clients. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

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gether with some other students and hear what they candidates have to say," he said. "Being in a state that's definitely a battleground state — Iowa — every vote is important. I really believe to take advantage of that you have to be well-informed on the candidates and the issues."

Officials hoped the large event would draw students who would not normally be involved.

"By having a big event, it draws more people to see this great thing that only happens every four years," said UISG Sen. Jack Cumming.

One of the tactics UISG used to draw attention was the logo printed across the front of the shirts: "Voting is Sexy."

"[The purpose of the logo] was to really stand out and attract attention from students," Tobin said.



Students and community members gather in the Bijou on Tuesday. The cinema hosted a live stream of the presidential debate, organized by the UISG. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

"If you have something that just says 'Go Vote,' students might look over it, but when you have something that says 'Voting is Sexy,' students are going to say 'Hey, what's that? I want that shirt.'"

Cumming said the shirts look nice, but he is more interested in the effect they will have.

"If it's something that's going to get more students out to vote, then I'm all for it," he said.

Going out to vote is also a very important issue to UI student Ashley Lee, who came to watch the debate.

"I am here because I feel, as a 18-year-old and eligible to vote, I should understand both sides of this upcoming election," Lee said. "And I really feel strongly about voting because it's one of the ways I can get my voice heard and contribute ideas."

This debate showing was the first this year, as

well as the last.

"This is the only debate watch we are going to do — we wanted to do just one," Nic Pottebaum, president of UISG, said. "It ended up being a very hot topic one because of the way the first debate went out."

The first presidential debate between President Obama and GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney took place Oct. 3 at the University of Denver. There, Obama and Romney debated specifically on domestic policy issues.

In all, the debate showing cost a little under \$4,000. Iowa City Patch contributed the roughly \$300 used for food. UISG printed 500 shirts, spending \$3,600. Officials only passed out 300 on Tuesday and they will continue to pass them out in the next couple of days in an effort to get students to vote.

"We are not promoting one candidate over the other," Tobin said. "We just want students to be informed."

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energy sources.

In addition to the state of the education system, Obama and Romney clashed on issues throughout the evening, crackling with energy and emotion just three weeks before the election.

Obama accused challenger Mitt Romney of favoring a "one-point plan" to help the rich in America and playing politics with the deadly terrorist attack in Libya.

Romney pushed back hard, saying the middle class "has been crushed over the last four years" and that 23 million Americans are still struggling to find work.

He said the death of the U.S. ambassador to Libya was part of an unraveling of the administration's foreign policy.

The president was feistier from the outset than he had been in their initial encounter two weeks ago, when he turned in a listless performance that sent shudders through his supporters and helped fuel a rise by Romney in opinion polls nationally and in some battleground states.

Obama and Romney disagreed, forcefully and repeatedly — about taxes, the bailout of the auto industry, measures to reduce the deficit, energy, pay equity for women and health care as well as foreign policy across 90 minutes of a town-hall-style debate.

Immigration prompted yet another clash, Romney saying Obama had failed to pursue the comprehensive legislation he promised at the dawn of his administration, and the president saying Republican obstinacy made a deal impossible.

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The 2008 flood washed away one-third of the bridge.

"It was very difficult to imagine it not being there," said Randy Howell, the owner of the Baxa's Sutliff Store and Tavern. "It's just something we got used to seeing day after day. And to have a section of it gone was hard to get used to."

Howell, who also grew up with the bridge, said 100 to 150 people watched to see whether the bridge would survive the flood.

"[There] were people as young as 2 and 3 years old up to the oldest one was 87 years old," he said. "Everybody was just devastated. There were a lot of tears."

With the support of the community, Sutliff Bridge Authority, and the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, reconstruction on the bridge began in May this year, according to the VJ Engineering website.

Project manager Tim McDermott of VJ Engineering said the cost to restore the bridge was just under \$1.5 million.

Harney was hesitant to support the reconstruction because of the cost.

"Some of the hesitation was cost," he said. "Granted the dollars were going to come from FEMA, it was still tax dollars. My personal feeling was that the amount of money that was [going toward the bridge] we could use those funds on another bridge or road project that would serve more individuals."

Howell argued that because tax dollars were used, the funds should have gone toward the bridge.

"I understand the cost," he said. "Our feeling was if the county was going to get the money, then it should go to the [Sutliff Bridge], and if wasn't going to go to the bridge, then it should've stayed in the taxpayers' pocket."

Supervisor Rod Sullivan sees the reconstruction of the Sutliff Bridge as a good investment for Johnson County.

"Thousands of people visit it every year, and they come to Johnson County and spend their dollars, and they wouldn't do that otherwise," he said.

Officials say the new span was designed for pe-

destrians.

"It's designed for pedestrian load, whereas the original bridge was designed for vehicles," McDermott said.

However, the overall configuration of the new span looks similar to the original.

"I think the VJ Engineering did a very nice job of completing it," Harney said. "You can hardly tell the difference between the old portion and the new portion."

Since the bridge has reopened, Howell noticed the traffic of people it draws in every day.

"Seeing it restored has just been great," he said. "I'm here every day for 10-12 hours a day, and I got people that are out on it. You got folks that are anywhere from 70s to young kids."

Howell believes the bridge will continue to be a part of people's lives for generations to come.

"We fought to maintain it," he said. "It's been a huge part of people's lives for generations. People need to come out and take a look at it. It's something that everyone can enjoy it doesn't make any difference how old you are."

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Whether the district has a new plan come 2013 lies in the hands of the community voters.

Many community members voiced their concerns at Tuesday night's board meeting by saying they feel the board needs to be more transparent and keep their promises.

"[Whether I vote for the plan] depends on how specific the language is," said Amy Adam, a North Liberty resident. "If not, I don't know if I can support the plan. The board has gone back on its word before. Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me."

Cook feels as though she and other board members have been open in all of their decisions

Local-Option Funds

The Iowa City School District will soon make an official decision on funding.

- Nov. 6: School Board votes on approving the funding plan
- Feb. 5: Community members vote on the funding plan

Source: Iowa City School Board

made for the district.

"I never did anything I didn't tell people about," she said. "I want the best for the 12,500 students in this district. I don't have children in the district; it's not my children I'm worried about. I'm worried about everyone else's children."

Murley says although the official plan cannot have specific wording, officials hope to provide material to display to the public what the district intends to do with the SILO funds.

"The board in general can't write in what you're going to do with

the funds," Murley said. "We'll have publicity material that provides a level of reassurance to those who are skeptical. We hope to learn from the past. The old [fund allocation plan] didn't have placeholders for projects. It did in the superintendent limitations, and we clearly followed through on the elementary school component. But even that wasn't specific."

Murley and the School Board, as well as several community members hope the plan will pass on Feb. 5.

North Liberty resident Jennifer Greer brought buttons to the board meeting that read "One Community One District One Plan."

"I haven't decided [if I will] vote on the plan if the wording is vague, but I've seen tidbits from Superintendent Murley," Greer said. "He sees all the needs of all the sides of the district, which is great."

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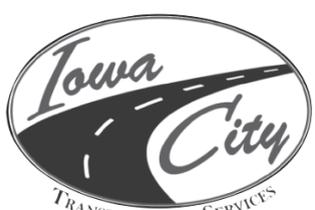
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Letters to the Editor

Vote no on justice center

Deciding on how to vote on the new justice center was not a cut-and-dried issue for me. My concern was that the existing jail is in poor condition and increasingly inhumane and that local law enforcement was showing no signs of not trying to keep it constantly full. Shipping inmates to other jails is expensive and fiscally irresponsible.

In the end, however, I have decided to vote no on the new facility based on this simple fact — we do not need to keep filling the jail.

What we need to look at is the number of people we are putting in jail for victimless crimes. Drug- and alcohol-related crimes in which there is no violence, property damage or theft involved account for a large part of our jail population. As a city proud to be progress-minded,

we need to rethink punishments for victimless crimes, if they are even necessary at all.

A large part of what law enforcement does is not a benefit to the community; it feeds an endless cycle of crime. We should consider alternatives to police for minor issues. Mediators and other assistants would prove far more helpful in many cases. We need to explore new policies together as a community to end the cycle that creates crime in the long run.

Let's remodel the existing jail and discuss how we can create a more enlightened approach to social problems. It is the progressive and fiscally responsible thing to do. No new jail.

Joshua Scott Hotchkin

Vote yes on justice center

There are many safety, security, and space

concerns about Johnson County's existing Courthouse and Jail that make the proposed justice center a critical ballot issue in the upcoming November election.

Concerns include safety risks for deputies and inmates caused by crowded jail conditions, no way to provide secure Courthouse entrances, and insufficient space and design in Courthouse to keep prisoners separated from general public.

As a volunteer with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, I'm convinced the Board of Supervisors used a thoughtful and open process in developing plans for the proposed justice center.

The cost has been pared down from an original \$72 million to the up to \$46 million bond request. It's been done by eliminating noncritical space and applying \$1.3 million in county reserves, and now

represents the absolute minimum for providing a safe, secure, and functional justice center.

The resulting property-tax impact for county residents would be \$24.59 per \$100,000 of property-assessed value per year for 20 years.

This is the right plan and the right time to approve this bond issue, while interest rates are at an all-time low and current safety, security, and space issues only get worse over time.

In addition, the more than \$1 million now being spent annually to house prisoners in other counties would stay in our county.

Keep in mind those in jail are presumed innocent until proven guilty, yet they don't have timely access to legal representation when they're in jails in other counties.

Vote "yes" for justice.

Larry T. Wilson
Iowa City resident

Gaining more community



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The Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City said that its membership is once again on the rise.

This organization offers a service that many who found themselves denying or at least questioning the existence of a God lacked: that of community.

"We are a church, but we are a safe community for people who have diverse spirituality," said Minister Steven Protzman of the Unitarian Universalist Society.

Throughout the United States, more and more people do not identify with a religion. In fact, the Pew Research Center released a report this month showing that one in five Americans no longer see themselves as religious.

Despite these trends, religion has an enormous and undeniable effect on the nation and on nations throughout the world.

These effects are not always positive, as a study by the journal *Phi Delta Kappan* shows, non-Christians face challenges to their development and academic performance in schools.

However, having a sense of community can be very beneficial to people, even without a religious influence.

A recent study from the *American Journal of Community Psychology* finds that participation in community efforts is positively correlated with interpersonal empowerment for individuals across income levels.

In a country founded on a search for religious freedom, those who choose not to believe have often found themselves isolated, if not persecuted. The Unitarian Universalist Society offers a safe haven to discuss meaningful ways people may live their lives without naming and worshipping a higher power.

"I preach a lot about social justice and the importance of community," Protzman said. "We come together to share our diversity and ask the questions of what does it mean to be human."

The Unitarian church offers space for those who are devoted to such things as individual dignity, respect, justice, and peace but are unsure of the rest of the doctrines that run many American lives. People need community, and the Unitarians offer that and a sense of direction for a nation that may be losing its religions. ■

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Editorial

Obama's drone policy is cruel

At the University of Iowa, students often battle stress and loss of sleep. But in this safe haven, UI students don't have to stress or lose sleep over unmanned aerial vehicles — the remote controlled aircrafts that spy on and bomb numerous countries in the Middle East and southern Asia.

The drones are not something students here have to think too much about while they are sleeping safely in their beds, but they should.

The CIA, the U.S. Air Force, and President Obama have greatly increased the number of unmanned aerial vehicles, also called drones, in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Libya, and Somalia in an effort to kill terrorists.

This foreign policy adopted by Obama's administration is not only ineffective, it is also cruel to the point of violating our Eighth Amendment.

Yashar Vasef, the executive director of the U.N. Association of Iowa, stressed his organization's focus on humanitarian efforts in this region of foreign policy.

"My personal opinion, though, is that the drone strikes are not taking into account the toll on civilians," Vasef said.

A recent report released by Global Justice Clinic at the New York University School of Law and Stanford International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic data suggest that more civilians are being killed than the administration likes to admit.

Drones hover over some communities at all hours of the day, and civilians are under constant fear of attack, according to the report "Living Under Drones."

These drones come at a cost, too — according to the Defense Department's budget for fiscal 2012, \$4.8 billion were used for drones.

The costs are high, both monetarily and in human lives, and people are beginning to question whether the drones even hit their targets.

The Global Research Institute reported that some drone strikes kill far more than just the targets. For example, one in 2009 killed 41 civilians, 22 of whom were children.

During the month of September, there have been at least three drone strikes in Pakistan, which resulted in the death of 12 to 18 people, at most three of who were civilians, according to the Bureau of Investigative Journalism.

The bureau also reports that since 2004, based on materials available, between 474 to 884 civilians are reported killed by drones, and as many as 176 children are reported killed by the drones as well, in Pakistan alone.

Though drones are often supported because they keep Americans out of the line of fire and reportedly eliminate terrorists, there are too many questions left unanswered and too few held accountable when women, children, and civilians die.

In Iowa City, the Veterans for Peace, along with other antiwar groups, has protested the use of drone warfare on the Pentacrest, as reported *The Daily Iowan*. These groups held posters and sang songs in an attempt to remind people that "when drones fly, children die."

Civilians are being largely ignored in the use of this deadly weapon, and with the collateral damage incurred in these attacks, the nation should ask whether the costs of drone attacks outweigh the results. Every new weapon raises questions of ethics. These drones have the potential to change the course of American warfare from a peacekeeping force for the world to a nation that covers behind an unmanned aerial bomb. And for this, we must hold the current administration accountable.

Your Turn. Is Obama's use of drones an ethical policy? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.



POLITICAL COMMENTARY

Remember candidates other than main parties

I want to take this opportunity to address some of the comments given by UI and UNI faculty members, which seemed not well-thought-out, and I believe are a disservice to students of political science.

About votes cast for third-party presidential candidates, Christine Tolbert stated, "Everyone knows they're throwing their votes away."

In fact, the same can be said for votes cast for major party candidates in any non-battleground state, especially where even a slight increase in votes and awareness may

provide a winning boost to "down ticket" candidates (i.e., candidates seeking election to local and state positions).

It is also not throwing away your vote when running a federal-level candidate is required, or a certain percentage of the vote for a particular candidate wins your party various benefits: a ballot line, official or minor party status, tax checkoff funds, or the ability to officially register party members.

These benefits have a decisive effect on a party's candidates to run successfully for local and state level candidates. Unfor-

tunately, those benefits are usually gained via top-ticket races, usually president or governor.

These parties typically exist in states where ballot access is reasonably achievable and the political culture supports public acceptance of independent and third-party candidates. Typically, offices held are at the county, city, township, and school-board levels.

As examples of the party I'm most familiar with, a number of cities, towns, and counties in California have a majority Green membership, a number of school boards in Maine

include members of the Maine Green Independent Party, and at the municipal level in the District of Columbia (well, there is no federal level there), the D.C. Statehood Green Party is the second party (after the Democrats; Republicans come in third).

Libertarian candidates have also been elected to various offices around the country, and parties in Vermont, West Virginia, and South Carolina routinely have candidates elected to local offices.

Iowa seems to be one of the few places left where people can still get away with repeating the now-

long-debunked meme that Ralph Nader threw the 2000 election to George W. Bush by 500 votes.

Some fact-checking reveals that far more than 500 registered Democrats voted for Bush rather than their own candidate; but far more critical, statisticians with the National Election Data Archives managed to obtain enough 2000 ballots in not-recounted Florida precincts to demonstrate that, had the precinct recounts been allowed to continue, the election would have gone the other way. (Yes, you read that right, and yes, you should all be out

in the streets shouting about it.)

What is still needed in Iowa is a policy for mandatory post-election random audits — i.e., "post-election random audits of a manageable number of precincts" — a measure generally shown to be a preventive against overly glitchy electronic voting equipment.

In a close race, especially, the Green Party's Jill Stein has said she would do so. Will either major party candidate step up to that plate?

Holly Hart
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UI Council tweaks hiring policy

The University of Iowa Faculty Council supported making changes to its background-check policy.

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Those teenage legal mistakes may no longer haunt those applying for University of Iowa jobs.

During the UI Faculty Council meeting on Tuesday, the council passed the first amendments to a policy regarding criminal background checks at the point of hiring for UI employees.

The policy would allow UI Deputy Counsel James Jorgensen to look past single misdemeanor convictions that occurred in the last seven years that won't threaten the security of the job.

"We're fairly confident we can chalk those things up to youthful indiscretion," he said.

This policy adaptation would lighten the workload for administrators.

"The senior [Human Resources representative] for that organization would have the discretion to do away with that phone call between central Human Resources and the General Counsel's Office and proceed with the hiring," Jorgensen said. "That would cut down on the administrative burden on everyone."

Simple misdemeanors — including public intoxication, PAULA, and failure to provide proof of insurance — will not be held against candidates applying for university jobs.

The current policy doesn't concern itself with dismissals or arrests but performs background checks on new employees working in security-sensitive positions or positions involving patient contact and access to money.

Information Technology Services, the College of Medicine, and the College of Dentistry all conduct background checks that are run by a third-party vendor — HigherRight — and take roughly 48 hours to complete.

Criminal-background checks began in 2005 for new hirings, but the adaptation of the new policy will eliminate analysis of single convictions of simple misdemeanors.

The Faculty Council said the misdemeanors would be considered in recent, special cases in which the employee's past would be inappropriate — such as alcohol charges for summer-camp counselors.

In the past 12 months, the UI has had roughly seven denials of employment because of information found during the background check, said Judie Hermsen, the director

Faculty Council

The UI Faculty Council passed a policy on to the Faculty Senate that would allow Human Resource representatives to hire employees without calling the General Counsel's Office to discuss a single misdemeanor.

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- Background checks take roughly 48 hours to administer
- The UI's background checks look over the last seven years for the candidates

Source: UI Faculty Council meeting

of administrative serves at UI Human Resources.

"It doesn't seem to be time well-spent on a lot of these cases," Jorgensen said.

During an era of public records, the Faculty Council hopes to look past these legal issues.

"It seems to me that we're living in a time where there's an increased tendency as a culture to be less forgiving to things that are criminal," council member Katherine Tachau said.

The amended policy will be presented to the Faculty Senate at its next meeting.

"The point we're trying to make is that we don't want to spend time on those low-level things that are rarely relevant," Jorgensen said.

Meningitis outbreak kills 15

By **MIKE STOBBE**
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NEW YORK — Was it some moldy ceiling tiles? The dusty shoes of a careless employee? Or did the contamination ride in on one of the ingredients?

There are lots of ways fungus could have gotten inside the Massachusetts compounding pharmacy whose steroid medication has been linked to a lethal outbreak of a rare fungal form of meningitis.

The outbreak has killed at least 15 people and sickened more than 200 others in 15 states. Nearly all the victims had received steroid injections for back pain.

Federal and state investigators have been tightlipped about any problems they may have seen at the New England Compounding Center or whether they have pinpointed the source of the contamination. They did disclose last week that they found fungus in more than 50 vials from the pharmacy.

Company spokesman Andrew Paven said by email that criminal investigators from the Food and Drug Administration were at the pharmacy in Framingham, Mass., on Tuesday. The visit was part of a broad federal and state investigation of the outbreak, FDA spokesman Steven Immergut said in an email.

New England Compounding has not commented on its production process or what might have gone wrong, so outside experts can only speculate. But the betting money seems to be on dirty conditions, faulty sterilizing equipment, tainted ingredients, or sloppiness on the part of employees.

The drug at the cen-

ter of the investigation is made without preservative, meaning there's no alcohol or other solution in it to kill germs such as a fungus. So it's very important that it be made under highly sterile conditions, experts said.

Compounding pharmacies aren't so tightly regulated as drug-company plants, but they are supposed to follow certain rules: Clean the floors and other surfaces daily; monitor air in "clean rooms" where drugs are made; require employees to wear gloves and gowns; test samples from each lot.

The rules are in the *U.S. Pharmacopeia*, a kind of national standards book for compounding medicines that's written by a nonprofit scientific organization. Most inspections, though, are handled by state boards of pharmacy. Massachusetts last inspected New England Compounding in March in response to a complaint unrelated to the outbreak; the results have not been released.

High-volume production of the sort that went on at New England Compounding also raises the chances of contamination, experts said.

Traditionally, compounding pharmacies fill special orders placed by doctors for individual patients, turning out maybe five or six vials. But many medical practices and hospitals place large orders to have the medicines on hand for their patients. That's allowed in at least 40 states but not under Massachusetts regulations.

Last month, New England Compounding recalled three lots of steroids made since May that totaled 17,676 single-dose vials of medicine — roughly equivalent to 20 gallons.

"I don't see it as appropriate for a community pharmacy to do a batch of something preservative-free in numbers in the thousands" of doses, said Lou Diorio, a New Jersey-based consultant to compounding pharmacies. Diorio, who has no connection to the investigation or the company, said it is harder to keep everything sterile when working with large amounts.

To make the steroid, a chemical powder from a supplier is mixed with a liquid, sterilized through heating, then pumped into vials, according to Eric Kastango, another consultant from New Jersey who helps compounding pharmacies deal with contamination problems. He is not connected to the company, either.

Perhaps the powder was contaminated, either at New England Compounding or another location. Maybe the fungus was in the liquid, some experts said.

Kastango offered additional possible scenarios, related to the large volume produced: Making thousands of doses at a time can take many hours or days. It's possible that a batch could sit for hours or even a day or so before being placed in vials, making it vulnerable to contamination, he said.

It's also likely a pharmacy worker would take

a break to get a snack or cup of coffee, to go to the bathroom, or to step outside for a smoke, Kastango explained. If the person hurried back and didn't properly wash up or put on new gowns, masks and other safety garb, that could introduce contamination.

Faulty or misused sterilizing equipment is also a possibility. After a 2002 fungal meningitis outbreak linked to a South Carolina compounding pharmacy, investigators discovered that a piece of sterilizing equipment called an autoclave had been improperly used by the staff.

The types of fungus in the latest outbreak are ubiquitous: The first to be identified was Aspergillus, commonly found indoors and outdoors. As more testing of patients was completed, it became clear that another fungus — a black mold called Exserohilum — caused most of the illnesses. Exserohilum is common in dirt and grasses.

Most people do not get sick from ordinary exposure to these kinds of fungus, but spinal injections can provide them a pathway into the brain. Doctors are generally leery of using spinal steroid injections that contain preservatives because of fears the preservatives themselves can cause side effects.

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Beattie may redshirt

Because of several injuries, the women harriers will need to fill Kayla Beattie's spot on the team.

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One of Iowa's top women's cross-country runners, Kayla Beattie, may redshirt this season because she has been staggered by several injuries. Beattie has fallen behind on training, but as the Big Ten meet approaches, she hasn't used her official eligibility yet this season.

Beattie injured her hip in early September and then was kept out of training after a bug bite swelled her foot too much to fit into a shoe later that month.

Her redshirt became more likely on Monday, when she was injured again while getting ready for the Big Ten meet.

Head coach Layne Anderson said Beattie was beginning to train for the upcoming meet with top Hawkeye harrier Mareike Schrulle when she suffered a quadriceps injury.

"We were hoping to use this week to gauge where she was," Anderson said. "She ran last week and got a few good workouts in, and things appeared to be going well again, and she was getting back into a rhythm."

Anderson said it's tough that this has happened to the usually upbeat runner. "It's frustrating," he said. "She's extremely

disappointed because she was off to such a great start in the fall and was optimistic."

But with the latest injury sidelining Beattie once again, it isn't looking like Anderson will have her run at the Big Ten meet. Instead, he'll seemingly redshirt the early season favorite.

"The last thing we should do is throw away a year of eligibility in order for her to go finish 36th at the conference meet," Anderson said. "It may help us a little bit at the meet, but at the end of the day, it isn't the better for the team tradition moving forward."

Beattie was the top finisher for the Hawkeyes in their first two meets this season, and given her talent, the team seems to have found a very good replacement for their top runner. Graduate student and current Big Ten Runner of the Week Schrulle will be the most likely finish first at meets for the Hawkeyes moving forward.

Schrulle took 12th place with a sub-20 minute finish at the Adidas Invitational in Wisconsin, a 6K race.

"Her performance this past weekend certainly makes her one of the favorites to win the Big Ten," Anderson said. "It's just a matter of execution over the 20 minutes on

the course. She's in good health and training well."

Beattie's injury will force three freshmen into the lineup. Lisa Gordon, Courtney Martin, and Cindy Saliba have competed well this season, junior Megan Ranegar said, but tougher meets lie ahead of the team.

If Beattie's injury spirals into a red-shirt situation, the women's cross-country team may be left with a thought of what they could have accomplished. With Beattie and Schrulle both running, Iowa's limits would have had a much higher ceiling at the Big Ten and national events.

"You have to think that if she was ahead of Mareike at those [previous] meets, she would be there with Mareike at the Wisconsin meet," Anderson said. "There could have been a dramatically different team outcome."

The runners are aware the rest of the season will be tough without Beattie.

"Losing our best runner is going to have a big impact on us at the Big Ten Tournament," redshirt freshman Shannon Maser said.

Anderson said Beattie's absence from the lineup is noticed every day.

"Nobody is saying, 'I can step in there for Kayla, and the team won't miss a beat,'" he said.

Golfers seek improvement

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Before heading into the final fall tournament in Florence, Ind., the Iowa women's golf team had improved its team score in every event it had participated in. The Hoosier Fall Invitational was not kind to the Black and Gold, though, and the Hawkeyes posted their worst score during the final round.

The Hawkeyes' season concluded with an eighth place among the 13 teams this past weekend. After that disappointing end to the fall, the squad doesn't expect to take too much time off.

"We didn't do as well as we wanted to," senior Kristi Cardwell said. "But that always leaves room for improvement, and [it's] motivation for the spring."

Iowa will not participate in a competitive tournament until 2013, when it is scheduled to partake in the Hurricane Invitational in Miami beginning Feb. 4.

Fall-season highlights include a couple of first career holes-in-one for Iowa golfers. Cardwell recorded her first ace during the first-round of action at the Dick McGuire Invitational on Sept. 17. Sophomore Shelby Phillips carded her first career hole-in-one this year during the Johnie Imes Invitational in Columbia, Mo.

"I think it gave the whole team a big energy boost," Cardwell said about Phillips' shot. "When we all heard that



Freshman golfer Amy Ihm practices at the Finkbine Golf Course on Sept. 26. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

it had happened again, it really got our spirits up."

The Hawkeyes finished the fall circuit with one top-five finish in the four tournaments they participated in, and Hawkeye Amy Ihm stressed the skill the Hawks need to improve if they want to see more top-five results.

"Putting is really what separates the outstanding players from the not-so outstanding players," the freshman said. "So if we pick up our putting a little bit, we'll be right there in the top-five every time."

Both the Iowa women's and men's golf teams can look forward to experience something this off-season they haven't been able to in previous years — practice year-round. A \$1.8 million indoor golf facility is nearing completion at the Finkbine Golf Course. The building, which was funded by private donations, will give golfers the opportunity to work on their game all hours of the day, all days of the year.

The grand opening for the facility is scheduled for February 2013.

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

The results of Iowa's season may not have been exactly what the coaches and players had expected. But head coach Megan Menzel and assistant coach Laura Cilek have continued to stock the Iowa roster with young and seemingly talented recruits.

The team plans to take advantage of NCAA-sanctioned practice time, because the season doesn't officially end for a few more weeks. But improvement won't end when official practice is over; the golfers are thinking about off-season workouts on their own, and eventually, their new facility.

"This season was about growing as a team," Ihm said. "We're young and have a lot to experience yet. So we're going to work hard."

SPORTS

No excuses for Carpenter

SAN FRANCISCO — Chris Carpenter never felt right. There were command problems, and one pitch he wanted back that might have changed the game.

His remarkable return finally hit a rough stretch Monday night.

The St. Louis Cardinals' long-time postseason ace came back from a complicated operation that removed a rib and two neck muscles just to get on the mound again this October for the reigning World Series champions.

His recent run of spectacular playoff pitching ended in one tough inning as St. Louis lost Game 2 of the NL Championship Series to the San Francisco Giants, 7-1, and headed back home to Busch Stadium with the best-of-seven showdown tied at a game apiece.

"A little bit of everything," he said, addressing what went wrong. "Command wasn't good, sharpness wasn't as good as I'd like. At the end, it came down to one pitch that could have changed the game around and moved on to the next inning, and I wasn't able to make that pitch."

And he's not talking about the leadoff home run by Angel

Pagan in the first inning. Marco Scutaro's two-out, two-run single in the fourth put San Francisco ahead 5-1.

After Pagan's drive, Carpenter made quick work of the Giants with consecutive 11-pitch innings before a mistake-filled fourth did in the Cardinals.

And, strangely enough on this night, Carpenter might have helped the Cardinals more with his bat than his arm. He hit an RBI double in the second inning off Ryan Vogelsong for St. Louis' lone run.

"I got lucky," he said. "You get lucky every once in a while."

In the fourth, Carpenter was charged with a throwing error when he fielded Brandon Crawford's tough chopper to his left and made a rushed throw to first that was out of reach for Allen Craig. That allowed the go-ahead run to come home, and San Francisco added another when left fielder Matt Holliday misplayed Scutaro's hit and a third run scored on the play.

Carpenter's night was done after that, a 29-pitch inning. The bearded right-hander took a seat in the dugout, stone faced and seemingly unfazed. He allowed 2 earned runs, 5 in all, and 6 hits in four innings — and his postseason ERA in two outings this year is still an impressive 1.86.

"I'm not going to make going to make excuses about what was going on," Carpenter said. "I just didn't have good stuff tonight and I didn't pitch well enough to win."

He certainly will be eager for another chance, and soon: Carpenter is ultra-competitive, one of the Cardinals' most decorated players and their winningest pitcher in the postseason with 10 victories.

Carpenter played a key role during last year's title run, going 4-0, with wins in the division series clincher and again in the decisive Game 7 of the World Series against the Texas Rangers.

After Carpenter went winless in his very short regular season, there he was throwing shutout ball in an 8-0 Game 3 win in the division series against Washington Oct. 10 — 5.2 scoreless innings to be exact.

A few mistakes cost Carpenter in this one.

"I thought he threw pretty well," manager Mike Matheny said. "A couple of things added up. The real hard-hit balls ended up just stacking on top of each other. He's been real sharp lately. We have faith in him in these situations and know he'll come out next opportunity and make good pitches for us."

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great.” Hankins doesn’t just bring golfers with potential onto the team and let them play. The sixth-year coach teaches things like work ethic, how to live a healthy lifestyle, and how to play in big tournaments against quality opponents. “The biggest thing we learned was how to compete every single week,” Hopfinger said. “It’s something Coach Hankins strives for. We always look ahead to what’s next.” Hopfinger and India, who both graduated in 2011, are competing in Palm Desert, Calif. Hopfinger is tied for first place, and India is tied for 66th. Brant is tied for 37th place in the tournament at Lakeland, Fla., and Kelpin is

tied for 45th in the event in Kannapolis, N.C. Hopfinger admitted there are a few adjustments that need to be made when making the transition from college to professional golf. “You have to get used to playing for money,” the Lake Forest, Ill., native said. “Each shot could mean thousands of dollars. In college, we were always told to ignore distractions. Money is just another distraction you have to learn to ignore.” Hankins hopes to continue to create a pathway for players looking to compete professionally, something he started doing as soon as he took over the helm of Iowa men’s golf six years ago. “Golf is a learning sport,” he said. “It’s not how fast you are or how far you hit it. There’s a lot of different ways to be the best player. There are a million things you can learn in golf.”



Then-Iowa golfer Barrett Kelpin stands in the fairway at Finkbine Golf Course in 2011. Kelpin is competing in the Qualifying School, trying to earn a spot in the PGA tour. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

BIG TEN
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because I think it can be the defining moment for our football team this year.”

Loss sticks with Hoke

Michigan hasn’t beaten Michigan State since 2007, and many Wolverine seniors will have their final chance to get their first win over the Spartans on Saturday. It also serves as an opportunity for redemption for head coach Brady Hoke. Hoke served as an assistant coach at Michigan from 1995-2002 and said

the 2001 loss to the Spartans has stuck with him over the years. He blamed himself for that loss. “There were some things at the end of the game from the standpoint of how we played and how we coached,” Hoke said. “We had a penalty for too many men on the field, and I just happened to be the guy, late in the game, who

was in charge of defensive substitutions. So I’ve kind of taken that personally.” **Hoosiers trying to get over the hump** Indiana has been close to stealing wins against conference heavyweights the last two weeks, but the Hoosiers have come up short and find themselves at 2-4 and 0-2 in the Big Ten.

Indiana head coach Kevin Wilson said producing back-to-back strong efforts is encouraging, but it’s not enough for a program trying to climb out of the conference cellar. “I’m trying to make sure around here that we don’t get satisfied that we played well, because we didn’t play well,” Wilson said in Tuesday’s tele-

conference. “We had eight dropped passes, a boatload of missed tackles, and a blocked punt that haunted us. We got down in the scoring zone and had to kick some field goals. We went three-and-out seven times. We get into an exciting game, but we really didn’t play like you need to win. And that’s why we lose.”

FERENTZ
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Quick snap call pays off

Vandenberg didn’t receive credit for a touchdown on Weisman’s overtime-forcing run. But he made a call in the huddle that led directly to it. The fifth-year senior told the offensive line in the huddle that Iowa would try to snap the ball as soon as they were set, before Michigan State’s defense was ready. It worked. “I talked to the linemen, and they were all good with it,” Vandenberg said. “We caught them off-guard. I know both [Michigan State’s] defensive tackles weren’t even quite down in their stance yet.”

Vandenberg has received plenty of criticism this season as Iowa’s passing game has floundered. But center James Ferentz said that play is an example of what his quarterback does for the offense that is less noticeable than a poorly thrown pass. “That was Vandenberg’s call, and it was a great choice by him,” the center said. “I don’t think people give him enough credit for the intelligence he brings to the game. His Xs and Os knowledge is incredible. And the number of checks he has to make and the reads he does are very difficult to do.” Iowa running back Greg Garmon rushes against Northern Iowa in Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 15. Garmon is listed first on depth chart at running back for this weekend’s game against Penn State following Mark Weisman’s ankle injury against Michigan State last weekend. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)



V-ball focuses on basics

No. 4 Nebraska poses numerous matchup problems for the Hawkeyes, but they’re concentrating on the fundamentals to help elevate their game.

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The Iowa volleyball players know they can’t win matches without playing fundamentally sound volleyball. Success begins with the fundamentals in the Big Ten, and so far this season, the Hawkeyes (10-11, 2-6 Big Ten) have been up and down in their serving and passing. Iowa has committed 133 service errors on the season but has recorded 92 service aces. “We’re going to have to serve tougher than we did against Wisconsin,” assistant coach Ben Boldt said about today’s match against No. 4 Nebraska. “I like what our passing is doing. Our tempo is good, and our offense looks pretty good. But Nebraska is a top-5 team, and it presents a lot of matchup problems for us.” The Hawkeyes will have a hard time trying to get the Cornhuskers (15-2, 7-1) out of rhythm. Nebraska ranks 15th in the NCAA in kills per set (14.43) and fifth in hitting percentage (.309). The Cornhuskers are also 19th

in the nation in blocks per set (2.84). “We’re still just trying to win the serve-pass game — that’s the most crucial part of the volleyball,” senior defensive specialist Allison Straumann said. Serving the ball in volleyball could be seen as equivalent to the kicking game in football. Iowa has a better chance of making opponents uncomfortable with their positioning if the Hawkeyes can pin the other team in spots they’re not used to on the court. “Technically, we want to make sure our serving is tough,” junior hitter Rachael Bedell said. “Nebraska is obviously a big and physical team, so we’re going to need to get them out of system to make it a competitive game.” Iowa can’t underestimate Nebraska’s depth. Head coach John Cook’s team has eight women who are 6 feet or taller. “When it comes to [the opponent’s] fourth and fifth players making plays, it comes down to things like serve ,and pass, and blocking,” Boldt said. “Players have to make plays, and whichever team

can do that will come out on top.” The Iowa coaches expect their squad to continue the growth they’ve shown since winning matches on the road against Indiana and then-No. 12 Purdue on Oct. 5-6. But to do that, the Hawkeyes need all the players to consistently play up to their potential. “We’re happy with the way we’ve been playing, but once again, we’re being really inconsistent,” setter Nikki Dailey said. “We’re playing high-level sets but then going back to playing average sets. Within the overall picture, we know we have what it takes [to win matches]; it’s just being consistent with the little things.” Focusing on the simple aspects of volleyball, such as serving and passing or being able to block efficiently, will turn the Hawkeyes into consistent competitors in the Big Ten. Until then, however, Iowa will have to make sure that it doesn’t doom itself in matches with inexcusable mistakes. “If we just play good Hawkeye volleyball and don’t try to overcompen-

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Ankle may sideline Weisman



Iowa running back Mark Weisman scores a touchdown in Spartan Stadium in East Lansing, Mich., on Oct. 13. Weisman's ankle was injured on the play, and the tailback did not return to the field for rest of the game. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

Kirk Ferentz said his star running back has “a lot of progress to make to be able to play” against Penn State.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**
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Iowa was already going to have a tough time putting up points against Penn State, the Big Ten's second-best scoring defense, on Saturday.

But now the Hawkeyes might have to play without the guy who has scored 8 of the team's 12 touchdowns.

Running back Mark Weisman sprained his ankle on a last-minute, game-tying touchdown run against Michigan State on Oct. 13. Hawkeye head coach Kirk Ferentz said on Tuesday that Weisman has “a lot of progress to make to be able to play” and that Iowa would prepare as if the sophomore back won't be available.

“Realistically, you're talking about a guy trying to be a running back ... I'd say if he was our left guard, maybe it would be different,” Ferentz said. “But it's tough for a guy to just gut it up and play running back. It's really hard.”

Weisman was not made available at the team's weekly media gathering on Tuesday. He said after the game on Oct. 13 that he would “definitely” play against Penn State.

But he spent the weekend in a walking boot. And even though an MRI on Monday showed what Ferentz called “nothing overly concerning,” Weisman will only put in light work during the week of practice.

True freshman Greg Garmon would get the start in Weisman's place, with sophomore Jordan Canzeri backing him up. Canzeri is ready to return from an ACL tear in spring practice, and Ferentz said the team would have to count on him to carry the ball.

Sophomore back Damon Bullock has missed three-straight games with recurring symptoms from a concussion he suffered on Sept. 15.

Quarterback James Vandenberg said the Hawkeyes could run the ball no matter who was taking the handoffs.

“The line's done a great job no matter who's been at tailback this year,” he said. “So we feel pretty confident we have plenty of guys who can fill that role.”

SEE FERENTZ, 10

BIG TEN NOTEBOOK

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Sparty wants No. 5

Michigan State looks for its fifth-straight win over Michigan, and the game comes at a good time.

By **TORK MASON**
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Saturday marks the 105th meeting between Michigan and Michigan State. Spartan head coach Mark Dantonio said this week is a chance for his team to have fun but also stressed that players need to be focused.

Dantonio said playing the Wolverines after a tough loss at home is good for the players. He said it brings up the intensity and level of focus on the team.

“The timing is good. I think it's a little bit of a release after last Saturday,” Dantonio said. “We don't have time to feel sorry for ourselves. You have to get back up, you have to get back ready to play. You have to be focused; you can't get focused on Friday. You have to get focused on Sunday and Monday of this week. You've got to start getting ready to play now.”

Dantonio said he wants his players to appreciate the history of the program and all the athletes who came before them. He emphasized the importance of realizing that the game “is bigger than [the players] are,” and that it means a lot to the people in the state. And Spartan fans have enjoyed a four-game winning streak against the Maize and Blue.

But Dantonio also focuses on the here and now.

“My focus is winning the football game in 2012,” he said. “We can live and look at [the streak] after the season or at a later time in the future. But right now our focus is on winning this game,

SEE BIG TEN, 10

Four ex-Hawk golfers vie for pro spots

Former Iowa men's golfers are competing in the Q-School, trying to qualify for positions on the PGA Tour.

By **TOMMY REINKING**
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Competition doesn't end after graduating for Iowa men's golfers.

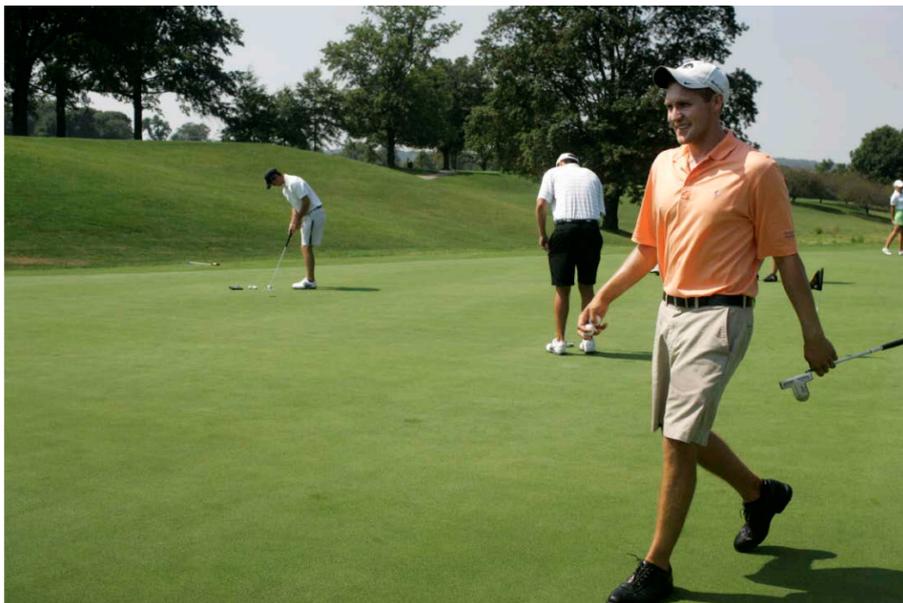
Vince India, Brad Hopfinger, Barrett Kelpin, and Chris Brant are competing in Qualifying School (commonly known as Q-School) events in three different states in an attempt to become members of the PGA Tour.

“It's what we've been waiting for,” head coach Mark Hankins said. “Iowa [universities are] only represented by Zach Johnson, a Drake graduate. That's sad that only one player out there is from the state of Iowa. We've got four players who have a chance to make that jump.”

The path to becoming a professional won't be an easy one for the quartet. The athletes must make it through four days of qualifying with eliminations happening each day.

It's stressful, but it's worth it.

“It all comes down to enjoying the journey,” Brant said. “If you get stressed with all the steps, it'll consume your mind. It becomes so much more enjoyable when you just



Then-Iowa golfer Chris Brant retrieves a ball at Finkbine Golf Course in 2011. Brant is competing in the Qualifying School, trying to earn a spot in the PGA tour. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

enjoy the process.”

If the players make it through the first stage of qualifying, they advance to the second stage, which will take place on Nov. 13-17. Then, golfers who play well enough in the second stage will advance to the third and final stage on Nov. 28-Dec. 3.

Players who make it all

the way through the lengthy qualifying process, which adds up to 14 rounds, will be able to play in the web.com tour. Hankins said the tour is essentially the minor leagues of golf tours.

The possibility of having professional golfers who played for the Hawkeyes not only benefits those players, it

aids the program.

“If they make it, it will give our program that much more clout,” Hankins said. “Basically, kids are looking to get to the next level. Kids who I recruit want to play professional golf. If we can get one or two guys through, it would be

SEE PRO GOLF, 10

3 Hawk golfers finish well

Three Iowa men's golfers finished play in the Earl Yestingsmeier Invitational hosted by Ball State at the Delaware Country Club in Muncie, Ind.

Freshman Voramate Aussarassakorn, Nate Yankovich, and Landon Kowalski competed as individuals, and each finished in the top 30.

“Everyone fought hard and was giving a good effort, and that was good to see from these guys,” assistant coach Dan Holterhaus said in a release. “All three of our guys were playing good golf at times and kept grinding when they weren't. Obviously, Nate played pretty well for us and had a solid final round.”

Yankovich led the trio with an eighth-place finish in his first Division-I tournament. The Blacklick, Ohio, native shot a 2-under in the final round to card a three-round total of 5-over.

Aussarassakorn, who also competed at the D-I level for the first time, placed 22nd. He improved his score each round and ended the 54-hole event with a score of 13-over.

Kowalski shot a score of 16-over and ended the day in 26th place.

“This was a great opportunity for them to get their feet wet and see what the atmosphere in college golf is like,” Holterhaus said. “We've been competitive inside our team, but it's really important to go out and compete with an entire field and get that tournament experience.”

The Hawkeyes' next tournament will be the U.S. Collegiate Championships in Atlanta Friday through Oct. 21.

— by Tommy Reinking