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2012 VOTE 2012: ENERGY

Candidates push energy

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State Democrats say voters should think about job creation and renewable energy as issues that fall hand in hand when going to the polls this year, as they hope for more legislation on both the national and state level.

Iowa Democrats linked renewable energy with job creation at a press conference on Monday held at Kirkwood Community College, and Democrats also pushed voters to look at the Republican voting record on alternative-energy bills.

The issue Sen. Rob Hogg, D-Cedar Rapids, outlined lies with the failed passage of several alternative energy and transportation bills in the House.

"In general, most candidates, if not all candidates, will say we are in favor of jobs, but then the question comes up — what are you actually going to do?" Hogg said. "What policies are you going to support?"

He blamed Republicans for the bills not passing, and he is worried because he believes alternative energy creates jobs.

"One of the things that has been proven to work is renewable energy," Hogg said. "In my view, we've got to have an energy strategy that focuses on homegrown renewable energy, jobs making energy in Iowa, and real transportation solutions."

Rep. Ralph Watts, R-Adel, said the issues with renewable energy proposals are the



(Top) Then-UI Power Plant employee Hal Weinard monitors the coal and oat hulls being burned at the facility in 2009. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo) (Bottom) James Johansen watches as the new wind turbine is raised outside the Madison Street Services Building in 2010. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

costs involved.

"Generally, renewable energy costs more," he said. "I do know that sometimes some of the Senate Democrats like to make renewable energy proposals that don't make any sense for the taxpayer."

Democrat consultant Paul Deaton said voters should be thinking about creating jobs when they go to the polls this year.

"I think there is an advantage to having [renewable



-energy jobs] in the state, to the extent that jobs created by renewable energies are viable and can be grown," he said. "I think that should be a factor in the election."

Hogg also saw similarities between national Republican policies and local Repub-

lican policies.

"The Republicans have a very inconsistent record of supporting renewable energy and transportation solutions," he said. "There are parallels with that on a na-

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Council ponders Taft levee

The recommended levee for the Taft Speedway project would cost an estimated \$8.1 million.

By **NATHANIEL OTJEN**
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The Iowa City City Council tackled how to proceed with the Taft Speedway levee on Tuesday evening. City officials recommended the council favor a plan for a 100-year flood-protection levee costing \$8.1 million.

The proposed flood-mitigation project was one of eight proposals ranging from establishing a floodwall to establishing a levee and floodwall system. The proposals ranged in estimated costs from \$3 million to \$14.3 million.

HDR Inc. — an engineering firm — presented the plans to the City Council and was in charge of evaluating the city's options on the Taft Speedway project.

"What staff would recommend is proceeding with project Alternative 7," said Rick Fosse, the Iowa City Public Works director.

The proposed project would involve the construction of an earthen levee around the Idyllwild neighborhood and Parkview Church primarily along the Taft Speedway between Dubuque Street and No Name Road. The west side of the levee would tie into the high ground along No Name Road and to the east it would tie into high ground north of Taft Speedway.

Fosse said the levee project would not provide protection against something as large as the 2008 flood.

The city has been discussing flood mitigation projects since the flood. Iowa City community members have raised concerns over proposed mitigation options over the past few years. Concerns include the possibility of increased flood-

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2012 VOTE 2012: THIRD PARTIES

Debate features three viewpoints

The Young Americans for Liberty hosted a debate for three different political views in which the similarities and common goals were on display — along with the fundamental differences.

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Outside the arena of a formal political debate, right and left politics still don't mix — and adding a third party won't improve the odds.

But a debate hosted on the University of Iowa campus Tuesday night did just that in order to offer students a more varied display of political opinions following the conclusion of this year's presidential debates.

The Young Americans for Liberty, along with the UI College Republicans and Democrats held a debate Tuesday featuring members of the Democratic, Republican, and Libertarian Parties in which the panel was encouraged to discuss the views for their part of the political spectrum.

Frank Durham, a UI associate professor, represented the liberal end of the political spectrum, while Jack Hunter, a columnist for the *American Conservative*, expressed views for



Jack Hunter (right) of Southern Avenger radio program speaks during a debate hosted at Phillips Hall on Tuesday. The debate was moderated by UISG President Nic Pottebaum. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

the right end.

Most debates solely feature Democratic and Republican views, but this educational discussion featured libertarian views — a third party not represented in presidential debates.

Jim Harper of the Cato Institute represented the Libertarian Party — a party not featured on every ballot for the upcoming election.

While the political enthusiasts said they were alike in many instances, they clashed on some issues including health care and social issues.

The Affordable Care Act brought the first disagreements for the panel.

Durham, a journalism professor at the UI, supports the act, saying it was a step in the right direction.

His fellow panelists disagreed.

Hunter, an outspoken adversary of the Affordable Care Act, dubbed the piece of legislation incompetent that will follow in the footsteps of the programs before it — including Social

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2012 VOTE 2012: FOREIGN POLICY

Not so different on Iran

In September, Iranian officials reported 16 nuclear facilities and nine locations where nuclear material is present.

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While President Obama and GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney continue to spar over whose foreign policy will best relieve tensions between the United States and the Iranian regime, experts say the candidates' policies are actually quite similar.

A report from the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran had declared to the agency it had 16 nuclear facilities and nine locations outside facilities where nuclear material is customarily used. In September 2011, Iran reported 15 nuclear facilities to the agency.

The Obama administration has imposed sanctions on Iran that have — in the president's words — crippled that nation's economy. Such sanctions, according to the White House, are part of Obama's plan to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.

"America wants to resolve this issue through diplomacy, and we believe that there is still time and space to do so. But that time is not unlimited," Obama told the U.N. General Assembly on

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News

UI to tweak dorm-meal plans

The university will implement revamped meal plans next fall in Burge and Hillcrest.

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“Rollover” — a concept many cell-phone users are familiar with, will be applied to the University of Iowa residential dining service next fall.

The current meal system offers three main plans, which include 20, 14, or 10 weekly meals, and cost \$1,450, \$1,400, and \$1,287.50, respectively, per semester.

Any unused meals do not carry over to the following week.

But in the fall of 2013, the old plan will be scrapped in favor of one with at least two options. A “block pack,” which will offer 220 meals per semester, will be available, along with an unlimited meal package. Associated Residence Hall Executive Director Sean Ryan called the unlimited package the “golden pack.”

While Ryan said the price of the meal plans have yet to be determined, students should not expect much of an increase in their payments.

“It won’t be excessively higher,” he said. “But we’re still working out the details.”

Ryan said one of the

details worked out is the implementation of Hawk dollars into the meal plans. Hawk dollars, which are available through students’ room contracts, can be used at select vending machines on campus as well as in UI convenience stores.

UI Director of Housing and Dining Von Stange said the revamp of the meal plans will allow students to get more value out of their meals.

While the University’s “Grab and Go” lunch program no longer exists, Stange hopes the new meal plans, which will include meal equivalency pickup at numerous UI locations, will be able to facilitate students who eat their meals on the go.

“It was a difficult program to administer,” he said.

He cited the need for extra staff and additional work as one of the main reasons for the program’s closing.

Ryan said the most attractive element of the new meal plans is the flexibility.

“If you go to Burge around 12:30, it’s really busy, and it can be a hassle,” he said.

The new plan will include the ability to continue to use meal swipes at Pat’s Diner, both Burge and Hill-



Alex Alwine serves fruit at the Burge Marketplace on Oct. 3. University of Iowa dining plans will begin to rollover from week to week starting next fall. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

crest Marketplaces, as well as the River Room Café, the Mayflower convenience store, and Food for Thought, located in the Main Library.

UI freshman Randi Doolley thinks the new plans are a good idea, because the semester block of meals provides less constraint on student’s schedules.

“People’s schedules vary from week to week,” she said. “And this allows for more leeway than the weekly number of swipes.”

Stange said the UI plans to incur some cost because of the upped emphasis on portable meals, but that the costs are worth it to become more accommodating to students.

Hillcrest will also add a Sunday dinner to its menu, Stange said. Burge will serve only breakfast and lunch on Sundays, and Hillcrest will serve lunch and dinner. The change will accommodate UI staff, because there will only be one working shift per dining center.

Stange hopes by providing “rollover” meal plans and adding portability, the UI dining service will become more efficient in serving students.

“Students didn’t feel like there was good value with the current system,” he said. “The new plans should give them more flexibility.”

UISG backs sustainability panel

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University of Iowa Student Government leaders believe students should play an important role in helping the university achieve its 2020 vision.

UISG officially endorsed the proposed creation of a Sustainability Advisory Committee at its meeting on Tuesday and detailed plans to create it.

The Sustainability Advisory Committee, proposed as part of the university’s goal to meet certain sustainability targets by 2020, would consist of four faculty members, four staff members, and four students — two undergraduates, one professional student, and one graduate student.

UI President Sally Mason laid out the sustainability targets on Oct. 29, 2010, including reducing the carbon impact of transportation, achieving net-negative energy growth, and decreasing the production of waste.

The committee would also have several ad-

ministrative liaisons, including the director of Facilities Management, the director of the Office of Sustainability, the director of Parking and Transportation, and representatives from the UI Hospital and Clinics as well as the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost.

Kelsey Zlevor, UISG’s sustainability liaison, said the committee would advise Mason and the UI Office of Sustainability on how to move forward with project ideas to meet the 2020 goals.

“This is not just the work of the administration,” she said. “Students make up a huge part of campus, and since we are consuming and creating a large amount of waste, it’s important that we are a part of this process.”

George McCrory, a communications specialist in the UI Office of Sustainability, said the office welcomes student input.

“We’re always looking for students to provide us with ideas about how to move forward with sustainability on campus,” he said. “We want to let

them know how they can help us and how we can help them.”

UISG would be tasked with assigning students to the committee, and the positions would be open to any student through an application process beginning in March.

UISG Speaker of the Senate Aaron Horsfield supports the committee.

“[The committee] will focus not just on us but will bridge the gap among staff, faculty, and students,” he said, noting that the committee would be a collaborative effort.

Zlevor said the committee would balance concerns about cost with long-term benefit.

“As with anything, we have to do a cost-benefit analysis on all of our ideas,” she said. “Some may be immediately more costly, but down the line will save money. We have to look at what’s feasible and what will have the most lasting impact.”

Though one senator wondered how the proposed committee would affect existing UISG sustainability efforts, the resolution on the commit-

Sustainability

UI President Sally Mason and the Office of Sustainability outlined seven goals for 2020.

- Achieve net-negative energy growth
- Green the UI energy portfolio
- Decrease UI production of waste
- Reduce the carbon impact of transportation
- Increase student opportunities to learn, practice principles of sustainability
- Support, grow interdisciplinary research in sustainability-focused and related areas
- Develop partnerships to advance collaborative initiatives, academic and operational

Source: UI Office of Sustainability

Woman charged with aiding burglary

An Iowa City woman has been accused of assisting after a burglary was committed.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Shakila Holder, 18, 1958 Broadway Apt. 6B, was charged Oct. 21 with second-degree theft.

Holder allegedly drove the robbery suspect from the scene with knowledge of the crime. Holder allowed the suspect to hold the stolen items in her apartment and initially lied to investigators in an attempt to assist the suspect in concealing the crime. Holder allegedly drove the suspect to another location, so that a gun that was used could be hidden.

— by **Quentin Misiag**

METRO

Council to hold chicken hearing

The Iowa City City Council voted unanimously Tuesday evening to approve a motion establishing a public hearing to discuss a proposed chicken ordinance in November.

The motion passed 7-0, setting the public hearing for Nov. 13.

The proposed ordinance would allow people to keep chickens as an accessory use to single family detached uses, and it would include standards for structures for the housing of chickens.

City officials have discussed the chicken ordinance since 2009. Currently, city code prohibits people from raising farm animals — chickens included — in any residential area. The proposed ordinance would legalize raising chickens.

An Iowa City group, I-CLUCK, favors legalizing urban chickens, and it collected nearly 1,000 signatures from residents in support of the ordinance. The petition was presented to the City Council on July 10.

According to a 2009 city memorandum, the Department of Housing and Inspection Services recommended councilors not amend the zoning code.

Both Cedar Rapids and Ames allow backyard chickens.

— by **Nate Otjen**

Man charged with 2nd OWI

A Cedar Rapids man has been accused of driving intoxicated and being in a motor-vehicle accident in north Coralville.

According to a Coralville police complaint, Scott Londquist, 41, 364 30th St. S.E., was charged Aug. 3 with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. This is Londquist’s second OWI offense since 2007.

Londquist was allegedly driving intoxicated on Highway 965 northbound in Coralville when he was involved in a motor-vehicle accident at approximately 5:15 p.m.

According to the Coralville police complaint, Londquist left the scene and was located by officers shortly after.

Londquist was taken to an area hospital after showing signs of intoxication, the complaint said.

Results show he had an alcohol concentration of .418.

— by **Quentin Misiag**

BLOTTER

Melissa Cassill Daykin, 31, Sherman Oaks, Calif., was charged Oct. 20 with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Sanat Divekar, 18, Burge 1337, was charged Oct. 20 with disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and presence in a bar after hours.

Alicia Gipson, 22, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2015, was charged Monday with disorderly conduct.

Jeremy Laughlin, 29, 519 S. Dodge St. Apt. 2, was charged Oct. 16 with OWI.

Ryan Shields, 22, Warrensburg, Mo., was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Tyeshea Spearman, 23, Harvey,

Ill., was charged Tuesday with obstructing an officer, interference with official acts, and assault on an officer.

Michael White, 41, 1126 St. Clements Alley, was charged Tuesday with disorderly conduct.

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Fair shows blind resources

By **LAUREN COFFEY**
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Visual impairment is not a black or light issue. "You don't have to be black blind to be blind," said Mark Neumeier, the president of Magnification Resources — a company based in Lincoln, Neb. "People suffer from low-vision conditions. When people hear legally blind, they think you either don't see anything at all or you have normal vision."

To dispel these misconceptions, along with educating the visually impaired community in Iowa City, the Senior Center held a Low Vision Resource Fair, in which vendors catering to the low-vision community could showcase their products.

Experts say that with the growing number of technology advancements, those who are visually impaired should be able to lead uninterrupted lives.

There are 1.3 million people in the United States who are identified as being legally blind. Roughly 69,000 people in Iowa are visually impaired.

Many vendors involved magnification to help with reading. Others came to educate visitors on programs that could help the visually impaired, such as the Iowa Library for the Blind.

One program, Newsline, provides a way for the visually impaired to listen to newspapers, magazines, and TV listings. Iowa Newsline coordinator Peggy Chong believes a big issue in the blind community is that members are not



Curtis Chong, the program administrator for field operations and access technology of the Iowa Department for the Blind, demonstrates how technology helps those who have limited vision at the Senior Center on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

aware of all the technology available to help.

"I think it's important [to have information fairs] because we need to be able to reach people," she said. "A lot of the times, people don't find out all the things you have, they don't know about the variety of different vendors. A farmer wouldn't go to just one store."

Rick Dressler, the public information specialist for the Iowa Department for the Blind, helped put on the event.

"I think people are always surprised at the change of technology," he said. "A lot of people think blind people don't do what other people do. With the right training, they can find ways to adapt. They're capable of doing everything they did in the past, just doing it differently."

Chong, who has been legally blind her whole life, said she has dealt with many misconceptions associated with being legally blind, including others

thinking she is not able to be independent.

"[People will think] that you're not a person," she said. "I'll be at a restaurant, and they'll ask, 'Oh, what would she like' and I'm sitting right there. My husband is also blind, and people will be surprised to hear that we take fixer-uppers and fix them up to sell them. We've raised a child; we travel."

Ralph Aufdenkamp, the Iowa representative for Vision Helpers, said a positive attitude plays a large role in dealing with visual impairment.

"My wife is blind, so she has firsthand experience," he said. "[The word 'blind'] is a hard term to accept; people don't want to be called that [because of misconceptions]. The hardest part is to accept it. Once my wife realized maybe [certain services such as the Department for the Blind] can help, she has been a changed person. She's not afraid."

FOREIGN POLICY

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Sept. 25.

Romney believes a military option is a credible strategy in working to resolve tensions with Iran. He has said he will impose new sanctions on Iran and tighten current sanctions, according to his campaign site. Christopher Preble, the vice president for defense and foreign policy studies at the Cato Institute, said the candidates' strategies are similar but differ in their mentions of a military option.

"I do think they're similar — more similar than they want you to believe," Preble said. "The military option is implied when President Obama says we would do anything it takes. Gov. Romney is more explicit in evoking the military threat."

One University of Iowa foreign policy expert also drew similarities between the candidates' policies.

"Both want crippling sanctions, both talk about keeping the use of military force available," said Brian Lai, a UI associate professor of political science.

However, local Democratic and Republican leaders disagreed, maintaining the policies of the two candidates are indeed different.

Terry Dahms, the head of the Johnson County Democrats, said he's pleased with Obama's foreign policy.

"Obama said he would get us out of Iraq, and he did. He said he'd get Osama bin Laden, and he did," Dahms said. "Obama is doing what he said he'd do. Obama says what he means."

Bob Anderson, the head of the Johnson County Republicans, believes Romney's strategy would better resolve tensions.

"The Republican Party and its platform believes in peace through strength — to have the strongest possible military with the aim of using it the least," he said.

One Iranian-American said neither candidate has laid out a successful plan for resolving tensions with Iran.

"They both say that all options are on the table," said Yashar Vasef, former UI student and the executive director of the nonpartisan Iowa United Nations Association in Iowa City. "My concern is that even the rhetoric is too harsh for Romney or President Obama. I'd like to see them dial that down and pursue diplomatic channels."

Iran Policy

• Obama: The president has said the United States will do what it takes to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

• Romney: Romney said he believes a military option is a credible strategy in working to resolve tensions with Iran.

Source: White House, Romney's campaign site

Election Issues

Third in a five-part series: Follow along as *The Daily Iowan* looks in-depth at five different issues affecting voters in this election.

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EDITORIAL

Increase sanctions, not U.S. military spending

Monday night in Boca Raton, Fla., President Obama and former Governor Mitt Romney had their final debate with a primary focus on foreign policy.

The candidates heatedly discussed America's role in foreign policy, how the military ought to function, and what to do in regards to a major foreign threat, Iran.

When the discussion turned to Iran, though the debate was still heated, both candidates overwhelmingly agree on policies. The two candidates disagreed when Romney said that increasing the U.S. military budget, and by doing so increasing our military's strength, will help the world combat a nuclear Iran.

But increasing the budget for military spending will not affect Iran's ability to achieve nuclear capabilities.

"The issue is that having greater deployment capabilities means that we have to bear the defense costs," said Brian Lai, a University of Iowa associate professor of political science. "That is a clear difference between those candidates."

If the greatest foreign threat to the United States is Iran, as Romney stated in the debate, then increasing sanctions, removing the closest Iranian ally, and coercing Iran into diplomatic agreements are all policies that should be endorsed over Romney's policies that weaken the United States by increasing the deficit.

The Iranian threat should not be ignored, but increasing military spending would only threaten Americans more.

"Based on what intelligence reports are coming out with, Iran could have nuclear weapons technology in a year — it's hard to know exactly," Lai said. "For both candidates, time is of the essence."

Since the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010, signed into law by Obama, the United States has stopped almost all trade with Iran, with major penalties, both civil and criminal against people who violate those sanctions.

According to this act, "goods or services of Iranian origin may not be imported into the United States, either directly or through third coun-

tries." The only materials originating in Iran that may be brought to the United States are "gifts valued at \$100 or less; information and informational materials; household and personal effects, not intended for any other person or for sale and accompanied baggage for personal use normally incident to travel."

These are some of the strictest sanctions ever to be used, and in the last year, the U.S. Treasury Department reports that Iran's exports of oil decreased by 55 percent.

The Council on Foreign Relations reports though Iran has attempted to shield itself from the full force of these sanctions, the country's challenges have been increased because of the sanctions.

"They [the Iranian leaders] do have to be aware of the economic situation," Lai said. "If the economy is worse next election, the regime can only do so much oppression before it must be fearful of significant discontent."

The U.S. presidential candidates differ on the size of and spending on the military, but whether the United States increases or maintains the military, Iran will still work to get nuclear weaponry because the U.S. military will still spend more money on the military than any other nation in the world.

Romney asserted that the United States should expand military spending. The president, alternatively, endorses cutting spending. But neither of those options will change the Iranian threat; the options will only change the American deficit.

The amount the United States spends on the military does not change the Iranian threat, because right now we spend more than the next 10 largest militaries combined, and Iran is still working on nuclear capabilities.

However, increasing the military could threaten the American economy. It would be irresponsible to increase government spending at a time when the American deficit is a serious issue for the majority of Americans.

Your Turn.

Which candidate's approach is better to stop a nuclear Iran?
Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Face-to-face



BY ZACH TILLY
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The story of two lovers (and their two friends) running away after starting a romance on Xbox Live would be a one-off nugget of wacky news if it weren't true, reported by many news outlets spanning the globe, and happened right here in Iowa.

If our StarCraft-crossed lovers had run off together into middle-age melancholy, perhaps they'd have learned the truth on their own someday: We don't talk face-to-face anymore.

Consider the cost/benefit analysis one performs before deserting her or his family to run off with a stranger from Xbox Live. The implication of this decision is that teenage romance, friendship, and conversation are increasingly valuable — rare — commodities.

Cornell University sociologist Matt Brashears published a study last year that found Americans have smaller "discussion networks" — fewer close friends — today than they did 25 years ago. Brashears asked more than 2,000 survey

respondents to write down the names of people with whom they had recently discussed "important matters"; nearly half of those who took the survey wrote down only one name.

It's tempting to attribute our social ills to the changing media landscape. Facebook and texting — so the story goes — have eliminated face-to-face contact and fundamentally changed the way people relate to one another. There's more to it than that.

In 2000, before the advent of Facebook and the mainstreaming of texting, political scientist Robert Putnam published *Bowling Alone: America's Declining Social Capital*, his legendary book about the decline of America's social culture. Putnam's title refers to a striking example of America's growing reclusiveness: Even as the number of people who took up bowling in the 1980s and '90s grew, membership in bowling leagues declined.

Something has been amiss in American social life for a long time, it seems. So when four stupid kids risk life and limb for human contact, we should focus less on what it says about them and more on what it says about us. ■

Appreciate education



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Have you ever taken a moment to think about the fact that you are here at the University of Iowa? Some of us may not see this as that big of a deal. But to others, simply standing on the university's turf is something that they wouldn't dare to dream of. Many of these people happen to be women — especially those of color such as me.

Megan Schwalm, the program director at the Women's Resource and Action Center, has seen firsthand the effects that education, and the lack thereof, can have on young women. Schwalm along with other members of the UI community have started the Youth Mentoring Program.

This initiative matches teenage women from the Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County with volunteers trained by WRAC

in order to provide the young girls with a positive influence in their lives.

"None of these girls had ever set foot on the University of Iowa's campus," Schwalm said. "And they have lived in our community for a long time."

She noted that she had heard the girls say quite frequently, "Girls like me don't go to college."

In fact, in 2010, the Global Campaign for Education reported that 69 million children were out of school that year.

Women who attain higher levels of education have lower poverty rates than those with less education, according to a report from the National Center for Education Statistics. The report also stated that around 43 percent of all African-American young adults without a high-school level education were living in poverty in 2009, compared with 34 percent of African-American young adults whose highest level of educational attainment was high-school completion.

Sadly, these benefits are being locked away for millions of women who are minorities in many countries, including our very own. ■



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take down the blotter

The *Daily Iowan's* publication and archiving of the police blotter online — apparently archiving arrest records permanently and forever — is absolutely despicable.

I have a family member who committed an offense several years ago, was fined and placed under probation, finished with all of that years ago, and yet continues to be tarred and feathered, or at least publicized, by your website as a criminal and a lowlife.

It should be obvious to anyone with half a brain that this can have

a damaging effect on a person's professional and personal life. Even minor acquaintances can look up the name online and say, "Oh, I see an offense," as if it happened yesterday or sums up my relative's character.

The harm you do to people is even greater for the many young people who commit minor offenses or a serious one-time OWI offense. Their early careers — and apparently their lives — will be blighted because they had the misfortune to make a mistake, big or small, in a city where the *DI* doesn't give a crap about the harm it does.

If you have to publish the police blotter online, which as you can gather

I don't favor, at least have the decency to stop archiving it online beyond a year or two. Any Google or other search can find these offenses from years ago, doing no one any good.

If people need to do criminal background checks, there are firms that can handle that. Your old police-blotter records do not compromise an up-to-date law enforcement database. Anyone can find this online, years after the fact, with terrible results for people's lives. At least people who make mistakes in big cities don't have such idiotic websites harassing them, adding to their punishment.

Do you really think that it's a good thing to waste taxpayer

money to ensure that no crime will ever be forgotten, no self-inflicted wound ever healed?

John Smith
Iowa City resident

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Vote for retention

In the Oct. 22 *DI* letters section, Randy Davis urged Iowa voters to remove Justice David Wiggins from the Iowa Supreme Court because he (along with all the other justices then serving on the court) ruled, in *Var-num v. Brien*, in favor of gay marriage.

He condemns the court for pursuing an "activist" role, saying, "This is not the court's role. The Legislature makes the law," and suggesting that the judges effectively amended the Iowa Constitution.

Davis is wrong about the justices, and he is wrong about the law. The court's obligation was to decide whether a discriminatory marriage law was in conformity with the state Constitution.

The justices ruled — unanimously and correctly — that it was not: It violated the Constitutional right to equal protection under the law. This is not activism, and it is not legislating. It is protecting our state Consti-

tution, which in turn articulates the fundamental principle of equal protection as a basic right.

Davis may not like it; the majority of Iowans might not like it. So what? The whole point of a basic human right is that no one — not Davis and not the majority of Iowans — can take it away from you.

When someone calls a judge "activist," you can be sure that just means the person doesn't like her or his decisions. I urge all of you to flip your ballot and vote in favor of retention for all of our Supreme Court justices.

Evan Fales
Iowa City resident

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LEVEE

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ing across the river from a future levee.

The National Housing and Urban Development Disaster Recovery Office will be administering the funding through a Community Development Block Grant the city has

to apply for. The councilors need to make a decision on which course of action they will take on the issue and then apply for the funds.

The question before the council is if it should apply for "urgent need" funds to cover the proposed project or risk losing the funds because the time passed since the flood could pose a question of how urgent the funding requirement is. If

the council does apply under "urgent need" funds and lose them, then it can reapply for a grant issued for "low to moderate income" areas.

"The HUD office required us to take a step and look at this with more detail before we moved forward with a decision," Fosse said about the report.

John Engel of HDR Engineering presented the options to the City Council

and said he enjoyed working with the citizens of Iowa City on the project.

Three community members spoke about the Taft Speedway project — thanking the city councilors and urging them to think more in depth about the project.

At the beginning of the work session, Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek noted the importance of hearing

the public opinion on the issue.

"It's best for us not to discuss the recommendation before the public has time to weigh in — as we know they will," he said.

A negative that has yet to be discussed is the environmental impact this project could have.

"In the report there's a laundry list of impacts that we evaluated," Engel

said.

In Engel's slide show for the committee, it said there is a "potential for impacts on [threatened and endangered] species and wetlands, although it is anticipated that impacts could be minimized during design."

City councilors will begin voting on the project on Nov. 27, with plans to move ahead quickly on the proposal.

DEBATE

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Security and Medicaid.

"Obamacare is the most monstrous and most frightening thing that has come down the pike in some time as far as an entitlement we cannot afford," Hunter said.

Harper took a similar stance, saying the country needed to restore a marketplace as a financial service. If the health-care system continued, it would become increasingly expensive, preventing Americans from seeking health care until absolutely necessary.

"That system isn't going to work," he said. "It's going to get even worse before the market reforms come in and fix it."

On social issues, a sig-

nature differentiation among the three parties, the three disagreed even more.

Hunter said the states should use the 10th Amendment and allow each state to make decisions regarding social issues.

"It is tyranny for people in California to tell people in the south what they must do about abortion, and it's tyranny for people in the south to tell people in Vermont and Massachusetts they can't be married if they happen to be same-sex couples," he said.

On the opposing side, Harper said he doesn't know why America involves politicians in social issues at all.

"It doesn't need to be a political fight," he said. "That's something for society to handle. Distribute this problem back to

the people who can handle it perfectly. The last thing we should do is look to politicians for moral guidance — they're some of the worst."

Christopher Bjork, a North Liberty native, said the debate featuring a third-party candidate served the audience well with its knowledge and format. With the in-depth look at the views of the parties, the candidates themselves were taken out of the picture to identify the parties separately that represent them.

"I think it was a very good learning too, especially for those college kids who maybe thought they were liberal and decided they were libertarian — or maybe who thought they were conservative and are really liberal," he said.

ENERGY

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tional and state level."

University of Iowa political science Associate Professor Tim Hagle said there will always be differences between state and national Republicans. One of those variations is wind-energy tax breaks.

GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney hopes to discontinue tax breaks for wind energy, while the GOP candidate for Iowa's 2nd Congressional District, John Archer, does not think that is the best move.

"I don't necessarily know if [Romney] truly understands the economic impact of wind energy to Iowa," Archer said in a previous interview with *The Daily Iowan*. "I would be in favor of extending the tax credit for a period of time."

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, also saw an importance in wind-energy tax breaks.

"[The wind tax credit] helps to level the playing field," he said in a previous interview with the *DI*. "If you are going to end the tax credit, you need to end tax credits for oil and gas as well."

Romney and President

Obama both pushed for alternative energy creation during the presidential debates this past month. Romney wants to promote both renewable energy sources as well as traditional sources, and Obama wants to push cleaner and more efficient energy.

Hagle said it is not only

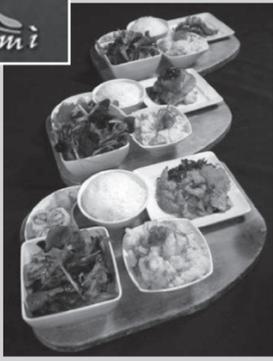
the Democrats who encourage renewable energy.

"I think you do see some differences in how the Republicans and Democrats want to approach alternative energy — but the Republicans do want to promote renewable energy," he said. "The Republicans stress the market a lot more."

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MERCY IOWA CITY

Reshaping Our Facility, Creating the Future

October 2012

Dear Community Members and Friends of Mercy,

We are living in a time of change in America's health care system, but Mercy Iowa City's commitment to you is stronger than ever. Our focus is you. No matter what the future brings, Mercy Iowa City will continue to provide health care on a human scale.

In this year's annual report to the community, I am pleased to report that Mercy has been accredited as Johnson County's only Chest Pain Center, developed a Stroke Center and created a Wound Center for patients who have non-healing wounds. These programs were developed in response to your needs.

As we prepare for our 140th Anniversary in 2013, I want to thank you for your continuing loyalty and support. Mercy Iowa City is your hospital, and we exist to provide you with high quality and safe care with a personal and human touch.

Ronald R. Reed

Ronald R. Reed
President &
Chief Executive
Officer



Building cranes and traffic bypasses at Mercy's Market Street location are an outward sign of sweeping building renovation going on inside.

Beginning in 2010 and continuing through 2016, Mercy is renovating all inpatient care units into a single-room environment.

Single patient rooms offer many advantages for patients:

- Improved care and safer environment
- Greater privacy
- A quieter environment

With three patient units already complete, other important features can be seen in the building design:

- Built-in technology that allows nurses to spend more time at the patient bedside
- Spacious patient bathrooms
- Natural lighting of common areas
- Modern appearance that incorporates warm accents, soft curves, and soft lighting

Just as in your own home, the physical surroundings of the hospital affect comfort, efficiency, and state-of-mind. And by re-creating the hospital environment, Mercy is indeed inventing its future.

MERCY HAS WELCOMED THESE PHYSICIANS TO ITS MEDICAL STAFF SINCE JULY 2011

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Compassion—showing empathy and caring for the sick and vulnerable

Stewardship—using resources responsibly

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2011-2012 HIGHLIGHTS

EXPANDED FAMILY MEDICINE FACILITY IN WASHINGTON

A spacious, light-filled building welcomed the Mercy Family Medicine of Washington clinic in August 2011. Its longtime health care providers—Drs. Matt Prihoda, David Nacos, Debbie Gibbs, Ryan Flannery, Trevor Martin, and pediatric nurse practitioner Amanda Kleese—provide family medicine for all ages. For Washington County residents, this Mercy practice means convenient care close to home.

WOUND CENTER OFFERS ADVANCE TREATMENTS

Mercy opened the area's first center for the advanced treatment of wounds in September 2011. Since that time more than 500 individuals have benefitted. The Mercy Wound Center makes cutting-edge treatments available for individuals living with chronic, non-healing wounds. These treatments include hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) and other evidence-based approaches, delivered in a comfortable outpatient setting.

"We are excited to provide this approach to wound care for the community," said Cindy Penney, Vice President of Nursing. "It is helping to improve the quality of life for many people."

JUST WALK IN—NOW ON THE WEST SIDE

Mercy opened its second urgent care location—Mercy Urgent Care West—in Coralville in November 2011. The walk-in clinic is located in Coral West Health Center, just north of Interstate 80 and west of Highway 965. Mercy Urgent Care West is staffed by experienced physicians and offers convenient hours: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; weekends and holidays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mercy Urgent Care East is located at 269 North First Avenue in Iowa City and offers the same extended hours. Whether you have a sprained ankle or a sore throat, an itchy rash or a stomach upset, Mercy Urgent Care is the quick, convenient and experienced choice.

MERCY PERFORMANCE GOES PLATINUM

Mercy's heart and vascular services received the ACTION Registry®-GWTG™ Platinum Performance Achievement Award in August 2012. This prestigious award from the National Cardiovascular Data Registry recognizes participating hospitals that have maintained a rate of performance of 90 percent or better for eight consecutive quarters. For patients, it means that Mercy is adhering to the highest clinical guidelines in the care of high-risk heart attack patients.

CHEST PAIN CALLS FOR FAST ACTION—AND EXPERTISE

Mercy became the only accredited chest pain center in Johnson County in December 2011. This means that Mercy treats patients quickly during the critical window of time when heart muscle can be preserved.

"The sooner a heart attack is treated, the less damage to the heart and the better outcome for the individual," said Stephen Scheckel, MD, Medical Director of Mercy's Emergency Department. Mercy's Chest Pain Center also monitors low-risk patients so they are neither sent home too early nor admitted needlessly.

STROKE CARE RECOGNIZED BY JOINT COMMISSION

In December 2011, Mercy achieved Primary Stroke Center Certification from The Joint Commission. This distinction recognizes centers that make exceptional efforts to foster better outcomes for stroke care. These efforts range from supporting patients' self-management activities to tailoring treatment to an individual's needs and analyzing performance against national standards.

"Mercy has been taking exceptional care of stroke patients for years," said Mercy nurse manager Kim Lopez. "We are happy that our quality care has been recognized by The Joint Commission."

INTERNAL MEDICINE OPTION NOW IN CORALVILLE

Mercy Internal Medicine opened its doors in May 2012 in Coral West Health Center in Coralville. The board-certified physicians are a husband-and-wife team: Michael Gomendoza, MD, and Carol Ann Tan, MD. Drs. Gomendoza and Tan specialize in adult medicine and caring for individuals living with chronic disease. And like all Mercy physicians, they are ready to focus on you.

WEST IOWA CITY TO SEE EXPANDED SERVICES

In August 2012 Mercy broke ground on its 15th primary care clinic: Mercy Family Medicine of West Iowa City. The clinic is located in a growing residential area just off Camp Cardinal Blvd., near Iowa City's newest school, Norman Borlaug Elementary. This family medicine clinic is slated to open in August 2013 with two physicians.

MERCY TAKES MAJOR STEPS TOWARD ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS

This year Mercy implemented two major steps toward an electronic health record. In February Mercy's nursing staff moved to electronic documentation, and just this month physicians began entering electronic orders for patient care—including medications, therapies, and more. In this "paper-light" environment, consistent and accurate electronic records are replacing cumbersome paper records. Improved quality and safety of patient care are driving the electronic health record in all its forms.

"In the future, we will be able to capitalize even more on these systems," said Paul Foelsch, Vice President of Information Systems and Chief Information Officer. "We will have real-time access to quality information, and we will be able to respond and make improvements quickly."

In 2013 Mercy's network of family medicine clinics will implement a convenient patient portal, giving patients easy and private access to their records as well as communication with clinic staff.

GUILD CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The Mercy Hospital Guild was founded in 1962 by a small group of local women who wanted to support the hospital with their efforts. One of their early projects was a sidewalk bake sale held in downtown Iowa City. Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Mercy Hospital Guild is the single largest supporter of the Mercy Hospital Foundation, having donated more than \$2.5 million over the years. What's more, the Mercy Hospital Guild leads more than two dozen volunteer services that impact patients and staff members every day.

"To mark our 50 years at Mercy, we have established an endowed scholarship to help employees further their education," said Guild President Carly Ambrisco. "We hope our many friends, patients and families will join us in celebrating these achievements."

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

As a not-for-profit and faith-based health care organization, Mercy's mission is expressed through a variety of activities, some of them unreimbursed.



TRADITIONAL CHARITY CARE: \$831,069

Through Mercy's Financial Assistance Program, patients and families are welcome to apply for help with their hospital bills when they are unable to bear the expense. In 2011-2012, Mercy provided charity care in the amount of:

- \$831,069 to 1,097 individuals

UNPAID COSTS OF MEDICAID AND OTHER PUBLIC PROGRAMS: \$2,190,674

The state-administered program Medicaid provides medical care for many low-income individuals and families. However, state funds cover only a portion of the true costs.

The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) provides health coverage to low-income children whose family incomes are too high to qualify for Medicaid but not high enough to purchase other forms of health insurance.

In 2011-2012, the costs of these two programs amounted to:

- \$2,180,145 assisting 2,890 children and families (Medicaid)
- \$10,529 assisting 45 children and families (SCHIP)

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: \$1,539,636

This category includes a number of activities; here are just a few examples:

- An annual donation of \$100,000 (for a total of \$500,000 from 2008 to 2012) to Healthy Kids Community Care school-based clinics in the Iowa City Community School District
- Prescription medications and radiology exams provided to Free Medical Clinic patients
- Staff time and facilities used to assist local organizations such as Crisis Center, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Shelter House, Table to Table, and United Way of Johnson County—just to name a few
- Services provided through the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), helping senior citizens understand their medical insurance options
- Meeting space provided free of charge to community-based support groups and not-for-profit organizations
- Staff time and facilities used on behalf of students, high school through college, to further their health care studies

TOTAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT: \$4,561,379

The Daily Iowan DAILY BREAK

“There are lots of people who mistake their imagination for their memory.”
— Josh Billings

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Answering My Fan Mail:

Q: “Do you ever use figure-enhancing padding?”

A: Yes; bubble wrap around my hips.

Q: “What is the secret to eternal youth?”

A: Stop aging.

Q: “What is the nicest thing a stranger can do for you?”

A: Punch one of my enemies in the face while mailing me a blank check.

Q: “Did you like it in Homeward Bound when the pets made it home again?”

A: Yes; except not the cat.

Q: “How do you sleep at night?”

A: Inside a homemade sensory deprivation chamber.

Q: “What is my destiny, Wise One?”

A: To finally invent a flavor of Doritos that doesn't smell like toe jam.

Q: “Will you marry me?”

A: Maybe; do you have a car?

Q: “How can I be just like you?”

A: With a little pluck, hard work, and a sample of my DNA you can be my clone.

Q: “What advice do you have for all the kids out there who look up to you?”

A: Get a better role model.

Q: “Is it true that “W” is sometimes a vowel?”

A: Yws; bwt nwt wftwn.

Q: “How do you turn ordinary metals into gold?”

A: I don't. I only turn them into sapphires.

Q: “Is there anything wrong with you?”

A: Some people say that I am TOO wonderful.

Q: “Isn't it lonely being such a narcissistic misanthrope?”

A: Yes; it's hard being so much better than everyone.

- Kit Bryant could ask you the same question.

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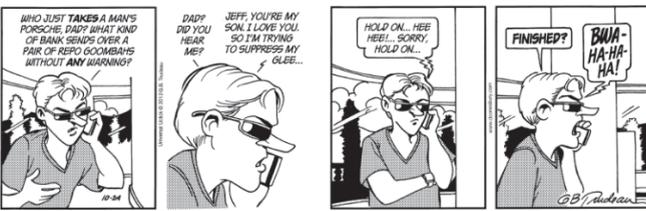
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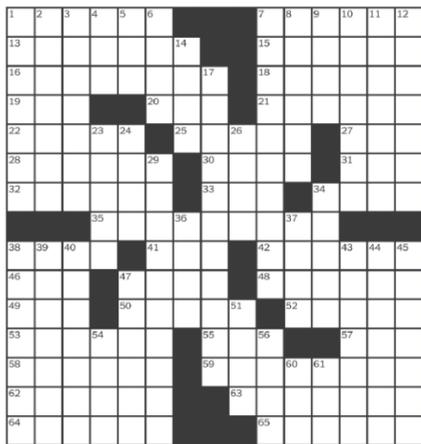
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- 21 Divulges
- 22 Nouri al-Maliki, for one
- 25 Pro ____
- 27 Highest-rated
- 28 They may be sold by the dozen
- 30 Desirous look
- 31 "Third Uncle" singer
- 32 When repeated, cry after an award is bestowed
- 33 Alphabet run
- 34 Clay pigeon launcher
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- 41 Dictionaire entry
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- 47 "Got milk?" cry, perhaps
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- 52 Watts in a film projector?
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- 17 Part 3 of the saying
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- 39 Pudding thickener
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- **"Under the Hood,"** Behind the scenes with the JACK Quartet, 12:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **Anatomy/Cell Biology Seminar**, "Sculpting an Organ: Interactions that Shape the Embryonic Heart," Deborah Yelon, Professor, University of California-San Diego, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen
- **Joint Astrophysics/Space Physics Seminar**, "What can an X-ray spectrum really tell us about a plasma?," Kenneth Gayley, Physics/Astronomy, 3:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Stress Management**, Study, Workshops, & Tutoring Program and University Counseling

- Service, 3:30 p.m., 14 Schaeffer
- **Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**, 7 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **Detropia**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Immigration Film Series**, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City, 10 S. Gilbert
- **The Monsanto Hearings film screening**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library Room A
- **Spoken Word**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **"Why the United Nations Still Matters,"** Robert Skinner, 7 p.m., Old Capitol House Chamber
- **W/H/S**, 9 p.m., Bijou

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- 12:30 p.m. 2012 President's Lecture, "Paper, Scissors, Ash: Defaced Books and the House of Fiction," Garrett Stewart, English, Feb. 12
- 2 WorldCavass, "Women, Hysteria, and Medicine," January
- 4 Book Fest 2012, Author Zach Wahls' presentation, July 14
- 5 Book Fest 2012, Author Carl Zimmer presentation, July 14
- 6 Iowa Magazine, human-interest stories from the UI
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- 11 Student Video Productions, original programming by Student Video Productions

horoscopes

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) A sudden change in your financial situation looks positive. Check over investments and contracts carefully, and don't be afraid to revise small details that favor you. Attending a celebration will result in an interesting conversation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Enjoy pastimes that let you use your skills and interact with people who share your concerns. A chance to move ahead professionally or to find a position that suits your lifestyle will develop through a conversation with an influential individual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't make physical changes based on what someone else suggests. Get the lowdown on procedures before moving forward. Deception is apparent; it will lead to an unsavory situation if you are not up-front about what you want and what you have to offer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Rework an old plan, pick up new skills, and you will be able to raise your earning potential. Creative collaboration will bring good results. Your intuition will lead you down the right path. Socializing will be rewarding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't make a promise you cannot keep. Additional responsibilities will cost you mentally, physically, and emotionally. Overspending to keep the peace will lead to stress and worry regarding your future. Look for alternative ways to cut corners. Do the work yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Talks will lead to solutions. Your dedication and hard work will inspire others to help. Steer clear of those looking for handouts or excess in any way. A change at home can be good if it stifles someone's poor habits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Mixing the old with the new will result in an interesting payoff. You'll attract someone from your past if you attend a reunion or visit places you used to frequent years ago. An emotional issue regarding money can be resolved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Share your talent, skills, and knowledge with others. You will attract attention and interest in what you have to offer. Romance is in the stars, and planning a late-night celebration will ensure that you enhance your love life. Enjoy the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You'll upset someone if you neglect your duties or you don't show appreciation. A force play at home may appear detrimental at first, but in the end, it will help you move forward and follow a path better suited to your needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Pull in favors. Suggest different ways to use your skills more effectively, and you will advance professionally. A financial gain is heading in your direction. A commitment made to someone you have something to share with will bring high returns.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't question what everyone else is doing. Take care of business, and do what's expected of you without complaint. Putting up a fuss will make you look bad and could cost you financially. Stick close to home; honor your word.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Arguing will be a waste of time. Do everything in your power to develop your interests and negotiate deals that promise a brighter future. Travel or expanding an interest you have will also enhance your personal life and important relationships. Love is within reach, but demands will make you revise your plans.



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ENGLISH PRACTICE



Researcher Hyung Jun and post-doc Zhonggiu Xie talk in the UIHC Pomerantz Family Pavilion on Tuesday. The English conversation group is open to the public for people to practice speaking English. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)



Sports

Leppek blooms in blocking for volleyball

Sophomore Erin Leppék's blocking skills prove depth is key for the Iowa volleyball team.

By **CARLOS SOSA**
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Iowa volleyball has been forced to go down its bench in search of people to replace members of the Hawkeyes' injured front-line.

The team has lost two key players to ACL injuries since Sept. 15 — sophomore Emily Yanny and freshman Erin Radke.

Coaches called upon sophomore Erin Leppék to replace Radke, who was second on the team in kills when she was injured on Oct. 5. Leppék, however, differs from Radke in that her game revolves more around the defensive side of the ball.

"Currently, my biggest contribution to team is blocking," the Rochester, Mich., native said. "But I can definitely score as well."

Leppék's coaches agree she has been a defensive bright spot for the team.

"We recruited her because she was a really good blocker," assistant coach Jason Allen said. "With the injuries, she's our only depth we have at middle [blocker]. It's more of a natural position for her. And now that she's [starting], she's leading our team in blocks."

Leppék has 29 blocks on the season, and since she was inserted into the starting lineup she's registered 16 — good for ninth in the Big Ten in blocks per set.

"I always try to focus on closing blocks," Leppék said. "It makes it easier for the back row to get around me. If I can't [a clean block], hopefully, I can get a touch on the ball



Iowa's Erin Leppék hits the ball over the net during the match against Marquette on Aug. 27, 2011, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Leppék's 36 blocks put her at third on the team. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

so the team can play it."

One part of Leppék's game that goes under the radar is her leaping ability. The advantage she has playing on the frontline is that her hang time catches opponents off-guard when they're winding up for a kill.

"She can jump out of the gym," team captain Bethany Yeager said. "She gets great touches and can great blocks by just reaching over. And that definitely helps us on defense."

This year, the Iowa bench has played a significant role in keeping the Hawkeyes competitive. Players such as Kari Mueller, Katie Kelley, and Leppék have each had an impact.

It seems the bench has been ready to play, and when called upon, and Leppék was no different.

"Erin's role has definitely changed," Yeager said. "She's embraced that role really well and has been huge for us in the middle. She has a great level of fitness and is always going as hard as she can."

The Hawkeyes will play No. 1 Penn State tonight

Iowa Volleyball vs. No. 1 Penn State

Where: Carver-Hawkeye Arena
When: 7 p.m. today

and No. 20 Ohio State on Saturday, so Iowa will need Leppék to continue to block and kill the ball against some of the conference's top offensive squads.

"Blocking will be important against both teams. Penn State is a big team and gets a lot of kills," Leppék said. "Getting kills important against Penn State, because they're not going to let you get easy points. So getting kills is essential."

Cyclones play musical QBs

By **LUKE MEREDITH**
Associated Press

AMES — By the end of October, nearly every team in the country knows what it has and what it doesn't.

Iowa State has become the team without a quarterback.

Issues at the game's most important position have threatened to derail Iowa State's once-promising season. The Cyclones (4-3, 1-3 Big 12) have dropped three of their last four games after a 3-0 start in large part because of the league's worst passing attack.

It's gotten so bad that coach Paul Rhoads has made the starting job for Saturday's home game against Baylor (3-3, 0-3) a three-man race. Steele Jantz, Jared Barnett, and untested freshman Sam Richardson will all compete in practice this week for the right to start against the Bears.

"I want to see who the best guy is on the field, and then also playing into it is what's happened in games thus far this season," Rhoads said.

Unfortunately for Jantz and Barnett, they're used to such uncertainty. Each of them has been yanked from the No. 1 spot twice in the past year.

Jantz opened 2011 as the starter, only to lose the job to Barnett midway through the season. Barnett was then pulled in favor of Jantz early in Iowa State's loss to Rutgers in the PinStripe Bowl. Jantz barely made it to conference play before the coaching staff went back to Barnett — who played so poorly in last week's 31-10 loss to Oklahoma State

that Jantz finished the game.

The constant swapping has yet to produce any results. And because neither Jantz nor Barnett can seem to put it all together, the Cyclones have finally let option No. 3 get a serious crack at the job.

Richardson, a 6-2, 207-pound native of Winter Park, Fla., was a three-star recruit who redshirted last season. He started his first eligible season far behind Jantz and Barnett and never came close to challenging either one.

But Iowa State is 88th in the nation in passing yards, 98th in passer rating, and last in the Big 12 with just 169.2 passing yards in league games.

It might just be time to see what Richardson can do in a game setting.

"I don't know if he has to be two times better than [Jantz and Barnett]. Jared was better than the other guys in practice last week," Rhoads said.

What's made the ineptitude behind center even more disheartening for the Cyclones is that the defense has played well enough to keep them in every game.

The three teams Iowa State has lost to — Oklahoma State, Texas Tech, and Kansas State — all rank in the top 10 nationally in scoring offense. But the Cowboys, Red Raiders, and Wildcats were all held far below their normal outputs by Iowa State's defense, which by all accounts is the best one the school has had in years.

It's certainly good enough to get the Cyclones back to a bowl game.

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The Deadly Threat of a Nuclear-Armed Iran

What can the world, what can the USA, what can Israel do about it?

Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has declared publicly — not once, but repeatedly — that Israel must be "wiped off the map." That effort, the destruction of Israel, seems to be the main goal of Iranian policy. When Iranian missiles are paraded through the streets of Tehran, the destination "to Jerusalem" is clearly stenciled on them.

What are the facts?

A death wish for Israel. Ahmadinejad and the ayatollah who is the "supreme leader" have publicly mused that one or two nuclear bombs would obliterate Israel, but that, though it would cause devastating damage and millions of casualties, Iran would survive Israel's retaliatory attack. Iran is a huge country, with about 60 million inhabitants, so they are probably correct. And who can doubt that those religious fanatics would not hesitate to allow the destruction of much of their country and to sacrifice a third or even

one-half of their population in order to eliminate the hated Jewish state. When our country was entangled with the Soviet Union in the bitter 40-year long "cold war," with both sides having sufficient nuclear weapons to destroy the opponent's country and its people, things were kept in place by MAD — Mutually Assured Destruction. However "evil" the leaders of the Soviet Union (the "Evil Empire") may have been, there was one great consolation and assurance: They were not crazy. But the Iranians and other Muslims are crazies, as we understand the concept. Because they take instructions directly from Allah, who tells them to kill the Jews and other infidels, whatever the cost.

Israel has no problem with Iran. They share no borders and have no territorial dispute. In fact, they face common Arab enemies and should be natural allies, as they indeed were under the Shah. Iran's death wish for Israel is based entirely on religious fanaticism. In contrast even to the intractable North Koreans, the determination of the Iranians is immutable. It cannot be changed by persuasion, by diplomacy, by sanctions or by threats.

Once Iran is in possession of nuclear weapons, it will not only be a deadly danger to Israel, but to all of the Middle East and to virtually all of Europe. The flow of oil from the Middle East, the lifeblood of the industrialized world, would be totally under its control and so would be the economies of all nations of the world, very much including the United States.

What is to be done? In 1981, then prime minister of Israel Menachem Begin, being aware of Iraq's nuclear ambitions and looming realization of those ambitions, decided that its nuclear reactor at Osiraq had to be destroyed. The IAF (Israeli Air Force) accomplished

An attack on the Iranian nuclear installations would fall under the heading of "anticipatory self-defense," recognized and sanctioned by international law and by common sense. Nobody really knows for sure how far Iran is from reaching its goal — six months, six years? The experts disagree. But if Iran is not stopped now, it may well be too late not very long from now.

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NOTEBOOK

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Ferentz, Hawkeyes support Vandenberg

The Hawkeyes scoffed on Tuesday at any suggestion that it was time to try a new quarterback.

"I don't agree with that at all," tight end C.J. Fiedorowicz said. "James has been starting for two years. Everyone has a bad game every once in a while. He's smart. He studies football. That shouldn't even be a discussion."

Weisman agreed. "He's our leader. We have complete confidence in James," he said. "We don't worry about him at all."

Vandenberg said he could "totally see an argument" that backup quarterback Jake Rudock should have seen some late snaps just to gain experience. But Ferentz and his quarterback both said they wanted to give the offense



Iowa quarterback James Vandenberg fumbles the ball against Penn State in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 20. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

a chance to find some sort of positive momentum before the game ended.

Ferentz said there is more to worry about Iowa's performance against Penn State — he said the

team "got trashed" — than his quarterback's performance.

"To evaluate what happened Saturday, any one player's performance or job status, that would be

tough to do," he said. "It was a thorough beating we experienced... To be reactionary to that one game, at least based on what I saw, I think it would be a mistake."

BIG TEN

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The Buckeyes were down 8 points to the Boilermakers with 47 seconds left and 61 yards to go. Guiton completed three passes — one for 39 yards — and scored a touchdown, sending the game into overtime and to an eventual Buckeye victory.

"Both [Miller and Guiton] are good athletes, so run still an option, what Braxton does so well," Meyer said. "But Kenney is a great manager, a great distributor, like a coach on the field. He

gets you into the right plays very easily."

Penn State strategy includes fans

Nittany Lion head coach Bill O'Brien was clear — every game in college football is important. But the game he faces this week, against the undefeated Buckeyes, might be even more important.

And O'Brien said Ohio State was best team in the conference.

It will be an interesting game: The faceoff between two teams undefeated in conference play but ineligible for a championship title.

The Buckeyes haven't

lost, and the Nittany Lions have. But the Buckeyes also haven't played in Beaver Stadium this season, which will be a huge benefit for the home team. O'Brien said the environment of the stadium will affect the game.

"This is without a doubt the best college football environment in the country — there's just absolutely no doubt about it," O'Brien said. "There are going to be 108,000 people here Saturday night. I mean, this place is going to be loud."

O'Brien praised the Nittany Lion fans and student body for continuing to support the program despite the recent scandal,

and the head coach also said he notices the effect the fan support has on his team, especially during warm-ups.

"Our team just really wants them [the fans] to show up early, be in there for warm-ups. It really gets our guys jazzed up," O'Brien said. "If we can get them out of the tailgating maybe early and get them in the stadium early, get 108,000 in there for warm-ups, that would be pretty neat."

CROSS-COUNTRY

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be a little bit of pressure with the nature of the sport."

The pressure of competing at high levels early in their careers is something these women have had to deal with all season.

"The biggest adjustment is just being around so many people who can run to your ability," said Martin. "A lot of us D-I runners aren't used to having competition in races, and now we kind of move down to the bottom and start over."

Saliba said there are other obstacles in a runner's first college year.

"Knowing my limits and my abilities and al-

so being able to not get overwhelmed by other people in the race," said Saliba, who is a former cross-country high-school MVP in the state of Oklahoma. "Learning how to pass people, get around people — just learning how to run in a big race."

After all the adjustments that the freshmen have made throughout this season, their head coach doesn't want them to make any major changes for the upcoming Big Ten meet in East Lansing, Mich.

"It's more business as usual, not putting an extra amount of focus into this meet," head coach Layne Anderson said. "Not telling them, 'We're counting on you.' It's doing what we have done all year."

His way of coping with young athletes has seemingly worked on at least

one of his freshmen harriers who will run at the Big Ten meet.

"I would say that it is exciting more than intimidating," Martin said. "We made the Big Ten team for a reason, so I don't think that there is too big of a reason to be intimidated." Encapsulating their entire season as freshmen, Anderson seems to believe that although they will improve in future years, these three must go out and run to the best of their ability on Oct. 28.

"Be the best Cindy Saliba, the best Courtney Martin, or the best Lisa Gordon on Oct. 28 of 2012," Anderson said. "Knowing that we won't be the person that we will be in 2014 or 2015; we just have to be the best we can on that day."

SPORTS

Big Ten honors Cafone

The Iowa field-hockey team snagged its first freshman Big Ten honor of the year this week, it was the first one in almost three years.

Natalie Cafone, a forward for the field-hockey team, was honored by the conference on Tuesday, garnering her first career Big Ten Freshman of the Week award.

Cafone, a native of Fairfield, N.J., scored plenty of goals this past weekend against Kent State and Ball State. She accounted for 3 total goals and tallied 1 assist in the two Hawkeye victories.

"We always look to play hard on Grant Field," the freshman said after Sunday's 6-0 win against Ball State. "We just want to leave it all out on the field and give it everything we have."

The freshman has scored six times this season, fifth-most on the team. Her lone goal against Kent State tied the contest, 1-1, before junior Kelsey Mitchell scored twice for the 3-1 victory. Cafone's two goals against Ball State marked the second time in her young Hawkeye career that she scored multiple

times in a game.

Cafone is also the first Iowa freshman to win the award since current senior Sarah Drake captured the honor on Nov. 2, 2009.

— by Cody Goodwin

Dwight featured at Red Cross event

Former Iowa and NFL player Tim Dwight will be part of an event to raise money for the Red Cross in the Kinnick Stadium press box on Oct. 30. Dwight will be joined by Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta in the first Red Cross Heroes of the Heartland event, hosted by the American Red Cross and West Bank.

The night, which will run from 5:30-7:30 p.m., will consist of a meet-and-greet with Barta, Dwight, and 2011 Heroes game award winner Gary Launderville, and all proceeds from the \$50 per ticket will benefit the Red Cross.

The event is also a celebration of the upcoming Iowa/Nebraska football game on Nov. 23, deemed the Heroes game by presenting sponsor Hy-Vee.

— by Ian Martin

Northwestern tickets available

Tickets are still available for the Hawk's Nest trip to the upcoming Iowa/Northwestern football game on Saturday in Evanston, Ill. The Iowa student section organization has organized a bus to take students from Iowa City directly to the game; the \$65 price also includes a ticket to the game.

Originally, there were 108 tickets available, although some have been sold. While there is a limit of one per person, the package can be paid by U-bill at the IMU Box Office. Students must have their Iowa One cards — also known as their student IDs — in order to purchase a seat on the bus and to the game.

This is the first organized Hawk's Nest student road trip of 2012, although the organization has arranged such events in the past. The student section also plans on similar opportunities for away men's basketball games and wrestling meets, although those dates have yet to be announced.

Iowa will challenge the Wildcats after suffering a tough loss to Penn State last weekend. The Wildcats are 2-2 in the Big Ten, having suffered losses to Penn State and Nebraska.

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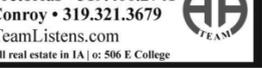
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IOWA NOTEBOOK

Next man in for Iowa O-line



Iowa's Matt Tobin signals to the bench as offensive lineman Brandon Scherff lies injured during the game against Penn State in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 20. Scherff's leg was broken on the play, and he will miss the rest of the season. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Injuries to Brandon Scherff and Andrew Donnal leave Iowa dangerously thin on the offensive line.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**
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Kirk Ferentz knew he wouldn't have to worry about Brandon Scherff's attitude almost immediately after the left tackle broke his leg.

Scherff lay on the field on Oct. 20, his lower body surrounded by trainers, and screamed in pain as they tended to a right leg on which someone had rolled. Scherff immediately pointed to a cart on the sidelines, indicating he would not be able to walk off the field under his own power.

But as the trainers lifted him onto the cart and drove him off the field, the 6-5, 305-pound sophomore waved his arms into the air and urged fans to cheer.

"His attitude was tremendous Saturday night," Ferentz said. "Everybody saw that in the stadium."

Iowa's offensive line is less dangerous now that both Scherff and right guard Andrew Donnal will miss the rest of the season with injuries. Scherff reportedly had surgery on Sunday, and Ferentz said on Tuesday that Donnal, who left the game just two plays after Scherff, would be out for the season with a knee

injury.

The injuries leave the Hawkeye line — which had arguably been the strength of the offense — dangerously thin with five games remaining in the season. Junior Nolan MacMillan replaced Scherff during Iowa's game against Penn State and "did good things," Ferentz said. And redshirt freshman Austin Blythe will reclaim the guard spot he had lost to Donnal earlier this season.

But Ferentz said his linemen would need to prepare to play any spot on the line for the rest of the season.

"We're pretty much out of guys unless we dip into the freshman class," he said. "So basically anybody who can practice right now, they have to be fairly multiple in what they can do."

Running back Mark Weisman said the team would miss Scherff on the field.

"Scherff's an unbelievable lineman, a huge body out there," Weisman said. "But we've got to guys who will step in, and we'll do our best."

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BIG TEN NOTEBOOK

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Ohio St. QB 'fine'

Buckeye quarterback Braxton Miller 'passed all his tests' and 'is doing fine,' Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer says.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**
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Much of the nation thought Ohio State QB Braxton Miller had a severe concussion or a serious neck injury when he left the game against Purdue on Oct. 20.

But he's doing just fine, head coach Urban Meyer said in the Big Ten teleconference on Tuesday.

The coach said during the game, he anxiously asked for updates on Miller's condition after he was carted off the field in the third quarter, but nobody knew what was wrong. The first-year Buckeye coach said he "jumped in a police car" immediately after the game and went to the hospital, just as all the tests were coming back.

"They were all positive," Meyer said.

The head coach's main concern is whether Miller will be too sore to play well on Saturday against the Nittany Lions; because the signal caller has had pain in his neck, he's practiced without contact early this week.

Backup quarterback Kenny Guiton will be ready to play this week in case Miller's injury plagues him.

But that doesn't necessarily mean the Buckeyes would be at a disadvantage. Guiton shone against Purdue on Oct. 20, leading the team to a touchdown and 2-point conversion from seemingly impossible circumstances.

SEE **BIG TEN**, 10

Hawks all over the tennis world

Men's tennis head coach Steve Houghton is flexible when it comes to recruiting.

By **KEVIN GLUECK**
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As a state university, the University of Iowa has plenty of students from Iowa, along with many from Illinois and across the Midwest.

This is not the case for the men's tennis team.

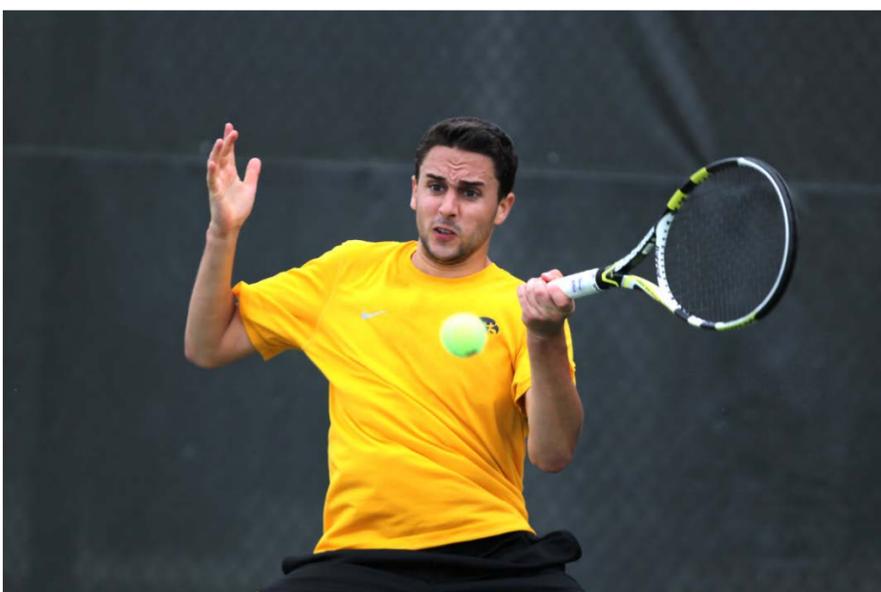
The Iowa men's tennis team has one Iowan on the team in Joey White of Cedar Rapids. There's only one player recruited directly from a bordering state — Omaha native Matt Hagan. Brian Alden is from Barrington, Ill., but he transferred from Florida State.

Collectively, the players of the men's tennis team hail from six states and three countries on three continents. While White grew up 27 miles from Iowa City, teammate Rob Trower grew up 9,487 miles away in Melbourne, Australia.

Head coach Steve Houghton says it's a process of deciding where to recruit. He said he starts in Iowa and then branches out into the Midwest. From there, the coaching staff looks farther east and west.

"Our choice becomes 'Bring in a second-tier type of American? Or a guy that's a little better but an international player,'" he said.

One such international player is Jonas Dierckx, a junior from Lommel, Belgium. Players often have video services create a recruiting film, which is then



Iowa's Jonas Dierckx returns against Northwestern's Spencer Wolf at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on March 23. Dierckx, a native of Belgium, was recruited without ever meeting head coach Steve Houghton in person. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

uploaded onto a tennis recruiting website or sent out to college coaches in the United States.

Houghton is afraid of flying, and Dierckx was unable to make a visit. Houghton did evaluate Dierckx, but he did it in an unorthodox way.

"Coach Houghton made me play with an ex-[Iowa] player," Dierckx said. "He told Coach I would be a good fit for the team."

This former Hawkeye was Bart van Monsjou. The native of the Netherlands graduated in 2008, and he gave Houghton the "OK" to pursue Dierckx.

"We get some sense of what level the guy is at from a good reference point [in ex-players]," Houghton said

When players are in town for visits — American or international — they get firsthand experience with campus life, including Hawkeye football games and living in the dorms.

"A lot of the international students don't know the first thing about American football," Houghton said. "Once they get here, they get interested in those sports. They get a sense of the festive atmosphere. It serves a good purpose."

Arizona native Dominic Patrick is familiar with U.S. football, but he got a special experience at the Northwestern/Iowa game last year.

"We went down on the field," Patrick said. "You

don't realize how big [the football players] are until you're actually standing by them. It was pretty cool."

Rather than stay in a hotel when they come for a visit, tennis recruits stay with a player who is a "host" for the night. With this, they can learn about the campus and dorm life.

"They really get a sense of what dorm life is like," Houghton said. "It's a little bit splashier to have someone stay in the Sheraton."

Houghton said it's all part of showing a player a part of how he might spend his next four years.

"We try to paint a picture as to what it's going to be like when they come here," Houghton said.

Young runners head to big meet

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By **LEVI LYNOTT**
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You aren't the head of the pack anymore. You don't start first and finish first. You aren't the best. Meets are bigger and packs are tighter. Runners are tougher.

These are all challenges three freshmen on the women's cross-country team have had to face this season in adjusting from high school. But as the season has gone on, Cindy Saliba, Courtney Martin, and Lisa Gordon have endured, and they understand the importance of the Big Ten championships on Oct. 28.

Martin, a Story City, Iowa, native, noted the importance of running at a high level.

"We freshmen don't have a ton to lose with three more seasons," she said. "So that is a big part of our motivation — knowing that some of our teammates don't have any races left."

The three freshmen seem poised, although they recognize they are under pressure as they compete as first years.

"Being in the top seven [runners] as a freshman, there is going to be some pressure," Saliba said. "The three of us are supposed to score, so there will

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