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ARE E-CIGS *on the rise?*



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Some electronic cigarettes are made to look like your standard cigarette. Others look more like a colorful tube of mascara, and still others resemble a fancy fountain pen.

Regardless of their appearance, they all share one common element: You can smoke them in public facilities

While a small bump in traditional cigarette smoking occurred for one segment of the University of Iowa community, several officials appear concerned about a recent national shift to increased e-cigarette use. And it appears that the trend is reflected locally.

Available in a variety of shapes and models, the battery-powered devices deliver an aerosol mist of vaporized nicotine that the user inhales.

This form of smoking, called "vaping," gives users hit of nicotine without exposing them or those around

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“There’s still a desire by young people to demonstrate their adulthood and their independence, so the electronic cigarettes are one way to do that.”

— UI economics lecturer Patrick Barron

Photo Illustration by Callie Mitchell/The Daily Iowan

Hatch officially joins race

An Iowa legislator made his campaign for governor official on Monday.

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A Des Moines businessman and Iowa senator announced on Monday that he would seek the Democratic nomination for governor.

Sen. Jack Hatch, D-Des Moines, who has served in the Iowa Legislature for 22 years is a long-time Des Moines area real-estate developer. Hatch's Monday announcement put an end to his exploratory committee he announced earlier this year.

“Simply put, there’s too much at stake for Iowa,” Hatch said. “We have a governor who has a limited agenda and a restrictive governing style that does not allow us to have an open conversation.”

Hatch said he had many ideas about how to improve Iowa for the sake of its citizens, including working with local agencies in mental-health, police, and fire departments to improve efficiency. Hatch said in some parts of Iowa, these agencies have structural issues but that Gov. Terry Branstad has only punished them by cutting funding.

Hatch also believes Iowans need to be presented with a new solution to reduce college-student debt besides a tuition freeze because it does

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Officials upbeat on tuition

The state Board of Regents made a proposal to Iowa legislators last week to extend the current tuition freeze.

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Members of the state Board of Regents and legislators are expressing optimism for a proposal that would extend the current tuition freeze for another year.

On Sep. 12, regents met with the Iowa Legislative Fiscal Committee to propose a 4 percent funding increase in

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BID DAY 2013



The members of the University of Iowa's Alpha Xi Delta chapter sing a song as they await the arrival of their new recruitment members during the Sorority Bid Day at Hubbard Park on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Emily Burds)

Law school numbers down

Despite a decrease in national law-school enrollment, University of Iowa faculty and students remain optimistic.

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In the midst of a multi-million dollar improvement campaign and a nationwide decrease in applicants and job opportunities for law graduates, the University of Iowa College of Law is revamping its program to meet the needs of a smaller student body.

Since 2010, the college, which is located in the Boyd Law Building, has seen a roughly 24 percent decrease in incoming class size, in comparison with a more than 38 percent national decline in total enrollment, according to the Law School Admission Council.

The nonprofit organization assists in national law school admission processes and is best known for administering the Law School Admission Test.

The UI law school was for a long time immune to national statistics, but it saw its first significant decrease this year, said Dean Gail Agrawal.

"Given the national

trend, we knew it was coming, and our plan for responding to it was to maintain the high quality of the class rather than its size," she said.

Officials estimate a total of 422 students to be enrolled in the college this fall — a 20 percent decrease from last year and the first time dipping below 500 in the past four years.

UI spokesman Tom Moore pegged the recent drop in university enrollment numbers to the law school.

"A major factor appears to be a decline in the number of students enrolling in the College of Law, which reflects a national trend that seems to be occurring as a result of decreased opportunities in the profession," he said.

Among national figures, Moore said one-third fewer students are taking the LSAT, which in turn has led to there being a smaller pool of well-qualified candidates for law schools to consider.

In October 2012, the college launched a \$50

million fundraising campaign, designed to fund programs in the law school, as well as a new student commons in the Boyd Law Building.

Agrawal said the college plans to incorporate more legal writing into the curriculum as well as introduce a new simulcast classroom, providing live instruction and discussion when students and teachers are not able to meet in person.

"A new early matriculation program will allow highly qualified undergraduate juniors to come to law school in their senior year, saving one year of study and tuition," she said.

The college is also awaiting approval of a Doctor for Juridical Science program.

Milly Dick, a second-year J.D. student, said she came to the UI versus a college in her home state of Virginia due to cost.

"I realized through my work that I really wanted to be a lawyer, that there were things that I wanted to do that I could not do without having a Juris Doctor, and that going to law school was

a worthwhile risk to take," Dick said.

Tuition at the UI has increased 20 percent for residents and about 17 percent for nonresidents since 2008.

The 2013-14 tuition costs are \$28,047 for residents and \$49,025 for nonresidents.

But while UI law student Ellen Tolsma recognizes the cost, she said she remains optimistic about her future.

"I am going into a field that will be able to support the amount of debt I am taking on," she said. "I worry a little, but I have hopes."

According to the UI College of Law statistics, out of 174 employed 2012 graduates, the mean salary was \$69,934. Just 17 of those students were seeing the six-figure salary most law students look forward to.

Dick said it is important for students to take costs into consideration versus job prospects.

"Essentially graduate school is an investment, and I think people are realizing that it is not always worth it," she said.

METRO

UI to host Constitution reading

In honor of the 226th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution, the University of Iowa will host a reading of the document.

At noon today, there will be an official reading of the Constitution at the IMU Hubbard Commons by U.S. Army cadets.

While supplies last, free copies of the Constitution will also be available at the Main Library, the Java House, 211 ½ E. Washington St., and T-Spoons, Old Capitol Town Center.

— by Cassidy Riley

Splash pads to splash away

Despite recent above-normal temperatures, the chance for area residents to enjoy some of Iowa City's newest outdoor recreational offerings is coming to a close for the season.

Iowa City splash pads, located at Wetherby Park and Fairmeadows Park, will shut down until next summer on Friday, a city news release said.

Users of the outdoor water-spray features saw extended periods this season, particularly in relation to end-of-summer heat after Labor Day.

Through Thursday, the free-to-the-public splash pads, which opened in May and June respectively, will continue to operate normal hours, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

— by Quentin Misiag

Murphy-Brookfield to close

A new round of changes are coming for one popular Iowa City historic district.

Murphy-Brookfield Books, 219 N. Gilbert St., will close after 33 years in business, then transition to an online-only platform.

The 1847 house, known as the Wentz-Stach House, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is expected to remain in operation as a bookstore.

The Haunted Bookshop will make a nearby move from its current space, 203 N. Linn St., by the end of the year.

The moves follow several years of

urban gentrification efforts undertaken by a number of developers.

Over the last 10 years, the several square-block district has seen the addition of new restaurants, a wine & cheese bar, apartments, and retail space.

Earlier this month, Tom Kaut, a real-estate agent and developer at Lepic-Kroeger Realtors, moved forward with his plans for a new residential and commercial building on a North Linn Street property.

Consisting of 12 apartment units and 2,000 square feet of first-floor commercial space, Kaut told the *DI* in a Sept. 5 interview that estimated complete building costs will run between \$3 million and \$4 million.

It will also be the first building in Iowa City to include a rooftop garden, he said.

A final completion date for the project remains tentative.

— by Quentin Misiag

UI to test emergency system

As required by federal law, the University of Iowa will test its

emergency-notification system Wednesday.

The Hawk Alert system, used to notify the campus community of threats to physical safety in emergency situations including tornadoes, violence, and hazardous-material incidents, will be tested at 10 a.m. Wednesday, a Monday news release said.

Current subscribers are encouraged to answer their phones and listen to and read text messages, which will allow UI officials to monitor the system's success.

Through Hawk Alert, UI administrators can send recorded or electronic emergency messages to UI students, faculty, and staff via mobile phones (both voice and text messages), home phones, office phones, and work and personal email addresses.

As programmed, the system will retry phone numbers if they are not answered. Subscribers can manage the methods by which they receive Hawk Alerts through a number of outlets, including ISIS for students or employee self service for faculty and staff, as well as on the Hawk Alert website.

— by Quentin Misiag

BLOTTER

Jose Avalos-Covarrubias, 22, Marshalltown, Iowa, was charged Monday with domestic-abuse assault and violation of a no-contact domestic-abuse protective order.

Warner Brockett, 25, 701 Carriage Hill Apt. 4, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Gina Casale-Ryan, age unknown, 551 S. Linn St. Apt. 6, was charged Sunday with

presence on premise of a licensed liquor establishment after hours.

Mikayla Elliott-Wach, 18, G43 Hillcrest, was charged Sunday with two counts of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Thomas Fagg, 21, 1131 Third Ave. 2B, was charged Sept. 14 with public intoxication.

Daniel Frana, 22, 318 Melrose Court, was charged Sunday with second-offense public intoxication.

Eric Hof, 20, 406 S. Johnson St. Apt. 937, was charged Sept. 14 with PAULA.

William Mathers, 25, North Liberty, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Catherine McCombs, 19, Waterloo, was charged Sunday with possession of a con-

trolled substance.

Sidney Shelton, 18, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. J8, was charged Monday with keeping a disorderly house.

Zachary Tansey, 18, 3209 Burge, was charged Monday with drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

Guy Williams, 21, 101 S. Seventh St., was charged Sunday with assault causing injury.

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SMOKING

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them to tobacco smoke.

Because of this, users often maintain it's the traditional version's healthier counterpart.

A recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that last year, e-cigarette use among U.S. teens has more than doubled, from 4.7 percent in 2011 to 10 percent in 2012.

"There's still a desire by young people to demonstrate their adulthood and their independence, so the electronic cigarettes are one way to do that," UI economics lecturer Patrick Barron said.

Unlike traditional varieties, e-cigarettes can be smoked seemingly anywhere, from pubs to public libraries.

Ben, a bartender at Deadwood Tavern, 6 S. Dubuque

St., who declined to provide his last name, said the increase comes in light of their smoking convenience, adding they have become commonplace at Deadwood.

Further, local officials have noticed the increased presence of e-cigarettes in public areas.

"Our officers have been noticing the use of e-cigarettes on campus, downtown, and recently at Kinnick Stadium during home football games," said Chuck Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police.

One Johnson County official said, however, many other factors play into their growing popularity.

"I think [that e-cigarettes are appealing] because A — there's no regulation on them, and B — it's something students can do no matter where they're at," Deputy Director of Johnson County Public Health Trisha Kitzmann said.

The lack of regulation compared with traditional

cigarettes is because they are not illegal in any way, officials maintain.

"From a law-enforcement perspective, the use of electronic cigarettes is no different than someone deciding to chew gum or drink a bottle of water in public," Green said.

From the municipality viewpoint, officials with the county's three largest communities expressed similar sentiments, citing them as a non-issue.

Iowa City police Sgt. Vicki Lalla and North Liberty interim Police Chief Diane Venenga said throughout their careers in law enforcement, they haven't witnessed any legal issues with e-cigarettes.

"Is it a problem for me as a parent? Yeah. Is it a problem for me as a police officer? No, not at all, because it's not illegal," Coralville police Lieutenant Shane Kron said. "We only deal with the law."

Whether the use of e-cig-

arettes is completely safe or not — that issue is still being studied.

"We don't yet understand the long-term effects of these novel tobacco products," Mitch Zeller, director of the Federal Drug Administration's Center for Tobacco Products, said in a public statement.

The FDA is expected to start regulating the use of e-cigarettes as soon as October.

The belief that e-cigarettes are much safer than traditional cigarettes is common among many UI students who say they to use the smoking devices.

While UI sophomore Nikki Gleisner said she believes individuals opt for the electronic option because they filter more tobacco, freshman Mike Palmer related the option to more of a hookah-like experience.

"You can feel it when you smoke them, the filter is so much stronger and cleaner than a normal cigarette,"

100%

of teenagers say they tried e-cigarettes in 2012

UI sophomore Marshall Gordon said. "It's like smoking air."

But at least one UI student has reservations about the new trend.

"I hear people talking about how they're harmless and like smoking air, but I think there has to be a catch in there somewhere," junior Quinton Sturdivant said. "I wouldn't trust anything with tobacco companies."

Preliminary analysis by researchers at the FDA have actually found very low levels of nitrosamines, ethylene glycol, and diethylene glycol — chemicals associated with cancer and

other health risks — in some electronic cigarette products.

Those levels, however, were a tiny fraction of what a smoker would get from a tobacco cigarette.

Although these studies remain preliminary, one local health official hopes that the results will affect how young adults view e-cigarettes.

"I think there's the perception that it's safe. There's really no such thing as anything safe, when it comes to smoking," Kitzmann said. "If there's cigarettes and it's smoking, it's usually not safe."

HATCH

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not provide a permanent solution.

University of Iowa Associate Professor of political science Timothy Hagle said Hatch and the other hopefuls will have a hard time persuading Iowans that the state needs a change in leadership in the 2014 election.

"With a fairly good economic scene in Iowa, it's going to be much more difficult for either Hatch or [Tyler] Olson to make

a strong case for making a change"

As of July Iowa's unemployment is at 4.8 percent, which is down from 6.4 percent when Branstad took office. Iowa's unemployment rate is also about 2.5 percentage points lower than the national average.

Sen. Joe Bolkom, D-Iowa City, said he disagrees with Hagle's analysis and emphasized Iowa's need for a change.

He said Branstad's method of creating jobs is bringing in out of state corporations and giving them tax credits, and he

argues is not good for the local economy.

"The governor's approach is a tired approach of the 1980s," he said. "We need a change to address real job creation and income growth for Iowans. It's all about trying to be the longest serving governor in the country [for Branstad] at this point."

Hagle also said the Democratic candidates may have a hard time going up against Branstad when his name is so well known throughout the state.

"Right now, the two main candidates for the

nomination for the Democrats are both state senators, so neither one of them would have great statewide name recognition," he said.

Rep. Chip Baltimore, R-Boone, said he thinks Hatch will make a suitable opponent for Branstad because he will provide a stark contrast between the two parties.

"I think Sen. Hatch's philosophy is the government can and should do everything — should fix every problem, should dictate and mandate its way to government success as opposed to indi-

vidual success — which is certainly not Gov. Branstad's philosophy," he said.

Jimmy Centers, the communication director for Branstad's campaign, said Branstad's policies have brought Iowa prosperity.

"Liberal Des Moines politician Sen. Jack Hatch is running for governor to take Iowa back to the tired, old policies from the Culver administration that led to massive budget deficits, skyrocketing unemployment, and the infamous I-JOBS debt program," he said in an email statement.

Branstad has an exploratory committee put together and has not yet confirmed that he will run again, but Hagle said it is highly likely he will announce his official campaign after the first of the year.

Despite his critics, Hatch said Iowa needs a change and that he is ready to bring it.

"People want change. They want to start believing in the opportunities. If we can get them to believe that there are opportunities for Iowans change is not a bad thing."

FREEZE

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order to extend the freeze.

Regent President Bruce Rastetter said they heard many committee members saying they support the move.

He said this support is important because in order for the freeze to continue, the Legislature must include the 4 percent increase in the appropriations bill. The Legislature

is expected to vote on this proposal when it resumes session next year.

"The mission of the Board of Regents is to make the three public universities accessible and affordable to all Iowans," Rastetter said. "Freezing tuition is an extremely important way of doing that."

Gov. Terry Branstad's approval is also crucial to the passing of the tuition freeze, and Rastetter said the governor seems to be saying positive things about the possible expansion.

Sen. Jack Whitver, R-Ankeny, one of the committee members receiving the report, said he has concerns about the request fitting in with the statewide budget.

"I think it's a good goal, and if we can accomplish it I think it would be great, but we have a lot of work to do on the budget before we can say it's a done deal," he said.

He said freezing tuition is not keeping costs down but having taxpayers pay the extra costs, and if

that is going to happen, he said he wants to see the regents doing their best to keep tuition costs low.

Sen. Jack Hatch, D-Des Moines, who announced Monday he will seek the Democratic nomination for governor, said he does not think the tuition freeze is a long-term solution.

"They froze tuition once; we're [probably] going to freeze it again, but that can't go on forever," the Des Moines businessman said. "There has to be a

fundamental change."

A system for students at any in-state higher education institution to take classes at any other Iowa college if unavailable at their respective school should also be created, Hatch said to ensure on-time graduation.

UI Associate Provost Beth Ingram said the freeze would be an incentive for Iowa students to stay in the state.

"Everybody has to find the university that fits for them, and part of that

determination is whether you can afford to attend that university," she said.

Regent Larry McKibben said that since the downfall of the stock market, the tuition has increased, and the regents do not want that to discourage students from seeking a higher education.

"We want an education system in Iowa that promotes people going to college, and affordability is one of those things that will help promote that," he said.

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COLUMN

Rich people's cathedral



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I watch a cathedral of trees, all this green and green and green that make up my days. You haven't lived until all you can see through your second-floor windows are the green of trees and the flitting of sparrows and cardinals and startlings.

Some of you may see starlings (the rats of the sky), but I see startlings. I know, there's only one consonant difference. But sometimes, one consonant makes all the difference.

Oh, I know, sometimes one continent makes all the difference. Take Africa. The Mother Continent.

Of course, some people (mostly white, but who's counting) don't want to believe in that, just as they don't want to believe President Obama is legitimately the president. (Or legitimately an American. Or legitimately — well, you get the idea.)

Startling, no?

Or maybe not. Maybe you're one of those ultra-cool, hyper-hip people who show up in town from time to time and amaze us all. Whereas I'm the type of person who is startled that the Sun rises each morning. I mean, think of the cosmic odds. (And yes, Virginia, I understand that the Sun doesn't actually rise; the Earth rotates. Whatever.)

Of course, I'm also startled by the City Council we seem to have hired (well, OK, elected) in an absent-minded moment. Or maybe it was an absent-voter moment.

Whatever, as we say these days when we have nothing else to say.

In any case, the City Council seems bound and determined to outlaw poor people from daring to exist on the Pedestrian Mall. Well, not the entire council; Councilors Jim

Throgmorton and Susan Mims appear to be intelligent people who have at least brushed up against compassion a time or three. (Compassion, these days, is neither ultra-cool nor hyper-hip and so is not valued all that much. Our loss. But hey, cool and hip is where it's at. Wherever it is.)

The City Council is scheduled this evening (at least of this writing) to vote for the third time to basically ban poor people from the Ped Mall. It's a complicated ordinance, filled with this and that, and it never mentions the word "poor," but the effect is to push poor people somewhere else, anywhere else but the central business district.

It's all in the name of promoting "diverse" businesses downtown, of course. But in my highly biased opinion, if "diverse" businesses downtown want to promote themselves, they could buy more ads in *The Daily Iowan*. (Well, I warned you I was highly biased.)

Whatever happened to freedom of assembly? It is, by the way, in the Constitution: "the right of the people peaceably to assemble." It's the First Amendment.

But apparently, in Iowa City, business trumps all. Which, I have to admit, seems to be the norm in the rest of the country as well.

Iowa City is supposed to be different, and the Iowa City I grew up in was. But the panhandlers, some people say, they're annoying.

I don't think they're annoying. If I have a spare buck, which, I admit, is rare, I gladly give it up. But now, apparently, the buck stops. Here.

At some point in the future, no doubt, the way the city is going, all of us will have to prove ourselves worthy of being on the Ped Mall. Soon, there will be Iowa City credit monitors at the various entrances to the Ped Mall, checking your credit rating, and whether you've been bouncing checks, and if you have a history of shopping at Ped Mall businesses.

It'll be a Brave New Ped Mall. A cathedral for the wealthy.

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COLUMN

Breaking the cycle of violence



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At least 12 people and a gunman are dead after a shooting at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., Monday.

This is, of course, only the most recent of mass shootings in a tragically long line. Since 2006, there have been 32 public shootings in which at least four people died. Virginia Tech, Fort Hood, Tucson, Aurora, Newtown, and now Washington — the list just keeps growing.

Tragedy on this scale has become horrifyingly commonplace.

Even the post-shooting call to action has become rote — a fact appalling in its own right. The writing, the reporting, the mourning have become routine. What is abhorrent has become ordinary;

our collective call for change has become the expected day-after-a-tragedy refrain.

By the sheer strain of repetition and the deafness of our representatives, we've lost our voice. The choice we face now is whether to let mass killings become a part of the fabric of our society or to change the boom and bust cycle of attention and outrage that allows mass shootings to keep happening.

We have to disabuse ourselves of the idea that these mass shootings are isolated incidents born each of its unique circumstances that we could never hope to understand or control. In many of these cases, the shooters have long histories of mental-health issues and access to big, efficient weapons such as AR-15s.

Universal background checks and improved mental-health care — two non-invasive measures with wide support — wouldn't stop all killings, but they would be a good start.

We should set aside the

fallacious argument that guns kill people across America every day and that it would somehow be hypocritical of us to act in response to mass shootings. As if doing nothing would be nobler than to fix either problem.

We must do away with the notion that talking about solutions in the wake of horrible tragedies is off-putting or exploitatively political. Our calls for a solution aren't knee-jerk reactions to an isolated shooting — they are responses to a well-established trend that's dominated the country's political discourse in fits and starts for years. To ignore this clear trend of violence is to bury our heads in the sand.

Let's also stop pretending that the greatest threats to our well-being are forming abroad in such countries as Syria, Yemen, and Pakistan.

When we fail to improve our mental-health systems or restrict access to dangerous weapons for people with a history of mental illness, we create a na-

tional-security concern far greater than that posed by the faraway terror suspects — suspects our government has no qualms about obliterating with Hell-fire missiles, by the way.

The attention and resources we devote to curbing mass shootings are dwarfed by our massive efforts snuffing out terrorists overseas (not to mention the civil liberties we are willing to cede to allow the government to do that job) — even though mass shooters pose a much greater threat to Americans than Islamic extremists in the Middle East.

On the margins of our society, we are creating and arming our own terrorists through inaction.

Our public-safety priorities are out of whack, and Americans continue to pay the price. The deaths in Washington on Monday were tragic, as were the deaths in DeKalb, Blacksburg, and Hialeah. We owe it to all of the victims to break the cycle of violence that persists in America.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/ ONLINE

Re: Suicide and gun control

"Reduce the availability of guns."

Not so fast. It has been found that there is no correlation between firearm ownership and homicide and suicide rates. Many of the countries with the strictest firearms prohibitions have higher homicide and suicide rates than nations without such restrictions.

Japan has extreme firearms prohibitions, and its suicide rate is 23.8 per 100,000.

Russia also has extreme firearm prohibitions including a total ban on civilian firearms. Yet, its murder rate

is 12 per 100,000 and a suicide rate of 21.7 per 100,000. By contrast, the U.S. murder rate is 4.8 per 100,000, and the U.S. suicide rate 11.8 per 100,000.

"It's hard to jump off a bridge or building."

It is easier to jump off a bridge or building than it is to purchase a firearm. You don't have to go through a background check to cross a bridge.

Gun control does not equal suicide control, so this is just another insufficient justification for citizen disarmament and the elimination of our constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

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Iowa City rising (& rising & rising)



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On Monday, *The Daily Iowan* reported that local developers have again turned their eyes to downtown Iowa City with plans to potentially bring yet another high-rise to our skyline. Currently, concerned citizens are trying to delay the Chauncey, a high-rise that has been approved by the city but lacks a firm timeline. Despite the obstruction, however, most residents should agree that Iowa City — as with nearly all other urban environments — is better served by concentrated, high-rise development in downtown.

The upsides (pardon the pun) are clear and well-documented. There is a reason, after all, that New York City has been recently heralded as one of the greenest cities in America. (As if New Yorkers needed something else to be smug about ...) On the environmental side, building up instead of out reduces the need for

motor transportation, reducing per capita carbon footprints. It should be no surprise that taking the stairs and walking a block or two generates less carbon than driving to your closest Fareway or Hy-Vee.

Given the structure of Iowa City's public-transportation system, with all routes starting and ending downtown, the more we have going on downtown, the better. It's all the more incentive to use the bus, which, if you haven't seen the somewhat snarky bumper sticker, takes dozens of cars off the road. And what about less parking congestion and lower carbon emissions? Pretty hard to argue with that.

Beyond environmental factors, there are also social and economic reasons to support concentrated development downtown. The Plaza Towers and the Chauncey both feature top-shelf upscale housing. Anyone concerned with the proliferation of bars downtown should welcome the potential boost to retail that more well-to-do residents could offer and that such high-rise buildings attract. In certain situations, some might cry "Gentrification," given the current blend of

residents in the area, but disruptive gentrification isn't a serious concern.

On the economic side, it is critical to note that these planned high-rises would bring more premium office space to downtown. More high-quality office space attracts businesses to the area and more importantly, brings their employees, too.

We've already seen this downtown and in the very recent past, when the University of Iowa single-handedly breathed new life into the Old Capitol mall. (Anyone remember Planet X?) With 1,000 employees now spending their lunch hours and commutes closer to downtown, foot traffic is up, and the mall is doing better than ever. And even though we're starting to hear whispers of a Sycamore Mall-area renaissance — and as a Muscatine Avenue resident, my fingers are crossed — downtown remains the economic driver in our town.

There are, of course, some downsides. Development isn't always great, and it sometimes has unintended consequences. I know I'm not the only one who was deeply saddened by the closing of the Red

Avocado. Although that situation was certainly different from the ones we're looking at today, we should certainly keep in mind the prices we pay for new construction.

We should furthermore remain cautious about spending too much city money on redevelopment. Development, after all, is a for-profit business, and those who are willing to risk their treasure on large-scale projects are often rewarded handsomely. While tax-increment funding (or TIF) can be helpful in the short run, over the long term, there are potentially dangerous consequences for taxpayers, residents, and anyone else who has a stake in the fiscal strength of our community.

We advance best when progress and skepticism go hand in hand. Progress without skepticism is dangerous, and skepticism without progress is pointless. It's good that people are involved in these decisions and are offering their points of view in the public sphere. Yet, unless we are able to step back and look at the bigger picture, we risk missing the forest for the trees — the skyline for the buildings, as it were.

Local muffin rising



Aimee Kirkpatrick prepares chocolate scones Sept. 10 in the Java House bakery. Kirkpatrick was selected as a semifinalist by U.S. Foods and could go on to compete in a World Food Championship cook-off in Las Vegas. (The Daily Iowan/Mariah Green)

By **ABIGAIL MEIER**
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One local chef may put Iowa City on the national map for an original muffin recipe.

Aimee Kirkpatrick, the general manager of the bakery at the Java House, 211½ E. Washington St., has been selected as a semifinalist in the second U.S. Foods Next Top Product contest. After being chosen for her original Strawberry Basil Muffin recipe, Kirkpatrick can barely wait for Friday to arrive in order to hear whether she moves onto the final rounds in Las Vegas.

"I kind of did it on a whim," the Iowa City native said. "I just wanted to do something that could show off some of my talents."

U.S. Foods — a foodservice distributor based in Rosemont, Ill. — sponsored the contest earlier this summer. Kirkpatrick competed against more than 1,000 hopefuls; today, she is one of 54 semifinalists, and that number will be whittled down to eight on Friday. Those finalists will participate in a face-off competition at the World Food Championships in Las Vegas on Nov. 8. A team of culinary experts from U.S. Foods assessed the online recipe submissions based on creativity, consumer appeal, sales opportunity, and the ability to commercially produce the product.

"We always try to go with the new trends," Kirkpatrick said in describing the Java House philosophy. "A lot of times, we will just use some base recipes and alter them to experiment with new tastes."

After working at the Java House for a little over a year, Kirkpatrick discovered her delicious muffin in July. Her muffin is served as a traditional breakfast option or paired with coffee as a dessert item.

"It's a kind of weird combination, but it's really good," said Java House customer Megan Dibbern. "It's really sweet from the strawberry, and the basil makes it really savory."

Each month, chefs at the Java House try to create new recipes and test them around a dozen times before they decide on the final products. With almost five years of experience as a chef — including around three years at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City — Kirkpatrick is a little anxious about the competition.

The 54 semifinalists and their recipes can now be viewed online at the U.S. Foods website for the public to vote on their favorite choice. The top eight competitors with the most votes by Friday will head to Las Vegas.

Contestants stand to win up to \$20,000 in cash and prizes, and their recipes will also be morphed into a U.S. Foods product, which

will be distributed throughout the nation as part of the company's new product launch in 2014.

Tara Cronbaugh, the owner of the Java House, said Kirkpatrick is always a very calm, cool, and collected individual even in times where they are baking several thousand items a day. She also said Kirkpatrick always creates an enjoyable atmosphere for everyone no matter how stressful the situation may be.

"Aimee is a huge asset to our company," Cronbaugh wrote in an email. "We are extremely proud of her dedication, passion, and perseverance. She is the driver for our bakery department creativity and inspiration."

Sam Kron, the culinary food operations manager at Heirloom Salad Co. — which partners with the Java House — has worked with Kirkpatrick for almost three years. He said he encouraged her to submit her recipe. Kron also submitted his Chipotle Aioli spread but did not make it past the first round. His mayonnaise garlic spread is one of the most popular dressings and toppings at Heirloom.

"We're super proud of what she's done," Kron said. "With as many entries as there were, it's amazing, and we are super happy, and we are all trying to support her."

Grant process eased

A new grant program will provide more opportunities for graduate and professional students.

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In an effort to help graduate and professional students become more successful in reaching their goals, student leaders are revamping an existing grant program.

Over the past four years, the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional students has offered various programs to provide graduate and professional students with money to fund their research, attend conferences, and conduct service projects.

But the process to receive these grants was too complicated, Executive Council President Ben Gillig said, and thus was not drawing a sufficient number of applicants.

"It used to be called the Professional Advancement Grants and there were four different types of them, and they each had their own application process and their own evaluation process," Gillig said. "... It was very confusing for our students, which led to fewer people applying."

Gillig and the rest of Executive Council have formed a new grant program that they say will make it "bigger and better."

The new process, which will allot nearly \$100,000 over the course of the academic year, follows the basic procedures of the old one.

Gillig said students

should fill out applications outlining their plans.

To eliminate some of the confusion and time commitment, Executive Council has streamlined the separate submissions into one concise application — something that UI Ph.D. student Kira Pasquesi said will attract her to apply.

"It can be extremely time-consuming to apply for conference funds from the various sources across campus," Pasquesi wrote in an email. "The new streamlined application will make the process easier and allow for additional opportunities to apply in a simplified online application system."

Pasquesi has experience receiving grants from Executive Council — she

used one last year to fund a trip to a conference that has resulted in numerous publications for her.

"It helped me to further relationships with professional colleagues as well as spark new ideas for research and teaching for the future," Pasquesi said. "... It's just the type of thing that's so integral to our graduate experience."

Although nearly 80 students applied, Gillig said, he couldn't be certain of the number of them who will receive grants, following the review process.

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DAILY BREAK

“Progress was all right. Only it went on too long.”
— James Thurber

the ledge

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Haiku Fridays on Tuesday

Killer in the house.
And us, a group of weak teens ...
Everyone, SPLIT UP.

The stripper prepares.
Puts on thong, bra, heels, makeup.
Takes off wedding ring.

Rarely a good sign
when you are referenced
by name
during a sermon ...

An immense wasp nest
hangs from mail box,
mocking me.
Bills will go unpaid.

Library question ...
By far, what's checked
out the most?
Sexy undergrads.

I confessed my sins
expecting absolution
and earning a yawn.

At grocery store,
new diet is shrinking my
waist
and my wallet, too.

Wife needs new luggage.
“Which of these greens is
greener?”
I am the bluest.

Call girl seems shifty.
The cautious tyro re-
quests:
“Promise me: no tricks.”

Calculatingly,
she let him take the
trash out
before dumping him.

Andrew R. Juhl.
You should write him a
haiku.
He did it for you.

The Daily Iowan

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today's events

- **Piano Lessons with Joe Page**, 8 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Storybook Readings**, 10 a.m., Sycamore Mall
- **Eat This, Not That**, 10:30 a.m., Core Fitness, 2220 Mormon Trek Blvd.
- **Pharmacology Seminar**, "Peripheral Pain Sensitization by Natriuretic Peptides: Convergence of Distinct Neuropeptide and Pain-sensing Receptor Signaling," D.P. Mohapatra, Pharmacology and Anesthesia, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Study Abroad Fair**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., University Capitol Center second floor
- **Tech Help**, noon, Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Optical Science & Technology Center Materials Seminar**, "Organic magnetoresistance under resonant ac drive," Mikhail Raikh, University of Utah, 1:30 p.m., 104 Iowa Advanced Technology Labs
- **Farmers' Market**, 3 p.m., Mercer Park
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "Epigenetic regulation of T cell differentiation," Keji Zhao, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 3 p.m., Bowen Watzke Auditorium
- **Reading Comprehension Workshop**, Academic Support & Retention and Academic Advising Center, 3:30 p.m., 51 Schaeffer
- **Expressive Arts Group**, 4 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **Library Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Trans 101 Workshop: Diversity and Respect**, Rebecca Kling, 6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room A
- **Pueblo Pottery Workshops for Kids**, 6:30 p.m., Old Capitol
- **Vino van Gogh**, 6:30 p.m., Orchard Green, 521 S. Gilbert
- **Bhairav se Bhairavi: A Music Concert**, 7 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **"Live from Prairie Lights"**, fiction & nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Line Dancing Lessons**, 7:15 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert
- **"The Three of Us"**, visiting artists Dutes Miller and Stan Shellabarger, 7:30 p.m., 116 Art Building West
- **Lecture by Contemporary Dance Pioneer Liz Lerman**, 7:30 p.m., Theater Building
- **Student United Way Information Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., 346 IMU
- **Flight School**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Lower Deck Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club

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Noon-2 p.m. Sports Block
10 p.m.-12 a.m. Local Tunes

horoscopes

Tuesday, September 17, 2013
by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Discuss important issues with colleagues, and make adjustments according to the information you receive. Stick to whatever decision you agree upon, and postpone expanding until you are sure you can handle what's already expected of you.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): The knowledge and experience you gain through helping others will help you in your personal and business life. Last-minute plans to travel should be reconsidered. Unexpected difficulties are likely to lead to delays. Express your feelings.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Keep personal information a secret. Put a price on what you do and have to offer, or someone will try to get you to work for nothing. Speak up, and make adjustments that will ensure that you get what you want.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): What you do for someone special will speak volumes about the way you feel. Love and romance are highlighted, and being romantic will have a positive effect on your day. Short trips will enhance your life.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Find out as much information as possible so that you can maintain control. Expect someone to put demands on your time. Do your best to deal with chores so you can move on to more lucrative and interesting pastimes.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Broaden your vision by interacting with people from unusual backgrounds. What you discover will enable you to have a fresh outlook on an old idea, plan, or project. Love is in the stars, and sharing romantic plans will improve your personal life.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Share your thoughts, beliefs, and the activities you enjoy doing with someone who has similar interests. Fixing up your home may meet with opposition from someone who has alternative ideas or plans. Find a way to compromise before you begin.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Slow down, and don't allow anyone to push you into something you don't care to do. Follow whatever path you feel most comfortable with, and you will satisfy your curiosity and discover a skill or talent you didn't realize you had.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An emotional situation will cause you grief if you aren't honest about the way you feel. Don't commit to do something unless you plan to follow through. A loss of reputation will cost you when you want a favor or help.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't hesitate to move forward, even if it is at someone else's expense. You mustn't feel guilty when it's time to collect what's owed to you. Plan to celebrate your good fortune with someone you love. Nurture important relationships.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Follow through with any promise you make, or you will be questioned. Find an interest and develop your skills. Being prepared will ensure that you can make positive changes to the way you earn a living. Focus on financial, legal, and medical matters.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotions coupled with creativity and passion will all lead to an interesting day with plenty of memories. Expand your friendships, or romance someone special to you. Live in the moment, and do your best to enjoy every experience you encounter.

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OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0813

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pet adoption org.
 - 5 Campfire remains
 - 10 Trim, with "down"
 - 14 Gradually remove, as a foal from its mother's milk
 - 15 Cinnamon pattern, in toast
 - 16 God whose name is a homophone of a zodiac sign
 - 17 Humble reply to a compliment
 - 18 Two units, in 56-Across
 - 20 Test for Ph.D. seekers
 - 21 Two-time Cy Young winner Lindeum
 - 22 "You can count on me"
 - 23 Three units, in 56-Across
 - 27 Coral producer
 - 28 Partner of desist
 - 29 World's fair, e.g.
 - 31 Facebook button
 - 32 Jobs announcement of 2010
 - 33 John McCain and Kurt Vonnegut, once, for short
 - 37 Five units, in 56-Across
 - 40 "Wowzers!"
 - 41 Brutish sort
 - 42 Battery units
 - 43 Potter's oven
 - 44 Small paving stones
 - 45 Foe of Cobra, in comics
 - 49 Three units, in 56-Across
 - 52 Early afternoon time
 - 54 What horizontal head shakes signify
 - 55 Low island
 - 56 Four units, in 56-Across
 - 59 Santa ____, Calif.
 - 60 A few poker chips, maybe

- DOWN**
- 1 Drinks from a bottle, maybe
 - 2 Kate's groom in "The Taming of the Shrew"
 - 3 1980s toy craze
 - 4 Whatever number
 - 5 Reach for the stars
 - 6 Hindu teacher
 - 7 Bomb's opposite
 - 8 Drop a fly ball, e.g.
 - 9 School zone sign
 - 10 Poet Neruda
 - 11 On ____ (doing well)
 - 12 Cry before "set"
 - 13 Legally prohibit
 - 19 Plan for losers, informally?
 - 21 Stun gun
 - 24 It was originally first on the Roman calendar
 - 25 Roman god of horses
 - 26 Word before change or revenge
 - 30 Kissing in a crowd, e.g., in brief
 - 31 Droop
 - 32 Poker declaration
 - 33 Prefix with type
 - 34 One whose success is well-earned?

- PUZZLE BY JOEL FAGLIANO
- 35 Monsoon period
 - 36 Ones taking the 20-Across
 - 38 Who said "It's not bragging if you can back it up"
 - 39 Trailer park people, for short
 - 43 Toppie (over)
 - 44 "Cut that out!"
 - 45 Spoil
 - 46 Vacuum
 - 47 Volkswagen compact
 - 48 "The Wind in the Willows" character
 - 50 Bid at the last second, as on eBay
 - 51 Meg and Paul
 - 53 It's next to fluorine on the periodic table
 - 57 It's over your head
 - 58 Pilgrimage to Mecca
 - 59 Slugger's stat
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UI official jumps into Coralville race

By GABRIELLA DUNN
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Another University of Iowa official concerned with Coralville's current financial standing has entered the race for a seat on the city's governing body.

Mark Winkler, the director of the Business Solutions Center at the Tippie College of Business, is vying for a city councilor spot in the Nov. 5 election.

Most of Winkler's career has been spent in business development and strategic planning, which, he says, is his biggest asset as candidate for the position.

"I think I could bring a lot to the discussion and future direction of Coralville around future economics and growth and development," he said.

In recent years, as the city's debt base, particularly in regards to tax increment financing has increased, a number of experts have called for increased fiscal responsibility.

Among the most recent calls came in June, when Moody's Investors Service lowered a number of bond ratings for the city.

Winkler said one of the council's most pertinent issues will be the city's debt.

As of June, the city's outstanding debt obligations — nearly \$279 million — stood as the third highest in the state.

"That was part of the motivation," Winkler said about his decision to run. "I know government and business aren't the same thing, but I think there's always alternatives to some of the decisions that we've made."

Winkler said one of these issues is putting too much taxpayer money at risk.

Debt concerns will be more immediate, because people are fearful of debt, he said. In the long run, though, the creation of sustainable economic development for Coralville should also be pursued, he said.

On Sept. 6, UI President Sally Mason released a statement to *The Daily Iowan* about university officials seeking government positions.

"I believe firmly that our students, faculty, and staff should participate in our democracy by running for office, voting, and being informed citizens," Mason said. "I deeply appreciate anyone who chooses to serve the public and the communities where they live and work."

Coralville Mayor Jim Fausett, who announced on Aug. 26 that he would not seek re-election after a 17-year term, said he was reluctant about Winkler's candidacy credibility for facing Coralville's financial issues.

"As far as I know, he's never attended a meeting or attended City Hall to talk with finance directors to know what the finances are," Fausett said.

For Fausett, continuing to ensure property taxes are paid by incoming businesses will be of utmost importance.

Tony Roetlin, Coralville's finance director, echoed debt management sentiments. "I've seen a lot of focus from the current council and the work that they've done over the years as well," Roetlin said.

With his background as a senior executive and his role as a board member of smaller companies, Winkler said, he knows how the collaboration of boards and business work from both the inside and outside.

Winkler's candidacy follows the Sept. 6 announcement by Chris Turner, a UI professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, in also seeking a Coralville City Council seat.

Coralville City Councilor Tom Gill announced on Sep. 11 he will seek re-election to the position for a second term. David Petsel, Matt Adam, and John Lundell are seeking to become the next mayor of Coralville.

Shooter kills 12 in D.C.



By BRETT ZONGKER, ERIC TUCKER, AND LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A defense-industry employee used his pass to get into the Washington Navy Yard and went on a deadly shooting rampage Monday, spraying bullets in the hallway and firing from a balcony on workers in an atrium below. Thirteen people were killed, including the gunman.

The motive for the assault — the deadliest shooting on a military installation in the U.S. since the tragedy at Fort Hood, Texas, in 2009 — was a mystery, investigators said.

Mayor Vincent Gray said there was no indication it was a terrorist attack, but he added that the possibility had not been ruled out.

"This is a horrific tragedy," he said.

The onslaught at a single building at the highly secure Navy Yard unfolded about 8:20 a.m. in the heart of the nation's

capital, less than four miles from the White House and two miles from the Capitol.

It put all of Washington on edge and raised the specter of another well-coordinated terrorist strike — or another attack from within, like Fort Hood.

The gunman, Aaron Alexis, a 34-year-old information technology employee and former Navy reservist whose last known address was in Fort Worth, Texas, died after a running gun battle inside the building with police, investigators said.

He carried three weapons: an AR-15 assault rifle, a shotgun, and a handgun that he took from a police officer at the scene, according to two federal law-enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation.

For much of the day, authorities said they were looking for a possible second attacker who

may have been disguised in an olive-drab military-style uniform.

But by late Monday night, they said they were convinced the shooting was the work of a lone gunman, and the lockdown around the area was eased.

"We do now feel comfortable that we have the single and sole person responsible for the loss of life inside the base today," Washington Police Chief Cathy Lanier said.

President Obama lamented yet another mass shooting in the U.S. that he said took the lives of American "patriots." He promised to make sure "whoever carried out this cowardly act is held responsible."

The FBI took charge of the investigation.

The attack came four years after Army psychiatrist Maj. Nidal Hasan killed 13 people at Fort Hood in what he said was an effort to save the lives of Muslims overseas. He was convicted last month and sentenced to death.

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Hawkeye harriers do not take a break

The women's cross-country team has parlayed down time into prep time for Big Ten championships.

By RYAN RODRIGUEZ
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Cross-country is a sport of inconsistency. Frequently changing rosters and events can make getting into a rhythm for preparation and training difficult and inconsistent, a process that is made harder by the sometimes-extreme fluctuations in the schedule.

"We're ultimately training for what lies ahead at the end of the season," head cross-country coach Layne Anderson said. "The invitationals and meets that we have during the beginning of the season, I view them more as a part of our training in preparation for the championship meet."

The championships Anderson refers to are the Big Ten meet in November and the NCAA championships three weeks later.

After placing fourth at the Black & Gold Invitational Sept. 13, the Hawkeyes won't see action again until they travel to Minneapolis for the Roy Griak Invitational on Sept. 28. After that, they will go another three weeks before traveling to Madison, Wis., to run in the Wisconsin Inter-Regional.

Having almost a month off in between competitions

would drive most athletes crazy. In cross-country, it is the nature of the beast, structured in a way that every event is essentially training to qualify for a Big Ten or NCAA championship. In fact, some of the women on the team actually prefer it.

"Honestly, I almost view it as a good thing," freshman Katie Adams said. "In high school, most girls, or at least me, had a meet almost every single weekend, so my coaches were always a little bit cautious as to how hard they would work us during the week. But obviously, now, that's not as much of a concern."

In the minds of the runners, more down time means more time to prepare and improve for the ultimate goal of the Big Tens.

"That's definitely what he stresses," freshman Samantha Zishka said when talking about Anderson focusing on the bigger competitions. "He always says we don't need to be in our top shape right now. We came in after the summer at about 75 percent of our total fitness, and we can work up to it. It's OK, because the ultimate goal is the Big Tens, and that is when our performance really counts."



Ul senior Lena Placzek leads the Iowa team during the Iowa Black & Gold Invitational at the Ashton Cross-Country Course on Friday. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

Rest and rehabilitation are just as important in cross-country training as speed workouts while getting one's stride down perfectly, a perhaps unseen advantage of the current lull in the season. It also provides the runners plenty of time to focus on the task at hand.

"It's actually good to not have as many competitions, because then we can really focus on getting solid

weeks of training one after the other and not having to worry about tapering for a competition," Zishka said. "We can just get a solid block of training to get better for that competition."

The team is currently ranked No. 9 in the top-10 rankings for the Midwest Region. In addition, Anderson has turned out six All-Americans and a Big Ten champion in addition to various other honors.

"I always say that those who have the greatest preparation are the ones that ultimately end up running the best," Anderson said.

Whatever the views of the women on the team are toward their brief holiday, one thing is certain: Whatever they're doing, it's working.

BOX SCORE

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carries, which is just 13 more than Weisman alone.

Weisman is averaging 5 yards a carry, which is good by any standard measurement but pales in comparison with his stats leaders. James is getting a little over 8 yards a touch, and Gordon is churning out over 12 yards every time the ball gets handed to him.

Total Offensive Plays Called — 249 (Second in NCAA, first in Big Ten)

Did you know only one school (Cal) has run more offensive plays than Iowa? The Hawkeyes have run 80 or more snaps in all three games this year — a first ever for an Iowa football team

in the Kirk Ferentz era. The Hawkeyes are averaging about 83 plays per game on offense, which is perhaps showing the greatest change in offensive philosophy from years past. For example, Iowa had just one game last year where it ran more than 80 plays — an 18-17 win over Northern Illinois in the season-opener.

Third Down Defense — 29.5 percent (Third in Big Ten, 23rd in NCAA)

Iowa's defense has done a pretty spectacular job of getting off the field on third down so far this season, allowing opposing offenses to make it to the chains on third down just 13 times on 44 attempts.

This statistic is huge for Iowa's offense, too. By getting opposing offenses off the field early and often, Iowa is able to get its scoring



Iowa quarterback Jake Rudock yells to running back Mark Weisman in Jack Trice Stadium on Sept. 14. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

plan in rhythm, run the ball down the throat of the defense, and get off 80 or more snaps a game.

Time of Possession per game — 35:06 (First in Big Ten, Ninth in NCAA)

It's a pretty simple formula, actually. The longer a team has the ball,

the more offensive snaps it should have, leading to more scoring opportunities. This statistic goes hand-in-hand with the amount of offensive plays Iowa has been running, which could be the biggest indicator that the Iowa football team is improving its scoring ability to help bury any memories of its disaster of a season in 2012.

SOCCER

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On top of adjusting to a new college and program, Scott has been moved from her previous position of central defender to an outside back.

Scott has openly welcomed the change and the opportunities it brings

while on the field. Whereas a central defender's role is mostly to stay back and not advance very far up the field, Scott is now free to push up both sides of the field.

But as for any transfer, going through the process of being a newcomer again is difficult. For Scott, this may have been the toughest part.

"Being a freshman as a ju-

nior all over again [has been tough]. Having everything new, learning the campus all over again, making completely new friends," Scott said. "But everyone here has made the transition so easy."

Winning certainly helps Scott with the adjustment period. And this season the Hawks have done plenty of it. The Hawkeyes have a 7-0 record. They'll try to continue their undefeated run on

Sept. 17, when they take on Northern Iowa today at the Iowa Soccer Complex.

"It's been pretty amazing. I couldn't ask for anything better," Scott said. "One game left going into conference play undefeated is probably the best results we could have asked for. And the team has been amazingly welcoming and I'm really loving it here so I can't complain."

TENNIS

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as an assistant coach. Wilson played at Ohio State from 2002-06 and was a two-time NCAA All-American. In 2006, Wilson broke the Buckeyes' record for overall wins, career double wins, and single season doubles wins, as well as being on the No. 1 ranked doubles team during his time there.

"[Wilson] really has the whole package," Houghton said. "[He's a] very, very, good recruiter, tons of connections ... he's a big, big, addition to us."

After spending some time on the pro circuit, Wilson turned to coaching.

He coached Sharon Fichman who was nationally ranked on the Women's Tennis Association tour. Wilson then moved to San Diego, where he helped the team reach a record of 18-10 as they made the NCAA Tournament for a third-straight year, earning himself the Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Assistant Coach of the Year as well as the Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year.

"My goal was always to get back to the Big Ten, and I actually visited Iowa when I was a recruit. Coach Houghton had me on a visit. I enjoyed it and when the opening came about and Coach Houghton called me ... It was kind of a no-brainer," Wilson said. "I think I'll be

able to bring a new voice, you know, a new energy and also hopefully some doubles strategy."

The Hawkeyes will start their season on Friday in West Lafayette at the Purdue Invitational, and Houghton believes Wilson has brought a lot to the team in the short time he's been here.

Although the new additions bring high hopes for the team's future, current and older members are also ready to step up. The team graduated one senior coming into the year but has five seniors this season from last year's squad including senior Brian Alden, a transfer student who played at Florida State last year.

One senior player to definitely keep an eye on is Jo-

nas Dierckx. He came all the way from Belgium and is ready to lead the team this season. Last season, he finished with a team-best 19 wins in singles and 12 wins in doubles being paired with junior Matt Hagan.

Iowa will face all of its opponents this year away from Iowa City. Next year, in February, they will face off against Illinois State and Western Illinois at home.

Iowa men's tennis

The Iowa men's tennis team will kick off its season this weekend in West Lafayette for the Purdue Invitational.

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Ex-Hawk Nukuri-Johnson wins 10K in France

Former Iowa All-American Diane Nukuri-Johnson took the women's 10,000 meters title at the Francophone Games in Nice, France, last week. The 2008 graduate clocked a championship record time of 32:29.4, more than a minute faster than the previous mark of 33:41.28 set in 2005.

Nukuri was a three-time cross-country All-American while competing for the Hawkeyes from 2006-08. She won the conference title and was named Big Ten Women's Cross-Country Athlete of the Year in 2007. She is the school record holder in four cross-country events and four track and field events.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Volleyball heads to Milwaukee

The Iowa volleyball team will travel to Wisconsin to face Milwaukee at 7 p.m. today.

The match is the next to last nonconference competition; the team will host Iowa State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Saturday. The Hawkeyes will begin Big Ten play at Illinois on Sept. 27.

This past weekend, the Hawkeyes improved to 8-2 overall in the Hawkeye Challenge. The team went 3-1, and Rachael Bedell and Alyssa Klostermann were named to the Hawkeye Challenge All-Tournament Team.

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Zach Johnson wins BMW

Cedar Rapids native Zach Johnson carded a final-round 65 on Monday to claim the BMW Championship at the Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill.

Johnson completed the rain-delayed golf tournament at 16-under par, a 2-shot advantage over second-place Nick Watney. Jim Furyk, who began the final round with a 1-shot lead, finished third after a final-round 71.

The victory, the 10th of his career, sets up Johnson for a possible run at the FedEx Cup and its \$10 million purse. He'll enter the Tour Championship as the No. 4 seed, and a win will earn him the cup and cash. Johnson is behind Tiger Woods, Henrik Stenson, and Adam Scott, who are seeded No. 1, 2, and 3.

"It's hard to grasp the last two weeks of golf," Johnson told the Associated Press. "It's not like you have to win every week to win that FedEx Cup. You've just got to win at the right times or play well at the right times. And I like the momentum I have for next week."

The Tour Championship is scheduled for Thursday through Sept. 22 at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta. Only the top-30 golfers in the FedEx Cup points standings will compete.

— by Jordyn Reiland

SCOREBOARD

- MLB**
 Detroit 4, Seattle 2
 Atlanta, Washington (Postponed)
 Tampa Bay 6, Texas 2
 Philadelphia 12, Miami 2
 Chi. White Sox 12, Minnesota 1
 San Diego 2, Pittsburgh 0
 Milwaukee 6, Chi. Cubs 1
 Kansas City 7, Cleveland 1
 Cincinnati 6, Houston 1
 Colorado 6, St. Louis 2
 Arizona 2, LA Dodgers 1
 LAA Angels 12, Oakland 1

- NFL**
 Cincinnati 20, Pittsburgh 10

- AP Top 25**
 1. Alabama
 2. Oregon
 3. Clemson
 4. Ohio State*
 5. Stanford
 6. LSU
 7. Louisville
 8. Florida State
 9. Georgia
 10. Texas A&M
 11. Oklahoma State
 12. South Carolina
 13. UCLA
 14. Oklahoma
 15. Michigan*
 16. Miami (FL)
 17. Washington
 18. Northwestern*
 19. Florida
 20. Baylor
 21. Ole Miss
 22. Notre Dame
 23. Arizona State
 24. Wisconsin*
 25. Texas Tech
 Big Ten teams are indicated with an asterisk.*

BOX SCORE

Hawk offense humming



Hawkeye quarterback Jake Rudock hands the ball off to running back Mark Weisman in Jack Trice Stadium on Sept. 14. (The Daily Iowan/Tyler Finchum)

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

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Rushing Attempts — Mark Weisman, 85 (1st in NCAA)

The Iowa Hawkeyes are now riding a two-game winning streak after defeating Missouri State and Iowa State in back-to-back weeks. Mark Weisman has been the lead workhorse/bell cow/slobberknocker/gym rat/bulldozer for Iowa's running game, and the stats show why.

Weisman is getting the rock. A lot. His 85 carries lead the nation, 10 touches ahead of Boston College's Andre Williams. Weisman is on pace to carry the ball 336 times this season, which would be the most of an Iowa back since Shonn Greene, when his number got called 307 times in the 2008 season.

Rushing Yards — Mark Weisman, 425 (Third in NCAA, second in Big Ten)

Mark Weisman's 425 rushing yards are the most through Iowa's first three games of a season since Fred Russell had 471 in 2002. The two runners ahead of Weisman — Rutgers' Paul James and Wisconsin's Melvin Gordon — combine for 98

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Soccer newbie settles in



Iowa midfielder Emily Scott passes the ball at the Iowa Soccer Complex on Sept. 8. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

Emily Scott may be new to Iowa but not to collegiate soccer.

By **JACOB SHEYKO**
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On Aug. 17, Emily Scott took the field with her teammates of the past two years. But this time was different. Scott was no longer standing by her teammates' side but rather across from them.

That is when it hit Scott that she was officially a Hawkeye. Her first match was against her former team — Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"When I walked on the field and saw all my old teammates lining up, and I wasn't in the lineup



Scott
 midfielder

anymore I was like, 'OK, I'm really not there anymore,' " Scott said.

Scott played soccer for the Wisconsin-Milwaukee during her freshman and sophomore years. However, around February, she realized a change needed to take place.

So the junior looked to one of her original choices coming out of high school — Iowa.

"We recruited her the first time around," head coach Ron Rainey said. "Emily had done very well at Milwaukee. It just was something where she wanted a different experience. After she contacted us, it was a no-brainer to get her out here and see if this would work."

Seven games into the season, Scott has found her role

with the Hawkeyes and has started all of Iowa's seven matches. Despite being new to the Hawkeye program, her teammates and coaches insist she is far from being inexperienced.

"It's awesome to have someone who's had prior experience. That's really transitioning on the field," teammate Cloe Lacasse said. "It was good to have someone that knew what they were doing."

In her two years at Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Scott also started every game and played every minute of the season during her sophomore year — the first position player to do so for the team since 2006.

SEE SOCCER, 8

Tennis seeks to improve

The Iowa men's tennis team will compete at the Purdue Invitational in West Lafayette this weekend.

By **JACK ROSSI**
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The Iowa men's tennis team is heading into the 2013-14 season with a few new additions in hopes of rejuvenating a team that was winless in the Big Ten last season.

The lone freshman on this year is Nils Hallestrand of Danderyd, Sweden, and he is one of those additions.

"Nils is looking good," assistant coach Ross Wilson said. "It's always tough for a freshman to come in, especially from Europe."

In addition to being a freshman from a different country, Hallestrand also has the task of adjusting to an entirely new playing surface. Sweden uses clay courts to play tennis during the summer. However, that doesn't worry the Hawkeyes' head coach at all.

"He's the same level of talent I thought he was when I recruited him, so that's good," head coach Steve Houghton said. "The team is looking forward to see what Nils can do this year."

Other additions to renovate the team also included bringing in Wilson



Wilson
 assistant coach



Houghton
 head coach

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