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Council passes Ped Mall rules



The City Council passed an ordinance on Tuesday night that will limit the loitering activity of people downtown. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

By REBECCA MORIN
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Change is coming now that the Iowa City City Council has approved a new law that drastically changes loitering policies in the city's core.

By a 6-1 vote Tuesday evening, the council passed and adopted the new ordinance that will put strict limitations on several activities that are common downtown. City Councilor Jim Throgmorton cast the dissenting vote.

"I'm not against homelessness, they don't frighten me, and I'm not against poverty, they don't frighten me, either," City Councilor Connie Champion said. "What frightens me is the behavior of some people."

A new ordinance was also passed and adopted with a 6-1 vote that authorizes city officials to seize unattended personal property located on the right of

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— Nancy Bird, the executive director of the Downtown District

way. Throgmorton cast the dissenting vote.

The new ordinance will specifically prohibit the storage of personal property downtown, the use of public electrical outlets, soliciting at parking meters and Pedestrian Mall entrances, lying on planters, and lying on benches from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Representatives from the Downtown District supported the passage of the new law.

"The ordinance proposal that has come to play has really raised the local attention on the need to help ad-

dress homelessness in the community," said Nancy Bird, the executive director of the Downtown District. "We are not trying to establish an approach to homelessness, what we're trying to do is provide a tool to law enforcement and our community policeman strategy."

In another attempt to revise the initial proposal, Throgmorton proposed to add four new clauses; however, he opted to revoke his proposals.

The new clauses would have allowed the city to recognize problems associated with homelessness, such as mental

illness, drug addiction, and alcoholism. Throgmorton noted that the problems are not unique to Iowa City and are not within the powers of the city to solve.

In addition, the clauses also would have committed the city to treating all people with respect and recognizing public spaces allow for the interaction of people with different morals and standards of proper dress and behavior.

Throgmorton also brought forth two motions to the council. The first motion

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UI sorority numbers shoot up

University of Iowa greek life is following a national trend of rapidly adding new members.

By LILY ABROMEIT
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In line with a yearly pattern, Hubbard Park was crowded Monday afternoon with current and prospective sorority members, signaling continued growth for the University of Iowa's sorority community.

Following several weeks of hard work, the hundreds of new members ran to meet their respective sisters, eagerly clutching their much-awaited chapter invitations.

In all, the UI Panhellenic Council — one of four greek council chapters on campus — presented 672 fall formal recruitment bids, the largest such group since 2005.

From 2005 to this fall, the number of women who have joined chapters in fall formal recruitment has more than doubled.

In 2012, 593 received fall formal



Members of Delta Gamma cheer as they wait to meet their new recruitment members during the Sorority Bid Day in Hubbard Park on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Emily Burds)

872. However, 51 of those didn't show up at orientation, lowering the number of women who signed up with intentions of joining, up from last year's

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SEE GREEK, 3

Hatch stumps in Iowa City

By MEGAN SKUSTER
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After formally announcing his bid for the Iowa gubernatorial seat Monday, a Des Moines businessman stumped in Iowa City, albeit in a laid-back fashion.

For Sen. Jack Hatch, D-Des Moines, a longtime real-estate developer, the campaign stop at Bob's Your Uncle, 2208 N. Dodge St., created an opportunity to speak to the public on his decision to run for the Democratic nomination for governor as well as introducing several opinions.



Hatch candidate

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Workers replace the refurbished *Iacto* sculpture in front of the Adler Journalism Building on Tuesday. The sculpture was taken out last winter to be repaired. (The Daily Iowan/Quentin Misiag)

Council OKs land deal

The Iowa City City Council approved an offer to purchase city-owned land, which could result in a new high-rise, on a unanimous vote.

By **REBECCA MORIN**
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As several high-rise projects are underway in Downtown Iowa City, another contender has stepped forward with high intentions — and may be in the works to start planning.

With a quick 7-0 vote, the Iowa City City Council approved an offer of a purchase of the city-owned land on South Dubuque Street.

All members of the council deferred comments, and no public discussion was offered.

Hieronimus Square Associates, which is composed of several local developers, has submitted a \$670,000 offer to purchase long-vacant property on the southern perimeter of downtown.

Kevin Digmann, a partner in Hieronimus Square Associates and the general manager for the Old Capitol Town Center, has not returned phone calls or emails since Sunday. Repeated attempts Tuesday also resulted in no contact.

Because the property in question is located in the City-University Project and Urban Renewal Area, the city is required to seek competing proposals prior to accepting the offer.

The city-owned land, located north of the Court Street Transportation Center, 301 S. Dubuque St., is an area in which city officials would like to see future growth, such as a new 12-story dual hotel project, as well as the University of Iowa's new School of Music complex. Both projects are slated for completion in the next few years.

The motion of approval comes in light of a public statement by local advocacy group, the Iowa Coalition Against the Shadow on Tuesday.

The group, that has continually spoken out against a proposal to construct Iowa City's tallest building appears to be taking a different approach to one new building expected shape the city's growing skyline.

Citing changes to Iowa City's Comprehensive Plan and binding changes to surrounding neighborhoods, the Iowa Coalition Against the Shadow has continually spoken out against developer Marc Moen's \$53 million, 20-story Chauncey proposal.

That fight over that controversial high-rise to be built on city-owned land at the intersection of College and Gilbert Streets has become a main topic among city officials, business leaders, and residents in recent months.

"A lot of people have incorrectly assumed that [Coalition Against the Shadow] opposes all high-rise commercial development," group co-head Rockne Cole said in the statement. "We oppose the Chauncey development because it fails to comply with the comprehensive plan, blocks solar access for Trinity Church's efforts to become more energy efficient, and places significant stress on the College Green historic neighborhood."

In a June 12 interview with *The Daily Iowan*, Cole pointed out that all city-planning documents that he has combed over have indicated that commercial development should take place south of Burlington.

"If this is such a great building and it's going to draw such a great density, it needs to be built south of Burlington," Cole said.

But today, the group stressed the need for further project details by Hieronimus Square Associates.

"In contrast to our opposition to Chauncey Tower, we likely will remain neutral to any proposed high-rise development at the proposed Burlington/Clin-ton development, and in fact, may publicly support it once additional details are known.

One downtown developer said downtown projects such as this one encourage more construction and urban development.

"Overall, it is a very exciting time for downtown Iowa City," said developer Marc Moen, the owner of Moen Group, in an email. "We need to be vigilant in preserving our historic buildings, but there are sites appropriate for new development such as the Hieronimus property at the S.E. corner of Clinton & Burlington."

In addition, Moen said, the "mix of historic and contemporary buildings are key to the continued growth and vibrancy of downtown" because "it helps to attract a diverse group of people to live, shop and recreate downtown."

As development in the downtown area and the Riverfront Crossing area continues, several businesses have voiced their support for a new high rise in the Riverfront Crossing area.

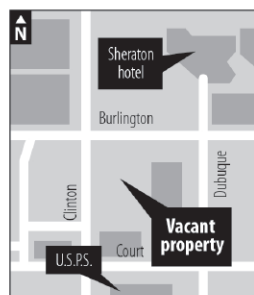
Jeff Davidson, the director of the city's Planning & Community Development Department, said a proposed high-rise building fits in with the city's desired Riverfront Crossings District.

Davidson, who was present at the meeting, did not elaborate on the project or the city's input further.

"The Downtown/Riverfront Crossings Master Plan which the City Council

New high rise could join downtown cityscape

Hieronimus Square Associates has submitted an offer to purchase long-vacant property on a southern perimeter of downtown. The city-owned land, located north of the Court Street Transportation Center, 301 S. Dubuque St., is an area in which city officials would like to see future growth.



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has adopted does contemplate a high-rise building at this location," he said in an email on Sunday. "However, there is no specific development proposal at this time."

The offer considers the property would be redeveloped in conjunction with the redevelopment of the Mod Pod real estate property, which is adjacent to the property up for consideration.

"We are simply trying to add the city's parcel to the Mod Pod parcel so that such a building could be possible," Davidson said in the email. "Right now, neither parcel could be developed as contemplated by the plan — only if they are combined."

Some local businesses encourage the growth in the Riverfront Crossing area.

"I think anything leads to business, especially south of East Burlington, is great for Iowa City," Lynn Rowat, West Bank's Eastern Iowa market president. "I think with our proximity and with all the tenants, it will be great for West Bank."

METRO

Normandy Drive project passes 1st test

A new project to restore the Normandy Drive area that was damaged in the 2008 flood was up for discussion at Tuesday's Iowa City City Council meeting.

The vote for first consideration for the Normandy Drive project was approved on a 7-0 vote.

The phase 1 of the project would complete the landscaping of Normandy Drive and the surrounding area, construct a parking lot for the Ashton House, install a nature playground in City Park adjacent to the area, install a connecting trail from Rocky Shore Drive to Normandy Drive, and remove soil.

The project is budgeted for \$409,000.

The resolution approves the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the project, establishes the amount of bid security, directs publication of notice to bidders, and sets the time and date for receipt of bids.

— by Rebecca Morin

Council passes electrical project

Overhead electrical facilities must be converted to underground electrical facilities to continue with the West Side Levee Project, the Iowa City City Council said Tuesday.

The resolution was approved with a 7-0 vote on Tuesday's City Council meeting.

The West Side Levee Project will include the construction of an earthen levee, new storm sewer and two new storm water-pumping stations. However to accommodate the project, overhead electrical facilities would need to be relocated by converting electric facilities from overhead to underground.

In addition, power pole guy wires and anchors will be replaced, and underground electrical facilities would be extended.

Agreements with MidAmerican Energy have been negotiated to relocate the utilities.

The cost for relocating the utilities would be \$114,953.94. The funding for the project would be from Iowa

Economic Development Authority and Community Development Block Grant program.

— by Rebecca Morin

Council OKs first reading of bank plan

To continue with the desired aesthetic look of Iowa City's current Riverfront Crossing plan, a local bank has requested an alternative plan for a future development project it is spearheading.

The Iowa City City Council approved the first consideration with a 7-0 vote to allow MidwestOne Bank to revise its building height and floor area, as well as requesting lower parking requirements for a new six-story office tower.

The development will encompass a mortgage center, high-end office space, townhouses, and a multistory parking ramp, adjacent to the Iowa City Post Office branch and the former Sabin Elementary, 509 S. Dubuque St.

Under the new plan, officials hope that construction on the new building

will now be moved up from spring 2014 to fall 2013.

— by Rebecca Morin

Council passes Wi-Fi measure

In a 7-0 vote, Iowa City City Council approved the Pedestrian Mall Wi-Fi resolution Tuesday evening.

The Iowa City Downtown District has negotiated with South Slope to provide limited free Wi-Fi service in that area. However, before the service could be executed, a location would be needed to mount two access points.

Although the Iowa City Public Library provides this service, the access points are limited in coverage and no longer meet public needs. South Slope will mount new, more robust access points at the same locations on the roof as the obsolete access points.

The access points will provide up to two hours of free Wi-Fi every 24 hours to members in public in exchange for use of space on the library's roof.

— by Rebecca Morin

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Delta Delta Delta welcomes all 50 of their new members to Greek life!

Special congratulations to Tri Delta member and Panhellenic Head Recruitment Chair, Rachel Barr on a successful 2013 formal recruitment!

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that would have instructed staff to not enforce the personal-possession provisions of the ordinance until a there was a

location for safe and secure temporary storage for personal possessions. It was turned down with a 6-1 vote.

The second motion that would have directed the staff of Johnson County Local Homeless Coordinating Board to

assist in developing the details of how Housing First and the Frequent User Service Enhancement model can be applied to the problem of homelessness and associated ills was also turned down to be discussed at a work session on a 6-1

vote. Throgmorton voted to discuss the motion at a work session.

Iowa City police Officer David Schwindt, who has the downtown beat, has launched a program that would allow some individuals caught engaging in the prohibited

activities to participate in community service to work off a fine.

One local church voiced its concerns and suggested alternatives issues that should be addressed rather than the ordinance at the meeting.

"I as a member of Trin-

ity board, says Trinity does stand to work with City Council, with the Downtown District, with agencies working with homeless to find not just a temporary fix," said Phil Kemp, a member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

GREEK

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ber to 856.

"I know that the greek community has been large in the past, and so I don't know if I'm comfortable saying 'the highest ever,' but it's definitely the highest in recent years," said Leslie Schacht, the coordinator for fraternity and sorority life at the UI.

Dan Wrona, the interim associate director at the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership, said greek communities have been growing consistently throughout the nation over the last couple of years, and the UI is no different.

Nationally, the number of undergraduate members rose 15 percent from 2008 to 2011, according to the National Panhellenic Conference Annual Report, which includes 26 national and international sororities.

In 2012, the number of undergraduate members stood at 302,792, up from 285,543 in 2011.

Both Iowa State University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, for example, have also coincided with this trend.

Although ISU's official numbers for 2013 were not available as of Tuesday night, Billy Boulton, assistant dean of students and director of greek affairs at ISU, said officials expect to see a 2 to 3 percent increase from last year.

Wrona said that he thinks the UI may be separate from the national trend, observing increases in numbers at a more rapid rate.

"I can't say we're not benefiting from the nationwide growth, but I think the growth that we're seeing here is that, plus some," he said.

Nebraska's growing sorority-recruitment numbers may challenge that.

"Our open-house round

was 1,023 women," said Linda Schwartzkopf, the director of greek affairs at Nebraska. "We had 617 that were matched [with a sorority] this year."

Wrona noted that the Panhellenic Council is not the only UI council that is experiencing growth.

"[The Multicultural Greek Council] is also growing," he said. "It's the fastest growing part of the community even though the sorority life is the one that is visible."

Since its beginnings in 2009, the council has grown from two groups to eight.

"There's a lot of interest in culturally focused fraternities and sororities," Wrona said.

The UI's Interfraternity Council has also seen gains, albeit by a significantly smaller growth rate.

While membership numbers fluctuate, Schacht said as of 2 p.m. Tuesday, 344 men had signed bids at the 17 tra-

ditionally housed chapters, a slight knock up from the 334 who joined in 2012.

"We know that our chapters are growing at a sustainable rate and the interest is still there at the same rate as well," she said.

But Rachel Barr, Panhellenic Council vice president for recruitment, said with sorority growth, challenges arise for chapter members who are doing the recruiting, including remembering the names of the several hundred women each chapter meets and establishing a personal connection.

"Numbers do have an impact on our chapters, and some chapters may need to make some adjustments to better accommodate more members," she said.

For UI freshman Katie Kratt, who joined Delta Delta Delta, the large numbers made the process more difficult on the incoming women.

BY THE NUMBERS

Greek Life Recruitment 2013

University of Iowa Panhellenic, Multicultural, and Interfraternity greek councils are following a national trend toward rapid growth in their membership.

13.3% INCREASE

The Panhellenic Council welcomed 672 women this year, a jump from the 593 new members last year.

300% INCREASE

The Multicultural Greek Council, the fastest growing council, has increased its community from 2 groups to 8 since 2009.

2.9% INCREASE

Following the trend at a slower rate, the Interfraternity Council has increased its numbers from 334 to 344 this year.

SOURCES: PANHELLENIC SORORITY RECRUITMENT AND COMMUNITY STATISTICS; LESLIE SCHACHT, COORDINATOR FOR FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE; AND DAN WRONA, INTERIM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTER FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

"I feel like there was more pressure to get a bid from a certain house," she said. "[Women] thought that they couldn't get a bid because there were so many other girls going for it."

HATCH

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Chief among Hatch's points included alternatives to bring about affordable college education, property-tax relief for the elderly, and needed water quality improvement measures.

The event, which also focused on health care, is a part of a 22-stop statewide campaign.

Hatch, who has served in the Iowa Legislature for 22 years, was quick to judge longtime Gov. Terry Branstad, who has served several terms

since 1983.

Hatch's main goals for this tour are to introduce himself to Iowans while allowing the public to inquire about his background and experience. University of Iowa Associate Professor of political science Tim Hagle said one of the most important steps for Hatch right now is to get his name out there and try to get support from a variety of locations.

Hatch said he believes his advantage over his opponents lies in his experience, citing his position as a CEO, his previous involvement cleaning up Des Moines

superfund sites, and his creation of the largest public scholarship for minority students.

Hatch outlined a few of his plans, promising to raise the minimum wage, create special economic councils, and to be smarter about government spending in an effort to promote economic development.

He proposed lowering property taxes for the elderly, many of whom

could benefit greatly from living and receiving care in their own homes, but are often forced to sell their homes because they can't afford the taxes.

Hatch also addressed the high cost of education. Instead of tuition freezes, which he sees as an immediate solution but not one that will work long-term, he proposed a new program. It would encourage more

cooperation among all the universities and colleges in the state. Sen. Mark Chelgren, R-Ottumwa, said he supports Hatch's plan.

"The students are customers," he said. "We need to make sure we

take care of them and take care of them well. A student should have the right to say if you can't offer me the service I need, the classes I need to graduate on time, I should be able to go somewhere else."

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COLUMN

Hating Miss America



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I normally don't pay much attention to beauty contests — I don't think they are very relevant. But I can't ignore this year's Miss America pageant, especially given the backlash it has evoked from many (rather ignorant) members of our society.

For the first time in, well, ever, an Indian-American woman — Nina Davuluri — was crowned Miss America.

Being a woman of color from the very same state in India that Davuluri's parents are from and as a woman who speaks Telugu (the language her family speaks), I have to admit that I'm damn proud of her victory. At the same time, I am outraged by the way people reacted to having a Miss America who isn't white.

After her win, racists flooded Twitter with angry tweets in which they mixed up Davuluri's Indian ethnicity with everything from "Arab" to "Muslim."

"I am literarily soo mad right now a ARAB [racist emoji] won #MissAmerica," one tweet read.

The author of this tweet wasn't even intelligent enough to know that "a" wasn't the proper article to be used in front of "Arab." That in itself can speak for the level of ignorance in which these people dwell.

Others went as far as to call the young woman a terrorist.

"It's called Miss America. Get outta here New York you look like a terrorist."

I suppose she looks like a terrorist because she has brown skin? Or maybe it's because her family comes from another country? According to our Twitter friends who cloak themselves in anonymity, Davuluri's colored skin and immigrant origins are not only synonymous with

being a member of Al Qaeda but also antonymous with being "American."

My favorite tweet: "Don't you have to be American to win Miss AMERICA this bitch is some type of Indian."

It's ironic because Davuluri was actually born in Syracuse, N.Y. In fact, you can't even enter the Miss America pageant without having been born in America — you can't be the president of the country, either. (That's for the person who tweeted, "We have a black president and an Asian Miss America. This ain't Merica no more guys.")

This all raises the question: What does it even mean to be American?

From the reactions of people on Twitter and the comparisons being made of Davuluri to her worthy opponent, Miss Kansas, it seems that being "American" is to be white, blonde, and blue-eyed.

But that's not what being "American" is. And that's not what our Miss America should be about.

This is a country that prides itself on valuing diversity and acceptance. Being "American" doesn't mean being of a certain race, class, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, or profession. At least, that's what I thought.

I guess that's why this entire situation is so disappointing to me. It's aggravating to see, in this day and age, that there is still a multitude of moronic individuals who are incapable of understanding and embracing difference.

And that's why Davuluri is the perfect Miss America right now. Not only is she incredibly beautiful, intelligent, and talented and possesses a lot of other wonderful qualities, she also shows that being "American" is a lot more than being white or non-immigrant.

To those people who are still in their stupid shell and who continue to spew words of hatred and contempt: Get over it. There's nothing you can do about it.

She's freaking Miss America, do you think she cares?

EDITORIAL

Jury still out on e-cigarettes

Over the past several decades, cigarettes have fallen far in the popular imagination. Once they were widely considered cool, slick, and "torches of freedom," as one ad campaign branded them. Today, smoking is more widely seen as dirty, gross, and extremely unhealthy.

The struggle to quit smoking is infamous for its enormous difficulty and the highly addictive substance that makes it so, nicotine. An entire industry has emerged that produces products specifically to help people quit smoking. These include nicotine patches, nicotine gum, self-help materials, and most recently, electronic cigarettes (also called e-cigarettes).

While e-cigarettes have certain benefits and are likely safer than cigarettes, the government should establish clear regulations on the product until more is known about them.

E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices used to simulate cigarettes, cigars, and pipes. They heat liquid solutions, which are vaporized and inhaled by the user. Some solutions contain nicotine, while others are just flavored liquids.

These new products have also shown some degree of success in helping smokers quit. They are about as effective as nicotine patches, according to a recent study by researchers in New Zealand.

However, the chemicals composing the liquids used in e-cigarettes have drawn considerable concern. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reports that it does not know if the products are safe, and numerous researchers have written that further investigation is necessary to determine the potential dangers of e-cigarettes.

In 2010, the agency issued warning letters to five e-cigarette manufacturing corporations for violating the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act because of the companies' "unsubstantiated claims and poor manufacturing practices."

As e-cigarettes are a new and changing technology, the long-term health effects are, of course, unknown. Even when sufficient time has passed, the chemicals in the liquids or heating process may change such that it would be difficult to draw conclusions about what e-cigarettes do to the human body.

So far, the research seems to suggest that e-cigarettes are substantially safer than their tobacco counterparts.

Konstantinos Farsalinos, a Greek researcher who studies e-cigarettes, wrote for the Ecigarette Research Advocacy group that while e-cigarettes may not be completely harmless, "It is obvious that the amount of chemicals found in e-cigarette vapor is lower compared to tobacco by orders of magnitude."

Igor Burstyn, an associate professor of public health at Drexel University, wrote a meta-analysis of studies on e-cigarettes. He concluded that much of the existing literature that found concerning chemical concentrations is methodologically flawed. Many studies have overestimated and exaggerated the toxicity levels in chemicals and in the heating process for e-cigarettes.

The potential short-term health effects of e-cigarettes aside, there is reason to be concerned with the results of the National Youth Tobacco Survey. It found that between 2011 and 2012, e-cigarette use among high-school students more than doubled from 4.7 percent to 10 percent.

It doesn't help that television advertisements for e-cigarettes are now bombarding consumers. Companies such as Blu eCigs are hiring prominent actors to appear in ads much in the same way that Winston used the 1960s cartoon "The Flintstones" to boost sales.

E-cigarettes are being marketed as an alternative to cigarettes, but some ads, such as one by FIN, portray them almost exactly like the "torches of freedom" of the early 20th century.

It seems unwise to launch a marketing spree for a product for which further research is required to understand potentially dangerous health effects and that may also introduce another generation to widespread nicotine addiction. At least until the effects of e-cigarettes are better understood, they should be subject to the same advertising restrictions as regular cigarettes.

YOUR TURN

Do you think the government should regulate e-cigarette advertisement?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/ ONLINE

Obama has mishandled situation in Syria

In 2009, President Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples." This week, he was drawn from the warpath to the table of diplomacy and cooperation only by Vladimir Putin, that former KGB agent turned international peacekeeper. What a difference four years makes.

The University of Iowa College Republicans actually approves Obama's overarching policy goals during this

Syrian crisis. We think, however, that he and his administration dropped the ball when the time came for the United States to take decisive military action to stop the massacre in Syria. The president has since been bailed out by Putin after Obama was unable to persuade the world that military action was necessary — or that America's threat of force was even credible, despite his now-infamous "red line" comment. Clearly, Obama's handling of the situation has been nothing short of a fiasco.

Although the blame must eventually fall on the president, other members of his administration are also at fault — including Secretary of State John Kerry and Secretary of

Defense Chuck Hagel. Kerry, who once criticized President Bush's 40-country Iraq Coalition as too small, has only gathered a group of 24 countries to support action in Syria, and Hagel has been practically absent from the discussion of our tactical response. The failure of these men to do their jobs is a direct result of Obama's failed leadership.

After gaining a political victory by accusing the Bush administration of lying about the presence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, Obama should not be surprised that many Republicans doubted his administration's Syrian intelligence. But this time, Obama has received support from key Republicans in both the House and

Senate — including Speaker John Boehner and Sen. John McCain.

Just a few short days ago, Congress could have approved military intervention with bipartisan support. But Obama's mishandling of international affairs — made all too obvious by Putin's recent piece in the "New York Times" — have since derailed any chance of congressional approval, turning his "red line" comment into an empty threat and destroying America's international credibility. It appears that this Nobel Peace Prize laureate is now nothing more than a failed, lame-duck diplomat.

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COLUMN

Time to fix UI's gen-ed courses



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It's the fourth week of school, and my afternoon lecture is suffering from an acute case of premature senioritis. The course, which fulfills one of several general-education requirements on my degree audit, is interesting enough. Still, attendance has dropped significantly; it's perhaps two-thirds of the turnout seen during the first week of class. Some of those who remain are on Pinterest. Some are playing Candy Crush Saga. A handful are sleeping.

Clearly, something's wrong.

According to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences website, the general-education program at the university is constructed to "provide you with a solid foundation on which

to build your education, your career, and, ultimately, your life as an educated person." But the unfortunate truth is that the prospect of being a well-rounded individual continues to lose value in society, which is correlated with the lack of enthusiasm displayed by students fulfilling general-education requirements.

Their apathy may be explained by the declining quality of general education. According to an annual report issued by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, a vast majority of the nation's universities are failing to provide adequate general education. At Iowa, general education seems more like a series of distractions than a comprehensive program designed to enrich its students.

That's not to say courses that fulfill current general-education requirements should be cut entirely. If students come in absolutely clueless about what to study, they should have the option to explore a variety

of different classes. The same goes for someone who wants to take a course for fun. But such an arrangement can be accomplished without subjecting every undergrad to hours and hours of gen eds.

For example, Grinnell College — one of the country's best liberal-arts colleges — has no general education requirements, and its students seem to be doing just fine without a core curriculum.

If anything, required courses should be designed to prepare students for the real world. How many college-age people know how to properly do their own taxes? Or understand what their credit score means? Allowing someone who dreads math the option of fulfilling her or his Quantitative or Formal Reasoning requirement with a personal finance class might, to some degree, prove more fruitful than a course in logic.

The era of scholarship for scholarship's sake is coming to a close. The nation's universities are filled today by a gener-

ation of young adults taught to view school as the fluffy thing between summer internships — an exercise in cramming for tests in subjects they have no interest in and learning to ride the grading curve.

For many students, life skills and work experience trump a well-rounded education. And for good reason: Check any online job-search, and you'll see that "entry-level" jobs typically require work experience on top of academic achievement.

Students know this, and it's a sad truth, but this focus on professionalism diminishes passion about learning at school. There's no value in extra, irrelevant work.

Whatever the solution, there clearly are problems to address with the current general-education program at the university. The University of Iowa, and other institutions with similar practices, must learn to accommodate students who view college not as an entirely academic pursuit but as a checkpoint on their way to jobs.

Q&A

Strawberry Fields are forever, as it turns out

By EMMA MCCLATCHEY
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Dubbed the Ultimate Beatles Tribute Band, the Fab Four will bring its meticulously sculpted renditions of Beatles hits to the Englert Theater, 221 E. Washington St., at 8 p.m. today. The California-based quartet — Ron McNeil as John Lennon, Ardy Sarraf as Paul McCartney, Michael Amador as George Harrison, and Rolo Sandoval as Ringo Starr — has toured the world as the famed rock group for nearly 15 years, portraying every stage of the Beatles' musical career. *The Daily Iowan* chatted with Fab Four founder McNeil about bringing Beatlemania to the 21st century.

Daily Iowan: Have you always been a Beatles fan?

McNeil: I'm a huge, huge Beatles fan, and being a fan has crossed over into hearing the music and taking on the persona of one of the most famous people to walk the planet. I have a whole career based on a small part of their lives, really. It's really amazing to think about the pow-

'It's hard because everyone loves the Beatles, so everyone wants to play the Beatles and be the Beatles. When you're dubbed the best Beatles tribute ... there's no getting out of certain details.'

—Ron McNeil, John Lennon in the Fab Four

er their music has had to sustain a business, and here we're talking about them 50 years later. They're everything to me.

DI: So is John Lennon your favorite Beatle?

McNeil: No, as a matter of fact, I'm a huge Paul fan. Growing up, I bought all of Paul's albums. I was very, very young when John passed away, and I started to get an interest in his music and realize my voice and face were closer to John's. A cool dynamic is I'm a huge Paul fan, and Ardy [Sarraf], who plays Paul, is a huge John fan and used to hate Paul. We're both in each other's role, so it keeps us on our toes, so to speak.

DI: How do you get into the character of John Lennon?

McNeil: Getting into character isn't the problem. Getting out of character is. First of all, he had a little bit of an

attitude because he had lost his parents so early. He has that "I don't care whether I'm on stage or not, but you should care that I'm here." He goofed off a lot onstage and is himself. As we progress into their careers, John gets a little psychedelic, so you try to act like you're not quite there, and later on, he doesn't really look at Paul and is just like, "Man, I want to get out of here" as the Beatles disconnected and was splitting. Those are my three eras of John. It's a lot of fun.

DI: Do you have a favorite Beatles song or album?

McNeil: It's like picking your favorite child. The first set is fun-loving, with "Twist and Shout." I really like the period around *Revolver*, when the Beatles guys weren't quite completely out of their minds, but past the "She Loves You" phase and learning how

to write songs. They were honing their craft and starting to gel as a band, and their stuff was really starting to sound good.

DI: What do you do differently from the original Beatles?

McNeil: There are a lot of things that we have to do onstage they didn't have to. "Strawberry Fields," for example. They never performed that onstage, but for us, we have to decide who's playing the horns and the bells. And there are things we have to do that the Beatles never had to entertain an audience in 2013. They just showed up, and they were the greatest, and people loved them. Today, we show up on stage, and people have their arms folded. We have to persuade them to love us. We're really only a mirror to bring [audiences] back to the first time they heard "Can't Buy Me Love" or

danced with a girl to a Beatles song.

We have original music, but it's not as good as the Beatles'. They set the bar really high. Those guys were amazing songwriters, but we're obviously better imitators, and that seems to be our forte.

DI: The world is full of Beatles tribute bands. How do you set yourself apart?

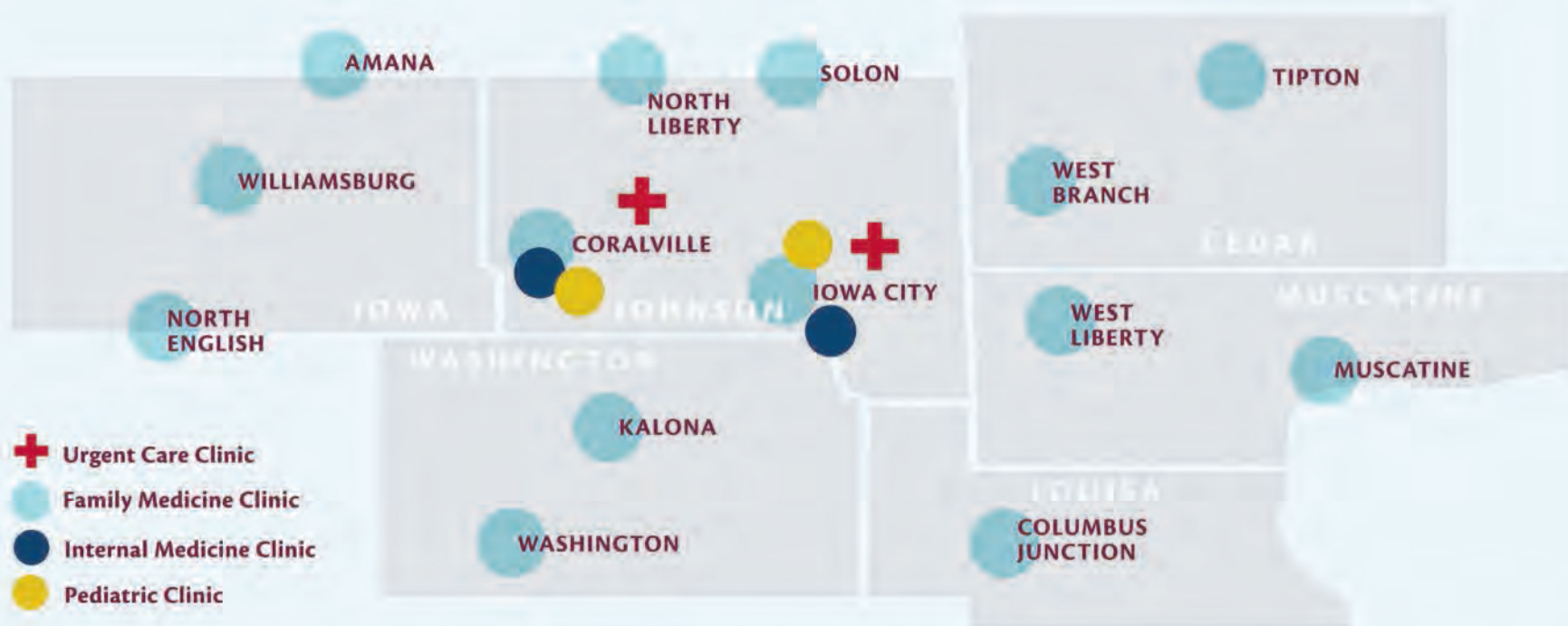
McNeil: It's hard because everyone loves the Beatles, so everyone wants to play the Beatles and be the Beatles. When you're dubbed the best Beatles tribute ... there's no getting out of certain details. Some groups don't have a left-handed Paul, and that puts them down a peg. It sounds petty, but that's what you have to do. I can sound exactly like John, but if I don't have the look, it doesn't work. We're the only four-person group that plays all the stuff live on stage, which is very challenging. There's no fifth Beatle. Hard work is put into every single note. For example, if John used a particular note or guitar in a song, I have to work it in, or

it puts us that much further from our goal. I told the guys, we'll be working on this until we are the Beatles — and how long's that going to be? Forever. So we'll always be working.

DI: What's coming up for the Fab Four?

McNeil: People ask, "Do you have a CD?" We say, "Go buy *Abbey Road*, that's a good CD." But for some reason, there's some desire to see how close we can come on a record, which I understand. So we're releasing some stuff on iTunes. In recent years, there's been a Beatles group on Broadway, so that'd be cool to do someday. We're a company as well as a band — the first two Georges and Ringos are our production crew. As we grow, we'll be able to continue to carry the show as long as people want to hear the music live. Unless they clone the Beatles. Then we're out of business.

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DAILY BREAK

“It is a good thing that life is not so serious as it seems to a waiter.”
— Don Herold

the ledge

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- The Hummingbyrds
- The Half Doors
- Spritesnake
- 10,000 Miniacs
- 3-11
- Slight & The Family Stone
- ac/dc
- The (Compact) Cars
- L.N.W.A.
- Smalltimora
- The Itty Bitty Dirt Band
- Earth, Wind, and Shire
- Shrinkin Park
- Threireigner
- Small & Oates
- The Pixie Chicks
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today's events

- **Learning Commons Open House**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Main Library
- **English Language Discussion Circle**, noon, S126 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Project Art: Dave Burrell performance**, noon, UIHC Colleton Pavilion Atrium
- **Anatomy and Cell Biology Department Seminar**, "The Exocyst subunit Sec6 specifies membrane trafficking polarity by recruiting Sec1/Munc18 proteins to secretory vesicles," Charles Yeaman, Anatomy/Cell Biology, "A study of tropomyosin's role in cardiac function and disease using thin-filament reconstituted myocardium," Fan Bai, Anatomy/Cell Biology, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen
- **Local Experiences, Global Theories: Cultural Relevance in International Communication Research**, C.C. Lee, City University of Hong Kong, 3:30 p.m., W254 Adler
- **Study Skills Workshop**, Academic Support & Retention and University Counseling Service, 3:30 p.m., 61 Schaeffer
- **Obermann Afternoons: Intergenerational Crossing**, Lisa Heineman and Kim Marra, 4 p.m., Obermann Center
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Curtis Bauer, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. DuBuque
- **"No Gender Left Behind,"** Rebecca Kling, 7 p.m., Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center
- **Writers' Workshop Reading**, Marcos Villatoro, fiction, 8 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room

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6-7 p.m. Yew Piney Mountain
9-10 p.m. I've Made a Huge
10 p.m.-Midnight Theater of the Mind

horoscopes

Wednesday, September 18, 2013
by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Don't deviate from your plan, or you will indicate that you are inconsistent. You can rely more on your allies than you realize. Keep your life simple and moving forward at a steady pace. A challenge will keep you on your toes.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Work with your peers, and you will gain popularity and advancement. A day trip or conference will add to the information you require to reach your goals, and the relationship you develop will enhance your future prospects.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Make changes at home that will benefit you and help you do something that will benefit your community or a cause you care about. The time spent working to benefit others will change your life and the attitude others have toward you.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Make personal changes that make you feel confident and able to compete with anyone who challenges you. Love is on the rise, and taking the first step to ensure that you spend time with someone you think is special will pay off.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Be ready to act fast if faced with an aggressive reaction from someone you encounter. Keep your distance from anyone or anything that might pose a problem for you. Keep a lookout for anyone trying to take advantage of you.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't give in to emotional meddling when everything hinges on reaching your goals. You will get your way if you stand your ground. Changes within a relationship are likely, but don't worry — whatever unfolds will be to your benefit.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): People will gravitate toward your peaceful nature. Focus on whatever makes you feel good about the way you look and the things you do. Don't give in to peer pressure, and be sure to practice moderation in all that you do.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can make things happen. Turn on your charm or relentlessly pursue whatever goal you set. Show passion and determination, and you will impress someone you love to have by your side. Make positive changes to your domestic situation.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Refrain from embellishing a situation, or you will be questioned and probably hurt your reputation. Emotional matters are likely to leave you in an awkward position, and you will have to be quick if you want to avoid a costly problem.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Voice your opinions, and put your professional plans into motion. You can attract interest in what you are doing as well as drum up support and respect for the way you handle personal, financial, and professional deals. Love is highlighted.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't make physical alterations or get involved in a lifestyle that can lead to poor associations or the end of a partnership with someone you need in your life. Use your head when it comes to legal, financial, or medical matters.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): List your concerns, and discuss your intentions, and you will get worthwhile suggestions that will influence you when it comes to contracts or agreements that influence your income. A relationship can be altered and a promise made.

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 - Legs on an insect or strings on a guitar
 - Decryption org.
 - Square dance group, e.g.
 - curiae (friends of the court)
 - Done, to Donne Hurston
 - Author Zora
 - Sells in the stands
 - Insult, slangily
 - Norwegian import in the dairy case
 - Windsor's locale: Abbr.
 - Bit of ink, for short
 - "Aw, heil!"
 - Some book jacket blurbs
 - Links
 - Not so risky
 - Youngest 600-homer man, informally
 - You can hardly believe it
 - Oscar winner Jennings
 - Inappropriate for the easily offended, say
 - Bit of equipment for an outdoor kids' game
 - Help (out)
 - Electronically scored duel
 - Western treaty BTP.
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 - What 20-, 28-, 36- and 45-Across are
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 - Lavatory sign
 - Taylor (clothier)

- DOWN**
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 - Where Polynesia is
 - Go from square one
 - Blow the whistle, so to speak
 - "This is only"
 - Can't help but
 - E.M.T. part: Abbr.
 - Ped
 - Aussie rockers with a knickers-clad lead guitarist
 - Potluck choice
 - Spouse's refusal
 - Earth movers?
 - Literary sleuth — Lupin
 - Do a supermarket task
 - Ending of many an e-mail address
 - French seasoning
 - Grammy-winning Eric Clapton tune
 - diavolo
 - Potter or Klink: Abbr.
 - Valhalla ruler
 - Cambodian currency
 - Party room fixture
 - "The Internet in your pocket" slogan, once
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 - Sedge locale
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 - "Well, —di-dah"
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The Daily Iowan

Going beyond gender to basic humanity

TransCollaborations is a local organization wanting to increase transgender justice and spread information throughout the community.

By JULIA DAVIS
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When the topic of transgender issues comes into conversation, a vast majority of society is unaware of the extent of these issues or even what it means to be transgender in the first place. For this reason, TransCollaborations, a local organization whose goal is to increase transgender justice and information throughout the Iowa City community, hosted Chicago transgender artist and educator to shed some light on the issue.

Rebecca Kling gave an educational workshop titled "Trans 101: Diversity

and Respect," at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., on Tuesday evening.

The workshop was intended to give those in attendance a basic primer on transgender issues and experiences.

"We had a lot of requests for basic information and how people can be allies to trans folks, and a lot of what we do is not really 101 basic info, so we decided to start off the year by bringing in someone to do that for us," said TransCollaborations co-organizer Zeke Swim.

Kling introduced the workshop by discussing some of the common mis-

conceptions associated with how people think about gender in society.

"We have all of these ways that we think about gender, and many of them weren't explicitly taught but were told to us by parents, or by teachers, or by the boys' aisle for clothing and the girls' aisle for clothing," she said.

After defining some common terms in the transgender community, Kling went into detail about her experience as a transgender person.

"I did not always know that woman was right for me, but I very quickly realized that boy was wrong," she said.

Her journey to self-discovery was a main focus of her lecture and helped relate many of concepts that she discussed to her own life, including everyday issues transgendered citizens face that often get overlooked by members of the community.

These issues spanned a wide variety of public facets, from getting more gender-neutral bathrooms to educating health-care staff so that they are knowledgeable about trans issues and inclusive to transgendered patients.

Members of the Iowa City transgender community at the workshop hoped it did well in its job

of informing attendees about transgender life.

"So many people don't even know the rudimentary basics of trans issues, so I was hoping that people would just leave with a general sense that if they're talking with someone who's trans, or have friends or family who came out as trans, they could just talk to that person, and not 'muck up,' as Rebecca put it," TransCollaborations Co-organizer Elliot Jensen said.

Besides educating the audience on Trans 101, Kling wanted people to take away from the event a universal message that the desires all peo-

ple, whether they be gay, straight, or transgendered, are all the same at the core.

"All want to be able to feel comfortable in their bodies, in their presentations, and in being respected by others, and in that regard trans people are no different," she said. "At the end of the day, we all want to be treated how we want to be treated, so I hope that audiences that aren't familiar with trans identity can take away that we trans people are not different in that fundamental humanity and are not different in that fundamental looking for comfort and support."

METRO

Locals celebrate Constitution

In honor of the 226th anniversary of the signing of the historical document, University of Iowa ROTC cadets took turns in reading parts of the Constitution on Tuesday in a ceremony at the IMU. Local students, professors, and politicians responded to the relevance of the documents in today's world.

"[The Constitution] is a foundational document," cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Jenkins said.

Jenkins, who participated in the reading of the Constitution on Tuesday, said he considers the Constitution to be a living document rather than merely a historical one, because what was relevant at the time the document was written may not hold the same value today.

"Amendments have to be made based on changes in society," he said. "We are not just rewriting it. We are mending issues that arise."

— by Greta Meyle

Man charged with domestic-abuse assault

An Iowa City man has been accused of assaulting his brother.

Brandon Blake, 22, was charged Tuesday with domestic abuse-assault without intent causing injury and second-degree criminal mischief.

According to an Iowa City police

complaint, officers responded to a residence after receiving a distressed 911 hang-up phone call. When they arrived at the scene, they spoke with a male who said Blake had broken into the apartment and assaulted him.

Blake allegedly broke a 72-inch TV valued at \$1,800 during the reported altercation. Officials reportedly found Blake walking between buildings outside. Officials noted he had a strong odor of alcohol on his person, bloodshot, watery eyes, an elevated voice, and admitted to having drunk alcohol.

Upon arresting him, officers also allegedly discovered he had a small amount of marijuana and a blunt in his pants pocket.

Through later investigation, the brother said he had bite marks and Blake pulled five of his braids out. Witnesses reportedly attested to the events.

Domestic-abuse assault without intent to cause injury is a serious misdemeanor. Second-degree criminal mischief is a Class-D felony.

— by Megan Sanchez

Two local men charged with burglary, theft

Two Iowa City men have been accused of stealing items worth more than \$1,000 from a truck.

Devin Reynolds, 22, and Undre McClure, 20, were charged Monday with third-degree burglary from an unoccupied vehicle and second-degree theft.

According to an Iowa City police



UI junior Anthony Duong reads a part of the U.S. Constitution along with other members of ROTC in the IMU Hubbard Commons on Tuesday. Tuesday was the 226th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

complaint, officials responded to two people saying they had located two subjects who allegedly stole items from their truck.

When officers arrived at the scene, the two people said they were eating and their truck was parked in a ramp.

During their meal, they received a call from their boss asking if they were using the company credit card, and they said they were not.

When the two went to their vehicle, they found it had been broken into and items were missing.

They decided to look through the mall and spotted two subjects wearing their backpacks and attempting to sell their things.

The two confronted the subjects and called the police. Under Miranda, Reynolds and McClure allegedly admitted to breaking into the unlocked truck, taking the items, and attempting to sell them for cash.

Third-degree burglary from an unoccupied vehicle is an aggravated misdemeanor. Second-degree theft is a Class-D felony.

— by Megan Sanchez

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Hemeon at a new level

Dani Hemeon's strong play this season can be attributed to the junior's off-season activities and skills.

By **DANNY PAYNE**
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During two games at Grant Field this season, Iowa fans have been treated to the sight of Dani Hemeon receiving a pass from fellow cocaptain Niki Schultheis on a penalty corner and immediately unleashing a monster shot, resulting in an Hawkeye goal.

Both tallies have come from slightly inside the scoring circle, which sits 48 feet from the net, and have been shot with precision to beat the opposing goalkeeper on her short side.

"I mean, I think that last year, I got a big opportunity to take a lot of our short corners, so I really got a lot of experience this year, so I'm just hoping to kind of really just keep going and raising my level of play on the corners this year," Hemeon said.

That level of play was evident last season for the native of Gilroy, Calif.; she led the Hawkeyes in

points with 24 — scoring 11 goals and assisting on two Hawkeye scores.

In the young 2013 campaign, she has one assist in addition to the aforementioned goals, putting her at 5 points through six games. Another impressive stat — she has posted a 76.9 percent shots on goal percentage, meaning only three of her shots this season have not hit the goal.

However, Hemeon's ability doesn't just stop with unleashing strong and accurate strokes.

A few short moments before student-athletes became available to talk to the media on Sept. 11, the Hawkeyes were running through agility drills. During the footwork exercises, Hemeon's feet were moving lightning quick in and out of the rope ladder on the turf at Grant Field.

Although a small example, elements such as these have impressed head coach Tracey Griesbaum this season.

"She's come through incredibly well; her fitness is at such a better level this year that she can last and play full games — which wasn't always the case last year," the 14-year head coach said. "So I just give her a lot of credit for her work and her dedication in the off-season."

Some of that hard work in the off-season came in the form of experience playing on the under-21 U.S. Junior Women's Field Hockey squad. Hemeon competed in New Zealand and Australia from Jan. 8-20.

While playing with the team, one of Hemeon's assistant coaches was former Hawkeye Meghan Beamesderfer, who said the time spent wearing the Red, White, and Blue helps the players tremendously in their development.

"It's definitely the highest level of field hockey you can get," Beamesderfer told *The Daily Iowan* on Sept. 19, 2012. "Hopefully, [the experience] will help me get



Iowa midfielder Dani Hemeon looks for a pass at Grant Field on Sept. 13. Iowa beat Central Michigan, 7-1. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

these girls to play at a higher level, too."

A final aspect of Hemeon's game that has impressed her head coach has been her versatility. The junior has had to spend more time playing in the middle of the field because an injury to senior midfielder Marike Stribos.

"I don't think we were expecting to do that," Griesbaum said about the switch. "And she has come through incredibly well."

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hole and do what they're told. They're a typical full-back."

Breach of security in Ames

Thefts were reported from the Iowa locker room at Jack Trice Stadium following the conclusion of the football game on Sept. 14, and so far, little leads have been discovered about who may have committed the crime. Iowa linebacker coach LeVar Woods tweeted after the game that his phone had been taken, and UI officials said eight others had their phones missing in

addition to Woods.

Iowa players were unable to comment on the thefts, but Ferentz said it was the first time he's ever been a part of such an occurrence during his coaching career, and he noted that Iowa State plans on replacing or compensating the victims for the stolen items.

"... Sounds like everything's being worked on right now," Ferentz said. "And things will be replaced, but it's as you might imagine."

"I think we have really good security, and we were told that was the case there. So it's just one of those unfortunate things. I don't think it's anything. It's just one of those things that happens occasionally."

Former Hawkeye gets his first start

AJ Derby is a name that's likely familiar to Hawkeye fans. The Iowa City native was one of the most coveted recruits in recent memory when he elected to attend Iowa over a slew of other college programs in 2010. But after a run-in with the law and position change to linebacker, Derby opted to leave Iowa City and try his luck elsewhere.

After attending junior college and walking on at Arkansas this year, he may get his chance. Derby will start at quarterback for Bret Bielema and the Razorbacks on Saturday when they take on Rutgers in New Jersey.

Bielema played with Derby's father at Iowa in the

late-80s and early '90s, and he recruited Derby heavily when he ran the program at Wisconsin. In his weekly press conference, the coach said he was excited to see Derby get an opportunity to play and show what he can do to take the next step at the college level.

"I'm excited for A.J. for two reasons," Bielema said during his weekly press conference. "First, I've known him for a long time, and he's a tremendous competitor. He's kind of a football junkie. The second thing is, because of his evolution as a player — he started at Iowa, went through some adversity, then went to a junior college, and played a lot. It's not like he just sat on the bench somewhere else as a reserve."

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Fourteen seconds into the overtime period, Cloe Lacasse advanced the ball and dished it to midfielder Alex Melin, who — after pushing the ball right — found Catrell set up for a shot from about 25 yards out and sent it into the top right corner of the net.

"It was me being in the right place at the right time," Catrell said. "Alex saw me, I was open and then I saw basically their whole team in front of me and really had no other option besides shoot."

Seeing Catrell's shot go in was a change of pace for a night that saw 9 saves from Northern Iowa's goalkeeper Nicole Postel.

"That was a nice goal by Ashley," Rainey said.

"From that distance and tailing away from the goalkeeper. That's going to score against a lot of goalkeepers in our league."

Despite winning by a single goal, Iowa dominated every statistical category. The Hawkeyes outshot Northern Iowa, 26-4. Of Iowa's 26 shots, 15 of them were shots on goal — compared with 3 shots on goal for the Panthers.

"We created a lot of attacking opportunities," Catrell said. "[Northern Iowa] had almost all their team behind the ball and in the box so it was hard for us. We'd shoot, and it would deflect off them. It was kind of frustrating."

The win extends Iowa's nonconference win streak to 25. But for now, the Hawkeyes must shift their attention forward — the Big Ten portion of the schedule starts on Sept. 22.



Iowa forward Cloe Lacasse runs the ball down the field in the Iowa Soccer Complex on Tuesday. Iowa defeated Northern Iowa, 2-1. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

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coach until someone says different."

Badgers attempt to recuperate after botched call

The end of the Wisconsin-Arizona State game on Sept. 14 caused plenty of buzz in the college football world.

In the closing moments of the bout, Wisconsin trailed the Sun Devils by 27 points and was in the midst of a potential game-winning drive.

Wisconsin quarterback Joel Stave took a snap with

18 seconds remaining at the Arizona State 13-yard line. Stave ran to the left, attempting to center the ball for a potential go-ahead field goal.

Instead, a Sun Devil covered up the ball after Stave took a knee. Time continued to run while officials attempted to spot the ball. And before Stave could receive the following snap to spike it, time had expired.

"It is hard when the kids didn't get to decide the game on the field," Wisconsin head coach Gary Andersen said during the Big Ten teleconference Tuesday. "And they never will be able to. To me, it's the game that never ended. And I don't care what anybody says about that."

That's how I feel."

Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott released a statement on Monday that revealed the conference's decision to reprimand and hand down additional sanctions to the officials of the game for "failing to properly administer the end of the game."

"This was an unusual situation to end the game," Scott said in a release. "After a thorough review, we have determined that the officials fell short of the high standard in which Pac-12 games should be managed. We will continue to work with all our officials to ensure this type of situation never occurs again."

Recuperating after a

loss in such a manner poses an interesting challenge to the Badgers. Andersen said the team addressed the incident in a team meeting, but hopefully, he said, the issue will be put to rest before the team kicks off Big Ten play this week against Purdue.

"I can deal with bad calls by coaches or poor decisions by myself or even officials, but this was different," Andersen said. "Because of that it makes it a little bit more difficult for me."

"The kids have moved on; they've done a tremendous job. Kids always seem to recover faster than coaches. And that's a credit to them."

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Good news, bad news for field hockey

The Iowa field-hockey team received both good and bad news on Tuesday. The good news for the 4-2 Hawkeyes was that forward Stephanie Norlander has been named Big Ten Freshman of the Week.

The honor for the native of North Vancouver, B.C., Canada, was earned with the help of a 2-goal showing in the Hawkeyes' 7-1 win over Central Michigan. Norlander is tied for the team lead in goals with 4 and is second in points with 8. Fellow forward Natalie Cafone, now a sophomore, was the last Hawkeye to receive the honor when she did so on Oct. 23, 2012.

"Stephanie has been a steady contributor in our attack," head coach Tracey Griesbaum said in a release. "She has the ability to put pressure on the opposing team's defense because of her combination of speed and skill."

The bad news for the Hawkeyes is the team dropped in the latest coaches' poll released Tuesday. Iowa fell two spots in the polls to No. 10 after being ranked No. 8 heading into games on Sept. 13 and Sunday. No. 8 Stanford blanked Iowa in a contest Sunday, 2-0.

No. 12 Penn State and No. 13 Northwestern round out the top 20 for the Big Ten.

— by Danny Payne

Men's golf climbs back to sixth place

The Iowa men's golf team tied for sixth in the 15-team Golfweek Conference Challenge at Spirit Hollow Golf Course.

The team scored a 286 (2 under) during Tuesday's final round of 18, improving its score for the second-straight day. The Hawkeyes opened the final round in ninth place.

Iowa scored a 298 during the opening round on Sunday and a 291 during Monday's second round for a 54-hole total of 875 (11 over). The Hawkeyes tied Winthrop for sixth.

"We settled in nicely the last couple days," Hawkeye head coach Mark Hankins said in a release. "Every guy was in the mix during all three rounds, and that is encouraging. We shot 2-under today and probably could have gone a little bit lower. We picked up a few spots today. It was a good round."

The Hawkeyes will return to action Sept. 22-23 at the Windon Invitational in Chicago.

— by Jordyn Reiland

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MLB
 Toronto 2, NY Yankees 0
 Philadelphia 6, Miami 4
 Detroit 6, Seattle 2
 San Diego 5, Pittsburgh 2
 Baltimore 3, Boston 2
 Washington 6, Atlanta 5
 Texas 7, Tampa Bay 1
 San Francisco 8, NY Mets 5
 Chi. White Sox 4, Minnesota 3
 Milwaukee 4, Chi. Cubs 3
 Cleveland 5, Kansas City 3
 St. Louis 11, Colorado 4
 Cincinnati 10, Houston 0
 LA Dodgers 9, Arizona 3
 LAA Angels, Oakland (late)
 Washington 6, Atlanta 5

Hawkeye sports
Soccer
 Iowa 2, Northern Iowa 1 (OT)

Volleyball
 Iowa 3, Milwaukee 2

WHAT TO WATCH

Baseball: Texas vs. Tampa Bay, ESPN 6 p.m.
Baseball: LA Dodgers vs. Arizona, ESPN 9 p.m.

UPCOMING HAWKEYE SCHEDULE

Friday
 Baseball vs. Kirkwood Community College, Iowa City, 4 p.m.
 Men's Tennis at Purdue Invitational, West Lafayette, Ind., TBA
 Women's Golf at Branch Law Firm-Dick McGuire Invitational, Albuquerque, N.M., TBA
 Men's Tennis at Purdue Invitational, West Lafayette, Ind. TBA
 Women's Tennis vs. Gopher Invitational, St. Paul, Minn., All Day

Sept. 22
 Soccer vs. Michigan, Iowa City, 1 p.m.
 Field Hockey at Kent State, Kent, Ohio, 11 a.m.
 Women's Tennis vs. Gopher Invitational, St. Paul, Minn., All Day
 Men's Golf vs. Windon Invitational, West Lafayette

NOTEBOOK

We're back to 'basic Iowa'



Iowa fullback Macon Plewa makes his way to the sideline during the first quarter of Iowa's 27-21 victory over Iowa State in Jack Trice Stadium on Sept. 14. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

By **BEN ROSS**
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'That's just what Iowa football does'

Coming into this season, Iowa football fans were led to believe that they would be treated to a different offense from those of years past. Iowa was expected to run a hurry-up offense that lined up in the shotgun, with three or maybe even four wide receivers, waiting to catch a Jake Rudock pass.

Despite that being the case for much of the first game against Northern Illinois, Iowa

has since regressed to its "22" formation of old, in which two tight ends and two running backs are part of the offensive packages.

Iowa used two fullbacks — Adam Cox and Macon Plewa — throughout much of its 27-21 win at Iowa State this past weekend, and the duo helped propel Iowa's rushers to gain 218 yards on the ground in the victory.

"Very quietly, those guys are both doing a good job," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said of his fullbacks. "... They've earned our confidence. You know, back in the spring I felt really good about both guys, and they're doing a nice job. It gives us a really nice one-two punch, and we know we can count on them."

Iowa's offensive linemen are embracing the addition of Cox and Plewa in the huddle, too. Center Austin Blythe said the fullbacks remind him of offensive linemen, in that it's their job to more or less sacrifice their bodies in order to create a gain on offense.

"That's just what Iowa football does," Blythe said. "We can pass with a fullback in, we can run with a fullback in, it's just how it happened Saturday. We had a lot of two-back packages in the game, so we just ran the ball. They're the kind of guys who don't really care about their body; they just sort of go into the

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Soccer escapes Panthers



Iowa forward Lana Bonekemper runs for ball in the Iowa Soccer Complex on Tuesday. Iowa defeated Northern Iowa, 2-1. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

The Hawkeyes survived a scare from Northern Iowa.

By **JACOB SHEYKO**
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The Iowa soccer team kept its undefeated season alive Tuesday night, defeating Northern Iowa, 2-1, in overtime.

"It was an interesting game," head coach Ron Rainey said. "It was probably a little frustrating on the attacking end. And you have to give credit to [the Panthers]. They did what they had to do."

Iowa's first goal of the match came from midfielder Anne Marie Thomas. In the 79th minute, senior Ashley Catrell beat her

defender up the left side of the field, then passed across her body to the center of the box and found Thomas, who finished in the left corner of the net.

"Ashley did a perfect cross, and it kind of went through everybody," Thomas said. "And I just timed it before I finished it."

Any celebration of the goal was quickly put to bed — the Panthers responded with a goal of their own in under a minute.

At the 78:30 mark of the game, Northern Iowa's Brady Clark took the ball down the left side of the field and chipped a shot

over Hawkeye goalkeeper Hannah Clark to tie the game.

"It was almost classic where we scored the goal, you almost saw everybody take a long breath," Rainey said. "But then, we let down for a minute, and then they were able to finish. It became a dogfight again."

After a few missed goal opportunities for the Hawks, the game headed into overtime. But little overtime would actually be played — Catrell put away a goal, giving the Hawks the victory.

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BIG TEN NOTEBOOK

Pelini tries to rebound

By **RYAN PROBASCO**
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A profanity-laced rant from Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini following a 2011 game against Ohio State was released by Deadspin.com on Monday. In the tape, the sixth-year head coach is heard cursing out Husker fans for being "fair-weather."

Pelini, who has 51 wins in his five-plus years as Nebraska's head coach, addressed the incident Monday night in a statement.

"I was venting following a series of emotional events which led to this moment. That being said, these comments are in no way indicative of my true feelings," Pelini said. "I love it here in Nebraska and feel fortunate to be associated with such a great university and fan base. I again apologize to anyone whom I have offended."

Pelini admitted to believing the conversation was private and that he was unaware he was being recorded.

The source's decision to release the recording two years after it occurred has drawn harsh criticism and backlash from numerous media outlets. The person who gave Deadspin the recording has yet to be identified.

Coming off a demoralizing 41-21 loss against UCLA in which the Huskers were outscored 31-0 in the second half, Pelini addressed his uncertain future with the team.

"You just proceed with the info you have," Pelini told the *Lincoln Journal Star* Tuesday night. "I'm the head

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