**HUMMINGBIRDS HAVE IOWA BIRDMINGERS**

By Kayla Kelley

As September comes to a close, Iowa is about to catch their last glimpses of theruby-throated hummingbirds before they migrate to warmer climates for the winter months.

Those who have been watching have noticed an increase in the number of birds in the state through the cause for it is still unknown.

Doug Harr of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources said that although records aren’t kept for smaller birds, there has been a large migration of hummingbirds into Iowa over the last month.

“A lot of reports have been coming in, and a lot of hum- mingbirds have been going through the state,” he said.

While there are 13 or 14 species that are regular-migrants in the United States, the ruby-throated hummingbird is the only type native to Iowa, Harr said.

Even though seeing other species of the bird is rare, he said, someone in northeastern Iowa did report a rufous hummingbird earlier this week.

The creatures probably get more attention for their small-ness and flying abilities, he said. The hummingbird family is one of the largest bird families in the world, with hundreds of species. Harr said, “They only occur in the New World, in North and South America, but not in any other parts of the world,” and Chris Lowder, a member of the Iowa City Bird Club, said he had noticed the increase in the number of hummingbirds earlier this week.

By Jennifer Delgado

Two local men are looking to make Iowa big — in the music world, that is.

Ian Mills, stage name Millz, and Renardo Wilson, his manager, joined forces four months ago not just to conquer the world, that is. Instead, Wilson has played the song. “The song is another way we can come together,” he said. “All of the artists here don’t put their music in a feeder at his house, which is located about a mile north of Iowa City.

Lowder used to be an avid hunter but switched to trapping and is now active in "The Independent Daily Newspaper for the University of Iowa Community Since 1868"
Researchers thinking small

UW nanotechnologists research their progress to the university's collaborative atmosphere.

By Christopher Patton

Confirming the adage that big things can come in small packages, UW nanotechnology researchers are working to revolutionize medicine and create nanoscale devices.

"Because it's possible to manipulate and fabricate matter on the nanometer-length scale you can make things better than ever before," said Ammevir Salem, the director of the UI's Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Foundation.

After delivering a few introductory remarks, she stepped aside to welcome the floor to Donn Dennis, director of the new Fire Station No. 2's temporary location.

"I think we're one part of it," she said. "But we're asking everyone to come together.

The kitchen adjacent to the living room is located on the first floor and is bare. The white walls look institutional, and other than a microwave, there's no refrigerator or dishwasher.

'When it comes to cancer, we peel blood cells into a single layer and conduct mandatory equipment checks. They then perform experiments on the cells, placing them in a personal position equipment in the form of a core,' she said.

"If it's a fancy for about 2, we're waiting. An 8 a.m. conference call between local stations informed firefighters of daily duties and.

Researchers settle in temp home

I though not necessarily domestic, the temporary manufactured home at Fire Station No. 2 is fully functional.

By Carla Koppert

The manufactured home at 1200 S. Riverside Drive looks nothing like a fire station, but that's the plan.

The house sits 16-by-60 feet in a facility designed to serve the on-duty crew of Fire Station No. 2 for the next three to 10 years. He laid out where he would like to see the floor to Donn Dennis, director of the UI's Nanotechnology Institute.

"Researchers are thinking small," Dennis said. "When it comes to cancer, we know that cells are like an ant in a car.

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The House and Congress are locking horns over a health-insurance bill, with both sides vying for the public's support. If they can't get the president's signature, they may try to override his veto. If they can't get the votes, they may try to change the bill and pass it in the next Congress.

The House of Representatives, voting earlier this week, fell short of two-thirds by more than 20 votes.

Some fiscal conservatives have criticized the bill, saying it would cause the privately insured to switch to more wasteful government coverage.

House Democrats originally approved a $50 billion increase, but the Senate passed a more conservative increase, and the two houses had to hammer out a compromise during the August recess.

"Nobody could have anticipated how to approach a potential veto," said Sens. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., and Joe Lieberman, D-Conn.

"This Congress has made individual health insurance unaffordable," said Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., "and we're spending too much on employer-sponsored insurance."

"I support the idea of reducing our white house and D.C. run this country with government health insurance."*

Both Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Lieberman, said the Democrats are still deciding how to approach a potential veto.

"This could be a big consequence for the insurance companies," Harkin said in a conference call to reporters. "If they can't get the votes, the Democrats could try to make the bill more expensive for those who need it most and reduce the government's obligations for those who don't."*

"After all, the main reason for the Democratic Party is to ensure access to health care for all Americans," Harkin said. "This bill is not perfect, but it's a step in the right direction."*

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who helped craft the current bill, said he would work to find enough votes for the bill if the president vetoes it.

"We need to reauthorize the health-insurance bill likely to be vetoed. "We need to see if Bush wants to veto everything."*

*from The Daily Iowan - Iowa City, Iowa - Friday, September 28, 2007 - 3A
### Bush signs bill aiding to students

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The bill will boost federal aid to students by about $20 billion over the next five years. Senators hope to launch in the college-loan industry will be cut as a result.

Much of this money will go toward increasing the need-based aid amount available for federal Pell Grants, one of the largest federal programs in the nation. The value of federal Pell Grants will increase over the next five years.

Thousands of UI students have already benefitted from Pell Grants. During the last school year, 3,112 students received a combined amount of more than $8 million in the grants, and Mark Werner, the director of the Office of Student Financial Aid, said, "It's really good to provide

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**MASSACHUSETTS**

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University, the center’s multicultural center director, said, "I'm persistent, and anything is possible if you really believe in it."

The legislation still comes as many private institutions, including the University of Iowa, are considering the legal ramifications of having cameras in the court-rooms. The bill will boost federal aid to students by about $20 billion over the next five years.

For local Judge Grady, the sponsor of the bill, it's "the first step in a new direction for the public-service sector or education system."

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After a long wait, a UI alum gets his chance to practice dentistry in Iraq.

By Kelli Shaffner
THE DAILY IOWAN

Joining the military and traveling to Iraq typically don't stem from getting braces. But for Tim De Stigter, it did.

The idea of spending his life practicing dentistry was first glued into 13-year-old De Stigter's head when he got braces. He said it was because he wanted to work in a field where he could help people.

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With all the sacrifices they're putting in, he said, "I could give up two to three months of my life to help."

De Stigter was recently promoted to Air National Guard assistant to the surgeon general.

Put Compton, a friend and co-worker for 22 years, said the easy-going, honest dentist was quiet at first. She laughed and then said, "Not really anymore."

"We're quite proud of his sacrifice here in the office," Compton said.

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Sitting ocean blue not enough for national holiday.

With Columbus Day just around the corner, it’s time for the annual debate over Christopher Columbus and his impact on the Americas. On Oct. 8, the same day America pays homage to Columbus, the American Indian Student Association (AISA) and other Native American organizations and individuals across the country will participate in “On the Spot.” This event is intended to highlight the issues and experiences of Native Americans in the United States and around the world.

We visited the Capital Area Iowa Club of Washington, D.C. And there was a visit from my old friend Julian Bond, a former chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and former Georgia state representative. After earning my degree in 1993, I moved to Washington, D.C., to attend graduate school at American University.

“Hillbilly” column written by Kathleen Watton that appeared in your Sept. 27 issue of the Iowan. Watton brags to her readers about the research and statistics she has accumulated on the issue of the so-called “hillbilly” stereotype and how it affects people.

A USA Today article noted that the University of Iowa and the University of Illinois are dead; and now that Jim knows about the 2005-06 academic year, he has the same problems with the course that his classmates had during that time.

Iowans have been the victims of violence in the past, but I don’t think that the campus has ever been as peaceful as it is now. The police are doing a great job of maintaining order and keeping the community safe.

On the Spot

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Apples. An apple a day never lead you astray.

Cover Sept. 30, 3 p.m.

Soup. Be it Campbell's or its Indian Candy Corn/Easter Corn/Reindeer Corn/Cupid will forever reign superior to sugary, waxy, tri-color form.

1. STAFF FAVORITES

2. friends, is a reason to live.

3. Corn/Easter Corn counter-

4. Iowa monsoon attack like a warm bowl of soup.

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The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain

When: Sept. 30, 5 p.m.

Where: Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn

Admission: Free

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SOCCER

Tennis: Opens season, 4B

IOWA (2-2, 0-1) VS. INDIANA (3-1, 0-1)
Saturday, Kinnick Stadium, 7 p.m. CT, TV: BIG TEN NETWORK, Radio: KOIL 800 AM

LOOKING FOR HOME COOKIN’

Iowa hopes to regain its swagger in Big Ten play when it returns to Kinnick Stadium for its first Big Ten win Saturday.

By Brendan Stiles

The Hawkeyes have lost their last four Big Ten contests. The losing streak began last October, when Iowa blew a 2-1 lead to fall at Indiana, 3-2. From there, the 2006 season went down a downward spiral. Fast forward to the present. Already 0-5 in conference play after losing last week at No. 8 Wisconsin, Iowa looks to stop the bleeding at home against the very same Hoosier team that came back in Bloomington last season.

It may only seem appropriate that this week is Iowa’s Homecoming, given that the team has played three of its first four away from Iowa City. The contest will mark the 14th Iowa-Indiana game to end in a tie, 1-1, 1999, Iowa owns a 7-1 record in its last eight games versus Indiana.

Ferenz, Iowa head coach, is trying to avoid a three-game Big Ten losing streak. Although Ferenz has compiled an 18-15-2 record in three seasons at Iowa, he is searching for his first win versus Indiana.

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Homecoming of sorts for running coach
By Nick Compton
THE DAILY IOWAN

Homecoming week at the UI is usually filled with costumed gurus, face paint, and loud blue and gold music. The annual spectacle of “The Battle of the Bands” is one of the highlights.

On Sept. 30, however, women’s cross-country coach Layne Anderson leads her team south of the Mason-Dixon Line to compete in the J.C. Penney Invitational at Georgetown University. The trip might be defined by a different thing: a little less: a little more.

“Sweet Home Alabama” might be playing in the back of Anderson’s mind as the fifth-year Hawkeye head coach returns to Auburn, Ala., where she spent six years as the head women’s cross-country coach and assistant track coach at Auburn University.

During his tenure at Auburn, from 1997-2002, Anderson coached seven track and field All-Americans and two SEC champions, and he led the cross-country team to regional titles — crowning these individual titles-winners and four all-south region performers.

Under Anderson’s helm since 2003, the Iowa women’s cross-country team has improved steadily, marching from the cellar of the Big Ten the past two years to a sixth-place finish last season. When the Hawkeyes return to Auburn, they will carry with them a United States Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association national ranking of 16th.

Competing at Auburn, a place still fresh in their coach’s mind, has definite advantages for Iowa.

“I think the course well, it’s extremely fast, and a great opportunity for everyone,” Anderson said. The 3K event, slated for Sept. 30 at 3:10 p.m., will showcase “Auburn’s historic” and will offer the team a chance to run side-by-side with talented competitors, she said.

A few weeks after the women’s team hopes to capitalize on the momentum it built after a first-place finish at its home Hawkeye Invitational on Sept. 15. Senior Diane Nukuri’s first-place finish in the 4K set a Hawkeye record at 15:14.43.

Ten cross-country athletes of the team who excel at the distance, Nukuri said, makes her happier for success in Sunday’s competition.

“Even good to be honored,” she said. “But I know I can run faster.”

Last year’s Auburn Invitational was a break-out meet for the Hawkeyes, Anderson said. The course was so close to the hotel, and Nukuri recorded her best 15K of the season an Iowa record-setting time of 15:14.36.

This year, Anderson expects the meet to serve the same purpose.

“We hope to establish personal bests and improve as a team. Run our best races,” she said.

— BEAU ELLIOT, SPORTS REPORTER

ON THE LINE:

We think we’re pretty funny. We all think we’ll be the winner come December. But no one knows what happens. Turn to the sports section on the DI to see our “expert” opinions on all things college football.

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Soccer hopes to stay hot

PASSING GAME TO SOAR

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I’ll take Iowa sophomore Alex Johnson any day over Western Michigan. Johnson has thrown just one interception all year, consistently — and properly — throwing the ball out of bounds under pressure. His those-smarts-and-determination-Making-N0-1-passers-to-possesses that he make believe he can out

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The Hawkeye volleyball team hopes to cut down on the errors that haunted it against Minnesota.

By Eric Mandel
THE DAILY IOWAN

Life is a big jenga that as one challenge passes by, it seems to poke its head right back at you. But with the 1-8 jenga that is 2007, there seems to be no way to beat the 1-8 jenga that is the Hawkeyes.

After dropping Minnesota on Wednesday, the Hawkeyes enter the Big Ten tournament with an even more confidence. The team will greet another conference opponent this weekend, when they head to Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s National Championships in the top two spots. After dropping the third-place match, they went on to win the championship.

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The Hawkeyes’ men’s tennis team has a 1-8 jenga that is 2007, and they’re out of the gate as it travels to the national championships in Missouri. The team will face a tough challenge when they travel to the Midwest for the national championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The team begins the weekend with the Novena Report, May the sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now, and in eight days your prayers will be answered. Must promise to publish. Thank you, St. Jude. H.V.B.

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“It’s good to have everybody healthy,” Houghton said. “From No. 3 on down at this level, everybody is good.”

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**Summary:**
- The black apartment of the UI Dance Team performs on stage at Iowa Shoot in the HMI Main Lounge on Thursday, September 27, 2007.
- The Homcoming Court and Queen, as well as the Homcoming Parade, will be prominently featured.
- The Gbellitch, and the Bad Boys, join Music from Matt Barr in the Homcoming show.
- The Daisy Chains, Don’t get emotional about something you can do nothing about.
- The Beguiled after the parade, understands.
- The King of Kong: Fistful of Quarters performed skits at the annual event.

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**Today’s Events**

- **Homecoming Parade, 5-6 p.m., Downtown Iowa City:**
  - The Homcoming Pop Rally and Coronation of King and Queen, after the parade.
  - Homcoming Concert, Ben Kweller and The Sheepdog Night, after the pop rally, Peterrattuck.
  - Earthquity Group, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library.
  - King of Kong: Festive of Quarter, 7 p.m.
  - I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change, 7 p.m., University Theatre.
  - The Brevity, UI Theatre Gallery Production, 8 p.m., Iowa City City Hall.
  - Frozen, City Circle Acting Company, 8 p.m., Northern Junior High School, 1507 Fifth Street.
  - Writers’ Workshop reading, Tossen Sumsay and Anthony Swafford, poetry and fiction, 8 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies.
  - The Daisy Chains, 9 p.m., Proctor, 330 E. Washington.
  - The Digilitch, and the Bad Boys, 9 p.m., Mid 120 E. Burlington.
  - Killer of Sheep, 9 p.m., Bijou.
  - Soot Shire Theatre, 11 p.m., UI Theatre Building.

**UTV Schedule**

**Campus channel 4, cable channel 17**

**10:00 a.m. News from China-Beijing**

**1 A Pacific Light Reading from the**

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**2 News From Germany (in German)**

**3 Music From Anna Augusta**

**4 Music From Matt Barr**

**5 Music From Jake Burke**

**6 Music From Bette Duke Paul**

**7 Music From Tyler O’Leary**

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**Letters**

- **Dear Cheese:** I love you so much, but you treat me so poorly. How many times do I have to eat on a table? I’m tired of my future, I’m tired of my past. I’m tired of my memories of you. I think you’re just a good idea. I’m tired of my hopes and dreams. I’m tired of my promises.

- **Dear Cute Redhead on the Bus:** I want to Piss Off Daddy: I don’t want to be with your name, I don’t want to be with your face. I don’t want to be with your body. I don’t want to be with your mind.

- **Dear My Hairline:** If you want to tell me that I can’t quit you, you’re all for setting goals, but think about the time, when you quit, you can’t even think about the time, when you can’t even think about the time.

- **Dear Hands:** Help me, Blues.

- **Dear My Heart:** If you can’t stop me, I won’t stop me. If you can’t stop me, I won’t stop me. If you can’t stop me, I won’t stop me.

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**ADLIBS**

- **News from China-Beijing:** Look for my opportunity to gather other information that will lead to a new direction. Look to the stars, to the clouds, to the sun, to the stars, to the clouds, to the sun. Remember this is a new direction, a new beginning. Remember this is a new direction, a new beginning. Remember this is a new direction, a new beginning.

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Hawks look to young playmakers after last week’s injuries

Iowa vs. Indiana
FRESH FACES
INSIDE THIS WEEK'S PREGAME

FRESH FACES
After taking another hit with the loss of Andy Broedel, the depleted Hawkeye offense looks to its senior backfield and a handful of youngsters to step up. 42 & 62.

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James Hardy aims for a third big game against the Hawkeyes.

Page 20C
Speedy return man Marcus Thigpen could be dangerous at Kinnick Stadium.

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The OI looks back at Jay Hilgenberg, who started in the Super Bowl with Chicago.

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Receiving a youth movement

As the Hawkeyes limp home from an 0-2 road trip that saw them unable to move the chains consistently, the offense looks for answers with the only receivers they have left — inexperienced backups.

By Diane Hendrickson
THE DAILY IOWAN

If the Hawkeyes came into the season thin at receiver, now the team looks like Lindsay Lohan — emaciated, weak, and in desperate need of a diet change.

Because of injuries and legal problems, the Iowa receiving corps is running out of options for a reliable set of hands to break up with quarterback Jake Christensen. Fans may need a roofter against Indiana this weekend to the number of plays on the turf at Kinnick Stadium.

Kirk Ferentz summed it up best after Sept. 22’s loss at Wisconsin, saying, “We’re running out of playmakers, or at least experienced playmakers.”

The wide receivers listed on the latest two-deep — four of whom are either freshmen or redshirt freshmen — have a combined 37 career catches. Of those, 30 in the 15-12 loss to Madison.

Starting tight and Brandon Meyers, the Iowa junior has quickly emerged, has five career catches, including a touchdown against Northern Illinois in the season-opener.

Andy Broduil and Tony Moski, Iowa’s most experienced and reliable receivers, went down in quick succession at Camp Randall Stadium. Broduil with a torn hamstring that will likely sideline him for the season and Moski with a dislocated elbow and a broken bone in his hand, an injury that will keep the Wharton, Ill., native on the bench for at least two weeks. Christensen’s 64 completed passes this year, 27 of those went to the injury twin.

For an already-annointed Iowa offense, the outlook could not be more bleak. The Hawkeyes rank 101st out of 119 Division 1 teams in total offense, among the likes of Duke, East Carolina, and Middle Tennessee State. The Hawki’s numbers put them in the bottom of the Big Ten in almost every offensive category, including dead last in scoring. Yet Kirk Ferentz is confident in his young players after they saw some strides in Madison.

“I certainly saw some guys step up and play well,” he said. “They didn’t act like freshmen out there.”

SEE RECEIVERS, 6C
Whose injury will have a bigger long-term effect on Iowa’s offensive success, Tony Moeaki or Andy Brodell?

Tony Moeaki — By Mike Brownlee

The adage goes, “safety is N umber 1.” But against Wisconsin last weekend, the only thing being added to injury for the Iowa football team was more injury.

Losing Tony Moeaki is a huge blow to an offense that was already struggling when he was healthy. His loss is worse than Andy Brodell because Moeaki provided quarterback Jake Chisholm a sure-handed, sure-blanket blanket. Working with a thin and at times inexperienced line, Chisholm was able to rely on Moeaki to make tough, down-to-the-wire plays.

Moeaki only cradled the football as a tight end while also being a factor blocking is something the Hawkeyes will also miss, especially with the offensive line struggling as much as it has been.

When Moeaki arrived on the Hawkeye football scene as a blue-chip recruit, expectations were high that he’d rival the ranks of great Iowa tight ends. After spending two years backing up Scott Chandler, Moeaki was beginning to fulfill that promise with early season success. His eight catches, 119 yards, and three touchdowns against BYU were seen as a big statement, seemingly a harbinger of greatness to come.

Now he’s out with broken bone in his hand and a separated thumb, a crushing blow that leaves Iowa without its leading receiver in every category. His 14 receptions, 170 yards, and three touchdowns still lead the team, even without a catch against Wisconsin behind being inserted.

Iowa’s running game continued for a second straight game without Moeaki starter Brandon Wegher, a legitimate threat down the middle. Chisholm’s backup got used to faking more eight and nine-man fronts in the coming weeks.

At just over 50 percent, the Hawkeyes’ third-down conversion rate has hurt their ability to stay on the field, scoring a vertex, an offense down and losing the tide of possession battle — factors that will only get on the board and increase.

With the sophomore out, backup tight end Brandon Blaylock will have to combine with whatever receivers make it to Saturday to replace the production.

Andy Brodell — By Scott Miller

With four seconds left in the first half and quarterback Jake Chisholm having just thrown a 21-yard touchdown pass, Hawkeyes fans celebrated a 10-7 lead against No. 9 Wisconsin.

The celebration over, these same fans asked one question — “Who-caught that pass?”

It wasn’t tight end Tony Moeaki or wide receiver Andy Brodell — both had left in the first quarter with injuries. It wasn’t sophomore Troy Taylor or freshman James Cleveland either.

No, it was resilient freshmanderrell Johnson-KoulisNew — eight career catches and 36 yards in all — who made that “SportsCenter”-worthy catch at the end of the first half.

With Moeaki and Brodell out with injuries for a “significant time,” as head coach Kirk Ferentz said, younger receivers such as Johnson-KoulisNew will be asked to become a major part of the offense. And herein lies the reason Brodell’s injury will affect the Hawkeyes more than Moeaki’s.

While the tight-end position has six other players seeing in the spring — four of whom are sophomores or juniors — the wide-receiver corps is thinned out considerably.

Stress, Johnson-KoulisNew, Cleveland, and freshman Cam Sandeman are the only non-injured wide receivers who have caught a pass this year.

The overall youth of the wide receivers — a group that sports 33 career catches — has to concern Chisholm and offensive coordinator Fran Tarkenton, whose play calling will become even more predictable without Moeaki as a deep threat.

On top of the obvious inexperience, Brodell had become a reliable punt returner averaging 14.4 yards per return. Sandeman stepped in early against Wisconsin, but Brodell’s game-changing ability cannot be replaced.

In the end, even though Moeaki has been Iowa’s most effective receiver this year, Brodell’s absence from the lineup will affect the Hawkeyes more drastically in the near future.
Ferentz shows faith in WRs

RECEIVERS
CONTINUED FROM 4C

Through only four games, Ferentz has been forced to dig deep into his roster, inserting backups with little experience for backups with over a dozen.

Before the season even began, starting wideout and last year’s leading receiver Dominique D viaugh and backup Anthony Brown were expected indefinitely after being charged with the unauthorized use of a credit card.

Trey Stroes expected to start in Douglas, went down with a big injury, meaning the past two games. He may return to the field against Indiana—though he may not be the same player who walked off the field after a serious injury to his leg.

The Hawkeyes do have the steady hands in the wide receiver corps — Albert Young and Demaras Sims coming in out of the backfield. Young has 65 yards receiving this season, while Sims has tallied 59. Yet, the duo will need to gain on the ground against an Indiana defense that allowed over 300 against Illinois.

With the season in limbo at 2-2, the Hawkeye will need big numbers from the young receiving corps — similar to the ones put up by Douglas a year ago when he led the nation in catches by a wide receiver.

Derrell Johnson-Koulan has already had an effect as a playmaker, translating his Internet legend into the football field. His speed has led to touchdowns grab at the end of the half against Wisconsin put him up 5-7, a lead that remained until a Burger Kings with under 10 minutes left in the contest.

His kick return have given the defiant defense valuable field position, averaging 20.8 yards per return. "I think all of us felt like he was a pretty good football player coming in, but — like pretty good football player — he was not a receiver in high school, so he's got to learn at the position," Ferentz said. "Fortunately, I think he's getting a feel for that, and we think he's got tremendous upside."

While Johnson-Koulan stands out, true freshman Colin Sandeman has also added important returns. He averages 25.5 yards on punt returns, putting him 11th in the nation while splitting time with Brodkin.

The senior Paul Cheaney Jr., a two- sport athlete who played fourth in the 100 and also in the 200 at the men's track Big Ten championships, caught his first pass against Wisconsin and could have landed in the go-ahead score if he didn't trip. James Cleveland has an 143 yards on eight catches, including a 40-yard bomb that set up a touchdown in the season-opener.

"Those guys have all been practicing hard and practicing well," Ferentz said. "We've got enough to win with, we just have to try to put something together here."

— Kirk Ferentz, Iowa coach

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Yet another Hilgenberg steps up

By Brendan Stiles
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It only seemed appropriate that Jay Hilgenberg would be an Iowa football player.

His father, Jerry Hilgenberg, was a native of Forest Knolls, Uncle Wally Hilgenberg was a linebacker for Iowa and on to play 16 seasons in the NFL. Football was in his blood.

Having an older brother carry on in his dad's footsteps of playing center for the Hawkeyes, the former City High Little Hawk made the decision to stay home and carry on his family's legacy at Iowa.

During his Hawkeyes career, Jay Hilgenberg was part of a transition period. Prior to his same year, the university had hired a new football coach, Rick Forks. And Forks, whose team eventually took the Hawkeyes to heights that nobody hadn't reached before.

"He was an outstanding leader and very intelligent," Forks said. "A great offensive linebacker I let him call all the defensive audibles."

He was just an outstanding young man and an excellent student.

I'm sure all the coaches and his teammates respect Jay and how he uses his size.

Unfortunately for Jay Hilgenberg, his senior season was 1989, one year prior to Iowa's magical Big Ten championship season.

After not being selected in the 1981 NFL draft, Hilgenberg returned to Iowa and became a two-year starter over right guard.

Then came the 1980s NFL campaign, when the Chicago Bears finally broke through and separated themselves not just from the rest of the NFC but from the rest of the NFL as well.

That season, the Bears finished the season with a 15-1 record and they 'chased' a Super Bowl XX, in which they dominated the NFC champion New England Patriots, 46-10.

Interestingly enough, the Giants' defense was led by a linebacker named Andre Tippett, who was one of Hilgenberg's old college teammates.

"It was a lot of fun," Tippett said. "It was great playing against both Jay Hilgenberg and Bo Scaife. At that time, they were both really young."

"It was great having Jay there," Scaife said. "He was somebody I could talk to. It really helped out a lot. It was good to have somebody who you knew."

As the Bears were beginning to dominate the rest of the NFC, as was Jay Hilgenberg. From 1981 to 1988, he made seven-straight Pro Bowl selections.

After 11 seasons in the Windy City, Jay Hilgenberg played two more years in the league with the Cleveland Browns before heading to the Atlanta Falcons.

Today, Jay Hilgenberg resides in Lake Forest, Ill. and is a captain of the local Hawkeye club. He has an elevator named after him in the tower on the University of Iowa campus, called "Jay Hilgenberg's elevator," and is a regular at the Annual Hawkeye Picnic & Game in Coralville.

And while the sport isn't football, and the school isn't Iowa, the Hilgenberg family has produced another Big Ten athlete. Jay Hilgenberg's daughter, Brooke, will attend the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha, and is a member of the university's women's club hockey team.

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With an season-ending injury to junior Andy Brodell and a ridiculous one-handed grab against Wisconsin, Derrell Johnson-Koulianos went from just another freshman to every Hawkeye fan’s favorite.

### A CLOSER LOOK: DERRELL JOHNSON-KOULIANOS

#### STICKY FINGERS

Of the nine catches Derrell Johnson-Koulianos has made this season, none was bigger than the “SportsCenter” highlight clip at the end of the first half against Wisconsin. Down 7-0 and running a hurry-up offense in the team’s two-minute drill, Johnson-Koulianos hauled in the 44-yard sideline and beat single coverage before snatching a one-handed touchdown on a steep fall from sophomore quarterback Jake Christensen.

Coming with just four seconds on the clock, the redhead freshman’s score this season took Iowa the lead and swung the momentum as the Hawkeyes headed into the locker room.

“When you catch the ball like that, Derrell made it just outstanding,” Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said. “Whether you’re a senior or a freshman, that was just a great play, and against a good defense.”

With Andy Brodell and Tony Massaie sidelined with injuries in the first quarter, Johnson-Koulianos couldn’t have picked a better time for a break-out game and a big TD.

“I wasn’t surprised,” Christensen said. "Derrell’s obviously a very talented player. A catch like that isn’t something you expect, but whenever the ball’s in his area, it could be a catch, or a big play, or something exciting that happens.

#### MENTAL TRANSITION

A first-team all-stater during his junior and senior years at Cardinal Mooney High School in Ohio, Johnson-Koulianos played both quarterback and running back during his standout prep career. Built for speed in his utility 6-1, 205-pound frame, the redhead freshman was recruited more on his potential as an athlete than as a true skill player destined for the backfield.

When asked how the speedster wound up in Iowa City, Ferentz said he started with the Hawkeyes pipeline in his state of Ohio.

“He was in our recruiting area,” the coach said. “I’m not sure how he ended up here, but it’s a good thing, I guess.”

The other good thing for Ferentz and the coaching staff is Johnson-Koulianos’ willingness to adapt to the wideout position, as one-year in the Hawkeyes system has instilled a dangerous offensive weapon for coordinator Ken O’Keefe.

“He’s a guy who — the thing about him, I think all of us felt like he was pretty good football player coming in. Just a little bit like Andy Brodell, he was not a receiver in high school, so he’s really been trying to learn that position,” Ferentz said. “Fortunately, I think he’s getting a feel for that, and we think he’s got tremendous upside.”

#### THE NICKNAME

Whether it’s Derrell Johnson-Koulianos, Dee Jay Kay, No. 15, or just plain DJK, Iowa fans have certainly had reason to bring up his name after four games this season. Surfing onto the scene with Iowa’s now-paper-thin depth chart at wide receiver, Johnson-Koulianos playing ability hasn’t surprised the guy getting him the football.

“I think that receivers, most of them, are always playmakers, and you want to get the ball in their hands in open space.” Christensen said. “Derrell is a different. Obviously, he showed some special things on [Sept. 22], and hopefully, they will continue.”

Quickly becoming a household nickname for Hawkeye fans, Johnson-Koulianos hopes his initials continue to be as synonymous with success as they are with his highlighted name.

#### PURE SPEED

While Johnson-Koulianos may not have the quicks of track-athlete-turned-receiver P.J. Charney or the acceleration of senior cornerback Charles Godfrey, there’s no question he can fly.

Labored as an Internet legend during his midfield season for the constant chatter online surrounding his athletic ability, the hyped-up player from Iowa City Linn-Mar has hit a new high following his effort against Wisconsin. As much as that discussion cooled about Johnson-Koulianos this week read, “Yes, he is human. But why is he so fast?”

Ferentz also has been a fan of Johnson-Koulianos the last two years. When Clark Kent goes into a phone booth and emerges as Superman...

While some spectators’ unrealistic perception of Johnson-Koulianos remains, Ferentz knows there will always be one very real characteristic about the wideout freshman — his speed.

“He had to learn how to play receiver. It’s not something he did,” Ferentz said. “He’s getting better every week in that regard, and he obviously got some skills. He’s good with the ball in his hands. Based on that catch he made the other night, pretty good at getting it into his hands, too.”

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Before the Iowa defense worries about Kellen Lewis and James Hardy, the special-team unit has to keep the ball away from Marcus Thigpen.

As Byrdan Stiles puts it, "As if Indiana didn’t already present a challenge to Iowa with the weapons it has on offense, the Hawkeyes might also be in for their stiffest competition on special teams.

While he may not be as big a threat as the Hoosiers’ starting tightend, Indiana junior Marcus Thigpen not only is one of the best return guys in the Big Ten but one of the entire Faucett Road football team (which can also be known as Division I).

The numbers for Thigpen on special teams are far from impressive through four games this season, but the average speeded up in the 30-yard line, and Thigpen remains a serious threat on kickoff returns for Indiana even if he isn’t getting nearly the same opportunity he had a year ago.

Not only is he a dude to keep an eye on, but a great chance to create a good return is a good return, but I think the other thing that we found a lot with Kellen Lewis a couple years ago, was he was good about special teams."

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Another way to think about special teams is to think about Iowa’s 13-game kickoff coverage over the past three years. Iowa’s kick units are by far the best in the nation over the last three years. Iowa has only allowed one kickoff return over the last three years.

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It takes two to tango

Troy Gophers are no team to be trifled with. Last year, they finished with a losing record of 1-3 in the Big Ten conference, but this year, they are determined to make a comeback. With the help of their star quarterback, Jerry Kill, and a strong defense, they are predicted to be a formidable opponent. The game on Saturday, September 29th, is sure to be a test of skills for both teams.

No. 19 Penn State (3-0, 1-0) at Illinois (3-1, 1-0)

11 a.m. | Big Ten Network

Losing the last two Big Ten contests to Michigan, the Nittany Lions will not get any sympathy when they travel to Illinois in what is a critical 217-yard performance in a 7:33 road win at Indiana. Illinois running back Matt Fortson hopes to keep his team in the league's home opener. For Illinois, the win will be crucial. A loss here could mean the end of the season for the two-state offense will need more than nine points to escape Champaign.

Michigan (2-2, 1-1) vs. Northwestern (2-2, 0-1)

11 a.m. | Big Ten Network

The Big Ten’s oldest rivals battled for a win in a game between Michigan and Northwestern for the first time. The game was a classic example of the conference’s rich history, with both teams putting on a show for the fans.

Notre Dame (0-4) vs. No. 25 Purdue (4-0, 1-0)

11 a.m. | ESPN

Notre Dame’s recent slide continues as the Fighting Irish lose yet another game. The Boilermakers, on the other hand, keep their winning streak alive with a convincing victory.

No. 23 Michigan State (4-0, 0-0) at No. 9 Wisconsin (4-0, 0-0)

11 a.m. | ESPN

Bowl games are coming up, starting with the season opener against the Badgers. Michigan State is looking to make a statement in its first game of the season.

Hart among all-time greats

Michigan running back Mike Hart made his mark in the third game of the season, setting a new career high with 175 rushing yards. He became the first Michigan player to rush for 1,000 yards in a single season. Hart’s performance helped lead the Wolverines to a 31-10 victory over Penn State.

Big Ten baskets five ranked teams

Where the top 25 rankings come out for the fifth week of the season, the Big Ten made its presence known with five teams ranked in the top 10. According to ESPN’s Week 4 College Football Power Rankings, the following Big Ten teams are ranked:

- Ohio State (No. 1), Minnesota (No. 3), Penn State (No. 5), Iowa (No. 9), Michigan (No. 10)
Hardy just got ‘Hardy-er’

An off-season spent watching film of first-round pick Calvin Johnson and a growing bond with Kellen Lewis have made James Hardy an even better target this fall.

By Charlie Kautz

Before even the radar trucked up 16 catches, 287 yards and six touchdowns in four games this season, Indiana receiver James Hardy had a message for Big Ten defenses.

“I’m faster, quicker, more explosive,” the 6-7, 220-pound target said at the conference media day in late August. “I’ve actually been down in Orlando working out with Tom Shaw, where Calvin Johnson worked out. They compare me to him in terms of the things that I need to work on.”

From the assistant training camp to the dedicated film study of Johnson’s senior season, Hardy has spent the summer copying the blueprint laid down by last year’s biggest, boldest college wideout.

I look at it as Calvin was the No. 1 receiver in the country this past season, and that’s my goal, and that’s where I’m trying to be,” Hardy said. “I’m just trying to take things from him — how he’s running routes, how he works hard every single practice thing that I didn’t know.

“ar the things I need to work on, so we try watch people who are better than me each and every day. I know (teammate Marcus) Thigpen is faster than me, so I’m running with Thigpen each and every day, pushing harder. I’m trying to be the best practice show that I can be. In order to do that, I have to watch the best or the most hard.”

Hardy, who first recruited to Bloomington for his skills on the hardwood, Hardy also made the decision to give up basketball for good this fall. A relocation from the basketball field and extra time spent with sophomores quarterback Kellen Lewis, who has transcended one of the top passing duos in the Big Ten.

Entering the fifth week of the season, Hardy leads all Big Ten receivers with six trips to the end zone.

“First off, mentally, (Lewis) has grown very determined to get better each and every day,” Hardy said. “Kellen and I, after our workstands with the group, we just get on our own, work on routes, and work on routes, and watch film inside.”

Fortunately for the Hoosiers, the only injury setback for Hardy came on Aug. 14, when the All Big Ten target broke a finger on his left hand. Initially expected to miss two weeks, the Fort Wayne, Ind., native was back in time for the team’s opener on Sept. 1 and had a big impact from the outset.

While Hardy made just three catches during Indiana’s 26-7 blowout of Indiana State, he covered 153 yards of turf with the receptions, two of which finished in the end zone.

Orchestrated the Hoosiers two in a row, Hardy says a win at Kentucky could mean more than any individual numbers this weekend.

“I am just looking forward to going out next week, but we will get a victory and not worry about me getting a big game,” he said.

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Just don’t call him a ‘Momma’s Boy’

This week, the DI sits down with Mitch King, who has emerged as one of the top linemen in the Big Ten.

King: I’d like to think that my mom’s always running and I’m ready for every play. I’d like to get after people for the quick cut.

Dg: How about off the field?

King: I’m pretty relaxed. I’m laid-back, casual. I’m pretty lazy, if you want to call it that.

Dg: What’s the funniest thing you’ve ever been told?

King: His meetings. He says some things. He has some good liners in his meetings that get me laughing pretty good.

Dg: Like what?

King: I think you have to be there, but the other day he was just describ- ing the first quarter when everybody got hurt on offense. He said, “There were some pretendons going off everywhere,” and things like that. I don’t know if it was the way he said it or what not, but it got me laughing.

Dg: When you were making the decision about where you wanted to go to school, what was it about the Hawkeyes that you liked?

King: They were a winning program. They were coming off, they were an up-winning program, and it was close to home. If I wanted to play in a big con- ference and really compete, this is where I’d want to go.

Dg: In what way have you changed from your previous two seasons up until now?

King: I think it’s all about experi- ence. And I don’t know if my mounds changed much, but knowing what happens on the field every play really helps you out in the experience department.

Dg: Growing up did you have any other favorite sports besides football?

King: I grew up playing baseball. I didn’t like but I enjoyed the game, but baseball is pretty fun. All my buddies played baseball, as every summer, it was pretty to enjoy that.

Dg: What are some of the things you enjoy doing when you do have that free time to yourself?

King: My buddies and I go in the river a lot back home. We go out on the river, go in the sand barn, hang out, and things like that. I go hunting a lot with my family. Hunting’s a big thing, just to get away from everyday life and enjoy each other.

Dg: For you, what’s the coolest thing about being an Iowa football player?

King: The atmosphere. Iowa City is a great atmosphere. You go down the street, and somebody’s gonna to know you, or somebody’s gonna to give you a high-five. Some people are just living life, and this is a great community. You either want to live here, or you don’t, pretty much.

Dg: Going off of that, what would you say is your favorite thing about Iowa City?

King: It has the small-community feel, but it’s big enough where you can go out and not see the same people every day. People wave at you, and you don’t know them, and they say hi. They help you, they’re courteous, just like a small town, but it’s big enough to have fun and not the small talk and the gossip.

Dg: What’s something about you that might surprise people?

King: I’m a Momma’s boy.

Dg: Do you speak that?

King: Many of my mom’s best friends. We talk every day, and I don’t know I grew up with her. I lived with her my entire life. I wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for her. That’s for sure.

Dg: Final question. What are some of the things you hope to build on as you go through this season and your senior year?

King: I want to stay healthy. Last year, I was hurt those two games last season. That really hurt me. I was per- tty down in the dumps for a while because I couldn’t help the team, and I wasn’t 100 percent even after I did come back. It really influenced my sophomore year, and I want to finish out strong.

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**The Saturday Blitz**

A week-by-week look at the Big Ten schedule

**Sept. 1**
- Nebraska vs. Ohio State, W, 45-18
- Northwestern vs. Wisconsin, L, 34-32
- Penn State vs. Purdue, W, 35-27
- Iowa vs. Miami (Ohio), W, 41-35
- Duke vs. Miami (Ohio), W, 41-35
- North Carolina State vs. Delaware, L, 27-0

**Sept. 8**
- Wisconsin vs. Utah State, W, 35-20
- Michigan vs. Denver, W, 35-20
- Rutgers vs. Miami (Ohio), W, 41-35
- Florida Atlantic vs. Florida Atlantic, W, 34-34
- Kent State vs. Idaho, W, 34-31

**Sept. 15**
- Michigan vs. Iowa, L, 15-13
- Northwestern vs. Michigan, W, 27-20
- Penn State vs. Illinois, W, 27-20
- Minnesota vs. Michigan, W, 27-20

**Sept. 22**
- Indiana vs. Minnesota, W, 27-17
- Purdue vs. Iowa, W, 27-17
- Michigan vs. Penn State, W, 27-17
- Indiana vs. Penn State, W, 27-17

**Sept. 29**
- Ohio State vs. Michigan, W, 27-17
- Michigan State vs. Northwestern, W, 27-17
- Wisconsin vs. Illinois, W, 27-17
- Iowa vs. Illinois, W, 27-17

**Oct. 6**
- Wisconsin vs. Northwestern, W, 27-17
- Michigan vs. Michigan State, W, 27-17
- Minnesota vs. Indiana, W, 27-17
- Purdue vs. Iowa, W, 27-17

**Oct. 13**
- Purdue vs. Minnesota, W, 27-17
- Penn State vs. Michigan State, W, 27-17
- Indiana vs. Northwestern, W, 27-17
- Michigan vs. Northwestern, W, 27-17

**Oct. 20**
- Michigan State vs. Indiana, W, 27-17
- Northwestern vs. Minnesota, W, 27-17
- Ohio State vs. Indiana, W, 27-17
- Iowa vs. Indiana, W, 27-17

**Oct. 27**
- Ball State vs. Ball State, W, 27-17
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**Nov. 3**
- Minnesota vs. Northwestern, W, 27-17
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**Nov. 10**
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