Police: Prof died in garage

The house of UI music Professor Mark Weiger sits unoccupied on a rainy November evening Thursday. Iowa City police records show Weiger's body was found in his garage at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday.

Police say Weiger's death was 'very apparently' a suicide

Wednesday 3:45 p.m. - Officers called to Weiger's home
Wednesday 7 a.m. - Headquarters
Thursday 9 a.m. - Weiger's parents notified
Thursday afternoon - Autopsy

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Iowa City police said Thursday they are almost certain former UI music Professor Mark Weiger killed himself while sitting in his car inside his closed garage.

Johnson County medical examiner performed the autopsy on Weiger Thursday afternoon.

By the time officers found him inside his car in his garage Wednesday afternoon, it was obvious he had been dead "while," Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said.

By that point, he was beyond resuscitation, Kelsay said.

Weiger's parents were notified of his death around 9 a.m. Thursday.

Last week, former UI graduate student Melissa Rose Walding Milligan filed a complaint against Weiger, accusing him of sexual harassment.

UI President Sally Mason released a statement Thursday evening saying: "This is a difficult time for our community."

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Iowa's students and staff members have been turning to counseling services more than ever, and the University of Iowa (UI) is responding by offering more support for students and faculty.

UI officials said they're seeing a growing need for counseling services at the university, which has seen a significant increase in the number of students seeking help. The university has responded by adding more counselors, increasing the number of available hours, and providing more online options.

UI officials said they're also seeing an increase in the number of faculty and staff members seeking help, and they're responding by providing more training and support for those who work with students.

This trend is not unique to the UI. According to the American Psychological Association, there has been a significant increase in the number of people seeking help for mental health issues in recent years.

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Ten car burglaries were reported in recent days, according to authorities. Eighteen-year-old Nathan Robey and his 18-year-old companion, James Bentley, were doing "what the law says they were doing," said Keune. He and Bentley were charged with second-degree burglary and theft in the break-ins.

"It was not a great way to wake up on the morning," the resident said. After receiving the call from police at 6:45 a.m., she said the ramps were broken, but only 10 traps were stolen. The woman and her husband paid for the repairs, he said.

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The decisions made this past week to lessen the penalties surrounding one certain leafy green plant has left many social, political, and recreation-minded marijuana enthusiasts rejoicing. In Michigan, voters approved Proposal 1, which permits the sale of marijuana for recreational use. Simultaneously, voters in California approved Prop 64, which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana. As such, voters in Michigan voted in favor of Prop 1, which will allow the possession of medical marijuana for those with a prescription.

This decision will likely benefit both states, and those who support这才是 it. Allow me to explain: the passing of Prop 1 in Michigan will likely lead to a decrease in the number of arrests for marijuana possession, as fewer people will be arrested for possessing small amounts of marijuana. Furthermore, the decrease in marijuana-related arrests will likely lead to a decrease in the use of police resources, which can be used for other purposes, such as fighting crime.

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By JAKE JENSEN
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Fragrant harbor’ music & other premières

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Safe haven turns into nightmare

By NIKI ENGSTROM

WASHINGTON — Earth seems to have its first fuzzy new planet outside our Solar System, imaging experts said yesterday.

The planet discovered by the Hubble Space Telescope is about 200 billion miles away from Earth, but it may have Earth-like features. The research from both teams confirms the presence of planets around other stars, which is important for understanding the nature of our Solar System.

The planets are identified as "harvest" planets, which are less than 10% of the mass of Jupiter and have a radius of less than 1% of the radius of Jupiter. The research indicates that these harvest planets are common around red giants, and they could be important for understanding the fate of our own solar system.

This discovery is significant because it challenges the prevailing notion that our solar system is unique and that the only habitable planets are close to their parent stars.

The research also suggests that there may be a significant number of harvest planets in our own galaxy, and that these planets could be a source of habitable environments for future explorations.

This finding is important for understanding the potential for life on other planets, and it provides new insights into the formation and evolution of our own solar system.

The research was conducted by a team of astronomers led by Ed Weiler, NASA's space sciences chief, and it was published in a scientific journal.

The research has implications for the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, and it could help to guide future space missions to nearby planets. The research also highlights the potential for new discoveries in the field of exoplanet science.

The research is funded by NASA's Exoplanet Exploration Program and the National Science Foundation.

The research is ongoing, and the team is working to refine the results and to publish additional findings.

This is a significant step in our understanding of the universe, and it provides new hope for the discovery of habitable planets in the future.
Learning to value the ball

The Iowa basketball program's coaching change full circle on the opening weekend of the 2008 season.

By CHARLIE KAUFZ

Iowa senior forward Nicole VanderPol struggles to maintain possession.

By MIKE BROWNLEE

The Iowa basketball team announced the signing of four recruits Thursday, Jan. 10, in its fall recruiting class.

The new starters, Coty Clark, Amanda Mortensen, Bethany Doolittle and Nicole VanderPol, bring the Hawkeyes' roster to 12 for this season.

By LUCIANO SANCHEZ

The Iowa men's cross-country team will head to the NCAA Championships in Stillwater, Okla., for the 2008 NCAA Midwest Regional meet.

By ZACH SMITH

Iowa is getting ready to roll into its final meet, facing a tough team in the NCAA Midwest Regional meet.

By MIKE BRUNO

The Iowa women's basketball team begins the 2008-09 season with a tilt against Charleston Southern.

At the beginning of the season, Iowa's men's cross-country coach Larry Wieczorek said his team had a strong core of experienced, season-tested runners. He also had a handful of young runners who were eager to make a name for themselves on the NCAA circuit.

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Sports

Runners hope to improve

The Iowa women's cross-country team hopes to lock up a national spot while competing in the NCAA Midwest Regional in Stillwater, Okla.

By MATT LEITZEN

The Iowa women's cross-country team will head to Stillwater, Okla., this weekend, where they are expected to perform well. The Hawkeyes have surprised many this season, making it to the NCAA National Field Meet, and they will have several targets to aim for.

"We learned that with the team we are competing against, if we do not get to the meet, it is not going to be a good result," said coach Layne Anderson. "Coach Anderson has made it clear from now forward that if we want to get to nationals, we are going to have to compete. We can't just go there and win.

"March 15 is also a day where a team in the Big Ten championship can have a bye in the first round of the NCAA championship. We are hoping to get a bye there, but we are also looking to compete with.

"Our primary goal is to get back on track and run a race that is comparable to the Auburn meet as far as our team performance," he said. "And maybe a little bit closer to our Big Ten performance."
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Midwest for two next weekend

Iowa looks for a win over Penn State to

Iowa forward Wendy Ausdemor
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aging 11.6 per game last season.
Iowa returns eight letterwin-
ers. "I'm pleased with the approach
we've taken this season," Bluder said.
"If we could edge by a Tulsa
point, I'd be happy," said Bluder.

JoAnn Hamlin returned against
Mississippi Valley State to lead Iowa
in scoring.
Lee runs away with Cy Young

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

NEW YORK — Cliff Lee went from the league’s worst pitcher to NL Cy Young Award winner in a fantastic year. Now, he’s eager to improve his performance.

Lee took the American League Cy Young Award in a runaway Thursday, capping a dominating second half that made him the second-consecutive Cleveland Indians lefty to own the coveted prize.

"It feels a lot better than it felt in ’07, said Lee on a conference call with Cleveland reporters. "I want to win this Cy Young award so badly."

Lee compiled a 6.67 ERA through his first seven starts, and a 4.62 ERA when he started for the Indians in their first 23 games at the new Yankee Stadium at the end of April.

"I kind of knew that it was going to be a special year, I really felt that way from the beginning, said Lee. "I knew that I had to keep my mind focused and just keep doing my work, not cut any corners.

Pitching for an inconsistent Indians team earlier this year — 3-8, 1.81, Lee was a mark of superiority, with 94.9 mph of high-speed stuff as well as his smooth slider, breaking ball, and curveball, with 244 innings in 31 starts and sud- denly went from No. 5 starter to ace of the staff.

"I made a conscious effort to go out there and be a little bit more aggressive and using my curveball a lot more, said Lee. "I definitely made a benefit to watch it in those first few starts."

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CLEVELAND Indians starter pitcher Cliff Lee walks as he smiles through his seventh-inning stretch after being honored with the American League Cy Young Award Thursday.

Trudging through a disappoint- ing season and cognizant of budget constraints, the super-deprecated Indians traded longtime Cleveland ace Sabathia to Milwaukee on July 31 to expect a huge contract this off-season after fil- ling his arbitration case.

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Lee was in training spring training and was traded to the Brewers last season, then was left off Cleveland’s opening-day roster.

"I was kind of pushed to the side," Lee said. "That was a little bit of a surprise.

The Indians asked him to go to spring training to work on his hitting, and Lee said his chat buddy told him: "Hey, you look like you’ve hit yourself, he won a spot in the rotation during spring training and was the top starter that opened the season.

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— by Matt Lettke

Sports

Freeman honored

White Sox sign pitcher Jake Lake Freeman, who was named Big Ten Over of the Week on Thursday for his performances last weekend. The former Minnesota on Nov. 7. Freeman won 29 games and earned a berth in the Big Ten tournament, finishing with a 2.89 ERA in 110 and 250.9 innings. His performance excelled NICU standards and was a collegiate best for Freeman.

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Mark Twain
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It's proof that Iowa should be unbeatable and in the Big Ten's driver seat. Running the field appropriate for the first time all season. Cold, very cold. Oh, and it was pretty nasty, too. No shocked the football world.

3. First thought coming in mind regarding Pardue ...


4. Which Iowa senior will you miss the most?


5. Predict the Iowa-Purdue score.


6. Upset special this week ...

Iowa State receiver the Spread. That means Iowa by 21-27.

7. Who is your pick right now to win the Heisman?


8. What boost game do you see Iowa playing this ...

Outback. Raw, I'm hungry. Champs Sports Bowl. Dahlberg Bowl. If Iowa goes unbeatable these next two games, let's go Dahlberg.

WHICH SENIOR WILL BE MISSED MORE?

MITCH KING — BY BRANDON HURLEY

Being named first-team All-Big Ten selec-
tion by the coaches in 2007 and named to both the Nagroski and Lott Trophy Watch Lists in the preseason, King has the accolades to back up his superiority, not only by filling up the stat sheet led by also being the emotional leader of the defense.

Every game before the Hawkeyes ran out onto the field, King is always in the front of the swarm, with his long, shaggy blond hair hanging out onto his shoulder pads, waving his arms into the air trying to get the fans to cheer. Fans always love a player who knows how to please the crowd. It flows up just as much as King's.

King has been the centerpiece of the defensive line for the past three years, and he will be sorely missed.

A pair of Iowa boys. Four-year starters who've been chipping up the middle and terrorizing offenses since they were fresh-
en, team leaders.

Defending who will be missed more between Matt Kroul and Mitch King is like making the argument between your left or right foot. Both will be missed dearly. But being said, let me make the argu-
ment for the left foot.

Matt Kroul has been a model of consistenc-
y for the Hawkeye program. His total tack-
les per season read like this: 40, 39, 34, and with (possibly) three games to go, he has 49 this season. While he may not surpass 34, he should be in the high 30s or low 40s by cur-
rent's end. Even if the Mount Vernon co-
center isn't the first person to hit a ball-carrier, he's never far far
wind, collecting 147 assisted tack-
es and counting. In the biggest game of the season, last week against Pots State, Kroul was a part of five tackles – three more than King – and also assisted on a tackle for loss.

When the Hawkeyes face Purdue on Saturday, Kroul will start his 40th
straight game for Iowa, tying a school record set by former offensive lineman Bruce Nelson. The 47 games he already has started is the longest such streak currently in the Big Ten.

Kroul has never gotten as much atten-
tion as King. The latter carries himself like a rock star on the field: emotional, ir-
resistible. He even has the requisite long hair.

Like George Harrison, Kroul is the "Quiet One." He gets the job done each game and keeps an even keel.

With both graduating, Iowa will be in need of new defensive tackles for the first time since 2005.

It'll be Kroul, not King, whom Hawkeye coaches and faithful alike will miss the most next season.

Which Iowa senior will you miss the most next season?
For 16, last hurrah in Kinnick

As Senior Day nears, 16 Hawkeye veterans prepare to say goodbye before their last game in Kinnick Stadium.

By RYAN YOUNG

As a kid living in Iowa City, senior tight end Michael Sabers grew up minutes away from his future alma mater.

With Kinnick Stadium practically in his backyard, he saw how the football-crazed college town idolized the Hawkeyes, bearing witness to several Senior Days.

Now, he’ll be a part of one.

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Every week, the DJ will take you 'In the Hawk Eyes,' where fans can learn more about Iowa’s upcoming opponent. This week, the Hawkeyes face the Purdue Boilermakers.

In the Hawk Eyes

Notable Purdue alumni currently in the NFL:

Drew Brees, New Orleans Saints quarterback
Kyle Orton, Chicago Bears quarterback
Akin Ayodele, Miami Dolphins linebacker
CIEF Afeak, Detroit Lions defensive end
Ray Edwards, Minnesota Vikings defensive end
Nick Fairley, San Diego Chargers defensive tackle
Dustin Baker, New York Jets tight end
Matt Light, New England Patriots offensive tackle
Chris Owusu, Arizona Cardinals defensive back
Shawn Phillips, San Diego Chargers linebacker
Brendan Pollard, Kansas City Chief safety
Anthony Spencer, Dallas Cowboys linebacker

Other famous Purdue alumni:

Mike Alstott, former Tampa Bay Buccaneers fullback
Lew Dunn, Hall of Fame Kansas City Chief quarterback
Bob Gross, Hall of Fame Minnesota Vikings quarterback
Bob Woodson, former Pro Bowl NFL cornerback
John Wesley, Hall of Fame UCLA basketball coach
Glenn Robinson, former NBA No. 1 overall draft pick
Ryan Newman, 2009 Daytona 500 winner
Orville Redenbacher, popcorn pioneer
Neil Armstrong, first U.S. astronaut to walk on the Moon

Purdue’s Greg Oden is downed by Iowa safety Druce Greenwood after catching a 16-yard pass during the first quarter at Ross-Ade Stadium on Oct. 20, 2007. The Boilermakers won that meeting in West Lafayette, 31-6.

In the Hawkeyes

Facts about Purdue University:

Founded 1874
1877 – School colors of Old Gold and Black selected
1893 – School nickname Boilermakers adopted
1895 – School nickname Niblicks adopted
1912 – Fight song “Hail Purdue” is written, copyrighted the following year
1912 – School’s NCAA radio station is the first to be licensed in the state of Indiana
1924 – Ross-Ade Stadium is completed
1946 – During his presidential campaign, John F. Kennedy visited the Purdue campus
1947 – Purdue look 51-0 at the Rose Bowl
The marching band’s Big Band Drum is known as “The Marching Band’s Big Band Drum.”

Facts about West Lafayette, Ind.

Population: 25,779
Located in Tippecanoe County
Nearby cities: Indianapolis, one-hour south
West Lafayette, two hours north
Columbus, one hour south
Indianapolis, two hours north

Nearby colleges:

Purdue University
Butler University
Indiana University
Ball State University
Indiana State University

Head coach Joe Tiller:
2008 marks his last of 12 seasons as Purdue’s head coach
1991: 4-6-2 (Big Ten), 15-12-1 (all)
1992: 7-5 (Big Ten), 17-5-2 (all)
1993: 9-3 (1-0), 10-7-2 (all)
1994: 9-3 (1-0), 12-7-2 (all)
1995: 11-4 (Big Ten), 17-6-2 (all)
1996: 9-4 (1-0), 14-9-2 (all)
1997: 11-3 (1-0), 16-11-3 (all)
1998: 9-4 (1-0), 16-11-3 (all)
1999: 1-11-4 (Big Ten), 20-25 overall
2000: 3-9 (0-0), 4-13-1 (all)
2001: 5-7 (0-0), 7-21 overall
2002: 6-6 (0-0), 12-16 overall
2003: 7-5 (0-0), 13-17 overall
2004: 9-3 (0-0), 15-23 overall
2005: 6-6 (0-0), 11-18 overall
2006: 6-6 (0-0), 12-18 overall
2007: 7-6 (0-0), 13-19 overall
2008: 6-6 (0-0), 12-19 overall
2009: 6-6 (0-0), 12-19 overall

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‘Sweet’ 16 to bid Kinnick adieu

Iowa tight end and Michigan State football player

Iowa seniors who will be honored Saturday

HERCULES Free Road Hazard...
Dreams of bowling for Hawkeyes

By BRENDAN STILES

In last year’s season finale, Iowa’s Senior Day was spoiled by Western Michigan, which came into Kinnick Stadium and upset the Hawkeyes, 28-25. Even though Iowa was bowl-eligible at 6-6, it became clear rather quickly that the Hawkeyes were not going to play in a bowl game. By becoming bowl-eligible, the Hawkeyes earned an extra two weeks of practice.

“Your definitely don’t want to be with [strength and conditioning] coach [Chris] Doyle during the month of December, you definitely don’t want to be there right before practices.”

Fast forward to this week, and a near-steady situation lies ahead. Iowa becomes bowl-eligible after the 24-23 shocker over previously unbeaten Penn State. Two games remain, at 6-6 and with a victory over the Nittany Lions, any supposed "pressure" placed on the Hawkeyes may have been removed, and Iowa looks to be a lock for a bowl game this year regardless of how the final two games play out.

But as expected, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz doesn’t want to take any chances.

“We have six wins,” he said on Tuesday during his weekly press conference. “We have six wins, and we’re not sitting around the fridge for Christmas and churro and all that stuff montoring music playing. So I’m not a big fan of egging.

“I’m hoping that we can do a little better. We are going to have to earn it. It’s going to be tough.”

As with Western Michigan a season ago, this year’s Senior Day opponent, Purdue, also comes to Iowa City with a lesser than stellar 3-7 record.

Considering that the Hawkeyes blew the Hawkeyes out of West Lafayette, 33-6 last season, no Hawkeyes is taking them lightly.

“We know from last year that just winning six doesn’t cut it, especially when the rest of your conference is playing really well,” senior offensive lineman Seth Okurow said.

With wins in their final two games against Purdue and Minnesota, the Hawkeyes would finish 5-3 in the Big Ten, and with an 8-4 record this year, a trip to Tampa for the 2009 Outback Bowl would most likely be in eight, given how the Big Ten is shaking out.

In fact, if the Hawkeyes win out and both Penn State and Ohio State qualify for January BCS games, this would probably be the end result, should the Capital One Bowl follow its tradition of taking the next-best team in the conference standings and select Michigan State, which already has nine wins this season and beat Iowa.

“We want to finish strong with those last two games, and that’s something we didn’t do last year,” Kerdi said.

If Iowa loses to either the Buckeyes or Golden Gophers (or both), 7-5 or 6-6 could still get it, so long as the Hawkeyes win their final two games.

The scenario for the Hawkeyes winning the Big Ten:

1. Iowa wins their final two games.
2. Ohio State defeats Michigan State.

Of course, the Hawkeyes would have to win both games...
Closing the deal when it's close

By ALEX JOHNSON

In beating Penn State, the Hawkeyes ended a nine-game skid in close matches.

They weren’t expected to win (at least not by savvy media types). They weren’t even supposed to be within a touchdown — that nine previous games decided by three points or less resulted in a loss for Iowa was supposed to be irrelevant.

No, the Hawkeyes barely won. It took an interception at the Hawkeyes’ 10-yard line by Tyler Sash to give Iowa the ball with enough time. It took 56-yard field goal by the Penn State offense in the second half to keep the game close. It took seven catches by a receiver relegat-
ed to the second string starter in the week to pick up first downs and score.

And it took a 10-yard hike by a second-string fullback to keep the lead. There was no time for the Hawkeyes to go out in the fourth quarter, either. There was plenty of time for them to hit the game winning kick. There was plenty of time for the Hawkeyes to win.

“Winning a game definitely helps with your confidence as an individual, and as a team, and more importantly for us defense, we know we can go out there, and we can drive the ball on the good teams, and we can do that against anybody.”

— Kirk Ferentz, head coach

Eddle said “It was good to get one, but we got to be able to keep doing that if we’re going to be successful.”

Many of Sash to Darrell Johnson-Kojo was a good place to celebrate. After totaling five catches in the last three games, Johnson-Kojo caught seven balls for 89 yards, a touchdown, and four big first-down grabs on third-down plays.

“The question was asked last week about our other receivers outside of Andy Brodell,” Ferentz said. “This week it went last night, it’s funny to predict where the ball is going to end up. And Saturday, it went his direction more than once, and frequently, and he made some real nice plays and played a real good game.”

“There’s another young player who we think is making progress on a consis-
tent basis, and you know those experiences are all valuable, and hopefully, we are building toward something really good.”

— Kirk Johnson-Kojo and the rest of the Hawkeye continue to make big plays late in the game. Sash may be leading more even more game-winning scoring drives in the future. The last four fourth-quarter scoring drives in the last two games:

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Even if it takes the Hawkeyes have another.
When the defense sees red

 Ranked 24th nationally and second in the Big Ten, Iowa’s red-zone defense preserved the Hawkeyes’ upset over Penn State; it has been a strong point all season.

Penn State players got set for an offensive play in the second quarter against the Hawkeyes on Nov. 6 in Kinnick Stadium. The Iowa defense played a huge role in the Hawkeyes’ win, holding the Nittany Lions in field goals on four of their first-half scoring drives.

By CHARLIE KAUFZ
the Daily Iowan

Call it the red zone. Call it the most important 20 yards in college football.

For an Iowa defense that senior linebacker Chana Jeanty described as the “firemen,” the last fifth of the field might as well be the blue zone — synonymous with the vibrant colors burning hottest at the heart of Iowa.

All nickname aside, Iowa’s stingy red-zone defense was arguably the most overlooked aspect of the Hawkeyes’ stunning upset over No. 1 Penn State last weekend. And while it was hardly the magnitude of the team’s upset goal-line stand against Northwestern in 2006, it was in the amount of Iowa’s latest Saturday night celebration was the most important defensive stand of the game, from punt to the end zone, and a 14-yard touchdown by junior tailback Shaun Green.

Iowa’s momentum reached an early climax in the opening quarter against the Nittany Lions.

Undoubtedly national championship contenders don’t stay down for long, however. On Penn State’s second drive, quarterback Daryll Clark marched his offense 13 plays downfield to a Hawkeyes’ field goal.

After back-to-back rushes left the Nittany Lions facing third and goal from the 5, the Hawkeyes’ defense forced a fourth-down attempt. The Lions’ quarterback, Daryll Clark, was refused a touchdown, and Iowa kept the ball.

The Lions’ first score ended up the only one they'd get for the rest of the night.

The defense preserved the upset over Penn State; it has been a strong point all season.

"Once they get inside the 20-yard line, there’s nothing more you can do than just try to keep them out of the end zone," junior linebacker A.J. Edgie said.

"You just kind of get to have a short memory, and you know that just get to be able to fight, win the next play, and keep the result an opportunity for us as we can, whether it’s a field goal or a turnover."

"Anything besides a touchdown, basically, is kind of a victory at that point."

With a pair of special-teams scores, Purdue and Minnesota left on the schedule, 100th-year head coach Kirk Ferentz hopes the Hawkeyes can maintain the dominant defense in the closing weeks.

"If we can keep learning in that direction, that would be a great deal," he said.
‘The Kick’ that skinned the Cats

Iowa sophomore kicker Daniel Murray kicks the winning field goal for the Hawkeyes with one second left in the game against Penn State on Nov. 8 in Kinnick. Murray’s 39-yard field goal capped a 24-23 Iowa victory over the Nittany Lions.

By ALEX JOHNSON

Daniel Murray is from Iowa City, went to Regina High School and turned down Kent State’s offer of full ride scholar- ship to make the Heisman Watch list.

Kirk Ferentz thanked Murray by giving him the chance to win Penn State with a 33-yard field-goal attempt on Nov. 8. The Daily Iowan asked him about that kick and what his life has been like since making the game-winning field goal.

DI: How did you feel about him going for the win?
Murray: Yeah, and so did I. Even from the way things had been all season, I was kind of surprised that I was chosen. I mean, if you had asked me a minute left in the game, I probably would’ve told you he was going out there. It’s nice of him to congratulate me and everything.

DI: How was that final time in and did you go to Circle to do the celebratory dance?
Murray: Yes, I think the wind, was at the
beginning of the game. I kind of walked out of the tunnel for warm-ups and I thought, ‘Well, this will be an interesting game, deal with the wind.’ Going into the wind, I think, was more of a game than going with it. I think going against it, you kind of try to kick it and play a little bit, but if you didn’t hit it exactly true, the wind kind of took it wherever it wanted to go. Going with the wind, you kind of would still hit it about right, and the wind wouldn’t affect it that much, so I think it probably made it a little easier that I was going with the wind instead of going against it.

DI: How did you feel for you and for the team to finally get a win like that?
Murray: I think it felt pretty good. People have asked me, ‘What if you missed?’ I think I would be the same person and everything. I think it’s pretty nice to actually help the team. We’ve been so close that I think just me, I kicked the one field goal — the team in general — to finally get over the top and perform down in the fourth quarter and actually pull a game out is pretty exciting.

DI: Do more people recognize you?
Murray: I don’t know. I think more people in the engineering building know of me now because I’m pretty much there most of the time that I’m there. I think I’ve gotten a little more people who have talked to me than I haven’t talked to before.

DI: Why do you take the kick away from everybody before you make the kick?
Murray: I just kind of wanted to take it to myself. I mean, I knew I could do it from the start. I’d done it in practice and everything, it was just a matter of actually performing it live. So I think I just kind of wanted to stay away from everyone. I mean, everyone wants to encourage you, but I think I just needed the time by myself to concentrate on what I needed to do and not worry about just everyone else’s comments or anything, just kind of take the time to myself, and focus, and gather myself.

DI: Were you glad Penn State took that time-out?
Murray: Yeah, I think I was pretty glad, because I was kind of expecting it, and so if they hadn’t done it, it might’ve been thrown me for a little different thing. They called it pretty early. I thought they were going to call it later than they did, but I don’t think they would’ve. They hadn’t called the time-out, but I think it might’ve benefited me a little just to gather my thoughts.

DI: What did Ryan Ferentz say to you before the kick?
Murray: We took one practice swing in the net with him, and then I told him, ‘Let’s go,’ and he looked at me and said, ‘Let’s do it!’ And we walked out there, and then they called the time-out, and I went off by myself, and they just kind of let me alone. Then, I think, right before the kick, is when he said what he said. It was just right when I was taking my steps off. Just kind of smiled.
Ohio State at Illinois

11 a.m., ESPNU

While it is only a week ago last year that the Fighting Illini went into Columbus and shocked the No. 1 Ohio State, Illini fans are likely more excited about the start of basketball season than the Buckeyes on the schedule Saturday. Just 3-10 against ranked opponents during head coach Rick Neuheisel's tenure in Champagne, the Illini are relying from last weekend's surprising loss to Western Michigan. At 1-7 overall, it will take a miracle effort for Zinck's bunch to become eligible for a bowl with Ohio State and a trip to Northwestern to finish the season.

Meanwhile, the Buckeyes disposed of hopeless Northwestern, 45-7, last weekend and kept a possible Big Ten bid in sight by moving to No. 3. On the latest rankings, Ohio State's chances would only further improve with a win Saturday, and a Minnesota State loss to Penn State in the season finale would move the Buckeyes finishing second place in the conference.

Purdue at Iowa

11 a.m., Big Ten Network

What about an encore? The Hawkeyes showdowned the college football world and beat for the BCS standings with last weekend's upset upset over Penn State, a victory that earned the respect of Vegas oddsmakers on Monday. Iowa has been labeled bowl-bound laurel over a tough Purdue team in head coach Joe Tiller's final season, this one after the Hawkeyes beat the Boilermakers, 30-28, in a classic Orange Bowl.

Shore Corners' 15-0 record in bowl games was awarded the Iowa basketball such much-deserved recognition this week, and he'll try to make it 11 Saturday. At 1-7 overall, Purdue ranks second to last in the Big Ten in rushing defense (2.8 yards per game average to 1.7 for the Hawkeyes). Purdue's high-water mark in rushing defense came against Wisconsin at 1.2 yards per game average.

Northwestern at Michigan

11 a.m., ESPNU

We lose. We lose. We lose. That's been the trend for Northwestern football the last six weeks; head coach Pat Fitzgerald's Wildcats can't seem to put together solid performances back to back. Coming off a shocking 70-3 victory over Minnesota, that's also been the scene for Michigan and first-year coach Rich Rodriguez, whose historically bad season sill left one high point last weekend. Northwestern quarterback Nick Sherbrook looks to build on a stellar performance in just his second career start: he finished 15 of 23 for 233 yards and a touchdown in the win over the Gophers.

Indiana at Penn State

11 a.m., MSN TREN TION

Despite a stunning road loss to Iowa last weekend in Kinnick Stadium, head coach Joe Paterno and the Nittany Lions still control their BCS destiny with home dates against Indiana and first-place Michigan State to close the season. At 9-3 in conference, back-to-back home wins would ensure Penn State a regular-season Big Ten title and a January top-25 ranking. Coming off a 55-3 home loss to Michigan, it doesn't appear the Hoosiers will be much of a match for Paterno's powerhouse — the Nittany Lions rank ninth nationally in scoring offense.

Minnesota at Wisconsin

2:30 p.m., ABC

So maybe this season hasn't gone as initially planned for head coach Bertile Bumb and the Wisconsin Badgers — Bumby Sports. No. 13. The team is now riding a four-game losing streak and will look to end that trend Saturday at Camp Randall. The Badgers have lost three of four and are in danger of missing a chance at the Big Ten title.

Krnol's consistency highlights Senior Day

When Hawkeye defensive tackle Mitch King has the flashiest hit and the defensive tackle on the field, the senior counterpart, Matt Kroul, stands as the model of consistency for the Iowa program.

With 112 tackles over the course of his Hawkeye career, King has consistently been one of the most productive defensive ends for the Hawkeyes. Kroul, on the other hand, has been overshadowed by his partner in crime. But the senior defensive tackle has been a constant force all season long, and he’s made his presence felt.

Kroul's consistency has been instrumental in the Hawkeyes' success this season. With 30 tackles, he ranks fifth-best nationally and fifth-best in the Big Ten. With 2.7 tackles for loss and three sacks, Kroul has been a key cog in the Hawkeyes' defensive line.

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