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T-PAIN AT UI

T-Pain performed at the fourth annual Hawkapalooza Thursday. The pep rally and concert takes place before the first home football game of every season and includes such events as the Ultimate Tailgate and a rally with various Hawkeye athletes.

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The face of the police

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After starting his current job as public relations crime-prevention officer for the Iowa City police three years ago, Joey Bailey, aged 33, hoped to accomplish his goal of changing the public’s perception of police officers.

“I want to address perceptions of the uniform, of the squad car,” he said. “The perception of (officers) just being out to enforce the law or arrest people and kind of work against that and put a smile on the face with the uniform to make interactions for patrol officers out on the arrest a little easier and try to build relationships within the community.”

Bailey, who has been with Iowa City police for almost 12 years, started his current job roughly three years ago as a “response to issues of youth violence and crime specifically on the Southeast Side of Iowa City,” he said. As part of his job, he said, is the ability to work as closely with the community.

“I got the opportunity to work on that side of law enforcement — to work from family life,” he said. “It’s a patient and kind of work against that, but it’s important.”

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“I think he’s a positive officer,” said Pat Cotter, a patrol officer. “He’s a very positive officer, and I’ve worked with him, and I don’t know if you can find a better person to do the job he’s assigned to do.”

Another rewarding part of his job, Bailey said, is looking back on a day and saying, “We did well.”

“I think any time you have the opportunity to respond to medical calls or you have the opportunity to help somebody, that’s the reward in this job,” he said. “Looking back on the end of the day and seeing that you’ve helped somebody with a problem, that’s what the job is about and what the rewards of the uniform, of the squad car.”

“Right now, I’m building (my family’s) second home,” Bailey said. “I’d love to have someone to help with some of the work.”

“I think the most important thing is to be a good father,” he said. “I don’t know if you can find a better person to do this job, that’s what the job is about.”

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Liz Purchia, the press secretary for the Romney campaign in Iowa, said the 40 Democratic offices across the state are also increasing in volunteer numbers, although she could not give any figures. She said the volume of volunteer hours for the Republican office in Johnson County is higher.

“We’re in the final sprint right now,” Purchia said. “Early voting begins on Sept. 21, and that’s where our focus is.”

Purchia added that the campaign strategy in Iowa City focuses on meeting with people and talking, and utilizing social media.

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On the other hand, the Obama campaign began more active in the state since they scored a victory in the Iowa caucuses last February. The Obama campaign in Iowa is focusing on making calls, meeting with constituents and talking about the promise of a better America,” he said.

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Running in the family

Brother and sister runners Kelsey and Michael Hart compete in Hawkeye uniforms for the first time together as the 2012 season gets underway.
**FIELD HOCKEY**

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As a freshman, she saw some success playing in 2011. Bedell's first year started strong. She had 149 kills and 71 blocks during her freshman year. Her second year showed how versatile she can be as a player. From her second season, however, Bedell had to sit out the playing time she helped. "Last year was my ideal year," Bedell said. "Near the end of [this] season, I was pulled out and [had] to face the music. So this year, if you're going to hit every ball out, everybody's going to notice you. If you're going to hit every ball, out while you're doing it."  

**VOLLEYBALL**

**CONTINUED FROM 10A**

Even though Iowa head coach Sharon Dingman has been through as much and competitive emotions vary, she still enjoys watching her on the court when these emotions do take over.

"She has shown the ability to raise her level of play and still maintain. He's not the first mom to do so. He placed 13th at the NCAA meet in May.  

The 2011-12 season, in which the Iowa squad who started the season at the Spring Hill Golf Club on Sept. 9 at the Spring Hill Golf Club, proved also. The Plano, Texas, native is always vocal on the court and consistently tries to keep her teammates involved.

"When we're flashes down, I'm going to try to go around to people," Bedell said. "It's easiest to start talking when other people are kind of quiet."  

Today at the Iowa State University, Bedell will have to stay with her teammates and keep her emotions positive. The Hawkeye's third tournament is going to be their most important of the season, as the conference season, in large part, will help determine who goes at No. 18 Iowa State. Bedell, however, isn't worried about Bedell, and she knows at any given moment she can light it up on the court. "Rachael is strong mentally," Dingman said. "What I've been impressed by is her ability to hit, and when she's not playing well, she still looks like she's hitting. I love her ability to raise her level of play, plus, that raise your game. That is what Hawkeye fans enjoy watching her raise her level of play."  

"I don't think she has to change a lot," Bedell said. "I think she's on her way to being all conference."
Some may take solace in that the Iowa defense surrendered only 55 passing yards last week against Northern Illinois. But the Hawkeyes also allowed 119 rushing yards to Huskie quarterback Jordan Lynch, who exploited a defensive breakdown for a 73-yard touchdown run. Jantz accounted for 321 yards and two touchdowns against Iowa last year. With another year under his belt, the senior’s play should only improve. “He’s a good quarterback,” senior cornerback Micah Hyde said. “He’s a dangerous player. If he gets out of the pocket, he can make a lot of good plays for his team. Hopefully, we can contain him and get some pressure on him to force him into some uncomfortable situations.”

Pressuring the Iowa State quarterback might just be the key. Head coach Kirk Ferentz called Jantz’s performance against Iowa last season might have been “his highlight reel.” Ferentz said the Hawkeyes would need to keep Jantz from being “his highlight reel.” Ferentz said the Hawkeyes would need to keep Jantz from being his highlight reel. They need to be better in that area.

"Some of my teammates still blame me for that, but I think it’s one of the things that made me a better person. I grew a lot from doing that," Castillo said. "It’s a memory I’ll never forget. It made me a lot stronger than I was before." 

"I remember I let up two touchdowns," Castillo said. "I remember I missed an interception, I remember I gave up a touchdown, I remember I let up six points right before halftime, I let up a touchdown late in the game. I’m not going to say I’m not perfect, I’m not going to say I’m not human. I’m not going to say I’m not going to make mistakes. But I’m not going to make the same mistakes twice. I’m going to learn from it and move on."

Iowa has been playing well under Rainey. He has won four of his last five games, including a 1-0 upset victory over Seton Hall on Sept. 3. Rainey noted that parts of the schedule have been challenging, but the Hawkeyes have responded with strong performances. "After we lost to Indiana, we knew we had to win our next game. We knew we had to win our game against Penn State. We knew we had to win our game against Ohio State." 

"I think we’re going to have a real good chance to get the job done," Rainey said. "I think we’re going to have a real good chance to get the job done." He added that he was more worried about having his team prepared for the stiff challenges ahead than any personal records or statistics he may achieve. "We have a stretch of three games in six days coming up, and that’s something we have to be ready for," he said. "I really don’t keep track of things like (number of wins)."

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