A MOLECULE Moment

By Zhi Xiong

Chemistry came easily for Martin Mwangi. He didn’t put too much thought into it, and he was surprised when he was named “best student” in the subject at his high school in Kenya.

Ten years later, he came to the University of Iowa for a Ph.D. project that would change his career. Earlier this month, he and a team of UI scientists presented the findings at the 255th American Chemistry Society National Meeting in New Orleans.

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Chemistry graduate student Martin Mwangi demonstrates the catalyst-separating polymer tube that he and a colleague created. Mwangi had researched this in a public university in Africa before coming to the UI to get a PhD.

Thirteen students and faculty members have benefitted from using this funding for abortion or abortion services.

But even if some of the $570,000 was awarded to Planned Parenthood, the organization would still be prevented from using the funding for abortion counseling and support services, while pro-Choice lawmakers received a mixed bag in the Senate version of the fiscal 2009 Health Care and Human Services budget passed Thursday.

The bill would give $200 million in grant money to counseling and support services, while pro-life groups could not use such family-planning services as Planned Parenthood.

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The Inadvertent Gardener
By Kelsey Beltramea
• Age: 34
• Born in Washington, D.C.
• Once paid $18 for six heirloom tomato seeds.
• Started gardening, overcoming her "black-thumb heritage" in April 2007.
• Has written two gardening books.
• Has won awards for her gardening columns.

The Atlantic 10 recently became the third, according to the Conference. Kate Kowalcyzk helped the program improve by coming to Rome for the third year in a row, but the coach said she was happy.

The program uses a variety of strategies to get its students on track and to keep them active and involved in school. St기가 do not know how to maintain their emotions and avoid problems with violent women on this campus, and the program has been successful in addressing the problem of violence against women in this culture. The program has been successful in addressing the problem of violence against women in this culture.

The Englert was open to college campuses is just a moment to bring people together and create a community. It must also reverberate in the way communities can flourish in this environment, Supervisor Sally Carpenter said.

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Child porn allegedly found on computer

Controlling his own rhythm for learning, he works best, he said, when few to figure out the problem on his own with some stimulation from his adviser.

"Let me quote," he said, "if the idea doesn’t work, I’ll fight it until it works out." After a month of grueling final exams, he was one of only 8,000 students in Kenya accepted to a national public university. "I was used to exams, but I realized what chemistry really is, and I think that for the rest of my life I’ll study it," Mwangi said, who worked on his first research project, studying antimicrobial drugs, as an undergraduate.

But doing research in Africa had its limits, he said. "It could take several excruciating months to gather all the materials he needed. He felt frustrated — sometimes going on long runs at 3 am to relieve stress.

"Once you’re in a country where the opportunities are limited, you move on," he said. After finishing his master’s in chemistry at Kageraa University, he went to Simon Fraser University in British Columbia. Then he transferred to the US to finish his Ph.D. work.

Mwangi tackled the problem.

He also helped the undergraduates working next to him in the lab, letting them experiment with minimal hovering on his part so they could try and solve their problem-solving skills.

"Solving is very convoluted and experimental. He said he can relax more now that his dissertation is wrapping up, but he is still wary of potential late at night. The only day of rest, he said, is Sunday, when he goes to church.

Mwangi credited his Chemistry faith for helping him with his transition to a different country, putting him "at the right place at the right time.

He will graduate before the end of the year, possibly moving on to industry or academia.

"As long as I’m doing intense work in chemistry, I don’t care," he said. "Enjoying work every day knowing the day is different.

"It’s not out of the question — everyone who has ever gotten child porn — for people to acquire it unknowingly if their computer somehow had been taken over by hackers.

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**Bill draws GOP fire**

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Jerry Fleagle, Iowa Grocery Industry Association president, said the increase likely won't have a significant effect on the association’s 1,100 members, of which 575 are grocery stores.

"Over the last several years, food-stamp use has gone up because [the agency has] made a concerted effort to advertise and make people aware" of the program, he said.

Another factor behind the increase in the program's popularity is the economy, said Jim Weill, the president of the Food Research and Action Center.

"A bad economy draws more people to the program, it makes more people eligible, it makes eligible people more desperate to get help," he said.

Increasing food costs have also driven more people to apply for the program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service.

"At the same time that the economy is getting worse in terms of employment and wages, that food prices are rising particularly fast, and even faster for some staples, is contributing to a rapid increase in the number of people who participate," he said.

At the Johnson County Crisis Center's Food Bank, program director Dayna Ballantyne said the center's clients have suffered from rising food costs.

"We encourage our clients to sign up for food stamps if they're eligible because the food we provide is supplemental," she said.

"Iowa grocery stores have done their part in supporting the program. The grocery industry has done a tremendous job in making the system work by utilizing the program the way it's set up," he said, noting the support of the transition from paper food stamps to electronic benefit cards several years ago.

"Food-stamp recipients can go to any lane in any grocery store, and they don't have to be looked down upon by anybody else — they're just using the cards," he said. "If I am on the food-stamp program, I now don't have to use paper food stamps and stick out like a sore thumb."

While estimated growth is just a prediction, the most recent numbers show a jump.

"Participant numbers increased by 1 million from July 2007 to this January. Eligibility and monthly allotments are determined annually in October, based primarily on income," Weill said.

He noted that, while the strength of the program is apparent in its adaptability to increased use, it's not perfect.

"Eligibility is too restricted, but it's a fundamentally sound program to help, at the moment," he said.

"Iowaans are still backing the program, estimated to use more than $36 billion in the upcoming fiscal year. Obviously, people need to eat, and if they need assistance and are eligible for the program, I certainly hope they're on it," Fleagle said.

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As gasoline prices continue to soar, the demand for alternative energy is growing exponentially. As a result, the agriculture industry is undergoing a transition from food crops to biofuel crops. Production of biofuels, such as ethanol made from corn, is set to increase dramatically. However, the economic effects of ethanol production are more complex than many people realize.

President Bush has argued that in the face of rising gasoline prices, the production of ethanol is a responsible choice. In recent remarks, he has emphasized its potential to reduce dependence on foreign oil and its importance for fighting global warming. However, many experts argue that biofuel production is not the only solution to the energy crisis. As a result, the debate over the role of biofuels in the nation’s energy policy continues to evolve.

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If you were one of the many at Tuesday night’s Counting Crows concert, consider the box full of little things you know about the band: the hit singles, the videos, and the lead singer’s penchant for dating female members of the “Friends” cast. But for the UI’s Adam Duritz, it was nothing new. After doffing his dad’s hot backpack, you probably weren’t disposed for the night so far.

With hits such as “Mr. Jones” and “Rounders,” Counting Crows make you think about what the fans’ expectations were — if you’re a fan of the band’s earlier, upbeat, more radio-played songs. “I think the fans have assumed a kind of fuller Letdown, but the more radio-played songs are our pet rock a little on the crazy side. Those reactions appealed to the music,” said UI Community Relations officer Bob DuBose. “We were happy to be on the road, and even gave the crew a few cheeky, rollicking fist bumps, and even gave the crowd a little air guitar, the set focused on more dramatic, emotional songs such as “Goodnight LA” and “Long December.”

In fact, Duritz himself had more emotional songs such as “Goodnight LA,” “Long December,” and “Mr. Jones” on the setlist, which surprised fans who thought the song was a triumphant end to the concert.

After the casual fans trickled out at the end of the concert, fans who had been present for the whole performance of “Mr. Jones” on the second night of the tour, the entire crowd seemed to jump in unison and scream along to Duritz’s crystal-clear whines; it joyfully and sang along to one of the UI School of Music’s fifth-annual Bass Day, a celebration of bass music.

All Stars, just promoted world touring by Sonic Youth’s Lee Ranaldo and Glenn Kotche, the drummer of Wilco. Bush said: "I also just finished a small tour with an artist from Brazil. We would paint on stage while I would improvise on the bass. I would be influenced by how he’s painting and likewise.”

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Thursday night was a guy’s night. But not the watch-the-game, get-some-pizza kind of night.

Instead, internationally recognized sex-violence prevention advocate Jackson Katz addressed all the men with one resonating idea — domestic violence isn’t the women’s problem, it’s the men’s.

“We have to move beyond defensiveness saying, ‘I’m a nice guy; it’s not my problem,’” Katz told the audience. “We have to raise the bar a little higher — just saying, ‘I’m not a rapist’ doesn’t mean you’re a good guy. Just saying, ‘I don’t beat my girlfriend’ doesn’t permit a high-five.”

Katz’s passionate talk was hosted by the Domestic Violence Intervention Program. The event was held in Macbride Auditorium, and almost every seat was filled.

With every point Katz made, his voice resonated with one big idea — men’s egos. He showed pictures of gun sizes that have continued to grow larger in the last 40 years as well as muscle sizes of GI Joe toys for kids.

“We have to pioneer a new way of being a man,” he said. “A man who shows more emotions to their children, he said. He described how children who grew up watching their mothers being abused or were abused themselves gives them no chance of having a normal lifestyle. And Delaney Dixon, director of the Youth and Outreach Intervention Program, feels the same way.

“Children can triumph over every situation, but they need the resources,” she said. “No one deserves to live in fear.”

This idea carried Katz onto addressing issues in the news that to him were clearly about sex issues but not addressed as so. For example, he said, school shootings, in which survivors told stories of the shooters smiling during the attack — that was because of the power they had over their peers that they had been lacking before.

“It’s not about anger, it’s about power and control,” he said. “This power and control dictates why a man rapes, why there are school shootings, why in pornography women are depicted as young girls often in degrading situations, he said.

“Twelve-year-old boys are going to learn from this kind of porn and think that it is OK,” Katz said. “Pornography is their main source of sex education.”

Katz emphasized that the issue was a personal one for men — many have girlfriends, mothers, wives, or daughters who have been sexually assaulted.

“It doesn’t get any more personal than that,” he said.

UI sophomore Kyle Schwarz attended the talk for a community-building task, and he said it was eye-opening.

“It was pretty profound to hear these issues coming from a male I can relate to,” he said.

Katz emphasized how similar violent people are to “normal” people — they’re not psychopaths.

“We all have the capacity for violence, but you know what else we have the capacity for? Nonviolence,” he said.

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Couple gives $5 million athletics projects
In one of the three largest donations in the history of the athletics department, Dale and Marilyn Howard pledged $5 million Thursday to help fund a face-lift for Carver-Hawkeye Arena and football projects.

“Carver-Hawkeye Arena is a gathering place for our 25 years and needs updidi-
ging so that we can be on an even playing field with the rest of the teams in the Big Ten,” said a release.

— by Scott Miller

WRESTLING
Another award for Brands
On the heels of a key win, another award for the Iowa wrestling team.
Thursday, Hawkeye head coach Tom Brands was named as a finalist for the Coach of the Year by The Clarion-Ledger,
It is the second time in its kind for the second-year coach.
— by Scott Miller

The Hawkeyes ride a four-game winning streak into a key home
state with hot-hitting Northwestern.

The Hawkeyes made some mistakes behind them — our pitchers made big
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With one of the largest gaps

Iowa’s Jason Belk delivers a pitch during a game against Purdue on April 6 at Bank Field. The Hawkeyes have a key home

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Hawkeye Athletics

Hawkeyes host Purdue, Illinois,

Iowa's Victoria Bengtson, left, and Jordan Rappis.

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The 53rd-ranked Iowa men’s tennis team (11-8) aims to buckle down against Purdue and Illinois this weekend.

By Bobby Loesch
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At practice on Thursday, junior J.P. Ritchie and assistant coach Steve Nash joked with each other about their laughter on the court when they fall short of a tennis ball.

"It’s just us doing the whole squad focused mode," Nash said.

After all, the Hawkeyes have won 11 of their last 14 meetings on the weekend horizons feature two crucial home meets against conference opponents. When the Hawkeyes face off against Purdue (8-12) and No. 17 Illinois (14-7), they know their situation is a mixture of challenges and opportunity — both for team and individually.

J.P. Ritchie and Bart van Monsopu will play in their final regular-season home meets, though Iowa will host the Big Ten men's tennis tournament April 24-25.

"Playing on Senior Day definitely gives you more motivation to go out, and try to win the best match you can, the whole match," Ritchie said.

"But it’s like playing with the Hawkeyes, you have to hope to be an individual to bid for the NCAA’s."

"Everything on the line this weekend, and it’s going to be fun," he said.

Van Monsopu thinks winning both matches in singles will likely get him in, but that’s not the only thing on his mind.

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Opportunities abound — and all start with Purdue. The Hawkeyes will square off against the Boilermakers first, and while nationally ranked Illinois may be the marquee opponent, Iowa head coach Steve Houghton understands the Purdue meet could be more significant.

"The team met is for us to really focus on Purdue," he said after being asked about Illinois.

While the Illinois-Iowa football game could be described in terms of execution, but never on terms of execution, but never on winning, the Hawkeyes could find themselves at the NCAA Tournament.

"We have to make sure our best is ready to go," Houghton said.

The team practiced outside Tuesday, and the Hawkeyes said the team is 50-50 to play its best in the weather. If the match against Illinois will likely be affected by this weather.

First serve against Purdue is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, with Senior Day kicking off at noon on Sunday.

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Van Monsopu said. "Then, we might have to change at the bottom of the squad and continue to break into the NCAA Division I championships, the team needs a little luck.

"Anytime that we race these rivals," he said.

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