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WHERE AGE DOESN'T CONSUME

BY DANNY VALENTINE • PHOTOS BY KC MCGINNIS

— LINCOLN, NEB.

Good news, students. • University and community members have reduced the binge-drinking rate by about 20 percent, according to the ombudsman's office. • Neighborhoods are safer and quieter; police now receive 800 fewer wild-party calls than they did at their 2005 peak. • There haven't been any recent alcohol-related deaths, and the number of rapes, assaults, drunk-driving incidents, unwanted sexual advances, and the need to "baby-sit" drunk friends have all dropped. • And they've done it all without mandating that bars be 21-only. In fact, city officials say 16 is old enough to enter the local watering holes — including the roughly 115 that fall closer than a mile from campus. • Sounds too good to be true? It's not. • That is, as long as you're in Lincoln, Neb.

Uniquely successful

Lincoln's downtown scene — a two-block stretch along O Street on the edge of the city — is a lot like Iowa City's Pedestrian Mall. Bars with such names as the Main St. Cafe & Bar, O'Rourke's Tavern, and the Watering Hole bank the sidewalk, enticing potential imbibers with cheap drinks.

Duffy's Tavern claims to be "Home to the fish bowl." Igwana's reels in customers with something called "frog sperm," a \$1 test tube filled with a green alcoholic substance. Its contents? The bartender working on April 2 said she didn't even know. And, of course, there's a Brother's Bar & Grill on the corner. Except this one proclaims on a window sign: "Must be 21 to enter" — a self-imposed ordinance (see sidebar).

Such steps to regulate consumption and underage drinking on the part of bar owners and community members alike make up small elements that together have allowed Lincoln to achieve what officials in Iowa City have yet to accomplish: a change in the drinking culture.

Since the 1990s, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and community have gnawed away at risky student drinking more successfully than almost any other university. NU Directions, a community partnership of 30-plus members tasked with combating high-risk drinking, has been the primary driving force.

Since it was founded in 1998, the group never took issue with 21. Instead, officials say they've always targeted dangerous drinking and safety — priorities local officials adopted a year ago with the creation of the Partnership for Alcohol Safety.

Next month, some of those Nebraska officials will meet with the Iowa City Partnership to help figure out how to approach reducing excessive boozing.

But the task might prove more tricky. Recent drinking measures in the home of the University of Iowa have split the community, centering on a divisive bar-entry age ordinance that will likely pass the City Council's third and final vote Tuesday.

Lincoln's decade-plus battle (launched at the same time as the UI's failed anti-drinking program Stepping Up) has



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Crowds gather outside the Brother's bar in Lincoln, Neb., on April 2. Though there is still heavy, sometimes violent activity outside Lincoln bars, underage binge drinking is not the biggest problem, officials said.

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been marked by gradual change built on strong relationships among the university, police, bar owners, and the community.

"The primary reason for the cultural change was the emergence of a communitywide coalition," said Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady, also a cochairman of the coalition. "I think because of that, the political winds started to shift a bit. I was no longer out on a limb with other people holding the saw, so some of the things that needed to be done, we could do."

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ANNIVERSARY

Same-sex marriage still splits state

Looking beyond the gay-marriage anniversary, both sides make strong commitments.

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Gay-rights activists across Iowa are celebrating the one-year anniversary of an Iowa Supreme Court ruling that effectively legalized same-sex marriage.

While they tally each of Iowa's more than 2,000 gay and lesbian unions as wins, they insist same-sex marriage in Iowa is a means to equality rather than an end.

But opponents of gay marriage vow the fight isn't over.

Reversing last year's court ruling would require an amendment to the state Constitution defining gay marriage. Democrats succeeded in blocking bills proposed by Republicans in both houses of the Iowa Legislature that would have restricted civil marriage to unions among straight couples.

Republican leaders in the state say ending gay marriage is less about civil rights and more about ensuring the law reflects the views of Iowans.

SEE MARRIAGE, 3A

UI mulls 'critical mentoring'

University officials are re-examining their handling of student alcohol and drug offenders.

By **JOSEPH BELK**
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University of Iowa students charged with some alcohol-related offenses will soon have to begin meeting with faculty to discuss substance use.

The new program set to launch in the fall, called Critical Mentoring and Support for Students or Critical MASS, will pair students with alcohol violations with a faculty member for periodic meetings.



Grady
dean of students

UI officials are hoping the plan will serve as a means of early intervention and prevent second violations, said David Grady, the UI dean of students.

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Easter services draw locals

Students say they're thankful for a convenient place to attend Easter Mass in Iowa City.

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Long-distance travel kept good friends Sarah McKee and Carlie Naughton from celebrating Easter at home.

The women, both University of Iowa freshmen, said they weren't used to spending the holiday away from their families in Council Bluffs. So the students, who were friends in high school, decided to attend Easter Mass at the Newman Catholic Student Center together, where they regularly attend services.

On Sunday, the chapel at the Newman Center was full of students and Iowa City community members, most clad in spring colors, who sang songs honoring the Christian holiday.

The Newman Singers, a student choir founded and directed by Joe Mattingly, the director of music at the center, sang at Easter services earlier in the weekend. Mattingly said he was pleased the Mass attracted a larger congregation than expected.

Mattingly also noted the importance of Easter and said he was thrilled with the weekend-long celebration.

"Easter is the high point of the Catholic and Christian year," Mattingly said. "Without Easter, there would not be the rest of it."

Twin brothers Phil and Alex Johnson, 20-year-old UI sophomores, had never been to services at the Newman Center.

But the Easter Mass reminded them of the services they attended at home.

Though they didn't get to spend Easter with the rest of their family this year, the brothers agreed their parents would be ecstatic to know they attended Easter Mass together.

Nationwide, millions of Americans participated in plays, looked for Easter eggs, and attended church services.

President Obama and



UI senior Nina Colao touches the holy water in the Newman Catholic Student Center on Sunday. Colao said she enjoys Easter Mass because it is somewhat different from the other Masses, and she usually attends with her family at home.



Attendees walk past wafers and flowers as they prepare to touch the holy water in the Newman Catholic Student Center on Sunday. Pamphlets lay near the water for attendees to pick up before the 4 p.m. Mass.

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his family, the Associated Press said, marked the holiday by attending a service at a historically black Methodist church in southeastern Washington D.C., an area that was rocked by violence just last week.

Both Catholics and Protestants in Jerusalem celebrated with ancient hymns and religious rock bands, reported the Associated Press. In Rome, tens of thousands attended the traditional Mass in St. Peter's Square in the Vatican City.

McKee said while she enjoys a more traditional

Catholic Mass than those held at the Newman Center, she appreciates that the "services are more convenient for the life of a student."

"It was a nice Easter Mass, and I enjoyed the music this week," she said.

Though Mass at the Newman Center usually draws more students than it did on Easter Sunday, Mattingly said he was pleased with the attendance.

"A lot of students are home with their families for Easter, but we had a great turnout this weekend," he said.

Newman Center events

The center hosts several activities throughout the week:

- Men's Group: 7 p.m. today
- Bible Study: 7 p.m. Tuesday
- Evening Prayer: 8 p.m. Tuesday
- Holy Hour: 8 p.m. Wednesday
- Old Testament Bible Study: 8 p.m. Wednesday
- Journey in Faith Series: 7:30 p.m. Thursday
- Mass: Friday, April 9 5:15 p.m.

Source: Newman Center

POLICE BLOTTER

Shane Adams, 20, Ankeny, Iowa, was charged April 2 with PAULA.

Logan Anton, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Nathan Ardolino, 22, 815 Oakcrest St. Apt. 4, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Alex Barnett, 20, 353 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2212, was charged April 2 with PAULA.

Jordan Bergus, 22, 7 Triangle Place, was charged April 3 with public intoxication.

Zachary Boswell, 19, 620 S. Johnson St. Apt. 2, was charged April 2 with OWI and possession of marijuana.

Kenneth Briggs, 23, Minneapolis, was charged March 31 with littering.

Donald Bruno, 28, 1825 Friendship St., was charged April 1 with possession of marijuana and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Joseph Burkle, 21, 510 S. Johnson St. Apt. 4, was charged April 2 with fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Eboni Calvin, 29, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3803, was charged April 1 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Eddie Carey, 53, address unknown, was charged April 1 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Angel Carman, 26, Cedar Rapids, was charged March 20 with assault causing injury.

Abigail Carnegie, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Matthew Cerlach, 20, 308 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1134, was charged April 3 with PAULA.

Kyle Colletier, 19, 410 E. Market St., was charged April 2 with possession of marijuana.

Cory Degrave, 20, Palatine, Ill., was charged April 1 with public intoxication.

Jennifer Degeest, 19, Tracy, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Vernard Dillon, 49, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. F3, was charged Sunday with domestic assault.

Logan Fiala, 22, Ames, was charged April 3 with public intoxication.

Christopher Givhan, 27, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. J8, was charged April 2 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Andrew Goodell, 21, 413 S. Johnson St., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Ashley Hansen, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged April 2 with PAULA.

Trevor Hermesch, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Nina Horton, 26, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3601, was charged March 31 with interference with official acts.

Allison Ingelbright, 19, Columbia, Mo., was charged April 2 with PAULA.

Justin Johnson, 22, 919 E. Burlington St. Apt. 6, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Sha-Juan Johnson, 18, 1476 S. First Ave. Apt. 1, was charged April 3 with criminal trespass.

Darin Kreiner, 35, 2018 Waterfront Drive Lot 53, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Talishia Love-Dillard, 21, 335 Douglas Court, was charged April 1 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Bradley Mahrenholz, 21, 328 S. Governor St., was charged April 2 with public intoxication.

Stephanie Malley, 20, 2317 Burge, was charged April 2 with PAULA.

Braden Manning, 20, Burlington, was charged April 2 with public intoxication.

Nicholas McDonald, 18, Cary, Ill., was charged April 3 with interference with official acts and public intoxication.

Joseph Meyer, 26, 2128 S. Riverside Drive Apt. 31, was charged April 2 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Angela Morgan, 49, Coralville, was charged March 31 with fifth-degree theft.

Robert Nick, 19, 919 Iowa Ave. Apt. 10, was charged April 4 with pedestrian duties.

Bonnie Poggenpohl, 30, Kinross, Iowa, was charged Sunday with domestic assault.

Mark Puerling, 43, 44 West Side Drive, was charged April 2 with

driving while revoked.

Shedrick Pujoe, 21, North Liberty, was charged March 29 with fifth-degree theft.

Jacob Roalson, 19, 816½ E. Market St., was charged April 2 with public intoxication.

Ryan Russell, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged April 2 with PAULA.

Madeline Sammet, 20, 929 Iowa Ave. Apt. 1, was charged April 1 with fifth-degree theft.

Vikki Smith, 54, West Branch, was charged April 3 with driving with a suspended/canceled license and having an open container in a vehicle.

Aaron Staats, 20, Muscatine, was charged April 1 with PAULA.

Alycia Stauffer, 23, De Witt, Iowa, was charged April 2 with OWI and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Thelma Thomas, 19, Coralville, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Chase Titus, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged April 30 with PAULA.

Neil Vandermeulen, 37, 430 Southgate Ave., was charged April 2 with public intoxication.

Erin Vorland, 19, S412 Currier, was charged April 2 with PAULA.

Jermaine Wilkins, 19, 2104 Davis St., was charged April 2 with public intoxication.

Anthony Williams, 40, 419 First Ave., was charged April 2 with keeping a disorderly house.

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"I don't believe the Supreme Court should be making law, and that's what it did in this case," said Sen. David Johnson, R-Ocheyedan, who cosponsored the Senate version of the bill to amend the constitution. "The issue comes down to letting the people of Iowa decide what the definition of marriage should be."

Johnson stopped short of explaining why Iowans are worse off today than a year ago, saying the ill effects of gay marriage are long-term.

Sen. Paul McKinley, R-Chariton, another cosponsor of the legislation, said even some proponents of same-sex marriage support a vote on the issue.

"It needs to be the people. If people are going to live with this and accept it, they need to feel they've had a say in it," McKinley said.

Both Johnson and McKinley said they're personally opposed to gay marriage.

It's not clear how a gay-marriage vote would turn out. Polls have found most Iowans don't support the Iowa Supreme Court's ruling, but they do support some sort of same-sex union. Many voters don't care either way.

Beyond the battle at the state level, the Iowa Supreme Court's move to legalize same-sex marriage "has transformed the conversation nationally," said Camilla Taylor, an attorney with Lambda Legal.

Taylor — the architect of the plaintiff's case in *Varnum v. Brien* — said the environment today is

different from what it was a year ago, when the same-sex marriage decision was handed down.

Then, only two other states — Connecticut and Massachusetts — married gay couples. Now, six jurisdictions in the United States allow gay marriage, and a handful of others recognize vows made in other states.

November's legislative elections will provide an unofficial test for the court's ruling. Moves to support or block gay marriage are contingent upon one party having significant weight in both houses of the Iowa Legislature.

"As it stands today, we have a fair-minded majority in both the Iowa House and the Iowa Senate," said Brad Clark, a campaign manager with gay-rights group One Iowa. "A significant number of those seats are up in November ... We have our work cut out for us to protect this majority."

Elected officials from the Iowa City area — all of whom support the ruling to allow gay marriage — said they're confident Johnson County voters won't resent their positions.

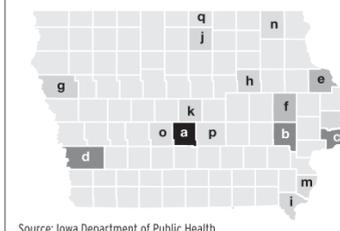
"We want to do everything we can here to support that diversity and support the families who have same-sex couples and live in this community," said Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, who played a key role in blocking traditional marriage legislation this year. "Those are my constituents. I want that diversity; I think it adds to the quality of life here."

Gay marriage will also likely play a role in this year's gubernatorial election.

Gov. Chet Culver, the

Same-sex marriages

From April 2009 to December 2009, state officials licensed 1,535 same-sex marriages.



Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

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incumbent Democrat in the race, has shifted his position on the issue. A year ago, he lent "reluctant" support to the Iowa Supreme Court decision, while reaffirming his personal opposition to same-sex marriages. But last week, his tone changed when he said, about the anniversary of the ruling, "we stood firm for the civil rights of every Iowan."

On the Republican side, the two viable gubernatorial hopefuls both oppose same-sex marriage, but to starkly different degrees.

Bob Vander Plaats has made marriage the centerpiece of his campaign. Former Gov. Terry Branstad has told reporters Iowans should be able to vote, but his campaign website mentions "marriage" fewer than a dozen times; Vanderplaats' mentions the same word more than 150 times.

Despite the political discourse, some predict social issues will hold relatively little weight for voters.

"As people continue to lose their jobs and the economy is in the state that it is, I don't think people want to be concentrating on taking away folks' rights," One Iowa's Clark said.

MENTORING

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He said the UI is looking to train a "couple dozen" staff or faculty, and he's seen some interest in the advising program.

UI sophomore Keely Kemp said she thinks the program could work well, if the faculty and student form a connection and work well together.

"I think it would be on a relationship basis," she said.

The group will operate alongside the UI's current two-strike policy.

Under that code, after two alcohol infractions — public intoxication, OWI, or an emergency-room visit — a student may be suspended for a semester or longer. The policy, which has been enforced since 1999, does not factor in PAULAs.

Nine students were suspended under the two-strike mandate during the last academic year.

Associate Dean of Students Tom Baker said the new policy has allowed officials to be more consistent with their disciplinary action in the past decade.

"It wasn't so much a change in policy," he said. "It was a new way to emphasize the consequences."

In addition, UI officials are re-evaluating components of the university's protocol on alcohol and drugs. Baker said the details of the plan will likely be announced by the end of the semester.

But the campus chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy has taken a critical stance on the UI's approach to alcohol and drug issues.

Chapter President Marni Steadham said her group's main concern is that the UI doesn't have a "Good Samaritan" policy.

Good Samaritan, or medical amnesty, provisions

Good Samaritan schools

Only two Iowa schools and one Big Ten university have clear Good Samaritan policies:

- Drake University
- University of Northern Iowa
- Ohio State University

Source: Students for Sensible Drug Policy

shield students from school sanctions when they call for emergency help. The University of Northern Iowa is the only regent institution that has such a policy.

Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., enacted its "Medical Amnesty Protocol," which pardons underage alcohol possession for students who beckon support for intoxicated friends, in the fall of 2002.

Mary Elizabeth Grant, the judicial administrator at the university, said officials were hoping to address issues that arose in a student survey.

In that study, roughly 18 percent of Cornell students said they considered calling for help for an intoxicated friend in the past year — but of those students, only 4.5 percent sought assistance.

After instituting the policy, officials saw a rise in emergency calls, which Grant said initially concerned some.

But follow-up study by Cornell found the number of students who received an educational intervention more than doubled after two years with the new program.

"We saw that as a positive impact of our program," she said.

Though the UI doesn't have a clear-cut Good Samaritan policy, Baker said, he doesn't think the current policy discourages students from calling for help.



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Spotlight Iowa City

The queen of movement at the UI

UI dance Assistant Professor Deanna Carter will represent the Midwest at Ballet Builders 2010 in New York City.

By **MARISA WAY**
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Stationary. This word means nothing to Deanna Carter in either her professional or personal life.

Whether it is flying between continents, across the stage, or through ideas, the one thing that Carter understands better than any other is how to move. With all this time spent in the air, one might wonder: Does she ever spend any time with her feet planted?

"She is able to do what she really loves to do," said Ann Stevenson, a longtime friend of Carter's. "That completely grounds her."

Stevenson has known Carter since she was 22, when she shared an apartment with the then 17-year-old Carter in New York City. The two were drawn there from their hometown of Seattle to study their passion: ballet.

Carter will soon travel back to New York City to showcase her work as a choreographer for Ballet Builders 2010. The event, from Friday to April 11, will feature the work of five choreographers, including Carter. Members of the dance company Ballet Quad Cities will present Carter's piece, "Ash to Glass." Carter's work was picked



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Above: Two of Assistant Professor Deanna Carter's former students perform one of her dances in 2006.

Right: Assistant Professor Deanna Carter is a learned choreographer.

'One of the things that attracted me about the University of Iowa is that it values creative researchers in choreography.'

— Deanna Carter, choreographer

from a pool of approximately 200 applicants.

Carter first found out she had been selected for Ballet Builders 2010 in December. However, before she could accept the opportunity, she had to determine if it was even feasible to go. She would be required to bring her own dancers, and traveling to New York City from the Midwest would bring some hefty travel expenses. Ballet Quad Cities, where Carter is resident choreographer, raised the money required to send the dancers to New York City.

Whether Carter was

the one onstage, or the person backstage choreographing the dances, she said, dance has been a presence in her life since childhood.

"I've been choreographing since I was 11," she said. "I thought that was what people did. I would make my friends come over on the weekends, and my dad would move the furniture around."

Carter's ambitions eventually grew from performing in front of family and friends to include work on a more global scale. She spent 14 years choreographing in



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Europe and worked with various dance companies in Mexico. Despite these extensive travels, she has found exactly what she was looking for as an assistant professor in the UI dance department.

"One of the things that attracted me about the University of Iowa is that it values creative researchers in choreography," Carter said. "It's also been a pleasure to be able to collaborate with the music department and the theater department. I think it's really important for emerging artists to be able to learn

from people who have done it in the field."

Despite the passion she possesses for her work, she said, it is not without its challenges.

"Things are rough for the arts right now," she said. "Nobody has money right now ... arts is the first thing that seem to become unimportant to society."

Stevenson said Carter's ability to succeed has followed the woman through her life.

"Deanna can do well at anything," she said. "She puts her all into anything she does."

Deanna Carter

- **Hometown:** Seattle
- **Favorite food:** Italian (authentic - from Italy)
- **Favorite place in Iowa City:** Her house
- **Occupation she would pick if she weren't a choreographer:** A philanthropist with a lot of cash (so she could bring funding/exposure to the arts)

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How'd Nebraska do it?

Linda Major, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's vice chancellor and NU Directions project director, said it started with one idea: "Everyone is held accountable equally."

First, NU Directions brought the community — students, landlords, police, campus administrators, and bar owners — to the table. They all agreed that high-risk drinking was the issue, and they collected data to measure success.

From there, they pinpointed risky drinking through increased education, policy, and enforcement.

For example, in neighborhoods near campus — known for their house parties — the committee explored tagging chronically problematic houses with red flags before abandoning the idea. Law enforcement started citing landlords. The cost of a disorderly house fine increased. Campus and city sanctions, including possible jail time for repeat offenders, were added. All the while, the university ran campaigns urging students to improve the quality of life in area neighborhoods.

As a result, in part, officers responded to 1,060 complaints about unruly drinking parties

in 2009, down from 1,862 in 2005.

"It is just huge," Casady said, noting the officer power that responding to house parties requires. "God knows how many fights, resisting arrests, trips to internal affairs, trips to the emergency room, court appearances, sexual assaults — that's big — would have emerged from 802 parties that got unruly enough that the police were called. A lot. Just the workload of responding to those would have been big, but when you consider the collateral splatter, it's huge."

Police have upped "tavern checks" downtown, working to build stronger relationships with the bars, educate bar employees on how to prevent over-service and underage drinking, and be a presence among the crowds.

Sgt. Jason Goodwin was an example of that on the evening of April 2. The officer of nearly nine years with a tightly cropped haircut has walked the beat long enough to develop the thick skin required to listen to drunk peoples' "jaw-jacking," as he calls it. Goodwin seemed to know just about every bar owner and bouncer in the district, as well as a good deal of the patrons he passed on the street.

"We're not here to ruin anyone's night out — we just want them to do it safely," he said, greeting a man a few moments



A man argues with Lincoln police Sgt. Jason Goodwin outside Main St. Cafe & Bar in Lincoln, Neb., on April 2. Police regularly patrol outside and inside the bars, checking to see if intoxicated people are continually served or if the underage have been consuming alcohol.

later with a friendly, "Hey, Mitch."

Bars, in turn, have also voluntarily agreed to increase pricing of drink specials by roughly 50 cents per drink, City Council Vice Chairman John Spatz said.

"It seems like a step in the right direction at the very least," he said.

Iguana's bartender Alex Johannes agreed: "The city of Lincoln respects the bar owners because the bar owners respect the city of Lincoln. It's kind of a synergistic feeling."

And although city and university officials have the numbers to support their success in reducing dangerous drinking, they remain tempered.

"The key is, the



A man lights a cigarette inside a bar in Lincoln, Neb., on April 2. The bars feature a predominantly over-21 crowd; many underage Nebraska students said it would be impossible for them to enter the bars, even with fake identification.

businesses are making money; young adults are still partying, whether it's in the neighborhoods or in the bars. Nobody's

had to stop. It's just, bring it down a notch," she said. "That's all we asked — just bring it down a notch."

No ordinance but still 21

Although both Iowa City and Lincoln lack 21-ordinances, almost no one under 21 frequents Lincoln's downtown bar scene.

Police, city officials, bartenders, managers and owners agree: The cost of admitting underage people is just too great. And University of Nebraska students say most of those underage don't even try.

"You put yourself at such a risk if you're not 21 and over," said Rick Vannice, a manager at Woody's Pub. He said the dimly lit joint caters primarily to young professionals. "You don't know who has been drinking before they got there. The liabilities of it are just absurd. We don't want those problems."

Vannice said he would rather be less busy and have responsible drinkers. "For me, it's just not sound business," he said.

Bars that serve minors can be fined, potentially losing their liquor licenses, said Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady. The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission oversees those with the privilege to serve, holding hearings and responding with warnings, suspensions, and possible revocations when complaints arise.

"The consequences are really to the liquor licensee more than they are to the underage drinker," he said. "It's a big risk for them."

But Casady said he doesn't have many complaints with Lincoln bars. Most already effectively limit entry to those who aren't of age.

However the longtime cochairman of the city's coalition to reduce high-risk drinking said other cities might need to consider imposing restrictions to keep underage drinkers out.

"My impression is always that good management trumps law, but sometimes it takes changing the law if you have an unhealthy environment that has sprung up where people are not paying attention and not being held accountable," he said.

21-only changed Illinois town

Charleston, Ill., had to go through a period of 'adjustment' after enacting a 21-ordinance.

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Banning underage people from bars was the wisest decision officials in a university town in Illinois made in curbing underage drinking, they say — though it took them a few years to realize it.

In 1994, the City Council in Charleston, Ill., home of Eastern Illinois University, implemented an ordinance restricting anyone under 21 from entering the bars.

The Iowa City City Council is set to hold its final vote Tuesday on a similar ordinance — an approach Charleston officials say works.

"I think it was a very good decision," said Charleston City Councilor Larry Rennels, who was on the city's Liquor Advisory Commission at the time. "The ordinance has been something we are very pleased that we did."

In a recent letter to Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek, for-

mer Charleston Mayor Roscoe Cougill highlighted the city's success with the change:

- Enrollment at Eastern Illinois University increased and lost its standing on *Playboy's* party-school list
- Sales-tax revenue and property values increased
- The number of alcohol alternatives, including live entertainment, increased
- Alcohol-related weekend emergency room visits saw a "dramatic" decrease

"We are happy with our decision and are constantly reminded by students' parents that they are as well," Cougill wrote in the letter in early March.

Hayek said Iowa City councilors received "correspondence from all corners of the community," but Cougill's letter was "unique."

Cougill noted ticketing underage drinkers and suspending or revoking bars' liquor licenses wasn't solving the problem. Some city councilors here have cited similar unsuccessful initia-

tives in their push for the 21-ordinance.

But change didn't happen over night, said Charleston police Lt. Brad Oyer, who was with the local sheriff's department when the ordinance passed.

"There was a period where people were very unhappy," he said. "It took some time to go through that."

After the council approved the ordinance on a 3-2 vote, some bar owners didn't take it seriously until officials began conducting compliance checks.

"Then they realized we meant what we said," Rennels said.

Councilor Jim Dunn said Charleston had a period of "adjustment" that lasted between three and five years. During that time, he said, students who enrolled at Eastern Illinois University for its party reputation were replaced by those who didn't.

Dunn, who voted against the ordinance but now thinks it was the right move,

said he felt the change in bar-entry age would have negative repercussions, including increasing the number of house parties.

Officials said the number of parties initially increased but then fell as police were better able to monitor areas outside downtown. Dunn said a

keg-registration law, similar to the one passed in Iowa in 2007, also helped curb the problem.

Mike Knoop, who owned a bar in Charleston when the ordinance passed, said business owners had to adapt to the change. He said his bar saw lower sales and tried to cater to older patrons.

"You just have to shift gears," said Knoop, who said he still feels the ordinance was the wrong decision.

Sallie Cougill, the former mayor's wife, said they lived on a "party route" and that the drinking scene had become "unbelievable."

"As a citizen, I can tell you [the ordinance] has done wonders for our town," she said.

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Editorial



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Lindsay Park holds a sign and listens to a speaker during a celebration of the Iowa Supreme Court's decision to void a ban on same-sex marriage on the Pentacrest on April 3, 2009. When asked about the court's decision, Park said, "It's nice not to feel like a second-class citizen."

One year later, same-sex marriage ruling should be celebrated

The sun still rises.

Marriage between heterosexual couples is just as meaningful.

And the "homosexual agenda" hasn't eviscerated all things that make Iowa great.

Not much has changed since the Iowa Supreme Court's historic *Varnum v. Brien* ruling, which legalized same-sex marriage one year ago.

Apart from the continued outcry from the Iowa Family Policy Center and other social conservatives, many right-minded Iowans have accepted the decision. In the Iowa Legislature, the Democratic leadership stridently resisted action on the issue, and gay-marriage opponents failed to muster the necessary votes to counter that principled adamancy.

Now that the hullabaloo surrounding gay marriage has largely subsided, the greatest realization of the past year is Iowa's progressive nature. This is a state that genuinely strives for equality and promotes the rights of every person — not just those who fall in line with an anachronistic mindsets.

Every Iowan should be proud to live in a state that embodies egalitarianism, rather than prejudice.

Even Iowa Gov. Chet Culver — who notoriously waffled on the issue — has taken a stronger position on it.

During a recent legislative-assessment speech, Culver said, "We stood firm for the civil rights of every Iowan by saying loudly and clearly that any and all efforts to add discriminatory amendments to our state Constitution have no place in our state Constitution."

A year ago, Culver might have been roundly criticized for such a comment. But upholding equal rights shouldn't be about partisanship or ideology. It seems he now understands that.

Apparently, the Iowa Family Policy Center does not. In a March 31 press release, center Action President Chuck Hurley said, "no matter how many un-Biblical, unconstitutional Supreme Court rulings you get, we will continue standing for righteousness in the public square."

As Hurley's bigoted statement evinces, there's still a long way to go in the fight for equal rights. Gays are still unable to openly serve in the military, and anti-gay views are still pervasive. In a recent CNN survey, an astounding 48 percent of respondents said that "homosexual relationships between consenting adults" are "morally wrong."

For all the political squabbling and threats of guaranteed repeal in the last 52 weeks, it's heartening to see anti-marriage equality sentiments slowly fading. The court's ruling hasn't discernibly changed the landscape of Iowa, save for increasing tourism, bolstering Iowa's reputation, and ensuring marriage equality.

In a September 2009 *Des Moines Register* poll, 92 percent of those surveyed said the decision had no real effect on their lives.

Nor did it alter the country. While monumental, the decision unfortunately hasn't spurred more wins for marriage equality across the country. But for Iowans, at least, it should be comforting to know one thing: The Iowa Supreme Court got it right.

Your turn. A year after same-sex marriage was legalized, what is your position on it? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

Faith and politics



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Faith, at its best, has always served to move society forward.

In a broken and fallen world, faith and religion can serve as a moral compass that speaks out against injustice and inequity. The civil-rights movement is but one of many examples.

There were prayers and hymns sung before, during, and after the marches and the sit-ins. The rhetoric in many of the speeches that are lionized today were infused with Biblical scriptures and principles. It would be hard to imagine King's "I Have a Dream" speech without references to "all of God's children."

Faith wasn't an activity to engage in only on Sundays, but it compelled and inspired so many to change the world. So it's fitting that the one-year anniversary in Iowa of legalized same-sex marriage and religious holidays such as Easter and Passover are occurring within the same week.

Sadly, many of the arguments that same-sex marriage opponents advance are made on religious grounds. We hear opposition most often from Christians, although other religions oppose same-sex marriage as well.

Fundamentally, Christians who oppose same-sex marriage believe that it defies the natural ordering of God. They'll point to specific references in the Bible to validate their claims. It is their belief that the Bible is the literal word of God — indisputably and irrefutably true.

But there has always been a different ethic in Christianity that is shared by several faiths. It's an ethic that is concerned with grace, inclusion, and justice (sorry, Glenn Beck). It is an ethic that does not rely on a literal translation of the Bible to inform contemporary values. Rather, it seeks to understand a

changing world through the narrative of Jesus' ministry to the downtrodden and marginalized.

It is the ethic that motivates people of all faith backgrounds to support marriage equality. And my suspicion is that in one way or another, this religious ethic is shared by young people who consider themselves people of faith.

I've been writing from a Judeo-Christian perspective because it's most often conservative Christians who are loudest in the political sphere. But believer and nonbeliever alike can probably share my frustration with the Pat Buchanans of the world or, more locally, organizations such as the Iowa Family Policy Organization.

Individuals and organizations like these oppose marriage equality because they believe their God tells them so. For far too long, their voices have been the loudest and their efforts have been the most effective.

At times, it has gotten so bad that even liberal or progressive political candidates have felt the need to acquiesce to religious conservatives on such issues as marriage equality. But the framing of religion — or more specifically, Christianity as inherently conservative — is increasingly passé. There is still a need for religion that is concerned with the common good. Faith can still speak to the great issues of our day. It can still morally convict and compel us to fight racism and sexism.

In one way or another, most people have some sort of religious background or rely on their religious beliefs to inform their worldview. Those who do shouldn't be afraid to use those values when exerting their human agency.

Nor should we allow a few voices to dominate the discourse.

We have a long history of using faith to animate the better nature of our humanity — abolition of slavery, civil rights, apartheid, marriage equality, etc. And we shouldn't forget it now. ■

Letters

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Solving the big problems

As a Democrat, I found Dustin Kruttsinger's April 1 guest opinion ("Republican Party — fear over facts") heartening.

I was encouraged not by its lucidity and lack of hyperbolic rhetoric, but because it was realistic and restored my faith that we can reach consensus on foundational issues. I found similarities between his thoughts and mine, though we may disagree about implementation and the specifics of important proposals. Reaching points of agreement is the only way that we can move forward with making this state and nation better places to live. I have faith that we can agree on things. I also have faith that the protesters and proponents we see on television and hear on the radio do not have the best ideas; they are only the loudest and most obnoxious. Reasonable people are everywhere, even if they are quiet.

Faith alone will not work, however. We must demand reality from officials. Mr. President, the health-care reform law is no panacea and should not be sold as such. Mr. Boehner, characterizing the law as Armageddon is irresponsible and unacceptable. Unrealistic exaggerations do not move us forward. They keep us

locked in the same partisan clashes and silence good, reasonable ideas.

These are turbulent times for our state and nation. We have problems that all Democrats, all Republicans, and all independents agree need to be solved. The most efficient and effective solutions will come from widespread involvement in the governing process. I ask that all of us have a little faith in one another. I also ask that the men and women who represent us in government behave more sensibly. By doing this, real solutions will not be muted by fringe elements shouting hyperbole.

Brandon Underwood
UI senior

Stop the killing

Reclusive villages deep in the Congolese jungle are likely not on the forefront of any of our minds. Their remote existence was demonstrated recently after an underreported finding was released of a murderous, yet routine, rampage taking the lives of more than 300 villagers. Genocide is sadly failing to make news headlines.

The Lord's Resistance Army is a Christian terrorist organization thriving in the African bush and is responsible for this massacre and thousands of other deaths

for more than 25 years. Led by Joseph Kony, a man claiming a divine connection with the God, their mission is to overthrow Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni and install a Christian theocracy.

The group's recruitment tactics represent the epitome of despicableness. Children are abducted at night and given a simple choice: kill or be killed. Boys are often initiated by murdering their own parents with machetes in an effort to repress desires to escape the group and rejoin their family. Girls become sex slaves. Biblical indoctrination ensues. Repulsive scriptural verses are used by Kony as justification for his actions.

A weak, clandestine, U.S. military-backed insurgency to overthrow the Lord's Resistance Army one year ago fell short, and Kony remains elusive, and he has since grown stronger. The United Nations, whose role is to oversee global peacekeeping, has provided little support in dismantling the terrorists. The priorities of the United Nations have become clouded recently after a \$1 billion office renovation in Geneva was laced with embarrassingly expensive artwork.

Currently, a bill is muddling through the U.S. Congress that calls for public efforts to end Kony's reign of terror through

collaboration with Ugandan forces and bilateral talks. The nonprofit organization Invisible Children is leading the effort to pass this bill. Let's support its passage in hopes that greater international awareness of these atrocities will help to stop this genocide.

Ryan Teahen
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21-ordinance won't solve alcohol problems

As an international student in the University of Iowa Graduate College, it strikes me as odd that young men and women between the ages of 18 and 21 are deemed irresponsible when it comes to drinking alcohol, while these same individuals can join the military and obtain a gun.

Now, it is true that alcoholism is a growing concern at Iowa. But having more police, a 21-ordinance, and stricter control over alcohol pricing, in my opinion, is not going to change the deeper social concern. The question that people need to ask themselves is, "Why is a fairly large section of the population, younger or older than 21, binge drinking or drinking to a point where they feel sick?"

It is as though an entire section of the population is trying to

commit suicide through slow poisoning. Is Iowa really that depressing? Won't people find another poison if you take away alcohol from them? The issue of greater availability of drugs is yet to surface. And in my opinion, as the control over alcohol tightens too rapidly, the economic forces are bound to make other euphoria-inducing substances more popular.

The problem needs to be tackled at a deeper level. If there is a concern about safety around bars during late-night hours, then a greater push toward services such as Nite Ride needs to be made. If there is a concern about youngsters spending too much time at bars drinking, then a greater push toward arts and music must be made with more festivals such as the Jazz Fest, which brings families and friends together while at the same time providing jobs and economic incentives to young people.

I truly believe that Iowa City is a culturally astute city that is entirely different from the rest of Iowa the same way San Antonio is entirely different from the rest of Texas. And this cultural exuberance that Iowa City hosts would not be enhanced nor protected by the 21-ordinance.

Sameer Khan
UI graduate student

COMMENTARY



Janet Jackson and Malik Yoba in Tyler Perry's *Why Did I Get Married, Too?*. Even if the movie doesn't live up to the original, that doesn't mean it is bad.

In defense of remakes

Judging sequels and remakes by their originals misses the point entirely.

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Sequels tend to suck. So do remakes.

There's not much of a surprise there. Sequels and remakes come at times when Hollywood has run out of original characters or is just trying to cash in on major trends. This is why there are six *Star Wars* movies, 11 *Star Treks*, and why there will soon be eight *American Pie* movies (the eighth being *American Pie 4* — wrap your mind around that).

This weekend brought the release of both a sequel and a remake, *Why Did I Get Married, Too?* and *Clash of the Titans*.

Because of their status as updates to old stories, neither film seems to escape the taint of its predecessor, and each is being weighed and measured in the critical landscape on how it holds up to or improves upon the originals. *Married, Too?* in particular can't seem to escape the echoes of the past. A review by the *New York Daily News'* Elizabeth Weitzman highlights this, comparing it not just to 2007's *Why Did I Get Married* but to the entirety of Tyler Perry's body of work and his "formula" for filmmaking.

Now, to me, Perry's films are about as hilarious and heartfelt as *Norbit* was thought-provoking and soul-stirring. *Clash of the Titans*, if its original is to be considered, has

nowhere to go but up. However, neither movie should be examined on the basis of past glory or previous sins.

I had long been one to judge a sequel on how it holds up to the original, until I saw *Boondock Saints 2: All Saints Day*. Compared to the original, *Saints 2* is just not a good piece of filmmaking or storytelling, and it was treated as such with its limited release and wide critical panning.

In his review of the film, Roger Ebert could not stray away from the original, and he even uses a documentary about it to make his case against the second film. Equal time is devoted to *Boondock Saints* and that documentary, *Overnight*, in Ebert's review as is given to *Boondock Saints 2* in and of itself.

On its own, though, it's not a bad film. Like "At the Movies" A.O. Scott, "I will not defend it as a good movie, but I have to say, I had a pretty good time at it."

This isn't to say that films haven't benefited from subpar originals. *Crank: High Voltage* won audiences over in a way the first one never really did and without the two hours of walking around with talking trees that was *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, *Return of the King* wouldn't have seemed nearly as good as it did (in large part because it wasn't). The point is, those movies never should have been

judged by their elders in the first place.

In often times misguided quests for meaning, there is a tendency to overlook the fact that Hollywood is, first and foremost, in the entertainment industry.

Not every movie (not even most movies) contains some higher truth or other piece of cinematic brilliance meant to make the American Film Institute drool and clamor to put it on a "Best of" list somewhere. Movies were created to entertain, to provide a diversion from the at-times nihilistic void of life. If a movie questions that void or challenges us to approach it in a different way, then that's a good thing. Even if it does that, though, the movie still has to be worth watching.

Many sequels and remakes certainly meet that requirement but are blown off just because the original was something to which they couldn't live up.

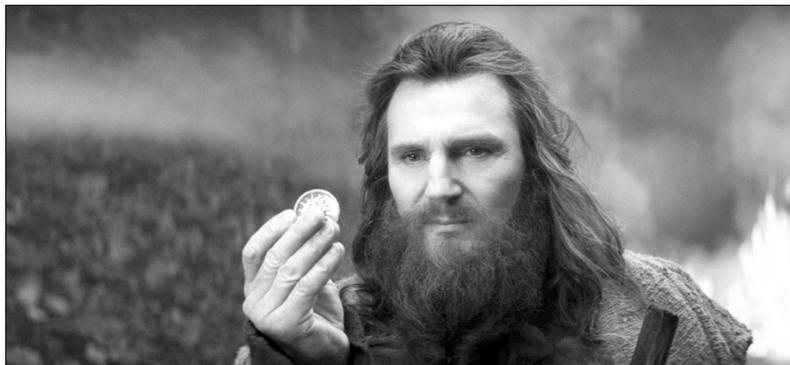
Really, this principle should extend to all movies in regards to other movies. Sure, *Hot Tub Time Machine* will probably never be mistaken for the 21st century's *Citizen Kane*, but if it entertains us, hasn't it done its job?

If *Clash of the Titans* and *Why Did I Get Married, Too?* are bad movies, they're bad movies. Nothing can be done about that. But if they're only bad in the light of their predecessors, then maybe they're not really so terrible.

MOVIE REVIEW

Entertaining, but not titanic

Clash of the Titans is big on action, not on plot.



Liam Neeson must have gotten paid a lot of gold coins to be in this action flick.

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Before beginning this review I have to admit two things — I have never seen the original *Clash of the Titans* and I didn't watch this one in 3D.

Through a little research, I found the 1981 original was pretty lame by today's standards (despite some awesome clay-animation monsters), and the 3D version of the current film fails to utilize its visuals (but looks pretty good in 2D).

However, I do love mindless action movies as much as the next guy, and *Clash of the Titans* succeeds in that area.

For viewers craving serious plot-depth, go see something else. But for those who just want to watch buff dudes with beards killing giant scorpions, waging battle with the gods, or fighting a giant Kraken monster, *Clash of the Titans* is for you.

Besides, who wants to read about Greek mythology when you can condense all of those long-winded

stories into an hour and 50 minutes of pure action?

Clash of the Titans tells the tale of Perseus (played by Sam Worthington, the go-to-guy for action flicks ever since *Terminator Salvation*), who is a demigod and the son of Zeus (played by Liam Neeson). He is abandoned by his "human father" and sent out to sea. In the span of about 10 minutes you get the entire back story, and the real action begins.

The people of Argos are angry at the gods (who rely on the people's prayers for strength) and decide to rise up against them. After the townspeople destroy a giant Zeus statue, things get tense, and Hades (Ralph Fiennes) appears to the gods with a solution.

Resurrect the Kraken and show these human pawns the power of the gods. Of course Hades is naturally evil and doesn't have his bro Zeus' best interest in mind. The God of the Underworld tells the people of Argos they must sacrifice the queen or be annihilated. Then Perseus vows to destroy Hades. And that's about all you need to know.

Really, the battles aren't all that numerous in the movie, and the film could have done with another awesome fight scene and less cheesy "let's show these gods what the humans are made of" dialogue.

All that talk is useless anyway, because in the end, the gods can dominate any mortal, and the only reason Perseus prevails is with the help of dear old dad.

So while the message that humans stick together to persevere over any hardship is there, the movie just makes us realize how screwed everyone is compared to the gods (although I guess you can argue the gods aren't emotionally happy, but let's not get too philosophical here; it's *Clash of the Titans*, after all).

Plot bashing aside, there are some decent actors in the movie, with Neeson being the most valid of the bunch, and Worthington's role made me hate him less for being in *Terminator Salvation*.

Whether to see *Clash of the Titans* in 3D is debatable, but if dumb, over-the-top, action is your thing, give this movie a shot. It's entertaining, but nothing spectacular.

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Hooking up can be risky business

UI chlamydia numbers are down, and 'serial' dating is up.

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Your "friend with benefits" could cost you.

Casual partners are likely to have more than one sexual partner at once, a University of Iowa study found. That results in a greater risk of sexually transmitted infections.

UI sociology Assistant Professor Anthony Paik, whose most recent research was based in the Chicago area, found 25 percent of respondents became sexually involved while dating a partner casually and 20 percent did so with friends or acquaintances.

Ann Laros, the interim medical director of UI Student Health Service, said Paik's particular study may be difficult to translate to the UI campus.

Laros said UI students more likely face problems with "serial monogamy," or having one partner at a time but moving to a new monogamous relationship in the course of a week or month.

"Having more than one partner at a time and having partners with multiple partners puts you at greater risk," she said. "It's pretty common that students on a college campus will have more than one sexual partner per year."

UI students agreed. "[Casual sexual relationships] are accepted on campus — I don't know if that's a good thing, but they're

common," said UI senior Laura Henkle.

UI sophomore Kelly Maginnis said she believes the serial-dating issue has become more prevalent.

"Our generation is much more free with sex," she said. "Society is becoming more accepting of women having numerous partners and casual relationships, which can be a good and bad thing."

In his study, Paik said having more than one sexual partner or being non-monogamous is a "critical factor in the spread of STDs."

Laros said chlamydia is the most common sexually transmitted disease found on the UI campus, and sexually active students are at the greatest risk for contracting human papilloma virus.

Last year, 51 female UI students and 34 male students tested positive for chlamydia. Those numbers are down from 2007, when 68 female and 51 male patients were diagnosed.

"I think people are aware of the risk of STDs, but I don't think they think about emotional consequences as much," Henkle said.

Laros said risky behavior may also be a result of low self-esteem.

"We have to look at why people are making these decisions," she said about students with numerous partners. "It says something about their self-value and esteem."

UI chlamydia statistics

Three years of positive chlamydia diagnoses on campus:

2007
• Women: 68
• Men: 51
2008
• Women: 66
• Men: 46
2009
• Women: 51
• Men: 34

Source: UI Student Health

UI students said they believe some couples in "friends-with-benefits" relationships aren't happy emotionally.

"Personally, I don't see myself being happy in a relationship like that, and I don't see people I know happy in that kind of relationship, either," said UI sophomore Julie Gagnon. "I don't shun it, but I think everyone has the right to be happy."

Paik concludes holding off on sex isn't as popular as it used to be and having non-romantic relationships are more common than ever. However, he doesn't suggest returning to traditional dating.

Instead, he said, he hopes his research can provide information on the likelihood that a partner has been non-monogamous and promote knowledge on the benefits and consequences of relationships.

Council to discuss fluoride in water

Fluoride has been added to Iowa City water since 1953.

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The Iowa City City Council will discuss water fluoridation in Iowa City's tap water at tonight's work session.

After being named one of the most important public-health achievements by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, some local residents still feel their drinking water should be left alone.

"It makes me feel a little uncomfortable knowing that things are being added to my water that I have no control over," said University of Iowa sophomore Iva Zdilar.

UI officials have joined in the debate over fluoride in local drinking water, which is added to prevent tooth decay.

The university's Utilities and Energy Management Water Plant monitors the levels of fluoridation in campus drinking water regularly, said David McClain, a UI water-utilities engineer.

"There is no reason to remove fluoride at this point," he said. "Things that are added are there to protect the water and the people."

The university's drinking water comes from

the Iowa River and takes eight to 12 hours of processing before reaching water fountains and faucets across campus, McClain said. In that time, fluoride is added at a rate of 1.1 to 1.2 milligrams per liter — below the 4 milligrams per liter maximum considered safe by the CDC. The water plant also adds chlorine, which acts as a disinfectant.

UI Associate Professor Teresa Marshall, an oral-health specialist in the College of Dentistry, said she votes to keep fluoride in tap water because those who ingest it regularly are not threatened.

"You would die of water intoxication before reaching the dangerous level of fluoridation in the body," she said. "We're talking someone consuming gallons of water daily."

Steven Levy, a UI professor of preventive and community dentistry, said the fluoride saves people money on dentistry costs.

The approximately 2.5 million Iowans who are exposed to fluoridated water are getting one of the most effective dental treatments, he said.

According to the CDC, Iowans could save

What fluoride can do for dental health

Drinking water containing fluoride could help:

- Decrease cavities at the root for adults
- Stop or even reverse the tooth-decay process
- Keep tooth enamel strong and prevent the loss of minerals important for enamel

Source: American Dental Hygienists' Association

around \$200 million in dental care over 15 years with fluoride use.

"There are a lot more ways to get fluoride nowadays that didn't exist decades ago, such as certain toothpastes," Levy said. "But the fact remains that some people can't afford dentists nor do they clean their teeth the way they should."

Marshall admits there are cosmetic problems associated with fluoride intake — such as yellowing of the teeth — but said most are minor in relation to the benefits seen.

"Slight discoloration is nothing compared to having rotten teeth," she said.

The City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. today to discuss the issue.

NATION

Kidnapped Army linguist returns home

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A U.S. Army linguist returned to his family in Southern California on April 3 after more than two months in captivity in Baghdad, according to a National Guard spokeswoman.

Issa Salomi arrived home in San Diego and was "resting and beginning his adjustment back to normal life," Maj. Kimberly Holman said in an e-mailed statement.

"He wants to again share that he is healthy, is in good spirits, and he adds that he is looking forward to a good home-cooked meal and a few good night's rest," Holman wrote.

Salomi, 60, arrived in Texas on Tuesday for medical tests and debriefings with Army officials at

Fort Sam Houston.

Salomi has not made a public appearance since the Pentagon announced his release March 27, but he issued a statement saying he was "safe, healthy, and unharmed." He said it was one of the most satisfying moments of his life when his plane touched down on U.S. soil in San Antonio.

The family asked for privacy

and planned no immediate public appearances or statements.

A Shiite extremist group claimed responsibility for the Jan. 23 kidnapping and posted a video online that showed a man wearing military fatigues, reading a list of demands for the release of militants, the prosecution of Blackwater guards, and an immediate U.S. troop withdrawal.

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UI preps for severe weather

As national Severe Weather Awareness Week begins, University of Iowa officials are urging the university community to prepare for severe weather and visit the UI Severe Weather Website.

This includes updating its information on the HawkAlert emergency notification system, a campuswide alert system.

While the website contains important information, Stephen Pradarelli, the director of University News Services, said local media outlets are the first place people should turn to for information during a severe weather incident.

"We really recommend people sign up for various weather alerts through radio and TV stations," he said.

Johnson County and the UI will test their emergency sirens this week. These tests will be held in conjunction with a statewide tornado drill, conducted by the National Weather Service.

— by Grace Savides

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Sophomore Marc Bruche lifts the Iowa men's tennis team to a 4-3 win over No. 58 Penn State on Sunday. **2B**

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Kachine Alexander

BASKETBALL

Alexander honored

Junior Kachine Alexander was named to the State Farm Coaches All-America Team as an honorable mention — one of 40 Division-I women's basketball players to be chosen.

The Minneapolis native is the fifth player in Iowa history to earn numerous All-American honors in the same season.

Alexander joins former Hawkeyes Michelle Edwards (1988), Franthea Price (1990), Toni Foster (1993), and Cara Consuegra (2001) as players who have earned numerous All-American honors in a single campaign.

Last week, she was an honorable mention on the Associated Press All-American squad.

Alexander was also the Women's Basketball Coaches Association all-region selection, a first-team All-Big Ten pick, and a Big Ten All-Defensive selection this season.

The 5-9 guard averaged 16 points and 10.4 rebounds for the Hawkeyes — one of two guards in the country to average a double-double.

Alexander won the Big Ten rebound title as well, averaging 11.1 boards per game in conference play. She ranked 22nd nationally in rebounding.

— by Evelyn Lau

BASEBALL

Hawks drop 2 of 3

The Iowa baseball team halted Michigan State's 11-game winning streak, but then dropped its next two games to the Spartans by large deficits over the weekend.

Left-handed pitcher Jarred Hippen tossed a complete-game gem for the Hawkeyes in the first game of the series to down Michigan State, 5-3.

The sophomore scattered seven hits, allowed three runs, and struck out two hitters in the first complete game of his career.



Hippen sophomore

Second baseman Mike McQuillan and center fielder Ryan Durant combined for four of Iowa's five hits and together drove in four of the Hawkeyes' five runs.

Iowa's second game on April 3 was suspended because of rain, but not before Michigan State jumped out to a 16-2 lead through seven innings. The game was completed Sunday morning with the score unchanged.

Durant led the Hawkeyes with three hits, and McQuillan, Tyson Blaser, and Zach McCool all recorded two hits.

In the final game of the series on Sunday, the Spartan bats exploded for a 26-11 win. Michigan State center fielder Brandon Eckerle collected six hits, with four RBIs and five runs scored.

McCool led the Hawkeyes offensively, finishing the game with five hits in six at-bats and added two RBIs and three runs scored.

McQuillan again had a multi-hit game, with three hits in six at-bats.

Iowa will face Western Illinois at home on Tuesday.

— by J.T. Bugos

IOWA 5, INDIANA 1

Softball sweeps Indiana

The Iowa softball team remains undefeated in the Big Ten after dominating Indiana over the weekend.

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The Iowa softball team seemed to do no wrong against Indiana over the weekend in Pearl Field.

The Hawkeyes (18-13-1, 4-0) remain undefeated in conference play after sweeping the Hoosiers (7-21, 0-2), winning 5-1 on April 3 and by the mercy rule on Sunday, 12-1. And Iowa's superiority especially showed in the first inning of the teams' Easter contest.

After senior Amanda Zust shut down the Hoosiers 1-2-3 in the top of the first, the Hawkeye bats exploded for eight runs in the bottom of the opening frame.

The offensive barrage began with a single by Lindsey Digmann, followed by a Liz Watkins triple. The Hawkeyes recorded four more hits in the first frame, including a double by junior Sarah Spiering that cleared the bases and plated three runs.

"We came out with a great purpose," Iowa head coach Gayle Blevins said. "Defensively, we shut them down right away, and then offensively, we just went to work."

Eight Hawkeye batters recorded hits, and all nine reached base in the game with six players driving in a run.

Junior Chelsey Carmody went 3-for-3 with an RBI to lead Iowa, and Digmann and senior Taylor Leichsenring each added a pair of hits. Senior Katie Brown drove in two runs as well.

"It's definitely the best offensively we've looked all year," Carmody said. "It's awesome to jump on a team like that."

Watkins remained hot at the plate. The sophomore has tallied 11 hits in her last 15 at bats, and she holds a seven-game hitting streak while batting .750 in Big Ten play.

In the field, the Hawkeyes were flawless on Sunday.

Zust tossed her 13th complete game of the season, striking out four and allowing four hits. She picked up her 10th victory of the season.

Jumping on the Hoosiers from the get-go gave Zust and the defense a lot of added confidence, the pitcher said.



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa pitcher Chelsea Lyon pitches to an Indiana batter on April 3 at Pearl Field. Lyon only allowed five hits and one run in the 5-1 Hawkeye win.

SEE SOFTBALL, 3B

Hawks 'mad' about you (buying hoops tickets)

Through ticket promotions, the Iowa athletics department aims to re-establish zeal within Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

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The Iowa athletics department wants men's basketball fans to "be mad again."

Between the hiring of new men's head basketball coach Fran McCaffery and Iowa's current four-season NCAA Tournament drought, marketing officials stepped forward with its new campaign to encourage the public to attend games next season.

But in order to receive a free MAD-Pack, students must place their orders for 2010 football tickets and 2010-11 men's basketball tickets by May 7. The pack includes a "Let's Be Mad



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Fans comprised largely of young Girl Scouts hold up signs after Iowa scores a 3-pointer in the game against Purdue on Jan. 31 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Attendance for the game was high, partly due to it being Girl Scouts Day for women's basketball.

Again" T-shirt, key chain, window decal, mouse pad, and a special bonus that will be handed out when buyers pick up their tickets.

The UI has launched similar ticket-sales incentives, such as the Lunch Box program, which took place prior to the 2009-10 academic year.

Associate Athletics Director Rick Klatt said last year's Lunch Box program was a success with the number of joint basketball and football season-ticket packages totaling just

fewer than 1,000 orders. But despite a 43 percent increase in student season-ticket purchases from the 2008-09 season to this past season, Klatt said the problem lies in the actual number of students who follow through and use their tickets.

"[The Lunch-Box program] accomplished what we wanted it to do by getting people to commit to both [football and basketball] with the purchase of tickets," he said. "There is

SEE PROMOTIONS, 3B

Hawks jell through trust

Intangibles have led to success for the Iowa softball team.

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After a four-error performance during a 7-3 loss at Iowa State last week, the Iowa softball team needed to improve its defense.

While a few practice drills and fundamental lessons could help any team, an improvement in intangibles seems to



Blevins coach

have led the Hawkeyes to a pair of commanding victories against Indiana over the weekend at Pearl Field.

Iowa gave up only two runs in its two home games.

"For the last couple of weeks, we've been working so hard on trust," said freshman pitcher Chelsea Lyon, who recorded her first Big Ten start in the 5-1 win against the Hoosiers on April 3. "And it's obvious

that we're trusting each other now."

Players have worked on "trust reps" during recent practices, and the freshman-dominated team has participated in a variety of team-building exercises as well.

Starting off the season 12-12-1, it seemed something beyond youth was bugging Iowa.

"Honestly, there were probably times earlier in the season where we weren't confident with the decisions of our people on the field," Iowa head coach Gayle Blevins said.

But now, the Hawkeyes are 18-13-1 and 4-0 in conference play. Two wins into a six-game home stand against some of the weaker Big Ten teams, Iowa sits atop the conference alongside Michigan and Illinois — both ranked squads the Hawkeyes will face in May.

The trust the team has shown lately may be the coals that keep the winning

SEE CHEMISTRY, 3B



Bruche leads men's tennis upset

Marc Bruche won a three-hour nail-biter to give the Hawkeyes a 4-3 victory over Penn State on Sunday.

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History will remember Iowa sophomore Marc Bruche as the victor of the Battle of the Cramps.

Bruche overcame tightness in both his right calf and left forearm to defeat Penn State's Edward Bouchier (7-5, 4-6, 6-3) and carry the No. 73 Iowa men's tennis team to a 4-3 upset over the No. 58 Nittany Lions on Sunday.

Bouchier suffered a cramped hamstring late in the third set of the three-hour match, and Bruche took advantage by winning five of the next seven points to claim the meet's deciding point in the No. 1 slot.

"It was a great release," Bruche said after smashing the final point home and screaming with emotion. "I was just really happy."

Although illness has forced Bruche to retire once this season, he said Sunday was the first time he has ever played through a cramp.

"I was surprised and a little scared," he said. "I expected the worst, but I

did a lot of stretching and drank a lot, so I was able to relax."

The sophomore also won in doubles, coming from behind with partner Tom Mroziewicz to defeat Penn State's Bouchier and Guillaume St-Maurice, 8-7 (7-1) in the No. 2 slot. The win gave the Hawkeyes a sweep in doubles, and Iowa head coach Steve Houghton said his team has taken "a big step forward" in that area.

"At one point this season, Penn State had won 11-straight doubles points," Houghton said. "I think we finally put together our doubles play. Everyone will remember Marc's victory, but it would have been meaningless without the doubles point."

Houghton also said he was not surprised by the cramps that attacked both Bruche and Bouchier, calling the ailments "business as usual" for a three-hour match. Several players on both sides were nursing the aches and pains that accompany a long season.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY SCRIVNER
Iowa sophomore Will Vasos returns a shot during his doubles match against Penn State at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Sunday. The Hawkeyes took down the No. 58-ranked Nittany Lions, 4-3.

One Hawkeye who has remained pain-free is Will Vasos, who won in both singles and doubles for the second time this weekend. The sophomore's 8-6 victory alongside senior Tommy McGeorge clinched the doubles point for Iowa, and Vasos quickly defeated Penn State freshman Warren Hardie (6-4, 6-4) in the No. 4 singles position.

Vasos also provided the only victories in the team's 6-1 loss to No. 2 Ohio State on April 2,

winning in doubles and beating No. 113 Shuwei Uzawa (4-6, 6-1, 7-5) in singles to kick-start his perfect 4-0 weekend.

Iowa senior Reinoud Haal rebounded from a loss against Ohio State to provide the Hawkeyes with their third singles win against the Nittany Lions.

After dropping the first set 2-6, Haal went on to beat sophomore Jason Lee with a pair of 6-1 wins in the No. 3 match.

The triumph over Penn



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa sophomore Marc Bruche prepares to serve the ball at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation complex on Sunday. Bruche defeated Penn State's Edward Bouchier in a three-hour singles match (7-5, 4-6, 6-3).

State (12-6, 1-3) pushes the Hawkeyes' record to 10-6 for the season, 2-2 in the conference.

Houghton said he was happy with the result — especially because it came against a ranked Penn State team.

"You have to think that we're going to play a lot more 4-3 meets before the season is over," the 29th-year coach said. "Winning this one should give the guys a reservoir of confidence."

Playing at home has also helped the

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Check out more photos from the Iowa men's tennis team's Sunday matchup with Penn State.

Hawkeyes. Mroziewicz said the atmosphere at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Center gives Iowa an advantage.

"Whether we're playing inside or out doesn't really matter when we're at home," he said. "We've only lost a few meets at home over the past few years, so whenever we're at home we feel as if we have a great shot to win."

Frosh, with a cue, in a pool that pays

Following in a path carved by family, freshman Ryan Behnke picked up a hobby and earned a few bucks.

By **ETHAN SEBERT**
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What began as a family pastime is now a money making hobby.

Freshman Ryan Behnke has a powerful connection with the game of pool. The native of Farley, Iowa, developed the strong connection largely through his father, Jerry Behnke, who began playing pool as a diversion from the hard work he did on his family's dairy farm.

His four boys inherited his strong passion for the game, starting with his oldest, Adam.

"Adam got interested and as soon as he did, all the other boys did, too," Jerry Behnke said.

Ryan Behnke, the second oldest of the Behnke boys, couldn't help but develop an affection for the game after watching his father and brother play while he was growing up.

That affection has turned into a prosperous

venture. He isn't exactly sure how many wins he has in his short pool career, but said he believes it is somewhere between 40 and 50.

More significantly, he has won around \$30,000 playing pool all over the country, from Wisconsin to Las Vegas.

Needless to say, the mechanical-engineering major was more than qualified when his high-school friend, freshman Josh Foxen, asked him to be his partner for the intramural Doubles Pool Tournament, and the two won the title handily.

"I always knew he was really good in high school," Foxen said. "He played me one-handed one time and beat me."

Unfortunately for Foxen, Behnke also signed up for the Singles Pool Tournament, where the two met in the second round. Foxen, like the other 18 competitors, couldn't stop Ryan

Behnke as he cruised through the tournament, winning five matches without losing a single game en route to the championship.

The intramural competition gave Behnke a special opportunity to showcase his skills, which doesn't happen as often as it used to since he started college.

"Now, I never play," Behnke said. "Living at home, I used to play about every other weekend."

Jerry Behnke said he has always encouraged his kids to play pool, but he has never pressured them. He said he sees the game as a great activity they can do as a family, and the success is just a bonus.

"It's something we say we'll always do together," he said. "It's always kept us real close."

All of the Behnke boys have competed in league, state, and national tournaments — often as a team, as well as

individually. The family makes a yearly trip to Las Vegas to compete in the national tournament, where Ryan Behnke finished 13th in 2005 and 2007 and qualified for the U.S. Open.

The Behnke family also helped put together some instructional videos and own a pool hall, called the Dakota Cue Club in Sioux Falls, S.D.

But Jerry Behnke has always encouraged his sons not to try to make a living out of playing pool. Adam Behnke, who now manages the Dakota Cue Club, saw what that was like when he spent two years traveling with Shane Van Boening, who is the second-ranked player in the world, according to AZBilliards.com.

"The money just really isn't there," Adam Behnke said.

Ryan Behnke agreed with his dad and brother, and he views pool as more of a hobby.

"Just a hobby to make a

little money on the weekend," Ryan Behnke said.

Regardless of how the Behnke boys see the game, there is no denying their skills. Both Adam and Ryan Behnke are on a select list known as Elite Masters. The group is composed of the best players in the state and has only 26 members.

But even with his name on that list, Ryan Behnke seeks to improve his craft.

"He just loves the game

and does really well at it," Jerry Behnke said.

INTRAMURALS

College men learn a whole new sport

While softball has long been popular with females, men are also starting to get into the game.

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Pitch. Swing. Hit.

Three elements both baseball and softball have in common.

Yet while softball is a women's sport at the collegiate level in the United States, men are overtaking the sport at the University of Iowa in the intramural ranks.

But how easy is it for male students to make the transition from baseball to softball? Not as easy as one might think.

Many factors contribute to the difference between the two sports — from the styles of pitching to the size of the field.

Swinging a softball

bat can be also be a tough challenge for men switching from hardball to the slow-pitch softball. Slaps-giving Softball Club captain and UI senior Andrew Oswald said it may even be the biggest obstacle to overcome during the transition.

"The swinging style is different because you are swinging at an angle," he said. "In baseball, you swing at a level, and you want to make contact. In softball, the ball is coming at an arc, and that is hard for some people."

Pitching is another element that requires some adjustment. While the softball game requires pitchers to throw underhanded, Chris Arp, a third-year pharmacy student and

captain of Team Miralax, said waiting for the ball to cross home plate is an entirely different experience.

The same holds true at the collegiate level where the average speed of a baseball pitch is 88 miles per hour, whereas softball hurlers throw 65, according to ESPN.

In terms of size, the softball field is also a new experience for former baseball players getting into intramural softball. In addition to the larger, heavier ball, the closer playing area creates challenges for batters seeking quality hits.

"When you hit a ball in softball, it doesn't travel as far as it does in baseball," Oswald said.

Arp said, "With the field

in softball, it's a lot of hard work to get a hit through the gap."

However for some, having a smaller field is an advantage. Son's of Pitches captain and UI freshman Jon Bihl said that in softball, the reduced dimensions allow teams to position players in the field to help cover more ground while in offense.

All three team captains said most of their teammates haven't played softball before. But Bihl, a co-rec softball team member, said playing with women will give his team an overall advantage.

"They will give us good hits because they are used to that style of hitting," he said.

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SOFTBALL

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"We play a lot more relaxed knowing that we have an eight-run cushion and knowing that our offense is producing runs for us," she said.

Iowa's 5-1 win on April 3 may have added to the relaxation.

Carmody got Iowa going, driving in three runs, and freshman Jordan Goschie added an RBI. Sophomore third baseman Katie Keim led the Hawkeyes on defense as well.

Freshman hurler Chelsea Lyon continued to demonstrate her potential in the circle, tossing a complete-game and picking up her eighth win in her first Big Ten start. She has allowed



Iowa catcher Liz Watkins snags the ball during the first game of the Hawkeyes' two-game series with Indiana on April 3 at Pearl Field. Watkins scored a run and had two hits in the contest.

zero earned runs over 16 innings in her last three appearances.

The Hawkeyes will face Northwestern in a double-header at Pearl Field on Wednesday. With the next four games at home, Iowa players said they hope to

extend the weekend's momentum into the mid-week matchup.

"We know what we're going to do and how good we are now," Brown said. "We're playing really well, starting the Big Ten well, and hitting well going into this week."



Hawkeye fans cheer after Iowa takes the lead over Virginia Tech during the 2009 Big Ten/ACC Challenge in Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City on Dec. 1, 2009. Iowa fell to Virginia Tech, 70-64.

PROMOTIONS

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the purchase [of the tickets]. Then, there's the activation and actually coming to the events, and we didn't have attendance at the men's basketball events."

In addition to the array of Hawkeye gear linked with the new "Let's be mad again" campaign, the program goes a step further by offering a multimedia aspect that gives fans the chance to get to know McCaffery.

"The idea behind this is to capitalize the excitement of the hiring of Coach McCaffery and to give fans who are excited about that opportunity an opportunity to rally around the program and help promote the program," Klatt said. "[The incentive] also gives us a chance to get other fans

excited about the future of Iowa basketball."

Iowa basketball fans, such as UI sophomore Kyle Tevebaugh, also noted the lack of motivation to attend men's basketball games during the final year of the Todd Lickliter era.

"I went to about three games because they were free," he said. "I knew we weren't a really good team, so there wasn't any excitement like there was in football. I don't really want to pay for something that's not exciting."

Coming to Iowa City fresh off a NCAA Tournament berth at Siena, McCaffery predicts his up-tempo style of play will appeal to his players and Hawkeye fans alike.

"We're going to play the game the right way," McCaffery said on March 29 when he was named

Iowa's 22nd men's basketball coach. "I'm going to coach with passion, but our players are going to have fun. They're going to enjoy what they do on the floor. And this place is going to be rocking again."

Klatt said the athletics department is working make Carver-Hawkeye-Arena a fun place to be for students when game-day rolls around next season.

"We just have to get that whole experience going again," Klatt said. "But we also argue that a good chunk of that is driven by what happens on the floor, and Fran openly accepts that responsibility. He has to do what is necessary to get whether it be a student, faculty or staff, member off their couch and into the arena."

CHEMISTRY

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fire burning. Now that the Hawkeyes' belief in one another has been established, though, the Iowa's head woman said it will continue to be a point of emphasis throughout the season.

"If you go into our locker room right now, it's one of our four words on the board," said Blevins, and she believes that trust is more important than anything while her team is on defense.

The two weekend contests were marked by a number of defensive achievements, which boosted team trust.

During Iowa's April 3 victory, third baseman Katie Keim snagged a one-hopper with a runner on third. Aware that the runner had

wandered too far toward home, Keim tagged the Hoosier quickly and immediately threw to first base for a double play.

While the sophomore smiled at her feat, teammates seemed excited but unsurprised — almost as though they knew she would make the play.

Earlier in the year, the Hawkeyes might have been more relieved to see such prowess.

In its two wins this weekend, the Iowa softball team jelled to the point that it was almost as though the Hawkeyes had played together for more than just half a season.

"Knowing that somebody's going to cover up that base or knowing that [first baseman] Katie Brown is going to make that double play," sophomore Liz Watkins said. "That's changed us a lot."

Men gymnasts finish 6th again

The team sends two to individual finals and finish sixth overall at the Big Ten championships.

By NICK GANS
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Risky business didn't lead to pay dirt for the Iowa men's gymnastics team over the weekend.

Shooting to raise the difficulty in several events, the Hawkeyes finished sixth at the Big Ten championships for the second-straight year, tallying a 337.800 in Columbus, Ohio.

Illinois won the conference team title with a 359.700, narrowly edging 2009 co-champion Michigan, which posted a 358.150 for second.

But even with the low finish, Iowa's "one-two punch" of senior Jonathan Buese and junior Ben Ketelsen raised the Hawkeyes' optimism for the remainder of the postseason.

Iowa will compete at the NCAA Championship Qualifier on April 15 in West Point, N.Y.

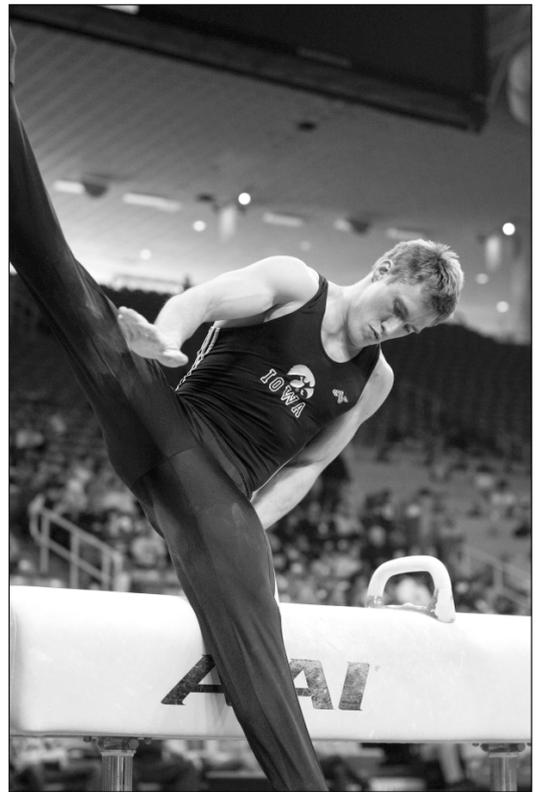
"It was a disappointing on a lot of events," Iowa head coach Tom Dunn said. "But despite our performances, we will still qualify for the NCAA championships and have one more opportunity to put it all together. Ben and Jon are the big reason."

Ketelsen saved his best performance on the vault and pommel horse for the Big Ten qualifying round on April 2. The Lancaster, Ohio, native tied for second overall on vault with a score of 16.050 — tying teammate Buese for the highest score of the season.

"Ben nailed his vault routine," Dunn said. "It finally all came together for him, and it showed."

Buese also performed well on the vault with a 15.750 — more than half a point above his season average — to finish ninth overall.

He also demonstrated why he is a finalist for the Nissen-Emery award,



Senior Jonathan Buese performs on the pommel horse on March 7 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Buese led the Hawks in rings, parallel bars, floor exercise, and the all-around on April 2.

'Ben [Ketelsen] nailed his vault routine. It finally all came together for him and it showed.'

- Tom Dunn, head coach

which is given to the top overall collegiate gymnast. Buese led the Hawkeyes in rings, parallel bars, floor exercise, and the all-around on April 2 and placed 21st overall in rings (14.150), 13th on floor exercise (14.600), 16th on parallel bars (14.000), and ninth in the all-around (84.650).

All of his scores were above his season averages. However, April 3 proved to be more challenging for the Iowa duo. Ketelsen fell back from his vault score from the previous day, scoring a 14.875 for 10th.

He also decreased his score on the pommel horse, recording a 13.750 to finish eighth.

Buese finished eighth

with a 15.500 on the vault — his only event on the day. And although he didn't capture a top place, he still became one of six Big Ten gymnasts to earn sportsmanship honors.

Meanwhile, even though Buese and Ketelsen were the only two Hawkeyes to qualify for individual championships, Dunn said many other Iowa gymnasts surprised him — particularly those competing in the parallel bars.

Seniors Danny Kuklinski and Joel Snyder both tied for 18th in the event.

Freshman Matt McGrath finished 21st on vault and 22nd on rings in his first collegiate post-season experience.

Iowa's high-bars performances disappointed Dunn, though. Junior Mike Jiang injured his hand during his routine, and the Hawkeyes' had difficulty with their landings, the coach said.

"High bars was a tough one to take," Dunn said. "It was a little off, and it wasn't how we wanted to start. It made it tough to rebound."

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Iowa junior Steven Willey puts on his shoes before track practice in the Recreation Building on Feb. 11, 2008. Willey won the 1,600-meter relay along with Ray Varner, Patrick Richards, and Erik Sowinski at the Tiger Track Classic in Auburn, Ala., over the weekend.

Hawk track sparkles

The Iowa track and field teams have success at Auburn over the weekend.

By MICHÈLE DANNO
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Only a few weeks into the outdoor season, both the men and women's track and field teams have seen substantial improvement since the end of the indoor campaign.

Both squads fled rainy Iowa during the weekend to the Tiger Track Classic in Auburn, Ala., where personal bests were set and Iowa records were broken.

In what has become a prominent theme for the Hawkeye men, Erik Sowinski again led the way.

The sophomore from Waukesha, Wis., won the 800 meter in 1:49:66, good for fourth all-time for the Hawkeyes. Sowinski owns the indoor record in the 800.

He said fans will start to see faster times as the athletes train through the first weeks of the outdoor season, and he hopes to claim the outdoor 800 record by the year's end.

"That's the ultimate goal," he said. "But, we'll see what happens."

Sowinski later helped the relay team, which includes senior Ray Varner, junior Steven Willey, and sophomore Patrick Richards, to a win in the 1,600. The relay team had some hand-off problems at last weekend's meet in Arkansas, but the members rectified those mistakes in practice.

Men's head coach Larry Wiczorek was pleased with the progress the Hawks made over the course of the week.

"They straightened out some things and had a really good performance,"

"I think the 4-by-4 definitely fueled the meet for us. But overall, I think everyone definitely stepped up to the plate. We had people competing and performing well in events left and right."

— Bethany Praska, sophomore

he said.

Other big showings came from freshman Jordan Mullen, who placed third in the hurdles at 14:06 — the fifth-best performance in Iowa history. Fellow freshman Matt Byers had the third-best javelin throw in school history.

With the younger athletes stepping up, Wiczorek said, he is excited about the direction of the program.

Women's head coach Layne Anderson is also anticipating a bright future for the women's program — most notably the sprinters and throwers — based on his team's showing at Auburn. He said the sprinters had their "best meet in a long time."

The women's 1,600-meter relay team — consisting of Tiffany Hendricks, Bethany Praska, Nicole Erickson, and Rhonda-Kaye Trusty — finished third overall with a 3:39. This finish also ranks sixth all-time at Iowa.

Individually, Praska also set her personal best in the outdoor 800 at 2:12. But she said her proudest moment of the meet was being part of the 1,600-meter race, which was the second-to-last event in the two-day meet.

"I think the 4-by-4 definitely fueled the meet for us," Praska said. "But

overall, I think everyone definitely stepped up to the plate. We had people competing and performing well in events left and right."

The throwers also showed "vast improvements," Anderson said. With three first-year competitors, the Hawkeyes have had to start from scratch.

Anderson said Majesty Tutson set a personal best in the discus, and teammate Tiffany Medenwaldt set hers in both the discus and shot-put.

While the Hawkeye women sprinters, jumpers, and throwers joined the men at Auburn, 12 distance women went to Pella, Iowa, to compete in the smaller Central Invitational.

Anderson said the meet was an opportunity for some women who have not yet competed or who do not race as much to see some more competition at their level.

Sophomore Kelsey Mims finished first in the 400-meter hurdles with a personal-best of 1:04.

"This entire team has improved a great deal over the last four or five weeks," Anderson said. "We hope to continue that momentum, but we need to get more competitive in the weeks ahead to compete even better at the outdoor championship."

win in doubles play to secure the first team point. The No. 15-ranked duo of sophomore Sonja Molnar and senior Merel Beelen continued to dominate, winning 8-4.

Molnar also won her match in the No. 1 singles spot against No. 66 Kirsten Flower (7-6, 1-6, 6-4). Junior Lynne Poggensee-Wei followed won at the No. 2 position (7-5, 3-6, 6-3).

Beelen, junior Alexis Dorr, and

senior Kelcie Klockenga also claimed victories in their singles matches for Iowa.

After starting 0-2 in Big Ten play, the team is on a three-match winning streak, which includes two straight 6-1 triumphs.

The Hawkeyes will return home to take on Illinois at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Saturday.

— by Jon Frank

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Women's tennis rolls in Columbus

The Iowa women's tennis team (13-3, 3-2) defeated No. 25 Ohio State (15-5, 2-2), 6-1, on Sunday in Columbus, Ohio.

The victory gave the Hawkeyes their fifth win over a ranked opponent this season and helped boost the team to the top of the Big Ten. Iowa started the match with a

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Stanford heads to championship game

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Nnemkadi Ogwumike put Stanford ahead early, then took control in the final minute to secure a spot in the national championship game.

Ogwumike scored Stanford's first eight points and the final seven — in the last 51.3 seconds — to make sure the Cardinal never trailed on the way to a 73-66 victory over Oklahoma on Sunday night in the women's Final Four.

Ogwumike, playing in front of

family and friends just three hours from her Houston-area home, scored a career-high 38 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. She also had two assists, a block and a key steal in the final minute to put Stanford in the title game for the second time in three years.

"We talked about playing with fire and I think we lit that fire tonight," said Ogwumike, the Pac-10 player of the year.

Next up for Stanford (36-1) is UConn on Tuesday night. The Cardinal will be seeking their first national championship since 1992.

Stanford will get another crack at the only team it has lost to since Jan. 18, 2009, having fallen in last year's Final Four and early this season. It also will be the first title game pitting the top two teams in the final Associated Press regular-season poll since 2002.

The Cardinal are the last team to beat the Huskies — in the 2008 NCAA Tournament semifinals.

"We're excited to be playing on Tuesday night," Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer said. "This is just great."

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Things an 8-year-old is allowed to ask on Easter that I, apparently, am not

- How does Jesus hide all those eggs in all those yards in a single night?
 - Does Santa help?
- Did the Easter Bunny have its rabies vaccinations?
- If they buried him in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, shouldn't they call it the "Tomb of Jesus," instead?
- Is Easter too long to keep Christmas decorations up?
- Is Easter too early to put Christmas decorations up?
- I think 'Golgotha' would make a pretty girl's name, don't you?
- If you feed Easter grass to a dairy cow, will it give chocolate milk?
- The first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox — is that to make sure there'll be no wererabbits?
- Wasn't "Rex Iudaeorum" one of the Defense Against the Dark Arts spells Harry taught Dumbledore's Army in *Order of the Phoenix*?
- Do they have egg hunts every day on Easter Island?
- If Samuel Adams brewed a seasonal beer for Easter, do you think they'd double the hops content?
- Why do we have to go to church every Sunday when all these other people only have to come on today and Christmas?!
- Can I just have jellybeans for dinner?

— Andrew R. Juhl had a manic Maundy Thursday, an OK Good Friday, and one nor'easter of an Easter.

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Randall Wilson and UI graduate student Allison Wanger stand at a picnic table in College Green Park on Sunday. Randall and his wife, Kristen Wilson, came to Iowa City to visit Kristen Wilson's sister Allison Wanger for Easter. The couple resides in San Francisco, Calif.

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PRESENTS...

horoscopes Monday, April 5, 2010

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Don't share your emotional opinion with anyone, especially people you work with. A turn of events due to a relationship you have with a peer or colleague will make you question your current position and the direction you should take.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Take a time out and enjoy life a little. A change will be as good as a rest and will give you a chance to look at any problem you face at home with broader vision.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Keep a low profile. It's better to be underestimated than to present expectations you may not be able to live up to. There is money to be made and paperwork to complete before you can celebrate.

CANCER June 21-July 22 If someone is causing you grief, be open, and you will get things back to normal much quicker. Focus on work and the changes you can make to get ahead. A partnership will limit you if you don't deal with the complaints or disagreements.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Don't let things get out of hand. Be smart about the way you handle the people you work with and for. If you are too outgoing and aggressive, you will not get your way. If you fall short on a promise, you will be penalized.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 It's full steam ahead. Don't stop to see what everyone else is doing — just go after your goals, and push for what you want. Believe in yourself, and everyone will want to join in and help you. Love is in the stars.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 A practical approach to spending and saving must be implemented if you want to make important changes to your personal and home life. Money put into a wise investment will enable you to stop overspending.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You have to consider what everyone else is doing and how you can complement what's going on around you. Once you find a way to contribute, you will feel more a part of the situation. Change is upon you; don't ignore the possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Do more for others, and you will manage to get the support you need in return. Right now, it's about working toward a goal with a collective group. If you exaggerate about what you can do, you will have trouble delivering.

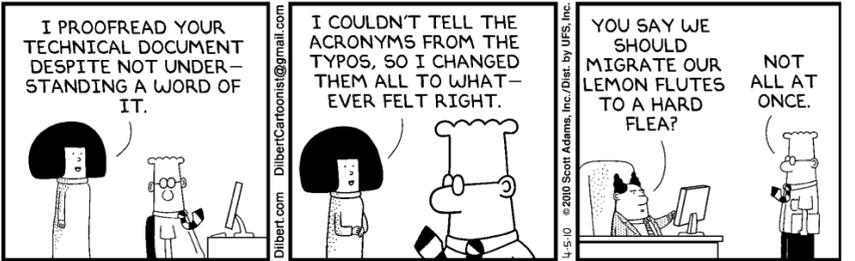
CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You may want to release some of the pent-up feelings you have regarding your personal life, home, and family. Honesty will put things in perspective. Love is on the rise, and your openness will help enhance your relationships.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Put more of an emphasis on what you say and do to help others, and you will receive support from friends and family. A closer look at your past will enable you to move forward. There is a lot to gain from what you experience now.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Do a reality check and revisit some of the connections you have had in the past and see what's still available to you. A reunion will help revitalize an old partnership you never thought could work.

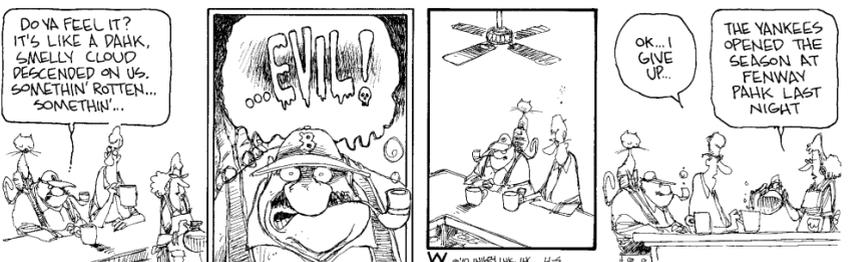
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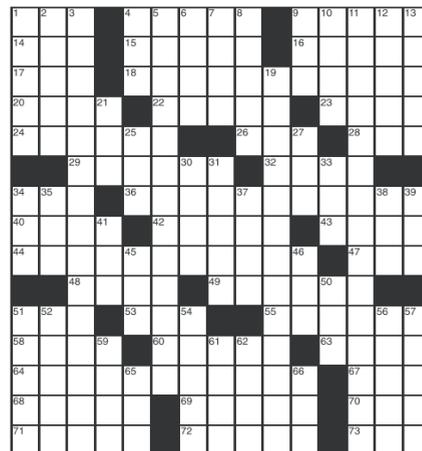
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- **Biochemistry Ph.D. Thesis Seminar**, "Functional analysis of an alternative Replication Protein A complex containing RPA4," Aaron Mason, 9:30 p.m., 2189 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Sociable Seniors**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **International Mondays Brown Bag Series**, "Food Security, Production, and Technologies: A Discussion of the 2009 Obermann Cmiel Seminar on World Fares," noon, Iowa City Public Library
- **Physical and Environmental Seminar**, "Developing New Probes for 2D-IR Spectroscopy," Mike Ngdegger, 12:30 p.m., 104 Iowa Advanced Technology Labs
- **Johnson County AARP**, "Understanding Hospice Care," 1:30 p.m., Conference Center at Elder Services Agency, 1556 S. First
- **Plasma Physics Seminar**, "Physics and Technology of High-Voltage Pulsed Plasmas," Robert Merlino, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Colloquium**, "The Song of the Stars: The Behavior of Semi-regular Variable Stars," Robert Cadmus, 3:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **ECO Hawk Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., 2-501 Bowen
- **Together We Can**, with

- commentary by Professor Meena Khandelwal, 4 p.m., 125 Boyd Law Building
- **Fit 4 Fun**, 4:30 p.m., Performance Health and Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- **Iowa City Eels Non-Competitive Stroke Clinic**, 5:30 p.m., Mercer Aquatic Center, 2701 Bradford
- **Parenting Workshop**, 5:30 p.m., Penn Elementary, 230 N. Dubuque, North Liberty
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**, 5:45 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Air Pollution and Climate Change in Iowa**, 6 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Free Pool**, 7 p.m., TCB Pool Hall, 114 E. College
- **The Messenger**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Marisa Olson Lecture**, 7 p.m., 1505 Seamans Center
- **Red Watch Band**, Free CPR and Alcohol Emergency Training, 7 p.m., 339 IMU
- **UISG Senatorial Debate**, 7 p.m., C20 Pomerantz
- **Texas Hold 'em**, 7 p.m., Wildwood, 4919 B Walleye Drive S.E.
- **"Invisible Children" National Screening**, 7:30 p.m., W151 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Open Mic with J. Knight**, 8 p.m., The Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Blues Jam**, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Good Time Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **The Horse Boy**, 9 p.m., Bijou

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- Across**
- 1996 candidate
 - Dole
 - "10 ___ or less"
 - (check-out line sign that grates on grammarians)
 - The real ___
 - When a plane is due in, for short
 - Nerve
 - [Crossing my fingers]
 - ___ center (community facility)
 - Unrealized gain on an investment
 - Suffix with cyclo- or Jumbo
 - Braga a k a the Brazilian Bombshell
 - "Bah, humbug!"
 - Merely suggest
 - SSW's opposite
 - 28 Letters on an ambulance
 - Detective, in slang
 - 32 Give up, as rights
 - Evergreen
 - Fancy
 - "That's ___ haven't heard!"
 - "Jaws" menace
 - Wished
 - Good luck charms
 - Charles Dickens pseudonym
 - Kuwaiti leader
 - Kettle drum
 - Buddy
 - Mesh
 - Facet
 - Guthrie with a guitar
 - 60 Pat of "Wheel of Fortune"
 - 63 Mountain lift
 - 64 They measure the tonnage of trucks
 - Singer Yoko
 - 68 W.W. II bomber ___ Gay
 - 69 Outdo
 - 70 Giant great Mel
 - 71 Copenagengers, e.g.
 - 72 Tending to ooze
 - 73 Flattens in the ring, for short



- Down**
- Train sleeping spot
 - Former "S.N.L." comic Cheri
 - 1676 Virginia uprising
 - Little devil
 - Woman presiding at a banquet
 - Giant fair
 - Coppearance
 - Small finch
 - Former Russian space station
 - Take an ax to
 - Photo-filled reading matter in the living room
 - Poppy product
 - Reported Himalayan sightings
 - Cosmetic applied with a damp sponge
 - To the ___ degree
 - 25 What to say to a doctor with a tongue depressor
 - Snakelike fish
 - 30 Terse critiques
 - 31 Path down to a mine
 - 33 Talk over?
 - 34 In favor of
 - 35 Once ___ blue moon
 - 37 Costing nothing, in Cologne
 - 38 Wedding vow
 - 39 ___ Percé tribe
 - 41 Company called "Big Blue"
 - 45 "Am ___ your way?"
 - 46 Atlanta-based sta.
 - 50 Well-put
 - 51 Manhandled
 - 52 Indoor game site
 - 54 Tex-Mex sandwiches
 - 56 Poetic chapter for Ezra Pound
 - 57 Gaits between walks and canters
 - 59 Look at amorously
 - 61 Tarzan's woman
 - 62 On the sheltered side
 - 65 Contains
 - 66 Word repeated in Mad magazine's ___ vs. ___

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