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UI to raze Hawkeye Court in next five years

The UI housing director says spending more money on the complex, built in 1966, wouldn't be sensible.



Khadijah Fall sleeps in one of the two bedrooms of her family's apartment in Hawkeye Court on Thursday. UI officials plan to tear down the 503-unit Hawkeye Court apartments in the next five years.

By ARIANA WITT

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Moussa Fall's dimly lit, two-bedroom apartment is a cramped space. Boxes from the post office sit on his couch, and his students' assignments are piled on top of a tiny wooden desk next to canned food.

The University of Iowa teaching assistant in French and Italian pointed to numerous structural problems in his family's Hawkeye Court apartment, while his wife prepared tea and their baby slept in the bedroom.

"Look, we have to have a towel on the floor because it is always wet," Fall said. "The heater barely works."

He pointed out spots of mold on the floor boards and the ceiling.

"They really should just tear them down," Fall said about the university-owned apartments.

That could be a possibility, UI officials said.

For now, the only thing that's certain is that

Hawkeye Court apartments will not exist within five years, said UI Housing Director Von Stange.

University Housing officials are planning to do one of three things after tearing down the 503-unit complex: build new apartments using UI funds, partner with a company to build university-owned apartments, or not rebuild any apartments at the site.

"We are looking to new options currently but haven't made any decisions beyond that," Stange said.

University Housing has partnered with the Scion Group, a Chicago organization focused on corporate and educational real estate, to survey current residents.

The company's website says it has completed projects on more than 90 campuses worldwide, including Drake University and the UI. The university hasn't signed a contract with the firm, Stange said.

SEE HOUSING, 3A

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— Moussa Fall,
UI teaching
assistant in French
and Italian

LAST CALL
UI wants athletes to back 21-only

Senior athletes Jay Borschel and A.J. Edds are open to endorsing the 21-ordinance.

By EVELYN LAU

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University of Iowa officials may look to student-athletes as the next voices to endorse the newly passed 21-ordinance.

During a meeting with the Presidential Committee on Athletics Thursday, Provost Wallace Loh brought up the possibility of getting "outstanding leaders" on board to serve as role models for their student peers, bringing with them a ripple of opposition to the vocal anti-21 sentiment on campus.

Passed Tuesday, the ordinance will go into effect June 1, requiring all bars to go 21-only after 10 p.m.

"Nobody among the students has come forward and said, 'This is the right thing to do,'" Loh said during the meeting, which Athletics Director Gary Barta attended. "I wouldn't expect them to. The vast majority on board are against it."

"My question is — and I don't know if this is out of line — is there any way of inquiring and encouraging some of our outstanding student-athletes to step up and say, 'This is the right thing to do?'"

Committee members didn't want to speak for all athletes, Barta told Loh. He said, though, he would propose the idea at a future Iowa Student-Athlete Advisory Council meeting. That council is made up of student-athletes who represent Iowa athletics and the interests of their fellow Hawkeyes.

At least two prominent student-athletes told *The Daily Iowan* they support 21-only and wouldn't have qualms endorsing it.

"I think that's something, with a little bit of prodding, would be pretty easy to support," said senior linebacker A.J. Edds,



Loh
UI provost

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School Board decides to hear more public input

Consultant to board: Decide whether to build a third high school soon.

By HOLLY HINES

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The public needs more time to weigh in on an additional plan to redistrict Iowa City schools, School Board members decided Thursday.

The board agreed to host another public forum on May 4 to solicit input on a last-minute scenario and possible changes by the School Board to

scenarios recommended by the district's boundary committee.

Consultants presented the newly added scenario, which includes an addition to Lemme Elementary and moving Wickham Elementary students to eventually attend City High rather than West High, in March. Some boundary-committee members said they were concerned they and the

public didn't have enough time to discuss the new scenario.

Board members said they will discuss making small changes to the recommended scenarios at a work session later this month.

The School Board heard suggestions Thursday from a number of people, including boundary-committee members, consultants from RSP & Associates, which

the district hired to help with redistricting, and board members who served as ex officio members on the committee.

Consultants said board members should decide whether to implement a plan including two or three high schools sooner, rather than later.

"That's one of those where you're going to have to make a decision and then move on," said Mark

Porter, a consultant with RSP & Associates.

Many committee members said they prefer keeping the option of a third high school open.

April Armstrong, a parent on the committee, said she recommends the board consider opening a ninth-grade facility that could eventually become a high school.

SEE SCHOOL, 3A

Additional district concerns

Boundary committee members advised the Iowa City School Board to:

- Further study paired school concepts
- Look into ways to address free- and reduced-lunch numbers besides redistricting
- Explore capacity concerns in elementary schools in eastern Iowa City
- Review district processes for transfers

Source: District's boundary committee

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With the help of many, 10K rolls along

The 10K staff expects at least 300 volunteers at the concert.

By MARLEEN LINARES

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A subcommittee of seven University of Iowa students spent 30 minutes attempting to complete details for decorations, catering, and pre-party invitations.

Four other students debated the design of concert invitations and thank-you notes.

On Sunday, these students, responsible for planning the annual 10,000 Hours show, can enjoy a sigh of relief.

It will be the cap to more than five months of intensive preparations. And almost immediately after pop musician Howie Day's performance, planning for next year will begin.

The 35 students work two or three hours each week — on top of their own 10 hours of volunteering, said Kristin Fuhs, the executive director of 10K. The staff is split into subcommittees that focus on specific parts of the show.

Every committee had specific duties to accomplish that complemented each other. Business and finance was responsible for finding donations and keeping track of expenditures, and the Grassroots panel was the "ground force," distributing fliers the Marketing and Public Relations

committee designed. The Operations panel managed the décor of the event while planning the "VIPre party," a preconcert party for volunteers with more than 100 hours and other officials.

"There is no way we could do this without any of the committees," said Fuhs, who is in her third year of working with the show. "There is a lot of work that goes into perfecting the show so every little bit counts."

Three UI students are in charge of managing the more than 300 nonprofit organizations from which volunteers can gain service hours. To earn a ticket to the show, volunteers must complete at least 10 hours.

Nonprofits director Elizabeth McIlwee said the weeks leading up to the concert are the busiest for the group because the members are verifying last-minute hours, helping volunteers find extra hours, and ensuring agencies are keeping track of volunteer time.

"There is no point when we are not busy," said McIlwee, who has been involved with 10K for three years. "The most important thing is making sure that the nonprofits are happy."

While the Nonprofits committee works year-round to provide volunteer opportunities and help log



Kristin Fuhs writes a diagram on a whiteboard during a 10,000 Hours meeting in the Iowa House on Tuesday. Fuhs has been with the organization for three years.

hours, planning for the annual concert began in November, when 10K members started deciding which artist to bring to the UI.

Group members selected a few performers, within a certain budget, and asked UI students to vote online for their choice. Howie Day garnered the most votes; he cost \$16,000 to book.

This year, volunteers were offered two more options.

Now, volunteers with 20 service hours can gain two tickets, allowing students who didn't get a chance to get their full 10 hours to enjoy the show. Students can also participate in the 10K exchange, which allows for an exchange of the Howie Day ticket for a

HOWIE DAY

When: April 11
Where: IMU Main Lounge
Admission: Must complete 10 hours of volunteer work

pass to the other two 10K shows: Cold War Kids in Central Iowa and Trippin' Billies in the Quad Cities.

Larry Hau, the executive director of operations, who has been involved with the 10K show for three years, said he has enjoyed working for the cause.

"I love the people I work with and their enthusiasm and energy," he said. "I really love and respect the mission as well."

City hopes for Commerce funds for flood recovery

The grants could mean up to \$25 million in funds for Iowa City flood recovery.

By GRACE SAVIDES

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Iowa City officials are hopeful that a visit from U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke today could mean more funding for flood-recovery projects.

Locke will announce new Commerce Department investments, which will be distributed to various areas to help with flood recovery from the floods of 2008, at the University of Iowa's Beckwith Boathouse at 11:30 a.m. today.

Interim City Manager Dale Helling said he's hopeful Iowa City will be awarded some of the funding.

"We anticipate an announcement on the federal grants that we will receive funding for flood relief," he said.

Locke will also visit flood-damaged areas and tour "flood-resistant" construction on the UI campus. He'll be joined by Gov. Chet Culver, Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa,

and Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek.

Iowa City officials applied for two grants from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration. If approved, the grants would provide \$22 million to relocate the city's north wastewater treatment plant and an additional \$3 million to elevate both North Dubuque Street and the Park Road bridge.

The renovations are much needed, said Rick Fosse, the city's public-works director.

Raising the bridge will help prevent backwater, which happens when an obstruction — the bridge in this case — causes a rise in the river levels.

The elevation of Dubuque Street, which would be accomplished by removing the old pavement and adding additional soil, would raise the street 10 to 12 feet. This would help keep the roadway safe for emergency vehicles and

others in the event of high water, Fosse said.

Officials also hope to close the north wastewater-treatment plant and build another plant outside the Iowa River floodplain rather than spend money to protect it.

"Most of our flood mitigation in Iowa City is making room for the river and making room for future floods," Fosse said.

The city has received funding for various flood-recovery projects, including several million from the state of Iowa IJOBS initiative, \$5 million from the Community Development Block Grant, \$1.5 million from federal earmarks through transportation programs, and \$32 million from the local-option sales tax.

However, even if the city receives the grant, there will still be a \$9 million gap in funding for the elevation of both the bridge and Dubuque Street and a new wastewater-treatment plant.

METRO

Perry to serve as Englert's exec director

The Englert Theatre has appointed Mission Creek Festival founder Andre Perry as its new executive director.

Perry, a Princeton University graduate, will continue to serve as president and primary programmer for the Mission Creek Festival and as a talent buyer for the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St.

"The Englert is such an

important part of Iowa City's artistic landscape," Perry said in a statement. "As executive director, I hope to continue to cultivate that reputation while celebrating and further developing our community's rich tapestry of artistic performance."

Sean Fredericks served as the historic theater's executive director before leaving the post earlier this year. Perry was selected from a pool of national and local applicants.

Perry has also worked as an academic adviser at the University of Iowa and as a

middle-school teacher in San Francisco.

— by Brian Stewart

Man charged with burglary, robbery

Coralville police arrested a man for allegedly attacking a man and attempting to steal his wallet.

Yshan Rogers, 18, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with first-degree burglary and second-degree robbery.

According to police reports, Rogers and several others, struck

a male victim in an apartment parking lot. The alleged victim broke free and ran into his residence, police said.

Rogers followed him and again punched and kicked the man while attempting to grab the alleged victim's wallet, authorities said.

First-degree burglary is a Class B felony, punishable by up to 25 years in prison. Second-degree robbery is a Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

— by Regina Zilbermints

POLICE BLOTER

Bruce Austin, 18, 1926 Broadway Apt. G, was charged Feb. 25 with accessory after the fact.

Jennifer Barrientos, 21, 2401 Highway 6 E Apt. 3614, was charged Wednesday with driving while barred.

Matt Bishop, 19, 1141 Slater, was

charged April 2 with PAULA. Tyler Henry, 20, West Union, Iowa, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Brett Kriz, 20, Coralville, was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Taylor Lydon, 20, 308 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1117, was charged

Thursday with PAULA.

Jessica Monroe, 27, address unknown, was charged Feb. 25 with aiding and abetting fifth-degree theft and aiding and abetting fraudulent criminal acts.

Johnathon Nibec, 19, 2128 S.

Riverside Drive Apt. 79, was charged Wednesday with assault causing injury and fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Zaida Washington, 31, 1227 Williams St., was charged Thursday with disorderly conduct.

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A Hawkeye Court resident walks down the sidewalk leading to an apartment building on Thursday. UI officials plan to tear down the 503-unit Hawkeye Court apartments in the next five years.

HOUSING

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Housing officials sent the survey by e-mail to Hawkeye Court residents approximately two months ago, asking them what amenities they're looking for and how much they're willing to pay in the future for improvements.

Fall said he indicated that he was willing to increase his rent up to \$650 a month. Now he pays roughly \$450.

"It's market analysis and cost estimates focused on what would be best for people," Stange said. "Money from renters helps guide

what is done as far as fixing the apartments."

But Stange said officials don't think it would be sensible to pour more money in the complex, which was built in 1966. So instead, they're working on other alternatives, such as the survey, that would better benefit the units and their residents, he said.

While Stange said he couldn't comment on when his office would have survey results, he said the next steps would include speaking with other university officials before making any construction plans.

Some Hawkeye Court residents said they hope those decisions will come

later, rather than sooner.

"I hope they at least wait until I graduate," said Meng Li, a second-year UI graduate student from China. "It would be so difficult for me to find an apartment this cheap off campus."

University Apartments manager Helen Baker said a large number of Hawkeye Court residents are international.

Stange said current residents shouldn't worry about moving just yet.

"Five years is a long ways away and includes a new generation of students," he said.

SCHOOL

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"My fear is that the minute you add onto City and West, the prospect of a third high school is gone," she said.

Some committee members also recommended the School Board consider methods besides redistricting to help balance the number of students receiving free and reduced lunch, a commonly used indicator of low income levels.

They also recommended the board keep student safety in mind.

Several parents voiced concern at a Coralville City Council work session on redistricting this week about the newly added scenario.

That recommendation includes transferring some students in the Coralville

area to attend City High. Parents said they were concerned this means high-school students would drive on Interstate 80, which they feel is a safety hazard.

School Board member Tuyet Dorau said she recently asked the Johnson

County Council of Governments, an organization that looks into transportation concerns, to examine traffic and safety issues.

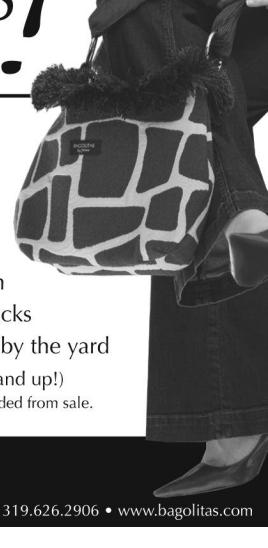
She hopes to collect data from the group soon, Dorau said.

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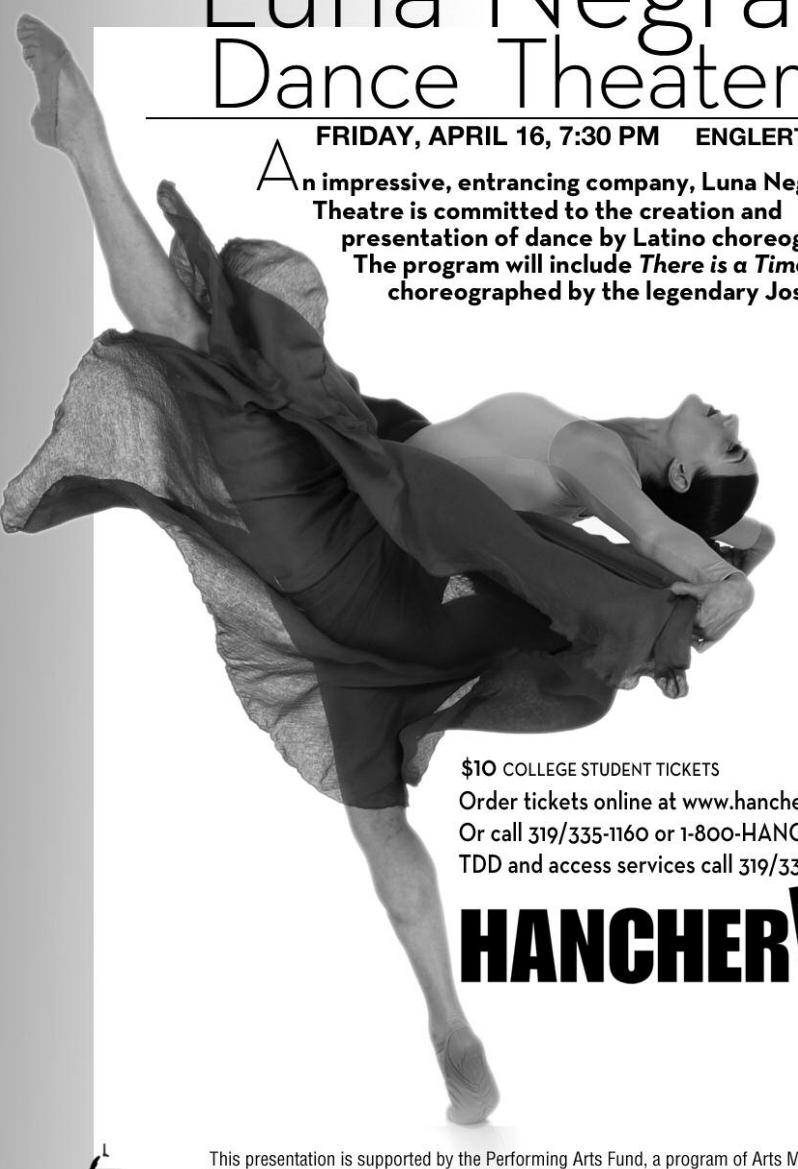


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ATHLETES

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a football representative for the council who will graduate in May. "It won't affect me one way or another, but if it were up to me, I think it would be good if it were 21-only. I think it'll alleviate a lot of problems."

"That's easy for me to say because I'm over 21. If I were younger, I might have a different opinion."

Senior wrestler and 174-pound national champion Jay Borschel, another student-athlete committee member, agreed.

"I'm in favor of it," the 23-year-old said. "People need to start realizing that they're students first and that it's time to grow up a little bit. We're students; we're not drunken fools."

In the end, Barta said the 21-ordinance made "sense logically."

"I'm pleased that we're going to try this," he said. "I'm responsible for a group of students, and it didn't make sense that we had underage students going into the bars and the bar owners indicating themselves they couldn't manage it."

DI reporter Mitch Smith contributed to this report.

ATHLETES' VIEWS

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'I feel the only reason people go to the bars is to drink. If they aren't allowed to drink, they shouldn't be able to go to the bars.'

— Ray Varner, senior, men's track



'Personally, I am [in favor of 21-only] just because I don't see why not. It coincides with the law.'

— Amanda Hardesy, junior, women's track



'I guess I would endorse it. I really don't have an opinion one way or the other.'

— Betsy Flood, sophomore, women's track



'I don't really have a strong opinion of it because I am 21, and it doesn't affect me personally. I don't know if the other athletes would feel differently or have stronger opinions on it.'

— Alexis Dorr, junior, women's tennis

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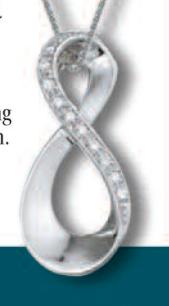
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Spotlight Iowa City

University of Iowa's \$12 Million Man

Karim Abdel-Malek is at the head of a research facility that has several contracts with major corporations.

By JOSEPH BELK

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Sporting a crisp gray suit and tie, Karim Abdel-Malek could be mistaken for a bank executive, perhaps a lawyer.

The clothes might be fitting. The director of the University of Iowa Center for Computer-Aided Design has a particular way of running his program — like a business.

Housed at the UI Engineering Research Facility, the center has adopted his emphasis on professionalism and results. Since taking the reins as director in 2005, he has restructured the program into six specialized units and increased the number of staff members from 27 to 150.

"[I brought] the professional aspect of research, I think," said Abdel-Malek, noting that two of his hirings were a financial administrator and a business developer.

His center has secured contracts with the U.S. military, major companies — Chrysler, General Motors, Ford — and the defense agencies of Germany and South Korea. Next week, he'll meet with NASA in Houston to develop a virtual astronaut.

For a research institution, these deals mean one thing: money.

"I think the money is — although it's not the most important issue — a huge issue," Abdel-Malek said.

Working at Utility Technologies International Corp. after getting a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, he learned essential skills about enterprise and



CHARLIE ANDERSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Karim Abdel-Malek sits near his desk in the Engineering Research Facility on Thursday. The "\$25 million man," Santos, is a program conceived and developed by Abdel-Malek.

Karim Abdel-Malek

- Age: 44
- Born in: Egypt
- Played: Water polo at the University of Jordan
- Has three children: Ella, 9; Tony, 6; Sam, 3
- Favorite destination: Mexico
- Would like to: Change his last name from "Abdel-Malek" to "Malek"

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applied them to the research center.

"The critics that say that I'm running it as more of a business, they have a point," he said matter-of-factly. "I really want them to know I don't care."

The center brings in

an average of \$12 million a year, up from about \$2 million a year before 2005, Abdel-Malek said. The center's Virtual Soldier Research Program alone has brought in \$25.5 million in the last five years, he said. The program tests military equipment and weapons in computer simulations.

As a researcher, Abdel-Malek found himself struggling to focus on a single project.

"I had ideas all over," he said. "I didn't pursue one single thing until I was able to apply the robotics that I learned to create human motion."

Abdel-Malek's breakthrough was Santos, a

model designed to emulate human motion in the virtual world.

The project began six years ago after he received \$3 million from the U.S. military to develop the virtual human.

Since its inception, Santos has seen many applications. For example, a researcher can virtually equip the model with a helmet to evaluate how it fits, how well he can see through the visor, and if the design is creating any stress on him.

Santos can also be used to test weapons, clothing, and heavy machinery. Automakers are using the virtual human to assess the safety of their assembly manufacturing processes.



CHARLIE ANDERSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

A pipe and a bag of coffee sit on Karim Abdel-Malek's desk in the Engineering Research Facility on Thursday. Abdel-Malek developed a virtual-soldier program that aids the U.S. military and private companies.

Steve Beck, a research and development projects manager, described his boss's mentality.

"He has a very clear vision of where he wants this technology to go," Beck said. "[For him] if there's not a vision that allows it to move forward, then it's almost not worth doing."

Although Abdel-Malek finds himself slightly removed from the development process in his current post, he still remains a presence.

John Looft, a UI undergraduate majoring in biomedical engineering, said Abdel-Malek is the adviser on his senior design project — a lightweight and inexpensive prosthetic hand.

"His input is very important to what we do," Looft said. "He puts you on the right path, and he lets us as engineers, then, be able to use our creativity."

Despite his success as director, Abdel-Malek said he is not yet satisfied with his accomplishments.

"Fulfilled? No. Never."

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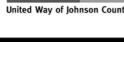
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Visiting Kyrgyz hopes for best

'This must be the last revolution,' a Kyrgyz says.

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Five years ago, Asylbek Zhoodonbekov stood in front of government buildings in Kyrgyzstan and demanded change.

It didn't come. In fact, it got worse.

"I really hoped but was disappointed," the University of Iowa visiting scholar said. "I really hoped there will be a new leader, and everything will change. But for five years, it's been worse than the president we overthrew."

Now, opposition leaders have again overthrown the government in the nation of 5 million, declaring Thursday they would hold power for six months.

Deposed President Kurmanbek Bakiyev has refused to relinquish power, though he's been releasing statements from an undisclosed location as the violence, which has killed dozens and wounded hundreds more, continued.

Bakiyev initially came to power after the March 2005 "Tulip Revolution" deposed President Askar Akayev; he won a landslide victory in the presidential election of July 2005. But for five years, dissatisfaction with Bakiyev has grown. In July 2009, Bakiyev gained re-election, but in an election largely regarded as fraudulent.

This week's violence is hardly unexpected. The unrest in Kyrgyzstan, a

nation critically important to U.S. strategic interests, has only grown since 2005. And UI political-science Professor Vicki Hesli says the unrest is actually a result of unrealized expectations associated with the revolution and was finally triggered by last summer's fraudulent presidential elections.

"That was the last straw for the people of Kyrgyzstan. The precipitating event was the July 2009 manipulated election," she said. "It's just that it took a number of protests between that point and now, to the point the opposition was strong enough to take control of the TV station and government buildings and the like."

Zhoodonbekov said he wasn't surprised by this week's events. In fact, the political and socioeconomic situation has long been close to revolution.

Before this week, he said, he called home around three times a week. Now, he calls two or three times a day and constantly reads news updates online. All his friends and family are safe.

The United States has 1,100 troops stationed at the Manas Air Force Base in Kyrgyzstan and it serves as a major support for the fighting in Afghanistan.

Russia also has a base in the area. Kyrgyzstan is the

only nation to host military bases for both former Cold War foes.

Kyrgyzstan

Basic facts:

- Geography: borders China, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Kazakhstan
- Population: 5 million
- Economy: Mostly agricultural, about half the population lives below the poverty line
- Strategic importance: Key supply center for the U.S. war in Afghanistan

Source: Associated Press

President Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev discussed the situation briefly at their meeting in Prague on Thursday, according to news reports.

Hesli said the shift in power may actually benefit the United States. There is no indication the existence of the base will be threatened by new leadership. And Hesli believes the new head of the interim government, Roza Otunbayeva, is likely to be a better ally to the U.S. than Bakiyev.

"She has years of diplomatic experience and good relations with the West," Hesli said. "It could very well be a positive development in U.S. relations with Kyrgyzstan."

For Zhoodonbekov, the most important change won't depend on the leaders but upon changing the system itself.

"It must be the last revolution," he said.

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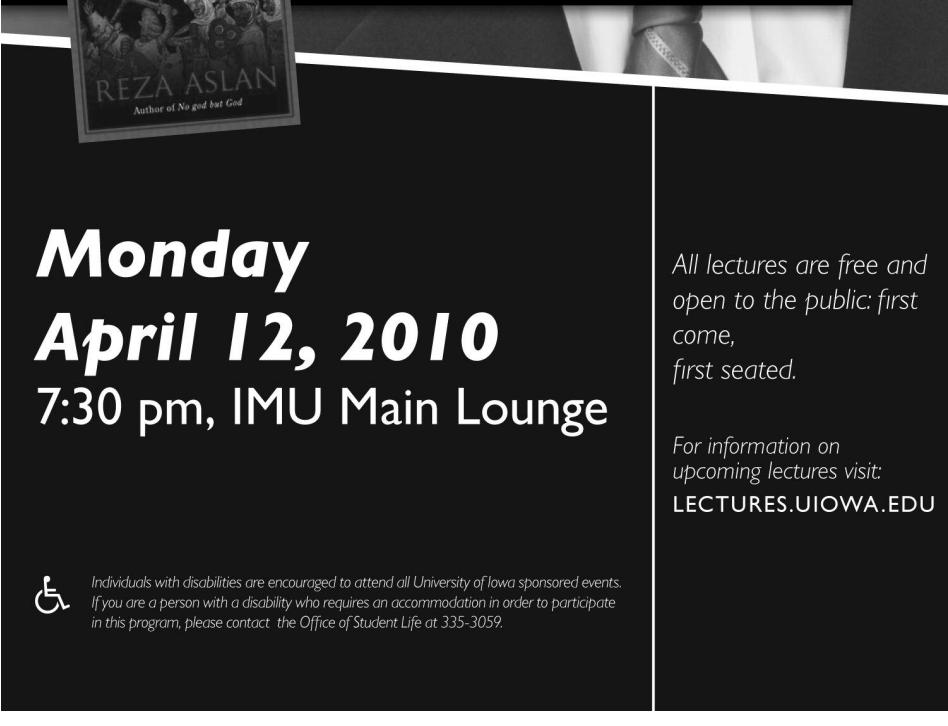
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Editorial

UISG platform shows refreshing dose of reality, well thought-out ideas

With the announcement of a new UI Student Government occurring this afternoon, it's time to look toward the future. And frankly, it's also time for a change. As political apathy runs rampant among students, the UI is in desperate need of a student organization that effectively lobbies for students' interests.

Hopefully, presidential candidate John Rigby — running unopposed as leader of the "Golden Ticket" party — can revitalize UISG, which has become seemingly purposeless of late. The new UISG administration must make tangible headway on a platform of feasible and attainable goals, eschewing the hollow rhetoric of preceding campaigns. The presumptive administration needs to stick to its promises, emphatically represent students, and avoid the ignominy of prior UISG terms.

Rigby is an executive senator and his running mate, Erica Hayes, is a three-year UISG veteran and currently serves as the speaker of the Senate. Rigby said he wants a student government that reflects the traits and qualities of the Iowa students.

"We feel that UISG should be progressive, accountable, creative, transparent, and absolutely incessant in its commitment to the UI's greater student community," Rigby told the Editorial Board.

After a year of decisions made outside the scope of student interests, it's only natural to feel a tad skeptical about Rigby and Hayes. Still, we're encouraged by Rigby's initial statements. Rigby and the rest of UISG should focus on lobbying for students on tuition issues, repairing the line of communication between UI students and officials, and smaller, student-centric initiatives such as expanding IMU hours. And for the most part, the "Golden Ticket's" platform addresses these issues.

Rigby and Hayes support: extending the IMU's operating hours, simplifying the class add/drop process, reducing the cost of official transcripts, implementing a "dead day" on the final Friday before finals every semester, and finding additional places to display student artwork on campus or downtown.

Give Rigby and Hayes credit: Their plans lack the impracticality of the all-too-common calls for tuition freezes and the like. Nevertheless, what about the increasingly egregious cost of tuition?

"I wish there was a silver-bullet answer that could reduce the cost of higher education," Rigby said. Still, he said he would like to tackle the rising cost of college by encouraging parents to join UISG in lobbying the state Capitol every spring.

Rigby said, "We think it's critical to not only let our state lawmakers and regents hear the students' voices, but also the parents and community members."

It's clear that the burdensome cost of tuition is not going to be solved in the next year. Still, Rigby and Hayes need to be passionate, indefatigable advocates for students on education-funding issues. Students are relatively powerless to halt declining state support for public higher education. Consequently, it's essential that Rigby and UISG fill that agency void.

Rigby also said he and Hayes are looking to increase political engagement on campus. To that end, he said he hopes to partner with the College Republicans and University Democrats to help bring political candidates to campus this fall. We strongly support this platform plank.

In addition, campus communication needs an overhaul. UI administrators and UI students simply do not understand one another, and UISG's main purpose is to bridge such a gap. In addition, a potential 21-ordinance ballot measure in November would undoubtedly polarize students and administrators.

Rigby said he would like to see his administration better gauge students' opinion and move forward in addressing their concerns, later noting that UISG must avoid a lack of accountability. He said enhancing online communication via UISG's website is important for communicating with students.

"Listening and talking to students and then thinking of proactive solutions to address their concerns will remain a top priority during our administration's term," he said.

Well, we're listening. And we hope the administration will treat their positions as more than just glorified résumé boosters. All too often, student apathy is vindicated when the perennially ineffective UISG fails on key campaign promises.

Here's hoping Rigby and Hayes can change that perception.

Your turn. What should UISG's biggest focus be next school year? Weigh in on [dailylowan.com](#).

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Editorial off-base

The April 6 *Daily Iowan* editorial ("On 21-ordinance issue, city councilors should look to Lincoln, Neb.") cites the April 5 article "Where age doesn't consume" to support its argument that a minimum bar-entry age of 21 is not useful in reducing the harm that alcohol causes to our students and other young people in the community. The editorial did not make mention of the sidebar to the article inside the paper (and, unfortunately, the online edition did not originally include the sidebar). The city of Lincoln doesn't have a minimum bar-entry age of 21 because the bars near campus on their own limit admission to patrons 21 and over.

Some bars in Iowa City routinely serve underage patrons,

as evidenced by the sheer volume of citations for underage drinking issued in many of the bars. When the Iowa City Council denied liquor-license renewals to bars with the most egregious records of serving underage patrons, the bars appealed to the state.

Some of Iowa City's bars have not followed the lead of bars in Lincoln by controlling underage service on their own. Unfortunately, that leaves Iowa City's leaders with fewer options than Lincoln's had. I applaud the council for taking this action to better protect the health and safety of our community.

Sarah Hansen

Iowa City resident and UI director of assessment and strategic initiatives, Office of Student Services

Grassley plays politics

President Obama, after Senate Republicans blocked his nominations for months, finally took the bull by the horns with the announcement of 15 recess appointments over the last weekend in March, resulting in another specious argument by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

Grassley claims that "these individuals will take their jobs without the public knowing whether they have experience that bears negatively (or positively) on their ability to serve the taxpayers." Really?

Alan Bersin, nominated more than six months ago for U.S. Customs and Border Protection commissioner, was

a Rhodes Scholar, Yale Law School graduate, Justice Department unit head for U.S.-Mexico border affairs, superintendent of San Diego's school system, California secretary of Education, and an assistant secretary in the Department of Homeland Security.

Grassley, ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, certainly had possession of Bersin's résumé. He knew Bersin's job qualifications. So why the holdup? Politics as usual, it seems.

Obama, after giving ample opportunity for debate, is rightfully moving forward with the nation's business.

Trish Nelson

Iowa City resident

Guest opinion

In a land of wasted food, a local beacon

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It is quite shocking to see people waste food; how vital is that loaf of bread for an impecunious person who can't afford to buy one? But some do care, including Iowa's original food-rescue organization, Table to Table.

This amazing non-profit organization aims to keep wholesome, edible food from going to waste by collecting it from donors and distributing to those in need through agencies that serve the

hungry, homeless, and at-risk populations.

Since its creation in 1996, Table to Table has kept more than 6.7 million pounds of food from going to waste. Nationwide, 27 percent of the food supply goes to waste every year, and 96 billion pounds of food is thrown away each year, the organization reports. It is estimated that 30 million adults and 4 million children go hungry at least once a month; in such a crisis, organizations such as Table to Table deserve applause.

In 2009, Table to Table

rescued more than 911,532 pounds of bread, bakery items, produce, dairy, and prepared foods. Every pound and a half of rescued food is considered an equivalent meal with a value of \$2. This worked out to be 607,688 equivalent meals, or \$1,215,376 worth of food Table to Table was able to distribute through its 25 recipients, including the Crisis Center's Food Bank, Free Lunch Program, Salvation Army, and others.

"We recover fresh, frozen, and prepared

food that is donated from local restaurants, stores, bakeries, school, and businesses," said Bob Andrlik, the executive director of Table to Table.

The distribution process has a manifold effect. It gets the food to those who need it the most via the agencies they are already going to for services; recipients don't have to go to a separate location to acquire it.

Table to Table has a partnership with food donors, allowing the entire system to work, the executive director said.

Their generosity and commitment to keeping wholesome food from going to waste is what allows the food-rescue program to exist. He said whether it is a grocery store, dairy, food warehouse, school, or restaurant, the establishment takes that extra step of setting the food aside for volunteers to collect.

The most inspiring thing I found in the organization was the enthusiasm of volunteers. Talking about the volunteers' work, the executive director said, "The theme that you will

hear at Table to Table is the amazing group of volunteers that saves more than 17,000 pounds of food from going to waste per week, then diverting that food to the organizations that help the hungry and homeless in the Iowa City area."

In my next column, I will highlight the voices and experiences of volunteers who work selflessly with dedication and enthusiasm, serving humanity.

Lamia Zia, a freelance journalist, worked in print and broadcast journalism in Pakistan and now writes a regular column for *The Daily Iowan*.

Powwow city

Native American culture is recognized on the UI campus during a weekend-long Powwow full of dancing, singing, and storytelling.

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Luisa Orticelli is delighted to offer more than just a lecture to people interested in learning about the history of the Native American Powwow.

The director of the Latin Native American Cultural Center organized a free pre-Powwow event taking place from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in C20 Pomerantz Career Center.

"My goal is to bring in non-Native Americans to the performance to learn more about the culture," Orticelli said.

One group of participants, high-school students from the Upward Bound program, will be offered a dinner at the Cultural Center as a welcome before the event.

Orticelli said she was able to put together a bigger and better event than expected because of funding from numerous organizations. Native Pride Dancers from Minnesota playing flutes and drums, dancing, and telling stories of their heritage will be the main act. Also featured will be an interactive history of the Powwow and a question-and-answer session.

After the kickoff on Friday night, festivities will continue at the UI Recreation Building. The dancing, drumming and Native American cultural celebration will be held with three sessions: noon to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. April 11. The organization hopes to draw a large crowd.



Dancers perform during the grand entry of the UI Powwow in the IMU on April 11, 2009. The procession marked the beginning of the day's dance competitions.

"What we are really trying to do is bring it back to its former glory," said Orriena Snyder, a member of the Latin Native American Cultural Center and an event planner.

Before the 10,000 Hours show and Dance Marathon grew large followings, the annual Native American Powwow was the biggest student-run event on campus.

Orticelli and Snyder agree it is important to bring in new people who haven't been to an event such as this or are not part of the Native American community. Healthy competition is a good way to persuade people to attend, they said.

The Powwow runs like a dance competition. Groups of dancers perform in traditional Native American styles against others in the same category, Snyder said.

Although the Native American population at the UI is small, it is growing, and members

PRE-POWWOW

When: 7-9 p.m. today
Where: C20 Pomerantz Career Center
Admission: Free

POWWOW

When: Doors open at 10 a.m. Saturday and April 11
Where: UI Recreation Center
Admission: UI students free with ID, adults \$10 for one day/\$15 two day, children under 12 and seniors \$5/\$8

planning the event hope for a successful turn out.

The group of about 15 planning the event said it is a lot of work but "well worth it," Snyder said.

Orticelli hopes the pre-Powwow will encourage people to attend the weekend event and that it will lead into days of cultural recognition.

"We are trying to reignite that passion and hoping to get the community involved," Snyder said.

Experimenting with some electrons

Johnny On Point brings fresh experimental electronica to Gabe's this weekend.

By REBECCA KOONS
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It didn't take long for Derek Pulliam to realize acoustic guitar open-mike nights weren't for him.

Instead, he took a big step in a new direction. His new project, started more than a year ago, is a fully electronic, self-produced one-man show, with the occasional cameo by a local musician.

The musical endeavor known as Johnny On Point will perform its signature "live-tronica-jam-dance band" compositions at Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St., at 8 p.m. Saturday, with guests Die Sloe and DJ Smiley.

Pulliam's interest in electronica goes back several years, and his penchant for the experimental was fostered during a five-year stint playing bass in a local jam band. That the electronic scene was in its very beginning stages was further motivation to turn his musical goals toward the genre and its emerging fan base in Iowa City.

"I just wanted to try something completely different," Pulliam said. "There's nothing like it around here, so that's what inspired me the most."

Andrew Edmark, a booking agent at Gabe's, agrees that the electronic scene in Iowa City is on

the rise and that Johnny On Point is one of the acts that will be a vehicle for its growing popularity.

"I respect the scene that's going on in this town — it has a lot of potential, and the music is something that's really appreciated," Edmark said.

The love Pulliam has for the music does not mean his influences are limited to only one facet of the musical spectrum. With sounds ranging from jazz to funk to reggae and more, he's influenced by "a little bit of everything."

He noted the two acts that have influenced him the most are the Postal Service and Beck.

"Beck influenced me especially in his diversity — it helped affect the song-composition part of the music," he said.

Because there is a lack of live instruments, the creation of Johnny On Point's catalogue is a slightly different process. In mostly late-night stretches, Pulliam will start with a pre-created or purchased drum beat and from there pull together other instrumental layers, such as bass, guitar, or keyboard. There is no set rhyme or reason to his method, only a personal instinct and "whatever he is feeling at the moment."

Even with only a year under his belt when it

CONCERT

Johnny On Point, with Die Sloe and DJ Smiley

When: 8 p.m. Saturday
Where: Gabe's, 330 E. Washington

comes to live performance, Johnny On Point's maestro has found several ways to improve his performance.

"Lately, I've been meditating before I play," he said. "I used to have really bad anxiety before I'd go on stage, and it just helps to clear my head."

Through the musical innovation and pre-concert nervousness, the chance to make people happy makes the effort worthwhile. With a day job assisting mentally handicapped persons at Employment Systems, Pulliam experienced one of his most rewarding moments as a performer.

"One woman, who doesn't really respond to anything actually smiled and started moving her head when I was playing," he said. "It's the positivity behind it all — I just want to bring smiles to people's faces and show them that they can do anything if they just go for it."

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Pelosi caller may be bipolar

By JASON DEAREN

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A man accused of threatening House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in phone calls cried Thursday during a court appearance in which a magistrate initially refused his request to be released to a halfway house.

Gregory Lee Giusti, 48, of San Francisco looked disheveled in a gray T-shirt and khakis as he appeared for the first time before Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman, who said Giusti may have bipolar disorder and should be receiving treatment.

Prosecutors said Giusti made at least 48 phone calls to the San Francisco and Washington, D.C., offices of Pelosi between Feb. 6 and March 25. Officials said he recited Pelosi's home address and said if she wanted to see it again, she should not support the health-care overhaul bill that has since been enacted.

Giusti left at least two recorded messages containing threats involving one of Pelosi's residences in Northern California, according to an amended complaint filed Thursday.

Pelosi told the FBI the caller had used "extremely vulgar and crude language" on two occasions when she answered the phone at her Washington residence. She also thought her family might be in danger.

In one recorded call, Giusti said, "if you pass this freaking health-care plan don't bother coming back to California cause you ain't gonna have a place to live," according to a transcript of the message included in the complaint.

The calls and messages spurred an investigation by U.S. Capitol Police, who found the caller was using a "Magic Jack" device registered to someone other than Giusti. The device allows users to make calls over the Internet and choose the area code from which the calls originate.

Police interviewed the man who held the Magic Jack account, who knew Giusti and led authorities to him.

Giusti initially denied making the calls but later told investigators he had phoned Pelosi about a half-dozen times, called her a witch, and said he did not like her "pushing the health-care bill down the people's throats," the complaint stated.

During Thursday's hearing, the magistrate told the U.S. Attorney's Office to interview Giusti further to determine if he was mentally competent enough to be released to a halfway house or if he should continue to be detained.

A detention hearing was scheduled for Monday.

U.S. Attorney Joseph Russinello said Giusti had crossed the line between free speech and threats.

Giusti was charged with one count of making obscene, threatening, or harassing phone calls to a member of Congress. No plea was entered, and Giusti did not speak, except to say and spell his name when asked. He was being held without bail.

Giusti sat in a jury box speaking with a federal public defender before the hearing. The magistrate appointed counsel for Giusti after determining he could not afford to hire a lawyer.

If convicted, Giusti could receive a two-year prison sentence, \$250,000 fine, and one year of supervised release.

NATION

GOP casts eyes toward 2012

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Let the 2012 race begin.

Little more than a year into President Obama's first term, Republicans considering a challenge to the Democrat in his re-election bid were gauging their political strength at the first GOP candidate "cattle call" far from Washington — the three-day Southern Republican Leadership Conference.

Yet as Sarah Palin, Haley Barbour, Newt Gingrich, and several others gather in Louisiana, they face a stark reality: The Republican Party's task will be tough no matter who wins the GOP nomination.

Toppling Obama is all but certain to be difficult, judging by history. Only five times in the last century has an incumbent lost re-election. Still, giving Republicans hope in these polarized times, among those who lost re-election were two of the last five presidents — Democrat Jimmy Carter in 1980 and Republican George H.W. Bush in 1992.

But neither was as personally popular as Obama, who became a cultural phenomenon long before he was elected the nation's first black president.

Plus, the GOP has long-term institutional challenges; its ranks have shrunk, and the South is the only region Republican nominee John McCain won in 2008.

Nevertheless, no fewer than a dozen Republicans are mulling over candidacies. It's a wide-open field with big personalities but little issue diversity. The hopefuls are encouraged by an increasing chorus of Republicans — led by former Vice President Dick Cheney — who argue that Obama could be a one-term president.

GOP official calls for Steele to quit

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The head of the North Carolina Republican Party asked Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele to step down Thursday, saying the res-

ignation is the only way to end scrutiny of the national party over lavish spending.

A day earlier, national party leaders had a conference call with Steele but didn't bring up the prospect of his resignation — seen as a positive sign for the embattled national chairman.

North Carolina's Tom Fetzer is the first state party chairman to call for Steele's resignation, a spokesman for Fetzer said. Fetzer said the move would ensure Republicans maximize gains during the mid-term elections.

"I believe that the best service you can render to your party at this critical juncture is to graciously step aside and allow the party to move on from this

current quagmire," Fetzer wrote in a letter to Steele.

Steele, who has been a lightning rod for criticism since taking the job last year, has come under renewed scrutiny recently after the committee paid a nearly \$2,000 bill at a sex-theme nightclub in Los Angeles. The RNC fired a staffer it blamed for the outing.

Instances of questionable RNC purchases continued to surface on Thursday. RNC spokeswoman Katie Wright said a \$1,000 purchase from jeweler Tiffany & Co. was used to buy gifts for major donors. The purchase was listed as "office supplies," but Wright said that's the catchall category that the RNC and other political organizations often use for such gifts.

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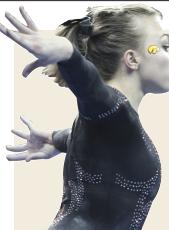
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GYMNASTICS

The fifth-seeded Iowa women's gymnastics team competes in one of the toughest NCAA qualifying regions on Saturday.

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Kachine Alexander

BASKETBALL

Organization names Alexander All-American

The accolades keep coming for Kachine Alexander. The National Strength and Conditioning Association named the junior member of the Iowa women's basketball team an All-American on Thursday. The award recognizes student-athletes' dedication to strength training and conditioning.

"Kachine has been one of the most pleasant surprises I have had in my coaching career," Iowa head strength and conditioning coach J.C. Moreau said in a statement. "She has completed a full-180 since her arrival as a freshman. Kachine is not only pound-for-pound the strongest and most powerful athlete on the team, she has learned how to translate that strength to the court."

Alexander missed seven games early in the season after suffering a stress fracture in her right leg, but she recovered to help lead the Hawkeyes to a NCAA Tournament appearance and first-round victory.

The 5-9 guard averaged 16.0 points and 10.4 rebounds in 27 games for Iowa this season. Alexander, from Minneapolis, is one of only 15 Division-I women's basketball players to earn the award this season.

Alexander was also named an honorable mention All-American by both the Associated Press and Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

- by Jordan Garretson

GYMNASTICS

Men's gymnastics chosen for qualifier

The National Gymnastics Committee selected the Iowa men's gymnastics team as one of 12 programs to participate in the Collegiate Men's Gymnastics National Qualifier on April 15 at the Holleder Center in West Point, N.Y.

The No. 11 Hawkeyes will compete against Nebraska, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Michigan, and California in the evening session at 6 p.m.

The six teams in the morning qualifier include three Big Ten schools — Illinois, Ohio State, and Penn State — as well as Stanford, Illinois-Chicago, and Temple.

After the first qualifying round, the top three teams from the two sessions will advance to the next round. The top three gymnasts in the all-around and the top three individuals in each event on teams that did not already qualify will advance from each pre-qualifying session to the finals.

The final competitions will take place at the U.S. Military Academy on April 16-17.

- by Nick Gans

MASTERS

Woods back, better than ever

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Tiger Woods played like the last five months never happened.

Even more surprising, he felt that way, too.

No longer the same person after he was caught cheating on his wife, Woods looked every bit the same golfer Thursday when he opened with a 4-under 68 — his best first round ever at Augusta National — that left him only two shots behind 50-year-old Fred Couples on an extraordinary opening day at the Masters.

Francis follows boss to Iowa

Siena's Andrew Francis will rejoin Fran McCaffery as one of the assistant coaches.

By BRENDAN STILES

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One of the three available assistant coaching positions on Fran McCaffery's staff was filled on Thursday.

Ten days after McCaffery was introduced as Iowa's new men's basketball coach, Andrew Francis has been named to one of the assistant-coach positions, effective immediately.

Francis spent the past three years as an assistant for McCaffery at Siena, and the Saints won the Metro Atlantic Athletic title and qualified for the NCAA

Tournament all three seasons.

Before that, the native of Brooklyn, N.Y., worked at Villa Nova on Jay Wright's staff as an administrative assistant and video coordinator.

His other coaching duties include being a volunteer assistant coach at Concordia College, the head coach of the women's basketball team at Mt. St. Vincent College, and time



Francis

as a volunteer assistant for the Westchester Wildfire of the United States Basketball League.

Francis is a 1998 graduate of Long Island University-Southampton, where he played for former NBA player Sidney Green, now a player development assistant for the Chicago Bulls.

"I'm excited and honored to have this opportunity at a great institution like the University of Iowa," Francis said in a statement released Thursday. "I have met so many wonderful people during the interview process. It's been a

calming and welcoming feeling that I have received from everybody since arriving on campus.

"I felt welcome even before I got here."

In the same release, McCaffery described Francis as "the complete package."

"He's a tremendous coach and excellent recruiter," McCaffery said. "His scouting reports are incredibly thorough, and his on-the-court teaching is spectacular."

Neither Francis nor McCaffery could be reached for further comment. Men's basketball sports information director Matt Weitzel

told *The Daily Iowan* McCaffery was visiting with one of Iowa's incoming recruits on Thursday and that Francis "may have" gone along as well.

Weitzel also said while no timetable has been set to fill the remaining two spots on McCaffery's staff, announcements should come within the next couple weeks.

Mitch Buonaguro, an assistant at Siena under McCaffery, was one name rumored to follow him to Iowa. However, Buonaguro was named McCaffery's successor at Siena on Thursday.



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Senior Zach Robertson pitches during the Hawkeyes' game against South Dakota State in Banks Field on March 31. Robertson had 10 strikeouts, and the Hawks won, 6-5.

Iowa (10-15, 1-2) vs. Illinois (12-11, 2-1)

WHEN: 6:05 P.M. TODAY, WHERE: BANKS FIELD, WHERE TO WATCH OR LISTEN: KXIC AM-800

Baseball gets some extra practice

Instead of learning from potential major-league players, they practiced.

By J.T. BUGOS

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Two midweek games were canceled earlier this week, but the Iowa baseball team may have benefited more from unexpected practice than suiting up for games.

On Tuesday, Iowa was scheduled to play Western Illinois for the fourth time this season, but rain postponed the contest until a later date.

Iowa planned on traveling to Des Moines on Wednesday to face the Iowa Cubs — the Triple A affiliate of the Chicago Cubs — but wet conditions left Principal Park without Hawkeye cleat marks.

Head coach Jack Dahm said in years past Iowa was in the opposite dugout from current Chicago Cubs players Geovany Soto and Ryan Theriot. Ultimately, though, the seven-year head coach was happy the Hawkeyes picked up some extra down time.

SEE BASEBALL, 3B

Iowa (19-13-1, 5-0) vs. Purdue (16-20, 1-3)

WHEN: 2 P.M. SATURDAY, WHERE: PEARL FIELD

Softball puts unbeaten mark on line

The Iowa softball team's 5-0 Big Ten record is tops in the conference.

By MITCH SMITH

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Score first.

That's the goal the Iowa softball coaches talk about before the Hawkeyes take the field. And when Iowa (19-13-1, 5-0 Big Ten) does strike first, the game usually ends well.

Putting runs on the board early has put the Hawkeyes at a major advantage so far. Iowa holds a 17-5 record when it scores first this season.

The Hawkeyes will try to strike first again this weekend at Pearl Field when they play a pair of home games against Big Ten foe Purdue. The two squads are slated to play single games on Saturday

and April 10 with first pitch scheduled for 2 p.m. both days.

Iowa has had recent success against the Boilermakers, winning the last four meetings against the squad from West Lafayette, Ind.

It's been a great start to the Big Ten schedule for the Hawkeyes, or what Iowa head coach Gayle Blevins has referred to as the team's "second season."

Sophomore Liz Watkins said she and her teammates were still "on cloud nine" after defeating Northwestern, 9-1, Wednesday night, and that the win gave the squad even more motivation.

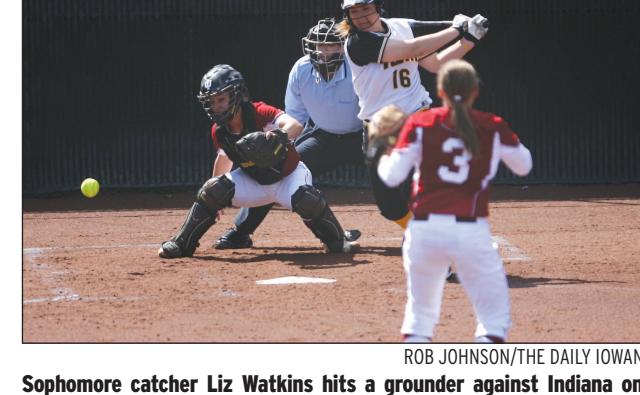
That motivation is

beginning to pile up. The Hawkeyes are off to one of their best conference starts in eight years with a 5-0 record in Big Ten play. Iowa is undefeated at home this season and is also riding a three-game winning streak.

One of the keys to Iowa getting on the scoreboard first has been leadoff hitter Lindsey Digmann.

The senior is riding a nine-game hitting streak; she hasn't had a hitless contest since March 18. Her ability to get on base and set the table for such power hitters as Watkins and fellow senior Katie Brown gives the team a lot of momentum.

"I go to bat with the mindset, 'You got to get on



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN
Sophomore catcher Liz Watkins hits a grounder against Indiana on April 3 at Pearl Field. The Hawkeyes won, 5-1.

Hawkeyes' this weekend because of Purdue's prowess on the base paths.

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"Rankings don't mean everything," she said. "Points don't always tell you who the better team is ... I got the impression from Coach [Katie Dougherty] that Illinois wants to finish in the top two [in the conference]."

The squad knows firsthand about upsets. The Hawkeyes shocked No. 44 Princeton with a 4-3 win on Feb. 27 and shortly after, edged No. 24 DePaul on March 7.

On Sunday, the squad ended its weekend road trip with a 6-1 victory over No. 25 Ohio State.

Senior Kelcie Klockenga said the match against Illinois will be tough. But she said the team has a psychological advantage thanks in part to its collective confidence.

"We just got off a big

win against Ohio State, where we were ranked closely," she said. "The win gave us lots of confidence and momentum. I think we play better against tough competition."

Iowa assistant coach Mira Radu agreed the victory over Ohio State has positively influenced the team. But she said the match is history, and her concern is with the present.

"We only have five more matches to go, and we're taking every one of them seriously," she said.

"They're all important. [The Illinois match] looks more important because of the rankings, but we take it one game at a time."

The Iowa women's tennis team prepares for its Big Ten match against Illinois, which will help determine its standing in conference.

By JON FRANK
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Following last week's series of plane rides and scrambling through airport terminals, the Iowa women tennis players (13-3, 3-2) expect a little more oomph in their play come Saturday.

"We took six different planes [last weekend]. It was tough," junior Alexis Dorr said. "Playing at home is a big relief, because we can actually get some sleep."

The Hawkeyes will host Illinois (9-7, 3-1) at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

The Big Ten matchup against the Fighting Illini could also clear the congested mess at the top of the conference. The Hawkeyes are fourth in the Big Ten, and Illinois sits one game ahead.

No. 5 Northwestern (10-4, 5-1) is ahead of Illinois and Iowa at the No. 2

spot. Third-ranked Michigan (15-3, 5-0) sits atop the conference.

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GymHawks set for tough test

Spirits are high for the Iowa women's gymnasts as they head to the NCAA regional meet in Columbia, Mo.

By ROBBIE LEHMAN

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The time is now.

The No. 30-ranked Iowa women's gymnastics team is set to perform with some of the nation's best in Columbia, Mo., at the NCAA regional meet at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Iowa is the fifth seed in what is considered one of the strongest regional fields. There are six regions.

Also competing in Columbia are No. 5 Georgia, No. 8 Oregon State, host and No. 15 Missouri, No. 25 Minnesota, and No. 36 North Carolina. The top two teams will move on to the NCAA championships on April 22 in Gainesville, Fla.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what they're made of," Iowa head coach Larissa Libby said about the Hawkeyes. "Whether they can bring it again."

Beginning in the pre-season, Iowa set a goal to qualify for regionals. They started slowly, but the GymHawks hit their stride late in the season, culminating in a third-place finish two weeks ago at the Big Ten meet.

The finish was Hawkeyes' best in six years. Iowa also posted a season-high team score of 195.575.

Balancing mental and physical stress has been a theme for the GymHawks all season, and that will certainly be a key heading into the meet. Several gymnasts said

the team is exhausted in both areas now entering its sixth month of competition.

"It's been a long season, and it has been messy," sophomore all-arounder Jessa Hansen said. "But I think we've found the right formula, and I hope to keep it."

Physically, the GymHawks are a little banged up at this point in the year. The most recent members on the injured list are junior Arielle Sucich and sophomore Amy Center — but both plan to compete this weekend.

The Hawkeyes are fully aware of outside doubters, the ones who didn't think the team could or would make it so far into the post-season. But those same doubters have fueled Iowa down the stretch.

Now critics say there's no way Iowa will make the NCAA championships — an assertion motivating the squad once again.

Libby is her team's biggest believer, but she is also a realist.

She knows the type of performance it will take to advance to nationals.

"They proved it once [at Big Tens]," she said. "I think they can do it again. It's whether they think they can. I 100-percent believe that they are capable in our regional. It's going to take somebody else making mistakes and us being perfect."

NCAA Regional Championships

When: 6 P.M. SATURDAY

Where: COLUMBIA, MO.

Junior Andrea Hurlburt vividly remembers Iowa finishing last in its regional meet last season. She wants more this year.

The beam specialist knows the game plan is perfection, but she said the team doesn't feel extra pressure to be flawless.

"We can use this as an opportunity to prove that maybe we might not be the best team out there, but we capitalize on other people's mistakes," Hurlburt said. "I really look at it as a way to go for it, because we don't really have a lot to lose. I'm not really extra nervous or anything at all."

By a random draw, Iowa was selected to begin the meet on balance beam — potentially an advantage for the Hawkeyes because the event has been the team's strongest and most consistent all season. It could also help Iowa open the regional meet with an early edge.

However, it makes no difference to Libby, who has preached another mantra to her squad this season.

"We've always said, 'It's not where you start,'" Libby said. "It's where you finish."

SOFTBALL

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The speedy Boilermakers (16-20, 1-3 Big Ten) have swiped 87-of-100 bases this season, and they boast the best two base-stealers in the conference.

The catcher Watkins had some practice throwing out baserunners in Wednesday's contest against Northwestern, and the sophomore said she's prepared to stop the Boilermaker baserunners, as well.

"I look at it as a challenge for me," Watkins said. "I'm going to go in there knowing that I have the arm to get

them out. And I trust my middle infielders out there. I know they will make the play."

After a dominating 8-for-9 start at the plate during Big Ten play, Watkins has since cooled down a bit. The cocaptain is 1-for-6 at the dish in her last two games, but the Taylor Ridge, Ill., native said she isn't worried and doesn't plan on changing anything.

"You have ups and downs in softball," she said. "The greatest thing is my teammates stepped up. I just think that says a lot. It's a good feeling to know if one of us doesn't have a great game, someone else will step up."

"The biggest thing we're focusing on is taking advantage of the next opportunity we have," Blevins said. "Whether it's at practice or a game, the area we've grown the most is taking advantage of the moment we have. It's about preparing for the team and the game you have in front of you."

Hawkeyes are off to one of their best starts in the league, the team isn't overlooking any opponent. Teams get beat when that happens, Blevins said. She's happy her squad has avoided this problem lately, she said.

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"My No. 1 thing right now would be the fatigue, being a little tired from all the travel," he said. "We were able to spend some time working on our defense and working on our swings, so I think in a round-about way it could have been a positive thing."

The chance to play the I-Cubs would have been a learning experience for a young team.

"That was more of an opportunity to get on the field and see the way those guys play, how they respect the game, and learn from them," Zach McCool said. "We missed that opportunity, and we really wish we got over there. But all in all, we had a good practice, and we got our feet back underneath us, so it wasn't all that bad."

Dahm said Hall-of-Fame infielder Ryne Sandberg had agreed to speak to the team on Wednesday, which, the head coach said, would have been a "neat experience."

McCool said the break from games helped the Hawkeyes clean up some aspects of their game — not that his latest showing required much revamping. He collected five hits in six at-bats, tying a school single-game record, and added two RBIs and three runs scored in Iowa's last game, against Michigan State on Sunday.

Outfielder Ryan Durant said it "sucked" not being able to get on the diamond with the I-Cubs, but he agreed with his teammate and coach.

"I think the extra practice helped more. Instead of just continue to play, and play, and play, we were able to take a break and break down what we did last weekend against Michigan State," the senior said. "We got some good practice in this week and improve even though we weren't playing games."

After throwing a complete game in his last outing, southpaw sophomore Jarred Hippen will toe the rubber for Iowa today against Illinois.

McCool said having the Hawkeye ace on the mound energizes the team, and his pace of play and strike-throwing ability makes life easier on the fielders. McCool is confident Iowa has a chance to tally a victory with Hippen on the hill, and Dahm expressed the same sentiments.

"We hope he just continues to get better and builds off the success he had last week," Dahm said. "That can be a big thing for us. We always feel like we have a very good opportunity to win when Jarred is pitching, and there's no difference [today]."

Dahm said Hall-of-Fame infielder Ryne Sandberg had agreed to speak to the team on Wednesday, which, the head coach said, would have been a "neat experience."

McCool said the break from games helped the Hawkeyes clean up some aspects of their game — not that his latest showing required much revamping. He collected five hits in six at-bats, tying a school single-game record, and added two RBIs and three runs scored in Iowa's last game, against Michigan State on Sunday.

Outfielder Ryan Durant said it "sucked" not being able to get on the diamond with the I-Cubs, but he agreed with his teammate and coach.

"I think the extra practice helped more. Instead of just continue to play, and play, and play, we were able to take a break and break down what we did last weekend against Michigan State," the senior said. "We got some good practice in this week and improve even though we weren't playing games."



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Women's golf back in action

By JESSIE SMITH
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After over three weeks off, the Iowa women's golf team is ready to hit the links at this weekend's Indiana Invitational.

Three of the five Hawkeyes traveling to this year's Bloomington event participated in the 2009 competition, in which the team recorded an eight-place finish.

Indiana Invitational veterans senior Alison Cavanaugh, junior Laura Cilek, and sophomore Chelsea Harris will be joined by junior Lauren Forbes, and freshman Kristi Cardwell.

For Cardwell, though, the weekend tournament holds special significance.

"Well, it's in my hometown," she said. "So I want to put on a good show and just play up to my potential."

Despite two prior showings at the 54-hole event in her golf bag, Cilek said this weekend's competition is nothing like last year's.

"It's a different course, so we're kind of just trying to not even think about the last tournament," she said. "The roster is different. It's a new dynamic on our team. I think we're kind of just rolling with what we've already established this spring so far in our tournaments because

it's been really cohesive and positive."

The three-round tournament will be played on the Indiana University Golf Course, and it will have a 15-team field that features last year's tournament runner-up Iowa State. The pool contains additional familiar foes, with one-third of the field being occupied by Big Ten teams.

Head coach Kelly Crawford said she sees the upcoming Indiana event as a chance for her team to not only showcase their progress but also to potentially put a dent in the top of the tournament standings.

"Right now, we're kind of at the bottom of the conference rankings," she said. "But I feel this like this spring, we've made a huge stride in our scores, and I feel [this weekend's tournament] will give us a good chance to see where we are, and I think we're going to beat a lot of those teams."

The Hawkeyes are no strangers to the top of the leader board — especially at this specific tournament, where Crawford's squad led after 45-holes in the 2009 event. A rocky plus-40 third round plagued Iowa and dropped it to the bottom half of the final tournament standings.

The fourth-year coach said her team has been

zeroing in on sustaining its high intensity from start to finish, a feat her squad achieved in its last tournament, the Jackrabbit Invitational on March 16.

Cilek said the team's talent is consistent and, as a result, has helped maintain a competitive mindsets over the three-week break.

"From our top person to our lowest person is all competitive," she said. "Everyone's in the same range, so that helps keep that tournament-like setting because everyone's competing and pushing each other."

Crawford joked about the team's competition with an unkind Mother Nature in last year's tournament. Instead of snow and hail, the Hawkeyes are pulling for more desirable playing circumstances so they can direct all their efforts to strong play.

"The weather was horrible. It was more of a survival tournament than it was really playing golf," she said. "But we were in a really good position [last year]. And we just kind of let it get away from us. More than anything right now, as well as we're playing, that's sort of what we're focusing on. Not so much that we let something get away from us last year, but more that we're really doing well now."

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Men's tennis faces Indiana, Illinois

The Iowa men's tennis team will return to the road this weekend and continue Big Ten play after a successful two-meet home stint last week.

The No. 60 Hawkeyes (10-5, 2-2 Big Ten) will face No. 41 Indiana in Bloomington, Ind., on Saturday and No. 13 Illinois in Champaign, Ill., on April 10.

Both Indiana (11-5, 2-2) and Illinois (12-8, 4-0) have defended their home courts well this year, combining to go 12-2 on their campuses.

Although Iowa is 3-4 on the road, senior Tommy McGeorge said he thinks the Hawkeyes have a good chance to earn at least one victory over the weekend.

"It'll be tough to be on courts we're not familiar with, but I think beating Penn State on Sunday gave us some momentum," he said.

The Hoosiers are led by a core of young players that includes freshmen Isade Juneau and Josh MacTaggart. Both have won at least 10 singles matches, anchoring the middle of Indiana's lineup while contributing to the team's .691 winning percentage.

Juneau will face McGeorge in the No. 5 slot, and MacTaggart will play either Nikita Zотов in No. 2 or Reinoud Haal at No. 3.

The Fighting Illini feature three nationally ranked singles players. No. 35 Dennis Nevelo will face Hawkeye Marc Bruche at No. 1 singles, No. 57 senior Marek Czerwinski will play either Zотов or Haal, and No. 85 junior Abe Souza will likely square off against Haal or Will Vasos.

"The Big Ten is tough," McGeorge said. "Every match is a battle."

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What I know about women

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- by Eugenia Last

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TAURUS April 20-May 20 You cannot expect others to do things the same as you. Try new things, and visit new places. The knowledge and experience you pick up will help you put a relationship you have with someone into perspective.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Give whatever you do your best shot, and don't worry about the people who don't appreciate what you have to offer. Resentment will mount if you are in competition with someone. Don't let pettiness stand in your way.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Keep the past where it belongs. Loss, anger, and upset will get the better of you if you dwell on things you cannot change. Look forward with optimism. Change is upon you — embrace it.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Do not deviate from the truth, or someone will question where you got your information. A money matter will be riddled with emotional deception and the possibility of loss. Be upfront about how and what you are doing.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You may have to use a bit of force to get your way, but in the end, you will achieve what you set out to do, and others will be thankful for your efforts. Don't let the changes someone makes upset your plans. Stay on course.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Your savvy, sophisticated way of dealing with others will win favors from acquaintances, but that may annoy those closest to you. A money matter should be cleared up to ease tension between you and someone you care about.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Emotional troubles will escalate if you haven't been pulling your weight. Find a way to surprise the person who means the most to you. Your vision and help will revive some of the lost charisma you shared.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You may find it easier to upgrade your skills and pursue a higher position. Overreacting to a situation you are faced with will only make matters worse. A job you had in the past may be perfect for you now.

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AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Self-deception will lead to mistakes. View your life objectively if you want to move in a positive direction. Hanging out with people who are a poor influence will cause confusion and upset the people who love you the most.

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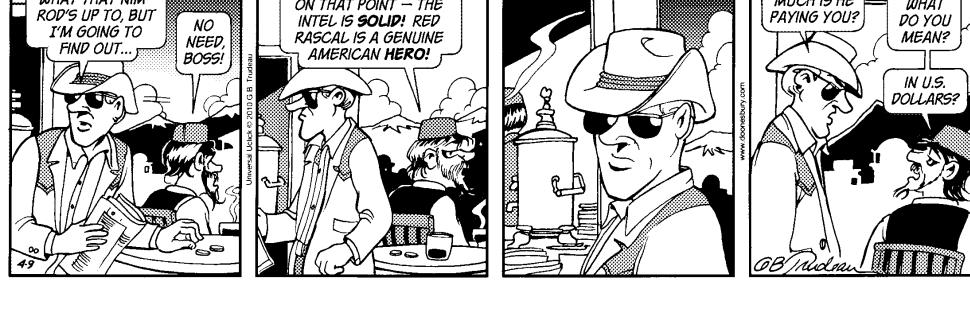
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