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Alcohol forum teaches parents

The Partnership for Alcohol Safety may hold more parent forums in the future.

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Joy Moel is gearing up for her 14-year-old twin boys to enter high school later this year — a milestone that can mean increased pressure to drink alcohol.

Becoming more informed and more confident to talk to her kids will help her “set consistent expectations” as they enter high school, the local parent said.

So she’s educating herself on the realities of underage drinking and looking to learn “how my perception may be different than reality is.”

Moel, along with around 45 other parents and community members, filled West High’s Little Theater on Monday night to discuss how to speak with their kids about alcohol.

Organized by the Partnership for Alcohol Safety — a coalition including University of Iowa officials, city officials, and bar owners — the public forum boasted a turn-out of more than double what organizers had hoped for, said Vander Werff.

Five local experts including Kelly Vander Werff, prevention manager for MECCA services, and Victoria Sharp, the UI’s special assistant to the provost for alcohol safety and a partnership member, moderated the hourlong forum.

Sharp said focusing on parents in particular is critical.



Sharp
special assistant to provost

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Flexing their literary muscles

Iowa quarterback James Vandenberg (right) takes questions from students after reading *Strong Man: The Story of Charles Atlas* to Mary Goodfellow’s third- and fourth-grade class at Twain Elementary on Monday. One student asked, “Can you do 30 push-ups?” A handful of Hawkeye football players visited the school as part of a new reading program aimed at promoting student literacy. “Being a kid, I read a lot. My mom insisted on it,” said Julian Vandervelde. Officials hope to expand the event next fall to include other state districts, and hopefully more one-on-one interaction between the Hawkeyes and youngsters. **SEE STORY, 9**



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Nursing school mulls changes

Officials may only accept nursing majors into a master’s program.

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University of Iowa officials are considering changing a program that offers students an accelerated track to a master’s degree and a nursing license.

Officials at the UI College of Nursing are planning to rethink the college’s Clinical Nurse Leader Master’s degree program in order



Frantz
dean

to shift resources to bachelor’s nursing degrees. A final decision on the fate of the program is expected to come in the spring.

The 19-month program is available for students of any major who complete the prerequisite courses, College of Nursing Dean Rita Frantz said. However, a faculty task force has recommended the program only admit students who have completed the bachelor’s licensing program in nursing.

Students in the program without nursing degrees often require more faculty attention, Frantz said.

SEE NURSING, 9

Support for victims’ rights grows

Advocates say states have made progress in defending victims’ rights.

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After more than two years, David Kesterson still has difficulty talking about the day his brother-in-law Steve Sueppel, a former Iowa City bank executive, killed his wife, Sheryl Sueppel, their four children, and himself.

On Monday, Kesterson told a crowd of around 70 people how he still mourns the loss of his sister, nieces, and nephews during an opening ceremony for Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

“This is not something I enjoy doing,” Kesterson said during his second public speech since the killings. “There’s something positive that can come out of

this experience.”

Victims and advocates will observe Crime Victims’ Rights Week both locally and nationwide this week. They say the recognition is important.

Sandy Bucher, who has worked as a victim-witness coordinator with the Johnson County County Attorney’s Office for 17 years, said the movement goes beyond offering sentimental support for survivors of crime.

Practical improvements and reforms have aided from victim-advocacy efforts, she said.

In the past decade, federal legislation has guaranteed victims’ rights nationwide. Today, all 50 states have created victim-compensation programs. In 2009, President Obama



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Keynote speaker David Kesterson, the brother of homicide victim Sheryl Sueppel, takes time to collect his thoughts during his presentation in City Hall on Monday. “That’s the Steve [Sueppel] I choose to remember,” Kesterson said while showing photographs.

increased funding for those programs with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

This year’s theme for the

commemorative week — “Crime Victims’ Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect.”

SEE RIGHTS, 3

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CORRECTION

In the April 19 article “Grad students, eateries join in Haiti fundraiser,” *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported when the series begins. The weeklong benefit continues today at Hamburg Inn No. 2, 214 N. Linn St., from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. The *DI* regrets the error.



Spotlight Iowa City

Bringing a whole new meaning to 'green thumb'

Jennifer Jordan plans events to improve how locals treat the environment.

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Jennifer Jordan is raising an environmentally friendly family. Kids Olivia, 9, and Gabe, 7, frequently ask about what they can and can't recycle. They help compost. And they even do a little work in the garden.

"Jen always has a huge garden," said partner Renee Baird. "It is common to take the kids out to the garden with baskets and come in to make a salad for supper together."



Jordan
recycling coordinator

Jordan's work clearly doesn't stay at the office. A three-year veteran as recycling coordinator at the Iowa City Landfill, the 31-year-old is passionate about sustaining the Earth from her garden at home to the landfill, where she devises plans for a cleaner future. In her post, Jordan — who can hardly pin down a daily routine — might plan community events, talk to reporters, or traipse through the landfill.

"This is my dream job," said the UI graduate, sitting

at her office, a window away from large black receptacles separating different recyclables. "It is totally different every day, and that is what I love about it."

April is especially busy for Jordan. She plans community activities, knowing they're important for the environmental outlook of the city.

Right now, she's working with the Sierra Club and library staff to plan such events as "Ecopalooza," scheduled for at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St. Jordan is also planning a family event at 10:30 a.m. Saturday that will include a "recycling relay" for kids.

Such events are evidence of why Dave Elias, the landfill superintendent, finds Jordan's work to be creative and imaginative answers to the difficult questions regarding changes in environmental habits.

"She can see opportunities, and she is also willing to run the twisted path and make it an actual project that sees results," said Elias.

He recalled "Rummage in the Ramp" as an example. The project seeks donations of reusable items near the beginning of August, when many are switching residences. Elias said Jordan



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Discarded newsprint start to fill a color-coded bin at the Iowa City Landfill & Recycling Center on Monday, April 19, 2010. Paper, clear, brown, and green glass, most metals, cardboard and Nos. 1-7 plastics can be dropped off at the facility at no charge.

was a key force in the project, helping ensure she and her coworkers carried it out.

Jordan's work even extends to molding the mentality of locals when it comes to waste.

"We all have a comfort level where we want to buy something and then just make it go away when we are done with it," said Jordan, who has a B.S. in geography and master's degree in urban planning.

For Jordan, the word "garbage" has a positive connotation — she connects it to "resource." She said that

in the past five years, officials have been pushing the public to think of landfills as resource management, not waste management.

Her family will certainly get that message, and further their sustainability efforts by shopping at the Farmers' Market and going to a family farm near Burlington for meat.

But it doesn't stop at home. "We need to look at changes in our daily lives, not just personal, but at work and school, too," Jordan said.

Candidate says UI should lead in achieving diversity

The UI is in the middle of 'imperative change,' the candidate says.

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Boosting efforts to reach out to UI minorities during their time at the university is something Nicole Nisly, a candidate for UI chief diversity officer, said she hopes to improve in the position.

And she feels that contact could help improve retention rates.



Nisly
candidate

The number of Latino students at the UI has increased by more than 30 percent in the last five years, and the number of African American students is up 15 percent, according to the Registrar's Office. Meanwhile, the U.S. Census Bureau predicts that by 2050, Latinos will be the largest minority population in Iowa.

Nisly, speaking to a group Monday of around 50 people in the University Capitol Centre, said these are significant reasons the UI's current faculty should do more in terms of outreach to minority students,

and officials should recognize the changing demographics.

"Should we wait for other institutions to recognize these changes? Or should we lead the way?" she said.

Instructors can help by addressing minority students when building a course because they may have thoughts that differ from their fellow classmates, said the third candidate to interview for the chief position.

"All of us are responsible for how the world will be in the coming years," she said, noting diversity education is a campuswide issue.

Last week, Gov. Chet Culver signed legislation that will help increase the number of minorities teaching in Iowa. But Nisly said fostering diversity shouldn't fall solely with officials and minority leaders.

"Of course, we need to build a critical mass, but the critical mass is of every color," she said. "We have to do it together to change current statistics."

The UI's chief diversity officer has wide-ranging responsibilities, monitoring equity efforts among

students and staff and faculty members. The chief diversity officer also oversees offices that implement programming for underrepresented populations and mediate discrimination and harassment complaints.

A native of Brazil, Nisly earned a medical degree from the Universidade Federal de Pernambuco Recife in 1982. She has been at the UI since 1990, and she began her current position as the diversity officer for the internal-medicine department in 2006.

Peter Kaboli, UI associate professor of internal medicine, said Nisly's experience abroad and in America has helped her view of education in many backgrounds.

"She does things in a way that involves her own experience, colleagues, patients, and general information, and I think that relates well to diversity issues on campus because it takes on all views," Kaboli said.

Maryann Rasmussen, a UI lecturer and the head of the Council on the Status of Women, said diversity groups have enjoyed working with Nisly. Rasmussen said she's looking forward

Chief diversity officer search

Three candidates have held public discussions at the UI:

- Georgina Dodge, assistant vice provost at Ohio State University
- Eveadean Myers, vice president for equity, diversity, and global outreach at North Dakota State University
- Nicole Nisly, UI associate professor of internal medicine and current interim chief diversity officer

Two more candidates will visit the UI campus this month for public discussions:

- 10 a.m. Thursday, 351 IMU
- 10 a.m. April 26, 2520D University Capitol Centre

Source: Chief diversity officer search committee

to helping choose the officer. "To have a chief officer who can coordinate our activities and make us aware of what is going on on campus would be a wonderful thing," Rasmussen said.

The fourth candidate will attend a public forum at 10 a.m. Thursday in 351 IMU.

METRO

Plugge backs Lemme principal for City High spot

Lemme Elementary Principal John Bacon could become the next principal of City High, Superintendent Lane Plugge said Monday. Plugge said he recommended the

School Board select Bacon to replace Mark Hanson, who announced earlier this year that he would resign.

Around 700 parents presented the School Board with a petition asking it to deny Hanson's resignation. Some parents suggested he was being forced to resign after penning an editorial in the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* that criticized redistricting efforts.

Board members will likely vote on the recommendation at their April 27 meeting.

Plugge said he has observed Bacon, who has been the principal of Lemme, for five years, as both an excellent elementary-school teacher and administrator.

He said Bacon is energetic, enthusiastic, and committed to the Iowa

City School District.

"I know he will work extra hard to be successful in that position," Plugge said.

If the School Board votes to accept the recommendation, Bacon will become City High's principal for the upcoming school year.

— by Holly Hines

POLICE BLOTTER

Juan Casco, 33, 2116 Western Road, was charged Monday with OWI.
Matthew Evans, 20, 730 E. Jefferson St., was charged April 17 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.
Bryan Flatt, 35, Des Moines, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.
Anthony Greenwood, 50, 2005 Taylor Drive, was charged April 17 with public intoxication.

Jeremy Heldt, 25, Cedar Rapids, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.
Jason Hicks, 36, 1114 St. Clements Alley, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.
Nicholas Joyce, 30, Springville, Iowa, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.
David Lovitt, 39, address unknown, was charged Sunday

with possession of marijuana.
Zaneta Luciano, 27, 2109 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Sunday with first-degree harassment.
Kevin Mulvey, 23, Johnsonburg, Ill., was charged April 11 with public intoxication.
Ruthenia Patterson, 52, Coralville, was charged April 14 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.
Felicia Starks, 38, 2401 Highway

6 E. Apt. 4608, was charged April 14 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.
Samantha Starr, 18, Burge, was charged April 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.
Masami Vo, 20, Coralville, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.
Robert Walls, 49, address unknown, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

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Most-read stories on dailyiowan.com from Monday.

1. Tarpinian finds a home
2. Is it proper for university instructors to actively voice their political views?
3. UI language departments merging to one division
4. UI, School District team up on alcohol discussion
5. Alcohol experts: 21-ordinance won't increase house parties

METRO

Agreement reached on UIHC privacy breach

A University of Iowa faculty member has reached an agreement with state officials regarding an alleged privacy breach.

Sandra Rosenfeld-O'Tool, a 42-year-old UI Hospital and Clinics physician, reached a settlement agreement on April 9 with the Iowa Board of Medicine over "unethical or unprofessional conduct,"

according to a board press release.

Rosenfeld-O'Tool reportedly viewed records of patients who were not under her care, which violates patient-privacy standards in Iowa. Rosenfeld-O'Tool is a clinical assistant professor of family medicine.

With the agreement, Rosenfeld-O'Tool will be required to pay a \$4,000 fine and complete a board-approved professional ethics program within 60 days.

— by Sam Lane

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A photograph of the Sueppel family stands behind David Kesterson (left) during a panel discussion in City Hall on Monday. Kesterson is the brother of Sheryl Sueppel, who, along with their children, was killed by her husband in March 2008. "I've seen too many things to not have faith," Kesterson said in response to a question from the audience.

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— was selected in recognition of past victims who were excluded from court proceedings or admonished for their victimization, according to a statement from U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder.

According to the U.S. Office for Victims of Crime, a national victims' advocacy group, 21 million crimes were committed in the United States in 2008. That year, almost 90,000 crimes were reported to campus police across the country.

Locally, a report released by the FBI last fall found an increase in crime in the Iowa City area from 2007 to 2008, leading local police to call for more personnel. According to the report, robberies increased 66 percent and rape reports

increased from 18 cases in 2007 to 24 in 2008. Overall, however, crime increased 0.5 percent in the area. Iowa City police had earlier — June 2009 — reported that violent crime was down in the area.

The Johnson County Crime Victims' Advisory Board, which was created in 2000, has commemorated Crime Victims' Rights Week each year over the past decade with a local speaker who has been a crime victim.

Board member Valerie Kemp said the group has hosted several attempted-homicide survivors over the years. Another year, they invited the mother of a young girl who was struck and killed by a man driving under the influence of marijuana.

For Kesterson, this year's keynote speaker, the annual week is a time to remem-

Crime-victim assistance programs

The Iowa Attorney General's Crime-Victim Assistance Division is tasked with providing services for victims.

- Sexual-Assault examination payment program
- Iowa crisis-response team
- Victim-services support program
- Crime-victim compensation program

Source: Iowa Department of Justice

ber his sister and her family.

"One of the things I decided a long time ago was to honor them," he said. Crime Victims' Rights week is meant "to not forget our loved ones who are lost," he said.

ALCOHOL

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"The parents are another very important partner in trying to make a difference," Sharp said.

Parents of high-school students made up the majority of the audience with 57 percent, and 35 percent had children in college. Parents of elementary-age kids were also present.

Attracting parents with children of all ages was an important aspect of the forum, Sharp said, noting kids in elementary school model their parents' behaviors.

Just because their kids are in college doesn't mean they don't listen, either, she said.

"Some parents think at a certain age, they don't have too much influence, but the literature really reinforces and supports how important parents are throughout," she said.

MECCA Services, a substance-abuse organization, teamed up with the partnership to plan the forum

over the last two or three months. Vander Werff said the extensive use of facts and statistics during the presentation will help dispel myths about underage drinking.

"We hope parents come away with that they do have influence and that it matters that they have conversations with their young people about not drinking alcohol," Vander Werff said. "That it's OK to have a no-alcohol policy."

Audience members answered statistical questions projected onto a screen by using electronic keypads.

For instance, one interactive question asked: "How confident do you feel about your ability to have an effective discussion regarding alcohol use with your children?"

Thirty two percent of the audience reported being "very confident"; only 2 percent said they were "not at all confident."

Panelists also discussed the legality and effectiveness of letting children drink inside the home to decrease drinking elsewhere — a myth Vander

Local alcohol forum

Parents of students of all ages attended the public forum on alcohol safety held at West High on Monday. Those present:

- No children: 15 percent
 - Elementary: 20 percent
 - Junior High: 24 percent
 - High School: 57 percent
 - College: 35 percent
- (Note: Percentages add up to 151 percent because some parents had children in more than one age group.)

Source: Parent Alcohol Forum

Werff said is important to dispel.

"There can be a lot of pressure to be the cool parent," Vander Werff said.

West High Principal Jerry Arganbright stressed the importance of communicating with university officials.

"Your kids at the university are really our kids," he said to the UI officials present. "It doesn't behoove us to speak independently."



MOHAMMED ALHADAB/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI senior Dan Gratie looks at his old graduation plan in his room in the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house on Monday. "I have to find another nursing school now, I guess," he said.

NURSING

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But making the accelerated master's plan more exclusive poses a problem for some students.

UI sophomore Dan Gratie planned to graduate in the fall of 2011 with degrees in biology and interdepartmental studies and enter the Clinical Nurse Leader program in the spring of 2012. He said the accelerated program would save him time and, ultimately, tuition money.

Changes to the program mean he will need to rethink his schedule, switch his major, and possibly delay his graduation date.

"It's not the end of the world by any means, but I was excited about the track that I had, and I was excited about the classes I was going to take," he said. "It's frustrating. I took a lot of time planning my schedule."

Still, nursing administrators said they have students' interests in mind.

Excluding students

without a bachelor's degree in nursing is the practice at most similar programs around the country, Frantz said.

When the program was created, administrators hoped the nonexclusive nature of the program would entice more students to pursue a career in nursing.

Instead, enrollment is falling.

The program had 56 second-degree-seeking students enrolled at its inception three years ago. Every subsequent year, Frantz said, the number has dropped significantly.

"There's absolutely no break in this program," she said. "We're finding that students are saying, 'If I had known it was going to be like this, I would never have taken this program. It's just too much.'"

Students who haven't completed a bachelor's in nursing have to take both master's courses and earn their RN license to finish the graduate program.

The change to the program would not only make coursework more

UI College of Nursing programs

Other options:

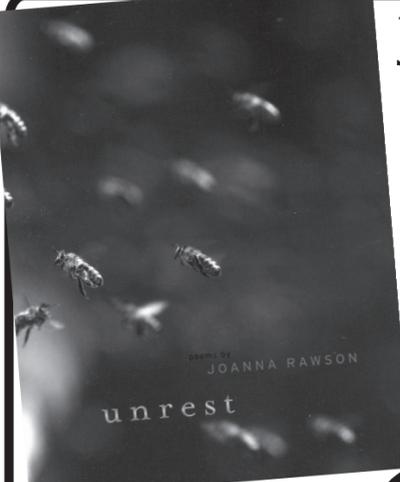
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- Master's of science in nursing
- Ph.D. in nursing
- Doctor of nursing practice
- Nursing service administration certificate

Source: UI College of Nursing website

feasible for its students, it would also allow some of the faculty to work with the undergraduate program, which sees a much higher admission demand.

"It's a strategic decision," said Jill Scott-Cawiezell, the nursing school associate dean for academic affairs. "We hope it's a win-win. We've seen with other sister schools that this is a good way to go."

After its recommendation, the change must be approved by faculty and then voted into effect by the state Board of Nursing.



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Editorial

UI-sponsored alcohol forum for local parents a positive for community

Everybody knows by now that University of Iowa and Iowa City officials are in the midst of a battle to muzzle the city's staggeringly high rate of binge drinking. Their weapon of choice is the contentious 21-ordinance.

But what if the root problem for many alcohol-abusing students could be solved years before they first stepped on campus?

A Monday night forum, organized by the UI Partnership for Alcohol Safety and MECCA Services, rightly recognized the long-term efficacy of proactive education. MECCA provides substance-abuse programs in eastern and central Iowa.

The event's purpose, providing guidance to parents on how to talk with their children and teenagers about alcohol abuse, is exactly what this community — and nation — needs. We encourage the Partnership for Alcohol Safety to hold similar events in the future.

The event supplied parents with both current trends in alcohol use among pre-college students and guidelines for talking to their children. Forum organizers also cited scientific research about the risks of underage and binge drinking.

Kelly Vander Werff, a prevention manager for MECCA, said parents have a profound influence on whether their children will abuse alcohol.

"We often hear the message that it's inevitable, kids are going to drink," Vander Werff told the Editorial Board, noting that research shows that parents who explicitly talk to their children about alcohol can help reduce risky behavior. A study by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University confirms that parental influence is a more powerful deterrent to teen substance abuse than legal restrictions.

"Parents are really a key audience," Vander Werff said.

Simply put, restructuring local code is not the most effective way to change Iowa City's

ingrained binge-drinking culture, nor will it alter UI students' fondness for engaging in risky alcohol consumption. Such a strategy will only work as a stopgap to temporarily appease irked community members and reduce Pedestrian Mall citations.

And education programs such as AlcoholEdu, though good in theory, are often blown off by students. In truth, most efforts by the university to promote alcohol education are no match for effective parenting. That's why we suggest the university and city administrators cooperate to curb binge drinking by way of long-term, preventative efforts. Fortunately, the UI's latest move to raise alcohol awareness is an exemplar of that approach.

Universities should not have to bear the responsibility of obligations typically reserved for parents, including alcohol awareness. And though the UI's support for regulation has often bordered on paternalistic, we applaud school administrators for proactively bringing parents together for Monday's forum.

While the effectiveness of the forum — and possible future forums — is obviously constricted to Iowa City, other towns would be right to take note. In the end, our country needs cultural changes vis-à-vis alcohol, rather than more restrictions.

To that end, community-based discourse is a necessary first step in changing future generations' perceptions of alcohol consumption. We all need to realize that community involvement doesn't just fall under the scope of politics, taxes, and crime. And preventive care is not limited to staving off diabetes, heart disease, or other physical ailments.

They're both important in preventing future generations from adopting destructive alcohol habits. If Monday's forum was any indication, it appears UI officials recognize that vital fact.

Your turn. Did your parents ever talk to you about alcohol use growing up? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

Catching monotone

BEAU ELLIOT
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A Penn State study, according to the BBC, found that women prefer men with monotone voices — that is, voices that don't vary much in pitch.

The BBC, by the way, used Clint Eastwood and George Clooney as examples. I think, even if you're one of those misguided souls who disagrees with me about nearly everything, you'd have to admit that Eastwood and Clooney have some other things going for them besides monotone voices. But whatever.

There might be some problems with the study, if you're into picking nits. (A nit, according to the *American Heritage Dictionary*, is either "The egg or young of a parasitic insect" or "A unit of illuminative brightness equal to one candela per square meter, measured perpendicular to the rays of the source.") I hope that clears up any confusion.)

(And trust me — you do not want to read the definition of a "candela." Well, unless you're a physicist or a chemistry professor. The 1040 tax form with subaddenda A, B, C, and F is far less confusing.)

One such nit about the study — and I'm trying my best to remain perpendicular to the rays of the source — is the relatively small sample size: 111 guys. Not to mention that they all attend Penn State and are therefore Nit-tany Lions. (Well, at least that's what the BBC story implied. Or maybe, in my attempt to remain perpendicular, I'm inferring that. Hmm.)

Another such nit is the 111 people studied were all guys. Yes, guys. No women. Maybe it's just me, but if I wanted to study what type of men heterosexual women prefer, I'd ask women. Call me old-fashioned.

And how, you ask, did the study figure out what women preferred by asking guys? It studied the guys' voices, then quizzed the guys about the number of sexual partners they had. And they self-reported that number.

Aha. Another nit lifts its lousy head. (Or its candela.) I'm a guy. I know all about guys self-reporting the number of their, um,

partners. How to put this politely. Let's just say that truth is not exactly the point of the exercise.

But just in case the study is right — guys, you've been warned.

He said in a firm, monotone voice.

Speaking of taxes, not that we were, exactly — although people overestimating when they tell you what they had to pay is somewhat similar to overestimating the number of you know what. Interesting.

Anyway, speaking of taxes, April 15 was the income-tax deadline, which meant that there were dozens of Tea Party anti-tax, anti-big government rallies. (Have you ever seen anyone actually drinking tea at a Tea Party rally? Me, neither.)

At one such rally in Boston, Sarah Palin, the Tea Party's favorite millionaire, said, "We need to cut taxes so that our families can keep more of what they earn and produce and our mom-and-pops then, our small businesses, can reinvest according to our own priorities."

What's interesting about this, as Gail Collins of the *New York Times* has pointed out, is that Gallup reports that 45 percent of the tea partiers have incomes under \$50,000. And, as the Tax Policy Center tells us, 47 percent of Americans didn't have to pay any income tax — couples with two children earning less than \$50,000.

This, by the way, is thanks to various programs including tax credits for working families introduced by President Obama. You know, the socialist in the White House who wants to raise taxes on everybody so we can have a huge government the size of France's.

Of course, France's government is far smaller than the U.S. government, but whatever.

And then there were the Tea Party protesters outside the Kennedy Space Center on April 15 who were demanding, among other items, that the Obama administration spend more on the space program. As the NPR reporter put it, these tea partiers want, yes, *more* government spending. Bigger government for them, smaller government for the rest of us.

It's enough to make you long for a nation of monotone voices. ■

Letters

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Where's the enforcement?

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics is meant to be the state's biggest proponent of good health. While it excels in many areas, its image as a haven of health is tarnished every day along Melrose Avenue. And by whom? Its own employees.

Every day I walk along Melrose and am angered to see UIHC employees (most in scrubs) smoking outside the entrance to the Family Medicine Clinic. These employees should be ashamed to promote good health inside the walls of UIHC but be public billboards of self-harm

outside. The employees smoke directly in front of a "No Smoking" sign and show little remorse for their actions. This greatly damages the hospital's image for patients and visitors.

Similarly, the UI should be ashamed of its enforcement of the campuswide smoke-free policy. The administration promotes the university as a bastion of good health, but does little to enforce its own policy. I propose the university begin to enact pay decreases on those employees found smoking in their work uniforms. Further, if an employee is found to smell of smoke while seeing patients, he or she should be suspended from work for the day without pay.

UIHC should not only have the image of a place that can provide health, it also must be a reliable and true place of healing. UIHC employees who smoke during work stimulate cynicism and retard preventative-health efforts. I urge UIHC employees to quit smoking; if that is not an option, please smoke out of sight.

Tyler Rasmussen
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The reasons for party schools

I am writing in regards to Jon Shelness's April 19 letter titled "Bogus arguments from alcohol experts."

I do not dispute his assertion that students not "bothering to get involved in such an uneven political contest" with university officials is certainly a reason for antisocial behavior.

However, can Shelness show that a significant portion of the alcohol-related problems in the Iowa City area are because of UI students adapting to "such an uneven political contest," or at least have a method to gauge the extent of its existence? Shelness attributes the party-school phenomenon to this, something I seriously doubt.

John Ma
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Guest opinion

The 21-ordinance and student rage

By JOSH BUCHSBAUM

Let's start with the fact that the 21-ordinance is obviously going to be voted down.

An initiative by a student group has already been started. Only 2,500 signatures are needed to get a public vote. Anyone remember what happened in 2007, when voters resoundingly rejected the ordinance? Iowa City voters are not messing around. They know what they want.

That being said, why is the age of entrance for regulated and reasonably safe bars such an important issue? Is Iowa City completely free of violence? Sexual harassment?

Homelessness? Crime?

It can be argued that if those who are under 21 are allowed to be in a bar, they will be enticed to drink, thus encouraging illegal underage drinking. This argument assumes that barring 19- and 20-year-olds from bars will stem underage drinking.

I believe this argument to be completely false, and I would like to call upon the great American wit of wrestler Colin Delaney's "conservation of rage" theory. The theory explains that rage can neither be created nor destroyed. It will just perpetuate itself in different forms.

The voting population

clearly agrees with this. Not only did the ordinance get voted down, but the community also actively campaigned against it.

The 21-ordinance provides a perfect example of the proportional shift that happens when means of rage change.

Eighteen-, 19-, and 20-year-old college students have similar interests and rage potential, regardless of the law concerning bar-entrance age. If they are not permitted in one place, these students will go to another place. Underage drinking will persist, but via alternate areas. The age of those allowed in bars

is not the catalyst for underage drinking.

Rather than focusing on preventing students from acting on their rage potential, the City Council should focus its efforts on safe rage alternatives. Fiscal support for student organizations, support for local festivals, and other alternative activities to drinking are all more positive solutions to the problem. The above activities provide fun and constructive activities for active underage students to participate in.

I am not an expert, so my solutions may not be the best. But I do know that any consideration of

change from the status quo should also consider the possible consequences.

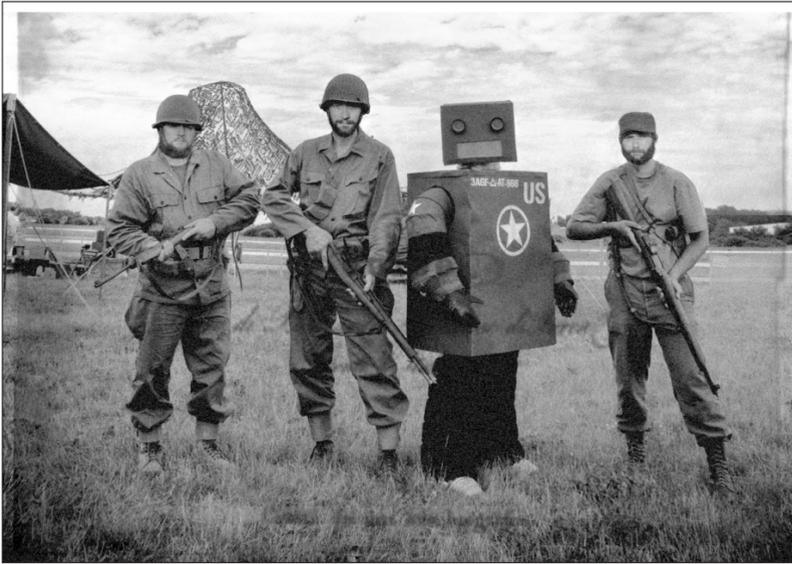
Where will people that are underage but still feel the need to drink go? Probably places less safe than the bars, which are conveniently patrolled by the good folks at the Iowa City Police Department. Or maybe they will force their way into the bars by buying a fake ID, possibly contributing to the Iowa City black market.

There are so many possible situations that result from not allowing some college students in bars that will decrease the overall safety on campus. And

according to the "conservation of rage" theory, the 21-ordinance will not have any effect on underage drinking. Oh yeah, and the student body will probably keep voting it down.

The City Council must stop dwelling on such insignificant issues and move on to constructive, progressive policies. And if the 21-ordinance continues to be the City Council's only solution to underage drinking, couldn't councilors at least throw in a grandfather clause for us 20-year-old college students who have been going to the bars responsibly for at least a year?

Josh Buchsbaum is a UI junior.



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Droids Attack will make a stop in Iowa City to perform its robot rock alongside Snow Demon and Superchief.

Droid rock hits IC

Droids Attack will bring its punk-infused metal to the Mill tonight in celebration of 4/20.

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Guitarist and vocalist Brad Van wants people to know that Droids Attack is more than just another band with a gimmick.

The three-piece, which combines the high-energy genres of punk and metal, used to have a fourth member who appeared onstage in a robot costume, but after he joined the military, the band pushed its live focus toward its heavily distorted riff rock instead of the stage antics.

"A lot of people miss the robot, but if they ask about it, I just say if they want to see a guy in a suit, they should go to Chuck E. Cheese's," Brad Van, 34, said and laughed.

Droids Attack will play a free show as part of the Mill's "4/20 Fest," which celebrates the underground holiday for the cannabis-loving crowd. Other bands set to rumble the stage starting at 9 p.m. today are Des Moines' Superchief and Iowa City natives Snow Demon.

The Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., is touting the show as a "stoner-rock onslaught," but Van doesn't necessarily agree that his music fits into the category heavily composed of sludgy guitars and gravelly vocals, which is also known for

its slow moving pace and gloomy lyrics.

"A lot of stoner rock is kind of boring to me," he said. "I try to let people know we play faster stuff, too, but whatever. It's one of those things where what you are and what people end up calling you sometimes ends up being different."

The Iowa City show is the first stop on Droids Attack's "southern leg of touring" in support of its latest album, *Must Destroy*, which came out in February. Van said the record has made waves on independent rock radio and even landed on College Music Journal's charts.

"It will be our biggest tour and biggest promotion to date," Van said.

The Madison, Wis.-based rockers have come a long way since Van met up with drummer Tony Brungraber at the guitarist's retro gaming arcade in 1998. Both shared a love of science fiction and classic gaming and bonded through conversations about *Robocop* and *Starship Troopers*.

Eventually, Van and Brungraber formed Droids Attack in 2001, and finally, in 2004, the group recruited bassist Nate Bush to record its debut full-length, *All Your Chicks Belong to Us*. Eventually Van was forced to close down his arcade and put the machines into storage in order to better support his family.

"We practice at the storage space and every now and again, we'll flip on the Centipede machine and have some fun," Van said.

While Droids Attack may have strayed away from its robot roots, the band still writes songs about science fiction and other dark subject matter.

"I like to sing about how people are kind of

hypocritical and how they all are sort of wired to do themselves in, you know, that kind of stuff," the vocalist said.

Van said the band also occasionally writes about Steven Seagal, karate movies, and other "stupid s—," depending on the group's mood.

The guitarist said the band is looking forward to scouting out new areas of interest while on the road when not playing songs, citing a trip to an action-figure museum in Oklahoma and the world's biggest truck stop in Iowa as past detours.

"You meet such great people in other cities, so when you're visiting you're looking forward to seeing them and you know, see new places, it's awesome," Van said.

Snow Demon guitarist Matt Cooper is one of the many friends Van made while on the road. Cooper said he is looking forward to playing 4/20 Fest with Droids Attack.

"They're a lot of fun, really good rock 'n' roll," he said. "It will especially be a blast to get three somewhat heavier rock bands involved at the Mill."

CD REVIEW

Infesting the 1980s

RATT delivers more than just another one hit wonder with *Infestation*.

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Randy "The Ram" Robinson: "God — they don't make 'em like they used to."

Cassidy: "F— '80s man, best s— ever."

Randy "The Ram" Robinson: "Then that Cobain p— had to come around and ruin it all."

Cassidy: "Like there's something wrong with just wanting to have a good time?"

Randy "The Ram" Robinson: "I'll tell you somethin', I hate the f— '90s."

The dialogue from Darren Aronofsky's 2008 film *The Wrestler* — where the two main characters are bonding over the RATT song "Round and Round" and a love of the '80s — is the first thing that came to mind when listening to RATT's latest album, *Infestation*.

While not mind-blowing, the CD (released more than 10 years after the 1999 self-titled reunion album) captures the rock 'n' roll excess exhibited by Mötley Crüe, Def Leppard, Dokken, and even RATT itself, that made the '80s so cool (albeit with some raspier vocals from founding member Stephen Pearcy and cleaner production).

From the opening metal riffs of "Eat Me Up Alive" to the album's closer

"Don't Let Go," there are enough memorable moments on *Infestation* that it may even surpass the band's early classics, *Out of the Cellar* and *Invasion of Your Privacy*, that helped spawn the hair-metal genre.

Eighties music was all about partying (which was not limited to, but usually involved, some sex and drugs in addition to the rock 'n' roll), and *Infestation* is no exception. The lyrics — which ooze with innuendoes — are often immature and even cliché, but somehow Pearcy has enough charisma to make them work.

You always hear the old saying that the average male thinks of sex every seven seconds. Well, Pearcy probably thinks about it twice as much.

Later in the album, on "Don't Let Go," he sings, "I'm gonna get me some leg tonight for sure / And I don't care who I'm with / You know I'm slightly crazy, a little insane / But that's just who I am."

While the above lyrics are pure '80s, the musician does sing about slightly more than chasing tail down the streets of LA.

On the chugging rocker, "A Little Too Much," Pearcy gets reflective, singing, "You're always wanting to crucify me, why do you have such hate? You better look in the mirror baby it's time

to seal your fate." The vocalist could just as easily be bashing all of the musicians that put down the glam scene, as opposed to talking about a past fling.

In addition to the raunchy lyrics, the '80s was also the decade for over-the-top guitar solos. Lead guitarist Warren DeMartini delivers on that end with soaring leads that sound straight out of the era in which dudes spent as much time teasing their hair as they did practicing their instruments (that's to say, they did both, a lot).

The dual guitar harmonies closing out "Take a Big Bite," are just one example of the talent of guitarists DeMartini and Carlos Cavazo, and there are also plenty of modern sounding riffs mixed in that give the album a heavier edge than previous efforts from the band.

No matter what other people will say, the '80s was a fun time for music, and while it may be cheesy, there is something that keeps listeners coming back for more. And *Infestation* is the best slab of glam to come out in a while.



Ratt
Infestation
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Droids Attack
Must Destroy

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• "The Arcade Bully"

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See *Droids Attack* with Superchief and Snow Demon, at The Mill, 120 E. Burlington at 9 p.m. today.

NATION

Man who decapitated classmate gets life in prison

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A former Virginia Tech graduate student who prosecutors said decapitated a classmate in a campus café because she rejected his romantic advances was sentenced to life in prison on Monday.

Montgomery County Circuit Judge Robert Turk sentenced Haiyang Zhu to life without parole, said Commonwealth's Attorney Brad Finch. Zhu pleaded guilty in December to first-

degree murder in the death of fellow Chinese student Xin Yang. He admitted decapitating the 22-year-old Yang as the pair had coffee at a campus eatery in January 2009.

Zhu's plea did not qualify for the death penalty under Virginia law.

Finch said he was pleased that the judge imposed the maximum punishment for the "extremely brutal murder."

Zhu's attorney, Stephanie Cox, did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment. But Zhu apologized at the hearing to the victim's family and the community, Finch said.

The killing stunned a campus that still had vivid memories of the mass slayings in April 2007, when a student gunman killed 32 people and then took his own life. The stabbing was the first slaying on campus since then.

Prosecutors had described in detail a heartbroken Zhu who had had fallen in love with Yang, only to be rebuffed when she told him she had a boyfriend she planned to marry.

At a December plea hearing, Finch cited a letter Zhu wrote while in jail, which said Yang's rejection "forced him to kill her" because "he loved her too much."

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Millions still stranded by ash cloud

By **GEORGE JAHN**
Associated Press

VIENNA — Stranded travelers are piling into buses, trains, and high-priced taxis in a frantic scramble to accomplish an increasingly tricky mission: escape from Europe.

Spain was becoming a dream destination not for its beaches and monuments but simply because it's one of the few European countries unaffected by the ash cloud from an Icelandic volcano drifting across the continent.

Monstrous lines filled the departure terminals at Madrid's Bajas Airport as people sought a chance to flee — and tempers were fraying.

"I am on the standby list, and I am homeless right now," said Roberta Marder, 73, from Tulsa, Okla. "I am here fighting in the line and trying to get a ticket."

Many people arrived with stories of grueling road trips to get to Madrid.

Doug Hahn, 36, of Portland, Ore., was settling into his seat Thursday on a New York-bound plane in Amsterdam when the flight was canceled. He and three other stranded travelers rented a car and drove to Madrid — a 16-hour road journey.

The price? Six hundred euros (\$808), split three ways — a "good deal" for Hahn, who said the car company initially wanted 1,600 euros (\$2,155) for the one-way rental. He managed to get a ticket for a Miami flight later in the day.

On Monday, Spain offered to let Britain and other European countries use its airports as stopovers to get tens of thousands of passengers stranded by the volcanic ash traveling again.

With flying conditions uncertain, only a fraction of the continent's airports were operating. Eurocontrol, the continental air authority said, airlines in Europe were expected to fly only between 8,000 and 9,000 of their 28,000 scheduled flights on Monday — mostly from southern Europe.

A German rental agency on Sunday was asking more than 1,000 euros — close to \$1,400 — for a car one-way from Belgrade, Serbia, to Munich, while another firm demanded 1,850 euros (\$2,500) for a Madrid to Brussels rental. In Stockholm, Magnus Klintback, a spokesman for the Swedish firm Taxi Kurir, said approximately 50 clients had willingly paid prices of up to 34,000 kronor — nearly \$5,000 — to different European destinations from which they had a chance to fly home.

Legions of other travelers were simply stranded.

At Frankfurt Airport, one of continental Europe's biggest hubs, airport spokesman Uwe Witzel said that almost 500 passengers — most of them from Africa or Asia with no visas for the EU — were spending their fourth day in the transit area.

Witzel said the stranded were being provided with three meals a day, showers, and fresh clothing as needed.

"We've set up an Internet lounge, we've hired people to entertain the kids, and we've also arranged a spot outside the terminal building where people can go to get a breath of fresh air and some sun," he said.

In Austria, authorities lifted flight bans early Monday, buoying travelers' spirits. Officials said approximately 65 flights had left by noon.

But most were within Europe. Austrian Airline officials said the only two transcontinental flights possible later in the day were to Beijing and Bangkok.

Attinchat Apirukunwong won't be on either.

"I am still patient now, but probably not for much longer," said the Bangkok native, his face strained by the fatigues of a European vacation gone awry. He said he was hoping for a flight back home via a Turkish Airlines flight to Istanbul.

For Greg Moncada, flying



Bihroz, a Dutch citizen who has been waiting to fly back home for three days, rests on the floor at the El Prat del Llobregat Airport in Barcelona, Spain, on Monday. Spain has offered to let Britain and other European countries use its airports as stopovers to get passengers stranded by the volcanic ash cloud traveling again, a minister said Monday.



The first of three KLM passenger planes headed toward New York takes off from Schiphol airport in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Monday. European transport officials have carved up the sky, creating three zones to break the flight deadlock caused by a cloud of volcanic ash flowing from Iceland over Europe.

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was a professional imperative — he had scheduled job interviews on the U.S. West Coast.

"I'm trying to get to Seattle," said Moncada, a high-school principal at Vienna's American International School. "I have to be there tomorrow."

In Italy, many travelers to Milan's Furniture Show, which ended Monday, were also stuck — and trying to make the best of it.

"I think the plan is to play while New York is asleep. We give them three hours of work, then we eat and drink into the evening," said Jonathan Friedlander, marketing manager for B&B Italia USA, referring to the time difference between the two continents. Friedlander was supposed to leave Sunday; he now is booked out with his colleagues on Friday.

Tongue firmly in cheek, Friedlander said there are so many design industry types from the United States stranded in Milan that they are toying with developing an iPhone app called "Stuck in Milan."

"It would tell everyone where everyone is. It can help with escape routes, say if people are renting cars to go to another city."

The ash also caused diplomatic headaches. President Obama was forced to miss the Polish president's weekend funeral, and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called off a scheduled trip to Finland.

The no-fly zone that was most of Europe also forced the postponement of a visit to Russia by a team of U.S. officials who were to discuss Russian concerns about adoptions. U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the team had made it as far as Toronto before its flight to Moscow was canceled.

At the same time, senior European officials were unable to make it to a Sunday and Monday conference in Washington of major economies on climate change, Crowley said. Those who could not attend either participated by video link or were represented by lower-level officials.

Crowley said the U.S. State Department had instructed diplomats from U.S. embassies and consulates in Europe to check on "key airports" to see if there are any stranded American citizens who might need assistance. He could not say yet which airports were visited or if any Americans had requested help.

Iceland's volcanic ash cloud also delayed bailout talks in Athens on Monday regarding Greece's economy, leaving the country to watch its borrowing costs hit another record high. The crisis negotiations with the International Monetary Fund and the European Union will now start Wednesday and could be held by teleconference if planes remain grounded after that.

Stranded Europeans trying to get home were also affected.

At Incheon International

Airport in South Korea, around 30 frustrated passengers blocked a Korean Air ticketing counter and demanded a meeting with company officials to arrange travel to anywhere in Europe after they heard an Air France jet flew from the airport to the French city of Bordeaux.

They held up a makeshift sign saying "We want to come back home," each word written on a separate piece of paper and held by an individual traveler.

"We need a flight, we need a time," Thierry Loison, who has been stuck since April 16 at Incheon on the way back to France after a vacation in Bali, told Korean Air officials. "We were like animals this morning."

Passengers resting on blankets spread on the floor of a business center complained about the lack of hotel accommodations. They said they were only receiving a voucher for one meal a day at McDonald's and that they were running out of money.

Chloe Paull, a teaching assistant at a secondary school in England on her way home after a trip to Japan during school break, was supposed to be back at work Monday. She has been stuck in South Korea since April 17 and said Air France is sending her back to Japan, where she's booked into a Wednesday flight back home.

"The problem is it might not be open, so I can just be stuck in Japan, same as here," she said with a laugh.

Being stranded is becoming a financial burden, she said.

"My job isn't highly paid, and I spent a lot of money in Japan," she said. "It's an expensive place."

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Things you probably didn't know about the Discovery Channel

- In addition to drinking his own urine on camera, Bear Grylls also drinks it off camera, continually altering his diet in a never-ending pursuit to produce the best tasting urine possible.
 - Executives at the channel routinely hire geneticists to breed freaky new animals to ensure that they are never out of bizarre, original wildlife footage.
 - "Shark Week" consists of the same sharks, year after year. They are paid actors, members of SAG, and several appeared in the delightful romantic comedy *Deep Blue Sea*.
 - "Doing Da Vinci" was an amazing show, but was never taken seriously because of its name. Since then, Discovery has hired a second-grade class to run all their names through a giggle test.
 - They filmed an episode of "Mythbusters" where they busted the myths of the afterlife, but the master copy was seized by armed agents from the Vatican.
 - The entire series of "Planet Earth" was filmed in Iowa. On a sound stage.
 - The producers of the canceled show "A Haunting" are haunted by the ghost of the show, who ironically cannot rest until it is given its own episode.
 - Cash Cab won't go any farther north into Harlem than Central Park West.
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- Nathan Wulf thanks Andrew R. Juhl for collaborating on today's Ledge.

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Alexis Vasquez and Palmer Biggers play on the playground in Lower City Park on Monday. Palmer and brother Harrison go to the park as often as they can with their family to enjoy the nice weather and friendly environment.

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horoscopes Tuesday, April 20, 2010

- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Refrain from spreading yourself too thin. You may think you can conquer the world, but you need more time in order to do a good job. Focus on what's important, and keep a level head.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Home, family, and friends should be your focus, but be aware that someone you live with may not be happy sharing your time with others. Plan a vacation or trip that allows you to nurture important relationships.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Don't take chances. Be specific, and ask the right questions if you don't want to be left out or misguided. Stick close to home, and take care of personal business. Expect a change, and be prepared to reconstruct your plans.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Lend a helping hand. The people you encounter while offering your services will enhance your life in many ways. You can make a professional change that will give you greater responsibility and more perks.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Clear up any matters you have with institutions or government agencies. The less you leave dangling, the easier it will be to move forward and get a foothold on your future. You can make an offer or negotiate a contract.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Let everyone know what you are up to, and you will get all the help you need to not only reach your goals but surpass them. Doors are opening, partnerships are brewing, and opportunities to make some major changes to your life are apparent. Love and romance are in a high cycle.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Avoid emotional encounters. Focus on money, financing, and making your space at home comfortable and affordable. Make whatever transitions necessary to lighten your responsibilities and ease your stress.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Don't waste time on people or projects that don't count. Don't be afraid to change your plans midstream if it works for you. A positive experience will brighten your attitude and change your world.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Forge ahead with plans to alter your surroundings or make them more conducive to reaching your goals. A little tender, loving care put into your home, family, and future will be needed if you don't want to face changes brought on by someone else. Procrastination will be what gets you into trouble.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Concentrate on financial and family matters putting time, energy, and thought into your domestic scene. Talks will lead to great ideas. Love will be enhanced as you work collectively toward a better future.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You may not want to listen to advice being offered but you should. Acting professionally or financially without a plan will increase the chances of someone outmaneuvering you. Sign up for anything that can help you better your skills and your chance to get ahead.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 You may feel like bringing about change, but incorporating the old with the new will make more sense and bring a better return. Pull out your old ideas and plans, and give them a new angle. An old relationship may be a key factor.

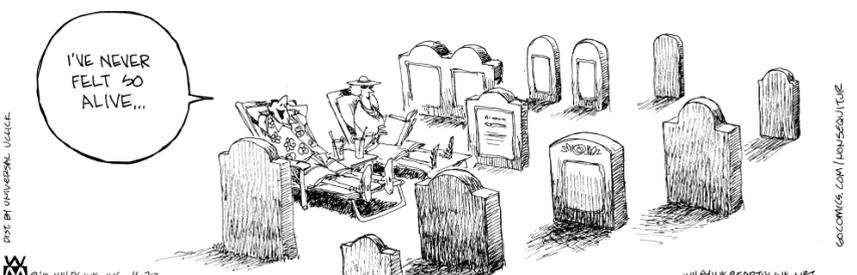
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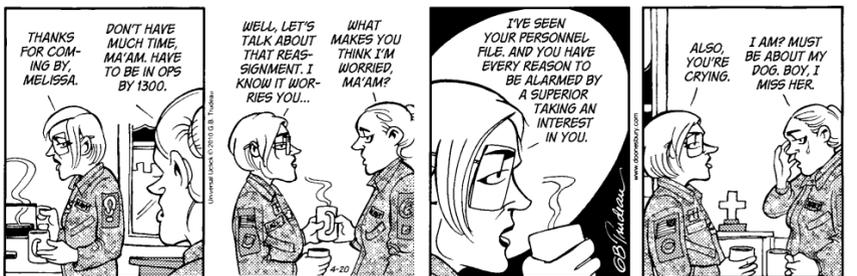
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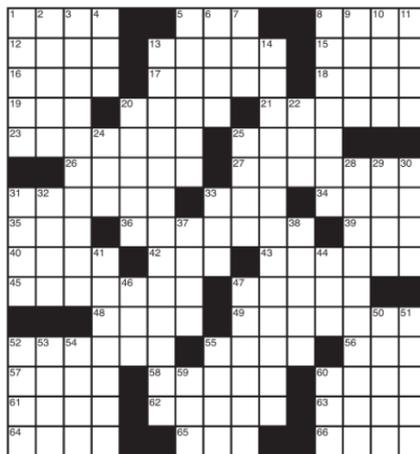
- Tumble Tots**, 9:30 a.m., Performance Health & Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
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- Tot Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- Fit 4 Fun**, 10:30 a.m., Performance Health & Fitness
- Pharmacology Seminar**, "Modulation of Voltage-Gated Ion Channels by Intracellular 2nd-messengers," Mark Shapiro, University of Texas, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- Master's of Public Health Seminar**, "Preparing for the Practicum," Pam Willard and Laurie Walkner, noon, B111 Med Labs
- Biochemistry Research Workshop**, "Mechanics of Toll-like Receptor 4 activation," Theresa Cioannin, 12:30 p.m., Eckstein Medical Research Building Seeborn Conference Room
- Joint Astrophysics/Space Physics Seminar**, "Calculations of Growth Rates for Saturn Kilometric Radiation as Measured by Cassini," Christene Lynch, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- Math Physics Seminar**, "A 'Classical' Interpretation of Quantum-Theoretic Density-Operators," William Boos, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- Operator Theory Seminar**, "Advances in Noncommutative Function Theory," Jonas Meyer, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- The Gray Knights Chess Club**, 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- Microbiology Seminar**, "Small RNAs and their therapeutic application for the treatment of HIV infection," John Rossi, City of Hope, 3 p.m., Bowen Science

- Building Auditorium 3
- "The Invention of a People: Aimé Césaire Between Politics and Poetry,"** Françoise Naudillon, 3:30 p.m., 315 Phillips Hall
 - Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
 - Free Pool**, 5 p.m., Wildwood, 4919 B Walleye Drive S.E.
 - FitStart Youth**, 5:30 p.m., Performance Health & Fitness
 - Beginning Socks**, 6 p.m., Home Ec Workshop, 207 N. Linn
 - First Annual Interdisciplinary Speaker Series**, 6 p.m., IMU
 - Pizza from Scratch**, 6 p.m., New Pinoer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
 - Aviation Movie Night**, 6:30 p.m., Alexis Park Inn & Suites, 1165 S. Riverside
 - Senior Seminar**, "The Facts of Life ... After Graduation," 6:30 p.m., 348 IMU
 - Beginners' Square Dance Lessons**, 7 p.m., Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert
 - The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo**, 7 p.m., Bijou
 - "Live from Prairie Lights,"** Edward Hirsch, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
 - Mini Medical School**, 7 p.m., Medical Education Research Facility
 - Texas Hold 'em**, 7 p.m., Firewater, 347 S. Gilbert
 - Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Studio 13, 13 S. Linn
 - Dead Larry**, 9 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
 - Tuesday Night Social Club**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
 - The Mirror**, 9:30 p.m., Bijou
 - Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0316

- Across**
- One "in the woods"
 - Troop group: Abbr.
 - Tiny light that's here and gone
 - Classic door-to-door marketer
 - Manufactured
 - Radames's love, in opera
 - Something that swings
 - Keyboard key
 - Manual reader
 - Show ____
 - Stand-up comic's material
 - Film bomb of 1987
 - "You can't make me!"
 - Sch. with home games at Pauley Pavilion
 - Speediness
 - Kwame ____, advocate of pan-Africanism and the first P.M. of Ghana
 - Stewed to the gills
 - Pronto
 - Half-off event
 - Lucy of "Kill Bill"
 - Period of low activity
 - Bamboozle
 - Sell
 - Buff thing
 - Figure-skating figures
 - Dressed to the nines
 - Computer data acronym
 - Makes public
 - Gasoline additive
 - What 3-, 13-, 14- and 28-Down may be
 - Soft white cheese
 - Program file-name extension
 - Puppy's plaint
 - Farm letters?
 - Volin! no on
 - Poet laureate Dove
 - Ryan in Cooperstown
 - Newsman Roger
 - Pizzaz
 - The Cards, on scoreboards
 - Low ratings



Puzzle by Paula Gamache

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- Down**
- Disney fawn
 - To have, to Henri
 - Tippler
 - Remnant
 - ____ jumping
 - Plops down
 - Ballantine product
 - German design school founded in 1919
 - Grocery shopper's aid
 - It's a thought
 - Catherine ____, last wife of Henry VIII
 - Donkey, for one
 - "How many months have 28 days?," e.g.
 - Zest
 - Professional's camera, for short
 - Too heavy
 - Cancel
 - Rat-a-tat-tat weapon
 - Very much
 - Chickens that come home to roost
 - Hollywood or Sunset: Abbr.
 - Place
 - Third degree?
 - Dandy sorts
 - Donkey, for one
 - Nouveau ____
 - Expressionless
 - Scala of "The Guns of Navarone"
 - Formerly common rooftop sight
 - Water or rust
 - Makes advances?
 - Instrument in ancient Greek art
 - Trompe l' ____
 - Utah ski resort
 - Big swig
 - Cyclades island
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INTRAMURALS

Sand V-ball means sun fun

T.O.T.S. takes home the intramural Co-Rec sand-volleyball title.

By **ETHAN SEBERT**
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Sun, sand, and 74 students.

That was the scene at the Hawkeye Recreational Fields sand-volleyball courts when 18 teams showed up for the 2010 Intramural Co-Recreational 4-on-4 sand volleyball tournament on April 17.

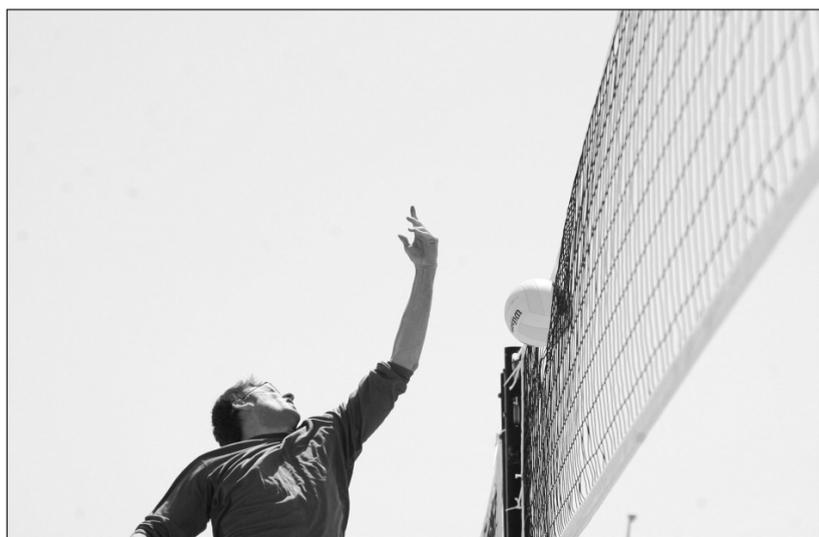
The single-elimination one-day tournament began at 11 a.m., and the last spike didn't hit the sand until around 5 p.m.

After around six hours of volleyball, T.O.T.S. beat Better Late Than Never two games to one in a highly contested final. The foursome of freshman Dan Hopkin, juniors Ryan Horan and Alicia Sieverding, and first-year medical student Rachel Bender won the final game, 25-20, against the threesome of freshmen Brittany Reynolds, Parker Valdez, and senior Chae Centeno.

But the final, which featured four males and three females, showed a new trend in sand volleyball on campus. Players battled the stereotype of volleyball being a "girls' sport" — 40 guys showed up for the competition compared with 34 women.

"I think here in Iowa, it's kind of shunned upon on dudes because girls play it," Centeno said.

However, the old stereo-



Laura Willis/The Daily Iowan

UI graduate student Bart Knox goes to strike a volleyball during the intramural volleyball tournament in the Hawkeye Recreation Fields on April 17. His team, URP, was one of the nearly 20 teams that participated in the weekend event.

type is slowly beginning to change.

"A lot of people think it's kind of a girly sport, but I know a lot of guys who play, and I don't think any less of them," freshman Lauren Pigatto said.

One reason for the change is because volleyball is easy to learn, some of the intramural participants said. Although, getting guys to bump, set, and spike isn't as easy.

"Around here, no guys really grow up exposed to it," said Horan, an Iowa native.

"I only played like a couple of times, and I got a grasp for the game," said freshman Greg Bender, a Waukee, Iowa, native and member of Sandstorm.

The males who participated had different reasons for playing, as well as different levels of experience — ranging from playing in gym class to four years of high-school volleyball.

Two players on Team Chadomon — juniors Jon Vazquez and Spenser Clark — play on the University of Iowa club team.

Team Chadomon lost to the T.O.T.S. in the semifinals after Clark dislocated his shoulder while diving for a ball and had to be taken to the emergency room.

The junior is no stranger to dislocated shoulders. He suffered the same injury to his other shoulder earlier in his volleyball career — indicative of the potential dangers of the sport.

However, besides the shoulder injury, sunburn caused the only other pain at the tournament.

The weather meant

higher participation than a year ago, when the contest were played in cold temperatures and mist. Many players said the weather weighed heavily on their decision to play.

"It's definitely a sport that, when summer rolls around, people start playing," Vazquez said.

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Despite the distance, Iowa golf fans stay connected with the Hawkeyes through a live-scoring website.

By **JESSIE SMITH**
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The Iowa men's golf team has competed in 16 different states and one other country during the last four years.

While the Hawkeye golfers may view the time away as a break from the notoriously unfriendly Iowa weather, the itinerary has the potential to leave Iowa golf fans out of the loop.

Technological advances, such as the NCAA's decision in 1992 to use "Golfstat," have solved the problem, making updates readily available to those who travel with the Hawkeyes and to anyone with Internet access. A banner on the site, www.golfstat.com, calls it the "official source for college golf scores and statistics."

Laura Kelpin, the mother of sophomore Barrett Kelpin, uses the site for its live scoring. The amenity helps her stay involved with her son's golf career even when he competes halfway across the country.

"[The technology] makes you feel like you're a part of it," Laura Kelpin said. "Not just for your son but for the team, too. It helps you get to know all the players and get a much better sense of what other teams are out there."

The website is the official home of all men's and women's collegiate golf rankings, statistics, and schedules. Fans can camp out in front of their computers and see how certain players, or teams, are doing.

"When Ryan [Marks]



Rachel Jessen/The Daily Iowan

Iowa sophomore Barrett Kelpin hits the ball during the Hawkeye Taylormade/Adidas on Sunday at Finkbine. Kelpin tied for fourth place with sophomore Chris Brant with scores of 216.

was at the U.S. Amateur, half the town of Warrensburg [Missouri] was watching it online," father Craig Marks joked. "It brought the productivity of the whole community down quite a bit, because they're all watching it at home and seeing what was going on."

This accessibility proves to be useful to more than just dedicated fans — it also aids in recruiting and golfers' ability to attain recognition.

Iowa head coach Mark Hankins said the technological benefits applied over the weekend during the team's first home tournament since September 2006 — the Hawkeye Invitational at Finkbine — when Missouri-Kansas City senior Alex Hogben

took the individual crown.

"If you are a great player, you need to be recognized," Hankins said. "You play Missouri-Kansas City, and this kid wins. Before, you would have never known him because he always plays against smaller schools ... so it's nice that no matter what you win now, it's on live scoring, so you get you're recognition and anyone in the country can see it."

The technology also eliminates the past sense of wonder that used to lurk on the golf courses. Golfers now have the ability to know stoke-by-stroke where they stand in the leader board.

Hankins said this extra knowledge has the potential to tweak the strategies

of both the coaches and players.

"I don't want my players to be reactive," he said. "If I look down and see some guy hits a triple bogey, I don't run out there and say, 'Hey what are you doing.' I don't want to be reactive just because I can be now."

Barrett Kelpin's father, Virgil Kelpin, was quick to praise the convenience of the technology, but he also joked about its addictive quality.

"It's very stressful," he said. "I wish it updated every hole rather than every three holes — waiting in between the updates is painful. I've broken more computers in the past couple of years by hitting refresh so much."

BASKETBALL

Taylor loses bid for medical hardship

Iowa women's basketball head coach Lisa Bluder announced on Monday that freshman guard Theairra Taylor did not qualify for a medical-hardship redshirt.

The St. Paul, Minn., native

tore her ACL in the Hawkeyes' game against South Dakota State on Dec. 22, 2009. She made 10 appearances for the Hawkeyes, averaging 8.1 points and 4.9 rebounds per game.

According to NCAA rules, in order to qualify for a medical hardship, student-athletes may only participate in 30 percent of

games played, with a maximum season total of 30 games. So Taylor's 10 games equaled 33.3 percent of Iowa's season.

"This is very unfortunate news for Theairra," Bluder said in a statement. "During the season, I was given incorrect information on the medical-hardship process. We had originally

thought that playing more games would help Theairra get her redshirt, but that wasn't the case. We are confident that Theairra will bounce back from this news and are still very excited to have her in a Hawkeye uniform for three more seasons."

— by Evelyn Lau

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Iowa offensive lineman Julian Vandervelde (right) reads *Aliens are Coming* to Mary Goodfellow's third- and fourth-grade class at Twain Elementary on Monday.

Hawkeyes lead literacy effort

Officials hope for more interactions among athletes and locals.

By HOLLY HINES
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When Iowa football player Julian Vandervelde was a kid, he liked to read *The Berenstain Bears* and *Curious George*.

But in lieu of Curious George, Vandervelde settled for a dramatic reading of *Aliens are Coming* to a classroom of third- and fourth-graders at Twain Elementary, 1355 DeForest Ave., on Monday.

After reading, he and quarterback James Vandenberg answered questions, such as "Can you do 30 push-ups?" from a group of roughly 20 curious kids.

Vandervelde and five other Hawkeye football players visited three classrooms at Twain on Monday morning as part of a new program to promote student literacy, said Jeanette Pilak, the executive director of the UNESCO City of Literature initiative.

The reading program, which started Monday and will run through May, was organized by the Hawkeye football team, the Iowa City School District, and City of Literature officials, Pilak said.

Football players will visit Wood Elementary, 1930 Lakeside Drive, sometime in the next month.

"Being a kid, I read a lot. My mom insisted on it," said Vandervelde, who is an English major.

He said he chose to participate in the program because reading has always been important to him. He thinks reading is especially important for students in Iowa City because of the city's status as an International City of Literature, he said.

Iowa City became the world's third UNESCO City of Literature in November 2008. In order to retain the title, local officials have planned a handful of programs and events, including a book fair on the University of Iowa campus in July 2009.

Pilak said officials involved in the reading program hope to include other Iowa City schools in the program next fall and to eventually expand to include other districts in Iowa. The visits this spring will serve as a test run to figure out how to smoothly organize the program, she said.

Twain Principal Mary Bontrager said officials hope the initiative will include more one-on-one interaction between football players and students in the future.

The first day of the program went well, she said, and she overheard football players reading great book choices.

"I thought it would be an opportunity for kids to see some of their heroes reading great books," she said.

But many children at Twain are new to Iowa City and may not be familiar with the Hawkeyes, she said. Meeting with the football players may help them connect with the local community, she said.

Iowa football player Andy Schulze said the program was a good opportunity for him and his teammates to increase the students' excitement about reading.

"They seemed like they were having a blast," he said.

backs. But at this point, that's a luxury Ferentz would most certainly take.

"It's a reminder of how fragile things are," he said. "As soon as you start thinking you've things where you want them, not so fast."

RUNNING BACKS

CONTINUED FROM 12

O'Meara started in Hampton's place in the season-opener against Northern Iowa. Lack of production moved him behind the two true freshmen, Robinson and Wegher.

Iowa went three-consecutive games late last season — Indiana, Northwestern, and Ohio State — with just one viable backfield option because of Robinson's and Wegher's various injuries.

Now, it appears Ferentz could have to do some similar shuffling when camp rolls around.

"Last year during camp, we were handing off to freshmen who I had never met before," senior quarterback Ricky Stanzi said. "That's part of football. You've got to be able to adapt and change."

With the proper training, the backfield trio should be back in time for camp, Ferentz said. Wegher could probably play a game in three to four weeks, he said, and Robinson should be full speed by June.

If all three remain healthy, Ferentz and O'Keefe will have the difficult task of juggling carries among three productive

Men's tennis includes all in the family

The family atmosphere transcends state and international boundaries for the Iowa men's tennis team.

By SETH ROBERTS
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When it comes to tennis, distance is not a problem for the Vasos and McGeorge families.

The McGeorges from Tucson, Ariz., and the Vasos clan from Fort Collins, Colo., live a combined 2,000 miles away from Iowa City — a trek both families make almost every other weekend to see their sons, senior Tommy McGeorge and sophomore Will Vasos, play tennis for the No. 72-ranked Hawkeyes.

"I use a lot of frequent flier miles," Robin McGeorge, Tommy's father and self-proclaimed tennis enthusiast, said. "There's a lot of planning ahead."

The elder McGeorge, who played "a little" collegiate tennis at Arizona, said he has attended around seven matches a year over the course of Tommy's career with the Hawkeyes. Because his son is set to graduate next month, the Tucson financial adviser said he has tried to take in more matches this year.

"I love watching tennis," Robin McGeorge said. "It's a good atmosphere. The guys work hard for three or four hours, so it's good to support them. They put a lot into it."

Tommy McGeorge has racked up an 8-12 record in singles this year, but he has truly stood out while partnering with Will Vasos in doubles. The pair has played at



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa junior Tommy McGeorge hits the ball during the Hawkeyes' match against Drake in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Feb. 25, 2009. McGeorge's family and that of doubles partner Will Vasos have become huge Hawkeye fans, and they travel long distances to watch the Hawkeyes play.

all three doubles positions this year but has spent the majority of the season in the No. 1 slot, facing the stiffest competition the Big Ten has to offer.

The Vasos crew members have become famous in the Iowa tennis circle for their visibility at the men's meets. Becky and Joe Vasos, Will Vasos' mother and father, fly or drive to Iowa City to watch the Hawkeyes at every opportunity, often with a group of children and grandchildren in tow.

Becky Vasos attributes the family's traveling to her husband. She said he wanted to take advantage of being able to see his son star for a nationally ranked team.

"We love the team, and we love the boys," Becky Vasos said. "We want to be there for support, and we enjoy watching the team. The other families

and we have formed a sort of cheerleading camp, and we've all become a family."

The Vasos and McGeorge families are not the only ones who have taken in matches at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex this year. The families of senior Patrick Dwyer, sophomore Christopher Speer, redshirt freshman Mitch Beckert, and true freshmen Connor Gilmore and Garret Dunn have all made appearances.

Only Dunn has received playing time this season, becoming a fixture at No. 3 doubles, while amassing a 10-8 record with Reinoud Haal, Nikita Zotov, and Tom Mrozievicz.

Iowa head coach Steve Houghton said that makes the family support more special.

"We have some amazing support," the 29-year

"We love the team, and we love the boys. We want to be there for support, and we enjoy watching the team.

The other families and we have formed a sort of cheerleading camp, and we've all become a family."

— Becky Vasos, Will Vasos' mother

coach said. "I'm impressed people come from so far. Everyone's really nice and people have become friends."

However, nobody has come farther this season than the family of No. 1 singles player Marc Bruche. Bruche's mother, Heidi, and his aunt and uncle, Silvia and Hermann Abel, flew the 4,500 miles from Hoelsbrunn, Germany, over Easter weekend to watch the sophomore clinch Iowa's 4-3 win over Penn State in a three-hour singles match.

"My parents had never been to the U.S., and neither had my aunt and uncle," Bruche said of his family members, who visited his brother in Phoenix before stopping in Iowa City on the way home.

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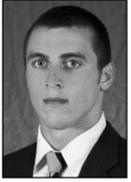
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Hawks hear quiet leader

Dan Sheppard isn't loud, but he could take the Hawkeyes to the top of the Big Ten.

By **J.T. BUGOS**
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His voice doesn't boom across Banks Field or reverberate in the clubhouse, but Dan Sheppard can be heard in the Iowa baseball program.



Sheppard
catcher

Hoping to hear what his soft-spoken catcher says when forced to speak, Hawkeye head coach Jack Dahm jokingly asks pitchers after a mound visit, "Hey, what did Dan say to you when he came out and talked to you?"

With his head coach looking for him to become a vocal leader, Sheppard said, he sees some progress.

"At the end of the day, all the players know what they need to do to get the job done," he said. "But sometimes it's better to have someone there to remind the guys. I think I'm working my way to that, where people can listen to me and know that I know what I'm talking about."

Tyson Blaser listens. Blaser, a fellow catcher, said sharing the position

has allowed him to delve deeper into the personality of the low-key freshman.

"He is definitely quiet, but when he does talk, people listen," Blaser said. "When he talks the game of baseball, he knows what he's talking about. But he is quiet, and he can get better with vocalizing what he's thinking, because usually what he's thinking is the right thing."

Sheppard's laid-back demeanor is also a strength. Dahm said the backstop is an even-keel player who never gets too high or too low.

In practice, in games, or in big situations, Dahm said, Sheppard approaches everything the same, he has a chance to become extremely good.

An unflappable demeanor, combined with a strong work ethic, could make Sheppard a force in the Big Ten.

"He's the type of player who can make guys better around him," Dahm said. "He's got a very workman-like approach, and that's what makes him so successful. You tell him what to do, and he's going to do it — and then he's going to put above and beyond and put extra time in."

The transition from high-school to college

catcher is the hardest to make, Dahm said, but the game doesn't speed up for Sheppard. The 19-year-old insists his baseball rhythm isn't upset by a quicker cadence.

"You've got to realize it's the same game all the time, no matter who you're playing," the native of Downers Grove, Ill., said. "The competition is definitely a lot better, and you see good pitchers every day as opposed to high school, but it's the same game."

Sheppard has struggled at times this season, but his potential is undeniable — and is even noticed at the professional level. The Chicago Cubs selected him in the 30th round in the 2009 draft.

After Sheppard passed on a major-league contract in order to further his education, Dahm said, he believes the catcher could take the Hawkeyes to the top of the Big Ten.

"Our goal is to have him win as many games as possible, get into the Big Ten Tournament, and win the Big Ten championship," Dahm said. "And it's going to be a lot easier when you have a guy like him behind the plate."

Baseball uses council for success.

The Iowa baseball team's Unity Council is integral to the club's success.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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The player-coach relationship is continually evolving in sport. Just ask Iowa head baseball coach Jack Dahm.

When he played at Creighton from 1986-89, players rarely questioned their coaches.

Now, athletes want to know the reasoning behind each decision. The Iowa baseball team's Unity Council is one way the seventh-year head man facilitates his players' need for regular communication.

"[When I was playing] it was, 'OK, hey, we're going to do what the coach says,'" Dahm said. "Nowadays, players are a little bit different. We kind of call it the 'whyer.' Everything that you say — 'Hey, we're going to do this,' everyone says 'Why?'"

No solid schedule is set for when the council meets with the coaches. The frequency of meetings, which are very informal, Dahm said, varies from year to year.

A typical meeting begins with Dahm asking the council members if there are any immediate concerns in the program, which is then followed by a discussion of the topics Dahm wants to address. Afterward, the council has an opportunity to communicate its own topics of interest.

The head Hawkeye is interested in the players' opinions on as many matters as possible.

"I want to know everything, from are the lines of communication open?" Dahm said. "As far as travel stuff, are the hotels all right, the meals?"

The current council consists of six members: freshman Dan Sheppard, sophomore Patrick Brennan, juniors Tyson Blaser, Zach McCool, and Kurtis Muller, and senior



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Iowa third baseman Zach McCool throws the ball to first base after the third base umpire called a runner safe during the Hawkeyes' victory over the Panthers on April 13 at Banks Field. McCool is a junior health and sports studies major from Manchester, Iowa.

Michael Jacobs.

Two spots are reserved for the team's two members on the Iowa Student Athlete Advisory Committee — Blaser and Muller. The remaining four spots are filled by a player from each class, as voted on by their peers — freshman players elect a freshman representative, and so on.

Dahm said he feels the players' vote ensures those elected to the council are highly respected by their teammates, and Jacobs is a perfect example. Dahm called the left-handed hurler one of the best workers on the team and a leader of the pitching staff.

As a third-year member of the council who takes pride in his role, Jacobs said he makes a point to work hard every day in practice, knowing it pushes others to get better.

"It's an honor to know that they respect and trust me with making decisions for the better of the team," Jacobs said.

Many teams have similar leadership mechanisms in place, and Dahm said he thinks the benefits of such groups are important. The success of the Unity Council even carries over to the team's success on the playing field.

Dahm said last year's meetings were rare, and consequently, a lot of players weren't on the same page.

But at the council's most recent meeting a couple weeks ago, the Iowa skipper said his players spoke with a lot of passion and talked about coming together as a team.

"Ever since that meeting, I think the council members took it upon their shoulders to get the team on the same page," McCool said. "And to keep looking out for each other, to keep the guys focused on the game of baseball, and to get better every day."

The continued success of the Unity Council is a key to the team cohesion necessary for Iowa to reach its goals.

"Is everyone 100 percent happy right now? Probably not," Dahm said. "Maybe they're not playing as well as they want or playing as much as they want. But I'll tell you what, we've got a lot of people on the same page trying to work for the same thing. And that's making that Big Ten Tournament and ultimately winning that Big Ten championship."

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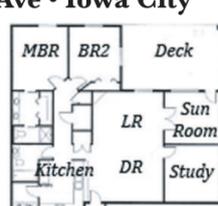
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Iowa running back Jewel Hampton takes part in a drill during the Hawkeyes' final spring practice in Kinnick Stadium on April 17. Hampton will return for the 2010 season after recovering from a torn ACL last year.

Situation normal: RBs hurt

They're still recovering from injuries.

By **SCOTT MILLER**
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At the start of spring practice, Kirk Ferentz called having three experienced running backs "a real luxury." Now, he's wondering why he said anything at all.

The 12th-year Iowa head coach was without his top three running backs — sophomores Jewel Hampton (knee), Brandon Wegher (shoulder), and Adam Robinson (shoulder) — for the April 17 spring game.

Ferentz expected Robinson to miss the spring as he recovered from off-season shoulder surgery. Hampton participated in spring ball but did so without absorbing any contact after missing all of last year with a torn ACL. Wegher's injury was unexpected.

"Everybody was worried about that a month ago — 'What are you going to do with all the running backs?'" Ferentz joked after the spring scrimmage.

The head coach said that Hampton "could play right now," but he was being "prudent" with his sophomore running back, who rushed for 463 yards and seven touchdowns as a true freshman in 2008.

Offensive coordinator Ken O'Keefe characterized Hampton as a guy "who's confident, is back, and ready to go. He's going a mile a minute."

Senior Paki O'Meara also suffered what Ferentz characterized as a "sprain" a couple of weeks ago. He did not participate in the open practice, either.

Fifth- and sixth-string backs Brad Rogers and Jason White ran most of the time with the top two offensive units on April 17. Rogers sprained an ankle late in the scrimmage, and White moved from defensive back to tailback for the last week-and-a-half of spring ball "out of necessity," Ferentz said.

"Yeah, it sucks," tight end Allen Reiser said about not having Robinson, Wegher, and Hampton for the spring game. "I feel bad for the guys who had to keep going every play, but I think those guys will be healthy in the fall, so it will be all right."

Ferentz said, "We expect all those guys to be fully healthy. If they can train hard June and July, I think they should be all ready to go by camp."

Ferentz and Company are used to the shuffling in the backfield.

Last season, Hampton was the heir apparent to Shonn Greene's backfield perch. But a torn ACL kept him out all year.

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