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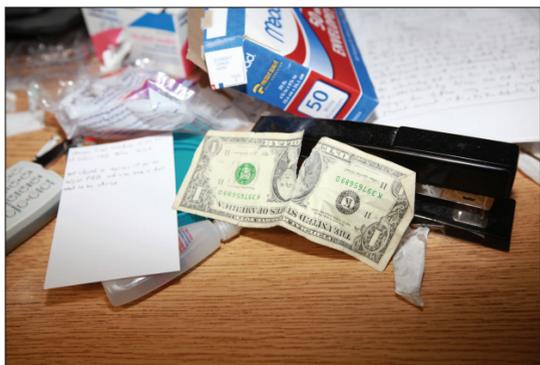
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A dollar bill sits on a desk in the room of freshman Nicholas Wilson, who was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia on Monday in a raid at Currier Hall.

## 13 arrested in raid

At least six students are being held on cash-only bonds after a drug and alcohol bust in two dorms.

By **MORGAN OLSEN**  
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Law-enforcement authorities say they worked with residence-hall staff for weeks leading up to a drug and alcohol raid that ended in the arrest of 13 University of Iowa students on Monday. The students were

arrested Monday night on numerous charges, including possession of controlled substances, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of burglary tools. The bust was not random, said Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police. Instead, the Johnson

County Drug Task Force — made up of Iowa City police, UI police, the Johnson County sheriff's deputies, Coralville police, and the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement — was contacted by UI Residence Life officials regarding the issue. "I want people to understand that we didn't want

to target students in any way, shape, or form just to see how many drugs we could get," Green said. "We were approached and worked in collaboration with residence halls to maintain a safe and sober environment."

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## Locals stuck in Europe by ash cloud

Scientists worry another nearby eruption could further impede travel.

By **BRETT G. JOHNSON**  
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University of Iowa Associate Professor of Spanish Denise Filios and her husband, UI English Professor Jon Wilcox, were supposed to fly home late last week from London. But instead, they won't leave London until at least Thursday.

They hope. Filios and Wilcox are among the thousands of passengers stranded at airports throughout Northern Europe as a cloud of ash from the Eyjafjallajökull volcano in Iceland spread across the region.

"There are lots of people cramming in [airport hotels], and [there are] some tensions from that," Wilcox said in an e-mail about the situation in London.

The volcano began erupting on April 14, leaving much of Europe under a cloud of ash. The Associated Press reports officials canceled almost 100,000 flights because of the ash, which can clog jet engines.

On Tuesday, the news agency reported some flights to and from Europe had resumed, but air travel is still inconsistent at best.

Since Monday, Wilcox and Filios have hotel hopped near London's Heathrow airport, on standby for news of a flight home. They have also had to attend to business they're missing in Iowa City.

Both were planning to sit on dissertation defenses this week. Filios participated in a defense via Skype on Monday — the connection crashed three times, she said — and Wilcox was able to reschedule his student's defense for next week.

"Assuming we get back by then," he said.



**Wilcox**  
faculty



**Filios**  
faculty

SEE VOLCANO, 3



MOHAMMED ALHADAB/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI freshmen and members of the Living Learning Community Healthy Living sit in the 10th-floor lounge of Slater on Tuesday. "I want to live with girls who want to be healthy, too," said UI freshman Melodyanna Sons.

## UI expands LIVING-LEARNING

An educational component will now define each community.

By **SAM LANE**  
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Though they don't yet have the blueprint, University of Iowa officials know that within the next five years, they want each incoming freshman's home to be among a group of like-minded peers.

Those groups, arranged in residence halls according to interests, are the crux of what UI administrators call "living-learning communities."

They don't know how many they'll need to incorporate every freshman, but they know, even beginning as soon as next fall, they'll expand their efforts — another move to improve the university's retention rate.

"We've made strides in the last year," said Beth Ingram, the UI associate provost for undergraduate education. She said UI Provost Wallace Loh has made

undergraduate education a priority, and added that the learning communities are "a big piece of that."

Next year, officials will add four more communities: Sustainability, Career Leadership Academy, Hispanic Culture and Language, Legal Study and Legal Careers. They'll also drop two: Justice and Diversity and Community Engagement. The Health Sciences Community will also double from 82 to 164 students. That will bring the total of communities offered to 14, the largest of which currently houses 200 Honors student in Daum. The average size is 70 to 80 students.

Numbers from this academic year and next show growing interest.

This past year, the UI received around 1,550 living-learning community requests and filled more than 1,000 of them.

For next year, 1,800 students put in requests, but the university will likely

only place 1,300 of them.

Students in the communities will have a UI librarian dedicated to their community to answer questions about resources in their area. Officials also want students together in the classroom, and they plan to require students this fall to enroll in either a first-year seminar or a full-semester course together.

The communities also may help combat the university's binge-drinking issue, officials said, by creating connections between members.

"When people form communities, they're more likely to protect themselves and others," Ingram said. "The communities take responsibility."

Research indicates these communities are beneficial to participants and the universities where they function — increasing students' GPAs, retention, and overall experience.

SEE LIVING, 3

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### CORRECTIONS

In the April 19 article, "Some Universal perks," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported the name of the program hosting the movie screening. The program was Campus U. A cutline with a photo in the April 20 article, "Nursing school mulls changes," incorrectly identified student Dan Gratie. He is a sophomore. The *DI* regrets the errors.



# Board interviews hopeful

Iowa City is a 'mirror image' of the first candidate's current district, he says.

By **NORA HEATON**  
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For the first time in more than a decade, someone other than Lane Plugge sat in the superintendent's chair in the Iowa City School Board's chambers.

Mark Bezek, the first of three finalists for the role of superintendent for Iowa City schools, interviewed publicly with the School Board on Tuesday evening.

On numerous occasions during a brief meet-and-greet with the community, a public statement, and a formal interview, Bezek called Iowa City a "mirror image" of the Elk River School District, where he has been superintendent for four years. He said the two are similar in terms of students and operating budget.

School Board members asked Bezek questions ranging in subject from budget plans to his smiley-face tie. But several questions addressed diversity and related achievement gaps within the district.

"We've got all the resources in, and we've got all the teachers in," School Board member Sarah Swisher said. "But we're really looking for that extra spark."

Bezek said district employees should be proactive, because failing to address issues early can lead to bigger problems.

"You can't wait for people



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN  
**Iowa City superintendent candidate Mark Bezek speaks to Iowa City resident Jone Johnson during a public meeting in the Iowa City School District administrative offices on Tuesday. Bezek serves as superintendent of the Elk River, Minn., School District.**

to come to you," Bezek told the board, adding at his current district some employees occasionally make home visits to students who are struggling. "The earlier you get to the kids and families, the better."

The Iowa City position opened in January when Plugge announced he would resign to fill a similar one in the Green Hills Area Education Agency in western Iowa. Plugge has been superintendent of the Iowa City School District for 11 years.

The new superintendent will come into the district as officials face several challenges, including making school boundary changes and addressing recent budget cuts.

Bezek was also one of five

final candidates who interviewed for a superintendent position in Bismarck, Minn., last week. After the interviews, the board decided not to hire any of the candidates and to reopen applications, according to the *Bismarck Tribune*.

Bezek also interviewed as a superintendent finalist in St. Paul, Minn., in 2009.

"I think Dr. Bezek addressed the community needs and also addressed the desire of all School Board members to elevate our district both academically and facility-wise," said School Board member Tuyet Dorau.

Royceann Porter, founder of the community group Youth Empowered to Serve, attended the interview Tuesday and plans to attend

## Mark Bezek

**Bezek is the first of three finalists who will interview for Iowa City School District superintendent:**

- 2006-present: superintendent, Elk River School District in Minnesota
- 2001-2006: superintendent, Fergus Falls Public Schools
- 1999-2001: principal, Armstrong High in Robbinsdale, Minn.
- Education: doctor of educational leadership from St. Mary's University

Source: Elk River School District website

those with the other candidates later this week.

"I don't have an opinion yet," Porter said. "I would like to see all three. You can talk that talk, but you gotta walk the walk."

The board will conduct two more public interviews for the position.

Stephen Murley of Wausau, Wis., will interview Wednesday at 6:15 p.m., and Brad Meeks of Farmington, Minn., will interview at the same time on Thursday. Both interviews will be at the Central Administrative Office, 509 S. Dubuque St.

After completing the interviews, the School Board will discuss the candidates in a closed session on Sunday before announcing a final decision.

## Spotlight Iowa City

# Hearing his own string theory

Chris Threlkeld-Wiegand handcrafts string instruments in his Iowa City home.

By **TOMMY MORGAN JR.**  
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For up to 10 hours a day, nearly every day of the week, Chris Threlkeld-Wiegand is in his garage.

The 47-year-old isn't looking for that elusive tennis racket or fiddling with an old auto. (Even if he were, those things wouldn't fit in the garage, which is full of tools, workbenches, and wood.)

Threlkeld-Wiegand is a luthier — a maker of stringed instruments — and runs the Heartland String Bass Shop in his Iowa City home. He specializes in double basses.

Each bass he creates takes two months of detailed work. Threlkeld-Wiegand makes each piece of wood himself in the garage-turned-workshop, from the maple back, sides, and neck to the spruce tops.

"For me, it's just more rewarding," he said as he worked on his latest creation. "Every day, I come out, and something is different, something has progressed."

The price for two months of Threlkeld-Wiegand's work to create a handmade bass from start to finish? Roughly \$26,000. He said modern luthiers (there were more than 3,600 members worldwide in the Guild of American Luthiers in 2007) may charge as much as \$45,000.

The lower price tag certainly doesn't reflect on the quality of the luthier's work. Orchestra members all throughout the country have purchased the man's basses, and members of both Barbara Streisand and Billy Joel's bands have played Threlkeld-Wiegand's instruments. One

of his basses even received a Certificate of Tone from the International Society of Bassists, meaning it was considered to possess "concert quality, exceptional tone, and ease of play," according to the group's website.

"Everything I've dealt with him on, it's been really good working with him," said Joe Meinecke, who met Threlkeld-Wiegand when he began remodeling his house.

The Davenport native first became interested in music as a child. His parents and siblings were all musical people, he said, and his interest in bass started when he first watched *The Aristocats*, an animated Disney film featuring a cat that plays a double bass. Threlkeld-Wiegand would eventually graduate from the UI with a degree in string-bass performance.

Then, while living in Austin, Texas, playing in bands and working at a guitar shop, one of Threlkeld-Wiegand's cats knocked over his bass, breaking the neck. He traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., to get the bass repaired and ended up working at the shop himself, learning how to make the instruments.

"I was in Albuquerque for five years, repairing and restoring, and basically just kind of did my first one," Threlkeld-Wiegand said as he filed down the nut of what will be his 14th bass. "I learned everything I knew about making [them] on the first one."

Years later, he sees his basses as beings in their own right and often dedicates each one. The bass he recently finished is dedicated to an aunt who



BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN  
**UI alum Chris Threlkeld-Wiegand works on a new standing bass he made in his Iowa City home on Monday. Threlkeld-Wiegand, a luthier, began making basses after his cat cracked the neck on his bass.**

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Check out a multimedia piece to get a look inside Chris Threlkeld-Wiegand's garage-turned-workshop.

died in February. When Threlkeld-Wiegand completes a bass, he or a friend usually plays it to test its sound, though the luthier says the sound can often change as the bass ages.

"You never know really what they're going to sound like," Threlkeld-Wiegand said. "They actually grow up. Sometimes, I get to hear them after a year or so, and they sound a lot different. They mature."

And Threlkeld-Wiegand isn't sticking only to making basses. He said he plans to expand his shop to include mandolins and arch-top guitars, and he will work with Meinecke and Ben Upchurch to make the new instruments.

"We have a good time working for him," Upchurch said. "He's excited about what's going on." Though Threlkeld-Wiegand

## Chris Threlkeld-Wiegand

- **Age:** 47
- **Hometown:** Davenport
- **Favorite movies:** *Cool Hand Luke* and *The Big Lebowski*
- **Favorite pizza:** The Wedge
- **Favorite music (recently):** Kelly Jo Phelps, bluegrass
- **Favorite writer:** Elmore Leonard
- **Leisure activity:** Spending time with son, Ry

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said he does still enjoys playing, he prefers making the instruments to making music.

"Playing is great in its own way, but it's kind of fleeting," he said.

"This should hopefully be around for a couple hundred years."

Liberty, was charged Sunday with driving while revoked.

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## METRO

### City High student charged with bringing gun to school

A City High student allegedly brought a gun to school, authorities said.

Tyler Wright, 15, was charged with carrying weapons on school grounds.

Officials said Wright brought the gun to school April 16 and showed it off to students. A student reported the incident to authorities Monday and police apprehended Wright.

The 15-year-old had an unloaded revolver with him; he wasn't carrying ammunition, authorities said.

— by Regina Zilbermintz

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**Judy Carbaugh**, 50, 1627 Burns Ave., was charged April 16 with public intoxication.

**Julia Dodds**, 50, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Dylan Donaldson**, 18, Maineville, Ohio, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

**Tara Garrison**, 35, 2012 Union Road, was charged Monday with driving while revoked.

**Robert Haack**, 32, Lakeville, Minn., was charged April 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Walkesha Jamison**, 30, 804 Maggard St. Apt. 11, was charged April 14 with third-degree harassment.

**Bobby Jones**, 21, Coralville, was charged April 17 with obstructing an officer.

**John Kliegle**, 37, Cedar Rapids,

was charged Sunday with driving while revoked.

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**LIVING**

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A 2003 study by Martha Stassen of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst showed the communities, even those that were less coordinated and had less faculty involvement, achieved those goals.

The only cost of starting and maintaining a community comes from the salary of the graduate assistant who oversees its academic activities. These graduate assistants work 10 hours a week and earn approximately \$10,000 a year. Officials estimated the total yearly cost of the program is currently \$155,000.

The UI has looked to Iowa State University,

which has 21 communities, as a model of using the living arrangements to improve undergraduate retention. In the Big Ten, Ohio State University boasts 24 living-learning communities, according to its website. Penn State's website lists 19 "special living options."

"We have to make sure the university is being intentional," said Heather Ockenfels, a manager of Residence Life. "We're, in a sense, playing catch up to some of our Big Ten colleagues. We're not doing it in a vacuum. There's great collaboration."

UI freshman Ben McFarlane, who lives in the Iowa Writers Community, said he thinks the increased educational component is a "great idea."

**Living-learning communities**

Some of the changes to next year's program:

- Addition of four new communities, subtraction of two communities
- Doubling the size of the Health Sciences community
- Assigning each community a librarian
- Creation of a more "intentional" academic component

Sources: Beth Ingram, associate provost for undergraduate education, and Residence Life manager Heather Ockenfels

"I think the next step after you get all these people together is to provide them with resources to succeed in their area," he said.

Your turn. Would you opt to live in a living-learning community? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

**VOLCANO**

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Wilcox and Filios are on leave this semester, and they had traveled to the UK to do research at the British Library. The couple used their weekend in airline limbo to visit a castle in south-eastern England where William the Conqueror landed his troops in 1066 — a place Wilcox has taught about but never seen.

"Lest you think that medievalists stranded in England take a break from research," Filios said in a separate e-mail.

Students studying abroad are also among those stranded.

UI junior Molly Slager had been studying in Italy for three months and was scheduled to fly back to the United States earlier this week. Instead, her flights were canceled.

Slager said she rescheduled her flights, but she expects those might be canceled or delayed as well.

"There's just a lot of people with suitcases sitting around at the train stations," Slager said in an e-mail. "I have been avoiding the airport, because there's nothing they can do for me at the moment."

While the ash still disrupts air travel in much of the continent, there's a risk of new ash clouds forming from even more violent eruptions in Iceland.

Scientists worry Katla volcano — located around 12 miles from Eyjafjallajokull — could erupt, further hamstringing European travels, the Associated Press reported Tuesday.

That news has another UI faculty member anxious.

UI law Professor Adrien Wing, currently serving as director of the London Law Consortium, is scheduled to fly back to the United States on April 29. Two weeks later, she will have to fly to Arcachon, France, to run the UI College of Law's summer program there.

"What to do if I can't get there on time and some students can?" Wing said in an e-mail. "What to do if students trickle in over a number of days as they miss a course with an

**Icelandic volcanoes**

The Eyjafjallajokull volcano erupted last week, halting thousands of flights across Europe:

- Erupted for two years from 1821-1823
- Has erupted twice in past 1,100 years
- Nearby volcano Kalta is one of the most active, erupting 20 times in the last 1,100 years
- Both volcanoes are covered by glaciers

Source: *Development in Quaternary Science*, 2010

instructor who can't stick around?"

Filios said the last few days have made her reflect on the transatlantic travel that she has taken for granted throughout her career as an academic.

"To some extent, I appreciate being reminded so forcefully of the limits of humanity's conquest of nature," she said. "It is not ruled by human agency."

DI reporter Brittany Bierle contributed to this report.

**DRUG BUST**

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Green said officials are unsure whether there are connections among the 10 residents arrested from Currier and three from Mayflower, but he suspects there are.

Green said 18 police officers from the Johnson County Drug Task Force came with 11 search warrants, nine for Currier and two for Mayflower. Green said such a volume of search warrants is very rare.

Iowa City police Officer Matt Hansen and drug dog Becky searched 13 rooms in Currier and Mayflower.

"I was shocked," said UI freshman Shawn Niaz — the roommate of Nick Wilson, one of those arrested — pointing to trash bags that had been strewn across the floor and contents of drawers that had been emptied onto the floor. "It was nerve-racking to have them search through all my stuff. It was a mess when I got back to the room."

According to the police report, officers found several bags of marijuana — which were individually packaged — a large amount of cash, and a digital scale in Wilson's room.

At least six of the students were still being held in the Johnson County Jail on cash-only bonds late Tuesday afternoon. Bonds ranged from \$6,000 to \$10,000.

Bryant Balasa, who is being held on a \$10,000 cash-bond, was charged with second- and fourth-degree criminal mischief for throwing water balloons and water bottles at passing vehicles on two dates in February. Green said he was unsure if the student was related to the drug raid, though the arrest was made around the same

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time in Currier.

"I think it's sad," said UI freshman Stephen Ausman. "Smoking weed is a pretty victimless crime. You would be hurt far more by a criminal record than just smoking weed."

Residents nearby said the drug arrests weren't surprising.

"I knew something was going on, but I didn't know it was to this extent," said UI freshman Eric Wozniak, who lives on the third floor of Currier, where officers executed several search warrants.

Though it's unclear what university sanctions the 13 UI students arrested Monday night will face, Wilson said he will likely be asked to leave Currier. He declined to answer further questions.

Almost 175 UI residence-hall residents were sanctioned for possession or consumption of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia in the last three years, and around 60 were suspended from the dorms for drug charges. The UI has a "one-strike" policy for illegal drug violations that occur in the residence halls, according to the Office of Student Services.

The number of drug arrests in residence halls at public four-year colleges around the country have increased in recent years, from around 5,500 in 2007 to more than 6,000 in 2008, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

**Charged**

- Logan Piper**, 19, N120 Currier
  - Possession of drug paraphernalia
  - Possession of marijuana
- Benjamin TeBockhorst**, 19, N130 Currier
  - Unlawful possession of prescription drug
  - Possession of marijuana
- Samuel Johnson**, 19, E333 Currier
  - Possession of marijuana
  - Possession of drug paraphernalia

- PAULA**
- Jacob Bogolia**, 18, E331 Currier
  - Possession of burglar's tools
  - Possession of marijuana

- Nicholas Wilson**, 19, E419 Currier
  - Possession of marijuana with intent to deliver
  - Possession of drug paraphernalia

- Zen Gatton**, 19, E344 Currier
  - Possession of drug paraphernalia
  - Possession of marijuana with intent to deliver
- PAULA**

- Shane Paty**, 19, 510A Mayflower
  - Possession of prescription drugs

- James LaMotta**, 19, 510A Mayflower
  - Possession of marijuana
  - Possession of drug paraphernalia

- Timothy Vivirito**, 19, 238C Mayflower
  - Possession of marijuana
  - Possession of drug paraphernalia

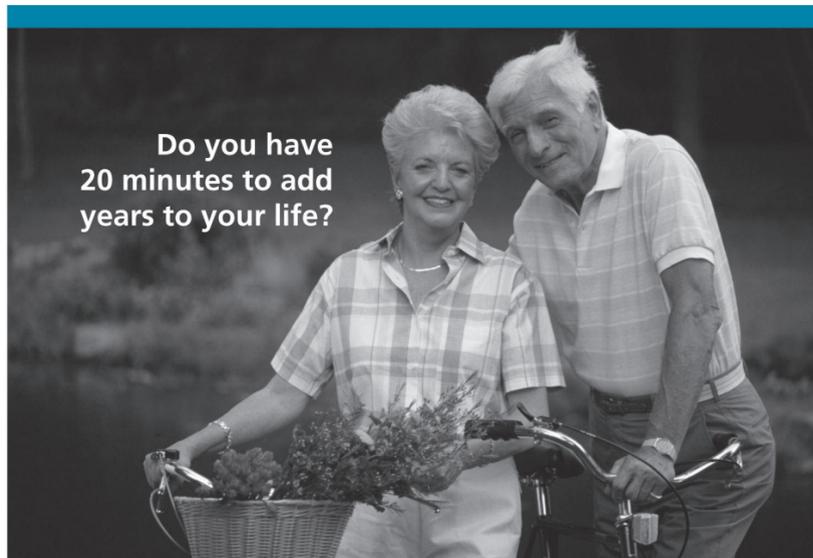
- Evan Schaal**, 19, E344 Currier
  - Possession of marijuana with intent to deliver
  - Possession of drug paraphernalia
- PAULA**

- Derek Wollner**, 19, E334 Currier
  - Unlawful possession of prescription drug
  - Possession of marijuana

- Bryant Balasa**, 19, E246 Currier
  - Second-degree criminal mischief
  - Fourth-degree criminal mischief

- Andrew Anderson**, 19, N120 Currier
  - PAULA

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## Editorial

# U.S. News rankings call into question recent UI graduate-program report

The University of Iowa's public-relations machine wasted no time last week trumpeting the high rankings graduate programs received from *U.S. News & World Report*.

But while the rankings again reinforced the generally superb quality of the university's graduate-student programs, they have also highlighted a startling incongruity between the UI Task Force on Graduate Education's recent program evaluations and the magazine's rankings. And the rankings have lent credence to the cries of faculty members incensed in the wake of the task force's report.

In developing its rankings, *U.S. News* sent out 12,400 surveys to experts across the field and contacted heads of various programs to measure peer programs. In contrast, the Task Force on Graduate Education made its rankings based not on academic reputation but essentially on the caliber of students each program put out, according to history department Chairman Colin Gordon. Thus, the task force looked at GRE scores, average graduation times, and the program's selectivity, among other things.

The at-odds ratings add an interesting wrinkle to the future of graduate-student programs at the UI. What matters more: The number and types of students the program puts out or the quality of work that faculty and graduate students produce?

The task force ranked the following selected programs as "good" — political science, history, various College of Education programs, statistics, industrial engineering, and physics. The task force defined "good" as "doing well but having issues that preclude a higher ranking." (That's the task force's nomenclature for "mediocre," if you couldn't get past the euphemistic label.)

Yet in the *US News* rankings, the aforementioned programs took 33rd, 36th, 31st, 33rd, 35th, and 57th among comparable programs nationwide. The rankings were even higher when measured against other public universities —

17th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 27th, and 35th.

It's clear these rankings have called into question the task force's chosen evaluation methods. When applied to the history department, for example, such measures as time-to-degree matter little when the Ph.D. students it produces will most likely go to another university to teach and conduct research.

"Time to degree doesn't matter much to potential employers," said Associate Professor Elizabeth Heineman, the director of graduate studies for the history department. "In fact, [potential employers] are far more interested in Ph.D. students who have taken a little longer to write outstanding dissertations than they are in Ph.D. students who have rushed to finish quickly and as a result have shortchanged their research and teaching preparation."

In addition, such degrees as J.D.s, M.B.A.s, and engineering M.S.s often lead to professional jobs rather than academic positions. In contrast, Ph.D.s or M.A.s in such fields as history or geoscience might lead to an academic job after graduation.

We won't delve into the controversial subject of whether the task force's report was biased. It seems clear, however, that evaluation criteria applicable to some programs fall short when used to measure others.

So as the UI community digests the *U.S. News* rankings, we urge university officials to adopt different sets of metrics for different academic fields. Instead of applying the same standards, officials should look at what each program attempts to accomplish in training its graduate students and develop standards and categories to fit the desired outcome.

Shoehorning graduate-student programs into a cross-department mold may make evaluations easier and placate those pining for cuts. But in the long run, ill-conceived, rigid evaluations do little to improve our university.

Your turn. Do the *U.S. News* rankings change your opinion of the Task Force on Graduate Education's report? Weigh in on [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

# Pleasant Hill holds some hateful words



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Forty-one years ago, the historic *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District* Supreme Court case solidified Iowa's legal significance, establishing a national precedence for freedom of expression. One year ago the *Varnum v. Brien* ruling, which legalized same-sex marriage, was a win for equality.

But the narrow-mindedness of one special-interest group is destroying Iowa's progressive reputation from the inside out.

Approximately six miles from Des Moines, where the *Tinker* case originated, sits the little town of Pleasant Hill. And Pleasant Hill is home to the Iowa Family Policy Center, a powerful Christian organization that consistently lambastes this state's progressivism. Every month since April 2009, when the Supreme Court granted same-sex couples their deserved right to marry, the group has come closer and closer to crossing the hate-speech boundary.

The center — a non-profit group that preaches "family values" — is famous for, well, not much other than hateful rhetoric. Still, I can tell its shepherds tend to the needs of their constituents; the center's website promotes Exodus International, a vital resource for lost souls hoping to overcome homosexuality. Is former Pastor Ted Haggard a member?

But despite their radical right-wing status, several media reports indicate the center obtained more than \$3 million in federal grants between 2004 and 2009. According to a 2007 tax return statement, \$558,337 of the center's \$1.1 million in claimed revenue were from federal grants. Two auxiliaries of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services — the Administration for

Children and Families' Compassion Capital Fund and the U.S. Healthy Marriage Demonstration Fund — are responsible for granting a large portion of the funds. The group's representatives have insisted that government grants are used to fund Marriage Matters, a marriage-counseling initiative.

Perhaps even more shocking than the millions received in federal funds are the people who actually defend the center. Somehow, the organization has garnered support from politicians, including former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and one of Iowa's Republican gubernatorial candidates, Bob Vander Plaats.

How can anybody back the center? Don't get me wrong; I'm all for unrestricted freedom of speech. Our freedom as Americans stem directly from the limitless amalgamation of belief systems and opinions protected under the Bill of Rights. Therefore, I fully acknowledge the center's right to publicize its beliefs (and even encourage it when I'm in the mood for some comedic relief).

But I guess living in Iowa City, a quaint town filled with politically apathetic college students and progressive long-term residents, has circumscribed my understanding of Iowa's political sentiments. I only encounter such bigotry when ultra-fundamentalists perennially invade the Pentacrest. Sometimes I forget that not all Iowans — and Americans, for that matter — share my youthful vigor for social liberalism.

Just check out one of the group's press releases from March, which claimed the Iowa Supreme Court's unwillingness to overturn *Varnum v. Brien* will lead to a dramatic rise in the state's HIV and syphilis rates.

"Homosexual activity is certainly more dangerous for the individuals who engage in it than is smoking," Iowa Family Policy Center President Chuck Hurley said in the statement.

Heaven forbid if you're a homosexual smoker. ■

## Letter

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### 21-only opponents need some solutions

I've been following the 21-ordinance debate this whole time — and laughing through most of it. I'm 22 and on my way out of this town, and I could care less. Do I think that the 21-ordinance is the solution to the binge-drinking problem on campus? No. However, I do know that officials are trying to correct this problem. They are trying to take steps toward a solution.

That's the difference between the 21-only supporters and the 21-ordinance opponents. People keep sending in letters and giving testimonies about how bad 21-ordinance is for the students, but they propose no solutions. These are the facts: Federal, state, and local laws are being broken in these bars, and the bars are seemingly out of control or are choosing not to do anything about it.

I have seen complaint after complaint roll in, but that is all

they are — just complaints. An April 19 letter claimed that because of the 21-ordinance, riots could break out among students at house parties. Really? If that's true, then we have something much more problematic on our hands than underage binge drinking. There is no validity to this argument, and thus, it won't be taken seriously.

Here's the trick to all of this: You need to be proactive, not reactive. Everyone is reacting to 21-only, and that's great. But you need to be proactive as well.

Propose solutions, and find answers. I'm positive that the officials in charge will be grateful. From what I hear, officials aren't against alcohol consumption. They are just against illegal or legal binge-drinking that results in death, hospital visits, and violence.

So do something about it; just don't complain. Otherwise, you'll get nowhere.

Justin Wade Dewey  
UI senior

## Guest opinion

# Graduate-program report comes to questionable conclusions

By EVAN FALES

The University of Iowa Task Force on Graduate Education faced a daunting task. Its charge was to evaluate around 100 graduate programs offered by the university, in an enormous range of disciplines, in 10 months. That's, on average, one program every three days, counting weekends. It produced a 681-page report.

How was this task accomplished? It's a bit hard to say. UI Graduate College Dean John Keller has said the treatment of departments was "equitable" — I suppose he means something like "balanced and fair" — but it's not easy to imagine a methodology that would enable a committee

composed of 18 faculty members, one student, and two administrators to achieve that.

If there's anything about the task force's report that leaps to the eye, it is this: Of the graduate programs of the 19 departments represented by the faculty and student members on the committee, all but two were classified as either "exemplary" or "high quality" (the remaining two were rated "good").

More specifically: Among the committee membership, the representation of "exemplary" programs was 10 programs, or 53 percent. But in the pool of all programs evaluated, the percentage given "exemplary" ratings was a mere 14.4 percent. This discrepancy can hardly

be a statistical fluke. What could account for it?

Maybe the provost knew ahead of time what graduate programs were "exemplary" and chose to select committee members from that pool. But that can hardly be accepted: If the provost knew ahead of time which departments have excellent graduate programs, why all the expenditure of time, money, and effort on discovering this?

Perusing the written summary evaluations of the programs (a short paragraph is devoted to each) is an exercise in bewilderment. I cannot begin to summarize all of the puzzling discrepancies, nor do I wish to single out departments.

Suffice it to say that there

is no visible correspondence, in numerous cases, between the justification given for a rating and the rating itself. Ratings were ostensibly based upon (among other things) selectivity of admissions, GRE scores of students, retention rates, average time to graduation, and job placements. Different measures were cited for different programs, with no rationale for this. If a department got a high rating, it appears that often the committee searched for positive numbers and ignored numbers that were extremely poor. And for poorly rated programs, the reverse appears to be the case.

In all of this, there were glaring omissions. Foremost

of these is that there was no assessment of faculty quality. It is hard to conceive how this can fail to be a major factor in the quality of a program. Second, such numbers as time-to-completion took no account of the fundamental differences in the kinds of research carried out in different fields (or even within a field); nor did it take into account the fact that some programs admit only — or largely — students who have earned M.A. degrees from other institutions. Third, there was no protocol for determining how various measures of success were to be weighted, nor any rationale for such a protocol.

Thus, the committee's

evaluations give every appearance of being largely seat-of-the-pants judgments. And indeed, it's hard to see how it could possibly be otherwise. If people think that such a complex thing as a graduate program can be evaluated formulaically, they are laboring under a delusion.

The committee's task was hard. Given the constraints, I would say it was impossible. Nevertheless, it came up with a set of ratings. What explains why those ratings so conspicuously favored departments represented on the committee? I shall leave that as an exercise for the reader.

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# Alone with not knowing

The Antlers brings its own world of struggle to Iowa City tonight at the Blue Moose Tap House.

By ERIC SUNDERMANN  
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Hidden beneath the skyline, among the bustling and busyness of life outside, musician Peter Silberman sat in his apartment.

The 21-year-old sat, not with a goal of isolation or seclusion; rather, he simply needed some time — some time to deal with his move to Brooklyn, a death, and other issues.

"It was just a big period of adjustment, I think," the Antlers' frontman said over the phone. "It was a lot of change that I'd been working on myself for a while, and I was really sick of it."

And that adjustment translated into music, and in fact, quite a successful record called *Hospice* — named by many, including NPR and Pitchfork Media, as one of the best albums of 2009.

The Antlers will play the Blue Moose Tap House, 211 Iowa Ave., at 6 p.m. today with Phantogram. Admission is \$12.

To create the album, which tells the story of a man dealing with a loved one dying of cancer, Silberman spent two years in his apartment. He calls the

way *Hospice* came together very "bizarre," emphasizing that it was a very delicate process to deal with heavy themes of death and his own life at the time.

"Because I was being so careful with it, I was being overly critical of everything I was writing, so I was scrapping a lot of lyrics that I was writing," he said. "It'd take me a long time to write them, then I'd realize after a couple months that I just hated what I was writing and needed to redo it."

And perhaps that's how he captures these themes — at least, that's what KRUI music director Drew Ingersoll believes.

"*Hospice* is very important lyrically, and the story of how it was made really makes the music very cool and interesting, and all of that plays into [the Antlers'] sound," he said.

As noted, these successful lyrics about dying didn't come to life easily. Beyond the extensive editing that Silberman struggled with, he tried to capture the subconscious, and he often wrote about recent dreams or during moments when he felt half-asleep.

"[The goal was] feeling like the way you remember things and how their locations

remain kind of vague and mixed up," he said. "[*Hospice*] was all set in New York, the timeline is sort of ambiguous, and the locations, which are a hospital and an apartment, they're sort of the same thing."

Through this blend of specificity and vagueness, *Hospice* is interpreted in many different ways by listeners, which Silberman encourages. However, he's worried that sometimes the focus becomes "strictly about watching a loved one die from cancer." He believes the album is about something else.



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The Antlers' *Hospice* was considered by many as one of the best albums of 2009. The group will play the Blue Moose Tap House tonight.

"It's really a record about a relationship that ended, and not necessarily a particularly positive one," he said. "I wanted to make something that talked about psychological abuse in the relationship, and that's told against the background of the hospital, patients, and hospice." And, with the overwhelming

success of *Hospice*, Silberman seems to have succeeded.

"It's an attempt to intentionally describe that con-

fusing state — not knowing where you are or when you are or how much time has passed," he said.

# 4/20 becomes budding holiday

By LISA LEFF  
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stoked by advancing legalization efforts, pot smokers across the country lit up in public parks, outside statehouses, and in the posh confines of a Hummer parked outside a pot-gardening superstore to observe the movement's annual high holiday.

Those who weren't within whiffing distance of a college campus or a reggae concert may not have realized Tuesday was 4/20, the celebration-cum-mass civil disobedience derived from "420" — insider shorthand for cannabis consumption.

Advocates from New Hampshire to California trumpeted marijuana's rising commercial and political acceptance while producing collective clouds of pungent smoke — often under the watchful eyes of law-enforcement officers who for the most part let the parties proceed.

A daylong rally in Denver's Civil Center Park drew thousands of people, as did the public smoking event that persisted at the University of Colorado in Boulder despite discouragement from college administrators.

Colorado lawmakers coincidentally marked the day by backing new regulations for dispensaries selling medical marijuana.

In New Hampshire, approximately 100 people rallied in the state capital of Concord on the eve of a Senate vote to decriminalize small amounts of pot. Some lit up joints as state troopers watched from inside the Statehouse.

Gov. John Lynch said he will veto the bill if it reaches him.

In Juneau, Alaska, around 20 young people, two dogs, and a mother pushing a stroller marched in driving rain, whooping and chanting, "Yes we cannabis." Their route took them past the state Capitol and City Hall.

In California, where voters in November will consider whether to tax the sale of marijuana for recreational use, a 3-month-old cultivation equipment emporium in Oakland got a 24-hour jump start, sponsoring a "420 Eve" festival on Monday.

Several hundred revelers lined up outside the

15,000-square-foot iGrow shop. Security guards kept them at bay until 4:20 p.m., when they could enter a medical-marijuana delivery service raffle to win an oversized joint and a tour of a 53-foot-long portable grow room with a starting price of \$60,000.

"I wouldn't have thought we would be able to consume on site," marveled John Corral, 19, of San Jose, after he obtained a wristband that gave him access to the event's two "vapor lounges," the one inside the Hummer and another inside a companion Range Rover limousine.

Two years ago, before he had a doctor's recommendation to smoke pot, Corral commemorated 4/20 on Hippie Hill, the Golden Gate Park promontory where an earlier generation of pot aficionados made their stand.

Marijuana use — medically and recreationally — is getting more attention

these days, with voters in California and possibly three other states set to decide whether to legalize adult use of the drug.

South Dakota voters will consider in the fall whether to join California and the 13 other states that allow medical cannabis use.

Most Americans still oppose legalizing marijuana, but larger majorities believe pot has medical benefits and the government should allow its use for that purpose, according to an Associated Press-CNBC poll released Tuesday.

Allen St. Pierre, the executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, said the drug's steady movement from counterculture indulgence to mainstream acceptance was evident Tuesday, when four cable television channels dedicated "a good chunk of programming to 420."

St. Pierre said that with

the terms "marijuana" or "cannabis" regularly showing up on the top Internet searches, it's clear that groups such as his, which has lobbied to decriminalize marijuana since 1970, are no longer blowing smoke.

"There is a large mainstreaming of all of this," he said. "Some of it is happening because commercial entities looking to comport with local social mores and values are taking advantage of this bizarre numerology."

There are a variety of stories about the origin of 420, but pot advocates generally attribute the term to the time in the afternoon when a group of San Rafael, Calif., high-schoolers gathered to smoke marijuana in 1971. The term was then popularized by *High Times* magazine and the Grateful Dead.

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### Misheard sayings ...

- “I have an ex to grind.”
- “A leotard can’t change its spots.”
- “A dog is a man’s beast friend.”
- “Honesty is — when pressed — policy.”
- “Popes cling fraternal.”
- “You’re sane only as long as your bleakest shrink.”
- “A man who acts as his own attorney has stool for a client.”
- “God helps those who help them elves.”
- “The chimera doesn’t lie.”
- “Be careful what you fish for.”
- “Crowds always gather before a dorm.”
- “Preggers can’t be boozers.”
- “Escape velocity killed the cat.”
- “Ask Nate. For him the bell tolls.”
- “If you love something, plant a tree.”
- “The sneaky seal gets obese.”
- “Don’t cry over killed elk.”
- “Beware of Greeks gifting bears.”

- Andrew R. Juhl knows that a mule and his bunny are soon parted.

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## FREESTYLING



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**UI sophomore Jake Rigal freestyles on the Pedestrian Mall on Tuesday. Rigal has been freestyling since 2006, and his first official album will be released on May 27, he said.**

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## PRESENTS...

## horoscopes

 Wednesday, April 21, 2010  
- by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 Look for competitive activities that will allow you to blow off steam. You don’t want to leave yourself open for an argument with someone who has a different idea on how you should live your life. The less interaction you have with others, the better.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Expect to face some trouble at home if you decide to argue a moot point. Let people be and do as they please, and you will all get far more accomplished. A love relationship can take on new meaning if you change your attitude.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Make sure what you say is what you mean because you will be held accountable. You may want change, but be careful what you wish for, especially if your plans involve other people. You are far better off working on your own.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 Put your efforts into work, finding work or discovering ways to put your talents, skills, and craftsmanship to work for you. Making money must be your concern, and doing so in a unique way will satisfy you emotionally as well. Don’t wait for things to come to you; seize the moment.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Don’t let your heart rule your head. Concentrate on personal gains and being the best you can be. Anger will lead to setbacks, not gains. Keep a close watch on the competition, but don’t retaliate.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Take matters into your own hands, and make decisions and choices that will spark new vitality in the things you want to pursue. Partnerships will develop that will allow you to make some interesting financial moves.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Humanitarian pursuits will help you professionally as well as personally, but don’t let them cost you financially. The more money you put into home, family, and your future, the better.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Keep things to yourself for the time being. Not everyone around you is trustworthy. Believe in yourself for a change, and good things will come to you. A change of scenery will do you good.

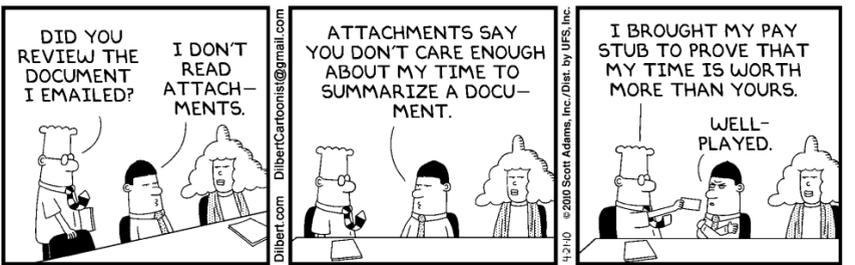
**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Take on a challenge, knowing that you can come out on top and make a little extra cash on the side. You will attract attention with your finesse, but if you oversell, you will pay the price when you are asked to deliver.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You may be excited about changes heading your way, but remember that it’s your effort that will lead to victory. Partnering with someone you feel comfortable with will enable you to get twice as much done. Spend more time with the person you love.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Keep a watchful eye on what the people around you are doing. You can get into trouble if you meddle in someone’s affairs. Confidence is required to get ahead. Listen to someone with experience.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 If someone else wants to do a poor job, take the opportunity to do more and to look good. Your efforts won’t go unnoticed, and they will turn into something quite surprising. Don’t waffle, or you may miss out.

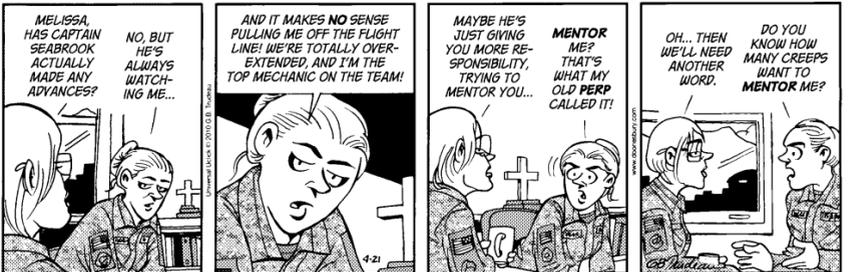
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## today’s events

- **Guardians of the Flame Fundraiser Lunch**, 11 a.m., Texas Roadhouse, 2520 Corridor Way, Coralville
- **“Constructions of African Diasporic Identities through Labor in The Context of Immigration in France,”** Sonia Kpota-Richardson, 11:30 a.m., 3321 Seamans Center
- **Biochemistry Thesis Seminar**, “Studies of proliferating cell nuclear antigen and its role in translesion synthesis,” Bret Freudenthal, 1 p.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow Senior Sendoff 2010: Golf Etiquette Educational and Free BBQ**, 2-5 p.m., Hubbard Park
- **11th Annual Catalyst Awards**, Errol B. Davis Jr. Alliant Energy Awards, 4 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **MidWestOne Lecture Series**, Russell Gerdin, 5 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque
- **Interracial Dating among Young Asian Americans**, Asian Study Series, William Lu, 6 p.m., University Capitol Centre conference room
- **Simple Sewing and Crochet: Granny Square Pillow**, 6 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Board Game Night**, 6:30-10 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 89 Second St., Coralville
- **Public Policy Center’s Forkenbrock Series**, Taxes, Peter Fisher, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, and Ed Wallace,

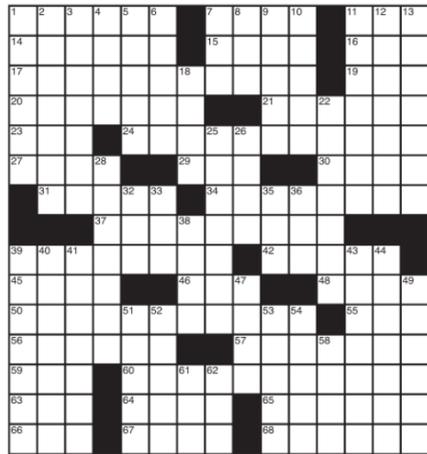
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- Iowa Taxpayers Association, 6:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- **The Antlers**, 7 p.m., Blue Moose Tap House, 211 Iowa
- **“Live from Prairie Lights,”** Joanna Rawson and Amanda Nadelberg, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **The Mirror**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **21st-Century Socialism**, Yuri N. Maltsev, Carthage College, 7:30 p.m., Van Allen Lecture Room 1
- **Artist Lecture**, Lady Pink (Sandra Fabara), 7:30 p.m., Van Allen Hall Lecture Room 2
- **University Symphony**, William LaRue Jones, conductor, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Madwoman of Chaillot**, University Theatres Mainstage Series, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Mabie Theatre
- **Teen After Hours**, 8 p.m., North Liberty Community Center, 520 W. Cherry
- **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Comedy Night**, 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
- **Infamous Stringdusters**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Big Ten Inn, 707 First Ave., Coralville
- **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., DC’s, 245 Beaver Creek Center, North Liberty
- **Talk Art, Writers’ Workshop**, 9 p.m., Mill
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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0317

- Across**
- 1 U.S. political scandal
  - 7 Sport whose name has two accents
  - 11 Some tablets
  - 14 Puget Sound city
  - 15 Classic theater name
  - 16 Alley
  - 17 Twine cutter?
  - 19 Time for the history books
  - 20 Words after cross, down or over
  - 21 Setting of an April marathon
  - 23 Thurman of “Pulp Fiction”
  - 24 OPEC production cutback?
  - 27 Reservoir producers
  - 29 Louvre Pyramid architect
  - 30 Suffix with myth
  - 31 Bygone monarchs
  - 34 Legal precedent setter
  - 37 March figure ... or, when split into three parts, a title for this puzzle
  - 39 Buzzer in the kitchen, maybe
  - 42 Onetime South African P.M. Jan
  - 45 Years in old Rome
  - 46 Reuters competitor
  - 48 Strait-laced
  - 50 Pen for a pet pig?
  - 55 Suffix with project
  - 56 Imam, e.g.
  - 57 Be postponed
  - 59 Folded-over skirt part
  - 60 Ice hockey in prison?
  - 63 “The Raven” writer’s initials.
  - 64 Rental for an outdoor reception
  - 65 Will’s focus
  - 66 Banned bug spray
  - 67 Some valuable 1920s-40s baseball cards
  - 68 Fur wraps
- Down**
- 1 Offered for breeding
  - 2 Shower room sight
  - 3 Fun house sounds
  - 4 Stamp purchase
  - 5 Prenatal exam, briefly
  - 6 Great: Prefix
  - 7 Directional ending
  - 8 Polynesian paste
  - 9 Like some private detts.
  - 10 “I’ve got my you!”
  - 11 Horace’s “Ars ...”
  - 12 Mexican beer choices
  - 13 Glittery glue-on
  - 18 Seaweed variety
  - 22 Bank teller’s fear
  - 25 Make up galleys for printing
  - 26 Layer
  - 28 Less respectful
  - 32 Map no.
  - 33 Hawaiian Tropic no.
  - 35 What your mom might call your aunt
  - 36 RKO film aier, maybe
  - 38 Grad
  - 39 Came out of one’s shell
  - 40 Being walked, as Fido
  - 41 Disheveled
  - 43 Of no matter
  - 44 End of life as we know it?
  - 47 Archipelago’s makeup: Abbr.
  - 49 Becomes one
  - 51 Tissue: Prefix
  - 52 Quarterfinals qualifiers, e.g.
  - 53 Little ones: Var.
  - 54 Brewing need
  - 58 One of four Holy Roman emperors
  - 61 Bankbook fig.
  - 62 Football linemen: Abbr.



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# UI seeks diversity

The diversity officer has existed at the UI since 2004.

By JOSEPH BELK  
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With University of Iowa officials in the midst of hiring a new chief diversity officer, higher-education officials across the country say similar positions help pursue integral pieces of universities' missions.

Just a few decades ago, the role was virtually nonexistent.

But today, a growing number of institutions are employing officials charged with fostering diversity among students and employees.

"I think it's a very important position for any organization as large and complicated as the University of Iowa," said law professor, Marcella David, a former UI associate provost who was also the special assistant to the president for equal opportunity and diversity. "The importance of diversity and diverse perspectives really is key to the innovation we like to have in an academic environment."

The UI's chief diversity officer has wide-ranging responsibilities, monitoring equity efforts among students, staff, and faculty members. The chief diversity officer also oversees offices that implement programming for underrepresented populations and mediate discrimination and harassment complaints.

The position, which is in the President's Cabinet, has existed at the UI in some capacity since 2004. The Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity was created under a different name in 1972.

American universities began employing these types of administrators around two decades ago, said Njeri Nuru-Holm, vice president of the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education, of which nearly 200 schools are members.

A number of universities cite the job as a factor in increased diversity.

Indiana University's vice president for diversity, equity, and multicultural affairs has helped spawn programs to increase minority enrollment.

At the University of North Carolina, the chief diversity officer oversaw updates to include diversity in general education curriculum.

Students at Penn State University now take six semester hours of diversity education after an initiative led by the school's vice president for educational equity.

Officials at the UI, where 10 percent of students are minorities, say they're looking to continue similar successes with a new chief diversity officer.

In recent years, UI programs have helped increase retention among underrepresented populations. In 2007-08, the school's minority retention surpassed that of non-minorities among first-year students.

Minority recruitment has also increased.

Latino enrollment jumped 30 percent, and African-American enrollment is up 15 percent over the past five years.

However, disparities in the six-year graduation rate between white and black students at the UI still exist. As of 2006, 45 percent of black students graduated within six years, compared with 67 percent of white students, according to a 2008 report by the independent think tank Education Sector.

Mettie Thomopoulos, a co-head of the search committee for UI chief diversity officer, emphasized the university's success in achieving more diversity.

UI President Sally Mason said officials will continue to focus on diversity as they develop a new strategic plan, calling the UI a "leader in diversity issues."

"It's always a challenge in places where people look around and say, 'Well there's not a lot of diversity there to begin with,'" Mason told *The Daily Iowan* last week. "Midwestern states tend to be states that don't necessarily have a lot of innate diversity built into them, so that just means we have to work harder."

UI spokesman Tom Moore said officials are not releasing salary information in the search. The fourth of five candidates will interview on campus Thursday.

## METRO

### Police charge 3 in drug bust

Iowa City police arrested three men on drug charges at an Iowa City residence Monday night.

Seth Ream, 23, was charged with possession of marijuana and psilocybin mushrooms with intent to deliver, two counts of possession or distribution without a tax stamp, and keeping a drug house.

Tyler Schrader, 24, was charged with possession of marijuana and keeping a controlled substance or permitting its use in a structure.

Riley Sachsenmaier, 23, was charged with keeping a drug house and possession of marijuana.

According to authorities, officers served a search warrant at 425 S. Lucas St., where all three men lived. Police found marijuana or drug paraphernalia in each bedroom.

Authorities reportedly located 42.5 grams of

marijuana and more than seven grams of psilocybin mushrooms. Ream's room also contained approximately \$1,400 in cash, which he admitted was the direct result of selling drugs, police reports show.

Possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, possession of psilocybin mushrooms with intent to deliver, and possession or distribution without a tax stamp are all Class D felonies, punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

- by Regina Zilbermints

### Culver to sign nursing bill on campus

Gov. Chet Culver will visit the University of Iowa campus today

to sign nursing legislation into law.

The bill, passed by the Iowa Legislature this year, aims to address a shortage of nurses in the state. The law will help fund programs that proponents say will help recruit and retain nurses at medical facilities around Iowa.

The signing, which is open to the public, will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the Old Capitol.

The governor was also in Iowa City last week to sign legislation that provides millions in supplemental funding to Iowa's public universities, including more than \$14 million to the UI.

The UI, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa used some of those supplemental funds to refund surcharges students paid at the beginning of the spring semester.

- by Adam B Sullivan

### Obama to visit Iowa again

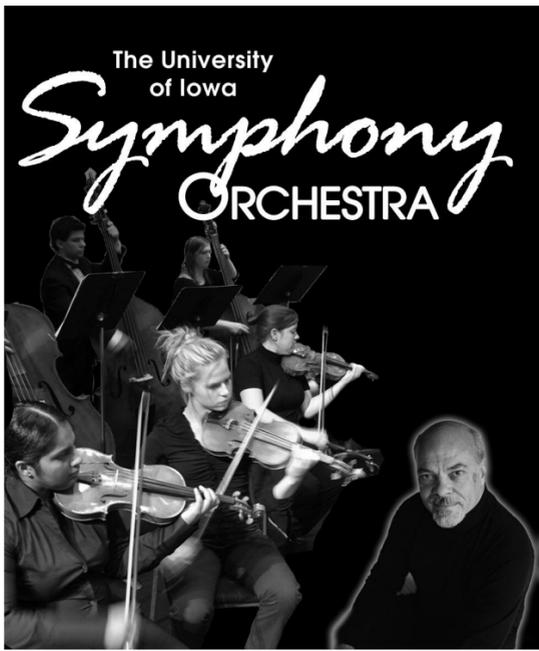
President Obama will make another visit to Iowa in roughly a week, according to a White House press release.

As part of his "Main Street Tour," Obama will visit Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois on April 27 and 28.

During the visit, Obama will meet with workers, farmers, small-business owners, and local leaders to share ideas for continuing to grow the economy and put Americans back to work. He will also spend time in these areas to hear about the challenges rural Americans face and to listen to their ideas for working together to turn the economy around, the press release said.

Details about the specific locations of the trip have yet to be released.

- by Sam Lane



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Iowa cornerback Amari Spievey tackles Wisconsin wide receiver David Gilreath during Iowa's game against Wisconsin on Oct. 17, 2009, in Camp Randall Stadium. Spievey had two interceptions during the 20-10 win over the Badgers.

**SPIEVEY**

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Coach Marinan had his back to the field, planning Xavier High's first offensive series, when Spievey returned a kickoff for a touchdown.

He was a sophomore — and a scrawny sophomore at that. He weighed no more than 160 pounds at the time, Marinan said.

"You would not look at him and tremble, believe me," the nine-year head coach at Xavier said dryly.

That was the beginning of a brilliant high-school career, which included a state championship, Connecticut Player of the Year honors, and 1,642 rushing yards, 26 touchdowns, and seven interceptions as a senior.

But his athletic prowess was nurtured much earlier. Too young to play football, his mother, Ramonda Spievey, signed him up for soccer when he was 6.

It wasn't long until her shy son took on an entire opposing team by himself — one versus 11 — in the championship game, no less. Amari figured that was the only way his team would win.

Soccer never quite piqued Spievey's interest, anyway. Football was his first and only true love.

"Daycare age, if you asked him what he was going to do, he would tell you, 'I'm going to go to college, and I'm going to play football.'" Ramonda Spievey said. "It was something that was in him, I guess, almost all his life, because he always said that — before he ever, ever played football."

Even when he was playing basketball, Spievey indirectly prepared himself for a future as a defensive back. His high-school basketball coach, Michael Kohs, gushes about Spievey's athleticism and competitiveness, his heart and drive, his spark and will to win.

Kohs knows he's speaking in clichés, but he doesn't care.

He keeps thinking about the state quarterfinals in Spievey's senior year, when Xavier faced Crosby High — the team Spievey and Company lost to a year previously in the state semifinals. Down 11 with three and a half minutes remaining, Spievey "must have had six steals," Kohs said. Xavier stormed back.

Up one with five seconds left, Kohs called a time-out. His team needed one more defensive stop, and the head coach was about to switch out of his 1-2-1-1 zone press that had been so effective down the stretch.

But Spievey spoke up, telling Kohs to stay in the zone. "I'll get you the steal," he promised. Spievey got the steal, and Xavier advanced to the state semifinals for the second-consecutive year.

"The thing that he had that really stood out to me was his anticipation.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa's Amari Spievey breaks up a would-be touchdown catch by Indiana wide receiver Damarlo Belcher during Iowa's game against Indiana in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 31, 2009.

Defensively, he was incredible," Kohs said. "The instincts he showed defensively on the basketball court, you knew translated very well to what he would do on the football field."

**Spievey the problem**

Spievey hadn't been at Iowa longer than five days when he called his mother and said, "I'm coming home." Ramonda Spievey and Marinan persuaded him to stay, but Amari Spievey was redshirted and never saw the field. Dealing with his change to cornerback and a staph infection, Spievey's schoolwork suffered.

He was dismissed from the team in May 2007 because of poor grades. When asked now what was the hardest part of becoming an NFL-ready prospect, Spievey pauses for a second, looks at the ground, and says, "Just, um, I guess being kicked out was the hardest part. Mentally, just letting it go. Praying. Just letting it go. Just moving on."

He squints into the sun and continues, "When I got kicked out, it hurt me real bad, but at the same time, it pushed me even harder to get to where I am now."

Both Ramonda Spievey and Marinan insisted Amari take the Iowa coaches' advice and go to a junior college to rehab his grades. But Spievey wondered if he was good enough to play college football. He wondered if "letting it go" would be enough. He wondered if his dream of playing in the NFL was just that — a dream.

Marinan persuaded him otherwise, and Spievey started at Iowa Central Community College in August 2007.

"It just felt like I was starting all over again," Spievey says.

Spievey shone again, earning junior-college All-American honors. He intercepted seven passes, compiled four touchdowns, and helped to vault Iowa Central to 9-2 record and a No. 7 ranking.

But perhaps more importantly, Spievey worked hard enough in the classroom to earn a spot back on the Iowa roster.

"I think he figured that if he didn't succeed here, he

might never play football again," said Kevin Twait, Iowa Central's head football coach.

**Spievey the project**

Even when Spievey returned to Iowa City, he claimed to have no expectations. He says he wasn't sure how his game would translate from junior college to the Football Bowl Subdivision level.

He was, in a sense, a project — still developing as a cornerback and still hoping to see the field.

Starting all of the remaining 26 games of his career, he earned All-Big Ten honors as sophomore and junior and snagged six interceptions in two seasons — even with opposing quarterbacks avoiding him at all costs.

"For me to change positions like that — and I didn't even want to play the position — and still be one of the top corners in my league showed me a lot," he said.

Finally, it seemed, Spievey's confidence was restored. Even when he was a tiny high-school tailback shredding defenses, he doubted he would get from there to here, on the cusp of making an NFL roster.

Marinan likes to tell a story about when he and Spievey went to New York City together, after the then-high school senior was named a Madison Square Garden Network Heisman All-Star. As a part of the event, the two attended a breakfast with all the Heisman Trophy Winners.

"I said to him on the train home, 'You understand you can be one of those guys? You could be at that level some day,'" Marinan said. "I kind of got the feeling at that time he didn't want to think about that because he didn't think he could get there. I don't think he saw his talent like the rest of us did from the outside."

"Now, I think he's beginning to understand."

**Spievey the prospect**

Where will Spievey land this weekend? That, of course, depends on whom you ask.

The cornerback's agent, Andy Simms, said the lowest his client should fall is

in the early to middle third round. Wes Bunting, the director of college scouting for National Football Post, slated Spievey as his No. 9 cornerback and projected him as a third- to fifth-round selection. According to CBS Sports, Spievey will come off the board in the third or fourth round.

The Colts, Buccaneers, and Giants all flew Spievey out to their complexes for a workout, and the Bears and Browns came to Iowa City for a visit.

Additionally, 15 different NFL teams interviewed Spievey at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis.

"The biggest question, especially when you're a junior, is, 'What's your speed?'" Simms said. "He's obviously got good speed. ... But at the same time, he didn't run in the 4.3s as a few other guys did. That's really the only thing that's holding him up."

After Spievey ran somewhere around a 4.52 40-yard dash, some scouts began to question his speed, which could cause his stock to fall this weekend. Bunting, for one, said, "If he's asked to play man-to-man against an explosive receiver on the outside, he's really going to struggle."

**Spievey the professional**

Nearly three years after being forced out of Iowa, Spievey, a newly minted 22-year-old father, sat outside the Field House on that perfect spring day. Speaking in short bursts, he didn't shy away from his past, and he didn't try to predict his future.

How he got here remains as uncertain. His intuition told him this was the place to grow up, the place to thrive, the place to become a professional. Spievey is few days away from doing just that — a goal so far-fetched three years ago he began to doubt his intuition.

That won't happen again.

"I'm new to [cornerback] in a sense," Spievey said. "I'm only going to get better, you know? I'm far from my potential. I've got a long way to go. And I feel like when I get to my peak, I'm going to be amazing. I just feel like there's nothing I can't do."

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# Throwing his talent around

Sophomore thrower Matt Banse hopes to continue his dominant hammer performances.

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Strawberry Point, Iowa, may be renowned for at least a few things.

If one is that it's home to the world's largest strawberry, weighing in at 1,430 pounds, then the other is that it's the town Iowa track and field thrower Matt Banse calls home.

The sophomore has been on a roll lately, winning the hammer event the past three weekends. At this rate, he might hold the Hawkeye record sooner rather than later.

"That's my main goal," he said. "I think if I keep progressing the way I am, I can take down the school record."

The youngster is beginning to figure out his technique, and the results are getting better each meet. After dominating at tiny Starmont High, Banse made his way to the Iowa campus.

He noted the jarring difference between the two towns, especially because Strawberry Point might be one of the few places on Earth that doesn't have a McDonald's.

"It was definitely an eye-opener coming from a small town," he said. "I had 46 people in my graduating class, so I basically knew everyone in my class down through seventh or eighth grade by name and face."

Since coming to Iowa, Banse has learned some new faces who have helped him elevate his skill. One of those teachers is throwing coach Scott Cappos.

"He's improving his technique and training," Cappos said. "He's working hard at getting stronger, and things are starting to fall into place."

Cappos said the throwers try to peak near the end of the year in preparation for the Big Ten championships, so it's no surprise to see Banse is improving this late in the season.

"We are going to focus all



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa thrower Matt Banse practices "putting" his shot on Tuesday at the Cretzmeyer Track. Last weekend at the Iowa Invitational, he continued his domination in the hammer throw, winning the event for the third week in a row.

our training from the past nine months on getting the athletes ready for the outdoor championships," he said.

An athlete who throws with Banse, sophomore Ryan Lamparek, noted the athleticism and intensity Banse has displayed in practice has seamlessly transferred to competition.

"He has the ability to do what he needs to, to win under pressure," Lamparek said. "For example, this past meet he came though on his last throw to win the meet."

Banse is extremely competitive, Lamparek said, and this year, that has brought out his athletic proficiencies.

Banse's patience and perseverance has affected

other aspects of his life. After arriving at Iowa, he has not only found comfort on the track but in the woods and on the water as well.

A true outdoorsman, Banse and a few other throwers make their way out to public land to hunt geese and ducks. His obsession could turn into a future career for the young Hawkeye.

A hunter from a young age, Banse said, there wasn't much else to do in a town of about 1,400 people.

"My passions are track and field and hunting and fishing, and I can't imagine doing anything other than that," he said. "I'd love to be on a hunting or fishing show, or work for a hunting company."

linebacker Jeff Tarpinian, and offensive lineman Julian Vandervelde.

The group also includes four juniors, two sophomores, and two redshirt freshmen. The junior bunch consists of defensive end Broderick Binns, wide receiver Marvin McNutt, linebacker Tyler Nielsen, and safety Tyler Sash. The two sophomores are cornerback Greg Castillo and quarterback James Vandenberg.

Rounding the 2010 leadership

group out are freshman linebacker Shane DiBona and freshman offensive lineman Brett Van Sloten.

Two true freshmen will be added to this group in the fall.

"As always, the players have done a fine job in their selections for the Leadership Group," head coach Kirk Ferentz said in a release. "This group is very important to all of us involved with Iowa football."

— by Brendan Stiles

## STEEPLECHASE

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"One of the big appeals to the steeple is that a lot of people don't want to do it," Ellis said. "Just finishing it is a challenge, and I wanted to run it just to say that I did."

What makes the event less appealing to many is the water-pit jump, the most challenging portion of the race, which the runners encounter seven times.

Before their first race, Berndt and Ellis had only practiced the water jump once.

"I didn't really know what I was doing," Berndt said. "But I thought it was really fun. Coach Anderson told me some paces to aim for each lap, so I tried to hit those, and it just worked out."

Ellis said jumping the hurdles — referred to as steeples — intimidated her at first, and she almost fell into the water pit during practice.

But after her debut, she said, the steeples actually helped her get through the race.



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa distance runners Katie Ellis (left) and Danielle Berndt run during an endurance workout on Tuesday at the Cretzmeyer Track. Berndt and Ellis made their debuts in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, finishing first and second.

"I operate better if I have a distraction," Ellis said. "Instead of just thinking about running, I was thinking about the jumps."

Anderson said these types of natural quirks make for successful steeplechasers. More often than not, athletes land in the event by default, he said.

That was the case for Berndt and Ellis.

After unpromising careers in traditional distance races, the women said

they wanted to find a way to break out and contribute to the Hawkeyes' conference finish — their ultimate goal for the season.

"Often times, people just end up in the steeple because they can't find another event they're quite as competitive in," Anderson said. "Danielle just asked to try it, and sure enough, it worked out well for her. Katie is a senior with nothing to lose, so she's giving it a go, too."

## CORNERBACKS

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Bernstine is trying to regain a place on the field after missing the 2009 campaign with a broken ankle. Hyde, who head coach Kirk Ferentz said is the front-runner at right corner, is looking to build off the opportunity he received in the FedEx Orange Bowl in January when he came in for the injured Prater.

"It's very much an open race right now, but I think we're progressing," Ferentz said.

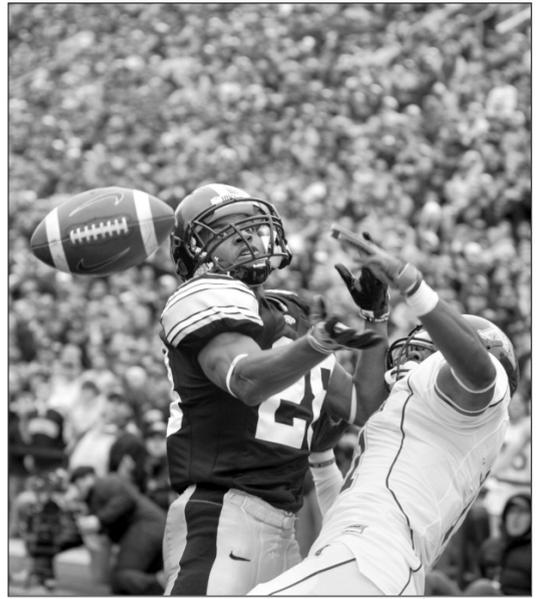
The competition at right corner developed into one of the more intriguing on-field battles during the spring practice, which concluded last week.

But while Hyde may be the odds-on favorite for the time being, at least one player said he believes this will remain an ongoing tilt that may not be decided until the end of fall camp.

"They're both great cornerbacks. As far as who's better, I couldn't tell you," senior-to-be linebacker Jeremiha Hunter said. "They're both phenomenal athletes. It's just going to come down to who wants the job more."

Bernstine, a Des Moines native, was originally projected to start opposite Spievey before his ankle injury. In the first two games last season, Iowa relied on Greg Castillo against Northern Iowa and William Lowe against Iowa State while Prater served a suspension.

Lowe also started



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Iowa cornerback Shaun Prater breaks up a pass to Minnesota wide receiver Troy Stoudemire Jr. in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 21, 2009. Prater was called for pass interference after the play.

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— Kirk Ferentz, head coach

against Arkansas State, a game Prater sat out because of a knee injury.

Hyde never started a year ago, but he got on the field in all 13 games, recording eight tackles in the process.

Whether Hyde holds the position down or has it taken from him by Bernstine remains unclear.

But when one of them does emerge, the team

knows what they'll be getting.

"They just want to win," junior-to-be wide receiver Marvin McNutt said. "The way they do that is compete. Every day in practice, we're always out there competing, whether it'd be a blocking drill, one-on-ones, even releases."

"Every day, everybody is out there trying to get better."

## FOOTBALL

### Hawkeyes pick Leadership Group

On Tuesday, the Iowa Hawkeyes announced its 15-member leadership group, as chosen by the players.

Headlining the group are seven seniors, including defensive end Adrian Clayborn and quarterback Ricky Stanzi. Also representing the senior class will be safety Brett Greenwood, defensive tackle Karl Klug, fullback Brett Morse,

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IOWA 6, WESTERN ILLINOIS 5

# Hawks win thriller

The Iowa baseball team needs 10 innings to dispatch Western Illinois.

By JORDAN GARRETSON  
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Jack Dahm can't remember the last time his baseball team escaped with an easy victory.

The Hawkeyes continued that trend on Tuesday.

Iowa (14-19) needed 10 innings to defeat Western Illinois (9-24), 6-5, at Banks Field. But the Hawkeyes also continued their streak of early offense, tallying one run in the first inning and four more in the third to jump out to a 5-0 lead.

Western Illinois cut the Iowa advantage to one run after recording three in the fourth frame and one in the fifth.

Iowa's batters had five hits over the first three innings but connected on just three for the remainder of the night.

Fortunately for Iowa, one of those hits was a first-pitch double rocketed down the right-field line, courtesy of Phil Keppler, to open the 10th inning.

"My approach was just to hit the ball where it was pitched," Keppler said. "I got a pitch over the middle of the plate, and I got the bat head out in front of it and hit it down the line."

Junior Kurtis Muller followed by drawing an intentional walk. Then third baseman Zach McCool executed a perfect sacrifice bunt to advance pinch-runner Kurt Lee and Muller.

Dahm said he was pleased with Keppler's ability to provide a clutch hit.

"That was a big swing of the bat," he said. "I put pressure on them. All of a sudden they're going to intentionally walk, and they have to execute when we get the bunt."

But Dahm was also



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**Iowa shortstop Andrew Ewing throws the ball to first base in an attempt to retire Western Illinois' Bryan Jordan on Tuesday at Banks Field. A product of Iowa City, the sophomore went 1-for-4.**

disappointed his team needed extra frames to seal the victory. The Leathernecks waited until the ninth to seize the opportunity left by the slumping Hawkeye offense.

Lead-off hitter Dan Dispensa smoked a single straight through the middle of the infield off Hawkeye closer Kevin Lee, scoring right fielder Rich Mascheri from second base.

Dahm saw Lee missed a couple of signals after blowing the save opportunity and was worried about his ninth-inning stopper.

"I thought he lost his focus a little bit," Dahm said. "But he made pitches."

Fortunately for Iowa, Lee didn't hang his head following the blown save. Instead, he retired three-straight Leatherneck hitters in the top of the 10th after allowing an inning-opening double.

Long offensive droughts such as the one Tuesday night have been a big reason for the Hawkeyes' clawing victories. Dahm even resorted to using

wooden bats for batting practice before the game in an attempt to get his players to shorten their swings.

"We've got guys that can hit, so it's just a case of trying to get on a roll," Dahm said. "We just have to stay with our approach. It just seems like we get a little over anxious. We just have to get relaxed and not try to do too much."

Junior Zach McCool doesn't need to change much, however. He laced his second of two triples in the bottom of the third inning to tie an Iowa record.

The Manchester, Iowa, native is the first Hawkeye since Brian Burks in 1999 to collect two three-baggers in a single game.

"It means a lot," McCool said. "Coming out here and working on my swing every day and getting production is pretty nice. It's really nice to keep working on things and keep getting better and getting the results that you want."

# Young lefty settles down

Matt Dermody threw a career high six innings in his third career start and showed a lightning left arm.

By J.T. BUGOS  
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Matt Dermody struggled in his first two starts of his Iowa career, but the southpaw flashed his potential the third time around on Tuesday.

Dermody's first start came against Kansas on March 7, and the Jayhawks rocked the freshman for eight earned runs in 1 1/2 innings.

The next time he toed the rubber to begin a game came 23 days later against South Dakota State — a marginally better start. Dermody allowed seven earned runs in 3 1/2 innings.

On Tuesday against Western Illinois, Dermody tossed a career-high six innings, allowed four earned runs, and struck out four.

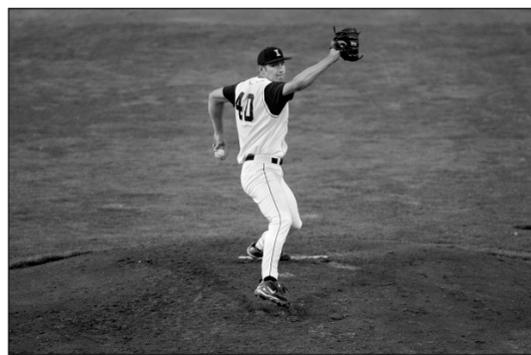
"What I really took from those first two starts is to not throw it down the middle," he said. "Hit my spots and get my better command, and also my breaking balls. I need to throw those for strikes."

Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said college baseball can be humbling at times. After Dermody's success in high school, where he once threw a perfect game and struck out all 18 batters, the Norwalk, Iowa, native's first two starts shot his confidence.

But catcher Dan Sheppard said he saw more swagger on the mound against the Leathernecks.

"Once you make pitches, your confidence goes up," Sheppard said. "I thought he had confidence all day, except that inning maybe he got a little shaky."

The shaky inning came in the fourth, when Western Illinois struck for three runs. In previous starts,



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**Iowa freshman southpaw Matt Dermody pitched a career-high six innings, allowing four runs on seven hits with four strikeouts against Western Illinois on Tuesday at Banks Field.**

Dahm said he may not have expected Dermody to rebound.

But the 19-year-old allowed just one earned run over his next two frames.

"He did a lot better job of keeping his composure and making quality pitches after that," Dahm said. "It's a game that you have to stay in the moment. You have to take it pitch to pitch, and he did a pretty good job from that standpoint."

Dermody said the key to getting out of that inning was keeping his pitches low in the strike zone and letting his fielders make plays behind him. He used the outside zone to get ahead of hitters.

Then said he tried to leave them flailing at his changeup.

But even with his success on the mound, Dermody still has fine-tuning before he takes the hill next. Dahm said the lanky lefty is tipping his pitches, and Leatherneck batters often knew what they were getting served.

"That's something he has to clean up because

they were able to pick up his pitches," the seven-year head coach said. "I thought he was making some good pitches, but they knew what was coming, and they were able to sit on his fastball and lay off his breaking ball. Every hitter becomes better when he knows what's coming."

Dermody also mixed up two-seam and four-seam fastballs.

Dahm said his pitcher left his two-seamer over the plate and located his four-seamer outside instead of inside.

Dermody may not be Greg Maddux or Roy Halladay yet, Dahm said, but the 6-5 southpaw should be in a figure in the Hawkeye rotation for the near future.

"He's got a chance to be an outstanding pitcher for us, but it's a learning process," Dahm said. "And he grew up a little bit today. You can see he gained a little bit of confidence out there, and he'll get another opportunity next week."

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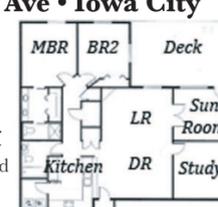
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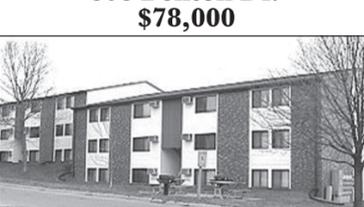


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STORY BY SCOTT MILLER

Three years after being banished from the team, Iowa cornerback Amari Spievey sits on the cusp of playing in the NFL.

Amari Spievey still isn't quite sure how he ended up here or how he managed to stick around. Not that he's sticking around, necessarily.

On a cloudless spring day in Iowa City — the kind that makes this town perk up after a long winter — the Hawkeye cornerback can't quite pinpoint why he decided to travel more than 1,000 miles from Middletown, Conn., to the Iowa River valley and environs.

Sitting in the shadow of Kinnick Stadium, the former Iowa cornerback gives a simple answer, saying, "If it feels right, I just go with it." But the truth is, Spievey didn't care much for Iowa at first.

Iowa recruited him as a cornerback. Spievey wanted to play running back. Iowa City was halfway across the country. He had never ventured far away from home. The university was full of new faces. He preferred to keep to himself.

It didn't matter. "Something just told me to choose Iowa," he said.

Intuition — the same thing that helped him star on the field for two years as a Hawkeye — told him

Iowa City was the right place to be. Even when his high-school football coach, Sean Marinan, begged him to make more official visits, Spievey maintained he didn't need other options.

He had made up his mind. That intuition came into play on Jan. 11, the day Spievey decided to leave Iowa early.

And by most accounts, his intuition is right on.

Rated as Scout Inc.'s No. 8 cor-

nerback, Spievey could go as early as the second round this weekend, which would earn him a contract worth around \$3 million.

"I knew I was leaving," Spievey said. "After my sophomore year, I said, 'I'm going. If I keep getting better, I'm going.'"

Before he could get better, before he could catch the eye of scouts, Spievey encountered academic issues. Eleven months after landing in Iowa City, the coaches

suspended the cornerback because of his poor grades.

A year later, having put his academics in order, Spievey returned to play for head coach Kirk Ferentz. In his final two seasons in Iowa City, he morphed from being a running back masquerading as a cornerback to a quarterback's worst nightmare, shutting down half the field.

Spievey left school with one year of eligibility remaining. He's chasing one dream: to become a professional.

"It felt right," he said. "It felt like it was time."

### Spievey the prep

Spievey scored the first time he touched a football in a varsity game.

SEE SPIEVEY, 8

## SPRING QUESTIONS

# Right corner up in the air

Micah Hyde or Jordan Bernstine may play at right cornerback.

By BRENDAN STILES  
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For the past three years, Iowa has dealt with cornerback questions.

With one spot seemingly locked up, the other tends to be up for grabs.

In 2008, Bradley Fletcher held down one position, and Amari Spievey replaced Charles Godfrey. Last year, Spievey kept his position, and Shaun Prater eventually won the spot held by Fletcher.

Now, Prater appears to be a lock at left corner, and the right side remains open with

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Spievey awaiting this week's NFL draft. Junior-to-be Jordan Bernstine and sophomore-to-be Micah Hyde are the top two contenders hoping to fill that void.

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# Giving steeplechase a whirl

Two Hawkeye runners have found careers in the steeplechase.

By MICHÈLE DANNO  
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It's Katie Ellis' last season with the Iowa women's track and field team, but it seems her career may just be beginning.

In her four years as a Hawkeye runner, Ellis said she was "a far cry" from scoring for Iowa, competing in the Big Ten championships, or qualifying for NCAA regionals.

But with the adoption of her new event — the steeplechase — Ellis said those are all realistic goals for her senior season.

They became apparent at the Iowa Invitational on April 17, when Ellis placed second in the steeplechase — finishing just behind teammate Danielle Berndt.

Neither woman had

before competed in the event, an obstacle race that includes hurdles and a water pool. But their successful debuts forced their coaches to give it a second look.

"Going into this weekend, neither was in a position of being considered for running at the Big Ten championships," head coach Layne Anderson said. "But now, they may have a chance."

Berndt, a sophomore, finished first with a time of 10:56, and Ellis ran an 11:02. Ellis said the regional standard would fall around 10:46, which she and her teammates see as a realistic goal.

While they hadn't given much thought to the event before, the two women stepped up when veteran steeplechaser senior Hannah Roeder decided to



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Iowa distance runner Danielle Berndt works out during a team practice on Tuesday at the Cretzmeier Track. The sophomore, an undeclared engineering major, hails from Bloomington, Minn.

redshirt for the 2010 outdoor season.

Roeder has taken on the role of teacher and guide. She praised Berndt and Ellis and said they've done an "amazing" job of picking up the technique so quickly.

Within a few weeks of practice, the two distance runners applied their endurance with barrier jumping — 35 barriers in a 3,000-meter race to be exact.

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