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Shawn Breen, a postdoctoral research scholar, counts granulosa cells from an ovary on Tuesday in the Eckstein Medical Research Building. The NIH has given pharmacology Professor Mario Ascoli a grant for women's reproductive health research.

Locals make another train pitch

The results of the newest application will be announced next October.

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Officials will reapply for federal funding for a rail line between Iowa City and Chicago after Gov. Chet Culver signed legislation on Monday setting aside \$6.5 million for the project.

Plans for the railway have been ongoing; an attempt to begin construction last year failed because of funding problems.

State lawmakers committed up to \$20 million in funding last month. The total cost of the project would be around \$102 million, and officials plan to ask for the remainder in federal funds.

The next step is to submit an application for the federal dollars by July. Local officials will find out whether they will receive the money in October.

While waiting for funding, local officials will coordinate with those in Illinois to determine the rail line's path, said Rebecca Neades, the vice president and director of public policy for the Iowa City Area

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UI wins women's health grant

The University of Iowa is one of 20 institutions to join a prestigious women's health program network.

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The University of Iowa is becoming an excellent place to study women's health, some say.

And the National Institutes of Health recently agreed, awarding the UI a \$2.2 million grant to establish the Women's Reproductive Health Research Career Development Center. Today, UI Hospital and Clinics officials will present information about the new center to the state Board of Regents during its meeting on the UI campus.

The center will channel grant dollars to pay a portion of the salaries of up to three faculty scholars for up to five years, allowing them to divert 75 percent of

their efforts to women's health research.

"I think this will provide us with a new venue to attract people to the institution who will have a better opportunity to pursue research in women's health," said Mario Ascoli, the UI's research director for the center. "It will also help us to develop people who are here but want to develop more of a research orientation than they have."

Specifically, research funded by the center will include hormonal signaling, cancer, genetics, and genomics, or the study of genomes.

But women's health issues aren't limited to women's bodies; women make 84 percent of health care decisions for the entire family, according to a UI Health Care report.

The new UI program isn't exclusive to obstetricians and gynecologists. More than 20 faculty members from the College of Medicine and College of Public Health are listed as mentors for the program — some of whom don't work in obstetrics/gynecology. Ascoli noted some of the faculty involved with the center are cardiovascular researchers.

"Some of them may not be so obviously related to women's health," he said.

At the regents' meeting, Kimberly Leslie, the head of the UI obstetrics/gynecology department and principal investigator at the center, said she will discuss her ideas for expanding women's health programs at the UI.

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Obama salutes green jobs

A UI career service official says it's a lot easier to find jobs in the Midwest.

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OTTUMWA, Iowa — Green jobs will be a key to economic recovery across the country, President Obama said during a visit to Iowa on Tuesday.

The president returned to the state after visiting the UI campus less than a month ago. His Midwest trip brought him to three towns in Iowa's southeastern corner, including Fort Madison for a tour of the Siemens Energy Wind Turbine Blade Manufacturing Plant, where he touted green job creation.

"I believe that we can come

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together around this issue and pass comprehensive energy and climate legislation that will ignite new industries, spark new jobs in towns like this, and make American more energy independent," Obama said.

And the University of Iowa is doing its part, officials said — by graduating young people capable of taking up environmentally friendly employment.

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President Obama enters the gymnasium of Indian Hills Community College on Tuesday in Ottumwa. The town-hall meeting followed an afternoon tour of a wind turbine plant.

Some profs dislike harassment changes

Some faculty are concerned the changes won't let alleged offenders respond to allegations.

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Proposed changes to the University of Iowa's sexual-harassment policy aren't fair to alleged violators, some faculty members said.

Members of the UI Faculty Senate expressed concerns at their meeting on Tuesday regarding an aspect of the policy that would allow officials to address some informal complaints of harassment without notifying the reported offender.

But Professor John Menninger said he wants alleged sexual-harassment offenders to be able to defend themselves against complaints, something that might not happen if the policy changes aren't adjusted.

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Council moves against downtown panhandlers

A measure on the practice needs two more readings before enactment.

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Iowa City panhandlers could soon face more restrictions, barring them from soliciting in certain areas downtown.

An ordinance before the Iowa City City Council, which the council voted 6-1 in favor of during its first reading Tuesday, would expand regulations on panhandling downtown.

The ordinance would prohibit solicitation on the Pedestrian Mall within 20 feet of an ATM and within 10 feet of a building or mobile vendor.

If the council approves the move two more times, the ordinance would also change current regulations to criminalize panhandling within 15 feet of crosswalks or another solicitor.

In hopes of balancing the effect the move would have on the needy, the city would also promote a new program in which out-of-service parking meters would become receptacles

for charitable donations. Six human-service agencies in the area would receive the collected funds for distribution as they see necessary.

"Systematically, I think it will create greater change, and that's what we need to see in this community," Councilor Regenia Bailey said.

Still, some felt the additional steps did not fully counteract the harm the ordinance would do to cash-strapped solicitors.

"[The ordinance] is in cynical disregard for people who are less fortunate than ourselves," said Brandon Ross, who ran unsuccessfully for City Council in the last election, during public discussion.

"A lot of these people are on the streets humbling themselves before the public — they don't have any other method," he said.

Mike Wright, the only councilor to voice dissent on the ordinance, said he agreed with Ross.

"I find this to be a slow

whittling-away at constitutional rights in our community," he said. "I find such actions as this one to be truly mean-spirited and small."

But the six councilors who supported the ordinance said the parking meter donation system would be more beneficial.

Mayor Matt Hayek said the council discussed other cities' solicitation regulations. Other communities, such as Denver, have implemented the parking-meter system and experienced apparent success.

Hayek said police stationed downtown will respond to the highest needs of the area, as usual. As with other city violations, officers will have to rely largely on public complaints to enforce the possible solicitation regulations.

Aside from panhandling, the ordinance also restricts smoking within 10 feet of sidewalk cafes outside the Pedestrian Mall and adjusts boundaries and hours of nonsmoking areas

From parking meters to donation receptacles

The following human service agencies will benefit:

- Shelter House
- Free Lunch Program
- United Action for Youth
- PATH (a program of Community Mental Health Center)
- Free Medical Clinic
- Johnson County Crisis Center

Source: City of Iowa City

to accommodate the Iowa City Farmers' Market.

The council must complete three readings to pass an ordinance — but councilors may elect to collapse the second and third reading into a single formal meeting, City Clerk Marian Karr said.

The next, and possibly final, vote on the ordinance will take place May 10. If passed, the measure will become effective the following week.

Drug charges don't bring automatic banishment

Officials won't say what disciplinary actions will stem from drug charges of students involved in the recent Currier/Mayflower incidents.

By **SAM LANE**
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Recently arrested University of Iowa students were not permanently removed from the residence halls or expelled from the university despite previous drug charges on campus.

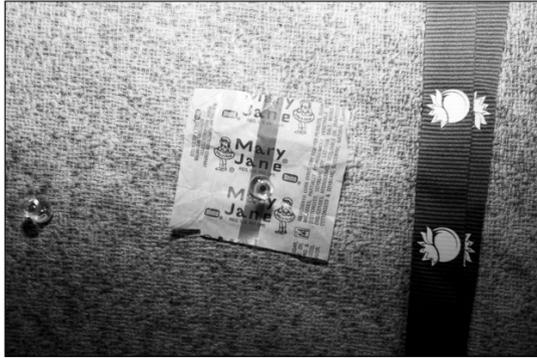
The UI's "one strike" policy, which calls for a student's suspension from her or his residence hall after one drug-related offense, is not quite cut-and-dried, officials said.

Three of the 11 students arrested in last week's campus drug raid were also charged on campus with possession of marijuana or paraphernalia during this academic year. All of the violations took place on the UI campus, including one in a residence hall.

University officials declined to comment on what disciplinary actions were taken against the students following those charges.

Search warrants from an officer with the Johnson County Drug Task Force state that authorities had some sort of contact with almost every student prior to their arrest last week.

Certain drug-related activities can be exempt for the "one strike" policy, officials said.



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A wrapper from a piece of Mary Jane candy is taped to a board in a Currier dorm room that was raided by police during a reported drug bust April 19.

Greg Thompson, the manager of Residence Life operations, said punishments are based on a variety of factors, including whether the individual possesses the actual drug or just paraphernalia.

According to University Housing's policies and regulations, students found guilty of violating drug policies will "ordinarily" be suspended from the residence halls and will be required to take a substance-abuse program at Health Iowa.

Of the 67 drug-related sanctions in 2008-2009, the majority resulted in disciplinary probation; 19 students were removed from the residence halls.

Drug sanctions

Some statistics on 2008-2009 drug cases and their results:

- Total sanctions: 67
- Disciplinary warnings: 4
- Disciplinary probation: 42
- Building transfer/probation: 2
- Residence-hall suspensions: 19

Source: UI Report of Student Discipline

Authorities said previous charges for those charged last week did not lead to the investigation and eventual raid. Instead, complaints from Residence Life staffers initiated the events.

"In terms of the initial investigation, I don't believe prior bad acts

were what proved to be the catalyst," said Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police.

Still, officials said previous contact with law enforcement could play an important role in the university's disciplinary decisions against the students.

"I definitely think we take into consideration past history and events," Thompson said. "It's just like if they had prior offenses in the residence hall. That usually comes into play."

Though officials said they cannot comment specifically on the status of the students involved in this incident, UI Dean of Students David Grady said depending on the violations, there could be interim sanctions handed down until officials can issue a final judgment.

First-time offenders are made aware of the consequences that might occur as a result of repeat offenses, Grady said.

"It plays a role," he said. "[A letter sent to offenders] clearly states that if there's another incident that occurs in the probation, they may be suspended from the university. We hope that students learn from their mistake and not repeat it."

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METRO

Mason to ask for faculty pay raise

UI President Sally Mason announced Tuesday she will request a 2 percent salary increase for employees at the state Board of Regents monthly meeting on Thursday.

Mason said she feels the salary

raise is important following the difficulties faculty and staff have faced over the past three years, including economic concerns and flood-recovery efforts.

She said the university will likely still face a difficult fiscal year because of state budget concerns in 2011.

— by Holly Hines

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Behle to leave

Another top Iowa City School District administrator will soon leave Iowa City.

Iowa City School Board members accepted the resignation of Jim Behle, assistant superintendent of the district, at their board meeting on Tuesday.

Behle said he has accepted a position as assistant superintendent and superintendent-

elect with St. Michael-Albertville public schools, located outside Minneapolis.

Behle said he is making the move to be closer to family in the area.

The announcement of Behle's resignation comes as Lane Plugge completes his final school year as superintendent. Plugge tendered his resignation earlier this school year.

— by Holly Hines

Board leaning toward 3rd high school

A majority of School Board members said they agreed a third high school is necessary, though they disagreed on how soon officials should take action on plans.

Board member Tuyet Dorau suggested looking into buying land, but several other board members expressed concerns

about the idea.

A majority of board members also said they prefer redistricting scenario "4D," which includes three high schools and moving some students living in the Coralville area to attend City High rather than West High.

District officials will hold a public forum for discussion on these issues on May 4 at 7 p.m. at Wood Elementary, 1930 Lakeside Drive.

— by Holly Hines

POLICE BLOTTER

Christopher Burnett, 20, 1960 Broadway Apt. 9, was charged Monday with domestic assault.
Mildred Henderson, 18, 2425 Bartelt Road Apt. 2A, was

charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.
Rachel Lukas, 19, 1537 Burge, was charged March 6 with malicious prosecution.

Rayle Mullen, 36, 2353 Whispling Meadow, was charged April 22 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.
Timothy O'Donnell, 39, Clinton,

was charged Monday with public intoxication.
Earl Riley, 21, 40 W. Zeller St. Apt. 1A, was charged April 20 with criminal trespass.

TRAINS

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Chamber of Commerce. Neades said she believes work, if it happens, will begin at the Chicago end and move toward Iowa City.

Neades called a public meeting to order on Tuesday afternoon with a "toot toot" of her train whistle. Roughly 20 people gathered to hear officials' plans and ask questions. Some asked what the line would look like, while others said it would make their frequent trips to Chicago to visit family easier.

Brad Neumann, an assistant transportation planner for Iowa City, said the train would be a small one with only two to three cars, but its small size would reduce the possibility of delayed departures. The trip would cost riders between \$18 and \$53, depending on when the ticket is purchased. Traveling around 79 miles-per-

hour, officials estimate going from downtown Chicago to downtown Iowa City would take roughly five hours. The train would make numerous stops in Illinois, including Union Station, and would provide free high-speed Internet for passengers.

"A lot of people come to Iowa City for the boutiques and great customer service that comes with them," Neades said. "This railway will bring back the regular customers that come for shopping in downtown Iowa City."

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said the railway would help local businesses with certain exchanges and same-day transactions.

"This railway would expand the core of downtown Iowa City and diversify downtown," Jacoby said. "You almost have to be a bar to make any money right now."

Neades said she thinks the railway would bring in more job opportunities, as well as boost tourism and urban development.

University of Iowa students would benefit from the train service, as well as UI alumni, who could more easily travel back for sports events, she said.

Sen. Joe Bolckom, D-Iowa City, said the railway was a big community interest, particularly with so many UI students hailing from Illinois.

Amtrak officials expect around 120,000 people would take the route annually, according to the press release from Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Neades said she's optimistic the project can garner funding this time around, and someday, she hopes, it will expand its operations to Des Moines and Omaha.

"We are very hopeful that it's our time up to bat," she said.

Your turn. Would you use a railway between Iowa City and Chicago? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

SENATE

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Additionally, some faculty members were concerned records of informal complaints — such as e-mails between those addressing the concern — could lead to problems for alleged offenders who are found innocent.

"Any record is subject to discovery," Menninger said.

He said that, if found, the evidence could injure the reputations of the individual or serve as legal evidence that could be brought against an individual outside the university.

Menninger and other senators voted against approving the revisions, saying they had strong objections to the policy as proposed.

Officials began the process of updating the sexual-misconduct policies at the three state universities in December 2008, after the

state Board of Regents mandated revisions in response to the UI's handling of an alleged October 2007 rape of a student-athlete.

Rob Porter, a member of the committee UI President Sally Mason appointed to address the revisions, said cases such as the ones Menninger and others outlined would be extremely rare.

An alleged offender may not be informed of complaints in certain cases, Porter said, such as one in which a student did not want a professor informed.

At the meeting, he said he encouraged Faculty Senate members to communicate with committee members regarding their concerns with the policy changes.

"I want to make sure that if changes need to be made, they are made," he said.

Associate Professor John Wadsworth also raised concerns regarding whether

professors in supervisor positions would be notified of complaints alleged against those they supervise.

Even though the chance officials would not notify alleged harassers may be slim, he said, it only takes one instance to jeopardize a faculty member's career.

Faculty Senate Secretary Katharine Tachau agreed concerns regarding supervising professors need to be addressed.

She said she'd like committee members to meet with faculty to address the concerns of supervising professors.

Porter said committee members hope to finish revisions to the policy by June 1, after which they will present them to Mason, who will make the decision on any changes.

OBAMA

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"The university is known as a leader in renewable energies and green-collar education," said Liz Christiansen, the director of the UI Office of Sustainability. "I think our students are very interested in working for sustainable companies and for employers who care about something greater."

At 5 percent, Iowa City's unemployment rate is about half the national average, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, giving the Iowa City area the third-best employment climate among U.S. cities.

With national employment on its way up and more green jobs opening daily, officials said UI graduates' job prospects are not so grim as those of students elsewhere.

In fact, David Baumgartner, the director of UI Career Services, estimated almost 90 percent of UI graduates will find employment within six months of graduation.

"It's a lot easier to find jobs in the Midwest," he said. "I think we can be optimistic about the future of employment in Iowa."

Obama said the plant he visited is evidence of the economic effect green jobs can have.

While the town of Fort Madison struggles with high unemployment, the 600,000-square-foot Siemens Energy plant is thriving. The plant



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An audience member embraces the hand of President Obama following a town-hall meeting at Indian Hills Community College on Tuesday in Ottumwa. With around 2,100 in attendance, there were plenty of hands for the president to shake.

received close to \$3.5 million in tax credits from Obama's stimulus package for clean energy jobs.

"It was remarkable, made all the more so when you consider that just a few short years ago, this facility sat dark and quiet," Obama said after touring the plant. "Today, it's alive and humming with more than 600 employees, almost two-thirds of whom found themselves unemployed before landing here."

After Fort Madison, Obama stopped for rhubarb pie in Mount Pleasant and then delivered an address at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa.

But some people remain unconvinced that the job market is surely on the way up.

"My perspective is that Wall Street is rebounding, but there's still millions looking for work," said 2006 UI alumnus Matt Ohloff, who attended

Obama's Ottumwa event. Indeed, Ottumwa is a town still struggling to recover from the recession.

"It's impossible to keep up with small-business closures around here," said David Truitt, the owner of Truitt Abstract Company in Ottumwa. "It's been open, close, open, close over the past few years."

Truitt said his company, which has been family-owned since the 1940s, has seen hard times recently. For the first three months of this year, he and his wife went without paychecks.

Obama said he knows part of the American Dream is being gainfully employed.

"A job is more than a paycheck," he said. "Anybody who's been out of work — and by the way, I've been out of work — knows that feeling you get about being out of work, not just about paying the bills, but the sense of purpose and pride every American deserves."

HEALTH

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"All around us, women's health and women's hospitals are springing up, and for many reasons, we think Iowa could benefit from a robust women's health program," Leslie said, noting other schools — the University of Illinois-Chicago and the University of Michigan, for example — have or will soon construct women's hospitals.

Nationwide, the UI and 19 other institutions received similar grants from the NIH to establish or sustain women's reproductive health research career

development programs.

"That's a pretty competitive program," Ascoli said, noting many of those who applied already had established programs.

Though Ascoli said he is unsure how the UI women's health programs compare with other programs nationally, the recent grant is an indicator of success.

"This is the first time the University of Iowa has had this kind of program funded, so that bodes well," Ascoli said.

Recent rankings from *U.S. News & World Report* named the UI's graduate programs in women's health as the eighth-best program of its type among

public universities.

Previous grant recipients said women's reproductive health research career development programs have been beneficial at their schools.

"I definitely would not have been able to do publishing, advance my career, [and] have a rewarding academic career," said Anne Steiner, an obstetrics/gynecology assistant professor at the University of North Carolina.

The University of North Carolina recently lost NIH funding for its program, which Steiner said highlights the competitiveness of the award.

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Murley to be new superintendent

Budget cuts could mean layoffs, School District officials warned.

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Stephen Murley will lead the Iowa City School District as its newest superintendent.

School Board members announced they had chosen Murley, from Wausau, Wis., from a pool of three candidates at their Tuesday board meeting. Murley will replace Lane Plugge, who is leaving to take a similar position.

Board President Patti Fields said members chose Murley because he stood out as a good communicator.

The board members said they agreed Murley seemed capable of making decisions based on collaborative input. Likewise, Murley said he plans to utilize community and university resources.

"I think having a Big Ten research institution in town makes this a unique environment for education," he told *The Daily Iowan* Tuesday evening. "I think we can leverage some university

'I think having a Big Ten research institution in town makes this a unique environment for education.'

— **Stephen Murley**,
new superintendent

resources and have access to those thoughts and ideas."

Murley, who has served as superintendent of the Wausau School District for five years, will likely return to Iowa City in May to attend a community meet-and-greet, board members said.

Murley inherits a School District with a variety of pending issues. For months, officials have weighed options for dealing with redistricting, budget cuts, and overcrowded schools.

At the board's meeting Tuesday, district officials also discussed possible budget cuts; officials need to cut between \$1.2 million and \$2 million from the district's general

fund.

District officials may need to eliminate the financial equivalent of eight full-time positions, and they could cut several positions depending on how much funding they need to recover in the end, Assistant Superintendent Jim Behle said.

Other areas in which district officials are eyeing cuts include transportation costs, early retirement funds, and energy-related costs.

Officials must notify district faculty and staff of possible terminations by April 30 and are preparing for the worst case scenario, Behle said.

If positions are cut, the district may rehire some of the individuals at a later date.

Schools have been hard hit by state budget gaps across the country. Late last year, Gov. Chet Culver issued a 10 percent across-the-board cut to all state departments, including allocations to school districts across the state.



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Stephen Murley speaks with people at a meet-and-greet before his final interview for the Iowa City school-superintendent position in the School District's Central Administrative Office on April 21.

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News

Grad council doesn't act on travel grants

Students must present research to qualify for grants to travel outside the United States.

By **ARIANA WITT**
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Graduate students are at a standstill on a move that would remove restrictions from travel grants.

The University of Iowa Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students was unable to reach a unanimous decision at its meeting Tuesday regarding the council's plans to expand an existing grant program that provides money for graduate students looking to travel abroad.



Rogers
president

The Executive Council's Professional and Development Grants at present allocate funds to students to attend workshops, conferences, or symposiums nationally and internationally.

Farah Towfic, an Executive Council member and the head of the grant committee, said she would like to see grant recipients also include students looking for international learning experiences.

The proposed measure would allow students not attending formal events overseas to receive grant funding to travel abroad.

"There are some things students have the opportunity to learn in other

countries that they can't get in the States," Towfic said.

The UI Graduate Student Senate plans to review the grant proposal at its meeting on May 4 before the Executive Council conducts a final vote via e-mail on May 7.

The UI Study Abroad Office reported that almost 400 graduate students traveled outside the United States during the 2008-09 academic year. In addition, individual colleges, such as the UI College of Law, offer students international opportunities.

Many of the Executive Council's members admitted the current proposal was not perfect but were willing to vote in favor on the motion.

However, Kristina Rogers, the president of the Graduate Student Senate, said she felt uncomfortable voting "yes" without more input from graduate students.

Rogers' vote was the only factor keeping the motion from being passed Tuesday night.

"The comments I have from students in the Graduate College aren't positive," Rogers said. "So I don't feel like I can vote yes at this time."

The importance of gaining international experience is something some UI officials said should not be overlooked by graduate and professional students.

"It's hard to think of an

Executive Council's Professional Development Grant

- The proposal includes:**
- An anticipation of 150 applicants next year
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Source: Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students

area of law that doesn't have international implications," said Marcella David, an associate dean for the College of Law's International and Comparative Law Program.

David said the college offers two programs to law students; its summer program in France sees upwards of 40 participants. But she said the college doesn't have access to many grants for students, and funding for the programs is based on student financial need.

Towfic said the Executive Council grant won't rely on student financial need but will instead be based on the quality of the application.

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Point/Counterpoint

Do you support the city's proposed panhandling measures?

Yes

The ordinance limiting panhandlers in downtown Iowa City is a sound one.

Although some may protest that it is unfair to stop misfortunate citizens from asking for help, the ordinance would reasonably address panhandling and lead to a more appealing downtown.

The measure, first considered Tuesday night, would sharply reduce the places individuals could panhandle, both on and outside the Pedestrian Mall. In addition, the city would install nine parking meters downtown under a new program. The purple-painted meters would serve as donation boxes, and the money collected would go to local agencies that support the needy, such as the Crisis Center.

Unfortunately, UI students are all too familiar with seeing certain faces asking for spare change downtown. That the same group of individuals are ever present indicates that panhandling simply isn't an effective solution. Collecting spare change from students and shoppers downtown is not helping homeless people. More should be done.

The city isn't proposing that panhandlers be pushed from downtown and left without an alternative; the proposed parking meters program serves as a reminder that the city is committed to aiding the homeless in a responsible manner. And the program would have a lasting and positive impact on homeless peoples' woes.

In the end, the goal should be to aid the homeless, not simply give them a place to solicit change. By promoting a structured process to help Iowa City's homeless citizens, the city is making positive progress both for the homeless and area residents.

Under the plan, the Ped Mall would be more enjoyable for citizens, and the would-be panhandlers would have more realistic and long-sighted solutions to their financial troubles.

— by Tyler Hakes

No

It's almost May; do you know what that means? It's time for the Iowa City City Council's seemingly annual push to rid downtown of beggars, bums, and bench-sleepers.

Councilors discussed Monday and voted Tuesday night on an anti-panhandling measure that would limit the practice on the Pedestrian Mall. In addition, councilors are considering using old parking meters to collect money for local agencies that help the impoverished.

The parking-meter plan is flawed because it bypasses the streamlined method that panhandlers obtain their small amount of money. While it may be reassuring to know your donation is funneled straight into local agencies, it's difficult to measure who is helped and in what way.

In essence, the reason behind these several proposals is to act as a scattershot; city officials and local business owners want aesthetically unpleasant panhandlers to ask for money elsewhere.

"We're trying to harass them out of the downtown," City Councilor Mike Wright told me.

Honestly, I understand the city's reasoning. But any claim that so-called aggressive panhandlers are eroding both Iowa City's economy and its scenery is fallacious. The rampant binge-drinking and students who commonly swarm the bars are far more detrimental to downtown business development and family outings than a handful of poverty-stricken individuals.

These anti-panhandling measures would represent yet another capitulation of the city to complaining business owners. Aggressive panhandlers may negatively affect Iowa City to a point, but the real problem lies in the reputation of the Ped Mall as a party-first, family-second downtown.

And nine parking meters won't fix any of the problems facing the less fortunate residents of Iowa City.

— by Michael Dale-Stein

Your turn. Do you support the city's proposed panhandling measures? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

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UI shouldn't convert Iowa House

Since the state Board of Regents' vote on whether to convert the Iowa House Hotel into a dorm is Thursday, our voice on this issue is urgent. The conversion is a temporary solution. It would not save money and not be convenient or good for people visiting the university, such as guest lecturers.

Building a new dorm would cost \$60 million, while converting the Iowa House would only cost \$9.25 million. It seems the conversion is a better idea.

However, considering that many firms spend huge amounts of initial costs to build a new factory for future profits — because firms do not seek a temporary solution, but take a long view — university officials should also give up the idea of converting the Iowa House and build a new dorm. In addition, the new building could attract more new students, which would help the university increase enrollment.

Officials should take a long-run view because converting is only a short-term solution, even though it may take a little

shorter time than building a new dorm. Spending \$9.25 million to convert the Iowa House and then in few years, spending millions more to build a new dorm is like spending twice. It does not save money. University officials should make a serious effort to build more rooms once and for all to save future trouble.

In addition, UI International Writing Program Director Christopher Merrill said the Iowa House Hotel change would be a "disaster," and Alex Metcalf, who heads the UI Lecture Committee, said

that change brings difficulties for those who rely on the Iowa House. Because of the inconvenience that a new facility would bring in terms of reservations, transportation, and environment, converting the Iowa House could trigger discontent among guests and risk losing significant visitors.

To solve the problem in the long term, the university should invest money in a prudent way to attract more students and valued guests.

Xiao Bai
UI student

Facebook and declining privacy

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I'm not sure how I feel about Facebook anymore.

As someone who was initially reluctant to sign up for the social network, I've gotten my fair share of use from the site. I've added friends and joined groups. I've promoted events, made new contacts, and created a fan page.

But I find myself suspicious of cofounder Mark Zuckerberg's true intentions, especially with the site's latest "integration" features.

Initially, Facebook was simple: a way to connect with people. Eventually, it was obvious that Facebook needed to make money — and it did, by offering advertising on the second most-visited website in world.

It added value and information and let users interact in new ways. (Remember, it wasn't until recently that you could "Like" the fact that "I'm having a bad day.") But as Facebook continues to evolve and its revenue model seems to be changing, I'm stuck asking myself — was giving Facebook my information such a good idea?

Most people will probably think I'm being paranoid. But this isn't just an Orwellian piece about privacy.

The addition of making Pandora Internet radio more "social" by letting people see what their friends are listening to (one of the latest features) seems nonthreatening. The worst that can happen is that you'll be publicly ridiculed for the Justin Bieber radio station you never thought your friends would find out about.

But Pandora isn't the only company that wants to tap into Facebook to find out more about you. And with the recent release of Facebook's new "social plugins," the social-networking site won't be the only one with access to it. There are real implications of giving one company so much information — and probably ones we can't even think of yet.

Along with sites across the web being able to integrate the most famous features from Facebook ("Like"ing, Sharing, etc.),

these sites will be able to access profile information from users who don't manually opt out.

Everything from your Facebook page (your jobs, your groups, your musical preferences, your friends, and even your location) follow you around the Internet and are used to direct marketing efforts.

This could raise some serious issues for those who have loaded their profile page with personal information, expecting only their close friends and family to have access to it. The main concern with Facebook is that while it has plenty of options for configuring privacy settings, its default setting is full-throttle: Show all of my information to anyone. When coupled with its habit for resetting these settings on a whim, it seems Facebook's main goal is to get its hundreds of millions of users to relinquish control over their personal information.

And that's a problem. As Randall Bezanon, a University of Iowa professor of law, put it: We practice information control with people we meet in real life all the time, and we should do the same online.

"In the digital world," Bezanon explained to me, "privacy law has been conceived as an interest in control of the user. You're responsible for the dissemination of your own information."

Bezanon said that once users have agreed to privacy policies presented to them by websites, it's usually "fair game." Unless there's a legal issue with the policy itself, the company retains the rights to the information that you give it, which can include selling it to third parties.

This means it's the sole responsibility of Facebook users — which totaled 103 million as of last year — to keep their privacy settings on a level they're comfortable with, no matter how many times they may be mysteriously reset to that full-throttle mode. It may seem like common sense ("Just set your privacy controls, dummy"), but in the world of evolving technology and electronic privacy policies, it can sometimes be difficult to understand how your information is being used.

Now, excuse me while I set my profile to "private" for the 23rd time today. ■

Guest opinion

In wake of molestation scandal, church needs transparency

By HOWARD RHODES

The sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church has provoked a considerable amount of well-deserved condemnation. The actions of Catholic priests who molested children are rightly regarded as atrocious. The church officials who ignored or concealed these vicious acts are rightly removed from office. And the Vatican's perverse mismanagement of the whole affair will do lasting damage to its moral authority in the social controversies of our time. The scandal shocks the consciences not only of members of the church but of all people of goodwill.

As terrible as this scandal is, however, many people have responded to it in disproportionate and self-serving ways. The scandal has become an occasion for many Americans to engage in what Philip Roth described in his novel *The Human Stain* as our most common communal passion — the ecstasy of sanctimony.

Rather than condemning instances of clerical sexual abuse for the personal and institutional moral failures that they are, many people have used this as an opportunity to denounce the church's policies on the ordination of women, clerical celibacy, and its sexual ethics more generally.

These are all worthy topics of disagreement and debate. But to suggest that these policies and practices are somehow implicated in the sexual abuse of minors is spurious. It is tantamount to claiming that the well over 50,000 substantiated cases of child sexual abuse in the United States each year are the result of too much celibacy among Americans generally or too much patriarchal bureaucracy. By this logic, we should promote the dismantlement of the family (where most cases of sexual abuse actually occur) rather than the Catholic Church.

We do the victims of sexual abuse no honor if we

use their experiences as an excuse to revel in our own purported virtues. Members of a society that countenances more than 1 million abortions every year, whose popular culture is regarded globally as deeply salacious, and whose addiction to consumerist titillation has created an increasingly untenable economic and political situation have little business celebrating their virtues. We have much to learn and to teach in the face of this scandal, but we will do neither if we deny that we too are implicated in the failures at issue.

If Americans have anything to offer the church at this painful moment, it is

not our superior grasp of the dynamics of sex, power, and the good life. What we can offer is our society's well-earned confidence in democratic transparency and accountability.

A church more open about its failures and more transparent in its operation would be more accountable to its own standards of justice. A highly centralized papacy that operates like a Byzantine court has revealed itself incapable of the truth-telling, confession, and repentance that it promotes. Perhaps this scandal will invite the church's leaders to return to the more democratic aspects of the Sec-

ond Vatican Council's proposals for reform and consider them with renewed energy.

Such reforms would not, of course, prevent sexual abuse from occurring in the church. They would, however, liberate the church from the anxious and prideful secrecy that rendered it incapable of adequately addressing the abuse of the last several decades. It would also better enable the church to offer the examples of chaste self-denial in the service of God and neighbor that this society truly needs.

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Coming through the obstacles

UIHC chaplain Mary Kay Kusner shares her trials of faith and family in a reading tonight at Prairie Lights.

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Faith and family are often difficult enough for people to manage on their own.

Add in raising a special-needs child and a call to a priesthood not allowed by her church, and Mary Kay Kusner, a chaplain at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, handles even more.

She will read from *Upside Down and Backwards*, a book about struggling with religion and parenthood while raising a daughter with a rare genetic mutation, at 7 p.m. today at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St. Admission is free.

The chaplain had three sons but felt she should have another child when her husband was diagnosed with cancer. After two years of questioning whether that was a good idea and discussing it with a spiritual director, she became pregnant with Anna.

"She tried to be intentional in her relationship with God and tried to discern what her call was," said Dorothy Whiston, Kusner's spiritual director. "She was just trying to be very prayerful and listen for God's call about what was the best thing for her family."

Her daughter, Anna, was born with a genetic mutation that replicated a piece of a chromosome and placed it upside down and backwards, which is how the book gained its title.

Kusner said she originally started writing the book to as a way of dealing with her problems in raising Anna — who has many developmental issues — and with the God that she

felt betrayed her.

"I found that all the books out there were very sugarcoated and nice, and I wanted the real nitty-gritty," she said. "As I wrote it and came to my understanding about Anna, I felt that perhaps other parents could benefit from it."

The writer works as a chaplain in the UIHC palliative-care program, which handles end-of-life care and symptom management. She said raising her daughter helped her to become a better chaplain.

"Anna really helped me to learn that being different is a good thing and has really helped me to be more open to people in general," she said.

Though she felt her work as a chaplain satisfied her need to help people and perform ministry work, Kusner — who was raised Catholic — said she wanted to do more to help the people with whom she worked.

In 2009, she was ordained as a deacon by the Roman Catholic Womenpriests, a splinter organization decried by the official church because, by ordaining women, it is considered in violation of the church's standards. Women who are ordained as deacons or priests, such as Kusner, and those who participate in their ordination are excommunicated by the church. This means they are no longer members of the Roman Catholic Church and cannot officially receive the sacraments considered holy by Catholics.

This June, she will be ordained as a priest.

"It was a very hard decision for her to make, because she's a lifelong Catholic and has a great love for the Mass, for the liturgy of

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the church and of church community life," Whiston said. "She still sees herself very much as Catholic."

Kusner said she had looked at other religions, such as Lutheranism, at first but felt she was always meant to be Catholic. So, she instead turned to becoming a deacon and then a priest.

"I felt like it was time for me to claim who I truly am, and that is a priestly person called to ordination," she said. "I feel like now, as an ordained deacon, I am more in keeping with my true belief."

Despite a lack of official recognition, Kusner said her patients have not taken issue with her performing of rites and sacraments and even asked her to do so.

The biggest challenge for the chaplain was not excommunication — Kusner holds that while she may violate the letter of Vatican law, she is in keeping with the spirit of her faith — but the response from her father and mother, strong Catholics who at one point wanted to be a priest and a nun.

Even though her parents suggested that she wait until the Vatican says that women can become priests, Kusner said that waiting would not bring attention to the issue.

"It won't happen unless we begin to express the desire for it and the need for it to happen," she said.

Only yes means yes

Harry Brod presents ideas and constructive conversation about sexual consent in the college environment.

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In an age in which sex and gender debates are still brewing, Harry Brod hopes to be a guiding light.

The professor of philosophy and humanities at the University of Northern Iowa has run the lecture circuit before, and he is ready to unleash more thoughtful ideas regarding some of his main topics of study and interest: male anti-violence and gender equality.



Brod
professor

Brod will present a lecture titled "Beyond 'But We Were Both Drinking': The Ethics and Erotics of Sexual Consent" at 7 p.m. in C20 Pomerantz Career Center. Admission is free.

Sexual consent is something that many people are not sure how to clearly define. Brod comes to college campuses armed with the knowledge and capacity to thoroughly discuss what sexual consent means (only yes means yes) and how to recognize when it is or isn't present.

The New York native earned a master's and doctorate in philosophy from the University of California-San Diego, and he has taught at UNI for 11 years. With Brod, the concept of

engaging and involving those around him in intellectual conversation is one that is a constant in his professional endeavors.

"Teaching students, especially in philosophy is about engaging them with challenging ideas, and I find that very rewarding," he said.

Aside from his work as a professor, he is also involved in what is called the pro-feminist men's movement. This political organization consists of men who make common cause with women as allies in the struggle for gender justice. As one of the national representatives of the group, Brod has been supporting and organizing events and conferences for gender equality and anti-violence for many years.

Presentation is key for Brod — he gives his lectures all over the country. Both at the beginning and end of a lecture, he will strike up conversation and share his personal views regarding consent. His intent is to focus on college campus activity, particularly with students.

"The first task is to present the questions to get students to think about it on their own," Brod said. "Hopefully, they will leave thinking about how to be more ethical with each other."

Jerrod Koon, the coordinator of the UI Men's

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Antiviolence Council, has seen Brod speak several times, each with something new to learn.

"With the recent change in our sexual-misconduct policy, I think every student, faculty, and staff could benefit from this information," Koon said. "If you don't understand or can't explain what affirmative consent means, then you can't be sure you have it."

Such information can prove invaluable to any person caught in a situation that brings up a matter of sexual consent. However, Brod said, it is not his job to preach right and wrong, but rather to educate and promote healthy discussion of an otherwise sensitive issue.

"I try to put forth a positive model about how we can relate to each other," he said. "I'm not talking about punishments and sanctions and laws, but instead holding out for consideration what ethical standards we want to hold ourselves to."

NATION

How Arizona became center of immigration debate

PHOENIX (AP) — The frustration had been building for years in Arizona with every drug-related kidnapping, every home invasion, every "safe house" discovered crammed with illegal immigrants from Mexico.

The tensions finally spilled over this month with passage of the nation's toughest law

against illegal immigration, a measure that has put Arizona at the center of the heated debate over how to deal with the millions of people who sneak into the U.S. every year.

A number of factors combined to produce the law: a heavily conservative Legislature, the ascent of a Republican governor, anger over the federal government's failure to secure the border, and growing anxiety over crime that reached a fever pitch last month with the slaying of an Arizona rancher,

apparently by an illegal immigrant.

"The public wants something done. They're tired of it," said state Sen. Russell Pearce, who sponsored the legislation. "They've seen the ineptness and the malfeasance on the part of the government, and they're frustrated."

The new law makes it a state crime to be in the U.S. illegally and directs police to question people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they are illegal.

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Ex-Air Force member claims to have explosives on plane

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — A former member of the U.S. Air Force on a flight from Paris to Atlanta claimed he had explosives in his luggage and a fake passport, forcing federal air marshals to intervene and the plane to be diverted to Maine on Tuesday, U.S. officials said.

The officials, who spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss personnel matters and because the investi-

gation was ongoing, said the man was a former member of the active duty Air Force until last year. The officials would not say what rank he held or the type of discharge he received. The man claimed he had a fake passport, but the passport was authentic, they said.

There were 235 passengers and 13 crew aboard Delta Air Lines Flight 273, which landed safely just after 3:30 p.m. at Bangor International Airport, Delta spokeswoman Susan Elliott said.

Federal officials met the aircraft at the airport. The Transportation Security

Administration said the passenger was being interviewed by law enforcement.

After the man was apprehended, flight attendants collected passengers' pillows and blankets, piling the cushions in the back of the plane, according to Charde Houston, an all-star forward for the WNBA's Minnesota Lynx who was on the flight.

"It was definitely surreal, something you only hear about," Houston, who was on her way to San Diego to surprise her mother before reporting to training camp, told the AP in a telephone interview.

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Not the bird whisperer, but close

UI alumna Meredith Caskey has a gift for teaching students about the outdoors.

By **NICK GANS**
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In front of 12 silent fifth-graders in the depths of a dense forest just outside Iowa City, Meredith Caskey let out a mellow blue-jay call on a clear morning last week. Caskey and the students quickly turned their heads to the sky and scanned the horizon, hoping that a bird would arrive.

Bird calling is one of the talents that have allowed the 35-year-old program assistant with a passion for teaching children to find her niche at the School of the Wild, a University of Iowa division located at the Macbride Nature Recreational Area.

The weeklong program focuses on teaching elementary students the importance of having awareness, appreciation, and action in the environment in which they live. And Caskey is an integral part.

"Sometimes, the call doesn't work," she told the watchful group, glancing toward the sunlit sky on a 76-degree day.

Even though the blue jay didn't come to Caskey, she promised the jovial group they would catch a bird by the end of the day.

Teaching is something Caskey has long envisioned herself doing, as a high-school student in Belgium to her time as a theater and art-history major at the UI. But she said she never thought her educational ambitions would take her to the Iowa outdoors.

"I'd have to credit my dad for getting me to love the outdoors, but it was my mom who encouraged me to take a class or do something that had nothing to do with your plan and see where it takes you," Caskey said.

The School of the Wild was just that, she said.

Some volunteer work eventually led to a full-time position at School of the Wild, where she spends the morning and afternoons teaching students about the various ecosystems of Iowa and marking the animals she catches for research on migration patterns.

She has since gained the admiration of the students, teachers, and coworkers.

"I'm just amazed at Meredith's knowledge here and how she can relate it to the students," said Meagan Zwanziger, a 33-year-old fifth-grade teacher at Coralville Central Elementary. "It'd be very easy for it to go over their heads, but she's just a natural at it."

Said Jason Jensen, a fellow program assistant: "I can't say enough about what she's done since she got here. Meredith's enthusiasm just rubs off on everyone here, from the workers to the kids."

Caskey credits this and her energy around children as reasons she loves her job. Her work could be difficult for people who aren't flexible with their time or ready for the spontaneity of children, she said. But that's what she enjoys most — and it shows.

As the students took turns asking her questions about the sparrow they caught, Caskey sat in the middle of the log benches, the center of attention with as much euphoric enthusiasm as the children.

"I get to deal with different kids every week and when they are really eager to learn," the Lubbock, Texas, native said later. "I have a hand in educating a lot of the students around the area about something I love to be around. It's tough to beat it."

Even at home, Caskey's job as a teacher remains.

"I'll be playing with my 2-year-old daughter, and she'll tell me, 'Mommy, go get that bird,'" the mother of two said. "It's a little tougher than that," I tell her. "I'm not the bird whisperer."

But don't tell that to the fifth-graders, who bevy her with questions as they exit the forest for a lunch break.

By the end of Caskey's day with them, she kept her promise. Using a net, some birdseed, and the assistance of the students, she captured two sparrows and answered all the questions the newly enthusiastic students could come up with.

Meredith Caskey

- **Age:** 35
- **Hometown:** Lubbock, Texas
- **Favorite movie:** *The Goonies*
- **Favorite sports team:** Baltimore Orioles
- **Favorite actor:** Meryl Streep
- **Favorite state to visit:** Wisconsin
- **Favorite animal:** Eastern tiger salamander

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Meredith Caskey shows a salamander to niece Maya Mozena in College Green Park on Tuesday. Caskey works at the UI School of the Wild. She teaches children about the environment and the living things in the area.

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UISG Senate splits committee

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The legislation calls for two groups:

- The Student Services

Committee is responsible for issues that benefit UI undergraduates, including student life, residence life, and athletics. A subcommittee of the group, Student Parking Appeals Review Committee, is responsible for reviewing parking-ticket appeals by graduate and undergraduate students.

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— by **Michelle Hillenbrand**

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Cincinnati 6, Houston 2
Baltimore 5, N.Y. Yankees 4



Luol Deng

NBA

Cavs fend off Bulls to advance

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James just missed a triple-double despite an apparently sore right elbow, and the Cleveland Cavaliers advanced to a playoff date with Boston by beating Chicago, 96-94, in Game 5 on Tuesday night in perhaps Vinny Del Negro's final game as Bulls coach.

James, favoring a tender right elbow that appears to hurt worse than he's letting on, scored 19 points — 16 in the second half — and added 10 rebounds and nine assists as the Cavs finally saddled the stubborn Bulls to win the series 4-1. Unable to lift his right arm, James was forced to shoot a free throw left-handed with 7.8 seconds left.

Antawn Jamison scored 25 points for Cleveland, which will face the Celtics, reuniting teams that don't like each other and who played a testy seven-game series in 2008.

Game 1 will be Saturday. "A lot of people are saying they're too old, but we know they're going to come out and give us their best shot," said Jamison, who was not with the Cavs the last time Cleveland met Boston in the postseason. "It's going to be a hard-fought series. It should be fun."

Derrick Rose scored 31 points and Luol Deng 26 for the Bulls, who had several shots roll in and out in the final minutes.

Delonte West had 16 points, and Shaquille O'Neal added 14 while racking up fouls against Chicago's big men.

The Cavs were intent on closing out the series at home but they couldn't shake the Bulls, who were trying to send the series back to Chicago for Game 6.

MLB

Rangers stop White Sox

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas catcher Matt Treanor had a solo homer and a two-run double for his first extra-base hits of the season, and former reliever C.J. Wilson had another solid start for the Rangers in a 4-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday night.

Treanor's big game came hours after the Rangers optioned Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Taylor Teagarden, the two catchers on their season-opening roster, to Triple-A Oklahoma City.

Wilson (2-1) gave up two runs over six innings, striking out Donny Lucy to end the sixth with the bases loaded after going to a 3-0 count and then having Lucy foul off three full-count pitches before finally swinging and missing.

Dustin Nippert worked two scoreless innings, then Frank Francisco had a perfect ninth for his first save in three chances.

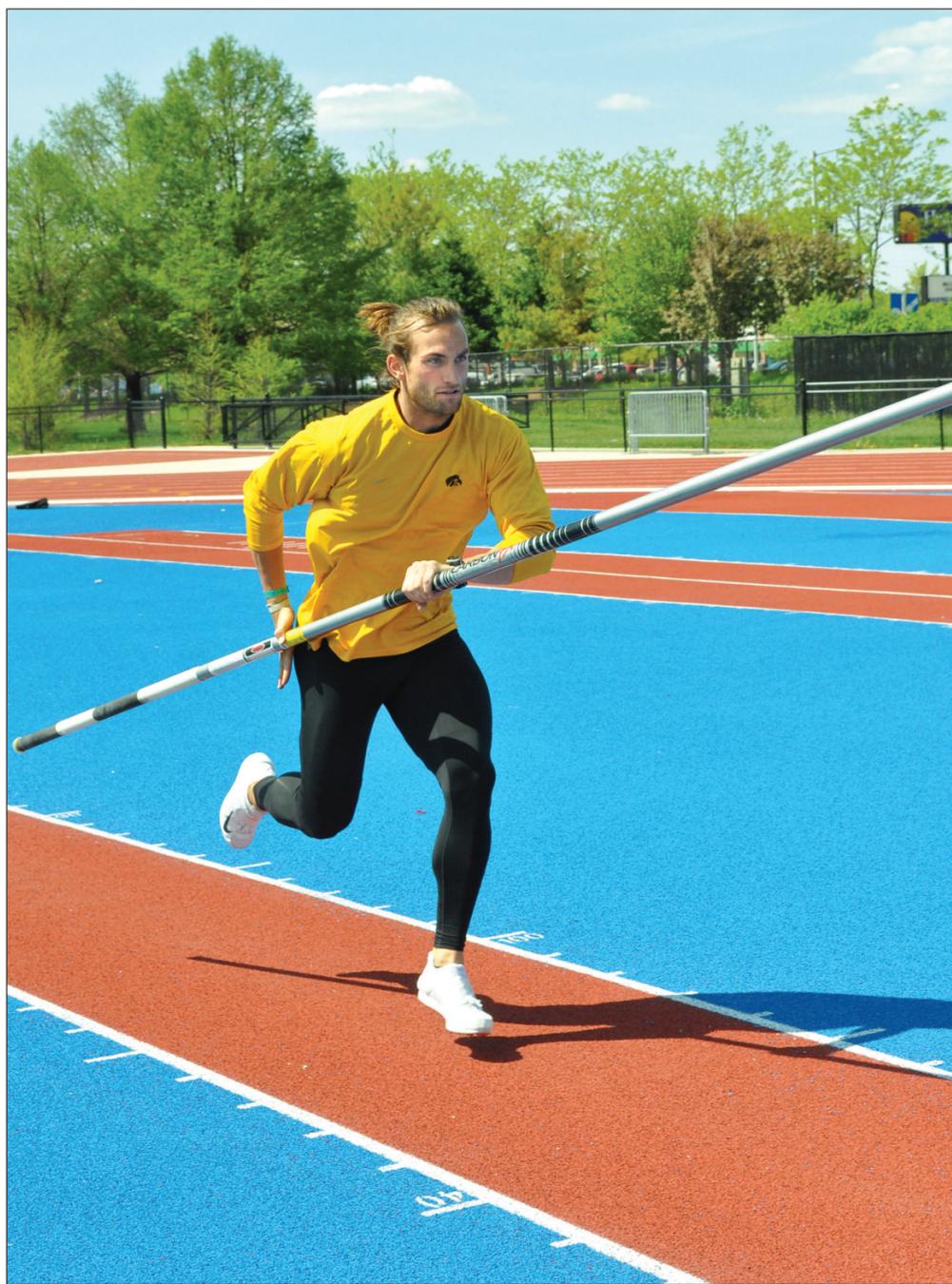
Francisco lost his closer job after blowing two save chances the first week of the season. Hard-throwing Neftali Feliz, who took over as the closer, was unavailable after pitching the previous two games, and giving up back-to-back homers in the ninth inning of a loss to Detroit on Monday night.

White Sox left-hander Mark Buehrle (2-3) lost his third-straight start, allowing four runs over seven innings.

Carlos Quentin snapped a 1-for-34 slide with an infield RBI single in the fifth for

Rolling really rolling now

Decathlete Dan Rolling set a school record at the Drake Relays last weekend.



MOHAMMED ALHADAB/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior decathlete Dan Rolling practices the pole vault at Cretzmeyer Track on Tuesday. Rolling scored 6,957 points last weekend at the Drake Relays, breaking the school record in the decathlon.

By **MATT SCHOMMER**
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Breaking school records isn't enough for decathlete Dan Rolling. He has to obliterate them.

"Both of them are kind of bitter-sweet," the senior said. "I would have liked to smash them more than I did."

After scoring 6,957 points at the Drake Relays last weekend, a school record, Rolling said he feels he has a lot more firepower to unleash.

Rolling had a great first day of competition at the Drake Relays — he led the field — but it was the second day, and the discus event in particular, that sent him back to eighth place overall.

Now, a high mark of 7,300 points remains his goal.

Iowa head coach Larry Wiecek said he believes Rolling has a legitimate shot at reaching such a mark.

"That's a challenge that's not out of sight," he said. "But you do want a challenge that's out of reach, so you can stretch yourself to reach it."

Originally recruited by the Hawkeyes as a high jumper, Rolling has had to make a difficult transition into events he has little experience in, such as the discus and pole vault. Becoming a multi-event athlete stemmed from boredom at competitions.

Rolling said he was sick of traveling for 12 hours and only jumping three times, prompting him and the coaches to figure out a better way to use his athleticism.

Wiecek said teaching someone who had as little experience as Rolling did in some of the events wasn't as hard as others.

"The decathlon, for anybody, is a challenge," he said. "There are 10 different disciplines to master, but the positive is that he really loves it. He wants to do the decathlon, and that part of it makes it easy."

The Drake Relays — a venue Rolling said he has always felt comfortable in — is only one example of the fruits of his transformation.

"Drake is like a home stadium for me," he said. "I've probably had more meets there than home."

SEE ROLLING, 3B

Siena forward eyes Hawks

The Iowa men's basketball team receives a visit from a 6-7 forward.

By **BRENDAN STILES**
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Melsahn Basabe, a 6-7 forward who originally signed a letter of intent to play for Fran McCaffery at Siena, may possibly reunite with McCaffery at Iowa.

Basabe flew into the Quad Cities on Tuesday, his high-school coach David Lubick said, and he will visit Iowa City with his mother today.

The Glen Cove, N.Y., native averaged 13 points and nine rebounds per game as a senior at St. Mark's School in Southborough, Mass. Lubick said he has been impressed with how Basabe has handled the transition, noting that a big part of his initial decision to go to Siena was because of McCaffery.

"He liked Siena because it was close to home. He

liked the way they played and everything like that, but much of it was about Coach McCaffery," Lubick said. "When this opportunity presented itself, he was pretty much calm about the whole thing and just decided to bid his time."

"It was made clear to him before he committed to Siena that Coach McCaffery believed in him strongly, and he knew he was going to have the opportunity to follow him if he went somewhere."

Should Basabe become a Hawkeye, he would fill one of four available scholarships McCaffery has at his disposal. More importantly, the addition would add more depth to the Iowa roster, which has nine players on scholarship, including incoming freshmen Zach McCabe and Devyn Marble.

"This gives them a guy who is similar [to former Hawkeye Aaron Fuller], at least in terms of size, athleticism, on the wing, in the

SEE HOOPS, 3B

Some may miss out on Iowa State game tickets

The contest's tickets may be gone for some general-public season-ticket holders in the fall.

By **IAN MARTIN**
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University of Iowa students with season football tickets will get stubs for all seven home dates in the fall, but some general-public fans may not be as fortunate.

In a release on Sunday, the athletics department stated that at the current pace tickets are selling, requests for all home games may not be fulfilled because of space conflicts with the Iowa State game.

Pam Finke, the director of Hawkeye ticket operations, said the Iowa State band will come to Kinnick for the Sept. 11 contest and will need space in the north end zone.

While the number of visiting fan tickets is usually predetermined, bands are another issue. Indiana and Northern Iowa's ensembles came last season and were put in a north end zone section. But this year, demand for season tickets has risen, meaning the



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Hawkeye fans ask for autographs after the Iowa football team's final spring practice in Kinnick Stadium on April 17. More than 20,000 fans attended the game.

Prices for full 2010 season football tickets

- General public: \$360
- UI faculty and staff: \$290
- UI students: \$168

Source: hawkeyesports.com

north end zone seats are not as readily available.

Demand isn't a problem at Iowa State because visiting bands are placed in temporary seating at Jack Trice Stadium. But at Kinnick, bands must occupy bleacher seats.

The current plan if the general-public season tickets sell out, something officials expect to happen by end of the week, is to offer partial season packages to some first-time buyers.

SEE TICKETS, 3B



IOWA 5, NEBRASKA 2

Baseball hangs on, beats Nebraska

The team prevails 5-2, despite a drama-filled ninth inning.

By JORDAN GARRETSON
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The Iowa baseball team (17-21) cruised for the better part of eight innings against Nebraska (19-22) for a 5-2 victory Wednesday night — its first against the Cornhuskers since March 4, 2007.

But Nebraska lead-off hitter DJ Belfonte and Iowa closer Kevin Lee provided the 765 fans at Banks Field with plenty of drama in the tussle.

Although the Cornhuskers trailed, 5-2, runners on first and second meant the senior center fielder represented the tying run as he strolled to the plate with two outs in the top of the ninth.

"If he's going to get beat, you're going to have to swing the bat against him," Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said about Lee, who throws almost every one of his pitches for a strike.

And the next batter — Belfonte — unleashed a swing that nearly beat him.

Lee's 2-2 offering



BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa senior Ryan Durant takes a swing during the third inning of the Hawkeyes' game against Nebraska in Banks Field on Tuesday. Iowa beat Nebraska, 5-2, for the first time since March 4, 2007.

exploded off Belfonte's bat deep down the right-field line, instantly hushing the mostly pro-Hawkeye crowd.

"Out of my hand, I was like, 'Oh crap,'" Lee said. "I knew I left the ball up, and I knew he could punish me for it."

There was never any doubt the ball was immediately destined to land beyond the right field fence — the only question was if it would be ruled fair for a home run.

The call? Foul ball. Iowa fans rejoiced while

the Hawkeyes, including Lee, breathed a sigh of a relief.

"Basically, I was ready to start cussing myself out," Lee said. "I let up a cookie that was right over the middle of the plate. I saw it going foul. I didn't know if it was going to get foul quick enough, but luckily for our team, it did."

And in much less exciting fashion, Lee's next pitch resulted in an infield pop-up, marking the game's final out and Lee's eighth save of the

season.

Lee's successful, albeit adventurous, appearance helped preserve a win for senior Zach Robertson (3-3). The southpaw surrendered no hits in 1 2/3 innings of work after one inning by fellow reliever Patrick Schatz.

Freshman Matt Dermody earned a no-decision after recording his second-consecutive start, taking the mound for 5 1/2 innings and allowing two runs on six hits.

"He did an outstanding job all night long," Dahm said. "That's a big outing for Dermody. He got recruited by Nebraska and some other real big programs. It's a growing up experience for him. He's making big strides, and today was a big step for his future."

Mike McQuillan delivered Iowa's most clutch performance at the plate. The sophomore second baseman drove in two runs on a base knock in the seventh inning after Nebraska intentionally walked Zach McCool to load the bases.

Those runs opened up

a 4-2 Hawkeye lead and broke a 2-2 tie.

"I was trying to get a pitch up," McQuillan said. "I knew I was probably going to see a lot of off-speed pitches. He ended up getting behind in the count, 3-1, and I just sat on a fastball. I think he made a mistake because it was right over the plate, and I hit it."

Iowa will face Creighton in Omaha today at 6:35 p.m.

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Muller back up to full speed

Center fielder Kurtis Muller is rounding back into form after tweaking his hamstring earlier in the season.

By J.T. BUGOS
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Speed cannot be taught. Fortunately for the Iowa baseball team, Kurtis Muller has it, and he takes pride in burning the base paths.

But on March 31, the center fielder had his most valuable asset stripped from him.

After getting on base in the bottom of the third via a line-drive single with two outs, Dallas Burke hit a ground ball to the shortstop. Muller pulled up lame as he headed to second base, and he left the game with a tweaked hamstring.

He sat on the bench for a few contests, and when he returned, his speed wasn't quite up to par.

"It was tough. I had to go station to station instead of stealing bases," Muller said. "When I did get on, I was just sitting, waiting for the next guy to hit me to second base and then third base and then pound me in."

Muller said he is 100 percent now, and Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said he sees his player's confidence grow with each at-bat. Against Nebraska on Tuesday, he posted two hits, and last weekend against Michigan, he totaled seven hits in 12 at-bats.

"His swing is getting really close to being really good right now," Dahm said. "He was turning on some balls last weekend against Michigan. He's getting back in that groove he was before he hurt his hamstring."

Muller's work in the field has shown his legs are back to full strength.



BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa junior Kurtis Muller bunts in the third inning during the Hawkeyes' games against Nebraska in Banks Field on Tuesday.

"It was tough. I had to go station to station instead of stealing bases. When I did get on, I was just sitting, waiting for the next guy to hit me to second base and then third base and then pound me in."

— Kurtis Muller, junior

Last weekend against Michigan, he was shaded toward right field before a pitch. A Wolverine batter struck a ball to deep left-center, but Muller tracked down the ball and turned an would-be extra base hit into an out.

"It's unbelievable how much ground he covers. He's smart, too," Iowa second baseman Mike McQuillan said. "He doesn't make mistakes out there or dive for balls he shouldn't. He's just Plain Jane out there, and he covers a lot of ground."

Muller isn't just exceptional in the field, however. The junior also carries

one of the Hawkeyes' most potent bats to the plate. A hit usually leads to swiped bags as well.

"He's a table-setter for us," Dahm said. "When he gets on, people have to worry about the stolen base and what he's going to be doing. He's one of the best leadoff hitters in the Big Ten, and he's doing an outstanding job."

Muller wasn't always a leadoff hitter, though. As a freshman, he tallied RBIs in the fifth spot, and last year, he spent most of his time hitting third in the order.

Last summer, learned

he would be the first up to bat for the Hawkeyes, and he put in work to ensure his effectiveness.

"The first couple months of the summer was an adjusting period trying to figure out what I can and can't do as a leadoff hitter," the Sun Prairie, Wis., native said. "Going into this year, I knew I had to cut back on my strikeouts. I feel pretty comfortable right now."

Dahm said he wishes he could have four or five players in the mold of Muller. The seventh-year head coach called Muller the catalyst of the team, and noted that when Muller struggles, the Hawkeyes often struggle to score.

"When people play us, their No. 1 goal is to keep Kurtis Muller off the base paths," Dahm said. "And when he gets going good like he is right now, he's tough to keep off the bases."

NBA

Celtics chill Heat

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Celtics are heading to the second round of the NBA playoffs and a potential matchup with LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Making Allen scored 24 points, ray five 3-pointers in the second half, to help Boston beat

Miami 96-86 in Game 5 of their first-round playoff series on Tuesday night and eliminate the Heat. With Heat star Dwyane Wade due to become a free agent — along with James — it could be an eventful summer in Miami.

Boston advanced to the Eastern Conference semifinals thanks to 16 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists from Rajon

Rondo. Paul Pierce scored 21 for the Celtics, who will play either Cleveland or Chicago; the Cavaliers took a 3-1 lead into Game 5 of their first-round series later Tuesday night.

Wade scored 31 points — far short of the franchise postseason-record 46 he scored Sunday in Game 4 in Miami to help the Heat stave off elimination.

The Celtics led by as many as 21 points in the third quarter before Miami scored 16 of the next 18 points to make it 69-62. Wade scored 13 in what turned into a 24-6 run that cut the deficit to 73-70 on his three-point play with 10:14 left in the game.

Wade scored 20 in the second half in all; he also finished with 10 assists and eight rebounds.

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ROLLING

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Drake also represents the first time he made a connection with former Iowa track and field decathlete Ryan Niver.

Niver approached the Milford, Iowa, native during Rolling's senior year of high school at the Drake Relays. Rolling was a recruit at the time, competing in the high jump.

"That's where we sort of hit it off," Niver said. "We had the same build, had some similar backgrounds. We were training partners. We evolved together, I guess."

Rolling said Niver has always been an important mentor for him. Niver introduced and aided Rolling in a lot of the events he was unfamiliar with because the state of Iowa doesn't have pole vaulting in high schools. The feat provided the two another shared obstacle to overcome.

But Niver has helped Rolling even more so off the field.

"It's about keeping your head on straight," Niver said. "You're doing so many



MOHAMMED ALHADAB/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior track and field athlete Dan Rolling puts on his shoes before practice at the Cretzmeyer Track on Tuesday.

different things, it takes a lot of focus. Iowa City can be a very distracting place."

The pair's bond shares one more especially unique feature. It was Niver's school

record that Rolling broke.

"It's great," Niver said. "If I wanted someone to take it down, I'd want it to be him. I couldn't be happier."



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Iowa fans raise their hands in the shape of an I during the Iowa/Arizona game on Sept. 19, 2009, in Kinnick Stadium. Iowa fans cheer after touchdowns with each corner shouting a different Iowa letter, I, O, W, or A.

TICKETS

CONTINUED FROM 1B

First-time season-ticket purchasers in the general public may be offered a package with all games aside from the Cy-Hawk contest at an appropriately lowered price.

Ben Davis, who graduated from UI in the winter with a degree in management and finance and now works in the Chicago area, recently purchased his first non-student season tickets. The 22-year old said while he understands Iowa and Iowa State have an agreement to accommodate visiting bands, officials should consider a process for those who can't get all seven games.

"Maybe don't give them to first-timers who aren't alumni," said Davis, who

plans on driving the three-and-a-half hours to attend games next year. "I don't think it's very fair to alumni. I [went to Iowa] for five years."

Even with the increase in season-ticket sales, Iowa still must fulfill its understanding with Iowa State to allow for the correct number of seats. Big Ten games are usually fixed at 4,000 visitor tickets, with the exception of 3,000 seats at Wisconsin and Minnesota.

But teams can put more or fewer into a non-conference contract if the two teams can agree on the numbers, said Bill Jones, the Ohio State associate athletics director for external affairs.

"Let's say, for instance, Akron wanted to come in here," said Jones, referring to a potential non-conference game with an in-state opponent. "We

may give them 5,000 seats [instead of 4,000]."

The philosophy of Iowa's agreement may be similar in that with a local team, there are more anticipated visiting fans.

But just because 4,000 seats are given to Iowa State, that doesn't mean Cyclone fans will be in all of the seats. It appears some possible partial season-ticket holders are prepared to be in Kinnick for the 2010 game even if that means finding other means of entrance.

"If I didn't get it with my season ticket, I would try to buy a single-game ticket," Davis said. "I know some people at Iowa State who could help."

TWINS 2, TIGERS 0

Liriano stops Detroit

BY LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

DETROIT — Francisco Liriano pitched eight scoreless innings, leading the Minnesota Twins to a 2-0 win over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

Liriano (3-0) struck out 10 and gave up the first of four hits in the fifth and walked only one. Jon Rauch closed the game for his seventh save.

Justin Verlander (1-2) gave up an unearned run and struck out a season-high seven over 5 2/3 innings.

Left fielder Ryan Raburn dropped what would've been the third out of the sixth to let Jim Thome score from first after he walked. Second baseman Scott Sizemore made a

wide throw on what should've been the final out of the seventh, allowing Michael Cuddyer to score.

Minnesota played the Tigers for the first time since beating them in the 163rd game last year.

The Twins probably will be tough to beat again this season, winning the first six series of a season for the first time in franchise history, especially if Liriano looks like he did before elbow surgery stunted his career.

They have to hope, though, Justin Morneau's stiff back isn't going to be a lingering problem. The star first baseman didn't play after the fifth inning, but the team said the move was made for precautionary reasons.

The 2006 AL MVP played

his final game last season on Sept. 12 because of a back injury. He struck out in each of his three at-bats against Verlander after reaching base in each of Minnesota's first 19 games, hitting in 16 of them.

Liriano extended his scoreless innings streak to 23 in the series opener at Detroit. He had his highest strikeout total since matching a career high with 12 against Detroit on July 28, 2006, when he was en route to a 12-win season as a rookie phenom.

He missed the 2007 season recovering from Tommy John surgery and won a combined 11 games the past two seasons.

If Liriano keeps pitches like this, he might reach that total by the All-Star break.

HOOPS

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The spring signing peri-

od concludes on May 19.

On the coaching front, McCaffery is still trying to land one more assistant coach and a graduate assistant. Iowa Sports Information Director Matt Weitzel said on Tuesday no real timetable is in place to fill the third assistant coaching vacancy and that McCaffery could make a decision anytime.

The Iowa head coach has hired two assistants, Andrew Francis and Kirk Speraw. Francis worked under McCaffery at Siena; Speraw, a former Hawkeye player for Lute Olson, was hired April 23 after a 17-year head-coaching stint at Central Florida.



Women's tennis aims for the top

Hawkeyes hope academics, new facilities will help bring in recruits.

By JON FRANK
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Katie Dougherty may soon put the Iowa women's tennis team on the Big Ten map.

Under the first-year head coach, the Hawkeyes have managed a 16-5 overall record, the best since 2006 and a drastic turnaround from the 7-14 campaign a year ago.

Northwestern, on the other hand, had finished first or tied for first in the conference for 11-consecutive years. That streak was broken this season by Michigan, which finished undefeated in Big Ten play and will be the No. 1 seed in this week's conference tournament. Third-year coach Ronni Bernstein now boasts a 28-2 record in Big Ten meets.

So how can Iowa build upon its successful season to achieve similar results later? "I think it's a combina-

tion of recruiting the best athletes and training them properly," Dougherty said. "I think a lot has to do with getting lucky, too, with injuries. In our sport, an injury up top can really hurt you."

Junior Jessica Young said there is a distinct difference between competing against top-caliber schools, such as Northwestern and Michigan, as opposed to less distinguished programs.

"The top teams are going to make one more ball," she said. "You have to expect to have longer points, to have to work harder. They don't give up as easy."

Recruits tend to go to schools with warm weather and good academics, Northwestern coach Claire Pollard said. Pollard also cited education and the university's support for women's tennis as the premier factors in her team's repeated success.

The University of Iowa

ranks 29th in the nation in overall academics among public schools, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. Michigan is ranked as the fourth-best public university academically. Northwestern, a private school, ranks 12th nationally in academics.

"[Michigan and Northwestern] are both really good academic schools and [have good] tennis players," Young said. "There are a lot of really smart girls who play tennis, and I think that those schools, being really good academic schools, really helps [recruiting]."

In the spring of 2009, the Hawkeyes had four players — juniors Alexis Dorr and Lynn Poggensee-Wei and seniors Kelcie Klockenga and Merel Beelen — earn conference All-Academic honors, which requires student-athletes to carry a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Aside from academics attracting talented

recruits, state-of-the-art facilities can sometimes play an important factor in a player's decision of where to attend, Young said.

Michigan's Varsity Tennis Center serves as a significant recruiting tool.

Opened in 1997, it cost \$6 million to build and was recently renovated to include indoor and outdoor

electronic scoreboards, indoor video cameras for each court, and indoor and outdoor audio systems.

Iowa is on track as far as academics and facilities, though. The 4-year-old Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex has some of the same features that make Michigan's facility appealing, such as indoor

electronic scoreboards, and Dougherty said the team's facilities should soon help in recruiting.

"Prospective student-athletes are going to see where they are going to be spending a lot of their time," she said. "To have a brand-spanking-new place that's clean and modern makes things a lot easier."

Familiar foe for softball

Iowa enters the contest riding its first two-game losing streak since March 13.

By MITCH SMITH
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When members of the Iowa softball team look into the opposing dugout, they usually see the enemy.

But when the Hawkeyes host Northern Iowa tonight, some will see friends and former teammates. Four Iowa players will challenge former high-school teammates at 6 p.m. in Pearl Field today.

Senior Lindsey Digmann and freshman Johnnie Dowling will face two former teammates from their respective high schools, and seniors Katie Brown and Amanda Zust will each face one.

Panther sophomore Hannah Borschel isn't only connected to the Hawkeyes — former high-school teammate Digmann, though, she's also the sister of Iowa's 174-pound NCAA wrestling champion Jay Borschel.

"When you go to play somebody that you know, you're going to come out and play with all you have," said Dowling, who was high-school teammates with UNI's Laura Turner and Sarah Bakey at West Des Moines Valley. "It's added fun, and you definitely want to come out on top."

The Panthers (24-20) have had little success against the Hawkeyes in recent years, with Iowa winning four of the last five meetings. But the Hawkeyes (23-16) enter today's contest on a low note, riding a two-game losing streak after dropping a pair of games to Penn State last weekend.

Iowa's offense managed only five hits in two games against the Nittany Lions and were outscored 12-3 in the process.

Iowa head coach Gayle Blevins said it would be an understatement to say her team was subpar, and the coaching staff was mystified by the team's approach.

"We struggled in all parts of our game," Blevins said. "You can't expect to win when all our parts aren't up to speed."

A multi-game losing streak is something the Hawkeyes haven't had much experience with this season. The last time the team recorded back-to-back losses was March 13.

The Hawkeye pitching staff, which had been solid over the past couple of weeks, struggled last weekend against the Nittany Lions. Zust has allowed seven earned runs in 7½ innings, and freshman hurler Chelsea Lyon gave up four earned runs in 4½ innings.



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Iowa senior Amanda Zust throws a pitch during the Hawkeyes' game against Western Illinois on April 18 at Pearl Field. Zust threw three strikeouts in the 8-0 win.

On offense, the squad's inability to put runs on the board could have something to do with the lack of production by their power hitters. Two of Iowa's top three run producers — Liz Watkins and Chelsey Carmody — have struggled knocking in runs home recently, combining to drive in only three runs over the past eight games.

Despite the team's struggles, Brown said, the Hawkeyes had their "best practice of the year" on Tuesday and will be ready to turn things around in their favor.

"The biggest thing that came out of practice was that we have to compete no matter the situation," she said.

With only nine games remaining in the season and the three best Big Ten opponents lurking ahead on the schedule, the Hawkeyes know

Iowa (23-16) vs. Northern Iowa (24-20)

When: 6 P.M. TODAY
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their postseason hopes are on the line every time they step on the field.

The team set a goal of "five-plus," meaning the players want to win at least five more games to close out the season.

Now that the long-term goal is established, Blevins said, the short-term goal is simple — focusing on being consistent day-to-day.

"There is a sense of urgency for us to get it done and accomplish our goal," Brown said. "It starts right now with Northern Iowa."

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Daily Break

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Facts about the Daily Break

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- Nathan Wulf thanks Andrew R. Juhl for collaborating on today's Ledge.

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horoscopes Wednesday, April 28, 2010

- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 You will expect everyone to show you what they are doing, not tell you about it. Your curiosity, coupled with your high energy and huge imagination, will lead to some new ideas and a successful partnership.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Act with confidence, and you will get everything you are asking for. Avoid any inconsistency or annoyance. Taking on a responsibility that belongs to a colleague will show how valuable you are and advancement will follow.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Start thinking about the future and how to ensure better health, wealth, and emotional stability. Start a new diet or set up an exercise routine. Make a commitment to improvement and to look at career options that will suit you better.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 You have options, but if you don't take advantage of them, you will end up spinning your wheels and wondering "what if?" Take the plunge, and you will make discoveries about who you are and what you can do. Love is in the stars.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Don't let things get to you today. Chill out, and focus on helping others or taking time out for a little pampering. You need to get centered and rethink your strategy so that you can make the right choices.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Speak your mind, and don't worry about anyone's disagreeing with you. Eventually, everyone will get on the same page. You can settle an overdue debt and make some changes to a partnership and your financial structure, putting your mind at ease.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Protect your interests. Call in favors, and give incentives to those willing to help you out. You will feel at ease once you start moving in a direction more in line with your personality.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 The potential to do something spectacular is present, and with a little ingenuity and a gentle nudge, you will make headway. Keep company with people just as talented, creative, and motivated as yourself.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 It's best to be reclusive or at least tight-lipped. Giving out secret information will lead to a problem with someone you didn't mean to upset. A change to your living arrangement will take you by surprise.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Renovations or buying or selling property will be successful and will position you well financially. An emotional issue will be resolved quickly if you're willing to meet halfway.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Rethink what you are trying to accomplish. If your motives are not right, you may have to start over. Someone will call your bluff or accuse you of not being true to your word. Communication will be important but honesty even more critical.
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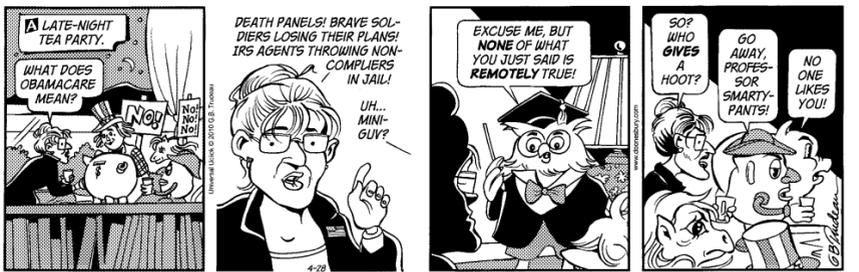
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- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council**, "The Macro War in Afghanistan," Thomas Goutierre, noon, Congressional United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton
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- **Kidrobics**, 4:30 p.m., Performance Health & Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- **Board Game Night**, 6:30 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 89 Second, Coralville
- **Forkenbrock Series on Public Policy**, "Policy Matters: Labor," Shel Stromquist and Jen Sherer, 6:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- **The Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **UI Carver College of Medicine Conference to Explore Writing and Medicine**, "Animal Songs: Bestiaries in English, French, and German," David Gompper, Stephen Swanson, and Marvin Bell, 6:45 p.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Burlington Street Bluegrass Band**, 7 p.m., The Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Free Pool**, 7 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **The Secret of Kells**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **MacGruber**, free sneak-peek, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Leadership Development Series: Hawkeye Awards**, 7 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Mary Kay Kusner, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **"Beyond 'But We Were Both Drinking': The Ethics and Erotics of Sexual Consent,"** Harry Brod, 7 p.m., C20 Pomerantz
- **Tax Deduction Seminar**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Area Association of Realtors, 438 Highway 1 W.
- **"Gandhi and Jesus: The Saving Power of Nonviolence,"** 7:30 p.m., Terrence Rynne, Newman Catholic Student Center, 104 E. Jefferson
- **Be a Contestant on "The Smartest Iowan,"** 8 p.m., Public Access Television, 206 Lafayette
- **Teen After Hours**, 8 p.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Jarrold Gorbel**, 8:30 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **Comedy Night**, 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
- **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., DC's, 245 Beaver Creek Center, North Liberty
- **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Blue Moose Tap House, 211 Iowa
- **Old Boy**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Talk Art**, Writers' Workshop, 9 p.m., Mill
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

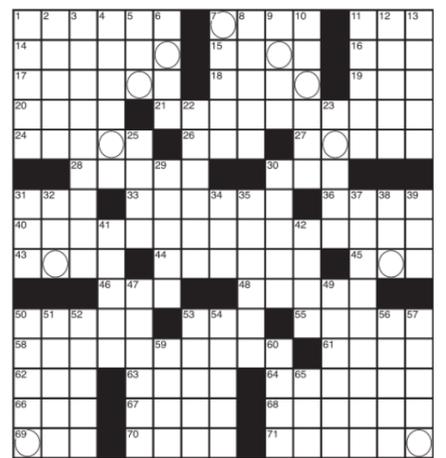
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Edited by Will Shortz

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- Across**
- Go over the wall, maybe
 - Asia's Trans Range
 - "Great" creature
 - Peter Pan lost his
 - Serenades the moon
 - Either of two A's rivals
 - Word after yes or no
 - Ancient concert halls
 - Don Ho adorment
 - Wagner's earth goddess
 - Conveynances at 40-Across
 - Revue bits
 - Nintendo's Super ___
 - Collagist Max
 - Some tides
 - 1936 foe of Franklin D.
 - Beaufort ___ area above Alaska
 - Prickly plants
 - "Voice of Israel" author
 - City with a landmark spelled out by the circled letters, reading left to right
 - Former Wall St. letters
 - Thoroughly frustrate
 - Early seventh-century year
 - ___-pah band
 - Holiday visitor, maybe
 - Org. headquartered on N.Y.C.'s First Avenue
 - Part of B.Y.O.B.
 - Letter before beth
 - 1904 event at 40-Across
 - Coin with the words REPUBBLICA ITALIANA
 - One may stand in it
 - Needle holder
 - Problem drinker, e.g.
 - Actor Cage, familiarly
 - Project, as a 14-Across
 - Arm-twisting
 - Come down with
 - See 65-Down
 - Soviet agcy. in Bond novels
- Down**
- Slalom maneuvers
 - Dodge, as a duty
 - Pro team in 40-Across
 - Madison Ave. cost
 - Creator of Roderick Usher
 - Basin go-with
 - Superior to
 - Does dock work
 - Yesterday, in the Yucatán
 - Juan Perón's third wife
 - Narnia lion
 - 5-Down and others
 - Be
 - Refuse to bend
 - Monteverdi opera partly set in the underworld
 - "Elephant Boy" boy
 - Spectrum-forming solid
 - Words after ugly or quilly
 - Govt.-issued ID
 - Info from the cockpit, for short
 - "Rehab" singer
 - Adriatic Riviera city
 - Brand associated with 40-Across
 - ___ cosine
 - Shoot down
 - Two-time N.L. batting champ
 - Lefty
 - Emmy winner
 - Ward
 - Next in the order
 - Cafe aroma, say
 - Vocal nasality
 - TV host Mandel
 - Way to stand
 - Worth having
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Injured, but not down & out

A trio of Iowa gymnasts saw the 2010 season through a different a different lens.

By **ROBBIE LEHMAN**
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During every practice last season, Iowa gymnasts flipped, swung, and vaulted their bodies through the air in the Field House gym.

But in a season filled with breakout performances, three Hawkeyes had their training time cut short.

Toiling alongside their teammates throughout the year, junior Kelly Galau and sophomores Rachel Corcoran and Jennie Schurman didn't tweak their routines. They rehabbed their respective injuries, a task that afforded a different vantage point on Iowa's 2009-10 season.

"You notice a lot more when you're out than on the floor and competing by yourself," Corcoran said. "You see a lot more. You start to realize things that the coaches talk about and what they really see from their perspective."

Sitting out wasn't an easy thing to do, Galau said, but it yielded a few positives.

"It's definitely difficult when you watch your teammates do everything that you want to do," Galau said. "It's hard to see them struggling in aspects that you know if you weren't hurt, you could help them out with."

"But it's been also rewarding because you know that everyone's still there for you. When you get hurt, you can really see how much people care about you and how much you really do matter."

Corcoran went down early in the season, tearing her ACL in a home loss to Illinois on Jan. 30 during her floor routine. A week later, Galau tore her meniscus on vault during Iowa's home win over Ohio State.

Schurman's year was entirely lost after she strained her Achilles tendon while tumbling in a floor routine in a preseason workout.

But while the trio nursed their injuries with the help



CHARLIE ANDERSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa sophomore gymnast Rachel Corcoran exercises her knee during practice in the Field House on Tuesday. Corcoran missed the Hawkeyes' 2009-10 campaign after tearing her anterior ACL four meets into the season.

of team trainer Jon Fravel and UI sports medicine physical therapist Mike Shaffer, they became closer, motivating each other with an optimistic approach.

"I feel like we've kind of formed a special bond because we're all kind of in the same boat, going through the same thing," Schurman said.

Not having the three gymnasts in the lineup proved to be an obstacle for head coach Larissa Libby, and the Hawkeyes struggled to find their groove early on because of the depleted roster.

"They were definitely key competitors in our lineup," junior Houry Gebeshian said. "We needed them, but they're pretty supportive outside the gym. They were

really disappointed to be out and not able to help us, but they did everything in their power to keep us motivated. It was great that they were still here to help us out when we needed them, even though they couldn't actually be in the lineups for us."

Losing the trio meant losing six routines, minimum. The wounded Hawkeyes were disappointed, but their positive attitude never vanished.

"[They] have remained in the gym every day, fighting and staying focused on the most important thing at the time, which was the team," Libby said. "That's never a question for them. Next year, it will be helpful [to have them back]."

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METS 4, DODGERS 0

Santana, Bay lift Mets to 5th straight

By MIKE FITZPATRICK
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jason Bay hit his first home run for the Mets to back another stingy outing by Johan Santana, and New York beat the slumping Los Angeles Dodgers, 4-0, in the opener of a double-header Tuesday for its fifth-straight victory.

Santana (3-1) worked his way around early traffic on the bases, tossing six innings of four-hit ball to extend a run of splendid starts by the Mets' surprising rotation.

Luis Castillo hit a two-run single, and New York pitched its second-consecutive shutout, following Mike Pelfrey's 1-0 win Sunday night over Atlanta in a game that was called in the sixth inning because of rain.

More wet weather Monday night led to Tuesday's old-fashioned, single-admission, twilight double-header — but few fans made it to blustery Citi Field in time for the first pitch at 4:10 p.m.

There were still plenty of empty sections of dark green seats down low by the time David Wright dived headfirst to score on a second-inning wild pitch by Hiroki Kuroda (2-1).

A sparse crowd began filing in as the game wore on, but it was far from a full

house as New York (11-9) improved to 7-1 on its 10-game homestand.

Pitching has been the key: Mets starters are 5-1 with a 1.17 ERA in the last 12 games, leading the club to a 9-3 record during that span.

As white napkins whipped around the outfield in the wind, Fernando Nieve worked two scoreless innings, and Pedro Feliciano finished the five-hitter. With its fourth shutout of the season, New York tied San Francisco for the major-league lead.

Oliver Perez was set to start for the Mets against knuckleballer Charlie Haeger in the nightcap, a matchup of winless pitchers.

Missing injured slugger Manny Ramirez, the Dodgers lost for the fourth time in five games. They have scored only five runs in their last four.

Wright drew a one-out walk in the second, went to third on Ike Davis' double and scored when Kuroda threw a wild pitch with the bases loaded.

Bay connected leading off the fourth, driving a 1-0 pitch over the 384-foot sign in left-center for his first home run since signing a \$66 million, four-year contract with the Mets.

New York had been waiting for Bay to break out the power bat that produced 36 home runs and 119 RBIs for the



New York Met Jason Bay (44) slides in with a first-inning RBI triple as Los Angeles Dodgers third baseman Ronnie Belliard (3) waits for the throw during the second baseball game of a double-header in New York on Tuesday.

KATHY WILLENS/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boston Red Sox last season.

Castillo made it 4-0 in the seventh with a two-run single off Ramon Troncoso after fellow reliever

Jon Link had loaded the bases.

NOTES: Dodger manager Joe Torre said injured RHP Vicente Padilla won't

throw for at least a week to 10 days, and there is no timetable for his return. Padilla, who went on the disabled list April 24, was

diagnosed Monday with irritation of the radial nerve in his forearm, a condition the team said is very rare for pitchers.

NATIONALS 3, CUBS 1

Hernandez stops Cubs

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Livan Hernandez pitched six-hit ball into the eighth inning, and the Washington Nationals beat the Chicago Cubs, 3-1, on a chilly Tuesday night.

At 35, Hernandez continues to excel this season after struggling last year. And the Nationals are enjoying a bit of a renaissance, themselves, with an 11-10 record that matches their best start since 2005.

Ian Desmond delivered a pair of RBI singles — one during a two-run first and one in the eighth that made it 3-1 — and Cristian Guzman added a run-scoring triple to back another dominant outing by Hernandez (3-1).

He did not allow an extra-base hit while outpitching Tom Gorzelanny (0-3) and continued to put aside last year's misery, when he was 9-12 with a 5.44 ERA for the Mets and Nationals. He left after Ryan Theriot led off the eighth with a single down the right-field line.

Tyler Clippard came in and walked Kosuke Fukudome on a 3-2 pitch before Derrek Lee popped out. Marlon Byrd then grounded to second on a 3-1 count, putting runners on second and third, and Aramis Ramirez bounced to first to end the inning.

Matt Capps allowed a two-out single to Geovany Soto in the ninth before striking out pinch-hitter Tyler Colvin for his major-league leading ninth save in as many chances. That snapped the Cubs' four-game win streak.

Gorzelanny lasted seven innings in his longest start this season, allowing two runs and five hits. He settled down after a rough first, but he is still seeking his first win even though his ERA is just 2.45.

With the gametime temperature at 43, the Nationals quickly warmed up and took the lead.

They got triples from two of the first three batters, with Nyjer Morgan driving

one to left-center leading off and scoring on a single by Desmond. Guzman then knocked a low slider over center fielder Byrd's head for another triple that made it 2-0.

The Cubs cut it to 2-1 in the second on back-to-back singles by Alfonso Soriano and Mike Fontenot that put runners on first and third before Soto's RBI forceout. But Chicago got little else against Hernandez, whose ERA is 0.87.

He has allowed just three runs in four starts, and the Nationals backed him with several highlight reel defensive plays on Tuesday, robbing Lee three times.

Third baseman Alberto Gonzalez dove to his left to snag Lee's liner in the first. In the third, it was Desmond taking away a hit when the shortstop made a diving stop on a grounder toward the middle and, from his stomach, flipped to Guzman at second to force Fukudome. Then, in the sixth, Josh Willingham reached up for a nice running catch on Lee's liner to left.

NOTES: Nationals C Ivan Rodriguez was back in the lineup after being scratched Monday because of lower back tightness. ... Ryan Zimmerman was out of the lineup for the sixth straight game with right hamstring soreness and probably won't start until this weekend's series at Florida. ... New Bear running back Chester Taylor threw out the ceremonial first pitch and delivered an off-key rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the seventh-inning that might have made Harry Caray cringe.

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