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City High freshman Tess Wisdom reads in the City High commons before working with members of the Iowa Writers' Workshop on Thursday. Wisdom enjoys writing fiction; she is working on a small piece.

## Workshop aids blooming writers

The Writer's Workshop has also met with middle school students.

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City High junior Mason Greer has self-published a book. But that doesn't mean the 17-year-old doesn't value all the professional feedback he can get. Now, his high school is offering just that.

On Thursday, a group of 15 City High students and four members of the Iowa Writers' Workshop met at City High as part of the first session of "Writers in Bloom" — a pilot partnership program aimed at providing student writers with an opportunity to have their work reviewed by professionals.

"There are sports for athletes and orchestra and choir for students interested in music, but there's not a whole lot for creative writers," said City High language-arts teacher Robin Fields. "But today, they have that, plus professionals who can give them feedback and nurture that interest."

"Writers in Bloom" began when City High Principal John Bacon approached the language-arts teachers in February with hopes of connecting the school's aspiring young writers with students at the Workshop, said City High language-arts teacher Brad Hartwig.

"We knew that having the Writers' Workshop in town was a great resource for our students, and that, perhaps, we could give students a great experience working with professional writers," Hartwig said.

Greer, who self-published his novel, *Hybrid Hoodlum*, last week, said Writers in Bloom gives them a chance to read and critique each other's work.

"I liked to make up stories in my head for the longest time, and when I was 14, I decided to actually try to put it on paper," he said. "It's not perfect yet, but I decided it was good enough for people to see."

Before Thursday's session, students submitted a written work of their choice — including poetry, short stories, plays, animé, and nonfiction — to Workshop members.

The Workshop students read over each student's work in preparation to offer constructive criticism and advice.

During the session, first-year Workshop student Carmen Machado, 24, offered her own general advice. She then prompted group discussion over each student's piece.

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## Official: Redesign fee sensible

More than 800 non-organized staff members have appealed their new classification.

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More than \$560,000 was "a reasonable amount" to pay the consultant who helped redesign a University of Iowa staff classification system that hadn't been reviewed since 1985, an official in the UI Human Resources Department said.

"If we want to be competitive ... we needed a different system," said Robert Millsap, an associate director of Human Resources. "We got all of the things we need to move ahead."

Officials notified all 5,200 employees of the results of the redesign on Feb. 28. Since then, more than 800 staff members — nearly 20 percent of the 4,100 eligible

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## UI names new education school dean

Margaret Crocco will begin her new position on July 1.

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Margaret Crocco calls herself a "great lover of America."

And she's seen a lot of it.

Born in the Midwest, Crocco eventually moved to the East Coast, and she will now return to the Heartland to begin her tenure as the 15th dean of the University of Iowa College of Education.

UI interim Provost P. Barry Butler announced Crocco as the successor to Dean Sandra Damico on Thursday.

Crocco first visited Iowa City in March 2010, when she traveled from New York to



**Crocco**  
future dean of education

SEE CROCCO, 6A

## DJ Earworm to play 10K show

The disc jockey released a how-to guide on creating mashups in 2006.

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DJ Earworm is coming to the University of Iowa.

The 10,000 Hours Show announced Wednesday the disc jockey — whose real name is Jordan Roseman — is scheduled to perform for the show's eighth-annual concert event on April 11.

The concert will be followed by a carnival on April 17 in Hubbard Park.

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Molly McDonnell, the executive director for the student volunteer organization, said the selection was part of a push to appeal to a wider audience.

"This year, we really wanted to do a DJ because it's an up-and-coming genre that's really popular with students of our generation," she said.

## Law-school applications stay high

Despite the Law school's stability, many students still worry about debt.

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The University of Iowa College of Law is seeing more potential lawyers than its peers.

The Law School Admissions Council Inc. recently predicted an 11.6 percent decrease in law-school applicants nationwide compared with last year. But at the UI, officials are predicting a 13 percent increase.

UI law Professor Herbert Hovenkamp said the declining national application trends may be a result of the sluggish economy.

"Right now, the ratio of job finders to job seekers is quite a bit lower than it has been," he said. "The economy is in a very serious recession, and the general market for lawyers is very sensitive to economic development and economic levels of activity."

Student's payment responsibilities also play a part, he said.

"When I went to school in the '70s, the older generation paid for the younger's education," he said. "We've moved to a system where the young are expected to pay their way."

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UI law Professor John Whiston speaks with students during the Admitted Students Day Reception at hotelVetro on Thursday. Admitted students got a chance to speak with faculty and current students in the College of Law.

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# Parsing apartheid

The Syringa Tree is the first collaboration between the theater and Foreign Relations Council.

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In *The Syringa Tree*, one woman takes on 24 separate roles.

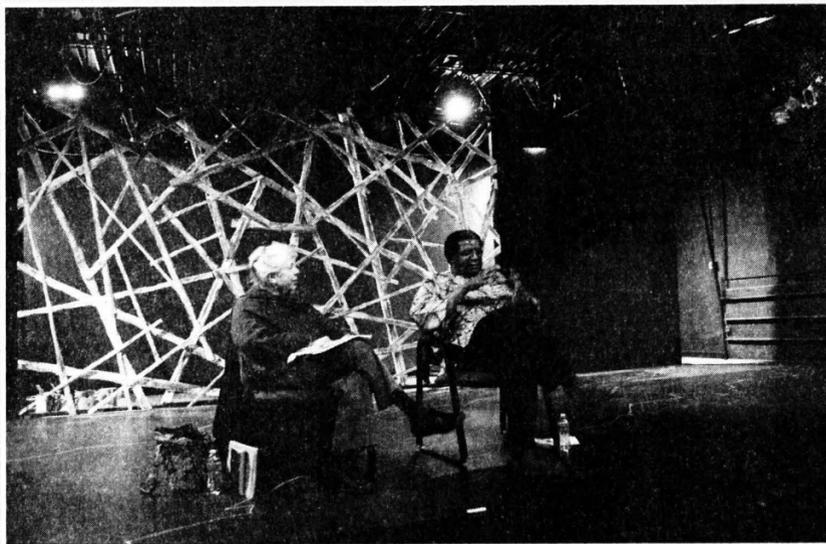
But the play itself subtly wrestles with centuries of South Africa's fragmented history.

"South Africa, in my philosophical view, is a country that failed to manage difference," said Lyombe Eko, the codirector of the African Studies Program at the University of Iowa and the speaker for the Thursday Theatre Talk about the upcoming production.

The play, which will run from April 1 through April 17 at Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert St., is playwright Pamela Gien's semiautobiographical take on the South African apartheid in the 1960s and 1970s.

Riverside Theatre and the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council cosponsored "South Africa, Then and Now" at the theater to examine the historical and social background of the upcoming production.

Thais Winkleblack, the president of the Iowa City organization, said the council hosted play director Sean Lewis and actor Safron Henke to discuss the artistry of the production at the group's customary



UI Professors Miriam Gilbert and Lyombe Eko speak at Riverside Theatre in Iowa City during the Thursday Theatre Talk, "South Africa, Then and Now," on Thursday. Eko offered a political and social perspective during the event by discussing his experiences growing up in West Africa.

luncheon on March 18. In turn, Winkleblack said, the council introduced the political view to the theater community.

"It does help give a political and historical setting to the play, which I think would be fun for audience members to mentally put themselves in that space before the play," Winkleblack said.

Eko described the political events of apartheid and his personal media exposure to the issue while growing up in West Africa. He discussed African reaction to the Soweto massacre that left hundreds dead and the importance of the radio in propagating the message.

"You can't stop sound," said Miriam Gilbert, a UI English professor and the moderator of Thursday

Theater Talks.

"You can't. But the South African government tried," Eko told the crowd of roughly 30 people.

Audience member Margaret Tewson, 65, told the audience she briefly stopped in South Africa as a 24-year-old sailing from Australia to England in 1969. She said she was taken aback by all the ethnic rules — separate lines at the dock, different-colored benches in the park, and divided sections for four ethnic groups on the beach.

Eko agreed, describing an arrangement that "scarred" all ethnic groups in its need for order.

"It's like a prison where the guard is not allowed to leave," Eko said.

Henke, the sole cast

member of the play, told *The Daily Iowan* that some people she has spoken with do not know the history of the apartheid.

"The fact that people don't know this far down the line is really important," the 37-year-old said. "It's important to set a background for the play."

And director Lewis, 31, said the play is first seen through the eyes of a 6-year-old girl. This allows the audience to "fall in love" with characters before thinking about politics, he said. In doing so, it can provide a new view to events.

"It manipulates your experience with things you think you know," he said. "I think that's the best thing theater does."

## School goes the distance

The UI could move toward more online degrees if the program succeeds.

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More people interested in pursuing business degrees will be able to next fall — without ever setting foot in a classroom.

The University of Iowa Tippie College of Business will offer a new online program that will give Iowans the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in business management.

"There are numerous Iowans who would love to earn a Tippie College of Business degree but who are geographically committed to their local areas for various reasons and thus cannot move to Iowa City to pursue the degree," said William Hunter, the dean of the business school.

Officials predict they'll see individuals applying for this online program who work full-time and are slightly older than the typical UI undergraduate.

Those applying to the program have to meet the same admission require-

### Admissions requirements

Students must meet the following criteria to enroll:

- At least 60 semester hours of credit
- Completion of all six prerequisite courses (or their equivalents) with no grade lower than a C
- A University of Iowa, cumulative, and prerequisite GPA of 2.75 or higher.

Source: Tippie College of Business Website

ments as students who are seeking to transfer to the business college, said Lon Moeller, the associate dean of the undergraduate business program.

Standard admission to the business school for students who have earned at least 60 semester hours of credit requires the completion of six prerequisite courses, receiving no grade lower than a C, according to the school's website.

If admitted, the student will then take his or her last two years of course work in the online program to earn a business degree.

The cost of instruction for online courses will be covered in part by participants' tuition, Hunter said.

The primary costs associated with this program involve the time and energy of faculty who have to convert their traditional courses to the online format using the UI's existing distance-education technology.

Depending on the outcome of this pilot program and the demand for distance-education programs, this could be the first of many online degrees offered at the UI, Hunter said.

The online degree is part of a growing trend of online courses offered at the university. Distance education will continue to be a component in the UI's portfolio of degree programs.

"Online programs will not replace on campus degree programs and can-

not duplicate the on-campus experience," Hunter said. "Hence, the programs will attract some students and not others depending on personal situations and tastes."

One national expert said the trend is a positive contributor to the future of education.

"The need for professional development that draws on powerful resources often not available locally and that can create an evolutionary path toward providing real-time, ongoing, work-embedded support has encouraged the creation of online programs," said Christopher Dede, a specialist in online learning at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

According to a study commissioned by the Department of Education, students in online learning environments performed better, on average, than those receiving in-person instruction.

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## METRO

### Man faces many charges after car chase

A North Liberty man faces numerous charges after allegedly leading officials on a drunken car chase reaching 140 mph.

Ryan Foust, 26, 2387 Mehaffey Bridge Road N.E., was charged Thursday with OWI, eluding, and assault causing bodily injury.

According to complaints from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, a deputy clocked Foust traveling 87 mph in a 45 zone in a gray 2004 BMW near Riverside Drive during the early hours of the morning.

Once the deputy turned on his emergency lights in order to

pull Foust over, complaints said he allegedly continued traveling south at speeds of up to 140 mph, weaving in and out of traffic.

During the initial phases of the pursuit, dispatch received a phone call from a passenger of the vehicle who said he was begging the driver to stop, he didn't know the driver, and the driver had been drinking, the report said.

Reports said Foust later tried to prevent the passenger from using his phone to call 911 and punched him in the nose with a closed fist.

The chase ended at mile marker 75 in Washington County, where officials said Foust tested for a blood alcohol concentration of .122.

— by Hayley Bruce

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### Council work sessions to start earlier

The Iowa City City Council will now begin its Monday work sessions at 5:30 p.m.

The council suggested making the 7 p.m. meetings earlier at their most recent session. With the agreement of Councilor Ross Wilburn, who was absent for Tuesday's City Council meeting, the council approved the new meeting time.

The change will start April 4.  
— by Alison Sullivan

## BLOTTER

**Joseph Anderson**, 20, 648 S. Dodge St. Apt. 1, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

**Gwendolyn Bolen**, 44, North Liberty, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.

**Malcom Brown**, 24, 2742 Triple Crown Lane Apt. 2, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

### Man charged with 3rd OWI, theft

Iowa City police arrested a local man after he allegedly drove while intoxicated for the third time in what reportedly was a stolen vehicle.

Mitchell Earnest Jr., 55, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3428, was charged Thursday with driving while barred, theft, and third-offense OWI.

According to police reports, officers observed Earnest and

another man next to a vehicle at the First Avenue Hy-Vee, which was registered as stolen.

When approached by officers, Earnest said he was lent the car by an unknown acquaintance, whom he dropped off in Coralville.

During the discussion, police said, Earnest had bloodshot and watery eyes, slurred speech, poor balance, and smelled of alcohol.

Officers later determined Earnest was a habitual offender and had been barred from driving

since July 2009.

Earnest admitted to driving to the Hy-Vee but denied stealing the car, according to the report.

According to the complaint, Earnest said he thought it was unusual the acquaintance gave up the car so easily, so he had suspected it might have been stolen.

Third-offense OWI is a Class D felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$9,375.

— by Hayley Bruce

**Joseph Burkle**, 22, 510 S. Johnson St. Apt. 4, was charged Thursday with keeping a disorderly house.

**Justin Carr**, 31, 31 Lincoln Ave., was charged March 17 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

**Brian Chaps**, 18, N319 Currier,

was charged Monday with interference with official acts.

**Lindsay Cohen**, 20, Lawrence, Kan., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

**Chelsea Cox**, 21, Marion, was charged March 18 with OWI.

**Logan Davis**, 22, 917 Harlocke Apt. 5, was charged Sunday with

public intoxication.

**Aaron Dodds**, 24, 2127 Kountry Lane Apt. 10, was charged March 19 with public intoxication.

**Kelsey Doehrmann**, 20, Williamsburg, Iowa, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

# Green energy eyed

Other panels have focused on the economics of alternative energy and transportation.

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When it comes to energy conservation, Iowa is a hotbed of potential, experts say. And with that potential, comes great responsibility. "I always think we should all be obligated to improve energy conservation," said Director of the University of Iowa Office of Sustainability Liz Christiansen. "And I think we've got the tools in Iowa to do that."

That's why, "Green Energy for the Future" — the third event hosted by the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce as part of its Agribusiness/Bio-science Breakfast Series — will focus on motivating local businesses to reduce energy waste and become more sustainable. The event is today at 7:30 a.m. at Hills Bank, 1009 Second St., Coralville.

Christiansen will be one of four panelists who will each have seven to 10 minutes to talk. They will discuss slightly different topics in line with their expertise, such as business or forms of energy.

Panelists agree the objective of the discussion is to educate the general public. "We'll be providing per-



**Christiansen**  
UI director of sustainability

## UI 2020 Sustainability Plan

- The plan has seven goals:**
- Become a net-negative energy consumer
  - Green its energy portfolio
  - Decrease production of waste
  - Reduce the carbon impact of transportation
  - Increase student opportunities
  - Support and grow research
  - Develop partnerships

Source: sustainability.uiowa.edu

spective for them on renewable energy and how we're going to become more sustainable in the community," said Steve Fugate, executive director of the Iowa Renewable Association.

Mike Ott, associate director of the Iowa Biotechnology Association, will discuss different forms of renewable energy and a new generation of technology.

"My whole focus is looking toward utilizing state's resources in a more sustainable way," he said.

Fugate plans to address the difficulties of going green. Sometimes, the politics of climate change and conservation efforts impedes efforts to implement energy-efficient practices, he said.

He commended the UI's sustainability plan for taking a practical approach. "It seems like it's realis-

tic and achievable," he said. "And they seem to be motivated to do it."

With the announcement of the 2020 sustainability plan last fall, the UI has been working on accomplishing two energy-related goals. The first is to possess 40 percent renewable energies in the UI energy portfolio. The second is to become a negative energy user, the goal of using the same or less energy than the UI does now by 2020.

Energy use at the UI has decreased by about 8 percent over about the last three years, Christiansen said.

"Setting the goals and working effectively toward them is great to see," Fugate said.

Sheila Samuelson, an expert in green business strategy and founder of Bright Green Strategy, said businesses should address efficiency first.

Negotiating with landlords for updated light fixtures and using free power management software are two key steps toward being more efficient in the workplace.

In offices and on the UI campus, she said, saving energy can be as easy as making sure computers turn off after a certain period of inactivity.

"It's as simple as turning on a setting that's already there," she said. "If you think about the university, how many [computers] that is, that's really going to add up."

## LAW

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But the UI's relatively low tuition and many scholarship offerings keep applications coming in, students and faculty said.

"We have been able to remain stable and in a good position," Collins Byrd, assistant dean of admissions for the law college, wrote in an e-mail. "This has allowed us to be successful at a time when the law-school-admissions market is, needless to say, volatile."

More than 1,750 applications applied to the UI law school in 2010, up from 1,291 in 2009.

However, Byrd said, law schools should not be judged entirely on applications and class sizes.

"[Rankings] are important to us, but they're not going to drive us," he said. "Some schools get obsessed by them. Our main focus is on giving law students what they need so they can get out, practice law, and benefit society. If we

can improve rankings while doing that, great."

The UI College of Law is ranked 27th out of 188 law schools nationwide, according to the *U.S. News' America's Best Graduate Schools 2012*.

An August 2010 article in *National Jurist* magazine ranked the UI among the top 60 Best Value law schools in the nation, and an October 2009 article in the same magazine placed Iowa 16th out of 180 schools nationwide in the percent of new students who received scholarships.

Current UI law-school tuition is \$24,154 for in-state students and \$42,922 for out-of-state students. Those amounts are around \$6,000 lower than tuition at the University of Minnesota and \$11,000 lower than the University of Michigan. Law-school tuition at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is around \$6,000 cheaper than at the UI.

But despite the UI school's rankings and growth, some students said they're still concerned with debt.

In fact, first-year law student Michael Appel said debt

from student loans could impact his career direction.

"There's a sentiment among a lot of law students that they can't go into something that won't pay really well," he said. "I think a lot of us are constantly weighing our goals with our costs and our debts."

The average UI law student's loan debt for the class of 2010 was \$87,891.

Appel said while he would like to work as a prosecutor in the public sector, private-sector jobs such as working for his own law firm would pay more.

That uncertainty is why second-year law student John Hofmeyer said it's important to stay realistic in today's job market.

The 24-year-old applied for almost 45 jobs before finding one last summer. He said students can't expect to get a job like they see on TV immediately after graduating.

"I came in [to law school] with a less glamorous view," he said. "If you're willing to work hard and work your way up, you'll get it, but you've got to start somewhere."

## 10K HOURS

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DJ Earworm made the national stage when he became MTV's resident DJ for the MTV Music Video Awards six years ago. Since 2007, he has become known for his "United State of Pop" mashup collections, which combine each year's radio hits into one song.

This year, McDonnell said, organization leaders strove to find an artist to satisfy many musical tastes.

Sophomore volunteer Jessica Brown said the idea of a DJ was a fun alternative to last year's more acoustic performance by Howie Day.

"I feel like it's somebody that people will recognize," Brown said.

Since students founded the organization in 2002, such artists as Ben Folds, Guster, Cake, Jack's Mannequin, OK Go, and Girl Talk have performed for program volunteers who have completed at least 10 service hours.

Students volunteers logged 13,500 hours last year. This year's numbers are still being compiled before the event, McDonnell said.

Unlike years previous, she said, the general public will be able pay \$10 to \$15 to see the show; the performance will remain free for volunteers who log at least 10 hours.

Kirkwood sophomore Jessica Hamer, a nonprofit staffer for the organization, said she first became interested in the program when

her friend brought her to the concert last year.

"It's really great volunteering and getting recognized for it, that somebody cares about what you're doing," the 19-year-old said.

Brown also said she was moved to volunteer more when she attended last year's concert and saw students' level of commitment.

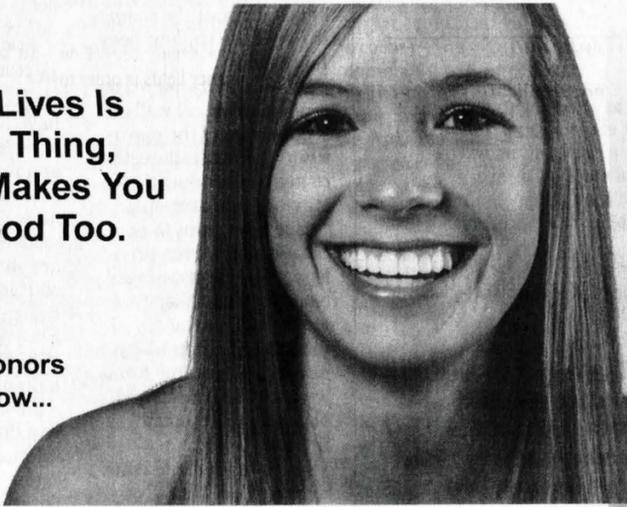
"They still have time to do that, which inspired me to do that even with my schedule being so packed," Brown said.

McDonnell said attracting new people was one of their goals in opening the event to the public.

"If they come along, if they see us having a good time, maybe they'd want to communicate with us this year," McDonnell said.

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## Editorial

# To fight student debt, cap tuition at entrance levels

Nobody likes tuition increases. Students are a given, but the state Board of Regents seems to find them troubling, too. After approving a 5 percent hike Wednesday, Regent President David Miles told *The Daily Iowan* it was a "difficult decision."

The regents contend this "difficult decision" was prompted, as usual, by a decrease in state appropriations; indeed, state funding and tuition have a nearly perfect negative correlation.

But there is no sign that the downward plunge in funding will slow, and an interminable rise in tuition is unsustainable. Regardless of lobbying efforts, it's time for the regents to brainstorm new ways of saving students' economic well-being. One possibility that should be seriously reconsidered: Cap tuition and fees for each student according to the year in which they enter (with room for inflation).

To be sure, a guaranteed tuition rate would not decrease tuition. But locking students into a set payment would allow them (and their families) to budget more effectively, hopefully reducing both financial strain and financially motivated withdrawal.

Iowa would not be alone in adopting such a measure; the University of Illinois has a similar system in place. Yes, the tuition is higher at our eastern neighbor's state school, but that tuition rate is guaranteed and set for those students all four years of their university careers, unless they switch colleges.

"The base tuition at the University of Illinois is \$10,386. The rate ranges from \$10,386 to \$15,114, depending on which college you enter, but the rate you are given as a freshman is set for all four years," an admissions counselor from the University of Illinois told the *DI* Editorial Board.

Iowa's regents do not view a guaranteed tuition rate as a viable option.

"Last summer, we brought in a speaker who discussed a University of Illinois tuition-type plan," Miles told the Editorial Board. "We elected not to pursue that option."

Miles' stance on such a plan is that in the first year that the plan is established, tuition would have to drastically increase to compensate for a four-year freeze. The regents wanted a plan that would allow for flexibility.

"We didn't want to have a significant increase in tuition, and we wanted flexibility in a plan both for the colleges and the state," Miles said.

But in allowing for flexibility, the regents make the cost of college uncertain. Flexibility is lost for students and parents who go to great lengths, such as obtaining a second job or dropping out for a semester as they struggle to keep up with increasing costs. Accounting for inflation, an in-state senior on the four-year plan has seen tuition and fees increase by 17.8 percent in her or his time at Iowa (and paid a total of \$1,906 more); a similar out-of-state student has seen her or his fees go up by 21.8 percent.

The tuition increases are also occurring later in the year, giving students less time to prepare. Two years ago, the tuition decision occurred in January; last year's vote took place in February. This year, it happened Wednesday — in late March. Miles averred that funding sources from both the state and federal levels have become less certain over the years, necessitating a later vote. While there's only so much the regents can do to pressure lawmakers, the late vote is punishing students, especially freshmen.

Prospective freshmen need to give the UI admissions answers by May 1 in order to keep their file active. Later tuition decisions give prospective, financially concerned students less and less time to make a decision. They also harm students who have decided on Iowa, only to find out later that tuition will be 5 to 10 percent higher than they had expected. A guaranteed tuition rate would give freshmen hard numbers, allowing them to plan their futures.

Right now, that's particularly important. 2008 Iowa university graduates have the second-highest amount of student-loan debt in the country, according to a study released last year. Student debt has increased across the country; high unemployment rates are predicted to lessen the number of students who pay back their loans on time (a meager 37 percent at present).

It's a dismal picture: Students enter one of the worst economies in the past century burdened by loans — loans taken in part to account for tuition increases they could not foresee. While the Editorial Board would like to see long-term solutions to the creeping tuition increases (and an end to Gov. Terry Branstad's higher-education massacre), there are measures the regents could take to insulate students from debt.

A possible tuition freeze, for one.

Your turn. Should the state Board of Regents implement an Illinois-style tuition fix? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

# Keeping universities accessible



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Call it the (un)affordability paradox. As tuition seems to rise inexorably, the University of Iowa's enrollment continues to climb; the cost of college jumps hundreds — sometimes thousands — of dollars a year, and yet students keep coming in droves.

This phenomenon may prompt some to question the significance of the state Board of Regents' decision this week to increase tuition yet again. Some may blithely argue that enrollment growth obviates the salience of affordability questions.

The fall 2010 freshman class, after all, was the largest ever; this fall, officials are expecting an even larger influx. In news that seemed to supply even more grist for those skeptical of the students-priced-out-of-college narrative, UI officials told the *The Daily Iowan* this week they're considering placing a ceiling on enrollment.

This line of argument is tenable only if one is agnostic about the composition of the student body, however.

If, as a polity, we're content ensuring all well-off students have the opportunity to matriculate, the rising cost of education may not be distressing.

But if we want to educate students from privileged and disadvantaged backgrounds alike, if we want the UI to be a mélange of different ethnicities and income levels, we should be concerned about the astronomical increase in tuition.

In-state students entering the UI in the fall of 2000 paid what now seems a paltry sum: less than \$3,000 in yearly tuition. Last fall's freshman class — just one decade later — shelled out more than \$7,000. (The underlying problem is declining state appropriations, rather than regent callousness.)

It's hard to argue that staggering spike isn't prompting some poor and working class kids to second-guess the attainability of a college education. Public higher education is vitally important both for economic and democratic reasons.

The first is off-stated: In a global economy, those who don't have at least a bachelor's degree are relegating themselves to a future of immiseration. A dynamic, advanced economy requires a well-trained workforce.

While it's not that simple (automation and outsourcing don't just hurt the Rust Belt), having a college education certainly helps. You don't need a bachelor's degree to avoid privation. But if you want to be relatively well-off financially, you'd better go to college.

In addition, public universities are an inextricable component of vibrant democratic societies. At their best, they provide an edifying environment for students to question societal orthodoxies and develop the critical thinking skills necessary for engaged citizenship.

Professors aren't there to just impart unassailable knowledge. They should also foster discourse about the vexing problems that confront our society and help students look at them from different perspectives.

In both of these capacities — economic and democratic — universities have a special obligation to assist the impoverished and marginalized: The American Dream is a mere chimera if low- and moderate-income students are shut out of higher education. And a pluralistic, empowering democracy requires not a handful of intelligent citizens, but a preponderance of them.

Instead of further calcifying economic and societal inequality, higher education should be an ameliorative agent. It should extirpate, not perpetuate, inequities.

So don't be fooled by rising enrollment — the UI has a real problem on its hands.

And state officials are only compounding it when they slash state aid and increase tuition. ■

## Letter

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Huntington's disease is a devastating hereditary brain disorder that affects the mind and body. There is no treatment or cure. The center provides a biweekly clinic for individuals with Huntington's disease, as well as a monthly support-group meeting and numerous ongoing research studies.

The Huntington's Disease Society of America funds 21 Centers of Excellence through-

out the United States similar to the one at the UI. You can support the society by attending the 2011 Iowa City Hoop-A-Thon on March 27 from 1-4 p.m. at West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.

The event features a free-throw shooting contest in which participants stand at the free-throw line and attempt to make as many baskets in five minutes as they can. In order to participate, shooters collect donations or pledges per shot made (\$10

minimum raised). The event will also include a silent auction and raffle, Nintendo Wii contest, concessions, and entertainment by the UI a cappella group Intersection and the UI Breakers dance group.

We hope you can join us and support this important cause. To learn more about the event or Huntington's disease, visit [www.ichoopathon.com](http://www.ichoopathon.com).

**Sean Thompson**  
UI staff

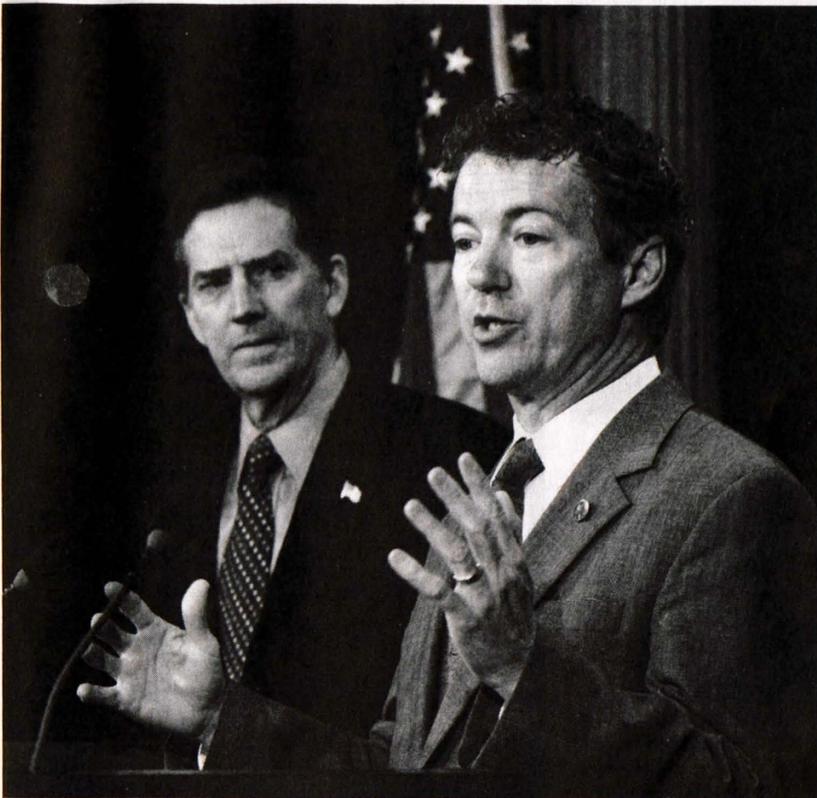
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Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C. (left), listens to Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., speak at a news conference on the budget on Capitol Hill in Washington on March 17.

# GOP field may see a Paul

Rand Paul will visit Iowa early next month for a Republican event.

By BRUCE SCHREINER  
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Republican U.S. Sen. Rand Paul says the odds are better than 50-50 that a Paul will run for the GOP presidential nomination next year, but it's unclear who would be the family standard-bearer. Yet one thing is certain: the younger Paul won't make a bid for the White House if his father, Ron Paul, tries again.

Ron Paul, a U.S. representative from Texas, unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination in 2008. Now Rand Paul, the junior Kentucky senator and a Tea Party favorite, is being encouraged to jump into the political fray if his father sits out next year's race—never mind that he's only weeks into the job after one of the fall's most-watched Senate races.

The Kentucky senator

said he's not ruling out a bid if his father decides against a repeat run.

"The biggest decision for me is whether my father runs or not," the younger Paul told reporters Thursday.

Nonetheless, Rand Paul said it sounded "pretty reasonable" that one of the politically prominent Pauls would be in play.

"I think there will be one on the ballot," he told reporters after speaking to a Rotary club gathering in Louisville. "I think there's a good chance of that."

His father was in the crucial primary state of New Hampshire on Thursday. During a college campus stop, Ron Paul said he hasn't ruled out running for the presidential nomination again but isn't on the verge of making a decision.

Ron Paul said his focus right now is on the nation's economy and whether it worsens, signaling its

course could influence his decision.

"If we get a reprieve and things just look great, I might not be as enthusiastic," the elder Paul told reporters after a speech at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H. "But if it continues like right now, it makes it almost inevitable that somebody will have to start talking about what we need to do."

Asked about father-and-son presidential-nomination prospects, Ron Paul said the matter hasn't come up with his son.

"We've never discussed it," he said.

Adding to the family political intrigue, Rand Paul is preparing to visit Iowa, the state with the nation's lead-off caucuses. Early next month, he will speak at an Iowa Republican event dubbed "Night of the Rising Stars."



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Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn. (left), talks to reporters before speaking at a rally by home-school advocates on Wednesday at the Iowa Statehouse.

## Bachmann feels pressure

Michele Bachmann is scheduled to attend an Iowa conference for conservatives this weekend.

By BRIAN BAKST AND PHILIP ELLIOTT  
Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Tea Party favorite and Republican Rep. Michele Bachmann is feeling pressure from the political calendar to rush a decision on a GOP presidential-nomination bid and may announce her intentions as early as May, one of her top advisers said Thursday.

Bachmann, a third-term congresswoman from Minnesota, could form a presidential exploratory committee before two televised Republican debates scheduled the first week of May, said Ed Brookover, a Bachmann adviser.

"I'm not sure the debate is what's going to make our final decision," he said. "Is it a factor? Yes."

Other Republicans familiar with Bachmann's thinking said all signs point to a run. They insisted on anonymity to discuss private conversations with Bachmann and her advisers.

For her part, Bachmann played coy.

"I'm in for 2012 in that I want to be a part of the conversation in making sure that President Obama only serves one term, not two, because I want to make sure that we get someone who's going to be making the country

work again. That's what I'm in for," Bachmann told ABC News.

"But I haven't made a decision yet to announce, obviously, if I'm a candidate or not, but I'm in for the conversation."

Bachmann spokesman Doug Sachtleben would only say the congresswoman would make a decision about a nomination run by summer.

Bachmann was in Iowa on Wednesday courting evangelical home-school advocates, and she was being escorted around the state by state Sen. Kent Sorenson, who told the Associated Press he would run her political operation in the state if she enters the race. Bachmann's allies have been visiting office space around Des Moines for a potential headquarters and have consulted with veterans of past caucuses about operatives and consultants who are still available.

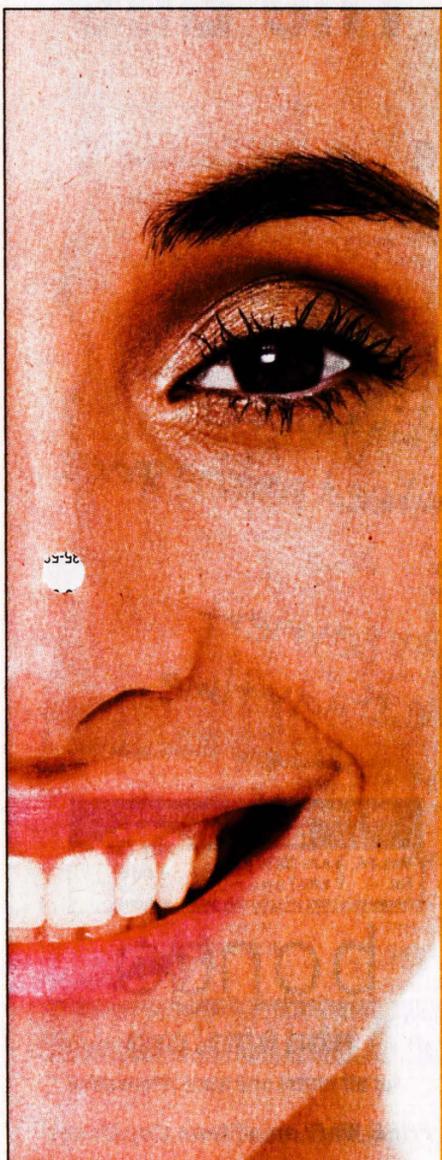
Bachmann is a strong fundraiser: She collected a whopping \$13 million for a re-election bid she won handily by 13 percentage points. She helped candidates and committees in Iowa, New Hampshire, and South Carolina — the traditional early nominating states — raise cash.

While she has no formal organization in any of

those states, her appearances have generated enthusiasm among the party's conservative base. She has twice met with Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, and she is scheduled to appear at an Iowa conference for conservatives this weekend, organized by Republican Rep. Steve King.

The Republican presidential-nomination field has been slow to form compared with past election cycles; familiar names such as Sarah Palin mull bids, and other potential hopefuls are working behind the scenes on their candidacies. The harsh media spotlight and the expense of a full-scale campaign operation deterred Republicans from early announcements in the expected race against Obama, who is certain to raise hundreds of millions of dollars.

Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty took an initial step this week, creating an exploratory committee, and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich has moved closer to a campaign but stopped short of declaring himself a candidate. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour are expected to enter the race within weeks.



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City High junior Mason Greer listens to Iowa Writers' Workshop member Carmen Machado during a session at City High on Thursday. Greer recently self-published a novel.

## WRITERS

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"There's a lot of exciting stuff coming out of here," Machado said at the end of

the event. "Everyone had a lot of feedback and a lot of good things to say, and everyone was eager to learn which was good."

Writers in Bloom will meet again in April and May, and Hartwig said it

will continue next year if the school receives positive feedback from students.

City High freshman Tess Wisdom said she felt privileged to have the opportunity to work with Machado.

"The Workshop is very

prestigious, so I'm glad I live in Iowa," she said. "It's good to hear what really great writers have to say about your work. It's good to have someone to aspire to."

## CONSULTANT

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employees — have appealed their new classification. Only the employees who filled out and returned a job-information form were able to appeal.

In April 2007, the university hired Buck Consultants — a Xerox-ACS company that provides human-resource expertise — to evaluate the university's current system for professional and scientific classification. Officials placed a \$110,000 maximum for the evaluation services.

That September, Buck told UI administrators the current system could not be redesigned and needed to be redesigned. Officials rehired the group in June 2008 under a \$560,000 cap to help put together the new system.

Between the two phases, the UI has paid Buck nearly \$566,000. *The Daily Iowan* received copies of the project's finances on Thursday after a public-records request.

Millsap said Buck was neither the most nor the least expensive of the six consultants officials considered for the project in late 2007.

He said officials had been optimistic the redesign process would be complete in two years, but it "was a commitment we weren't going to rush through."

The new system involves 18 "job functions" for the nonorganized staff members. In those functions, employees are classified in more than 100 "families." Between December 2009 and January 2010, employees filled out the job-information forms to help Human Resource

officials determine their new classification.

Employees will be placed in the new classifications in July, Millsap said, before they begin the compensation phase of the redesign. Millsap said no employees will see a salary decrease, though the change could influence some individuals' pay increases in the future.

"This plan will allow employees to have a clear path for career development," Millsap said.

He said officials didn't know what to expect in terms of appeals, but said roughly 10 to 15 percent of eligible staff would have been reasonable.

Staff Council President Amber Seaton said the number of appeals isn't concerning.

"There was a team of a lot of people working on this project," she said. "They needed to share something with staff.

People are reacting. That's OK. Everybody's feedback helps make the system better."

David Friedland, the president of Friedland Associates, a human-resources consulting firm in Culver City, Calif., said the economic situation makes it more likely for employees to be nervous, which can cause them to argue against changes such as the redesign.

"When you make changes like this, it is going to be not really welcome to certain people," Friedland said. "Other people may benefit from it. The point of it is to comply with current standards."

Friedland said the cost of human-resources consulting varies depending on what's already in place.

## CROCCO

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conduct a workshop on democratic dialogue and civic engagement at the UI.

"I, of course, had known about the university for years but had never visited," she said. "The university, Iowa City, the College of Education, the faculty I met there were all very impressive."

When Damico decided to step down from her position, officials at Columbia University, where Crocco currently serves as professor and head of the Department of Arts and Humanities at Teachers College, took great interest in the Iowa position. They entered her name into the pool of 100 nominees, of whom four were brought to campus.

"I thought it might be a good fit," Crocco said. "When I came to campus in February [as a finalist], I was struck by all the great assets that the College of Education has."

While the move from the Big Apple to Iowa may seem like a large one for some, this will be like a homecoming for the

### Margaret Crocco

#### Background:

- Received bachelor's in philosophy from Georgetown University and master's and doctoral degrees from University of Pennsylvania
- Served as teacher and administrator at a New Jersey high school
- Joined the Teachers College faculty in 1993
- Served as editor and project leader for the "Teaching 'The Levees'" curriculum

Source: UI press release

Elgin, Ill., native. She will take on the new position July 1.

"Professor Crocco will bring a vast amount of expertise, energy, and enthusiasm for the field of education to the position of dean, especially given her outstanding track record and proven leadership at Teachers College, Columbia University," said UI President Sally Mason in a release.

The future dean said she is prepared to blend the old and new into a philosophy that will move the education school forward.

"I want to build on the progress that [Damico] has made with some of her new initiatives," Crocco said. "I'm hoping that I will be able to move

progress in the areas of technology forward."

Stressing that technology in the classroom will play a crucial role, Crocco will try to further a plan by Damico that included a required e-portfolio for all graduating students to act as electronic résumés.

"They're introducing us to a lot of new technology, such as smart boards, which are slowly replacing black and white boards," said UI junior Jenna Aude. "It's really vital for an education major to have technology in the classroom."

The advancements in teaching technology use to education students puts the school, ranked 21st among U.S. public universities, in the upper echelon of the field.

"We will be ahead of students from around the state," Aude said.

The announcement was met with optimism by the education faculty. That Crocco plans to change the current route of the school will make the transition an easy one.

"She has great credentials, and we are very excited to have her," said Associate Professor Leslie Schrier said. "There is great optimism for the change."

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# HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE CASH IN ON MODERN DAY GOLD RUSH!

By Jason Delong  
STAFF WRITER

Yesterday at the **Clarion Hotel** in **Cedar Rapids** and the **Clarion Inn** in **Iowa City**, hundreds lined up to cash in antiques, collectibles, gold and jewelry at the Treasure Hunters Roadshow. The free event is in both towns all week, buying gold, silver, antiques and collectibles. One visitor I spoke with yesterday said, "It's unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces—in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for \$700. That stuff has been in my jewelry box and dresser for

**"IT'S UNBELIEVABLE, I BROUGHT IN SOME OLD COINS THAT HAD BEEN IN A LITTLE CIGAR BOX FOR YEARS AND SOME OLD HERRINGBONE NECKLACES—IN LESS THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES I LEFT WITH A CHECK FOR \$700."**

at least 20 years." Another gentleman brought in an old Fender guitar his father had bought years ago. The man said, "Dad had less than fifty bucks in that guitar." The Roadshow expert that assisted him made a few phone calls and a veterinarian in Seattle, Washington bought the guitar for \$5,700.00. The seller continued, "I got another \$150.00 for a broken necklace and an old class ring. It's not every day that someone comes to town bringing six thousand dollars with your name on it."

Jeff Parsons, President of the Treasure Hunters Roadshow commented, "Lots of people have items that they know are valuable but just don't know where to sell them. Old toys, trains, swords, guitars, pocket watches or just about anything old is valuable to collectors. These collectors are willing to pay big money for those items that they are looking for."

This week's Roadshow is the best place to get connected with those collectors. The process is free and anyone can bring items down to the event. If the Roadshow experts find items that their collectors are interested in, offers will be made to purchase them. About 80% of the guests that attend the show end up selling one or more items at the event.

Antiques and collectibles are not the only items the Roadshow is buying. "Gold and silver markets are soaring," says Archie Davis, a Roadshow representative. "Broken jewelry and gold and silver coins add up very quick-

ly. I just finished working with a gentleman that had an old class ring, two bracelets and a handful of silver dollars. His check was for over \$650.00. I would say that there were well over 100 people in here yesterday that sold their scrap gold."

One gentleman holding his check for over \$1,250.00 in the lobby of the event yesterday had this comment, "I am so happy I decided to come to the Roadshow. I saw the newspaper ad for the event and brought in an old German sword I had brought back from World War II and some old coins, and here is my check. What a great thing for our community. I am heading home now to see what else I have that they might be interested in."

The Roadshow continues today starting at 9am. The event is free and no appointment is needed.



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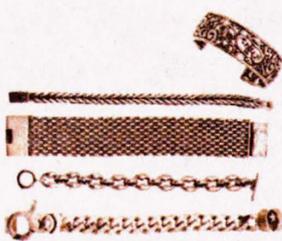
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## Spotlight Iowa City

# Getting lot more out of percussion

University of Iowa music instructor Dan Moore takes his percussion ensemble to an international level.

By RILEY UBEN  
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With two mallets in each hand, Dan Moore gently strikes the wooden keys of his marimba, each note flowing effortlessly into the next. His students watch every move and soon follow his lead.

Moore, the percussion instructor at the UI and head of Iowa Percussion, is in a unique position.

"It was very much an honor to be the second percussion teacher in the history of the [University of Iowa]," he said. "That's a pretty cool legacy to be a part of."

Moore replaced the program's first professor, Thomas L. Davis, in 1996. Davis was one of the first college percussion teachers in the country, and when he was hired in 1958, the university established Iowa Percussion.

The ensemble uses many different instruments, from the African drums played by hand to the reshaped 55-gallon oil drums known as steel pans.

Moore and his students borrow from a myriad of cultural influences, and they have even had the opportunity to learn about Chinese drumming first-

hand by participating in a music exchange with a school in Beijing.

"[We] traveled to Beijing in 2006 and played Western music, but we learned Chinese music, also," the 52-year-old said. "The year before that, they had sent a professor from Beijing here to show us how to Chinese stuff, too, so that was pretty cool."

The ensemble's reputation for great performances and internationally distributed albums have afforded it many collaborations. The group has played with many big-name artists including Mike Mainieri, a well-known musician in the jazz community, as well as Johnny Rabb, with whom the ensemble teamed up to put on a concert of techno-percussion music.

Moore recalls a collaboration with Robert Moran involving percussion and popcorn being particularly theatrical.

"You take the popcorn popper and put it out on the floor, and the machine heats up, and everybody wears big sunglasses with music lines across them," the Longview, Texas-native said. "When the popcorn pops, you play the music that goes across your glasses."

The instructor is always ready to get in on the action, often playing among his students, rather than conducting, if that's what the piece calls for.

"We always enjoy when he plays," said Justin Ullestad, a senior in the ensemble. "You can learn even when you're doing the performance from him, because he's that talented."

Moore takes the same hands-on approach during

## Dan Moore

- Age: 52
- Originally from: Longview, Texas
- Instrument of choice: Marimba
- Favorite musician: Anyone with integrity
- Favorite travel destination: Home
- Favorite hobby other than music: Watching old TV shows

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lessons and practices. A few minutes spent in his classroom reveals good-natured joking and a positive learning environment that percussion major Christine Augspurger says is a result of a high level of mutual respect.

"He's invaluable as a teacher and a resource as someone who's been in the world of percussion for so long," she said. "You can listen to him give the same talk every year, and you'll get something new out of it every time."

Moore said Iowa Percussion's prominence in the music community promises a bright future.

"People hear about what we're doing, and they see our CDs out, and all of sudden, a composer is like 'Hey, you want to play my piece?'" he said. "We don't have to look too hard to find music to play."



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Professor Dan Moore, the director of the UI percussion program, plays with his students during a steel-drum-band practice on March 10. Moore often plays with his students rather than conducting.

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

Iowa opens its Big Ten schedule against Ohio State today. **2B**

# Tosser starts big, early

Matt Byers set the bar high with a Big Ten championship in the javelin last year as a freshman.

By **BEN SCHUFF**  
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Matt Byers has been a Hawkeye for 18 months.

He has competed in seven college track meets.

But by the end of this outdoor season, Iowa track and field coaches are expecting him to be a two-time Big Ten champion javelin thrower.

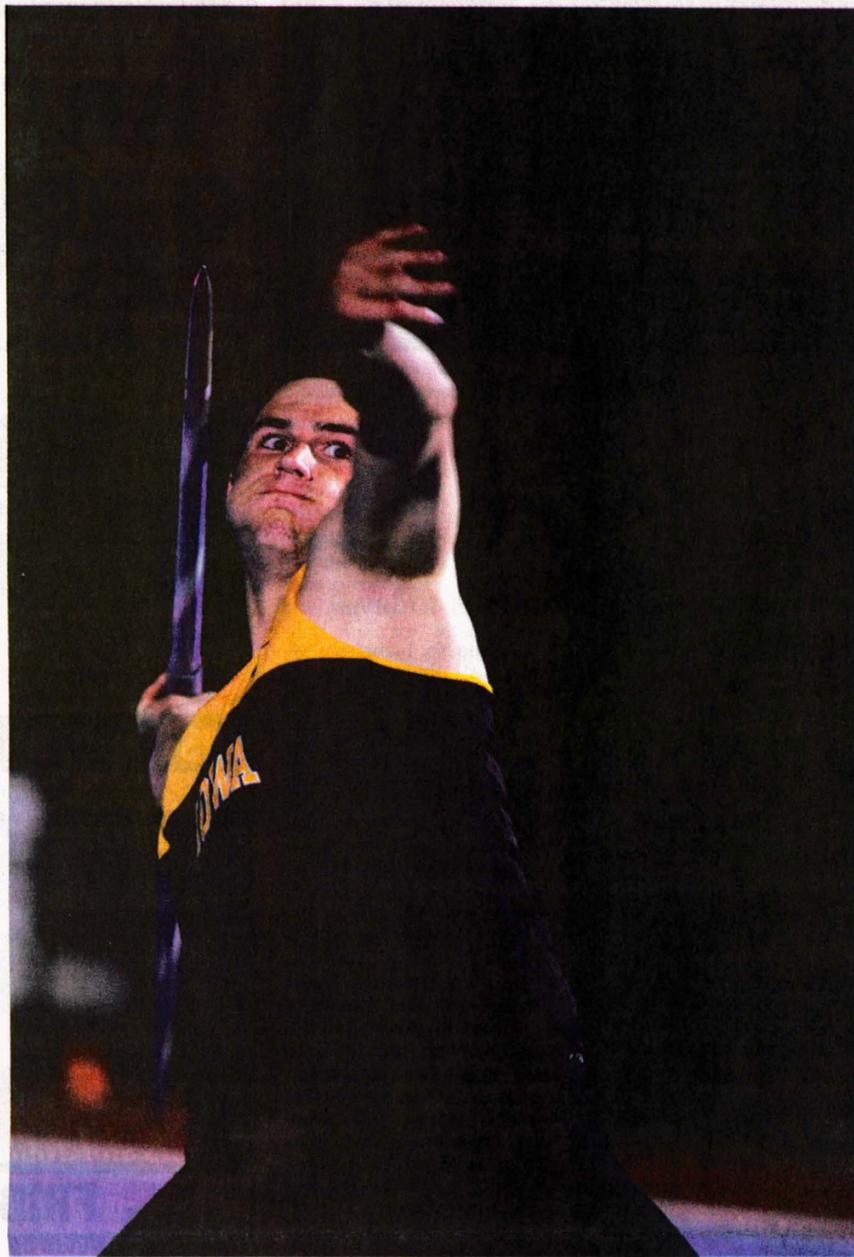
How he plans to get there — much as how he has gotten to where he is now — will be up to him.

In high school, football was a way of life, "... not like in Texas, but it was pretty serious," Byers said. During Byers' senior season, he became the third quarterback in Wichita East (Kan.) High history to pass for 1,000 yards in a season, and the first to do so in more than 30 years.

His father, Brian Byers, was his football and track coach at Wichita East. Brian Byers originally wanted his son to join the track team as a high-school freshman so he could train with the sprinters to work on his foot speed for football.

He recalled one day at track practice during Matt's freshman year when Matt asked him what else he could do.

"I told him since he'd been hanging around with



Iowa's Matt Byers stretches to send his javelin soaring during the 11th-annual Musco Twilight meet at Cretzmeier Track on May 1, 2010.

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SEE MEN'S TRACK, 4B

# Men's relay just misses at NCAAs

The men's swimmers look to turn things around in individual events today.

By **BEN WOLFSON**  
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Members of the Iowa men's swimming team had a rough first day in Minneapolis Thursday in the NCAA meet.

The 200-free relay team — juniors Ryan Phelan, Duncan Partridge and Paul Gordon, and sophomore Jordan Huff — fell short in preliminaries, finishing in 17th place, one slot below qualifying for the finals section Thursday night.

Overall the group swam well, finishing in a time of 1:19.15.

Head Hawkeye coach Marc Long called the NCAA championships the fastest meet in the world before the Hawkeyes left for Minnesota.

First-place finisher Auburn touched the wall in the 200-free relay in a time of 1:15.50, which showcased the level of competition Iowa faces.



Long  
head coach

"It was an electric atmosphere," Long said. "I'm not disappointed in the guys ...

The relay time was the second-fastest we've done this year other than Big Tens."

Partridge and Phelan also swam in the 50 free.

Phelan finished in 36th place overall in the race, touching the wall in 19.89, and Partridge, despite finishing barely behind him at 20.09, was in 45th place.

The first-place finisher, California's Nathan Adrian, finished a little more than a single second better, 18.76.

"[The guys] are upbeat [despite missing the finals]," Long said. "It's just a game of centimeters with these relays."

SEE MEN'S SWIMMING, 4B

## BRIEFS

### Softball opens Big Ten play

The Iowa softball team will open conference play this weekend against Ohio State on Saturday and March 27 in Columbus, Ohio. Both games are scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

The Hawkeyes are 16-12 and have won eight of their last 10 games. Iowa is led by seniors Chelsey Carmody, who leads the team with a .447 batting average and recently had a 25-game hitting streak snapped, and Stephanie Ochoa, who is hitting .443 and is the reigning Big Ten Player of the Week. Carmody and Ochoa are Iowa's only two batters hitting above .300 this season.

The Buckeyes are last in the Big Ten at 7-18, one year after finishing second with a 39-14 overall record and an NCAA regional appearance. Alicia Herron leads the team with a .419 batting average, three home runs, and 18 RBIs. Ohio State's pitching staff has an ERA of 5.74 and is allowing a .309 opponent's batting average.

Ohio State won both games against Iowa last season, but both were close: an extra-inning 8-7 victory and a 4-3 victory to complete the sweep.

— by Sam Louwagie

### McCaffery to appear on Big Ten Network

Iowa men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery will appear on the Big Ten Network as a guest analyst on March 28. The first-year coach will join hosts Dave Revsine, Mike Hall, and Shon Morris for "Big Ten Basketball and Beyond: Tournament Edition" at 7 p.m. CDT.

McCaffery will discuss the NCAA Tournament performances of conference foes Ohio State and Wisconsin, both of which are in the Sweet Sixteen.

The Hawkeyes were 0-3 this season against Ohio State and Wisconsin, but they played well in the two games played in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The team hung with the Buckeyes on Jan. 4 before losing, 73-68, and forced overtime against the Badgers in a 62-59 loss on Feb. 9.

McCaffery appeared in five NCAA Tournaments as a head coach before arriving at Iowa. He took Lehigh to the Dance in 1988, North Carolina-Greensboro in 2001, and Siena from 2008-10. His 2009 Siena squad upset Ohio State in the first round before falling to No. 1-seed Louisville.

— by Seth Roberts

# Small ball, team ball, faceless ball

Iowa players say their 'faceless opponent' mentality allows them to focus more on personal improvement.

By **SETH ROBERTS**  
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There are several ways to find out the Iowa baseball team's opponent in its home-opener this evening. Just don't ask the Hawkeyes themselves.

Iowa (7-10) has adopted a mentality that every opponent is "faceless." The idea is to treat each game the same, so as to better concentrate on personal improvement — and the message is sticking with the players.

"I've really bought into it," Iowa ace Jarred Hippen said. "It's about what I do when I go out there, not what the other team does. It's going to help us down the road."

Head coach Jack Dahm said he borrowed the term "faceless opponent" from Oregon football coach Chip Kelly, but the Hawkeyes have been approaching the games the same way since last year. The mindset began to take hold during the Big Ten season, when teams were slugging each other back and forth and no single program emerged as a front-runner for the conference title.

"There wasn't much movement in the standings, and that allowed our guys to quit worrying about the standings," Dahm said. "[We could



Iowa pitcher Jarred Hippen pitches during a practice at Banks Field on March 23, 2010. Hippen is 1-1 with a 4.13 ERA this season.

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start] worrying about ourselves and what we could control."

Iowa appeared to enjoy that luxury and finished second in the Big Ten Tournament.

Hippen has posted solid numbers by following the mantra this season (1-1 with a 4.13 ERA and 17 strikeouts), and he said he hasn't spent much time exclusively preparing for his start against Western Illinois (3-15) tonight. Instead, Hippen and the Hawkeyes are just happy

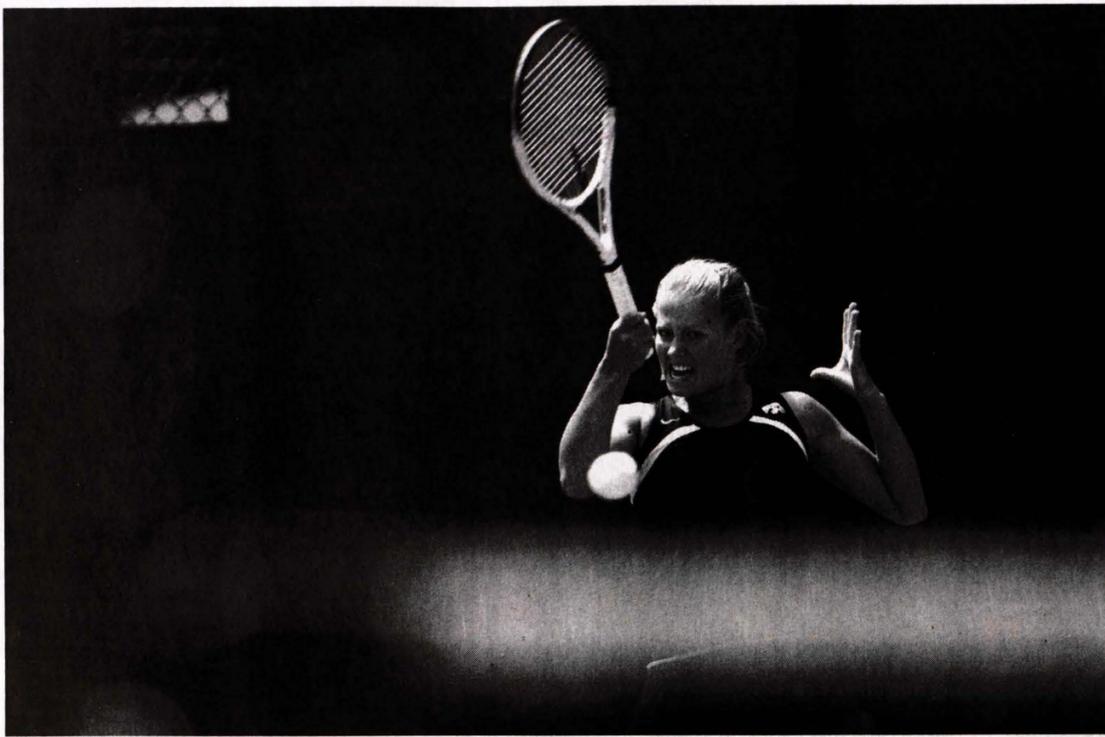
to be home after a 17-game road trip.

The Black and Gold spent the first third of the season criss-crossing the South, and the Hawks most recently played eight games in nine days while in Texas for spring break. The squad appeared exhausted at the end of that trip, dropping a pair of bad losses to Gonzaga in the Notre Dame Tournament, and senior shortstop Kurt Lee said playing at Banks Field is just what the team needs.

"We've gone three or four weeks now without seeing a home crowd, and that makes a big difference," he said. "Being able to hear a cheer when you get a big hit or do something well instead of boos and screams ... is going to be exciting. It will have a good effect on us."

Both Lee and Dahm were quick to admit the Hawkeyes didn't foresee sitting at 7-10 with a .250 collective batting average

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UI junior Sonja Molnar returns the ball to Michigan's Denise Muresan during their semifinal match in the Big Ten Tournament at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on May 1, 2010.

# Hawks to face Ohio St.

Women's tennis will take on the No. 71 Buckeyes in Columbus today.

By NICK SZAFRANSKI  
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The Iowa women's tennis team's nonconference schedule has been a bit bumpier than expected, but as conference play emerges, the Hawkeyes look to prey.

Iowa (3-8) will begin its highly competitive Big Ten season today when it takes on No. 71 Ohio State at 5 p.m. in Columbus, Ohio.

The Hawkeyes started the season ranked No. 30 in the nation, but as the losses piled up, they found themselves left out of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's top 75. However, with Big Ten play starting, the women will try to play their best in the "heart of the season."

More specifically, Iowa is aiming for at least a 6-4 record in Big Ten play, said senior Jessica Young.

"Our goal is not falling out the first day of the Big

**Iowa (3-8, 0-0) at No. 71 Ohio State (8-6, 1-0)**

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Ten tournament, which will probably put us into the NCAA Tournament," Young said.

The women hope to equal the success of last year's squad, which captured the No. 4 seed after going 6-4 in conference.

The 2010 spring team fell in the quarterfinals to top-seeded Michigan but, indeed, made the NCAAs.

Despite Iowa's 3-8 record, Young and her teammates are optimistic.

"We have had some unlucky problems," she said. "I think we are coming together as a team, and we are getting closer."

Two of Iowa's three wins have come on the road, including a 4-3 victory at Tulane on March 18. That win snapped a six-match losing streak.

The Buckeyes are 8-6 on the season, and they opened their Big Ten season Feb. 11 by knocking off Penn State.

With a 6-1 home record, the Buckeyes thrive at the Ohio State Varsity Tennis Center, their only loss coming to No. 38 South Florida. Ohio State's six wins included three shutouts and three wins by scores of 6-1.

Iowa's No. 40 doubles duo of junior Sonja Molnar and Young will battle Ohio State's No. 69 pair of Gabby Steele and Kelsey Haviland.

"There is more determination to strive to beat the ranked players and the ranked teams," freshman Christina Harazin said.

As the No. 1 singles player in all eleven of Iowa's matches, Molnar, No. 114 nationally, will also aim for her fifth-consecutive solo win. She was named the Big Ten Player of the Week on Tuesday after she earned her first win against a ranked opponent this season last week against Louisiana State's No. 56 Whitney Wolf.

Though the Buckeyes present a tough league-opener, head coach Katie Dougherty and Iowa have been looking forward to the grind of the conference schedule. After competing against Ohio State, the team will travel to University Park, Pa., to face Penn State on March 27.

"We're ready for the Big Ten season to start," Dougherty said. "It doesn't get more exciting than opening up in Columbus on a Friday night."

# Men's tennis takes on Buckeyes

Even though Iowa faces a tall order against No. 5 Ohio State, it has proven that it can compete with any team in the nation.

By BEN ROSS  
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This weekend marks the kickoff of the Big Ten tennis season for the Hawkeyes — they will compete against Ohio State (16-2) and Penn State (10-8) at home. No. 66 Iowa will face the No. 5 Buckeyes today and Penn State on March 27 at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

Ohio State comes off of a 6-1 win over Pepperdine in Malibu, Calif., earlier in the week, and the Hawkeyes will try to continue the success they had on the spring trip to Florida last week.

There, they went 2-1 while trying to acclimate from playing indoors to outdoors.

Scouting the competition, it appears Iowa will have all it can handle facing Ohio State. The Buckeyes have the No. 5 and 19 singles players in the nation in Blaz Rola and

Chase Buchanan. The squad is strong at doubles as well, with the pairing of Matt Allare and Peter Kobelt owning the No. 14 ranking in the nation. Even though the Hawkeyes will play such a highly ranked opponent, sophomore Garret Dunn believes the Hawkeyes remain unfazed.

"They're just a bunch of college kids like us," he said. "Rankings don't mean anything. The match against Illinois a couple weeks ago proved we're as good as any team in the nation. Rankings don't mean anything once you get on the court, and I think all the guys think that."

This week, the squad would normally start practicing outdoors in order to get ready for the remainder of the season. But because of the recent drop in temperature, the Hawkeyes will continue sharpening their skills indoors until the weather warms up. One may not think the atmosphere in which tennis is played affects the game, but the differences can be as significant as playing football on grass as opposed to turf, or perhaps even

**No. 66 Iowa (6-5, 0-1) vs. No. 5 Ohio State (16-2, 0-0)**

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more substantial than that.

Among the players, competing outdoors or indoors remains a matter of preference.

"I prefer indoors; I have a flat game," junior Will Vasos said. "I can hit more winners indoors, whereas outside it's more of grinding and loopy balls. If you have a big serve, it's a bigger weapon indoors. [The play] is more aggressive indoors, and outside you're going to have to grind and have 30-ball rallies. It's harder to get winners outdoors."

Assistant tennis coach Steve Nash doesn't believe his squad has any type of advantage or disadvantage playing outside or inside,

and he said the team can excel regardless of the climate it plays in.

"Indoor tennis is much faster," he said. "Typically, teams that serve bigger do well. You also don't have the heat or wind to deal with, so teams that can grind longer do well outdoors. We have tried to recruit a certain number of guys who are very good outdoors, a few who are very good indoors, and a few who do both well."

The Hawkeyes will have to be nearly perfect against a Buckeye squad that has no glaring weaknesses and has only posted two losses on the season, but the assistant coach is confident.

"Whenever you play a good team, you got to serve well and get free points," Nash said. "If you have to grind out every single point, that's tough. Serving is probably the biggest key for [Ohio State], and that would be very similar to every Big Ten match we play. We have to get enough free points so we do not have to scramble for every single point, and if we do that, our guys are going to beat anyone."

perature, being in the water wasn't going to be a good thing for any of the rowers."

The rowing team has only competed at home during the spring season once since 2007; a home meet in 2010 was the only exception.

The cancellation leaves the Hawkeyes with only three regular-season events left on the schedule. The Hawkeyes will travel to the San Diego Crew Classic on April 1-2.

- by Ryan Murphy



Vasos junior



Kowal head coach

## ROWING

### Rowing competition canceled

The Hawkeye rowing team does not get a lot of chances to race at home.

Mother Nature has knocked out the Hawkeyes' only chance to do so in the 2011 spring season.

The squad's home meet fell victim to the cold and blustery conditions in the area. The team's meet on Lake Macbride against

Minnesota — scheduled to take place Saturday — has been canceled. The races against the Golden Gophers will not be rescheduled.

Consultation between Hawkeye head coach Mandi Kowal and Gopher head coach Wendy Davis led to the decision to call off the races.

A slight chance of light snow in the morning forecast, and winds were projected to be near 20 mph. Kowal said while it's never a

good thing to cancel races, it was the right thing to do, noting that the weather conditions would not have been safe for her team. "I'm relieved for the well-being of our athletes," Kowal said. "With the wind and the air tem-

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SPORTS

**Women distance runners head for Stanford**

Head coach Layne Anderson and the Iowa women's track and field team will kick off the outdoor season today with 11 distance runners competing at the Stanford Invitational in Stanford, Calif.

The Hawkeyes are represented at the prestigious meet in a number of events at Stanford, including the 1,500 meters and the 5,000 meters. The team has been taking advantage of the spring

weather on the Cretzmeier track and local trails around the Iowa City area, and they look forward to one of their favorite meets of the outdoor season. Anderson said they will "enjoy, hopefully, the California sun."

Races will begin at 11 a.m. today and continue through Saturday afternoon on the Cobb Track.

"We're going to go out there with the intent to have our legs feel fresh to be ready get out there and run [personal records]," Anderson said.

Anderson and the rest of the Iowa women's track and field team,

including the throwers and sprinters, will jump back into competition next weekend at the LSU Invitational on April 1-2.

Starting this weekend, the outdoor track and field season is in full swing.

"We, the girls and myself, look forward to this trip as much because it signifies the beginning of spring," Anderson said.

— by Amy Tiffany

**Volleyball to open spring schedule**

The Iowa volleyball team will

open its spring season at home Saturday but in unfamiliar surroundings. The Hawkeyes will be in the Field House South Gym when they face Truman State at 2 p.m. and Western Illinois at 4 p.m. Admission is free for both matches.

The move comes because of the renovations at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, which will force all teams that usually play in the campus' largest indoor arena to find other sites until the renovations are completed. Carver-Hawkeye is scheduled to reopen in August.

Iowa's squad will look different

from what it did in the fall, when the team posted an overwhelming 7-22 record, including just two wins in Big Ten play. The Hawkeyes will now have to play without last year's best middle blocker, Becky Walters, who set a modern-day team record for aces last year with 41. Walters was the team's only senior last season.

Iowa's spring schedule will also take the team to Madison, Wis., and Minneapolis for tournaments, as well as to Indiana for a match against Valparaiso.

— by Ian Martin

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# Walker power

Kemba Walker leads UConn past San Diego State.

By GREG BEACHAM  
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The legend of Kemba Walker is growing bigger with each postseason feat for the Connecticut Huskies, who are on the brink of another trip to the Final Four.

Walker scored 22 of his 36 points in another dynamic second-half performance, relentlessly driving UConn down the stretch in a 74-67 victory over San Diego State in the West Regional semifinals Thursday night.

Freshman Jeremy Lamb added 24 points and hit a clutch 3-pointer with 1:43 left for the third-seeded Huskies (29-9), who won five games in five days to capture the Big East Tournament and now are going to an NCAA regional final for the 10th time.

Walker, the fearless playmaker from the Bronx generously listed at 6-1, scored 12 consecutive points for the Huskies down the stretch.

UConn advanced to Saturday's regional final against the winner of top-seeded Duke's meeting with Arizona later at Honda Center.

With four 3-pointers and a little veteran savvy to draw a run-stopping technical foul against San Diego State's Jamaal Franklin in the second half, Walker outdueled Aztec point guard D.J. Gay, who scored 16 points and trimmed UConn's second-half lead to 65-64 on a 3-pointer with 2:53 to play.

Lamb replied with his 3, and his emphatic last-second dunk set off a celebration in

the section of thoroughly outnumbered UConn fans at Honda Center, just 90 minutes up the interstate from San Diego.

The second-seeded Aztecs (34-3) couldn't quite catch up to the Huskies down the stretch. Kawhi Leonard had 12 points and nine rebounds but never dominated inside, Billy White added 14 points, and Malcolm Thomas had 13 points and eight rebounds.

Walker scored 14 points in the first half to stake UConn to a 36-27 lead during a 19-5 run, but the Aztecs replied with an 11-2 surge early in the second half. Thousands of San Diego State fans who sold out every home game on campus this season turned the Honda Center into Montezuma Mesa North, singing along to their favorite pep-band songs and thoroughly drowning out the UConn cross-country travelers.

Walker's lay-up put UConn up 40-32 early in the second half, but the Aztecs finally remembered they're bigger and taller than the Huskies, repeatedly using their advantages to set up open shots while keeping Walker's teammates from getting comfortable.

Gay's free throws put the Aztecs ahead 43-42 with 13 minutes left, and back-to-back buckets put San Diego State up 53-49 with 9:19 to play — but Walker even managed to turn that to the Huskies' advantage.

After Franklin made a steal and fed White for a lay-up, Franklin and Walker

exchanged a little trash talk. On the way back to their benches moments later, Franklin and Walker bumped shoulders — and Walker went crashing to the floor, drawing a technical foul and hitting both free throws.

Except for two regular-season meetings with BYU, the Aztecs were perfect throughout the winningest season in school history. San Diego State obliterated the school record for victories and won the Mountain West Tournament before knocking off Northern Colorado and Temple for its first two NCAA Tournament victories.

UConn's road was rockier, with a 9-9 regular-season mark in the Big East. With three freshmen in their starting lineup, most expected the Huskies to need another year before contending for big prizes.

UConn has been streaking ever since its regular season ended with four losses in five games. After Walker drove them to the Big East Tournament title in dramatic fashion, the Huskies knocked off Bucknell and Cincinnati in the first two rounds behind Walker, who already has obliterated the single-season school scoring record.

The West Coast vibe suits the Huskies, who also came out of this region during their runs to the 1999 and 2004 national titles, along with their trip to the 2009 Final Four.

# Gators cool off BYU

Balanced Florida beats Fredette, BYU, 83-74, in OT.

By DAVID BRANDT  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — BYU had the best scorer on the court. Florida had the better team.

Alex Tyus scored 19 points and grabbed 17 rebounds as Florida beat BYU, 83-74, in overtime Thursday night, chasing Jimmer Fredette and the Cougars out of the NCAA Tournament.

While Fredette was the star attraction, scoring 32 points on 11-for-29 shooting in the final game of his college career, Florida countered with balance.



Fredette  
Cougars star

Kenny Boynton added 17 points, and Erving Walker and Chandler Parsons both scored 16. Boynton and Parsons each hit 3-pointers in overtime as Florida outscored BYU 15-6.

Fredette made just 3-of-15 from 3-point range and had to work for his points against Florida's physical defense. By the end of the game, he had a bandage on his chin from a blow in the second half, but the baskets kept coming until he was held scoreless in overtime.

When the outcome became apparent with one minute remaining, BYU coach Dave Rose subbed out Fredette, bringing a stand-

ing ovation from the crowd. Florida (29-7) eliminated BYU (32-5) and reached its first regional final since 2007.

The Gators led for much of the first half, but BYU rallied to tie the game at 36 by halftime.

Florida was almost unstoppable early, making 10 of its first 13 shots and leading by 10 points early. But the Gators cooled dramatically from that point, making just 4-of-13 from the field and 1-of-6 from the free-throw line in the first half.

Fredette, who came into the game as the nation's leading scorer at 28.8 points per game, missed his first six shots from the field. But the Cougars were able to tread water thanks to Jackson Emery and Stephen Rogers, who combined to hit five 3-pointers in the first half.

Fredette was held scoreless for nearly 14 minutes before hitting a lay-up with 6:17 remaining in the first half. He made four of his next seven shots to finish the half with 10 points.

The Gators double-teamed Fredette occasionally but usually guarded him one-on-one with Kenny Boynton or Scottie Wilbekin. Fredette was bumped several times while trying to finish lay-ups, and two of his first three shots were blocked.

But fouls were hard to come by, despite Fredette's occasional glares toward offi-

cial and the anger from the vastly pro-BYU crowd at New Orleans Arena.

By midway through the second half, Fredette's chin was bleeding and he came out of a time-out sporting a white bandage. But it didn't stop him.

He brought the crowd to its feet with 4:56 remaining, nailing a 3-pointer from 30 feet away to tie the game at 63.

But Florida wasn't rattled, making several big shots. Tyus did the vast majority of his damage in the most crucial moments, with 12 points and 11 rebounds after halftime.

The Gators had the last shot in regulation, but Parsons missed a contested lay-up with one second remaining.

Compared with the tense final moments of the second half, overtime was anticlimactic. Tyus hit a lay-up, and Boynton made a short jumper to give Florida a 72-68 lead, and the Gators cruised from there as Fredette's 3-pointers didn't fall.

BYU beat Florida, 99-92, in double overtime in the first round of last year's NCAA Tournament.

BYU finished the season with the most wins in school history and made the round of 16 for the first time since 1981, when another famous Cougars guard, Danny Ainge, was the star.

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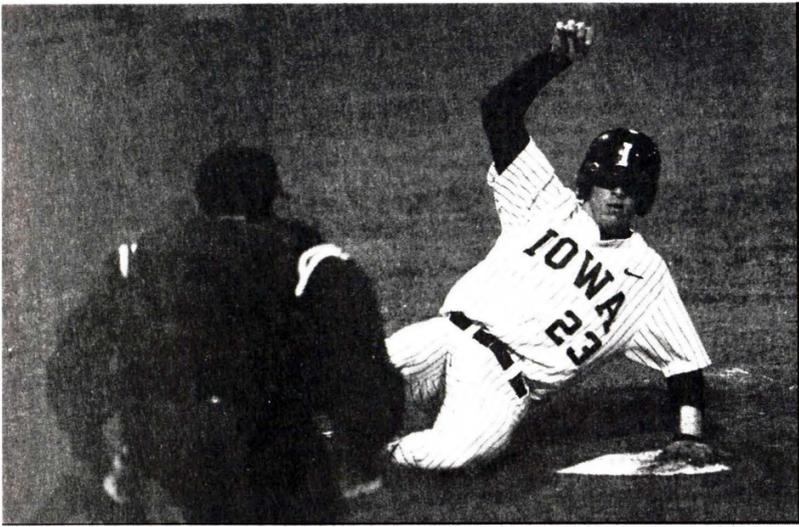
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Iowa catcher Dan Sheppard slides into home in against Iowa Central at Banks Field on Oct. 9, 2009.

## BASEBALL

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at this point in the season, especially after the success of 2010. But both the senior and skipper said there have been plenty of positives thus far as well, starting with the team's ability to overcome injuries to its pre-season stars.

Seniors Tyson Blaser and Zach McCool have lost their starting spots — at least temporarily — but have willingly accepted other roles. McCool, projected as the team's start-

ing third basemen, will see time in left field. Blaser will play some designated hitter to rest the shoulder he tweaked while playing catcher over spring break.

The team-first mentality appears to have rubbed off on the younger Hawkeyes as well. Freshman Bryan Niedbalski is one of the better hitters on the team, but the burly first basemen dropped down what he said was the first bunt of his life against Mississippi State on March 5.

Dahm said the faceless opponents, small-ball, and position-shuffling play into the larger picture of building a selfless and

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ultimately successful team.

"We can't play against what's across the front of their jerseys — we're playing against the game of baseball," Dahm said. "If we come out and play good, solid baseball, we've got a very good chance to win."

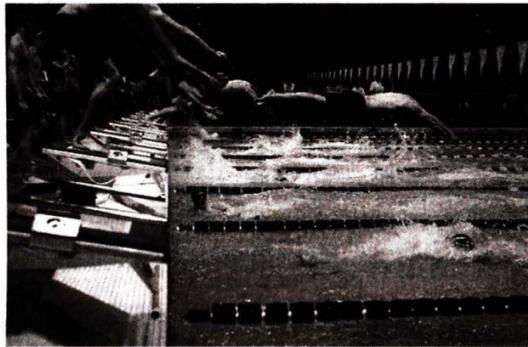
## MEN'S SWIMMING

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Today, the swimmers will take part in the 200 free, and Huff and Gordon will try to have good morning sessions in the preliminaries in order to swim in the finals.

There is also a possibility of the Hawkeyes being asked to participate in the 200-medley relay.

The NCAA championships will conclude on Saturday, with the squad will taking part in the 400-free relay. Gordon will swim in the 100 free as well.



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN  
Iowa's "A" team competes in lane three (third from bottom) during the finals of the men's 200-freestyle relay during the Hawkeye Invitational on Dec. 3, 2010 in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. The team consisted of Ryan Phelan, Duncan Partridge, Devon Meeks, and Sean Hagan.

"It's nice to have the Hawkeyes back at [the NCAA] meet after such a long drought," Long said.

"Our goal is not to be up here, but to be up here and scoring, and there's still a lot of swimming to go."

## MEN'S TRACK

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some of the throwers, "Why don't you throw that dang thing?"

That "dang thing" was the javelin. And by his senior year, Byers excelled in two sports.

While Matt Byers received some interest from Kansas and Kansas State for football, Iowa throws coach Scott Cappos' genuine interest landed Byers in Iowa City.

Brian Byers, 55, who grew up in Iowa, tried to stay out of his son's decision-making process as much as possible. He wanted his son to go where Matt wanted.

"I was better at track, and it was taking off, so I had to keep going with it," Matt Byers said. "I got letters from other schools, but I could tell they were [generic] letters. When [Cappos] sent his, he took the time to write 'I coached a Big Ten champion.'"

During the summer after his senior year, he traveled to Trinidad and Tobago as part of the U.S. Junior National team and competed in the 2009 Pan American Junior Athletics Championship. He threw against some of the top competitors from Argentina, Brazil, Costa

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Rica, and Canada who were between the ages of 16 and 19.

Byers finished third with a throw of 65.83 meters. To put that in perspective, that same distance would have earned him second place at the 2009 outdoor Big Tens.

"He was a blue-chip guy coming in, so we thought he would have an impact," Iowa head coach Larry Wiecezorek said. "Now, whether you could say he could win the Big Ten or not, that's another story."

As soon as Cappos had Byers under his tutelage, however, the coach wasted no time in setting high goals.

"I talked about [winning a Big Ten title] the first day of practice," Cappos said. "I talked about it over the summer before he even came to Iowa."

Byers said at times last year during meets, he would return to his high-school form and just try to throw as far as he could. This year, a focus on technique will be key as he hopes to improve his consistency.

What may make Byers' Big Ten title last year more impressive is the fact he was the only freshman to even place in the top

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eight, and in turn, score points for his team. When he moved on to the NCAA championships, he was one of only five freshmen to compete among the 22 throwers in Eugene, Ore.

This year, the Hawkeyes are counting on another 10 points from their javelin thrower come May. And the soft spoken 20-year-old is more than ready to defend his championship.

"Seeing how [Big Tens are] in Iowa City, I don't want anybody else to win it," Byers said. "Iowa is a Hawkeye State, and I really don't want anybody else to come in here and just take the team championship or the javelin [title]. I want it to stay here."

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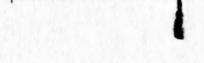
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