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Dakota Sedlacek pets a sheep on his family's farm on Thursday. The Sedlacek farm has been in the family for more than 130 years.

## Some young adults hear call of land

More agricultural-degree options at schools are contributing to a growing interest in farming.

By **NINA EARNEST**  
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Dakota Sedlacek's farm, on the outskirts of Iowa City, has been in his family for more than 130 years. He would like to keep it that way. "I feel obligated to do it," the 19-year-old said. "And I want to do it." He knows it's hard work, and he probably won't make a lot of money. But despite the difficulty, he wants to be a farmer. Sedlacek, a City High graduate, is part of a younger generation of farmers who are stepping up to the challenges of modern agriculture. Production agriculture — farming for profit — is not as popular of a career option as it once was. Although the average age of farmers continues to increase, more young people are now wanting to be part of the agriculture process in Iowa, experts said.

SEE **FARMERS, 6**



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Pigs run around the Sedlacek farm on Thursday. The farm consists of roughly 600 acres, on which the family grows crops and raises pigs, sheep, and cows.

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## Liaison: Underage tickets too costly

In February, police handed out 24 citations to those underage in a bar after 10 p.m.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**  
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One student advocate is asking the Iowa City City Council to consider reducing the hefty fine given to underage people found in bars after 10 p.m. Elliot Higgins, the University of Iowa Student Government liaison to the City Council, said paying more than \$1,000 in fines and fees for getting caught drinking underage in a bar after hours is too financially devastating for college students. He submitted a letter to the council Thursday, asking the councilors to rethink the fines

SEE **FINES, 6**

## County buys 3 lots near jail

More than \$1 million is spent annually to house inmates outside of Johnson County.

By **KATIE HEINE**  
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The Johnson County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Thursday to purchase three properties near the Johnson County Jail they hope will eventually be home to a new criminal-justice center. The supervisors agreed to purchase 514 and 520 S. Capitol St. and 4 E. Prentiss St. for nearly \$1.1 million. "This is good news," said Supervisor Terrence Neuzil.

SEE **JAIL, 6**

## Redistricting maps unveiled

The new maps could force two sets of legislators to run against each other in future elections.

By **ALLIE WRIGHT**  
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A newly proposed redistricting map puts two incumbent Democratic congressmen in the same district, but officials said it's too early to know what that means for Iowa or for the two politicians. Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, whose current district includes Johnson County, will be in the same district as Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa. Party officials said they are still examining the new maps and don't know yet whether the two men will eventually face off. "It's entirely up to the individual legislators," said Ed Cook, senior legal counsel for the Legislative Services Agency. "They can run for Senate or run for a different office." The possibility of legislators such as Braley and

Loebsack running against each other is not something that is taken into account when making the redistricting maps, he said. In redistricting, one such matchup isn't unusual, but Iowa will have two, a far less common occurrence, said University of Iowa political-science Associate Professor Tim Hagle. Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, ended up in the same district as Rep. Tom Latham, R-Iowa. Loebsack would only lose one of the 15 counties he currently represents if the plan is approved and he moves to the new 2nd District, he told *The Daily Iowan*.

"The bottom line is that the Iowa process for redistricting is the most fair of any in the country," Loebsack said, noting that it puts "Iowans over politics." Iowa's nonpartisan redistricting system is somewhat unusual, Hagle said. Some states base their districts on which political party has control. Iowa's, on the other hand, is based on population and compactness — or evenness of districts. "It's such a good model that I signed legislation that would make it the [trend] across the country," Loebsack said. The Iowa Legislature still needs to approve the plans.



**Loebsack**  
representative



**Braley**  
representative

SEE **REDISTRICKT, 6**



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## Rights rally

As part of a national day of protest, roughly 20 University of Iowa students set up signs during the Day of Solidarity for a workers' rights rally held on the Pentacrest Thursday. Christopher Pickett, a graduate research assistant in the School of Art and Art History, helped organize the event. He hoped the rally would raise awareness and build momentum for future action against "union-busting bills" around that nation.

**DI** DAILYIOWAN.COM Check out a photo slide show from the rally.

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Cloudy at first, 40% chance of rain, then turning sunny, windy.

### WEB CALENDAR

Let us know about your upcoming event. Submit information to the *DI*'s new online event calendar, and we'll publish it there and on the Daily Break page. To submit a listing, visit [dailyiowan.com/pages/calendarsubmit](http://dailyiowan.com/pages/calendarsubmit)



# Koehlhoeffer charged

He appeared in Johnson County court Thursday in his initial appearance.

By HAYLEY BRUCE  
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Police have officially charged the inmate who allegedly escaped from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and led police on a 19-hour chase in December 2010.

Anthony Koehlhoeffer, 20, of Bettendorf was charged Dec. 16 with second-degree theft, second-degree robbery, third-degree kidnapping, and two counts of leaving the scene of an accident.

Koehlhoeffer was awaiting trial on numerous felony charges in Jefferson County when he was transported to UIHC for medical treatment and reportedly escaped around 11:30 p.m. Dec. 14.

According to police reports, Koehlhoeffer then approached a female UI student in the parking lot outside Rienow Residence Hall and forced her car door open. Koehlhoeffer then allegedly pulled her out of the car, struck her in the face at least

three times, and left with her car, the report said.

Around 5:30 a.m. Dec. 15, police received a call that a car had been stolen from Hawk-eye Convenience Store, 2875 Commerce Drive.

Police complaints said Koehlhoeffer entered a parked, unoccupied running vehicle and drove off. Officials said Koehlhoeffer stated he took it to leave town, because he was wanted for fleeing police custody.

Koehlhoeffer then struck another car in the parking lot, fled the scene, and wrecked the car a few blocks away, where he kidnapped a woman, the report said.

After Koehlhoeffer crashed, the complaint said a woman stopped to assist him, offering to



Koehlhoeffer inmate

give him a ride to the gas station down the street. When Koehlhoeffer got in the car, police said he told the woman to "drive, drive drive," because police were after him.

The report said the woman tried to get the man out of her car at several gas stations, but he refused and said he needed to get to Davenport.

At one point, the woman told officials Koehlhoeffer grabbed the back of her neck. She said she felt Koehlhoeffer was going to hurt her if she did not comply. She also told police she thought she "was going to die" and identified the man from a photo line-up.

It is still unclear how Koehlhoeffer escaped from the UIHC, but the incident has prompted changes in the communication process between the hospital and Iowa counties regarding their policies for overseeing inmates being treated at the facility.

He was in the Johnson

## Timeline

- **11:30 p.m. Dec. 14:** Koehlhoeffer reportedly escapes from UIHC, then allegedly assaults a UI student outside Rienow and steals her car.
- **5:30 a.m. Dec. 15:** Koehlhoeffer allegedly steals a car running outside of a convenience store, hits a parked vehicle, and wrecks the car a few blocks away.
- **A few minutes later:** Koehlhoeffer crashes his car and allegedly forces a woman who offered to help him to drive him to Davenport.
- **6 p.m. Dec. 15:** Davenport police arrest Koehlhoeffer after witnessing him steal and crash a car, flipping it over.

Source: Iowa City, University of Iowa, and Davenport police

County Jail for a short time Thursday before he was transported to the Iowa Medical & Classification Center, where he'll stay until his hearing.

## METRO

### 3 charged in fight

Police charged three people in connection with a reported fight outside the Old Capitol Town Center Wednesday evening.

Larisha Spencer, 19, Coralville, was charged Wednesday with assault with use/display of a weapon. Isiah Furlow, 22, 741 Orchard St., was charged with disorderly conduct, and a 17-year-old was charged with disorderly conduct. (*The Daily Iowan* does not name minors unless they are charged with a felony.)

According to police reports, the minor's mother, Tia Belton, and Belton's sister — Spencer — were at the Iowa City police station to pick up the West High student for allegedly fighting at the Old Capitol mall earlier in the day.

Minutes after the three women left the station, police received numerous calls of fighting at the Old Capitol mall.

Spencer allegedly hit someone with a sock with a lock placed in it and pulled the alleged victim's hair out, according to reports. Police said the alleged victim was friends with the party that was involved in the earlier fight.

Police said when they arrived on the scene, Furlow was allegedly chest to chest with another male, stating he was going to beat him up. The report said Furlow's cousin had called him by phone and asked him to help her fight another male. It is unclear who allegedly called Furlow to the scene.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said officers are investigating whether the fight is connected with a similar March 26 incident at Saddlebrook. — by Hayley Bruce

### Gun bill dies

The "stand your ground bill" has died in the legislative funnel.

The bill, House File 576, would have allowed gun owners to use deadly force to protect themselves or another person as long as they are allowed to be in an area lawfully. The proposed legislation would also protect that person from civil suits, the file said.

However, Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said, the bill could be brought up in the Ways and Means Committee at the majority leaders' discretion. — by Hayley Bruce

### Hearings set in Hunninghake case

A hearing has been reset in embattled University of Iowa Professor Gary Hunninghake's petition to block the UI from releasing documents about the circumstances that led to his being put on paid leave.

A hearing has also been set for the *Iowa City Press-Citizen's* application to intervene in the case.

## BLOTTER

**Joseph Bielema**, 22, Cedar Rapids, was charged Thursday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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- 5th: "It's time ... to get involved" National Day of Action
- 6th, 13th, 19th: "Live free" campaign @ UI and Kirkwood campuses
- 7th: Campus Safety presentation by Judge Susan Carbon @ Old Capitol Museum, 7p
- 10th: Wings of Healing @ RVAP, 2:30p
- 11th: Crime Victims' Rights Kickoff @ Iowa City Council Chambers, 5:30p
- 26th: Clothesline Project @ UI Pentacrest Lawn, 10a-3p
- 28th: International Denim Day
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# 'Stuff the Bus' is back

This Crisis Center fundraiser will be held on Saturday.

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For six years, the bus for the "Stuff the Bus" has been packed full of food.

But Johnson County residents haven't let the confines of a bus stop them in recent years. They have started to donate something that takes up a lot less space: money.

And Beth Ritter Ruback, the communications and development director for the Crisis Center of Johnson County, said officials hope the trend continues.

On Saturday, an Iowa City transit bus will make stops at four Johnson County Hy-Vee locations to collect food donations from shoppers.

"It's easier for us if we're in front of a grocery store, because if people are going in, they'll pick up a couple of things and bring them right out," said J.J. Cook, the operations manager for AM 800 KXIC.

Hy-Vee, Iowa City Transit, AM-800 KXIC, and *The Daily Iowan* plan to work together on the event.

KXIC will be covering the event from each location with two breaks every hour, Cook said.

Organizers said the Stuff the Bus event aims to promote items the Crisis Center is running low on.

The Crisis Center distributes a list of the top-10



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hy-Vee employee Diaz Doolin scans food items at the Waterfront Drive Hy-Vee on April 1, 2010. This year's event will be this Saturday.

items it needs. The list includes rice and pasta, laundry detergent, baby formula and food, and baby wipes. But money is at the top of its list for donations.

Because the Crisis Center gets hefty discounts on many food items — such as 50 cents for a bag of cereal — they keep items that they have the opportunity to purchase off the list.

"We can take a dollar further than you can take it at the grocery store," Ritter Ruback said.

The Crisis Center distributes more than 60,000 pounds of food each month, and has not seen a decrease in donations with the recession, she said.

The Crisis Center obtains about 25 percent of its food through financial grants and the other 75

percent through donations. Financial donations give variety to the center's food.

The bus will stop at the Coralville Hy-Vee on Highway 6 from 9 to 10:30 a.m., the Waterfront Hy-Vee from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the First Avenue Hy-Vee from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and the North Dodge Hy-Vee from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Curtis Brenton, operations supervisor for the Iowa City Transportation Service, said two drivers will take shifts driving to the four Hy-Vee locations.

Cook, who has been with the radio station since the start of the event, said the sense of fulfillment of helping the Crisis Center makes it all worth it.

"It's why we continue to do it," he said. "It's one of the big promotions, and it needs the help."

# Keeping the museum alive

Despite not having a building, UI Museum of Art officials hope a new event will attract an audience.

By **JON FRANK**  
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The University of Iowa may not have a building for its art collection, but Museum of Art staff members are finding ways to remain a part of the Iowa City community.

The inaugural First Friday, a social event for art enthusiasts, will take place at 5 p.m. today at the hotel-Vetro, 201 S. Linn St., and Formosa, 221 E. College St..

"First Friday" is a nod to the event's timing and frequency — the first Friday of every month. Organizers said the function is intended to remind community members the museum still exists.

"[This event is] to let people know we're still around, even though we don't have a physical building," said UI senior Meghan Centers, as marketing and media assistant for the UI Museum of Art. "[People] associate the museum with a physical building."

The theme for tonight's exhibit is "Where ART thou."

"People think that because there is no museum, it's over," said Anna Moyers Stone, the head of the six-person committee that planned First Fridays.

The Iowa City native said she hopes today's event will help keep the

community connected to the local art scene. She said Iowa City suffered a "loss" when the 2008 flood put the UI Art Museum out of commission.

"Iowa City has that energy and needs a group like this to keep the energy up," said Museum of Art Director Sean O'Harrow. "This First Friday is a way of tapping into that. It's appealing to a more youthful crowd."

Stone along with her committee, which also included downtown business owner Catherine Champion, modeled First Fridays after other art museums' programs, which keep their doors open late into the night for patrons.

The Minneapolis Art Institute began a program in 2007 called Third Thursdays — targeting young adults — a monthly event that has new displays and exhibitions each month.

Anne-Marie Wagener, the director of press and public relations at the Minneapolis Art Institute, said Third Thursdays was created to attract a younger audience that does not have time to visit the museum during its regular operating hours.

"We noticed a lot of museums nationally would stay open late once a week," she said. "We had to pick a night just for people who

## First Friday Activities include:

- DJ
- Two-hour video collection of contributed art work
- RAYGUN T-shirt sale with profits going to the Museum of Art

Source: University of Iowa Museum of Art

wanted to mingle with other people."

Since its inception four years ago, Third Thursdays' attendance has continued to grow. The museum saw night visitors blossom to 23,000 people in 2010 — an increase of 10,000 over the previous year.

O'Harrow said they'll put "an Iowa City spin" on the event.

"Our event is more humorous, more informal, and, perhaps, potentially more raucous," he said.

He also said he hopes for a large student turnout. And although the event won't include art on display, it's ideal for students who love art, he said.

"All students should make sure they do their homework on time," he said. "Then they're allowed to come out and have a party."

DI reporter Hayley Bruce contributed to this report.

## METRO

### Bill to lower boat- ing blood-alcohol limit still alive

A bill that would decrease the legal limit for blood-alcohol content for a person to pilot a boat is

still alive after a legislative funnel this week.

Senate File 7, which passed the Senate on Tuesday, would lower the blood-alcohol limit for navigating a vessel or motorboat from to 0.08.

The current limit is 0.10.

### Cady re-elected chief justice

The Iowa Supreme Court re-elected Justice Mark Cady of Fort Dodge as chief justice, according to a press release.

According to a press release from the Iowa Judicial Branch, Cady was given a vote of confi-

dence Thursday.

The release said Cady has served as a judge for 28 years, including 13 years on the Iowa supreme court, making him the most senior member.

"I am honored by my colleagues' confidence in me," Cady said in the release. "I pledge to

do everything in my power to ensure that Iowans continue to have a high-caliber court system that provides fair and impartial justice."

This vote of confidence follows the recent addition of three new justices to the seven-member bench.

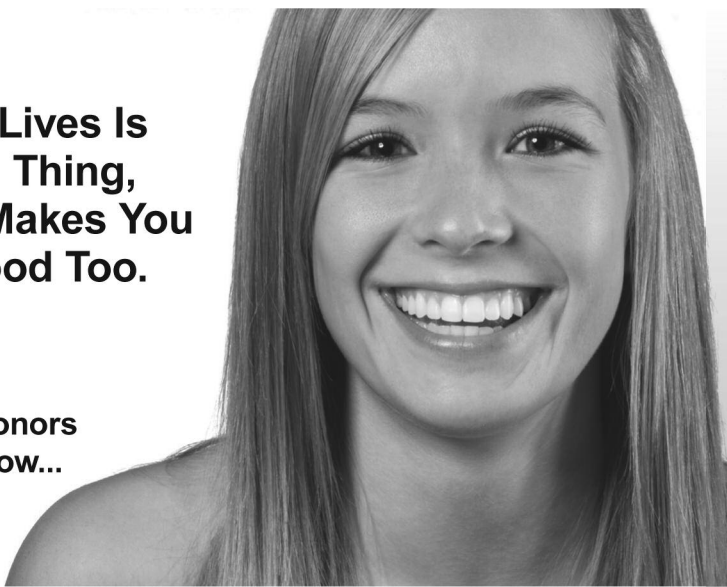
Cady was part of the controversial unanimous decision legalizing same-sex marriage in Iowa.

In addition to judicial duties, the chief justice sets the oral argument schedule and assigns cases and administrative duties to each justice.

— by Hayley Bruce

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## Editorial

# Perspectives on the Iowa caucuses

### Interminable weariness

"A new day is needed in American politics like a new day is needed in American government," proclaimed GOP presidential-nomination candidate Mike Huckabee at the 2008 Iowa Republican caucuses. "And tonight it starts here, in Iowa. But it doesn't end here."

No, it doesn't: To the delight and dismay of many Iowans, the honor of first national caucus swings into the party invited but stays long after the other guests have left. While other states may be envious (and many national voters left feeling apathetic and disenfranchised), this quadrennial party may look harmless but is actually a months-long bender. After the last media sources have packed up and headed back to the coasts, the robo-calls have fallen silent, and the campaign directors have set their sights on the next social events, the state breathes an audible sigh of relief.

Because caucus season, if anything, has gotten longer over the years (this coming from a 20-something Iowa native). Since the inception of "first in the nation" in 1972, candidates have banked upon longer lead-ups and extra fundraising time to help get their names out and their sound bites heard. Instead of bickering over which state is most worthy of the first caucus or primary, perhaps our efforts would be better spent instating an acceptable length of pre-poll campaigning.

I'm still unsure if shaking hands with Donald Trump would be a blessing or a curse, and it will be interesting to see if Michele Bachmann has learned American geography come fall. But one thing is for sure: Feb. 6, 2012, can't come soon enough.

— Kirsten Jacobsen

### Ethnic homogeneity hinders representation

Many Americans consider the Iowa caucuses a good predictor of who will win the presidential nominations (at least since 1996). The nine long months of campaigning and debating following the caucuses are predicated upon its results. After all, as some say, Iowa serves as a good representation for the rest of the country — an indicator for how similar citizens will vote. But Iowa is not representative of a larger and significantly more diverse country.

Ninety-four percent of Iowans are white, and only 3 percent of Iowans are black. This is certainly not representative of other states, such as Louisiana, Mississippi, and Georgia, where the population is more than 30 percent black — or of the country overall, which is now only half white. Sure, Iowa picked President Obama (who, if you haven't heard, is black) as the winner in the 2008 Democratic caucuses, but this doesn't mean that Iowans are aware of, or sensitive to, the needs of minorities.

Minorities have needs and agendas that they would like addressed by their future president. Labor issues, health-care access, and education, among others, are all matters that affect the quality of minority lives. One of the biggest issues currently for the Latino population is illegal immigration and the debate surrounding it, something less influential in Iowa.

Bill Richardson, a Latino, was a Democratic presidential-nomination candidate in 2008. Iowa's Latino population is only 5 percent. Were votes for Richardson or attention focused on Richardson lost because of this?

The minority voice and minority vote need to be recognized by America, not just the white majority from Iowa. The next Iowa caucuses will again be voted upon by a white majority.

Having the first nominations in a state with a larger minority and more diverse population may allow for those voices and votes to be heard.

— Emily Inman

### Ideological imbalance skews results

Iowa is a microcosm of the United States like Michele Bachmann is the personification of conservative ideals.

Iowa's political passions weigh heavily on its extremities — Democrats tend to lean very far left, and Republicans, well ... let's just remember that Mike Huckabee came out on top in 2008. Where else in the country can you make a 20-minute drive from a lively gay bar to a tranquil Amish village?

Voter turnout is a perpetual problem in November presidential elections, and the issue is magnified threefold in primaries. Only 19 percent of the U.S. population participated in the 2008 primaries, and it's easy to deduce that the 19 percent represents the most ideologically vehement American voters.

So, combine Iowa's disparate political spectrum, remove any and all moderates, and pack them into a

room to choose between moderates (with the chance to both win the general election and govern effectively) and extremists (whose rhetoric do the most to boil the blood of the most partisan of voters) and see who comes out on top with enough momentum to propel them deep into the electorate season — even if it's somebody as philosophically divisive as Huckabee.

Iowa, with its 94 percent white population, should not be the first leg of presidential nomination. CNN's polling center's 2006 analysis — measuring each state's race, ethnicity, income, education, and other factors — had Iowa in the bottom half of the country in terms of U.S. representativeness.

It should take more than arbitrary history and nonsensical state mandates for a state to host the initial, and substantially influential, nomination election, and you should agree — unless you're an Obama supporter, in which case: Vote Bachmann!

— Chris Steinke

### Campaigning focus raises awareness

I'll be honest, I didn't pay much attention to the Iowa caucuses until a few years ago. It became a part of my life my first year here, when I had a somewhat bizarre encounter with Kal Penn while dining at the Burge cafeteria. Although I was unaware of it at the time, Penn was there in support of Barack Obama, but in doing so, he was doing another, very valuable thing: drawing public attention to the caucuses as a whole, not just his candidate.

Instead of seeing Iowa as a so-called "fly-over state" every four years, the Iowa caucuses have the potential to draw a lot of publicity and do so with the help of some celebrity faces.

Now, I'm not saying that celebrities should have the ability to influence voter decisions. But what I am saying is this: The amount of publicity that the Iowa caucuses receive has the ability to draw attention from otherwise apathetic students, even if it requires the help of some faces other than the political candidates running themselves.

At least, that's what caused me and the few I was surrounded with to pay attention: seeing a famous face in the mundane Burge cafeteria. Students should by no means take word-for-word what Penn or any other celebrity has to say about a certain candidate, but having them there to garner support and awareness can be a very vital tool, especially on a college campus.

Sure, celebrity endorsements may sway some of the public opinion to a certain extent, but just that initial attraction luring otherwise-apathetic students is a pretty powerful thing — and just one example of how the Iowa caucuses benefit our community.

— Taylor Casey

### Caucuses are bizarre fossils

While the Iowa caucuses are supremely entertaining, they have to go.

The caucus system is a relic of a very different era in American political culture, an era we do not want to repeat. Caucuses were conducted to ensure that parties could minimize the impact on candidate selection by the general public, and the current caucus system — albeit to a lesser extent — does the same thing.

The basic structure of caucuses excludes large swathes of people. The most obvious? Those who have constrictive obligations. Caucuses are evening meetings, rather than daylong events like primary and general elections, so people who work evening shifts, can't find a ride to the meeting at that time, or can't find a baby-sitter do not have voices in their precinct's candidate selection.

The solution? Direct primaries. Let the voters choose a candidate at the ballot box instead of letting party activists debate inside a high-school gym. Direct primaries started to catch on in the middle of the 20th century as the Progressive movement called for a fairer electoral process. Direct primaries have their faults, such as elevating a slightly unrepresentative electorate, but they are far superior to caucuses.

Although we all agree it's fun for local Iowa politicians to get together for an evening, debate platform ideas and weed out third-party candidates, it is neither the most democratic nor the most efficient method of choosing candidates for the presidency. Let's shed this vestige of electoral dominance by massive political machines and put more power in voters' hands.

— Will Mattessich

Your turn. Should Iowa continue to have its first-in-the-nation caucuses?

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# The limits of democracy



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In another life, Bob Vander Plaats and I might have been ideological brethren, fellow tribunes and small-d democrats.

It's an odd observation for a leftist like myself to make. But Vander Plaats' jeremiads are suffused with anti-elite rhetoric redolent of the best prairie populists. He frames his rear-guard attack on the Iowa Supreme Court as upholding the "voice of the people." And he speaks of crafting a new judicial-selection process that would better include citizen input.

These various invocations of citizen empowerment would, in a different context, be salubrious for our body politic. In many areas, the American ideal of democratic equality has become a cruel joke, evacuated of all substantive meaning.

Not so in the judicial branch, though — the target of Vander Plaats' exhortation.

When three Iowa Supreme Court justices are ousted for having the *temerity* to safeguard minority rights (as is their duty) and the remaining four justices remain in the cross hairs, there's a surfeit of democracy — not a shortage.

While I share Vander Plaats' goal of strengthening citizens' voices, social conservatives seek to expand democracy to areas in which it has no business being. Because judicial review is a sacrosanct tenet of our liberal democracy, judicial-retention elections are one area in which citizens, on the whole, *should* be apathetic.

Forget the tendentiousness of Vander Plaats for just a second. Support for his troglodytic social vision will die out. A deeper, irresolvable conflict will remain, however.

The conflict, with which all liberal democracies must grapple, is this: Where does democratic self-governance end, and where do inviolate rights begin? (The inimitable Chantal Mouffe laid the concept out well in her book *The Democratic Paradox*.)

Far from being a recalcitrant philosophical

question, this inherently irresolvable tension is at the root of many of our political debates.

Does the individual mandate in health-care reform limit personal liberty? Do certain worker protections limit the freedom of contract? Are these majority tyranny at work or just democratic self-governance?

And then there's the gay-marriage question, perhaps the best example of the conflict.

For Vander Plaats and other social conservatives, morality is the bedrock of a prosperous society. As he said at the Sycamore Mall on Wednesday, "This thing called a republic hinges on two inseparable rungs: religion and morality."

Social conservatives talk about the importance of "traditional marriage" and "family values." At issue, though, is whether the electorate can impose its conception of morality without unduly limiting personal liberties.

It's a precarious balance, indeed.

Libertarians, fearing majority tyranny around every corner, are suspicious of democratic majorities. And, as basic civil rights and civil liberties are eroded, it can be tempting to circumscribe legislative bodies. Felony disenfranchisement, a wasteful, ineffective war on drugs, an immigration system that devalues human rights — all are the result of democratically enacted legislation. So why not severely limit what citizens and their elected officials can do?

While the libertarian commitment to liberal individualism is laudatory, too often it leads them to a wholesale eschewal of democratic self-governance. That leaves citizens with inviolate rights, but little capacity to exercise them.

I want a society in which citizen power — rather than technocratic elites and high-powered lobbyists — rules the day. I want a society in which due process and agency aren't limited to the political process but extend into the workplace. In sum, I want a vibrant democratic society that doesn't infringe upon inviolate rights.

Vander Plaats is right: We do need more democracy.

But not as a means to take away minority rights. ■

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Letter

### Christian ethics do not belong in state gov't

Bob Vander Plaats is proposing that our society "keep the bond between Christian conservative values and public policy closely knit." He wants to do this by preventing gay couples from marrying.

Never mind how easy it is to see that gay couples raise healthy children, never mind the vast number of religions that have nothing against gay peo-

ple, and never mind all the Republican, Christian politicians who've been caught having sex with male prostitutes — those aside, proposing legislation prohibiting gay marriage shows a complete disregard for human rights and U.S. law.

Vander Plaats claims that he's concerned about the Constitution. Sure. Recall that the First Amendment begins, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." Vander Plaats and other advocates of laws prohibiting gay marriage cite reli-

gious ethics as justification. If the people advocating laws prohibiting gay couples from marrying haven't even gotten 10 words into the very first amendment, can we really trust them to care about U.S. law?

A better question is: Have they even read the book from which they claim to draw their ethical code? Let's imagine a world where we really did base our policy on what the Bible says. It's an amusing thought.

Exodus 20:4 says, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any

graven image, or any likeness of any thing." Oops.

Leviticus 19:28 says, "ye shall not inscribe on yourselves any marks." So much for tattoos. It really makes you wonder where the people getting biblical tattoos took their religion classes, doesn't it?

Looking at these, it's a pretty good thing we don't base American laws on the Bible. Let's keep it that way.

Asher Stuhlmann  
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# West pitches a new pitch

The committee has raised \$170,000 for West High's new soccer field.

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The soccer field at Northwest Junior High is in bad shape.

West High's soccer team's "home" pitch — a term used loosely since the field at the junior high is more than two miles from West High — has dirt patches in front of both goals, and loose rocks that alter the path of the ball if it's not properly passed around the pebbles.

Players say it's not a fitting home for a men's team that has five state titles since 2000 or the Women of Troy, which has made the state playoffs in nine of the last 13 years.

"At one time, it was a pretty good field," West Athletics Director Marv Reiland said. "But the wear and tear that it gets, the fact that it's not confined, there are people on that field 24 hours a day ... It hasn't stayed in tip-top shape."

This unkempt patch will likely be a thing of the past in 2012 — West High will hold a groundbreaking ceremony this afternoon for a new on-campus field set to be completed by next soccer season.

Jackie Kaeding is chairing the "Go for the Goal" campaign to fund the new field. The former West High and University of Iowa soccer player helped the Women of Troy win its only women's state title in 2004.

Though Kaeding didn't initiate the campaign, she was asked to be the face of the project by its creator Peggy Hausler — an experienced fundraiser for the UI Foundation and parent of a player on the West High team.

Kaeding accepted the position immediately because of what she says is a vital need for an on-campus place to play footy.

"To compete, you need to have a quality playing field," she said. "You don't need the bell and whistles. You don't



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The Northwest Junior High soccer field, which the West High soccer teams use, has some visible rough spots on Thursday. The "Go for the Goal" campaign has raised \$170,000 for West High's first on-campus soccer field.

## Northwest Junior High Soccer Field

Both West High teams use the junior high's pitch as their "home" turf. Some problems with the field:

- Shared with Northwest P.E., other soccer leagues, and Coralville Fourth of July Celebration
- Poor irrigation creates wet spots, ripped turf
- Players must drive or find a ride from West to the field
- No concession stand or ticket gate means lost revenue

Source: "Go for the Goal" campaign

need the great scoreboard or the fancy entranceway. But you need a playing surface that is up to par."

In the beginning, Kaeding, along with Hausler and a host of other fundraisers, were tasked with raising \$250,000 completely from private gifts.

The crew has raised \$170,000 of what is now a \$300,000 goal — thanks in large part to separate \$25,000 gifts from West High booster club Club West and Scheels.

If the goal is reached, the new field will be placed next to the baseball field on the

school's campus, a much easier commute for players than the usual slew of carpooling to Northwest Junior High.

Aside from the ease for current players, the new field is also anticipated to elevate awareness of two programs already considered to be among the region's best.

"It will raise interest among the student body," said West High junior forward Mary Hausler — the daughter of Peggy Hausler. "It's just exciting to have something to call your own." Kaeding echoed that idea but said she is thinking on an even grander scale.

The Hawkeye State isn't known nationally or even regionally for producing top-tier soccer players. But with a potentially great facility, all of that could change soon enough.

"Especially in Iowa, it's so tough, because out west in California and Oregon and places such as that, soccer is huge," Kaeding said. "But we don't have that in the Midwest. There a lot of high schools that don't even play soccer. So I think [the new field would be] big for the state because now we have something we can take some pride in."

## METRO

### Homeschoolers lose driver's ed bid

The bill that would have allowed parents who home-school their children to teach them driver's education died in

the legislative funnel this week.

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said the bill, House File 584, has died this year, but it may be discussed by legislators in the future.

The bill would have changed the current requirements of having home-schooled children take courses at a school or company.

— by Hayley Bruce



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# County officials work on green initiatives

A printer audit helped county officials reduce energy costs and save money.

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Johnson County officials will plant 340 trees — without picking up a shovel. Rather, the energy saved by consolidating their servers will be equivalent to planting more than 300 trees.

A top priority of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors' three-year strategic plan involves being "greener." And today, the supervisors are finding small ways to save energy — and money.

"We always try to watch to see if there's ways to save money," said Jean Schultz, the information-technology director for the county.

She said the county began exploring lowering the number of servers it uses by investing in more advanced machines. Instead of having 17 physical servers — which are large and boxy — the county will have two. As of Wednesday, it only had two old servers' worth of information left to transfer.

The smaller, sleeker servers will generate less power and heat, which will result in lower energy bills, Schultz said. Condensing the servers will also reduce carbon emissions.

In an estimated cost-sav-

ings analysis, she said, the conversion could potentially save the county nearly 151,000 pounds of carbon emissions — the equivalent of removing 12 cars from the highway.

The switch could also save the county an estimated \$11,000 in annual energy costs.

"That's huge," said Supervisor Janelle Rettig after seeing the potential savings estimate.

It worked for Warren County.

The central Iowa county was one of the first to explore server virtualization six years ago.

After officials there downsized from 21 to five physical servers, the county became a hot spot for other counties considering the switch.

"Honestly, we were running out of space," said Julie Harris, the Warren County IT director and president of Iowa Counties Information Technology.

Solving the space issues allowed the county to save approximately 55 percent of the costs usually associated with the server room, Harris said.

Johnson County may be almost done with its server project, but officials not

stopping there — they are searching for other ways to save.

They looked at a recently completed audit to identify ways to save on printing. After gathering data about their printing habits, the results proved they could print more efficiently, Schultz said.

"What we realized is that we had way too many printers," Rettig said.

In response to the audit, officials eliminated a number of printers and placed only a few in centralized locations. The overhaul will help reduce costs spent on ink and toner and save energy with fewer machines, Schultz said.

While county officials have plenty of ideas to reduce their carbon footprint and save money, Rettig said, it's hard for all of them to be pushed forward.

Eventually, the county would like to hire someone to be in charge of the county's green initiatives, Rettig said. But for now, it's important that all employees think about their decisions, she said.

"We need to have the mindset that with more than 500 employees, everyone is a part of [the solution]," she said.

## METRO

### Lake Macbride bill dies

The Lake Macbride bill died in the Senate this week, Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said.

The bill, House File 462, would have allowed motorboats with a horsepower exceeding 10 horsepower at any time on Lake

Macbride, amending the current restriction on motorboats.

— by Hayley Bruce

### Bill curtailing bargaining dies

A bill that would have reformed collective bargaining in Iowa died in the legislative funnel this week.

The controversial House File 525

would have curtailed collective-bargaining rights by prohibiting union workers from negotiating changes in their health-care plans.

The bill also would have prevented unions from bargaining over retirement and layoffs. The proposal drew a crowd of protesters in Iowa City earlier this month.

— by Hayley Bruce



## FINES

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and fees, particularly the \$735 charge for presence in a bar after hours.

Higgins said he is voicing the opinion of many UI students who feel the price is too high, adding he believes a smaller fee would send the same signal to potential underage bar patrons.

"As a class of people, college students are financially vulnerable, often living on fixed incomes and incurring a great deal of debt in

an effort to gain an education and a better future," Higgins said in the letter.

Higgins said he'd had the idea since voters upheld the 21-ordinance during the 2010 midterm elections, but wanted to wait until enough time had passed for people to discuss the issue rationally.

He said he and the council will discuss the matter during the April 4 work session.

City Councilor Mike Wright said he's open to discussing to issue but thinks the fines are appropriate. He stressed the bot-

tom line is students simply should not break the law — then they won't get a fine.

And while the fines were set as a deterrent for underage drinking, Councilor Regenia Bailey said she is willing to examine whether they are having that effect.

"The question is who takes responsibility for one's behavior? If you're aware that you're putting yourself in a potential risk-exposing situation by being in a location after a certain time, who's responsible for that?" Bailey said. "Students can conduct them-

selves as responsible adults and take responsibility for their behavior."

Since the 21 ordinance went into effect, many underage students have risked going to the bars, while others have told *The Daily Iowan* the fines are a big deterrent.

Fines for underage possession of alcohol are comparable in the cities that are the sites of Iowa's three regent universities, with a first offense running \$330 in Cedar Falls and Ames, \$315 in Iowa City. But the fine for presence in a bar underage in

Iowa City far exceeds what students would pay in Ames, where the ticket is \$100. Cedar Falls doesn't have a 21-ordinance.

In the letter, Higgins offered several alternatives, including establishing a graduated fine system, community service in place of monetary fines, and a requirement for bars to "vocally announce" when underage patrons have to leave at 10 p.m.

Though it may be helpful, Bailey said the final decision to leave the bars lies with those affected.

"Your cell phone has the time," she said.

According to police reports, during the 201 bar checks conducted in the month of February, 24 people were charged with being in a bar underage, up from six in January.

"Clearly, we're still finding people who are willing to go into bars and take a chance," said Iowa City police Lt. Mike Brotherton, who serves as watch commander from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

## FARMERS

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The Sedlacek's farm consists of roughly 600 acres of land, where the family members work together to grow crops and raise pigs, sheep, and beef. A barn with chipping white paint — a staple of the Iowa countryside — houses the mud-specked cattle that need to be fed twice a day.

Working with cattle is Sedlacek's favorite part of the job — one that allows him to be outdoors and be his own boss. Yet he knows many people in his generation are choosing to sell their farm property rather than take on the responsibilities.

On average, farmers are getting older. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, the average age for a farmer in Iowa is 56 years, just a year short of the national average.

"You've got to love farming," Sedlacek said. "You've got to love farming, or you won't make it."

Alan Spencer, the secretary-treasurer of the Iowa Future Farmers of America, said interest in agriculture is still strong. In particular, agriculture education is growing in the state.

Spencer said there are roughly 16,000 Iowa high-school students taking agriculture courses in 220 schools. Around 12,300 of those students are Future Farmer members. And more students are taking agriculture courses now than students did 25 years ago, Spencer said.



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN  
Dakota Sedlacek pets his dog, Rocky, on the family farm on Thursday. Sedlacek said he appreciates breathing the fresh air when he is home.

In the 1980s, he said, young people turned away from farming when they thought production agriculture was not a viable career option. Now, he said, the diversification in agriculture courses — including options like agribusiness, floriculture, and agriscience — has attributed to the increase.

"It's just to try to make sure kids understand all the opportunities that are available to them," Spencer said.

But young people who want to turn to farming still face challenges.

Randy Dreher, 30, said he was fortunate to rent a family acreage when he started farming four years ago. Dreher, who earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural business at Iowa State University, worked at a livestock company before deciding to become a full-time farmer.

"I like to control my own destiny," he said. "Being on the farm gives me that flexibility."

But the young farmer from Audobon, Iowa, said

the high value of the commodities market makes it difficult to find affordable land. He said many in agriculture are pursuing careers related to the field rather than working in production.

"We need everybody in that entire process to make it work," Dreher said.

Spencer emphasized farming itself is not a dying career.

As the world population continues to grow, more farmers will need to explore resources and technology to handle the increasing demand, he said.

And Sedlacek is ready.

He's working toward a degree in agriculture production management at Kirkwood Community College while balancing 30 to 40 hours at Hy-Vee each week.

But someday, he said, he hopes to have his own land.

"I can't think of any better job," Sedlacek said.

said the party is examining the first release of the maps, but has no preliminary concerns.

Sue Dvorsky, the head of

the Iowa Democratic Party, said the party is also going to wait to see the final maps before they make any political analysis.

## REDISTRICT

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Hagle said the shrinking number of Iowa representatives will likely lessen Iowa's voting power nationally.

In addition to the changes to Congressional boundaries, districts for state officials, including local state representatives, will also change.

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, will lose several precincts, including one to Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City. He said he's not concerned about how it could affect his re-election because the two legislators are friends.

"We'll work something out to keep the people well-represented," Jacoby said.

Jacoby said he will also lose Tiffin and North Liberty in his district, which is the only aspect of the proposed plan with which he has a problem.

Mascher echoed Jacoby's thoughts and said it is too early for speculation on future plans for the next election and any decision would be premature before the maps are completed.

"Once the maps are done, we can make decisions accordingly," Mascher said, and she is more concerned with public input at this time.

Cook said he has not heard of any public concerns, but hearings will be held in the coming weeks.

Casey Mills, communications director for the Republican Party of Iowa,

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## JAIL

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Talk of creating a criminal-justice center is not something new for the area. County officials have been discussing the project for the past 10 years as a means of addressing space, safety, and security issues at the jail and the courthouse, Neuzil said.

The supervisors approved the purchase of 504 and 510 S. Capitol St. and 7 E. Harrison St. in 2009, Neuzil said. Now, the county will have control of six of the seven properties across from the jail and near the courthouse. Officials are in the process of acquiring the final property.

The potential addition would expand the two entities, both of which have dealt with, and continue to experience overcrowding, said Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness.

The proposed justice center would also address the \$1 million spent annually to house inmates outside Johnson County, Lyness said.

Neuzil said purchasing the property is the first

step for the proposed justice center. Step two involves acquiring Harrison Street property from the city, he said.

The jail is blocked from expanding on three sides and can't add stories, which leaves the county few options other than building across the street. But that, combined with the difficulty of acquiring adjacent property, has brought the county into dispute with the University of Iowa.

County officials attempted to purchase the parking lot to the north of the jail, owned by the University of Iowa, in 2006. UI officials sent county officials a letter saying they decided not to sell the lot.

The existing jail is built for 46 people but regularly houses around 90 inmates. Between 70 and 80 prison-

ers are sent to neighboring counties because of overcrowding.

"You're talking about a county that has not kept up, public-safety-wise, with the growth that the rest of the county has enjoyed," Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek told the *DI* in May 2009.

Though no specific plans have been drawn up, general conceptual plans are projected to cost around \$50 million, Neuzil said.

Funding the project is another task the supervisors needs to tackle, he said. The county will likely begin polling the public within the next several months to determine how much support the supervisors receive, he said.

"We're going to have to think outside the box," he said.

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Spotlight Iowa City

# Behind the performances

The theater department's Eric Burchett puts in long hours to make performances light up on stage.

By ERIC HAWKINSON  
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Eric Burchett's "office" is surrounded with chunky technical instruments that hold hundreds of knobs and buttons to monitor.

As the sound and light supervisor for the Division of Performing Arts at the University of Iowa, he controls thousands of conventional light bulbs that bring life to the theater, 18 moving lights that are unique to each performance, and dozens of new LED fixtures he must incorporate.

And that's just light. During performances, he constantly monitors the sound on his digital soundboards, while keeping track of the images on the projection screens. With more than 25 productions that use this equipment each year, Burchett also maintains budgets for electricity in each department.

Keeping up with technology is another part of the 33-year-old's job. There was a time when he only had one light board, a few lighting instruments, and a single moving light. For Burchett, the real challenge is balancing all the different performances throughout the year.

"I'm already working on the next show while people are taking bows," Burchett said in his rough-toned voice.

He has dance shows, theater shows, and an opera on his mind, which are set to run in May. The scruffy, plaid-sporting supervisor said these shows are like the mail — they just keep coming.

He believes that is a rewarding aspect of his job — he is never stuck doing the same thing. Whether it be a creative approach to rigging something, a complex moving light package, or an imaginative way to move scenery, he is always happy to see the finished product.



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN  
UI lighting and sound supervisor Eric Burchett sits in the rafters backstage in the Theatre Building on March 25.

## Eric Burchett

- **Age:** 33
- **Hometown:** New Virginia, Iowa
- **Education:** Majored in theater at the UI
- **Childhood dream:** To be Han Solo in *Star Wars*
- **Favorite artist:** Bob Dylan
- **Favorite food:** Steak

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"I couldn't do a desk gig; you know, 8 to 5 in a cubicle would not work. I'm up on my feet, running around to different theaters to keep things running. It keeps me sane, I think," he said. "This might eventually make me go insane, but right now where I'm at — I think it's helping the sanity."

Byron Winn, a faculty member who teaches courses in lighting, sound, and production design alongside Burchett, praises his ability to deal with each new challenge in technology and implementation.

"This is a huge job with very long and inconsistent hours. Some days begin at 8 a.m. and don't end until after midnight," Winn said. "[Burchett] always has a positive, can-do attitude, no matter how many hours we have been working on a project."

For Burchett, the true reward is when the final product plays out on stage.

"When you see just how beautiful everything looks at the end, it's a good feeling to see all this happening and just to see the audience," he said. "They have no idea all the pain."

UI theater Adjunct Assistant Professor Kate Aspengren said Burchett's work for the department has been "invaluable."

As his former teacher, she's had the opportunity to work with him in the annual 10-Minute Play Festival. As a student, Burchett had plays of his own selected for three consecutive years.

After graduation, Burchett went on to help Aspengren with the festival by selecting plays and aiding students in their productions.

"We work really well together," Aspengren said. "He brings to our partnership his great sense of humor, his insight, his resourcefulness, and his vast knowledge of many aspects of theater. Although [Burchett] is known in the department as a light and sound supervisor, I think people might be surprised to know that he's a talented writer as well."

## METRO

### 1 abortion bill dropped

One of four abortion-related bills died in the legislative funnel this week.

House File 576 would have barred the state's health-insurance exchange from providing

coverage for abortions.

House File 87, which would prevent the state from giving any more money from the budget to abortion clinics, is still alive, along with House File 656, which would require notification of the state health department every time a judge permits a

minor to get an abortion without parental notification.

The late-term abortion bill, House File 657, is also still alive and, if passed, would restrict the procedure after the 20th week of pregnancy.

— by Hayley Bruce

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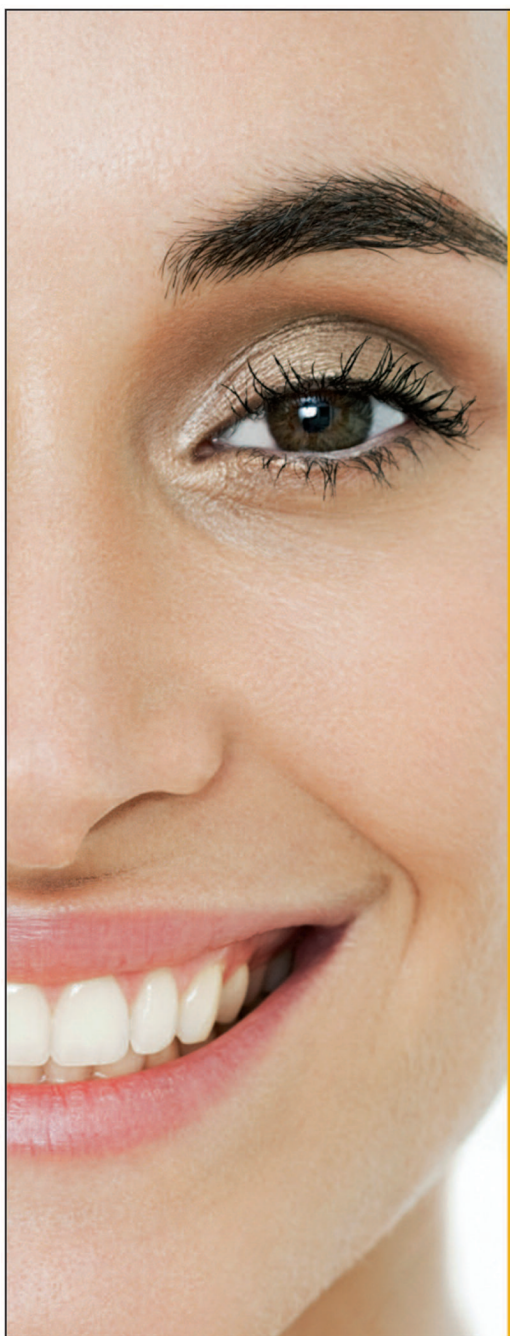
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### April Fool's Day Prank Ideas:

- Sneak into the victim's car and adjust everything: radio at full volume, wipers on high, air conditioning on max setting, seats pushed all the way forward, parked at the bottom of the Iowa River, etc.
- Point at your victim's chest, acting like he has a spot on his shirt. When he looks down, sleep with his significant other.
- Make a batch of caramel apples and pass them around to a group of people, your victim included. Only, make sure your victim gets the one that's actually an onion and laced with PCP. Then, tell your boss you think your victim is on drugs and should be urine-tested.
- When your victim is in the shower, sneak in and grab their clothes, all the towels, and the bath mat. When they emerge from the shower with nothing to dry them off, take pictures of them naked and post them on Facebook.
- Remember that "Drew Carey Show" episode in which Mimi drugged Drew and then air-freighted him to China without a passport? Chloroform your victim, tie them up, and make them watch that episode on a loop for a week.
- Put some salt on the victim's toothbrush, then stab them in the leg with it. It's funny, because the salt will sting in the freshly opened wound.
- While the victim is asleep, reset all their clocks ahead two hours. Then, just before the real time they normally wake up, burst into their bedroom and tell them they're late and that there is no such thing as true love.
- Offer to make a sandwich for the victim. Then don't. Wow ... you're a dick.

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RICKY BAHNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Independent scholar Mohamed Said Salum prepares to speak on "Christian Hegemony and the Rise of Muslim Militancy in Tanzania" on Thursday in Phillips Hall. The lecture was part of A Celebration of East Africa lecture series.

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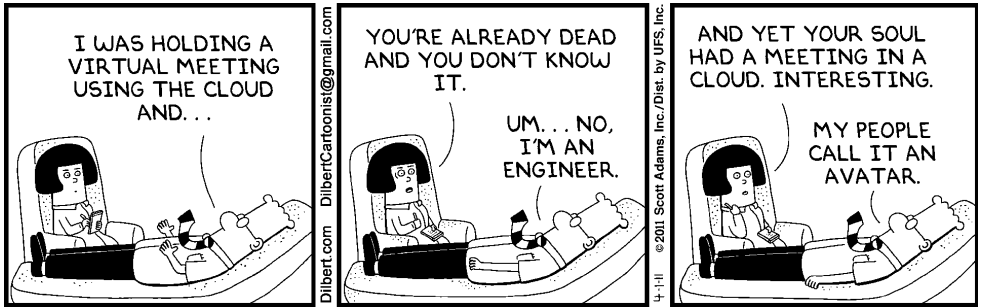
- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 1 p.m. WorldCanvass Studio, "Arab Voices: What They are Saying to Us and Why it Matters," James Zogby, with host Joan Kjaer, March 6
- 2 University & Concert Bands, Directed by Richard Chapman, Marc Decker, Kevin Kastens, Carter Biggers, March 7
- 3:30 Maia Quartet Concert, Riverside Recital Hall, March 3
- 5 Dancers in Company, UI Dance Department performance (New), March 4
- 6:30 University & Concert Bands, Directed by Richard Chapman, Marc Decker, Kevin Kastens, Carter Biggers, March 7
- 8 WorldCanvass, UI International Programs, East Africa. February
- 10 Jazz Highlights, Selected Jazz Works
- 10:30 Dancers in Company, UI Dance Department performance (New), March 4

## horoscopes Friday, April 1, 2011

— by Eugenia Last

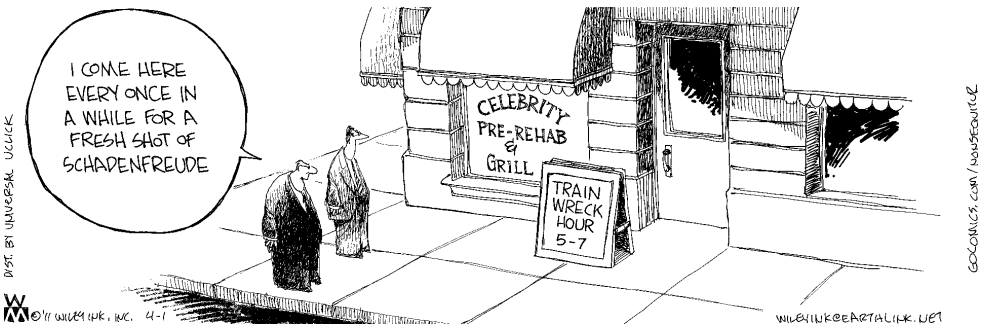
- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Share your ideas and plans for the future. You will receive additional options that will increase your chance of being successful. Your attitude will help create greater interest and give you a better view of what you can expect in the future.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Focus on your personal life and your emotional well-being. You will discover something that eases your stress and ensures you will be at your best when it counts. Make changes to your image and outlook to better suit your lifestyle.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Don't let what other people do bother you. A last-minute change will work in your favor. You'll have the discipline to finish what you start and make an impression on someone who can help you advance.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Put more time and effort into your personal life and relationships, where you will receive greater appreciation for the little things you say and do. You can expect coworkers to be competitive and underhanded.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Travel, visit friends, colleagues, or an expert in something you want to find out more about. Getting back to old hobbies or interests will have an effect on your ability to earn more cash. A geographical change will spark your imagination.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Put love first. How you relate to others will have a lasting effect on the way you approach people in the future. Make the first move, and offer something that means a lot to you to someone you love. Use your charm and honesty.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Don't let indecision depress you. If you are having trouble making up your mind, rely on your intuition. Much can be resolved if you open up discussions with someone you are in partnership with or would like to be with.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Plan to have some fun. The stress you've been living with needs an outlet, and no matter what else is going on in your life, spending time with someone who makes you laugh or inspires you should be your plan. Love is looking good.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You can make some interesting changes to your home that will please anyone who lives with you. Be careful not to upset a friend or neighbor in the process. A problem will develop in the romance department if you are evasive.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Compensate for someone who tends to exaggerate, and you can avoid a potentially costly problem. Avoid traveling to locations that have unrest. You will face unexpected opposition. It's best to focus on home, family, and love.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Get serious about your future. Take what you enjoy doing, and incorporate your skills into a moneymaking endeavor or that subsidizes a project you want to pursue. Hooking up with an old business partner will lead to greater opportunities.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Follow your heart — pursue your dreams, hopes, and wishes. Talk to people behind the scenes who can offer you suggestions and wisdom in your pursuit. Don't miss out on a romantic opportunity because you are too busy working.

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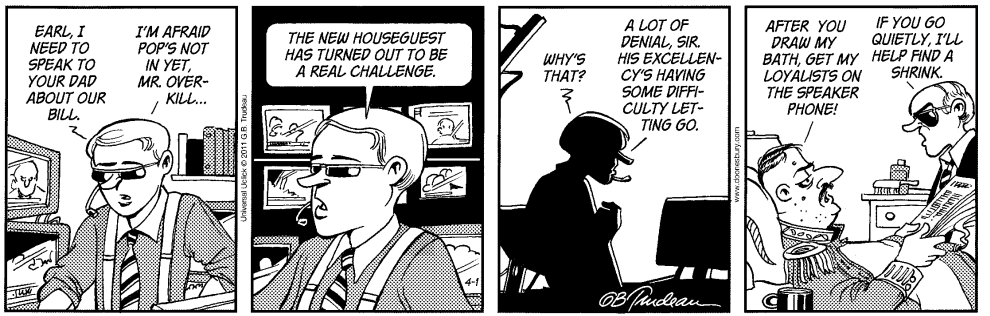
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## today's events

- **A Celebration of East Africa** Lecture Series, all day, 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Knitting Nurse**, 10 a.m., Home Ec Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **NuVal Information Session**, 10 a.m., Hy-Vee, 812 S. First Ave.
- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Exploring Majors Fairs**, 12:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Musical Comedy Troupe**, 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **West High Soccer Kick Off Celebration**, 4 p.m., West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.
- **Annual Art History Graduate Student Symposium**, "Art in Transition," Keynote Lecture, Matt Kavalier, University of Toronto, 5 p.m., Van Allen Lecture Room 2
- **Lenten Fish Fry**, 4:30-7:30 p.m., American Legion, 901 Second St., Coralville
- **Sam Adams**, 5 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa Ave.
- **Longfellow Elementary PTA Carnival**, 5 p.m., Longfellow Elementary School, 1130 Seymour Ave.
- **Regina Fish Fry**, 5-8 p.m., Regina High School, 2150 Rochester Ave.
- **KC Lenten Fish Dinner**, 5 p.m.-7 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 4776 American Legion Road
- **Mission Creek Festival**, DJ Lady Espina, 5 p.m., hotelVetro, 201 S. Linn
- **Mission Creek Festival**, Golden Birds, with Alexis Stevens, Eugene Kelley, 5 p.m., Revival, 117 E. College
- **Mission Creek Festival**, Jeff Ray/Radius, with Zodiac, Wind Farm, I Hear IC, 5 p.m., Studio 13, 13 S. Linn
- **UI Museum of Art First Fridays**, 5 p.m., hotelVetro
- **Fish Fry**, 5:30-8 p.m., Eagle's Club, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Guatemalan Benefit Dinner**, 5:30-8 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Aaron Hill**, oboe masterclass, 5:30 p.m., University Capitol Centre Recital Hall
- **Mission Creek Festival**, Emerging Writers Reading: Tao Lin, Lindsay

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- **EPIC Townie Pub Tour**, 6 p.m., Eagle's Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **The Tempest**, 6:45 p.m., Bijou
- **April Fool's Party**, 7 p.m., Arts Iowa City Gallery, 114 S. Dubuque
- **Mission Creek Festival**, John Waters, *This Filthy World*, 7 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Open Mike Night**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **Roller Skating**, 7 p.m., Wood Elementary, 1930 Lakeside Drive
- **Ameriville**, Universes, 7:30 p.m., Theatre Building Mabie Theatre
- **Kantorei**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **Lecture**, Ann Pibal and Colin Brant, visiting artists in painting and drawing, 7:30 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **The Syringa Tree**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- **Beginning Again All the Time**, Dance Department Thesis Concert, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- **Mission Creek Festival**, Here We Go Magic, with Dark Dark Dark, Pillars & Tongues, Skye Carrasco, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Mission Creek Festival**, The Olympics, with Brass Bed, the Wheelers, Smokestack and the Foothill Fury, 9 p.m., Public Space One
- **Mission Creek Festival**, Poison Control Center, with Land of Blood and Sunshine, Mumfords, Grand Tetons, 9 p.m., Blue Moose
- **Mission Creek Festival and the Code**, Rave! Mission: Beat, with Radiohiro, Leon J, 9 p.m., White Lightning Wherehouse, 700 S. Dubuque
- **Tiny Furniture**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Mission Creek Festival**, High & Lonesome, with Shame Train, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club
- **Campus Activities Board Comedy**, Joel McHale, 10 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Campus Activities Board Movie**, *True Grit*, 10 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Jurassic Park**, 11 p.m., Bijou
- **No Shame Theatre**, 11 p.m., UI Theatre Building

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0225

- Across**
- Spice mix used in Indian cuisine
  - "Far out!"
  - Pasqueflower, e.g.
  - Shade of green
  - Conditions
  - Proved to be quite a poser?
  - 16th-century assembly
  - Winner of a famous 1938 rematch
  - Colonial captives
  - Becomes cracked
  - Brooklyn neighborhood
  - Construct
  - Kansas City university
  - Plot line
  - 1988 animated action film set in 2019 Tokyo
  - "The Newlywed Game" contestants
  - Attractive
  - 36-Down's locale
  - Site of Napoleon I's coronation
  - "Raging Bull" co-star
  - Detractors' comment concerning 19-Across?
  - Convert to pounds?
  - One who's withdrawn
  - Enormous statues
  - Say "Hallelujah!"

- Down**
- Canvas holder
  - Lit. collection
  - Drought-stricken
  - In
  - 1970s pinup name
  - "\_\_\_ Ashes"
  - High priest in "Aida"
  - Swears
  - Dummy
  - Champagne bucket
  - 0 on the Beaufort scale
  - Vitamin C providers, maybe
  - City near Ben-Gurion Airport
  - Member of the U.N. since 1991 and the E.U. since 2004
  - As far from the heart as possible
  - Roguish sort
  - Montreal suburb
  - Novelist Brookner
  - Jeeves, for one
  - 26 In character assassination?
  - Short—
  - Choice in bottled water

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- Washing Irving character
  - Mourned
  - Followed a trail, maybe
  - Gut reaction?
  - Architect Ming Pei
  - Opportunity for privacy
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**BASEBALL**

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None of that is going to work this weekend against Michigan State (15-6). The Spartans have won three of their last four games and enter the series as the only conference team to receive a vote in the *USA Today*/ESPN Top 25 coaches' poll.

Rather than worry about the opponent, though, the Hawkeyes are concerning themselves with fixing the blunders from the South Dakota State series. Head coach Jack Dahm said his main concern is straightening out a defense that more closely resembled that of a Little League team than a Division-I program that finished second in its conference tournament last season.

"We have to help our

pitching staff out," Dahm said. "You have a guy out there who, all of the sudden, is throwing extra pitches because we're not making plays. We need to get that cleaned up."

Team captain Tyson Blaser admitted the team didn't do its pitchers any favors during the week, but said there was more to the demoralizing stretch than just some miscues on the field. The redshirt senior catcher and designated hitter was one of two Hawkeyes to say the team was mentally unprepared, especially for the second game of the series.

"I think we proved [in] these last two games that we weren't as ready to go as we should have been," he said.

Instead, Blaser said, the emphasis has to be on being ready from the get-go. Third baseman Andrew Ewing agreed, and said correcting the team's pregame

**Iowa (9-13) vs. Michigan State (15-6)**

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mentality will go a long ways toward taking care of the defensive issues.

"I have to find a way to get myself going, whatever that is," said Ewing, who committed two errors in the second inning of Wednesday's loss. "I have to find something that will get my energy level up and get my legs going and that will allow me to get to more balls."

Defense wasn't the only thing wrong with the team this week. Iowa only had one multi-run inning in the 25 innings played against the Jackrabbits, which

Dahm said was a factor of playing from behind in both games.

"We had opportunities to have a couple big innings, but our hitters started trying to do too much," the eighth-year coach said. "We have to learn to accept ball four and not try too hard to steal bases when we're down. All you need to do when you're down five or six runs is to keep getting base runners."

All things considered, though, the skipper said he isn't unhappy with his team's position as conference play begins.

"We don't need to make significant changes," he said. "[But] we need to get back to ... playing the game aggressively. If you get strong pitching, if you make plays defensively, and you execute from an offensive standpoint and get timely hits, you're going to be a very successful team."

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Massey said Watkins has played a big part in her adjustment to college pitching and the catcher's trips to the mound help her when she's struggling.

"It slows the game down, so you kind of take a step back and then you can refocus," Massey said. "It helps me as a pitcher knowing that someone behind the plate is thinking the game, and it takes a lot off my shoulders."

Watkins said she approaches the pitching-circle visits differently for each pitcher. Lyon, she

said, needs to smile and relax when times are tough. So Watkins sometimes points out the funny shape of a cloud.

Massey, on the other hand, is all business and usually just needs, as Looper put it, "a good solid kick in the rear."

Iowa's first-year head coach has seen Watkins grow this year, as a hitter — Watkins has hit seven home runs — and as a catcher. That's why Looper gave Watkins the responsibility of calling the games.

"It's hard to feel like you're in control if the coach is telling you what to do," Looper said. "I opened that up for her, and she's become a more complete player."



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**Iowa sophomore pitcher Chelsea Lyon winds up during game two of the team's double-header at Pearl Field on March 21, 2010. Lyon threw all six innings of Iowa's 10-2 win over South Dakota.**

It's resulted in a trust between Watkins and her pitchers that has helped Iowa win its last five games.

"As long as she tells me what to do," Massey said, "I'll just do it."

**MEN'S GYMNASTICS**

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onships, said this year's group of Hawkeyes differ from past years in that they can block out the distractions of the meet.

"We need to not pay attention to the other teams because it gets distracting at times," the sen-

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ior said. "In the past, we've gotten caught up in the other teams, but now we have a lot of things we haven't had before."

The meet is important for the Hawkeyes for more

than just competing for a conference title. The competition is counted twice in the team four-score average, which determines the 12 teams invited to the NCAA championships in Columbus, Ohio. A good score would boost Iowa's average as well as impress the national meet judges.

The new training program Reive implemented upon his arrival was designed for the Hawkeyes to be in peak condition for these last two meets. Save

for a thumb injury to freshman Lance Alberhasky, it has done its job — every member of Iowa's roster is healthy, and even Alberhasky still may compete.

Now, Reive said, it's up to the Hawkeyes to perform.

"They are in fantastic shape," he said. "We are pretty much fully healthy and ready to go, and that says a lot about the training. Now we need to go out there and hit our sets."

**WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS**

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In a study that compares the NCAA head coaches' preseason predictions to end-of-the-year rankings, Iowa was found to have shown the greatest difference between expectation and reality.

NCAA coaches expected Iowa to be ranked 31st by the time regionals came around, but they bettered this prediction by a staggering 16 spots.

These numbers and statistics are reassuring for the anxious GymHawks as they prepare to take on regionals.

"All of the major mistakes that happened to us at the Big Tens were flukes," senior Andrea Hurlburt said. "And

because they were flukes, we haven't focused on them at all. If we think about the 12 other meets we had, it's obvious that we did really well. And that shows that we're much more likely to do well at regionals than have another bad meet."

The GymHawks have seen three of their competitors before — Nebraska, Michigan State, and Southern Utah — but because Iowa itself has proven that expectations are easily broken, the Hawkeyes are looking at each team with a blank slate.

"We're not so naive to think that Michigan State, Southern Utah, and San Jose can't beat us because we believe that on any given day, we can beat Nebraska and Oregon State," Libby said. "You have to have a philosophy going in to this with new life and that

**Season averages before regionals**

In a sport where every tenth of a point makes a difference, the GymHawks have made vast improvements in each event since the end of the 2010 season.

- 2010 average team scores:**
- Vault: 48.514
  - Bars: 48.577
  - Beam: 48.339
  - Floor: 48.617
  - Total: 194.040
- 2011 average team scores:**
- Vault: 48.921
  - Bars: 48.967
  - Beam: 48.440
  - Floor: 48.837
  - Total: 195.198

everything just starts over."

With this new life, the GymHawks have a chance to qualify for nationals. The top two finishers from each regional will move on to the NCAA Division-I

championships to be held in Cleveland.

When the GymHawks discussed goals during the preseason, Hurlburt said, she thought aiming for nationals was too ambitious. But after seeing the team compete in its first meet against Michigan State on Jan. 7, Hurlburt realized the Hawkeyes finally had a chance of making it — a chance they will fight for this weekend at the Corvallis regional.

"Nationals are at stake," junior Jessa Hansen said. "That's the reality, and our coaches are trying not to put pressure on us, but the reality is either we make it to nationals or we don't. Regardless of that outcome, we've had an extremely successful season, but we're not finished yet. We've been strong all season, but we're going to finish even stronger."

Hawkeyes playing "six to eight guys."

Last season, Iowa primarily stuck with five players (Clayborn, Ballard, Klug, Binns, Daniels).

Besides Daniels and Binns, others who figure to be included in that "six to eight" are seniors Lebron Daniel, Joe Forgy, and Thomas Nardo, junior Steve Bigach, sophomore Dominic Alvis, and redshirt freshman Carl Davis.

After Daniel sat behind Clayborn at end in the depth chart for the last couple years, Binns said he in particular appears to be seizing his opportunity as he enters his fifth season in the program.

"He's going to be a guy we can look to make plays," Binns said. "The pass rush is his main strength. He's quick off the line, has good hands and feet, and he's able to turn the corner and get to the quarterback."

With such depth at defensive line, no other position may see as much competition this spring for Iowa.

And that's a beautiful thing for the Hawkeyes.

"Doesn't matter how many guys you have, guys are still pushing for a starting position regardless," Daniels said. "The competition is amped, and that makes us all better."

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This is the Iowa way, Binns said.

"Guys leave, and then the young guys and the new fifth-year seniors come in, and they just continue to fill that role," he said. "The leadership role should never skip a beat. The years I've been here it hasn't. You learn from King, Kroul, Adrian, Klug, Ballard — so we step back and learn from those guys, and now it's our turn to do what they did."

Ferentz expressed that same philosophy during his press conference on March 23, the first day of spring practice. The 13th-year head coach noted the example of senior-to-be linebacker Tyler Nielsen's 2010 performance. Called on to fill in for the graduated A.J. Edds, Nielsen filled in admirably. He recorded 42 tackles in eight games before his season ended because of a neck injury.

"I think we'll have similar stories," Ferentz said.

Ferentz may be altering the Iowa way slightly this year in that more players may be rotated in along the line during games. He said on he could see the

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# Women's tennis faces 2

The women's tennis team will take on the Hoosiers in Iowa City on Saturday.

By **NICK SZAFRANSKI**  
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College women's tennis doesn't get much tougher than in the Big Ten.

As the Hawkeyes hit the heart of the league schedule, the Iowa women's tennis team (4-9, 1-1) will take on four ranked teams in its next six matches. This weekend brings home meetings with Indiana and Purdue. The match with the Hoosiers is set for an 11 a.m. start Saturday, and the contest against the Boilermakers will begin at noon April 3. Both will be played at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

Preparation entering those matches is particularly crucial to the team's success. How will the Hawkeyes execute that?



**Dorr**  
senior

"Mentally, it's tennis," senior Alexis Dorr said. "It's going to be tennis regardless of how many matches you play. It's important to keep on focusing and have fun while you are playing."

Indiana is not one of the four ranked teams, and while being winless in Big Ten play (0-3), the Hoosiers own a 10-6 overall record.

"We won't pay too much attention to [the opposition's] ranking," senior Jessica Young said. "We have to just go out and compete, and I think the results will come with that. Each match is going to be really tough; the team that wants it more is going to win."

On April 3, Iowa will face No. 58 Purdue, No. 18 Northwestern, No. 8 Michigan, and No. 60 Michigan State will also appear in the Hawkeyes' immediate future.

Earlier in the season, when

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matches are played at a less frequent rate, it is very important to prepare for stretches like these.

"You get the opportunity when you aren't playing as frequently to get as fit as you can," head coach Katie Dougherty said. "You are more prepared. You know the days you can push and the days you can lighten it up."

Iowa has lost seven out of its last nine matches. The women have gone 1-2 this season while playing in Iowa City.

However, everything looked a bit brighter when the Hawkeyes took down the Nittany Lions at Penn State on Sunday to improve their record to 1-1 in Big Ten play.

"It has been a tough couple of weeks, but I think we are starting to get into the groove," Dorr said.

At the No. 1 spot in singles, No. 101 Sonja Molnar will battle with Indiana's No. 78 Leslie Hurea, and the 46th-ranked duo of Young and Molnar will bring its 8-3 record to the court for a matchup against No. 31 Hurea and Myriam Sopol.

"We are ready," Dougherty said. "We are playing good tennis. We have played against some of the best teams in the country. The level of tennis isn't something new. We are ready to go."

"Playing the Big Ten matches are the most fun; we are excited to get a couple home ones."

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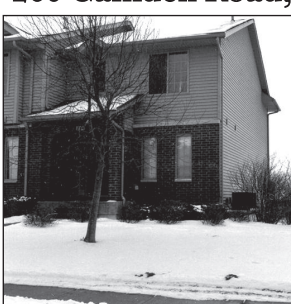
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Iowa linemen Adrian Clayborn (94) and Mike Daniels (93) take down Eastern Illinois quarterback Brandon Large during the Hawkeyes' game against the Panthers on Sept. 4, 2010, in Kinnick Stadium.



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Iowa senior Rebecca Simbhudas performs a routine on the uneven bars during the No. 15 Hawkeyes' meet against Iowa State in the Field House on Feb. 25. Iowa won, 195.450-195.200.

## GymHawks eye NCAAs

The GymHawks will head to the Corvallis Regional focusing on the success of their season.

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The Iowa women's gymnastics team traveled to Corvallis, Ore., on Thursday, the site of its NCAA regional competition.

At 6 p.m. Saturday in Oregon State's Gill Coliseum, the GymHawks will take on No. 3 Oregon State, No. 10 Nebraska, Michigan State, Southern Utah, and San Jose State. The top two teams will advance the NCAA championships on April 15-17.

The Hawkeyes are coming off of a tough loss at the Big Ten championships, finishing sixth with a team score of 194.85, but they aren't dwelling on the loss. Instead, they're focusing on the great strides they've made since their last regional appearance, in 2010.

Iowa went into the regional competition last year ranked 30th, but this year the Hawkeyes have jumped up to the 15th spot. The GymHawks' average team score between the two seasons improved from 194.04 in 2010 to this year's 195.2.

"To not do well [at Big Tens] for no reason was awful," head coach Larissa Libby said. "But we're using that notion that we've improved 15 spots in the rankings — that we've cut our old rank in half — to put everything back in perspective for the team. We had a disaster of a meet, but if you look at those numbers, you know it can't possibly erase everything good we've done."

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## D-line moves on

Ex-Hawkeyes Adrian Clayborn, Christian Ballard, and Karl Klug combined for 102 career starts. Now, Iowa looks for new players to emerge.

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The Iowa defensive line is in the midst of a mass exodus. Much ado has been made about the departures of Adrian Clayborn, Christian Ballard, and Karl Klug — and justifiably so. In each player, the Hawkeyes lose productivity, experience, and NFL-caliber talent.

In 2010, those three combined for 152 tackles, including 25 for loss.

In their careers, they amassed 102 starts.

And later this month, all three are expected to be selected in the 2011 NFL draft.

Even senior end Broderick Binns said the trio's absence at the start of spring practice was "weird" to see.

"It's something we just have to get used to," he said Wednesday. "Those guys are on to bigger and better things now; we just have to move on and press on."

Binns and senior tackle Mike Daniels — now the group's two most veteran players — don't appear to be lacking confidence despite those losses.

In his typical short and to-the-point fashion, Daniels made it clear that expectations haven't dipped.

"The mentality [for the defensive line] hasn't changed," he said. "The bar is set, and it's our job to reach and go beyond it."

But then again, why should the thinking change? The Kirk Ferentz-coached Hawkeyes have been familiar with replacing All-Big Ten defensive linemen. Finding players to fill in for the likes of Matt Roth and Jonathan Babineaux following the 2004 season seemed like a tall order, too.

Then two players named Mitch King and Matt Kroul arose to the forefront. That duo combined for a career 466 tackles. Again, the process repeated itself, and again, new faces made names for themselves: Clayborn, Ballard, and Klug.

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**DI** [DAILYIOWAN.COM](http://DAILYIOWAN.COM) Log on to view spring practice footage of the Hawkeye defensive line.

## Men gymnasts revved up for Big Ten meet

First-year coach JD Reive's training system is meant to have the Hawkeyes at their best at the end of the year.

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From the day JD Reive was announced as head coach of the Iowa men's gymnastics team, everything has been geared to performance at two meets: the Big Ten championships and the NCAA meet.

The first of those two will take place today through

Saturday in Champaign, Ill., as the No. 10 Hawkeyes take on the rest of the Big Ten — No. 3 Illinois, No. 5 Penn State, No. 6 Michigan, No. 7 Minnesota, and No. 8 Ohio State.

In his first conference championship meet as head coach, Reive believes the Hawkeyes can surprise everyone with their performance. The last time

Iowa didn't finish last at the Big Ten meet was 2006, when it took third. "We've been at last place in the Big Ten for a while now, and I'm looking for us to get up out of that spot, which is



**Reive**  
head coach

for sure possible," Reive said.

With 43 gymnasts in the Big Ten nationally ranked — including the nation's No. 1 on pommel horse, Illinois' Daniel Ribiero, and on rings, Penn State's Scott Rosenthal — the Big Ten field is arguably the strongest in the nation. Despite being the third-ranked team in the confer-

ence, Reive points to defending national champion Michigan is the favorite to claim the conference crown.

Reive said he believes Hawkeyes Mike Jiang, Ben Ketelsen, Anton Gryshayev, and Matt McGrath can all reach the finals at the meet and be in contention on the second and final day.

McGrath said it's impor-

tant for the team to treat Big Tens like any other meet.

"We need to keep doing what we've been doing, and stay confident and composed, and don't treat it like a bigger meet," the sophomore said. "We just need to go out and hit our sets."

Jiang, competing in his final Big Ten champi-

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## Baseball tries to fix some holes

The Hawkeyes have plenty to improve upon as Big Ten play opens this evening with the first of three games against Michigan State.

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The Iowa baseball team's Big Ten season kicks off tonight, just 48 hours after the team suffered a series sweep at the hands of South Dakota State.

The Hawkeyes hope that's enough time to sort out all their problems.

Iowa (9-13) committed eight errors in two games

against the Jackrabbits, dropping the squad's fielding percentage from a Big Ten-best .973 to a fourth-place .969. The Hawkeyes stranded 19 batters in the series. Black and Gold pitchers gave up 17 total runs, although eight of them were assisted by the defense's sudden ineptness.

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## Watkins aids pitchers' growth

Hawkeye junior catcher Liz Watkins has helped young Iowa pitchers Kayla Massey and Chelsea Lyon adjust to the NCAA game.

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Chelsea Lyon was struggling.

After holding Stetson batters to two hits and no runs over the game's first four innings on March 15, things fell apart in the fifth for the Hawkeye sophomore pitcher. She opened the inning by walking a batter, who went to second on a sacrifice bunt. A single to left field and a wild throw from first basemen Stephanie Ochoa allowed a run to score. A single up the middle scored another run, tying the game at 2.

What happened next, head coach Marla Looper said, was "a big turning point of our season."

Looper watched as junior catcher Liz Watkins jogged out to the pitching circle and had an animated discussion with Lyon. Watkins then returned to the plate, and Lyon struck out the next batter to end the inning. Iowa won 3-2.

"Chelsea settled down, and the next inning, it was like nothing ever happened," Looper said. "And our pitchers kind of turned a corner then."

Iowa's pair of pitchers

**Iowa (19-12, 2-0) at Purdue (19-7, 0-0)**

**When:** 1 P.M. SATURDAY

**Where:** PURDUE VARSITY SOFTBALL COMPLEX, WEST LAFAYETTE, IND.

are a freshman — Kayla Massey — and Lyon, a sophomore. Watkins said part of her duty as a catcher is to help the team's young staff grow and adapt to the college game.

"As a catcher, that's part of your job description," the two-time All-Big Ten selection said. "Working one-on-one with the pitchers, you know what to expect out of them. It's just the leader-

ship role on the field."

Before the game against Stetson, Looper said, there was uneasiness among the pitching staff and their coaches and catchers. Watkins this year is calling the pitches for the first time as a Hawkeye. Looper said the young pitchers didn't feel comfortable "shaking her off."

Watkins, the pitchers, and the coaching staff gathered for a meeting a week before the Stetson game and reached what Looper called "a comfort level."

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