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## Branstad backs restoring funds

In an interview Tuesday, the governor said he hopes to provide better and more stable funding to Iowa's universities in the near future.

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DES MOINES — Gov. Terry Branstad said on Tuesday he will make a commitment to restore higher-education funding once the recession is over and more money is funneled into the state's economy.

Though he noted he wants to "do a better job" providing more stable appropriations, Branstad

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defended his proposed budget cuts to Iowa's struggling universities, saying he inherited a "colossal mess" he promised to fix.

"I'm a strong supporter of education," Branstad told *The Daily Iowan* in Des Moines. "But I also have an

obligation to balance the budget and to do it in a way that's going to be sustainable for the long term."

Leaning into his black leather chair in the Governor's Office, the 64-year-old discussed funds for higher education, tuition increases, and how he managed the budget as president of Des Moines University before beginning his second run as governor.

For Branstad, the issue of rising tuition costs is personal.

"I am very sensitive to the issue of tuition because I come from a very humble background," Branstad said, donning a yellow 'I heart Hawks' pin on the lapel of his suit. "I was a student at the University of Iowa; my family was not in the position to pay tuition."

SEE **BRANSTAD**, 5A



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Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad sits down with *The Daily Iowan* for an interview in the State Capitol on Tuesday.



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Fifth-year Luke McInnis works inside Kirsten O'Sullivan's (not pictured) classroom at the Montessori school in Coralville on Tuesday. Members of the Montessori Elementary Steering Committee, which consists of Karen Woltman and other Iowa City parents, are pushing for increased and more affordable access to the Montessori style of education. The Montessori method focuses on teaching children to work in a self-directed environment.

## Some locals seek alternative ed

Roughly 260 kids are enrolled in Montessori preschools throughout the district.

By **LUKE VOELZ**  
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An elementary-aged child hunched over an enormous sheet of white poster paper, delicately recreating a map of the world using art pencils and a protractor. His efforts combined math, drawing, and social-studies skills, echoing the Montessori method of integrating several areas of learning into one activity.

The primary-school students in Kirsten O'Sullivan's class participated in a slew of these projects at the Montessori School of Iowa City in Coralville on Monday.

A group of local parents are working to create a charter school in the Iowa City School District that would be based on the alternative-education model.

Karen Woltman and other Iowa City School District parents founded the Montessori Elementary Steering Committee last September in hopes their children could continue to learn on the Montessori instruction they received in preschool.

The method focuses on creating a self-directed learning environment, eschewing strict teacher guidance and a rigidly defined schedule in favor of large blocks of time spent focusing on projects.

SEE **CHARTER SCHOOLS**, 6A



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## House bill slashes Pell Grants

The potential federal law would cut roughly \$2.3 million from the UI's Pell Grant funds next year.

By **ARIANA WITT**  
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A U.S. House bill would slash nearly \$6 billion from federal Pell Grant funds if the Senate fails to prevent a government shutdown today.

And the law has Iowa financial officers, students, and government officials worried.

At the University of Iowa, students would see roughly a \$2.3 million cut to the grant, said Mark Warner, the director of Student Financial Aid.

"It would be a great loss for our students, especially in terms of our neediest students already struggling with access to the university," he said.

The law proposed by Republicans passed the House Feb. 19; it could lead to a \$116 million reduction in Pell Grants in Iowa. The cut could potentially affect 203,000 students in Iowa, according to a study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

"In Iowa, and across the country, students are taking advantage of year-round Pell Grants in order to get the education and training they need more quickly and with less debt," said Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, in a press release last month. "There is no question that tough choices need to be



**Loebsack**  
representative

SEE **GRANTS**, 5A

### COMMENTARY INSIDE

A government shutdown would mean more than cuts to Pell Grants — one *Daily Iowan* columnist says it's a waste of taxpayer money, too. Read more in **OPINIONS**, 4A.

## Piano Lounge goes for class

The Gilbert Street Piano Lounge will try to expand entertainment.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**  
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Patrons of the Piano Lounge, formerly located at 217 Iowa Ave., should expect a "classier" experience at the bar's reopening at 347 S. Gilbert St.

Iowa City city councilors unanimously passed the Gilbert Street Piano

Lounge's, request for a liquor license during their Tuesday council meeting.

The council originally denied the previous bar owners' request for a liquor-license renewal in January, saying one of the three owners, Chad Freeman, violated the "good

SEE **PIANO LOUNGE**, 6A

## UI community meets legislators

Roughly 80 people from the UI traveled to Des Moines on Tuesday for Hawkeye Caucus Day.

By **HAYLEY BRUCE**  
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DES MOINES — Lobbying Iowa legislators may have become a year-round affair for advocates of the University of Iowa community.

The roughly 80 students, staff, and faculty in Des Moines for the first-ever Hawkeye Caucus Day on Tuesday all seemed to agree they need to make a larger effort to show Iowa

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politicians year-round what the university brings to the state.

In the past, many UI community members contacted state legislators when asking for something. But now — whether

SEE **CAUCUS**, 5A



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(From left to right) Courtney Gent, Michael Appel, Lyndsay Harshman, Rep. Jeff Kaufmann, R-Wilton, and Abhay Nadipuram discuss the University of Iowa in the State Capitol on Tuesday. The members of the Hawkeye Caucus spent the day telling state representatives about the contributions the UI makes to the state.

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### BRANSTAD INTERVIEW

Gov. Terry Branstad discussed higher education funding with *The Daily Iowan* on Tuesday. Use your smart phone and any QR reader to scan the QR code to the right for video from the interview.





# District may see job cuts

Superintendent Stephen Murley said the predicted increase in labor costs is still lower than what he has seen in the past.

By **LUKE VOELZ**

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Iowa City School District teachers could see up to 60 cuts by the end of April, district officials said Monday.

The estimated cuts, which will likely be split equally among teachers and support staff, are due largely to the School Board's estimation of 0 percent allowable growth rate as proposed by the Iowa House for the upcoming school year.

School Superintendent Stephen Murley said this, combined with a 3 percent increase in labor and personnel costs, would lead to a \$4.3 million to \$6.8 million deficit for the upcoming school year.

"I think that given the fact that we've never had 0 percent allowable growth in state history, the [Board of Education]

failed to recognize that costs are going up on an annual basis," he said. "One would hope that there would be an increase in costs and willingness to allow us increased growth to match those costs."

The predicted cuts are a further repercussion of the financial difficulties that led the district to announce the likely elimination of four reading-teacher positions two weeks ago.

Iowa City Education Association President Tom Yates offered a less negative view of the announcement, explaining that the district should continue spending the \$1.8 million left over from the Education Jobs bill.

"That money literally is not supposed to be used for anything else but helping teachers get their jobs," said Yates, who is also an English teacher at City High School. "One-point-eight million dollars would keep an average of 36 teachers from getting cut if they all made \$50,000 a year. I just don't

### Allowable growth Fluctuations in Iowa City School District allowable growth rates::

- 1990-1991: 7 percent
- 1993-1994: 2 percent
- 2000-2001: 4 percent
- 2002-2003: 1 percent
- 2005-2006: 4 percent
- 2010-2011: 2 percent

Source: Iowa City School District

see that at least for a year using that money we're going to lose that many teachers."

The 57-year-old said he wasn't able to predict what positions would be cut beyond the reading teachers.

"[District officials] have been really tight-lipped about it," he said.

School Board members said they are struggling to find budget areas to cut to avoid the personnel cuts.

"The problem is that we've been [looking at alternate areas to cut] for a few years," said School Board member Gayle

Klouda. "When more than 80 percent of your budget is people, that leaves a limited amount of budget to adjust that doesn't affect jobs."

She said the district is still looking at cutting costs by economizing energy spending.

"There are still some avenues with energy savings," she said. "And trying to be as efficient as possible in running every building we have. I think we're at the level of things like making sure we turn off computers when we're done. They're not earth-shattering and not going to save tremendous amounts of money in any one instance, but with the number of buildings our district has and number of computers in them, any use of energy is going to compromise."

The district's energy conservation board is trying to help these efforts, she said, though she understands such savings will be relatively small in the long run.



**Murley**  
superintendent

## METRO

### Regent nominees approved

The Iowa Senate voted unanimously Tuesday to confirm the three newly appointed state Board of Regents members.

Gov. Terry Branstad appointed Bruce Rastetter, Kathleen Mulholland, and Nicole Carroll on Feb. 25. They will begin their terms May 1. The three Iowans are replacing Regents Bonnie Campbell, Michael Gartner, and Rose Vasquez.

Rastetter, 54, is a University of Iowa alumnus and CEO of Hawkeye Energy Holdings. He was Branstad's largest campaign donor in 2010, contributing \$160,000.

Mulholland, 63, has worked in Iowa education systems since 1975, teaching in Waterloo and Dubuque and serving as assistant superintendent in Ottumwa and Dubuque.

Carroll also has a background in education. The 57-year-old has served as the Carroll, Iowa, K-12 Committee School Board president for six years. She now works with the Iowa Child Advocacy Board as a court-appointed advocate.

— by **Emily Busse**

### Regents ask for input on ISU president

The state Board of Regents is asking for public feedback on what qualities the board should look for in a new Iowa State University president.

Gregory Geoffroy announced plans to end his nearly 10-year long tenure as president on March 25. He'll step down no later than July 31, 2012.

In a Tuesday press release, regents encouraged people interested in sharing their sugges-

tions to submit comments at [www.presidentsearch.iastate.edu/qualities/](http://www.presidentsearch.iastate.edu/qualities/). The regents expect they will approve the search process June 8.

In addition, the regents will host an open forum on the Ames campus April 27 for the public to discuss "leadership priorities and desired qualities" of the next Iowa State president.

The regents also requested consulting firms assist with the presidential-search process. According to the press release, Regent President David Miles said a number of firms will give presentations at the regents' April 28 meeting at Iowa State University.

— by **Emily Busse**

### Woman faces numerous charges

Iowa City police arrested a woman for allegedly stealing a car while the owner was in jail.

Daisha Adams, 19, address unknown, was charged with unauthorized use of a credit card, forgery, and second-degree theft.

According to police records, Adams took the alleged victim's car while he was incarcerated for 42 days.

Adams then reportedly forged the victim's name on the title before selling it in Cedar Rapids for \$150. The alleged victim's laptop, iPod, game system, clothing, and Electronic Benefits Transfer card were in the car, authorities said.

Police said Adams also made a \$1.22 purchase with the card. Several witnesses and the reported victim picked Adams out of a lineup.

— by **Regina Zilbermints**

### Council moves on strategic plan

The Iowa City City Council approved an agreement to allow

the Thomas Group to conduct two telephone surveys to Iowa City residents and businesses to get opinions which will aid city officials in constructing the city's strategic plan.

It will cost \$9,460.

The council also approved an agreement with the University of Iowa's Institute of Public Affairs to assist in the strategic-planning process, which will cost \$3,000.

Both measures are part of the city's plans to construct a strategic planning process.

— by **Alison Sullivan**

### Two establishments to pay tobacco fines

Two Iowa City businesses will pay fines for selling tobacco to minors after a City Council meeting Tuesday.

The owner of Five Star Food Mart, 1911 Keokuk St., was present at the hearing to argue against the fine, but councilors decided he had committed the infraction.

The owner of the Den, 123 E. Washington St., wasn't at the meeting and agreed to pay the fine.

Both businesses will pay \$300.

— by **Alison Sullivan**

### Council OKs trail

The Iowa City City Council approved construction of a recreation trail that will run from Napoleon Park to the Terry Trueblood Recreation Area and also include connections to existing sidewalks along McCollister Boulevard, a river lookout area, and a few other improvements.

The project will be funded by a grant from the Iowa Department of Transportation State Recreation Trails Program as well

as with proceeds from general-obligation bonds.

— by **Alison Sullivan**

### Council OKs Southeast District plan

The Iowa City City Council approved a strategic plan for the Southeast District on Tuesday evening. The motion passed uncontested.

The plan is expected to improve pedestrian trails, decongest traffic, and provide a general expansion of businesses in the area.

Representatives from the Iowa City Planning and Zoning Commission presented the information on the district, which is the seventh of 10 Iowa City areas with a finished plan for development.

Throughout the development of the plans, there have been numerous opportunities for public input.

— by **Alison Sullivan**

### Council approves water project

The Iowa City City Council approved the construction of the 2011 Wales St. water main improvements project on Tuesday evening.

Estimated cost of the project is \$150,000; it will be funded with city water revenue.

The project will include installing PVC and DIP water along the street., which will run along Court Street to Friendship Street. Other installations include fire hydrants, connecting existing water services, removal and replacement of pavement, and other similar projects.

— by **Alison Sullivan**

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Because of a source error in the April 4 story "Downtown businesses evacuated after reports of fire," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported that apartments above Union, 121 E. College St., and the Soap Opera, 119 E. College St., were evacuated due to smoke. There are no apartments above either business, only three unoccupied art studios. The *DI* regrets the error.

## BLOTTER

**Brian Dusenberry**, 19, Des Moines, was charged April 2 with possession of a controlled substance.  
**David Eckley**, 42, 2104 California Ave., was charged March 29 with violating a no-contact domestic-abuse protective order.  
**Thomas Finley**, 61, 1409 Keokuk St., was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft.  
**Rachel Goldberg**, 26, Evanston,

Ill., was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance.  
**James Holderness**, 62, Oxford, Iowa, was charged Tuesday with willful injury causing bodily injury.  
**Andrew Imhoff**, 19, Columbia, N.J., was charged April 2 with public intoxication.  
**Daniel Kuster**, 22, Cedar Rapids, was charged April 2 with OWI.

**Xavier Mallard**, 19, 1327 Dolen Place, was charged June 7, 2010, with possession of marijuana and drug tax-stamp violation.  
**Curtis Phillips**, 61, Solon, was charged April 2 with having an open container of alcohol in public.  
**Srikanth Rajan**, 27, North Liberty, was charged Sunday with OWI.  
**Robert Schert**, 47, Coon

Rapids, Minn., was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance.  
**Ada Schwarz**, 19, 310 Rienow, was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
**Nathan Walters**, 27, 2077 Iowa Ave., was charged Tuesday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Spotlight Iowa City

# Finding the joy in writing at Iowa

Iowa Writer's Workshop student Mark Mayer works with undergraduates in special workshops.

By IAN MARTIN  
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Almost two hours into this particular writing workshop, Mark Mayer has not taken the pen out of his right hand. Sometimes he shakes it, other times it rattles between his fingers, but it remains the only motion on an otherwise still person.

As with the three pieces before it, the Boulder, Colo., native intently takes in this particular story — the beginning of a longer piece about an identical twin who can read minds — and asks the same open-ended question he has asked for every story.

"What worked well with this?" the 26-year-old says, handing the conversational responsibility to the four students sitting in Stanley Hall's Ecklund Lounge.

Mayer, who is in the Iowa Writers' Workshop — a program whose alumni have won 17 Pulitzer prizes — is writing a collection of short fiction, and he is in charge of the four to five undergraduate workshops per semester along with

**Mark Mayer**

- **Age:** 26
- **Hometown:** Boulder, Colo.
- **Favorite Writer:** Samuel Beckett
- **Favorite Iowa City Spot:** Hickory Hill
- **States lived in:** Colorado, Rhode Island, Texas, California, Montana, Iowa

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Writers' Workshop member Adrienne Raphael.

The two took over the program in October after the previous head was relieved of her duties.

Immediately, the effect was notable.

"They know how to give constructive criticism," freshman Jenna Raef said. "They'll ask a lot of questions that lead you into 'Oh, I didn't think about this before.'"

Mayer didn't immediately go to the Writers' Workshop after graduating from Brown, instead trying to make it as a writer on his own. Eventually, though, he realized he said that he wanted to be paid to write, and applied to Iowa, even though he thought he would never get in.

Now back in a college setting, the benefit has been huge, he said.

Working with undergraduates in particular is



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Mark Mayer leads an undergraduate writing workshop with Adrienne Raphael on Sunday in the Ecklund Lounge in Stanley Hall. Mayer, a member of the Writers' Workshop, is in charge of the four to five undergraduate workshops per semester.

exciting, he says, because of how happy the younger students are to write.

"It's just good to be around people that are enthused about [writing]," he said. "You can read in their writing how much they love to read."

Raphael agreed, saying that there's an obvious joy surrounding the program that she and Mark have made prominent again.

"They're really writing for themselves," she said.

"They're here on a Sunday evening when they could be doing whatever."

Mayer and Raphael's collective efforts have also spread outside of just the workshops when comes to activities for people on the floor.

When given the task of repairing a program that Raef said kids were "uninterested" in, the pair tried to think of something unique that could make students interested in

going out to local readings.

Bringing some humor to the usually stiff readings, Mayer described a bingo board that was made and given to the students that had things he described as "typical" of an author doing at poetry or fiction reading, such as talking about the airline flight or referring to a famous author by her or his first name.

All of this — the workshops, the local readings, and the general culture of

writing in the living learning community and the university — is what makes Mayer excited to be at Iowa. It's unlike any other graduate school experience, and he said that's making him and everyone a better writer.

"It's the community of the place," he said. "It's because everybody wants to be here that all these great people are here and they're really excited to be here."

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## Editorial

# Water bill would give more responsibility to an inept Agriculture Department

Throughout the U.S. government, more often than not, agencies responsible for regulating a particular sector are also in charge of promoting that same sector. For some agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency, these two roles work harmoniously.

For others, such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration, these two functions create an inevitable conflict of interest. That is, regulating any industry can lower that industry's profit margin as businesses may digress from their most profitable operation in order to comply with any given government regulation.

By transferring water quality regulation from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, whose sole mission is "to conserve and enhance natural resources," to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, of the aforementioned regulatory/promotional dual-purpose agencies, legislators are ultimately damaging both the efficiency of state government and our infamously defiled waterways.

Specifically, the bill (House File 643 and Senate File 500) plans to transfer programs dedicated to the enforcement of the Clean Water Act, known as Chapter 319, from Natural Resources to the Agriculture.

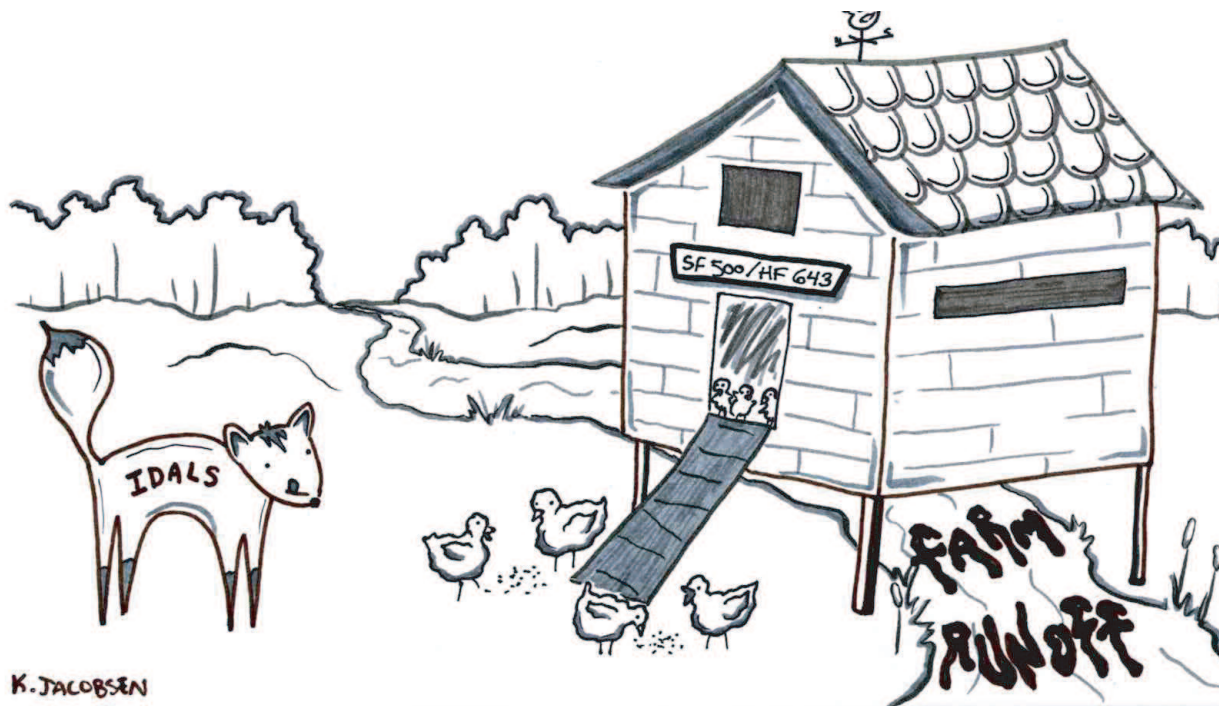
mere months before salmonella contamination at two farms led to the recall of hundreds of millions of eggs.

Northey's 2010 opponent, organic dairy farmer Francis Thicke (whom the Editorial Board endorsed in November), isn't pulling any punches. "Well, I was asked this question during the campaign, and I was opposed to it, because the water-quality program of the Department of Natural Resources is very comprehensive, so [the shift] makes no sense," Thicke told the Editorial Board Tuesday.

"[Northey is] opposed to regulation. That's why they want him to have the money," Thicke said. "One of the biggest problems I had is that he wants to retille the soils, which would be good for the production of corn and soybeans but would be questionable regarding water quality."

The EPA has the authority to strip state governments of their funding if they fail to comply with federal standards, Thicke said. The federal agency also has the power to transfer regulatory practices from the state to the federal level, which could further threaten Iowa's waterways by taking power out of the hands of those who have the most local knowledge and contacts for protecting the land at the most efficient level of operation.

*'We musn't put the fox in charge of the henhouse.'*



Unlike Natural Resources, the Agriculture Department has no particular mission statement. "You need to understand, there are two divisions. There is consumer protection, the regulatory side, and the second, the largest, is the soil-conservation side," Chuck Gipp, division director in Agriculture, told the *DI* Editorial Board. Gipp outlined a wide variety of responsibilities, including financial, technical, and administrative assistance, as well as focusing on the business aspect while striving to "get the farmers to be better stewards of the land and water." The agency website further outlines responsibilities concerning meat processing, feed, fertilizer, pesticide application, and dairy farming.

In other words, the 335 employees have a vast range of roles and functions, especially in comparison to Natural Resources' 1,100 employees, who have a one-sentence mission statement to guide them in their practices.

The common argument for the consolidation is that farmers only have to talk to one agency led by someone they "trust": Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey, who achieved momentary notoriety last year for enthusing about Iowa's industrial egg farmers

Wayne Gieselman, speaking for Natural Resources, has repeatedly told news outlets that the goal of this bill is to create "most efficient government we can have in the state of Iowa."

Thicke said he can't believe Gieselman (a friend of his) personally believes that moving Chapter 319 will make Iowa's government run more efficiently. "You have to read between the lines," Thicke said. "He says that the goal is to run more efficiently. He's got to say that, because his job depends on supporting it."

We musn't put the fox in charge of the henhouse. It is absurd to ask an agency that promotes agribusiness to regulate farm runoff — especially when protecting business interests is much more politically beneficial.

Whether the goal is or is not to make the state government run more efficiently, common sense leads one to believe that this change would not be effective in cleaning our state's decrepit waterways. It may help our agricultural sector become more profitable, but by stripping power from Natural Resources, the agency whose sole focus is on protecting our air, water, and soil, these profits will come at a price.

Your turn. Which agency should control Clean Water Act enforcement? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## Letter

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### Videotaping ban would obscure truth

Supporters of a law that would ban anyone from videotaping cruelty in any animal facility say it would encourage people to report such abuses. Are we supposed to be so stupid and gullible as to believe that?

If you saw a traffic violation or crime of any kind, you'd be more likely to report it and get a conviction if you had proof — such as a video. Without the proof, you'd probably lose the case and be sued by the violator. Agribusiness doesn't want you to have proof. Its overzealous drive to ban such videotaping only makes a smart person know it does have something to hide behind closed doors.

At the federal level, there are protections for whistleblowers, but the above zealots here in Iowa want to shoot the messenger — or just send him to prison. The lawmakers who approve such a dastardly law don't care about humane treatment and fairness, they only care about protecting the campaign money that comes from big agribusiness.

I think the majority of Iowans would oppose any new hunting season on mourning doves. But this was also pushed through and signed by the governor before the ink was dry, before any letters and phone calls of opposition could come in. Big business and highly paid lobbyists rule in the Iowa Legislature.

Herman Lenz  
Sumner, Iowa

# End the \$\$ stalemate



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No number of clichés about making beds or chickens coming home to roost could do justice to the idiotically predictable federal-budget situation. As the president and the GOP continue to assure the public of their inability to compromise, the prospect of a government shutdown looms in the nation's capital. Although a government shutdown is not quite as ominous as it sounds, Iowans can only hope that such a scenario is either averted or ended quickly. While we will not immediately feel substantial negative effects, a shutdown will result in millions, possibly billions, of tax dollars wasted — a wholly counterproductive outcome in a time of fiscal hysteria.

Unfortunately, such a scenario seems more likely each day the stalemate continues.

Some may be quick to blame one party or the other or attribute the budget battle to the current American attitude of hyper-partisanship, but the simple fact is that each budget created will have winners and losers, and the losers will vociferously oppose any loss of funds.

Although the current political climate does seem heavily polarized, Congressional recalcitrance on appropriations bills is nothing new. According to a study by Professor Ronald Meyer of the University of Maryland, done shortly after the late-1995, early 1996 shutdown, 68 percent of appropriations bills between 1972 and 1996 were enacted late.

A shutdown occurs when the president and Congress fail to agree on an appropriations bill for the fiscal year. Lawmakers can postpone the problem by passing continuing resolutions, but this Congress has passed two such resolutions and President Obama has said he will not support another one. During a shutdown, "nonessential" programs and services funded by federal money cease to operate.

This means that activities are suspended, employees are furloughed, and buildings are emptied, according to each agency's shutdown

plan. Essential employees continue to work, but everyone else goes home.

A few programs are exempt, including the IRS — so even if a new budget is not passed by April 18, we'll still have to pay our taxes. The U.S. Postal Service draws in enough revenue to remain in operation. Law enforcement, critical health services, and national defense will all conduct business as usual.

There will, however, be some noticeable effects in Iowa.

Travelers trying to obtain visas will not be able to do so while a shutdown is in effect, and many of the country's national parks and monuments will be closed, resulting in a loss of revenue. In addition, a prolonged lack of funding will interfere with services for veterans, which could mean reduced operation of Iowa City's VA Hospital (and subsequent reduction of assistance to some of Iowa's neediest).

A government shutdown also exacerbates the very problem about which Congress was bickering. When lawmakers decide on a new budget, it must retroactively fund programs and workers that were not doling out services during the shutdown. A Congressional report immediately after the 1995-96 shutdown identified a loss of \$1.4 billion in taxpayer money. That figure may be slightly skewed because some employees continued to work anyway or worked harder after the break, according to Meyer's report, but lawmakers should apply one of their favorite buzzwords to the event and realize that government shutdowns are not deficit-neutral.

It's difficult to assess the likelihood of a shutdown. Both parties agree it's an outcome they do not want, yet both parties refuse to back down. The GOP in particular seems especially immune to appeals for rational compromises. In a desperate scramble to appease their party's far-right elements, House Speaker John Boehner's brethren continue to move the mark for their desired amount of cuts, even when the White House makes concessions. Hopefully, the squabbling lawmakers will put petty politics aside and save the taxpayers' time and money. ■

## CAUCUS

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through trips to the Capitol, letter-writing campaigns, or other innovative methods — they want to interact with politicians more frequently in hopes they will defend funding Iowa's regents institutions in the future.

UI President Sally Mason, interim Provost Barry Butler, representatives from 22 colleges and divisions at the UI — along with Herky the Hawk — attended the grass-roots event on Tuesday aimed to spread awareness of the university's positive impact on Iowans.

For students in attendance, lobbying was no longer about next year's cost of schooling. The state Board of Regents has approved a 5 percent increase in tuition for in-state residents and 6 percent for those from out of state.

Instead, representatives from the student organization-in-the-making, Hawkeye Caucus, said they hope a continued presence at in Des Moines would influence next year's budget talks.

"The regents raised tuition, but now it's just emphasis on all the wonderful things about the university," said Abbey Moffitt, an undergraduate intern for the initiative. "So [legislators] continue to think about that and continue to have them in their thoughts all the time."

Sixteen graduate students met with legislators throughout the day to discuss reasonable and sustainable funding, as well as the effect the university has on lives across the state.

And while legislators said they were glad to have "open, honest conversation" about the state's budget with students, they agreed young people shouldn't forget to lobby their university administration and the regents as well.

"My best advice to students would be to lobby us and let us know how it affects them personally," said Rep. Jeff Kaufmann, R-Wilton. "Lobby the Legislature to give you the resources and the tuition aid, but at the same time, lobby the members of the Board of Regents and lobby

the administration to continue to find efficiencies."

Mason said she agreed students should reach out past the legislature.

"I like to think that we continue to work hard to do our part," she said, standing in a room at the Statehouse. "If the regents and legislators and those of us at the university are doing this together — we'll come through this just fine just like any other disaster."

Lyndsay Harshman, the president of the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students, said she is excited by the positive response they received from legislators on Tuesday.

"I was really pleased," she said. "It's exciting to know representatives and senators recognize us as students, they recognize our faces, they recognize who we are, and we know that we're educated about our mission and why we're there and they're willing to talk to us."

Kaufmann spent an hour with Hawkeye Caucus students in the House Chamber, discussing the possibility of tax incentives, family planning, and locked-in tuition for next year's legislative session.

Ultimately, he said, he would love to work with representatives on the other side of the aisle, as well as with students, to work toward solutions to tuition and dwindling state appropriations.

"I think it would be wonderful to create a bill on the house floor and say this came from university students," Kaufmann said. "There is nothing better than that."

The advocacy initiative Hawkeye Caucus initially started in January, and UI Governmental Relations Director Peter Matthes — who organized the group made up of faculty and students — said members plan to engage with legislators as much as possible in the future.

Moffitt said the student organization will reach out to more of the undergraduate population next fall.

Ultimately, Harshman said the goal of Hawkeye Caucus is to have a student representative from each district of Iowa.

"We want every legislator in the state to be able to put a student face to the district," she said.



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Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad sits down with *The Daily Iowan* for an interview at the State Capitol on Tuesday. Branstad decried the increases in tuition recently approved by the state Board of Regents, noting he tried to keep hikes at or below the Higher Education Price Index when he served as president of Des Moines University. Branstad said he's committed to restoring higher-education funding in the future.

## BRANSTAD

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Branstad said his college experience is similar to that of many current UI students. He worked in the cafeteria, had a summer job, and graduated with student loans.

And he didn't get those loans paid off until his first term as governor.

While Branstad said higher education is a priority, he noted Iowa needs to live within the realities of the funding it has, and that means creating a two-year budget with a five-year projection. Branstad proposed slashing higher-education funding by 6 percent for fiscal 2012 when regents called for an \$18 million increase. This comes after roughly \$118 million in cuts over the past two years.

Regent President David Miles has openly decried the cuts, telling legislators earlier this year regents would need

to increase tuition by 12.6 percent to make up for the funding gap.

"Public higher education in Iowa can only do more with less for so long before quality, access, and affordability are all compromised — perhaps beyond repair," he told the education-appropriations subcommittee in February.

Branstad said he thinks universities need to be more efficient in their spending but understands increasing tuition is another form of revenue for universities when the state does not have additional money to provide.

However, he said he wishes the tuition increase had been lower. Regents have approved a 5 percent increase in in-state tuition and 6 percent hike for out-of-state students for the 2011-12 academic year.

"I would have preferred the increase maybe to not have been as high as that," he said, noting that when he

served as president of Des Moines University, a private school, officials tried to keep tuition increases at or below the Higher Education Price Index.

But regents and UI officials have repeatedly said they made tuition as modest as possible without threatening the quality of education.

"Is it possible to reduce the costs of the institutions — absolutely," said Regent Robert Downer. "If you terminate faculty, reduce library materials, decrease course offerings, but it's going to take a major cut out of the quality of these institutions."

Branstad also suggested universities grow enrollment, which all three have, and seek opportunities to provide more scholarships and financial aid.

But Regent Michael Gartner said Branstad's idea to supplement tuition increases with more privately funded scholarships is "ingenu-

ous," and budget cuts in the regents' universities have been made in many different areas.

"[Branstad] proposed a massive cut in appropriations without consulting with [Regent President David] Miles, and now he's saying that these guys should cut their costs, but they have cut costs dramatically," Gartner said. "The governor's budget went too far."

Overall, Branstad said, he understands the frustration with the cuts but hopes Iowans will soon see the benefits of a stronger economy.

"I think you'll see that we inherited a real mess; we're in the process of straightening it out," he said. "I'm convinced that if we do the biannual budget, and [I] get the incentives I need to bring the business and jobs to Iowa, that we will be in a much stronger position in the second [half] of this administration."

Check back with *The Daily Iowan* throughout the week to read more about Branstad's comments on other issues.

## GRANTS

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made to get our nation's fiscal health in order, but cutting funding to Pell Grants, or limiting their availability, will put our country at a competitive disadvantage by making it harder for students to afford quality education."

The Pell Grant provided more than \$15.3 million to roughly 20 percent of UI undergraduates this academic year, Warner said. That's approximately 4,300 students. The number of students using the grant at the UI has increased in the last three years, he noted.

Under the legislation, the maximum reward for students would be reduced by \$845. For UI students, Warner said, that means reducing a potential grant of \$5,516 to \$4,671.

UI sophomore Abby Jessen said she heavily depends on the \$1,000 Pell Grant she receives each semester.

"It's a substantial chunk of my financial aid," she said. "It'd be nice to not have to take out loans and repay them for years."

Mick Starceвич, the president of Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, said the cuts would mean lower enrollment for his institution.

"We're talking about the future, and the future of our country rests in the hands of students in col-

## Pell Grant

Bill H.R. 1 could lead to the following Pell Grant cuts:

- Iowa: \$116 million
- Illinois: \$243 million
- Ohio: \$215 million
- Michigan: \$202 million
- Pennsylvania: \$176 million
- Indiana: \$115 million
- Minnesota: \$84 million
- Wisconsin: \$70 million

Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

lege and those who will soon be going to college," he said. "The impact is going to be felt for years to come."

Kirkwood saw a 30 percent increase in students utilizing the grant from fall 2009 to fall 2010, Starceвич said. In addition, he said, summer enrollment at the school increased 41 percent over the same time period because officials could offer the Pell Grant to students for the first time over the summer session.

But under the bill, the Pell Grant would not be made available over the summer.

"This all just means many of our students who already work part-time and attend school will have to take on more work hours," Starceвич said.

And for Jessen, every bit of the funding counts.

"My mom is a single mom, so we really need all the help we can get," she said. "It would suck to lose it."

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## PIANO LOUNGE

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moral character" provision in the renewal process. "Good moral character" requires that bar owners not be a convicted felon, be financially stable, and comply with the law.

And after getting past another hurdle, the new owner and former manager, Matt Strabala, said he thinks patrons from their former location will be more than content with the new place has to offer. He said he hopes the bar will reopen next weekend.

"It's going to be a flavor of what they had before but on a much bigger and classier scale," he said of the establishment, known for its central piano where customers can request songs to be played.

Officials originally said Freeman — who owned 30 percent of the bar — owed the city more than \$46,000 in fees. The debt came from his construction business, Freeman

Construction. Steve Frishman and Brett Thomas were the other two owners of the bar.

Councilors initially deferred the vote for removing the license to allow Freeman more time to procure the money, which he never did.

The establishment chose not to renew the license, and on March 23, the council informed the bar it could no longer serve or sell alcohol on the property.

Freeman said on Tuesday he was working to pay off the debt.

When the landlord of the Gilbert Street property approached Strabala about opening a bar there, the then-manager knew it was an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

And with a new owner and new location, the establishment was eligible for a liquor license at Tuesday's meeting.

Strabala said that despite not being open yet, the place has received a lot of attention and people have stopped by to check in on the progress.

"We have visibility now," he said about the new location, roughly half a

mile from its original spot.

As for what new ownership may mean for the business in light of its recent struggles, City Councilor Regenia Bailey seemed indifferent.

"It's just another business opening downtown," she said after the meeting.

But the new location plans to have an extended selection of items as well as a wider variety of menu items including drinks. Strabala also said the bar would retain many of the same entertainers and even incorporate a few bigger-name acts.

Amanda Irish said she plans to attend the opening with a group of friends.

"It's a nice enough place. I'm sort of interested to see what the new place is like," said Irish, a recent graduate of the University of Iowa and a Coralville resident. "There are not a lot of young kids, which some people like — being away from the younger crowd."

Irish said she, too, thought the old location did not appear very inviting.

"It was a hole in the wall down in an alleyway," she said.



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## Women's achievements celebrated

UI Chief Diversity Officer Georgina Dodge speaks in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber before the Celebration of Excellence and Achievement Among Women award ceremony on Tuesday. The ceremony began in 1982 and has since evolved into a tribute to all University of Iowa women who strive for excellence in research, scholarship, and activism.



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## CHARTER SCHOOLS

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"One of the things I like about the [Montessori] environment is the ability for children to choose among the works offered in a prepared environment and take their time and do the works as many times as they want," said Woltman, who sent two of her children to the Montessori preschool in North Liberty. "I think it fosters a positive attitude toward schoolwork."

North Liberty has a Montessori preschool and Coralville has a Montessori elementary school, but it is private and costly to attend — it charges \$6,490 per year for elementary-age students.

The group of local parents is seeking a school that is public and more affordable.

Members of the steering committee are supporting a bill making its way through the Iowa Legislature, House File 585, which would expand the number of institutions able to accredit charter schools such as Montessori. Now, only the Iowa Board of Education can offer accreditation, but the bill would extend that privilege to community

### Charter Schools

The six Iowa charter schools and their locations:

- Storm Lake/Iowa Central/Buena Vista Early College Charter High School - Storm Lake
- Northeast Iowa Charter High School - Maynard
- Prescott Elementary School - Dubuque
- Panorama Charter School - Panora, Iowa
- eSigourney Entrepreneurial Academy for Leadership - Sigourney
- Des Moines Charter School - Des Moines

Source: Iowa Board of Education

beyond the Board of Education.

"I think a lot of places and people who might want to sponsor charter schools already have some kind of an agenda in mind," he said. "Or there are people who want to get around all of the checks and balances that go into running a public school. A lot of charter schools are going through management companies these days, and I don't think that's a particularly good idea, because these are for-profit companies, for the most part."

Debate on the bill is further compounded by a provision that would allow charter-school sponsors to not offer unionized teachers collective-bargaining benefits. Yates said he and the teachers' union also oppose the bill for those reasons.

Rep. Greg Forristall, R-Macedonia, who supports the bill, said the potential loss of union policies could make education more efficient statewide.

"We need to think a little bit differently about how teachers teach. Right now, they're an assembly process," he said. "Superb teachers get paid the same as teachers who don't care very much. We need a system where teachers can be awarded for efforts and quality. We need to make them into heroes, not union members."

colleges, universities, non-profit private organizations, and the state Board of Regents.

The bill passed the House on March 16 and is awaiting action in the Senate. Whitehead said she and group members hope the bill's passing would allow public institutions such as the Iowa City School District to accredit Montessori schools.

Tom Yates, the president of the local teachers' union — the Iowa City Education Association — said the union has yet to see statistics supporting an alternative-education curriculum being beneficial. He added that he is distrustful of charter schools being accredited and run by organizations

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# Letter campaign

UI freshman Maggie Dreyer (left) and freshman Kelsi Pugh, both of Zeta Tau Alpha, write letters to Iowa senators during the Community Service Event during Greek Week on Tuesday in the IMU Main Lounge. Fraternities and sororities, as well as 12 other campus groups, were encouraged to attend the event, with the aim of asking Sen. Tom Harkin and Sen. Charles Grassley to continue to support sending funding to developing countries.

Participants had the choice of writing one or two letters, and they were given sample letters containing facts about AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis from which to base their letters.

Participants in greek life were awarded 10 points for writing a single letter, 20 points for writing two, and one point if they bore their Greek letters. According to Rachel Hirsh, the Greek Week Executive Council Service and Philanthropy director, approximately 700 letters were written by 5:30 p.m.

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## METRO

### Santorum to speak in CR

Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum is set to headline the Chairman's Series event in Cedar Rapids on April 26.

According to a press release, Santorum is the featured speaker for the event, which is the second installment in the series.

The series aims to act as a platform for Republican leaders and "strengthen GOP county parties" before the next presidential election, according to the press release.

- by Emily Busse

### Englert official charged with intoxic

The executive director of the Englert Theatre was arrested

Tuesday for public intoxication.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Andre Perry, 33, 714 E. College St., was one of numerous people in the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., at around 2:30 a.m. Tuesday. Police received a report of a loud, after-hours party with drinking, the complaint said.

Perry allegedly told police he worked at the Mill, was uncooperative with officers, and would not provide his identification. He had bloodshot, watery eyes, slurred speech, unsteady balance and smelled of alcohol, the report said.

Perry is also the co-founder and producer of the Mission Creek Music Festival, which ended this week.

- by Sam Lane

### State Senate passes anti-Iran bill

The Iowa Senate has passed a bill that would prohibit state entities from investing public funds in companies with business operations in Iran.

It would include the state treasurer, state Board of Regents, and public-safety officers.

The bill requires each entity to develop and maintain a list of companies with active and inactive business operations in Iran the fund has holdings in or might invest in future.

In 2007, legislators prohibited state funds from being invested in some companies doing business in Sudan.

- by Regina Zilbermints

## METRO

### Police kids' amendment withdrawn

Rep. Kirsten Running-Marquardt, D-Cedar Rapids, proposed, then withdrew an amend-

ment to the budget bill passed Tuesday that would have given provided free tuition to children of police officers or firefighters slain in the line of duty or suffering permanent disabilities.

According to the Cedar Rapids Gazette, legislators encouraged Running-Marquardt to propose the bill again after she's had time to give it more thought.

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## Online classes get scrutiny

By **HEATHER EDELMAN**  
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As the popularity of online programs grows, universities nationwide still differ in how they evaluate web-only courses — and some have few standardized methods at all.

At the University of Iowa, professors use only student evaluations to measure the quality of their programs, typically receiving a 65-75 percent return rate.

"This is a fairly good response rate for surveys that are not a required response," said James Maxey, an evaluation consultant for Distance Education at the UI.

But some experts argue schools need more than just student-input to decide if they're teaching courses in the best way possible.

Kaye Shelton, the dean of online education at Dallas Baptist University, recently developed a standard scorecard that lists 70 quality indicators across nine categories for university administrators to use when evaluating their courses.

"The quality scorecard evaluates the administration of an online program, whereas student evaluations evaluate the way that program is taught," Shelton said.

Interaction between faculty and students is a key indicator of the quality of an online program, but it shouldn't be the only factor a school looks at, said Janet Moore, the chief knowledge officer at Sloan Consortium, which helped Shelton develop the scorecard.

Paying members can use the scorecard on the Sloan Consortium's website.

At the UI, officials said they are unsure if a "scorecard" is an immediate need.

"I don't know if [the scorecard] has much utility or value for the instructor to say, 'What do the students think about what you are doing?'" Maxey said.

But he didn't rule out the possibility of using one in the future.

In fall 2010, the UI offered 281 sections of online courses, with 4,960 students enrolled, according to the Division of Continuing Education.

UI senior Lauren Medwed, who has taken three online classes, said she believes officials should take more than just student input into account when evaluating classes.

"A better measure of quality would be to look at the requirements of the class and compare the level of online coursework with the level of in-class coursework," she said.

At other schools, officials differ in how to best evaluate online classes.

Ray Schroeder, the director of the center for online learning research and service at the University of Illinois, said officials there conduct annual performance reviews for faculty members as well as student-evaluation forms to assess online programs.

"[Students] provide much more feedback in online evaluations than they do when they are rushing out of the classroom," he said.

Iowa State University uses a similar practice to the UI, asking students to evaluate the class and working with instructors to continue improving courses.

The University of Kansas is still formulating a system to evaluating distance learning. For now, each college handles its own assessment. The University of Wisconsin-Madison said it uses the same process for both distance and in-person courses.

These differences are precisely why Shelton and her colleagues set out to create a standard system, after cowriting a book about online learning.

"We tried to write a chapter on quality and could not adequately wrap our heads around it," Shelton said.

# Breyer backs pragmatic court

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT**  
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer said Tuesday that judges should be trusted to take current events into account when making rulings.

Discussing his new book, *Making Our Democracy Work*, Breyer told hundreds of people during an event in downtown Little Rock that a judge's job is to figure out how the Founding Fathers' values apply to modern issues.

"George Washington didn't really have a view about the Internet," he said, drawing laughter from the crowd of around 650 people at the Statehouse Convention Center.

Breyer discussed several issues, from recent controversial court rulings and ideological differences to the landmark 1957 decision

that allowed nine black students to enroll in a high school just a few miles away.

The 72-year-old Breyer, considered one of the court's more liberal justices, believes that the court should apply the Constitution's values with a pragmatic view toward present circumstances rather than focusing only on the document's historical meaning.

That conflicts with the view of conservatives, including Justice Antonin Scalia, who say that justices should apply the Constitution's words as they were meant when they were written. Scalia and other conservatives have a majority on the nation's highest court.

In an interview later



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with the Associated Press, Breyer said ideological differences could be constructive. Asked if the court was more ideological than before, he demurred.

"It's a big country," he said. "The fact that there are people of different views is not a bad thing."

During his speech, an audience member asked Breyer about a court ruling last year that removed most limits on election spending by corporations and labor. Breyer opposed the decision, which split the court's liberal and conservative judges on a 5-4 vote, and said certain limits were needed to protect the rights of voters.

"The alternative is to choke the voices off from the people who don't have money," he said.

He also briefly addressed the court's recent 8-1 decision in favor of the Westboro Baptist Church, which has

held provocative protests at hundreds of military funerals over the opposition of the slain soldiers' families. Breyer said he sided with the majority because the rights of mourning families needed to be balanced with the Constitutional right to free speech.

Breyer, who was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1994 by President Bill Clinton, held his speaking event less than three miles from where nine black students — the so-called Little Rock Nine — famously integrated a high school in 1957 under the protection of federal troops.

"I want people to think about that case, because I think it was a turning point," Breyer told the audience.

He discussed President Dwight Eisenhower's decision to send troops to Little Rock, despite warnings from opponents who warned that the troops could spark trou-

ble across the South.

Breyer said it was among the Supreme Court's fundamental cases, not all of which were decided correctly, he said. Breyer said the court was wrong when it the Dred Scott decision in 1857 that denied freedom to a slave and the internment of Japanese-Americans almost a century later.

But he said officials from nations with developing democracies admired Americans' faith in an unelected court to uphold or strike down laws.

"I do think if the court does a better job of getting the legal decisions right, people will come around or are more likely to maintain their confidence in the court," he said.

Asked about retirement, Breyer laughed and shook his head.

"Have I thought about it? No," he said.



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## POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Jimmer or Kemba – who's the player of the year in college basketball? 3B



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Iowa sophomore Cully Payne dribbles down court during the Hawkeyes' game against Illinois-Springfield on Nov. 7, 2010. Payne had 10 assists in the 111-66 win over the Prairie Stars.

# Payne leaves with no hard feelings

Departing sophomore Cully Payne said he'll decide on a new school within a month.

By **SETH ROBERTS**  
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Iowa sophomore point guard Cully Payne is leaving the Hawkeye squad.

Payne's release from his scholarship and plans to transfer were officially announced on Tuesday morning.

Payne started the

Hawkeyes' first five games this past season before suffering a hernia and missing the rest of the year, taking a medical redshirt. He likely would have served as the backup to Bryce Cartwright had he returned next season, but the Schaumburg, Ill., native said that didn't fac-

tor into his decision.

"I just felt like I needed to move on and, for my future, be in a different place," Payne told *The Daily Iowan*. "It had nothing to do with Coach [Fran] McCaffery and [the injury], nor did it have to do with the system. It was just something I felt was right

at the time."

Payne said he has been thinking about transferring for a couple weeks, and informed Athletics Director Gary Barta of his decision Monday. The Athletics Department completed the release with a statement Tuesday morning.

"We appreciate Cully's

hard work and contributions to the Iowa basketball program the last two years," McCaffery said in the statement. "We ... wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors."

The details of those future endeavors will be hammered out sometime

SEE **PAYNE**, 4B

## Cully Payne, former point guard

**Hometown:** Schaumburg, Ill.  
**Height/Weight:** 6-1, 185 pounds  
**Accolades:** 2010-11 team cocaptain; 2009-10 All-Big Ten freshman team  
**Signature Performance:** Scored 25 points and shot 5-for-10 from beyond the arc in Iowa's loss to Michigan in the first round of the 2010 Big Ten Tourney

# Relay runners want a title

The members of the Iowa women's 4x400-meter relay team want a Big Ten title and more in the outdoor season.

By **AMY TIFFANY**  
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The Iowa 4x400-meter relay team that took second place at the indoor Big Ten meet didn't get what the runners wanted. That result, assistant coach Clive Roberts said, was unacceptable.

But the members have moved forward. What happened in the indoor season is in the past.

And now, the relay team — senior captain Tiffany Hendricks, senior Bethany Praska, junior Nicole Erickson, and freshman Ashley Liverpool — is

going into the outdoor season seeking vengeance. Although Roberts said this lineup isn't set in cement with those four athletes — see April 2, when freshman Erin Jones took a stab in the race at the LSU Invitational — no matter who participates for the Iowa "A" team, there's one thing the runners want: a Big Ten title. Furthermore, the Hawkeyes want to compete at the NCAA outdoor championships.

"Our 4x4 goal is definitely, definitely get that [Big Ten] championship title and get to nationals," Hendricks said.



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Iowa senior runners Bethany Praska (left) and Tiffany Hendricks warm up on Dec. 14, 2010, in the Recreation Building.

Praska said the success of the relay this year has been due to a combination of different factors, including the upperclassmen performing well and the contributions of talented underclassmen.

Erickson said the training is as crucial as any other reason for the relay's success this year. She and Praska trained more like 800-meter runners, which helps with endurance in a

SEE **TRACK**, 4B

## Student football, basketball tickets on sale

Iowa football and men's basketball student season tickets went on sale Tuesday.

Football tickets are priced at \$174 for seven games, and students can purchase men's basketball tickets for \$90 for 20 home games.

All orders can be made online at [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com).

Pam Finke, the director of ticket operations, said the university has allotted 10,500 student tickets for football. She was unable to tell Tuesday night how many tickets have been sold but noted that the athletics tickets website received "a lot of traffic."

Finke said students should buy their tickets as soon as possible to ensure they can get them.

"We want to encourage students to order before they go home for the summer," she said, noting that students are sometimes disappointed when they return or arrive for the fall semester to find that no tickets are available.

Student season tickets have sold out the last two seasons. The Hawkeyes are a combined 19-7 over the last two years and have won three consecutive bowl games for the first time in school history.

It's difficult to predict if tickets will once again sell out, Finke said, but "football is hot right now, and it helps that Iowa won its bowl game."

"For the price of the tickets and what students get out of it, I think it's a good deal," she said.

Iowa opens its 2011 football schedule on Sept. 3 against Tennessee Tech in Kinnick Stadium.

— by Jordan Garretson

## DB Lowe wants to transfer

Iowa defensive back Willie Lowe has asked for a release from his scholarship to allow him to transfer, ESPN.com's Joe Schad reported Tuesday night.

Lowe was one of the 13 Hawkeyes hospitalized in January when they suffered from rhabdomyolysis — a condition that sees muscle tissues break down rapidly and can affect the kidneys — following team workouts.

Lowe told Schad he wasn't sure if he'll be able to play again.

"I don't know. I would like to be able to sit out a year, regain my strength, feel fine, and play again. But I don't know," the senior-to-be told Schad. "I am still down 20 pounds, and I have headaches every few days."

Head coach Kirk Ferentz said March 23 that 12 of the 13 players — linebacker Shane DiBona is recovering from shoulder surgery — had been cleared medically to participate in spring practice.

Another player who was hospitalized with the muscle syndrome, cornerback Shaun Prater, said last week he was "back to normal."

"Just the first practice I felt a little sluggish, kind of slow," he said on March 30. "But since then, I've been picking off balls, running smoothly."

Monday was the first time Lowe worked out since being hospitalized, Schad reported.

"Only a few players are back to full speed that I know of," Lowe told Schad. "Some said this wasn't a big deal. But this was a big deal to me."

— by Jordan Garretson

# Threesome sparks Hawk softball

A trio of veterans in the middle of Iowa's batting order is carrying the offense.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**  
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Two Iowa softball players have won Big Ten Player of the Week honors this season. Senior cocaptain Chelsey Carmody — who leads the team in runs, hits, and doubles and is batting .423 — isn't one of them.

That illustrates just how much production the Hawkeyes are getting from a three-player core at the

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heart of their batting order.

Carmody, senior Stephanie Ochoa, and junior Liz Watkins fill the third, fourth, and fifth slots in Iowa's lineup. Ochoa and Carmody are first and second on the team in batting

average. Watkins is fourth and has hit seven home runs — more than twice as much as any other Hawkeye.

"They've definitely been carrying the offense," head coach Marla Looper said. "It's huge. We kind of live and die by the top half of our lineup and their ability to bring in runs."

Carmody has been reaching base at an impressive clip her whole career. She hit .320 or better in each of her

first three seasons at Iowa.

But this season, she's pushed that average even higher. She hit .706 to help Iowa win the Stetson Classic on March 11-13.

"I definitely feel comfortable [at the plate]," the Pacific, Mo., native said. "It's kind of relaxing this year, just looking and figuring out what I need to do in each at-bat and then going

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# Baseball guards against letdown

After recording season highs in both hits and runs on Sunday, the Iowa baseball team will try to keep the offense going today against Division-III Coe College.

By **MATT COZZI**  
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Following a 19-run offensive onslaught against Michigan State on Sunday, the Iowa baseball team will attempt to avoid a letdown today against Coe College.

Despite the win on Sunday, the Hawkeyes lost their opening Big Ten series last weekend, dropping two out of three games against the Spartans. Today, Iowa (10-15, 1-2) will try to win its second-straight contest when head coach Jack Dahm's squad takes on Coe at 6 p.m. in the friendly confines of Banks Field.

Coe (13-4, 6-2), a Division-III program from Cedar Rapids, comes to Iowa City having won three of its last four games. The Kohawks have played Iowa the past three seasons, losing all three games. Last spring, Iowa



Iowa pitcher Ricky Sandquist pitches against South Dakota State on March 29 in Banks Field. Iowa lost the game in 14 innings, 7-4.

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## IOWA (10-15, 1-2) VS. COE COLLEGE (13-4, 6-2)

When: 6 p.m. today  
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defeated Coe, 16-6.

Senior catcher Tyson Blaser said today's game is just as important as any other midweek game, even if Coe isn't a Division-I opponent.

"It's more about us than whom we play," he said.

"We want to focus on some of things we did last weekend and carry that over to [today]. We can't lose focus. We have to keep doing what we're doing so we can have some momentum going into Illinois this weekend."

The nonconference game serves as an opportunity for both schools, despite Coe being an overwhelming underdog. Coe gets to play better competition than it usually does, and Iowa can give players who usually don't start some playing time.

The Kohawks won 25 games last season, good

enough for third-most in school history. Additionally, their record sits at 6-2 in Iowa Intercollegiate Conference play. Coe heads into Wednesday night's game hitting .370 as a team, and it has a 4.17 team ERA.

"Getting a chance to play the Division-I big brother down the road is a great opportunity for our kids," Kohawk head coach Steve Cook said. "Our players will be able to see and play against great competition. Anytime we can get our kids around that kind of an environment, it makes our players better."



Members of the UI women's rowing team take a small break during a morning practice on Tuesday. The team is preparing for the Big Ten duals set to take place Saturday in Columbus, Ohio.

# Varsity 4 boat rebounds from disappointment

Iowa's varsity 4 boat has steadily improved to become a top boat for the Hawkeyes, coaches and fellow teammates say.

By **RYAN MURPHY**  
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In the first two meets of the spring season, the Iowa rowing team has faced some skilled competition. For Hawkeye head coach Mandi Kowal, the emphasis is on improving from race to race.

And one team that has done that is the varsity 4 boat.

After an underwhelming performance at the season-opening Longhorn Invitational, in which the boat only won one race out of four, the varsity 4 — which consists of four rowers and a coxswain — rebounded and became Iowa's only boat to qualify for grand finals at the prestigious San Diego Crew Classic this past weekend.

Kowal said she was impressed with the boat's improvement.

"Texas was not that great for that boat, but it really improved," she said. "[The crew members] are really rowing well together."

The crew posted a time of 7:38.73 in its heat in the Karen Plumleigh Cortney Cup, the name of the varsity 4 race in the Crew Classic. The Hawkeyes' placement qualified the boat for the grand finals, in which it took sixth. Every school in the nation's top 25 except for the Hawkeyes.

In the first two meets of the season, Iowa has faced six teams ranked in the national top 20, giving each Hawkeye boat a chance to test itself.

Senior Darcy DeLong said the crew members have focused on contending with the highly ranked competition the Hawkeyes face in each regatta.

"We've been pushing ourselves to get to the next level," she said. "We want to keep up with those other teams and get faster as they get faster."

Senior Haylie Miller, who rows on Iowa's varsity 8 boat, said the team's other members have noticed the 4 boat's improvement in practice.

"They are definitely rowing well together," she said. "You can't have one person doing her own thing in the boat, you all need to be together, and you can see in practice that they are all on the same page."

Kowal said she has continually adjusted the lineup for the varsity 4 boat to find the right mix of rowers. The Iowa coach said the team has been able to adapt to the changes well, and the crew has been focused on the fundamentals in practice, she said.

"I think they have really improved on the little things," Kowal said. "One week, they'll focus in on swinging their bodies strong, and they will hang onto it."

With two meets remaining in the regular season — the April 9 Big Ten duals in Columbus, Ohio, and the April 30 East Coast Races in Ithaca, N.Y. — Kowal expects her varsity 4 boat, as well as every other boat, to continue to improve.

Kowal said qualifying for grand finals in San Diego was a testament to the work the varsity 4 rowers have put in thus far.

"They've been working hard, and it showed for them in making the grand final," she said. "San Diego is a really tough regatta, and it was great feeling to go there and race respectfully."

starter, gave up just five hits and two runs in 6⅓ innings on March 29 against South Dakota State.

For Iowa, Sunday's offensive explosion — the Hawkeyes recorded a season-high in both runs and hits — can be used as a springboard for today and upcoming Big Ten games.

"[Sunday's win] was big for us," senior Zach McCool said. "Everyone in our lineup is hitting a little bit better; we've played good defense. When you get the whole team going together, both pitching and hitting, good things happen."

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

# Who should be college hoops' Player of the Year?

## Kemba Walker, Connecticut

Kemba Walker should have been chosen as the 2010-11 Naismith Player of the Year.

Walker, the 6-0 lightning-quick junior point guard from the Bronx, has a much more impressive résumé than BYU guard Jimmer Fredette.

On Monday night, this historic run ended in glory with Walker and the Huskies winning the national title.

This completed a historic stretch of 11-consecutive wins in less than a month, including five victories in five days to claim the Big East Tournament title — a feat never accomplished previously.

While most casual fans cannot name another player on UConn, Walker has taken a young team to new heights.

After an up-and-down sophomore year, Walker emerged as a dominant force in November while leading his team to a Maui Invitational championship.

Scoring 31, 30, and 29 points in three-straight days to win the tournament was the start of an incredible season for Walker.

Everyone saw Fredette become exposed during the regular season and especially in the Sweet 16. He is his team's only

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legitimate threat, but he doesn't trust his teammates in times of need. Instead, he plays like he's on a playground and continually throws up contested shots from deep behind the 3-point line.

Walker, however, thrives when the pressure is the highest. He averaged almost 38 minutes per game this past season, while scoring 23.5 points per contest along with 4.5 assists and 5.4 rebounds.

He trusts his teammates and is able to put the ball in their hands to get them involved.

In crunch time, no one can guard Walker; that was demonstrated in the Big East Tournament.

Playing on fumes, he single-handedly carried the Huskies to five wins in five days in Madison Square Garden, including an ankle-breaking, cross-over, buzzer-beater against Pittsburgh in the quarterfinal.

Walker has been the most consistent player in college basketball this season,

stepping up when his team needs him despite playing nearly the entirety of each game. To put up the all-around numbers he did while leading his team to the national title makes him deserve this honor.

— by Ben Wolfson

## Jimmer Fredette, Brigham Young

Jimmer Fredette doesn't play in the Big East. Kemba Walker does.

Jimmer didn't just lead his team to the

national championship. Kemba did.

But no, the argument for N C A A Player of the Year doesn't end there.

For all of Walker's flash and for all his team's impressive accomplishments this tournament season, there is more substance to Fredette's game.

Their assist totals are nearly identical, and neither is known as a respectable defender. So the debate between the two essen-

tially boils down to the thing each does best: scoring. And there's a clear winner there.

Basic points per game is one measure, and Fredette scored 29 per game to Walker's 23.5. But look even closer, and the case gets stronger. Jimmer shot better from the field, better from the line, and better from behind the 3-point arc.

Effective field-goal percentage, a stat that includes free throws and accounts for the extra value of 3s, shows the gap in efficiency between the two. Fredette is at 53.5 percent for the season, while Walker was 43rd in the Big East with a pretty

terrible 48.5 percent.

Most impressive about Fredette's season is the way he carried the offense of a BYU team that had only two other players averaging double figures — neither one scoring more than 13 points per game.

Forward Brandon Davies, one of the two non-Jimmer double-figure scorers, was suspended before the team's March 2 game for violating BYU's honor code. Fredette hauled the Cougars to within a point of the Elite Eight anyway by averaging more than 34 points per game after the suspension.

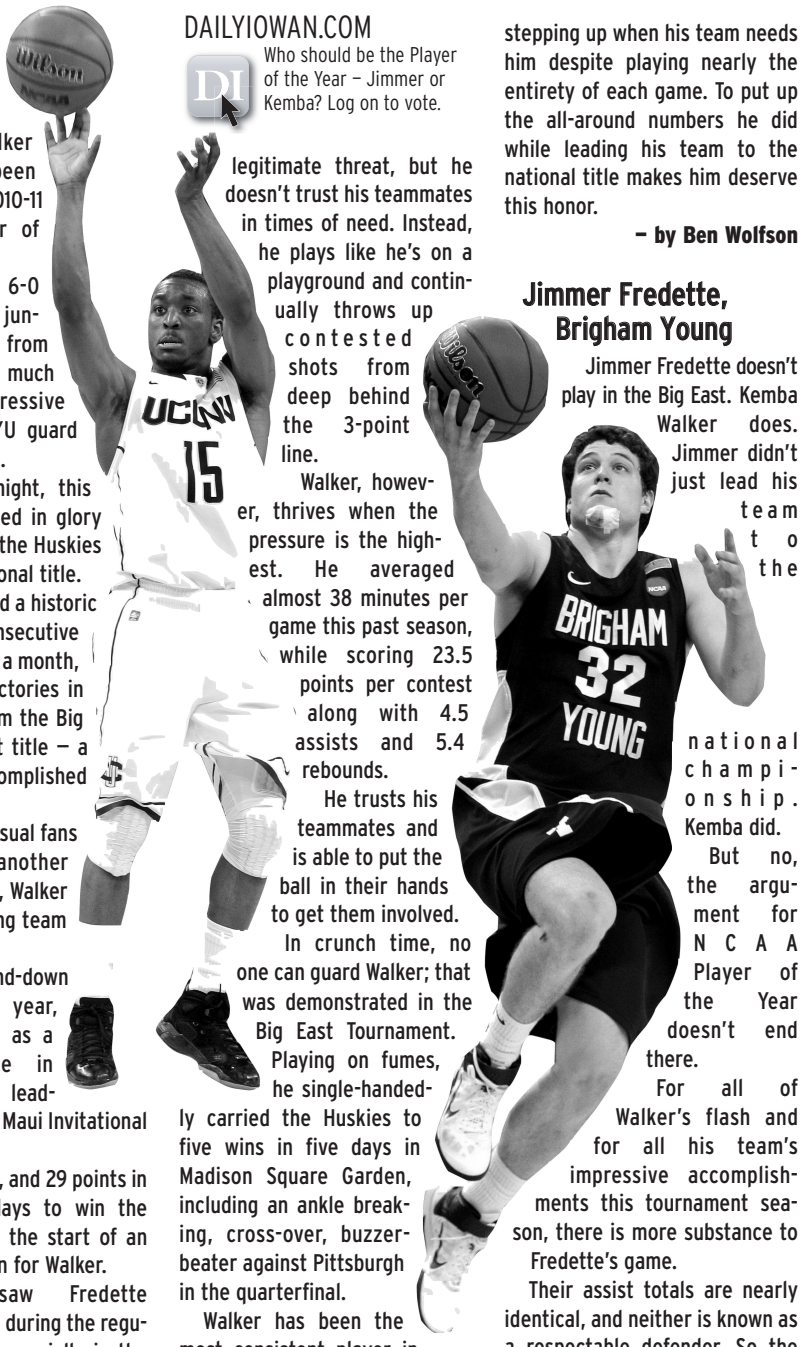
Don't anoint Walker the

nation's best player because his team won the title. Several UConn players would've been BYU's second-best player.

Don't call Kemba the best because he played a tougher schedule. Fredette put up 33 points in a win over Arizona, 43 in a win over San Diego State, and 32 in the tournament loss to Florida.

When the two leading player of the year candidates are guards who aren't special at anything but scoring, you give the award to the one who is better at scoring. That's Jimmer.

— by Sam Louwagie



# A&M knocks off Notre Dame for title

By DOUG FEINBERG  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Danielle Adams scored 22 of her 30 points in a dominating second half, and Texas A&M beat Notre Dame 76-70 on Tuesday night to win its first national championship.

Texas A&M (33-5) built an early 13-point lead with its aggressive defense, fell behind by 7 in the second half, then rallied by pounding the ball inside to the 6-1 Adams, who bulled her way to 9-for-11 shooting in the final 20 minutes.

Tyra White added 18 points for the Aggies, including a huge 3-pointer as the shot clock buzzer sounded to put A&M up 73-68 with 1:07 left.

That was enough to bring the title to a school that didn't even admit women until 1963 and deny a second championship to Notre Dame (31-8), which won 10 years ago in St. Louis.

Skylar Diggins led the Irish in this improbable title game matchup of No. 2 seeds with 23 points. Devereaux Peters had 21 points and 11 rebounds for Notre Dame, which was burned by A&M's 68 percent (15-for-22) second-half shooting.

The game was a back-and-forth battle from the outset.

Peters scored 10 points and Notre Dame ended the

half on a 23-8 run to take a 35-33 lead. Rattled early by the in-your-face defense that is A&M's trademark, the Irish fell behind by 13 points midway through the first half, then clawed back once they started taking care of the ball.

Peters was the most effective, making her first four shots, including a nifty over-the-shoulder flip as she was going past the basket on the right side. Another Peters bucket cut the lead to 29-24 and the Irish trailed just 33-31 when Diggins hit a short jumper from the right side as the shot clock buzzer sounded.

Becca Bruszewski's lay-up pulled the Irish into a tie and Diggins, held in check early, sliced through the defense for a lay-up with just under a minute to play to give Notre Dame its first lead. Diggins had 8 points at halftime.

"Glad we came back," A&M coach Gary Blair said. "We had a bad 10 minutes in the first half. We found a way to come back, and Danielle got the ball inside."

A&M's defensive pressure threw the Irish off kilter at the start. Notre Dame turned the ball over on its first two possessions and after 3 1/2 minutes, the Irish had five turnovers, had managed only one shot and the Aggies led 10-4.

Adding to Notre Dame's frustration, 5-11 Natalie

Novosel appeared to have an open lay-up, only to see 5-6 Sydney Carter block the shot, drawing a roar from the Aggies' faithful spread throughout Consecro Fieldhouse.

Carter also took Diggins out of the offense with her harassing defense. Diggins, who scored 14 points in each half of a national semifinal victory over Connecticut, managed only two shots until poking the ball away from Carter and making a lay-up with 7:48 left in the half.

Diggins' basket came during a 12-4 run that got the Irish back in it after A&M had raced to a 25-12 lead.

Both teams reached the championship game by knocking off two No. 1 seeds. Notre Dame eliminated Tennessee in the regional final, then swept past Connecticut in Sunday night's national semifinals, the first time one team has taken down those two women's basketball icons in the same tournament.

A&M also had two impressive wins to get here, beating Baylor in the regional final before edging Stanford on Sunday night.

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**PAYNE**

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this month, Payne said. The self-proclaimed "Chicago guy" said he would like to play in the Windy City and will schedule visits to several schools in the area within the next few days.

He mentioned Illinois-Chicago, Loyola, and Northern Illinois as potential landing spots and also hinted at a mystery location.

"The guy I'd love to play for just got a job today — I can't really say too much about that, but that would definitely be [a] place I'd look at," Payne said.

That coach might be Mark Gottfried, who was hired by North Carolina State on Tuesday and who recruited Payne when the former was at Alabama. Prior to deciding on Iowa, Payne committed to play for the Crimson Tide but asked out of his letter after Gottfried resigned midway through the 2008-09 season.

No matter where he ends up, though, the 21-year-old said he is thankful for the support he has received from his now-former coaches and teammates.

"I've talked to a couple of the coaches, and they [offered] anything they can

do to help," he said. "I live with Eric May and Devon Archie, and those guys have been super supportive and more than willing to help and talk about everything."

Still, there were some who chose to see the silver lining of Payne's departure.

"I was really looking forward to seeing him out on the court next year ... [but] this frees up a scholarship spot," Hawks Nest President Kevin Velovitch said. "There has to be some talent out there that we can recruit."

For now, Hawkeyereport.com's Tom Kakert said that talent has been narrowed down to three-star prep recruit Elijah Carter (Brewster Academy, N.H.) and junior-college sophomore Pierre Jackson, who just led the College of Southern Idaho to a national championship. Cedar Rapids Washington senior Wes Washpun also received a scholarship offer Tuesday night, according to Hawkeyesinsider.com's Rob Howe.

Regardless of which player steps up to fill his roster spot, Payne said he has no hard feelings as he moves his career forward.

"It's been a great experience for me," he said. "From the coaches to the staff we have here, it's been great all-around."

D/ reporter Ian Martin contributed to this article.

**TRACK**

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shorter race such as the 400, the Cedar Rapids native said.

"We got murdered in the fall, but it's paid off," Erickson said.

Over the course of the indoor season, the relay broke the school record numerous times. Then, at Big Tens, the Hawks took second place with a time of 3:37.58, breaking the school record once again. They went to the last chance meet for one final opportunity to make it to NCAAs.

They recorded an even faster time at the last-chance meet, again breaking the school record with a time of 3:36.97, but it was not quite fast enough to qualify.

"I think there's some disappointment," head coach Layne Anderson said. "They didn't get to the NCAA meet. While they made some great progress, I think at the end of the day they recognized that and they're happy about that, but at the same time they're partially disappointed, which is great.

"That's what you want, that they didn't run 3:35 and get to the NCAA meet, so I think they'll certainly be able to qualify for the first round [of NCAAs] in Eugene [Ore.] and then from that point on, they

realize they're going to have to run even faster and be better."

So it was back to the track.

Over spring break, the sprinters stayed on campus to practice. They opened the outdoor season on April 2 at the LSU Invitational, with Hendricks, Praska, Liverpool, and Jones taking fourth place with a time of 3:41.39.

Roberts said recruiting athletes for the relay hasn't always been a focus for the Hawkeyes, but he has made it a priority because of the importance of the event for the morale of the team closing a meet.

"We always want to leave the track, good or bad, doesn't matter what's happened before that, we always want to leave the track on a high ..." he said. "That not only helps us as a group but us as a team. Everyone's watching that, everyone's seeing that there are four girls who are united, pushing, so that's from the throwers to the distance runners to the vertical jumpers to the horizontal jumpers to the hurdlers, that's the last thing they see.

"A lot of times, you'll remember the last things you see at a track meet or the last thing you do at a track meet ... as long as I'm here at the University of Iowa, we'll always push to have a really good 4-by-4 team because it shows strength and it brings people together."

**SOFTBALL**

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and doing it."

Ochoa was moved into the cleanup spot this season and has seen her average more than double from last season's. Watkins is two home runs away from tying her single-season best with 18 games remaining.

"They're all starting to find a little rhythm," Looper said. "You get a little confidence, and it just kind of builds on itself. But they're also going to start seeing pitchers who are going to start throwing around them because they have had success."

Looper said the team isn't getting consistent enough production from the bottom half of its lineup. No other regular starters are hitting .300 or better. The first-year head coach said the hitters populating the bottom half would benefit from studying the trio's at-bats. Once they begin hav-

ing more success, Looper said, pitchers won't be able to pitch around the heart of the lineup as easily.

But the players themselves play down the amount of "carrying" they do.

"We just do what we need to do and what the team needs us to do," Ochoa said. "We're just like any other part of the lineup."

Carmody agreed. "The longer through the lineup you can have a steady presence, the more productive you're going to be," she said. "We expect everybody to be productive, but we do expect ourselves to get on base and bring a lot of runs in."

All that's needed to further cement the trio's reputation is a third Player of the Week award. But Carmody said she's "not too worried about it," and Looper gave her an honor of her own.

"She didn't get the Player of the Week award, but she's definitely the player of our first two months," Looper said. "I think she's all right with that."

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A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.

- Douglas Adams

## the ledge

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### Signs you've waited too long to go back to college:

- You're the only one in class wearing bifocals.
- That cute little brunette calls you "Sir."
- Events mentioned as "history" are things that you remember seeing on live TV.
- You walk around campus listening to your Walkman.
- You have trouble figuring out how to do umlauts and other foreign characters on Microsoft Word, so you leave blank spaces and write them in by hand.
- You have tattoos older than most of your classmates.
- When you send text messages and e-mails, you use complete words — and punctuation.
- Trying to register for classes online is a maddening exercise that makes you long for the good ol' days of standing all day in long lines.
- The sunlight coming through the windows blinds half of the class when it reflects off your "silver highlights."
- On the first day of class, you're mistaken for the instructor.
- You wonder which will arrive first, your financial-aid check or your Social Security check.
- It's after mid-terms, but you're still relying on a printed copy of your schedule to remind you where you need to be — and when.
- Your well-meaning friends are impressed and "don't know if I could do that at your age."
- It's your wife, not your mother, getting on you about finishing your homework.
- Spring break means a very welcome quiet week at home with your wife.

- Ben Rollins is getting all the exercise he needs pushing 50.

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## FRISBEE DAY



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**UI sophomore Jessica Sullivan and UI junior Anne Marie Kaminsky play Frisbee in between classes on Tuesday. They agreed it was a nice break. The temperature reached 58 degrees Fahrenheit, just four degrees short of the average high for this date.**

**m.c. ginsberg**  
O B J E C T S O F A R T

## horoscopes Wednesday, April 6, 2011

- by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 Question your direction and consider your options. Knowing that you aren't stuck in one place should make your decision easier. A challenge will get you moving toward goals you may not have considered in the past.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Be sure to be fully aware of any repercussions that may develop should you make a mistake. Allow everyone a chance to voice an opinion before you push your plans. For now, put your effort into being the best you can be.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Change your direction, or make a move that will raise your standard of living. Avoid anyone who is difficult to get along with or who hasn't been honest with you in the past. Serious work and effort will be required.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 You'll have to hold your ground, especially if someone is trying to persuade you to get involved in a deal requiring a financial contribution. You are better off investing in learning or in picking up a new skill.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Put your feelings aside, and finish what needs to be done. You cannot let personal problems slow you down. You can make changes that will ensure better times but not before you catch up with jobs that take precedence.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You'll have some cost-effective ideas that can turn your home into a much better place to entertain and get work accomplished. Be sure you are prepared to deal with any personal matters that can change your current status.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You'll be feeling anxious if you have fallen behind. Indecisiveness can cost you financially. Stress will be at the root of all your problems. Do everything in your power to eliminate whatever is weighing you down personally or financially.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Talk about your feelings. You will come to an understanding that will surprise you and the person who concerns you. Changes at home may be difficult at first, but once you get started, you will see how favorably everything unfolds.

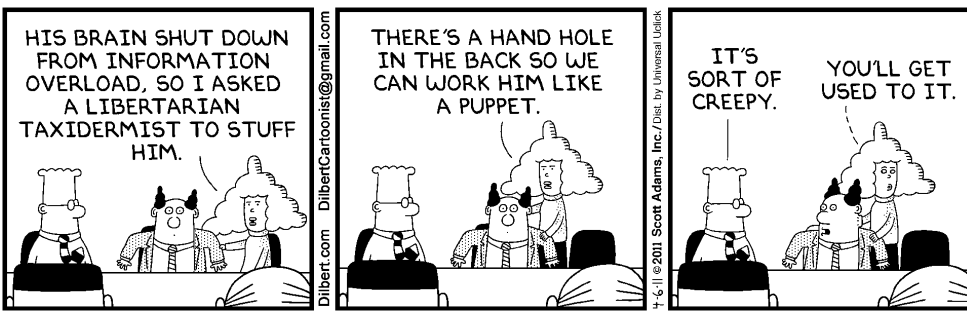
**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Don't let someone else's uncertainty rain on your parade. Go after what you want, and settle for nothing less. The changes you make at home will benefit you personally and professionally. Larger quarters or someone new in your life will bring you great joy.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Don't give away too many of your secrets until you are positive you can trust the people you are sharing information with. Stick close to home. Problems while traveling or dealing with outsiders or organizations with a different belief system can be expected.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 It's time to put the past behind you and face your emotions head on. Once you realize what you want out of life, you will be able to set your goals and follow through until you reach your destination. You have the strength and tenacity needed.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Revamp your look and lift your spirits. Upgrading is necessary in today's society, so get a makeover or sign up for a self-improvement seminar. Do whatever it takes to raise your self-esteem and pamper your tired mind, body, and soul.

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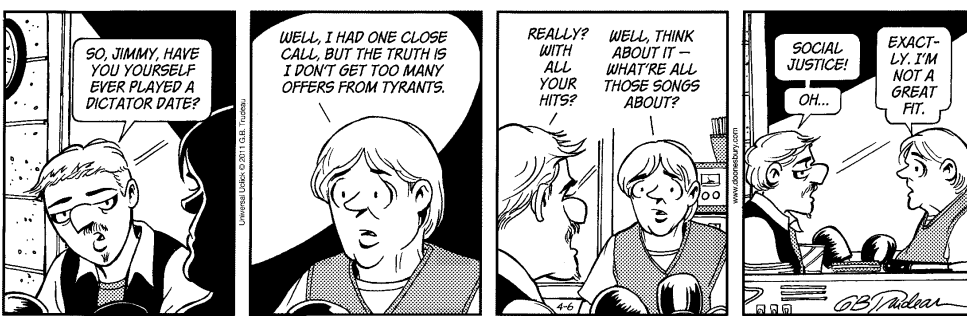


by Scott Adams

## 'NON SEQUITUR



## Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## today's events

- **Glass Shop Open**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., W152 Chemistry Building
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Lenten Music Meditation**, noon, Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton
- **Inorganic Seminar: "What's in that sandwich and the fuzzy stuff?: Exploring 2D Transition Metal Dichalcogenides as Hosts"**, Laura Hoistad Strauss, University of Northern Iowa, 12:30 p.m., Chemistry Building
- **Susan Rider**, trumpet, featuring Al Naylor, trumpet; Amy Schendel, trumpet, and Lee Nguyen, piano, 5 p.m., University Capitol Centre Recital Hall
- **Bicyclists of Iowa City Wednesday Night Ride**, 5:30 p.m., West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.
- **Bingo**, 6:30 p.m., Eagle's Club, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **The Tempest**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Jen Gloeckner**, 7 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **"Live from Prairie Lights"**, Michael Earl Craig and Christian

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- Hawkey, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **PJ Story Time**, 7 p.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Susan Rider**, trumpeter with United States "President's Own" Marine Band master class, 7 p.m., University Capitol Centre Recital Hall
- **Trainer Talk: Healthy Back**, 7 p.m., Campus Recreation & Wellness Center
- **Travelogues with Patrick Nefzger**, 7-8:30 p.m., Senior Center
- **UI Jazz Jam**, 7 p.m., Blue Moose
- **Tiny Furniture**, 9:15 p.m., Bijou
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

### ONGOING

- **Cedar County, Iowa: A Door to Freedom**, stories of the Underground Railroad, Herbert Hoover National Site, 110 Parkside Drive, West Branch; through April 30
- **Chaos and Creation on the Pentacrest**, Old Capitol Museum; through May 22
- **Jane Chukas: Landscapes in Oil Pastel & Acrylic**, Iowa Artists Gallery, 207 E. Washington; through April 17

## The New York Times Crossword

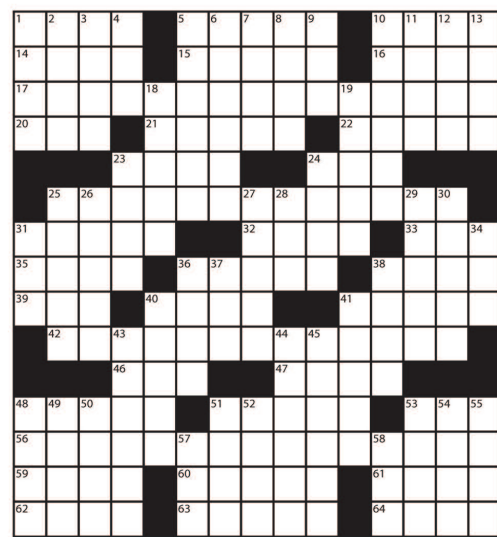
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- Across**
- Only patron on "Cheers" to appear in all 275 episodes
  - Honshu metropolis
  - Sound
  - Manitoba native
  - Needing nourishment
  - Over, in Oberammergau
  - "Taxi Driver" tagline?
  - Org. in a 1955 merger
  - Super Bowl XLV M.V.P. Rodgers
  - The Minutemen of the 1-Down
  - Buy-now-pay-later arrangement: Abbr.
  - Cavaliers, on scoreboards
  - "Back to the Future" tagline?
  - Tapenade ingredient
  - Actor/composer Novello
  - Truckload
  - Cat's tongue?
  - Bailiwicks
  - Dreyfus defender
  - Band of getshas?
  - Lipinski leap
  - Have a cow
  - "Titanic" tagline?
  - Archaic
  - Bumps hard
  - Like the Aramco oil company
  - Teem
  - Geller with a spoon-bending act
  - "Return of the Jedi" tagline?
  - Pitcher-turned-sportscaster Hershiser
  - Grammatically dissect
  - Marlon's "On the Waterfront" director
  - Striped swimmer
  - Worked at home?
  - Dix halved

- Down**
- March Madness org.
  - "Carmina Burana" composer
  - Down-to-earth
  - Cousteau's milieu
  - Power failure
  - Sawed logs, so to speak
  - Big do
  - Gung-ho
  - Naval V.I.P.: Abbr.
  - G.M. brand discontinued in 2010
  - "Dancing Queen" group
  - Dregs
  - Slips up
  - Inscription on a Wonderland cake
  - Swiss who pioneered in graph theory
  - Bxe5 or 0-0-0, in chess
  - Corp. money execs
  - What an accused perpetrator needs
  - Palindromic car name
  - Triangular traffic sign
  - They travel down fallopian tubes
  - Bikini, for one
  - Figure out

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- Puzzle by David Poole**
- Spanish eye
  - "No way, laddie!"
  - Fired
  - "Michael Collins" actor
  - Microwaves
  - Ignore the cue cards, say
  - Short stop?
  - Mountain airs
  - Purpose of an ode
  - Like most runs, in baseball
  - Person who uses a sleeve for a napkin, say
  - Je ne sais quoi
  - Strings at Iuau
  - E-mail from a Nigerian prince, probably
  - Cincinnati sitcom station
  - Aptly named fruit
  - It may hold your horses
  - Mesopotamia, today
  - Kwik-E-Mart owner on "The Simpsons"
  - I.B.M. competitor

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