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Man charged in Pentacrest rape

One local rape-victim advocate says a reported rape on the Pentacrest is a reminder of how frequently sexual assaults occur on college campuses.

By **HAYLEY BRUCE**
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University of Iowa officials contend they followed all policies and procedures

correctly after a student reported being raped on the Pentacrest in October 2010, and they say the response should serve as a model for how to handle

similar cases in the future. UI police arrested former student Evan M. Pfeifer, 18, Lake Barrington, Ill., last week for allegedly forcing a female

student to have sex with him under a tree on the Pentacrest while she pleaded for him to stop

SEE **PENTACREST, 5A**

Attempted rape reported in dorm

An attempted sexual assault was reported in Stanley Hall last month, police say.

By **HAYLEY BRUCE**
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University of Iowa police arrested a Coralville man last week, alleging that he tried to force himself on a woman in Stanley Residence Hall in March.

Rakeem I'shod Eberhart, 22, was charged April 6 with

assault with intent to commit sex abuse with no injury.

According to a police report, Eberhart allegedly hugged a woman March 26 without her permission and did not stop when told to do so.

The report said he

SEE **DORM, 5A**



RIGHT: A member of the Iowa City Bird Club spots a bluebird in the distance on April 9 in Kent Park. The Iowa City Bird Club was established in 1981, and it continues to expand its effort to educate people about birding. **TOP:** A view of Kent Park is shown on April 9. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Members of the Iowa City Bird Club spot a female bluebird making a nest on the morning of April 9 in Kent Park. (PHOTOS BY GABRIELLE ELIASON/THE DAILY IOWAN)

In this club, 'for the birds' is good

The Iowa City Bird Club helps people observe the more than 400 species of birds in the state.

By **KATIE HEINE**
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Not even the fog could hide the flitting. "There — look," said Iowa City resident Karen Disbrow in a loud whisper, pointing to a minuscule bird that had just sprung from a group of trees.

Around 20 pairs of binoculars shot up, scanning a forest of bare trees, searching for the bird. Once spotted, the vibrant yellow stripe atop its head stood out amid the dreary backdrop.

The bird was a yellow-rumped warbler, and the spectators were part of an organized bird watch with the Iowa City Bird Club on April 9 at F.W. Kent Park, west of Tiffin.

According to the Iowa Ornithologists' Union, 424 bird species live in or migrate through Iowa, up from 419 last year, but members are eagerly awaiting warmer weather, when local birders can expect to see an increase in variety.

SEE **BIRDING, 5A**



DAILYIOWAN.COM Check out a photo slide show of the Iowa City Bird Club.

Coffee-price hikes jolt customers

Iowa City coffee shops are increasing prices due to an international trend.

By **JON FRANK**
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The price of a cup of Joe is on the rise.

Customers who frequent gourmet coffee shops in Iowa City and across America are paying more per cup for the caffeinated beverage as a variety of international trends send coffee-bean prices skyrocketing, according to the International Coffee Organization.

The average price for a cup of gourmet coffee brewed from Arabica beans — a gourmet type of bean used for

specialty coffees — increased by about 8 cents to \$2.24 from February to March, the organization reported, the highest it has been in decades.

The spike is due to increased international demand from developing nations, unsuitable weather patterns in countries that produce the majority of coffee beans, and limited farmland.

"There's a lot of unrest in regards to current crop conditions," said Brent Barker, a senior market strategist at the International Futures Group, an investment firm in Chicago. "Global

coffee prices have doubled over the last year. It's a situation where everybody is feeling the effects."

Local coffee shops are feeling them, too.

In the last few months, several establishments have upped their prices to offset rising costs.

Java House, a gourmet coffee vendor with six locations in the Iowa City area, raised all of its house blends by a quarter in March.

"We saw the price increase as a nec-

SEE **COFFEE, 6A**



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David Hernandez pours hot water through filters at Java House on Sunday. Coffee-bean prices have been on the rise recently, and Java House has increased its prices and expanded its menu to provide more options for customers, such as "Conversation Brews," to deal with market pressures.

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Branstad defends Rastetter

The three new Board of Regent members will start on the job May 1.

By **NINA EARNEST**
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Gov. Terry Branstad is defending his appointment of his leading campaign contributor, Bruce Rastetter, to the state Board of Regents, saying the 54-year-old Iowa businessman has shown a commitment to higher education.

Rastetter contributed \$160,000 to Branstad's election campaign, making him the governor's largest donor in 2010. He was also one of the supporters who urged Branstad to run for governor.

Branstad told *The Daily Iowan* last week that a campaign donation should not make a supporter ineligible for a position. He said he selected Rastetter — as well as fellow appointees Nicole Carroll and Katie Mulholland — for their commitment to higher education. All three will start on the board May 1.

"Bruce Rastetter is someone who cares deeply about education; he has

been a very generous supporter of higher education, and he has the time and the commitment to really serve the people of Iowa well," Branstad told the *DI* in Des Moines.

The Iowa Senate voted unanimously April 5 to approve Rastetter as a member of the state Board of Regents, as well as Mulholland and Carroll.

Rastetter said he has been "very clear" in his intentions.

"I didn't support Gov. Branstad to be a regent," he said. "I supported him personally and raised money for him because I believed he would make a positive difference in Iowa."

The regent appointee noted that he has long had an interest in education. He said he believed the three institutions are important to Iowa, and the regents can work together to improve them, which is why he asked the governor to be a regent.

That Rastetter has little experience with education isn't unique. Of the current regents, few have education experience. President David Miles served 11 years on the Drake University Board of Trustees,

Bruce Rastetter

Facts about the recent regent appointee:

- University of Iowa alumnus
- CEO of Hawkeye Energy Holdings
- Founded Heartland Pork Enterprises
- Donated \$160,000 to Gov. Terry Branstad's re-election campaign

and Jack Evans is a life trustee of Coe College. Other members currently serve or once served in the legal field, communications, or business.

Rastetter — who started several agricultural companies including the Heartland Pork Enterprises and Hawkeye Energy Holdings — donated \$5 million to the University of Iowa's football facilities project in 2008 and \$2.2 million for an agricultural entrepreneurship program at Iowa State University.

The UI alumnus donated \$25,000 to the former Democratic Gov. Chet Culver and \$100,000 to the Republican Party of Iowa. He has also given more than \$30,000 to the Iowa Democratic Party and more than \$140,000 to the

Republican Party of Iowa in the last 10 years, according to the National Institute on Money in State Politics.

Rastetter said he has historically supported a variety of candidates.

"I believe that it is important for those of us that, frankly, have had some success to be active in the political process," he said.

Cary Covington, a UI political science associate professor, stressed being a campaign contributor does not disqualify a supporter from an appointment.

Covington said officials in executive positions often select someone who has supported them in some way. People who donate large amounts of time on a campaign trail often end up on staff, he noted.

"The question is whether they're qualified," he said.

Branstad referenced his prior appointment of two-term Regent President Marvin Pomerantz — a businessman who donated several large gifts to the UI — as a positive example.

"I think I look for people who I think have a commitment, that are willing to give their time, talent and resources," Branstad said.



Rastetter

future regent

METRO

Woman charged with trying to run over man

North Liberty police arrested a woman after she allegedly tried to hit a man with her car.

Shannon Arnold, 24, of Marion was charged April 8 with assault use/display of a weapon.

According to a complaint, Arnold threatened to run over the alleged victim with her car. Police said Arnold allegedly then backed her car up and drove at him.

The report said the alleged victim jumped onto the hood to avoid being hit, and Arnold reportedly drove a few feet but stopped when he was on the hood.

Police said the man was not injured in the alleged incident, but he stomped on the windshield, breaking it.

Assault use/display of a weapon is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$6,520.

— by Hayley Bruce

Engineering center wins naval contract

The U.S. Navy has awarded a \$8.6 million contract for the Virtual Soldier Research Program

to the University of Iowa College of Engineering's Center for Research and Design, according to a university press release.

The program uses a 3D soldier model to estimate stress and fatigue levels from equipment and environment in a wartime setting. Project engineers will use computer modeling programs to determine variables like mobility and physical stress.

The Office of Naval Research helped develop the program in hopes of military personnel carrying lighter loads during combat.

The UI has worked on computerized human simulation for the last eight years, leading to the development of the 3D human model SANTOS.

— by Luke Voelz

Man charged with theft, burglary

Iowa City police arrested a man for allegedly stealing more than \$20,000 worth of items from an Iowa City house last fall.

Steven Bell, 22, address unknown, was charged Nov. 29, 2010, with first- and second-degree theft and third-degree burglary.

According to police reports, Bell allegedly entered a Woodside Drive residence at Oct. 19, 2010,

and stole two laptops, two flat-screen televisions, a PlayStation 3, and other electronic items.

The report said a witness saw Bell loading the larger television into the alleged victim's car, which was reportedly later stolen.

Bell was arrested in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, on warrants later that evening, wearing clothing that matched the witness' description, the report said.

The alleged victim's car was recovered Nov. 5 in the lot where Bell was arrested, according to the report.

The alleged victim's residential property was valued roughly \$4,600, and his car, \$16,000.

— by Hayley Bruce

Two charged in drug bust

Coralville police executed a search warrant that reportedly resulted in a confession of drug sales last month.

Kelly Stapleton, 25, and Cody Ruth, 21, both of 809 Fairview Drive, were charged with possession of a controlled substance. Stapleton was also charged with a controlled-substance violation and Ruth was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to complaints from Coralville police, officers executed

a narcotics search warrant at their home, yielding marijuana, packing materials, and a digital scale.

The report said Stapleton admitted under Miranda that the two had been selling marijuana and cocaine from the residence for at least one year.

— by Hayley Bruce

Man charged with burglary

Police arrested an Iowa City man after he allegedly stole a cell phone from the open window of a home.

Ronald Schwarting, 18, 2363 Kristian St., was charged April 9 with first-degree burglary.

According to a complaint from Iowa City police, Schwarting tore the screen window to the front of a Dover Street home while it was occupied.

After making a hole in the screen, police said Schwarting allegedly reached into the open window of the home and took a cell phone.

The report said Schwarting left the scene, and as the alleged victim pursued him, the defendant allegedly showed a knife.

First-degree burglary is a Class B felony punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

— by Hayley Bruce

BLOTTER

Tareq Abuissa, 19, 1428 Buresh Ave., was charged April 7 with criminal trespass.

Arthur Adams IV, 1034 Burlington St., was charged April 5 with selling/consuming alcohol after hours.

Michael Altobelli, 22, 335 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2526, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

Reynaldo Alvarez, 21, Frankfort, Ill., was charged April 9 with public intoxication.

Toney Bailey III, 22, Dubuque, Iowa, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

Rio Barber, 19, 619 Orchard Court Apt. B, was charged April 8 with PAULA.

Sarah Becraft, 24, Coralville, was charged April 8 with OWI.

Kevin Bell, 18, N119 Currier, was charged April 6 with possession of a controlled substance.

Jordan Bettis, 20, 404 S. Lucas St., was charged April 8 with presence in a bar after hours.

Matthew Birkhofer, 21, 335 S. Clinton St., was charged April 7 with keeping a disorderly house.

Genevieve Brierton, 18, 1240 Quadrangle, was charged April 7 with PAULA.

Tiffany Bryant, 23, 319 Westminster St., was charged April 3 with violating a no-contact domestic-abuse protective order.

Gregory Buck, 21, Algonquin, Ill., was charged April 8 with public intoxication.

Christopher Burnett, 21, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2436, was charged April 2 with obstruction

of evidence.

Craig Burton, 38, address unknown, was charged April 8 with public intoxication.

Lorelei Coffin, 19, 700 Manor Drive, was charged April 9 with tampering with motor vehicles.

Katelyn Crosser, 20, 402 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 724, was charged April 9 with presence in a bar after hours.

Joseph Danna, 19, 2125 Quadrangle, was charged April 8 with PAULA.

Joshua Demuth, 27, Homestead, Iowa, was charged April 2 with public intoxication.

Conor Ducharme, 21, 112 S. Governor St., was charged April 8 with public intoxication.

Allison Erfort, 20, 201 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1523, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

Travis Espenhover, 21, Carroll, Iowa, was charged April 9 with public urination.

Sean Farmer, 37, 430 Southgate Ave., was charged April 7 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Pedro Gemartino, 19, 1205 Laura Drive Trailer 43, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

Megan Geraets, 20, Janesville, Wis., was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

Paul Gordon, 21, 9 Melrose Place, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Rebecca Green, 30, 32 N. Friendship Drive Apt. D, was charged April 9 with public intox-

ication.

Pamela Gross, 42, address unknown, was charged April 8 with public intoxication.

Victor Hall Jr., 23, Waterloo, was charged April 8 with fifth-degree criminal mischief and assault.

Tyler Harford, 19, N132 Currier, was charged April 6 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Stephen Harris, 21, Tinley Park, Ill., was charged April 8 with keeping a disorderly house.

Elizjah Henry, 19, 2145 Quadrangle, was charged April 6 with possession of a controlled substance.

Megan Hoffman, 19, 1406 Derwen Drive, was charged April 9 with PAULA.

Lee Heilig, 20, 2628 Whispering Meadow Drive, was charged April 8 with PAULA.

Shango Johnson, 20, address unknown, was charged March 13 with violating a no-contact domestic-abuse protective order.

Spenser Johnson, 20, 2239 Plaenview Drive, was charged April 8 with PAULA.

Gary Jones, 26, 2128 S. Riverside Drive Lot 18, was charged April 2 with obstruction of evidence.

Kimberly Kline, 18, 922 E. College St., was charged April 8 with PAULA.

Jamarcus Knox, 20, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. L3, was charged April 8 with PAULA.

Dominic Kowalczyk, 27, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Howard Lee III, 21, Joliet, Ill., was charged Sunday with disor-

derly conduct.

Eric Lindsay, 52, Chicago, was charged April 7 with OWI.

Meghan Mellecker, 18, 619 Orchard Court Apt. 8, was charged April 8 with PAULA.

Manuela Munoz, 52, Coralville, was charged April 7 with fifth-degree theft.

Godwill Nwokocho, 20, Allendale, Mich., was charged April 9 with public intoxication.

Mark Perez, 20, 201 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1531, was charged April 7 with PAULA.

Jody Phillips, 50, 29 Modern Way, was charged April 8 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Jeffrey Redmond, 21, address unknown, was charged Sunday with littering.

Trinidad Romero, 18, 327C Mayflower, was charged April 8 with unlawful use of another's driver's license/ID.

Anthony Santacroce, 20, N440 Hillcrest, was charged April 9 with public intoxication.

Abby Schmitt, 26, 2109 Union Road, was charged April 9 with public intoxication.

Victoria Shimon, 18, 725 Highland Ave., was charged April 8 with PAULA.

Ashli Sohn, 20, 1406 Derwin Drive, was charged April 9 with PAULA.

Andrew Sorensen, 35, 1922 Greenwood Drive, was charged April 6 with OWI.

Macy Steggall, 18, Marion, was charged April 9 with presence in a bar after hours.

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Many see no change in drinking/boating

New legislation lowers the legal BAC for boaters to .08 from .10 — the same for those driving cars.

By SARAH BULMER
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Local boaters said they welcome the reduction of the blood-alcohol content level for operating a boat but said the legislation likely won't change people's behavior.

Gov. Terry Branstad signed legislation late last week that will lower the legal blood-alcohol content limit for motor and sailboats from .10 to .08 in order to align the law with the legal limit for operating a motor vehicle.

"It's just like driving," said Marion resident Gail Danninger, who has been boating for nearly 40 years. "You've got peoples' lives at stake."

In the state of Iowa, boaters aren't required to obtain a license. Instructional courses are often recommended but not mandated.

"It's too easy to get a boat," said Danninger, who stood on the loading dock at the Coralville Reservoir at sunset on April 9. "You just have to register it and put it in the water, unlike a car or a motorcycle."

But the line between driving a motorboat and driving a motor vehicle is beginning to blur, said Harry Munns, a former official with the American Sailing Association and a former

Coast Guard captain. "They've been working for years to create awareness of the fact that there really is very little difference in the consequences," he said.

But alcohol is still popular in some areas of the Reservoir. People cluster in Party Cove to listen to music, swim, and drink with friends.

"There's a lot of alcohol, and there are people of all ages — college students but also middle-age people — and everyone's drinking," said Micayla Lipcamon.

Lipcamon's family owns a boat that sits at the marina dock in the summer, and she said the atmosphere of the cove is "wild."

Rep. Curtis Hanson, D-Fairfield, said the blood-alcohol limit should have been lowered years ago, when the Iowa limit for operating a motor vehicle was lowered from .10 to .08 in 2003.

"It's a standardization that's long overdue," he said.

Alcohol use was the No. 1 contributing factor in fatal boating accidents in 2007, according to the Coast Guard. In Iowa, there were 12 alcohol-related accidents and five alcohol-related deaths.

"There are too many drunk boaters on all the waterways," said boater Susan Hauer. "The Reser-

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- Operator Inattention: 47
- Operator Inexperience: 42
- Careless/Reckless Operation: 33
- Excessive Speed: 31

Source: 2007 Recreational Boating Statistics, U.S. Coast Guard

voir gets really crazy in the summer."

But many agree the legislation is unlikely to affect the attitudes and behaviors of boaters who drink while operating.

"I think the people that are going to abuse those limits are probably going to abuse them no matter what," Munns said.

The legislation could prevent issues from happening before boaters reach a dangerous level of intoxication, he said.

Hanson said he hopes to see a growing awareness of the dangers of boating while drinking.

"I hope that we have an increased awareness and increased level of safety ..." he said. "I think this is something the public should be concerned about."

Birthday party for Bill

The shop's new location has increased traffic by 25 percent.

By ALLIE WRIGHT
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Bill Sackter would have been 98 years old Wednesday. A birthday party for Sackter on Sunday afternoon, organized by University of Iowa students, served as both a celebration and a fundraiser, collecting money for the coffee shop and the restaurant he inspired.

A large cake with a picture of Sackter sat on a decorated table, alongside balloons and other treats for the more than 25 guests of the celebration.

Sackter, a mentally disabled man who was institutionalized for 45 years, is the muse of Uptown Bill's Coffeehouse & Neighborhood Arts Center, 730 S. Dubuque St., and Wild Bill's Coffee Shop in North Hall.

Uptown Bill's serves as a place where "people of all abilities are welcome," as well as an employment opportunity for individuals with disabilities, according to the store's mission statement.

Steve Schooley, 65, who attended the birthday party, said he has been going to Uptown Bill's for more than five years. He said he enjoys the alcohol-free environment, and his favorite part is the section of books — all of which are donated.

"Right now, I'm in my mystery phase," he said.

He said he once purchased more than 200 science-fiction books at one time from Uptown Bill's.

"And then he gives 'em back," said wife Kris Schooley. Johanna Lohman, a first-



KATHLEEN WILLEM/THE DAILY IOWAN

Andy Wagner sings and plays guitar as audience members listen at Uptown Bill's on Sunday.

year graduate student in the UI School of Social Work, helped organize the birthday party along with several others as a part of a class requirement to coordinate a community event.

Lohman said the organizers did not have a set amount of money they were aiming to raise, but Uptown Bill's is an important part of the community, which helps bring people together.

Uptown Bill's serves coffee and desserts and features live entertainment.

A new location for Uptown Bill's this fall increased the shop's traffic by about 25 percent since last year, said director Tom Gilsenan.

"Our mission is to provide the opportunity for all of the people in the community to meet each other, with emphasis on people with disabilities," he said.

Bill's birthday party featured live music, a screen-

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ing of the 1981 movie *Bill* — based on Sackter's life and transition from the Minnesota mental institution he spent time in to becoming the face of the UI School of Social Work — and a conference call with the screenwriter of the film, Barry Morrow, who also wrote the 1988 film *Rain Man*.

Andy Wagner, 21, performed several of his own songs in front of a small audience, who sat on plastic and wicker furniture.

Wagner, a third-year UI student, said he performs at Uptown Bill's as often as possible and has met a lot of friends at the establishment.

"[Sackter] captured so much spirit of the time," said Gilsenan. "That people have so much potential."

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Editorial

Was the UI correct in refraining from wide notification of an alleged attempted sexual assault?

Yes

Sexually-based crimes on campus should never be taken lightly. Every University of Iowa student deserves to feel safe and to know that UI police are doing the best they can to deal with every incident. Part of ensuring a safe environment is notifying UI students of likely threats to their safety. In the case of the March 26 attempted assault in a UI dorm room, that is exactly what police have been doing.

Following the reported attempted assault, the UI police fulfilled their duties and conducted an investigation. No HawkAlert was sent out, and the alleged assailant was arrested April 6 — at which point the alleged crime was made public. It appeared previously in a report of UI police activity on the department's website.

The UI police follow the same standard with every incident. They notify the community immediately, unless the assailant is not deemed a threat to the university community or when disclosing that information would harm the investigation. The alleged assailant, in this case, was not deemed such a threat by people qualified to make that decision.

These standards are established for all campus security organizations on campuses receiving federal funding for student aid programs, and they are dictated by the Clery Act. With regard to this incident, the UI complied with the Clery Act.

It is, of course, important to notify members of the campus community of a sex offender at large. And if the offender poses a threat to the campus community, the police need to take steps to keep the public safe. But if such a notification is unnecessary or would harm the investigation, the police should not have to release the information while they are attempting to solve the crime.

With an issue as sensitive as sexual assault, in which even one incident is too many, it can be tempting to feel that authorities' actions are never enough. After the fact, we always want to know more to be able to analyze the incident and make sure the police never make mistakes. In this situation, we should recognize that the university has plans in place to deal with incidents of sexual assault on campus. The UI police followed these provisions.

— Will Matlessich

No

Crime and threats are inevitable, and one of the duties of a university is to protect its students.

In its handling of the March 26 attempted rape, the University of Iowa may not have violated the letter of the Clery Act, but the spirit of notification was absent.

The purpose of the Clery Act is to alert people on campus to threats so that they can make informed choices, particularly about safety. Such threats include shooters, fire, and violent offenses; schools are not only required to report active threats in "a timely manner" (a very vague stipulation) but also to publicize a yearly list of all crimes.

The notification depends on the police's analysis of whether a crime represents a larger threat. While the attempted assault was listed on the UI police website, spokesman Tom Moore said the circumstances did not warrant a warning to the larger population.

But why? If a rape on the Pentacrest — for which a HawkAlert was issued last October — warrants an alert, why not an attempted rape in a dorm? It's true that the alleged attempted rapist, Rakeem Eberhart, is not a student at the UI. But there's little concrete difference between an alleged rapist who grabs women on the Pentacrest and one who assaults them in their dorm rooms; as feminists have been saying for years, both exist on a continuum of boundary violations.

A notification would encourage people to take extra precautions. A HawkAlert informing people that a man had attempted to assault someone in a dorm room could help people avoid any potential recurrences, perhaps encouraging greater scrutiny of guests (and if the alleged rapist had one acquaintance on campus, he likely had more).

We don't have much information, because the investigation is still ongoing, but it's difficult for me to believe that there's no way UI police could have issued a warning without imperiling their pursuit of justice.

Eleven days between the alleged assault and an arrest is a long enough time for a serious potential harm. Even if the Clery Act was not strictly violated, some broader warning should have been given — even if necessarily vague.

— Shay O'Reilly

Your turn. Should the UI have issued an alert for the alleged attempted sexual assault in March? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN
Two UI police officers stand between Kinnick Stadium and UIHC before the football game on Sept. 4, 2010. UI police did not send out a HawkAlert in response to a recent attempted sexual assault on campus.

When racing goes to the dogs



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Once the esteemed companions of Egyptian pharaohs, greyhounds deserve better than running for their lives — and dog-track owners couldn't agree more.

Iowa is one of only seven states in the nation that hasn't outlawed greyhound racing, a ludicrous source of gambling revenue. I find it promising that a recently proposed amendment to Senate File 458 — the online gambling bill, as it has become known — seeks to do just that. Senate Study Bill 1064 would require that licensed dog-racing venues pay an "annual dog racetrack license fee to the [gambling] commission" to "discontinue scheduling performances of live dog races."

While that may sound antithetical, dog track owners have been asking for this for years: In 1988, betting on the hounds raked in nearly \$67 million at Dubuque's greyhound track; in 2009, that profit had dropped to a mere \$1.7 million, according an October article in the *Des Moines Register*. An amendment similar to Study Bill 1064 was rejected last year, prompting a lawyer for the casino entertainment giant Harrah's to note that they "will definitely be pursuing the elimination of greyhound racing."

And according to William Petroski of the *Register*, who has been a longtime proponent of ending the races, the owners of Council Bluffs' Bluffs Run Greyhound Park "offered to pay state officials millions of dollars annually for the right to quit offering greyhound races, which are poorly attended and have low levels of betting."

This is why the study bill also includes provisions that essentially let the tracks off the hook, monetarily speaking. Starting in January 2012 — and for seven-straight years — the tracks in Dubuque and Pottawattamie County would pay \$3 million and \$7 million respectively to not hold races, as opposed to the costly subsidization of the betting pool. This money would instead be put into an "Iowa Greyhound Owners and Kennels Retirement Fund" to later be distributed among greyhound adopters and state kennels, creating

a path to complete abolition.

The bill additionally allows for the televising of out-of-state greyhound races at these casinos, but this is where the issue gets tricky. The Dubuque track is working with the Iowa Greyhound Association to start broadcasting its races to other in- and out-of-state casinos for betting. This would cost the dog track some \$200,000 per year — petty change when compared with paying the state not to host the races at all.

So what are the chances for this amendment, not to mention the online gambling bill, to be passed this legislative session? It may come down to the level of humanitarian (or in this instance, caninitarian) backlash against racing. The 38 states that have outlawed live races did so despite how "well-cared for" the kennels' dogs were.

After all, gambling is not particularly beneficial to society (though it may help pad the pocketbooks), and for every 10 retired greyhounds, at least one is inevitably euthanized (usually because of its inability to adapt to regular life or physical disabilities).

In what other race are the runners required to wear silly jerseys over their legs, muzzles over their mouths, leap out of boxes, and then sprint around in circles chasing electronically controlled bait? While I am cognizant that greyhounds are, in fact, not people, something tells me that prohibiting human runners from training prior to 8 years old (calculating in dog years) wouldn't hurt their Olympic chances.

There are only two dog-racing tracks in Iowa, both of which have helped the state greyhound industry create 70 kennels and provide 1,300 jobs. In fact, Iowa State University's "Iowa Horse and Dog Breeding Bureau" (overseen by the pro-agribusiness Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Services) has benefited immensely from the continuance of greyhound racing in the state.

But when casinos are offering to pay the state millions out of their own pockets to end greyhound racing, this should give lawmakers a pretty clear signal that it's time to pack up; the race is over. I can only hope that this year, the Iowa Legislature will follow in the footsteps of the majority of the country and end dog racing once and for all. ■

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Guest opinion

Analysis: GOP won first bout of budget battle

Republican conservatives were the chief winners in the budget deal that forced Democrats to accept historic spending cuts they strongly opposed.

Emboldened by last fall's election victories, fiscal conservatives have changed the debate in Washington. The question no longer is whether to cut spending but how deeply. Rarely mentioned is the idea of higher taxes to lower the deficit.

But more difficult decisions lie ahead, and it's not clear whether GOP lawmakers can rely on their winning formula. They pushed Democrats to the brink, then gave in just enough to claim impressive achievements rather than holding the line and trigger-

ing a government shutdown that might have yielded far less politically.

The GOP victories came on spending. Their concessions dealt mainly with social issues, where they tried to limit abortions and restrict environmental rules.

House Republicans who care intensely about such social issues may fight hard next time, giving Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, fewer bargaining chips to appease Democrats. Tea Party Republicans, some of whom found the cuts too small in the April 8 last-minute agreement, might insist on deeper ones from now on.

Two fast-approaching debates could make this past week's showdown look

like a preliminary skirmish.

Congress soon must vote to increase the government's borrowing limit to avoid the first-ever default on U.S. loan payments. With the 2011 budget battle still fresh, lawmakers are now focusing on the spending debate for the fiscal year that will begin Oct. 1. The House Budget Committee has approved, on a partisan vote, a bill that would cut spending by \$5.8 trillion over 10 years and make major cost-saving changes to the Medicare and Medicaid health programs.

These are the big-picture, big-money issues that Tea Partiers have awaited eagerly. Many have pledged to vote against a higher debt ceiling without major ve-

backs from Senate Democrats and President Obama. The 2012 spending blueprint written by the House Budget Committee chairman, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., is on a collision course with Democrats determined to allow only modest changes, if any, to Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs.

Obama's re-election chances will depend partly on his ability to resolve these issues ahead. With some skill and luck, he may emerge either as a pragmatic problem-solver or the man who took reasonable stands against an out-of-the-mainstream GOP that forced a government shutdown or debt default.

Boehner, a skilled legislator, spent weeks talking

with House conservatives who insisted on \$61 billion in current-year spending cuts. That was the prorated remainder of conservatives' campaign pledge to cut \$100 billion in the 2011 budget year, now half over.

Democrats complained bitterly about the first \$10 billion in cuts, but eventually said they could not go above \$33 billion. The final deal calls for \$38.5 billion in cuts.

Boehner and his lieutenants repeatedly told the adamant budget-cutters, some of them new to public office, that they were getting a good deal. A short time ago, he told them, Democrats would not have considered anything approaching \$40 billion. Take your victo-

ry and get ready for the next fight, he urged them.

The main price? Surrendering — for now at least — Republican efforts to end federal support for Planned Parenthood and to bar the government from regulating greenhouse gases.

Boehner persuaded enough Republicans to go along. Soon the country will see if he can repeat the feat with social conservatives who think it's now their turn to prevail, and with anti-spending advocates who viewed last week as an appetizer for an upcoming feast on federal programs and costs.

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PENTACREST

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during the early hours of Oct. 3, 2010.

Pfeifer was charged April 4 with third-degree sexual abuse — a Class C felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison. He was released from the Johnson County Jail on April 8 on a \$10,000 bond. The UI had indefinitely suspended him and banned him from campus Jan. 28.

“UI leaders are confident that this process was handled properly,” UI spokesman Tom Moore wrote in an e-mail. “The right decisions were made in this case, and officials believe it should serve as a model for similar cases in the future.”

The UI revamped its sexual-assault policies after officials wrongfully handled a reported rape in Hillcrest three and a half years ago. The controversial incident, involving two former Hawkeye football players, resulted in UI President Sally Mason firing two vice presidents and carrying out a

review of all procedures.

One of the changes included creating the position of sexual-misconduct-response coordinator, in which Monique DiCarlo has served since September 2008.

DiCarlo confirmed she was involved in the Pentacrest case, and she believes it was handled in accordance with the UI's updated policies. She declined to comment further.

Moore would not say whether there would be an official review of how the UI internally handled the incident, instead saying “UI departments routinely review their processes to ensure compliance with a wide range of requirements.”

Police officially charged Pfeifer April 4, but police reports were not released until April 8. According to the complaint, the alleged victim told police she was walking to the dorms when a male stranger pushed her to the ground under a tree on the west side of the Pentacrest, put his hand over her mouth, and had non-

consensual sex with her when she begged him to “stop,” and said “no.”

An Iowa City resident reportedly saw the alleged sexual assault and reported it to UI police at approximately 3:45 a.m. The witness told police he saw a white man with his pants down to his knees, kneeling toward the woman.

The witness said the man was “watching him nervously” and the woman was “just lying there.” Soon after, the witness told police he saw the man go southbound and the woman head northbound, sobbing as she walked away.

The witness told police he then asked the woman if she had been raped, she nodded her head “yes,” and he reported the incident to authorities. The witness described the suspect as wearing a black jacket with yellow sleeves.

On Oct. 15, 2010, the alleged victim reportedly saw the man who she believed assaulted her on his bike, and her sister approached him using a guise, getting the man to tell her that his name was

Evan. The sister told police she gave the man her name so he could friend her on Facebook.

When the sisters found Pfeifer on Facebook, the alleged victim said she was sure it was him who assaulted her.

A video from Rienow Hall shows Pfeifer entering the dorm on Oct. 3, 2010 at roughly 4:10 a.m. wearing a jacket matching the witness' description.

Documents also stated Pfeifer's DNA is consistent with DNA found on the alleged victim.

Calls to Pfeifer and his lawyer were not returned over the weekend.

A user named Evan-MPfeifer posted a YouTube video earlier this year as a part of a contest to select the freshman speaker at the UI Convocation. In his “audition” tape, Pfeifer — wearing a Hawkeye T-shirt — addresses the class of 2014, saying he's excited to join his new “extended family” at the UI.

“The path of our lives has brought us here together to make a difference in the lives of others, as well as our

own,” he says to the camera. “Our continued dedication, creativity, wisdom, community service, and most importantly, our integrity, will make the difference for future generations.”

Pfeifer also talks about overcoming teasing associated with “motor-ticks” — a condition which causes him to blink and shrug his shoulders intermittently.

The UI police deferred all comments on this investigation to Moore, who did not provide specific answers to several questions about the case.

Moore did not answer specifically as to why there was such a large time gap between the incident in October and the UI sanctioning Pfeifer in January, nor did he say if Pfeifer lived in the dorms and attended classes during that time. Moore also did not provide specific reasoning as to why Pfeifer was not charged until April other than to say criminal charges require a higher burden of proof than the UI's decision to suspend him.

“Cases that are investigated by the UI police or any law-enforcement

agency often follow no set timetable,” Moore wrote in an e-mail. “It may take varying lengths of time to identify a person of interest, determine that person is indeed a suspect, gather evidence against that person, and complete the reviews of the cases.”

Many UI students said they were shocked to hear about the reported rape, especially because it allegedly happened in the heart of campus.

But Karla Miller, the executive director of the Rape Victim Advocacy Program, said the alleged incident should serve as a reminder to students that sexual assault is common. At least one in four women are victims of sexual assault during their academic career, according to a 2010 study by the U.S. Department of Justice.

“We just really have to stay vigilant about it,” Miller said. “And it's not a matter of staying freaked out all the time, but it's a matter of being aware and refusing to believe it can't happen here.”

DORM

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allegedly tried to force his hand between her legs, spread them and tried to force her to touch his genitals. He was repeatedly told “no,” police said.

The woman told officers Eberhart allegedly tried to lie on top of her and kissed her neck and chest. Police said the alleged victim was able to force Eberhart off her.

UI police were informed of

the incident at approximately 10:55 p.m. on March 26, and the alleged incident was published to the UI's crime log. However, the UI did not send out a notification of the report to the public.

The Campus Security Act requires universities to issue a timely warning if there is a serious or continuing threat to the campus community — and if the warning would not compromise the investigation of the alleged crime.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said the facts and circum-

stances of the Eberhart case — which could not be disclosed because of the investigation — did not require the university to issue a timely warning.

The Jeanne Clery Act — which requires all colleges and universities to issue campuswide warnings in the event of assaults — says the time frame for incidents to be reported to the public is up to the discretion of the public-safety institution involved.

“The standard is ‘as soon as pertinent information is available to lead the institu-

tion to believe there is a potential ongoing threat to the community,’” Clery Act expert Dolores Stafford wrote in an e-mail. “That said, victims often delay reporting crimes and that affects how quickly an institution is made aware and subsequently make the community aware.”

A preliminary hearing has been set for Eberhart on April 18, and a no-contact order has been issued, according to online court documents.

METRO

Name of man killed by semi released

Authorities released the name of an Iowa City man killed on Interstate 380 April 8.

Thomas Lee Tvedte, 55, was pronounced dead at the scene after being hit by a semi, police reports show.

According to a report from the State Patrol, a semi was trav-

eling north on Interstate 380 in the right lane when a man exited his vehicle and walked into the truck's path near the 5-mile marker at 12:18 p.m.

The report said the driver, Kenneth Piikenton, 52, of Arnold, Mo. tried to swerve to avoid the man.

An investigation by the State Patrol and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office is ongoing.

— by Hayley Bruce

BIRDING

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“Iowa is one of the best places to be to bird,” said Disbrow, the president of the Iowa City Bird Club. “We have so much diversity and lots of different habitats.

For the past 30 years, the Iowa City Bird Club has been helping people take advantage of the beauty of birding.

“Our aim is to show people some good birding areas across the county,” said Disbrow, who's been an active member of the club for the past 22 years.

The Iowa City Bird Club was established in 1981,

and it continues to expand its efforts to educate people about birding. Today, the club offers introductory birding courses and weekly field trips for participants to apply what they've learned.

“It's great having people who know what they're looking at,” said North Liberty resident Sharon Somers. “I don't quite have that knowledge yet.”

The 50-year-old said she's “pittled” with bird watching in the past, but is more confident after taking a few courses. Regardless of her “newbie” status, she said, she's intrigued by the whole process.

“There's something about the chase of finding something new,” she said.

The bird club has roughly 150 members, Disbrow said, a dramatic increase from the seven members it had in 1999. But membership is not required for participation.

North Liberty resident Jen Hommel participated in her first birding event this past weekend. Though the 40-year-old's binoculars weren't quite as advanced as some others, she used her digital camera's zoom.

She said she enjoys taking pictures and being outside, and bird watching allows her to do both.

“The best part is just waiting to be surprised,” Hommel said. “Sometimes we forget about all this beauty.”

Though it's called the

Iowa City Bird Club, Disbrow said the club has expanded to include all sorts of nature-related topics, such as botany and butterflies. April's monthly meeting will feature a special presentation on Ryerson's Woods Park — an Iowa City park known for its diverse and unique plant species.

Disbrow said she recommends bird watching because of its accessibility. It involves little cost and little knowledge — just an interest for the outdoors, she said.

“The beauty is that you can do this at any age, and it builds itself with time,” Disbrow said.

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Virginia Myers holds up two examples of foil prints during her beginning printmaking class on Feb. 15, 2011. The pink foil is pressed to a scrap piece of paper for demonstration, and it can be applied to real prints to enhance the print.

Never foiled by life

UI professor Virginia Myers, 83, invented a way to use decorative foils in printmaking.

By MAX FREUND
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Virginia Myers leans forward, pressing forcefully on the handle of a heated roller, spreading a strip of shiny pink foil on a sheet of paper.

The 83-year-old professor's thin build contrasts her thick, powerful hands. Myers is not a passive old woman. She is an artist.

She arrived in Iowa City in 1955 with no job, nowhere to live, and only \$150 to her name (\$1,213.20 in 2010 dollars).

But she came with experience — art degrees from the Corcoran School of Art and California College of art — and in 1962, she became the only female faculty member in the School of Art and Art History as an instructor in printmaking.

And she's still there. Throughout the years, she's maintained one important mantra: Each student should begin with the basic tools.

"I get students in my class, and one of the first things I do is I sit them down with a pencil — nicely sharpened — a good old yellow Ticonderoga with a red eraser on top," she said. "I set out items, and I say, 'Make some drawings,' and they say, 'I can't draw,' but if you can sign your name, you can draw."

Once Myers establishes a drawing base with her students, she opens them up to what printmaking can offer.

"There is something about a piece of copper; it

Virginia Myers

- **Age:** 83
- **Hometown:** Cleveland
- **Favorite Food:** Sweet corn straight out of her garden
- **Favorite Book:** The Bible
- **Favorite thing about Iowa:** The peace, quiet, and farmland

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is beautiful, it challenges you," she said, her eyes lighting up with the passion that has staved off retirement. "The copper will always sit there and tell you, 'You can't do it,' I love that, 'Oh, yes I can.'"

Myers did not start out in printmaking, but her passion for the steel and copper plates led her to invent the Iowa Foil Press — a heated roller she uses to fix shiny foils to prints.

The patented tool allowed her to pioneer the application of gold leaf and decorative foils in printmaking, a practice that had only been used in an industrial setting before Myers came along.

"It takes artists to take a craft and elevate it to the level of fine art, and my students are my research," Myers said.

One of those students is Josh Johnson, a teaching assistant who has worked

with Myers for the past year and a half.

"The metallic quality [of foils] was what drew her to it, the quality of how light reflects off of it, it is really unlike anything else out there," he said. "There are some pretty jazzy patterns — like holograms — but just in general, the luminosity foil can give to an object makes it unique."

Every Tuesday and Thursday, Myers teaches students the intricacies of foil, and she has done so for years, but she keeps working because her artistic vision, she says, is not yet complete.

But while she is focusing on completing her work, she always has time for a beginning student.

"She is probably the most humble professor I have ever had," said UI senior Roxanna Saberian, who is in Myers' basic printmaking class. "Whenever she talks to our class, she would always put her hand on your shoulder and talk, she is very mother-like."

Myers' personality elicits its parental comparisons, but children were never in her plans.

"I had to come with grips with that early," she said. "I noticed how hard my mom and dad worked, and all I wanted to do was to be the best woman artist I could. I thought it is going to take everything I had to begin to do that, so I scratched off marriage, I just did. I do not recommend it to anybody, but it was right for me."

COFFEE

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essary thing," said Sam Caster, the assistant manager at the Java House, 211½ E. Washington St.

To contend with market pressures, Caster said, Java House expanded its menu, providing more options for customers, including "Conversation Brews," more expensive types of coffee that offers patrons a higher quality beverage.

T-Spoons, another local gourmet coffee vendor, also raised its prices.

"Coffee, right now, is more expensive ... than it ever has been," said Jordan Collins, a shift manager at T-Spoons, 301 E. Market St. "[But] it hasn't been to an extent where people are complaining."

Fair Grounds Coffee, 345 S. Dubuque St., an organic coffee vendor in Iowa City,

Coffee Shops in Iowa City

Local stores and their trends in coffee prices:

- Java House (increase)
- T-Spoons (increase)
- Fair Grounds (increase)
- Capanna (no change)

Source: The coffee shops

has yet to increase its prices. Management has taken several measures in recent years to delay price hikes and even switched to cheaper cups to combat cost increases, said Christine Alexander, the owner of Fair Grounds. But now, the store plans to bump its asking price for a cup up by a dime in May, she said.

"There's a lot of competition for the beans that exist," said Alexander, who pointed to increased demand and poor weather conditions in countries that grow coffee beans, such as Brazil, as reasons for the decision to raise prices.

Experts predict high international demand and shortfalls in crop yields will keep coffee-bean prices high for foreseeable future. As long as farmers continue to struggle with unpredictable weather patterns and other countries continue to acquire a taste for gourmet coffee, consumers will likely continue to carry a portion of the burden.

"It still translates into very little per cup for the customer," said Tracy Ging, the deputy executive director for the Specialty Coffee Association of America. "I don't think it's going to drop back to where it was."

University of Iowa senior Erin Weber, a frequent Java House customer, said she's noticed the rising prices, but it won't stop her from getting a cup.

"I'm still going to pay whatever for my coffee," she said.

METRO

2 charged with assault

Police arrested two local men after a fight left one with a bloody nose.

Zachary McCabe, 21, and Justin Richardson, 21, 1202 Melrose Ave., were charged Sunday with assault causing bodily injury.

According to a complaint from Iowa City police, officers found

the defendants after a report of a fight at 335 S. Clinton St.

The report said a police officer apprehended Richardson after he allegedly led them on a foot chase.

Richardson told police he had thrown a rock, which reportedly hit a female in the head, in retaliation for being hit with water balloons.

The report said Richardson and McCabe fought as a result

of the female being hit with the rock.

McCabe was bleeding from the mouth and nose when officers arrived, the complaint said.

Officials said both men were intoxicated at the time of the alleged incident.

Assault causing bodily injury is a serious misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,875.

— by Hayley Bruce

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Silas White Buffalo, 8, from Tama, Iowa, dances during a competition at the 2011 University of Iowa Powwow in the Recreation Building on April 9. The event, which was put on by the American Indian Student Association, started at 10 a.m. and included dance and drum contests, food vendors, and crafts. The UI Powwow started in 1990, and has since grown in attendees and participants.

Powwow tops hurdles

The annual UI powwow also paid tribute to Native American men and women in military service.

By LUKE VOELZ
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Thunderous drumbeats cut through the humid spring air at the Recreation Building.

More than 50 Native American dancers kept pace with the beat April 9 at the 18th-Annual University of Iowa Powwow. Men, women, and children from all corners of the Midwest assembled before a crowd of spectators for many reasons: some to compete, some to relax, and some to pass on traditions learned during childhood.

Yet a broader motivation united those with Native American heritage at the event: a desire to raise awareness for fading customs of the past.

Bob Morgan, an Arizona native with more than 20 years of dance experience, said dying traditions and modern pressures have reduced interest in powwows among the Native American community.

"[Dancing] is a dying entity among Native Americans," said the 57-year-old, who traces his ancestry back to tribes in the Bima River area. "A lot of [native] language has been lost. With language goes traditions — a lot of it goes hand-in-hand."

Morgan said he is glad to offer his instruction to new dancers at powwows. Yet funding issues have made

such cultural celebrations at the UI difficult to run.

"We had to work pretty hard to get support [for the powwow]," said Autumn Ingels, a co-head of the UI American Indian Student Association. "It takes more fundraising than it does ticket sales to support an event like this."

The 22-year-old estimated this year's powwow cost around \$35,000. She said the American Indian Student Organization is expecting roughly a quarter of funding to come from admissions, alongside a combined \$20,000 from several UI offices.

Native Americans made up 0.4 percent of those enrolled at the UI in the fall of 2010.

Organizational difficulties from rapidly growing participation with small student support put the powwow on hiatus from 2006 to 2008, Ingels said.

Peer pressure on youth in this small population means further difficulty spreading the traditions. Morgan said his son, who also competes in powwows, was often teased at school for growing long hair as part of Native American customs.

"We try to teach them that you shouldn't be embarrassed to wear your hair long," he said. "That's your choice."

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For some, the celebration was a relaxing outlet. James Sanderson Jr., who traveled from the Quad Cities for the powwow, said dancing helped him find balance in the face of everyday stress.

"When you get in [the dance] it seems like everything floats away," the 19-year-old said.

Sanderson, who traces his ancestry back to the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Indians, said his parents began teaching him tribal customs and traditions when he was 2.

Sanderson performed in the northern traditional dance style on April 9, which was commonly used by northern Native American tribes following hunts or skirmishes. It features the simplest regalia worn at powwows, though Sanderson's vibrant red ribbon shirt, bell-laden boots, and feathered headdress formed a majestic figure against the light from the sun through the windows.

He said many Native Americans dance to tell a story or reflect on something in their lives.

"I'm just here to pray," he said. "When we dance, we're praying."

Group sees the light

The volunteers help elderly residents with small tasks.

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It's easy to talk about how many people it takes to screw in a light bulb.

"But there are some secrets," said Mark Patton.

Patton, the executive director of the Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity, recently launched the program "Many Hands, Light Work" to rethink how volunteers can provide the most effective aid for their elderly community members and neighbors. And one of the things included in the training was the best way to change a bulb.

"We all have grandparents, friends who are elderly," Patton said. "Why don't we want to take a few minutes out of our day to help change a light bulb?"

Early in the morning on April 9, a cloudy sky greeted seven volunteers from the AM Iowa City Rotary Club and three local high-school students at the Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity, 2401 Scott Blvd. The group split into teams of three to visit nine homes of local seniors.

They changed light bulbs, fixed filters, and placed new batteries in smoke detectors.

Iowa City resident Dana Harr was one of the recipients.

The blind 61-year-old lives on her own after Parkinson's forced her husband into assisted living in July. With a slashed income, she said, she's glad for the help.

"It's the first time I've had responsibility for everything," Harr said.

Harr sat in a living room chair, making conversation with the group of three volunteers as they darted in and out of her various rooms, placing burned-out bulbs in a grocery bag and delicately screwing in new, energy efficient ones.



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City High student Talbot Morris-Downing, 15, changes a lightbulb in the home of Dana Harr during a volunteer event put on by the Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity on April 9.

AM Iowa City Rotary Club President-elect Tom Novak, 52, said completing small tasks is important to the recipients and sometimes can go unnoticed in the many other daily tasks caregivers handle.

"It kind of falls through the cracks," he said.

Patton said the importance of the program is to keep people independent and in their own homes.

"We know that baby boomers are coming of age, and many of them are homeowners, and many of them are far too young to move to another kind of housing," he said.

In 2009, approximately 8 percent of the people in Johnson County were older than 65.

The Heritage Agency on Aging, Elder Services, and the Johnson County Crisis Center helped recruit interested seniors. The organization's first event was not income-restricted because of the low number of applications.

Though officials planned to initiate the program earlier in the year, a lack of interest forced Patton to put the program on hold.

Though the number of applicants were small, Novak said, it's a start.

"I think there's a need here [in the community] and this gets the ball rolling," he said.

This isn't the only Habitat for Humanity organization rethinking its mission. Since the economic downturn, Patton said, the organization as a whole began to re-evaluate how it could effectively serve its community.

As officials saw more and more houses losing residents, they began to realize building more houses was counterproductive and, instead, began to work with existing homes. Patton said there are plans to expand the program and provide wheelchair ramps for homes that need it.

He said he also anticipates government budgeting for programs could put scrutiny on more programs, including ones such as Habitat for Humanity, and neighbors will help one another.

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Dance Marathon project dedicated

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Oversized gold scissors snipped a lime-green ribbon to mark the result of University of Iowa Dance Marathon's largest single monetary contribution.

Officials dedicated the UI Dance Marathon Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders Research Laboratories during a ceremony April 8, celebrating the completion of medical-facility renovations. Dance Marathon funded the entire \$1 million project.

Tom Scholz, the interim director of UI Children's Hospitals, said the key for fully taking advantage of this gift is collaboration.

Much of the old lab space didn't "fit really in the flow and management of current science approaches," he said. The old facilities confined researchers to small rooms, which was not conducive to sharing ideas, he said.

"The goal is to have a collaborative environment, a rich, nurturing, and interactive environment," Scholz said in an interview before the ceremony.

The dedication ceremony was the first time the finished facility was open to the public.

"I feel like we were here yesterday with all the run-down equipment," said UI senior Colette Forcier. "To come back and see it actually built, it's crazy."

Laptops displaying slide shows of pre-renovation and demolition photos sat on crisp gray countertops during the dedication.

One highlight of the new facility is its open environment. Officials said the old facilities were aged, with an outdated electrical system,



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(Left to right) Physician-in-chief at UI Children's Hospital Tom Scholz, UI Vice President for Medical Affairs Jean Robillard, Dance Marathon Executive Director Kyle Walters, and UI President Sally Mason prepare to unveil the renovated pediatric cancer labs named for Dance Marathon at the UI Hospitals and Clinics on April 8.

ventilation, and lack of counter space. The evolution of research methods was a main reason for the renovation.

Janice Staber, a pediatric physician in the Division of Hematology, Oncology, and Immunology, agreed.

"Space is key," she said. "If you don't have space, you can't do research."

UI senior Kristen Sandberg, a member of the Dance Marathon allocations board, said events such as the dedication "put a face to what the leaders of Dance Marathon do."

Although small renovations had been completed throughout the years, the labs needed an overhaul that would allow the physical facility to catch up to new research techniques. So last year, Staber presented the renovations in a Dance Marathon allocations meeting.

Officials spent \$750,000 on renovations — plumbing, ventilation, electrical work, countertops, and up-

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to-date materials, said 2011 Dance Marathon Executive Director Kyle Walters. The remaining \$250,000 of the donation was for start-up money for additional research, kept intentionally vague to give researchers the latitude to explore in different directions, Scholz said.

The renovation was a benchmark because, in previous years, Dance Marathon focused more on the financial and emotional aspects of cancer care — such as covering copays and funding family trips, Walters said.

"To be able to sit on an allocation committee and essentially write a check for a million dollars was a unique and awesome experience to have at the age of 23," Walters said. "To be able to spend it was really fun."



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Walk it out

A model from the Latin American group stands at the end of the catwalk during the second Walk It Out multicultural fashion show on April 9 in the IMU Main Lounge. The event, which was put on by the UI Indian Student Alliance, Asian American Coalition, and Black Student Union, exhibited clothing from various cultures and regions of the world, including East Asian, South Asian, hip-hop, Latin American, and African.



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METRO

School Board to ponder tax rates

The Iowa City School Board will see four potential property tax rates for the upcoming school

year at a board meeting Tuesday. The rate was initially projected at \$14.69, the same as this year, over the last several board meetings. However, Paul Bobek, district executive director of administra-

tive services, will present the additional options of \$14.16, \$14.40, and \$14.59 at April 12 meeting. Tuesday's is adopted and certified on April 14.

— by Luke Voelz

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University Staff Council is an elected body that represents approximately 5,500 non-bargaining professional and scientific and merit supervisory exempt/confidential staff members. As a university-wide representative body, Staff Council members promote communication among staff, central administration, Faculty Senate and Student Government.

With April 21 being National High Five Day, councilors shared who they would like to high-five:

Leslie Pirkel, for being brave as she continues her fight with brain cancer! - Dana Lange

Stan Musial (former St. Louis Cardinal baseball player), because of his outstanding play and sportsmanship coupled with his grace and dignity off of the field. - Glenn Kell

Professor Kleiber for showing me that I could do physics - George Hospodarsky

Dr. Robert Yager (Emeritus professor, U of Iowa) for encouraging me to further my education! - Mitchell Owen

The nuclear reactor employees in Japan who stayed in the plants, trying to prevent meltdown at a huge risk to their own well-being - Randy Nessler

Charlie Sheen, because he's, hello? Winning! - Sean Thompson (UI Health Care)

Laurie Haag, Activist extraordinaire - Susan Beckett

William Elliot Whitmore, for making such great downhome Iowa music - Joshua Smith

My parents, they're the best parents in the world and I love them - Shannon Lizakowski

All of my three kids because their youthful exuberance and excitement is infectious and fun to share! - Michael Schueller

Glenn Beck, a true patriot - Frank Burris

The spirit and fortitude of the Japanese people and volunteers assisting with recovery from the earthquake and tsunami - Ann Synan

My mentor and college professor, Marguerite Neumann who taught me I could accomplish anything I put my mind to - Earlene Erbe

Farmers, they feed the world - Stephen Hamilton

My adopted Greyhound Dossie, she's a great dog and companion and she puts up with me - John Downing

To the Bald Eagle pair in Decorah for their tenacious care of 3 eggs - Diana Boeglin

James L. Barrett, Chardonnay this side of the pond rivals French vintners - Barbara Wagoner

Amber Seaton, for doing a great job as Staff Council president this year - Jane Zukin

Robert Manders for all his hard work on the DI Staff Council Ads! - Rebecca Tritten

My daughter, Meghan (Hammen) Cooley, for making me so proud of all of her accomplishments and never ending commitment to her studies - Kimberly Geguzis

Eddie Etsey, for his sense of humor and leadership, he's a diamond just needs little polishing - Pat Kosier

Debra Manders, my lovely wife of 22 years, I am but a commoner before the queen with her - Robert Manders

Staff Council Agenda (Tentative)

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 • 2:30-4:30pm
Illinois Room, IMU

2:30 - 3:15 President Mason's Address to Staff Council
3:15 - 3:20 Roll Call and Agenda Summary
3:20 - 3:50 Threat Assessment Presentation (Jane Caton, Peter Berkson)
3:50 - 4:10 Standing Committee Oral Presentations/Summaries
4:10 - 4:20 Sue Buckley/Kevin Ward Comments
4:20 - 4:30 Review/Approval of Minutes
4:30 Adjourn

Meet Your Councilors

Barbara Wagoner was appointed to Staff Council in January 2011 to fulfill a vacated term appointment. I now serve as a Research Assistant with the College of Public Health-Center for Health Management and Policy and started with UIHC in 2008 with the Department of Anesthesia/Research. The opportunity to be a part of staff council is a new outlet for me and I anticipate representing my peers and engaging in the voice of the university community.

A West Des Moines transplant, I studied biology at the University of Iowa. I fell in love with the life forces here in Iowa City and took root in the fall of 1984. I live in the shadow of Kinnick Stadium, walk to work and dwell in a melded family with spouse, a teenager, my Mom and Oskar—one uber cool cat. Outside of a 5 year junket to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (September 2002 - June 2007) I am happy to be back home and settling in. A foodie of sorts, I enjoy tapas and locavore cuisine, will travel to see caliber live music and festivals, endeavor as sidekick for husband's marathon training, and on occasion venture downtown for art walkabouts, street performances, a Hawkeye televised game or a shot at pinball.

Shannon Lizakowski is the Intercultural Programs Assistant in the International Programs Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS). She came to the University of Iowa as a student in 2003 and graduated in 2007 with a B.A. in International Studies: Business, and minors in both Business Administration and Psychology. She started working in International Programs that fall, and has been very active with training and programming, specifically with the Building Our Global Community program, Going Global in Iowa, and new international student orientation.

Shannon was born and raised in North Dakota and spent a year studying at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities campus. After transferring to Iowa, she studied abroad in London, England and had the opportunity to explore Western Europe. In her free time, she can be found traveling, volunteering around the community, at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, and taking a variety of classes including languages, photography, computer programming/graphic design, and culinary arts. She enjoys the company of her friends and family, and spending quality time with her 6 year old Golden Retriever, Cody. Shannon was nominated and elected to Staff Council for the first time in 2011 and looks forward to working with other council members to further enhance the University of Iowa.

Message from the UISC President

Spring 2011 has arrived bringing with it transition in many forms. The cold days of winter and longer hours of darkness are giving way to the warmer days of spring and noticeably lengthening daylight hours. Our environment is in the process of transforming from the brown landscape and barren trees to blooming tulips and daffodils, green grass and trees filled with new buds and leaves. There is renewed life and energy that comes with the warmth of the sun and the transition to spring. Your University Staff Council is also going through its own transition. The beginning of April has brought an infusion of newly-elected staff councilors to join current representatives. Staff Council standing committees will transition to new leadership and shuffle some of the members from committee to committee. The Executive Committee of Staff Council will undergo a change of leadership and add three new members. Many of the initiatives on which the Council and its committees are working on your behalf will continue into the new year. Initiatives such as promoting shared governance throughout the campus, restructuring the Staff Council election process to reflect representation that parallels the new job functions created in the job classification re-design and continuing to provide input to and support for the Classification and Compensation Redesign project will all continue in the 2011/2012 Council year. An initiative of Staff Council that is still in its infancy will be ramping up support for and promotion of the sustainability efforts now in place and in development through the University Sustainability Office. Please visit the Staff Council web site for information and summaries of all the activities of your Staff Council. I would like to close this message with much deserved recognition of our Past President, Amber Seaton and members of the Council who have served you well but whose terms have ended this past year. Amber has been a very dynamic leader, moving the Council forward with great energy and vision and mobilizing us to accomplish great things in being your representatives. The Council wishes to express sincere thanks to Diana Boeglin, Selina Lin, Betsy Momany, Linda Spence and Sarah Tallman for their many years of representation and service to their constituents.

Representing your Voice!
Mike Schueller

On the Edge with Eddie Etsey

The songs of morning birds, the smell of rain; the sprout of green grass and the taste of fresh flowers can only mean one thing, spring is here and everyone is bursting with happiness as the weather gets nicer and nicer each day. People are going to be doing their "spring cleaning," others will be getting ready for gardening and all the kids are ready to get out and eat dirt.

The beginning of spring is a wonderful thing, and for some reason it also seems to cultivate people's personality. Not sure if it's the four month hibernation from winter but it just seems that when spring comes around, people's personalities are more transparent. Let's do a little exercise; think of either the people you work with, have worked with or don't want to work with, do you recognize any of these character types? For the sake of space I am simplifying the list.

The Autocrats: These are the sharp tongued bullies that feel the necessity to intimidate others.

The Autocrats Wannabes: The people who think they are brave enough to dictate but when confronted they run.

The Know-It-Alls: The name says it all. When proven wrong they become defensive.

The Sign-me-uppers: They are the first to commit to anything and everything but hardly deliver.

The "Why" People: Non flexible people who are the first to point out why it won't work.

The Complainers: Is anything ever right with them? They prefer complaining to finding solutions.

I'm sure you have one or two names that come into mind from this sample of characters; you might even be one of them. So who cares? We all know there are different character traits, there are many books written about it, what else is there to know? Let me be the first to admit, I don't have the answers and I am no expert on character types; but these characters exist in our families and workplaces; they are part of our team. So how do we put up with these characters? Well let's take a different approach to teamwork.

Teamwork - what does it actually mean? I've heard over and over again that there is no "I" in team; that teamwork means everyone plays their part; or even better yet a concise definition from dictionary.com - "cooperative or coordinated effort on the part of a group of persons acting together as a team or in the interests of a common cause." But with all the difference characters and personalities we work with, how is that even possible to work as a team?

We all have our perspectives on what teamwork is or how it should be defined. However no matter how you see it or define it, one common theme is present, and that's selflessness. For a team, whether be your work place, your family, or even a group of random people, to work well together there has to be that element of non-selfless act. The autocrats need to stop dictating, the complainers need to take a step back and look for solutions; and the sign-me-uppers need to actually deliver. Information needs to be shared and not hoarded; certain explanations need to be spelled out in black and white, and most importantly "someone please make a decision already."

Do you feel frustrated or uninspired as times by your colleagues or co-workers, you're in good company. Many people are unhappy with their teams and how they cooperate with each other. However, rather than trying to oust or change people on your team, it may be time to look inward. Accept what you can't change - others. Focus on what you can control - how you as an individual can contribute to the team. Even though people say there is no "I" in team, a team consists of individual "I"s that cooperate in the interest of a common cause. In the words of Vince Lombardi, "Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

So next time you are sitting in a meeting with an autocrat or a know-it-all, and you feel frustrated or feel like throwing in the towel, meditate on Lombardi's word because each individual commitment counts. You are on the Edge with Eddie; I am your staff councilor, your friend and your voice for a better UI. Tell me your work place stories, email me at eduzzi-etsey@uiowa.edu. E: out.

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MEN'S TENNIS

The Hawkeyes weren't able to rebound after dropping the doubles point against Northwestern. 2B

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Iowa catcher Liz Watkins bats during the team's game against Michigan State on April 9 at Pearl Field. The Hawkeyes defeated the Spartans, 5-3.

Softball runs Spartans out of town

Aggressive base running gave the Iowa softball team momentum that carried it through two wins over Michigan State.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**
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The Iowa softball team swept Michigan State in its Big Ten home opening series at Pearl Field, taking down the Spartans 5-3 on April 9 and 9-8 on Sunday.

The Hawkeyes played without three starters on April 9 — senior Stephanie Ochoa and sophomore Jordan Goschie were suspended two games after violating team rules, and Chelsey Carmody wasn't present because of a death in her family.

As a result, Iowa's infield was shifted — Brianna Luna played third, and regular third baseman Michelle Zoeller shifted to shortstop. Freshman pitcher Kayla Massey also picked up a bat and entered the offensive lineup in addition to pitching all seven innings.

Throughout the series, the Hawkeyes cashed in on aggressive base running. In the first inning of the first game, junior Katie Keim

reached on a walk, and sophomore Ashley Akers laid down a bunt for a single. Keim and Akers then executed a double steal to put runners on second and third.

Luna continued the rally when she reached base after getting hit by a pitch, loading the bases. Catcher Liz Watkins then hit a two-RBI single and advanced to second when the Spartans threw home. Luna and Watkins later reached home on errors by the Michigan State infield, and the Hawkeyes turned two hits into four runs.

"It starts with one person, and then success breeds success, confidence breeds confidence," head coach Marla Looper said. "It's like a wildfire — it can just catch and keep going. Any time we get [runners] in scoring position — and the team can be pretty aroused, and the hitter up there is confident — it's going get everyone excited."

The Hawkeyes' morale soared in the bottom of the fifth inning on Sun-

day when a series of bunts and smart base running generated three hits and two runs, and Iowa pulled out of a tie.

Keim started the rally, reaching first on fielder's choice, and she was followed by Akers, who laid down a perfect bunt that stopped dead merely inches in front of the batter's box. However, after Akers clearly reached first ahead of the throw, the home plate umpire called her out, claiming that Akers had hit the ball with her foot while it was in play.

Akers animatedly stretched her arms out in disbelief and waited on first base clearly upset while the umpires held a conference with Looper and Spartan head coach Jacquie Joseph. Once the umpires finally concluded that Akers earned the single, she jumped up and down on the bag, clapping her hands.

"At first I was just like, 'You have to be kidding me,'" she said. "But I

SEE **SOFTBALL**, 4B

Tough love for pitchers

Coach Marla Looper allowed both of her pitchers to work through their struggles this past weekend and earn complete-game victories.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**
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Kayla Massey stood in the pitching circle and took a deep breath.

The Iowa softball team had a 5-3 lead in the top of the seventh inning on April 9. Massey was one out away from earning a victory at Pearl Field.

The problem was that Michigan State catcher

Brett Williams stood at the plate. In the third inning, Williams sent a two-run home run flying over the fence, her 10th of the season. Now, Williams represented the game's go-ahead run; Michigan State had runners on second and third.

Massey wound up and threw the same pitch that

SEE **PITCHERS**, 4B

WNBA draft to be held today

The best college and international prospects will be selected today in the WNBA draft in Bristol, Conn. ESPN will televise the event and provide analysis of the first round beginning at 2 p.m. CST. ESPN and NBA TV will broadcast the second and third rounds following coverage of the first round.

According to Draftsite.com, Iowa's Kachine Alexander is predicted to go in the draft's second round to the Phoenix Mercury with the 19th overall selection.

The senior would be the first Hawkeye to be drafted since Crystal Smith in 2006. Smith was selected 32nd overall.

Alexander is one of the greatest players in Iowa women's basketball history; the 5-9 guard recorded 1,239 points, 910 rebounds, and 339 assists in her four-year career. This past season, Alexander led all Division-I guards in rebounds per game with 9.5.

The Minnesota Lynx have the first overall pick in the draft.



Alexander
senior

— by **Matt Cozzi**

Football unveils women's fundraiser for Children's Hospital

The Iowa football program will host its first Ladies Football Academy on June 18 to raise money for the University of Iowa Children's Hospital.

The event will be held from 4-9:30 p.m. at Kinnick Stadium and will feature a football clinic for women with members of the Iowa coaching staff, including head coach Kirk Ferentz.

Those interested may register online at iowaladiesfootballacademy.com. Participants are required to pay a \$50 registration fee and raise a minimum of \$300, all of which will benefit the Children's Hospital. Participants will also receive a T-shirt, poncho, towel, and gymbag.

— by **Jordan Garretson**

Coker's bad memory spurs him

Marcus Coker ran for 622 yards and three touchdowns as a true freshman.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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Shortly after his record-breaking performance in December's Insight Bowl, Marcus Coker forgot about it.

Thirty-three carries for 219 yards — both Iowa bowl-game records.

Gone. Two touchdown runs, one of which was a magnificent 62-yarder — the Hawkeyes' longest scoring run of the year.

Didn't happen. "Five minutes after the bowl game, it was out of my mind," the sophomore running back said April 8 about Iowa's 27-24 victory against Missouri on Dec. 28. "Like it never really happened."

So naturally, Coker said he never planned on using that game as a springboard into the upcoming season. And though the Beltsville, Md., native appears the top candidate for Iowa's starting running back spot after such a performance, he doesn't view it that way.

His mentality is quite the opposite. "I don't look at myself as the guy," the soft-spoken, 6-0, 230-pounder said,



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Iowa running back Marcus Coker dodges Minnesota's Ryan Collado during the Hawkeyes' game against the Gophers on Nov. 27, 2010, at TCF Bank Stadium.

describing the philosophy he uses to remain motivated. "I look at myself at the bottom of the depth chart, trying to work my way up every day."

But Coker's 2010 season wasn't without its bumps. It saw plenty.

Early in the team's preseason camp — in his first few days as a Hawkeye — he suffered a broken collarbone. He missed the remainder of camp and

SEE **COKER**, 4B



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Iowa's Will Vasos hits the ball during a doubles match against Northwestern at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on April 8.

Sluggish Hawks lose

Iowa's lack of intensity opens the door for the upset-minded Wildcats.

By BEN ROSS

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The No. 57 Iowa men's tennis team (8-8, 2-4) struggled early and often on April 8 at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex against Northwestern (11-8, 2-3). Northwestern climbed to an early 1-0 lead after winning two of the three doubles sets, a point Iowa is not used to giving up.

The Wildcats won, 5-2. Head coach Steve Houghton said that losing the doubles point may have started a snowball effect on his team's spirits. The Hawkeyes were without the comfort of playing with an early lead.

"We've gotten in the habit of winning the doubles point," Houghton said. "We didn't do it today. We had big leads in two of the doubles matches, we were up 6-2, and 5-2, you shouldn't be losing doubles matches like that. It's only one point, and I don't know if it affected our guys [in singles play] or not, but it's obviously not good competing if you got big leads and kind of let those get away."

It's easy to point a finger at the poor doubles play as a reason for the loss, but the Hawkeyes looked equally bad in singles. They appeared sluggish on the courts with overall poor serving and often lazy-looking returns. Juniors Will Vasos and Tom Mroziewicz were the only two players to earn a victory in singles, with Vasos having to ward off an opponent who refused to quit in Sidarth Balaji (6-2, 4-6, 6-1).

"I had to battle for every point," Vasos said. "Out there, I got a few breaks, but in the end, Northwestern just wanted it more than us."

Things aren't looking good for the Hawkeyes if they wish to meet their goal of finishing in the top four in the Big Ten. Last week, Houghton stressed that his squad would need to win at least three of its next five matches to reach that goal, and with upcoming contests against the likes of No. 23 Michigan, No. 20 Minnesota, and No. 60 Michigan State, Northwestern looked as if it was going to be a relative "gimme."

Houghton expressed his concern about his team's loss.

"Things are fragile enough for us," he said. "The matches we've been winning are 4-3 matches, where you can't really afford to have lapses like that whether it's in the doubles point or singles matches. It was just one that really got away that may come back to haunt us when we're done."

Iowa is currently in eighth place in the Big Ten standings, with Ohio State and Indiana leading the way in a tie for first. The Hawkeyes still have many chances to catch up on the leaderboard; they still have competitions with three teams that are ranked in front of them left on the schedule.

Mroziewicz still has faith in his team.

"We need to get everyone committed," the Toronto native said. "We only have two weeks left, we put all the work in, and it's up to us to try hard and win. We need a perfect week of practice."

Tracksters beat weather

The Iowa men's track and field team had a successful weekend at the Sun Angel Classic despite poor conditions.

By BEN SCHUFF

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Iowa track and field assistant coach Joey Woody expressed some minor concerns last week before heading to the Sun Angel Classic at Arizona State.

The meet was only the second competition of Iowa's outdoor season. With a month separating the NCAA indoor championships and the Sun Angel Classic, other squads could potentially be competing in their fourth meet. The fifth-year assistant wondered if the Hawkeyes would be behind.

But when the spikes met the track, many of those concerns were answered.

"If the weather cooperates, we may have had a really good meet," head coach Larry Wiczorek said. "We're making really good progress for the second meet of the year."

Competing in rain and strong winds with temperatures in the 30s and 40s, conditions were poor enough for Woody to pull athletes from the 4x400-meter relay.

Still, several Hawkeyes were able to put aside the elements and compete as if they were in ideal Arizona spring weather — including Erik Sowinski, who won the

800-meter premier, crossing the finish line in 1:48.32. Considering the weather, he said, he was pleased with his performance.

"Going in, I knew the times weren't going to be there," he said. "You just had to compete to get the win."

Wiczorek said the 800 runner's performance was one that stuck out from the weekend trip.

"Sowinski continues to do impressive things," he said, noting the poor conditions the Waukesha, Wis., native had to run in. "He's just so tough."

Steven Willey in the 400-meter premier joined Sowinski with a first-place finish with a time of 46.48. Senior Chris Barton also had a strong showing for the Hawkeyes in the 400, finishing third with a time of 47.63.

The 4x100-meter relay team — Tevin Mincy, Zeke Sayon, Paul Chaney Jr., and Justin Austin — also claimed first place. The quartet finished in 39.86 seconds, a mark good for third all-time at Iowa. Wiczorek said he's looking for a school record in the event by the end of the season.

Despite the bad weather — and perhaps making their performances more impressive — a handful of runners were able to set personal-best times. Senior Adam Hairston finished fifth in the 800 meters with a time of 1:49.53.

The hurdle events proved to be a strong area for the Black and Gold again.

Ethan Holmes and D'Juan Richardson placed second and third in the 400-meter hurdles, both setting personal-best times. Keaton Rickels, who placed eighth in the LSU Invitational on April 2, did so again.

Fellow sophomore Jordan Mullen and Holmes also finished second and third in the 110-meter hurdles. Ryan Brathwaite, a professional hurdler from Barbados, won the event. Brathwaite won the gold medal in the event at the 2009 World Championships.

While Mullen said he hasn't been happy with the way he's been running lately — he said he ran "like garbage" in Tempe, Ariz. — he found a little relief in nearly sticking with the professional.

"I was with [Brathwaite] through six or seven hurdles," Mullen said. "He was good competition, and it's fun to get to run with people like that."

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A smaller group of Hawkeyes competed at the Cornell Open in Mount Vernon, Iowa, where competition wasn't as stiff.

Sophomores Kyle Reid, Ben Stancombe, and Brandon Oest won the pole vault, hammer throw, and high jump. Junior Chase Kadlec won the 1,500 meters and ran the second leg of the 4x800-meter relay, which also returned to Iowa City with a first-place finish.

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'We need to get everyone committed. We only have two weeks left, we put all the work in, and it's up to us to try hard and win. We need a perfect week of practice.'

— Iowa men's tennis junior **Tom Mroziewicz** on the Hawkeyes trying to reach their goal of finishing top-four in the Big Ten



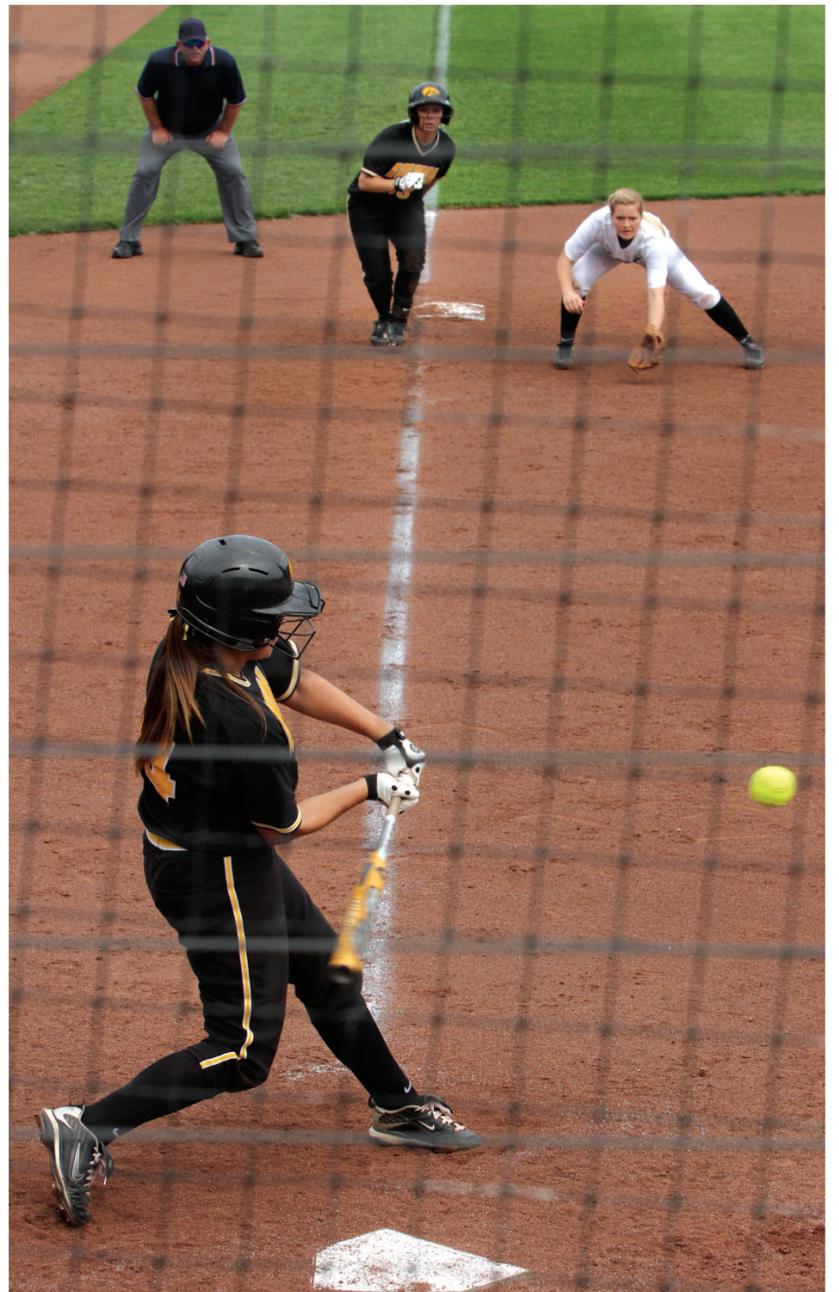
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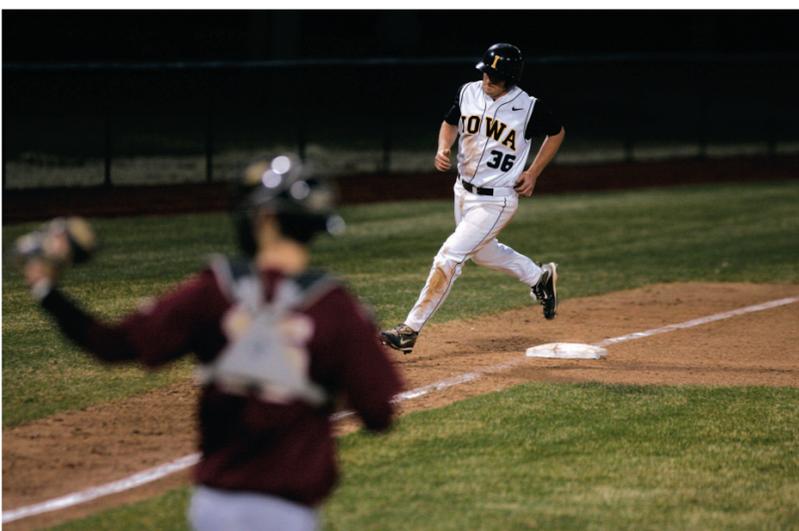
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Iowa celebrates as Hawkeyes cross the home plate during the team's game against Michigan State at Pearl Field on Sunday. Iowa won, 9-8. DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN



Iowa's Michelle Zoeller swings at a pitch during the Hawkeyes' game against Michigan State at Pearl Field on Sunday. Iowa won, 9-8. DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN



Iowa's Andrew Ewing rounds third after a home run by first baseman Phil Keppler during the team's game against Coe College at Banks Field on April 6. The Hawkeyes won, 14-1. BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN

SOFTBALL

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knew they'd figure it out, and I just knew that it would definitely go in our favor because they were thinking about it and they were worrying about it. We definitely had the momentum at that point."

Following Akers' bunt, Johnny Dowling also laid down a bunt, and when the Spartans tried to throw her out at first, Keim scored from second and Akers also crossed home plate.

When the Michigan State infielders tried to throw out a running Dowling at second, Akers scored, and Dowling advanced to third.

"Momentum really carries, and our team did a good job of taking that momentum [from Akers' bunt] and just getting the job done," Dowling said. "We really just fed off each others' energy and the energy of the crowd. And we were aggressive, and because of that we got ahead and stayed there."

PITCHERS

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Williams drilled earlier. This time, she popped it up harmlessly, and Hawkeye catcher Liz Watkins made a difficult catch against the backstop to end the game and give Massey her 10th win of the season.

"The one she hit out, she got a hold of it. Hats off to her," Massey said. "You just have to take a step back next time at bat. It's going to happen. It's inevitable."

When two-consecutive batters reached base in the seventh, Iowa head coach Marla Looper said she considered making a pitching change to close the game out. But she stuck with Massey, and the first-year coach said getting Williams out for the win could be big for the freshman pitcher's confidence.

Looper made a similar choice the next day.

Sophomore pitcher Chelsea Lyon struggled with her pitch location for much of Sunday's series finale against the Spartans. She gave up four runs in the game's first three innings.

But the toughest part of the afternoon for Lyon hadn't come yet.

In the fifth, second basemen Ali Grant hit a two-run home run to cut the Hawkeye lead to 1. Two hitters later, third basemen Jayme O'Bryant hit a solo homer to tie the game.

Massey began warming up in the Hawkeye bullpen.

Iowa scored twice to take a 9-7 lead to the top of the seventh. Williams struck again, hitting a solo homer to cut the

lead to 1.

For the second day in a row, Looper decided to allow a struggling pitcher to finish out the game.

"Sometimes, you've got to grow through it," she said. "I don't want it to cost us a game, but those are some valuable lessons they can learn. Don't keep looking in the dugout [and saying] 'Coach, come bail me out.' No, you're in there, and this is what we train to do."

Lyon shook off the three previous home runs and recorded three outs to end the game. It wasn't pretty — she allowed 12 hits, four walks, and 8 earned runs — but the Broken Arrow, Okla., native picked up the victory.

"You have to have a short memory as a pitcher," Lyon said. "At the D-1 level, there are going to be home runs hit, and I had more than usual today. But you're not going to have your best stuff every day, and you've got to deal with what you got."

The Hawkeyes' weekend sweep of Michigan State provided some tough lessons for the team's pitchers, but Looper allowed each to finish what she started and earn a victory.

"The biggest thing is they've got to trust themselves," she said. "I was ready to put Kayla in today, and I was ready to put Chelsea in yesterday. But I was ready for them to go the distance as well and gain some confidence."



Massey
freshman

COKER

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was seriously limited until Iowa's game on Sept. 25 against Ball State, which Kirk Ferentz called the first time he'd been hit "since he's been in this state."

That lost time was crucial. The 13th-year head coach described it as being equivalent to eight weeks of practice during the regular season because of the sheer amount of work performed during fall camp.

Before that injury, Ferentz and his staff had no reason to believe Coker couldn't be a big-time contributor as a freshman. And why not? He arrived in Iowa City with plenty of accolades. Rivals.com listed Coker as a four-star prospect, slotting him as the 22nd-best running back in the class of 2010.

"We said back in August we thought Marcus would be a great player for us. Unfortunately he got hurt," Ferentz said after the Insight Bowl. "He has been playing catch-up through the season."

"When he had opportunities during the fall, he really did a good job."

Even in his six games prior to the Insight Bowl, he ran for 403 yards on 81 carries. Perhaps Coker's work ethic was the biggest reason he was still able to play a viable role for the Hawkeyes despite his preseason setback — Ferentz credited his

attention to detail, in particular.

Coker has continued to demonstrate that sort of diligence during spring practice. So much so that even some on the other side of the ball are taking notice.

"Coker works hard, the same as he did last season," senior defensive end Broderick Binns said on March 30. "He runs hard in practice. He doesn't loaf. He makes the appropriate reads and the appropriate cuts that he should be making."

If there's one thing in particular he may need to improve upon, it may be his pad level. Coker tended to run a bit more "straight-up" than he should, something then-senior offensive lineman Julian Vandervelde noted following the Insight Bowl — "I still think he needs to run lower, or he's going to get his ribs broken."

Running with a low center of gravity allows a player to use more of his strength and also better shields him from injury. It's something Coker said he's worked on, though it shouldn't be a difficult fix. Running with a stiffer posture may have been an subconscious post-injury effort to protect him from contact to his collarbone, he said.

But with Coker's large frame, injury worries may be more relevant for potential tacklers.

"He's a powerful man," said sophomore linebacker James Morris. "When he hits you, you know it. So you better be ready."

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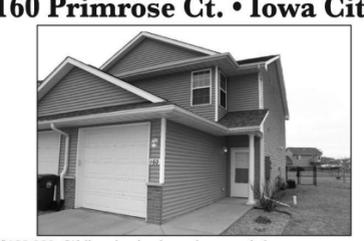
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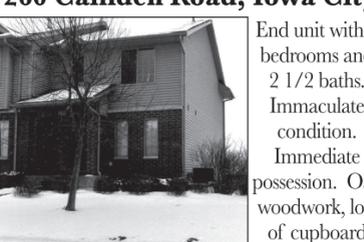
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