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A view of downtown Iowa City as seen from Phillips Hall on Tuesday. A plan to invest in downtown includes a business-development manager.

A four-year project to revitalize downtown Iowa City, which University of Iowa officials have pledged to help fund, could be in place as early as September.

By **HAYLEY BRUCE**
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Karen Kubby, owner of downtown store Beadology, could buy a lot of beads and supplies with \$600 — but she says she's willing to spend it on taxes.

The owner of the shop at 220 E. Washington is a key proponent of a Downtown Association proposal to start a self-supported municipal improvement district that would carry out a widespread "beautification" project in downtown Iowa City.

Kubby — the chair of the Self-Supported Municipal-Improvement District Committee in the Downtown Association — met with roughly 50 downtown business owners Tuesday evening to discuss the possibility of implementing a small tax increase for property owners. The money would go toward adding events and activities, recruiting new retailers, increasing maintenance, and hiring a downtown business-development manager.

Because of the 21-ordinance and recent development projects in Coralville, proponents of the district said it's a necessity to keep downtown Iowa City competitive with surrounding areas. But several at Tuesday's meeting said they simply couldn't afford a jump in taxes.

"I need to spend that money paying my bills so I can invest and buy my property," said Joe Murphy, owner of TCB, 114 E.

College St., growing red in the face. "This is not needed."

Though Murphy doesn't own the building, he said, his lease would require him to pay the tax.

"I can't afford it, that's the bottom line," Murphy said after the meeting.

The tax is expected to generate \$200,000, part of which would go toward hiring a business-development manager whose job would be building business opportunities downtown.

"I would say, at this point, we can't afford not to do this," Kubby said. "We all make investments in our businesses and, even though it's a property tax, it's an investment that will bring things back to downtown and Iowa City businesses."

Organizers need to get signatures from 25 percent of downtown property owners who make up a quarter of the assessed value of the district. If approved by the property owners, the four-year pilot project could go to the Iowa City City Council in August and begin in September. Kubby said an opposition petition would require 40 percent of property owners to block the ordinance.

An opposition petition prevented the City Council from voting on a similar ordinance in 2007.

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SCHOOL CUTS

Board staves off job cuts

Iowa City School Board members are tapping into their reserve funds to avoid laying off teachers.

By **LUKE VOELZ**
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Teachers who were at risk of being laid off in the Iowa City School District due to budget cuts are likely now safe in their jobs.

District officials were considering cutting 22 full-time-equivalent positions for the upcoming school year. But after an outpouring of response from students, parents, teachers, and community members, the School Board decided Tuesday to tap into its reserve funds to spare the positions.

School Board members voted unanimously at the meeting to decrease the amount of the general-fund budget placed

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2012 CAUCUSES

Paul forms campaign committee

Ron Paul said he's confident he will secure youth support in a campaign.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**
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DES MOINES — Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, announced the formation of an official exploratory committee on Tuesday in Des Moines. Though he skirted any direct indication of declaring a run for the GOP presidential nomination in 2012, he didn't dismiss the possibility, either.

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Q&A with Mason

Mason on assaults, Lewin

The Daily Iowan sat down with University of Iowa President Sally Mason to discuss campus security, Professor Ellen Lewin's controversial e-mail, and the nearly one-year mark of the 21-ordinance.

The Daily Iowan: The UI community heard about two reported sexual assaults that had occurred on campus this past month. Was this the first time the university's revamped sexual-assault policy was implemented in a real situation?

Mason: Well, it's certainly one of the times. I wouldn't say it was the first time

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without going back and reviewing all the cases. The new policies and the new ways in which we're dealing with things certainly are in place for this, and I think worked quite well, all things considered. Ideally, you'd like to not have these things happen, period.

DI: [UI spokesman Tom Moore] and [UI Sexual-Misconduct-Response Coordinator] Monique DiCarlo said the policies were strictly followed in this investigation. Did you

personally have any involvement in making sure the policies were followed?

Mason: Monique reports to me, and Monique kept me informed along the way. She typically doesn't identify individuals to me, she tells me about inci-

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PROVOST SEARCH

Butler promises to stay

Barry Butler has been interim provost since October 2010.

By **NINA EARNEST**
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If P. Barry Butler is selected as the University of Iowa's permanent provost, he would make a commitment to stay in Iowa City, he said on Tuesday.

In fact, he's never applied for an outside job in his 26 years working at the UI.

Butler, a former engineering dean who is serving as interim provost, was the first of three finalists to interview for the position and hold a public forum. He has served as

SEE **BUTLER**, 7



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UI interim Provost P. Barry Butler speaks in the IMU on Tuesday. Butler, formerly the dean of the College of Engineering, was the first of three provost candidates to be announced.

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UI TRIVIA

In 1918, the UI had to delay the academic year because more than one-third of students were in the hospital. Why? Use your smartphone and a QR reader to scan the QR code to the right for the answer. Check back throughout the week for more UI trivia.





Ginty files complaint

UI President Sally Mason said the incident reflects poorly on the university.

By **NINA EARNEST**
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College Republican leader Natalie Ginty filed a formal complaint against University of Iowa Professor Ellen Lewin in the wake of her organization receiving a message from the professor containing profanity.

Lewin, a professor of anthropology and women's studies, responded last week to a university-wide e-mail from the UI College Republicans, which promoted "Conservative Coming out Week" with profanity directed at Republicans — igniting a national firestorm of criticism.

Ginty, the chairwoman of the Iowa Federation of College Republicans, said she filed the complaint — which calls for an investigation into the incident — because it was "the most proper thing to do at this point."

"I didn't see any action taking place," she said.



Lewin
professor

UI President Sally Mason told *The Daily Iowan* Monday that recent incidents of civil discourse — both Lewin's case and three incidents of ethnic slurs on campus — reflect poorly on the UI community.

"It doesn't accurately reflect what our community is all about or what the vast majority of people in this community believe in," Mason said. "... It's certainly not been my experience in this community. I think if you ask the average person on the street that, he or she would say something similar."

She declined to discuss any disciplinary measures that may be taken against Lewin because it is a personnel issue, but she said she didn't believe Lewin's behavior rose to a level requiring her removal.

"I think this is bad behavior," Mason said. "And it deserves to be acknowledged as bad behavior. Behavior never to be repeated."

Ginty's complaint — dated April 25 — alleges Lewin's e-mail containing her UI credentials represents the UI.

"When a member of the faculty targets a student

group in this way, especially a group such as the College Republicans, who already operate as a frequently ostracized and underrepresented voice within the University community, this reflects poorly on the University of Iowa," the complaint said.

The letter goes on to say Lewin's actions violate university policy in the Anti-Harassment section 14.2 (a) of the Operations Manual.

Also on Tuesday, Matthew Strawn, the chairman of the Republican Party of Iowa, sent a letter to interim Provost P. Barry Butler claiming Lewin's correspondence with the College Republicans was a "fundamental disagreement" with the university's goal to encourage civil debate.

"On behalf of Republicans across the state, I stand with Ms. Ginty and the College Republicans in calling for a full investigation into the incident of April 18," Strawn wrote.

Strawn said it was not a "partisan issue" but a "question of appropriate conduct between a faculty member and a student organization."

Mason emphasized on Monday the need to bring the community together and be understanding of different viewpoints.

"There are a lot of things in this community to be proud of, and that last week there were moments there where we had nothing to be proud of," the president told the *DI*.

One expert said the context of the incident doesn't necessarily require punishment.

Robert Kreiser, senior program officer at the American Association of University Professors, said Lewin's actions would have been interpreted differently if it had occurred in the classroom.

"It doesn't rise to the level of alleged misconduct that would warrant imposing a sanction of a faculty member," he said.

Kreiser doubted the claim that listing Lewin's credentials could make her a spokeswoman for the university.

"No one could conceivably believe that in her response she was speaking for the university or anyone else at the university besides herself," he said.

METRO

Man charged with assault with a sword

Coralville police arrested a man after he allegedly attacked a person with a sword.

Heath Matthew Wolfe, 22, 209 Holiday Road Apt. 104, was charged April 25 with assault, use or display of a weapon.

According to a police report, the alleged victim told officers Wolfe struck him in the stomach with a sword after an argument — leaving him with a bruise to the left side of his stomach.

Officials said Wolfe admitted to hitting his neighbor with the sword under Miranda.

Assault, use or display of a weapon, is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by Hayley Bruce

Council turns down KRUI's request for more funding

KRUI radio has asked the Executive Council of Graduate Students to reconsider its fiscal 2012 budget appropriation.

The station originally requested a budget of \$87,610, but in April, the Executive Council offered \$52,801.

KRUI Director Dolan Murphy said the main issue with the proposed budget is it will not allow the directors to be fully compensated.

"The stipend is very important for our directors, especially with the time commitment," Murphy said, noting that directors are required to work at least 10 hours per week.

Some Executive Council members expressed concern KRUI has not done enough to balance its budget.

"If you dropped all salaries from the radio station, you would have a really big budget to do the things [another] radio station would do," said stef shuster, a member of the Graduate Student Senate.

But KRUI officials said their funding has not been adequately raised, even though they have seen increased staff numbers in recent years.

The Executive Council passed a motion to maintain the proposed budget as is.

— by Allie Wright

GOP senators urge delay on naming Harkin Institute

The 24 Republican members of the Iowa Senate sent a letter to the state Board of Regents Tuesday asking regents to postpone the consideration of naming an institute after Sen. Tom Harkin, according to a letter sent to Regent President David Miles.

The regents are scheduled to discuss naming the Harkin Institute for Public Policy at Iowa State University at their meeting Wednesday in Ames.

The letter, signed by the senators, backed a statement Sen. Jon Greiner, R-Keota, made last week about delaying the discussion.

The letter states: "We agree with Sen. Greiner's points that the inclusion of the proposed institute raises serious questions about transparency within the regents' system and also prompts very concerning legal and ethical challenges."

Sen. Harkin's wife, Regent Ruth Harkin, serves on the board. House Republicans asked the regents to delay the discussion, according to the letter, until further public discussion is held on the naming an entity after a current elected official.

— by Ariana Witt

Everson sentencing delayed

The sentencing hearing of a former Iowa football player found guilty of simple assault has been delayed, according to court documents.

Cedric Everson, 21, had been scheduled to be sentenced April 22. The hearing will now be held June 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Everson and former teammate Abe Satterfield, 22, were originally charged with second-degree sexual abuse after allegedly sexually assaulting a former Hawkeye athlete in a Hillcrest dorm room more than three years ago.

Leon Spies, Everson's attorney, said the sentencing hearing was postponed because of "financial issues" and a "personal family matter."

Sixth District Judge Paul Miller will also require Everson's presence at the sentencing, denying a motion from Spies to excuse him.

— by Hayley Bruce

2 face numerous drug charges

Iowa City police arrested two local men after conducting a search warrant at their home.

Ryan Africa, 19, 2037 Kountry Lane Apt. 11, was charged Monday with possession of drug paraphernalia, permitting gatherings to use controlled substances, and possession of marijuana.

Jesse Hodges, 18, was charged Monday with distributing drugs to underage persons, possession of drug paraphernalia, permitting gatherings to use controlled substances, and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Police reports said officers found marijuana packing material and drug paraphernalia, and both men admitted to using the apartment for the use of marijuana.

The report said Hodges admitted to distributing marijuana to two City High students April 20, including one who was underage.

— by Hayley Bruce

District faces lawsuit, grievance

The Iowa City School District is facing a lawsuit over alleged open-records violations.

The lawsuit alleges the district administration has failed to be compliant with open-records proceedings.

At Tuesday's board meeting, district attorney Kirsten Frey said she was served the lawsuit on Tuesday afternoon, part of which asks board members to look into evaluating a certain staff member's conduct. The suit was served by University of Iowa professor Edwin Stone. More information on the suit was not available on Tuesday.

However, she said, current School Board policy states only the superintendent may examine

a staff member's conduct.

The board voted unanimously to not investigate the staff member, then voted unanimously to request that Superintendent Steve Murley examine the staff member and the allegations.

At the same meeting, Iowa City Education Association President Tom Yates said at the association has filed a grievance because district officials failed to notify them about lead paint in Mann Elementary.

— by Luke Voelz

Review granted in Bo-James case

A Sixth District judge has granted a downtown bar owner's request for judicial review on a case involving alcohol served to an underage patron in January 2009, according to the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division docket.

Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., received a 30-day liquor-license suspension and \$1,500 fine after the bar was charged for providing alcohol to an underage person on Jan. 30, 2009.

The bar's owner, Leah Cohen, had appealed the charge because she said she believed Iowa City police's use of hired underage patrons, who snuck past the doorman, constituted entrapment.

The matter has been returned to the agency for dismissal of the complaint, according to the docket.

— by Sam Lane

Pints to keep liquor license

Officials from a downtown bar have fulfilled the requirements needed to retain its liquor license following an incident where an employee served alcohol to underage patrons, according to the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division docket.

In January, a bartender at Pints, 118 S. Clinton St., served alcohol to an underage patron. The bar was ordered to pay a \$500 fine.

The bar's owners have since paid the fine and will be able to retain their liquor license.

— by Sam Lane

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Lenisha Andrews, 23, 2001 Keokuk St. Apt. 9, was charged Tuesday with keeping a disorderly house.

Michael Bittner, 24, 412 N. Clinton St. Apt. 6, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Michael Brack, 19, Oxford, Iowa, was charged Sunday with OWI.

David Collins, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged April 23 with unlawful use of an ID and PAULA.

Chongui Hannah, 24, 2001 Keokuk St. Apt. 9, was charged Tuesday with keeping a disorderly house.

Caitlyn Jensen, 21, 938 Cottonwood Ave., was charged

Monday with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Hannah Johnson, 18, 1127 Wild Prairie Drive, was charged April 22 with PAULA.

Osvel Molina-Rodriguez, 19, N167 Hillcrest, was charged April 23 with public intoxication.

Christine Mullin, 39, West Liberty, was charged May 10, 2010, with public intoxication.

Christopher Noreikis, 19, 1321 Burge, was charged April 22 with PAULA.

Courtney Orr, 21, 118 N. Johnson St. Apt. 2, was charged Sunday

with OWI.

Pawl Perrin, 49, 2254 S. Riverside Drive Apt. 19, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Claire Peterson, 19, W220 Hillcrest, was charged April 22 with PAULA.

Katie Rosch, 20, 627 Iowa Ave. Apt. 3, was charged April 22 with PAULA.

Addie Ross, 25, Coralville, was charged April 23 with public intoxication.

Kevin Moyer Rowley, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged April 22 with PAULA.

Kerry Rueffer, 20, Aurora, Ill., was charged April 23 with PAULA.

Jacob Schueller, 20, Milwaukee, was charged April 23 with PAULA.

John Seaba, 50, 822 Second Ave., was charged Monday with OWI.

David Teno, 33, 1805 Earl Road, was charged April 23 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Stephanie Touch, 22, 1141 E. College St., was charged Monday with OWI.

Michael Williamson, 20, 366 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2612, was charged April 23 with PAULA.

Spotlight Iowa City

Following the call of art

Artist Eliezer Sotillo gave up art for two years in college, but the creative itch came back.

By LAURA WILLIS
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Eliezer Sotillo spent one morning constructing an abstract, Picasso-like painting of a brunette woman — the same subject that appears in six large canvases on his studio walls.

In some portraits the woman sits with her arms nonchalantly crossed over her bare legs. Other images highlight her skin in bright blue and green hues, yet the dark hair and eyes remain the same. Her name is Mandy, Sotillo's wife — and muse.

But an array of colorful spray paint bottles in the room hint at a different talent. With the vivid blues, reds, and yellow shades, Sotillo has created 60-foot murals in both Iowa City and New York.

The 28-year-old may have a nursing degree behind him, but his passion for art eventually won. Today he is earning a bachelor's degree at the University of Iowa, exploring the elements of colorful, abstract, street art and the realistic qualities of portraiture.

"I like that because it allows me to have more creative flow so that I'm not stuck in one area," Sotillo said about the two art forms. "You can experiment with so many different ideas as to how the composition works with the size of the canvas and how the audience reacts to it."



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UI senior Eliezer Sotillo displays his various works of art in the Studio Arts Building on Tuesday.

Eliezer Sotillo

- **Age:** 28
- **Hometown:** Maracay, Venezuela
- **Favorite artists:** Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali, Keith Haring
- **Favorite movie:** *Superman*
- **Favorite band:** Modest Mouse
- **Favorite cities:** Minneapolis and Iowa City

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This year alone, the Venezuela native has led a group effort to paint pianos downtown, donated paintings to a Japan relief effort, and created murals with artists such as Lady Pink.

But art wasn't always Sotillo's main focus. He came to study painting later because his family had encouraged him to follow a career in medicine.

Growing up, he was sur-

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rounded by family members who specialized in science, but unlike his family members, he preferred creative art. At 6 years old, the family moved to Fargo, N.D., and after high school, he attended the Minneapolis Community and Technical College. After studying art for one year, he switched his major to nursing, a program that would gain him a job as well as his family's support.

But a nursing degree failed to cure his initial passion: art. And in 2007 he moved to Iowa City.

"I decided to take a gender and do a complete switch, and do what I love, which is painting," Sotillo said.

His artwork involves an intricate process: taking photographs of the subject and later combining numerous images to form one

painting. "When I see the painting, I don't feel like it's me necessarily," Mandy Sotillo said. "He tends to capture a different side of me that people don't usually see, sometimes one that I don't usually see."

Like portraits, Eliezer Sotillo found that the direction of street art is also consistently developing. Last spring, he joined other art students to work on a mural alongside New York graffiti artist Lady Pink. The following summer, she invited Sotillo and friend Tony Carter to paint at Long Island's 5Pointz outdoor graffiti exhibit.

Since his experience at 5Pointz, Sotillo has continued to work with other artists on murals, including a colorful piece next to the Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St.

"We want to develop Iowa City into a mural city," said friend Joshua Cornelis. "[Sotillo] has great visions, and his passion to work hard will bring great success to the city."

New leaders for UI grad students

By ALLIE WRIGHT
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Kelli Todd spent her undergraduate years in the Cardinal and Gold colors of Iowa State University.

Now, the University of Iowa graduate student will head one of the UI's two main student-leadership groups.

Todd, who is seeking a degree in public health and health policy, was named the next president of the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students Tuesday evening in the Pappajohn Business Building.



Todd
president-elect of Executive Council

The 26-year-old said she plans to "get her hands dirty" and work to increase a joint effort between the Executive Council and the UI Student Government.

"I want to bolster a foundation that's already been placed," said Todd, a member of the Graduate and Professional Allocations Committee, after current President Lyndsay Harshman announced her appointment.

Todd, a Sioux City native, defeated Kristi DiClemente, a graduate student in history. The president-elect said she's long been interested in the job but wanted to ensure other delegates respected her as a viable candidate.

Todd, who has worked for Sen. Jeff Danielson, D-Cedar Falls, in the past, has a good understanding of state government, Harshman said.

UI law student Michael Appel will take over as the Executive Council vice president in the next academic year.

Appel, who ran uncontested, said his campaign platform consisted of three main topics: teamwork, visibility, and communication.

A former UISG senator, Appel said he wants to continue to encourage teamwork among UI graduate and professional students.

"I want to advocate for our student body," he said.

Appel, a graduate of Iowa City West High, said he would also like to continue working with state legislators on higher-education issues, just as Harshman did this year.

He said he wants to create an orientation at the start of the year to allow the Executive Council members to familiarize themselves with the system.

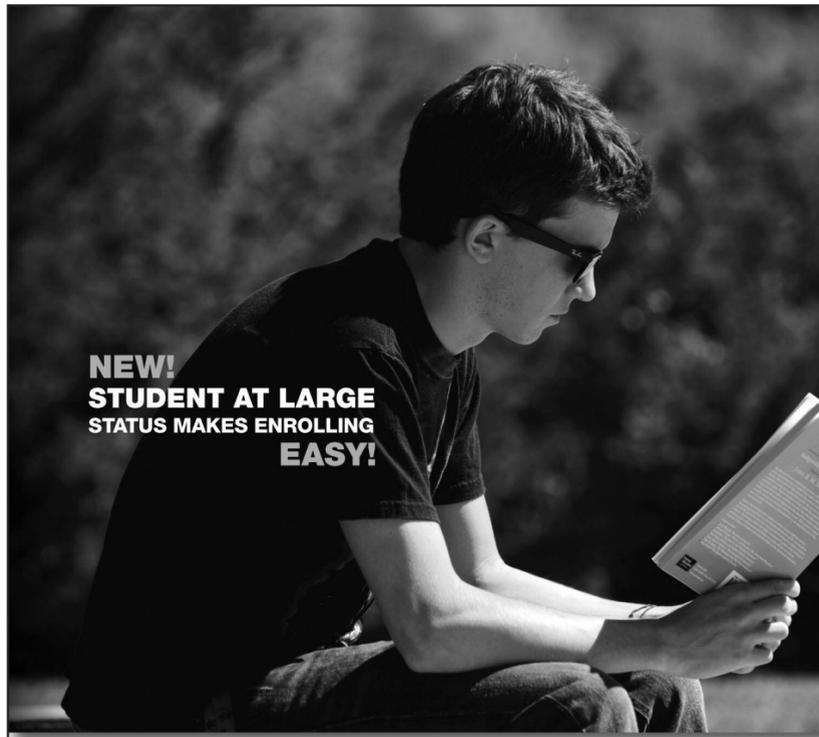
Harshman said she will challenge the incoming leadership to continue working to keep a presence in the State Capitol to speak to legislators about decreasing state education appropriations and increasing tuition costs.

John Keller, the dean of the Graduate College, said both presidential candidates would positively contribute to the Executive Council, but Todd may have had a leg up on her competition.

"I didn't realize that Kelli had sort of legislative experience," Keller said. "That might be an advantage for her."

And Todd, a self-proclaimed "grass-roots" person, is looking forward to continuing her advocacy experience.

"Representing students is something I do and something that becomes second nature," she said. "It's an honor, it's a passion."



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Editorial

School Board decision a victory for students, community

West High students Josh Fortman, Alex Spragle, and Kevin Lam don't usually attend School Board meetings, but on Tuesday evening, they joined the crowd spilling out the doors at the Iowa City School District's administration building to show support for their teachers and their programs. The board eventually voted on the budget issue that drew the large crowd: whether to slash teaching positions to compensate for budget shortfalls.

The board's vote to reserve 3 percent for the unallocated, unobligated funds instead of 5 percent as a way of freeing up money, instead of terminating positions and programs, does Iowa City's schools a great service — and it's in part thanks to an engaged community.

Iowa City public-school students, parents, administrators, and teachers came together at the Tuesday School Board meeting and made the right decision to defend the quality of education in their city.

Fortman, Spragle, and Lam are all involved in arts programs at West High, programs that are perpetually first in line on the chopping block during budget crises. They and their peers, some of whom spoke before the board, should be commended for their efforts in preventing cuts in the classroom.

The potential cuts are not a response to local phenomenon; rather, they were guaranteed by Gov. Terry Branstad when he chose to cut business taxes in half. The revenue lost in Branstad's budget was paid for partially by cuts to education budgets, including allowing zero growth in Iowa City's public schools' budget. Next year, the School District will have zero allowable growth in its budget, which is the cause of the projected budget shortfall.

"Every year, regardless of state funding, our costs go up 4 percent," said school Superintendent Steven Murley.

That means that the loss in funding from the state has to be absorbed somewhere, and it was looking like the cost of putting more money in the pockets of corporations was 22 teaching positions in Iowa City.

Although the district has to respond to the financial reality, cutting teachers is the wrong option.

Teaching is a job that requires enormous dedication and skill, and it is impossible to replace the effects of a passionate teacher in an adolescent's life. The speakers and supporters who attended the meeting helped to accentuate this. Students stood at the podium and talked about the effects larger class sizes have had on their educational experience; teachers spoke about how difficult it is to be forced to educate larger and larger numbers of students. One teacher from City High talked about numerous classes containing an excess of 33 students.

Murley proposed a different option Monday that would allow the district to keep teachers in Iowa City classrooms. Under Murley's proposal, 3 percent of the budget for the 2011-2012 school year would be designated for the district's savings account, a "rainy-day fund." This would be a 2 percent decrease from the usual amount allocated, which would give the district an additional \$2.4 million. Along with several million dollars available for the School District's use from stimulus and EDJOBS funding, the proposed budget alternative enables the district to avoid wildly wielding the ax, chopping at the quality of Iowa City's classrooms.

To prevent this from happening, students at both City and West High organized on Facebook and staged a letter-writing campaign, circulated a petition, protested, wrote opinions for local papers, and created online videos that showed the power of citizens engaged in civil society.

For now, in spite of a shortsighted governor with misplaced priorities, the teachers, parents, students, and administrators of Iowa City took a large step forward in protecting Iowa City education. The next challenge is for that progress to continue.

A possible next step? Encouraging the state government to keep education a priority.

Your turn. Did the School Board make the right decision? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

No stranger to racism



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Racism really does happen here.

In response to student reports and media attention, UI officials have called recent incidents of racial harassment, including the yelling of slurs and the N-word outside Hillcrest last week, "isolated" and "not widespread." UI Chief Diversity Officer Georgina Dodge commented there is no direct racism toward African-Americans on campus. However, my own experiences here at Iowa, and my friends' as well, prove that cases of racism at Iowa occur more frequently than officials would like to admit.

Last year, a few of my friends and I decided to go to the Union bar downtown. My male, black friends were dressed fairly nicely, in dark-pressed jeans with button-down shirts. After presenting identification and door fees, one of my friends was denied entry because his pants were "too baggy." A second friend was denied entry because his braids were "too long." His braids were tightly fixed and didn't go below his neckline. The bouncers gave them hell and asked them to leave the premises.

Shortly after, several white men with pants just as baggy were allowed entry. When we questioned the bouncers, we were again told to leave. This is only an example of one night; many of my minority friends have similar stories that they recount from numerous occasions over their years spent at the UI.

Distressing instances of racism also occur in the classroom. While waiting for my TA to arrive for a culture-based class's discussion section, students lamented about how the course is only about "black people and their stupid movements" and "racial propaganda." Again, this is not an isolated incident.

Dodge said the racial slur incidents outside of Hillcrest last week were the first cases she has heard about since taking her position as UI chief diversity officer. This struck me as odd; I approached her at a Center for Diversity and Enrichment dinner this school year and told her about some of my friends' experiences with discrimination and racism.

I decided to call her and ask directly about the comments she made

regarding the Hillcrest cases. She said that her comments were accurately quoted and she stands behind her remarks. I began to tell her more stories of minorities' grave interactions with ignorant students. She quickly remembered me and asked if I was the one who had approached her at the dinner about these issues. Still, she stood behind comments made to the public that the Hillcrest cases were the first she had heard of racism on the UI campus.

She then began to toss out rhetorical jargon about the resources available to students and how officials are working to curb future incidents and increase diversity on campus. But if Dodge doesn't acknowledge that such cases are commonplace, how can she understand the larger problem at hand?

She did stress the importance of people reporting incidents, seeking help from officials, and speaking out about wrongdoings. She said that her office is incapable of doing anything if people don't report discrimination.

However, personal experience and education should have taught Dodge that when many incidences of racism occur overtime for long periods of time, and nothing is done about it, people tend to learn their concerns won't be addressed. Many minority persons whom I meet around campus lament about their problems with one another and then comment that it's not even worth it to bother bringing it up to officials.

Not everyone on campus is racist toward minority students; I have had white friends stand up and defend me in certain situations. More troubling than the actual discrimination is the refusal of UI officials to recognize that there is a problem.

As part of her efforts to decrease discrimination, Dodge has cited attempts to recruit more minority students. But this will only mask the problem. Until discrimination is addressed and dealt with directly, it will continue to smolder within the UI community. More needs to be done than a few diversity events a semester, which are normally only attended by minorities, or one or two lectures a semester regarding discrimination.

Dodge and similar officials need to address the entire UI community. They shouldn't be afraid to admit when there's a real problem, particularly when it affects people so profoundly. ■

Letters

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Lewin's sentiment correct

Kudos to Professor Ellen Lewin for being so very human in her immediate response to the vulgarities of the campus Republicans. Nationwide, Republicans are attempting to eviscerate Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, the environment, women's reproductive freedom, the right to unionize, and the Department of Education. At the same time, they refuse to tax the rich or regulate corporations such as BP.

Lewin succinctly expressed what many of us feel. We know

that one-sided civility is not civility, but rather an attempt to shut up those of us who disagree with reprehensible public policies.

Carol DeProse
UI alumna

No monopoly on 'coming out'

I'm appalled about one facet of Professor Ellen Lewin's e-mail fiasco: the idea that somehow it is inappropriate to reappropriate language. As a queer citizen of Iowa City, I am ashamed that Lewin and so many of her defenders feel that it is their place to declare, on behalf of

the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, that it is somehow offensive for the Republicans to co-opt the phrase "coming out" for their own purposes.

English, like many modern languages, thrives on flexibility and adaptation. I would hope that in a city of writers and their literary-minded peers, people would be more supportive of the creative application of language.

I'm glad that conservatives had a coming-out week. Iowa City queers and allies ought to be grateful for the idea of "Conservative Coming Out

Week," because it indicates that LGBT slang has achieved such cultural penetration that even the party dedicated to "defending marriage" finds itself compelled to include a bit of gay vernacular in its promotions, winking aside or no.

I see nothing crass or distasteful about it. Just because I have a few bones to pick with social conservatives in general doesn't mean I must now jump on my high horse and demand that they find a new phrase for their little shindig.

Charles Crawford
Iowa City resident

Guest opinion

Life along the fault lines of civility

Last week's stories and subsequent commentary regarding "Conservative Coming Out Week" revealed the tension and conflict that exists below the fault lines of civility.

I celebrate the notion that universities *should* be spaces for civil discourse. However, asking for civility without ever engaging in tough conversations around emotionally charged issues is not practical — it does nothing to address the deeply held beliefs that some folks have on issues of rights, morality, and justice.

I am ambivalent about whether it was appropriate for Professor Ellen Lewin to send a volatile e-mail to a student organization. In the end, such questions take away from the "teaching moment" that Associate Professor Timothy Hagle has called for in his recent opinion piece in the *Iowa City Press-Citizen*. I am dubious about his claim of "both sides" needing to take some time to be more intentional in action, considering his sarcastic sentiments regarding homophobia, racism, and sexism just

a few short lines above this teaching moment.

As Natalie Ginty and Hagle have repeatedly pointed out, "coming out" is not copyrighted. However, Lewin suggested that the UI College Republicans appropriated a marginal group's phrase — one that has historically been used to celebrate people stepping out of a shame framework around their sexual and gender identities. I agree with Lewin but extend this idea further in arguing that the College Republi-

cans used the phrase as a form of mockery.

What if our attention turned away from the words Lewin chose to use, to the potential for such mockery to be considered a threat and form of bullying? These are not "light" issues, as Ginty suggests. I am enraged that President Sally Mason's response to this controversy was an implicit nod to the College Republicans' right to send out an e-mail that for some people, felt hurtful and created the potential for an unsafe environment for les-

bian, gay, bisexual, and transgender populations on this campus.

Civil discourse requires intentional self-reflexivity and compassion toward those with whom we disagree. It also requires mindfulness of other groups and basic empathy. Perhaps the College Republicans do not realize that members of the LGBT community are fired from their jobs, kicked out of their homes, bullied in schools and on the streets, harassed, maimed, beaten, and killed.

The trope of coming out is still significant because of these truths about the existence and everyday lived experience of being queer and/or transgender. While I will not argue against the notion that conservative students may feel silenced in the classroom, mockery is harmful and oppresses members and allies of the LGBT community and other groups that were disparaged through the College Republicans' rhetoric.

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in the district's reserve fund from 5 percent to 3 percent. District officials said this \$2.5 million in savings could be placed back into the general fund to save the 22 positions.

Nearly 200 students, faculty, and parents watched the decision at the board's Tuesday meeting. Many of them came from West High or City High, which have faced up to 12 full-time-equivalent position cuts at the high-school level as a result of a projected \$6.8 million deficit for the upcoming school year. Officials were also anticipating cutting 10 elementary teachers.

West High students formed a sea of navy-blue shirts bearing the message "THIS IS OUR FUTURE" and "EDUCATION MATTERS." Luke Brooks, a junior at the high school, wore a suit and tie as he addressed the board during the public comments section.

"I understand cuts are going to have to happen," he said. "There's no way around that. There are going to be people at the end of the day who lose their jobs. [But] we need to put our priority on teachers, because teachers are really who educate us."

A majority of students and faculty agreed with Brooks throughout the night.

West High senior Caleb Clark responded to the possibility of losing arts and music teachers through the 22 cuts. The choir program at West, he said, helped him find discipline and motivation after struggling with grades and not fitting in during his freshman year.

"I gained many performance and technical skills and good friends, as well," he said. "Choir has given me confidence, both to sing in front of others and stand before all of you today. Please do not cut it back at West High."

Board member Mike Cooper told the crowd the School Board did not want to see music and art programs cut, but the board was put in a difficult position on what to cut because of decreasing government funding. He reminded the board the district had committed more than \$6 million to an arts expansion at City High.

"The decision we're trying to make is, 'Do I pay the gas bill or the light bill when I can't afford both?'" he said. "The board was not making a decision about cutting music programs — that wasn't our decision to make."

Cooper expressed reservations about reducing the reserve fund to 3 percent at

Monday night's work session and reminded the crowd that cutting the reserve this year would require the board to bring that money back in the 2012-13 school year. This, he said, could lead to an even greater deficit if the board cannot find greater funding sources by that point. He compared the board's situation to putting one's debts on a credit card.

"What concerns me is that I'd like to believe a short-term solution can get us through this," he said. "I'm struggling with which bill we don't pay, and by putting it on credit, we still have to pay it. Government funding is not going to increase next year. These problems are going to get worse instead of better."

However, he joined the rest of the board in voting in favor of the bill.

"I don't want to ruin any of these programs," he said. "But you've certainly convinced me of your passions."

Board Vice President Tuyet Dorau agreed that budget cuts put the board in a difficult position.

"This is going to require shared sacrifice on our parts," she said. "The board and administration are doing the best they can to preserve classroom size and programs. But no doubt, there is going to be pain in the future, and that pain is going to be felt collectively."

Brooks said he was aware of the future difficulties the reserve drop would bring, but he chose to support it in hopes of finding increased funding through the state Legislature.

"[West High supporters] don't see the 5 to 3 percent as a solution," Brooks said. "We saw it as a bridge to help us to something more secure and more helpful as a whole. We need to get as much support as we can from the state. We've got as much as we can get at the city and district level. Hopefully, we can get the governor to side with us on this."

Citizens back post office

Iowa City residents voiced their support for keeping the post office on Washington Street open during a public forum on Tuesday.

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Concerned citizens formed a makeshift semi-circle Tuesday in the downtown Iowa City postal substation. The crowd of around 30 silently offered their attention to the three U.S. Postal Service personnel as they discussed the federal institution's recent years of hardships.

"First of all, I'd like to say no decision has been made," said Rory Sullivan, the acting manager of post-office operations for Area 6, which includes Iowa City.

Sullivan went on to explain why the little downtown outlet, 121 E. Washington St., is under review. The reasons were numerous.

The Postal Service says it lost \$8.5 billion last year. Mail volume declined from 213 billion items in 2006 to 170.5 billion in 2010. And people no longer rely on brick and mortar facilities for their shipping needs, Sullivan said.

He estimated the Washington Street facility was one of roughly 60 small offices officials are considering closing.

"We just can't be in every place like we used to be," Sullivan said.

Nonetheless, community members were quick to plead their case after the postal employees opened the platform for questions and concerns.

Post office

The U.S. Postal Service has seen a decrease in mail volume:

- 2007: 212 billion pieces
- 2008: 207 billion
- 2009: 176.7 billion
- 2010: 170.5 billion

Source: U.S. Postal Service



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Rory Sullivan, the acting manager of post-office operations for Area 6, which includes Iowa City, and Angie Green, a post-office review investigator, listen to a business owner during a forum at the downtown postal substation on Tuesday. Around 30 people attended the forum to voice concerns over the potential closing of the facility.

'What I hope they got out of this is how much people care about not just this post office, but the Postal Service in general.'

— Bill Nusser, fourth generation owner of Hands Jewelers

companies such as FedEx and United Parcel Services, they said.

"What I hope they got out of this is how much people care about not just this post office, but the Postal Service in general," said Bill Nusser, the fourth generation owner of Hands Jewelers, 109 E. Washington St.

Nusser said he believes postal officials will opt to close the small facility down and said the officials seemed to know little about the specific location.

"These people can't even tell you if it's profitable or not," he said. Over the next three to six

months, officials will monitor sales numbers to determine the facility's future. Officials will consider the facility's revenue, mail volume, operating cost, and public concerns during their assessment. The information will be sent to Dean Granholm, the postal vice president of retail, who will decide the facility's future within six months.

"There's always people who ask, 'What can I do?'" said Angie Green, a post-office review investigator. "I say call your congressman, form petitions, because that all becomes part of the study that headquarters reviews."

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Iowa City job fair attracts hundreds

In the past, the fair averaged 200 to 250 people, and out of that, around 40 to 45 typically secured jobs.

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Iowa City residents Devarius Nelson and Rico Williams came to Eastdale Plaza with one goal in mind: getting a job.

In a tough economy and competitive job market, approximately 200 people gathered on Tuesday at 1700 S First Ave. to meet with 19 different local businesses looking for employees, especially those with relatively little experience.

"These are the jobs that actually care about low-income people," said Nelson, 18. "There are some jobs that wouldn't come to this."

The fair targeted people who are looking to enter the job market, have had past employment problems, and those with limited education, said the event's organizer Paul Retish, a University of Iowa professor of education.

"This is not a job market for Ph.D.s," he said with a smile.

Local organizations have sponsored the event, which has seen largely positive results, for around a decade. The fair has averaged 200 to 250 people and, from those, about 40 to 45 get jobs, Retish said.

The economy is improving — though marginally — said John Douglass, senior research fellow at the Center for Studies in Higher Education at the University of California-Berkeley. But applicants shouldn't expect to see dramatic improvement in the job market, he said.

"We're still feeling the effects of the 'Great Recession,' so the employment market is still going to be pretty mixed for all people looking for jobs," he said.

Lauren Sharon, the area manager for Remedy Intelligent Staffing — a hiring consultant who's continually looking to fill spots — agreed.

"The job market is definitely picking up, and staffing industries are the first to feel that," she said.



People check out a job stand at a job fair on Tuesday. Nineteen different local businesses looking for employees were present at the event.

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Job Fair

The Job Fair at Eastdale Plaza on Tuesday was sponsored by several different organizations:

- The Iowa City Human Rights Commission and Housing Commission
- Goodwill of the Heartland
- Iowa Workforce Development
- Goodwill of the Heartland
- Iowa City Area Development Group
- Shelter House

Source: City of Iowa City

Many employers agreed the Job Fair's ability to provide face-to-face interaction makes the employment process better. It's an excellent way to recruit future employees, said Lisa Garringer, director for Tupperware.

"We've seen our market steadily increasing — there are more people looking for jobs right now," she said. "People are actually looking for applications here."

In general, job fairs provide convenience for job seekers because they can save on transportation costs and provide more variety of employers in one space, said 22-year-old Earl Riley.

Retish invited his students to come to the job fair, which took place during their scheduled class time as a way expose them to an

environment students wouldn't ordinarily experience when they enter the job market, he said.

His students said the job fair highlighted graduates' upper-hand with employment, noting they're often more comfortable using the ever-increasing online application.

"It's less intimidating for us as college students," said Megan Hichwa, one of Retish's students. "We have that background, so there's an advantage for us."

Also, Douglass advised college students to keep their job searches broad.

"Most people change careers six to eight times in the course of their life," he said. "They need broader skills."

But even though the market is picking up, trying to find a job in this market can still be frustrating, Nelson said.

"At times it's difficult," he said. "But the more effort you put in, the easier it is to find a job."

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dents and cases. And she goes over the process that was used and what the outcome was.

DI: Will there be any official review for the handling of this incident?

Mason: I think at this point, it's closed. I think the one you're referring to is now in the hands of the law.

DI: In regards to Professor Ellen Lewin — that's generated quite a bit of attention across campus and across the nation — do you feel the calls for her resignation are justified?

Mason: I've certainly received those calls. Let me put it this way. We had several incidents this past week that were very disturbing. Starting with three young women, African-American women, who were verbally harassed on their way back to their dormitory room ... And an individual using racial slurs, racial epithets — that's deplorable. Then we had a professor expressing herself in an inappropriate way, through an e-mail.

These things tell me we've got a lot more work to do on civil discourse and the importance of maintaining civility, the importance of maintaining ... really, much better behavior from our faculty and in the community.

DI: Are you concerned about the national attention these incidents have gotten, especially about Lewin?

Mason: Certainly, well certainly. It doesn't accurately reflect what our com-

munity is all about or what the vast majority of people in this community believe in — the way they talk, the way they act, the way they behave. It's certainly not been my experience in this community. I think if you ask the average person on the street that they would say something similar.

DI: After nearly a year of the 21-ordinance, many students now are complaining about the \$735 base fine for being in a bar underage. Would you support the City Council lowering it?

Mason: I support the city councilors. I think they're in the best position and the wisest people to make the decision. I was proud of [UISG President] Elliot [Higgins] when he went to the City Council to make his case. I thought he did it in a very, very fine way. That's what I watch, to see how our students are responding to it. To see how well they're making their case. I think the city councilors are obviously taking it under their advisement.

DI: Some students have said paying a fine that is ultimately more than \$1,000 could possibly "put them out of school." Do you identify with that point of view?

Mason: Well, they could obey the law. And start there. There's also punishment that is in line with, let's say the crime in this case. If the city councilors believes the punishment could be different for this type of infraction, then so be it. Like I say, they're in the best position to make the decision.

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interim provost since Wallace Loh left the post in October 2010.

During the forum, Butler addressed the rapid turnover rate of previous UI officials: The previous two presidents before Sally Mason departed after four-year terms, and Loh left to become president of University of Maryland after two years.

"It's been my only job. I love it here," Butler said about his time at the UI. "I've loved it from day one, when I pulled into town."

Butler told *The Daily Iowan* his interest in applying for the position grew throughout the interim period, during which he said he primarily worked on the budgeting process.

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"That's probably the No. 1 thing — we want to have resources in there," he said.

Members of the UI community packed 348 IMU on Tuesday, some in the aisles or standing in the back to hear Butler's presentation.

The former dean of the College of Engineering addressed four challenges he believes the university faces — a global presence, diversity, interdisciplinary scholarship, and access and accountability. But he noted that he feels each challenge also presents an opportunity for the UI to excel.

"It's also critical not to confuse day-to-day challenges, for example reductions in state budgets, with more important longer-term strategic challenges and opportunities, those that

P. Barry Butler
As the first of three provost candidates, Butler discussed:

- The UI's global competitiveness and presence
- Diversity at the UI
- Interdisciplinary scholarship
- Access and affordability for students

Source: P. Barry Butler

can transcend decades," Butler told the crowd.

He also said demonstrating the effect humanities have on the state and to individuals will continue to be important, though more difficult to quantify than the sciences.

"At the end of the day, [science] only goes so far," he said. "If you look at what transcends thousands of years, human beings have always been creative."

After earning a Ph.D. in

mechanical engineering at the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign, Butler joined the UI as a professor in 1984. He later became the dean of the College of Engineering. Colleagues have praised him for his involvement in cluster hiring and teaching first-year seminars.

Victoria Sharp, a professor of urology and family medicine, said Butler's long career at the university proves his commitment.

"I think that he listens and gets input from teams in making decisions," Sharp said. "He's a good listener."

In response to a question

about his commitment to tenure, Butler said he's a strong supporter of the practice.

"I worked very hard to get it," he said. "Tenure represents what higher education in this country is all about. ... I wear it with pride."

History Professor Katherine Tachau said Butler is admired for that support of tenured faculty members.

"We'd like someone who respects and likes faculty and the things faculty do," Tachau said of her ideal provost.

Laurie Croft, the administrator for professional development at the Belin-Blank Center who has

worked with Butler, said he seems to be a knowledgeable and open person.

But Croft said she plans to attend the forums for all three candidates before picking a favorite.

"I can't imagine that I'd be convinced that anyone would do a better job," Croft said about Butler.

The next provost candidate, who will be announced on Thursday, will appear for a public forum on Friday. The 23-member search committee is taking feedback on the candidates through forms available at uiowa.edu/provostsearch.

DOWNTOWN

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Without the taxing district, proponents of the plan said, they could not go forward with the marketing. The current structure of the Downtown Association doesn't generate enough revenue for them to fund the plan without a tax increase, committee members said.

The committee has also turned to the University of Iowa for funds. UI officials have pledged \$100,000 for each of the four years of the pilot project for the district, Kubby said.

Kubby said few members of the Downtown Association actually contribute to the group financially, adding to the necessity of the district.

"With the [Downtown Association], we have the same people donating time, money, and energy going

Tax Bills

Changes in tax bills for downtown property owners under the self-supported municipal improvement district.

Current and proposed tax bills under SSMID:

- \$8,184 current tax bill would be \$8,584
- \$16,368 current tax bill would be \$17,168
- \$24,552 current tax bill would be \$25,752
- \$32,736 current tax bill would be \$34,336
- \$40,920 current tax bill would be \$42,920

Source: Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District FAQ sheet

toward the well-being of downtown, and this will have contributions from everyone," Kubby said. "It's an issue of fairness."

Other downtown business owners said they would like to see downtown marketed as a whole entity.

"I like the idea of leveling the playing field to incorporate greater participation," said Astrid Bennett, the owner of Iowa Artisan's Gallery, 207 E. Washington St. "I don't want to pay extra property taxes, but by paying an extra assessment, I feel like that's money in my own pocket."

Mark Ginsberg, owner of M.C. Ginsberg, 110 E. Washington St., said at the meeting that the project is meant to benefit everyone.

"The bottom line for most of us is how do we make a profit," he said. "The more people we get living down here, the more feet we put on the street, the better. This isn't meant to be us against them, or [the district] against the community."

PAUL

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"I do intend to make a firm decision in the not too distant future," he said. "I would be very surprised if I don't make that decision, to go one way or the other, in the month of May."

The committee's formation comes before the May 5 South Carolina Republican debate which requires participants to have either declared a candidacy or at least an official exploratory committee.

The declaration would be the third time the 75-year-old has tried a such a campaign, one that would promise to be a much more significant campaign, Paul said.

The congressman said he felt confident young supporters would be a driving force in the his next political run. What he labeled as President Obama's unmet promises may pull younger voters away from the incumbent and bring those voters to his own campaign.

"A lot of [my younger supporters] went to Obama, which is pretty strange to me because our views were quite different, but if you listen carefully, there were some things Obama was saying that people were interested in," Paul said. "I think there's a lot of disenchantment right now, to tell you the truth."

But one UI Democratic leader said the youth vote is a lot more diverse in its makeup, and Paul's sway with libertarian groups doesn't have much effect on votes for Obama.

"These libertarian groups, they tended to not vote for Barack Obama in the first place," said Nate Fiala, the president-elect of the UI Democrats. "So he isn't really taking the votes away from the president."

John Twillman, the chairman of the UI College Republicans, said Paul's personality and name recognition may help his campaign.

"He's not necessarily a new breed of Republican, but he definitely brings something

Rep. Ron Paul

If Paul, R-Texas, declares his presidential candidacy for 2012, this will be his third bid at the presidency:

- A specialist in obstetrics/gynecologist.
- Wrote several books, including *Challenge to Liberty*.
- Son Rand Paul is a senator from Kentucky.

Source: Congressional website

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unique and different to the table," Twillman said.

UI political-science Associate Professor Tim Hagle said it's important to be careful when comparing two different political climates.

"We do have to keep in mind that the young voters in 2008 are not the same voters in 2012," Hagle said.

A lot of youth involved in the 2008 election are no longer in the halls of academia, Hagle said, and many have moved on to the workforce.

Paul, who visited the UI in March, said he sees an overwhelming amount of support wherever he visits universities.

"[Universities] have been very encouraging to me," he said.

And many UI students are ready to lend support, said Ani DeGroot, the president of the UI chapter of Young Americans for Liberty.

"A lot of people have remained ignited since 2007, 2008," she said.

In addition to the exploratory-committee announcement, Paul also announced three members of his Iowa leadership team. David Fischer, who will serve as vice chairman of the team, stressed the importance of Iowa campaigning in the 2012 election.

"It's our job as Iowans to tell the rest of Americans which one of these potential candidates has the message that America needs to hear," Fischer said.

News You Can Use
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WELCOME TO NEW PHYSICIAN IN WILLIAMSBURG

Leck Read, MD, has joined the staff of Mercy Services Williamsburg, located at 819 S. Highland in Williamsburg. Dr. Read received his medical education from the University of South Florida College of Medicine in 1989 and completed his residency at the University of Florida. He is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

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Safe Kids Day

Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Coral Ridge Mall, south parking lot. Safety demos and activities for families.

Safety Village

A two-week summer day camp for children ages 5-7. Safety Village begins Monday, June 13, and runs through Friday, June 24. One session held 8 to 10 a.m. daily and another session 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fee: \$66 per child. Scholarships are available.

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CELEBRATING LIFE
Cancer Survivors Day

Saturday, May 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Mercy atrium. This annual celebration for cancer survivors, their family members, and those touched by cancer features music, social time, and refreshments. New this year: A butterfly release at 2 p.m. Free parking in Mercy Medical Plaza ramp.



ART IN THE ATRIUM
A Depiction of Light

An exhibition of paintings by local artist Garth Conley, entitled *A Depiction of Light*, is now on display near the Mercy atrium. An artist's reception is planned for Friday, April 29, 4 to 6 p.m. The public is invited.

SPRING PLANT SALE

Thursday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, May 6, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., atrium, Mercy Hospital. Beautiful selection of perennials, annuals, herbs, and container plants. Sponsored by the Mercy Hospital Gift Shop.

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My Musical Knowledge:

- Songs about heroin, rickshaws, or simulated rape are acceptable, so long as they have a good hook.
 - Any point a movie can make will have more effect if made through song. Any point made through song can be made 10 times more effective if sung by Randy Newman.
 - Censors are extremely effective and comprehensive. An elite list of words is all that is worth censoring, but the intimate details describing and performing those words are appropriate. (Go superman a ho, FCC.)
 - To be a great music enthusiast, you must like obscure bands that few people have heard of and insist that any band with widespread fame is a sellout.
 - If a band you like does become big, you must continually remind everyone that you knew of the band before it became famous, and it has since lost its soul.
 - Musical piracy is nothing new. In Mozart's time, skilled thieves would sit in the audience and transcribe the sheet music while he played.
 - An artist who sings about his life doing drugs, robbery, pimping, and murdering will prosecute you if you illegally download his music.
 - Once you have a few decent songs, remember to release greatest hits albums every four to five years packed with your same old stuff, a generic interview, and a few of your best songs performed live in a shady venue with terrible acoustics and an overwhelmingly loud crowd.
- Nathan Wulf is starting his first of six farewell tours.

Think you're pretty funny? Prove it. The *Daily Iowan* is looking for Ledge writers. You can submit a Ledge at daily-iowan@uiowa.edu. If we think it's good, we'll run it - and maybe contact you for more.

WHALE OF A FISH STORY



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Eugene Kim plays with mother Eunjung Choi at the Iowa City Public Library on Tuesday. The family often comes to the library to play with and check out toys and books. Choi enjoys that the library is secure and the number of programs it has for babies and toddlers.

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- 7 p.m.** College of Public Health Distinguished Faculty Lecture, "Statewide Cancer Registry as an Academic Resource," Charles Lynch, Epidemiology, Aug. 24, 2010
- 7:50** Celebration of Excellence & Achievement Among Women Awards, Keynote by Georgina Dodge, April 5
- 9:30** Daily Iowan Television News
- 9:45** Collaborative Dance, Dance Department, Dec. 2, 2010
- 10:30** Daily Iowan Television News
- 10:45** Amanda's Cooking Show, Amanda Trolldahl features cooking for college students with limited budgets and small kitchens
- 11** Tippiie College of Business Special Lecture, Ursula Burns, CEO of Xerox, March 31

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Wednesday, April 27, 2011
- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 It's important that you tend to your own work instead of taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Emotional blackmail will be difficult to handle. You'll have excellent ideas and will do well in competitive challenges.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 You'll be exceptionally intuitive, especially when dealing with people who want something from you. Your imagination will help you come up with solutions. Short trips will pay off. Expect the unexpected when it comes to love.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 You'll face opposition if you push your ideas on others. Be observant, and save your comments for another time. Focus on whatever will help you get ahead personally and professionally. Financial losses are likely if you insist on taking a risk.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Your imagination will wander. Talk to people from different backgrounds, and you will get a better sense of where you might like to travel. Learning will highlight your day.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Professional opportunities are present if you push for what you want. Don't be afraid to let others know your capabilities. Love and romance are in the stars and can lead to a change if you discuss your plans for the future.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Contracts, agreements, and money matters should take top priority. Making a commitment will enable you to take on a project to help you achieve personal goals. An old responsibility will surface, bringing about a last-minute change of plans.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Take better care of yourself. Too much of anything will lead to fatigue, confusion, or loss. Partnerships must be handled with respect and caution. Interference from colleagues and peers will cause you to fall short of your goals.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Plan to make home improvements. Sizing down can make your life easier and give you a much better outlook. Once you feel you are on top of your situation, you will begin to see the direction that best supports your lifestyle.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Don't believe what outsiders say, or you will end up in trouble with someone you should have trusted and didn't. Someone from your past may meddle in your affairs. Make life easier by sticking close to home and family.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Communication will be difficult with people who don't share your opinion. Stick close to those you know you can trust. Delays can be expected if you are traveling or waiting for answers. Don't give in to demands being made.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 A joint venture can turn out exceptionally well if you are ready to dedicate time, money, and hard work. Reworking an old idea to better fit the economic climate we live in will turn out well and will bring financial gains.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Emotional deception is apparent. Own up to anything you might have done to contribute to things going wrong. A problem with your personal papers is apparent and must be sorted out before you make any sort of change in your life, personally or professionally.

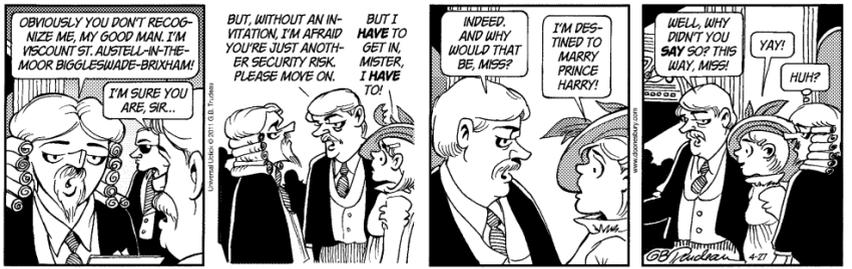
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today's events

- **Seminar**, "Making gametes in a complex world: Are environmental exposures affecting our reproductive health?," Patricia Hunt, Washington State University, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education Research Facility
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Final Thesis Defense**, "Hydroxyl-Bridged Lanthanide Amino Acid Clusters and Hexatantalum and Hexatungsten Chloride Clusters: Synthesis, Characterization, and Relevance to Biomedical Imaging," David Rotsch, 12:30 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- **Perspectives on Science Writing**, "Why is writing about science so challenging?," Judith Swan, Princeton Writing Program, 1 p.m., 2117 Medical Education Research Facility
- **City of Literature**, 2:30 p.m., 304 English-Philosophy Building
- **Joseph L. Parkin Memorial Lecture on Aging for 2011**, "Long Life in the 21st Century," Laura Carstensen, Stanford, 4 p.m., 1110A Medical Education Research Facility
- **Help Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser**, 5 p.m., Coldstone Creamery, 921 25th Ave., Coralville
- **Make Three Pairs of Earrings**, Basic Wirework, 5:30 p.m., Beadology Iowa, 220 E. Washington
- **International Dance Week Celebration**, 6 p.m., Pedestrian Mall
- **DeGowin Blood Center Blood Drive**, 6 p.m., Currier
- **Children's Car Safety Program**, 6:15 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Adult & Teen Volunteer Recognition**, 6:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Bingo**, 6:30 p.m., Eagle's Club, 225 Highway 1
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Blue Valentine**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Ryan Van Meter, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Travelogues with Patrick Nefzger**, 7 p.m., Senior Center
- **UI Jazz Jam**, 7 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **Conversations with My Physical Self**, Dance Department, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Nicole Espisoto**, flute, 7:30 p.m., SCOPE Recital Hall
- **ROSE Concert**, the New Pornographers, with the Walkmen, 8 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **New York Night Train's Soul Clap & Dance Off**, 9 p.m., Blue Moose
- **Ran**, 9:10 p.m., Bijou
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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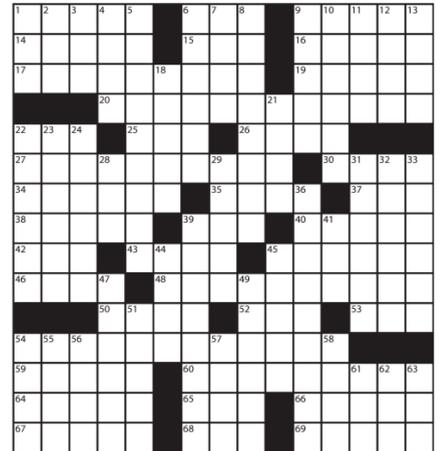
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 - Fountain items
 - "His/her" alternative
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 - Site of Super Bowl XXVI
 - Like most urban land
 - "Soiree attire
 - Modern rock genre
 - Brown wall covering
 - Mathematician Turing
 - "Indelible picture in the mind
 - Starchy foodstuff
 - Onetime exam in British schools
 - Not spoil
 - Hip, in the mid-'60s
 - Actress Allen of "Raiders of the Lost Ark"
 - Half-witted
 - City of Invention
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 - Prefix with centric
 - It may turn up at a golf course
 - See 1-Down
- Down**
- Device with a 69-Across key
 - "... walks in beauty, like the night ...": Byron
 - Rear of a hockey goal
 - Suffix with zillion
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 - The Earl of Sandwich, for one
 - Hard-to-park vehicle
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 - Concert souvenirs
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 - Participant in a Faustian bargain
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 - Called to mind
 - Home to da Vinci's "L'Ultima Cena"
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- Across**
- "... got it!"
 - China's Chou En-
 - Pirate's punishment
 - One of
 - Spanish bears
 - Sony co-founder Morita
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DRUGS

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Still I don't think it's too much to ask to expect better than this from him, or anyone else. Fortunately for Ballard, he's a coveted prospect. He's a 6-4, 283-

pounder who runs a 4.7 40-yard dash. With the help of the Iowa coaching staff, he molded himself from a high-school tight end into one of the Big Ten's top defensive linemen. It will be hard for any team to pass on Ballard's athleticism and versatility. He shouldn't have too much to worry about as far as his draft stock

goes; he shocked if he goes anywhere later than at the beginning of Friday's third round. There's no question he possesses talent deserving of a late-first to early-second round pick. That aside, if I'm in charge of an NFL team's draft decisions, this is making me think twice. For NFL hopefuls such as Ballard, these are

among the most important months of their lives for determining their future. Why not put your best foot forward for every step of that pre-draft process? Whether it's a one-time incident or they're a habitual user, players should be able to commit to clean up their habits not only to pass a single drug test but to

present themselves as someone a franchise wants to commit to. And if there's a broader substance-abuse issue at hand, help should be sought — not only for professional reasons but more importantly, for the

player's well-being. A team potentially investing millions of dollars in you is a big commitment. It means at least one person believes in you. Why give them one less reason to believe?

BALLARD

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"What they have discovered is documented drug use, some real character issues, and they wonder if they want Mallett to be the face of their franchise," Burmeister said. Bunting said Ballard has surely been asked about the test during meetings with team representa-

tives. But those draft-day decision-makers are more likely to trust in what they hear from a player's college program rather than a drug test. "The big thing is do they get a good recommendation from [Iowa head coach] Kirk [Ferentz] or not? If Kirk's giving a guy the OK, then they trust him," Bunting said. "You still have to trust the people in the program ... You do the background. You call the strength and conditioning

coaches. The head coaches. They'll give you the opinion. That's kind of where you base it on." Bunting said Ballard appears to have no other character concerns entering the draft, describing him as a "self-made" player. The Lawrence, Kan., native was listed as a four-star tight end out of high school by Rivals.com. He was successfully converted into a defensive lineman with the Hawkeyes and earned honorable mention All-Big Ten

honors in both his junior and senior seasons. In 2010 Ballard recorded 43 tackles, including three sacks, while also breaking up two passes and forcing a fumble. The first round of the 2011 NFL draft will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday. Rounds two and three will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, and the draft will conclude with rounds four through seven beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday. Each round will be televised live by ESPN.

THROWING

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When her concussion and nose healed, and the mono and strep was gone, it was back to throwing and weightlifting. But the pain in her left elbow and tingling she'd felt in September came back more persistently in January. So persistent that now she solely drills during the week and only does full throws during meets. So persistent that Taylor ranked her pain level as a seven or an eight out of 10 after she threw at the Musco Twilight meet on April 23. Yet at Musco, she still had a personal record in the hammer, throwing for 53.95 feet. "For being injured and not practicing much during

the week, that was a good meet for me," she said. She has a dislocated ulnar nerve in her left elbow. Whenever the nerve dislocates or hyperextends, the pain is at its highest. "A nerve is just different," Taylor said. "I told [assistant coach Scott] Cappos that nerve pain, I don't even know how to describe it." She used to be able to tolerate the pain, but she noticed a more intense pain after the Jim Duncan Invitational on April 16. Making the change to just drilling in practice has made a difference, but it's still an issue. One of the big differences, she said, is that nerve pain travels from her elbow and lower arm all the way through her pinky and ring finger, where it tingles. Other pain, like in muscles, she said, is more localized. But the injury isn't going to stop her. "I think it just makes

those [personal records] all the more sweeter because you know how much work you put in," she said. After the season, she'll decide whether to have surgery on it. "While she may have injuries and challenges, she's going to work hard, she's going to work to get healthy, she's not going to use those as an excuse," head coach Layne Anderson said. "And she's just continuing to get better as she's moving right up the ranks at Iowa all-time, beginning to position herself as a possible scorer at the Big Ten level. "There's no one in our program — certainly there's some who're equally as motivated and driven — but I wouldn't say there's anyone that's more motivated or driven to be successful as Kelsey." This was one of the reasons why she was named captain. Anderson described Taylor as a work-

horse — someone on the team who always leads by example, is well respected by her teammates, and continues to improve. "As far as determination, work ethic, the other intangibles that help create success at this level," Cappos said. "She's got all those things and then some." Taylor has not had to miss out on any competitions yet in the current season. Even though the pain in her elbow has gotten worse, her injury isn't going to deter her. "I don't think injury can hold me back from an opportunity like this," she said. "I mean, yeah, I'm in some pain, and I'm probably going to have some ridiculous arthritis when I'm older, but right now, I wouldn't trade it for anything."

HOOPS

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[pounds]. We've got Aaron White and Zach McCabe, both with different skill sets that are two big guys. "Now we add Gabe Olaseni, who's a 6-10 lower-block shot-blocker with a 7-2 wingspan. We've got a lot of flexibility as far as how

we're going to go and replace Jarryd Cole." ESPN.com's scouting report said Olaseni can contribute immediately on defense. "His athletic ability, length, and rebounding along with him being a shot blocking presence is something special," ESPN.com said. "It is safe to say that his defense is ahead of his offense at this stage, but he can finish with angles and clear paths to the rim."

Olaseni joins White (Strongsville [Ohio] High), Josh Oglesby (Cedar Rapids Washington), and Anthony Hubbard (Frederick Community College [Maryland]) as McCaffery's 2011 recruiting class. The coach, who recently completed his first year in charge of the Hawkeyes, still has one scholarship available.

TRACK

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that is unavailable to athletes in other college sports. Iowa head coach Larry Wiecek said competition against professional track athletes is a benefit. "I think you would like a little blend of [running against college athletes and professionals]," Wiecek said. "You wouldn't want to get hammered by the superior athletes all the time because you'd like to break the tape and finish first. But rubbing shoulders and competing against some of those elite athletes, if you're ready for it, does help you develop." But getting "hammered" by professional runners, the Hawkeyes have not. Iowa runners have posted respectable times when competing against professionals, and, in some instances, better times. Distance runner Jeff Thode ran the 1,500-meter premier at the Sun Angel Classic in 3:45.54 three weekends ago. The sophomore ran in the same heat as Nike's Kyle Alcorn, who finished with a time of 3:46.90. Alcorn placed third

in the steeplechase at the 2009 USA outdoor championships. Thode said he didn't realize he was running with a professional until someone told him two days after the meet, and he said it was "a little satisfying" to know he had beaten a professional. Hurdlers Jordan Mullen and Ethan Holmes competed against professional hurdlers at two meets this year. The most recent came at the War Eagle Invitational at Auburn University two weekends ago. Holmes' preliminary heat included Nike's Ty Akins and Puma's Maurice Smith. Akins was the 2007 NCAA champion in the 110 hurdles, and Smith is a decathlete who placed ninth at the 2008 Olympics. Holmes finished third in the heat, 0.5 seconds behind Akins and only 0.08 second back of Smith. "It can be intimidating because they are professional, they've succeeded at the highest level," Holmes said. "At the same time it's kind of fun because you get to look at some of the best there is and you get to race against them. You learn a lot running against them." While Holmes was defeated by the two profes-

sionals, he ran a personal-best time of 14.02 seconds. "That helped me run my personal best, being next to a professional," he said. "Just being next to a professional puts a little pressure on that you need to perform at a higher level." Two of Iowa's sprinters also had the chance to run against a pro at the Auburn meet. Zeke Sayon and Justin Austin faced Adidas' Marc Burns in the 100-meter dash. Burns was a silver medalist as part of the Trinidad and Tobago 4x100-meter relay at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Austin fared better against Burns, trailing the Olympian by .08 seconds at the finish line. But Austin, too, posted an Iowa-career-best against pro competition, running a 10.53 100-meter dash. "It definitely brings a new element to the sport of track," Austin said about running against professionals. "You're not racing people on your level, you're racing people who are above your level. It just raises expectations because if you want to get to that level, you should be hanging with them."

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Hawk golfers' parents travel

Parents of the Hawkeye male golfers travel frequently to walk the course and provide support.

By **BEN WOLFSON**
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When the five starters on the Iowa men's golf team compete, they are usually followed by a small circle of fans — their parents.

Many of the starters' parents travel across the Midwest and the country to watch their sons compete at the highest level of amateur golf.



India
senior

Senior Vince India's father, Dan India, has played a prominent role in his son's journey through golf, starting from when he introduced the game to his son in seventh grade.

"Over the years, Vince and I really had a great camaraderie back and forth on the golf course," Dan India said. "I didn't force golf on him, I just asked him one day in seventh grade if he wanted to come and learn the game."

Dan India, who works for Qualisys North America Inc., has only missed three of Vince's college tournaments in four years. Because his job deals with the study of the body's motion, he videotapes his son and talks with him about adjustments to his game.

"[My dad] usually travels anyway and does demonstrations [for his job], and he's a big help to me," Vince India said.

After his son finished fourth at last weekend's tournament at Ohio State, Dan India was able to go over video of him putting on the course and offer advice.

Vince India described his father as somewhat of a "manager," and said Dan India will often help him plan out what amateur tournaments he plays in and then will go along to make hotel and flight arrangements so the golfer can focus on playing.

Dan India also caddies for Vince in the summer and manned the bag for his son

in the Western Amateur, Illinois State Amateur, and the U.S. Amateur.

"He's a familiar face out there; it's good to see him at every tournament because it's when my mom gets out there that it gets weird, because she gets more nervous than I do," Vince India said and laughed.

Fellow senior Brad Hopfinger is also accustomed to seeing his father in the crowd when he's competing for the ninth-ranked Hawkeyes.

His father, Frank Hopfinger, travels to the majority of his tournaments and follows him during competition.

"With his job, he has to travel a bunch, so he has customers all over the country," Brad Hopfinger said. "A lot of times [my dad] will manage to sneak in work and come out to watch the tournament. He doesn't do any coaching — he's there for support and to have fun watching."

Said Hopfinger's father, "It's been really exciting and a great opportunity to see how the program has grown as well as seeing how the team members can pick each other up after a bad day."

Parents are often their children's biggest fans, and head coach Mark Hankins said it's common for many parents to travel and watch the team compete.

"Our parents travel fairly well; they're all Midwestern kids, so it's accessible in the spring because we have five events that parents can drive to," Hankins said.

As the Hawkeyes travel to West Lafayette, Ind., to compete in the Big Ten championships on Friday, the golfers' parents are sure to be in attendance, ready to offer advice but mainly to support their sons.

"Every parent wants their kid to win," Dan India said. "[Vince] might finish second or fourth, but what's most rewarding for me is when he goes out, does his best, and walks off the course as a gentleman."

SOFTBALL

Softball faces Badgers in double-header

The Iowa softball team will return home for a double-header against Wisconsin today at Pearl Field. The first game is scheduled to start at 3 p.m. A 30-minute break will take place between the first and second games.



Krueger
senior

Iowa comes into the double-header at 26-17 overall, 8-4 in Big Ten play after splitting a pair of

games with No. 1 Michigan last weekend. The 4-2 victory on April 23 was the Hawkeyes' first win over a top-ranked opponent in six years. The team was an inning away from sweeping the Wolverines, but allowed three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to drop the second game of the series, 3-2.

The Badgers come to town 24-19 overall, 4-8 in the Big Ten, which puts them ninth in the conference. They are led by Jennifer Krueger, who is hitting .365 on the season, and Cassandra Darrah, who has gone 13-7 from the pitching circle and has a 2.68 ERA.

Iowa leads the all-time series 37-7, and it has won the last six games between the two teams.

— by Sam Louwagie

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MEN'S GOLF

Hawkeye parents have made the trip to many of the team's road competitions to support their sons. 10

Positive pot test won't hurt Ballard



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Former Iowa lineman Christian Ballard celebrates after the Insight Bowl on Dec. 28, 2010, at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz. The Hawkeyes defeated the No. 12 Missouri Tigers, 27-24.

The National Football Post's Wes Bunting said he still expects former Hawkeye lineman Christian Ballard to be selected in the second or early third round.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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A failed drug test is unlikely to drastically affect Christian Ballard's stock in this week's NFL Draft, the National Football Post's director of college scouting told *The Daily Iowan* on Tuesday.

The former Iowa defensive lineman tested positive for marijuana at the NFL Combine in February, sources told Fox Sports Tuesday.

"It's not going to cause him to fall too far down draft boards," the Football Post's Wes Bunting said. "He already did his tumbling because of it."

Teams have been aware of the failed drug test for weeks now, he said, and he expects the 6-4, 283-pounder to still be taken somewhere in the second or third round.

Ballard did not return a call and voice mail left Tuesday by the *DI*.

The *DI* asked him for his own "sales

pitch" to NFL teams in a phone interview last week.

"Look at the program I came from. My work ethic. My potential at the next level," Ballard said. "... Whoever picks me up, I'm coming in ready to work and just be a part of the team."

Most experts have slotted Ballard as a second-round pick in the draft. CBS Sports and the Football Post currently list him as the No. 10 and the No. 11 defensive end in the 2011 class, respectively.

Bunting said he pegs Ballard as the first pick of the third round — owned by the Carolina Panthers — in his latest mock draft.

While a positive test raises a red flag — especially because players know beforehand they will be tested — certain positions have more leeway with such concerns, Bunting said. Defensive line is one of them.

"If he was a quarterback, it'd be a little

more worrisome," Bunting said. "You can get away with a bit more character concerns as a defensive lineman."

"The quarterback — that's the leader, the face of the franchise. Defensive lineman, those are two completely different leadership roles."

One example of that in this year's class may be Arkansas quarterback Ryan Mallett. He is 6-6, 238 pounds, and most consider his arm by far the strongest among the 2011 quarterback crop.

But despite all that, the general consensus is that he's a second-round pick — primarily because of character concerns.

The NFL Network's Paul Burmeister, a former Iowa quarterback, said on the network's "Path to the Draft" program on April 22 he talked to numerous general managers and offensive coordinators who have some concerns.

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COMMENTARY

Up in smoke

Christian Ballard is the latest in a mystery that continues to baffle observers— failed NFL Combine drug tests.



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It's a failed drug test.

Sources told Fox Sports Tuesday that former Iowa defensive lineman Christian Ballard tested positive for marijuana in the February NFL Combine.

Like every other player invited to the Combine, Ballard had to expect the drug test.

He knew it was coming.

And like Wes Bunting—the National Football Post's director of college scouting — told me, "Even guys who smoke dope, even they know, just hold off for a couple weeks or months until you get this over this."

That's not to say Ballard is a "dope-head." During a brief phone interview last week, there was no indication that this was someone willing to possibly jeopardize his career. He sounded like someone who was genuinely excited to get drafted and get playing at the next level. Like someone who was focused on football, not a lifestyle that could cost him money and respect.

SEE **DRUGS**, 9

McCaffery lands 6-10 post player

Coach Fran McCaffery gets a strong post player in London native Gabe Olaseni, who chose Iowa over Oklahoma.

By **SETH ROBERTS**
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The Iowa men's basketball team picked up its second recruit in a week when center Gabe Olaseni committed on Tuesday.

Olaseni, a 6-10, 220-pound native of London, averaged 10.3 points and 8.3 rebounds per game last year as he helped lead Sunrise Christian Acade-

my (Bel Aire, Kan.) to a National Association of Christian Athletes national title. The Rivals.com three-star recruit used his 7-2 wingspan to swat 4.2 shots per game and was named an All-American by the association.

"The first thing you see is his incredible length and athleticism," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said in a tele-

conference. "He's also got a pretty solid skill set — I think he'll get better, [and] he'll get stronger. We're really excited about him ... he can definitely affect our team and fits perfectly with our style of play."

Olaseni chose Iowa over Oklahoma, and McCaffery said he wasn't 100 percent sure Olaseni would wear Black and Gold until this past weekend.

Olaseni's presence gives McCaffery some much-needed size and depth in the paint. Longtime center Jarryd Cole graduated, and prior to Olaseni's commitment, the frontcourt was either small or inexperienced — or both. Olaseni becomes the tallest player on the Iowa roster, and McCaffery said he's looking forward to the options he now

has in the post.

"We look at this from a lot of different ways," he said. "We have Melsahn Basabe, who will be much better next year [after] being spectacular last year. We've got Andrew Brommer and Devon Archie as seniors, both 6-9 and 240



Olaseni
head basketball coach Fran McCaffery's latest recruit

SEE **HOOPS**, 9

Tracksters race against pros

A unique aspect of college track and field provides a special opportunity for Iowa student-athletes.

By **BEN SCHUFF**
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After breaking nine school records and earning several All-American awards indoors, the Iowa men's track and field team is proving how talented it is in yet another way this outdoor season.

By running, and hanging, with professional track athletes.

This kind of opportunity

— competing in college meets with professional runners — has presented itself to a handful of Iowa runners over the past few weeks.

It's a rare opportunity



Wiczorek
head coach

SEE **TRACK**, 9

Pain can't stop thrower Taylor

Kelsey Taylor has faced a number of serious injuries during her time as a thrower, making personal records even more satisfying.

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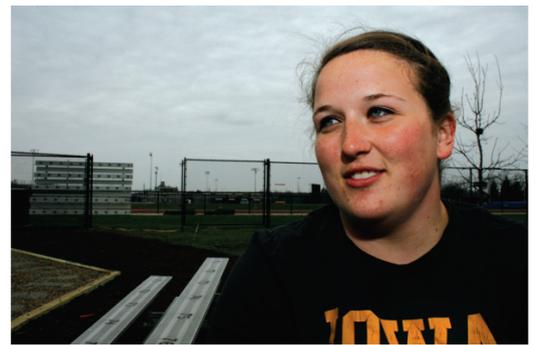
No matter what happens, there's one thing sophomore captain Kelsey Taylor is going to do: keep throwing.

Over her almost two full years on the Iowa women's track and field team as a thrower, Taylor has faced a handful of serious injuries.

On March 31, 2010, she had surgery on her right knee to repair a torn meniscus. Her recovery

was quick, and she was able to throw within a month. Then in September, her left hand and fingers started tingling, with a little bit of pain in her elbow and lower arm. But that sensation disappeared within a week.

On Dec. 15, 2010, Taylor was doing a weightlifting exercise that required her to lie on her back and hold a weight over her head. She accidentally dropped a 15-kilogram plate on her



RICKY BAHNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa thrower Kelsey Taylor speaks to the media on Monday at the Cretzmeier Track. Taylor threw a personal best 53.95 feet on hammer after returning from a weightlifting accident that broke her nose and gave her a concussion.

head and suffered a concussion and broken nose. A week later, she found out

she had strep throat and mononucleosis.

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