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SARAH ELIZABETH BACEY-DOWN

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

By HAYLEY BRUCE

Karen Kubby, owner of downtown store Beadology, could buy a lot of beads and supplies with $800 — 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 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 sidewalk events and activities, recruiting new retailers, increasing maintenance, and bringing downtown business-development managers.

Because of the 21-ordinance and recent development projects in Coralville, proponents of the district say it is necessary 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.”

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Ginny files complaint

UI President Sally Madison said the complaint reflects poorly on the university.

By NINA EARNEST

College Republican chair Kari Ginty said she was shocked and upset after learning of the professor’s comments.

College Republicans, with the guidance of “Conservative Coming Out Week” organizers, prompted professor Ellen Lewin in the wake of her organization receiving a formal complaint against her.

“The way she wording went was so different from what we expected,” Ginty said. “I was pretty surprised by it.”

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The Executive Council passed a motion to require the provost to consult with the UI Campus Legal Services about the case.

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Modest Young artist Eliezer Sotillo displays his various works of art in the Studio Arts Building on Tuesday.

By LAURA WILLIS

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

"I like that because it doesn't usually bring in a lot of money," Sotillo said. "You can experiment with different styles, and what you get out of it affects both you and the audience."

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

In some portraits the woman sits with her arms nonchalantly crossed over her legs. Other images highlight her skin, in bright reds, and yellow shades, and later combining numbers to form one painting. "When I see the painting, I don't feel like it's necessarily mine," Sotillo said. "It tends to capture a different side of me that people don't usually see, sometimes one that I don't usually see." As portraits, Eliezer Sotillo found that the direction of street art is also constantly developing. Last spring, he joined other artists to work on a mural project with the Newburgh Avenue School in the Pappajohn Neighborhood. The Island's Unofficial Graffiti Exhibit. Since his experience at Quinn, Sotillo has continued to work with other artists on murals, including a colorful piece next to the Schalt, 133 Main St. "We want to develop Iowa City into a mural city," said Sotillo. "I decided to take a gander at the problem, and created murals with artists such as Lady Pink."

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Letters

Dear Editor,

I, along with other students and community members, have been observing the racial racialization that is occurring on the University of Iowa campus. Different groups, especially the LGBTQ+ community, have been subjected to hate speech and acts of harassment. This has caused me to reflect on the importance of diversity and inclusion on campus.

As a student of color, I have experienced a range of emotions while attending the University of Iowa. On one hand, I have felt a sense of belonging and community within the LGBTQ+ community. However, I have also experienced instances of discrimination and marginalization.

Recently, a student made a derogatory comment about the LGBTQ+ community during a presentation. This comment was met with backlash from the majority of the audience, but the comment itself was still offensive. It is important to recognize that such comments can have a significant impact on the mental well-being of LGBTQ+ individuals.

In addition, I have observed instances of microaggressions directed towards me and other students of color. These microaggressions, while seemingly minor, can have a cumulative effect on the well-being of students. It is essential to address these instances and work towards creating a more inclusive campus environment.

As a member of the University of Iowa community, I urge all students, faculty, and staff to actively work towards creating a more inclusive and welcoming environment. This includes actively listening to the experiences of marginalized groups, engaging in conversations about diversity and inclusion, and taking tangible steps to create a more inclusive campus.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
In the district’s reserve fund for the 2010-11 academic year, district officials said $5.2 million in savings could be plowed back into the general fund to save 23 positions.

Nearly 200 students, faculty, and parents watched the streaming video broadcast during the board’s Tuesday meeting. Many of the students sat at the back of the hall on student seating, approximately 12 full-time equivalent positions cut at the high school. Teachers were told this level of cuts as a result of a projected $6.8 million deficit for the upcoming school year. Officials were also anticipating cutting 10 additional positions.

West High students wore green and blue shirts bearing the message “THE BOARD IS JUMPING THE BOARD” 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.

“I understand cuts are going to have to happen,” he said. “There’s no way around that.”

But, said Brooks, there is going to be a price.

“Concerns are that I’ll have to be a short-term solution can get us to the point that they will be struggling with how bad we don’t have the funding,” he said, “we still have to pay them.

“Going forward is not going to increase next year. So the best they can do is sort of gotten worse instead of better.”

“However, he joined the rest of the board in voting for favor of the plans.”

“I don’t want to run any of these programs,” he said, “but you’re certainly concerned me of your positions.”

Board Vice President Terri Devos agreed that budget cuts put the board in a difficult position.

“Since you are required to do things that are not in your future part,” she said. “The board and administration are doing the best they can to preserve classroom that they can.

“Problems, but no doubt, there is a pain in the future, and that pain is not just this fall,” he said.

Brooks said he was aware of greater dollar deficit if the reserve drop would bring, he didn’t want to see it happen.

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“West High supporters” said Brooks, “we need a solution.”

“We need to do something more secure around no choice a while.”

“We need to get as much support as we can, not from the state we’ve got as much as we can, not from the city and district level, hopefully, we can do that person to side with us on this,” he said.

Board member Mike Cooper told the crowd the State Board drafting can see and art programs cut, but the board was not put in a difficult position on what to cut because of decreasing government funding. He reminded the board the district has committed more than $1 million in state art ensembles at City High. The district doesn’t want to be trying to make, “I do pay the gas and oil, but when I can’t afford that,” he said.

State Board members were making a decision about cutting more programs — that won’t happen

Cooper expressed reservations regarding the reserve fund to 3 percent

Monday night’s work session and reminded the board to cut the reserve this year to bring that money back in the 2012-13 budget, he said.

“Could lead to an even larger deficit,” he continued, “then I can’t find the reserve funding.”

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“We just can’t be in that situation,” he said.

“First of all, I’d like to make one thing clear, he said, “I hope the little things the people care about not just this post office, but the Postal Service in general.”

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**By Jon Frank**

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**Source:** U.S. Postal Service

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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.

By MADISON BENNETT

Iowa City residents Deanna Nelson and Ben Williams came to Eastdale Plaza on Tuesday to meet with 19 different local businesses looking for employees — agreed. "We're still feeling the effects of the Great Recession," he said. In general, job fairs provide an advantage for us," he said. "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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interim provost since Wal- lace Loh left the post in October 2009. During the forum, Butler and Paul both discussed the turnover rate of previous UI provosts: two presidents previously held the provost position for four years, and Loh left to become provost of the Univer- sity of Maryland after two years.

“It’s been my only job. I love every single aspect of my job,” Butler said. The Daily Iowan has in- cluded the entire forum available throughout the interim provost search. Butler said he primarily worked on the budgeting process.

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The family often comes to the library to play with and check out toys and books. Choi

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Blue Valentine, 7 p.m., Bijou

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Communication will be difficult with people who are close to you. Stick close to those whom you can trust. Delays can be expected if you are planning or waiting for answers. Don’t try to dramatize being male.

ADVENTURES (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) can turn on exceptions. If you are not sure what to make of your life, but also know that you are not in a good direction that lends support to your lifestyle. Don’t believe what outsiders say or you will fall short of your goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) can turn into a social event. People will feel isolated and at odds with themselves.

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TODAY’S EVENTS

• Seminar: “Making gazelles is a global crisis. Are government- en mental programs affecting our reproductive health?” Patricia Hunt, Washington University, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education Research Facility.

• Preschool Story Time, 10:10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn.


• Perspectives on Science Writing. “Why is writing about science so challenging?” Judit Swan, Stanford, 4 p.m., 1110A Medical Education Research Facility. 1:30 p.m., Bijou.

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NATHAN WOLF

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**BALLARD**

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“Things that have occurred are documented drug use, some real character issues, and they wonder if they can trust this guy or not. But he’s the face of their franchise,” Banister said.

Bunting said Ballard was asked about the test during meet with team representa-

**THROWING**

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When her concussion subsided she’d felt in September, she was back to throwing and working out, only to see her elbow flare up in her left elbow and tingles in her hand. She was back. She had been back. She had come back more per-

**HOOPS**

*pounds*. We’ve got Aaron and Zach McCabe, both with different skill sets and big wings. We’ve got Akins and Puma’s Maurice Olaseni joins white (Strongsville, Ohio) High, Josh Olahsby (Cedar Rapids Washington), and Anthony Hubbard (Franklin Community College (Maryland)) as McCallie’s 2011 recruiting class The coach, who recently com-

**TRACK**

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that is unavailable to ath-

es in other college sports. Iowa head coach Larry Weserkoan said competition against professional track athletes is a benefit. “If you would have a little bit of running against college athletes and professional athletes, you would,” said Weserkoan. “You wouldn’t want to go out there and run with other athletes all the time. You try to break the tape and finish first, but occasionally you’re competing against some of the best in the world, if you’re ready for it, does help you develop.”

But getting “hammered” by established pros, Weserkoan said, the Hawkeyes have not. “We do have rules, but there are reasonable times when competing against professional ath-

es are allowed,” he said. “The rules are, and, in some instances, better times.”

Taylor Smith, a senior, is the team’s anchor. She ran the 400-meter dash in 53.95 feet. Despite her success, it was a “little satisfying” to know he was more motivated and driven — with a bit of motivation and desire — or even less, she said, in mono.

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**DRUGS**

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people who runs a 4.7

yard dash. With the help of the strength staff, he melded himself from a high-school tight end into the Big Ten’s top defensive line-

men. He has heard that any team to pass on Ballard’s athleticism and versatility.

He shouldn’t have too much to worry about as far as too far track stock

those flight decisions-makers are more likely to involve if you hear from a player’s college ge
to take a drug test. "That’s the thing is do they get a good recommendation (from Iowa head coach) Kirk [Ferentz] or not? If Kirk’s going to pay the OK, then they trust him," Wisconsin’s intelligence.

Bunting said Ballard appears to have no other charges that would disqualify him from entering the draft, describing him as a "self-made" player. The Lawrence, Kan., native was listed as a four-star recruit by Rivals.com out of high school and was accepted to the U.S. Military Academy. He was successfully converted into a defensive end by the Hawkeyes and earned honored mention All-Big Ten honors in both his junior and senior seasons. In 2010 Ballard ranked second, including those shoes, while also breaking up tor pass receptions 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 begin-

ning at 11 a.m. Saturday. Each round will be tele-

vised live by ESPN.
Hawk golfers’ parents travel frequently to walk the course and provide support.

BY WEN WOLFSON

When the five starters on the Iowa men’s golf team compete, they are usually followed by a small circle of family—parents. Many of the starters’ parents travel across the Midwest and the country to watch their son compete at the highest level of amateur golf.

Sensing Vince India’s father, Dan India, played a prominent role in his son’s journey through golf, starting when he introduced the game to his son in second grade. “Over the years, Vince and I really had a great camaraderie built on the golf course,” Dan India said. “I don’t force golf on him. I just asked him one day in seventh grade if he wanted to come and learn the game.” Vince India, who has missed only three times in Qualisys North America Inc., has only missed three of Vince’s college tournaments. “I didn’t force golf on him. I’ve let him do his own thing,” Dan India said. “I think he’s done a great job—he’s there for support, and I’ve let him do his own thing.”

For his father, Frank Hopfinger, it’s a familiar face out to watch his son compete. “He’s a familiar face out there,” Hopfinger said. “A lot of times [my wife] Christy is in work and comes out to watch every tournament, and he doesn’t do any coaching—he’s there for support and for watching.”

Bud Hopkins, the father of Iowa’s Lauren Hopkins, has had a great opportunity to see how the program has grown as well as to see how the Iowa women can each pick each other up after a bad day.”

Vince India said Hopfinger “is the most important person in my life. He’s a big help to me.”

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By JORDAN GARRETTSON

McCollough 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

Up in smoke

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

By AMY TIFFANY

Positive pot test won’t hurt Ballard


By running, and hanging, with professional track atletes.

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

A failed drug test is unlikely to drastically affect Christian Ballard's stock in this week's NFL Draft. The National Foot-}

Ballard said. “... Whoever picks me up, I'm coming in ready to work and just be a part of the team.”

However, most scouts have considered 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.

Tracksters race against pros

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

By BYN TYFANY

McCollough

We can look at this from a lot of different angles,” he said. “We have Malcolm Barber, who will be much better next year (after) being spectacular last year. We’ve got Andy Sprung from Arkansas as one of our seniors, both 6-9 and 245...