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Chris Brant – Iowa's No. 3 golfer – broke through for a second-place finish at Big Tens. SPORTS, 12

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## Council works on downtown priorities

Other like-sized cities with downtowns often have a downtown manager.

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Balancing all of downtown Iowa City's housing options and retail and office space will likely be a priority in coming years, Iowa City city councilors said Monday.

During a City Council work session Monday night, the councilors worked to lay out priorities in their quest to revamp downtown with a 21-ordinance and fewer bars.

Iowa City Planning and Development Director Jeff Davidson said the issue of redevelopment — brought up by downtown business owners — is important because of the changing downtown landscape.

"There's a lot of things that are starting to come to life in terms of downtown," he said. "The economy is recovering, banks are getting a little looser with money."

Davidson also said the 21-ordinance has



**Bailey**  
councilor

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## 2012 CAUCUS

# Santorum criticizes schools

Bob Vander Plaats' introduction called for the removal of the UI professor who sent a profane e-mail.

By **JON FRANK**  
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Potential GOP presidential nomination candidate Rick Santorum championed himself as a socially and economically conservative candidate before a crowd of roughly 20 on Monday in the IMU.

The former Pennsylvania senator addressed several issues, ranging from social to education.

And the Dickinson School of Law graduate called the public-education system into question.

Santorum said public schools are failing in large part because they don't address individual needs, strengths, and weaknesses; instead, he said, they emphasize uniformity. He proposed a turn toward the customization of education.

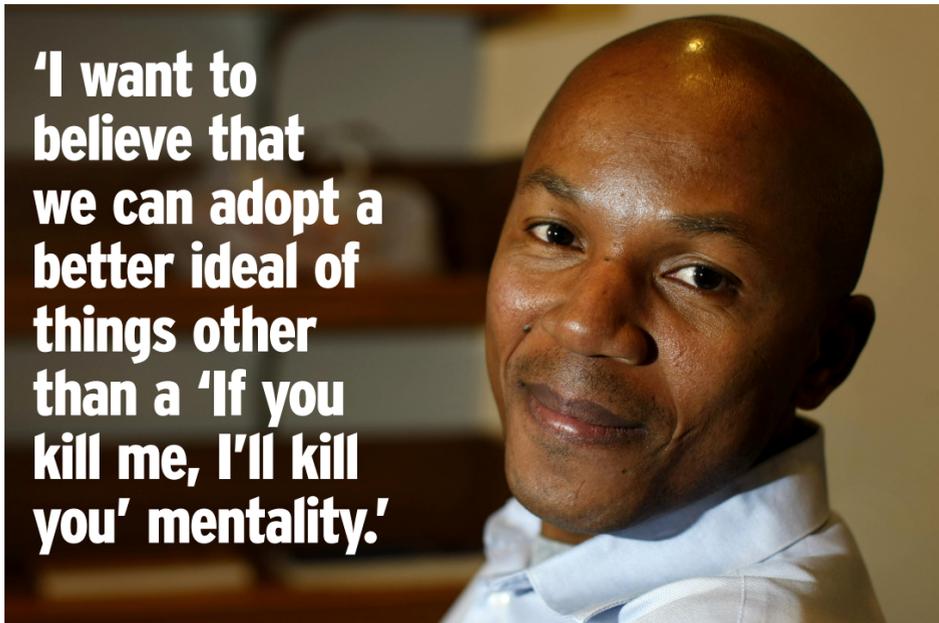
"People learn differently today," he said. Santorum attacked the current government's overall approach to educating the country's youth, condemning its efforts as



**Santorum**  
potential GOP  
contender

SEE **SANTORUM**, 6

**'I want to believe that we can adopt a better ideal of things other than a 'If you kill me, I'll kill you' mentality.'**



— **Kofi Adragi**, UI visiting faculty member who planned to be near the World Trade Center on 9/11 but overslept

## IOWA CITY REACTS TO BIN LADEN DEATH

DO I THINK THERE'S CLOSURE? NO, NOT NECESSARILY, BECAUSE I THINK WE ALL KNOW THAT BIN LADEN DOESN'T END TERRORISM. IT'S JUST A STEP. BUT I THINK **IT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, MAYBE THE BEGINNING OF THE END.** **MATT MCGINNIS, 19, UI SOPHOMORE, TINLEY PARK, ILL.** | I REMEMBER WHEN I TURNED ON THE TV LAST NIGHT AND HEARD THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD THIS BIG ANNOUNCEMENT, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BAD. **I THOUGHT, 'OH, NO. HE'S GOT TO GO BACK. WE JUST GOT HIM HOME.'** **AMANDA WALLACE, 43, WEST DES MOINES, MOTHER OF SOLDIER CLIFF WALLACE** | I ALREADY TALKED TO MY BUDDIES WHO ARE OVER THERE. WE KNOW THE JOB'S NOT DONE, AND THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF TRYING TIMES AHEAD OF US. BUT **IF WE KEEP GETTING THESE LITTLE VICTORIES, WE'LL GET THERE.** **NATHAN WARNER, 21, AN ARMY MEDIC IN AFGHANISTAN WHO PLANS TO ENROLL AT THE UI IN THE FALL** | I'M THANKFUL FOR THOSE GUYS OVER THERE EVERY DAY. ... THOSE WE'VE LOST, I'D DEFINITELY SAY THEY GAVE IT THEIR ALL AND MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE. **THERE'S NO WAY TO EXPRESS THE GRATITUDE IN ANY LANGUAGE THAT I KNOW OF.** I'VE TRIED, BUT HOW DO YOU SAY THANK YOU? WE CAN TRY OUR DAMNDEST, BUT YOU CAN'T. **ADAM CONNELL, 24, UI FRESHMAN IN THE NAVY RESERVE** | I THINK THE WARS HAD FALLEN OUT OF PEOPLES' MINDS. THIS BROUGHT THEM BACK. THIS IS A HUGE STEP, BUT I THINK **IT'S IMPORTANT FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN TO REMEMBER TO TAKE THINGS ONE DAY AT A TIME.** **CLIFF WALLACE, 20, RETURNED FROM IRAQ THREE WEEKS AGO AND PLANS TO ENROLL AT THE UI THIS FALL** | I DON'T THINK IT WAS RIGHT FOR EVERYONE TO BE ECSTATIC, BUT I'M DEFINITELY HAPPY THAT WE FOUND HIM. **IT'S JUST NERVE-RACKING TO THINK OF THE REPERCUSSIONS** FOR RETALIATION FOR WHAT HAPPENED. **ASHLEY POULTER, 18, UI FRESHMAN, BUSINESS MAJOR**

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# Nothing elementary

The Younger Stamfords, a group of Sherlock Holmes aficionados have met twice each year since 1988.

By NINA EARNEST  
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Twilight set upon the streets as a group of 30 gathered in the Iowa City Public Library — each member a lover of mystery, of classical fiction, and the stories of a detective named Sherlock Holmes.

They are the Younger Stamfords — named after the briefly mentioned character who introduced Holmes and Dr. Watson.

And they are Holmes enthusiasts — known as Sherlockians — just few of many who remain nearly 125 years after the series' initial publication.

"We're getting the continuity here," said Richard Caplan, who founded the society in 1988. "The interest in this character and the stories and the spinoffs has gone on for quite some time now."

The famous detective is a character who has evolved beyond the Victorian London era in which he was born, adapting to new technology and a new century. He is everywhere — from books to television to Robert Downey Jr. movie updates.

"As a cinematic and television character, he has constantly been reinvented," said member Monica Schmidt. "He's evolved over the years into something new and something different."

And the members of the Younger Stamfords have changed as well.

Schmidt, 29, said she is one of the younger members of the Younger Stamfords.

The counselor operates the society's web page in an attempt to update their visibility beyond word of mouth.

"I thought we should at least have a website and do a little viral marketing," Schmidt said.

She attended the Monday evening gathering — just one of two meetings the members attend throughout the year — alongside 30-year-old Scott Stulken.

Stulken, a new member, said his Sherlock Holmes knowledge paled in comparison with the rest of the group.

"I'm really rusty," Stulken said. "I'll need to



Richard Caplan, 81, conducts a quiz over Sherlock Holmes as Monica Schmidt, 29, chimes in on Monday at the Iowa City Public Library. Both are members of the Younger Stamfords, an Iowa City Sherlock Holmes society founded in 1988.

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— Richard Caplan, who founded the society in 1988.

go back and read them again."

Sandy Powell, 71, and Jean Reese, 73 — each pinned with a nametag bearing the pipe-smoking profile of the famous sleuth — participated in the initial quiz.

Members know where Watson met Stamford, what Watson's middle name was, and where Watson was wounded in Afghanistan.

The evening began with a toast, first to the queen — as would be proper in Victorian England — then to each key character in turn: Holmes, Dr. Watson, and young Stamford himself. Members

took a quiz over the evening's selected reading — "The Man with the Twisted Lip." No one had a perfect score.

But some of the members have been meeting for years, and they seem to know every paragraph of every story.

Despite the changes, they continue to be enthralled by the century-old stories. And, Caplan emphasized, Arthur Conan Doyle was simply a great writer — even if some members don't remember all of the details.

"I didn't remember 'The Man with the Twisted Lip,'" Reese said. "I didn't

## Sherlock Holmes Adaptations

Numerous actors have portrayed the famous detective:

- 1939: *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, starring Basil Rathbone
- 1985: "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," starring Jeremy Brett
- 2009: *Sherlock Holmes*, starring Robert Downey Jr.
- 2010: "Sherlock," TV show, starring Benedict Cumberbatch

Source: IMDB

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remember any of this stuff."

Powell laughed. "That's the good thing," she said. "You can read it again."

## METRO

### Woman charged with prostitution

Coralville police arrested a woman last week after she allegedly offered sex to a man at

a Coralville hotel.

Angel Ross, 48, 320 Second St. Apt. 216, was charged April 29 with prostitution and public intoxication.

According to complaints, officers were called to the Iowa

Lodge, 320 Second St., Coralville, for intoxicated subjects.

Upon arrival, officials said Ross allegedly smelled of alcohol and had slurred speech.

A witness told officials Ross offered him oral sex in exchange

for cigarettes, \$2, and some alcohol, reports said.

Prostitution is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by Hayley Bruce

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Franco Arellando**, 19, 1137 Slater, was charged April 28 with possession of a controlled substance.

**Chase Baumgartner**, 22, 724 Walnut St., was charged Monday with OWI and possession of prescription drugs.

**Zachary Burrington**, 19, Plymouth, Minn., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Shelby Cappuccilli**, 19, Inverness, Ill., was charged April 30 with public intoxication.

**Michael Carroll**, 21, Peoria, Ill., was charged April 30 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public and smoking in prohibited places.

**Nichole Clarke**, 21, 513 S. Van Buren St. Apt. B, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Brendan Daily**, 24, West Des Moines, was charged April 29 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

**Anthony Davis**, 20, Williamsburg, Iowa, was charged April 30 with interference with official acts, escape from custody, PAULA, and public intoxication.

**Gabrielle Elliason**, 20, 24 Olive Court, was charged April 29 with PAULA.

**Erica Harrison**, 20, 505 E. Burlington St. Apt. 10C was charged April 29 with PAULA.

**Crystal Hawkins**, 25, 2254 Riverside Drive Apt. 25, was charged April 30 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

**Deandre Irby**, 19, 737 Michael St. Apt. 51, was charged April 29 with interference with official acts and possession of marijuana.

**Jacob Lancaster**, 19, 315 S. Johnson St., was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

**Katlyn Lynch**, 19, 335 S. Linn St.,

was charged April 29 with PAULA.

**Natalie Lyne**, 18, Arlington Heights, Ill., was charged April 30 with public intoxication.

**Michael Maienza Jr.**, 20, River Forrest, Ill., was charged April 29 with public intoxication and possession of a fake driver's license.

**Kelsey Marshall**, 19, 634 Rienow, was charged April 29 with PAULA.

**Shapri Martins**, 23, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. 101, was charged April 29 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**David Mendoza**, 18, Dubuque, was charged April 30 with public intoxication and falsifying drivers' licenses.

**Phillip Mirian**, 23, Urbandale, Iowa, was charged April 30 with public intoxication.

**Richard Parrilli**, 22, St. Charles, was charged April 30 with public intoxication.

**Patrick Phelps**, 53, address unknown, was charged Sunday

with public intoxication.

**Wesley Prokop**, 20, 131 E. Davenport St. Apt. 1, was charged April 29 with PAULA and public intoxication.

**Luke Sensabaugh**, 19, N172 Hillcrest, was charged April 29 with PAULA.

**Conner Stansberry**, 18, 908 Rienow, was charged April 29 with PAULA.

**Christopher Taramelli**, 22, 500 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 6, was charged April 30 with disorderly conduct.

**Cindee Taylor**, 22, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Mark Weiss**, 21, 443 S. Johnson St. Apt. 9, was charged April 29 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

**Grace Wolf**, 19, 4424 Burge, was charged April 29 with PAULA.

**Jessica Wray**, 24, 1510 Hollywood Blvd., was charged April 29 with OWI.

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2. Professor Lewin Controversy: Letters to the Editor
3. Six players drafted ties Iowa record
4. Hawkeyes return from Drake with sprint medley title
5. Cost of arts campus flood recovery jumps by millions
6. Students bring life to downtown Iowa City

## NATION

### Obama to visit Ground Zero

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Obama plans to visit New York City on Thursday to mark the death of Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

The White House says Obama will visit Ground Zero, the site of Al Qaeda's attack on the World Trade Center, and meet with the families of those killed nearly 10 years

ago. U.S. forces killed bin Laden during a raid on a compound in Pakistan where he had been hiding, then buried him at sea.

Flag-waving crowds have been gathering at the lower Manhattan site of the attack since Obama announced bin Laden's death late Sunday.

White House communications director Dan Pfeiffer announced Obama's visit on Twitter.

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# Arrest in slaying shocks officials

Thomas Hansen served as Johnson County emergency manager during the 2006 tornado.

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A former Iowa City Fire Department battalion chief and also former Johnson County director of emergency management has been accused of killing his longtime companion.

Riverside resident Thomas Lee Hansen, 70, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder after he allegedly shot and killed 54-year-old Sharon Kay Gerot, the woman with whom he was living.

Following an argument, Hansen allegedly shot Gerot from behind while she was riding a lawnmower behind their Riverside home Sunday, a police complaint said, according to the Associated Press.

Johnson County Supervisor Pat Harney, who said he's known Hansen for nearly 40 years, said he does not understand what would have caused Hansen to kill Gerot.

"You never know what's going through someone's mind or what he's going through," he said. "It just seemed so out-of-character for him."

Authorities were notified of the shooting at 3:43 p.m. Sunday. When investigators arrived on scene, they found Gerot lying on the ground. She was pronounced dead at 4:40 p.m., according to a press release from the Washington County prosecutor.

Hansen and Gerot were planning on leaving Riverside to work at Yellowstone National Park later this month, where Hansen planned to work as a seasonal laborer and Gerot as a biological science technician, the AP reported.

Those who knew Hansen are surprised, Johnson County Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said.

"I've seen the pictures ... and that's the guy I used to work with," Neuzil said.

Harney described Hansen as an outgoing individual — business-like — who did a good job training and coordinating

## Thomas Hansen

Officers from several agencies responded to the alleged murder after receiving a call at 3:43 p.m.

- Washington County Sheriff's Office
- Washington Police Department
- Iowa State Patrol
- Washington County Ambulance

Source: Washington County Press Release

for Johnson County.

Neuzil said that although he didn't not know Hansen very well, they worked closely together for Johnson County.

"He had a calm demeanor, and he was someone who was extremely approachable," he said. "Anybody who knows him is absolutely in shock that he would resort to this type of violence."

Hansen was a city official for more than 40 years, first serving as an Iowa City firefighter and then later achieving rank of battalion chief, the supervisors said. He then became the Johnson County director of emergency management and served when the 2006 tornado hit Iowa City.

Neuzil said if the charges prove true, he will be disgusted.

On Monday, Hansen made his initial court appearance and did not enter a plea at the hearing. District Judge Lucy Gamon set Hansen's bail at a \$2 million, cash-only bond, according to the AP.

"A criminal charge is merely an accusation, and the person charged is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court," the press release said.

Officials at the Washington County jail are currently holding Hansen and officials are awaiting the results of Gerot's autopsy.

"If he indeed took the life of another human being, that is a sad day for everybody," Neuzil said.

## Spotlight Iowa City

# Spell go-kart A-u-s-t-i-n

Austin Kendig, 7, pulls out his go-kart every Saturday for track races in Delmar.

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Gunmetal black with deep blue brackets and a golden Hawkeye logo emblazoned on the front bumper, the Kendigs' 50cc go-kart does not always sit idly in the family's garage.

On many weekends it has ripped up the dirt paths of several raceways, thanks in large part to its driver: a local 7-year-old boy.

Austin Kendig, a first grader at Penn Elementary in North Liberty, has proved his racing skills with numerous victories. Under his family team name Kendig Motorsports, Austin will compete in at least 20 races throughout the 2011 season.

In the first race of the season on April 30, Austin took first place in the Kid Kart division at the 61 Kartway track in Delmar, Iowa. He has also competed in Tulsa, Okla., and St. Louis for the Kid Kart Nationals.

Austin's father Tysen Kendig, the University of Iowa vice president for Strategic Communication, said they entered the 2010 St. Louis race just hoping not to place last. Surprisingly, Austin took home the first-place national trophy.

"When I won, [the trophy] was a little bigger than me," Austin said.

Only eight days from the season-opening drive, Tysen stood beside the kart and tugged the rip cord. The child-sized engine revved furiously; smog shot from the tailpipe. The deafening sound was comparable to four lawnmowers running simultaneously. Austin put his gloved hands to his head to muffle the noise.



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Austin Kendig (left) speaks with father Tyson Kendig outside 61 Kartway on April 30 in Delmar, Iowa. Austin has been racing go-karts since he was 5.

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Check out a multimedia piece on Austin Kendig.

"It's a little smoky because it hasn't run much," Tysen said.

Austin's interest in go-karts sprouted from a coloring book his dad bought him at the Indy 500. He began racing in 2009, when he was 5.

He saw an advertisement for Kid Karts racing, a go-kart league for children 5 to 8. The brown-haired little boy became interested immediately.

"Those kids don't look any bigger than me," he recalled saying when he saw the advertisement.

Shortly after, Austin's father bought a solid blue jumpsuit and a used kart. Within a few weeks, Austin lined up for his first race in Tulsa, Okla. He finished third.

The results didn't matter, though. The Kendig family found a fun activity that occupied their

## Austin Kendig

- Age: 7
- Hometown: State College, Pa.
- Favorite TV show: Hot Wheels Battle Force Five
- Favorite subject: Science
- Career goals: Racecar driver

Know someone we should shine a light on? E-mail us at: [di-spotlight@uiowa.edu](mailto:di-spotlight@uiowa.edu). Catch up with others from our series at [dailyiowan.com/spotlight](http://dailyiowan.com/spotlight).

Saturdays for several months to come.

When the weather permits, Saturdays are dedicated to go-kart racing. The Kids Karts racers start practice laps at 10 a.m. Once all the racers are ranked, they move on to the Feature Race — a 10- to 12-lap series in which the competitors jockey for position.

Of course, racing is not

without its dangers. High velocity and hairpin turns cause wrecks, a truth Austin's mother is coming to terms with.

"It's better now, but I had serious issues taking my 5-year-old out of a car seat and putting him into a go-kart," she said.

Despite the competition attached to the sport, Austin considers his competitors teammates and friends. And he can't wait to spend his Saturdays slinging mud on the Delmar tracks.

"[I'm looking forward to] just trying my best and having fun," he said. "[I'm] looking forward to having a team and we get to be together."

This is the second in a five-part series on interesting local youth. Check back Wednesday for a profile on a 15-year-old West High student who is raising money for Japanese relief efforts.

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## Editorial

## Should the UI do away with honorary doctorates?

## Yes

While professionals such as journalist Tom Brokaw and attorney Arthur Neu have certainly contributed much hard work and knowledge to their fields, is this deserving of a doctorate degree? The University of Iowa seems to think so. Those professionals and many others have been granted honorary doctorates by the UI since the university reinstated the practice in 1996.

But doctorates should not be honorary. They should be bestowed upon those who have put in years of college research work, contributed to academic development through their dissertations, and vowed to dedicate their lives to scholarly endeavors.

An honorary doctorate doesn't automatically grant academic scholarship or merit, but receipt of one carries an assumed aura of respect and dignity. However, this false perception of academic valor tarnishes doctorates earned through academic merit. Persons such as profiteering televangelist Billy Graham have been granted honorary doctorates. George W. Bush was awarded an honorary doctorate from Yale, where he earned an undergraduate degree.

If the purpose of an honorary doctorate is to acknowledge the accomplishments of a person, most often in connection with the granting university in some way, why not establish a distinguished award? Former Iowa Rep. Richard Myers will receive an honorary doctorate from the UI at the spring 2011 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences commencement ceremony. Myers was the owner of two Coralville businesses, served as the mayor of Coralville, served on the Iowa City Chamber of Commerce, and held many other governmental positions. Though these are noble accolades, they are more deserving of a special award than an academic distinction.

Some hold degrees in their field, such as UI 2007 honorary doctorate recipient Ignacio Ponseti. Ponseti was a professor of orthopaedics at the UI Carver College of Medicine and developed a method to cure club foot. A doctor of medicine, he was undoubtedly deserving of public recognition and awards — but why grant him a doctorate when he was already a professor?

Honorary doctorates are either redundant or unnecessarily bestowed depending upon the recipient. In place of these superfluous degrees, distinguished awards should appropriately be presented instead.

— Emily Inman

## No

Don't worry, it's not as if Ashton Kutcher will be performing lobotomies.

These honorary doctorates are usually awarded to well-qualified individuals who have demonstrated nothing short of exceptionalism. The two alumni being honored this year do much to support this notion.

Jerre L. Stead was the CEO of AT&T Global Business Communications System and helped the UI establish the Stead Technology Services Group, which is inarguably more impressive than going to eight years of graduate school.

Richard Meyers was born in Iowa City, acted as mayor of Coralville, and was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1994. Sure: Call yourself a doctor if you want, Mr. Meyers.

They probably won't even force people to call them "doctor," considering that their self-esteem is presumably healthier than that of "Dr." Doe, the middle-school English teacher. What they will do is either increase or continue their generous donations to the University of Iowa, which keeps your tuition from increasing even more. (Yea, politics.) And the UI's recognition of their commendable expertise will only bolster their support of our institution.

For anyone taking exception to this recognition or taken aback by its logistics, compare it to a UI Honors designation on an undergraduate degree. If a student maintains a 3.5 grade-point average and writes a thesis, he or she graduates with Honors; if a student becomes the CEO of a major international corporation and donates a butt ton of money, he or she gets to be called "doctor."

What's the worst that can happen? Not much. (Wait: Stead lists his prefix as "Dr." on a flight reservation and is awarded an empty first-class seat near the front of the plane by a cautious pilot, who ends up choking on a pretzel mid-flight. No, no, that doesn't work — he would have been in first-class anyway.)

As long as the university maintains a high standard for honorary-doctorate recipients and the degrees continue to come sans surgical licenses, there is little reason for the UI, or any university, to discontinue them. Nobody's proposing it, and nobody should.

It would be interesting to hear Dr. Kutcher's acceptance speech at graduation.

— Chris Steinke

Your turn. Should the UI award honorary doctorates?  
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## Royalty reality show

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"Men in tights made this country what it is," says the BBC Radio announcer during BBC's interminable, bone-numbing coverage of some marriage in London last week (think C-SPAN with that "sophisticated" British accent).

"Men in tights." No wonder the British still have an empire.

Of course, when most of your best men are ballet dancers in tights, sooner or later, you wind up becoming Russia, only without the chess wizards.

Russia still has a great empire, too, right?

Amazingly, so many Americans (not pointing any sort of gender finger, but they were overwhelmingly young Yank women) in London along the royal route who were interviewed by BBC were all agog — no, they were far beyond that, they were pantingly, frothingly, screamingly, there so they could catch a glimpse of the royal somebody.

Especially Prince William and, more especially, Prince Harry.

It was if the two princes were the reincarnation of the Beatles, circa 1963.

Do those American girls not remember that this country was born by revolting against the English royalty? Do they wish to go back to being a colony? So they may truly worship Prince Harry and Duke William?

No wonder the American electorate is so screwed up.

Another thing I found interesting about the royal wedding: The two former Labour prime ministers, Tony Blair and Gordon Browne, were not invited to the wedding, and neither was President Obama. (Who saved Britain's lunch [and breakfast and dinner] in World War II? Hint: It wasn't just the courageous RAF fliers in the Battle of Britain. And not all of whom were British; some were Canadians and Americans, some of whom earned British medals.)

But the Syrian ambassador to Britain was invited to the wedding.

Curious. Especially because the British government has recently admonished, in that understated, English sort of way, the Syrian government for massacring its citizens who have the temerity to protest against the government.

But it is interesting that the royal family would consider that the presence of an official of murderous regime would be more appropriate than that of two former prime ministers and the American president.

The royal family has also denied access to cover the wedding for a satirical Australian show. So the scorecard reads: former liberal (sort of) prime ministers, 0; liberal (sort of) American president 0, Australian satire, 0; murderous regime, 1.

That's the kind of royal family that we Irish have come to know quite well after 700 years or so.

Of course, if I were Tony Blur — excuse me, Tony Blair (I'm blaming football fingers) — had I received an invitation to the royal wedding, I would have politely declined. Quite possibly quite politely: "I'm rather sorry; I shan't be able to attend the wedding of the prince and his chatel because my presence is demanded at a conference on nuclear proliferation in Central Asia. I quite understand that nuclear proliferation in Central Asia was not addressed in the Magna Carta of 1215. But I stoutly believe that nuclear proliferation in Central Asia — despite the American approach, in which the government disclosed the name of a CIA agent in the area — is a worrisome subject."

Since British conservatives took over the government last year and instituted a severe round of spending cuts, which gives conservatives orgasmic happiness, the British economy has deeply slumped, BBC Radio cheerily tells us. Well, OK, not so cheerily. The only thing BBC Radio has been cheery about is that damn wedding. You'd think something important was going on.

Yeah, right; slashing the budget works just great. Yet, Republicans are determined to send us down the road that Britain is going, royal wedding or no. ■

## Letter

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## Don't forget Israel when educating on the Middle East

Congratulations to the University of Iowa for presenting programs to learn more about the Middle East such as Middle East Week. As you know, the Arab world is exploding with riots and demonstrations over tyranny, poverty, illiteracy,

unemployment, and hunger — and rightly so.

But did you know that the Jewish state of Israel, while very concerned about what is happening around her, is an island of stability, freedom, and creativity amidst all this turmoil?

Did you know the Israel is a democracy that supports women's rights, gay rights, and religious rights for all? Israel has a fair and impartial justice

system with Arabs on its Supreme Court, was among the first responders to the natural disasters in Haiti and Japan, and has been on the frontlines of innovation from the Kindle to wastewater recycling to the coagulating bandage (distributed free to U.S. soldiers).

Warren Buffet said, "You go to the Middle East looking for oil; you don't need to stop in Israel. But if you go looking for

brains, for energy, for integrity, it's the only stop you need to make in the Middle East."

Did you know that four Israeli universities were ranked in the top 150 in the world by China's Shanghai Jiago Tong University?

If you did not know any of these facts, then the UI must do a better job of informing you in the future.

Allan G. Ross  
executive director  
Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities

## Guest opinion

## Celebrating World Press Freedom Day

Thanks to the First Amendment, I'm free to write these words — and you're free to read them.

But for about 84 percent of the approximately 6.9 billion people with whom we share this planet, that's not the case. They live in nations where the press is only "partly" free from government control or criminal intimidation, or not free at all.

Those global press-freedom figures are from a 2010 report by Freedom House, an independent human-rights organization, which has compiled such data annually since

1980. The group's 2011 report was issued Monday.

The figures are worth noting as the United States hosts this year's World Press Freedom Day today, with the theme "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers." It's an appropriate focus given the dramatic presence of new media methods and technology in political and social turmoil in the Middle East and elsewhere.

The Freedom House report notes that "in response to the growing popularity of Internet-based applications such as

Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter, many governments have started targeting the new platforms as part of their censorship strategies." In 12 of 37 countries examined, the group said, officials imposed temporary or total bans on such new technology.

But these kinds of ratings and reports tell only part of the story of the worldwide struggle to gather and report the news freely and report it without fear:

• Eight journalists were attacked in recent days in Uganda while trying to report on the second day of

a walk-to-work campaign protesting fuel prices and government's inefficiency.

• The editor of a Ukrainian English-language newspaper was fired on the spot on April 15 reportedly for insisting on publishing an interview with a government minister regarding possible international trade violations. From Bahrain to Sri Lanka, journalists have been arrested for simply doing their job.

• And, in a ceremony set for May 16, the Journalists Memorial at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., will add the names of 59 journalists who died in 2010 in

the course of reporting the news. Eighteen names of newly identified journalists who died in previous years also will be added, bringing the overall total to 2,084.

Information freely gathered and freely reported is the enemy of despots, dictators, and criminal cartels. For democracies, it would seem just as obvious that a free and unfettered flow of information is the lifeblood of systems that depend on an informed citizenry to make the ultimate governing decisions.

Newly created global news outlets on the web, widely used social media,

and so-called "data dumps" by groups such as WikiLeaks do raise legitimate issues ranging from personal privacy to credibility to national security. Serious critics of the press, here and abroad, are right to point to errors of fact and judgment by journalists.

But on at least one day, we all ought to pause to appreciate the value — and for far too few, the unique national asset — that is a free press.

Gene Policinski is senior vice president and executive director of the First Amendment Center, a nonpartisan operating program of the Freedom Forum.

REACTIONS



MATT MCGINNIS

19, UI sophomore Tinley Park, Ill.

I had just woken up. Our school didn't start until 9 o'clock that day. The attacks started at 8, I think. [7:46 a.m. Central Time] So I had just woken up, and I was getting ready to go to school, and I remember my dad telling me to turn on the TV. I remember they kept saying, 'Terrorism, terrorism, terrorism,' and I really didn't know what terrorism was then so finally I just went to school. ... And the teachers, I think they were nervous.

I don't think they knew how to react because some of them had the TV on, and some thought we weren't old enough so they turned the TVs off. A few of the teachers started bickering about whether we should or shouldn't watch it, so I remember being really confused. That's what I remember most.

On Sunday, I had just left the library and went to Airliner to get something to eat, and we were just at a friend's house playing some video games. And one of her roommates came from downstairs and knocked on the door and said 'Hey guys, did you hear what happened?' ...

So we paused the game and switched over, and by the time we found the channel, Obama was just beginning his speech. So we got to listen to the speech, and I don't think we ever finished that game ...

Do I think there's closure? No, not necessarily, because I think we all know that bin Laden doesn't

end terrorism. It's just a step. But I think it's a step in the right direction, maybe the beginning of the end. It could take 10 years, it could take one. It's maybe the beginning of closure.

Our generation, we have two lives, pre-9/11 and post 9/11, and I think this could be a start. I don't know post-terrorism. ■



ADAM CONNELL

24, UI freshman in the Navy Reserve. Part of a search team that supplied support to soldiers fighting against the Taliban

[Sunday] night I was walking out of chemistry tutoring around 9:30, and my brother calls me. He kept saying, 'Did you hear the news?' And I'm like, 'What news?' He said, 'We got him. We got bin Laden.' He was elated, and I was overwhelmed with happiness.

It was just a normal day, but it had that extra kick to it. It's one of those days that will go down in history. I know I'll be able to tell where I was, what I was wearing even for years to come. It's definitely exciting for us; it's a boost of morale and all the hard work has paid off. Obama said in his speech, "Justice has been served," but this would have never happened without the men and women over there now.

I'm thankful for those guys over there every day. I can sit in lecture, I can read my textbook or listen to my iPod and not have to worry about things. Those

we've lost, I'd definitely say they gave it their all and made the ultimate sacrifice. There's no way to express the gratitude in any language that I know of. I've tried, but how do you say thank you? We can try our damndest, but you can't. ■



MAUREEN MILLER

52, from Oviedo, Fla Her son, Staff Sgt. Robert Miller, died in Afghanistan Jan. 25, 2008. He was a UI student at the time.

I think he would have been happy to see the news. Whether [bin Laden] was captured or killed, he'd be happy to see him out of the picture. I can't say that it really affected us much. I was glad to see a conclusion to that aspect, but I realize bin Laden was just one person. It wasn't just him and one terrorist organization. It was the radical ideology.

Rob is always on my mind. If you talk to any parent who's lost a child, they'll tell you - you don't just put them in a box in your mind and take them out on occasion. He's constantly there for me. I have seven other kids. Rob was the second-oldest son and the first one to be in the Army. He studied English at the university and took some classes in Chinese and Arabic. He read extensively. He was always interested in military history; in the eighth grade, he was reading *The Art of War*. He didn't

always have the grades to show it, but he was a good student.

I was nervous when he passed basic training, but I felt comfortable because I knew he was well trained.

Our faith helped us deal with fact that he had died. Even at that time, I knew of other families who had lost children. I watched others go through it and I guess over time I just learned to live with it. We really appreciate all the work that's been done to reach this point in time. Rob was in the Army's branch of Special Forces, so I know those jobs are often a bit dangerous. Their efforts do not go unnoticed. ■



CLIFF WALLACE

20, returned from Iraq three weeks ago and plans to enroll at the UI in the fall.

It's kind of like I'm dreaming, being back and all. It's only a been a few weeks, and I'm working on getting back to the everyday. I'm grateful. As far as bin Laden - I was in fifth grade when the Twin Towers went down. I don't think I could ever comprehend it, and I don't think anyone could unless they lived it or knew people that lived it.

But this is a huge deal. Obviously, it's great Osama's gone, but the Taliban's out there. The war's not over just because Osama's dead. Troops are dying every day. It's not over.

I think the wars had fallen out

of peoples' minds. This brought them back. This is a huge step, but I think it's important for our men and women to remember to take things one day at a time. ■



RACHEL STEWART

Webmaster in Tippie College of Business

I was here in the college on Sept. 11, working on the other side of the building ... I was sitting in [the staff lounge] when the second tower fell. I was talking to somebody earlier today. We shouldn't feel too happy about somebody being killed. Then you think about the families and how they think about it, the families who were directly affected by him. I'm worried about what others are going to pull now because of this. I think I can't feel like the people who were dancing outside the White House. I don't think I could have joined them. I feel too uncertain about what's going to go on now because of what's happened.

My sister and brother-in-law worked in Manhattan at the time, and he still does, but they were in different parts of lower Manhattan so I couldn't reach them, I couldn't call them. I knew they weren't close to the towers, but I was trying to reach her all day ...

I haven't really given it much more thought today. It's just sort of surprised me. I may go online later and see what other people are saying about it. It makes me nervous. ■



KOFI ADRAGNI

Visiting faculty member at the UI from Togo, who has been in the United States for 10 years

On Sept. 11, I was living in New Jersey. That morning I was supposed to go to an interview in New York City, and I was supposed to get on the train that would stop underneath the World Trade Centers. Luckily, I overslept - I would have probably been getting close to the towers, at least if I followed my initial timing. I probably would have been getting on a train going towards or getting underneath the towers around the time the thing happened. God - if I may say God - just helped me not to wake up in time and get on the road. And here I am today.

From where I was in New Jersey, you could see New York City. It was a mix of being upset and wondering what is really going on. It's just indescribable.

Personally - emotionally - I don't feel anything about the death of Osama bin Laden. Now, my question though, is: 'Is that making America any safer?' I don't think so. Killing one person, that's great for today. But I have to think that person basically creates a movement. He has followers and, taking the head out, maybe you have many, many heads that will continue the very thing bin Laden was doing. Maybe we are making things worse. I really hope that's not the case. ■

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# It's still the economy

Experts said President Obama's approval rating will likely increase in coming weeks after U.S. troops killed Osama bin Laden Sunday.

By ALLIE WRIGHT  
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While Osama bin Laden's death has offered a sense relief and a surge of unity for the American public, political experts say it will not solidify President Obama's re-election in 2012.

Instead, several said the country's economic standing and other political issues will hold more weight by 2012.

Late Sunday night, Obama announced the U.S. military had launched a "targeted attack" Sunday that killed bin Laden in Pakistan.

"The bottom line for the 2012 general election is [bin Laden's death] certainly doesn't hurt Obama to have been successful," said David Redlawsk, a political-science professor at Rutgers University and former political-science faculty member at the University of Iowa. "But I think in the end, the election is more likely to turn on where we are in the economy."

Gary Langer, the president of Langer Research Associates - which produces surveys, and conducts research and data evaluation for clients - also said

the national economy will be a more relevant issue during the election season. He said health care and overall political ideology will affect voters next year as well.

But for now, he said, bin Laden's death will support Obama's already strong ratings in terms of his work against terrorism. According to the most recent report from Gallup.com's daily tracker, 46 percent of Americans approve of Obama's presidency. The survey was taken from April 29 to May 1.

"It's hard to imagine the president not getting some credit," he said.

Langer said Monday was too early to see any potential changes in approval ratings for the president following bin Laden's death. But he said he expects new poll results to be announced today.

Langer, a pollster for ABC News, said this situation is similar to that of Saddam Hussein's capture in 2003. That success boosted former President George Bush's approval ratings from December 2003 to February 2004. According to one of Langer's recent blogs for ABC News, Bush saw a 10-

point jump in approval ratings immediately following Saddam's capture.

Sunday's operation in Pakistan will likely do the same for Obama's approval ratings, Langer said, but they won't be permanent.

But even if the higher ratings don't stick, bin Laden's death may force potential Republican presidential candidates to shift their campaigns into high gear in order to compete.

"There's likely going to be some kind of positive fallout for [Obama], which makes it tougher for any Republican candidate to attack him on that point," Redlawsk said.

As caucus season approaches, he said, current and potential Republican candidates don't have the foreign-policy experience to compete with Obama on national-security issues.

"There isn't someone who can stand up and take advantage of this, as far as I can tell," Redlawsk said.

Even though the economy will overshadow other issues in the next election, UI political-science Professor Bob Boynton said this victory will benefit the president.

Bin Laden's death may help Americans to feel safer, Boynton said, because he was a long-standing symbol of terrorism.

"This certainly doesn't hurt [Obama] in terms of people believing he's doing a good job as president," Boynton said.

But time is also a factor. Because there are approximately 18 months before next year's election, experts said, a lot can happen on the political stage to sway American voters' decisions.

"I don't think Obama supporters should be celebrating his re-election quite yet," Redlawsk said.

Daily Iowan reporter Hayley Bruce contributed to this report.

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# Officials describe bin Laden raid

## ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — After nearly a decade of anger and fear, America rejoiced Monday at the demise of Osama bin Laden, the terror mastermind behind the horrific 9/11 attacks. Navy SEALs who killed the world's most-wanted terrorist seized a trove of Al Qaeda documents to pore over, and President Obama laid plans to visit New York's ground zero.

Bin Laden, killed in an intense firefight in a daring raid at his fortified hideout in Pakistan, was hunted down based on information first gleaned years ago from detainees at secret CIA prison sites in Eastern Europe, officials disclosed.

His body was quickly taken away for burial at sea, but not before a DNA match was done to prove his identity. A U.S. official said there also were photos showing bin Laden with the fatal wound above his left eye, a gunshot that tore away part of his skull. The photos were not immediately released.

"The world is safer. It is a better place because of the death of Osama bin Laden," Obama declared,

hours after U.S. forces killed the Qaeda leader in the middle-of-the-night raid on his compound in Abbottabad. Obama was expected to visit New York, the site of Al Qaeda's attack on the World Trade Center, and meet with the families of those killed, an administration official said.

The CIA already was poring over confiscated hard drives, DVDs, and other documents looking for inside information on Al Qaeda, including clues that might lead to his presumed successor, Ayman al-Zawahri.

Obama reaped accolades from world leaders he'd kept in the dark about the operation as well as plaudits from political opponents at home. Republican and Democratic congressional leaders alike gave him a standing ovation at an evening meeting that was planned before the assault but became a celebration of its success.

"Last night's news unified our country" much as the terrorist attacks of 2001 did, Republican House Speaker John Boehner said earlier in the day. Obama later appealed

for that unity to take root as the U.S. presses the fight against a terrorist network that is still lethal — and vowing vengeance.

The SEALs dropped down ropes from helicopters at the compound, killed bin Laden aides, and made their way to the main building, where U.S. officials say the terror leader was slain in a gunfight. Within 40 minutes the Americans were gone, taking bin Laden's body to the USS Carl Vinson, where he was slipped into the sea.

"For my family and me, it's good, it's desirable, it's right," said Mike Low of Batesville, Ark., whose daughter Sara was a flight attendant aboard the hijacked plane that was flown into the World Trade Center North Tower. "It certainly brings an ending to a major quest for all of us."

Halfway around the world, a prominent Qaeda commentator vowed revenge for bin Laden's death. "Woe to his enemies. By God, we will avenge the killing of the Sheik of Islam," he wrote under his online name Assad al-Jihad2. "Those who wish that jihad has ended or

weakened, I tell them: Let us wait a little bit."

U.S. officials conceded the risk of renewed attack. The terrorists "almost certainly will attempt to avenge" bin Laden's death, CIA Director Leon Panetta wrote in a memo that congratulated the agency for its role in the operation. "Bin Laden is dead. Al Qaeda is not."

Within a few hours, the Department of Homeland Security warned that bin Laden's death was likely to provide motivation for attacks from "homegrown violent extremists" seeking revenge.

FBI spokesman Paul Bresson said, "While there are no specific, bin Laden-related threats at this time, every logical and prudent step is being taken to mitigate any developing threats." There were questions, as well, about Pakistan's role in bin Laden's years in hiding. Both Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said cooperation from the Pakistani government had helped lead U.S. forces to the compound where he died.

But John Brennan, White House counterter-

rorism adviser, told reporters it was inconceivable that the terrorist fugitive didn't have some support in Pakistan, where his hideout had been custom built six years ago in a city with a heavy military presence. "I am not going to speculate about what type of support he might have had on an official basis," he added.

By their condemnations, bin Laden's supporters confirmed his death in what U.S. officials said was an operation years in the making. Even so, officials were weighing the release of at least one photo taken of bin Laden's body as part of what Brennan called an effort to make sure "nobody has any basis to try to deny" the death.

U.S. officials said the information that ultimately led to bin Laden's capture originally came from detainees held in secret CIA prison sites in Eastern Europe. There, agency interrogators were told of an alias used by a courier whom bin Laden particularly trusted.

It took four long years to learn the man's real name, then years more before investigators got a big

break in the case, these officials said. Sometime in mid-2010, the man was overheard using a phone by intelligence officials, who then were able to locate his residence — the specially constructed \$1 million compound with walls as high as 18 feet topped with barbed wire.

U.S. counterterrorism officials considered bombing the place, an option that was discarded by the White House as too risky, particularly if it turned out bin Laden was not there.

Brennan said the president and his aides "were able to monitor in a real-time basis the progress of the operation" from beginning to end.

According to officials who declined to be identified by name, bin Laden was shot in the head during a firefight, and his body was identified to near 100 percent certainty through DNA testing. Photo analysis by the CIA, confirmation by a woman believed to be one of bin Laden's wives, who was also at the compound, and matching physical features added confirmation, they said.

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ineffective and fiscally wasteful. He likened the current system to a industrial factory.

"Big institutions have been won over by the left," he said, referring to the country's public-school system and health care.

Iowa City School District Assistant Superintendent Ann Feldman said customization is always the ideal situation, but it requires creativity.

"The ultimate goal for any teacher is to offer a personalized classroom," she said. "In order to do that, we have to think differently — integrating technology into classrooms or computer-aided instruction. We who work in schools are only part of the equation — parents and students are equally important."

Before Santorum's speech started, Bob Vander Plaats, the head of the Family Leader, dis-

cussed recent controversy at the University of Iowa.

He called for the removal of UI Professor Ellen Lewin, who sent a profane e-mail response to the UI College Republicans' e-mail about the group's "Conservative Coming Out Week" events on April 20.

"I have no idea why this professor is still on campus," Vander Plaats said.

UI officials have declined to confirm whether Lewin will receive any discipline for the e-mail.

"That's no way to respond to an educational debate," Vander Plaats said to a round of applause.

Audience members supported Santorum's stance on several social issues.

The unabashedly social conservative took shots at same-sex marriage and applauded Iowa's decision during the November 2010 midterm election to oust the state judges that ruled the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional. Santorum said

the appointed judges overstepped their boundaries and had no business ruling on the issue.

Don Racheter, an audience member at Santorum's speech, said he was impressed with the former senator's presentation and said he thinks he is a viable candidate to run against President Obama in the 2012 presidential election.

"The fact that he has been able to beat Democratic incumbents ... that, I think is one of the things that does set him apart from many of the other people who are trying to get the nomination," said Racheter, the government affairs director for Iowans for tax relief.

Deb Derksen, another audience member, said Santorum's views on family life make him a strong candidate for the GOP nomination. However, she said, she's hesitant to jump just yet.

"In order for any of us to make informed decisions on whom we will support, we need to vet everyone," she said.

## DOWNTOWN

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encouraged the conversion of bar spaces into other types of businesses. Today, councilors will discuss possible replacement businesses for the recently closed bar Vito's, 118 E. College St.

The Planning and Zoning Commission pitched a list of eight issues facing downtown in hopes of getting feedback about which are most important to the council, Davidson said.

City Councilor Regenia Bailey said business owners have shown interest in improving downtown, and she noted that there's a need for more office space.

The council expressed hopes for creating more mixed-use — residential and office space — buildings, as well as more owner-occupied buildings.

"The private sector is interested in development, and redevelopment is quite strong, and this mixed-use concept is definitely part of that trend," said Mayor Matt Hayek. "It will help us with balance and quality of office space, which is lacking."

The council also addressed the increasing number of housing units made specifically for students downtown. Hayek said downtown has seen positive results in owner-occupied housing instead of large units housing mainly students.

"I think we have to be careful that we say we don't want students living downtown," said Councilor Connie Champion.

Other councilors agreed, and Davidson responded saying the plan shouldn't be viewed as "anti-student" because it is a goal conducive with the university.

Councilors also discussed finding ways to protect historic

buildings, exploring height requirements imposed by the airport, diverting traffic from Burlington Street, and turning Washington into a two-way street. They decided to look further into all the items.

Davidson also presented the issue of parking, which he described as a continuing problem.

Businesses are required to provide parking spaces for residents and businesses downtown now, he said.

"There are instances where development downtown couldn't possibly provide parking," Champion said. "We can't just keep building parking ramps."

The councilors requested further information from the staff before making any decisions on about downtown's direction.

Robert Miklo, a senior planner, said he hopes changes could be seen as early as this summer.



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# Lunch numbers irk some

Horn Elementary is set to see an increase in free- or reduced-lunch numbers next year.

By LUKE VOELZ  
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Iowa City School District parents said they're still concerned about a resource imbalance caused by the district's proposed new elementary school boundaries.

The boundaries, which are being changed to accommodate Borlaug Elementary, could represent a significant change in the number of students receiving free- or reduced-lunch services at some local schools. Horn Elementary, for example, will



**Feldmann**  
assistant superintendent

see an increase from 20 percent of students on the program next school year to 36 percent in 2012.

The increase comes partially from the closing of Roosevelt Elementary, which had 66 percent of its students receiving free- or reduced-lunch services this year. The school's family-resource center, which aided low-income students, will be moved to Borlaug when it opens in 2012.

But in the current boundary draft, many Roosevelt students will be moved to Horn, which will not receive a family-resource center. Several Horn parents said this could place a burden on the school's resources.

Parent Leslie Huber

## Free or reduced lunch

### Proposed free- and reduced-lunch numbers for 2012-13

- Borlaug: 37 percent
- Horn: 36 percent
- Weber: 18 percent
- Hills: 57 percent
- Mann: 54 percent

Source: Iowa City School District

said she wished the school could support the incoming students, but it will have difficulties without a family-resource program.

"The district plan was that Borlaug gets the family-resource center, but [it doesn't] need it is as much as Horn," she said. "[Horn]

will get a larger percent of the needy population but not the support that comes with it."

Horn has a predicted increase of 85 students between now and 2012-13, putting it 53 students away from the school's estimated capacity. When several parents expressed concern about being so close to maximum capacity, Assistant Superintendent Anne Feldmann said the district had accounted for maximum class sizes and would not allow transfers beyond those numbers.

But some parents were not relieved, saying after the meeting that maxed-out class sizes would make it difficult to regulate so many new students.

"I want to support the Roosevelt students, but I am concerned about our ability to deal with disruptive and needy students," Huber said. "A more reasonable plan would be to balance free- and reduced-lunch program numbers throughout the district."

Horn parent Diana Colgan said she agreed.

"My children have been bullied because there's not enough staff," she said.

However, Hills parent Julie Van Dyke told the assembled people they need to reconsider how they think about students on free- and reduced-lunch programs.

"Free and reduced lunch does not mean a child is a bad child or has

bad grades," she said. "If you look at this plan and don't like it, think about what it would be like if they hadn't closed Roosevelt. There's no need for a new elementary school if we invest in what we have already."

Several speakers also asked whether the district was allowing enough time to both receive public input and to process it by limiting forums to three times over a three-week stretch.

"I'm never concerned in our community's ability to give us input," said Feldmann.

However, she did not answer whether the district would be strained by limiting discussion to those three weeks.

## NATION

### U.S. officials suspicious about bin Laden's location

ABBOTTABAD, Pakistan — Osama bin Laden made his final stand in a small Pakistani city where three army regiments with thousands of soldiers are based not far from the capital — a location that is increasing suspicions in Washington that Islamabad may have been sheltering him.

The U.S. acted alone in Monday's (Pakistani time) helicopter raid, did not inform Pakistan until it was over, and pointedly did not thank Pakistan at the end of a wildly successful operation. All this suggests more strain ahead in a relationship that was already suffering because of U.S. accusations that the Pakistanis are supporting Afghan militants and Pakistani anger over American drone attacks and spy activity.

Pakistani intelligence agencies are normally very sharp in sniffing out the presence of foreigners in small cities.

Sen. Carl Levin, the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said bin Laden's location meant Pakistan had "a lot of explaining to do."

"I think this tells us once again that unfortunately Pakistan at times is playing a double game," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, a member of the Armed Services Committee.

### Corps to blast levee

SIKESTON, Mo. — The Army Corps of Engineers pumped liquid explosives into an earthen levee Monday as demolition crews prepared to blow a two-mile-wide hole in the barrier — part of a desperate bid to save an Illinois town imperiled by rising floodwaters.

Engineers went on with their work, even though the agency did not plan to announce a final decision on the plan until later Monday.

But doubts persisted about whether breaking open the levee will provide the relief needed. How much water would the blast really divert from the Mississippi River? And will authorities have to do the same thing at other trouble spots downstream?

Time was running short to find answers. Five more inches of rain fell overnight, further straining the flood wall protecting tiny Cairo, Ill.

The seemingly endless rain has overwhelmed rivers and strained levees, including one protecting Cairo, at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

### Federal borrowing to grow

WASHINGTON — It's all but impossible to glean from the political rhetoric, but government borrowing will grow by trillions of dollars over the next decade if the budget backed by House Republicans translates into law.

And by a few trillion more if President Barack Obama gets his way.

Call it the unpleasant truth behind a political struggle over raising the debt limit that is expected to intensify as lawmakers return Monday from a two-week break.

While polls show voters angry over the debt, and politicians support a goal of paying it down, the two principal deficit-reduction plans would merely restrain its growth for the next decade — the Republicans' significantly more so than the president's.

To do otherwise, Congress "would have to enact policies that would produce a surplus," with money left over to begin retiring debt, said Robert Bixby, executive director of the anti-deficit Concord Coalition.

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### Not-so-helpful finals advice:

- If you drank a lot of coffee while you studied, then you need to drink a bunch right before your test so your brain can remember everything better.
- Spanish words that end in -o, -a, and -e are masculine, feminine, and transvestite, respectively.
- If you have a final in a PE class, then you're the only person who does.
- Communication majors: Don't forget to bring the full box of crayons to your finals. With the built-in sharpener, of course.
- The perfect break from studying is an all-day "Law & Order: SVU" marathon.
- Wikipedia is usually more up-to-date, credible, and well-written than your textbook. Even the Wikipedia entry on Wikipedia says so.
- Final exam start times are pretty flexible; if you're five or 20 minutes late, it's no big deal.
- The best way to learn material really fast is to put all of your books under your pillow before you go to sleep and then sleep on the floor.
- Drawing cartoons instead of writing short answers is always advisable; it shows the graders that you have such a firm grasp of the consent.
- Flirting with the professor is guaranteed to raise your letter grade ... among other things.
- If you're going to attempt to cheat, sit in the front row. They'll never suspect it.
- If all else fails, resort to blackmail and/or bribery. Hey, if it's a poli-sci class, you might even get extra credit.

- Daniel Frana is going to have to pull an all-weeker.

## STRESS RELIEF



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To help students relieve the stress of finals, Echo the dog sat outside the Pappajohn Business Building on Monday. Pets can help lower stress-related high blood pressure, according to a study at the State University of New York-Buffalo.

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## UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 4:45 p.m. Iowa Women's Archive Lecture, "We Strive, and We Do: Black Sorority Activism," Deborah Whaley, March 2
  - 5:30 "The Federal Debt Impact on USA," expert panel discusses the effect of the federal debt, sponsored by Tippie College of Business, April 13
  - 7 Women at Iowa, interview with Gigi Durham, associate professor of journalism
  - 8 Celebration of Excellence & Achievement Among Women Awards, Keynote by Georgina Dodge, April 5
  - 9:40 Daily Iowan Television News
  - 9:55 Iowa Women's Archive Lecture, "We Strive, and We Do: Black Sorority Activism," Deborah Whaley, March 2
  - 10:40 Daily Iowan Television News
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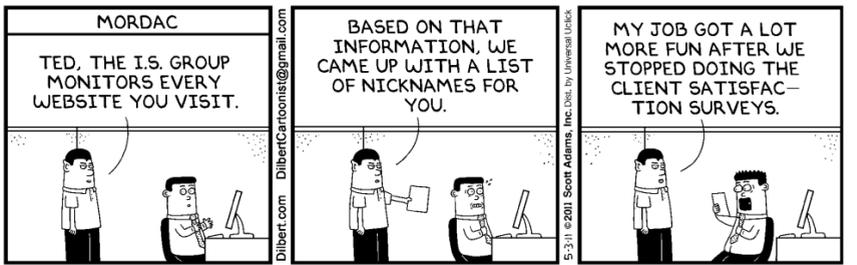
## horoscopes Tuesday, May 3, 2011

by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Taking on additional responsibility will help eliminate the pressure being felt by a friend or relative. Be careful not to overextend yourself in the process. Romance is in the stars.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Concentrate on what's important, whether it's getting your homework or job finished or simply running errands for someone who needs your help. A conversation with an old friend will remind you of past dreams and hopes.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Keep a close eye on your money. You can expect to receive extra cash, but you can lose it just as quickly if you aren't careful. Stick to a budget, or put your money into a solid, safe, long-term investment. Added discipline will lead to bigger accomplishments.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 If you are too giving, someone will take advantage of you. Protecting your interest emotionally and financially is important. A partnership will face uncertainty. Keep an open mind, but don't go down a path that isn't right for you.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Hard work will pay off, but if you slack off, know that someone will do whatever possible to make you look bad. A change of scenery will do you good. Love is in the stars, but don't mix business with pleasure.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 A lifestyle change or updating your old philosophy will give you a boost and allow you to meet people who feel the same way you do. Making alterations now will allow you greater freedom in the future. Don't put your money on the table before you try out the merchandise.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Take care of legal and health issues quickly. The less you leave undone, the better. Don't let anyone dissuade you from doing what you feel is necessary to protect your home, family, or finances. Get professional help before you sign legal papers.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 A new partnership can bring you good fortune and motivation and inspire your creativity. Direct communication will bring the best results. A change of plans will turn out to be a blessing.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Adventure, excitement, and physical challenge will stimulate your senses and motivate you. Making changes to your home or an addition to your entertainment center will help bring loved ones closer together. A hidden asset will turn out to be more valuable than you thought.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Stick close to home, and take care of any personal matters that concern family or your residence. Don't let friends or neighbors push you into anything you don't want to do. Travel plans and communication will not run smoothly.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Stick to the people you know and trust. A change in the way you do things or how you earn your living looks favorable. Opportunity is about to knock, so be ready to jump at any chance fulfill your dreams.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 You'll impress others with your insight and empathy. Someone you have done business with in the past will do you a favor or have a lead that can help you advance and boost your income. It's you who should be doing the pushing.

## DILBERT

by Scott Adams



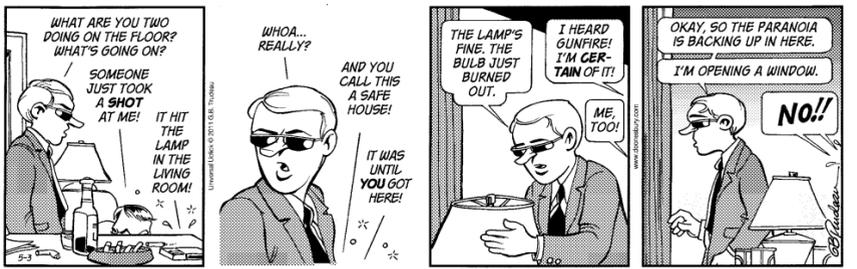
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## today's events

- **Bicyclists of Iowa City Tuesday Morning Ride**, 9 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 529 W. Cherry
- **Story Time**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Tot Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **Pharmacology Visiting Speaker**, "Pharmacological Modulation of Synapse Loss and Recovery Following Neurotoxic Insult," Stanley Thayer, University of Minnesota, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education and Research Facility
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 5th St.
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Technological Entrepreneurship Certificate Advising**, noon p.m., 3123A Seaman's Center
- **Biochemistry Workshop**, Madeline Shea, Biochemistry, 283 Eckstein Medical Research
- **Memphis**, 12:30 p.m., Sycamore 12 Theater, 1602 Sycamore St.
- **Joint Astrophysics/Space Physics**, "The Rigel Telescope Digital Spectrometer," 1:30 p.m., Mark Gorski, Physics/Astronomy, 309 Van Allen
- **Operator Theory Seminar**, "Estimates for Friedrichs Extensions," Pale Jorgensen, Mathematics, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Iowa City Mysteries**, 2 p.m., State Historical Society, 402 Iowa Ave.
- **New Horizons Band Ensemble Concerts**, 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Iowa New Play Festival Reading, Orange Julius**, by Basil Kreimendahl, 2:30 p.m., 172 Theatre Building
- **Communication Studies Seminar**, Graduate Awards Ceremony, 4 p.m., 101 Becker
- **Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Occupational and Environmental Health Seminar**, 4 p.m., 123

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- Institute for Rural and Environmental Health
- **Carver College of Medicine Distinguished Biomedical Scholar Lecture**, "Perspectives of Tumorvirus Research," Harald zur Hausen, 2008 Nobel Prize recipient in Physiology or Medicine, 4 p.m., 1110 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Cultural Centers Recognition Reception**, 4:30-6 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **City High Dance Team Fundraiser**, 5 p.m., Cold Stone Creamery, 132 E. Washington
- **Iowa New Play Festival**, Undergraduate Evening, excerpts from *Eggshell*, *Hot Mess Sundae*, and *Operation Midnight Climax* (featuring undergraduate playwrights Soren Olsen, Alexandria Petroski, and Matt Benyo), 5:30 and 9 p.m., 172 Theatre Building
- **"Don't Forget Sudan,"** keynote address by Omer Ismail and dinner, 6:30 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre; RSVP for this event to Kelsey Kramer at [kelsey-kramer@uiowa.edu](mailto:kelsey-kramer@uiowa.edu) or 319-384-2208
- **Generando Fundraiser**, 6:30 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Clark Blaise and Alexander MacLeod, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Even the Rain**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Nonfiction Writing Program Writers Gone Public**, undergraduate nonfiction readings, 7 p.m., 304 English-Philosophy Building
- **Line Dance**, 7:15 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert
- **School of Music Benefit Concert**, featuring Eugene Rosseau, saxophone, 7:30 p.m., Englert Theater, 221 E. Washington
- **Air Sex World Champions**, 8 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **Certified Copy**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0329

- Across**
- Barrel supports
  - Solo of "Star Wars"
  - Attic nester
  - Stop
  - General on a Chinese menu
  - Two times tetra-17
  - See 55-Across
  - Appt., often
  - Naturalist John
  - One of five Norwegian kings
  - 1963 title role for 55-17-Across
  - "No, No" girl of Broadway
  - TV's "20/20" creator Arledge
  - 1965 film starring 55-17-Across
  - It can go over hill and dale, brie
  - List shortener
  - Western author Grey
  - English class assignment
  - Slowing, in mus.
  - Pont Neuf's river
  - "Rule, Britannia" composer
  - Pooped
  - Australian outlaw Kelly
  - 1960 film for which 55-17-Across won a Best Actress Oscar
  - Harder to locate
  - Put through the paces
  - With 17-Across, late Hollywood star
  - "Casablanca" role
  - Mad
  - Colo.-to-Ga. direction
  - "Suddenly, Last \_\_\_\_\_" (1959 film starring 55-17-Across)
  - Caffeine nut
  - PC screen type
  - Tied in a best-of-three series
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- Down**
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  - 1944 title role for 55-17-Across
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  - WWW code
  - Toward the rudder
  - Bum
  - Philander
  - Migraine, e.g.
  - Paint can instruction
  - Law office worker, for short
  - Chávez of the U.F.W.
  - Sound of breaking a vacuum seal
  - "Nearer, My God, to \_\_\_\_\_"
  - Asian holiday
  - Cover, so to speak
  - Feminizing suffix
  - Saxophonist's need
  - Run \_\_\_\_ (not pay as you go)
  - Word shortening on a traffic sign
  - Piece of one's heart
  - Multicellular animal
  - They may be brushed or bared
  - Fed. agencies may issue them
  - Tavern offering
  - Good fig. for Maddux or Martinez
  - Protagonists in "Star Wars"
  - "The Last Supper," for one
  - How often 55-17-Across was married
  - Actor Edward James \_\_\_\_\_
  - "\_\_\_\_ hooks"
  - Container weights
  - Nevada city
  - Heart of Chicago, with "the"
  - Senators Kennedy and Stevens
  - The sun, personified
  - Italian article

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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**Shaun Prater, cornerback**

Prater submitted paperwork to the NFL draft advisory board last December as a junior — which allows a potential prospect to get a general idea of where they may be picked if they choose to enter the draft. The Omaha native elected to return, and like Reiff, it appears he made the correct decision. Last week, ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. listed Prater as the third-best corner in the 2012 class.

As a proven stopper — he had four interceptions last season and was named first team All-Big Ten — Prater may not see as many passes thrown his way in 2011 (see: Amari Spivey in 2009, now with the Detroit Lions). Still, if Prater's as reliable as he has been, he could be a second-rounder.

*Way-too-soon projection: Early to middle second round*

**Mike Daniels, defensive tackle**

Kiper also listed Daniels as the third-best player at his position for 2012. He might be undersized for the NFL — 6-1, 275 pounds — but Karl Klug was thought to be, too. The Tennessee Titans swooped him up with a fifth-round pick on April 30, so why can't Daniels make it, too?

Plus, Daniels might be faster and was more disruptive as a junior than Klug was. Offensive lines will key on Daniels in 2011, so how he responds will be crucial. Here's guessing he does just fine.

*Way-too-soon projection: Second to third round*

**Marvin McNutt, wide receiver**

The St. Louis native flourished last year in his second full season as a receiver, catching 53 passes for 861 yards and eight touchdowns. He now figures to be option No. 1 (and maybe No. 2) in the Iowa passing game, so he should produce even better numbers.

Standing at 6-4 and about 220 pounds, he has prototypical NFL size, and scouts should like the fact that he used to play quarterback.

*Way-too-soon projection: Third round*

**Tyler Nielsen, linebacker**

The 6-4, 235-pounder may already physically be ready for the NFL. Add in one more season of experience, and the Humboldt native should become a professional. Nielsen looked good in eight starts in 2010 before a neck injury cut his season short, but it's not a big enough body of work to put him any higher than the fifth round. His combination of athleticism and size is intriguing.

*Way-too-soon projection: Fifth to sixth round*

**Brad Herman, tight end**

With Allen Reisner not being selected last weekend, Iowa ended its streak of seeing every starting tight end of the Ferentz era drafted. Reisner should still end up in an NFL camp once the lock-out is sorted out, and Brad Herman could start a new streak. Herman enters his senior season with only 10 career catches, but he will likely be this year's starter.

If he is a consistent playmaker in 2011 and his blocking continues to improve, Herman should be selected late.

*Way-too-soon projection: Seventh round*

**Honorable Mention:** Broderick Binns (defensive end), Marcus Zusevics (offensive tackle)

**RELAYS**

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"We've got expectations of him, and he needs to perform like he's performed in the past or maybe just a little bit better."

What is also troubling for the Hawkeyes is who finished ahead of their senior runner. Five Big Ten runners competed in the event last weekend in Des Moines, and Battista finished ahead of only one of them. While the three conference runners who finished ahead of Battista have all run under nine minutes in the event this season, he was still frustrated with the results.

Battista, who finished 13th at last year's Big Ten outdoor championships, holds the 19th-best conference time this year.

"I just got to compete well. I've been working real hard but just not carrying it over to the meets as much [as I'd like]," he said, noting how physical the steeplechase was at Drake. "I know I'm running out of time here, and I keep saying, 'It's going to come, it's going to come.' I've got to eventually force it here."

Though not completely to where Scott Cappos



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Men compete in the distance medley at Drake Stadium on April 30. A total of 14 records were broken and one was tied in the 102nd Drake Relays.

would like them to be, the throws coach said Drake was a step in the right direction for his group.

Ryan Lamparek and Nick Brayton placed eighth and 11th overall in the discus, but second and third among the seven Big Ten throwers who competed.

"We beat some pretty good Big Ten guys head-to-

head, so overall, I'm pleased with the progress we made," Cappos said. "I think that's always important when you can beat the good competition in your conference. That was one of the things we went for and, overall, I think we did a real good job of that."

He said the shot put is still behind. The Hawkeyes

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tion in 1998, in which he paid a foreign recruit \$6,000, even though the recruit did not ultimately sign with the Buckeyes. But after his firing, O'Brien sued and eventually won \$2.4 million for wrongful termination after the court deemed that complying with the NCAA was just one part of his contract, and there needed to be more breaches to rightfully let O'Brien go.

This saga likely has Ohio State understandably hesitant about pursuing another controversial firing.

Now, it's often observed that if this had happened to anyone besides Tressel, said coach would be fired. This is also probably true.

Fred Mims, the Hawkeye associate athletics director for student services and compliance, said each school's stance on a firing can be completely different.

"Each [coach's] contract will be based on what each individual university has had happen," he said.

However, I may be giving too much credit to Ohio State.

Tressel has a checkered history that is oft forgotten.

While the head coach at Youngstown State, he set up a meeting between a major booster and his star quarterback Ray Isaac, and eventually the booster

gave thousands of dollars to Isaac. The NCAA never punished Tressel because by the time the incident was discovered, it was after the statute of limitations had expired.

But this was public knowledge, and Ohio State officials certainly had to consider this past when they hired Tressel in 2001.

Now, 10 years later, there are calls for Tressel's firing after another blatant violation. But because of precedent, and because he runs a successful on-field program, he remains Ohio State's coach.

The Buckeyes basically can't fire him now.

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Iowa junior Chris Brant (left) aids senior Brad Hopfinger during the team's media day on April 12 at Finkbine. Brant finished second in last weekend's Big Ten championship; Hopfinger tied for 17th place.

**BRANT**

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which gives me more opportunities for birdies," Brant said.

India has noticed the

improvements in his teammate's game and believes Brant's play this spring has helped alleviate some pressure on him and senior Brad Hopfinger, the team's No. 2 starter.

"[At Big Tens] I wasn't surprised to see Chris up there — he's got one of the

best short games I've ever seen," India said. "He kind of plots around the golf course without getting upset ... it's good knowing we can get those three good scores in every round."

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# Frustration sets in

The Hawkeyes have struggled all year and sit in last place in the Big Ten.

By **SETH ROBERTS**  
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Jarred Hippen became the seventh pitcher in Iowa history to throw a one-hitter when he handcuffed Minnesota on April 29, but he has to be the unluckiest guy in the world.

He lost the game, 1-0. That's just how the season has gone for Hippen and the Hawkeyes. The team was a preseason pick to finish in the top half of the Big Ten, but the Black and Gold sit in last place with a 5-10 record (16-25 overall) with just nine league games left. They have lost every Big Ten series this year, and the squad's longest winning streak of the year was a paltry three games.

"We've been [a] very inconsistent team all year long," head coach Jack Dahm said. "I thought we'd be a lot more consistent this year, but it hasn't happened."

The result has been a season several players referred to as "frustrating," and in many ways, Hippen has been affected more than any other Hawkeye. The Iowa offense has given him fewer than 4 runs in six of his 11 starts, despite averaging almost eight hits per game when the preseason Big Ten Pitcher of the Year takes the hill. The Black and Gold wasted his one-hit gem by failing to score at all on April 29 — although Chett Zeise was thrown out at home in the sixth inning — and Hippen admitted he has noticed the lack of run support.

"I've thrown really well in a lot of games, and we've come out on the wrong side of them," he said. "I'm numb to it now because it's



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

**Iowa pitcher Jarred Hippen throws the ball during practice at Banks Field on March 23, 2010. Hippen threw a one-hitter at Minnesota on April 29, but Iowa still lost, 1-0.**

happened so many times this year."

The Rock Falls, Ill., native's 2-5 record hides a 3.39 earned run average that is ninth-best among Big Ten pitchers with at least 10 starts, and Dahm said he has been impressed with how his ace has handled the team's offensive struggles.

"[He understands] he can only control what he can control," the eighth-year coach said. "That's what he does on the mound, and we've talked a lot about that. There was a time or two where he might have gotten a little frustrated, but we've talked about it, and he's handled it well."

Now, Dahm said, the Hawkeyes have to relax at the plate and build on the momentum from their 7-1, series-ending win over the Gophers on Sunday. If the bats come alive and pitchers continue to perform at a high level, he said, the team still has a shot to make the Big Ten Tournament for the second year in a row.

Iowa is last in the league but just two games out of

sixth place, which is the cutoff for the tournament. All nine of the squad's remaining conference games are against opponents that, as of now, are slated to appear in the tournament, and second baseman Mike McQuillan said he and his teammates control their own destiny.

"With three weekends left, it's time to buckle down and get the job done," he said. "It's a challenge for us to go out these next three weekends and win three series. We'll see what happens, but right now, the goal is to go out and win today's game and then move on to the next day."

Still, McQuillan said, he didn't want to classify the team's last nine games as "must-win."

"That's just putting pressure on yourself," the Evergreen Park, Ill., native said. "That's one thing we've done this year — we've put pressure on ourselves, and it makes it harder to play the game that way."

"It's three weekends, and nine games to win. That's all it is for us."

# Men's tennis optimistic

In a season of ups and downs, Iowa's players were still able to create some memorable highlights.

By **BEN ROSS**  
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The 2011 spring season for the Iowa men's tennis team (8-12, 2-9) can be summed up in the famous saying: close but no cigar. Iowa lost four matches this season by just one point, with another six losses coming by two points.

It's easy to see how the Hawkeyes may have become frustrated with themselves during the long season, with the wins just not coming after poor execution during match play. Iowa ended its season this past weekend with an early exit from the Big Ten Tournament in Madison, Wis., losing in the first round to Purdue, 4-2, on April 28.

Iowa started off the season with a 4-4 record, including a heartbreaking 4-3 loss to then No. 4 Illinois. Things began to snowball for the Black and Gold — the Hawkeyes lost their next Big Ten match to No. 5 Ohio State, 5-2. The Ohio State match had some good news for the team; junior Will Vasos defeated Ohio State's No. 98 Balazs Novack, a senior who was previously 27-0 in Big Ten contests in his career.



**Vasos**  
junior

## Iowa men's tennis 2011-12

**Returning starters (record this season)**

- Will Vasos (14-7)
- Marc Bruche (11-10)
- Garret Dunn (9-10)
- Tom Mroziewicz (5-6)
- Jonas Dierckx (2-6)

**Starters lost:**

- Austen Kauss (9-11)
- Nikita Zotov (6-13)

"For me, individually, it was a huge win," Vasos said. "It gave me confidence for the rest of the season; it was definitely my highlight of the season."

After the loss to the Buckeyes, Iowa managed to win just two Big Ten matches, coming consecutively against Penn State and at Purdue. After the win at Purdue, Iowa fell into a seven-match losing streak, ultimately ending its season on a losing note. The Hawkeyes did gain some hardware at the tournament, though; No. 1 singles player junior Marc Bruche earned second-team All-Big Ten honors.

"It was an honor for me," he said. "I worked hard the whole season; it's good to get little rewards for a season. I know it was a rough year for the team, but it feels good to earn individual awards."

The squad looks forward to next year, because only

two seniors — Austen Kauss and Nikita Zotov — will leave after graduating. This may be a silver lining for the Hawkeyes, because their top two players, Bruche and Vasos, will return, along with sophomore Garret Dunn, junior Tom Mroziewicz, and freshman Jonas Dierckx, all of whom saw extensive action for Iowa this past season.

The returning talent may be a reason for the team to be excited, and Dunn believes that this year was good for learning what will have to be done to be successful.

"We started off successful," he said. "We didn't finish out well, we had a decent season overall, but we learned a lot about what we'll need to do to be successful next year. We need to believe in ourselves. If we can do that, we can do pretty well."

It appears that the 2012 season is something that everyone can look forward to, because the Hawkeyes possess all the pieces that are needed to go on a championship run.

At least that's what Vasos thinks.

"Each and every day, everyone worked as hard as he could," the Fort Collins, Colo., native said. "Next year will be a good deal. Coming back, we will take our good work ethic and roll with it."

inning, and left fielder Justin Gominsky drove him in one batter later with a sacrifice fly.

Hippen (2-5, 3.39 ERA) threw just 72 pitches over eight innings in Iowa's first one-hitter since 1998. He said he was primarily throwing his two-seam fastball, and he used the Gophers' aggressive plate approach to his advantage as he retired 17 batters with three pitches or fewer.

"They were just chasing and chasing and chasing, no matter how many times they got out,"

he said. "I kept throwing the same pitches, and I guess what you learn is, you don't need a strikeout to get outs. You can get outs the first two pitches in [the at-bat] and be efficient."

Hippen shared Pitcher of the Week honors on May 21, 2010, and he joins Trevor Willis (Player of the Week, March 7) and Nick Brown (Pitcher of the Week, March 21) as the only Hawkeyes to earn one of the conference's weekly awards in the 2011 season.

— by Seth Roberts

## BASEBALL

### Hippen honored

Iowa ace Jarred Hippen earned Big Ten Pitcher of the Week honors after throwing a one-hit gem against Minnesota on April 29.

The junior from Rock Falls, Ill., struck out two and faced just one batter over the minimum — although that batter, Gopher center fielder Troy Larson, handed Hippen the loss when he scored the game's only run. Larson tripled down the right-field line to lead off the fourth

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## BASEBALL

Iowa's April 29 loss despite Jarred Hippen's one-hitter epitomizes the Hawkeyes' struggles this season. 10



Iowa juniors Chris Brant (left) and Jed Dirksen chip off the fringe during media day at Finkbine Golf Course on April 12.

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## Brant scales new heights

Chris Brant gives the Iowa men's golf team another weapon as it strives for a national championship.

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Chris Brant, a three-year starter for the Iowa men's golf team, has been consistent throughout his career.

Perhaps his best performance, though, came this past weekend, when he battled head-to-head with Illinois' Luke Guthrie at the Big Ten championship. After the first two rounds, Brant was shooting a blistering 5 under to lead the 54-man field.

"[Brant] has practiced a lot more this semester and put in his time to identify his weaknesses," head coach Mark Hankins said. "[He's] learned how to adapt at the tournament to score his best, and this tournament was no different."

Paired with Guthrie on his final day, Brant matched him down the stretch. He sunk five-consecutive pars to begin the back nine and then birdied holes 15 and 16.

Unfortunately for Brant, Guthrie sunk

his birdie attempt on hole 16 and ended up winning the tournament by just one stroke.

Brant and Guthrie were the only players in the field who finished the tournament at even par or better, and Brant's finish was the best for the Hawkeyes since 1992, when Brad Klapprott won the tournament.

"When I played well this week, I had a really upbeat attitude, really carefree," Brant said. "I stayed in the present well and had a lot of fun. When I won the *Golfweek*, I carried that same attitude and mindset, and I tried to duplicate that in following rounds this spring."

Brant, who has played in the No. 3 starter's spot this season, has taken his game to new heights.

During his fall season, he shared co-medalist honors with teammate Vince India after both carded three-round totals of 206 (10 under) at the *Golfweek* Conference Challenge.

It was the first tournament win of their college careers.

"I knew Chris always had that potential to be one of those really good players," India said. "Chris definitely felt a little bit better about his game, and just watching him play [this spring], he has a sense of confidence and overall knowledge about how good his game is."

With his near win at the conference championship this past weekend, that gives Brant four top-20 finishes this spring — the LSU Invitational, the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate, and the Hawkeye-Taylor-Made Invitational were the others.

One reason for the steady improvement this spring has been his success with his irons.

"My ball-striking is improved [this spring]; I always hit it off the tee fairly well but my mid to short irons have improved, and I've been hitting it closer to the hole,

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## COMMENTARY

# Iowa's 2012 draft class looks good

Don't be surprised if Iowa doesn't produce at least six more NFL Draft picks next season.



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With a school-record-tying six players selected last weekend at the NFL draft, Iowa has now produced 45 picks under head coach Kirk Ferentz.

Next year could be the third straight in which at least six Hawkeyes are selected. Who are the top potential candidates?

### Riley Reiff, offensive tackle (redshirt junior)

After redshirting as a true freshman, Reiff has started in 24 of Iowa's last 26 games. The 6-6, 300-pounder would have been picked had he chose to declare early and enter this year's draft, but the decision to stay for at least one more year was probably a wise one.

Reiff is a man of few words with reporters but comes off as a driven individual who is only focused on getting better. Assuming he can stay healthy and has another solid season at left tackle, he's a sure-fire first-rounder — that is, of course, if he chooses to forego his senior season. It worked out well for Bryan Bulaga last year.

*Way-too-soon projection: Top-15 pick*

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## THE SPORTING DISCOURSE

# Does Ohio St. have 'vested' interest?

Ohio State's treatment of Jim Tressel doesn't seem right, but it is understandable.



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The reason Jim Tressel hasn't been fired as the head football coach at Ohio State is actually because of the Ohio State basketball program.

Ever since it was revealed that Tressel knowingly covered up five players' indiscretions when they exchanged Ohio State memorabilia for tattoos, the national sentiment has called for his firing. And while the NCAA enforcers haven't finished their official investigation yet, Ohio State has simply accepted a five-game suspension for both the players and Tressel, and the school hopes that will be the end of the issue.

One speculation has been that Tressel's probable termination payout is a hesitation for Ohio State, although he is only under contract until 2014 (so four more seasons), which in college football terms is a pretty standard length — meaning the payout wouldn't be terrible. Besides, the Vest's contract has a stipulation in it that he may be fired without compensation if it he is found committing "fraud or dishonesty in performance of his duties or responsibilities."

So why the hesitation after Tressel has admitted to one of the more serious NCAA violations in boldly lying about the status of ineligible players? It's because of former Ohio State basketball coach Jim O'Brien.

O'Brien was fired in 2004 after admitting to a severe recruiting viola-

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## India named Big Ten Golfer of the Year

After capping a successful senior campaign as the eighth-ranked player in the nation according to Golfstat, Iowa senior Vince India was chosen as the Big Ten Golfer of the Year on Monday.



**India**  
senior

India also won the coveted Les Bolstad Award on Sunday, awarded to the golfer in the Big Ten Conference with the lowest scoring average for the season.

India earned top-15 finishes in all nine stroke-play tournaments this season, winning three of them.

He helped Iowa to a third-place finish at the Big Ten championship, at which he tied for 13th place. India is only the second Iowa golfer to win the award. Brad Klapprott also won the award in 1992.

"Vince had an amazing year, and all his hard work has paid off," head coach Mark Hankins said. "Big Ten Player of the Year is an outstanding award in a great conference for golf; it really shows how well [Vince] played this year."

Joining India as an All-Big Ten first-team selection was senior Brad Hopfinger. On the second team was Hawkeye junior Chris Brant, who finished as the runner-up in the Big Ten championship.

Brant was also recognized as the team's recipient of the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award.

"It was an all-around year for Iowa Hawkeye men's golf," Hankins said. "[These awards] show the team depth and overall season consistency that these guys have shown."

— **by Ben Wolfson**



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Iowa junior thrower Matt Banse throws the shot during the Drake Relays on April 29. Banse tied for fourth with a distance of 16.40 meters.

# Men's track needs work

A few areas of concern linger for the Iowa men's track and field team following last weekend's Drake Relays.

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Despite the success the Iowa men's track and field team achieved at the 102nd Drake Relays, last weekend proved one thing for the Hawkeyes: There is still work to be done.

"It's amazing that you can have the highlights that we [had at Drake] and still feel mixed emotions about the weekend," Iowa head coach Larry Wiecek said.

The main source for Wiecek's "mixed emo-

tions" is the injury suffered by Jordan Mullen on April 29. Mullen is day-to-day with a hip flexor sustained while running the third leg of the 4x200 relay at the Drake Relays.

The sophomore qualified for the finals of the 110-meter hurdles earlier on April 29 but did not compete after the 4x200.

Mullen is the team's leading 110 hurdler, and his season-best time of 13.79 ranks second in the Big Ten and 15th nationally.

Iowa assistant coach Joey Woody said, "It's too soon to

tell" whether Mullen will be back by the Big Ten championships, but he is "optimistic." Iowa will host the event on May 13-15.

Another area of concern for Wiecek — though not injury-related — is in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. After running the event in 9:04.60 at the Drake Relays last year, Mark Battista crossed the finish line in 9:20.63 last weekend.

"[The time] says it all right there," Wiecek said.

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