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John Stoltz, who delivers for Fast Food Iowa, picks up an order from Burger King on Wednesday. The delivery service takes orders for four popular fast-food chains in the area.

## Fast food really on the fly

Two UI students created a business that delivers fast food to carless students.

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Fast food just got faster. Two University of Iowa students recently embarked on an entrepreneurial endeavor to rescue dorm-bound students from their fast-food cravings by bringing it to their doorstep. UI junior Nick Beary and sophomore Rishabh Nath are the masterminds behind Fast Food Iowa. Both Iowa natives, the two met last year while serving in the UI Student Government. Recalling their days in the dorms, Nath and Beary said students without cars find it difficult to snag their favorite fast food. And with other restaurants

delivering, Beary said, "Why not fast food, too?" "The seed was planted, and it sprung from there," the 21-year-old Beary said. The duo sat in the IMU Wednesday, clad in nice ties and suit jackets paired with jeans. They had set up their laptops on a couple tables — their office for the day. With the support of family and friends, a startup investment of roughly \$2,000, and market research, the friends laid the groundwork for Fast Food Iowa. After establishing their menu options and slightly marked-up prices from McDonalds, Arby's, Taco Bell, and Burger King, the business started April 19.

SEE FAST FOOD, 3

**DI** DAILYIOWAN.COM Check out a photo slide show and video of Fast Food Iowa.

## Melrose vendors upset with city

Committee members and vendors call on the city and university to help resolve trash and portable-toilet problems on game days.

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Big Ass Turkey Legs on Melrose Avenue "might be history" on football Saturdays this fall.

At least that's what Dewey Stewart, who has been part of the vending operation for 14 years, said following a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Thursday to discuss the requirements of installing a temporary-permit system for game-day vendors, which might cost around \$75.



Walker  
Melrose neighborhood association member

"If they're going to put up all this red tape, we're going to end the tradition," Stewart said. In mid-April, an Iowa City panel suggested commercial vendors not be allowed to station themselves along the popular street on Saturdays this fall. The Stewarts, along with a representative from Yolanda's Egg Rolls, the Magic Bus, and other vendors said they felt as though they were being punished for the misbehavior of one vendor, and they expressed concern about regulations that might require them to buy new equipment, pay more money, or effectively close up shop. "I follow the rules, why should I be punished for something someone else did?" said Sandy Stewart, also with Big Ass Turkey

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## Group pushes for on-campus guns

The UI's chapter of Students for Concealed Carry on Campuses currently has about 20 members

By MADISON BENNETT  
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University of Iowa freshman Joey Gallagher walked around campus with an empty gun holster strapped to his belt on Thursday. Though the 18-year-old cannot yet legally carry a gun, he thinks permit-holders should have the right to carry on college campuses. "I'm not advocating for people to go play Batman or vigilante," he said. "But less crime happens when good guys have guns."

His empty holster was

part of the new UI chapter of Students for Concealed Carry on Campus's Empty Holster Protest, which attempts to draw attention to campus violence.

Though Iowa changed its law this year to loosen restrictions on who may carry guns, becoming a "shall-issue" state, firearms and explosives are still prohibited on college campuses. But the group argues people who possess gun permits shouldn't have to put down their weapons simply because they go on campus.

SEE GUNS, 3

## Female farmers make strides

Census: Approximately 14 percent of U.S. farms run by women.

By KATIE HEINE  
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Janet Wilson picked at a patch of soil with a crushed beer can on April 29 in search of a purple corn kernel.

It was the first plant of the year for Wilson and her brother, who farm approximately 1,800 acres of land just south of Iowa City. And though Wilson is no longer a full-time farmer, she still plays an important role in the farming business.

"If I could [farm full-time], that's what I'd do," she said.

According to the most recent Census of Agriculture in 2007, many women are opting to do the same. Between 2002 and 2007,

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the number of women who were principal operators of farms or ranches increased by nearly 30 percent, according to the census. In Iowa, almost 8,500 of the roughly 84,000 principal farm operators were women — around 10 percent.

Women have long played an essential role on the farm, but their roles have changed over the years.

The Johnson County Historical Society hosted a panel discussion on April 28 that featured six women with farming experience. Much of the discussion



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Janet Wilson explains some of the work involved with farming on April 29 in Sharon Township. Wilson works on the farm part-time and works as a veterinary assistant full-time.

revolved around the different roles each woman held on the farm.

At 90 years old, Marge Miller has seen and experienced firsthand the evolution of women farmers.

She was born and raised on a farm, and she still

has seen and experienced firsthand the evolution of women farmers.

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# Lead-paint issue raised

UI Professor Edwin Stone contends that school district officials have misstated lead-test results.

By **LUKE VOELZ**  
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A renovated stairwell in Mann Elementary contains levels of lead-based paint above the state limit, according to an analysis performed by the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory on May 10, 2010.

The Iowa Department of Public Health defines lead-based paint as paint containing 0.5 percent or more lead. The north stairwell of Mann contains 0.6 percent, the lab found.

University of Iowa Professor Edwin Stone, one of two Iowa City residents who recently sued the district for allegedly ignoring open-records laws, sent a copy of this report to the members of the School Board and Superintendent Steve Murley Wednesday night.

Stone said he first presented the report to Murley and board President Patti

Fields in December 2010. Stone called attention in the e-mail to a video of the April 26 School Board meeting, in which Paul Bobek, the district's executive director of administrative services, said he believes samples from the stairwell came back within acceptable limits.

"Though I find your persistence irritating at times, we are absolutely obligated to respond to your inquiries as we must anyone's," wrote board member Sarah Swisher in an April 11 e-mail to Stone. "The problem is your concerns are always well-researched. If there are parents who do not know about the presence of lead in our buildings, no matter how small, it is important for the board to have a public discussion on the problem."

Swisher and Fields could be not be reached for comment, and neither could most other board members. Board member Gayle Klouda and Assistant Superintendent Ann Feldmann said they didn't have



Stone  
UI professor

## Lead in Iowa

### Some facts:

- As of the fall of 2008, all Iowa children must take a blood test for lead before entering kindergarten.
- Lead poisoning affects 1 in 14 Iowa children, four times the national average.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends starting health actions when blood lead levels contain greater than 10 micrograms per decileter.

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health, CDC

enough information to comment. District staff said Murley was out of office for the week.

Stone said he is worried such responses have made it difficult for members of the public to bring their concerns to the board's attention.

"After months of trying to get a substantive response, you're characterized as being irritating instead of a good citizen who is bringing a serious matter to the attention of someone who could do something about it," he said. "I want people to treat the schools the way

they would treat their own homes."

In schools with students under age 6, when a renovation or repair involves a lead-paint-containing area more than 1 square foot in size, Iowa law requires the district to notify parents in advance and take preventative measures to protect children and staff from lead exposure. Stone said he has asked the district, which he said scraped and repainted a portion of Mann's north stairwell in 2010, whether the repaired area was large enough to trigger government-mandated reporting; he said he has not received a response.

Kevin Officer, an environmental specialist at the Iowa Department of Public Health, said it is more important to focus on the setting of a lead paint-based area rather than the exact statistics of the lead concentration.

"It becomes a hazard when paint starts to break down, peel, and deteriorate," he said. "At that point, it becomes a potential hazard to kids. Younger kids are more susceptible because their bodies are still in developmental stages."

# Sutliff plans nearly completed

The Sutliff design is estimated to cost \$1.7 million.

By **KATIE HEINE**  
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An area just 20 miles north of Iowa City is preparing for a makeover.

After being partially damaged in the 2008 flood, plans to reconstruct the historic Sutliff Bridge are near completion. The bridge spans the Cedar River, and it is one of the longest and oldest Parker steel-truss bridges in the state at 113 years old.

Preliminary designs for the Sutliff Bridge were presented by VJ Engineering at a Johnson County Board of Supervisors work session Thursday evening. And the designs apparently pleased members of the audience, who had no questions or comments about the potential structure.

"The overall plan for the area is really exciting," said Supervisor Janelle Rettig.

Tim McDermott, a struc-

tural engineer with VJ Engineering leading the Sutliff project, said he tried to maintain the site as it was, which he noted many people wanted at earlier work sessions.

"They were very vocal about what they wanted to see," he said.

Under the new design, the bridge looks fairly similar to its original structure. The biggest aesthetic change to the bridge includes the trusses, which will be bolted together instead of pinned.

The change results in a slightly bulkier appearance, but bolted trusses are a more modern structural technique and create a safer connection, McDermott said.

While not much of the damaged truss is salvageable, the plan is to use some of the pieces from the original structure to create display boards at either



Rettig  
supervisor

## Sutliff Bridge construction timeline

The anticipated schedule for reconstruction of the bridge:

- July: Complete bridge design
- August: Open for bids
- October: Begin construction
- August 2012: Complete bridge

end of the bridge, which will provide historical and educational information about the Sutliff Bridge and truss bridges.

Only a few design details remain before officials complete the design, McDermott said. VJ Engineering has set a target deadline of July 18 for the final design.

In a feasibility study conducted by VJ Engineering, the bridge project was estimated to cost approximately \$1.7 million. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will fund the construction. Even if the county overbids on its estimate,

FEMA will cover the costs, Rettig said. But the agency will only cover whatever will be included in the final design, she said.

"FEMA will pay for the project — not the estimate," she said.

Eric Isaacs, a University of Iowa graduate student in urban and regional planning, is involved with revamping the area surrounding the Sutliff Bridge.

The 23-year-old and three other UI graduate students have nearly completed a "visioning project" to enhance the surrounding area with paths and other elements.

"It's a historical site and they want to keep it like that," said Isaacs.

Supervisor Rod Sullivan grew on a farm near Sutliff, and he said he spent his "whole life" near the bridge as a kid. And so did a lot of the locals.

"To people who have never been there before, they wonder how some place so remote can be so busy," he said.

The total losses to the library were \$381.

— by Hayley Bruce

## New M.F.A. OK'd

The University of Iowa Graduate Faculty approved two proposals for additional graduate programs in the Graduate College on Thursday. A Master of Fine Arts in Spanish creative writing was approved, as was a graduate certificate in biostatistics.

"We view this as a very positive thing for the university because of the written initiatives here," said Graduate College Dean John Keller.

— by Alison Sullivan

## METRO

### Man charged with assault

Iowa City police charged a local man after he allegedly assaulted a fisherman Wednesday.

Christopher William Stark Jr., 45, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with assault.

According to the complaint, Stark approached a man while he was fishing on the bank of the Iowa River and asked him if he had a fishing license.

Answering "yes," the alleged victim then asked Stark if he was with police, and Stark said he was the "police of the river." After the man asked Stark for

identification, the report said, Stark allegedly jabbed his index finger into the fisherman's chest and pulled him up a bike path by his shirt.

Reports said Stark let go and walked away when a passing cyclist told him to let go.

Police later located Stark on the 1300 block of South Gilbert Street, where he submitted a preliminary breath test of .221. He has two previous public-intoxication convictions.

—by Hayley Bruce

### Woman charged with theft

Iowa City police have charged a local woman after she allegedly

failed to return more than \$300 worth of materials to the Iowa City Public Library.

Whitney Ann Marquez, 23, 536 Elkhorn Trail, was charged April 22 with fourth-degree theft.

According to a police report, Marquez checked out 14 items from the library and allegedly failed to return them in a timely manner in December 2009.

The report said the library sent her a letter in February 2010, which was returned as undeliverable, and the police sent her a letter the following month, asking her to return the materials or contact them.

The police said Marquez failed to contact them or return the materials as of April 2010.

Gayle Pirtle, 49, Coralville, was charged Feb. 1 with fifth-degree theft.

Oscar Salazar, 33, 101 Parklawn, was charged Tuesday with domestic assault.

Chris Sweets, 21, 100 Hawk Ridge Drive Apt. 2213, was charged Monday with OWI.

Sarah Staed, 20, 510 S. Johnson St. Apt. 1, was charged Sunday

with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

Jessica Tobin, 20, 804 Iowa Ave., was charged Sunday with PAULA. Gianni Ucci, 18, 645 Hillcrest, was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance.

Terrian Wilborn, 35, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with violating a no-contact order.

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## BLOTTER

Kelly Burgess, 57, 7 Oak Park Court, was charged Thursday with disorderly conduct and interference with official acts.

Nicholas Cervine, 22, 801 Cross Park Ave. Apt. 1B, was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft.

Pamela Kiesling, 28, Des Moines, was charged April 22 with forgery.

Tyler Mauseth, 26, Marshalltown,

Iowa, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Darvell Miller, 31, 1314 Second Ave., was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Zijad Pehlivanovic, 55, 2269 Hickory Court, was charged Thursday with driving while revoked and possession of an open container of alcohol.

## FAST FOOD

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Initially, the menu offered 20 items, and it has since expanded to 80. As Beary and Nath field orders throughout the day, one man makes all the delivery runs: Jon Stoltz.

Originally from Seattle, he recently came to Iowa City to attend Kirkwood Community College. The 29-year-old said he saw the job opening for Fast Food Iowa online and applied.

"When I first heard about it, I thought, well that's kind of weird," he said.

Though he said he personally tries to stay away from fast food, he admits to having a soft spot for

### Fast Food Iowa Two UI students deliver items from four local food places:

- Open Mondays-Fridays: 6 p.m.-3 a.m.
- Saturdays: 6 p.m.-Midnight
- Most popular: McDonald's
- Average daily customers: 25

Source: Nick Beary and Rishabh Nath, founders

Arby's Jamocha shakes.

Hopping into his van about 8 p.m. Wednesday, Stoltz zipped to Burger King, 1445 Boyrum St., where he picked up several burgers, fries, and a drink. The drive-through attendant seemed surprised when Stoltz — already on his fourth trip to the fast-food establishment that evening — pulled up

to the window. He placed the bags of food into a heating container in the back seat during the drive.

Five minutes later, Stoltz zoomed up to the front of Hillcrest, where he met freshman Lucas Sandry.

"It probably isn't actually worth it," the 19-year-old said about the \$10 burger and fries, holding his Burger King bags. "But when you have a craving, you have a craving."

Sandry said he learned about the service from magnets on the dorm doors. But as far as marketing strategies go, it's minimal, Beary said and laughed. Though they invested in some ad space on Facebook, such forums as Twitter have really pushed the business forward.

"This really shows the power of social media and the Internet," Beary said.

The two, who have made at least enough to cover their investment and more, are basking in the glow of their first business endeavor, and they have a few other ideas tucked away. They're in the process of hiring more drivers.

They also hope to form discount deals with fast-food establishments and talk with fraternities about catering possibilities. They said the Hawk-eye football season could bring a wave of success.

But regardless of the service's future, the rush of owning your own business makes the endeavor all worthwhile, Nath said.

"We do whatever we can to be successful — it's exciting," he said.

## GUNS

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"What the law does is disarm people who want to protect themselves," said August Meyer, the UI chapter's founder.

Students for Concealed Carry is a national organization that formed in response to the 2005 Virginia Tech University shooting. It aims to spark discussion that will eventually create safer campuses rather than campuses that just appear safe, said Tony Taylor, the central regional director for the group.

The purpose of the Empty Holster Protest is to draw attention to this issue, one that has gained national attention, he said.

"Drawing attention to the issue is the first step in changing the laws and policies that guarantee victims will go defenseless," he said.

The Empty Holster Protest had approximately 10 participants, and it was the group's introduction to campus.

"This is our way of saying, 'Hey, we exist,' but it's also our last hurrah [this year]," Meyers said. "We will be back."

Fifteen states give colleges the right to allow guns on campus, according to the group's website. Only Utah

prohibits colleges from putting restrictions on firearms.

In Idaho, a bill in the House would allow guns on college campuses throughout the state.

"There's a stigma around a gun-free zone," said Rep. Marv Hagedorn, R-Meridian, Idaho, the bill's co-author. "That stigma is: It's a great place for bad guys to do bad things."

The goal was to make the law consistent with Idaho's position as an "open-carry" state — meaning people can carry guns in all areas. He said he agrees being able to carry guns makes college campuses safer.

"Having a zone that is not declared as gun-free is a deterrent in itself," he said.

But Ronald Stephens, the executive director of the National School Safety Center in Westlake Village, Calif., said weapons have no business being on college campus.

"Every time you have more weapons available, it increases the likelihood of firearms going off," he said. "The last thing I would want is a bunch of students carrying guns."

UI senior Chase Oler, a member of the UI's Student for Concealed Carry, said carrying guns is more of a preventative measure.

"It is the best way to stop a mass shooting," Oler said. "These things do happen."

## FARMERS

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lives on a farm in Sharon Township, a rural area approximately 10 miles south of Iowa City.

"It used to be the woman's place was in the home, but I think women have become partners with their husbands," Miller said.

She said farming is like running a business, and women play important roles in making that business successful.

"Farming is not just a hobby, it's a living," she said.

Younger generations of women continue to have an interest in agriculture. According to the Future Farmers of America website, 38 percent of its more than 500,000-person membership are female. Also, women hold more than 50 percent of the state leadership positions.

As women continue to have a presence in agriculture, many organizations exist to support their efforts.

The University of Vermont Extension Women's Agriculture Network strives to support women who want to farm by providing women with the necessary knowledge to start and run a successful farm.

"When women-owned farms are successful and thriving, it's good for their families, their communities, and everyone around them," said Beth Holtzman, an outreach coordinator for the Women's Agricultural Network.

Though many women are involved with farm work today, Miller said, it's become necessary for many to have a second job. In the 1960s, Miller and her husband operated a coin-laundry machine in Iowa City to earn extra income. A few decades later, the couple opened Cookies and More in the Old Capitol Town Center to help support their four daughters.

"As farmers, you are at the mercy of the market," Miller said.

Because of advanced

### Farms in Johnson County

Most recent Census of Agriculture statistics for Johnson County:

- Number of farms: 1,293
- Land in farms: 321,139 acres
- Average size of farm: 248 acres
- Average market value of products sold per farm: \$146,681
- Number of male principal operators: 1,153
- Number of female principal operators: 140

Source: 2007 Census of Agriculture

technology and machinery, many of the female farmers at last week's panel discussion said less physical labor is required of today's farmers. But Wilson said she misses the "muscle work."



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Janet Wilson removes some of the tree branches that had fallen on April 29 in Sharon Township. "There's always been a romance associated with farming," she said. "But it's hard work."

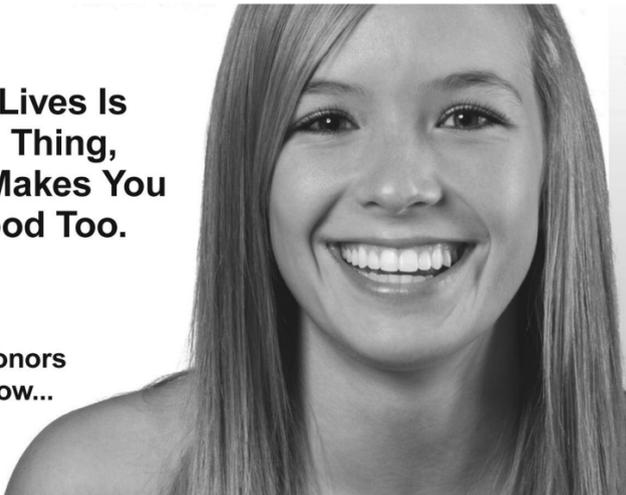
Wilson spent 13 years farming full-time and raising hogs, she said. Today, the 57-year-old works full time as a veterinarian's assistant in Iowa City and only farms part-time. But she stays busy during the fall driving combines, tractors,

and semis, and she is always around to help in any way she can, she said. Collaboration among men and women is crucial for success, she noted.

"I never try to make anyone think I'm the boss," Wilson said.

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## Editorial

## Tap Butler for provost

A competent provost at the University of Iowa will be crucial in the coming years.

Enrollment is increasing and state funding is decreasing, which means that administrators will need to be prudent and innovative in their budgeting. UI officials seek to fill the provost position left vacant by Wallace Loh, a position designed to ensure that the colleges and departments have the resources to accomplish their goals while keeping the university financially solvent — in other words, it's the provost's job to allocate this tight funding.

To ensure the UI emerges strongly from the financial crisis, the new provost will need to be someone with an established track record of building programs and improving schools. Current interim Provost P. Barry Butler has the requisite track record and a commitment to maintaining quality of education despite increasing enrollment, keeping a university education accessible to students, and promoting sustainability on campus. The *DI* Editorial Board urges President Sally Mason to appoint Butler to the more permanent position.

Provost candidates from outside the UI, Yash Gupta, the Johns Hopkins Carey School of Business dean, and Uday Sukhatme, the vice chancellor at Indiana University/Purdue University-Indianapolis, visited campus in the last two weeks to promote their vision (Butler also gave a presentation April 26).

Gupta's résumé includes dean positions at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Washington, and the University of Southern California. During Gupta's tenure at those schools, their prestige and funding increased. Gupta's appointment would be a boon for the Tippie College of Business, because he would have a unique understanding of the school's needs.

But Gupta's April 29 presentation lacked the necessary specifics. He provided little information on how he would translate his past successes to the University of Iowa, and he avoided answering the more difficult questions from faculty. The future provost needs to be transparent with faculty and able to communicate well with the deans, and Gupta did not exhibit that necessary ability.

Sukhatme was more impressive. He has substantive success at building programs, including a large faculty expansion while he was the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the SUNY-Buffalo, as well as a dras-

tic increase in funding and prestige at Indiana University/Purdue University-Indianapolis, where he is the executive vice chancellor (a similar position to the UI provost). Sukhatme touted strategic initiatives he introduced at the Indianapolis school, including showcasing the success of smaller programs to gain support for larger ones and improving the four-year graduation rate, and he emphasized interdisciplinary studies with a pragmatic approach to funding.

Sukhatme also placed a huge emphasis on educational quality, and emphasized his success in raising revenue from other sources at the Indianapolis university — an important skill in the face of continued state funding cuts. "I don't believe that provosts should play zero-sum games," Sukhatme said. "The financial climate is not ideal, but I always look for ways to expand the resource base."

Butler has been the interim dean since Wallace Loh's departure, and he has a long career at the UI. Butler is widely respected in the field of engineering, and he has been interacting well with all of the deans at the university during his time in Jessup Hall.

Additionally, he has done an efficient and effective job implementing Loh's five-year strategic plan, and he has shown himself to be an advocate for the areas that we feel should be important to a provost — including preparing schools for increased enrollment, as he did as dean of the College of Engineering. Butler is also the head of the Iowa Wind Energy Association and maintains a strong commitment to sustainability.

Of the three candidates, either Butler or Sukhatme would make an excellent provost. But Butler has shown a strong connection to the UI, which may motivate him to stay in the Provost's Office longer than the other candidates.

"In the last 12 years, I've had to work with five provosts," said John Keller, the dean of the Graduate College. "It's difficult to keep establishing new relationships and goals."

Interim Provost Butler will be the best candidate to work with the different colleges and continue the fostering of relationships and goals across disciplines, and beyond the near future.

Your turn. Who should be the UI's new provost?  
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## Fears of a generation



**SHAY O'REILLY**  
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"Do you think we're going to go to war?"

The day after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, school was canceled. My 11-year-old self faced the stark September sunlight with a strange uncomprehending shell shock as my mother, a friend, and I sat at the only open restaurant in Arlington, Va. It was hard to enjoy the salsa, but I picked at it as Rebecca wondered if her brother would be drafted and when we'd be back in our seventh-grade classroom.

When the plane hit the Pentagon, I was drifting through the halls of my middle school, 4.6 miles away from the catastrophe, convinced by hearsay and rumor that terrorists had blown up the Statue of Liberty. The glimpses students stole of smoke billowing out of New York City were cut short by a media blackout imposed by the principal to avoid panic. Until I returned home to my tense, silent mother, all I knew was that the teachers were afraid, that people were dead, and buildings were burning.

I don't know anyone who died. But with the death of Osama Bin Laden prompting new speculation about "the 9/11 generation," I'm realizing that I am included; 9/11, and the turn America took afterward, shaped me into the person I am.

So why was I numb after Sunday's announcement that U.S. Navy SEALs had killed Bin Laden? And why did that initial numbness have a bitter aftertaste, in the face of nationwide celebration? Perhaps it's because my childhood nightmares of jihadis and mad terrorists subsided, leaving me with an all-too-realistic fear of the very American nihilism that the attacks engendered.

The year the towers fell I became a statistic — one of the many Americans who suffered serious psychological aftereffects of 9/11. In one day, Al Qaeda ripped my childlike sense of security away from me; the mental instability in my genes roused from dormancy. After my second panic attack, wracked by

interminable night terrors, I began the weekly therapy sessions I would attend for another six years.

In that period of time, I adjusted to an America unlike the wholesome street I'd grown up on, playing baseball with my neighbors. My mother stared grimly at her plate during NPR's coverage of the aftermath; when they played President Bush's speeches, she frequently asked my father to turn off the radio, because she "didn't want to hear it."

As the same fear I fought nightly grasped the nation, spawning the Patriot Act, the Transportation Security Administration, and Guantánamo, I struggled to reconcile my lingering trauma with the intellectual knowledge that terrorism aims to provoke paranoia. Fear was not a good reason to act, I decided, particularly when those actions betrayed the principles that I was told belonged to my country. Abu Ghraib, waterboarding, and Alex Gibney's *Taxi to the Dark Side* cemented my conviction that bin Laden was not the primary threat to my nation and my person.

I'm not the first to say that we've killed the "bogeyman under the bed." That metaphor is particularly apt: Bin Laden was an exaggerated demon whose real power lay not in his subversive network (a wildly overblown threat) but in his ability to bring out the worst in America. Some cackling vision in a country far away, an enigma of shallow evil posed no true existential threat.

The deeper fears — of inauthenticity, of going wrong, of inadvertently serving a horror wrapped in the trappings of justice, of becoming that which we profess to hate — are not resolved by bin Laden's death. What we had to fear wasn't bin Laden and it wasn't, as the cliché goes, fear itself; it was losing our way.

I'm no longer haunted by nightmares of biological terror attacks. I don't have episodes of sheer panic. The Pentagon, now, looks like it did in 2000, resting quietly three miles from my parents' house.

But I still can't rest easy. I'm not sure about my fellow members of the 9/11 Generation, but the death of the alleged mastermind behind the attacks has assuaged none of my doubts about the country in which I live. ■

## Letters

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## Mendenhall spoke too soon

Another chapter in celebrity spats on social media on Monday when Pittsburgh Steeler running back Rashard Mendenhall Tweeted about the death of Osama bin Laden. Mendenhall Tweeted, "What kind of person celebrates death? It's amazing how people can HATE a man they have never even heard speak. We've only heard one side ..."

We've only heard one side? The Tweet is stunning especially coming from a former student of

the University of Illinois. Mendenhall must have been the one stuck in a cave for the past 10 years, because it has been clearly stated through videos and public statements that bin Laden took full responsibility for the attacks.

This brings up the issue of athletes and politics. Mike Greenberg, an analyst for ESPN, talked about this issue in his radio show the other day. He said that although we do live in a nation where we have the right to freedom of speech, we also live in a nation that has freedom

of consequences. By this he meant that when some athletes try to express his views on a certain issue, it is going to be criticized in the public media, especially if its "un-American." So through this celebrities need to realize that their Tweets and all other social-media links will be constantly viewed by the public. Players such as Mendenhall need to think of the consequences of a message they post, especially when their boss is the U.S. ambassador to Ireland.

**Jack Edwards**  
UI student

## Don't lighten fines

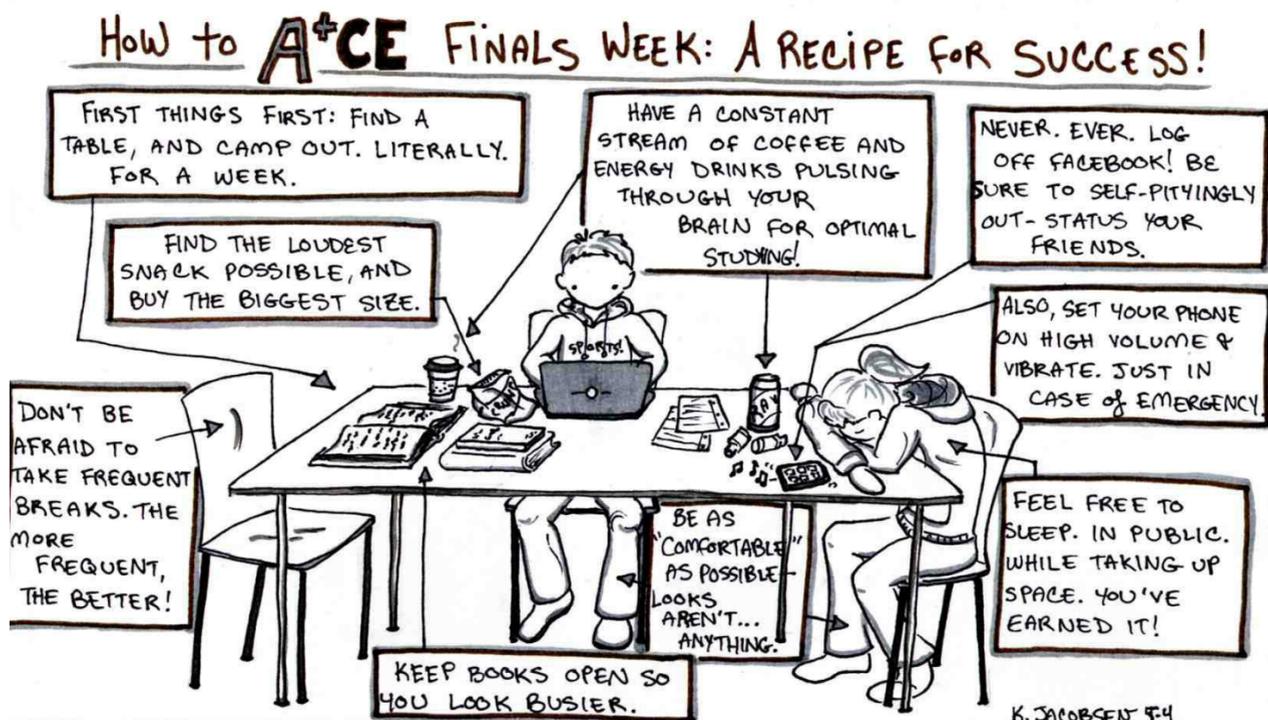
I read with dismay that the Iowa City City Council is again trying to cut students and underage people some slack — in this case, to make it less of a burden for breaking the law.

In my opinion, people should not do the crime if they cannot pay the fine, including entering bars after hours.

I also am truly sick of the whiners who insist on making things easier for students. In my opinion, this is favoritism as well as discrimination; every other class must pay full fines.

**Mari Struxness**  
Iowa City resident

## Op Art



Spotlight Iowa City

# A ballerina in the making in IC

Ballet dancer and Northwest Junior High student Miriam Miller will attend the School of American Ballet in New York City this summer.

By RYAN COLE  
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Miriam Miller's workdays often begin at 6 a.m. and continue past 7 p.m. She works six days a week, resting on Sundays only out of necessity. Her daily routine exacts a physical toll on her body, leaving her muscles and joints sore and aching.

But for the 14-year-old Northwest Junior High student, it's all part of becoming one of the nation's best ballet dancers.

"She's one of those girls who just gets it done," said Rachel Miller, Miriam's mother.

Miller enrolled her daughter in ballet lessons when she was 3, and soon, Miriam was passionate about continuing.

"I keep going with it because I really enjoy performing and being able to express myself on stage and the challenge to keep getting better," she said.

Sarah Barragán, the director of City Ballet of Iowa, who has taught Miriam privately for more than four years, said she was first impressed by the ballerina's dedication and natural ability.

"Her work ethic and performance told me she really could be a dancer if she wanted to," Barragán said. "I saw the physical potential that she had."

Miriam's work ethic and talents have earned her admission — with a full scholarship — to the prestigious School of American Ballet in New York City this summer. The five-week program accepts fewer than 1 percent of its applicants, she said.

The program is affiliated with the New York City Ballet, Miriam's dream company, and it will enable the eighth-grader to work with the nation's best teachers and meet dancers on the same path, Barragán said.



Miriam Miller, 14, practices before class at City Ballet on April 26. She will travel to New York City this summer after receiving a full scholarship to the School of American Ballet, which admits fewer than 1 percent of its applicants.

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### Miriam Miller

- Age: 14
- Hometown: Iowa City
- Favorite ballet: *Le Corsaire*
- Favorite hobby: Shopping for shoes
- Least favorite food: Fruit

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Both Miriam and her mother said the news of the dancer's acceptance caught them off guard, but pleasantly.

"It's kind of like the Harvard of dance schools," Miller said. "It was sort of

like a pipe dream that you strive after."

Her daughter's reaction was somewhat more muted. "I was in my dad's office, so I couldn't scream," she said. "But I was pretty excited and surprised."

Though she dreams of dancing professionally and spends approximately 20 hours every week in practice, she engages in activities typical of a 14-year-old — junior-high classes, playing percussion in the school band, and baby-sitting from time to time.

Miller said she believes her daughter's years of learning dance even helps her academic performance.

"She's got an incredible memory," Miller said, noting the rhythmic nature of dancing sometimes applies to her daughter's playing in the band as well.

The family has had to make some academic modifications along the way — every other day, Miriam leaves school early to attend dance classes, for example. To prevent unnecessary injury, the

dancer also takes a less demanding physical-education class — one with special-education students.

"It's kind of fun," Miriam said. "I enjoy helping the other kids out."

But dancing is her most rewarding engagement, she said, and her recent success has filled the ballerina, her family, and her instructor with joy.

"I just felt so proud," Barragán said. "Our little flower is blooming."

This is the fifth and final article in a five-part series this week on interesting youth in the community. Check back next week to read about a group of graduating UI seniors.

## MELROSE

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Legs, during public discussion. "That's not democracy, that's the city trying to get a piece of the pie ... handle the people who are causing the trouble."

Other vendors supported the regulations, while noting the city and the University of Iowa could do more to deal with the problems of trash and inadequate numbers of portable toilets.

Ron Christiansen, who runs Gameday Iowa, spoke out in support of instituting a permit system. As a vendor who travels with the team to away games, he said, Iowa City is the only place permits aren't required.

"What [vendors will] find out is, by being permitted and having people come through and make sure we're doing things the right way, I think they'll find everyone there is trying hard, and it will work for everyone," Christiansen said. "It will protect from people who are not licensed who are trying to beat the system and stirring things up."

Jean Walker of the Melrose Neighborhood Association said the neighborhood is not against having vendors at football games, but she believes more can be done to ensure her neighborhood is respected, calling on the UI, city, and neighborhood to undertake a comprehensive review.

"Football games were a lot more pleasant when we moved in, without the current congestion, trashing, urinating, vomiting, defe-

cating and destruction of property," Walker said. "We have a serious problem here."

Vendors from both sides of the permit issue said inadequate litter and restroom facilities were the largest problem, and they agreed with Walker that the city and university could do more.

During the meeting, Walker requested all foodware items and beverage containers be biodegradable and that recycling containers be provided for their disposal. She also requested new vendors be required to attend a meeting with property owners.

Jeremy Freerks, who runs the Magic Bus, said the location and alcohol regulations proposed would not allow him to keep the Magic Bus tradition alive.

Ultimately, commission members agreed it was not uncommon for permits to be necessary, but they deferred a decision on temporary-permit requirements until the panel's meeting on May 19. Any permit fees would have to be approved by the Iowa City City Council.

"I almost feel like apologizing to vendors, because it's been drawn through the press and how you feel like you've been made the bad guys," Planning and Zoning Chairperson Ann Freerks said at the end of the meeting. "I think we're seeing there are a lot of things the university, and city, and community aren't addressing in terms of trash that would go a long way to improve the experience that people have and what the neighbors have to deal with."

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### Horses I wouldn't bet on:

- Gatecrasher
- Three-Legged Wonder
- Don't Bet on Me
- This is Not the Horse You Seek
- Passing Kidney Stones
- I'd Rather Be Grazing
- Born to Stud
- Glaucoma
- The Equine Centipede
- Fish Bait
- Running Like the Breeze
- I Brake for Finish Lines
- Death Wish
- Short Lap
- Narcoleptic
- Stuck in Reverse
- Fifty Ways to Lose Your Race
- My Other Jockey is a Pro
- Barbaro's Revenge
- Gloop
- Canary in a Coal Mine
- Chop Suey Clyde
- Wilbur's Bane
- Alopo

- Brian Tanner is looking forward to the Kentucky Derby, but not as much as the Tennessee Bowler.

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## CELEBRATING CINCO DE MAYO



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**Nick Carroll, the general manager of Brothers Bar & Grill, strolls through the establishment in costume on Thursday. Carroll and his employees were decorating the place in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.**

**m.c. ginsberg**  
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**1 p.m.** UI Orchestra Invitational Gala Concert, Faculty Woodwind Trio, Maia Quartet, UI Chamber Orchestra, Feb. 25  
**2** UI Symphony Concert, Gustav Mahler, conducted by William LaRue Jones, March 30  
**3:30** UI Symphony Concert, Borodin, Glinka, Shostakovich, William LaRue Jones conducts, Feb. 16  
**5** UI Orchestra Invitational Gala Concert, Faculty Woodwind Trio, Maia

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Quartet, UI Chamber Orchestra, Feb. 25  
**6** Dance Highlights, Dance Department  
**6:30** UI Symphony Concert, Gustav Mahler, conducted by William LaRue Jones, March 30  
**8** WorldCanvass, "Aspiring to Basic Rights in the 21st Century," UI International Programs, hosted by Joan Kjaer  
**10** Bart/Genta/Maris Dance M.F.A. Thesis, Dance Department, March 31

## horoscopes Friday, May 6, 2011

- by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 You will be receptive to new ideas. A friendship has the potential to develop into a serious business or personal partnership. Stability is within reach if you take small steps toward your goals. Love is in the stars.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Finding solutions to other people's problems will enhance your popularity. A short trip that entails a business transaction will position you better for advancement. Think twice before hooking up with someone from your past.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Don't rely on what your emotions are telling you to do. Think carefully before you upset the people you care about. A last-minute change of plans will cost you financially. Keep flirting to a minimum - it could lead to double trouble.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 Don't do too much for others, or you will be taken for granted. A change in your position, status, or within an important relationship is apparent. Don't react hastily; time is on your side.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Talk openly about your plans for the future, and you will get a great response and ideas to help you achieve your goals faster. A change of location or position is in the stars. Leave room for a little romance.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You'll be taken advantage of if you are too generous with your time or your money. Don't get involved in financial schemes that promise a fast cash return. Someone you thought you knew well will disappoint you. Contractual uncertainty will leave you feeling vulnerable.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Changing your location or updating your look will give you a new lease on life. Don't let a negative influence hold you back. Partnership opportunities are present.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Sign contracts, take care of financial or legal matters, and focus on doing the best job possible. A relationship with someone you work with can lead to bigger and better opportunities. You will reap the benefits if you upgrade your residence.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You can test your skills, take on a challenge, or go up against any obstacle in your way. An aggressive, progressive strategy will work wonders. A new commitment can enhance the connection you have with someone special.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You may end up second-guessing what you are doing. Don't make any impulsive moves just yet. Give everyone around you the benefit of the doubt. Keep a close watch but say nothing. Work as a team player, and avoid opposition.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Time is on your side. Try out a few different ideas, and decide what suits you best. Someone from your past is likely to take a greater interest in what you are doing. A love relationship is highlighted, so make special plans for two.

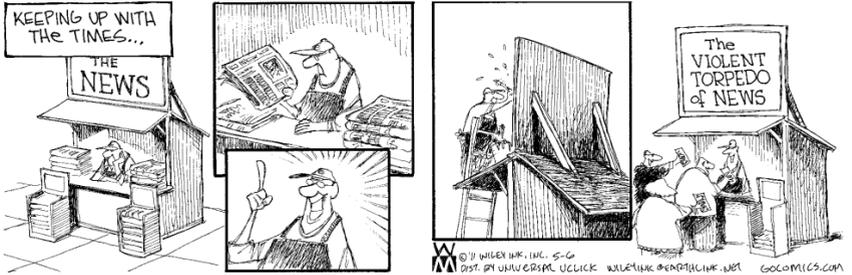
**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Not everything you need to know will be handed to you voluntarily. You will have to do your due diligence if you want to save yourself from a fatal financial or emotional mistake. A practical approach to a job or a lifestyle change will eliminate some of the problems you've been facing.

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## today's events

- **Aging 360**, 10 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Knitting Nurse**, 10 a.m., Home Ec Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **May Friendship Day**, 11:30 a.m., St. Patrick Catholic Church, 4330 St. Patrick Drive
- **Dave Bess**, noon, M.C. Ginsberg Jewelers, 110 E. Washington
- **Coralville Public Library Book Sale**, 1:30 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Iowa New Play Festival Reading**, *The Lord of the Underworld's Home for Unwed Mothers*, by Louisa Hill, 2:30 p.m., 172 Theatre Building
- **College of Public Health Faculty Meeting**, 3 p.m., 123/125 Institute for Rural & Environmental Health
- **Chemistry Colloquium**, "Thermal and Photochemical Reactivity of Coordinated Oxygen and Nitrogen Oxides," Andreja Bakac, Iowa State, 3:30 p.m., W228 Chemistry Building
- **College of Public Health Open Forum**, 3:45 p.m., 123/125 Institute for Rural & Environmental Health
- **Johnson County Landmark**, 5 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

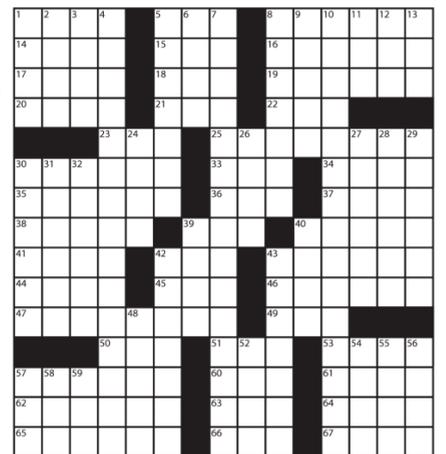
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- **UI Museum of Art First Fridays**, 5 p.m., hotelVetro Grand Terrace, 201 S. Linn
- **WorldCanvass**, Italian Art and Culture, host Joan Kjaer, 5 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **Iowa New Play Festival**, *Proficient*, by Jessica Foster, directed by Nathan Halvorson, 5:30 & 9 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- **Marimba Recital**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Open Mike Night**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **Roller Skating**, 7 p.m., Wood Elementary, 1930 Lakeside Drive
- **"Sally Cotter and the Censored Stone"**, 7 p.m., Regina High, 2150 Rochester Ave.
- **Ballroom Dance**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Camerata and Women's Chorale**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **The Drowsy Chaperone**, Iowa City Community Theatre 7:30 p.m., 4625 Oak Crest Hill Road S.E.
- **Singles in the City Speed Dating**, 8 p.m., Letting it Go Dating, 2461 10th St.
- **Undergraduate Dance Concert**, Dance Department, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place Theater
- **The Pines**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **Campus Activities Board Movie**, *The Roommate*, 10 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Predator**, 11 p.m., Bijou

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0401

- Across**
- "Get out of here! Fast!"
  - Ready
  - Free
  - Elvis follower
  - Article of the Constitution that defines treason
  - Not at all eager
  - Major Peruvian export
  - Mail letters, in the past
  - Lock holders
  - Brand in the frozen food section
  - Place for a spring
  - Range grp.
  - Hip-hop singer with the 2008 hit "Paper Planes"
  - Hardly blue-blooded
  - Dead, so to speak
  - 33 Green: Prefix
  - 34 Urcit cart
  - 35 Circus sites
  - 36 \_\_\_ bread
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  - 38 Rule
  - 39 Behind
  - 40 Praise
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  - 42 Giant #4
  - 43 Serving in John Betjeman's poem "How to Get on in Society"
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  - 45 Head-slapper's cry
  - 46 Available, in a way
  - 47 Disable
  - 49 "That's the spot!"
  - 50 Scale notes
  - 51 Kind of center
  - 53 Door without a knob, say
  - 57 Transplants, surgically
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## WOMEN'S TRACK

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For all four athletes, it's a chance to get more repetitions in events, whether for fun or to work on technique and speed.

Stahle, whose main focus during the outdoor season is the javelin, will throw

the javelin and discus today. She said she hasn't had a really good mark in the javelin since the LSU Invitational on April 2. So for Stahle, she wants to have a meet where she uses strong technique and speed in the javelin, weather permitting.

"I think a lot of that has to do with weather, but also my technique hasn't been very good lately," Stahle said. "So I'm just hoping to

have good weather and getting a good mark finally."

The other two athletes who didn't throw at Drake hope to hit a big mark. Fritz, who will compete in the discus, called it a steppingstone meet for Big Tens. This weekend, she hopes to gain momentum and consistency.

"I'd have to say trying to build some really good momentum going into the Big Ten meet," said Gulvas,

who will compete in the discus and hammer throw. "Possibly getting some big marks, possibly [setting a personal record], and to gain confidence as we go into the really big meet next weekend."

The meet, essentially, is a low-key tune-up for all competing. And for Tutson, it's a fun and relaxing meet to take the pressure off before the Big Tens.

"It's just a tune-up basi-

cally for the people who didn't compete at Drake [Relays], another opportunity for them to compete and get ready for the Big Ten championships," Cappos said. "That's the ultimate goal of our team is to be successful at the Big Ten

championships. I feel everyone who competed at Drake is ready, and the women that didn't get that opportunity are ready, but I'd just like to give them another meet to get prepared."

## SOFTBALL

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call "Coach B," believes that having solid fundamentals is important when a team struggles.

"When you hit bottom, or things are going wrong, you have to have a foundation to fall back on," she said. "When you don't, you have nowhere to go."

Baggetta hopes her season spent running the team through repeated short-hop drills and workouts designed to keep their feet and gloves moving will pay off this weekend against Penn State. The Hawkeyes are in the midst of a seven-game losing streak, and one of the culprits has been defensive miscues.

"They know the fundamentals are there," Baggetta said. "They're just not trusting them right now. They've got to know when

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you've spent the time building that base up, you can rely on it."

Despite the recent rough patch, Baggetta and head coach Marla Looper say the defense has made significant strides since practice began in the fall. Baggetta praised the progress of a handful of players, including outfielders Ashley Akers and Johnnie Dowling and infielders Katie Keim and Michelle Zoeller.

Looper said she and Baggetta are "on the same page" in defensive philosophy, and she praised her assistant's stick-to-the-basics approach.

"I think she's done a great job with the defense.

We're deep into our season, and we're still focused on fundamentals," the first-year head coach said. "If we don't do the little things right, we don't give ourselves a chance of making that spectacular play."

Looper said she brought Baggetta onto the staff because while hitting coach — and recent Iowa graduate — Stacy Johnson brought recent playing experience, Looper was looking for someone with extensive experience in coaching and recruiting.

Baggetta fit that profile, having spent eight years as an assistant coach at South Carolina filling a variety of roles, including recruiting coordinator.

Senior shortstop Chelsey Carmody said Baggetta's detail-oriented philosophy has helped the Hawkeye defense.

"Coach B is really focused on making sure that each thing you do, you

do it right," Carmody said. "It's helped us to understand the game better overall when you have that basic fundamental approach."

That approach is especially important, Baggetta said, because it is the new coaching staff's first year to establish the base that she stresses is so important.

And while Baggetta applied for both the hitting and defensive coaching jobs at Iowa, she said she's always seen defense as her top priority.

"I've always been one to think defense is the most important," she said. "Because you can control everything on defense. When you're hitting, you're swinging at whatever the pitcher is throwing. But on defense, you're in complete control of everything."

## MEN'S TRACK

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Messersmith Invitational. Field events start at 11 a.m. today, and the track events are scheduled to begin at noon at the Mark Messersmith Track and Field Complex. Coe College, Iowa Western, Western Illinois, and Northern Iowa will also compete.

Iowa head coach Larry Wiczorek said this weekend's meet will serve as a chance for some of the athletes to get work in before Big Tens on May 13-15.

"I think [this meet] is only important if somebody [needs the work]," he said. "At this stage of the game, we ought to be ready. But a few people could benefit from one last tune-up and get a race under their belts."

"I'd be OK if nobody competed this weekend, but individual coaches felt like some [guys] needed a competition."

Patrick Richards is another one of those athletes who could benefit from today's meet. The junior injured his left hamstring approximately a month ago at LSU. After trying to run through the injury, he didn't compete at last weekend's Drake Relays. He will run in the 200 and 400 meters today.

Richards said on Wednesday he is nervous about today's meet, but a solid performance coupled with leaving Cedar Falls relatively healthy would be important heading into the Big Tens.

"We'll see how this weekend goes," he said. "It's a confidence booster. I know if I run well at this meet, then I'll run well next week."

Fellow sprinter Justin Austin said the team needs Richards, saying his health is "very important" for the Hawkeyes to be successful next weekend. Richards scored in the 200, 400, and the 4x400-meter relay for Iowa at February's indoor championships.

### Hawkeyes competing at Messersmith Invitational:

100: Zeke Sayon, Tevin Mincy, Justin Austin  
200: Patrick Richards, Sayon, Mincy  
400: Austin, Richards  
800: Nick Kuczwarza, Nathan Prom  
400 hurdles: Keaton Rickels

Source: Nick Brayton

Austin will run in the 100 and 400 at UNI.

The throws group sent Nick Brayton to compete in the discus. He will try to build upon his season-best mark of 49.95 meters with a week to go before the conference meet.

"Last week, I feel I made pretty good strides at Drake as far as technique goes," he said. "This [meet] is just another step toward what I want to have happen next week. A lot of it is just getting reps and getting that confidence back, staying in that competitive mode."



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## BASEBALL

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the bullpen, though, and Dahm said he doesn't have a problem using the fireballer before May 8 if necessary.

"We're going to play it by ear, kind of the way we've been doing it," Dahm said. "If [Hippen or Dermody] struggles, and we need to use Patrick before Sunday, we won't be hesitant to do that ... Every win is important, and if we need him before Sunday, we'll go to him."

No matter which pitcher takes the hill, the team won't win games if it doesn't improve its offense. The Hawkeyes have averaged fewer than 3 runs in each of their last seven games, and

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have lost six times over that stretch. Hippen was particularly affected in his one-hitter — Iowa failed to score on eight hits — but he said success isn't far away.

"We only gave up six runs the entire weekend [against Minnesota] — if we keep pitching like that, we just need some timely hitting," he said on Monday. "If that starts coming and we start getting hits in the right times ... we'll be in good shape."

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Iowa junior Sonja Molnar serves to Kansas State's Petra Niedermayerova on Feb. 6 in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. Molnar lost the match (6-1, 6-3).

# Molnar still hungry

Three-time All-Big Ten selection Sonja Molnar set her goal for next season: qualify for the NCAA championships in singles play.

By NICK SZAFRANSKI  
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Sonja Molnar has always been competitive.

She may not look it, but the 5-5 junior with the bubbly personality was just named to her third consecutive All-Big Ten team.

"She is a great competitor," Iowa's women's tennis head coach Katie Dougherty said. "Technically she is very sound, and she moves very well on the court."

"She has an unbelievable desire to win — she can literally will herself to a win, and she has a lot of experience now. She has to put it all together."

The Guelph, Ontario, Canada, native is ranked No. 103 by the International Tennis Association after recording a 16-6 singles record. Molnar defeated four top-100 singles players during the spring season.

"She had a little lull in the middle of the season," Dougherty said. "That set her back a little bit, but she

really turned it on at the end and went 7-3 in the Big Ten. I expect if she continues to fire on all cylinders, she will have a great [next] year."

Being named All-Big Ten isn't enough for Molnar, though. On Wednesday she was selected to play in the NCAA doubles championship for the second year in a row, this time with senior Jessica Young. She has been ranked in doubles with three different partners and has climbed as high as No. 13 nationally.

However, despite her success in singles, she has never made it to the NCAA singles tournament.

"Making NCAA for singles [is my goal]," Molnar said. "I need to have a better fall. I don't get many opportunities to play ranked players, but when I do, it is against top-20 girls. This year, I did well against them, but I lost in the tiebreakers, and obviously I lost and that didn't help my ranking at all, which is unfortunate. I'm

taking my experience in those close matches and hopefully, next year, I will be able to pull them out."

Losing three players this season to graduation, the Hawkeyes will bring back three seniors-to-be and one sophomore. A quartet of recruits will come to Iowa City in the fall to round out a very inexperienced squad.

Molnar, who is the team's most seasoned player, will step into a larger leadership role than she has been accustomed to.

"I have learned so much from her this season," freshman Christina Harazin said. "I have looked up to her all year. I strive to perform like her ... I just want to improve as much as her."

"Sonja is always really positive. Even if we do lose, we talk about the match, what we did well and not well, and what we need to do to improve on it. She is a bigger cheerer — you always feel as if she is there for you."

# Tennis has int'l flavor

Iowa's four international players on its roster may seem odd, but it is simply becoming the norm in college tennis.

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Looking at the roster of any Hawkeye sport, nothing usually seems unusual. Most athletes come from Midwest towns, Chicago suburbs, and occasionally either coast.

However, after looking at the Iowa men's tennis roster, things may seem a little unusual.

With players coming from Belgium, Germany, and Russia, it makes the average fan wonder how these players end up in Iowa City.

The trend is not exclusive to Iowa, however; these days it is more unusual to have no international players. For example, the No. 1 ranked tennis program in the country, Virginia, has six international players on its 13-man roster.

Iowa has four international players on its roster, senior Nikita Zotov of Moscow, juniors Marc Bruche and Tom Mroziewicz, from Holsbrunn, Germany, and Toronto, and freshman Jonas Dierckx hailing from Lommel, Belgium.

It's easy to wonder how the players and coaches come into contact with each other, with the long distance to travel and language barriers as some obvious hurdles. But head coach Steve Houghton said seeing players reach out to programs is just as common as coaches seeking

talented athletes, a process that has been simplified because of the Internet.

"The Internet opens opportunities to see players," he said. "We get on international sites all the time. We can see the highest ranked players from a country, and after that, it is relatively easy to connect to players. We can also see video, which doesn't tell us everything, so [assistant coach] Steve Nash flies overseas to meet with them and watch them play."

There are many reasons that a foreign player would choose to leave his home country in favor of the States, and more often than not, it's in the player's best interest to leave home. The idea of sports scholarships is not practiced in Europe, so the United States is the best place to go to earn an education while playing the sport they love. Also, if players have any aspirations of turning professional, the United States is the place where they will gain the most exposure, especially if they play for a high-profile Division-I program.

Another trend in European tennis is the development of players in tennis academies, where they hone their skills while still taking highschool classes. These academies set up ties with universities and recruiting agencies, which often do all the work for connecting a school with a player. This is how Dierckx got connected to Houghton and Iowa.

"The first people who contacted me were the recruiting agency," he said.

"They sent my videos to the U.S., which is how Iowa got ahold of them. Houghton then contacted me and after a while, offered me a scholarship."

Not all recruits come in this way, however; often the player must reach out to the university to gain recognition. This was the case with Bruche, who transferred to Iowa after playing a year at Baylor. After serving a mandatory hitch in the German Army, he followed a friend from Germany to Baylor, where he competed in tennis but was unhappy. The Baylor coach gave Bruche the option to transfer, and he took it as an opportunity to seek out Iowa.

Nash accidentally saw Bruche play in a tournament in Tulsa, Okla., which eventually led him to Iowa.

"He didn't know I wanted to transfer, but I e-mailed the coaches at Iowa, and now I'm here," Bruche said.

Since Houghton chooses not to fly, Nash is in charge of all the international recruiting. He tries to set up ties with academies, a process that he thinks is enjoyable for the athletes and an important step to master in becoming the best program in the country.

"The kids are very proactive during the whole process," Nash said. "We're trying to set up strong contact with the best academies in the world, with the best kids. We want to be the best program out there, and this helps to gain an advantage over other schools."

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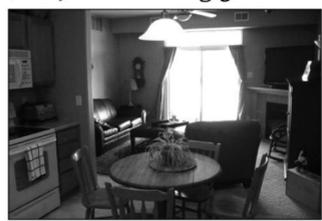
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## MEN'S TENNIS

International players have become the norm instead of the exception on college rosters. 8



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Iowa coach Jack Dahm (left) goes to meet with the umpires as his team huddles in the outfield on May 4, 2010, in Veterans Memorial Stadium in Cedar Rapids. The Iowa baseball team scored 13 runs in the first two innings and cruised to a 16-6 triumph over Coe College in the Corridor Classic.

## Baseball seeks late-season magic

The Hawkeyes could make big strides toward postseason play with a successful series this weekend.

By **SETH ROBERTS**  
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Three weeks remain in the Iowa baseball season, and the Hawkeyes are in last place. Sound familiar? It should.

The Hawkeyes were in the exact same situation at this point last year. They sat in the conference cellar with a 6-9 record, but won seven of their last nine games to vault all the way into third place. Iowa finished second in the Big Ten Tournament.

Iowa (16-26, 5-10) is within striking distance of the tournament again this year, despite losing every conference series to this point. The Black and Gold are just two games away from the sixth-place tour-

ney cutoff, and they could jump into contention with a three-game sweep of current sixth-place squad Penn State (25-16, 7-8) this weekend.

"We're in no different spot than we were a year ago," head coach Jack Dahm said on Monday. "It's been done before, our guys know it, and when a veteran team starts gaining confidence, anything can happen."

Just a single win this weekend will leave the Hawkeyes in decent shape for a last-minute run. Iowa will travel to face Ohio State (third place, 9-6) and Purdue (first place, 10-6), both of whom will likely make the tournament. Second baseman Mike McQuillan said closing out the season against three probable tournament teams

gives the Hawkeyes the opportunity to be in charge of their postseason chances.

"We've been in control of our own destiny this whole year," McQuillan said on Monday. "We had good success [last season] against every team we have left, and we know we can go out there and play with anybody. It's just a matter of producing and getting the little things done."

Iowa's pitching has been getting the little things done all season, as exemplified by ace Jarred Hippen's one-hitter last weekend. The southpaw (2-5, 3.39 ERA) lost that game, 1-0, but he will take the hill tonight as the defending Big Ten Pitcher of the Week.

Hippen will be followed on Saturday by

sophomore Matt Dermody, who has been excellent in his five Big Ten starts — the Norwalk native is 3-1 with a team-best 2.80 ERA in league play.

The third spot in the rotation is less set in stone, although junior Patrick Lala has proven to be a capable starter after he began the season in the bullpen. Usual No. 2 starter Nick Brown's shoulder injury forced Dahm to shuffle the rotation three weeks ago, and the righthander from Marion answered the call with a respectable 3.77 ERA and 1-2 record in three starts.

Lala has also had a strong season out of

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## Women throwers use meet for warmup

Four throwers on the women's track and field team will compete this weekend before the Big Ten championships.

By **AMY TIFFANY**  
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Four Iowa women's track and field athletes will take a quick trip up Interstate 380 for the Messersmith Invitational on the campus of Northern Iowa today. The events will begin at 11 a.m.

Some people might say they are crazy to compete the weekend before the Big Ten

championships, but the advantages outweigh not signing up for the chance to keep their throwing skills sharp before the conference meet on May 13-15, which Iowa will host.

"In the throwing event, it's maybe different from some of the other events," assistant coach Scott Cappos said. "You're competing against

yourself a lot of times, where as in the running events, it's hard to run fast in certain races if you don't have someone next to you. Where as in the throwing events, it's just you and the implement, so it's a good challenge."

Freshmen Courtney Fritz and Amanda Stahle, redshirt freshman Ashlyn Gulvas, and sophomore Majesty Tutson

will be the athletes competing this weekend.

Fritz, Gulvas, and Stahle did not compete at the Drake Relays on April 28-30, and Cappos said this meet provides an opportunity for all three to throw one last time before Big Tens.

"We're starting the peak phase of our training, so the people who didn't get to take

advantage of that at Drake, we're giving them another opportunity for them to get a big performance," Cappos said.

Tutson did compete in the discus at Drake. This weekend, she will compete more for fun and practice in the hammer throw.



**Cappos**  
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## For softball coach, it's basic

Adrianna Baggetta has spent her first season as assistant coach building the team's fundamentals.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**  
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When Adrianna Baggetta preaches fundamentals, it's for times such as these.

The first-year Iowa assistant softball coach is in charge of the Hawkeye defense, and she has spent all year focusing on

drills and mechanics more than overall defensive scheme. Baggetta, who Iowa players



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## Some Hawkeyes to get tune-up

Eight Hawkeyes will compete today at the Messersmith Invitational.

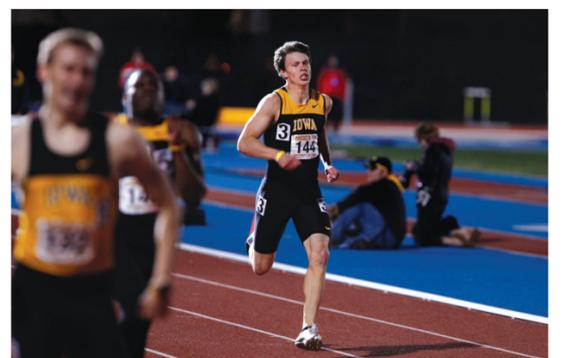
By **BEN SCHUFF**  
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Keaton Rickels is taking one less step in order for the Iowa men's track and field team to take another step forward.

Rickels could be Iowa's third point-scorer in the 400-meter hurdles at next weekend's Big Ten championships. The sophomore worked on taking 14 steps through the first three hurdles in practice this week, as opposed to the 15 steps he had been taking.

"I think it's really going to help speed up my race, especially [through] the first three hurdles," he said. "Then I should be more comfortable coming through the next seven hurdles."

Today, he'll have his first and last competitive opportunity to perfect the new step pattern before the Big Tens. Rickels is one of eight Hawkeyes competing at Northern Iowa's



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Iowa sophomore Keaton Rickels competes in the 400 meter hurdles during the 12th-annual Musco Twilight Meet at the Cretzmeyer Track on April 24. Rickels crossed the finish line third behind teammates Ethan Holmes and D'Juan Richardson.

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