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State to get more rail funds

The federal funding requires a \$20 million match from the state.

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Iowa is set to receive more funding for high-speed rail equipment as part of \$268 million in federal grants for train travel in Midwestern states.

The money will go toward purchasing 48 passenger rail cars and seven locomotives — all capable of traveling at 125 miles per hour — in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Missouri.

But despite the extra funds, the future of the proposed Iowa City-Chicago rail line is still in question.

Some officials hope that the continued interest in Iowa rail travel as a whole will positively influence public and governmental support for the proposed line.

Gov. Terry Branstad deemed the rail line fiscally irresponsible, fearing low ridership. Officials said the rail could cost \$3 million a year. Tim Albrecht, a spokesman for Branstad, said the chief executive would continue to



Dvorsky
senator

SEE **TRAIN, 3**



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UI senior Michael Croce lies on the Pentacrest on Monday. The warm weather permits students to relax outside. Croce said he was "reading casually to get his mind off school for the moment."

Summer-like temps brighten the environs

Experts said today's high of 91 degrees is nearly a record for this time of year.

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As the hot Sun beat down on the Pentacrest on Monday afternoon, University of Iowa students shed umbrellas and jackets to lounge on the grass for hours of studying for finals.

But while temperatures broke 80 degrees this early in May, they might reach record-breaking highs today.

However, not even the weather, some said, could be a distraction during the finals week.

Sitting on a blanket outside Jessup Hall, UI freshman Jordan Slack sat hunched over, reading over her notes through a pair of silver aviators.

"I don't think the weather has made it harder to focus," the journalism and mass-communication major said. "I think it's just motivated me to get outside more."

SEE **WEATHER, 7**

Out on the fly

MORE THAN 51,500 PEOPLE HAVE OUTSTANDING WARRANTS ISSUED BY IOWA LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. BUT A LACK OF MONEY AND MANPOWER LEAVE AUTHORITIES STRUGGLING WITH HOW TO FIND AND ARREST THEM. SOME WARRANTS ARE YEARS OLD.



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Members of the Washington County, Pa., Sheriff's Department arrest a woman on April 8 for failing to attend an alcohol program a judge mandated after a theft conviction. Washington County dedicates six people to doing nothing except tracking fugitives.

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David Hodges isn't in prison.

He's not in jail. He didn't sit through a trial, and he didn't plead his case before a judge or jury.

Six years ago, police charged the then-Coralville resident with viewing child pornography on a University of Iowa computer. His trial was set, then reset, then reset again. A judge denied a motion to throw out the case. In January 2007, Hodges, who had been convicted of same crime in 2003, failed to appear for his pretrial conference.

Law-enforcement officials haven't seen him since — and that's not unusual.

State data and interviews with law-enforcement officials reveal a system lacking the budget and manpower to adequately deal with fugitives. Among the more staggering numbers:

- More than 51,500 people have warrants issued by Iowa law-enforcement agencies.
- More than 5,000 of those are for felonies.
- In Johnson County, authorities are looking for more than 3,000 people, or almost 3 percent of the county's population. In neighboring Linn County, officials are missing 2,915 suspects.

The warrants include past-due speeding tickets and people who fail to appear for minor alcohol offenses. But among the numbers also lurk wife beaters and child molesters, thieves and drugs peddlers, and drunk drivers.

Law-enforcement agencies in Iowa say they actively pursue those they consider an immediate public threat — such as rapists, kidnappers, and murderers. But faced with staff shortages and budget crunches, officials say, they simply can't devote resources specifically to pursuing everyone with a warrant.

SEE **WARRANTS, 4**

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Mostly sunny, quite windy, turning cloudy, 20% chance of rain/T-storms late.

DAILY STUDY BREAK

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West numbers concern board

School Board members also discussed reducing costs at Hills Elementary.

By **LUKE VOELZ**
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Iowa City School Board members discussed methods for relieving overcrowding at West High on Monday night.

At a School Board work session, officials noted that the school is 60 students over capacity, and that figure will likely increase to 100 students next year.

Board members said they asked Superintendent Steve Murrely to look at increasing gym and cafeteria space at West High, as well as the costs of building a third high school. Board member Toni Cilek said she is mainly concerned as to whether the potential new high school would be justified.

"I want to be clear we're not expending money to a space that would not be needed," she said. "I think as the

next couple years unwind, we'll get an even better projection of numbers."

Cilek said she would like to look at changing junior-high boundaries to reduce the number of students who go on to West.

The board also discussed reducing costs at Hills Elementary, which has 35 percent higher operating expenses per student than other elementary schools, according to recent district estimates. Cilek said closing the school is an option, but that would lead to difficulties regarding where to send Hills students.

"I think there was some concern about closing school and its effect on the community, but at the same time, there are financial concerns in terms of continuing to maintain and operate that school," she said.

If Hills closes, Cilek said, officials have no plans to send students to Borlaug Elementary, the district's newest elementary, slated to open in 2012.

At the same time as the work session Monday night, district officials and parents discussed school boundaries for Borlaug, though no decisions were made.

District officials provided parents and faculty with three new boundary drafts at a Weber Elementary public forum, but many parents were still unsatisfied with the modified drafts.

Busing and neighborhood boundaries led some parents to express concerns about the number of students receiving free- and reduced-lunch — the district's measure of poverty — who will attend Borlaug. The first boundary draft had 37 percent of Borlaug students receiving such aid, and new drafts presented a 5 to 8 percent increase.

Weber parent Melinda Bochner cited studies indicating a correlation between high free- and reduced-lunch numbers and low Iowa Test of Basic Skills scores.

"In Iowa City, it looks like schools maintain good Basic Skill scores until 30 percent of students [are on free- and reduced-lunch programs]," she said. "As a parent, my concern is my child's opportunity to learn. I want to give Borlaug a fair shot at being a good school academically."

But Hills parent Julie Van Dyke said free- and reduced-lunch concerns are telling of some community members' views toward lower-income students.

"How can they say that when Twain [Elementary] is 80 percent [free- and reduced-lunch] students?" she said. "That says: Poor people are bad, poor people will harm a child's education. That's saying the new school and facilities are too good for poor people."

The School Board will review the drafts at its May 24 meeting, though Assistant Superintendent Ann Feldmann said she did not believe the members would make a decision at that meeting.



Cilek
board member

UI reaches out to aid veterans

Currently, 383 UI veterans receive educational funding through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**
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Just separated from active duty in the Persian Gulf last summer, Adam Connell said he didn't have any plans completed to begin an academic career.

"I was freaking out," said the 24-year-old UI freshman in the Navy Reserve.

But Connell said veteran officials at the UI helped him get on course and begin his studies with no issues.

Despite a recent U.S. Government Accountability Office report identifying several problems in the post-9/11 GI Bill program, UI officials said they have worked to minimize these issues, and veterans agreed the effort has paid off.

The report listed inadequate communication between universities and Veterans Affairs Offices, staffing issues, and a lack of program guidance. The shift to the new GI Bill caused many of the problems, said Herald "Skip" Kempnich, who formerly handled UI student veterans' requests

for financial aid and who has worked with the GI Bill since 1981.

"The communication lines sometimes break down in the process," he said. "They are so worried about giving bad information, they give no information at all."

Even at the UI, officials have had problems under the new bill. For example, federal officials are often late in asking the UI to repay any extra money it might have received because of changes to veterans' registration, causing confusion in the Financial Aid Office.

"The GAO report — this is the kind of thing we don't want to continue happening," said UI Registrar Larry Lockwood. "We don't want to hurt the veterans, so we want to make sure they have their money."

Currently, 383 of the 400 veterans at the UI receive some form of education benefits through Veteran Affairs, Lockwood said. The most recent GI Bill was launched in August 2009, and it has since helped fund roughly \$5.7 billion for 381,000 veterans and service members under the post-9/11 bill, according to the report.

Despite the report, the

Post-9/11 GI Bill

The U.S. Government Accountability Office suggested ways to better the program:

- Provide more critical information regarding student eligibility
- Collaboration with higher-education officials
- More information on how to calculate benefits

Source: U.S. Government Accountability Office Report

problems are nothing new to universities.

The UI, along with schools nationwide, experienced general "confusion" of where and how much money to send to schools and veterans when the bill first went into effect, Kempnich said.

"[The report is the government's] way of saying, 'We know there are things wrong, and we're trying to fix it,'" Kempnich said. "A lot of those reports, when they say they're working on it, you never know what that means."

Numerous departments in the university — the billing, Registrar's, and Financial Aid Offices — handle funds for veterans in addition to money directly received by veterans, a process that can be

confusing, Kempnich said.

Dennis Arps, who took over Kempnich's position, said UI veterans officials have focused on flexibility to avoid those issues.

"The University of Iowa Financial Aid department and university billing have been very flexible in working with individual students on a case by case as needed basis," he wrote in an e-mail.

And Connell said UI officials have always been more than willing to help veterans one-on-one. Once, when he was unsure if he would be able to pay registration fees, Lockwood and other officials personally made sure Connell was covered.

"They work miracles sometimes," said Connell, who said no one he knows has experienced issues at the UI with the GI Bill.

Kempnich agreed the UI has been proactive with working with veterans. When the Veterans Affairs Office is about to send the UI billing office funds for a student, the office immediately marks the deposit in the student's account to make sure it's accounted for, Kempnich said.

"I don't ever remember losing a veteran for money reasons," he said.

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Woman charged with assaulting an officer

Iowa City police arrested a Cedar Rapids woman after she allegedly assaulted a police officer Sunday.

Angela Stolte, 29, was charged May 8 with assault on peace officers and others.

A complaint said officers responded to a report of a woman who wouldn't get out of a vehicle at the 1500 block of Center Avenue.

Upon arrival, the report said, an officer calmly spoke with her until she allegedly threw her cell phone at him.

Then, the report said, Stolte climbed out of the front door on the passenger side and ran at the officer while swinging her fists.

Assault on peace officers and others is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,875.

— by Hayley Bruce

Man killed in truck crash

One man was reported dead after a truck flipped over and into the Iowa River Monday, according to a press release from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

The release said officers received a report of a truck that overturned at the Iowa River near 4042 Izaak Walton Road at 9:15 a.m.

The Sheriff's Office, Ambulance Service, Hills Fire Department, and Iowa City Fire Department responded and found a man in the truck.

The man was later identified as Timothy Joseph Russel, 53, address unknown.

An autopsy will be conducted at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics today to determine the cause of death, the release said.

— by Hayley Bruce



Lockwood
registrar

METRO

Man charged with 3rd OWI

Police arrested a Davenport man early Monday and charged him with operating while intoxicated after he allegedly failed to yield while turning left.

Eusebio Jimenez Jr., 25, was charged with third-offense OWI and possession of a controlled substance.

Reports said University of Iowa police stopped Jimenez just after 2 a.m. after he allegedly failed to stop before turning left. He also reportedly had improper rear lights.

When approached, police said,

Jimenez smelled of alcohol and showed signs of impairment.

When being booked at the Johnson County Jail, UI police said, deputies found two small bags containing cocaine in his belongings.

Eusebio refused a preliminary breath test. He has two previous OWI convictions, the report said.

— by Hayley Bruce

Woman faces many charges

A local woman faces numerous

charges Sunday after she allegedly punched an officer and tried to get a hold of his Taser.

Mary Bobotaylor, 47, 4494 Taft Ave. Apt. 22B, was charged May 8 with OWI, assault on peace officers, driving while revoked, and disarming a police officer of a dangerous weapon.

Iowa City police reports said officers initially stopped the woman for speeding. When they approached the vehicle, officials said Bobotaylor had red, blood-shot watery eyes, smelled of alcohol, and was trying to cram a

plate of food in her mouth.

The report said Bobotaylor provided false information at first, but officers later determined her real identity and that her license had been revoked for drug-related convictions.

When being processed, police said Bobotaylor allegedly refused to stay seated, standing up and punching an officer, then grabbing his Taser.

The officer said he let go of the Taser in an attempt to avoid discharging it in her face.

— by Hayley Bruce

POLICE BLOTTER

Shawn Adair, 19, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, was charged May 6 with PAULA.

Scott Bell, 24, 773 Huntington Drive, was charged May 7 with assault.

Trayon Brooks, 34, 2035 Western Road, was charged May 7 with driving while barred.

Kameron Burnett, 20, 320 Dubuque St. Apt. 513, was charged May 7 with assault and disorderly conduct.

Emanuel Cowley Jr., 23, 2656 Roberts Drive Apt. 1D, was charged May 6 with criminal trespass, possession of an open container of alcohol in public, interference with official acts, and obstruction.

Cody Dirks, 20, Ocheyeddan, Iowa, was charged May 6 with public intoxication.

Scott Eagleman, 19, Mount Pleasant, was charged May 6 with PAULA.

William Elmer, 26, West Union, Iowa, was charged May 7 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

Jamie Fritz, 20, Washington, Iowa, was charged Monday with OWI,

possession of an open container of alcohol in public, and PAULA.

Alex Golay, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged May 7 with presence in a bar after hours.

Nathaniel Henry, 21, 648 S. Dodge St. Apt. 1, was charged May 7 with keeping a disorderly house.

Deidra Hondras, 39, 2801 Highway 6 E. Apt. 44, was charged May 7 with public intoxication.

Carly Hurwitz, 19, Deerfield, Ill., was charged May 7 with presence in a bar after hours.

David Jackson, 31, 2020 Western Road, was charged May 7 with criminal trespass.

Erik Mariscal, 21, 2801 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2611, was charged May 7 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Ian Mason, 24, 4589 Sand Road, was charged May 7 with driving while barred.

Matthew McGarrah, 25, 2128 Riverside Drive Apt. 87, was charged Monday with possession

of a controlled substance and OWI.

John Menken, 19, Clive, Iowa, was charged May 6 with public intoxication and possession of a fake driver's license/ID.

William Mueller, 20, 201 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1525, was charged May 6 with PAULA.

Megan Robertson, 29, Coralville, was charged May 6 with OWI.

Kendra Schiebout, 20, 408 S. Dubuque St., was charged May 7 with fifth-degree theft and possession of prescription drugs.

Andrew Scieszinski, 20, Clive, was charged May 6 with using a driver's license/ID to obtain alcohol and PAULA.

Destaney Scott, 21, 1111 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Sean Secora, 20, 426 S. Johnson St. Apt. G, was charged May 7 with public intoxication.

Quenisha Soukup, 19, North Liberty, was charged May 7 with

public intoxication.

Mudser Sidig, 33, 2404 Bartelt Road Apt. 2A, was charged May 9 with OWI.

Angela Stolte, 29, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with assault on emergency personnel.

James Tabor, 21, Grandview, Iowa, was charged Sunday with OWI and possession of marijuana.

Lakshman Wadhvani, 33, 1960 Broadway Apt. 3C, was charged May 7 with second-offense OWI.

Russell Weston, 51, address unknown, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Jerlon Wilkins, 21, 2110 Davis St. Apt. A, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Diamond Wilson, 23, 1958 Broadway Apt. 10C, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Brenda Windmon, 42, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. C3, was charged May 7 with public intoxication.

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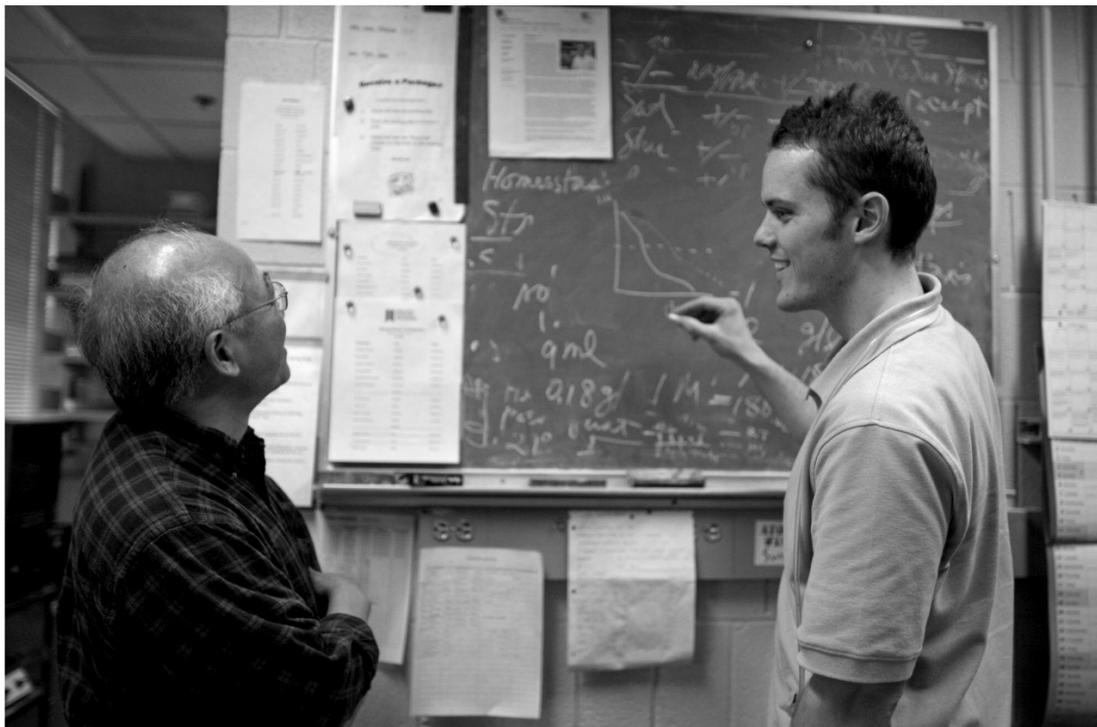
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UI senior Jeff Nirschl shows Professor Chun-Fang Wu a graph on fruit-fly life span in the Biology Building on May 6. Nirschl has worked with Wu to study the effects of social interaction on the biological processes of flies.

For biology wiz, it's the people

Graduate-to-be Jeff Nirschl has developed a strong interest in helping people after working as an undergraduate research assistant at Iowa.

By MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD
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Jeff Nirschl stepped on the football field and dominated the game.

Daniel Tranel, a University of Iowa professor of neurology, wasn't surprised. The field was located on his farm, and Tranel invited several of his students there to play football.

"Jeff played with me there and was one of the great players that excelled on the football field," Tranel said. "He's the same way in the classroom. You can tell [Jeff] to go analyze something in the lab or to go out for a long pass."

Nirschl, a 22-year-old senior will graduate holding the UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' GPA record, but he's defined by a lot more than good grades and football skills. After working as an undergraduate research assistant for two years, he has developed an interest in people and considers it a priority to use his research to help them.

Nirschl works with UI Professor Chun-Fang Wu to study the effects of social interaction on the biological processes of flies.

"We have some sick flies," Nirschl said. "We study aging in flies, and these sick flies have a

Jeff Nirschl

- Age: 22
- Hometown: Cedar Rapids
- Favorite food: Smoked Salmon
- Favorite animal: "Cats. By far."
- Dream vacation spot: Spain

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mutation which, in humans, causes some forms of Lou Gehrig's disease. What's interesting is when we put these sick flies with active young healthy flies, their lifespan doubles."

When he started working as a research assistant in Wu's lab, Wu was skeptical about his ability to handle the rigorous research project in conjunction with his heavy class load. But Nirschl immediately executed a cross of flies that that several graduate students had attempted and failed, Wu said in an e-mail.

What sets Nirschl apart from his peers isn't necessarily his intelligence in biology or dedication to academics, but his affinity for people. He takes his research to heart and makes an effort to help

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Check out a photo slide show of Jeff Nirschl.



people in every aspect of his life.

A transfer student from Kirkwood Community College, Nirschl works with the university's Honors Program to aid the transfer process for other students coming to Iowa after a year or two at another school. He has set up dinners and meetings to give transferring Honors students opportunities to meet with professors and faculty in their fields.

Nirschl's interest in helping people transfers into his study of biology. Just as he's witnessed the benefits of strong social networking for transfer students, he studies the effects of personal interaction on the life spans and health of flies in Wu's lab.

"There's really something unique about the human experience and sharing that connection with someone," Nirschl said. "And to be able to say that it has a biological benefit and help people using that knowledge is just phenomenal."

He hopes to continue synthesizing his interest in people and a career in medical biolog-

ical research when he studies at the University of Pennsylvania's medical science training program, in which he aims to earn an M.D. and a Ph.D.

Finding students who are well rounded enough to contribute the academic excellence Nirschl has achieved and the level of compassion he displays is rare, Tranel said.

"People are a part of me," Nirschl said. "I love research, but I want to be able to help and treat patients. Doing biomedical research, finding out what's wrong with a person and how their disease works, and then being able to take a treatment to them just synthesizes everything that's important to me."

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monitor the situation and the Legislature's decision.

"Ultimately, the responsibility lies with [the Legislature] and whether or not it decides to fund this project," Albrecht said.

Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, the head of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said the recent federal funds require a \$20 million match from the state over the next three or four years. The Senate hopes to include \$6.5 million in the budget for fiscal 2013, he said.

The state needs the money to show the federal government it is interested in the match program, the senator said. And Dvorsky said he hopes the federal offering would help promote passenger rail in Iowa.

"I just hope it shows some momentum, that there is some support for passenger rail in Iowa," he said.

It's not yet clear how much of the funding will go to each state.

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, said passenger rail service from Iowa City to the Quad Cities or Chicago would ease travel for students, businesses, and families. The funding could go to areas hit by the economic downturn, the congressman said.

"I hope this funding, which provides a necessary investment in new locomotives and passenger cars, will help improve the Chicago-Quad Cities-Iowa City passenger rail corridor and spur ridership," Loebsack said in a statement.

The grant is a fraction of \$2 billion awarded by

Rail travel in the Midwest

States receiving \$268 million in high-speed rail funding:

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Missouri
- Michigan

Source: Department of Transportation

the U.S. Department of Transportation to improve high-speed rail travel in the Northeast, the Midwest, and California. The funds, originally earmarked for a high-speed rail line in Florida, became available after Florida Gov. Rick Scott rejected the federal funds.

In total, the Midwest is scheduled to receive \$404.1 million to expand high-speed rail service, the press release said.

The Department of Transportation has provided \$230 million for a new Amtrak route connecting Chicago, the Quad Cities, and Iowa City in October 2010.

The project is scheduled to be completed in 2015, according to a statement from Rep. Bruce Braley.

Kelly McCann, director of communications for the Iowa City Chamber of Commerce — whose members have long supported the project — said the Chamber is "delighted" the federal government is investing in Midwest passenger rail.

"This is another step in the right direction for the Iowa City to Chicago passenger rail route," McCann said.

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WARRANTS

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“We take all warrants seriously,” said Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner. “It’s not like we turn a blind eye to warrants that come into our possession. We just have to prioritize them.”

But the state’s numbers have been growing. While they fluctuate day-to-day, they increased by almost 5 percent — from 50,870 on Dec. 1, 2005, to 53,360 on Dec. 1, 2010 — before falling to 51,583 on May 1.

During that time, the state’s population grew by 3 percent.

“Sometimes, we never find them,” said Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek. “But I’ve also heard of people being found years and years after the warrant is entered.”

Standard practice

Law-enforcement agencies in Iowa attempt to track down fugitives using a priority system based on the severity of the crime and the freshness of the warrant.

“We try to do the best we can, with the manpower that we have, to get people with warrants arrested and get those warrants cleared out,” said Pottawattamie County Sheriff Jefferey Danker.

All agencies — including police departments, sheriffs’ offices, and local branches of federal agencies such as the U.S. Marshals — work to serve warrants. But only when they have time.

Each agency is fairly consistent in its basic protocol. When a judge issues a warrant, officers will attempt to serve the document. If an investigator has been working on the case, that person may try to serve the warrant her- or himself.

And serving warrants quickly is vital.

“You have to jump on them real quick,” said Washington County, Pa., Sheriff Samuel Romano, whose office maintains a six-person squad exclusively for dealing with warrants. “Once they find out you’re looking for them, they’re like rats. They run and hide.”

In many cases, officers are successful. People with warrants for minor infractions — some of whom didn’t realize the warrant existed — are likely to take care of the fine or court appearance immediately. Officers might find others at the last-known home or work address listed.

All warrants are also entered into a national database, kept with the FBI, which officers use to check the names of all suspects, complainants, and witnesses they come in contact with — often through traffic stops.

“Usually, there’s a reason you have a warrant; usually, you’re making bad decisions,” said Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton. “For a lot of warrants, people will have contact with law enforcement down the line.”

The difficulties for law enforcement begin when those routine steps don’t work. Sometimes, people have moved homes or changed jobs. Sometimes, they’ve left the jurisdiction.

Hodges, the man charged with accessing child pornography on a campus computer, has two addresses listed in his court file. No one answered the door at either of them when a *Daily Iowan* reporter knocked recently. In the Iowa Sex-Offender Registry, he is listed as “whereabouts uncon-

The 25 most-populated counties in Iowa are home to the following number of warrants:

- Polk: 6,776
- Linn: 2,915
- Scott: 3,007
- Black Hawk: 2,250
- Johnson: 3,761
- Woodbury: 3,007
- Dubuque: 1,943
- Pottawattamie: 1,172
- Story: 1,086
- Dallas: 1,220
- Clinton: 1,161
- Warren: 1,109
- Cerro Gordo: 1,530
- Muscatine: 696
- Marshall: 853
- Des Moines: 1,053
- Webster: 1,112
- Jasper: 218
- Lee: 334
- Wappelo: 746
- Sioux: 577
- Marion: 282
- Boone: 282
- Benton: 185
- Plymouth: 710



Members of the Washington County, Pa., Sheriff’s Department approach a house while searching for two people with outstanding warrants on April 8. They didn’t find the couple that day, but officials lauded the warrant squad, which is tasked exclusively with finding fugitives.

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firmed.”

“There are certainly people out there who we are unable to track down. Some people, we just aren’t going to find,” Gardner said. “We do actively search for people who have outstanding warrants in the county. Hopefully, we take care of the issue.”

If authorities can’t find a suspect at a last-known address, they’ll issue an alert for the person’s car and will use family, friends, or other known associates. How long authorities pursue those leads generally depends on the severity of the crime.

Law-enforcement officials typically set the warrants aside unless new information surfaces.

Money and manpower

Even the Iowa agencies most focused on catching fugitives must rely on patrol deputies and officers to deal with warrants in addition to responding to routine calls.

“Officers are busy with other calls,” said Dubuque police Lt. Scott Baxter. “Other calls for service take priority, but if it’s a slow day and the officer is looking for something to do, he or she will look for warrants. Especially with more serious or more recent warrants — those will draw more attention.”

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Travel along as the Washington County warrant squad tracks down criminals in a video feature.

Dubuque County had 1,943 active warrants on Dec. 1, 2010. Baxter said many officers will print a list of warrants to take with them on patrol.

Iowa officials agreed the reason behind the backlog boils down to two simple factors: money and manpower.

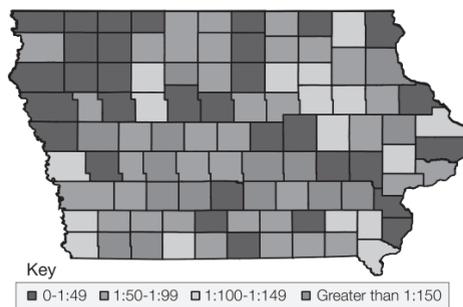
But other agencies have seen success with more focused warrant enforcement.

Washington County, Pa., is one, and *The Daily Iowan* flew to there in April for this story.

“You mean they don’t have a warrant squad? How do they catch anyone?” said Romano about the typical setup in Iowa counties. His belief was echoed — almost word for word — by others at his Pennsylvania station. The 40-person office devotes six people to tracking warrants. While the officers haven’t eliminated the problem entirely, they have gone from approximately 7,000 back-logged warrants to around 5,000 over the last 15 years.

Warrants

As of Dec. 1, 2010, there were 53,361 people with warrants in Iowa. Dividing the population by warrants of each county, the map shows the densities of warrants. For every 35 people in Johnson County, there is one standing warrant.



Most warrants per capita

Emmett	1:15
Dickinson	1:16
Louisa	1:21
Buena Vista	1:23
Hamilton	1:23

Emmett has the highest concentration of warrants per capita. With a population of 10,302, Emmet has 688 warrants.

Source: Iowa Department of Public Safety

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Of the officials for the 12 Iowa agencies interviewed for this story, none had a warrant squad or had heard of one in the state.

“Ultimately, it’s a budget issue,” said Ames police Cmdr. Jim Robinson. “I’d say that’s probably the same for most departments.”

Pulkrabek said Johnson County simply

doesn’t have enough people for such an effort.

“We don’t have the resources for that,” he said. “We’re trying to keep up with getting our patrol division to level, plus the jail division, too. That would be in an ideal world ... We have a lot of other priorities.”

The limited resources force law-enforcement officials to decide on pri-

orities, given the seriousness of warrants. But no one could define the way they draw the line on which ones to no longer pursue — it’s a “case by case basis,” they said.

In 2010, police arrested Mohamed Elkamil for allegedly breaking into Scheels through its skylight and, with an accom-

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police, reportedly stealing 17 handguns valued at more than \$11,000. The other man pleaded guilty, and Elkamil was released on bond.

Johnson County prosecutors asked a judge to hold the 20-year-old in jail because they considered him a flight risk. A judge agreed, but it was too late.

Officials haven't been able to find Elkamil despite a warrant for his arrest. A recent knock at his apartment door by a *DI* reporter went unanswered.

On a recent Friday, two members of the Pennsylvania warrant squad had a mission. It was 10 a.m., and the officers had located and arrested two people. Their next target was a husband and wife — she owed \$3,000 in restitution and court costs, and he had reportedly missed hearings for several charges, including receiving stolen property, reckless driving, and failing to stop at the scene of an accident. They had both allegedly fled to Texas, but deputies heard they had returned.

Cpl. Frank Konek and Deputy Al Marcy went from one residence to the next. Driving an unmarked car but clad in bullet-proof vests with the words "Sheriff Warrants" prominently stamped on the back and armed with guns, Tasers, and pepper spray, they visited what they believed was the couple's home. Using tips from family, a towing company, and maintenance workers at a nearby apartment complex, they talked to friends the couple had reportedly visited, stayed with, and spoken to in the last few days.

They were tailed throughout by two deputies from the department's drug task force, in a marked car, to transport the fugitives to jail and provide backup.

Finally, after four hours — and a promise of a solid tip the next day — they moved on to the next cases: a mother who failed to attend mandatory alcohol classes and a man who had allegedly violated parole. They arrested the woman but couldn't find the man.

"A lot of people ask, 'You're chasing people around who owe a couple dollars?' They don't know the big picture. A lot of it is restitution," Konek said. "At least you can give [victims] the satisfaction of putting [offenders] in jail

and at least trying to get a little money. You'll never get it back, but these people need to be dealt with."

Ultimately, officials said, it is about the message the warrant squad sends.

"Probably the biggest thing is apprehending these people after they think they can get away with it — bringing them to justice," Konek said.

Authorities in Washington County track people using prescription drugs, credit cards, and welfare aid, Romano said. They might load a car with pizza boxes so fugitives don't realize who they are. They need to be ready for people carrying drugs, knives, and guns.

But although Romano and every member of his Pennsylvania squad is quick to bring up a high-profile catch — such as the three homicide warrants they served the previous month — they all acknowledge a lot of their work focuses on misdemeanor warrants.

But Washington County has a distinct advantage over most Iowa agencies: Its deputies don't have patrol responsibilities, freeing the members up for special assignments such as drugs and warrants. And officials acknowledge the squad doesn't really pay for itself — though the unit often grabs headlines.

West Des Moines police used to designate warrants as part of the special operations team's responsibility. But four years ago, that team started shrinking. A supervisor once had four special-operations officers. Now, he monitors three traffic officers with no one designated for special operations.

Solutions

Law-enforcement agencies across Iowa have adopted practices to help address the problem.

While they can't afford a full-time warrant squad, many do "warrant sweeps" several times a year. Sometimes, these are done in-house. A supervisor gathers some officers, gives them a set of warrants, and they spend several days doing nothing but tracking that list of people.

Others are done as part of coordinated efforts. "Operation Falcon" is a nationwide initiative, completed around once a year in individual locations involving local, county, state, and federal agencies.

Officials don't have specific numbers, but they say such efforts have a high success rate.

Some agencies are also

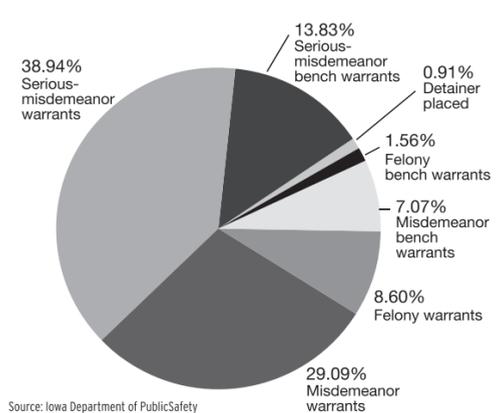


Washington County, Pa., Cpl. Frank Konek and Deputy Al Marcy stand outside the home of two suspected fugitives on April 8. "You know there are eyes on the house," Konek said. "Giving him a description of our car and us."

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Warrants

There are 51,583 people with warrants in Iowa, as of May 1, divided into several categories:



Source: Iowa Department of Public Safety

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having luck using the Internet to engage the public in their efforts to find wanted individuals. Several departments have a "most wanted" section on their websites; ideally, officials hope, members of the public can look at photos and call police if they identify those individuals.

Baxter of Dubuque said his department has a 40 percent apprehension rate, or 16 arrests since it launched its website in February.

Numerous law-enforcement officials acknowledged the public-safety risk that arises when people with warrants are walking the streets. An explicit public threat generally prompts a thorough search for the subject. But that "risk" is difficult to define.

"Assault will be a high priority, and officers working cases will follow up, will try to get people picked up on violent crimes that threaten pub-

lic safety," Brotherton said.

But she went on to say even nonviolent offenders continue to affect society.

"A lot of times, victims in a case won't receive justice until the person is picked up — crimes such as theft, forgery, narcotics. If someone is out there dealing, it affects families, children. There's a lot more to it."

Police departments in Iowa can list the crimes they've seen in the last few weeks.

Officers in Dubuque are looking for people charged with domestic abuse, escape from custody, and burglary. On April 29, Robinson in Ames had fresh warrants for willful injury, second-degree robbery, and third-degree burglary. Des Moines police had received new warrants for weapons charges, interference causing serious injury to a police officer, and possession of weapons after a high-speed car chase.

On the trail

WASHINGTON, Pa. — The five men met in the parking lot of a CVS to plan their approach.

Two men from the Sheriff's Office would approach from the front, along with local police. Two more would go around the back.

And there was a dog — they needed to remember that. But when they arrived at the downtrodden residence, they didn't find the couple, or their son, or even their dog.

Just a note from the woman's sister asking her to call and a purse in the back of a truck across the street.

"You know there are eyes on the house," said Washington County Cpl. Frank Konek, looking into the gloomy sky. "Giving him a description of the car and of us."

Deputies suspected Rebecca Neel, who had four outstanding warrants for failing to pay \$3,000 in restitution and court costs, and Robert Falcon, who didn't appear for court hearings on numerous charges, had fled to Texas.

But they'd just gotten word that a car registered to them was towed from a nearby apartment complex.

Konek and his partner, Deputy Al Marcy, were sure the two wouldn't return to that house.

Neel's brother-in-law had told the deputies the couple may be staying with Sarah Blackburn at the same complex their car had been towed from.

Clad in bullet proof vests with the words "Warrants" stamped prominently on the back and with their hands poised on the handles of their

Tasers, Konek and Marcy knocked on Blackburn's door. When she answered, they found her, another man, and some marijuana in the living room. Neither person gave the deputies much information, but authorities also had some leverage over Blackburn — the county-owned apartments were extremely strict about tenants' criminal records.

"I'm gonna get kicked out of here. We gotta tell them," she whispered as the door shut behind the deputies.

Authorities received a phone call from her before they could pull out of the parking lot.

They visited three more places in search of Neel and Falcon that afternoon, much of it spent on the phone with Neel's brother-in-law.

He clearly wanted to tell authorities where they were, Konek said. But he didn't want Neel arrested.

And "they're scared to death of them," Konek said.

After hours of searching and a promise from Neel's family to give them an address the next day, the deputies moved in to their next target — a woman who failed to go to an alcohol-treatment class.

"Last time, we found her in a cupboard," Marcy said.

They've also found people under beds, in closets and ceilings, and hiding behind water tanks. Once they tracked someone to a cave.

"You live in God's country?" Marcy asked driving back to the station. "God forgot about this place."

— by Regina Zilbermints

Warrants can run the gamut. Many bench warrants are issued for failure to appear and parole violations. And that, officials agree, can be a danger to society.

"If people have broken the law and are still out in society, there's the possibility they could break the law again," Robinson said.

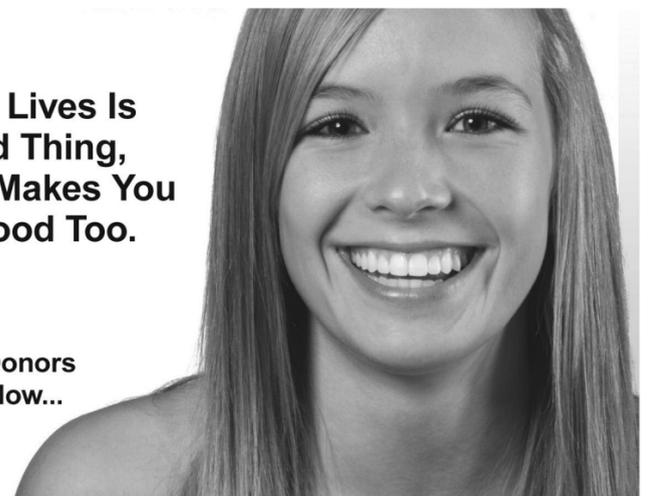
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Editorial

Growing police travel budget should prompt search for solutions

From fiscal 2006 to 2010, the travel costs for the University of Iowa police — largely incurred by sending officers to training in Johnston, Iowa, and out-of-state — have more than doubled. What required approximately \$35,000 five years ago now eats up \$75,437 of the budget; however, the costs of travel aren't the only thing that has changed.

Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, told the *DI*, "When I first started [30 years ago], you saw men and women, their entire career, stay with one department, and a lot of people didn't have college degrees ... It's the exact reversal now."

These days, campus-police recruits have big ambitions but little training — precisely why they sent 26 of its 32 hirings since 2006 to training, costing nearly \$7,000 per officer for the 13-week course. After being trained and gaining preliminary experience, these officers tend to move on to higher-status jobs with different agencies fairly quickly.

Which is precisely why the UI police should stop footing the bill. It makes little sense for the university to pay to, essentially, train other institution's security personnel. With proportional state funding for the state Board of Regents' universities at a record low, the UI needs to start finding ways to cut costs; this is a perfect example of an area that could use some creative pruning.

By hiring more trained officers or instating a contract requiring trainees to remain with the campus police for a number of years, there's little doubt that travel costs could be effectively decreased. At minimum, the university would get more bang for its buck.

But an even more effective cost-saving initiative would be instating a program similar to Michigan State University's "green coats" — part-time positions in which students assist with security at major university events.

"The green coats were first established to work football games, searching blankets and coats and anything carried in" for objects not allowed on the premises, such as alcohol or weapons, special-events officer Dave Oslund of the Michigan State University police told the *DI* Editorial Board.

The program is one of the highest paying student jobs on campus, Oslund said, and it attracts roughly 100 applicants per year. The students (and some staff) have had such success with the "green coat" program that they are now the "sole providers" of security at home football, basketball, and hockey games.

With the level of security needed at home Hawkeye football games and the increasing need for student employment, the UI police would be wise to adopt a similar program. (Plus, UI students don't need \$7,000 training to sniff out hidden alcohol.)

This is not to negate the importance of well-trained officers when it comes to serious security issues on campus. Certain new hirings, such as bomb-sniffing dogs and their handlers, require out-of-state training, as do several new specialized officers. However, for basic training, the campus and city police could easily collaborate and mutually benefit from an on-site center. (The University of Illinois, which trains its officers on-site, expends roughly \$18,000 for travel per year — the UI spent nearly twice that, even in fiscal 2006, its lowest-cost year.)

A final obstacle for the UI police is retention. Why is the job turnover rate so high, and what are bigger departments offering that is so enticing for officers? Instead of paying top dollar to train personnel from seven different departments for the Threat Assessment Team, perhaps some of the budget could be used to answer the aforementioned questions. Seventy-five thousand dollars could bankroll incentives for longer commitments instead of training for highly transient employees.

Between a hard glance at retention, questions about hiring practices, and the possibility of a student-help program, there should be some ways to handle burgeoning costs.

And with the police's inflated budget only slated to further increase, it is time to invest in some alternative and cost-saving measures. We shouldn't be paying to train other institutions' police officers.

Your turn. Does the UI spend too much money on police travel? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

The ever grassy knoll

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Sometimes, just for some giggles (although, being an American male, of course I never giggle — that's reserved for females and British males), I listen to late-night radio on KXIC.

The radio station is, of course, the local outfit that broadcasts the Cubs' games and Hawkeye sports. (Speaking of which, couldn't the KXIC people have found an even more boring announcer for Iowa softball, so that listeners could doze off in the top of the first inning instead of the top of the second? Get a better nap that way.)

Outside of the sports, its programming is utterly right-wing. Hannity, Rush, Dennis Miller — you get the idea. This, in an allegedly liberal community. What's up with that?

And then, late at night, KXIC goes for the conspiracy-theory jugular. You want late-night hilarity, KXIC is the place to be. (The station's public-radio counterpart, WSUI, on the other hand, goes for the British-accent jugular with the BBC. Nothing wrong with that, but unless a Brit was part of Monty Python, he or she barely registers on hilarity's Richter scale.)

So, thanks to KXIC, I now know a whole lot more about UFOs than I ever thought was possible, not to mention necessary. (Did you know that President Obama looks a lot like ET? Neither did I. It has something to do with the ears and Roswell, N.M. The reason I'm not sure is that all that birth-certificate talk puts me to sleep faster than the Hawkeye softball announcer.)

The other night, however, KXIC served up John B. Wall and "Coast to Coast" with guest Craig Hewlet. Conspiracy heaven ensued.

Did you know that Osama bin Laden didn't plan the 9/11 attacks; he was a family man who was set up by the Americans. No, really. (Well, all right; he was such a family man that he couldn't stop marrying women. Kind of like Bob Barr or Newt Gingrich. Though neither one of them had anything to do with 9/11. Maybe that's next week's show.)

Same thing with Saddam Hussein. I mean, I had no idea.

Oh, and American corporations prefer the Chinese model to the American model, and in 20 years China will dominate the globe. We all better start learning Mandarin.

Hewlet also alleged that President Obama was no different from President George W. Bush. (Part of my brain wanted to point out that Obama's team found bin Laden and the Bush-Cheney team didn't, so there's one difference, but details, details. Don't bother me with the facts, as President Reagan once famously said.)

Of course, saying Obama is no different from Bush is about as ludicrous as saying eating salt-water taffy is no different from sucking on limes. (For that matter, how different is eating Coquilles St. Jacques from flapping your elbows and flying to the Moon?)

And a caller from Wisconsin brought up the "Jewish Conspiracy" that controls everything, starting with the Rothschild family in Britain.

I thought the Rothschild family lived in France and made wines, but obviously, I know nothing.

Well, I do know that State Sen. Sandra Greiner of Keota said, "I think it opens up a new window for universities. Are we going to put the Steve King Institute at the University of Iowa? I guess so."

What was she smoking? Sarsaparilla?

I mean, Rep. Steve King has about as much a chance of having an institute at the UI as Kazakhstan has of sending a person to the Moon.

Not to put down Kazakhstan. The country, in its new capital, Astana, boasts the largest "tent" in the world, Khan Shatyr, which took four years to construct and cost \$400 million. The top floor, writes Ken Gessen in *The New Yorker*, contains a beach with sand shipped in from the Maldives.

The Maldives apparently didn't need the sand, because the island nation in the Indian Ocean stands a good chance of being engulfed by rising seas caused by global climate change.

So 100 years from now, the only way people could get a glimpse of the Maldives would be to go to Astana and gaze at the beach on the top floor of the Khan Shatyr.

Seen any good grassy knolls lately? ■

Letter

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We need a spring festival

On the way back to Iowa City from Madison, Wis., this past weekend, I reflected on my third-straight year going to Mifflin Street Block Party and came to the realization that Iowa needs to have a spring festival of similar fashion.

Out of the current 11 Big Ten universities, six (that I know of) have some type of "Spring Festival" or event that helps each school create some type of identity and differentiates it

from the other schools. But what makes us unique?

If you said Greek Week, take a lap.

Illinois, as most know, has its annual Unofficial St. Patrick's Day Celebration in March, Northwestern has Dillo Day in late May, Minnesota has its Spring Jam at the end of April, and Indiana has its famous Little 500 each May. Good God, even Iowa State has a spring celebration each spring with VEISHEA.

Indeed, most of these events are outlets for alcohol con-

sumption and partying — but to their specific schools, they mean much more than that.

For example, Wisconsin-Madison's Mifflin St. Block Party may be one big "party," but it originated with protests against the Vietnam War in 1969. Known as one of the most liberal college towns in the country, Madison celebrates its history by packing Mifflin Street each spring.

In addition, Purdue's Grand Prix is a charity go-kart race that helps raise money for Purdue students. Indiana's

Little 500, an annual bike race, shares a similar concept and raises money for a scholarship fund for Indiana students, too. Students helping students — what a concept.

In the past three years here I have seen this school lose its sense of identity. With certain university officials eliminating fun and ignoring students' wishes across the board, this is our opportunity to start something great, students.

Alex French
UI junior

Guest opinion

The unconstitutionality of the nuclear-power bill

One of the fundamental principles of popular government is that the power of taxation and the expenditure of taxes shall not be exercised for private benefit or for gratuities to private interests. Iowa's founders recognized this principle when they required that, for any payment or promise of public funds, there had to be a defined public benefit.

Senate File 390 (a companion bill to House File 561, which has passed the House) violates this fundamental principle and for that reason, alone, should not be enacted into law.

SF 390 sets forth an unprecedented scheme for transferring private citizen

money and public taxpayer funds to MidAmerican Energy Co., a privately owned utility corporation, for the purpose of subsidizing the possible construction of one or more nuclear-power plants of indeterminate sizes, of undefined costs, at undisclosed locations, and at some indefinite time(s) in the future — if at all.

The funding would come from so-called "riders" that would be assessed on a monthly basis on the bills of each utility customer served by MidAmerican for as long as its owners aspire to build a nuclear-power plant — whether that customer be a private residence or business, a state,

county or municipal government or agency, a local school district or community college.

Remarkably, should MidAmerican be prohibited by regulators from building, or should its owners simply choose not to build, any of the nuclear-power plants funded by taxpayers and ratepayers, the surcharges would be non-refundable, and no ratepayers or taxpayers would have legal recourse to get any of their money back.

In short, the bill proposes transferring private property from citizens and governmental agencies to a privately owned corporation for no proven or

defined public benefit or purpose. Such a scheme palpably violates several separate provisions of the Iowa Constitution. Article III, Section 31, of that document states, in relevant part, as follows:

"[N]o public money or property shall be appropriated for local or private purposes, unless such appropriation, compensation, or claim, be allowed by two thirds of the members elected to each branch of the general assembly."

SF 390, if passed into law, would place at even more serious Constitutional risk all of Iowa's governmental jurisdictions that are located in MidAmerican's service territories. All

of those jurisdictions use taxpayer money to pay their utility bills. And, as a result, the elected leaders of all of those local governments would be required to draw upon taxpayer funds to pay surcharges for the unenforceable nuclear dreams of this utility company's managers (thereby effectively charging taxpayers who are also MidAmerican customers twice for these surcharges).

However, unlike the provisions of Article III, Section 31, which provide the Iowa General Assembly with a way of bypassing the proviso's emphatic prohibition against using public funds for private purposes (with a two-thirds vote in

both chambers every year), elected leaders of local jurisdictions have no such Constitutional fail-safe routes. By following the mandates of the new law, local office holders whose jurisdictions reside in MidAmerican's electrical-service territory will be forced to violate Iowa's Constitution.

While facing the political pressures from Iowa's utility-industry lobbyists, state senators ought to reflect upon the hard-earned wisdom of our forefathers and deny MidAmerican's unconstitutional proposal to finance this corporation's ventures.

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Swahili gains at UI

The Swahili program has a total of 64 enrolled students.

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Sara Manos said her favorite Swahili phrase means, simply, “to sleep deeply.”
“*Lala fo fo fo*,” Manos scrawled in Swahili on a piece of paper late last month.

The University of Iowa African Studies student, who’s in an intermediate level Swahili class this semester, is one of 64 students in the program.

Swahili — known as “Kiswahili” in the language — has been taught at the University of Iowa since 1991, and the program’s increasing popularity has made it one of the largest in the nation, said John Njue, one of the two Swahili instructors at the UI.

But despite the program’s relatively large size, Swahili has received minimal funding from the UI, he said. The UI only offers beginning and intermediate courses with an occasional composition class. The Language Media Resource Center at Phillips Hall has only one Swahili language instruction resource; the Iowa City Public Library has three.

“The ‘bigger’ languages, they have a lot of resources, a lot of programs, but in Swahili, you’re lucky to have one [edition of] text come out in every five years,” Njue said. “For the students who wish to go further, they have nowhere to go.”

So which UI students would rather greet each other with *jambo* instead of *hola* or *bonjour*?

Njue said many students seek an entirely different language than one to which they’ve been exposed before.

“When you ask someone if they speak any other languages, and they say yes, it’s not impressive to hear ‘I know Spanish or French,’” said Nicholas Hunsberger, a junior majoring in political science. But when you say, ‘I know Swahili,’ it’s an immediate attention-getter and conversation starter.”

At the UI, Swahili classes are most often occupied by African American students or athletes, many of whom learned about the subject through word of mouth, Njue said.

Manos suggested that incoming freshmen looking to fulfill the language requirement be given a booklet listing all the applicable courses, allowing them to choose beyond the usual Euro-centric mix.

“I don’t know how many academic advisers are well-acquainted with [the Swahili] program ... I think if more students knew about it, more students would be willing to try it,” she said.

Unfamiliarity leads to an ignorance of the culture, she noted.

“People often say, ‘I don’t speak “insert various tongue clickings here,” ’” Manos said. “Many people have no idea where Kiswahili is spoken or by whom ... they have no idea what the culture is like.”

Now, the key for interested students will be exploring countries where Swahili is spoken.

This summer, the UI Study Abroad Office will offer its first summer program in Tanzania, which may help eager students

Swahili

Countries where Swahili is primarily used:

- Tanzania
- Kenya
- Uganda

Source: Ethnologue: Languages of the world

advance their Swahili skills while obtaining a university education.

“*Maji usiyoyafika hujui wingi wake*,” a Swahili proverb states. “You cannot know the extent of water in a pond that you have never been to.”

WEATHER

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And experts say the warmer weather is expected to persist.

Tim Gross, a meteorologist at the National Weather Center in Davenport, said Iowa City residents should expect today’s weather to be dry and hot, with temperatures reaching a high of 91 degrees — nearly a record for this time of year.

“It will definitely be a shocker because the heat indexes will be in the middle to upper 90s in some locations,” he said. “So it’s definitely going to feel different.”

Gross said the 90-degree weather will last through Wednesday, and temperatures should return to the high 70s Thursday and high 60s Friday. The chances of showers and thunderstorms will be 50 percent Wednesday and Thursday, but Gross noted

Weather

Experts said a high of 91 degrees is nearly record-breaking.

Today’s forecast:

• High: 91 degrees, mostly sunny and windy

This evening’s forecast:

• Low: 68 degrees, 20% chance of rain/thunderstorms

Source: National Weather Service

that warm temperatures can also lead to severe weather.

Nonetheless, an occasional scorcher isn’t abnormal in Iowa.

“It’s not unusual, especially when you have the right setup,” Gross said. “When we have strong southerly winds bringing up warm air, we can get this temperature if the clouds clear out and the Sun comes out.”

The last 90-degree day in Iowa City occurred in August 2010. That year,

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there was also a 90-degree day in May.

UI freshman Jamie Gluskin said she was happy the weather had warmed up but noted that many UI buildings are too warm to study in.

“It’s way too hot to study in the library,” she said. “Anywhere inside is so hot, and it’s so nice to be out here. It’s getting me really excited for summer, and it’s helping me get through my finals.”

Computer-science major Chase Reed said he’s glad the long Iowa winter has finally come to an end, and this weather reminds him of his California home. Ultimately, he said, he thinks it’s easier to work outside than in a dark,

drab dorm room.

“It makes it a little bit harder if I have to sit in my room and do something on my computer,” the UI freshman said, basking in the shade of a tree outside Schaeffer Hall reading his Kindle. “But if I’m able to walk around or go outside to write something, it makes it easier.”

Meanwhile, other students said the sunny skies have helped them blow off a little nonacademic steam in between tests.

“It’s a little difficult, because we have finals coming up, but I’d say I’ve managed to be out and play some Frisbee or even take my books outside, and ride my bike,” said first-year mathematics graduate student Juan Murillo, drenched in sweat after a game of Frisbee outside Macbride Hall. “I’m really excited I get to be outside more, and I’m looking forward to the summer.”



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Know your Ledge author:

- On average, I upset people to the point where they feel the need to throw something through my windshield once every three years. That's a lifetime average — not just since age 16.
 - Once, I listened to a beautiful woman tell me a 35-minute story that ended with "... and then one time, this idiot wouldn't stop hitting on me despite that fact I kept dropping increasingly blunt clues that I'm a lesbian."
 - You know those web pages that say, "Your Internet browser should return to the homepage in 4 seconds, or you can click *here* to go there NOW"? I've never not clicked *here*.
 - I drive a 2005 Volkswagen Beetle. I don't care for it; I don't like the interior, and its carrying capacity is laughable. I drive it for one reason and one reason only: It is fun to slowly drive by elementary schools during recess and watch the ensuing Slug Bug carnage.
 - I hold the unpopular opinion that ice cream is a terrible culinary creation. It is too cold, it is too sweet, and — usually — there is nowhere near enough peanut butter involved. Melting ice cream is the only way to make it a bearable dessert.
 - *Fight Club* changed my life. Since reading it, I've stopped reading Chuck Palahniuk novels.
 - I once ate a block of dry Ramen noodles just to see if I could. I can. **SCIENCE.**
 - I refuse to get excited about lunar eclipses because the same exact thing happens, like, 12 times a year. Just much more slowly.
 - Despite popular belief, I do not sleep in a hyperbaric chamber. I do, however, sleep in a hyperbolic chamber. It is the **GREATEST THING EVER.**
- Andrew Juhl thanks Matt Gorman for collaborating on today's Ledge.

STUDY MALL



GABRIELLE ELIASON/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI juniors Cathryn Sloane and Jessica Lundgren study outside the Pappajohn Business Building on Monday. Sloane, an English and journalism major, and Lundgren, a communications major, studied outside because "all the inside areas are crowded," Lundgren said.

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- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 3 p.m. Celebration of Excellence & Achievement Among Women Awards, Keynote by Georgina Dodge, April 5
 - 4:40 Finkbine Dinner Annual Awards Ceremony, April 5
 - 5:30 "The Federal Debt Impact on USA," Tippi College of Business expert panel discusses the impact of the federal debt, April 13
 - 7 Women at Iowa, interview with Rachel Williams, UI School of Social Work
 - 8 Walk It Out Multicultural Fashion Show, 15 organizations participate in a collaborative initiative, April 9
 - 9:30 Daily Iowan Television News
 - 9:45 Finkbine Dinner Annual Awards Ceremony, April 5
 - 10:35 Daily Iowan Television News
 - 10:50 Ueye, student life and activities
 - 11 Women at Iowa, interview with Rachel Williams, UI School of Social Work

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by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Getting along with everyone you encounter, personally and professionally, will ensure that you are in the running for a position you want to acquire. Face any adversity with intelligence, fairness, and compromise. Love is on the rise.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 You'll be tempted to overspend on entertainment, luxury items, or products that promise the impossible. Do your research, and protect your assets. Someone who shows an interest in you may have ulterior motives.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Organize your space or entertain people you enjoy spending time with. The more time spent discussing and sharing your personal plans for the future, the closer you will be to turning what you want to do into a reality.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Take time to listen to what others have to say. Changes at home will create unexpected problems. Have the facts to deal with each matter separately. The past may come back to haunt you if you don't do sufficient research.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Emotions will be strong but also helpful when it comes to expressing the way you feel. Uncertainty will bring about change. Stay on top of whatever situation you face, and you will come out the victor.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Someone may try to take over when it's important that you stay in control and represent your way of thinking and what you'd like to see happen. Don't be afraid to put a little pressure on your peers, coworkers, or family to help you get ahead.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Getting involved in something you feel strongly about will bring you in contact with someone who shares your concerns and who has lots to offer. Interacting with people who can offer knowledge, experience, and motivation will lead to overdue changes.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Work hard to stay on top of what you are doing, or someone will try to derail your plans and upset your day. There are financial and professional gains to be made, but only if you move along at a steady pace and avoid controversy.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Relying on someone else will disappoint you. Empty promises will be based on what someone thinks you want to hear. Focus on gathering the skills and knowledge required to obtain a position where you will excel.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Take a wait-and-see attitude, and you will avoid someone trying to strong-arm you into doing something you don't want to do. Remain calm and observant, and when the dust settles, you will be in a position to make your move.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Your emotions will be tested, and affairs of the heart will be impossible to ignore. Look at your options, and consider what you can do in order to use your skills and attributes to get ahead. Past experience and a personal relationship will help you.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Don't share your secrets. Even if you think you can trust the people around you, a secret agenda is apparent that can lead to a false sense of security. Prepare to go it alone. Check out job opportunities that will allow you to use your best attributes.

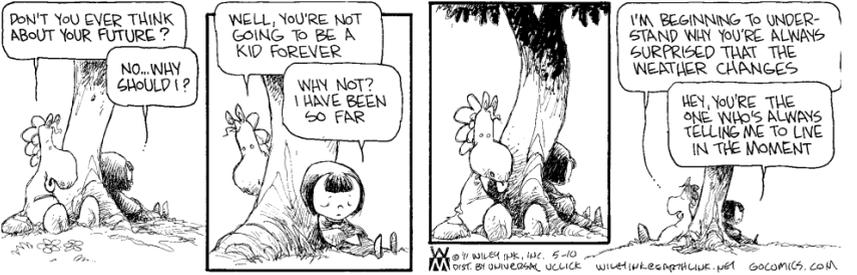
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today's events

- **Glass Shop Open**, 8 a.m., W152 Chemistry Building
- **Tech Help Tuesdays**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Pharmacology Faculty Seminar**, "T-tubule Remodeling in Cardiomyopathies: A Common Ultrastructural Alteration and Novel Beneficial Effects of Pharmacological Interventions," Long-Sheng Song, Internal Medicine, 10:30 a.m., 2189 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Technological Entrepreneurship Certificate Advising**, 12 p.m., 3123A Seamans Center
- **Breakthroughs in Medicine**, noon, Medical Education Research Facility
- **Technological Entrepreneurship Certificate Advising**, noon, 3123A Seamans Center
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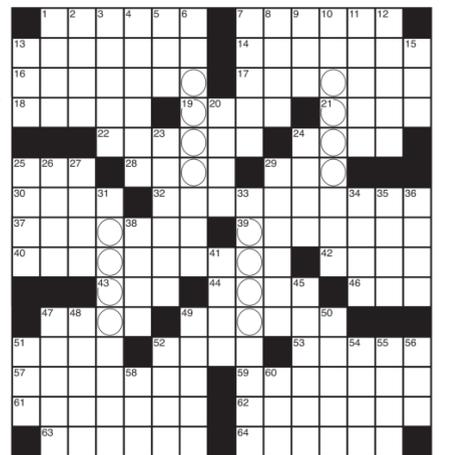
- tions of Secondary Metabolites from Selected Fungi and Fungal-Challenged Peanut Seeds," Scott Neff, 2 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- **Voices of Experience Spring Concert**, 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "Macropinocytosis and induction of cellular signaling events that lead to infection by Ebola virus," Robert Davey, University of Texas Medical Branch, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **It Prevails**, 5 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Rebecca Rasmussen, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Line Dance**, 7:15 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert
- **Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0405

- Across**
- 1 & 7 Sources of the circled words
 - 13 Least clear
 - 14 Position in a college sports poll
 - 16 Decorator
 - 17 Infested
 - 18 Having a "Ho-hum, I've seen that already" attitude
 - 19 Church recess
 - 21 50+ org.
 - 22 "The Office" or "House"
 - 24 Item for a guitarist or a prospector
 - 25 One whose work is filling?: Abbr.
 - 28 Painter Magritte
 - 29 Bog
 - 30 Part of U.A.E.
 - 32 Yield booster
 - 37 Golden State athlete
 - 39 Postpone again
 - 40 Court V.I.P.
 - 42 Specify
 - 43 Roadside bomb, for short
 - 44 Costa ____
 - 46 Angler's need
 - 47 Lies on the beach
 - 49 Photocopying supplies
 - 51 When Caesar is told to beware
 - 52 Jazz devotees
 - 53 Advil alternative
 - 57 Rise gradually
 - 59 Angry lectures
 - 61 Hairy
- Down**
- 1 Zippo
 - 2 Polo alternative
 - 3 Bogs down
 - 4 Drinking spree
 - 5 Try to profit from
 - 6 Spaghetti makers' implements
 - 7 Shape on an altar
 - 8 Bathe
 - 9 Washington bill
 - 10 Like the Chernobyl nuclear power plant
 - 11 1933 Physics Nobelist Paul
 - 12 Lewis Carroll creature
 - 13 Leon Urin novel, with "The"
 - 15 Econ. figure
 - 20 Use binoculars, say
 - 23 Neaten, as shirts at a men's store
 - 24 What hailstones do
 - 25 Sunup
 - 26 Lackluster
 - 27 "____ Smile," first hit for Hall & Oates
 - 29 Savage
 - 62 Ones getting squeezed before breakfast?
 - 63 & 64 Sound of the circled words

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- Puzzle by E. J. Masicampo
- 31 Like the class valedictorian, perhaps
 - 33 "All aboard!" place
 - 34 Letter-shaped beam
 - 35 Patron saint of sailors
 - 36 Plant in a bog
 - 38 Réunion and others
 - 41 Bring (out)
 - 45 Biblical landfall
 - 47 Money substitute
 - 48 Wombs
 - 49 Narrow
 - 50 Point of view
 - 51 Essen exclamation
 - 52 Like a baby with dimples, say
 - 54 Upper hand
 - 55 Shift direction
 - 56 Skier's turn
 - 58 Place
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DISCOURSE

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This is not to say that football will become the new basketball, or that Iowa basketball is about to become a Big Ten powerhouse. But at least for next season, the expectations should be similar.

Football's down year — which would be considered a .500 record or slightly higher — would be considered an "up year" for basketball, especially after four-straight losing seasons. And for both teams, this is possible.

Let's start on Melrose Avenue, where a new — albeit likely solid — quarterback will start. Also, many units lost their best players to graduation, with

the defensive line losing Adrian Clayborn, the receivers losing Derrell Johnson-Koulianos, and the linebackers losing both Jeff Tarpinian and Jeremiah Hunter. Don't forget Ryan Donahue at punter, possibly the best player in the country at a very undervalued position. So a lot of former role players now become the best player on the (fill in the blank with an Iowa unit), and the expectations just can't be as high as last season or the season before.

Meanwhile at Carver-Hawkeye, Fran McCaffery undeniably has the team going the right way. The cagers only lost Jarryd Cole, not much of a factor by his senior season after an injury-riddled career, and the team was young

last season. With another batch of recruits, and the inevitable improvement of Melsahn Basabe and Bryce Cartwright, I'd be shocked if Iowa posts a record worse than .500.

Another factor is the Big Ten in both squad's respective sports.

Basketball will be down from the juggernaut it was this season, especially Purdue at the top. Add in Nebraska — a usual bottom-of-the-Big 12 team — along with a lot of mediocre Big Ten teams also on the down such as Penn State, Minnesota, and Northwestern, and a move to fifth or sixth place in the conference isn't inconceivable for McCaffery.

Now, the only reason I'm not saying this will definitely happen is the football

schedule. Like many seasons in which Iowa isn't expected to do well, it honestly wouldn't shock me — and probably a lot of Hawkeye fans — if the team went 9-3 with an Outback Bowl or Capital One Bowl berth. Ferentz's squad has only one really tough away game on paper — the "Farmageddon" contest at Nebraska on Nov. 25. The team's other two trying conference contests will be at home, with dates against Northwestern and Michigan State about a month apart.

As usual with football, neither 6-6 nor 10-2 would surprise anyone. But with basketball, don't say there wasn't warning when the hoops team performs up to the level of football next season.

BASKETBALL

Printy headed to USA Basketball trials

Iowa sophomore guard Jaime Printy will be one of 35 players attending the 2011 USA Basketball Women's World University Games Team Trials. The trials are set for May 22-25 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The 12-player squad will be selected after the trials, and will play in the 2011 World University Games in Shenzhen, China, Aug. 14-21.

Printy was named an honorable mention All-American by the AP and second team All-Big Ten.

A native of Marion, the 5-11 Printy was the first player in

Iowa women's basketball history to reach the career 1,000-point mark as a sophomore.

"I am extremely honored to accept an invitation to the team trials," she said in a release. "This will be an incredible experience to compete against the best players in the country."

- by Jordan Garretson

COACH

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Golden Gopher Invitational in Minneapolis.

The Hawkeyes finished in sixth place, and after the tournament, Hankins sat the team down for half an hour.

"One of the things that I like to do is that if something is bothering me, you need to take care of it immediately," Hankins said. "We sat around in the clubhouse for 30 minutes and discussed what we weren't focused on. Guys thinking we're just going to roll in there and be a good team without putting in the hard work."

The team certainly

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rebounded from that. The next tournament — Golfweek Conference Challenge — began the first of four-consecutive wins for the Hawkeyes, the most of any team in the country during the fall season.

Golfweek writer Lance Ringler lauded Hankins' coaching job.

"Mark Hankins has proven himself to be one of the top coaches in the game," Ringler told the DI. "I think it's absolutely a remarkable job with what he's been able to accomplish in just a short time at Iowa. Mark [Hankins] is very well respected by his peers, and the coaches

YEAR END SPORTS AWARDS

Other nominees
Second place: Larry Wiczorek
Third place: Tom Brands

Past Five Winners

- 2010: Lisa Bluder
- 2009: Tom Brands
- 2008: Tom Brands
- 2007: Tracy Griesbaum
- 2006: Daryl Greenan

know that Iowa as a program is one that people need to contend with."

Assistant coach Tyler Stith, who has been with Hankins for the past four seasons, said this season's success is a product of a long process that began when Hankins was hired.

"Obviously, we've had a lot

of success this year. It has been kind of a transformative process going from 155 [in the country] to as high as No. 9 [this year]," Stith said. "For our upperclassmen on the team, it's not something that happened overnight, it's been three to four years of work for these guys, and that can be attributed to the process that these guys have committed to and the hard work they've put in."

With a third-place finish in the 2011 Big Ten championship combined with a second-place finish the year before, Iowa has put together its best two-year stretch in history.

"[Iowa] is really one of those teams you want to see get to nationals," Ringler said. "[The Hawkeyes] did it the right way — they worked hard, they did it with

local kids. If people look back at this Iowa program four years ago, I don't think anyone in the world would've predicted a top-20 team and the Big Ten Player of the Year [in Vince India]."

GOLF

Men's golf earns 3rd-straight regional bid

The Iowa men's golf team found out Monday it will compete at the Wolf Run Golf Course in Zionsville, Ind., for NCAA regionals on May 19-21. The Hawkeyes are the No. 3 team in a 14-team field in which the top five teams usually advance to the NCAA

championship.

The No. 1 seed is Alabama, which the Hawkeyes beat, 4-1, in the Callaway Collegiate Match-Play over spring break. Iowa has seen No. 2 seed Illinois many times this year and was most recently paired with it for the Big Ten championships.

The rest of the field consists of Stanford, Wake Forest, Tennessee, Indiana, Florida State, Michigan,

North Carolina-Charlotte, Memphis, Wichita State, Missouri-Kansas City, and Sacred Heart.

"It's been a great year so far, and we're trying to continue to be focused on practice and preparation, even though we're in finals week here," head coach Mark Hankins said. "We've really played well through the spring, and hopefully, we learned our lesson from last year,

and we'll be ready to play."

The 14th-ranked Hawkeyes missed advancing to the NCAA championships last year by a single stroke.

"I don't think we played poorly last year, but at NAAs, you need to come out and play with five players and play well," Hankins said. "I think if we do that, we'll be fine."

- by Ben Wolfson

Q&A: MARLA LOOPER

Looper discusses first season

By SAM LOUWAGIE

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After 11 years as an assistant coach at Texas, Marla Looper took over as Iowa's head softball coach this season, leading the team to a 27-24 record (9-11 Big Ten). She replaced retired Hall-of-Fame coach Gayle Blevins after her 22 seasons as the Hawkeyes' head coach.

The Daily Iowan caught up with Looper recently about her first season in Iowa City — from a hot start to an upset win over No. 1 Michigan on April 23 to the seven-game losing streak that followed.

DI: How was the transition from longtime assistant to head coach?

Looper: The biggest adjustment wasn't in coaching the game or teaching, but just kind of putting all the pieces together. It happened so late in the year, putting the staff together. It took a while to meet the players, and I think that was the biggest challenge. What kind of personnel do we have, and how do we make the most of it?

DI: What was it like replacing Gayle Blevins?

Looper: You know, Coach Blevins is a legend in the softball world. I'm very appreciative to be in this position. And the thing is I'm not here to fill her shoes or replace her. Technically, I took the position and title, but Gayle Blevins is Gayle Blevins, and nobody will ever replace her.

What she's done with this program and the foundation

she's built is how we can be successful. We're going to use that as a steppingstone.

DI: Would you call this a successful season?

Looper: I would say yes. That's a tough question, because at the start of the season if you told me this is how it would be, I'd say 'Yeah, that's a great success.' But after going through the middle of the season and doing things so well, my expectations rose. All of our did. So after the second game against Michigan [Iowa lost 3-2, blowing a seventh-inning lead and a potential sweep of the No. 1 Wolverines] it was kind of like, 'Oh, man, we could've been even further.' But I'm proud of the girls and how they came out this year. We've got to wait a week and find out if we put ourselves in position for postseason.

DI: Can that upset over Michigan serve as a sort of signature win, and what does it do for the program?

Looper: That's a tough question, because I think that's where the norm should be. I don't want to rest on, 'Oh, we beat 'em once.' We should've beat them twice. I wouldn't say it if I didn't believe we could do it.

It's huge in the realm of what we did this year in the past, but in the future, that's what I expect. I expect us to be the team people are trying to knock off.

DI: How tough was the seven-game losing streak that came afterward?

Looper: It was tough. When you start faltering a little bit, it snowballs, and we struggled to stop the snowball. They kept working hard and trying, but I

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"We've got one of the best track coaches in the nation," sophomore hurdler Jordan Mullen said. "Every event that he ran, we've got amazing people in."

Woody's accomplishments read like a runner's bucket list: high-school and college record holder, 10-time Drake Relay champion, NCAA champion, silver and gold medalist at two separate World Championships.

Approximately 65 people applied for the assistant coaching position Woody now holds.

"I had people who I thought were outstanding candidates," head coach Larry Wiczorek said. "I didn't hand it to Coach Woody on a platter by any means. I felt like my future, my career was at stake."

"That was a tough process," Woody said. "It was a real tough time for Coach Wiczorek to make that decision."

But still, who was going to turn down Joey Woody?

Home-grown talent

"I remember trying to break the school record in the 600-yard run in fourth or fifth grade so I could win a Pepsi," Woody recalled and laughed.

Growing up in Iowa City, he attended City High. He was a three-sport athlete as a Little Hawk, but nothing was little about his drive to succeed.

"He was such a competitor," said Woody's high-school track coach, John Raffensperger, who spent more than 40 years at City High. "He was as good as a competitor as I've ever coached."

"He wasn't cocky, but he was very, very confident always of what he could do. There was never anything he thought he couldn't do. That separated him from some of the other runners."

Early in his high-school career, football and basketball were Woody's main interests. Track was nothing more than a means to become a better football player. Raffensperger described Woody as "kind of average" on the track as a freshman. In fact, he was recruited by several Division-II and -III colleges to play football. Even the hometown Hawkeyes were after Woody, recruiting him as a walk-on.

Not until Woody's sophomore year did he start to like track.

"One of the things that stood out to me about Joey is how much he improved while he was in high school," Raffensperger said. "He just got better each year ... [his senior year] he just improved incredibly."

Raffensperger recalled a last-chance meet in 1992 in which Woody wanted to help a teammate qualify for state. The 800 meters at this meet featured Dave Novotny, City High's top 800 runner, and a pair of West High runners who were tops in the state. Woody's plan was to simply run as the "rabbit" through the first 400 meters and try to push Novotny to a qualifying time.

But once the race started and Woody realized no one had passed him through the first half of the race, he kept running. He won the race and set a school record that still stands 19 years later.

To this day, Woody holds four City High track records, including the 800 meters, 110 and 400-meter hurdles, and the 4x400-meter relay. He is also tied for the second-best high jump in school history.

City High career cut short

Heading into the state meet during Woody's senior year, the Little Hawks were a favorite to win their first team state track title ever. Woody himself was favored in a few events and was sure to score major points.

But he never made it. Two weeks before the meet, he was headed to practice when he was in a car accident.

"I was turning left, and somebody came and T-boned me," he said. "The guy was

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going pretty fast and hit my [car's] side, so I was pretty fortunate really. I was a little out of it, didn't want to go to the hospital, but they kind of forced me to go and found out later I had internal bleeding."

Woody ruptured his spleen, then faced further complications from surgery. He remained in the hospital for almost two weeks, losing nearly 20 pounds. Woody never again ran in a City High uniform.

"My main focus was to get back as quick as possible to prove I'm still worthy of a scholarship," he said.

When asked if Woody's scholarship was ever in jeopardy following the accident, then-Northern Iowa head track and field coach Chris Bucknam answered in a strong, definitive tone.

"Never."

Running without a track

Had it not been for Raffensperger, Bucknam might never have met Woody. Bucknam was about to leave City High's guidance office at the end of a recruiting visit for another Little Hawk runner.

At that moment, Woody was passed on from his high-school coach, a UNI alum, to Bucknam.

"Raffensperger told me to wait; he had someone he thought I should meet," Bucknam said. "It's seared into my brain the image of Woody walking into that guidance office."

"He was skinny, wiry, and just walked with a lot of confidence. He had the perfect build, long and lean. He had that look; you could just tell."

Bucknam immediately handed over a questionnaire to his newest prospect. The recruiting trip had changed gears at the very last moment. He had to have Woody.

But there was a glaring hole in Bucknam's sales pitch to land one of the state's best hurdlers: UNI didn't have an outdoor track facility. Luckily for Bucknam, it wasn't obvious to Woody.

"They did a little smoke-and-mirrors game with me where they had this beautiful UNI-Dome and this beautiful indoor track so you kind of get in awe of that," Woody said. "You forget, I have got to see the outdoor track at some point. Even when I was on my visit, we didn't talk about it."

For the majority of his collegiate career, he had to train at a pair of nearby high-school facilities, one of which was an asphalt track. Despite being a four-time All-American, he was second fiddle to the high-school team when it came to practice schedules and track availability.

Woody didn't see an outdoor track at UNI until the spring of his senior year. He recalled running on it while a painter told him and his teammates to not run on the wet lines.

Even without the proper facilities, Woody transformed himself into an elite performer. He holds school records in the 600 and 800 meters indoors, along with the 110-meter hurdles and the shuttle-hurdle relay outdoors. As a senior, he broke the Missouri Valley 400-meter hurdle record with a time of 48.18 and owns it today.

Woody won the conference's outdoor Most Outstanding Track Athlete award in 1994, 1995, and 1997 — he redshirted in 1996. He was an eight-time Missouri Valley champion, including winning the 110 and 400 hurdles in 1994, '95, and '97. His senior year, he won the 400-meter hurdles at the NCAA championships, becoming UNI's first ever Division-I national champion. Ten years after he last suited up for the Panthers, Woody was named to the Missouri Valley All-Centennial team as a hurdler.

"He was one of those guys you just can't explain," Bucknam said.

Woody had even more

success after college. He said his greatest accomplishment is winning the silver medal at the 2003 World Championships in the 400 hurdles. He was also part of the 4x400-meter relay gold-medal effort during the 1999 World Championships.

One of a kind

Woody first went to the Drake Relays his sophomore year of high school. He was an alternate for City High's 4x200-meter relay team; the group ran once and was done. But the surrounding atmosphere and athletes had a profound effect on the young runner.

"One thing I do remember is just seeing guys like Michael Johnson compete for Baylor and just seeing that this is an awesome sport," Woody said. "That's where I got that excited taste in my mouth about track and field."

When Woody returned to the Drake Relays in his senior year of high school, he won the 400 hurdles in record time and ran the first leg of City High's first-place 4x400-meter relay team. He also placed second in the 110-meter hurdles and the high jump. For his efforts, he was named the Outstanding Performer of the meet.

Two years later, Woody accomplished something no one else has in the more than 100-year history of the Relays. After winning the 800 meters and 400 hurdles, the then-UNI sophomore was again named the Outstanding Performer of the meet. He became the only athlete ever to win the Outstanding Performer award in two different divisions.

The year is memorable to Woody for yet another reason, though — it was snowing.

"We're running the shuttle hurdle relay, and it was coming down so hard, you could not see the athlete coming at you until about the last two hurdles," Woody said. "It was just coming down. It was crazy."

Over the next 10 years, he added another 400-hurdles title while in college and five more in the invitational 400-meter hurdles.

"Joey would be right up there with the best of them that I saw," said Paul Morrison, a Drake athletics historian who has attended 73-consecutive Drake Relays. "He was special."

And so are the Relays to Woody. So much so that he and his wife, Heather, named their now 8-year-old son Drake.

Coaching up the best

In March, Woody was named the Midwest Region Assistant Coach of the Year. The award came on the heels of Justin Austin, whom Woody played a large role in recruiting, winning the 200 meters at the Big Ten indoor championships.

Under Woody's tutelage, six Hawkeyes earned all-American status following this year's indoor season.

"He's been instrumental," Wiczorek said. "He's been huge, just huge."

Perhaps Woody's greatest coaching job has been developing Steven Willey. When Willey came in as a freshman, Woody described him as someone who "almost was on the cut list."

Now a senior, Willey is a defending outdoor 400-meter Big Ten champion and a three time All-American.

"I couldn't have asked for a better coach coming in as a freshman," Willey said.

At a practice two weeks ago, Zeke Sayon ran down one stretch of the track. As he approached the corner, Woody came off the side of the track, running in front of Sayon, pretending to take a baton from the sprinter.

While seeing Woody run with his athletes now may be rare, it is not over the summer and during first-semester workouts. He likes to maintain a competitive edge whenever possible.

"It brings us closer together," Mullen said. "It makes us run harder because, well, nobody wants to lose to his coach."

Not even if he's Joey Woody.

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SOFTBALL

Marla Looper talks about her first season as the Hawkeyes' head coach. 9



Woody still races ahead

Joey Woody brings an illustrious track career to his coaching experience at Iowa.

By **BEN SCHUFF**
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Joey Woody stood over one of his athletes at the Cretzmeyer Track. The 37-year-old wore black athletics pants, a black, long-sleeve shirt showcasing Iowa's gold Tigerhawk logo, and black sunglasses. His words came from tremendous personal experience.

Now in his fifth year as an assistant coach for the Iowa men's track and field team, Woody has taken several sprinters and middle-distance runners to levels unmatched before his arrival.

SEE WOODY, 10

Iowa assistant coach Joey Woody stands on the Cretzmeyer Track on May 3. Woody was the 1997 NCAA champion in the 400-meter hurdles while attending Northern Iowa, and he earned a silver medal in the 400-meter hurdles at the 2003 World Championships in Paris.

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THE SPORTING DISCOURSE

Men's hoops to bounce back

Iowa men's basketball has as much potential as football for 2011.



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Cross-sport comparisons are tough, but there's no debate that for the last four seasons, Iowa football has done better than men's basketball.

Basketball has had zero winning seasons in its past four, whereas football has had zero losing seasons — with a 6-6 2007

record its worst during that time period.

So there's no way basketball will have a better winning percentage than its Kinnick counterpart in 2011-12, right? It's hard to fathom.

Maybe it's because football has had a combined 19-7 record over the past two years compared to basketball's 21-42 mark, or maybe it's because an entire four-year undergraduate student body hasn't seen a winning basketball team.

But a shift may be afoot.

SEE DISCOURSE, 9

YEAR END AWARDS

Hankins top Hawk coach

Mark Hankins has been named the *Daily Iowan* Coach of the Year.

By **BEN WOLFSON**
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Mark Hankins had numerous success as a college golf coach at his previous two schools — the University of Texas-Arlington, where he won eight tournaments in his two-year stint before he went to Michigan State. After leading the Spartans to Big Ten titles in 2005 and 2007, Hankins accepted the Iowa head-coach position when the Hawkeyes were coming off a last-place finish in the Big Ten.

In his fourth season at Iowa, Hankins has accumulated seven tournament victories with five of

them coming during the 2010-11 season. With the national success of the Iowa golf program, Hankins has been selected as this year's *Daily Iowan* Coach of the Year.

"I kind of sold the University of Iowa on that I'd done this at two other universities," Hankins said. "I'm very happy we could actually get this to come about, maybe ahead of schedule a little bit. I'm extremely proud of our players for continuing to learn."

"This year to go out and win that many golf tournaments ... to win one or two is a great year — to win five is really just a great



Iowa head coach Mark Hankins watches his golfers on Sept. 16, 2010.

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accomplishment."

Before the season began, the Hawkeyes were expected to field a solid team in the Big Ten — all five starters were returning as upperclassmen after missing out on the 2010 NCAA

championship by a single stroke.

With a team full of high expectations, it came out flat in Iowa's first tournament of the season — the

SEE COACH, 9