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Woman sues UIHC psychiatrist, UIHC, state

A 29-year old female has filed a civil lawsuit in Johnson County against University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Associate Professor of psychiatry Sergio Paradiso, according to the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*.

The former patient, who was under care for treatment of an eating disorder and alcoholism from 2008 to 2010, alleges the UIHC psychiatrist started an inappropriate relationship with her. According to the *Gazette*, the woman suffered psychological harm and relapse of alcohol abuse, reportedly due to Paradiso's relationship with her.

Contact allegedly began in early February 2010 and turned into a sexual relationship in late March. Paradiso reportedly sent an email ending the relationship June 13, wanting to remain friends. No communication occurred thereafter.

According to the *Gazette*, records show the woman is suing the doctor for negligence, breach of contract, sexual battery, and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

She also included the state of Iowa and the UIHC on allegations of negligent hiring and supervision of Paradiso.

Previously medically diagnosed with anorexia, alcohol abuse, and depression, she seeks monetary judgment for necessary medical services in the past and future as needed, the *Gazette* reported.

— by Chastity Dillard

Streets to close for RAGBRAI

The City of Coralville will close or open several Coralville streets to local traffic only on Friday during the RAGBRAI celebration, according to a news release.

RAGBRAI began Sunday at the Missouri River in western Iowa, and it will end at the Mississippi River on Saturday. Riders are expected to arrive in Coralville Friday.

The affected streets include 12th Avenue between Fifth Street and the northern library driveway and Seventh Street between Fifth Street and 14th Avenue; they will be closed Thursday through Saturday afternoon.

Several streets won't close until Friday or will be open to local traffic only beginning Wednesday morning. These include parts of: Eighth Street, Ninth Street, 13th Street, 14th Street, and 18th Street. Beginning Thursday evening, the city will close the City Hall, Library/Town Center, Recreation Center, Police, Fire, and Aquatic Center parking lots; that will end at noon Saturday.

Coralville Transit will be free to the public all day on Friday.

— by Chastity Dillard

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Apts. Downtown case continues



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Glenn Cimmiyotti (left) helps his son, Logan (right), move furniture outside of a building owned by Apartments Downtown, Inc. Tuesday. A former tenant filed a lawsuit against the leasing company in December 2010.

22 of 30 cases filed against the company in the last seven years were dismissed.

By BRIAN ALBERT
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An ex-tenant's lawsuit against Apartments Downtown Inc., may still be argued in district court.

The possibility follows a Tuesday hearing, in which attorneys from both sides made their claims and counterclaims on whether the case qualifies for class-action status.

The suit, originally filed in December 2010, alleges that numerous facets of the company's current and previous leases contain illegal clauses.

"The case is perfect for the class-action vehicle," said Christopher Warnock, the

attorney representing four plaintiffs, before an audience of approximately 15. "Many of the tenants are University of Iowa students, they're inexperienced, they're young, and they don't often know their rights."

If argued in small-claims court, each case would be handled individually.

To be deemed a class-action case, there must be at least 40 members of the class with claims totaling more than \$5,000, and all members must be wronged in an identi-

'The case is perfect for the class-action vehicle.'
Christopher Warnock, attorney

cal manner.

Though no tenant faced charges of more than \$5,000, Warnock argued precedent shows any number of individuals who were identically wronged can pool their charges, thus pushing the total "well beyond" the threshold.

He said the tenants were wronged because they all signed the same illegal contract — whether the illegalities were willful and enforced or not.

Specifically, he cited four indemnity clauses that free the landlord from paying for certain types of damages.

"If you look into state statutes, it says

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Boehner nixes vote

By CHARLES BABINGTON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Stung by revelations that his plan would cut spending less than advertised, House Speaker John Boehner pushed off a vote on a debt-ceiling measure that was also running into opposition from Tea Party conservatives. The move came just a week before an Aug. 2 deadline for staving off the potential financial chaos of the nation's first-ever default.

With time running out, the speaker promised to quickly rewrite his debt-ceiling legislation after budget officials said it would cut spending by less than \$1 trillion over the coming decade instead of the promised \$1.2 trillion.

Meanwhile, public head-butting between Democratic President Obama and the Republicans showed no sign of easing. The White House declared Obama would veto the Boehner bill, even if it somehow got through the House and the Democratic-controlled Senate.

For all that, the Tea Party-backed members of Boehner's



CAROLYN KASTER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio (right) and Republican Conference Chairman Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas (center), listen as House Majority Leader Eric Cantor speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill on Tuesday.

own party continued to vex him and heavily influence the debt and deficit negotiating terms — not to mention his chances of holding on to the speakership.

Their adamant opposition to any tax increases forced Boehner to back away from a "grand bargain" with Obama that might have made dramatic cuts in government spend-

ing. Yet when Boehner turned this week to a more modest cost-cutting plan, with no tax increases, many conservatives balked again. They said the proposal lacked the more potent tools they seek, such as a constitutional mandate for balanced budgets.

Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, the

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UI to offer more new certificates

By IAN STEWART
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Starting this fall, University of Iowa graduate students interested in biostatistics will have a new way to prove their dedication to the subject with a certificate to add to their degrees.

"We decided that it would be nice if people had more of an official documentation that they took a substantial number of courses in biostatistics," said Jeffrey Dawson, a UI professor of biostatistics and director of graduate studies in the UI College of Public Health.

In the fall of 2010, 43 graduate students were pursuing a biostats degrees. But these won't be the people receiving the certificate.

Students in the public-health school are required to take the Introduction to Biostatistics course as well as subsequent courses in Design and Analysis and data analysis, among others. Dawson said biostatistics has applications across a wide spectrum of disciplines.

"The field in general is the application

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Spotlight Iowa City



MATT LA LUZ/THE DAILY IOWAN

Saul Lubaroff plays the saxophone with his quartet at the Marriott in Coralville on July 23. Lubaroff has been playing musical instruments since he was 8 years old.

IC's complete musician

A local saxophonist has overcome Tourette syndrome to become a staple of the Iowa City music scene.

By **CONRAD SWANSON**
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Saul Lubaroff considers creating music and giving people pleasure one of the highest callings in life. The 46-year-old attributes much of his success as a musician to the Iowa City community.

Lubaroff, a classically trained musician, plays and teaches all of the woodwinds, but his talent and passion are most evident when he picks up a saxophone. He said he feels grateful for the community's recognition of his work.

"It's nice to be known for something you've worked so hard for and invested so much time in," he said.

He has played with a variety of local bands, such as Shade of Blue — voted the best Iowa City area band four times — WeFunk, a funkadelic tribute band to George Clinton and Parliament, and the Saul Lubaroff Quartet.

On July 23, the quartet performed at the Marriott in Coralville. The smooth jazz could be heard throughout the lounge and bar area.

Saul Lubaroff

- **Age:** 46
- **Favorite movie:** *The Princess Bride*
- **Favorite activity:** Spending time with his kids
- **Favorite food:** Good coffee
- **Favorite book:** *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*, by Oliver Sacks

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To a casual listener, the band could have sounded like mere background noise as walking bass lines, muted guitar notes, and sweeping drum beats provided a simple, pleasant ambiance.

But the piercing sound of Lubaroff's saxophone is quick to catch listeners' ears.

Among the audience was Barbara McKenna, Lubaroff's girlfriend. She enjoys attending his shows and thinks Iowa City is a good fit for a well-rounded musician such as Lubaroff, who plays in a variety of bands.

"Every musician is

like a puzzle piece, and they have to connect with the other ones that fit to form a band," McKenna said.

Lubaroff credits the presence of "good music" growing up as some of his first exposures to the music world. He said listening to such artists as the Beatles, Dave Brubeck, and Duke Ellington provided a solid influential backbone for his musical career.

Lubaroff recalls one specific evening with his father at the University of Iowa's Clapp Recital Hall.

"I was sitting with my dad, hearing a tenor sax solo," Lubaroff said, "I turned to my dad and I said, 'I want to do that.'"

Lubaroff's life, however, hasn't always been that simple.

Lubaroff grew up with Tourette syndrome, and he admitted the adversity has been difficult. He said the involuntary vocal spasms, called tics, that come from Tourette have neither hindered nor helped his musical career, though.

"When a horn was in

my mouth, I wasn't ticing," he said.

When he isn't playing with numerous bands, Lubaroff teaches music, which has given him an opportunity to grow as a musician and help aspiring musicians improve.

"The fact that I'm a music instructor has helped my playing get better," he said. "The two coincide."

Lubaroff has two sons, Zane and Will, who he described as his best friends, but he said he is looking forward to the near future when they are both in college because he will be able to focus even more on his music. He might even travel to such places as New Orleans and New York to collaborate with other musicians, he said.

John Feldman, the assistant manager at Coralville West Music, where Lubaroff teaches, described Lubaroff as a staple of the Iowa City musical scene as well as an influential and successful teacher.

"If you haven't seen him, then you probably haven't been to very many shows," Feldman said.

METRO & NATION

Second suspect charged in 2009 slaying

Iowa City police have formally charged a second suspect in a local 2009 homicide.

Justin Alexander Marshall, 20, was charged July 12 with first-degree murder, a Class A felony for which he could serve a life sentence.

Iowa City and Lancaster, Texas, police apprehended Marshall for the death of John Versypt, a 64-year-old landlord who was shot dead in one of his Broadway properties.

According to police complaints, witnesses said they heard a "pop" the night of the shooting in October 2009, saw people running, and heard Marshall knocking on a door asking to be let in.

Authorities said Marshall was seen the night before the slaying with codefendant, Charles William Curtis Thompson, who was arrested and charged with first-degree murder in February 2010.

— by Brian Albert

Couple charged after drug raid

An Iowa City couple was arrested after officers allegedly discovered large quantities of marijuana in their home.

Zachary Scott Goldsmith, 35, and Emily Goldsmith, 31, both of 721 Kimball Road, were charged July 25 with using their home to keep or sell a controlled substance, possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, and an Iowa drug tax-stamp violation.

According to police complaints, Iowa City authorities executed a search warrant at

8:30 p.m. on July 18. Officers allegedly located more than 1,500 grams of marijuana, packaging materials, pipes, bong, and other drug paraphernalia.

Forty-four marijuana plants were seized from three different rooms dedicated to growing the drug, according to the police.

Possession of marijuana with intent to deliver is a Class D felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum \$7,500 fine.

— by Brian Albert

Postal Service eyes closing outlets

The Postal Service is considering closing more than 1 in 10 of its retail outlets.

The financially troubled agency announced Tuesday that it will study 3,653 local offices, branches, and stations for pos-

sible closing. But many of those may be replaced by what the service is calling Village Post Offices, in which postal services are offered in local stores, libraries, or government offices.

"It's no secret that the Postal Service is looking to change the way we do a lot of things," Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe said at a briefing. "We do feel that we are still relevant to the American public and the economy, but we have to make some tough choices."

Currently, the post office operates 31,871 retail outlets across the country, down from 38,000 a decade ago, but in recent years business has declined sharply as first-class mail moved to the Internet. In addition, the recession resulted in a decline in advertising mail, and the agency lost \$8 billion last year.

— Associated Press

BLOTTER

Tori Brade, 18, 715 E. Davenport St., was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.
Dominique Conway, 24, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4407, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Laura Foster, 31, Waterloo, was charged April 16 with criminal trespass and July 1 with fourth-degree theft and criminal trespass.
Flaco Padilla, 39, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3415, was charged June 27

with check/document forgery.
Calvin Porterfield, 23, 2033 Keokuk St. Apt. 11, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.
Ryan Preston, 24, 614 E. Jefferson St. Apt. 12, was charged

Tuesday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.
Justin Rutz, 25, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with OWI.
Marquis Watkins, 24, Coralville, was charged Monday with OWI.

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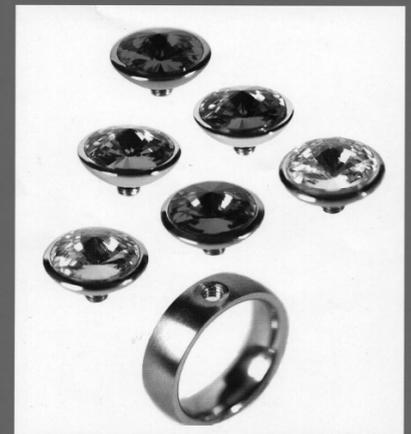
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very clearly that indemnity clauses are not allowed," Warnock said. "Well, they've got four indemnity clauses blatantly right in their lease, though they say there are none."

James Affeldt, an attorney with the Elderkin and Pirnie law firm in Cedar Rapids and the legal representative of Apartments Downtown, argued the issue is actually about whether the clauses were willfully and knowingly written into the leases — something he said Warnock failed to prove.

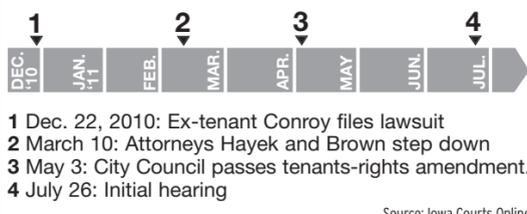
"They were not forced to sign," Affeldt said. "No tenant is saying they didn't read it. No tenant is saying they didn't understand. These cases can be taken care of in small-claims court, and that's where it should go."

After two hours of presentations, the judge said there was not enough information to make a decision either way, recommending the case continue with a declaratory judgment.

Attorneys with each side of the case will meet on their own to discuss the best way to continue

Case Timeline

Milestones in Michael Conroy's case against Apartments Downtown



Source: Iowa Courts Online
IAN STEWART/THE DAILY IOWAN

with the case before reconvening before a judge.

Warnock said he was happy with the judge's decision.

"If this declaratory judgment deems the Apartments Downtown leases to be illegal, we're looking at a great chance of moving this forward into class-action territory," he said.

A declaratory judgment will determine if an active contract — in this case the Apartments Downtown leases — are legal.

The plaintiff's other issues include charges for common-area damage and automatic cleaning charges — something spectators in the room said they were familiar with.

Christopher Copeland, a 23-year-old UI graduate, said he came to watch because he lost \$500 of a

\$1,450 deposit. He supports the case.

"There was a crack in my door's lockplate," Copeland said. "They billed me more than \$250. That's technically public area, so it's an illegal charge. Who knows what they'll bill me for this time?"

One UI student's mother, Kris Albert, said daughter Mara was also on the receiving end of an egregious billing charge — which drew her to the hearing.

"Apartments Downtown says if damage is done in a common area and they can't find out who did it, the tenants will be billed for it," Albert said. "Well, my daughter — I know it wasn't smart — confronted an intruder who broke down her door and got his ID. She went to the police and the landlords with this information, and she still got charged."

Warnock said though he hasn't met a single student happy with her or his Apartments Downtown experience, he said his goal isn't to put it out of business.

"We're not seeking a million-dollar settlement or something like that," he said. "We just want these landlords to change their business practices and follow the law. It's that simple."

CERTIFICATES

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of statistical methods to the biological and medical sciences," he said. "We do a lot of collaboration with those in medicine, nursing, dentistry, public health, and environmental health."

Terry Kirk, the biostatistics educational adviser, said that because many students take a number of biostatistics courses, it's a logical step to offer the certificate.

"[This] gives them a mechanism to receive some recognition for this course work in biostatistics," she said.

The biostatistics certificate — which is open only to those not pursuing a degree in the subject area — will debut along with three others in writing, fundraising and philanthropy communication, and disability studies.

Helena Dettmer, the UI associate dean for undergraduate programs and curriculum, said certificates can prove valuable for students pursuing topics outside of their

declared program of study. "A certificate highlights students' broad and varied interests, reflecting the breadth in their academic record," she said.

The university offers numerous certificates — including ones in aging studies, museum studies, and nonprofit management — that promote interdisciplinary study.

"A minor really doesn't get you the level of expertise that you want," said John Keller, dean of the Graduate College. He highlighted certificates' ability to beef up résumés and help in "a professional development type of situation."

"When they go out on the job market, they're often in lead positions because they've got this extra document," Keller said.

Most certificate programs require 12 to 20 semester hours, he said. But, with a few exceptions, they haven't required extra funding.

"They are really repackaging existing courses into a different format," he said.

Kirk said faculty have been discussing the possi-

UI Certificate Programs

Four new certificates will be added to numerous others.

- American Indian and Native Studies
- Human Rights
- Medieval Studies
- Performing Arts
- Entrepreneurship

Source: University of Iowa

bility of offering a biostatistics certificate for several years, and the department has already received applications.

After the program gets going, she said, seven to 10 students are expected to receive certificates annually.

Those students will join the ranks of other UI certificate holders — students with interdepartmental experience. Dettmer said this is what makes the programs especially valuable.

"They allow students to augment their major with other interest and explore more individual paths," she said.

DEBT

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chairman of a large group of conservative Republicans, sent a tremor through the Capitol on Tuesday when he said he doubted Boehner had enough support to pass his plan. The Boehner bill would provide an immediate debt ceiling increase but would require further action before the 2012 elections.

Obama strongly opposes that last requirement, arguing that it would reopen the delicate and crucial debt discussions to unending political pres-

sure during next year's campaigns.

The president supports a separate bill, pushed by Majority Leader Harry Reid in the Democratic-controlled Senate, that would raise the debt ceiling enough to tide the government over through next year — and the elections.

Boehner wasn't helped by an official congressional analysis late Tuesday that said his plan would produce smaller savings than originally promised. Of particular embarrassment was a Congressional Budget Office finding that Boehner's measure would cut the deficit by just \$1 billion next year.

Boehner's office said it

would rewrite the legislation to make sure the spending cuts exceed the amount the debt limit would be raised. Adding a political touch, it accused the Democrats of declining to put forward specifics subject to the same sort of review.

Earlier, responding to the conservative Republican opposition, Boehner quickly went on Rush Limbaugh's radio show, then he began one-on-one chats with wavering Republicans on the House floor during midday roll call votes.

"He has to convince a few people," Rep. Tom Petri, R-Wis., observed dryly from a doorway.

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Editorial

Iowa should tighten air-quality rules

Even if you can't see or taste it, that doesn't mean it's not there: mercury, methane, ethylene glycol (antifreeze), and myriad other chemicals and dangerous compounds are floating along Iowa wind currents at any given time. Thanks to pollution from power plants, the state has been awarded a spot in the list of the most "Toxic 20."

Recently ranked at No. 20 on the list — compiled by the nonprofit Natural Resources Defense Council from 2009 toxicity reports by the Environmental Protection Agency — Iowa's injurious air quality makes it hard to "breathe easily" when considering the detrimental effects pollution has had on our state. The Iowa Legislature should take these rankings seriously and seek to address our state's emissions problem.

"Power plants are the biggest industrial toxic air polluters in our country, putting children and families at risk by dumping deadly and dangerous poisons into the air we breathe," Climate Center Director Dan Lashof of the Natural Resources Defense Council said in a statement. The council found that almost half of all air pollution in the United States is directly attributed to oil- and coal-burning power plants.

Iowa alone plays host to more than 170 power plants, including two in Johnson County. But Iowa is unique from most "Toxic 20" contenders (even the five other Midwestern states) in that we have a large and thriving agricultural industry in addition to our electrical generators. Iowa's agricultural industry contributes to the prevalence of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide in our air, adding to the cocktail of pollutants.

But the purpose behind the release of the July 2011 list was not to scare people. Rather, it serves to highlight an ongoing issue for all states. The EPA has worked for years to perfect and "propose air toxic standards for coal- and oil-fired electric generating units by March 16, 2011, and finalize a rule by Nov. 16, 2011," according to the agency's website. (The EPA has estimated that its proposed regulatory guidelines, if passed in November, would prevent as many as 12,000 hospital visits every year and roughly 17,000 fatalities.)

"The important thing to note is that the Natural Resources Defense Council report is not a ranking of air toxics from all industrial sources, it was a ranking of the toxic emissions from just that sector — the power-generating sector," said Jason Marcel, the supervisor of the Emissions Inventory Unit of the Air

Quality Bureau in the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. He said states more reliant on alternative energy sources, such as wind, solar, and hydroelectric power, would have ranked lower on the list of power-generating air polluters.

Marcel further noted that the National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment (also compiled by the EPA) is a comprehensive, nationwide measurement of 187 air-polluting toxins that better shows the cumulative effects of all outdoor industrial sectors affecting air quality. Iowa ranks very low in this list in prevalence of both cancer and respiratory hazards, but the pollution from power plants is still concerning.

The report just released from the council shows that 13 states have regulatory policies in place equally as stringent as the EPA's proposed "utility air toxics rule," five states have a policy less stringent, and 32 states — including Iowa — have none at all.

A short-lived bill that would have imposed "certain fees for activities regulated under the Federal Clean Air Act," HF 402, was withdrawn during the last state legislative session; this is unfortunate because it would have directly implicated those responsible for pumping excessive pollutants into the air. (A similar bill, HF 660, was sent to subcommittee before the end of the session.) However, HF 561, a bill that promotes the creation of nuclear-power facilities to replace oil- and coal-burning ones, passed the state House in April, and it would allow for noticeably cleaner energy output — although nuclear power has its own set of drawbacks.

No matter the source, the detrimental effects of pollutants on our air quality cannot be denied. Acid rain caused by mercury particles, higher rates of childhood asthma due to nickel, cadmium acting as a possible carcinogen, and assorted other metals responsible for everything from developmental disorders to "premature mortality" — all of this because we refuse to strengthen regulations on industrial air pollution.

As heat waves sweep across the state and effectively amplify air pollutants, now is as good a time as ever to take a closer look at what we're pumping into our wide summer skies. The health of Iowans and our environment is at stake the longer people allow arsenic compounds, mercury, and hydrochloric acid to infiltrate the air they breathe.

Your turn. Should Iowa tighten its restrictions on power-plant pollution? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Educating for democracy

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There were hours of breakout panels, several high-profile speakers, and an abundance of innovative ideas.

But this week's Iowa Education Summit was bereft of one vital emphasis: citizenship education.

With astronomical unemployment (and underemployment) and an insipid recovery, job creation likely trumps all else for many parents and students. However, education should do more than — in that ubiquitous, cringe-inducing phrase — prepare students for the "competitive global economy."

Yes, a dynamic economy requires an educated workforce. But would it really pain Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie to discuss the importance of engaged, informed citizenship, and how our education system should reflect that commitment?

Iowa's education system isn't simply training the next generation of workers, but the next generation of citizens.

As it stands, answers to some of the most rudimentary history and current-events questions — How many justices are on the Supreme Court? — are elusive for many students. Just 24 percent of U.S. high-school seniors attained proficiency in civics on the 2010 National Assessment of Educational Progress.

And that's the really basic stuff. Being a "good citizen" means more than picking up trash at the park or knowing that the filibuster constrains the passage of bills through the Senate.

Fundamentally, democratic citizenship is about being accorded the power to shape otherwise unaccountable forces — governmental, economic, etc. — that affect one's life. It's about self-determination and empowerment.

Through engaged citizenship — and grassroots mobilization of like-minded citizens — the otherwise marginalized can challenge and displace entrenched struc-

tures of power. Markets have a role in building a prosperous society, but only democratic citizenship — not consumer choice — confers more than a modicum of power, regardless of material circumstance.

Democracy requires robust citizenship education because it's not merely a set of institutions that, absent renewal and concerted action, will continue interminably. It's also an ethos.

This is one of the main reasons you can't impose democracy externally: You may be able to set up institutions and hold reasonably fair elections, but it's going to be a minimalist, precarious democracy if it doesn't have bottom-up support from the citizenry.

Citizenship education should do three main things: build a basic historical and political knowledge base (including media literacy); challenge students to think critically about the status quo and expose them to varying viewpoints; and allow them to realize their own capacity to effect change through democratic citizenship. (The final point is especially important for the oppressed and marginalized.)

We also need less-hierarchical learning environments that engage students on their own terms. Instead, the preponderance of schools still practice what educational theorist Paulo Freire termed the "banking concept of education," in which the teacher transmits unsailable information to passive students. This authoritarian model should be replaced with more democratic, student-centered approaches.

For democratic education enthusiasts, there was one bright spot at the education summit: the panel "Making Schools Fit Kids Instead of Kids Fit Schools." Decrying the "industrial model of education," panelists discussed ways to make school more student-driven (some more convincingly than others).

On the whole, though, the summit lacked an explicit commitment to citizenship education, a glaring oversight.

The strength of our democracy is more important than how our test scores stack up against other states. ■

Letters

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No good reason to ban same-sex marriage

There are a variety of definitions for marriage, but it is generally between a man and a woman. According to Evan Wolfson, the author of *What is Marriage?*, "... marriage is what we use to describe a specific relationship of love and dedication to another person." If Wolfson's statement is true, there should not

be a double standard between a heterosexual couple and same-sex couples. Even a convicted felon has a protected right to marry. Marriage is not based on the sex of the spouse but the commitment made to each other. Why is it that a person who broke the law has more of a right to marry than same-sex couples?

I believe society's perspective on same-sex marriage is that it will weaken the institution of marriage and weaken

traditional family values in American society, but same-sex marriage will strengthen society as a whole because it creates a more tolerant atmosphere.

Miller Thammavongsa
UI student

Teaching 'experts' need real experience

As someone who has worked with students with a wide range of ages, abilities, and

socioeconomic backgrounds in Michigan, Hawaii, and Iowa, I would suggest that the "experts" at Gov. Terry Branstad's Education Summit (who have never even taught one day in a classroom) take the very short substitute-teacher licensing course and begin substitute teaching this fall.

Then, and only then, will I pay attention to one word that they say.

Gary Sanders
Iowa City

Column

Dancing around the caucus issues

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Wait, seriously? We're attacking a caucus candidate for how gay her spouse looks when he dances?

Yeah, that really happened. Earlier this month, comedy newsman Jon Stewart played a clip of Marcus Bachmann — whose counseling clinic offers gay-repression therapy — dancing and said, "Is he teaching peo-

ple not to be gay or is he like the 'Green Mile' guy, just absorbing it all?"

Surely, the lefty blogosphere and the gay-rights camp jumped on Stewart for it, right? I mean, it's obviously unacceptable to poke fun at someone's sexuality based on the way he holds himself or the inflection in his voice, right? Certainly this is worse than Glenn Beck mocking the first lady's clothes, right?

Guess not. James Withers at 365 Gay didn't take issue with it and instead said, "It was bound to happen." Katla McGlynn at Huff-

ington Post gave Stewart a pat on the back, a play-by-play, and a link to the clip. And Matt Chertoff at Gawker takes Stewart's side and says Marcus Bachmann "may be a little light in the loafers."

Being myself what some may call an effeminate dancer, I take offense to the suggestion that the way in which a man moves his hips is indicative of whom he might like to have sex with. But even if there are sexual-orientation signs in one's demeanor, who cares? What if Marcus Bachmann is suppressing homosexuality?

That's something worth discussing if there's real evidence thereof, but certainly not grounds on which to make him the butt of a prime-time joke.

What's perhaps most unnerving is that by being homophobic in this case, we miss the real issue. Marcus Bachmann's counseling clinic offers anti-gay therapy and receives federal funding. Whether you agree with that or not, it's clearly worth discussing. Turning the conversation into a spectacle at how supposedly gay someone dances diverts attention

from the issue.

Mainstream media did the same thing with the Michele Bachmann migraine fiasco. It's obviously stupid and sexist to make an issue out of a female politician's headaches — especially when there's a 75-year-old in the race who likely has more pressing health issues.

There are probably dozens of real items the media could have reported on instead of a non-issue such as headaches, including that when ABC News' Brian Ross tried to ask Bachmann about headaches, her cam-

aign staff roughed him up a little bit. If Bachmann wants to tell a reporter that she thinks headaches are not important to the campaign and decline to talk about it, that's acceptable, and she'd be right. However, physically standing in the way of news reporters sets a new standard of opacity in politics, and that's not acceptable. Instead of having a real conversation with how open candidates need to be with the press, we talked about Bachmann's headaches for a week.

What a headache.

On the track to realizing the future

The 4-year-old program FasTrac has expanded from City High to Northwest Junior High and Regina.

By **HOLLY HINES**
CrossingBorders.us

Some needed help focusing. Others, aid finding a new social group. Many wanted assistance planning for the future.

And FasTrac brought them together.

Fas Trac is a student group started at City High in 2007 that aims to help students achieve in academics and in life.

In 2010, the program was incorporated into the Youth Leadership Program, part of the nonprofit Mayor's Youth Empowerment Program. Last year, students from Northwest Junior High, Regina Catholic Education Center, and other local schools joined. Approximately 130 students participated in the program during the last school year.

In the past, the majority of FasTrac students identified as African American, though the group is becoming more diverse. Membership now includes people who identify as Latino, Native American, and white.

While the group members focus, in part, on identifying what motivates them and creating plans to achieve their goals, they now have a new focus.

Program director Henri Harper initiated the new program to help students understand and form their cultural identities.

"They don't know who they are," said Harper, the former juvenile court liaison for the Iowa City School District.

He said knowing more about their culture and history can help the students plan for a meaningful future.

This summer, FasTrac has collaborated with local businesses to provide part-time jobs for students.

The money they earn will help them save for group field trips when school starts again. In the past, FasTrac students traveled to Alabama and Memphis, Tenn., where they explored the history of the civil-rights movement. This year, the students plan trips to Texas or New York to explore Latino, Muslim, and



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Deidra Williams sits on a bench in Lower City Park on June 21. Williams, originally from Chicago, said her memories of its limited educational opportunities have motivated her to become a community organizer.

Native American cultures.

The students will also read about and discuss a variety of cultures, Harper said. These types of activities can give them a greater understanding of their heritages, he said.

"I think that's something missing for a lot of people," he said.

But regardless of a changing focus, the program still aims to help students form goals. And three college students — who started with FasTrac in high school — have started achieving those goals.

Deidra Williams

Deidra Williams noticed school was different when she moved to Iowa City from Chicago's South Side as an eighth-grader.

In Iowa City, she saw that students changed classrooms during the day rather than remaining in one room, and teachers seemed to care more about her education, said Williams, now 18.

When Iowa City and City High were still new to her, she joined the FasTrac program. There, she took classes to study for the ACTs and got help with the process of graduating high school early in 2010 at age 17.

Williams, who attends the University of Northern Iowa, said her memo-

ries of Chicago and its limited educational opportunities motivate her to become a community organizer.

"I'm just taking the proper steps to do what I've got to do for the future," she said.

Williams, who sees herself as a leader, often keeps to herself to focus on her goals. Through FasTrac, though, she served as a mentor to younger members. And she also found a mentor in Harper.

"When I was about to change my major, I called Mr. Harper first," said Williams, who started college studying business.

Now majoring in Leisure Youth and Human Services, she plans to start a group similar to Fas Trac in Chicago.

If she "is a success story," she said, she can likely help others from similar backgrounds succeed. She's working with Harper to start a FasTrac branch in Waterloo, close to the UNI campus.

This summer, she's been working at City Park in Iowa City, selling concessions near the carnival rides — a job opportunity arranged

through FasTrac. "I honestly just want to succeed in life," she said.

James Taylor

James Taylor has business savvy.

During his freshman year at St. Ambrose University, in Davenport, he realized students want ways to easily sell their used textbooks to make some extra money.

So the marketing management major and football player started a resale business — JT's Warehouse Wholesale and Resale — in which students could sell their books and electronics.

Though a shoulder injury forced him to quit football, lose his scholarship, and return to Iowa City, the 19-year-old said he was happy to return in many ways.

"My heart is here in Iowa City," said Taylor, who plans to continue school at Kirkwood Community College.

Now back at home, he has yet another business idea — a storage-facility business, centering on students who need to store their stuff while moving between cities.

In the meantime, he's saving money for the busi-

ness by working part-time at the Robert A. Lee Recreation Center — a job he found through FasTrac.

Taylor first turned to FasTrac in high school to focus on his goals. Even though he was already a good student, lessons from FasTrac remained helpful even in college, where he earned a 3.7 cumulative GPA his first year.

Another lesson he learned through FasTrac stuck with him in college: Adversity and injuries can't take his education from him.

His home life reflects this lesson, as well. His mother worked to earn an associate's degree while coping with her own mother's death. This achievement made her an important role model for Taylor.

He valued the company of people in FasTrac with similar experiences — particularly Harper, the group's leader, as a black male.

"There's a difference between being a white man and a black man in Iowa City," Taylor said.

African Americans are often "in the public eye," he said, in part because whites have a "stronghold" as the majority population. However, he said, he thinks Iowa City provides good opportunities.

After studying marketing at Kirkwood, he said, he hopes to become a real-estate developer. Ultimately, he said, he wants to help people buy environmentally friendly homes.

Tajeria Beacham, 18

Tajeria Beacham once worried about being an outcast.

When she started school in Iowa City at the end of her junior year after moving from a small school in Chicago, she didn't know if she could adjust to a large school.

In Chicago, she was in a graduating class of only 20 other students at a performing-arts school.

But at City High, she walked hallways flooded with hundreds of other students.

"It was pretty awkward," she said.

Beacham, now 18, noticed the student population was less diverse, but despite that, she said, she prefers Iowa City schools to her school in Chicago.

She quickly found FasTrac at City High and said she felt welcome there.

Beacham said she was a good student before joining FasTrac, but the group reinforced what she already knew — that it's important to keep up with schoolwork.

College visits through FasTrac also helped her plan for the future, she said, and seeing the UNI campus was a crucial part of her decision to attend school there.

But her first semester of college was rough, she said. College schoolwork was much harder than high school, she said, and she struggled most with public speaking and biology.

"It's definitely a wake-up call," she said.

When her first-semester grades came back lower than she'd hoped, she called Harper. He told her to see a tutor, and she followed his advice.

She also studied more and learned memorization techniques, which helped her improve her grades.

This spring she declared a major in gerontology. Beacham's especially interested in studying how society views the elderly and the ways they may be mistreated or viewed as outcasts.

Her goals, she said, are motivated by her sense of self, a lesson reinforced by her participation in FasTrac.

But her family members — with whom she enjoys playing the Nintendo Wii — are also motivators.

"Letting them down would hurt me more than letting myself down," Beacham said.

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TV Mash-ups I Might Watch:

• **Three's Cheers:** After developing a drinking problem, Jack Tripper gives up the restaurant business and buys Cheers from Sam Malone, where he promptly engages in numerous misunderstandings with the local bar crowd. Highlight: the wedding of Jack and Diane, to which John Mellencamp is inexplicably invited.

• **Murder, CSI:** Expert amateur sleuth (and Grissom's aunt) Jessica Fletcher joins the Crime Scene Investigation team. And good thing, too, because almost immediately after she shows up anywhere, there's a murder. Fletcher solves these cases with her trademark brand of moxie and gumption — which Willows is able to measure on the team's newest Acme equipment.

• **The V-Team:** Alien mercenaries are hired for seemingly impossible jobs. They work for pay, and for dinner, eating the criminals after capturing them.

• **Dexter Morgan's Laboratory:** New on Saturday mornings, it's violence desensitization at its finest. This animated program features America's favorite lovable serial killer, Dexter Morgan, who decides to elevate his career status and expand his forensic blood-spatter knowledge by building his own high-tech laboratory, where he soon makes short work of criminals and cartoon clichés. Also of note: the weird sexual tension between him and his sister, Debra "Dee Dee" Morgan.

• **24 Minutes:** The hardest, most compelling news stories in a third of the time. Jack Bauer keeps our veteran correspondents on track as they cut to the quick. Tune in every weekend to hear the popular new catch phrase, "Dammit, Rooney. There's NO TIME."
Brian Tanner misses SNICK

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UI alum Bruce Japsen, a health-business reporter for the *Chicago Tribune*, talks to students during UI Summer Journalism Workshop on Tuesday. The workshop is designed to introduce the field of journalism to interested high-school students.



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by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Don't let anyone push you into making a wrong move. Impulsive action may bring temporary relief, but in the end, you will probably have to backtrack. Focus more on what you can accomplish by going directly to the source. Make your moves based on facts and figures.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 The past can be your ticket to the future. Rely on whom you know and the experience you have to guide you to a better position at work and at home. Don't overreact or underestimate.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Take the initiative, and decide what you want. Your versatility has led you in many directions in the past, but now you must be more precise in executing your plans. Think about what you enjoy doing most, and incorporate it into your plans.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Put greater effort into your creative ideas. A hobby or a skill will turn into a viable source of income. Don't hem and haw over trivial decisions when it's important that you show everyone how capable you are of making a good decision.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Rely on your bravado as well as your intuition, and you will make some excellent choices. Helping others will pay off and introduce you to people who can contribute to your advancement. Work on the premise that less is more.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Proceed with caution. Not everyone who is being nice to you is on your side. Showing emotion will be a sign of weakness, making you vulnerable to underhandedness. Learn from your experiences so you are better prepared to handle whatever comes your way.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Plenty of options will crop up if you interact with people from different walks of life. Getting involved in groups that are working toward the same goals you are will help you move forward quicker. Collect an old debt.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 It's important to use what you have instead of hoarding. Keep everything moving, and you will find that opportunities will open up. Use your vision, and you will have a clear-cut idea what you can turn into an asset and what you should discard.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Follow your heart, act on impulse, and whatever you do, don't let a good deal or opportunity get away. Make whatever changes are necessary based on what you see, hear, and experience. You're in the driver's seat.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Don't lose sight of your goals. Keep your financial matters a secret, and handle documents with discretion. A contract you've been working on will take a little extra care. Don't let emotions get in your way.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You are making headway. Your insightfulness can be put to good use, especially when dealing with people who can help you. Partnerships look good, and changes that affect your personal life will turn out well.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 A problem at home will take your undivided attention. A practical approach to whatever needs doing will help you stay within budget and impress onlookers. Keeping up with the times will make what you have to offer more appealing.

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by Scott Adams



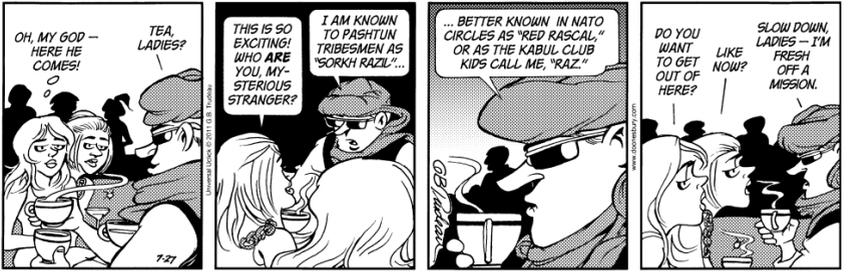
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- **Tot Time**, 9 a.m., Scanlon Gymnasium, 2701 Bradford
- **Summer Playgrounds**, 9:30 a.m., Creekside Park, Fairmeadows Park
- **Kids Rule Summer Film Series**, *Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer*, 10 a.m., Sycamore 12
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Summer Playgrounds**, 10:30 a.m., Willow Creek Park
- **Iowa Summer Writing Festival Eleventh Hour**, 'Writing the Query Letter,' Sam Samuels, 11 a.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **Teen Tech Zone**, 1 p.m., Iowa City Public Library

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- **Poetry**, 8 p.m., Bijou
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

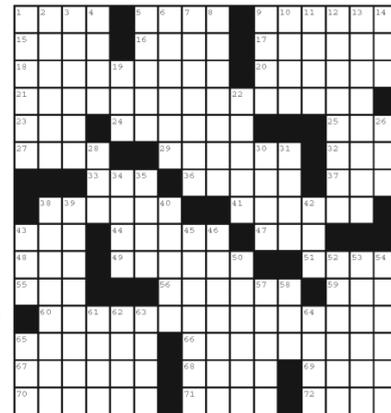
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on his merry way, it would open the door for another famous No. 4 to come out of retirement.

That's right, he's coming back — Steve Walsh.

What, did you think it would be Brett Favre? No way.

— by Cody Gredell

Nnamdi Asomugha, cornerback

Anybody who can become the best in the NFL at his position while playing for the Raiders should instantly become coveted by the rest of the league.

In 2006, Nnamdi Asomugha's eight interceptions forced football fans to take notice of the blossoming cornerback.

Since that eight-interception season, Asomugha has only had three interceptions in four seasons combined. That could cause the casual fan to think he was simply a one-year wonder, but the casual fan would be wrong.

The former California Bear has been to been elected to five-straight Pro Bowls and is the most feared corner in the league.

After his breakout year in 2006, quarterbacks have avoided Asomugha at all costs. Since that year, he has not allowed more than 13 completions in a season, and he didn't give up a touchdown at all in 2010.

Several teams have been rumored to be interested, most notably the Cowboys, Eagles, Lions, and Jets.

Having just turned 30 years old, Asomugha should know this is his last shot at a big payday.

While there is no arguing he is one of the top defenders in the NFL, some question his value considering the high dollar amount he will command.

That shouldn't matter, as long as he finds the right fit.

He will completely shut down one side of the field, but he needs protection on the other side in order to be completely effective.

Teams only need to look back to this year's Super Bowl to see the value of having numerous shutdown DBs. The Green Bay Packers' stacked defensive backfield of Charles Woodson, Tramon Williams, and Sam Shields made huge plays while shutting down potent passing attacks.

Even if you can't pronounce his name correctly (NAM-dee AWH-sum-WAH), you'll be smiling for

years to come if your team snaps him up.

— by Kyle Hughes

Santonio Holmes, wide receiver

The NFL lockout is finally over. Now that teams can start configuring their rosters again, the most valuable free agent available is wide receiver Santonio Holmes of the New York Jets.

Holmes was a Super Bowl MVP with the Pittsburgh Steelers, and signing him makes almost any team a Super Bowl contender. Holmes has plenty of experience after stints with Pittsburgh and New York and went to the postseason with both teams.

He is also only 27 and is therefore just now entering his prime.

From a statistical standpoint, he has 287 recep-

tions for 4,581 yards, 26 career touchdowns, and an average of 16.0 yards per catch. Those aren't exactly Hall of Fame-caliber numbers, but numbers don't show his entire worth.

Holmes is a great guy to have in the locker room. He hasn't always been a model citizen — he has admitted to selling drugs as a teenager and has run into other legal trouble over the course of his career — but he appears to have learned from his mistakes. After he returned from a suspension last season, he became an integral and versatile part of the Jets' offense.

He can be a primary receiver or play in the slot. He also returns punts, and has a career average of 8.1 yards per return. His extraordinary work ethic will also be beneficiary for any young receivers on the

team.

He has never been seriously injured and has turned that physical toughness into 72 appearances in five regular seasons. In seven playoff games, he has 25 receptions for 402 yards and five touchdowns. He averages 16.1 yards per catch in the postseason, showing he has a lot of big-play ability.

Holmes has played with a great quarterback (Ben Roethlisberger) and an average one (Mark Sanchez), but he had similar success with both of them. This adaptability further shows that adding Holmes to any team will put it over the top.

— by Sam Odeyemi

FOOTBALL

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defensive tackles in the nation.

People have noticed.

Crick was one of four defensive linemen to be named to the prestigious Playboy Preseason All-America team, and has been named to four other first-team All-American lists as well.

A 6-6, 185-pound monster from Cozad, Neb., Crick could crack the Nebraska record book in

numerous categories; he's seventh in Husker history in sacks, and he could become just the 22nd Nebraska player to be a three-time all-conference selection.

1) Dan Persa, Northwestern quarterback

Persa has impeccable timing.

After spending an afternoon slicing up the Hawkeye defense all game long last year, the senior from Bethlehem, Pa., waited until immediately after he threw a game-winning touchdown to rupture his Achilles' tendon.

Several months later, he's healthy and ready to run a potent Wildcat attack that has given the

Hawkeyes fits over the past several years.

The first-team All-Big Ten gunslinger racked up 2,581 yards through the air last season and connected on an astonishing 73.5 percent of his attempts. He was a monster on the ground, too; in just 10 games, he scampered for 519 yards and nine touchdowns.

His name appears on a variety of award watchlists, including those for the Walter Camp national player of the year and the Heisman, and it's not hard to see why.

Honorable mention: Rex Burkhead, Nebraska running back

Last year, Burkhead was an honorable-mention

All-Big 12 honoree after he ran for 951 yards and seven touchdowns.

Imagine what he'll do when he's actually the Huskers' primary rusher.

Burkhead was technically the secondary running back behind now-Washington Redskin Roy Helu, and his numbers should explode with the added car-

ries now that he'll be the featured back.

The Big Three is a five-part series and will be published all week.

YANKEES 4, MARINERS 1

Ms lose 17th straight

By HOWIE RUMBERG
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Seattle Mariners flailed away helplessly against CC Sabathia in their 17th-straight loss, managing only one hit and striking out 18 times overall in a 4-1 loss to the New York Yankees on a rain-soaked Tuesday night.

Sabathia did not allow a baserunner until Brendan Ryan singled with one out in the seventh inning — a batter after a 30-minute rain delay — in beating Seattle for the seventh-consecutive start. He struck out 14 of the 25 batters he faced, seven in a row at one point.

The Mariners are fourth shy of matching the Baltimore Orioles' American League-record 21-game losing streak to start the 1988 season. The 1961 Phillies dropped 23-straight for the modern major-league mark.

Curtis Granderson homered off Doug Fister (3-12) to put New York ahead 1-0 in the fourth, and Mark Teixeira connected for his 100th homer with the Yan-

kees in the eighth.

Sabathia (15-5) appeared to tire after a second delay (14 minutes) in the seventh. He walked the first three batters in the eighth before being lifted for David Robertson.

Robertson struck out pinch-hitter Adam Kennedy for his 10th-straight strikeout with the bases loaded this season before Chone Figgins hit a run-scoring fielder's choice to third base to make it 3-1. Ichiro Suzuki then struck out to end the inning.

Mariano Rivera struck out two in a perfect ninth for his 26th save, giving Sabathia his major-league-leading 15th win.

Seattle manager Eric Wedge told his team after its 10-3 loss Monday night to stay away from the ballpark early, moving back the bus until 4 p.m. for a start three hours later and canceled batting practice. Wedge also shaved off his mustache after the Mariners' July 23 loss in hopes a change would help.

He said, "We're just trying to do everything we can to help them snap this thing."

What he couldn't do was keep Sabathia off the mound. The big lefty came in with a 0.82 ERA in his last six against Seattle — and he was even better this time.

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Rowing hires 2 aides

The Iowa rowing team announced the hiring of two new assistant coaches on Tuesday.

Beth Redfean will join the Hawkeyes after coaching at Mount Holyoke College the past two seasons.

Redfean was a member of Wisconsin's rowing team from 2001-05 and earned a Big Ten gold medal in 2002. The Badger coxcaptain and coxswain also earned bronze medals in 2004 and 2005.

"I am thrilled to return to the Big Ten and be part of such a great institution and campus community at Iowa," she said in a release. "When I first visited campus, I was so impressed with the top-level facilities and all the

support surrounding the rowing program."

Joining Redfean on the Iowa staff will be former Indiana graduate assistant Courtney Valerious. The former Hoosier (2003-07) was a strength and conditioning coach at Indiana, and she has worked at Great Lakes Naval Base to train Navy SEAL candidates.

"I am excited to add Courtney and Beth to the Hawkeye rowing staff," head coach Mandy Kowal said in a release. "Their Big Ten experience, along with their energy and excitement for the sport of rowing, will definitely affect the student-athletes."

"We will benefit greatly from what they will bring to the program — most notably, their strong desire to lead the Hawkeyes."

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Greg Lagan bats during the Club Baseball World Series. Lagan led the Iowa club offense in 2011 with a .424 batting average and 26 RBIs.

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when it defeated Colorado State in the Midwest Regional. The Rams were the No. 1-ranked team in the country and, up until the game against the Hawkeyes, had never lost a regional tournament.

Iowa's victory translated to the first trip to the club World Series in team history. Although the team was eliminated after its third game, it recorded its first club World Series win by defeating Massachusetts-Amherst, 9-5, on May 28.

Despite achieving unprecedented success on the field, though, the club baseball team struggled to get students in the seats and to raise funds — not only to reach the club World Series but also to last a full season.

Financial support and raising funds

In the current UI system, Recreational Services allocates funds to teams based on seniority. This places the baseball club at a distinct disadvantage, because it's one of the youngest of the roughly 40 clubs at the university, and the possibility exists that older clubs will receive more funds even if they have fewer members and lower costs.

Recreational Services' limited budget doesn't help matters. The university allocates only \$35,000 to be distributed among the 40 clubs, and Ray Beemer, the associate director of the Field House and club operations, decides how the money is divided.

"How it works is that teams will receive money based on seniority," he said. "Every year, teams submit budgets, and we work from there to decide what money is given to them. And though baseball has been working up the ladder and received more funding after it made it to the World Series, it probably will only be able to receive what it got last season, if only a little more."

Former coach Jamie O'Meara doesn't agree with that system.

"While I understand why [officials] do it that way, I feel need should take precedent over length of existence," he said. "I'm not saying that we deserve the most

money; the Hockey Club has more expenses than we do. All I'm saying is, it doesn't seem right that smaller clubs with fields or facilities they don't have to rent are getting the same funds as other clubs with more needs."

The baseball club received close to \$1,100 for the full regular season. With a 27-man roster and \$20,000 budget, that money covered little, and the team had to ask for \$450 from each player. As a result, some players could not afford to play and left the team.

The team required more money to make up for those losses and for such expenses as equipment and gas for travel. However, driving the players' own vehicles saved money compared with renting university transportation.

With all of these financial constraints, raising funds became necessary.

"Our main sources of fundraising came from working at other university athletics events," said senior Greg Lagan, the team's current president and right fielder. "We had to work at the field hockey, soccer, volleyball, gymnastics, and swimming events — and even then, the team only made \$50 per game or meet."

During periods when other sporting events weren't occurring, players asked their parents, grandparents, and other family members for donations. Once those outlets diminished, they resorted to begging and badgering.

After the team won the Midwest Regional, Lane and the other club presidents wrote letters and emails to Recreational Services and university President Sally Mason's office asking for money. The team received \$1,000 from each office, but with more than \$3,000 in travel expenses alone, the players still had to tap into their personal resources to make it down to Columbus.

"After the season was all said and done, we were still a little more than \$600 in the red," O'Meara said. "I personally covered those costs so the players didn't have to."

Field use and fan support

One constant symptom of the team's financial troubles lies in where the it plays its regular-season games. For the past few years, the baseball club has driven more than 30

minutes to Cedar Rapids' Xavier High to play what are supposed to be home games.

While the players spoke highly of the good field conditions at Xavier, they admitted it's a struggle to play there every weekend — especially because the commute reduces the number of student supporters able to cheer them on.

"It made sense that, when the varsity team was playing the same weekends we were, that it got to use Duane Banks Field," said Wayne Horak, a graduated senior and the club's former club vice president and first baseman. "What I didn't understand was why we couldn't use it when our schedules didn't conflict."

Other players agreed with Horak.

"I never dreamed home field would be so far away," Lane said. "When I found out four years ago that we couldn't use the fields or batting cages because they didn't trust us to take care of them, I was insulted — I mean, we just wanted to play baseball. The only consolation is Xavier's fields are not only great to play on, they also are not terribly expensive to rent."

Junior third baseman Nick Peterson also found the continual weekend journeys frustrating.

"These games are supposed to be home series, but when you have to drive 30 minutes every weekend, it gets hard mentally," he said. "It also would be nice to be able to play at a field where more friends could come and watch. Hopefully, this trip to the World Series improves that."

Ferguson-Mahan looked elsewhere in the Big Ten to find a blueprint for a potential compromise.

"At the University of Indiana, the [varsity team] uses the club team as sort of a minor-league thing," he said. "I think something like that could work."

The future

The team faces another obstacle in addition to the field and finance problems. After last season, the Hawkeyes graduated 10 senior players, which means 12 of the 27 players next season will be juniors or younger.

O'Meara said he finds the youth of the team

Club Baseball Expenses

The Iowa baseball club is forced to be largely financially independent, despite single-season costs of \$20,000. Regular season costs include:

- League fees: \$1,450
- Field rental: \$900
- Umpire costs: \$1,800
- Travel costs: \$5,835

beneficial instead of a detriment.

"This has been a system that has proved itself to work," he said. "When I first started coaching, it was these seniors who were my first players, and I taught them a system they passed down to the younger guys."

O'Meara said he also hopes the World Series experience will translate to more success for the team in the future. He did, however, acknowledge the team still has something to prove.

"These guys are smart players," he said. "If they can take what I taught them and continue playing at a high level, not only will they be given more financial support and more fans, they will have the means to stay successful for many years."

Recently graduated seniors Lane, Horak, and Ferguson-Mahan said they also are confident about the team's future.

"Never in a million years would I have thought we'd make it to the World Series," Lane said. "While the young guys still have to learn the administrative side of the club, they now have a reputation to keep. [The club has] proven we aren't just a team here to throw a ball around."

Ferguson-Mahan agreed.

"[The team is] something to advertise now," he said. "This team is legit and is one of the most competitive clubs out there. I want people to come out and watch, not just to support their friends or their school. I want them to come watch a team that is out there to win a World Series."

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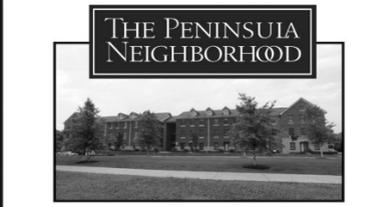
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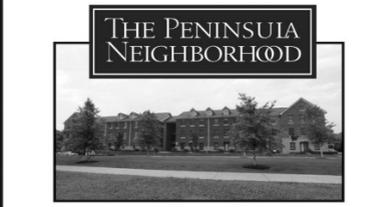
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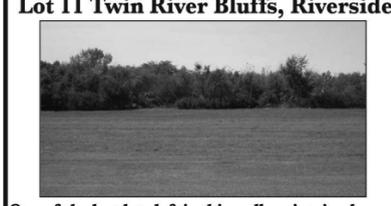
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Club grinds out at-bats



James Ferguson-Mahan pitches in the Club Baseball World Series. Ferguson-Mahan struck out 47 batters in 2011 and posted a 2.41 ERA.

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The Iowa baseball club has struggled to find support despite recent success.

By **DAN BETTENHAUSEN**
Special to The Daily Iowan

Tim Lane and a handful of his teammates piled into his mother's Honda Odyssey, elbowing aside bat bags and luggage as the Iowa club baseball team began a long, cramped, uncomfortable journey to Columbus, Ga.

Fifteen hours and 900 miles later, the team arrived in Columbus to seize an extraordinary opportunity — the chance to play in the Club Baseball World Series.

"If it weren't for the parents, we wouldn't have been able to go," said Lane, a UI graduate and former president of the club. "I was one of the only people driving a van, and it was hard for people to spend on gas money.

"It was still cheaper than six days of university van use, [though]."

Even if it meant not using university vehicles and paying all expenses out of their own pockets, former pitcher and UI graduate James Ferguson-Mahan said there was never any doubt the team would play in the club World Series.

"We knew we were going to Columbus, but we just weren't always sure how," he said. "We had to work not just to train but to afford to play as well."

Last spring, the team reached new heights

Iowa Club Baseball, 2010

- Total record: 24-7
- Home record: 14-2
- Away record: 10-5
- Winning percentage: .774
- Club World Series record: 1-2
- Runs for: 229
- Runs against: 184

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THE BIG THREE

3 who may give Hawks trouble

The Big Ten boasts dozens of excellent football players, but these three could cause exceptional chaos for the Hawkeyes



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After breaking down the Iowa football team's top trap games and best freshmen, *The Daily Iowan* turns its sights to the

Big Ten's most dangerous players. The following are the individuals who could post the biggest numbers against Iowa this season.

3) Denard Robinson, Michigan quarterback

There once was a time when no one had heard of Denard Robinson.

Then, 2010 happened.

Robinson needed just one start to turn the head of every football fan in the country. In Michigan's season-opener against Connecticut, he threw for 186 yards and ran for 197 more.

That performance paled in comparison with his next game, when the Florida native shredded Notre Dame for 502 yards of total offense.

Iowa found a way to limit his effectiveness last year, though; Robinson hurt his shoulder against the Hawkeyes, and finished with only 96 passing and 105 rushing yards. Of course, he notched those numbers in just one half.

Robinson will run teams into the ground, and then he'll kill them with his arm. Expect him to be a serious contender for the Heisman Trophy this year.

2) Jared Crick, Nebraska defensive line

With 140 tackles and 19 sacks in the past two years, Crick is one of the best

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Best NFL player likely to move?

Kevin Kolb, quarterback

Although he is not a free agent, Eagle quarterback Kevin Kolb will easily be the top player on the move this summer. Kolb, who was drafted as the heir apparent to Donovan McNabb, entered last season as the starter in Philadelphia before a concussion in Week 1 opened the door for Michael Vick to become last year's feel-good story.

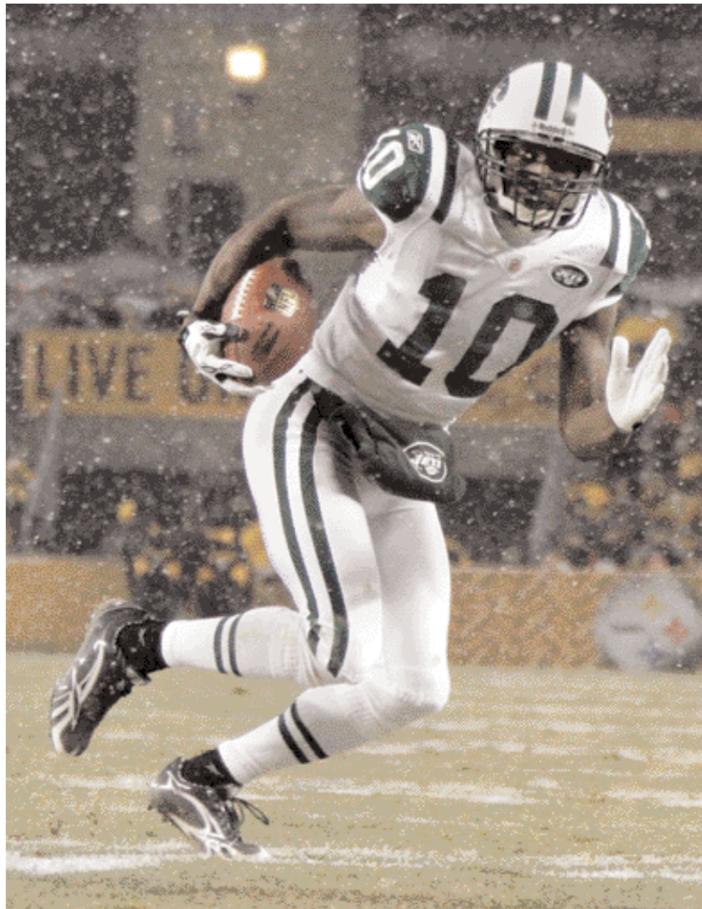
Kolb regained the starting spot in Week 4 after an injury forced Vick to miss the Eagle's next three games. He played superbly and showed he is fully capable of being a solid starter.

Once Vick was able to return, though, Kolb was once again forced to the bench until coach Andy Reid rested his regular starters during the final game of the season.

Kolb needs to start, and he has several potential landing spots.

He could be traded to the Arizona Cardinals, where he would be paired with superstar receiver Larry Fitzgerald. Because Fitzgerald becomes a free agent after this season, Arizona needs to bring in a solid quarterback if it wants to keep him in Glendale — especially after the Cardinals looked to "quarterbacks" Derek Anderson and Max Hall to run the offense in 2010, a choice that spawned a 5-11 campaign.

Another possible suitor could be Seattle, where Kolb would replace the recently departed Matt Hasselbeck. Kolb could also land in Carolina, where he would battle with Heisman Trophy-winner and No. 1-over-



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New York Jet receiver Antonio Holmes runs after a reception against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Pittsburgh on Dec. 19, 2010.

all draft pick Cam Newton for the Panthers' starting spot.

Additionally, Kolb wears No. 4 for

the Eagles. Should Philly send him

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May-Johnson shines for championship on USA softball

Iowa softball assistant coach Stacy May-Johnson batted .353 and belted a pair of home runs as she helped lead Team USA to the World Cup of Softball title this past weekend.

The U.S. beat Japan, 6-4, on Monday to claim the championship in Oklahoma City. May-Johnson was 0-for-2 with a walk and a run scored as Team USA won its record fifth World Cup.

"Great win for USA tonight," she tweeted after the United States defeated Japan. "It feels good to be World Cup champs."

Iowa's second-year offensive assistant coach, May-Johnson posted the fourth-best batting average on the team over the course of the six-game tournament, and her 7 RBIs were the second-most of any player on the squad. She was also second in runs scored, with 5.

May-Johnson's best offensive showing came against Great Britain on Sunday, when she was 2-for-3 with a run scored and 4 RBIs in a 10-0 rout. She plated all the runs with a grand slam in the fourth inning, when she took a 1-0 pitch over left field for the first of four American homers in the frame.

The 27-year-old was also stellar on defense despite playing shortstop for the first time since

she graduated from Iowa in 2006. She played third base throughout her five-year professional career.

— by Seth Roberts

Big Ten championship tickets to go on sale

Tickets for the inaugural Big Ten championship game will go on sale at 10 a.m. on Saturday, according to a release. The game will be held on Dec. 3 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

The tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster or by visiting the Lucas Oil Stadium box office; seats will cost between \$50 and \$125, depending on location.

Those who purchase tickets for the 2011 championship will be given the opportunity to purchase comparable tickets for the 2012 game at a later date.

The championship game will pit the winner of the Legends division against the champion of the Leaders division. The winner will represent the conference in either the Rose Bowl Game or the BCS national championship.

A media poll organized by the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* predicted the game will feature Nebraska from the Legends and Wisconsin from the Leaders.

The championship will be held in Indianapolis through 2015 and will be broadcast by Fox through 2016.

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