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## Daily Iowan to take August break

The Daily Iowan and Daily Iowan TV begin their August hiatus after today. Nightly TV newscasts will resume Aug. 17, and the print edition will come out Aug. 18. Check dailyiowan.com throughout the break for updates on campus and city news. *DI* Editor Adam B Sullivan can be reached at adam-sullivan@uiowa.edu or at 319-530-3571.

## Clarification

In the July 28 article "Attorneys warn about leases," Daily Iowan reporter Katie Heine did not clarify that Student Legal Services recovered \$19,000 from landlord/tenant disputes in the current calendar year. The overall total recovery values are much greater because not all of the 101 clients represented by Student Legal Services from April to June were involved in a trial. The *DI* regrets these errors.

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## WEATHER

HIGH **86** LOW **68**  
  
 Partly cloudy

# Coralville set for bike-in



ANTHONY BAUER/THE DAILY IOWAN

City workers paint a section of Eighth Street near Morrison Park in Coralville on Wednesday in preparation for the RAGBRAI stopover. The workers began painting around 8 a.m.; upon completion, the road will resemble the field at Kinnick Stadium.

Official anticipates as many as 20,000 people for the 39th-annual RAGBRAI celebration.

By **CHASTITY DILLARD**  
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Kathie Miller, 50, steadied the green metal stake as Barb Cullinan, 54, hammered it into the ground.

Indifferent about the intense afternoon heat, the two RAGBRAI volunteers hung a banner from stake to stake reading "Mascot Challenge" during their four-hour shift in Coralville's Morrison Park on Thursday.

"I like to be a part of things," Cullinan said. "I'm just a volunteer kind of person."

With more than 400 volunteers taking on 500 shifts between Thursday and Saturday, people such as Miller and Cullinan make Coralville's RAGBRAI stopover possible.

"[RAGBRAI] is just a chance to showcase the community, the hospitality, and that's the business I'm in," said Cullinan, who is from Robins,

A Daily Iowan reporter finds characters on the RAGBRAI trail.



**NINA EARNEST**  
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Everyone on RAGBRAI is a character.

I don't just mean in a quirky sense. Sure, there are plenty of helmets decorated like loons, young shirtless men belting country tunes, trumpet players, and somewhat out-of-place skateboarders to fit that description.

Traversing 300 miles across the corn and soybean state — on a bicycle, no less — seems like a crazy idea. Yet people do it — love to do it.

For that, we all must be a little different. In a good way.

Adam Raub, ready to ride in his Hawkeye biking jersey, wanted to have a good time with his buddies. Brittny Hopkins joined her family. Native Iowan Linda Steehoek loves to ride on the open road. Retired Navy medical corps Adm. Marshall Cusic said the trek is "a great way to see the Heartland."

As for me, I was a bit of a RAGBRAI wannabe. I wanted to experience the journey thousands of bikers had talked about.

Though I love biking, I've never

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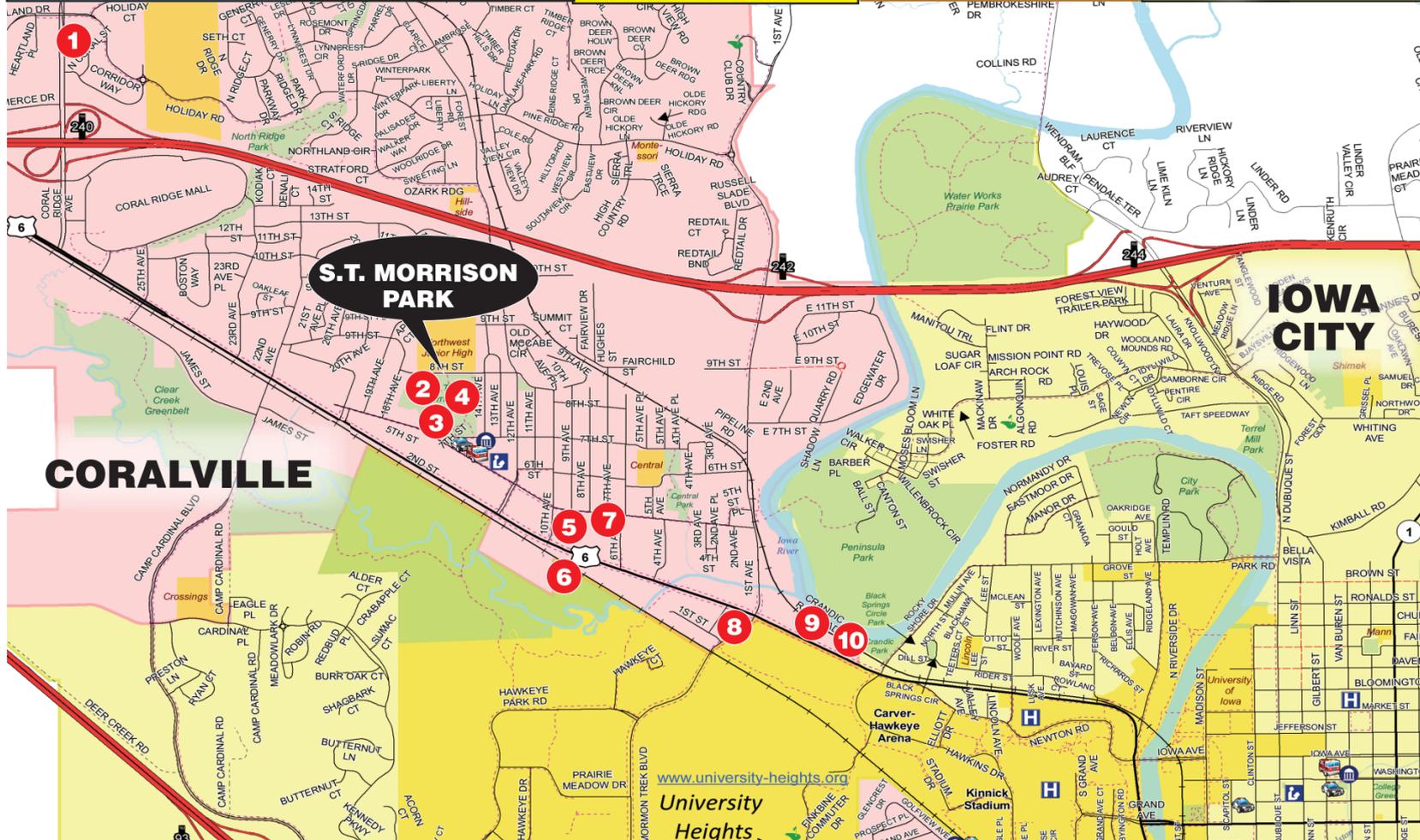
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Spotlight Iowa City

# More than a supervisor

Neuzil was the youngest person ever elected to the Johnson County Board of Supervisors.

By **BRIAN ALBERT**  
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Many local residents probably only know Terrence Neuzil as a Johnson County supervisor — a position he's held for more than 10 years.

But few know about another accomplishment of Neuzil's — that he turned his life around and lost 100 pounds.

"My life was out of balance, and that's something that can be hard to correct," he said. "I did it, and I lost the weight, but my hair didn't go back to brown."

The 41-year-old Democrat is a fifth-generation resident of Johnson County. He's a University of Iowa alum, and he earned a double major in political science and history.

Neuzil was first elected to his county Board of Supervisors in 2000, and he has been re-elected twice, in 2004 and 2008.

Before committing to his 60-hour-a-week government job, Neuzil worked for 19 years as a news anchor and business manager for KCJJ, a local radio station. He left the news business in 2006 to focus solely on his responsibilities as a supervisor — including managing a \$75 million budget, 500 employees, and 11 county departments.

But he also left the radio for his health.

"When I was with the radio station in 2006, I started going down a



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO/TERRENCE NEUZIL

These contributed photos show Johnson County Supervisor Terrence Neuzil's weight loss. Neuzil lost 100 pounds by sleeping more, purchasing a gym membership, and becoming more conscious of what he eats.

### Terrence Neuzil

- **Age:** 41
- **Hometown:** Iowa City
- **Hobbies:** Cooking and working out
- **Favorite film:** *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith*
- **Favorite band:** Coldplay
- **Favorite restaurant:** Mekong

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tough path of working too much," he said. "I was busy 100 hours a week for all seven days. I gained a lot of weight. I turned gray. I was only sleeping for three hours a day, and I didn't make time to exercise."

Neuzil — who has a penchant for pies and smoked meats — said he had to find a way to concentrate on himself and to

get back to a "foundation" of health, soul, and lifestyle.

"I hear too often about people who make bad health choices and don't live long, so I decided to refocus," the Iowa City native said. "I took the hours out of the radio station and put them into my health."

The board member got a membership to Core Fitness, slept more, and became conscious of what he was putting into his body.

Five years later, Neuzil is 100 pounds lighter.

"I started to eat better, but I never stopped eating anything I wanted — I just ate less of it," he said. "I made biking, working out, and jogging my hobbies instead of working myself to death."

Paul Schaefer, a friend of Neuzil's for 21 years, said the supervisor showed tremendous strength and dedication not only to lose the weight but to keep it off.

"He worked hard for so many years," Schaefer said. "He transformed his body, but all of his qualities — his honesty, work ethic, integrity — those remained the same. Absolutely exceptional."

Neuzil said he has a simple philosophy regarding fitness: There's no reason a person shouldn't be able to find 45 minutes in the day to find a way to sweat and do it six times a week.

And though he's now physically better off, he said the lifestyle change also reinvigorated his mentality and his personality — something 10-year-friend Lonny Pulkrabek, the Johnson County sheriff, said he can attest to.

"He's always friendly and smiling," Pulkrabek said. "He is just a genuinely friendly person and likes to be around people. It's rare to see him ever have a bad day."

# UI expects \$28 million surplus

University of Iowa general appropriations were \$221 million in 2011.

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Tuition increases at Iowa's public universities are projected to give the University of Iowa a \$28 million surplus — more than enough to offset the \$12 million lost in state appropriations for the 2012-13 school year, according to information to be presented to the state Board of Regents next week at the University of Northern Iowa.

State legislators said they were unaware of the potential surplus when settling on education appropriations, yet they weren't surprised at the growing tuition numbers.

"One of the reasons so many people are at universities and community colleges now is because they're unemployed or looking for new jobs," said Rep. Greg Forristall, R-Macedonia, a member of the education-appropriations subcommittee. "When the economy recovers, employment numbers increase, and I would expect that the enrollments will be on the down trend rather than up."

The UI saw the largest incoming class in school history in the fall of 2010, with roughly 4,946 stu-

### Fiscal 2012 Budget

Some expenditures of the upcoming general university budget:

- Professor and Scientific Staff Salaries: \$121,126,000
- General Service Staff Salaries: \$71,028,000
- Hourly wages: \$3,648,000
- Supplies and Services: \$49,566,000
- **Total general-fund expenditures: \$625,801,000**

Source: State Board of Regents

dents.

But Forristall said potential decreasing enrollment could put the UI in a different sort of financial strain if it employs more teachers — possibly hired during the surplus and heavy student growth — than the smaller enrollment needs.

"Unless [the UI] is using [surplus money] on faculty, which can swell or decrease, you still have all the employees you have to serve," he said. "Fewer students might bring fiscal problems."

The surplus — which follows an average 5 percent UI tuition increase voted on by the regents in March — is part of a predicted \$625.8 million UI

budget for fiscal 2012, 5.4 percent less than that of fiscal 2011.

The UI, the UNI, and Iowa State University combined for some of the highest tuition increases for the coming year relative to peer institutes. In the last two years, regent institutions have lost roughly \$118 million to budget cuts.

Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said the regents should be stabilizing tuition for the masses of incoming students.

"I don't see the enrollment going down in near future," he said. "We need to get a stabilized budget that they can depend upon, and once they have that, they should be able to have tuition that doesn't exceed a point or two beyond cost of living."

The UI's surpluses in 2011 were further strengthened by approximately \$3 million in one-time federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act awards, according to university officials; those funds will run out toward the end of fiscal 2012. The funds are part of the stimulus package made available to universities in 2009 in efforts to

kick-start the economy. Losing these funds in years past 2012 is cause for concern, said Regent Robert Downer.

"Unless we have some major turnaround in the economy, I think there very definitely will be challenges at that point," he said. "The problem with things like [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act] funding is that it almost invariably runs out, whereas state appropriations — while there are peaks and valleys to be sure — is something that occurs every year."

Downer shared Forristall's concern about regent institutions hiring faculty that future funding can't support. The Iowa City native said he was unaware of the surplus when voting on tuition increases, though the regents were aware of declining state aid.

Regent Katie Mulholland also expressed concern about spent American Recovery and Reinvestment Act awards.

"When those funds run out, I would hope there would be other recommendations and solutions from UI administrators rather than tuition increase," she said.

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### BLOTTER

**Aubrey Alshouse**, 19, 316 S. Dodge St., was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.  
**Michael Draude**, 21, 1030 E. Jefferson St., was charged July 10 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.  
**Matthew Ghabel**, 24, 3 Donegal

Place, was charged Thursday with possession of marijuana and OWI.  
**Francis Granger**, 47, 516 E. Fairchild St., was charged Thursday with third-offense public intoxication.  
**Antoine Jacques**, 30, 814 Benton

Drive Apt. 34, was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.  
**Hailey Peterson**, 18, Burlington, Iowa, was charged March 28 with fifth-degree theft.  
**Andres Sanchez**, 59, Atalissa,

Iowa, was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.  
**David Thompson**, 34, 2742 Triple Crown Lane Apt. 6, was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

# 'Victim' charged with false report

Watson initially requested anonymity for fear of his safety.

By HAYLEY BRUCE  
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Police have charged an Iowa City man who had reported he may have been the victim of a hate crime with filing a false report.

Ryan Grant Watson, 30, was charged July 27 with

providing a false report to law enforcement, a serious misdemeanor.

Watson, a University of Iowa graduate student, had told police he was assaulted June 11.

A June 13 press release said Watson told police he was assaulted by a black male in the alley near Clinton and Burlington Streets sometime before 7:28 a.m.

Watson said the man hit him in the face, causing him to fall back against the wall, sustaining cuts

to his face, knee and ankle. Watson also said the attacker yelled a gay slur at him.

The complaint detailing Watson's charge said the report was then forwarded to investigations for follow-up, during which police said they began to question its validity.

Police also said Watson had led several people to believe he had been "horribly assaulted, requiring surgery and hospitalization" and also stated the offense may have been a

hate crime after the alleged incident.

The complaint said further investigation and interviews with Watson made it "clear the offense reported did not take place," and the complaint said Watson eventually confessed the report was false.

He allegedly told officers he was still intoxicated when walking in the alley, and he fell and hurt himself.

Watson told *The Daily Iowan* the situation is

more complex than it seems.

"It's more complicated than it appears, and I'm looking forward to resolving it in court," he said.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said it is not uncommon for a person to be injured downtown while intoxicated and not remember exactly what happened to them.

"Sometimes, people do get that intoxicated, and they don't know, and sometimes you do get people who don't believe they

can black out and hurt themselves like that," Brotherton said.

She also said hate crimes are not a common report, but the department looks into them thoroughly.

"The investigation is complete, and everybody has his right to go to court," Brotherton said. "The investigators stand behind their charge, but that's his full right, and we encourage people to exercise their rights."

## METRO

### Bachmann wins mock vote at fair

The results of mock election held at the Johnson County Fair placed Michele Bachmann as a GOP front-runner.

Held throughout the fair until 11 a.m. Thursday, a release from the Johnson County Auditor's Office said 339 people voted in the mock election, sponsored by the Auditor's Office.

Bachmann led in the group of Republican presidential-nomination candidates with 23 percent, followed by Mitt Romney at 18 percent, Ron Paul at 11 percent, and Sarah Palin and Herman Cain tied at 8 percent.

All 16 potential GOP candidates were listed, and 6 percent of those polled said they would vote for an uncommitted Republican.

The release showed President Obama ahead of all GOP candidates with 92 percent of the vote.

Also included were questions related to which issues would cause a person to vote against a candidate if he or she disagreed with their position.

Participants ranked health care, the economy, abortion, and same-sex marriage most crucial to their decision.

— by Hayley Bruce

### J-School master's program denied accreditation

The accreditation of the University of Iowa's Journalism and Mass Communication master's program was denied following a peer evaluation in October, according to information to be presented to the state Board of Regents at its meeting in Cedar Falls next week.

The 2010 evaluation also found the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science undergraduate programs to be noncompliant with several standards.

Both programs received provisional accreditation, while the professional master's program was denied.

The noncompliant standards included students not following the rule of taking a minimum of 80 semester hours outside the school and minimum of 65 credit hours in liberal arts and sciences outside the school, as well as a small, low-populated graduate program.

The UI agreed in May to become compliant with these standards over the next two years.

— by Luke Voelz

### Man charged with stealing MECCA furniture

A man who was staying in MECCA's residential program on 438 Southgate Ave. allegedly stole \$555 worth of furniture.

Ryan K. Shadden, 26, was charged with third-degree theft, an aggravated misdemeanor.

Reports said Shadden left the program April 3 and took the furniture from his room with him, though it belongs to MECCA.

Police said the owners called Shadden, who agreed to return the furniture three times but didn't follow through.

Officers called Shadden April 21, and he told them, "I thought the furniture was donated. I get paid on 4/20 and will rent a U-Haul and return it."

Police said they agreed it would be done by May 15, but as of May 22 it had not.

Complaints said Shadden now refuses to answer any calls from law enforcement.

— by Brian Albert

### UI grant funding down but still 2nd highest

The University of Iowa boasted its second largest grant and contract funding ever in fiscal 2011, but the \$456.6 million remained

2.2 percent lower than funds received in 2010, according to a UI press release.

Officials said Thursday the decline is likely due to the a reduction in stimulus funds from the federal government — down from \$40.8 million in fiscal 2010 to \$33.3 million in 2011.

"Our faculty's continuing ability to compete for federal funding at an extraordinarily high level, despite a more constrained funding climate ..." Jordan Cohen, the UI vice president for Research, said in the release.

University officials are focusing on interdisciplinary cluster hirings — the latest being in genetics and obesity — in efforts to stay competitive in the face of decreased support, said UI Provost P. Barry Butler.

"We want to make sure that if it's in an area where there is funding that we're competitive," he said.

— by Ariana Witt

### UIHC budget to rise

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics will likely see a 7.5 percent increase in its fiscal 2012 budget in comparison with 2011, according to the state Board of Regents.

The UIHC's upcoming budget

is predicted at \$933.4 million, including more than \$70 million in state appropriations from IowaCare.

Regent Robert Downer said the budget was designed partially to offset growing outpatient activity.

"The patient census is up very considerably the last year, which I think in substantial part is attributable to the perception of quality medicine that both referring physicians and the public generally have with respect to UIHC," he said. "I don't think this is all that unexpected."

However, the agenda detailed further costs from a potential 4.3 percent salary and benefit increase in fiscal 2012, along with rising medical-supply, pharma-

ceutical, and utilities costs.

The average length of stay was predicted to decrease 0.1 days in fiscal 2012. Though regents discussed growing costs because of longer patient stays over the last fiscal year at a previous board meeting, Downer said statistics were not considered in the 2012 budget.

"That has been a negative insofar as the finances are concerned because a lot of the insurance programs in effect penalize in their reimbursement for longer stays," he said. "This has been a problem that has been difficult for the hospital to get its arms around for an extended period of time ... it's not a participating factor in [the budget.]"

— by Luke Voelz

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## Editorial

# Corporate-sponsored Iowa laws should not be tolerated

Corporations — including Walmart, Bayer, Glaxo-SmithKline, and Kraft Foods — are helping to write bills proposed in the Iowa House of Representatives.

The American Legislative Exchange Council is a quiet organization founded in 1973 with the goal of advancing a platform of, according to its website, “limited government, free markets, federalism, and individual liberty.” The Exchange Council is composed of large corporations and state lawmakers; together, they craft “model bills” that are then pushed by Exchange-Council members across the nation.

Some legislators are pushing bills based on — or even identical to — the Exchange Council’s model legislation right here in Iowa. The use of model legislation drafted in part by private entities is an affront to the democratic process and to the federalism that the Exchange Council claims to advance; Iowans have a right to know which legislators are collaborating with big business, and they should reject these legislators and their agenda.

The Exchange Council lists some, but not all, of the model legislation on its website. The other legislation was acquired by the Center for Media and Democracy, an admittedly left-leaning group, which made the legislation available to the public as part of its “American Legislative Exchange Council Exposed” project.

Since the beginning of the legislative period in January, there have been at least five bills that borrow language or complete text from the Exchange Council’s model legislation: HF6, an act requiring a searchable tax-rate database; HR4, a resolution aiming to withdraw Iowa from the Midwestern Regional Greenhouse-Gas-Reduction Accord; HF95, which would require voters to present photo identification; HSB19, which gives only state government the power to pass firearms restrictions; and HF285, which forces an annual report on “intellectual diversity” in Iowa’s public universities. Other bills, including bills that aim to counteract federal health-care reform and prohibit the state from regulating firearms during an emergency, are part of Exchange Council’s agenda but not written by the organization.

None of these bills passed, and few made it out of committee. But even the proposal of legislation taken directly from a public-private partnership is concerning. Taking bills straight from the drafting room (where they were composed in part by private interests) to the floor of the Iowa House — without any mention of the origins of the legislation — bypasses citizen input and undermines the principles of democratic governance.

Rep. Ralph Watts, R-Adel, sponsored or cosponsored three of the five Exchange-Council bills that the *DI* Editorial Board found. When asked, he played down the significance of the group. “There’s nothing sinister,

there’s nothing secretive about it,” Watts told the Editorial Board on Thursday. “The Exchange Council is open to the public. Anyone can be a member.”

Anyone who pays the large fees required, except for lawmakers, who receive a vastly reduced bargain rate.

The Exchange Council isn’t a conspiracy; it’s not some big-business Illuminati. But it is a serious imposition of private interests into public governance. Instead of bills being written specifically for the needs of a state, or even state collaboration to solve regional problems, they’re written en masse for reproduction in legislatures across the country. Bills pushed by national corporate interests are difficult for average citizens to fight; nationwide identical legislation at the state level takes advantage of more-accessible federalized power to effectively advance a particular agenda. While this agenda is conservative, a liberal organization similar to the Exchange Council would be just as damaging to the democratic process.

Iowa doesn’t have the worst case of Exchange-Council perniciousness; that dubious honor goes to Wisconsin, whose Republican-dominated Legislature has pushed through numerous Exchange-Council bills, including the infamous collective-bargaining measures, a voter ID bill (nearly identical to that pushed here in Iowa — it came from the same model legislation), and (in the early 2000s) a spate of telecom deregulations.

The legislators responsible for the Exchange Council bills in the past legislative session include Rep. Clel Baudler, Rep. Renee Schulte, Rep. Dawn Pettengill (who received \$8,500 in campaign contributions from Exchange-Council corporations in 2010), and, of course, Watts. These legislators are failing to do their jobs. Representatives are elected to serve the needs of their constituents, which they cannot do if they are simply mouthpieces for private interests. If we allow Iowa’s legislators to simply copy and paste bills that have already been voted on by big business, there is hardly a need for them; they are turned into middlemen.

Not all legislators who support Exchange-Council legislation necessarily know the origins of these bills. But many do, and many, including Watts, are responsible for perpetuating privately generated bills in the Iowa Legislature.

In a remarkable display of implausible denial, Watts told the Editorial Board he’d been advocating for HR4 — which would remove Iowa from the Midwest Regional Greenhouse-Gas-Reduction Accord in a boon to business — for a long time, and that he wasn’t sure how similar it was to the Exchange Council bill.

It is, of course, identical.

*Your turn.* Is the use of model bills from the American Legislative Exchange Council a problem? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com)

# Apartment game



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It’s nearing the end of July, and all those who didn’t renew their current leases are bustling about Iowa City, gathering their belongings and preparing to move into their new homes on Aug. 1, the traditional beginning of a new lease-year.

Those lucky enough to have signed with a small-time landlord only have to worry about a cursory inspection on July 31, with just one night to store their possessions. On the other hand, those who signed with Apartments Downtown, with leases forcing them to move out on or near July 27, must find a place to store all their crap for five-consecutive days — like an empty parking lot, a giant tarp, and some barbed wire.

During these hard times, it is my personal view that Apartments Downtown should be responsible in organizing a new-age Hooverville for its former tenants on the College Green, complete with tents, banjos, and giant holes in which to urinate.

But this will have to wait at least another year, of course, because Apartments Downtown is busy battling a potential class-action lawsuit.

It bothers me that I am still forced to add the word “potential” at this stage in the legal process, as it is obvious to me that the mega landlord continues to profit from clauses that are apparently unlawful. (I’m also forced to add “apparently” everywhere to ward off any libel claims. Apparently.)

Iowa Code 562A.11 prohibits provisions in rental agreements that, and I quote, “indemnify the other party for a liability or the costs connected therewith.”

Apartments Downtown didn’t even bother to use an online thesaurus when writing Provision 48 of its common lease, which uses that same exact word, “indemnify.”

“Indemnify” is used again in Provision 70, which basically says that “if someone is miraculously able to break in to your apartment building (with common locks that can

be opened with a any key, penny, or small rock), breaks down your plywood door, and steals your laptop, we’re not paying you back for your laptop. Also, you owe us \$600 for that plywood door.”

Apartments Downtown’s defense says it did not know the provisions were illegal when the leases were written, even though the company directly references the code no fewer than 15 times in its lease — as well as provide the web address that contains all the laws it continues to apparently violate (you know, in case there are any questions).

Other, even more flagrantly (apparently) illegal clauses are Provisions 16 and 37e. Provision 16 of the common lease specifies that the tenants are jointly responsible for all unknown damages to common areas, which apparently violates Iowa Code 562A.15, a law that plainly states landlords are responsible for common areas. Provision 37e is an even more obvious (apparent) violation, mandating that tenants agree to pay up to \$200 for a mandatory cleaning of “hardwood and decorative concrete floors.”

It takes at least 40 plaintiffs with claims totaling \$5,000 in order for a lawsuit to qualify as class-action.

Apartments Downtown has more than 1,000 tenants each year.

With only 50 \$100 hardwood floor cleanings required to make this limit, reaching these totals should not be an issue. Nobody who anyone has ever spoken to has been a satisfied customer of Apartments Downtown (and if such a person exists, I urge that person to write us a letter about it. Make sure to make direct comparisons with your homeland, whether it be Havana, Mumbai, Rio, or otherwise).

Apartments Downtown, I know this must be a stressful week for you with all the lease changing, check collecting, and the court defending, but if you could, please take the time to recognize that you are a terrible business, and nearly everyone wants to see you fail.

Or, you could totally redeem yourself by setting us up with some lean-tos in Hubbard Park and turning a blind eye to our moonshine distilleries for the next few days. ■

## Letter

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## Out-of-state workers controversy is multifaceted

The complicated debate surrounding the future Pappajohn Biomedical Discovery Building is ugly on so many levels. First, most of the jobs for constructing this site are being reserved for out-of-state workers. This action does not correspond well with the mainstream culture in Iowa, which calls for more Iowa jobs to encourage local growth.

On the other hand, according to Executive Order No. 69, which was signed by Gov. Terry Branstad, the state Board of Regents must select the most economical option for projects regardless of whether local workers will be employed or not. The issue is complicated further because approximately \$10 million from I-JOBS, designed by the Iowa Legislature in 2009 to create jobs in Iowa, will be directed out-of-state.

I propose that we step aside from the blame game. Pointing

fingers solely at Walsh Construction for recruiting out-of-state workers may seem like the obvious way to avoid this kind of fiasco from occurring again. However, I believe that this is only part of the solution. In this case, it is evident that there was a pervasive misunderstanding.

To start with, Walsh Construction should have understood the culture in Iowa and should have acted appropriately by recruiting Iowans for most worker spots. However, in

accordance with Branstad’s order, the regents selected it as the contractor because of its competitive bid; it is possible that the company could not fund such a low-budget project by hiring Iowa workers.

Hopefully, what we learn from this situation will allow us to evade this kind of dispute in future projects. The people of Iowa have spoken, and what we want is better communication and a solid compromise.

Zahid Manzar  
UI sophomore

## Guest opinion

# DI piece underscores mental-health needs

Monday’s guest opinion by D.M. Seay poses many troubling questions. It does a great job of raising the issue about the treatment of the chronically mentally ill and the aging mentally ill — not only in Iowa City, but across Iowa and all over the United States.

Seay addressed what he felt was a lack of response to his situation by the UIHC emergency-room personnel when he came in after seven months off of a medication cocktail.

One has to ask, of course, why he had been seven months off his medications. Many patients stop because of the extreme expense, not to mention the nasty side effects of so

many of these drugs. He said that he spoke with a medical doctor, psychiatrist, and a social worker and the decision was to release him to spend the night at the Shelter House. Chances are very good that there were no psych beds available, because there are far too few of them. Additionally, Iowa has a shortage of mental-health professionals.

I’m a retired RN, and I spent my last days in nursing at a clinic for people with schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar spectrum disorder, and addiction issues, whether to street drugs, alcohol, food, or sex. This was the sort of place that is sorely

needed all over the United States. Because the patients we saw were all private-pay, they either had had trust funds set aside for their care, came from well-heeled families, or in some cases, Medicaid.

These were seriously ill people, some of who had been in the criminal-justice system (which did very little, except allow them to deteriorate further). They were on a supervised regimen of medications, group-therapy meetings, and lessons in simple things, such as how to practice good hygiene or how to balance a checkbook. Some could go on to college with proper treatment, group meetings,

and follow-up care. At night, these people were transported to supervised group homes. My job was to be available to these people who needed someone to tell about their delusions or someone with whom to share good experiences. This facility should be a prototype of what is needed all across the nation.

These facilities are also necessary to support aging caregivers, who support and help their mentally ill adult children. Some have lost their children to suicide, when those afflicted could no longer live with the demons that occupied their brains. One woman I know told me that she lives

in fear and sadness that when she dies, she wonders what will become of her child. She said her middle-age child does OK as long as she sees that he takes his meds and keeps him on a structured path that keeps him out of trouble. She is worn out, but she perseveres each day because she has no choice.

We have to recognize that we have to invest in the building of safe havens for these mentally ill people, and we must educate the people to care for them. It takes years to become a psychiatrist, and now most nurse practitioners and physician’s assistants entering any phase of medical practice are going to be

required to have a doctorate — a huge debt load for the students. It’s only reasonable to acknowledge that these people are going to have to be decently compensated.

Please recognize that people don’t “get over” disorders such as schizophrenia or bipolar disorders or the many awful disorders mentioned in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, a thick book of all kinds of brain disorders. But they can be helped, and they can be of service in the community, and their aging caregivers can rest a tad easier.

**Bobbie Paxton** is a retired nurse who lives in Iowa City.



Top: Retired Adm. Marshall Cusic rests with Team Navy Cycling in Slater, Iowa, on Wednesday during RAGBRAI. Cusic, from Wisconsin, said RAGBRAI is "a great way to see the Heartland."  
Above: RAGBRAI cyclists make the trek from Boone to Altoona on Wednesday.

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Iowa, but works at the Heartland Inn in Coralville.

And, in accordance to hospitality, more than 100 volunteers have offered their homes to riders as hosts, said Ellen Habel, the Coralville assistant city administrator and RAGBRAI volunteer coordinator.

"We want to make sure that it's a safe event, that people have fun, and that they're able to find everything they need," she said. "We've certainly done all of the planning and preparation we can to make sure we have a successful event."

Cullinan, like other volunteers, has a history of volunteering for the event, having hosted riders and volunteered for RAGBRAI stopovers in

three other communities in the past.

"It's a great way of meeting new people," she said. "It's a great networking opportunity."

Cullinan will work another shift tonight at the beer garden.

Miller, a second-time volunteer, enjoys volunteering in general, as well.

"I think it's a neat event," she said, even though she is not a bicyclist. "I have the time, so I'm filling the time by volunteering."

This year, Miller is only able to devote one shift of her time to the event.

"It's not necessarily in the community where I'm living now," said Miller, who resides in North Liberty. "But it is a community where I'm involved."

And a lot of the events that the community has wouldn't be possible without volunteers, she said.

Doug Elliott, 52, of

Cedar Rapids is excited about his first ever RAGBRAI volunteer experience, having been nudged into the situation by friend and colleague Habel.

"I've always watched RAGBRAI from afar, and this is a way for a lazy person to contribute and participate," he said.

He will work the beverage garden tonight, jamming to the 38th special concert.

"My two jobs are to serve beer and listen to music," he said and laughed. "I felt that I was qualified."

The director of East Central Iowa Council of Government sees a huge sense of community in the event that he'll now be apart of.

As a traveler, Elliott said RAGBRAI always comes up in conversations about Iowa.

"Now I can say, 'No, I've never ridden on RAGBRAI, but I have served beer,'" he said.



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THE DAILY IOWAN  
Riders pass through Luther, Iowa, on Wednesday during RAGBRAI. Luther was the first small town stop on the route to Altoona from Boone. RAGBRAI XXXIX began in Glenwood on Sunday and will end Saturday in Davenport.

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taken the weeklong plunge, so to speak. My father and I rode from Danville to Burlington in 2009, but it never seemed like enough of the experience. So when *The Daily Iowan* needed someone to ride for a day, I made sure I would be the one to go.

And I brought my dad, avid biker and RAGBRAI veteran, along with me.

We joined the pack around 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, following a 2½-hour drive from Iowa City. For the next 56.1 miles between Boone and Altoona, I set out to see RAGBRAI as only a participant can.

There is little new to say about the ride itself. After 39 years, most people have read how the bikers beat the sunrise, riding in a giant pack on Iowa's cornfield-lined back highways, or how state troopers regulate the flow of traffic for bewildered drivers stuck in their cars.

Yet the people — the characters — are where the stories are.

Already aware of my one-day poser status and the fact I was wearing sneakers instead of using clipless pedals, I set out to meet the riders and discover why RAGBRAI appeals to so many people.

In Boone, I found friends Kate Erickson, Deb Giolfredi, their husbands, and a 2-inch tall figurine on

Erickson's helmet named Gary Gnome.

"He goes everywhere," Giolfredi said. "If one couple takes a trip, we take Gary with us."

Gary Gnome has visited Rome, Paris, the Swiss Alps, Germany, and sections of the United States. In short, the gnome is more well-traveled than I am.

But, like Gary, I was determined to enjoy my day on the road.

Camera strapped to my back and patient father by my side, I finally started pedaling at 7 a.m. Dark clouds above threatened storms that never materialized, and the Sun managed to stay tucked behind the clouds until 10:30 a.m. The morning remained relatively cool.

Riders clogged the highway as Jennifer Lopez and Bon Jovi blared from portable radios. Everyone was on their guard for calls of "biker on," "biker off," "rumble," and "car up." Participants counted down the miles until the next small town: Luther, Slater, Sheldahl, Alleman, White Oak, Elkhart, Bondurant, and finally, Altoona.

At each town, Dad unclipped from his pedals, and we slowed to a walk. The busy town streets, so congested with riders and vendors, demanded a stop.

In Slater, I met the mem-

bers of Team Navy Cycling. In Elkhart, I hastily ate a fruit granola bar bought from the local Boy Scout troop. In Bondurant, I became more determined than ever to reach Altoona in good time. As my dad astutely observed, the constant chatter heard during the start of the ride slowly died away as fatigue settled in. The more my legs began to stiffen, the harder I wanted to ride — even as the heat increased once the Sun broke free of the clouds.

Each stop gave a peek as to what RAGBRAI had to offer.

And what I discovered, through several stops and interviews, was the answer I expected all along: People love RAGBRAI because they love Iowa.

"We have a beautiful state," Steehoek said. "And you know, it's funny because you remember the towns you go through. Somebody will mention a town, and you'll say, 'Oh, I rode through that.'"

Today, thousands are stopping in Coralville. Some will seek out Kinnick Stadium, many the beer tent.

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4 - 8:30 p.m. FUN Zone and Children's Sand Pit Open  
4 p.m. Judging of the Sand Sculptures  
4:30 p.m. Team Award Presentations  
5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Entertainment – The Funkdaddies

**Saturday, August 13**

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Master Builders' Sculpture Carving  
11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. FUN Zone and Children's Sand Pit Open  
11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Culinary Row and Artist Booths Open  
Noon Entertainment – Porch Builder  
2 p.m. Entertainment – Caterwaulla  
3:30 p.m. Entertainment – Nicole & Benji Upchurch  
6 – 8:30 p.m. Entertainment – Uniphonics

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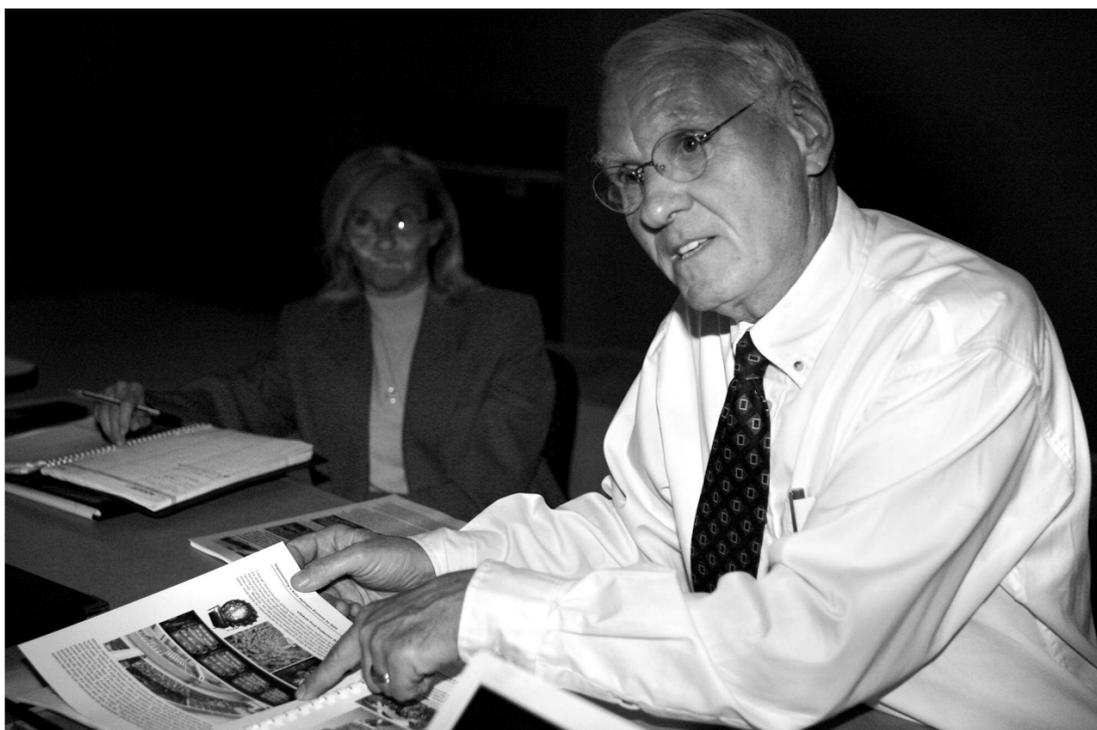
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# Braun touts amendment



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Democratic presidential-nomination hopeful Harry Braun speaks about his "Democracy Amendment" on Thursday in the Adler Building. In addition to the proposed constitutional amendment, Braun described his plans for a transition to a solar hydrogen economy.

The Democratic presidential-nomination hopeful said President Obama's policies are no different from President George W. Bush's

By IAN STEWART  
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There are few 2012 presidential candidates who are pledging to strip power from the very office they hope to hold. But Democratic challenger Harry Braun said the president and the Congress should be "servants" of the people.

Braun, who spent last several days campaigning in Iowa City, said the heart of his re-envisioning of the American political system is a "Democracy Amendment" to the Constitution.

It reads: "We the People hereby empower the majority of American citizens to approve all federal legislation, executive orders, and judicial decisions that affect the majority of citizens."

Article Five of the Constitution delineates the process for constitutional amendments. They can be proposed by a two-thirds vote in both houses of the Congress or by Constitutional Convention called for by two-thirds of state legislatures. Ratification requires either ratification by state conventions or by state legislatures.

Braun said passage of the amendment is the key to eliminating "the army" of lobbyists in Washington,

D.C., which, he contends, has established "a government of bribery."

"That 26-word amendment would take away the power from the lobbyists and congressmen and give it to the people," Braun said, explaining that he imagines the American people using their new-found power to pass legislation outlawing lobbying.

But University of Iowa Associate Professor of political science Cary Covington said the plan runs the risk of contradicting the Constitution's First Amendment, which guarantees citizens' right to "petition the government for a redress of grievances."

"You cannot distinguish between lobbying and petitioning your government," Covington said. "He's going against the very grain of the founders."

Braun found anti-lobbying sympathy — though not unconditional support for his tactics — in Dave Helman, the chairman of the Henry County Democrats.

"I couldn't agree more with his [stance] on the power of lobbyists," Helman said but he noted that he has misgivings about Braun's "Democracy Amendment."

"I don't see in America

## Harry Braun

The Braun campaign's policy goals include:

- Monitoring immigrants by requiring utility companies to collect residency and citizenship status.
- Taxing the richest Americans at rates approaching 1940s levels of 90 percent or higher.
- Regulating corporate charters to encourage balanced media coverage.

large numbers of citizens as being civic-minded, being attentive to public policy," Helman said.

Braun often compares his plan with Switzerland's political system in which the public, usually after collecting 50,000 signatures, is able to initiate referendums that are voted on several times annually.

While Braun said voter turnout is not as important to him as how much thought those who do vote put into their decision, Covington said passing laws by majority vote would be putting a strain on Americans.

"He's calling for the American people to take on an onerous burden," Covington said.

Though Helman said he

doubted some aspects of Braun's platform, he called the candidate's energy plan "fascinating in its potential."

Braun, a retired scientist and energy consultant, has been a strong advocate of a distinctive plan for a transition to a "solar hydrogen economy" that would be spurred on by popular passage of a Fair Accounting Act. By adding environmental and health costs to the price of non-renewable fuels, the legislation would force companies to pursue cleaner technologies.

"I've agreed at our caucuses to introduce a resolution on the aggressive action needed to move ahead on the solar hydrogen economy and altering the power and influence of special lobbyists," Helman said.

It's the Democracy Amendment, however, that Braun said he sees as critical to all reform, and he said he's looking forward to drumming up support for the document in Iowa and the rest of the country ahead of the February caucuses.

"Regardless of my presidential campaigning, we can get the Iowa caucuses to pass this resolution," Braun said.

# Huntsman sticks to 'green' guns

By PHILIP ELLIOTT  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Touting a record that could complicate his bid for the Republican presidential nomination, former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman challenged his party Thursday to protect the environment and acknowledge climate change as a real threat.

Huntsman, who is trailing in the polls but is working to build a campaign that could deny front-runner Mitt Romney the nod, criticized those who question the science behind climate change and loathe government's role in fighting it. His tough message was unlikely to endear him to conservatives who hold great sway in the party's nominating process.

"We will be judged by how well we were stewards of those [natural] resources," said Huntsman, a veteran of three Republican administrations who until this spring was President Obama's ambassador to China.

"Conservation is conservative. I'm not ashamed to be a conservationist," he said. "I also believe that science should be driving our discussions on climate change."

Polling on the issue gives

Huntsman little reason to embrace — or promote — his position or his moderate environmental record while governor.

Conservative Republicans have grown more vocal in their doubts about climate change.

Over the last few years, Gallup polling has shown a decline in the share of Americans saying global warming's effects have already begun — from a high of 61 percent in 2008 to 49 percent in March. The change is driven almost entirely by conservatives.

In 2008, 50 percent of conservatives said they believed global warming already is having effects; that figure dropped to 30 percent this year.

During his two terms as governor, Huntsman supported a regional "cap-and-trade" program to reduce greenhouse-gas pollution. He has since backed away from that compact with seven other Western states and four Canadian provinces to reduce greenhouse gases, but he still supports other environmental policies.

Huntsman's advisers were pitching Thursday night's speech as an opportunity to highlight larger policy reversals involving the other contenders. For-



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GOP presidential-nomination candidate former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman gestures on Tuesday while speaking during the lecture series Leading Voices in Politics and Policy at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

mer Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty campaigned for environmental legislation with the Environmental Defense Action Fund but has since revised his support of a cap-and-trade program. Romney and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich supported such programs.

From the podium, Huntsman didn't highlight those changes among his rivals on the environment. Instead, he criticized them for not being more involved in the political fight of the hour just up the street at the U.S. Capitol: a debate over a measure that would raise the nation's debt limit and avoid a government default.

"None of us should be

standing idly by during the 2012 election cycle as we are about to hand down, for the first time in our history, a country that is less good than the one we got," he said.

A day earlier, Romney declined to weigh in on House Republicans' deficit-reduction plan. The others opposed Speaker John Boehner's effort to avoid a government default that could happen on Aug. 2 if Congress doesn't allow the Treasury to borrow more money to pay its bills.

"None of my opponents have supported a plan that would allow us to avoid default," he said. "This is not a time, ladies and gentlemen, to play politics. ... The world is watching."

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## GAME TIME

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An incoming freshman, Logic teamed with Virginia Johnson this summer to form a formidable duo. These two caused trouble for teams all season long.

### Honorable Mention Virginia Johnson (Iowa)

Johnson averaged 20.3 points per game in the regular season while being a beast on the boards. The City High product led the Game Time in rebounding, averaging 12.5 rebound per game before the playoffs started. The season didn't end as

planned for them though, as the pair of Hawkeyes went cold in their playoff loss.

### Melissa Dixon

Dixon showed good chemistry with Krei and Armstrong throughout the season, averaging 17.5 points per game and was a consistent 3-point shooter.

A part of Iowa head

coach Lisa Bluder's heralded 2011 recruiting class, the freshman gave fans a glimpse of what she is capable of doing once she puts on an Iowa jersey. The experience Dixon gained this summer playing with other college players could prove to be valuable in her transition from high school to the Big Ten.

## BIG THREE

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beat Iowa in Evanston. Persa in particular has created problems for the Iowa defense. His ability to scramble has given Norm Parker's unit headaches — the senior ran for a touchdown in each of the last two meetings.

Oh, and he threw for another 318 yards and two more scores last year.

### 1) At Nebraska, Nov. 25

Best-case scenario: This game decides who will represent the Leg-

ends division in Indianapolis at the inaugural Big Ten title game.

Many expect Nebraska to become another main in-division rival to go along with the long-standing series against Minnesota for Floyd of Rosedale.

Today, an announcement is expected from conference officials in Chicago at Big Ten Media Days about the trophy the teams will play for.

The Cornhuskers will have several playmakers on both sides of the ball who could guide Nebraska to its first win against Iowa in conference play.

Big Red returns a handful of All-Big 12

selections from a year ago, including Jared Crick and Lavonte David on defense.

Offensively, quarterback Taylor Martinez will try to continue the success he had in his freshman season. Martinez passed for 1,631 yards and ran for 965 — the kind of run-pass quarterback who has given Iowa problem in the past.

Running back Rex Burkhead also had a phenomenal 2010 season, rushing for almost 1,000 yards as a backup. This year, he'll be the primary ball carrier.

So, what's the worst-case scenario? Hawkeye supporters, shield your eyes.

### Honorable mention — At Purdue, Nov. 19

Plain and simple, the Hawkeyes haven't gotten the results they've wanted at Purdue under Ferentz. In their four trips to West Lafayette since 1999, Iowa has won only once.

Before falling off the schedule in 2009 and 2010, the last visit in 2007 resulted in a 31-6 beatdown.

With Purdue as the protected crossover opponent from the Leaders division, the Hawkeyes had better figure out how to play winning football against the Boilmakers.

# Big 2 not flying so high

New Big Ten coaches showed different approaches to the 2011 Big Ten media days.

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CHICAGO — College football has gone through a tough time lately, and no one knows that better than the Big Ten's two flagship programs.

In 2010, Michigan was put on three year's probation when it was found that then-head coach Rich Rodriguez was allegedly unaware of his assistants holding illegal practice sessions.

More recently, of course, Ohio State has been the center of swirling investigations into improper benefits — allegations that eventually cost iconic coach Jim Tressell his job. Further punishment could still come from the NCAA.

Both programs introduced new head coaches at the Big Ten media days in Chicago on Thursday. Michigan hired former associate head coach Brady Hoke, and the Buckeyes replaced Tressell with former Ohio State nose

guard and co-defensive coordinator Luke Fickell.

And while both seemed confident that their teams would respond to the adversity with wins, Fickell appeared more ready to admit that expectations for this season have been lowered somewhat since Tressell and 2010 Big Ten MVP Terrelle Pryor left the Buckeyes.

"What is the future? We know that we're excited about getting on the field, proving what we can do, focusing on what we can control, and everybody else will make those decisions for themselves," said Fickell, who said he hadn't spoken to Tressell much since taking over last month. "We know we need to be who we are and continue to move forward and focus on the things we have, not the things we do not have anymore."

Meanwhile, Hoke spoke highly of the Wolverines' tradition when asked how the

mounting allegations against the country's top programs — Oregon, LSU, Georgia Tech, and others are being investigated along with Ohio State — had affected recruiting.

"This might sound arrogant, and if it is, it is: We're Michigan," Hoke said. "We have a global education. We're the winningest program in the history of college football."

The 52-year-old repeated that idea when asked if the Wolverines, who have proud tradition but who won just 15 games in three years under Rodriguez, were in the process of rebuilding.

"I don't think we're rebuilding, period," he said. "I mean, we're Michigan. We've got kids who understand that they're Michigan. I don't put any stock into that."

### Big Red

Most of the coaches at Big Ten media days had something to say about Nebraska's entry into

the conference, but not all of them have as much history with the Huskers as Kirk Ferentz.

The Iowa head coach's first game in charge of the Hawkeyes came against Nebraska in 1999. Big Red ran all over the Hawkeyes, winning 42-7 in Kinnick.

"I think we were ranked 140th [in the country], and they were second or third — maybe first," Ferentz said (Nebraska was the No. 5 team in the nation at the time). "The next year, it was about the same."

The Hawkeyes managed to score a little more in the 2000 rematch, but still fell, 42-13.

"They've got such a strong tradition that goes back forever — it's kind of like playing Ohio State or Michigan," Ferentz said. "Our [tradition] is a little more recent ... so at least the field will be a little more level than it was a decade ago."

# IC's hidden gem of a golf course

An Iowa City golf course has challenged and provided enjoyment for members for nearly a century.

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Location has made the Elks Lodge 590 golf course exactly what it is today.

The private nine-hole golf course has pleased many Elks members while still staying hidden from the majority of Iowa City. Nestled along the Iowa River off Foster Road, less than a mile from Dubuque Street, it remains a mystery to much of the community.

Golf course superintendent Ned Giles said it is one of the oldest nine-hole courses west of the Mississippi River still running today. When and where it was built had a big effect on the course design.

"It was built around 1900, back when they didn't really have earthmoving equipment," Giles said. "They pretty much followed the terrain [and] the lay of the land — so it's a little bit shorter than what your normal courses are."

The course is a par-36 with 2,688 yards of length from the farthest tees, which doesn't stress many modern golfers. Still, the course finds ways to present a fair test.

"It's a challenging short course," said head golf professional Tommy Dee. "It makes up for it in placement off the tee shot. If you're not hitting the tee ball well, scores can go up. But if you're getting off the tee well, you can shoot a pretty good number."

Iowa City local and 14-year Elks Club member Mark Welsh said the course's short length puts an emphasis on hitting the ball straight. The many different lies created by the hilly landscape also adds to the difficulty.

Giles, the man in charge of shaping and maintaining the course for the past 32 years, said the distinctive experience offered by the course is what keeps many members coming back.

"This golf course is unique because it's not just a golf course. It's kind of like an ecosystem," he said. "Only half of it is golf course. The rest of it is timber, woodlands, and marshes along the Iowa River."

Giles is a former winner of the Superintendent of the Year Award and a member of the Iowa Golf Hall of Fame. In his time as the superintendent of the Elks golf course, he has put up nest boxes for birds and planted food plots for various wildlife. He said he enjoys being able to wake up and experience the outdoors.

Elks Lodge general manager Kevin Carr estimated that 50 to 75 rounds of golf are played by the local Elks members every day. He said that even though the Elks is one of the largest such groups in the United States, most lodges don't have golf courses.

"Between the swimming pool and the golf course ... that certainly drives membership," said

Carr. "They get involved, [and] when they are asked to do something, they'll chip in. We do a lot of volunteer work for the course itself."

He said the Elks organization focuses a lot of charity events on youth programs, scholarship programs, and veteran's organizations. Having a golf course at the local lodge allows the members to use the course for different charity events, such as the hospice tournament being held Aug. 1.

With the river running next to the course and the rapid city development of the Peninsula, Dee said, space constraints mean there likely won't be major changes or expansions to the course any time soon. That is the way many of the Elks members want it, anyway.

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the spring," he said. "I'm not saying he's Karl Klug, but Karl had that versatility. It's a matter of trying to fit the pieces a little bit. [The defensive line is] a position — that and the secondary — that'll probably be really interesting to watch and see how they unfold."

Even if Ferentz isn't sure about which players will end up filling which holes, though,

the 12-year coach said he's looking forward to watching his young Hawkeyes mature on the field.

"Time will tell," he said. "I like our team. I like the guys on our team, [and] we've got the opportunity to grow and develop. We have to do that. We've done that better in some years than in others, and that's going to be the challenging task for us."

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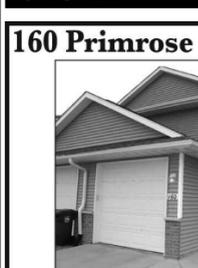
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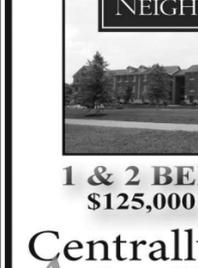


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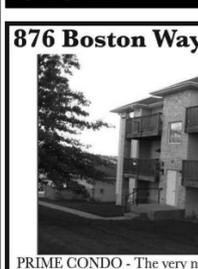
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## THE BIG THREE

# Formidable foes for Hawkeyes



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With the realignment of the Big Ten and creation of the Legends and Leaders divisions, the Hawkeyes' 2011 schedule lacks some familiar foes. But that doesn't mean the schedule lacks formidable opponents.

In the last installment of a weeklong series, *The Daily Iowan* takes a peek ahead to see which three games will be the biggest for head coach Kirk Ferentz's team this fall.

### 3) At Penn State, Oct. 8

Dating back to 2008, it seems the Hawkeyes have had Penn State's number.

From Daniel Murray to Adrian Clayborn, individual performances have highlighted this series over the past few years.

However, many of the players who made big plays against the Nittany Lions are now gone.

This game should be Iowa's first true road test, because Happy Valley almost always guarantees a raucous environment. With a relatively inexperienced and young team, the Hawkeyes will face a tough challenge in beginning conference play.

A win against JoePa — or simply a strong showing — could go a long way in building the confidence of a youthful squad.

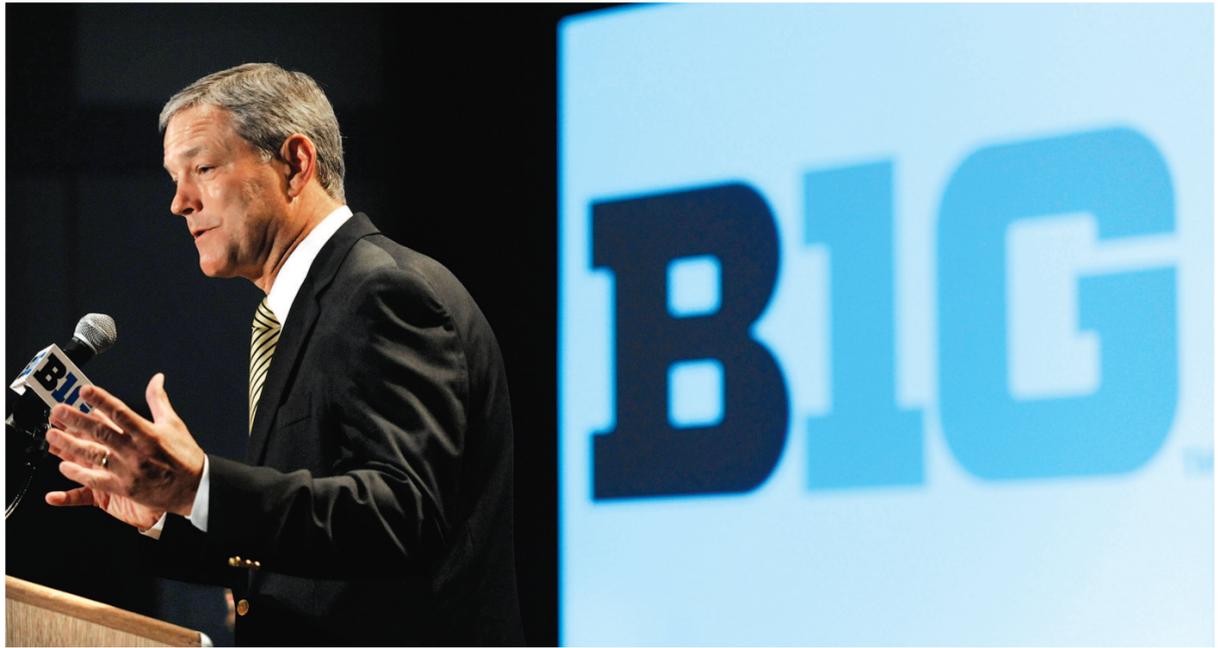
### 2) Northwestern, Oct. 15

What Iowa has been to Penn State for the last three seasons is exactly what the Wildcats have been to the Hawkeyes of late.

The last two years have resulted in gut-wrenching losses for the Black and Gold — Ricky Stanzi's injury led to the first loss of the 2009 season, and Northwestern quarterback Dan Persa brought his team back from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit last November to

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## BIG TEN MEDIA DAYS



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Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz speaks during the Big Ten football media day in Chicago on Thursday.

# New players key for Iowa

Kirk Ferentz discussed the youth of his football team at Big Ten media days on Thursday.

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CHICAGO — In 2008, Ricky Stanzi and Pat Angerer began the Iowa football season on the bench.

Now, they're in the NFL.

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz referred to Stanzi and Angerer when he talked about the 2011 edition of his team at the Big Ten media days.

He said the Hawkeyes are in a transition period, similar to the one the team went through three years ago, where — even with a strong slate of seniors — there's little certainty about who will step up for the Black and Gold.

Maybe, he said, the stars will come from the bench — much like Stanzi and Angerer.

"We have a lot of young guys, [and] we're eager to see how they come along," he said. "That's going to be the key for our football team, how we come along from

this point. We have an opportunity right now to really grow.

"We're eager to see what the next six or eight weeks bring, see how things develop, and eager to get started with our play."

Ferentz didn't say which young players would be in the mix, replying with a simple "We'll see" when he was asked about potential impact freshmen.

The team released its final two-deep on Thursday, though, and the chart highlights a variety of first-year players.

The most notable player on the list is quarterback James Vandenberg, who will replace the popular Stanzi under center. Ferentz said he has "all the confidence in the world" his young gunslinger — who started his first game at Ohio State in 2009 — will perform well.

"You couldn't ask for a guy to compete any better in that ball game [against the Buckeyes]," Ferentz said. "We'll probably see some ups and downs in September, but I think he'll level off and do very well."

The two-deep features more new names on the defensive side of the ball, including a tandem in the secondary. Collin Sleeper is listed as the starting strong safety, despite having no previous game experience after he walked on the team in 2008.

Ferentz's free safety is Micah Hyde. The junior isn't new to the secondary — he was the cornerback that memorably returned a Blaine Gabbert interception for 6 points and a win in the 2010 Insight Bowl — but he hasn't seen game action at free safety since high school.

Also new on the defense is Dominic Alvis, a sophomore listed as a starting tackle. Alvis replaces Karl Klug, who was drafted by Tennessee in April, and Ferentz said there were plenty of parallels between the two players.

"[Alvis] played both [tackle and end] in

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## Big Ten Network on the go

Fans of Big Ten athletics will now be able to watch live games on their iPads and iPhones, the Big Ten Network announced Thursday at Big Ten Media Days.

Released in conjunction with the beginning of football season, the Big Ten Network will now go mobile with BTN2Go. The service will provide live feeds of 40 football games, more than 100 men's basketball games, and many other live events.

BTN2Go will be available exclusively through cable, satellite, and telco providers of the Big Ten Network.

"We're tremendously excited to launch BTN2Go because, as mobile technology has advanced, this is something fans are asking for," network President Mark Silverman said. "Big Ten fans are frequently on the go, and they would like to watch the network while away from home. BTN2Go gives fans that option at no additional cost to them."

BTN2Go will also be available to Internet users, but individual launch dates for the three platforms have not been released.

Michael Calderon, the vice president of digital and interactive media for the Big Ten Network, said, "BTN2Go will deliver an innovative new experience to passionate Big Ten fans, reinforcing the conference's and network's desire

to improve access to and exposure for all Big Ten sports."

— by Ben Schuff

## Stanzi signs with Chiefs

Ricky Stanzi is officially a Kansas City Chief.

The former Iowa quarterback signed a four-year contract on Thursday worth \$2.28 million. The deal included a \$211,000 signing bonus.

After compiling a 26-9 career record as a Hawkeye starter, Stanzi was selected by Kansas City in the fifth round of last April's NFL draft. Though he has yet to take the practice field for the Chiefs, he has moved up the depth chart. He is listed as the backup to Matt Cassel, having bumped Tyler Palko to third string.

Stanzi is the eighth Hawkeye in the past few days to sign with an NFL team. Adrian Clayborn is the only other Iowa draftee to sign; he agreed to terms with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Wednesday.

Six other former Hawkeyes have signed with teams as undrafted free agents. Those include punter Ryan Donahue (Detroit Lions), safety Brett Greenwood (Pittsburgh Steelers), linebacker Jeremiha Hunter (New Orleans Saints), tight end Allen Reisner (Minnesota Vikings), long snapper Andrew Schulze (Atlanta Falcons), and linebacker Jeff Tarpinian (New England Patriots).

— by Ben Schuff

## GAME TIME LEAGUE

# Kach leads All-Stars

Six current or former Hawkeyes highlight *The Daily Iowan's* Game Time League All-Star team.

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The Game Time League wrapped up with Monica's/Bob's Your Uncle winning the championship Wednesday night by defeating Cullen/Falbo, 90-66. The final score also resulted in an undefeated season for Monica's, proving just how dominant the team was throughout the entire summer. The following players have been selected as Game Time All-Stars.

### MVP: Kachine Alexander

Alexander scored 42 points in the championship game, leading her team to victory. The former Iowa guard was one of the premier scorers in the league — she averaged 22.3 points per game while averaging 11.5 rebounds.

Alexander was a leader for her team on and off the court. Her experience as a four-year player for the Hawkeyes rubbed off, and her team finished with a 6-0 record.

### Kelly Krei (Iowa)

The Iowa forward averaged 14.5 points per game

for a team that reached the championship game. Krei was part of a scoring trio — along with Melissa Dixon and K.K. Armstrong — that averaged over 35 points a game during the regular season. The Hawkeye senior didn't finish the season the way she would have liked to, but she put her team in a position to win.

### K.K. Armstrong (Northern Iowa)

Northern Iowa's point guard was dependable all season for her Game Time teammates — Armstrong averaged 13.8 points per game in the regular season. The 5-7 junior was a great on-the-ball defender, and her defense ignited her team when the players had trouble scoring.

Armstrong averaged 6 assists per game, and she was excellent in keeping all of her teammates involved.

### Morgan Johnson (Iowa)

The Iowa center was spectacular despite playing without a consistent second scorer on her team. Johnson averaged 19.3 points per game and 9.5 rebounds per game during the regular season.



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Kachine Alexander plays defense during a Game Time League All-Star game on Monday in North Liberty.

### Samantha Logic (Iowa)

Throughout the summer, the Racine, Wis., native showed what all of the hype is about. Logic aver-

aged 19.8 points per game and 7.3 rebounds per game in the regular season.

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