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Labor group to form 'super PAC'

WASHINGTON — The AFL-CIO hopes to boost its clout by launching a new political-action committee that could raise unlimited amounts of money, part of the federation's goal of building a year-round political organizing structure.

Forming a so-called "super labor PAC" would allow the labor federation to raise money from sympathetic donors both inside and outside union membership and mobilize support beyond its traditional base, instead of ramping up political activities each election cycle.

The move would also help steer more of labor's money to state legislative battles, where unions have been battling efforts to curb union rights in such states as Wisconsin and Ohio.

"The essential idea is that changes in the law for the first time really allow the labor movement to speak directly to workers, whether they have collective-bargaining agreements or not," AFL-CIO political director Michael Podhorzer said in an interview. "Before, most political resources went to our own membership."

— Associated Press

Republicans use redistricting to hold House control

WASHINGTON — The odds of getting re-elected have gotten better for Republican freshmen in the U.S. House, thanks to GOP calculations in redrawing Congressional maps.

Republicans romped last November, gaining 63 House seats to secure the majority, winning 11 governorships, including Ohio and Pennsylvania, and seizing control of the most state legislative seats they've held since 1928. The GOP is capitalizing on its across-the-board control in 26 states — governorship plus legislature — in the census-based drawing of a new political map that will be a decisive factor in the 2012 elections and beyond.

— Associated Press

Dow jumps 322 points

NEW YORK — Buyers returned to the stock market Tuesday after deciding the pounding stocks have taken the past month made them too cheap to resist.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 322 points, its best day since Aug. 11, when it gained 423. The Dow dipped about 60 points shortly after an earthquake hit the East Coast at 1:51 p.m. but recovered within 20 minutes and soared even higher in the last two hours of trading.

— Associated Press

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'I understand the desire to have the Executive Branch speak with one voice, but statute (wisely in my view) explicitly provides that the Board of Regents has independent governing authority.'

— Former Regent President David Miles to Gov. Terry Branstad



Released emails shed little light

By **ALLIE WRIGHT**
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Little of the tension between Gov. Terry Branstad and former Board of Regents President David Miles played out over email, disclosures from the Governor's Office Tuesday show.

The Branstad administration filed a records request this week for emails between administration officials and regents. However, only one of the almost 400 messages contain substantive information about the discussions that eventually led to Miles' resignation, an apparent sign most of the communication was carried out via phone and/or face-to-face conversations.

In a Jan. 31 email to Linda Fandel, Branstad's education adviser, Miles expressed concern about the balance of power between the regents and the Legislature. Miles said the board is an independent body and should not have to report to the power of the Legislature.

"Our present concerns involve the ability of the board to express its views to members of the Legislature. I understand the desire to have the Executive Branch speak with one voice, but statute (wisely in my view) explicitly provides that the Board of Regents has independent governing authority," he wrote.

Miles and then-President Pro Tem Jack Evans resigned their executive positions in July. Miles wrote

in a letter to the regents that Branstad had asked them to resign.

"In our judgment, anything that distracts the board from its mission or that weakens the board's collective resolve must go by the wayside," he wrote.

The regents elected Branstad campaign backers Craig Lang and Bruce Rastetter to replace Miles and Evans in July.

The move stirred criticism that the governor is politicizing higher education.

Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, said, "Petty politics are being carried out here." Former Regent Michael Gartner said, "The Legislature has begun meddling too much, and the two most recent governors — Democrat Chet Culver and Republican Terry Branstad — have wanted a say in the governance that they are not entitled to under law."

Miles had no comment Tuesday when reached by *The Daily Iowan* via email, and several attempts to contact Branstad's spokesman for a comment on the email disclosure were unsuccessful. The regents' communication officer, Sheila Doyle, said current Regent President

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- Branstad breaks campaign promise with open-records charge.
- Mason talked with Branstad about UIHC privacy violations.
- Gartner lobbied Branstad administration to oppose tuition hikes.
- Branstad's office is computer-less.

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Go online to read more about correspondence between Gov. Terry Branstad's office and the state Board of Regents.

Students: Lounge living not bad

Students in temporary housing enjoy meeting people quicker despite lack of space for activities.

By **ERIC MOORE**
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Though classes are underway, some University of Iowa students remain without a permanent living situation for the fall semester.

As of Tuesday, there were 122 students in "expanded housing." That is down from the 133 students that were in temporary housing as of Aug. 18, said Von Stange, the UI assistant vice president for University Housing and Dining.

Students in this housing situation must wait until space opens up, which occurs when students who have dorm rooms either drop out, transfer, or move off campus. Until rooms in resi-



With little room for storage, the eighth-floor lounge in Reinow is full of its seven residents' belongings on Aug. 25, 2008. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

dence halls become available, students reside in student lounges, often with five to eight staying in a lounge at a time.

Students are provided with their own bed, but they must share things such as dresser

space, a space for hanging clothes, and desks.

Though the temporary situations may seem less ideal than having a dorm room, some stu-

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UI expands meal-plan access

By **JORDAN MICKLE**
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As classes end during the lunch and dinner hours, the lines begin to pile up at both the Burge and Hillcrest Marketplaces, and part of the reason for the lines is the result of the number of incoming freshmen.

Michael Barron, the University of Iowa assistant provost for Admissions, said the number of students will probably be a record, but he is not

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Spotlight Iowa City



UI freshman Meghan O'Connor stands outside Becker on Aug. 17. O'Connor plans to major in engineering, because she has a passion for all things math- and science-related. (The Daily Iowan/Zoey Miller)

Frosh battles through

The environmental engineering major engages in lots of activities despite her disease.

By **CHASTITY DILLARD**
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Sitting in her new Rienow dorm room, Meghan O'Connor explained an aspect of her life that only those closest to her fully understand. "I'm just not used to talking about it," she said, sitting in a round black chair. In ninth grade, O'Connor learned she had peripheral neuropathy, in which the body's nerves do not properly transfer information to the brain. O'Connor often loses sensation throughout her body — especially in her hands and feet.

Grazing her arm with her fingertips, the 18-year-old said she can't feel the difference between surfaces. If it had been sandpaper, she wouldn't have felt the its roughness, she said. But O'Connor said she won't let the disease define her life. Despite any struggles brought on by the illness, the environmental-engineering major is a self-proclaimed science and band geek, a cheerleader, and a horse trainer.

During her first year of high school, doctors thought the self-described "angsty teen" was depressed or bipolar.

"I was tired a lot and sick a lot," she said. "They sent me to a regular doctor and found my white- and red-blood cell count was low."

Her eventual diagnosis was a relief and torture at the same time. O'Connor was mostly in the dark about the diagnosis, because information on peripheral neuropathy is vastly limited.

On a daily basis, maintaining a healthy temperature is a challenge, because she can't feel the difference. People nearby must feel her skin to make sure she isn't overheated.

"It's like an uncomfortable feeling," O'Connor said, and she doesn't get that urge to get out of the sunlight like most people.

One time while swimming this summer, she couldn't feel the water and it felt like she was floating on air.

"I'm not embarrassed by it," she said. "It's not termi-

nal; I'm not going to die. It's closed a few doors but not all of them."

She said she finds strength in the famous Franklin D. Roosevelt quotation "... the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

"You're your own obstacle," she said. "I want to kind of go through it, and 15 or 20 years from now have accomplished all this, and be able to tell others I did it."

When describing his daughter, Guy O'Connor considers her a very compassionate person about others and their feelings.

"When someone is uncomfortable, she is the first person to help them," he said.

Chris Haataja, O'Connor's close friend since high school, said many people didn't understand her way of dealing with others.

"She's very deep," the 19-year-old said. "She has a lot of things that make her cool. She's just different."

One support system for O'Connor throughout her life has been horseback riding. As a young rider, she

Meghan O'Connor

- **Age:** 18
- **Hometown:** Manitowoc, Wis.
- **Major:** Environmental engineering
- **Hobbies:** eading, painting, cooking

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bonded with the horse Allie, a Great Arabian mare. O'Connor said she confided in Allie when she felt she needed someone to talk to.

"I'm not majorly into religion, but I felt like God was giving me my rock back [in Allie]," she said.

Though O'Connor said she used to hide her problems from people, she's now ready for a change.

"I think people knowing [about the disease] and me being OK with it will help me," she said. "I need to accept it."

And now — just three days into her college experience — she said she can handle things on her own.

"I can do it, and it's OK," she said.

METRO

New associate dean for dental school

The University of Iowa College of Dentistry is getting a new associate dean.

Galen Schneider will soon replace Jed Hand as the executive associate dean of the dental school.

Schneider's portfolio of accomplishments includes administrative experience, board-certified prosthodontist, as well as obtaining a doctor of dental surgery degree, certificate in prosthodontics, and doctoral degree in cell biology.

His research is based on relating dental implants and bone-tissue engineering to the research he completes on bone cell biology. Schneider's term will begin Sept. 1.

— by Dora Grote

School Board studies growth

The Iowa City School Board on Tuesday discussed the numerical data about the recent demographic changes to the district.

Iowa City's schools are projected to grow at a faster rate, said Geoffry Smith, who presented the information to the board. Smith used grade-progression rates, which demonstrated the retention of students from one year to the next.

The grade-progression rate from eighth to ninth grade has been the highest from 1999-2010, which officials speculate will continue.

"The Department of Education is projecting growth for the state of Iowa," Smith said. "This year might be the first year that the state of Iowa has grown in the

past 12 or 13 years."

The concern about the amount of growth lies in the different schools. Currently, 15 percent of students are not attending their neighborhood schools because of redistricting. School officials said the addition of the Borlaug school will help improve the distribution of attendance in schools. That school is slated to be completed in the summer of 2012.

— by Jennifer Earl

Man charged in attack on pregnant woman

Iowa City police arrested a Coralville man after he allegedly tried to attack a pregnant woman.

Harry Thomas Banks, 45, was charged Aug. 16 with assault causing bodily injury.

According to a complaint, Banks struck a male in the head with a closed fist, and a pregnant female attempted to break up the fight. Banks then allegedly attacked the six-month pregnant female, struck her in the head, and tried to punch her in the stomach.

Before the fight was broken up, the complaint said the woman had small bruises on both of her biceps, and she complained about pain.

Assault causing bodily injury is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,875.

— by Hayley Bruce

BLOTTER

Vernard Archer, 27, Coralville, was charged Aug. 20 with domestic abuse.

Anna Bacon-Silveira, 39, was charged Monday with public intoxication and simple assault.

Lydia Givens, 21, Urbandale, was charged Tuesday with disorderly conduct.

Devin Grask, 22, 929 Iowa Ave. No. 11, was charged Tuesday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Chonghui Hannah, 24, Chicago, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended license and OWI.

Zamir Hines-Smith, 19, 333 S. Lucas St., was charged Sunday with attempted burglary and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Luke Hird, 19, Marion, was charged Sunday with a public intoxication.

Samuel Hutson, 23, Cedar Rapids,

was charged Tuesday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Johnathan Mahoney, 19, Des Moines, was charged Aug. 19 with a PAULA.

Kelly McPhee, 22, Dr. Lisle, III., was charged Tuesday with disorderly conduct.

Levi Sedlacek, 21, 902 N. Dodge St. No. B6, was charged May 2 with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and drug

paraphernalia. **Skylar Smith**, 20, Burlington, was charged March 28 with second-degree theft and aiding and abetting.

Michael Swank, 20, 55 Redbud Place, was charged Aug. 19 with PAULA.

Benjamin Vanschepen, 26, 4 Bangor Circle, was charged Aug. 20 with public intoxication.

Marrisa White, 20, Muscatine, was charged Aug. 19 with PAULA.

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dents in these situations view the conditions fairly positively. For one thing, it costs a reduced price of \$10 per day, plus the cost of their meal plan.

"It's not terrible," said 18-year-old Katrina Pangilinan, who is in temp housing at Slater with eight other students. "I think whom you live with makes a difference. We're all pretty easy-going. I think we met a lot more people; the downside is that there's like no room in there."

One of the downsides of living in the student lounge is not having a sink or mirror. This has proven a problem for Pangilinan and others.

"One of my friends was doing her hair over the fire detector, and it went off,"

Pangilinan said. "We had to wait 30 minutes for someone to turn it off."

Lack of space has also been an issue.

"We get like three drawers of space and a little rack for hangers," said Dallas Portz, 18. "And it kind of sucks because we'll have to move again."

Conversely, UI freshman Abigail Ramos found the space sufficient.

"Space is not an issue," the 18-year-old biology major said. "We all keep to ourselves when we want to, and when we hang out, we hang out. It's not really a big deal."

Many students wonder what the university will do to compensate for the continuing increase in student enrollment.

"The last five years, they spent time building the recreational center," Portz said. "I figured they would've spent more time building

Expanded Housing

There are now 122 students living in student lounges.

More on temp housing:

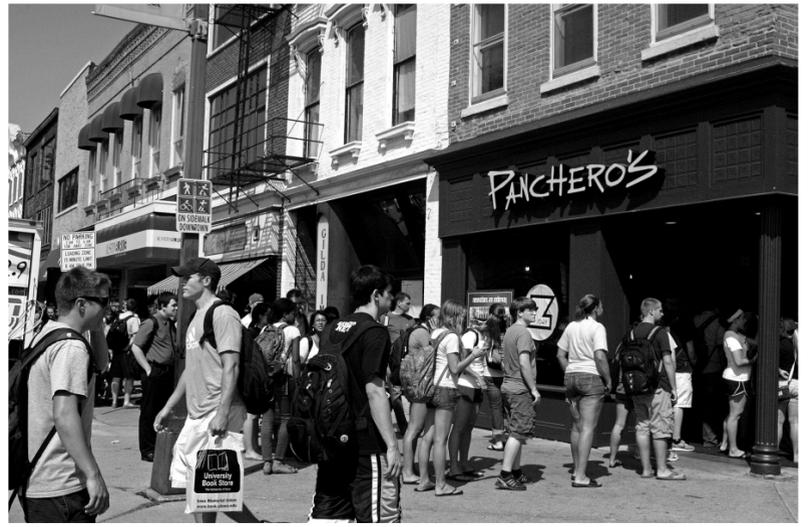
- The University of Iowa assigns eight or fewer students to one living space at a time.
- The university only uses floor study lounges as temporary living areas.
- Students living in temp housing do not have a binding contract with university housing.

Source: UI Housing Director Von Stange

the dorms, personally."

While the university has continued to advise students to apply for housing early, each student interviewed by *The Daily Iowan* said her or his application was submitted before the deadline.

THE HARDEST PART



(Above) People wait in line for their \$1 burritos on Tuesday at Pancho's. (The Daily Iowan/ Jacklyn Couppee)



(Left) UI freshman Cole Ambrosy enjoys Pancho's Dollar Burrito Day on Tuesday. Pancho's sold its burritos for \$1 in a duel with Iowa State. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)



DINING

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sure what that final number will be because of ongoing student registration.

He attributes the influx of students to the UI's Enrollment Management Plan. The plan sought to expand class sizes by 100 students over the course of five years.

"However, we ended up getting this result in one year," Barron said, referring to the university's record enrollment of last year's 4,557 incoming freshmen. UI officials intend to maintain that number, he said.

The numbers will be released next week, Barron said.

To prevent overcrowding in the dorm dining halls, the university has expanded dining options for students. They can now use their meal plans at several locations outside the dining halls, including the IMU River Room, Food for Thought in the Main Library, and Pat's Diner in the Pappajohn Business Building. With the extended meal options, students are able to purchase a main dish, side dish, and drink for one meal-card swipe.

"I feel this addition will be very beneficial not only to incoming freshmen but to everyone," said UI sophomore Daniel Deely.

Anne Harkins, the manager of Burge Marketplace, has not noticed much of a major difference in comparison with last year.

"We haven't been into the fall schedule for long, so it's hard to say, but we're not noticing it being any busier than what it was last year this time around," she said.

Fred Kurt, the Hillcrest Marketplace manager, said preparing for the crowds is the most challenging part, especially with the early arrival of students with OnIowa.

UI sophomore Megan Brunk, 19, said lines in the dining halls were too long for her.

"The waiting lines are really, really long during the rushes, like around 11:30 and 12:30, so some people don't ever come and eat because they just realize the waiting lines might be like that every day," she said. "The first day of school ... it was literally an hour wait, and I could not eat because I would have been late for class and work."

Brunk also said the placement of trays was a

contributing factor to the overcrowding.

"The trays are kind of a big problem. The trays are out of the way, so people will wander around trying to look for them, so if you were to place the trays by the plates, I think it would cut down a lot of congestion," she said.

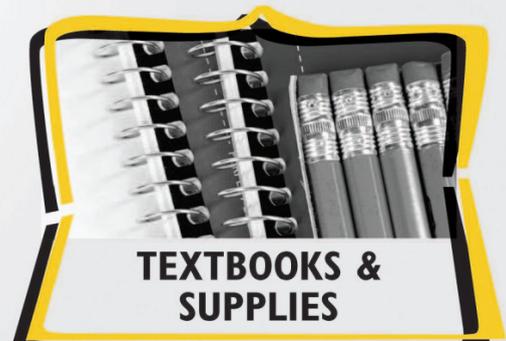
Extended Dining Locations

The various points go below:

- Pat's Diner, Pappajohn Business Building
- Food For Thought, UI Main Library
- River Room, IMU

Source: Von Stange, UI assistant vice president for Housing & Dining

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Editorial

Was OnIowa worth the money?

Yes

I know I poked a bit of fun at it on Monday, but I think OnIowa will ultimately be worth the investment.

For those unaware, the University of Iowa spent \$300,000 on a three-day program for incoming freshmen aiming to develop friendships, build a rapport with the university, and commit to "The IOWA Challenge," which, to my surprise, is *not* shotgunning four Bush Lights before 8 a.m. The goal is to improve retention and graduation rates.

It's hard to put a long-term value on such things as entertainment, social belonging, the taste of a mass-produced and over-cooked hot dog — except maybe in this case.

If tuition for out-of-state students is \$25,099, in-state tuition is \$7,765, and the percentage of out-of-state students is 38 percent, the weighted average tuition for a UI student is \$14,352, or \$7,176 per semester. This means that if 5.97 students (One Chicagoan counts as 0.97 students.) who would have otherwise transferred after this semester graduated from the UI, the \$300,000 investment would be worth it.

That's less than one-seventh of a percent of the 4,500 students who piled onto the Pentacrest this past weekend.

Obviously, this simplified formula ignores the effect of financial aid and doesn't take into account such things as out-of-state retention rate, but it does give us a general idea of what the value OnIowa is trying to manufacture.

This isn't just a one-year, hit-and-run type deal — this year acted as somewhat of a beta version of what OnIowa is to become. Mistakes were made, to be sure. From what I hear, the freshmen weren't exactly thrilled to be "required" (whatever that entailed) to be conscious for OnIowa shenanigans at 8:30 a.m. on their first Saturday.

"They definitely weren't that much into it on Saturday morning. That was probably the last place they wanted to be right after they moved in," said senior Jenna Holtz, who worked with OnIowa. "Yeah, some of them were [passed out]; a lot of them didn't show up — but the ones who did were the ones who really did want to be there and got a lot out of it, I think."

Holtz said she and her peers told students about good places to eat, where to get a good cup of coffee, and other upperclassmen wisdom.

"Part of it was talking about different situations, like issues with your roommate, things like that."

Of course OnIowa wasn't without its flaws, but it was a step in the right direction. Even with its faults, I think this year's program will be successful in soliciting 42 additional semesters from a pool of more than 4,500.

— Chris Steinke

No

For many soon-to-be college freshmen, one of the most alluring aspects of college life is the augmented sense of autonomy — the feeling that, for the first time in one's life, he or she alone is responsible for organizing and maintaining almost every aspect of herself or himself.

In an effort to help incoming students smoothly transition into such a life, the University of Iowa offered the first-ever OnIowa, a "required" three-day celebration for all freshmen that was meant to immerse them in university life, introduce them to new friends, and provide them with the resources necessary to succeed in their new lives at the university.

While I admit that all of this seems very impressive on paper, after having actually experienced last weekend's events, I must add that the actual execution of the concept left much to be desired.

According to its own description, OnIowa was a program created to help new students become accustomed to a life of choices and individual approaches — but by labeling the program's "classroom content" (the group meetings and lectures) as "required," the event gave the impression of being a mandate on how to live one's life rather than a resource in discovering that for one's self.

Over-reliance on such inflexible tools as abbreviations, list models, icebreaker activities, and cliché suggestions on how to succeed in school ("take good notes," "attend class," etc.) made the experience feel overly didactic and impersonal. If any knowledge or friends were gained by students, it happened only after both students and leaders moved away from a strict reading of the classroom content and began interacting naturally and honestly — in other words, "despite and without," not "because of."

OnIowa worked best in such cases as the proceedings of Kinnick Stadium or the Convocation, when the program was personal and encouraging without being imposing. It worked even better when it gave students downtime to explore campus and meet people on their own in such optional events as magic shows and concerts.

While certainly not all the events need to be as spectacular or defining as these were, a shift toward providing more events that encourage discovering all of the options available to new students as independent adults and minimizing events that come across as "formal instruction in living" would make OnIowa a more pleasing and beneficial experience for all future freshmen.

— Christian Perelló

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Our culture, our science, our abortion



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New tests, which can determine sex earlier in pregnancy, are rekindling the debate over selective abortion.

The tests function as early as seven weeks into pregnancy, safely within the threshold for use of less-invasive abortion procedures, including the abortion pill RU-486. The relative convenience of having an abortion at seven weeks, combined with expected tests for genetic disabilities, raises the unpleasant specter of eugenics: aborting fetuses with "unwanted" characteristics.

While they shouldn't be banned, the new genetic tests make fighting discrimination — and providing greater opportunities for all Americans — an imperative.

Sex-selective abortion is an easy bugbear. The image conjured up by anti-abortion advocates is that of a selfish, wealthy woman who wants a boy or a girl so badly that she is willing to abort fetuses until she gets one with the "right" sex. But this stereotype — aside from preying on misogynist caricatures — is implausible at best; that sort of shallow narcissistic sex-selection is more suited to designer fertility clinics.

Sex-selective abortion arises out of sexism, not fashion. Cultures in which men are more able to provide for aging parents, or in which women are considered to be members of their husband's family, are more likely to spawn discriminatory abortion.

And the hysteria about sex-selection (which has engendered laws in Arizona and Oklahoma outlawing the practice) ignores a more controversial practice: the selective abortion of fetuses with disabilities, which would also be facilitated by an earlier chromosomal test.

Even more than 25 percent of anti-abortion Americans support legalizing the abortion of fetuses that have "mental impairments" or "physical impairments," according to a Gallup poll (pro-choice respondents, of course, overwhelmingly supported the legality of such a practice). A 1999 study found that more than 90 percent of American women who

were carrying a fetus with Down syndrome chose to abort. The data are old, but no similar study has been conducted in recent years; there's no reason to suspect that the proportion has decreased.

And thus children with Down syndrome, and the mothers who choose to keep them, are relegated to be tokens of the anti-abortion movement — women who are supposedly "self-sacrificing" enough to give birth to a child with disabilities.

Having a child with Down syndrome should not sound like martyrdom. It does, though, which indicates something seriously wrong with our society.

That something is a lack of societal support and acceptance of people with disabilities. Disabled children require more time, energy, and money; disabled adults frequently have limited options, particularly if they require costly care or devices. While some support exists in the form of the social safety net, there are frequent allegations of neglect or abuse; last month, mentally disabled Iowa men who worked for a poultry producer for 41 cents an hour were awarded more than \$1 million in back pay by a federal judge.

We need to both increase institutional opportunities and value the humanity of people with disabilities within our society. There are valid reasons to test for Down syndrome, spina bifida, and even a fetus' sex early in the pregnancy. Parents may need to make special arrangements for a child with disabilities or may want to know if they are going to have a boy or a girl (although the sheer weight of gender norms in infancy is disturbing on its own). But when these scientific tests are combined with a culture that does not value or nurture variations in ability or sex, there is a clear recipe for discriminatory and unethical use.

Scientific procedure is a tool that can lead as much to a reification of social norms as a rejection of them. Eugenics isn't about technology but about the society that uses it. If increased genetic testing leads to sex-selective and disability-selective abortions, we must nip these in the bud by fighting the devaluation of certain human lives. ■

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Hitler reference was distasteful

Having worked as a journalist for seven years of my life, including a three-year stint on Indiana's incumbent No. 1 Division II newspaper, I am genuinely surprised that on Aug. 19, *The Daily Iowan* published a guest opinion bearing the astoundingly audacious headline "Corporations are people? So was Hitler."

I am shocked at the poor judgment demonstrated in the publication of the piece.

I understand entirely that as a column delivered via wire service, whose contractual terms with the paper likely forbid traditional editing, Kevin Carson's column is packaged with the odious headline that accompanies the piece in other media, including scores of political blogs and newspapers around the country.

I do not accuse *The Daily Iowan* of drafting this absurd, inaccurate, and inappropriate headline, which seems designed to make a political point by using a cheap and insensitive attention-getter.

Anyone familiar with even a cursory understanding of the history surrounding the Holocaust must be disgusted at Carson's glib invocation of humanity's darkest hour and the man who killed as many as 17 million people in less than a decade. The comparison to the idea of the corporation is entirely offensive to any rational reader.

Regardless of any economic injustices, which Carson refers to only anecdotally and with little else than potshots at Republican candidates, no corporation has ever — or will ever

— commit atrocities on the scale of the Nazi Party.

That staggeringly distasteful headline should not have been printed, even if it came at the cost of not running the article itself.

Such tactless selections easily feed accusations of liberal bias, and as an instructor at the University of Iowa, I now will think twice before directing my students to examine *The Daily Iowan* for any other assignment than the identification of poor taste.

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Guest opinion

Taking tips from President Rudy Giuliani



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Today's crop of GOP presidential hopefuls ought to take some cues from President Rudy Giuliani's political playbook.

It seems as though there's a new front-runner every month this caucus season. First it was Gov. Tim Pawlenty (by default, of course; he was the only one in the race), then it was Gov. Jon Huntsman (an amazing feat, really, as he now has enough sup-

porters here to fill a State Fair corn-dog stand), and then Rep. Michele Bachmann (y'know, 'cause Iowa is the only state that gets to vote), and now it's the conservative savior, Gov. Rick Perry (the clear front-runner even before he was included in any polls).

The media pundits, bless their hearts, are doing their journalistic duty to try to pin down who's going to win the Republican nomination, but these silly voters can't seem to commit. Don't they know the 2012 nominating convention is only 369 days away?!

See, back in 2007 and 2008, we didn't have this problem. "America's

Mayor" formed an exploratory committee in 2006, jumped to the top of the polls right away, and maintained that position until voting started. He carried 80 counties to win Iowa, then went on to dominate in New Hampshire and South Carolina as well. Fred Thompson held on to the end, posting impressive numbers and winning a few states, but Giuliani ultimately won the nomination and edged out a narrow win over Hillary Rodham Clinton in the general election.

Wait. At this time four years ago, Giuliani was the clear Republican favorite, hovering around 30 percent in

polls of GOP primary- and caucus-goers. Thompson — who wasn't even in the race yet — was the presumed runner-up, polling 4 or 5 points behind Giuliani. Mitt Romney and the real-life eventual nominee, John McCain, were bouncing between 10 and 15 percent and the real-life caucus champ, Mike Huckabee, was lucky to break 5 percent. And then what happened?

Oh yeah, the campaign. Giuliani (who I donated to and caucused for, by the way) went on to finish second-to-last in Iowa and earned single-digit support in New Hampshire, Michigan, Nevada, and South

Carolina.

The reason news outlets love to focus on the horse race is simple: It's easy, cheap entertainment. Outside organizations give you free polling data and some schmuck who you can call a "political insider" or "grass-roots organizer" is more than happy to come on your show and talk about his gut feelings toward Rick Perry (who, by the way, isn't even the most qualified Texan with the initials RP in the race).

We try not to play that game at *The Daily Iowan*. We don't write about polls, and we try not to call anyone a front-runner. We don't even consider Barack Obama the 2012

Democratic nominee because the nominating convention isn't until next year. When CNN-anointed candidates such as Bachmann or Perry come to town, we cover them. But we also cover Democratic challenger Harry Braun when he comes to town.

The idea behind our coverage strategy isn't complicated. In fact, it's been practiced by reasonable journalists for a long time. We consider ourselves public surrogates rather than gatekeepers.

Our job is to give you access to the information we have access to, not to filter out the information that isn't easy to write about.

Plan draws praise, fire

University of Iowa officials plan to chip in \$100,000 for downtown improvement.

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Iowa City city councilors say nothing but good would come from approving a tax-increase that may help to beautify and develop downtown.

But at least a couple downtown business owners worry about the price.

The petition for a tax levy — called a Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District — will create an area of local property where business owners tax themselves to gather funds with the goal of bringing more shoppers downtown.

Organizers plan to submit a petition calling for the district later this week. And with no opposing petition being submitted, municipal-district organizers expect the petition to gain City Council approval.

"I think it is a great idea, and I really hope they get great support," said Councilor Susan Mims. "I hope that a majority of property owners who didn't sign understand the value of the project."

The most controversial issue the petition outlines is a tax increase of \$2 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Property owners were the only people allowed to sign the petition, but, depending on renter-owner agreements, in some cases, the renter must pay the tax.

The petition states collected funds will be used for beautification, holiday lighting improvements, hiring a business-development manager to bring traffic into downtown, as well as expanding the Park and Shop/Bus and Shop program.

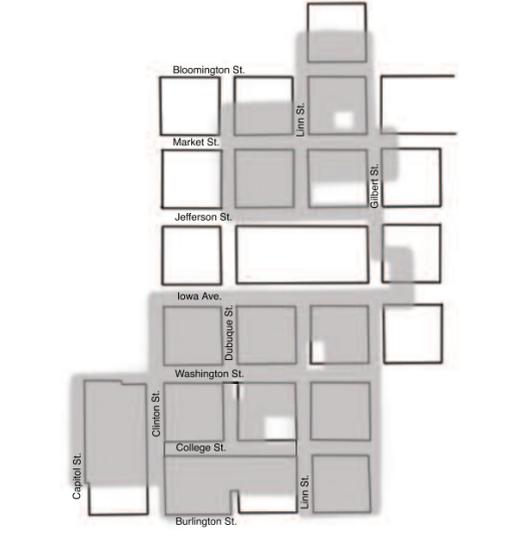
Karen Kubby, the owner of Beadology, 220 E. Washington St., and the Downtown Association's municipal-district committee chairwoman, said 142 property owners have signed the petition to create the levy so far. Although signatures are still coming in, Kubby estimated more than 30 percent of property owners in the proposed district have signed the petition — far more than the state law requirement of 25 percent.

But the petition does not outline a clear plan as to how

Downtown's new district

The Downtown Association is prepared to file a petition to set boundaries for the Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District in and near downtown Iowa City. The graphic below shows — in gray — the possible boundaries.

Source: Karen Kubby, chairwoman of the district committee



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to bring more people into the downtown, which has one business owner worried.

"They shouldn't have the money until we have an objective and a goal," said Joe Murphy, a part owner of the TCB Pool Hall, 114 E. College St. "They have no plan other than hiring people and spending money."

Kubby disagreed, saying outlining specific plans would have overstepped the committee's bounds, because those duties would belong solely to the municipal district's Advisory Board — which would be created if the petition passes the City Council Sept. 6. The board would comprise a range of members representing the different businesses and properties involved. That board would also include the University of Iowa, which has pledged a \$100,000 match to the expected \$200,000 leverage.

"The board will represent members from big business to small business, big property owners to small property owners, a representative from the university — all the different stake-holders will be represented and be accountable to peers about money being spent," Kubby said.

Murphy's main complaint is that this new tax will jeopardize his livelihood. He said he pays close to \$40,000 in property tax a year and that the new tax would add \$3,000 to his

yearly taxes.

"We've only been around three years and still struggling with a high debt-load. Put houses and other businesses on the line," Murphy said as he pointed out he had to continue refinishing his floors. "If we don't make it, I lose everything, and I'm not going to stand for people telling me they're going to spend my money for me."

Nonetheless, Mims and Councilor Mike Wright said they hope no business is pushed out of the downtown because of the tax; however, Mims said because of the demand for space downtown, if any business did go under, it would not have negative effect on the area.

"I have communicated with many small businesses, and many are excited about it even though they acknowledge it may be a stretch," said Councilor Regenia Bailey. "They see the greater good."

However, Murphy and other owners such as Jim Bell, the owner of Deadwood Tavern, 6 S. Dubuque St., fear a tax like this could drive them out.

"Best possible case: If it does work, it's going to increase property values and increase property tax and guess what that does for me? Not a damn thing, but cost me more money," Murphy said.

UI alum to make council run

Jarrett Mitchell will run for an at-large seat.

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Jarrett Mitchell wants to "end restrictions and expand freedom."

And he hopes he can do that through a seat on the Iowa City City Council.

The 33-year-old said his campaign will focus on representation of the students, increasing sustainability, and leaving small businesses untouched by local government.

A 2000 University of Iowa art major graduate, Mitchell said he believes he can offer good representation for UI students, having experienced student life in Iowa City.

"I just feel like students have no voice on the City Council, how it is [currently]," he said. "I want to make sure that the lines of communication are open, and we respect those lines. I believe there is a lack of respect toward students, who make up much of the population."

And some UI students agreed.

"I would say City Council represents more of the permanent residents than the students," said Katie Hess, a 21-year-old history major. "And students are important to the local economy from all the money they put into housing and local businesses."

Councilor Susan Mims said the council has allowed opportunities for communication between students and councilors through the UI Student Government liaison, Raj Patel.

"If students utilize student governments, they have an opportunity to have very direct contact with City Council," she said. "I think City Council has a great deal of respect for the students. We're very aware of the fact that this city is what it is because of the university and the students who attend it."

And while Patel said the city councilors are receptive to his suggestions, there is room for improvement.

"They highly value my opinion and take me seriously, but I don't have voting power, so it really is just an opinion," Patel said. "I would love to see a student have voting power on the City Council."

Mitchell said he also hopes to improve the conditions of students who use bicycles by cleaning the bike lanes of potentially harmful sand and brush and allowing more cycling to happen on streets such as Gilbert.

"Cycling is another issue that involves students in Iowa City," Mitchell said. "I've noticed that it's really

taken off around the university. I'm not looking for separation or segregation, but integration on the roads among pedestrians, cyclists, and cars."

Aside from promoting more adequate representation of students, Mitchell also plans to focus on sustainability and expansion of urban agriculture by allowing residents to have chickens on their property, which is currently prohibited.

Mitchell owns Wake Up Iowa City, a downtown coffee shop. Therefore, he said feels he's able to sympathize with small business owners.

"I don't think that City Council needs to control the manner in which downtown develops economically," he said. "I don't think any business owner looks to the City Council for guidance, and it shouldn't restrict or tax where a business takes place."

While he has no specific plans in mind to address his concerns about communication, Mitchell's main priority is ensuring the freedom of residents.

"When I look at students, I'm not looking to implement new programs, but simply how they can enjoy the fruits of how they can be adults and free citizens," he said.



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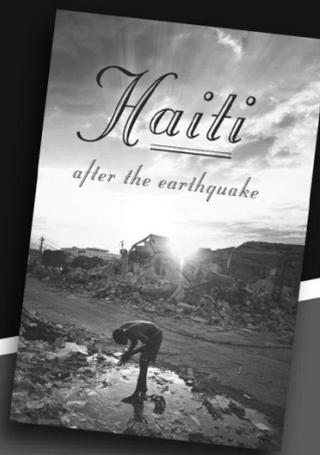
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An anonymous woman prepares to flash the crowd on top of the Magic Bus before the Iowa/Wisconsin game on Nov. 11, 2006. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Tailgating loses its Magic

The Magic Bus had several locations along Melrose during the fall 2010 football season.

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Hawkeye football fans will have one fewer place to tailgate this football season. A recent Iowa City City Council ordinance prohibits the popular Magic Bus from setting up a tailgating area for fans. Iowa City Ducks Rugby Club members, who host the Magic Bus, said they're unsure whether the bus could have a new space by next year's football season. "If it's possible, we're working toward having something at the end of the season," said Noah Silvey, a member of the

club. "We're still trying to get an exemption, but there wasn't enough time. We had to wait until [the council] came out with these new rules until we had a new opportunity to fight this. We don't know how long it's going to take." In a July City Council meeting, councilors completed a Melrose ordinance that established regulations for game-day vendors across from Kinnick Stadium. In the ordinance, vendors are prohibited from selling alcohol, and the ordinance limits available space. Vendors must also pay a \$75 permit fee to sell their products. Prior to the ordinance, city officials did not have any set regulations. Rugby club Vice President Allen Miller, however, wasn't optimistic. Despite talks with city officials, he said, getting an exemption to the ordinance is "pretty slim." "A lot of people are disappointed," he said. "People who are really into

tradition are going to be disappointed that we're just kind of a victim of the circumstance of what's happening here." One city official said it is unlikely the Magic Bus will get an exception without changing the ordinance. "It's an unfortunate fallout of that change in property ownership," said City Councilor Susan Mims. "The Magic Bus was not fitting within the new regulations." Before the ordinance, the bus had trouble during last year's football season when a change in property ownership displaced the bus. Throughout the season, the bus relocated to several places on Woodside Drive, West Benton Street, and Melrose Ave. Miller said the rugby club toyed with returning

Magic Bus Locations During the fall 2010 season, the Magic Bus had several locations:

- 817 Melrose Ave.
- 110 Woodside Drive
- 747 W. Benton St.

Source: Iowa City Ducks Rugby Club

to the bus's last location in the fall of 2010 at the beginning of the summer, but the members hesitated about placing a deposit because of the uncertainty about the city ordinance. "For us to put down that money without the certainty of being able to operate at all wasn't a possibility," he said. "Then the ordinance was passed, and we weren't

able to tailgate." Miller said he doesn't believe the ordinance directly targets the bus. "[The ordinance] was a rule that was made to keep more people from doing what we do," he said. "I don't think anyone had a problem with what we did, but they had a problem with more people trying to do that." The Magic Bus will be kept alive in some way, Miller said, because the rugby club will continue to hold fundraisers and donate to charities.

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Tissue bank aids pregnancy study

Doctors say they're concerned with the lack of attention pregnancy diseases have received.

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Research into umbilical-cord blood is more important than ever. With scientists able to tell whether a disease is passed from mother to baby, the blood can be crucial in determining the health of women and newborns.

And even though such centers as the University of Iowa Women's Health Tissue Repository are becoming more widely used, officials said, the topic has yet to catch researchers' attention as much as others.

"Pregnancy affects everybody because everybody is born, but it is incredibly understudied," said Donna Santillan, a research assistant professor in maternal-fetal medicine in the UI Obstetrics and Gynecology Department.

Santillan's husband, Mark Santillan, an associate in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department, said doctors are continually looking for answers to complications associated with pregnancy.

"We can better the outcome, but we can't stop it," he said about pregnancy-related disease. "It's been clear to me that there really isn't clear enough data."

In 2009, when the Santillans took over the tissue repository, they added two tissue banks.

Now, researchers are recruiting women in the early stages of pregnancy to participate in donating tissue when they come in for standard screenings. Then, after the mothers who give consent have their children, the cord blood, maternal blood, and placentas are taken for research.

"The women who are part of our bank are really making an investment," Mark Santillan said. "It's women helping women."

Donna Santillan said researching the early stages of a pregnancy-related disease allows scientists to follow its path and find target areas for designing necessary drugs.

Nationally, centers are

Cord Blood Banks

Some of the public and private cord blood banks from around the country:

- ITxM: Institute for Transfusion Medicine Blood Services, Chicago
- P. McCarthy Cord Stem Cell Bank, Detroit
- Michigan Community Blood Centers Cord Blood Bank, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- St. Louis Cord Blood Bank, St. Louis
- University of Arizona Cord Blood Bank, Tucson, Ariz.

Source: Save the Cord Foundation

gaining more experience in cord blood research and use.

The University of Arizona Cord Blood Bank has more than 20 years of experience serving more than 450,000 clients.

Researchers from the Tuscon, Ariz., university pursue the uses of stem cells from cord blood to create regenerative medicine therapies, and they have treated kids with such diseases as leukemia.

"There are a lot of other things you can do with cord blood that you can't do with other [types of blood]," David Harris, a University of Arizona immunobiology professor.

For Mark Santillan, his work is an attempt for the university to expand on the issues associated with pregnancy.

"To be able to make an impact in medicine, it takes someone to do the clinical work as well as the research," he said. "Having the ability to have all of the clinical data and biosamples all in one bank is one step in that direction."

And overall, Donna Santillan said, she believes the work is about improving outcomes for mothers and babies.

"We want moms and their children to be healthy," she said.

U.S. funding for area up

Iowa City officials announce that they plan to spend \$5 million in federal grant money on 22 different projects.

By **BRITTANY TILL**
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Local leaders said Tuesday they're getting increased federal support for special projects.

Officials met Tuesday at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County's new facility — one of the projects benefiting from an uptick in federal support. Local organizations will get \$5 million from U.S. Housing and Urban Development programs this year — an increase over the \$1.7 million the area usually garners.

"We get the funds to do wonderful things through the Community Development Block Grant, which is a principal program to provide improvements," Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek said.

In addition to the new Big Brothers Big Sisters facility, the Iowa City City Council and the city's Community Development Division chose more than 20 other local projects to receive support from the federal dollars. For instance, Art of South East Iowa, Emma Goldman, and the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic will all get money from the grants.

John Schneider, the Johnson County Extension Council chairman, said area grade schools will also benefit from the funds.

One of three community-development awards went to the UniverCity Neighborhood Partnership Program, a program sponsored by the city and the University of Iowa. Phase one of this program is aimed at neighborhoods near the UI campus, where properties are in need of repair. The committee selected 26 rental homes to renovate and have completed nine homes with seven under construction. Renovation costs will be forgiven after five years.

"Most projects are rehabilitating buildings, which means creating jobs. Economists call this the multiplying effect," Hayek said. "It has been very gratifying to sit back and see what has gotten accomplished with the money."

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, attended Tuesday's event and applauded the projects.

"I'm proud to be associated with the federal government funding that made this possible," Loebsack said. "Maybe in the next

year from now, when I'm up for re-election, you'll all forget I'm an Iowa State University alum."

Loebsack said local schools will spend future grant money. Those officials must make the decision, because they know what their community needs.

"My job is just to allocate money, not spend it," Loebsack said. "Although, the block grant is on the chopping block, and there will be cuts along with everything."

Special project funding

Local organizations will receive over \$5 million from U.S. Housing and Urban Development programs this year.

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UITV schedule

12:30 p.m. Iowa Writers' Workshop 75th Anniversary, Writer as a Public Figure, Panel Discussion Michael Cunningham, Jane Smiley, Ethan Canin, Abraham Verghese, June 11
1:30 Iowa Magazine 10 Supercomputers, UI Center for Media Production and Big Ten Network
2 2011 University Convocation President Mason and the faculty welcome students back to campus and open the fall term, Aug. 21
3 Iowa Writers' Workshop 75th

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Anniversary, “The Workshop as Phenomenon,” Marilynne Robinson Keynote Lecture, Iowa Writers' Workshop 75th Anniversary Celebration, June 9
3:45 Koplant No Summer Jazz Camp Concert, Progressive Jazz Electronic Rock Band performs June 29 for the UI Jazz Camp
4:30 Writer as a Public Figure, Panel Discussion Michael Cunningham, Jane Smiley, Ethan Canin, Abraham Verghese, June 11

horoscopes Wednesday, August 24

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Don't be so hard on yourself; there are plenty of other people who will do that for you today. Not everyone will understand what you are trying to accomplish. Impulsiveness will be your downfall, so take a deep breath, and wait for the right time to make your next move.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 The time to make your move is now. Love is on the rise, and socializing and networking will be successful personally and professionally. Aggressive, honest communication will get you the results you want.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Concentrate on the personal aspects of your life, such as family, home, and finances. Someone who can alter your future monetarily will appreciate your desire and the initiative you take to make a difference.

CANCER June 21-July 22 You may not want to share your plans with anyone, but keeping a secret may lead to trouble with someone you love. Before you decide to take a chance, consider the consequences should things not turn out as planned.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Your insight regarding financial investments and contractual negotiations will help you make good choices. Don't let someone else's uncertainty or fear prevent you from doing what you know in your heart is right.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You can make a difference at home.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You may be emotionally fragile, but that doesn't mean you should back away from fixing whatever is wrong in your personal or professional life. Face the music head on, and you will feel better at the end of the day with the changes you have brought about.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Take your goals into account before you make a rash decision that may not suit your needs. There is money to be made if you let your intuition guide you.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Travel may entice you, but before you spend on something you don't need, consider what else you can do with the time and money it will cost for a moment's pleasure.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You can make headway if you focus on how you can make your investments worth more. A contract with someone you want to spend more time with looks encouraging. Love and romance are highlighted, and plans for two should be made.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You have to compromise if you want to get ahead. Focus on what's really important. Do your best to keep the peace and to nurture what you have. Now is not the time to rock the boat, and using force will backfire.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Look around before you leap into something you know little about. If you don't see others clamoring to get involved, reconsider your motives. Physical activity will help you chill out and put things in perspective. Slow down, and rethink your position and your next move.

DILBERT

by Scott Adams



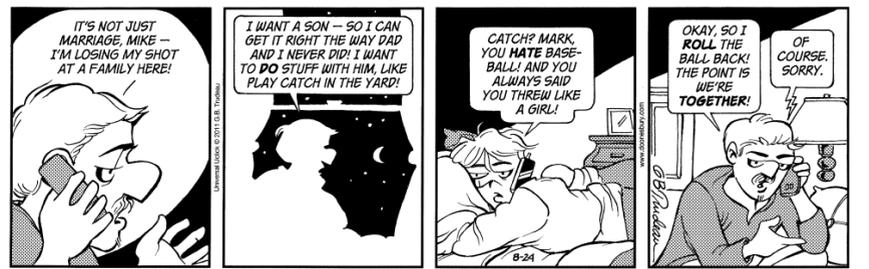
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today's events

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- **Center for Student Involvement & Leadership Poster Sale**, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Hubbard Park
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Welcome Week, Student Organization Fair**, 11 a.m., Hubbard Park
- **Listening Post with Terrence Neuzil**, 11:30 a.m., Mekong, 5 Sturgis Corner
- **The new rural-urban-migrant divide in China**, noon p.m., 332 North Hall
- **Welcome Week Taste of Iowa City**, 4 p.m., Downtown and North Side Marketplace
- **Art in the Park**, 5 p.m., Chauncey Swan Park
- **Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Chauncey Swan Parking Ramp
- **Market Music**, 5 p.m., Chauncey Swan Parking Ramp
- **Renew Your Future Education**, 6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Bingo**, 6:30 p.m., Eagle's Club, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Summer Open Mike**, Spoken Word, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **Buddhist Meditation Classes**, 7 p.m., Friends Meeting House, 211 N Linn
- **University Lecture Committee**, “Haiti: An Unnatural Disaster,” Paul Farmer, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

The New York Times Crossword

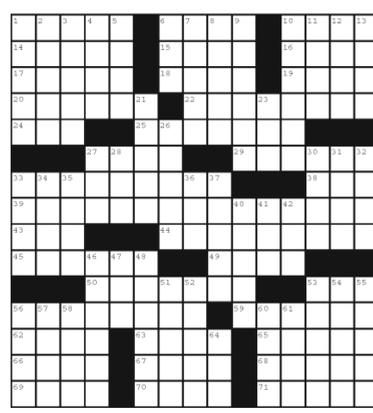
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When this puzzle is done, you will find that the ends of the answers to the five starred clues, when in the 15-87-Across, comprise a 1-71-Across.

- Across**
- 1 [See blurb]
 - 6 Grows old
 - 10 “Easy to Be Hard” musical
 - 14 Boxing locale
 - 15 [See blurb]
 - 16 First word of the “Aeneid”
 - 17 Requested gift in “A Christmas Story”
 - 18 From a distance
 - 19 Shepherd who co-wrote “A Christmas Story”
 - 20 “Midwest conference
 - 22 “Pancake
 - 24 “not my fault!”
 - 25 Long Island university
 - 27 Wait
 - 29 Show disdain for, in a way
 - 33 Creatures
 - 38 A star may have a big one
 - 39 *1951 Bogart/Hepburn film
 - 43 Suffix with front
 - 44 Weaver of tales on the big screen
 - 45 Warfare
 - 48 Limerick's land
 - 50 One-named female singer with the 2002 #1 hit “Foolish”
 - 53 French dance
 - 56 “Billy Crystal's “Memories of Me” co-star
 - 59 “Shooting star?”
 - 62 Kind of mail
 - 63 Wander
 - 65 Medicinal shrub
 - 66 When the nude scene occurs in 10-Across
 - 67 [See blurb]
 - 68 Hall's partner in pop music
 - 69 Dancer's strap?
 - 70 Ring results, briefly
 - 71 [See blurb]
- Down**
- 1 One of three people walking into a bar, in jokes
 - 2 Go around
 - 3 Satecrackers
 - 4 “... some kind of?”
 - 5 Lovers' ____
 - 6 Smile's center
 - 7 Faux pas
 - 8 “Kill ____” (Metallica's triple-platinum debut album)
 - 9 One of the highest order of angels
 - 10 Pilgrims to Mecca
 - 11 Domain
 - 12 Computer that once came in Bondi Blue
 - 13 Captain, for one
 - 21 Low point
 - 23 Greek symbol for the golden ratio
 - 26 Lucy's husband and son
 - 27 Sheep's sound
 - 28 Like Beethoven's Symphony No. 8
 - 30 Spotted
 - 31 James who co-wrote the script for 39-Across
 - 32 Playwright's prize
 - 33 Ear-related
 - 34 Prefix with -stat
 - 46 Shoot off the backboard successfully
 - 47 Pop a question
 - 48 Strong desire
 - 51 Actress Aimee of “La Dolce Vita”
 - 52 Mystery writer of Connecticut
 - 53 Zulu, e.g.
 - 54 Dermatologists' concerns
 - 55 Dog restraint
 - 56 Cracked
 - 57 Time founder Henry
 - 58 Opposed to “La Dolce Vita”
 - 60 “It ____ no concern”
 - 61 “Keep it ____”
 - 64 Peaks: Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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ADMINISTRATION DISCLOSES EMAILS



Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad sits down with *The Daily Iowan* for an exclusive interview at the State Capitol this past April. (The Daily Iowan/Rob Johnson)

Mason talked with Branstad about UIHC privacy violations

Gov. Terry Branstad apparently talked directly to University of Iowa President Sally Mason after UI Hospitals and Clinics employees were accused of improperly accessing student-athletes' medical records.

In February, UI officials took disciplinary action against five employees who allegedly accessed private information about 13 Hawkeye football players who were hospitalized with rhabdomyolysis.

In emails released Tuesday by the Governor's Office, Mason briefly mentions talking to the governor about the issue.

"Dave, the governor was particularly interested in this last week when he called me. Do you want to give him a heads up?" Mason wrote on Feb. 2 to then-Regent President David Miles in response to an update on the disciplined employees.

- by Adam B Sullivan

Gartner lobbied Branstad administration to oppose tuition hikes

Former Regent Michael Gartner pushed Gov. Terry Branstad to restore some higher education funding in order to avoid tuition increases for in-

state students earlier this year, emails released by the Governor's Office Tuesday show.

This year's state budget saw millions of dollars cut from the Board of Regents, leading higher-education officials to impose a 5 percent tuition hike on University of Iowa students. But in February, before the tuition increase or the state budget were completed, Gartner urged the governor to step in.

"If the Legislature and the governor could add \$17.4 million back to the budget - a bit less than half of the governor's proposed cut of \$36.7 million in state funds for general university support - they could tie it to tuition and say that with this money there need be NO tuition increase next year for undergraduate students from Iowa. That would be a blockbuster," Gartner wrote in an email to Linda Fandel, a Branstad education adviser, on Feb. 10.

Gartner also said calling the tuition hike 5 percent was misleading because some students would see bigger increases. Nursing students at the UI, for instance, saw tuition jump more than 40 percent this year.

Gartner and Ruth Harkin were the only regents to vote against the tuition increase in March.

- by Adam B Sullivan

Branstad's office is computer-less

Gov. Terry Branstad sends relatively few emails and doesn't have a computer at his desk, records released by the

Governor's Office on Tuesday show.

The Branstad administration released almost 400 emails to the *Press-Citizen* in response to a request for messages between Branstad's office and the state Board of Regents.

The disclosures include a handful of letters signed by Branstad but almost no electronic correspondence originating from Branstad.

Branstad staffer Margaret Hough wrote in an email to regent staff member Sheila Doyle on March 17 explaining Branstad doesn't have a computer at his desk.

"Due to the overwhelming amount of emails that Gov. Branstad receives, we did not put a computer in his office when he came to the Capitol from the campaign," Hough wrote.

- by Adam B Sullivan

Branstad breaks campaign promise with open-records charge

Gov. Terry Branstad's office charged *The Daily Iowan* and the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* \$360.70 to fill a records request for correspondence between the Branstad administration and the state Board of Regents office.

That charge falls in line with a controversial policy from Branstad's predecessor, Democratic Gov. Chet Culver. Backed by Attorney General Tom Miller, Culver charged members of the public for the time it took legal staff to review documents before the records could be released. Branstad criticized Culver for that during the campaign, saying it presented a barrier to open government and promised to discontinue it once in office.

The *Press-Citizen* requested the documents on July 21. Branstad's office wrote in an email to the paper last week that legal staff took 14 hours to review the documents. The disclosure includes 350 electronic documents as well as 47 physical documents; 68 emails were withheld, said a state lawyer.

- by Adam B Sullivan

BRANSTAD

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Craig Lang also had no comment on the issue.

Regent Robert Downer said he has not seen hostility from the governor toward the regents but said Branstad's opinions may differ from his own.

Downer said he thinks Branstad made "excellent" appointments to the regents earlier this year - the Iowa Senate unanimously

approved Bruce Rastetter, Nicole Carroll, and Katie Mulholland on April 5 - and that he has enjoyed working with all of them.

"I'm on the side of higher education in Iowa," he said, refusing to disclose his support for either the governor or Miles, his longtime fellow regent.

Further, Downer said, it is not productive to speculate about Branstad's actions.

"I'm interested in what [Branstad] does, not what he may think," Downer said of the possibility Branstad is trying to exert more con-

trol over the regents. "And I think he has shown over the years that he has served as governor of Iowa that he has been a friend of higher education."

Regent Katie Mulholland said she had "no knowledge" of Branstad's and Miles' communication but said she thinks the Legislature understands its role to represent the people of Iowa and design legislation that will benefit the state's population.

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