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Perry misses on voting age, Election Day

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Iowa caucus candidate Rick Perry confused the U.S. legal voting age at a campaign stop in New Hampshire this week.

Speaking at Saint Anselm on Tuesday, he said, "Those of you that will be 21 by November the 12th, I ask for your support and your vote."

Perry apparently didn't know or had forgotten that the voting age in America is 18.

Perry made another slip in the same statement when he referred to "November the 12th" as Election Day. New Hampshire will become the first state in the nation to host a Republican presidential primary on Jan. 10; the general election is scheduled for Nov. 6, 2012.

— Associated Press

Administration fights back on cigarette packs

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is appealing a judge's order blocking a requirement that tobacco companies put graphic images warning about the dangers of smoking on cigarette packs.

U.S. District Judge Richard Leon ruled earlier this month that the cigarette makers are likely to succeed in a lawsuit to stop a Food and Drug Administration requirement that they put images across the top half of all their packs. The images included photos of dead and diseased smokers, which Leon said went beyond conveying the facts about health risks into stop-smoking advocacy.

The requirement was supposed to go into effect next year. But Leon blocked it until after the lawsuit is resolved, which could take years.

The administration filed a notice of appeal Tuesday to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington.

— Associated Press

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Growing some beards grows into movement



Corey Collins, Strom Vaske, Alex Bruzzini, and Mike Greeby started "Beards for Boobies," turning the month of November into a campaign for breast-cancer awareness that raised \$2,000. The group developed a website and sold T-shirts and 500 bracelets. The group of four shaved their beards for the funeral of Collins' mother. (The Daily Iowan/Ricky Bahner)

'Beards for Boobies' raised roughly \$2,000 throughout November.

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Growing a beard is serious business.

And what began as a no-shave competition among four University of Iowa students turned into an awareness campaign that will continue long after their beards are gone.

UI sophomores Corey Collins, Storm Vaske, Mike Greeby, and Alex Bruzzini said they originally decided to have a competition to see who could go the longest without shaving shortly before Nov. 1.

"We thought it would be cool to do No Shave November like a lot of guys do," Vaske said, and the group later re-designated the month as "November to Remember."

The four soon decided they could use their

beards to raise money and awareness for breast-cancer research and called it "Beards for Boobies."

"It was something we kind of wanted to do, and this idea just evolved and got really big," Collins said.

Vaske said the group's goal is to support the search for a cure so fewer people have to face the life-changing effects of breast cancer.

Collins knows about the effects — his mother, Cynthia McAdam, was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008. During the event, Collins gave his mother a wristband the group had made during her time in the hospital.

Throughout the month, the group encour-

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Locals ponder Libya

University of Iowa anti-war protesters reflect on new Libya reports.

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No new antiwar protests are in the works in Iowa City, despite reports of hostility at the hands of insurgents in post-Qaddafi Libya.

But local antiwar activists disagree on the actual implications of President Obama's decision to intervene in the Libyan conflict this spring.

University of Iowa graduate student Dustin Krutsinger organized a protest this past spring against U.S. involvement in Libya.

"The main concern was a prolonged war," he said.

He also said he had concerns in March regarding who would gain power if Qaddafi was removed from power.

And according to a recently leaked United Nations document reported by *The Independent*, Libyans have been detained — and Africans in Libya lynched — by rebel forces now vying for power.

"Now that we realize that the people we were supporting weren't as good as we had hoped, I'm glad we didn't put in any more time or money into this campaign," Krutsinger said.

However, UI senior Dan Olinghouse, who studied abroad this past spring when the protests broke out, said he believes the transition has gone fairly smoothly considering all factors.

"I'm not going to go around saying 'I told you so,'" he said. "... It seems like it was a fairly clean intervention. It just took a while."

UI political-science Associate Professor Brian Lai said coups such as Libya's have the

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Potpourri of tax plans

Americans for Fair Taxation wants to eliminate all federal taxes and replace them with a flat 23 percent consumption tax.

By **RISHABH R. JAIN**
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Most of the candidates running for the Republican presidential nomination want to simplify the federal tax system. Conservatives say that would spur economic growth, but some scholars say those plans could end up hurting the poor.

GOP leaders say the current federal tax system is too complicated, burdensome, and costly. One solution the some of candidates support is replacing federal income tax brackets with some kind of flat tax.

"What we are hearing from most of the candidates center on the idea of making the tax process less confusing," said Cristi Gleason, a University of Iowa accounting associate professor. "... This I think is a reaction to the general public's frustration with the taxation process. I agree that right now filing taxes can be confusing because of the various deductions and loopholes."

Leo Linbeck — cofounder and CEO of Americans for Fair Taxation, sometimes referred to simply as FairTax — said his organization focused on tax simplification when members penned their tax-policy proposal in the mid-1990s.

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From bath(room) to verse

The Potty Mouth poetry community project began as an assignment for a poetry workshop seminar.

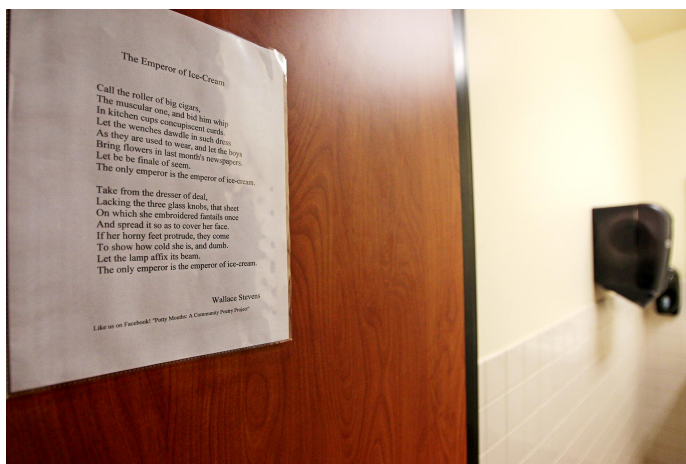
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The newspapers, magazines, and hastily etched phrases in some Iowa City restroom stalls have been replaced by an unlikely stand-in: poetry.

Through an endeavor called Potty Mouths, three creative-writing students at the University of Iowa hopes to make poetry accessible to every member of the community as well as add to Iowa City's image as a UNESCO City of Literature.

"The goal of the project, essentially, is to bring art to Iowa City patrons at a time and place that's convenient for them," said Kaylee Williams, one of the creators of Potty Mouth.

As a part of the project, poetry was posted with permission from the establish-



"The Emperor of Ice Cream," by Wallace Stevens, hangs on the women's restroom door in Coldstone on Tuesday as part of the community project Potty Mouths. The project was started by three UI creative-writing students to increase access to poetry and to Iowa City's literature. (The Daily Iowan/Asmaa Elkeurti)

ments in the restroom stalls of many downtown businesses and cafés, Williams said.

And what started off as a project for a class has quickly launched into a community-wide endeavor.

"A big part of what we're doing is centered on the idea that poetry is an art form that is accessible to all people, not just to university folk. It's something we're trying to express to people and show them," Williams said. "Poetry is for everyone."

The project has been well-received by many members of the community.

"People in Iowa City and the community are getting excited about it. People are noticing," Williams said. "It's definitely grown bigger than us, and that's exactly the point. We want to engage people on a mass scale."

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"You knew you were being discriminated against. But there was nothing you could do about it."



Richard Breaux, Betty Jean Ferguson, Ted Wheeler, Orville Townsend, and Dianna Penny shared their stories at Shambaugh Auditorium on Tuesday. The panel examines what it was like to be black at the University of Iowa in the 1950s. (The Daily Iowan/Toan Nguyen)

Not-so-good old days

African Americans now make up 2.7 percent of the UI student enrollment.

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Orville Townsend came to the University of Iowa in 1962 on a football scholarship. As an African American, Townsend experienced the beginning of integration at the UI. Also a letter-winning athlete in fencing, the alumnus said that despite the legal changes, many of the students kept themselves segregated.

Living in the dorms, he said, the few African American students at that time stuck together.

"You knew you were being discriminated against," he said. "But there was nothing you could do about it."

The UI integrated the dorms when Townsend was here in the 1960s. However, even after that, finding housing was difficult.

"White athletes would sign the lease, then everyone would move in," Townsend said chuckling. "But that began to improve as laws passed."

Experiences such as Townsend's provide a scope of how both society and the university have progressed on the issues over the years.

"It's important to provide a sense of direction to students now to see what the university has come to so they can compare their own experiences," said Richard Breaux, a professor of ethnic studies at the Colorado State University and moderator for a panel discussion held Tuesday evening.

The panel, "Black Hawkeyes," is a part of a

five-day program to examine past discrimination in the state and the city.

Alexander G. Clark Jr. was the first African American student to graduate from the University of Iowa, in 1879. He went on to be one of the first in the nation to earn a law degree.

Since that time, officials say large steps have been taken to welcome African Americans on college campuses, including the UI.

"You can look back and be out [of the university] only 10 or 20 years and be amazed how much Iowa has changed," Breaux said.

Forty years later, the UI has a thriving African American student population, university officials say.

The school first began tracking ethnic diversity during the 1978-79 academic school year, when 602 students were African American, compared with 819 African American students in the fall of 2011.

"It's reasonable to say it was a smaller percentage then," said UI Libraries Archivist David McCartney said. "It was less likely for opportunities compared with more recent times."

Townsend was not the only African American who found living situations difficult.

"The reason I didn't come to Iowa [for undergraduate work in the 1950s] was because black students couldn't live in the dorms," UI alumna Betty Ferguson said, who first attended col-

UI Black Hawkeye Alumni Panel

The UI has many prominent African-American alumni, faculty, staff, and students.

- Lulu Merle Johnson: First black woman to receive a Ph.D. in political-science in the U.S. in 1941.
- Phillip G. Hubbard: First black man to be named a vice president at a Big Ten university
- Alexander G. Clark Jr.: First black student to graduate from the UI in 1879.

source: UI Library Archives

lege elsewhere before coming to the UI to earn a master's in social work in 1972. "I also had never had a black teacher."

Ferguson said she noticed the biggest changes when Willard "Sandy" Boyd became president, and other panelists agreed.

"He made the clear difference at this university for people of color," said UI alumnus and panelist Ted Wheeler. "He made sure everyone was treated fairly."

Boyd, now a UI professor

of law and president emeritus, said efforts to eliminate discrimination were an important part of his presidency.

"The burden should never be on the person discriminated against, rather it should be on the university," he said.

Affirmative attitude was taken to expand recruitment, and the administration opened up the campus for all ethnicities, genders, and persons with disabilities.

"It's the simple notion of we want to treat others the way we want to be treated," Boyd said.

Billie Townsend, a UI administrative services coordinator in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said the problem that faces the UI is not recruiting but retaining.

"In my opinion we have a great record for recruitment of brilliant minorities, especially African American faculty, staff, and students," she said. "But our retention rate and our nurturing of these faculty, staff and students still leaves a lot to be desired."

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UISG backs ITS student focus groups

Students will soon have the opportunity to have their opinions and concerns heard regarding the University of Iowa Information Technology Service.

The UI Student Government passed a bill to support the creation of ITS student focus groups at a general Senate meeting Tuesday night.

The bill, submitted by Sen. Joe Van Zant, comes after many software developments have been

made to ICON and ISIS. ITS asked UISG to organize focus groups to garner student feedback on the updates and improvements to these systems.

Though there are no specific dates in mind, ITS student focus groups will be held as necessary, and the UISG Academic Affairs Committee will be responsible for spearheading these efforts, Van Zant said.

Students will be notified of future opportunities to participate in ITS student focus groups through their HawkMail address.

— by Kristen East

Woman faces numerous charges

A Burlington woman faces numerous charges after she allegedly cashed three fraudulent checks at an Iowa City Hy-Vee.

According to a complaint by Iowa City police, Larry'sha Lawrence, 20, presented three fraudulent checks at Hy-Vee, 1720 Waterfront Drive, and allegedly had them cashed.

The complaint said the clerks at Hy-Vee checked Lawrence's driver's license and wrote the

license number on the checks, which were cashed Aug. 3 and 4. The license number reportedly belongs to Lawrence. Lawrence was also allegedly recorded on Hy-Vee video surveillance cashing the three checks, which totaled \$2,580.87.

The complaint said Lawrence was arrested in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, on July 8 on similar charges. In Iowa City, she is charged with three counts of forgery, second-degree theft, and identity theft, all of which are Class-D felonies.

— by Matt Starns

BLOTTER

Randall Jones, 58, De Soto, Iowa, was charged Monday with OWI. Mary Riley, 20, 321 S. Dodge St., was charged Tuesday with driving

with a revoked license. Brian Sutton, 21, 366 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2627, was charged Nov. 13 with possession of marijuana.

Jasper Washington, 142 Ravencrest Drive, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Zachary Washpun, 18, 1305 Second Ave., was charged Tuesday with domestic abuse assault.

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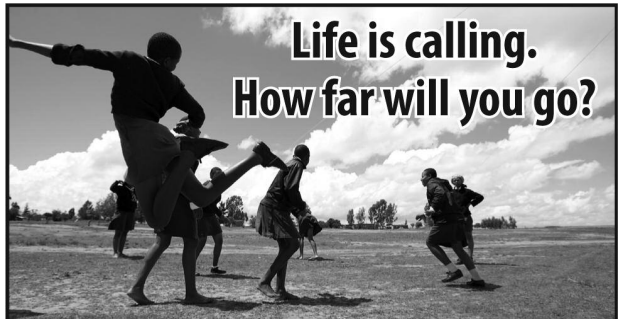
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UI students (from left to right) Caitlyn Hagarty, Brad Mensen, and Adam Winters participate in a clothing drive at the Newman Catholic Student Center on Tuesday. Clothing donated will be distributed to area homeless shelters. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Vote sets up detainee clash

By DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Tuesday rejected an effort to strip divisive provisions from a defense bill that deal with the capture and handling of suspected terrorists, setting up a showdown with the White House.

The resounding 60-38 vote sent a strong message to the Obama administration, which has threatened a veto of the bill over the requirement of military custody for captured terror suspects and limitations on the ability to transfer detainees from the naval prison at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. The clash underscores the ongoing dispute between the executive branch and some in Congress over whether to treat suspected terrorists as prisoners of war or criminals.

It also exposed deep divisions in Senate Democratic ranks.

“The provisions would dramatically change broad counterterrorism efforts by requiring law-enforcement officials to step aside and ask the Department of Defense to take on a new role they are not fully

equipped for and do not want,” said Sen. Mark Udall, D-Colo., who noted that the legislation would make the military “police, judge, and jailer.”

His amendment would have taken out the sections on detainees and instead called for Congressional hearings with Pentagon and administration officials on the issue.

Defending the provisions, Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin argued that they contain a national-security waiver for the administration. The issue has pitted Levin against other senior Democratic senators, including the chairmen of the Intelligence and Judiciary Committees.

“Should somebody when it’s been determined ... to be a member of an enemy force who has come to this nation or is in this nation to attack us as a member of a foreign enemy, should that person be treated according to the laws of war? And the answer is yes,” said Levin, D-Mich.

The bill would require military custody of a suspect deemed to be a mem-

ber of Al Qaeda or its affiliates and involved in plotting or committing attacks on the United States.

“We’re fighting a war, not a crime,” said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and FBI Director Robert Mueller have spelled out their opposition in letters to lawmakers. Mueller said Monday that because the legislation applies to people detained in the United States, it could disrupt ongoing international terrorism investigations and make it difficult for the FBI to work with a grand jury or obtain subpoenas.

Mueller also described the waiver as too cumbersome, requiring that it be obtained from the Defense secretary in consultation with the secretary of State and the director of National Intelligence with a certification to Congress.

Preston Golson, a spokesman for CIA Director David Petraeus, said “The director feels that the president should have flexibility in dealing with persons detained for involvement in international terrorism.”

UISG polishes lobbying

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University of Iowa students must build relationships with elected officials when lobbying for funds.

That’s one message UI student leaders and state legislators are attempting to convey as the 2012 legislative session nears.

UI Student Government officials held a lobbying-training session for executives and senators during a general Senate meeting Tuesday night as a way to better prepare themselves for Regents Day in March and the 2012 legislative session. The event included local officials and legislators.

“We are very appreciative that [Iowa legislators] are able to volunteer their time tonight to make us more effective advocates for the university,” said UISG President Elliot Higgins said. “It’s a very valuable opportunity that the other institutions may not have.”

UISG and Hawkeye Caucus, another student organization, have made lobbying a priority in recent years because of declining state appropriations and rising tuition.

This year, the state Board of Regents will increase tuition by 3.75 percent for in-state undergraduate students and 4.75 percent for out-of-state students. In the 2011-12 school year, those increases were 5 and 6 percent.

Sens. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, and Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, and Reps. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, and Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, attended the training session to participate in small-group sessions.

The sessions were led by UISG Governmental Relations Committee liaison Katherine Valde and committee co-heads Sens. Michael Dickinson and Caroline Dvorsky.

Higgins said the UI’s focus when lobbying is, and always has been, state appropriations.

“By maintaining a stable level of state appropriations, it ensures that universities can keep tuition down, and that is the most pressing issue that students face here,” he said.

Regents Day isn’t the only lobbying opportunity for student leaders.

Higgins said UISG has also worked closely with Executive Council on Graduate and Professional Students and student leaders from the other regent universities to create a town-hall proposal.

“The goal is to conduct six town-hall meetings

across the state that highlight the three regent universities,” he said. “These town-halls will highlight specific things that the universities contribute to their communities.”

The town-hall proposal is still in its preliminary stages, but Higgins said one idea that has been tossed around is a town-hall meeting dealing specifically with the aftermath of the 2008 flood.

Higgins said all UISG members, as well as any UI students who are interested, are invited to attend lobbying sessions.

At this session, Bolkcom told UISG members lobbying is all about creating relationships.

“Relationships are all about how we make every decision in our life,” he said. “We take advice from people we know and trust and have relationships with.”

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Editorial

Prioritize multilingualism in childhood education

Learning languages early in childhood is vital to the growth of our students. School districts should start as early as elementary school to implement programs in order to provide students with the tools they need to excel in a global economy.

While speaking at various town-hall meetings and public forums in the past weeks, Gov. Branstad communicated the key points of his education blueprint. Branstad said that if implemented, the blueprint would allow the state's students to be more competitive in the global and national arenas, while also benefiting schools and teachers in the local communities.

But one aspect that is lacking in the plan is an increased emphasis on the teaching of foreign languages in secondary and elementary schools.

The governor himself said dual competency was a "great suggestion," saying, "[The United States hasn't] done a very good job of encouraging students to be competent in more than one language."

Though in a town-hall meeting on Nov. 15, Branstad clarified his statement, saying linguistic dual competency should be merely encouraged but not mandatory in Iowa schools.

The importance of multilingual students is somewhat overlooked by the current administration's plan. Because the plan is money-driven, it is difficult to have an honest discussion on important curriculum without knowing where the money is coming from.

This view is echoed by Leslie Schrier, a UI associate professor of education who specializes in Foreign Language/ESL development. She said learning a language is more than just experiencing a culture, it is developing a skill that can be used in everyday life and can be used to better understand our neighbors and better help Iowa's students learn.

Schrier believes that language development should be looked at similar to driving an other day-to-day actions and should be emphasized early.

"The sooner you start younger people, the more chance they have at being competent in those skills," Schrier said. "If you recognize a person's first language and work the language into the community, then the child will have a better chance to thrive."

Science backs up Schrier's idea. A study recently published in the *Journal of Phonetics* found that the ability to learn a foreign language starts slipping as early as 12 months old.

As a first-generation American, Schrier speaks from experience when she explored the way non-native speaking people, called "heritage language" speakers, integrate into a community.

"The recognition of other people's cultures doesn't seem to resonate in the classroom," she said. "In hard economic times, people begin to circle the wagons,

leaving other programs by the wayside."

But these programs should not be cut — they should be viewed differently. Integration of a foreign culture into Iowan communities is more than necessary. Understanding a culture will provide for faster integration, and the only way to understand people is to communicate with them.

But in the end it comes down to the money. "It's very hard to justify the paying of a foreign-language teacher over the paying of a reading teacher," Schrier said.

The money will come as the value of bilingualism continues to grow. According to a 2009 poll, 31 percent of executives are bilingual, an additional 20 percent are trilingual, 9 percent speak four languages, and 4 percent speak more than four languages.

Linda Fandel, the governor's special assistant for education, said that although the governor is not mandating foreign-language programs in schools, he is strongly encouraging them.

"Foreign-language programs provide a lot of value," she said. "They open up doors in life, from learning about other cultures to making job possibilities realities."

Fandel accompanied a U.S. delegation to Singapore in October to observe and further understand how to create a better education system in Iowa. She said students in Singapore learn languages in their mother tongue, but also learn English as a common language very early in their educational experience.

"It's a flat world," she said, "Learning any second language is beneficial because of the increasing global economy, from communicating in job at a local business to a career after college."

Implementation of these programs is something to explore, she said, but the governor does not want to require programs right now.

Explore if you will, but we can't throw out foreign-language programs as if they are superfluous to our economic and cultural pursuits. They are at the core of our everyday life and affect our day-to-day actions in many ways.

While other countries, and even other states, are increasing efforts to encourage multilingualism, the United States and Iowa have remained largely stagnant. As a result, both the country and the state are taking steps backward in worldwide and national rankings. In order to stay ahead of the pack — or, as it may be the case, make up much-needed ground — foreign language must be highly prioritized early in our school systems.

Your turn. Should schools stress foreign languages?
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Cain's usually wrong, but he's good for debate



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It looks like Georgia businessman Herman Cain will drop out of the Iowa caucus race soon.

Cain isn't the brains of the party, and he probably wouldn't have ended up the candidate anyway. Still, the race will be worse without him.

Even when Cain is wrong (which he often — well, almost always — is), he at least brings fresh ideas. Most of the other candidates in the race for the Republican presidential nomination are regurgitating ideas that Republicans have been spouting at least since Newt Gingrich was the head of the U.S. House.

The obvious example is Cain's tax plan. He's been mocked and criticized for 9-9-9 — his idea to abolish the current federal tax code and replace it with a 9 percent income-tax, 9 percent corporate-tax, and 9 percent sales-tax. A handful of studies show that would mean higher net taxes for most Americans, and I think most people think that's a bad idea.

But even if the numbers prescribed in Cain's plan aren't the right ones, he's at least offering a drastic change.

Many of the big issues facing the United States are unlikely to be fixed long-term with incremental changes to the current system.

Instead, they likely require drastic changes and near-complete overhauls. The income-tax system, for instance, is clearly broken. We shouldn't have a tax system that requires us to pay highly trained accountants hundreds or thousands of dollars to send our money to the government. Instead, we should

have a tax system — and a government at large, for that matter — that regular people can understand and navigate. Cain's 9-9-9 isn't the solution, but it is a good starting point for that discussion.

Cain as an outlier extends beyond tax policy. For instance, he's been quoted as saying poor people are mostly at fault for their fiscal status:

- He said on CNN, "I'm ready for the 'gotcha' questions, and they're already starting to come. And when they ask me who is the president of Ubeki-beki-beki-beki-stan-stan, I'm going to say, You know, I don't know. Do you know? And then I'm going to say, 'How's that going to create one job?'"

- He said to the *Wall Street Journal*, "Don't blame Wall Street, don't blame the big banks. If you don't have a job and you are not rich, blame yourself."

- And he told CNN, "African-Americans have been brainwashed into not being open-minded, not even considering a conservative point of view. I have received some of that same vitriol simply because I am running for the Republican nomination as a conservative."

All of those things are probably wrong, but they at least provide something new to think about. The other candidates on the debate stage — except U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, and maybe former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman — basically talk about every issue the same way. Nobody offers any real substantive challenge to the others.

If we don't have a Herman Cain in the race, all we have is Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich pushing for what end up being relatively small changes. ■

Letter

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Pap smears don't prevent cancer

Since when do Pap smears prevent cervical (or any) cancer?

I thought it was a diagnostic tool to detect evidence of cancer or precancerous cells so one could get early treatment — yet *The Daily Iowan* told me

Tuesday, "only one method is statistically proven to prevent the disease ... Pap smears."

Perhaps you meant to say Pap smears reduce death from cervi-

cal cancer. But that's not what you said. If it is what you meant, I'd like to see those stats.

Janel Roling
UI faculty

Guest opinion

Gov. Brownback's struggles with social media

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback's social-media staff isn't doing him any favors. Taking exception when they came across a disrespectful tweet by a suburban Kansas City high-school senior participating in a Youth in Government program, the staffers alerted program managers, who reported the student to her principal. The principal then demanded that she apologize.

The result? An adolescent tweet — "Just made mean comments at gov-

brownback and told him he sucked, in person #heblowsalot." — directed to 65 of the high-school student's closest friends is now a national story. Type "Gov. Brownback sucked" in Google, and you'll get 250,000 results. Whoops.

Emma Sullivan's tweet was both crude and untrue. She didn't actually say anything to the governor. But efforts to punish her for her free expression backfired on every adult involved.

Why do officials so often fail to understand that

Americans are born with free speech? While courts have held that children grow into those rights as they age, there's no question that a high-school student has every right to criticize the governor of her state.

Courts have upheld some restrictions on students participating in school-sanctioned events, but Sullivan's tweet was anything but disruptive to the educational process. This was an 18-year-old messing with her friends, sharing an essentially private message to her circle.

It was only the Governor's Office's efforts to seek out any reference to Brownback that led the staffers to stumble upon it.

An older generation accustomed to seeing significance in anything set in type tends to overreact to online posts, blogs, and tweets. There's a younger generation of Americans who share what they think as soon as they think it, and no one is going to police that.

Youth in Government is designed to give young people an understanding of

how government works, including when it malfunctions. That was underscored Tuesday when Brownback, rallying from this public-relations fiasco, apologized.

"My staff overreacted to this tweet, and for that, I apologize," Brownback said in a statement, according to the Associated Press. "Freedom of speech is among our most treasured freedoms."

There's a certain irony in the timing of this incident. The First Amendment Center is part of a national

coalition of educational and news organizations promoting "Free to Tweet," a national contest pegged to the 220th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. Students ages 14 to 22 are eligible to compete for \$5,000 scholarships by expressing themselves through tweets on that date. It appears that Emma Sullivan entered a little early.

Ken Paulson is president and chief executive officer of the First Amendment Center. Previously, he served as editor and senior vice president of news of *USA TODAY.com*.
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NO SHAVE

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aged hundreds of men to grow out beards for the cause, but the organizers' goal of keeping their beards until the very end fell short by two weeks.

But during the competition, Collins' mother died on Nov. 16. The four friends decided to shave their beards for the funeral out of respect for Collins' mother. "... [the event] became really personal for us," Vaske said.

Young Altruistic Professionals of America

The UI students who organized "November to Remember" are planning future fundraising events, pending UI approval.

- February - Heart disease
- April - Autism

Collins said coming back to campus with a shaven face was difficult, but seeing all the students who were still supporting the cause moved him.

"It's kind of like — if I

was a football player and I saw someone wearing my jersey with my name on it — it's just like that kind of feeling," said Collins. "You're walking around campus, and you see someone wearing your band or shirt that you don't even know — that's awesome."

The original idea for the event wasn't meant just for Collins' mother but to raise awareness for the cause as a whole.

UI sophomore Michael Kardell, who participated in the event, said he was quick to jump on board.

"It was really great to see something like this be put

together," he said. "I remember growing up in high school, my friends and I participated in [No Shave November], but it never had any meaning ... I've had relatives who have passed away because of cancer, and this is that extra effort that I can put forth to the cause."

The friends have since developed an online giving page, designed T-shirts, and sold wristbands called "Bands for Life" to raise money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. The \$5 wristbands, worn by around 500 UI students, raised around \$2,000.

"It wasn't specifically for her, but it hits home," Collins said. "November to Remember has a really strong meaning behind it — it kind of smacks you in the face when you realize this doesn't just affect you, it affects everyone."

According to the National Cancer Institute an estimated 230,480 women will be diagnosed with and 39,520 women will die of breast cancer in 2011.

This event inspired the group to apply to become an official student organization called the Young Altruistic Professionals of America. The organization

will focus on entrepreneurship, organizing different fundraising events throughout the year.

And though Kristi Finger, the UI coordinator for student organizations, said that while the group isn't official, it is on its way.

"The hardest part is finding something that people are willing to believe in, and this [event] really blew up on campus," Greeby said. "We really found out how much support we have, and that's why we want to keep going and utilizing that support to better our community."

LIBYA

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potential to lead to volatile environments.

"Post-revolutions tend to have governments that are somewhat unstable," he said. "[Libyans have] been through a civil war."

UI senior Drew Hjelm, who did not participate in the protest, said he thought the U.S. government was not transparent in its dealing with Libya.

"On the one hand, there's support for the Libyan government," he said. "And they helped overthrow the government without knowing who they were supporting."

"I was a little disappoint-

ed I wasn't able to rally more people in support of it," he said of his rally in March. "I was hoping to get some of the antiwar organizations involved as well ... I wish our numbers could have been a little stronger."

And Lai said if the current state of civil rights in Libya does not improve, the buzz could potentially affect the upcoming 2012

U.S. presidential election.

"If things go badly in Libya ... it could be something people could point to as the inability of Obama to handle Libya," he said. "It probably won't have a huge impact."

But Krutsinger said the way Republican candidates have been discussing Libya is cause for concern.

"There's a lot of fearmongering," Krutsinger said.

While Hjelm said he has not been very involved in protests on campus, he said U.S. government action has led to unfortunate outcomes.

"... good intentions do not always lead to good results," he said. "... The results are overwhelmingly negative for many Libyans."

Krutsinger said he wants the U.S. to show more "constraint" in the future.

"I'm hopeful that we as a nation can learn from this lesson," he said.

While Olinghouse said Libya's government still has much progress to make, he thinks U.S. involvement is no longer necessary.

"It's really up to the Libyan government at this point to straighten the country out," he said.

CAUCUS

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The FairTax plan would eliminate existing federal taxes and replace them with a national sales tax of 23 percent.

The FairTax plan wouldn't include deductions or exemptions for such items as food staples, which many states do not subject to sales tax. However, Linbeck said, the plan does include a "prebate" to cover taxes an average consumer would pay for such basic needs as food and shelter.

FairTax proponents say the plan would be revenue-neutral — that is, it would not cause a huge dip to federal revenue. However, Eugene Steuerle, a researcher who works with the Tax Policy Center, said many flat-tax proposals such as FairTax would mean fewer dollars coming into the federal government.

"They are reducing taxes on higher-income-level households at the expense of increasing the tax burden on the lower-income households. The decrease in revenue would make funding for entitlement programs difficult," he said. "That is probably because they replace a progressive rate structure with a flat-rate structure."

Republicans are also eyeing the federal long-term capital-gains tax, a tax on income from investments such as stocks and bonds.

Many Republican tax proposals would either

Candidates' tax policy positions

Gary Johnson

Johnson wants to cut spending and eliminate the capital-gains tax. He also wants to eliminate the corporate tax while simplifying the tax code for individuals and families.

Rick Santorum

Santorum, too, wants to bring down the corporate tax, elimi-

nate long-term entitlement programs such as Medicare and Social Security, and cut spending and end bailouts.

Michele Bachmann

Bachmann wants to reduce the number of federal income-tax brackets, repeal taxes put in place by the Democrats' 2010 health-care overhaul, reform the alternate minimum tax, and eliminate the federal inheritance tax.

Ron Paul

Paul calls for an immediate elimination of the federal income tax

and the Internal Revenue Service, much like the FairTax organization. He also supports excise tax, tariffs, and cuts in spending. He believes people should pay taxes only on what they spend.

Newt Gingrich

Gingrich wants to eliminate the capital-gains tax, bring down the corporate tax to 12.5 percent, and give people an option of a 15 percent flat income tax with a personal deduction of \$12,000.

Jon Huntsman

Huntsman wants to eliminate all

exemptions and deductions and implement just three federal income-tax brackets — 8 percent for low-earners, 16 for middle-income earners, and 23 percent for higher earners. He wants to lower corporate tax from 35 percent to 25 percent.

Rick Perry

Perry's plan would cut taxes, cap federal spending at 18 percent of GDP, and give taxpayers an option of a single 20 percent flat tax that will not tax capital gains and dividends. Taxpayers who opt into the flat-tax system would not be able to switch back to the bracketed system.

Mitt Romney

Romney wants to put a cap on government spending and reform the country's entitlement programs to avoid insolvency. Instead of a flat tax, he said he'd keep and reform the current income tax system in place and also loosen restrictions on investments.

Herman Cain

Cain plans to set the federal income tax and corporate tax to 9 percent each while eliminating the payroll tax. He also plans to set up a new 9 percent national sales tax on top of the existing local sales taxes.

lower the capital-gains tax — which is currently 15 percent — or eliminate it altogether. They claim this would offer an incentive to consumers to invest more.

But Steuerle says this, too, favors the rich, because many managers and CEOs convert their income to capital, and a complete elimination of the capital-gains tax would cost the government huge amounts of revenue.

In 2011, for instance, the capital-gains tax generated \$447 billion in federal revenue, 3 percent of the country's GDP.

Some in the Republican race also want to eliminate the alternative minimum tax — a flat rate imposed on individuals and businesses if their income federal tax bill falls below a certain amount.

Anjali Singh, a tax accountant, says that change would primarily affect individuals with higher incomes and big corporations.

This is the third in a 10-part series previewing the top issues of the 2012 caucus season, leading up to a special voter's guide on Dec. 12.

- Monday: Health care
- Tuesday: Energy
- Today: Taxes
- Afghanistan and Iraq
- Military spending
- Immigration
- LGBT issues
- Jobs
- Higher education
- Federal debt

"Taxpayers pay the alternative minimum tax if it comes out to be higher than their federal income tax," she said. "Usually, people with higher incomes and corporations are able to keep their taxable income surprisingly low due to professional and timely tax planning ... This is when the alternative minimum tax kicks in."



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" If all mankind were to disappear, the world would regenerate back to the rich state of equilibrium that existed ten thousand years ago. If insects were to vanish, the environment would collapse into chaos. **- E.O. Wilson**"

the ledge

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Possible New Slogans for Nebraska:

- America's Lorem Ipsum.
 - Easily Navigable.
 - Spit where you'd like.
 - More afraid of you than you are of it.
 - Cannibal Free Since '62.
 - An expletive in Klingon.
 - Birthplace of ... uh, Kool-Aid? Yeah, we got nothin'.
 - The state Omaha is trying to sneak out of.
 - We're cool cuz we're in a Lady Gaga song. Lady Gaga? Somebody call my niece, Amber, and have explain this to me.
 - Come see our hill.
 - Send help.
 - We only had a little slavery.
 - Where East meets West and both ask, "When does this state end?"
 - One of the America's five best panhandles.
 - We're very sorry, and we'll try to make it up to you somehow.
 - We're not sure why they don't test the nukes here, either.
 - Just ... I don't know ... come here? Please? We have coffee.
- Andrew R. Juhl thanks Matt, Tyler, Scott, Becca, Mal, Brian, Lindsay, Duane, and Erik.

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5	8	4	6	7	2	9	1	3
9	1	2	5	3	4	8	7	6
6	3	7	8	1	9	5	4	2

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DILBERT

by Scott Adams

I MANUALLY ENTERED ALL OF THE EMPLOYEE DATA YOU WANTED. IT TOOK THE ENTIRE WEEKEND.

I PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU I NO LONGER NEED IT.

DIE! DIE! DIE! YOU INCONSIDERATE MONSTER!

DID YOU REALLY ENTER ALL OF THE DATA?

MAYBE. LET'S CALL IT A TIE.

NON SEQUITUR

BY VIEV

OK... NOW I'M WORRIED

DON'T WORRY, YOU STILL HAVE LOTS OF TIME

HOW HUMAN NATURE WORKS

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

I'M SITTING NEXT TO THE AUTHOR OF "THE RED RASCAL," AND I WISH YOU COULD SEE HIM HERE...

HE'S DRESSED IN FULL AFGHAN FOLKWEAR, AND HE ANSWERS TO THE NAME "SCORCH RAZIL," RIGHT?

OR "RED RASCAL" BITHER'S FINE.

BUT YOUR REAL NAME IS JEFFREY REDFERN, CORRECT?

I HAVE NO "REAL" NAME. I'M A SHOGUN, AN ENIGMA WRAPPED IN A MYSTERY!

OKAY, BUT SAY I WAS WRITING YOU A CHECK...

YOU'D MAKE IT OUT TO "CASH" AS MANY HAVE.

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today's events

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- **Parent and Toddler Fitness**, 9:30 a.m., Scanlon Gym, 2701 Bradford
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Stanley Grant Informational Workshop**, noon, 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Family Medicine Noon Conference**, 12:15 p.m., 01125 UIHC Pomerantz Family Pavilion
- **How to survive an Iowa winter**, 12:30 p.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility Building
- **The Voices of Experience concert series**, 2:30 p.m., Windmill Pointe Estates, 1500 First Ave., Coralville
- **Liver Transplant Evaluation Conference**, 3 p.m., SE 422 UIHC General Hospital
- **Make Glass Beads**, An Introduction to Lampworking through Kirkwood, 5 p.m.,

- Beadology Iowa, 220 E. Washington
- **Zumba with Aimee**, 5:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Holiday Art Projects**, 6 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **Readers and Writers Group**, 6 p.m., Uptown Bill's
- **Spoken Word Open Mike**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's
- **Bluegrass Banjo Jam**, 7 p.m., Hideaway, 310 E. Prentiss
- **Restorative Yoga with Betsy**, 7p.m., Heartland Yoga Studio, 221 E. College
- **Bluegrass Banjo Jam**, 7 p.m., The Hideaway Tavern & Grill, 310 E. Prentiss
- **UI Symphony Orchestra and choruses**, Timothy Stalter, conductor, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Lyal Strickland**, 8 p.m., The Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Jam Session**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- July 2010
- 7 Book Fest 2011, Authors Camille T. Dungy and Shane McCrae speak on July 16
 - 8 Book Fest 2011, Author Stephanie Kallos speaks on July 16
 - 9 Souk Ukaz, "Writing In and Beyond the City," International Writing Program, 2009 film
 - 9:30 Daily Iowan Television News
 - 9:45 Book Fest 2010, Audrey Nittenegeger speaks in July 2010
 - 10:30 Daily Iowan Television News
 - 10:45 Book Fest 2011, Author Elizabeth Berg speaks on July 16
 - 11:45 Java Blend Encore, music videos from the Java House

- Noon Book Fest 2011, Author Elizabeth Berg speaks on July 16
- 1 p.m. Book Fest 2011, Authors Heather Gudenkauf and Bonnie Jo Campbell speak on July 16
- 2 Book Fest 2011, Authors Camille T. Dungy and Shane McCrae speak on July 16
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- 5 Book Fest 2011, Authors Heather Gudenkauf and Bonnie Jo Campbell speak on July 16
- 6 Book Fest 2010, Jane Smiley speaks in

horoscopes

 Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011 - by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Don't take anything you have for granted. Problems at work will surface if you are a know-it-all. Listen and be attentive both at work and home, and you will end up getting what you want. Arguments are for losers.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Someone will try to take advantage of you. Don't offer cash or your time to an organization claiming to help those in need. Work toward your own goals, and help those you love. Charity begins at home. Love is on the rise.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Trust your instincts when it comes to partnerships, business deals, and getting ahead professionally. There is a window of opportunity if you are imaginative in the way you present what you have to offer.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 You'll find it difficult to make a decision based on what you know or hear from others. Until you have all the facts straight in your head, don't make a move that could leave you in a precarious position. Don't take a risk.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Put your money into something that will help you save. Budget wisely now, and you will look like a genius in the months to come. You can have fun with friends and make new acquaintances without overspending or offering to pay for others.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Don't let anyone upset you. You need to have a clear view of what's expected of you at work in order to do your best. Ask questions, and get involved in whatever will help you get ahead. Forget about petty arguments.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Put a little pizzazz into whatever you do. Get out of the house and socialize with people who have something to offer in return. Communication and mingling will lead to an opportunity you won't want to miss.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Get the information you need before making a move. Someone trying to sell you something will be intentionally misleading. You can control the situation if you are prepared. Have an expert on hand to check what's being said.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Good fortune is within reach. Someone from your past will help you get what you want now. Recognition will be yours if you sell yourself well and are passionate about what you do.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Keep things to yourself for now. The element of surprise will help you get ahead. Your timing must be impeccable and your insight on target in order to come out on top. There is money to be made if you are calculating.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You should be moving full speed ahead. Looking for work, a raise, or a promotion should be your top priority. A past acquaintance will help you now. Contact people you have worked with or for. Ask, and you will receive.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Communication is deceiving. Read between the lines, and make sure you understand what's being said before you commit to anything. You are better off doing your own thing rather than joining forces with someone else.

m.c. ginsberg

OBJECTS OF ART



The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1026

- Across**
- Hanging open
 - Cousin of an ax
 - Near Eastern V.I.P.'s
 - Doesn't have a second to lose?
 - Boutique fixture
 - Exhibited perfect braking
 - Native Nebraskan
 - Followers of nus
 - "For me? You shouldn't have ..."
 - Nicest room on a ship, probably
 - Toward the back
 - E.T.A.'s for red-eyes
 - Here, to Henri
 - Footfaraw
 - Aloe additive?
 - "Heavens to Betsy!"
- Down**
- Cashier's error, as suggested by 17-, 22-, 47- and 58-Across?
 - Henry who made a Fortune?
 - Baby taking a bow?
 - Befuddled
 - Baton Rouge sch.
 - Peace grp. since 1948
 - "___ loves me ..."
 - Certain loaf
 - Frigidaire competitor
 - Bumbler
 - Réunion, e.g.
 - Being frugal
 - Strongly praised
 - Goose bumps-producing, maybe
 - Funnywoman Martha
 - Acress Naldi of the silents
 - Kickoff
 - N.A.A.C.P. part: Abbr.
 - Must, slangily
 - Something to be thrown for
 - Top 40 fare
 - Medium capacity?
 - Contribute to the mix
 - Impurity
 - Eastern state?
 - That, in Tijuana
 - "___ there yet?"
 - Handy IDs in the hood?
 - Unwanted spots
 - Kind of terrier
 - Slows down traffic, say?
 - Sign by stairs, often
 - 1,000-foot-deep lake that straddles a state line
 - Many miles away
 - Game with a maximum score of 180
 - Apple offering
 - Zoo keeper?
 - Noodle product?
 - Over the ___
 - Burden
 - Number of people in a room
 - Numbered thing in the Bible
 - Friendly introduction?

Puzzle by Mito Beckman

- Faster's opposite
 - Bring in
 - "Yeah, right"
 - Gerald Ford's birthplace
 - Muslim mystic
 - Theodore Roosevelt, to Eleanor
 - Man of many words?
 - Press conference component, briefly
 - Arena sections
 - Carl's wife in "Up"
 - Bowling alley button
 - On ___ with (equal to)
 - Sheet mineral
 - "There is no ___ team"
 - Name placeholder in govt. records
 - Many a Fortune proflee, for short
 - "Jeopardy!" whiz Jennings
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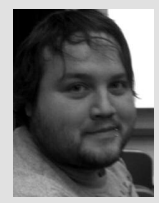
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ON THE STREET

If you could trade lives with anyone in the world, who would it be and why?



"It would be David Bowie, because I would like to experience the life of a British superstar who made amazing music for several decades and to be on the cutting edge of music in the '70s and early '80s."
Joe Pray
UI junior



"Beyoncé, because she's amazing."
Kayla Hyché
UI freshman



"Bill Gates. So I could give myself a very large check."
Blaine Boyle
UI freshman



"Eva Mendez, because she gets to spend a great deal of time with Ryan Gosling."
Jess Jenkins
UI senior

Deficit-panel failure may affect UI funding

The UI received \$155.7 million in federal support between July and October of 2011.

By DORA GROTE
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University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and graduate research funding could see significant funding cuts following the failure of a federal Supercommittee to reach a deficit-reduction agreement, UI officials said.

The Congressional Supercommittee was tasked with developing a plan to cut \$1.5 trillion in federal spending over the next 10 years by Nov. 23, but it failed to reach an agreement.

The failure to reach an agreement may trigger a 2 percent across-the-board spending cut of approximately \$1.2 trillion, effective Jan. 15, 2013.

Defense and domestic discretionary funding — including education, health care, energy, environment, and transportation — will be impacted by the cuts.

And though the cuts are not effective until 2013, UI Vice President for Medical Affairs Jean Robillard said UIHC will ponder cutting expenses in preparation.

“We will have to do some cuts to reduce expenses because we have to have a positive budget at the end of the line,” Robillard said. “But we haven’t decided where they will be yet.”

Robillard said UIHC could see a \$5.3 million funding cut in Medicare and a \$780,000 reimbursement cut to physicians.

The UI has received \$155.7 million in federal funding from July to October 2011, including \$99.5 million for medicine/public health research enterprise.

“A good chunk of those discretionary programs speak to federal support for research in schools,” said UI Teaching and Learning Department Chairman Peter Hlebowitsh. “Clearly there would be a significant chunk of money excised from the budget that would support research in schools.”

And the department of teaching and learning for the College of Education is

Federal Funding Some UI Departments have received federal funding this fiscal year including:

- College of Education: \$1.9 million
- College of Engineering: \$9.4 million
- Graduate College: \$2.0 million
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: \$20.5 million
- Medicine/Public Health Research Enterprise: \$99.5 million

source: UI Funding Watch

sitting on approximately \$8 million in federal grant funding.

“There is a lot of money that comes flowing into the University of Iowa,” Hlebowitsh said. “That means we’re in a climate of shrinking grant resources, and it’s serious business, because we support grad students.”

Similarly, measures are being taken to protect research investments, said UI Vice President for Research Jordan Cohen.

“It’s something we’re always looking for to enhance our faculty competitiveness,” Cohen said. “We are looking for non-federal options for research options.”

But not all funding cuts to the UI are certain.

“The reality is that we don’t really know yet,” Cohen said. “We are anticipating there could be reductions in investments for research spending, but there is no way to judge how [the cuts] will be allocated.”

Joe Hand, the communications director for Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, had similar thoughts.

“Grant funding could come under scrutiny, so money for research could be cut, but we have no idea how it will affect the university,” he said.

And the cuts could even be altered.

“Some people want to change the automatic spending cuts, especially in defense to protect our country,” Hand said.

Search on for assault suspect

Police are still looking for a man who allegedly strangled an officer earlier this month.

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The Johnson County Attorney’s Office said a man who allegedly strangled an Iowa City police officer earlier this month will be charged with attempted murder if he’s caught.

That comes after officials reviewed available evidence following the reported assault of a police officer on Nov. 18.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said the suspect was likely charged with attempted murder because of the nature of the assault.

“He was strangling the officer,” Brotherton said. “He was strangling him and hitting his head against the ground, and the officer lost consciousness.”

The release said the officer was out alone on patrol at 2:10 a.m. when he noticed a man interfering with traffic at the intersec-

tion of Burlington and Linn Streets.

The officer approached the man, who allegedly said he had an ID but refused to give it to the officer before attempting to run away. The officer reportedly grabbed the man, causing them to fall to the ground in a struggle.

The man then allegedly put his arm around the officers neck and attempted to strangle him — causing scrapes to the officer’s hands and legs, bruises on his throat and neck, and a laceration to his head — before a passerby intervened.

Following the struggle, the man allegedly ran south along Linn Street, according to police.

Brotherton said the department has never dealt with an assault of this nature in which they were unable to immediately apprehend the suspect.

“What happened here is



This surveillance video screenshot shows a suspect Iowa City police are searching for. The Johnson County Attorney’s Office said he will be charged with attempted murder after he allegedly strangled an Iowa City police officer earlier this month.

there was no backup available, he went up to the person and hadn’t even initiated arrest — there wasn’t a foot chase,” Brotherton said. “The guy just turned on him and started strangling him.”

Attempted murder is a Class B felony, punishable by up to 25 years in prison. In hopes of apprehending the suspect, police have since released several photos and a video of him, captured on a security camera after he entered Mega

Bite, 335 S. Gilbert St., after the alleged incident.

Iowa City Crime Stoppers has guaranteed a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of this subject. The Iowa City Police Association-Local 16 has also guaranteed an additional \$1,000 reward for information leading to his arrest. The officer, whose name has not yet been released, has since returned to full duty.

NATION

Gingrich: I never lobbied

BLUFFTON, S.C.— Republican presidential caucus contender Newt Gingrich says he didn’t need to be a lobbyist after his Congressional career because he was paid so handsomely to give speeches.

The former House speaker has raked in millions of dollars at his network of for-profit consult-

ing firms, think tanks, and speaking engagements. During a meeting with South Carolina voters at a shopping center Tuesday, he confronted a suggestion that he sought to turn his tenure as the House’s top Republican into a role of for-hire powerbroker.

“I did no lobbying of any kind — period,” Gingrich said. “I’m going to be really direct, OK? I was charging \$60,000 a speech. And the number of speeches was

going up, not down. Normally, celebrities leave, and they gradually sell fewer speeches every year. We were selling more.”

The legal definition of lobbying is fairly narrow, encompassing only those who directly contact members of Congress or executive branch officials in an attempt to influence them. Many ex-lawmakers decline to do that kind of work but instead offer their advice to groups that do lobby, as Gingrich did in the case

of Freddie Mac.

Moreover, Gingrich’s business network has for years given the Georgia Republican a far-reaching platform to support his causes, such as digital medical records. He contended he never voiced opinions that weren’t his own.

“If I didn’t like the issue, I didn’t deal with it,” Gingrich said “If I didn’t agree with you, I didn’t say it.”

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BASKETBALL

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the first (23 percent).
 “I thought early on we had good looks,” Iowa coach Fran McCaffery said. “We fell back into the trap that we were in the Creighton game. When they started hitting and we weren’t, we started quick shooting the ball again. That’s one of the disappointing things about the first half.”
 The Hawkeyes opened up a 6-2 advantage to start the game, but the Tigers responded with a 16-4 run. Young — Clemson’s leading scorer coming in, at 14.4

points per game — hit a 3-pointer for his first bucket at the 10:22 mark to give his team an 18-10 edge.
 “I thought our guys settled down and gained some confidence,” Clemson coach Brad Brownell said. “It’s a hard game as a coach because we shot the ball the best we shot it all year ... And we leave here looking like we’re really good. If we had one of our bad shooting games, you might get a different answer.”
 Freshman Josh Oglesby paced the Hawkeyes with 15 points and accounted for all three of the team’s 3-pointers. Zach McCabe led Iowa in rebounding with 7.
 McCabe was the only Iowa starter to play well offensively. The sophomore

forward scored 7 points on 3-of-4 shooting. The other four shot a combined 5-of-29 from the field. Matt Gatens had 8 points on 1-of-6 shooting, followed by Bryce Cartwright (7 points, 2-of-11), Melsahn Basabe (2 points, 1-of-6), and Eric May (2 points, 1-of-6).
 “It was frustrating for all of us,” McCaffery said. “We had good shooters taking good shots, and they just weren’t going in. But that’s when you really have to bear down defensively and hold them to a low number.”
 Gatens entered Tuesday averaging a team-best 16.8 points per game, but Clemson held him scoreless until the 15:34 mark of the sec-

ond half. He finished with his lowest output since he scored 7 points against Chicago State in the season-opener.
 Basabe was limited to 2 points for the fourth-straight game, shooting 1-of-6 from the floor. The 6-7 forward had 1 rebound.
 “The only thing that gives me hope is he has practiced well,” McCaffery said. “What I need him to do is be a little bit more of a factor defensively and on the glass. Offensively, we can get him going, but he’s not rebounding, and he’s not a defensive presence like we need him to be.”

TRACK AND FIELD

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a lot of things in life that I’m like, ‘Why am I doing this every day?’ Like going to school, or doing homework, or things that I like a lot less than running.

“[Running] every day is a joy compared to the other things we do every day.”
 When asked which running medium they would prefer, both said they’ll take the track over the terrain.
 “For me personally, I’ve always been a little bit better at the speed-work stuff than at the distance,” Melander said. “It’s more of my strength area to do track.”

Head coach Layne Anderson is in charge of both the Hawkeyes’ women’s track and field and cross-country teams. He said the amount of effort he sees from his runners — whether for cross-country season or for track and field — shows their dedication to the sport.
 “They’re definitely putting in some significant work, but you have to,” he said. “In the Big Ten, you

have to be among the best in the nation. It’s a tremendous sacrifice and a lot of work.”
 A lot of work doesn’t even cover the total distance his star seniors have put in throughout their careers. In fact, they couldn’t even tell you how far they have run.
 “At least 1,000 miles,” Melander said, smiling. “I’m not exactly sure.”

WRESTLING

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While Brands disagreed with the number of warnings issued, stalling doesn’t fit well into Iowa’s “always attack” philosophy.
 “If you don’t stay in the center of the mat, you’re going to get dinged,” he said. “You have to do your job, and you have to wrestle where your best chance to

win is.”
 But Brands said the large number of stalling violations from last weekend’s matches shouldn’t cause alarm.
 “The point is we’re going to have an NCAA official in this [upcoming] event,” Brands said, referring to Exline’s absence from recent NCAA Tournaments. “It will be called more like it will be later on in the year, when the national tournament comes around.”
No. 2 Ramos to challenge Illinois’ No. 3

Futrell
 The 133-pound match between No. 1 Iowa and No. 6 Illinois on Friday will be tough — Iowa’s No. 2-ranked Tony Ramos is set to wrestle No. 3 B.J. Futrell — the reigning Big Ten Wrestler of the Week.
 Ramos stands 1-1 against Futrell in college after beating him in a 6-2 decision at the 2011 Big Ten Tournament in March.
 But that win gives Ramos momentum going into this weekend.
 “It was more of a mental win,” he said. “I’ve wrestled

him since we were 5 or 6, and I don’t think I ever beat him. I finally got over that hump. Big win.”
 Despite the pressure of the ranked matchup, Brands said Ramos — as are the other Hawks — is preparing for this weekend just like any other meet.
 “Our guys are pretty grounded and focused and do things from the point of view of being motivated and doing the right thing,” Brands said. “Regardless of who the opponent is.”

CLUB SPORTS

For the love of the mat

Iowa’s Olympic wrestling club allows casual grapplers to compete alongside former Division-I athletes.

By **ELDON GIANNAKOUIROS**
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The state of Iowa is traditionally a wrestler’s haven, but the Hawkeye wrestling program isn’t quite as welcoming for the hundreds of prep athletes who aren’t quite NCAA caliber.

But with the Olympic wrestling club, Iowa senior Devin Wagner wants to provide a middle ground for wrestling fanatics who can’t stay off the mat.

“If you’re not actually on the team, it’s really hard to get out and actually participate in wrestling,” he said. “We give those people the ability to go into a wrestling room and practice wrestling with other people who have wrestled before, as well as the ability to compete at a college level.”

The club meets on Monday and Wednesday nights during the winter wrestling season, and it consists of grapplers with varying levels of experience.

Member Mike Hayes, for example, competed at the Division-III level as an

undergraduate at Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Now a graduate student at Iowa, Hayes has used up his eligibility but said he isn’t ready to end his love affair with the sport he’s practiced most of his life.

“I started wrestling in middle school, I wrestled through high school ... [and] I wrestled in college — and I can’t compete anymore, so this is a way for me to continue in the sport,” he said. “I have a passion for wrestling. I’ve done it for close to two decades; it’s something that I love doing, and this gives me a way to do it.”

But the club doesn’t cater exclusively to high-level grapplers such as Hayes. Wagner said he has tried to make the club a welcoming environment for students less interested in the technical and competitive aspects of the sport. As such, he said, the group operates on a relaxed, revolving-door policy.

“There are a lot of people who don’t want to work hard, but if you had a real coach or you had mandatory practices, you’d see a lot less turnout than we have here, where it’s mainly voluntary,” he said. “We have college students as coaches, which it makes it a lot easier for us to understand if you have a test to study for or something like that.”

The atmosphere at the weekly practices allows students looking for a sim-

ple way to stay in shape to work out alongside experienced grapplers.

“No one wants to run on a treadmill for an hour, but everybody wants to get in there and wrestle,” Wagner said. “You’ll definitely feel it, but it’s a lot of fun.”

Club member A.J. Johnson shares Wagner’s passion for wrestling but said he views the club as a way to keep in shape as much as he does as an opportunity to stay active in the sport he’s practiced most of his life.

“It’s a fun way to work out; wrestling is the best way to get fit,” Johnson said.

The club is relatively young — it held its first practice just two years ago — but Wagner said he’s confident there will always be demand for such a technical, challenging, and physically rewarding sport.

“We’re only a two-year program now, but if we have the attendance we’ve been getting, I think we’ll keep it going for a long time,” he said.

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BIG TEN/ACC CHALLENGE: CLEMSON 71, IOWA 55

Clemson blitzes Hawks



Iowa forward Zach McCabe walks off the court after Iowa's 71-55 loss to Clemson in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Tuesday in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge. McCabe had 7 points as Iowa went 16-of-56 from the floor. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Clemson shot 11-of-21 from 3-point range, and Iowa finished 3-of-11.

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If Iowa's confidence was shaken last week by back-to-back double-digit losses, Tuesday's result won't help matters.

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Log on for full coverage of Iowa's 71-55 loss in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge, including a photo slide show and analysis of the lid on the Hawkeye hoop.

The Hawkeyes (4-3) shot 16-of-56 from the field — 28.6 percent — and lost to Clemson (4-2), 71-55, at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.

Iowa is now 2-9 all-time in the annual tournament.

The Tigers' Andre Young scored a game-high 19 points and made 5-of-6 shots from behind the 3-point line. Young was just one part to a piping-hot

Clemson 3-point performance; the team hit 11-of-21 shots from long-range.

Meanwhile, Iowa turned in by far its worst shooting performance of the season and didn't come close to matching the Tigers' 3-point shooting, going 3-for-11.

Clemson built a 34-20 halftime lead behind 7-of-14 shooting from 3-point territory. Iowa, on the other hand, shot 7-of-30 from the field in

SEE BASKETBALL, 8

Brands shrugs off stalling calls

The Iowa wrestling team feels prepared to challenge Illinois this weekend, despite seeing a high number of stalling calls in previous matches.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**
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Referee Mike Exline made an unusual number of stalling calls during the Iowa wrestling team's second and third dual meets at the Iowa City Duals on Nov. 25 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

But while some may be concerned that the abundance of stalling calls could be the result of a recent NCAA rule change, Iowa head coach Tom Brands said he believes they were the result of Exline's interpretation of the rule.

The definition of stalling was slightly vague in 2010, but a clear definition was included in the rule book when it was amended prior to this season. Stalling is defined in the 2011 rule book as "one or both wrestlers attempting to avoid wrestling action as an offensive or defensive strategy."

Brands said he believes Exline took too many liberties to call stalling at Iowa City Duals.

"I'm not sure that the rules — as they were interpreted by that particular referee — are how they were supposed to be interpreted," he said. "That referee is notorious for calling stalling, and these new rules probably gave him justification in his own mind."



Brands
head coach

SEE WRESTLING, 8

Hoopsters look for first Challenge win

The Iowa women's basketball team (4-2) will try to accomplish something tonight that it has never done before: win a game in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.

The Hawkeyes are 0-4 in the annual tournament. They lost to Georgia Tech (76-57) in 2007, Duke (71-47) in 2008, Boston College (72-67) in 2009, and North Carolina (79-67) last season.

This season, Virginia Tech will come to Carver-Hawkeye Arena with a 2-4 record. The Hokies are riding a three-game losing streak that includes a 65-64 loss to Minnesota on a buzzer-beater in the SMC Concord Hilton Tournament in California last week.

"We've tried to explain to our players that we need to be driven to get a win here," head coach Lisa Bluder said during a teleconference on Tuesday. "We're winless in this Challenge, and we're trying to change that."



Bluder
Head coach

"... We played [Virginia Tech] last year in Cancun and had a decisive [72-43] victory. But they have a whole new coaching staff, a new level of commitment and mindset ... it's a whole new year. You can't think about last year."

Iowa will play its first home game in two weeks. The Hawkeyes played Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls over break and won, 78-74, before traveling to the Bahamas to face St. Johns and No. 4 Texas A&M in the Junkanoo Jam.

The Hawkeyes beat St. Johns, 60-52, but then lost to defending national champion Texas A&M, 74-58.

"We learned how defense can be played," Bluder said about her team's loss to the Aggies. "I really challenged the team afterwards with, 'Now you've seen it, what we want out of a team.' We can act like this, we can defend like this. Texas A&M made it hard for us to run any part of our offense by the way it defended, and there's really no reason we can't emulate that type of behavior."

Bluder said the Hokies employed a variety of presses on defense, and that the key to her team's success is its ability to stay calm under pressure.

The 12-year head coach acknowledged her team has performed inconsistently throughout the season so far and that it's important to get a large home crowd at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on "Buck Night." All tickets cost \$1.

"I thought we'd be 5-1 right now," Bluder said. "We have a tougher schedule than we did last year ... it's really important [for a big crowd] because we haven't been home in two weeks, and then we have to go on the road for the next two games. It will really mean a lot to our players."

— by Ben Wolfson

The joy of running and running



Betsy Flood finishes first in the 3,000-meter during the 11th-annual Musco Twilight Meet at Cretzmeier Track on May 1, 2010. Flood's practice schedule can sometimes include running as many as 70 miles a week. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Senior McKenzie Melander says she has run 'at least 1,000' miles during her Hawkeye career.

By **CODY GOODWIN**
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Two members of Iowa's track and field team just can't stop running.

McKenzie Melander and Betsy Flood, two of Iowa's elite distance runners, are simply always running.

It doesn't matter the day or the weather. They could be nursing injuries or be completely healthy. Both were NCAA qualifiers last spring — Melander in the indoor season and Flood in the outdoor — and they continue to press on. They run, and run, and run some more.

So how much do they actually run?

"It varies a lot day-to-day depending on what kind of day we're having," Flood said. "During our peak week, we probably do around 70 miles."

The peak week might only come around once or twice a season — but if the two ath-

letes were at their peak all year, they would end up running 3,640 miles.

"There are points in the season when we start to feel a little fatigued," Melander said. "But for the most part, we're pretty used to it by now."

Used to it would be an understatement, because both Flood and Melander have plenty of accolades as they enter their senior seasons. Flood, a native of Des Moines, was a two-time Big Ten indoor runner-up and a second-team outdoor All-American at the NCAAs in 2011.

Melander holds the school record in the mile (4:39.78, set last year), and the Apple Valley, Minn., native claimed a second team All-American spot at the NCAA indoors last season.

Aside from their stellar track careers, both of the runners have run cross-country for Iowa (all the harriers compete in indoor and outdoor track). This only adds to the total miles each athlete runs throughout her calendar year — and yet, they plan to keep on running.

"We're really passionate about it," Flood said. "There's

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