Easing ethnic gaps

Iowa City high schools have a smaller disparity between Latino and white graduation rates when compared with the entire state.

By MARISSA MICHALEK

Iowa City School District officials are hoping a series of after-school programs will combat local high-school graduation rates.

Pam Ehly, Iowa City School District director of instruction, said district officials have been concerned about the ethnic disparity among achievement rates in local schools. “Though the gender graduation rates between Iowa City high schools are even, the ethnic achievement gap is huge,” she said.

An Iowa School Profiles study supports Ehly’s concerns. Graduation rates for local African-American high-school students in 2009 were around 77 percent, compared with 76.84 percent for white high-school students. The study pointed to a similar disparity nationwide, with African American high-schoolers trailing their white peers by almost 20 percentage points.

Though local Latino high-school students were only 5 points less disparate with white students, the same groups saw a 15 percentage point disparity statewide. The district’s Diversity Focus group developed the LENDI Student Leadership Series the academic year to combat graduation disparities by educating students.

Confab: Politics needs women

Only 13 states in the country have elected women to the current Senate.

By ANNA THEODOSIS

University of Iowa College of Law officials and students advocated an end to Iowa’s dearth of women in state and federal politics.

President, professors, students, and political officials gathered Thursday at the Women in Law & Politics event hosted at the Boyd Law Building. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

According to the Center for American Women and Politics, as of 2012, women hold 90 of the 535 seats in the 112th U.S. Congress.

Women in Iowa Law & Politics event hosted at the Boyd Law Building. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

A panel discussion on state of women in the Iowa Legislature and judiciary was held on Thursday. The panel, made up of four women judges in Iowa, was part of the Women in Iowa Law & Politics event hosted at the Boyd Law Building. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

What's inside: Maher's study, rape protest; Kett's departure

Correction:
In a March 4 article titled "F userdata" published in "Coralville," the UI incorrectly reported the LA Guitar Orchestra as saying, “I think the guys aren’t trying. They’re trying or aren’t into it.” The article should have noted, “It’s not like the guys aren’t trying. Some of the guys aren’t saying, ‘We’re going to bring it every night.’” The Daily Iowan regrets the error.

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Tutoring with a twist

The Tutor Universe founders place third in a national business-plan competition.

By CHASTITY BELLARD

Thomas Hombeck and Hung Tran won an embrace in the University of Iowa’s tutoring world. “We’ve both been tutors,” Hombeck said. “There is a huge and invisible market. These students can’t find that tutor. The ones who hold the knowledges are all busy.”

In April 2011, the two computer science Ph.D. students began working on a solution—Tutor Universe. The new business is a combination of...
BLOOMER

Residence-hall food is catching heat after a photo of what some students say appears to be a bug in a U.S. Marshalls dress appeared on Facebook this week.

Dining officials said they responded to the issue and removed the item from the menu when they heard about the incident in November 2011. But some students say they are still concerned about the quality and safety of the residence-hall food.

UI freshman Lauren Carr of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was eating at Burge in November and found something that resembled a maggot in her Korean pork. Carr said she was eating at Burge at 8:30 p.m. that day, but she said she no longer eats at Burge.

UI sophomore Alex Cohee of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, also posted the photo of what appeared to be a bug on Facebook this week.

UI freshman Marissa Karl said she posted the picture appropriately. "I don’t keep it after that," Karl wrote in an email. "There are a few customer suggestions and our responses on our housing-inspection website."

UI sophomore Renee Fronabarger said she was concerned about the quality of what appears to be a bug in Cohee’s picture.

The Iowa City Housing and Inspection Division has recom-}
Ul alumnus to become House parliamentarian

A University of Iowa graduate will soon be U.S. House of Representatives’ parliamentarian.

House Speaker John Boehner announced Tuesday that Tom Wickham—who graduated from the UI in 1990 and from the UI College of Law in 1994—will assume the position of parliamentarian for the House at the end of the month.

Wickham will succeed John Sullivan, the parliamentarian of almost 10 years, who will retire at age 60.

Wickham has served as deputy parliamentarian since 2005. Before that, he was an assistant parliamentarian for 10 years.

“Tom Wickham is a uniquely qualified and experienced candidate to be the House’s rules and traditions expert,” said House Majority Leader Eric Cantor. “He is a true statesman who understands the rules of the House better than anyone I have ever seen.”

Wickham is a member of the Democratic party and has served on the Iowa House of Representatives since 2005. Before that, he practiced law in Des Moines.

Wickham graduated from the UI with a B.A. in political science and a law degree from the UI College of Law. He is currently a professor at the University of Iowa College of Law.

Wickham’s appointment is expected to take effect in early May.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County Annual Fundraiser Bowl For Kids Sake Raised $135,000 Plus

last weekend at Colonial Lanes in Iowa City.

The Daily Iowan Team ‘Lais Lane and the Super Stripes’ helped contribute to the total and won best costume during their one hour bowling shift.

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GUN DOWN THE NEW BILL

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Barry Bruce, with whom I spoke over a weekend, said, "You can tell me that you're a gun owner, but..."

 Weaver and I used to go fishing in Lake Superior, and to this day my skills as a fisherman still remain the same. I'm still catching fish, but not necessarily the same ones as before. It's like that with guns, too. Sometimes you hit a target, sometimes you hit yourself. It's all about perspective.

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an exercise in self-preservation. But in the end, it's not just about the end result; it's about the journey. It's about the experience you have while you're doing it. It's about the satisfaction you get from the process.

Lindsey, who is often referred to as "the gun-toting nutcase," has been known to fire off her weapon whenever she sees something she doesn't like. She's been cited for disturbing the peace several times, but has never been charged. Her neighbors say she's become more aggressive in recent months, and that they're afraid to go out their doors.

Andrea, another of the gun owners I spoke with, said, "I like to know that I have the means to defend myself and my family, even if it means taking the lives of those who would do us harm."

But, as we've all seen, it doesn't always work out that way. Sometimes, the guns are used against the very people they were meant to protect. That's why it's so important to be responsible with these weapons.

If we want to keep our country safe, we need to take action. We need to work together to find solutions that will prevent gun violence while still allowing us to enjoy our Second Amendment rights. It's not an easy task, but it's certainly possible.

Even as anti-gun crusaders continue to push for tighter restrictions, the nation continues to grapple with the issue of gun control. There are those who argue that stricter laws are necessary to prevent gun violence, while others believe that the Second Amendment gives us the right to bear arms.

As we move forward, we must remember that the solution to this problem is not black and white. It's a complex issue that requires thoughtful consideration. We must listen to all sides of the debate and work towards a solution that will allow us to live in safety and security while still upholding our constitutional rights.
of a Facebook-like platform and online auctioning sites such as eBay or Craigslist. "This program brings more attention to students’ goals of becoming more involved in the community and therefore changing the perception of others," he said. "The struggle has been difficult for them, because some people refuse to change from dictating them instead of listening to them." Tutor Universe, which began in Iowa City in 2007, offers academic support for local high-school students and education on civil-rights issues. "I personally don’t have a problem with Tutor Universe’s business plan," said Tran. "But Hornbeck and Tran said they don’t envision tutoring program. — a curriculum-based peer tutoring services covering different academic programs. The UI offers 10 different services covering different areas of study. "One of the priorities of Tutor Universe’s business plan is to enter the world," said Tran. "We are Ph.D. students and we have the resources at the university to do this. We are not anti-man at all — I just want to be at the table with them." "I'm not anti-man at all — but I want to be at the table with them." Tutors can be paired with students who want help with any service on campus, they need help in their communities, we are leaders already in our communities, we are with us or 8 or all above the classes they tutor and they need them in the Iowa area. Tutoring services are the most competitive in the nation — last weekend. "This was the first UI team to enter the competition. "Tutor Universe is not affiliated with the UI, but Tran, Hornbeck, and Tran have plans to expand it to other schools eventually. Tutor Universe’s business plan won third place in the University of Cincinnati Spirit of Enterprise Competition — one of the most competitive in the nation — last weekend. This was the first UI team to enter the competition. The UI offers a series of tutoring services covering most academic programs — ranging from writing centers to math and science tutorial labs. Overall, the UI offers 10 different services covering different areas of study. "One of the priorities of Tutor Universe’s business plan is to enter the world," said Tran. "We are Ph.D. students and we have the resources at the university to do this. We are not anti-man at all — I just want to be at the table with them." "I'm not anti-man at all — but I want to be at the table with them." HANCHER ANNUAL CAMPING SALE AND SPRING KICKOFF Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m. Space Place Theater Tickets are available at the door or at hancher.org. Source: Campus Information Center
To beam or not to beam

BY ALEX FRENCH

The Hawkeyes got their wish.

Northwestern boasts its own storied senior class—led by Sarah CNC in the NCAA's John Shurna, the school's all-time leading scorer, averaging 22.7 points over his last six seasons. The 36-pointer would have been a big downtown. But Iowa managed to score 62-26 and is 36-21-10. We'll have our hands full tomorrow.
Hawks face tough foes

Head coach Katie Dougherty said Iowa's ranked opponents face more pressure to win this weekend than the Hawkeyes.

By PATRICK MASON

The Hawks will travel to South Bend, Ind., to face No. 17 Notre Dame tonight before returning home to host No. 36 Drake on March 4.

Iowa (4-2) head coach Katie Dougherty said her team worked hard in prac-
tice to familiarize itself with some opportunities, and she said she repeatedly reminded her players that they belong on the court with the country's best teams.

"It's nothing we haven't seen before," Dougherty said. "We need to get those teams on their heels right away, make them feel the pressure as soon as we can, and see if we can't get their backs against a wall. And when we do, we're going to stand behind the big points." The Hawks have two Women's Indoor Track Meet this week-end, the last chance meets this week-end, the last chance to meet the NCAA indoor meet.

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The Hawks will return from South Bend to face Drake at the Hawk-

eyes Tennis & Recreation Complex, where Iowa senior Sara Molnar says Iowa enjoys a slight advantage.

"It's always more comfort-able playing matches at home, at our facility and with our fans," the No. 11 ranked single player in the country.

Freshman Stanley Taliott said the team is "really fired up" about the opportu-
nity to give the opponents a tough show against the country's best teams.

While DePaul will pose a challenge for the young Hawks, Dougherty said, her players can take com-fort in knowing they have the Blue Demons in the full, both teams participat-

ed in the Windlid Invita-
tional in early October. Iowa was 2-0 against DePaul in singles, but dropped the only doubles match between the schools.

DePaul's makeup is also similar to that of the Hawkeyes, Dougherty said.

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One more shot at Huskers

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