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**CLARIFICATION**

In the March 5 article "UI vets reflect after former student dies in combat," the *DI* incorrectly reported that Conner Lowry was a University of Iowa student when he was deployed. Lowry was a Kirkwood Community College student. One of Lowry's former roommates said he was from the UI. The *DI* regrets the error.

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## ER dental costs take a bite

Iowa emergency rooms saw more than 14,000 dental visits in 2009.

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An apple a day may keep the dentist away, but staying away from the dentist might be a bad move. In fact, it cost the state as much as \$5 million each year.

A recent Pew Center report showed more Americans are gambling against routine dental visits. Instead of visiting the dentist for checkups or to get treatment for minor issues, more Americans are ignoring their oral problems.

But when those problems worsen, many of those people are ending up in the emergency room.

In 2007, 10,000 emergency-room visits in Iowa were for oral health reasons — costing the state \$5 million. In 2009, there were 14,274 dental visits, with 75 percent adults ages 18 to 44.

Michael Kanellis, the associate dean for



Orthodontic resident Alison Ray examines Daenia Hahn in the Dental Science Building on March 2. A typical fee for patients taking examining and treatment in private dental clinics every half an year is \$140 to \$180. (The Daily Iowan / Ya-Chen Chen)

patient care at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, said Iowa doesn't have it as bad as many states in which large urban areas suffer the most, but it's still an issue here.

"With more people out of work, the first thing they will stop spending on is

dental care, and so they can end up in the hospital, which isn't good because they will end up with palliative care," said Kanellis, who is also a pediatric dentist.

The UI Hospitals and Clinics' emergency and specialty dental clinics see roughly 150,000 patients

each year. That offsets the number of dental injuries seen in the emergency room.

Kanellis said emergency-room treatments are only able to temporarily alleviate a patient's pain or swelling. Most doctors recommend following up with a visit to

the dentist, and those who don't usually end up back at the emergency room.

And emergency rooms aren't equipped to handle dental problems.

"It's a problem because, No. 1, it's high cost care in

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## Branstad pushes ed funds



Des Moines, IA - Gov. Terry Branstad answers questions about his new budget proposals for education at a press conference Monday, Mar. 5. Branstad's proposal calls for a \$20 million increase to the Iowa regents schools. (The Daily Iowan/Asmaa Elkeurti)

The proposed \$20 million would replace the \$20 million decrease in regent funding from last year.

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DES MOINES — A proposal in the Iowa Legislature would provide more spending on higher education in the state.

Gov. Terry Branstad continued to advocate for his budget proposal to take \$20 million in state tax dollars and spend it on higher education. Branstad said at a press conference on Monday that despite opposition, he will continue to defend the proposed budget.

"I support all of our recommendations in higher educa-

tion," he said. "We want an educated work force — these investments in higher education make a lot of sense. I think we've put a lot of thought into our recommendations, and we are going to defend them."

University of Iowa Student Government President Elliot Higgins joined Branstad and student-government presidents from the University of Northern Iowa and Iowa State at the press conference. Higgins said he supports Branstad's proposal.

"It's important that the

Iowa state Legislature adequately funds Iowa state institutions in order to keep tuition costs down and to keep the quality of the education high," he said.

UI resident tuition rates for the 2011-12 academic year are \$7,765 for instate undergraduates and \$25,099 for nonresidents, without room and board — a 5 percent and 6 percent increase from previous year respectively.

One national expert said state universities are seeing

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## Busse to be new *DI* editor

Emily Busse had two longer-form pieces published in the *Daily Herald* when she was in high school.

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Emily Busse never imagined leading *The Daily Iowan* when she started working as a freshman, but the UI junior will be given a chance to do just that next year. "I never thought I would've applied [as a freshman]," she said. "I would've probably laughed in my own face."

Busse will begin serving as *The Daily Iowan's* 2012-2013 editor-in-chief in June.

Current Editor-in-Chief Adam B Sullivan said he knows she will do great work.

"She caught on really quickly when she started as managing editor last summer, and I have no doubt that she'll jump into her new position really from day one," Sullivan said. "Emily is extremely hard-working and organized, so I'm really excited to see what she'll do as editor."

Susan Elgin, the chairwoman of Student Publications Inc. board, which governs the *DI* said Busse has a good idea about the direction the *DI* needs to take to keep up with the news industry.

"She's a very bright, thoughtful, motivated person who is clearly passionate about the *DI*," Elgin said. "She has a good grasp on where the paper needs to go to be viable in the future."

*DI* Publisher Bill Casey said that



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French-horn musicians play in the University Band's concert in the IMU on Monday. The band is made up of approximately 80 students. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

# Iowa moves up in 'sunshine'

Officials say Iowa's government transparency grade is on the rise.

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A 2011 bill may have improved Iowa's transparency rating, but officials say more can be done. Analysts from the Sunshine Review organization gave Iowa a B "sunshine rating" for 2012, which is an increase from a C- in 2011. The Sunshine Review analyzes ease of access to critical information on city, county and state websites through a "10-point Transparency Checklist".

Kristin McMurray, the managing editor of the Sunshine Review, said the checklist includes accessibility to information on lobbying, public records, administrative officials, audits, contracts, permits and zoning, and taxes.

Officials from the Public Interest Institute released an Iowa Transparency Newsletter further explaining the rating Iowa received.

Jennifer Crull, an IT specialist at Iowa Wesleyan College's Public Interest Institute, said the improved grade follows last year's passage of House File 45, which required the Iowa Department of Management to develop a searchable database for the state budget for 2013.

"I feel [the passing of House File 45] was so important because it allows for another pair of eyes to see things. As taxpayers, we have a right to see where money is being spent," she said. "I think it will provide another check-and-balance system, to know that our state is spending our tax dollars as wisely as it can."

Crull said a new state website design introduced last year also improved the site's usability.

Currently, the Iowa Legislature website provides a list of registered lobbyists with the state, but it does not comply with the full requirements of Sunshine Review.

"We ask for two things," McMurray said. "If [the state has] any memberships to any associations, and if those associations lobby on their behalf, that they disclose that and the membership fees. [Also] the

number of associations and the amount spent on them."

State officials said the search function is also somewhat difficult to navigate.

McMurray said Iowa will receive an A when the government complies with lobbyist requirements and after the website's usability is improved, which is judged by the presence and accessibility of an internal search.

"All of our components [for determining transparency] have the same weight," she said. "We don't count partials. Sometimes entities will only partially fulfill our requests."

Crull said while Iowa has made progress in terms of transparency in recent years, she thinks local governments have more work to do.

"I think our state is headed in the right direction. After we see what the Department of Management gives us with House File 45, it will prompt us on what we need to work on after that," she said. "We are progressing on the state level at the right speed. My concerns fall on local government."

Johnson County and Iowa City seem to be more

transparent than other Iowa counties and cities.

According to the 2012 Sunshine Review, Johnson County's grade rose from a B- to an A- after the website's lobbyist information was updated. It found public records were the only component currently missing information.

Counties in Iowa placed 17th in the national ranking for overall government transparency. Arizona counties and California counties placed first and second respectively.

Iowa City City Manager Tom Markus said city officials will pursue improving the city's government transparency. Iowa City received a "B," tying Cedar Rapids and Sioux City as the highest grade in Iowa. Two components with missing information, according to Sunshine Review, are lobbying and public records.

"This is the first year we have entered into engagement with a lobbying firm, so we will put information on that on our website going forward," Markus said. "We have information on how to access public records, but we can enhance that. Maybe it needs to be more visible."

## Survey to rate Murley

Iowa City community members can evaluate Iowa City School District Superintendent Steve Murley through an online survey that launched Monday.

The survey is made available for Iowa City community members, teachers, parents, and administrators; it is the first time the district has sent out an evaluation request for Murley since he was hired, according to the district website.

According to the letter sent out by the district, the survey is completely anonymous and asks questions in a short questionnaire to help the district gauge Murley's performance and help suggest ways for improvement.

The survey includes questions about the superintendent's accessibility, professional responsibilities, leadership, and fiscal and operations management, according to the survey.

The survey was made available Monday and will be available through March 25.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Fox News, the wife of the Republican presidential-nomination front-runner, Ann Romney, was asked about criticism that her husband can seem out of touch with average Americans. His worth has been estimated as high as \$250 million.

Ann Romney said her struggle with multiple sclerosis has given her compassion for people who are suffering from multiple sclerosis, cancer, and other diseases.

"We can be poor in spirit, and I don't even consider myself wealthy, which is an interesting thing," she said. "It can be here today and gone tomorrow."

She added: "How I measure riches is by the friends I have and the loved ones I have and the people that I care about in my life, and that's where my values are, and that's where my riches are."

A Romney spokeswoman said the full interview showed what Ann Romney meant by her remarks.

Mitt Romney has drawn criticism for offhand remarks that point to the wide economic divide separating him and nearly all other Americans. His 2010 tax returns show he earned about \$21.7 million from his investments and, after charitable donations, paid about 14 percent in federal income taxes.

— Associated Press

# Does transportation equal jobs?

By JOAN LOWY  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The lure of roads, bridges, buses, and trains isn't enough anymore to drive an expensive transportation bill through Congress. So to round up votes, Congressional leaders are pitching the bills as the hottest thing around these days: job generators.

But do they really create more jobs? Not really, is the answer from many economists. The bills would simply shift investment that was creating jobs elsewhere in the economy to transportation industries. That means different jobs but not necessarily additional ones.

"Investments in transportation infrastructure, if well-designed, should be viewed as investments in future productivity

growth," said Alice Rivlin, a former director of the White House Office of Management and Budget under President Bill Clinton. The dividends come over the long run.

"If they speed the delivery of goods and people, they will certainly do that," she said. "They will also create jobs but not necessarily more jobs than the same money spent in other ways."

Indeed, the question of job creation is relatively unimportant when compared with other significant economic benefits of maintaining and improving the nation's aging transportation system, such as enabling people to get to work and businesses to speedily move goods, say economists and transportation experts.

But that hasn't diminished the jobs claims being made on Capitol Hill.

"This legislation would put 2 million middle-class Americans back to work right away," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said on March 1 as he fumed about nearly 100 amendments that have delayed action on the Senate's version of the transportation bill.

"Although our economy has gained momentum, there are still millions of Americans out of work. So it should be obvious why we can't afford to delay efforts to rebuild our roadways, railways, and bridges," he said.

In the House, Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, made a transportation bill the election-year centerpiece of the GOP's jobs agenda last fall when he unveiled its broad outlines. To make sure nobody

missed the point, the bill was dubbed the "American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012."

Support for the five-year, \$260 billion House bill has since fallen apart. Conservatives thought it would spend too much money, and Democrats and some Republicans balked at policy changes they say would undermine mass-transit, weaken environmental protections, and penalize union workers. Boehner is struggling to craft a new bill with some mix of policy and spending that can win passage.

Urgency is growing because the government's spending authority for highway and transit programs — and its legal power to levy most of the 18.4 cents a gallon federal gas tax — expires at the end of this month.

## BLOTTER

**Nathaniel Boehm**, 19, 3120 Daum, was charged March 4 with public intoxication and criminal trespass.

**Michael Carbonara**, 19, St. Charles, Ill., was charged March 3 with unlawful use of authentic driver's license/ID of another, possession of an open container of alcohol in public, PAULA, and public intoxication.

**James Fritz**, 18, Lone Tree, was charged March 4 with public intoxication.

**Lindsey Juarez**, 20, Cedar Falls, was charged March 3 with PAULA,

unlawful use of authentic driver's license/ID of another, presence in a bar after hours, and public intoxication.

**Guillermo Lopez**, 30, Muscatine, was charged March 4 with public intoxication.

**Tyshiana Mahomes**, 20, 2401 Highway 6 E., was charged March 4 with second-degree robbery and public intoxication.

**Allison Newberg**, 21, Urbandale, was charged March 4 with public intoxication.

**Joseph Plendl**, 24, 636 S. Dodge St. Apt. 9, was charged March 4

with fifth-degree criminal mischief and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Joseph Schneckloth**, 27, DeWitt, was charged March 3 with public intoxication.

**Nicholas Trovas**, 21, 761 Arlington Drive, was charged March 4 with public intoxication.

**Christopher Varcadipane**, 18, North Liberty, was charged March 4 with OWI.

**Shannon Watt**, 23, 923 Cross Park Apt. F, was charged March 4 with keeping a disorderly house.

**Rodney Weekly**, 49, 311 Ronalds

St. Apt. 6, was charged March 4 with interference with official acts and public intoxication.

**Dwayne White**, 25, Coralville, was charged March 3 with OWI.

**Helen White**, 19, 121 E. Davenport St. Apt. 22, was charged March 4 with criminal trespassing.

**Cleaster Yusuf**, 45, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3209, was charged March 3 with third-degree theft.

**Adam Zwanziger**, 35, 110 1/2 E. College St., was charged March 3 with public intoxication and indecent exposure.

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**EDUCATION**

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cuts by legislators across the country.

"In Iowa, there's been a big impact," said Daniel Hurley, the director of state relations and policy analysis for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C. "There's been a faster increase in tuition costs. The \$20 million sounds like a big number, but in the big picture, it's really not."

University of Northern Iowa Associate Professor of political science Chris Larimer agreed.

"[The increase in funding] would be beneficial to the institutions of higher education," he said. "We all pay taxes, it all goes to the general fund. I don't think there's any harm to the taxpayers."

State legislators said they also support the proposed budget.

"The Iowa Constitution actually dictates how funds should be used, and [educa-

tion] is one of the goals of it," said Sen. Mark Chelgren, R-Ottumwa. "I absolutely think we need to follow the advice of the Constitution."

Some state legislators, however, don't agree with Branstad.

"[Branstad] has not been really good with following through with the stuff he promises," said Sen. Thomas Courtney, D-Burlington.

However, Courtney said, he does support higher education in Iowa.

"I'm pretty much an education guy," he said. "I think spending money in higher education is money well spent, and we need to make sure it is used wisely."

Larimer said the House debate over the proposal is simply due to legislators' differing political viewpoints.

"If you look at the overall ideology [of the House] is, it's a little further to the right than Gov. Branstad in terms of government spending," he said. "Across the board, the House has been much more restrictive on funding levels than the governor's proposal."



Gov. Terry Branstad answers questions about his new budget proposals for education at a press conference Monday in Des Moines. Branstad's proposal calls for a \$20 million increase to the state Board of Regents' schools. (The Daily Iowan/Asmaa Elkeurti)

Lamier said he is not surprised Branstad developed this proposed budget.

"I think at least on education [Branstad] has been

more moderate," he said. "I think [the proposal] fits with his larger agenda on reforming and improving education in Iowa."

Members of the State Board of Regents have applauded the governor for offering some increased support, but they say the

\$20 million is not enough and are instead pushing the governor and the legislature to increase support by \$40 million.

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a setting that is inappropriate," said Peter Damiano, the director of the UI Public Policy Center. "Most ERs are not set up for treating dental problems and [patients] shouldn't be seen there in the first place."

Dan Caplan, the head of the UI Preventive and Community Dentistry Program, said most dental emergencies can be avoided.

"Prevention in dental disease tends to be cheaper in the long run than the treatment of it," he said. "We have a lot of preventative strategies in preventing cavities and a lot of toothaches."

Avoiding cavities solves many problems, Caplan said, something dentists often stress to patients.

Astha Singhal, a UI Ph.D. student in dental research, conducts research that compares different states' data of emergency-room care for dental issues.

"The emergency room is not an answer," she said. "It's making our health-care expenditures go up. It's highlighting the fact that even though [patients] go to the [emergency room] and get care, it's not a solution."

But Shelly Gehshan, director of the Pew Children Dental Campaign, said how a state addresses dental health serves as a good indicator on the system's effectiveness.

"It's the canary in the coal mine," she said. "Because if your rate of people going to the emergency room for dental problems is above zero, it basically means that some people can't get service."

Gehshan said there are

low-cost programs states can use to help tackle the problems.

"If water is fluoridated, you have to make sure that they continue to fluoridate," she said. "All states should do a better job on getting more sealants on low-income kids' teeth. It's really a low cost."

Another problem is Medicaid reimbursement rates — 50 to 60 percent nationwide — which push dentists to not accept these patients.

But more than 70 percent of Iowa dentists accept Medicaid, Kanellis said.

Damiano said the problem is people think of dental health issues as optional.

"We are learning more and more that it isn't separate," he said. "An infection in your body is in an infection in your body."

**EDITOR**

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although Busse was the only candidate, she was the right choice.

"She was the perfect choice, and she was the person [the other staffers] all thought could do it, too," he said.

Since starting at the paper as a *DI* scholar, Busse has worked as a metro reporter, Metro editor, managing editor, and a producer and anchor for Daily Iowan TV.

"I realized quickly that

the *DI* was something really special on campus, and I really became dedicated to its success," Busse said.

She said she wants to see every staff member produce more content and put a greater emphasis on beat reporting.

"I think it's important for a TV reporter to write stuff in print and have more people producing content," she said.

Busse said her experience before the *DI* gave her a taste of what professional journalism would be like.

She started her journalism career in high school with *The Prospector* — Prospect High School's school newspaper — where she both wrote and edited.

As a writer, Opinions editor, News editor, and editor-in-chief, she said, she learned early what it meant to have a big audience — even in high school. Busse wrote two longer-form pieces for her high school paper that were eventually published in the *Daily Herald*.

"It just kind of fed my interest, and I realized that even in high school, you can reach a huge audience," she said.

Busse said she looks forward to taking on her larger role.

"I am excited to be a big part of the *DI* because the *DI* is a such a big part of the community," she said.

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## Editorial

## Smokers should weigh health risks before going synthetic

Weren't we all taught as children, "If you're going to do something, do it right?"

This may have been applied to household chores such as washing dishes and making our *Star Wars*-theme beds, but this logic should also apply to getting high.

While the *Daily Iowan* editorial board does not endorse any illegal activity, those looking to get high should carefully weigh the legal and health impacts of real marijuana versus synthetic marijuana (also known as K2, Spice — both of which have been banned in Iowa — and a new compound called JWH-018, which Iowa lawmakers are trying to outlaw). Upon examination, one will find that although authentic pot carries legal issues, it's far safer than its synthetic cousins.

These synthetic substances are usually marketed as incense but are often used as a marijuana substitute for those worried about the consequences of being arrested for marijuana use — but does this small benefit outweigh the cost that could potentially be your life?

K2 and Spice are used as synthetic marijuana for a reason: They are a blend of plant matter and chemical-grade synthetic cannabinoids. To date, there has been very few research regarding the pot alternative, but determined psychiatric effects include anxiety, paranoia, agitation, and psychosis. Some researchers have attributed seizures as a possible side effect.

In one case study, a man smoked three grams of Spice every day for eight months. After the eight months, he showed several signs of withdrawal, including "inner unrest, drug craving, nocturnal nightmares, profuse sweating, nausea, tremor, headache, hypertension, and tachycardia."

Many manufacturers, including those of JWH-018, have found legal loopholes to existing bans by altering minuscule parts of a banned drug's chemical makeup — making it legally different but effectively the same.

These chemical compounds were created years ago at Clemson University by now retired Professor Richard Huffman to mimic the effects of THC for research purposes only. Huffman stated that these chemical compounds have never been tested for human consumption and have the potential to be very toxic.

"I want to stress that these compounds were not meant for human consumption," said Huffman in a formal statement. "Their effects in humans have not been studied, and they could very well have toxic effects. They absolutely should not be used as recreational drugs. I would emphasize the risk people are taking when they

smoke these products. We simply don't know what the health effects might be."

The health effects of real, natural weed, however, are well-documented.

We're sure we have all heard our token stoner friend tirelessly advocate for the legalization of marijuana by calmly explaining, "It's not like anyone has ever died from smoking too much weed."

Any skepticism about marijuana's harm should vanish upon learning that the former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is an agreement with our token stoner friend's statement. She publically announced her support for the legalization of marijuana because it is "not a toxic substance" and has "never caused anybody, directly, to die."

Marijuana's illegality continues to be the only valid argument for choosing synthetic over natural weed. So those who do choose to smoke drugs (and even those who don't) should be aware of their rights when dealing with law enforcement.

Whether you're breaking the law or not, you are not obligated to say yes when a police officer asks to search your car, home, or person. One way to opt out of this right is to provide the officer with "probable cause" to search. In this case, marijuana's distinct odor is the most common way to provide the officer with probable cause.

So, again, if you choose to smoke weed (which we don't encourage or support), never smoke in your car, do not let the smell leave your doorstep, and be sure to know your rights. If you are able to comply with the above, you may be able to enjoy your high throughout your life without many harmful side effects — medical or legal.

While the all-out legalization of marijuana continues to be unseen on Iowa's horizon, manufacturers will continue promote legal designer alternatives. These may seem like fine alternatives, but be sure: They are not natural. They were developed in a lab. They are not proven to be safe — in fact, it is more likely they are objectively harmful to human health. Even though natural marijuana is illegal (for whatever reason), it is proven not to be detrimental to health by any significant measure.

If you choose to get high, learn your rights.

Your turn. Is real weed preferable to fake weed?  
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## Letter

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## There's more to St. Paddy's day

For most Americans, St. Patrick's Day is a day of parades, parties, leprechauns, and green beer. But just as Christmas is about more than commercialized fun, so, too, does St. Patrick's Day have a deeper meaning.

St. Patrick's Day began as a religious holiday honoring St. Patrick — a holy bishop sent to

Ireland in 433 A.D. by Pope Celestine I to draw its people into the fold of Christ's universal church. Upon his arrival on Ireland's shores, St. Patrick encountered many setbacks and persecutions by the superstitious Druids who had employed magicians to maintain their sway over the Irish. Despite severe trials, St. Patrick was able to convert all of Ireland and con-

quer paganism. He is thus credited with driving the Celtic "snakes" out of Ireland.

St. Patrick is credited with many miracles and is responsible for the building of several Catholic schools, monasteries, and churches throughout Ireland. He is known for his powerful expositions of the principles of the Catholic faith. He even employed the ordinary, lit-

tle, three-leaf shamrock plant to teach people about the Blessed Trinity. He was called to his heavenly reward on March 17, 461.

St. Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose total love, devotion, and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us.

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## Rushing to judgment



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It seems as though the Republican presidential-nomination race has come down to a contest between the wind-up Ken Doll (Wind me up, and I'll tell you something different from the last time you wound me up — it's the American business way) and the Spanish Inquisition candidate.

Well, tally-ho.

OK, to be fair (which is difficult for me), Rick Santorum probably does not support the Spanish Inquisition. It only seems like it some days.

And also to be fair (that's the word of the day, apparently), Santorum does seem to have an — what's the fair word? — interest in other people's sex lives.

It's a bit creepy.

Though not so creepy as Rush Limbaugh.

I generally don't get much of a rush out of Rush. I mean, he's Rush Limbaugh; he wouldn't be more interesting if his name were Rush Limburger (not to insult the inhabitants of Limburg, which I am sure is quite interesting, or at least as interesting as a former European duchy can be).

And I don't really care if Rush is now on his third or fourth wife (kind of like former Rep. Bob Barr of Georgia, one of the authors of the Defense of Marriage Act, who is also on his third or fourth wife — that's defending marriage, all right) or that Rush makes tons of gelt being outrageous.

But Rush stepped over the line of being outrageous recently when he called Georgetown law student Sandra Fluke a "slut," a "prostitute," and a "round-heel."

(A "round-heel"? I checked my heels, or at least as much as one can check one's heels — yeah, they're kinda round. Does that make me a slut and a prostitute, too? How about you? Your heels kinda round? Seems we're all in the same boat — if life is a boat. Physicists would probably tell us different — but then, physicists are

always telling us something different. How's that faster-than-the-speed-of-light thing coming, anyway?)

To be fair (that word again) to Rush, here are his words:

"[Fluke] goes before a Congressional committee and essentially says that she must be paid to have sex, what does that make her? It makes her a slut, right? It makes her a prostitute. She wants to be paid to have sex. She's having so much sex she can't afford the contraception. She wants you and me and the taxpayers to pay her to have sex."

Um, right. Fluke actually just wanted her health insurance to cover contraception. If health insurance covers, say, Viagra, just to pick a name out of the hat, why shouldn't it cover contraception?

And why are older, white, conservative males so concerned about other people's sex lives? I thought you guys were all about small government and personal liberty.

Rush went on, of course, in the way only he can, contending that insuring birth control would be another "welfare entitlement." Right, except that the government wouldn't provide it, so it would be neither welfare nor an entitlement. (What kind of pills is this guy taking these days?)

(And where can the rest of us get them?)

Rush wasn't quite finished (he never is). He suggested that Fluke videotape her sexual encounters and let us all see. Or, in his words: "We want you to post the videos online so we can all watch."

Is that beyond creepy, or is it just me?

In contrast, Mitt Romney and Santorum seem like normal, everyday sort of guys (which is about the only time I'll use the words "Mitt Romney" and "Santorum" and "normal," "everyday" in the same sentence).

Yeah, I know; Rush apologized. But only after his advertisers started fleeing en masse (rats from a sinking ship comes to mind, not to slur the advertisers).

(Or the rats of the world.)

Not to rush to judgment or anything. ■

## Guest opinion

## Higher education is still much-needed

In the *DI* Feb. 29 column by *Daily Iowan* Editor Adam B Sullivan, "Santorum's right about something," he backs GOP hopeful Rick Santorum's remarks calling President Obama a "snob" for touting increased education and training after high school.

But Sullivan is doing exactly what Santorum does — making generalizations about whether people should go to college based upon stereotypes and without considering the facts. At a time when millions are seeking employment at stable jobs, we cannot afford to make policy based simply on sweeping generalizations. We need facts.

And the facts are out there. If Sullivan had dug a bit deeper, he would know, for example, that McDonald's, which he paints as a

place with little need for educated workers, provides post-high-school training to its employees and even offers its own Hamburger U management-training program.

Another industry Sullivan mentions, manufacturing, is increasingly requiring more training than ever. The Manufacturing Institute, part of the National Association of Manufacturers, reports in a 2011 study that more than 80 percent of manufacturing companies can't find enough workers with adequate skills and training, leaving 500,000 such jobs open. In the same survey, respondents said that a highly skilled workforce is the most vital component to success in the future, even above new product innovation.

In a recent speech to the National Governors' Association, the president noted the importance of advanced training for manufacturing workers.

"We're talking about somebody going to a community college and getting trained for that manufacturing job that now is requiring somebody walking through the door, handling \$1 million piece of equipment," Obama said. "And they can't go in there unless they've got some basic training beyond what they received in high school."

Training such workers in such fields as manufacturing and health care will be crucial for creating a strong economy. Estimates by the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce indicate that

in just five years, America will have a shortage of 5 million middle-skill workers. These positions typically require skills acquired through an associate's degree or technical certificates.

Sullivan makes other off-base arguments, including that Obama (and liberals on the whole) are pushing for "universal higher education" as "essential for everyone."

It's important to note that Obama has not said that higher education should be mandatory. Rather, he's worked to ensure that Americans have the opportunity for further education, whether at four-year schools, community colleges, or trade schools. Doing so is vital, as nearly one-quarter of young Americans say they're wor-

ried about affording higher education, and the declining value of financial aid when compared with skyrocketing tuition, sometimes coupled with poor academic preparation, serves as a major barrier.

While college may not be for everyone, some increased education does result in a higher chance of having a job. The unemployment rate for Americans with less than a high-school diploma is nearly 14 percent; the rate for those with a bachelor's or higher is just 4 percent.

These are the reasons the president recently called on Congress to invest \$8 billion in partnerships between businesses and community colleges to train 2 million workers.

Even numerous Republicans, including GOP con-

tender Newt Gingrich, have sided with Obama's plan for higher education and called Santorum's "snob" comments out of line.

In fact, Santorum himself is beginning to back down from his comments, admitting they were "probably not the smartest thing" and telling Fox News recently that he may have misrepresented Obama's stance on higher education.

On this issue, Gingrich and Obama are correct while Santorum and Sullivan are stuck in the past. The opportunity for affordable training or education for Americans is essential to creating a strong middle class and a strong American economy.

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# Records law still too complex, some say

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Two locals have finally gotten records that local school officials admitted to withholding — but it wasn't easy.

In the wake of former district employee David Gurwell's and parent Edwin Stone's successful public-records lawsuit against the Iowa City School District, public officials say Iowa's open-records law offers citizens little chance to combat local government bodies that violate the law.

District officials admitted last week they withheld documents related to district construction projects the men requested starting in 2009.

The district agreed to improve record request proceedings and reimburse Stone's and Gurwell's court fees in lieu of a formal settlement. School officials also recently developed policies to improve communication and transparency, including School Board listening posts, online grading forums, and improved online record-keeping.

Even though Stone and Gurwell succeeded in getting the documents they wanted — and their legal fees are being reimbursed by the district — the laws governing government records are too complex for many ordinary citizens to navigate, one advocate said.

"I applaud the two plaintiffs in the Iowa City case because they went ahead with it and were willing to go to court to enforce the law and guarantee their rights," said Kathleen Richardson, the executive director of the Iowa Free-

dom of Information Council. "But most people don't want to because the [open-records] process is intimidating, expensive ... It's very time-consuming. It takes years, and most people don't want to deal with it."

Lack of enforcement by public officials also hurts the open-records process, Richardson said.

"One of the biggest problems in Iowa is the lack of enforcement," she said. "It is not uniformly enforced around the state. County attorneys don't formally enforce it, the attorney general doesn't always enforce it."

Richardson said she favors efforts to develop a public information board that would enforce open records laws and clearly inform citizens of open records procedure. A bill proposing such a board — Senate File 430 — passed in the Senate last March and is currently in a House subcommittee.

Scott Sundstrom, an Iowa attorney who lobbied for that bill, said officials, not just records-requestors, are sometimes hindered by not understanding the law.

"We think most government officials comply with [the open-records] law — there are a few bad apples, but we understand that a few issues come from not understanding the law," he said. "I was talking primarily about government officials who have the information — sometimes, they may not understand what the law says and be concerned they're giving out something they shouldn't give out."

Members of the public can be equally intimidated, he said.

"I think there are a couple resources folks have now, but I think they're kind of scattered and it isn't a one-stop-shop for folks, and that's why we've been pushing the public information board," Sundstrom said.

Officials at other local school districts said they've never had problems with records requests and rarely see such requests.

"Here, we don't have a lot of requests, but we're usually able to meet any requests we get within the allotted time," said Angie Morrison, the business manager board secretary with the West Branch School District. "I feel like right now the [open-records] law is pretty fair."

Iowa City school Superintendent Steve Murley said he's confident the district will continue improve its public-records system following the litigation.

"We're pleased we were able to come to a resolution with Dr. Stone and Mr. Gurwell," he said. "We understand the importance of our role as a public agency in that we have additional responsibility in terms of public records maintenance and disclosure."

Stone said he was satisfied with the lawsuit's resolution and appreciated the district's efforts to improve its public-records systems. However, he also shared concerns that the sheer scope of legal action may intimidate members of the public into shying away from open record matters.

"Our legal fees were \$4,700," he said. "And there was certainly no guarantee at the beginning that we would end up getting it back."

# Bill would license caregivers

AARP officials want to see more training for at least 12,000 incoming employees.

By **DEREK KELLISON**  
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A bill mandating state-licensed training for direct-care workers has provoked mixed responses among local caregiving officials.

The bill, introduced Feb. 27 and currently in the Senate, would require the approximately 73,000 direct-care workers in Iowa to receive training through a board of direct-care professionals that would be established by the legislation. AARP Iowa officials offered their support, saying the prospect of formal licensing would also attract the 12,000 additional caregivers needed in upcoming years.

The legislation is aimed mostly at incoming direct-care providers, AARP media contact Ann Black said.

"Not having training puts people in an awkward situation if they have to provide hands-on care," she said.

Yet some local caregiving officials say company-based training already often in place.

Judy Parks, a case-management supervisor at Elder Services — which provides caregivers for the Iowa City Ecumenical Towers, 320 E. Washington St. — said nurse supervisors there already work

## Basic Training

The AARP-supported legislation will require new employees to take training and obtain licenses.

- Six hours of basic training
- \$20 to \$30 for license
- Secondary training (optional)

Source: John Hale, public policy consultant for Iowa Caregivers Association

prices and levels of training may vary because the Board of Direct Services have yet to finalize the program.

Hale said both training programs would be in the best interests of health-care providers.

"The license program provides additional training which allows employers to give better care," he said.

Sen. Jack Kibbie, D-Emmetsburg, the vice chairman of the State Government Committee, agreed licenses are more of a benefit than a regulation.

"Many times, these people are the lowest-paid people and don't get enough recognition," he said. "It's about time we recognized them with [the licensing legislation]."

Black said the effort to standardize training is also an attempt to attract newcomers. Though she said the direct-care field is one of the largest in Iowa — with 72,000 employees — she expressed concern

that workers going into the field without adequate training may not be ready to handle the full range of the job's requirements.

The training is common sense for most AARP members, who mistakenly believed workers were licensed, said Kent Sovern, Iowa director for AARP.

"Most general services have training requirements: plumbers, electricians, massage therapists," he said. "We're just trying to ensure at least some basic training."

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## the ledge

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### Random thoughts:

- They should start making vegetables out of foods people actually want to eat.
- I really should stop encouraging my cat to hit me in the face.
- Einstein once said, "If you stop learning, you start dying." So today I watched the "Super Bass" video 500 times and learned what "dolo" means. I. Am. Alive.
- I think it's really interesting that most of the people who say "I love music" seem to hate about 99.99 percent of it.
- Why do people always want to show you pictures of their babies? Do they think the rest of us don't believe them? The next time somebody shows me a picture of their newborn, I'm going to scrutinize it a full 10 seconds before declaring it "obviously shopped."
- Ever wonder if Egyptians refer to their out-of-the-way locales as "Bum-f\*\*\* Iowa?"
- How did scientists figure out that Earth was born on April 22? (Also: the Earth is a Taurus? Like Meatwad?)
- In about five years, Macaulay Culkin will be roughly the same age as Catherine O'Hara was when she made the first *Home Alone* movie. Without doubt, there should be a franchise reboot where Kevin McAllister leaves his kids alone on purpose as a way of teaching them self-subsistence. THIS IS WHY YOU NEED ME, HOLLYWOOD. I WILL MAKE YOU GOBS OF MONEY.

- Andrew R. Juhl thanks Jayne Sanderson for contributing jokes to today's Ledge.

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### DILBERT

by Scott Adams

OUR LAWYER HAS INSTRUCTED ME TO NOT LISTEN TO YOUR PRODUCT IDEA.

WHY NOT?

THERE'S A 99% CHANCE YOU'RE AN INSANE LAWSUIT MONKEY AND YOUR IDEA IS DUMBER THAN EARMUFFS FOR OYSTERS.

I HOPE THOSE AREN'T...

I'LL SEE YOU IN COURT, THIEF!

### NON SEQUITUR

BY VIEV

THE PRE-INDICTMENT ACCOUNTING REPORT

### Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I'M STUNNED. I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS CHECK IS REAL!

I ONCE STOLE A CHECK FROM MY DAD WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL...

I MADE IT OUT TO MYSELF FOR A MILLION DOLLARS AND DEPOSITED IT. IT NEVER CLEARED.

SO YOU'VE BEEN BURNED.

IT'S HOW I LEARNED WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE CLASS.

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- **Celebrate the Centennial of the 1912 Bread and Roses Strike**, noon, Main Library second-floor conference room
- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Luncheon**, "Blue Birds from the Dreamland (Iceland's Modern Economy)," Assistant Professor Rúnar Helgi Vignisson, noon, Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton
- **Operator Theory Seminar**, "Extensions of Hilbert modules over tensor algebras," Andrew Greene, Mathematics, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Special Plasma Physics Seminar**, "Magnetic Stochasticity and Transport in Plasma Microturbulence," by David Hatch, Max-Planck-Institut für Plasmaphysik, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Math/Physics Seminar**, "The One Body Problem in Relativistic Euclidean Quantum Mechanics," Philip Kopp, Physics/Astronomy, 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "The immunological synapse in autoimmunity and viral infection," Michael Dustin, New York University, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
- **Building Your Research Skills**, Study, Workshops, &

- Tutoring Program 3:30 p.m., 1015A Main Library
- **Faculty Council meeting**, 3:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Centre
- **Consortium Institute of Management and Business Analysis Info Session about studying in Italy**, 4 p.m., C106 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Life in Iowa: Traveling**, 5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Charlie Chaplin's The Gold Rush**, 6:45 p.m., Bijou
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Amelia Gray, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Czech Connection Meeting**, 7 p.m., 612 Phillips
- **Peace Corps Information Session**, 7 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Los Angeles Guitar Quartet**, 7:30 p.m., Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, 1301 Fifth St.
- **A Dangerous Method**, 8:45 p.m., Bijou
- **Outernational and Machine Daydream**, 9 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **Flight School**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

## UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:30 p.m.** Inside the Geographic Project, Spencer Wells, explorer-in-residence at National Geographic, Feb. 1, 2011
- 2** Women at Iowa, interviews with a Sue Buckley and Shari Rhoads, 2009
- 3:30** UI Explorers, "Wild Bees, Landscapes, & Food Security," Professor Stephen Hendrix, Feb. 8
- 4:30** Inside the Geographic Project, Spencer Wells, explorer-in-residence at National Geographic, Feb. 1, 2011
- 6** "Time to Remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," convocation at the Old Capitol, Jan 15

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- 9:30** Daily Iowan Television News
- 9:45** Drumming for Justice, Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Jan. 18
- 10:30** Daily Iowan Television News
- 10:45** Student Information Lifestyle, support and activities for students
- 11** Women at Iowa, interviews with a Sue Buckley and Shari Rhoads, 2009

## horoscopes Tuesday, March 6, 2012

- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Take care of minor health problems. Sort out differences you have with a peer or colleague. Put more effort into the way you treat others and how you take care of your needs. Raise your profile by being unique.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Take time to think matters through before you react physically or emotionally. It's important to know your limitations and to put your efforts in the right place. What you have to offer others can be your saving grace.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Don't invite trouble. Do what needs to be done, and keep moving. Interact with someone who can help you raise your income or connect you to people interested in what you have to offer. Your opinion will be more valuable than you realize.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Unexpected changes may set you off, causing you to miss an opportunity that has the potential to alter your personal and professional life. You have to learn to adapt to the inevitable so you can focus on your success.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Don't give up or give in. Forge ahead on your path, and strive to reach your goals. Following someone won't work. Decline any offer that doesn't allow you to demonstrate what you have to offer. Love and romance are highlighted.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Expand your interests, and make changes that will show others you are up-to-date and ready to take on any task that comes your way. Sharing your thoughts and interacting with people who interest you will lead to improved relationships.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Ask for favors, or offer what you can to someone you need something from in return. Sharing and collaborating will help you get ahead personally and professionally. There is money to be made if you market your skills creatively.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Use your experience and intuition to find a way to achieve your professional goals. Don't allow anyone to push you around. Make decisions based on your needs and don't budge. Love and romance are on the rise.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Make changes to fit your current situation. Instigate a move or do a little renovating or redecorating conducive to your pursuits. Business travel will help you see what needs to be done, allowing you to react promptly and efficiently.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Put greater importance on home, family, and your personal budget. Taking action now can save you a loss in the future. Looking for love or doing what you can to enhance a relationship you cherish will bring positive long-term results.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Don't be afraid to be different. It's your uniqueness that attracts interesting people to your side. Emotional blackmail may be used to get you to do something you don't want to do. Before you take that route, consider walking away.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Don't be fooled by empty promises. Get any offer in writing before altering your life. You must look out for you and your family first. Your astuteness will impress someone who does have something worth your while. Wait, and you'll get results.

# m.c. ginsberg

OBJECTS OF ART

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0131

- Across**
- Take down (humble)
  - Finds common ground
  - In days past
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  - Sourdough alternative
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  - "The Chosen" author Chaim
  - Genteel gathering
  - Source of the Beverly Hillbillies' wealth
  - MP3 player that weighs less than an ounce
  - Seed on a bun
  - Island instrument, briefly
  - Stunt plane maneuver
  - Appease
  - Album's first half
  - Ungrammatical contraction
  - Lead-in to a big day
  - Kind of magazine
  - Frenzied rush
  - "I shoulda known that!"
  - Snooker stick
  - Unvoiced
  - Elton John collaborator
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  - Tart powdered drink preparation
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- Down**
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  - Vintner Ernest or Julio
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  - Approach
  - \_\_\_ and Coke
  - Flow's partner
  - Corner shapes
  - "So long!"
  - Victim of a springtime hoax
  - "The Naked Maja" painter
  - Plow-pulling pair
  - City southeast of Seattle
  - Ransacker
  - University URL ender
  - Makes inquiries
  - Noted pumpkin eater
  - Katherine of "Knocked Up"
  - Actress Anderson
  - Sport with lunges
  - Unsolicited e-mail
  - Ostrich look-alike
  - Spicy cook-off dishes
  - Madison Square Garden, e.g.
  - Caravan beast
  - "Enough!"
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Puzzle by Doug Peterson

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# Floodplain project moves ahead



Thirteen full-time University of Iowa staff and nine UI graduate and undergraduate students met last week to update and re-evaluate Iowas floodplain mapping. (The Daily Iowan/Contributed Photo)

The research team has spent \$2.4 million on the floodplain mapping project.

By DORA GROTE  
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Iowa water-resource officials say research progress is accelerating after they established effective methods for the Iowa Floodplain Mapping Project.

"The first year was a learning experience, trying to make sure we had a good process in place, hire staff, and do other things," said Nathan Young, an associate research scientist/engineer for the Iowa Flood Center. "There was a start-up period. We were not as productive as we will be in future."

The team, established following the catastrophic 2008 floods, began digitizing Iowa floodplains last year.

Following 2008, Housing and Urban Development disaster-relief funds granted the Iowa Flood Center \$8.8 million to create floodplain maps for the 85 counties declared federal disaster areas in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The research team has spent \$2.4 million on the project so far. Work will begin in Iowa City next year, Young said.

Last year, the Omaha District Army Corps of Engineers and Iowa Natural Resources agreed to provide roughly \$4 million to fund the remaining 14 counties.

The floodplain maps —

## Watersheds

Iowa is divided into 56 watersheds:

- 85 Iowa counties declared federal disaster areas: 49 watersheds
- 14 counties not declared: 7 watersheds
- Hydrology: 25 watersheds completed
- Hydrologic analysis: 14 watersheds completed
- Hydraulic computer models: 13 watersheds completed

Source: Nathan Young, associate research scientist/engineer of the Iowa Flood Center

expected to be completed by 2015 — are used to show flood-hazard areas and minimize flood damage to property, said Young, who is leading the project.

"The biggest difficulty is managing such a large data set," he said. "We're covering such an enormous area and generating a lot of data, but it came as an unexpected challenge."

The project funds 13 full-time University of Iowa research staff and nine UI graduate and undergraduate students.

Project coordinators met last week to update and re-evaluate the mapping plan based on watersheds, said Scott Ralston, the Natural Resources floodplain-mapping coordinator. The project started in the southwest part of the state, he said.

"There are seven watersheds that we basically said we don't need to worry about, and they went out of the picture," Ralston said, referring to the recent agreement between the

Army Corps of Engineers and Natural Resources. "We remapped the rest of it. The boundaries change between years a little bit. We moved around some areas; FEMA had some funds there to do work that it didn't have originally."

The mapping of Iowa's 56 watersheds is based on state Lidar data, an area survey of the land using lasers. The mapping uses hydrography — which measures the depth of the watersheds — and hydrologic analyses to estimate how much flow to expect on a given stream or river. Hydraulic computer modules predict the depth and extent of flooding based on the estimates.

"If you understand where you're at in association to the floodplains, it helps you make a better decision on where to live, what type of business you might own, or what the community should do with that land," said Flood Center Managing Director Carmen Langel.

Connie Wisniewski, a senior natural-hazards program specialist with FEMA, said the updated digitized floodplain maps will determine flood-insurance costs.

The collaboration between Natural Resources and the Iowa Flood Center has also sparked new projects, Young said.

"We work a lot with the engineering research, and [Natural Resources] knows more of the governmental issues," he said. "The complementary relationship has also fostered some other collaborations on other projects including the stream-sensor project."

# Obama, Netanyahu agree on Iran (sort of)

By BEN FELLER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Taking sharply different stands, President Obama on Monday urged pressure and diplomacy to prevent Iran from getting a nuclear bomb, while Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu emphasized his nation's right to a pre-emptive attack. Even in proclaiming unity, neither leader gave ground on how to resolve the crisis.

Seated together in the Oval Office, Obama and Netanyahu at times tried to speak for each other, and other times spoke past one another. The president and prime minister are linked by the history and necessity of their nations' deep alliance, if not much personal warmth, and both sought to steer the Iran agenda on their terms.

"I know that both the prime minister and I prefer to resolve this diplomatically," Obama said. "We understand the costs of any military action."

If he agreed, Netanyahu said nothing about sanctions or talks with Iran, or Obama's position that there still is time to try to deter Iran peacefully. Instead, Netanyahu drew attention back to Obama's acknowledgment that Israel is a sovereign land that can protect itself how it sees fit.

"I believe that's why you appreciate, Mr. President, that Israel must reserve the right to defend itself," Netanyahu said.

Israel, he added, must remain "the master of its fate."



President Obama meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the White House Oval Office on Monday. (Associated Press/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

Israel has not yet decided whether to launch a unilateral strike on Iran, a point underscored in the White House meetings.

Across days of comments, speeches, and interviews, Obama and Netanyahu left no doubt about where they stand on Iran. Far less clear is whether they have done anything to alter each other's position in what has become a moment of reckoning over Iran and an important foreign-policy issue in the U.S. presidential race.

Both are adamant Iran must not develop a nuclear bomb. Obama's aim is to keep Israel from launching an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities, fearing that would do little lasting good toward the goal and engulf the region and the United States in another war.

Senior Obama administration officials said the talks at the White House left the two sides closer than they were a week

ago. The Israelis walked away with prominent statements from Obama that he would not stand for containing a nuclear-armed Iran and that the crisis was in the United States' interests to solve.

In turn, Israelis did acknowledge privately they would prefer a diplomatic solution, despite enormous skepticism of the Iranian government, officials said. And there were no demands that Obama set a new "red line" of what it would take for a U.S. strike — the U.S. position remains that Iran must not get a nuclear weapon.

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around during his search for O'Keefe's replacement and heard only positive things about the Texas native.

"I spoke with [former Iowa player and Indianapolis Colt coach] Jim Cardwell a couple weeks ago, and the first name out of his mouth was Greg's," Ferentz said. "... That got me very, very excited, cer-

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tainly, and we're really thrilled to have Greg here. We feel very fortunate."

Davis' credentials back up Ferentz's enthusiasm.

He helped Texas win the BCS national championship in 2005, the same year quarterback Vince Young took home the Davey O'Brien Award as the nation's best college

gunslinger. Davis said he had never dealt with a true dual-threat quarterback before Young came along, but he built the offense so his star could thrive; he'll bring the same attitude to Iowa, he said.

"What we'll do here will be driven by what we have here," he said. "This spring, you'll see a foundation laid ... we'll build off that once we identify where exactly the strengths are about this football team."

Davis said he watched tape of last season's Iowa games, but he's still match-

ing numbers and faces with names as he prepares for the first day of spring practice later this month.

Until then, most of his experience with the Hawkeyes comes from coaching against them in the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio. The Longhorns came out on top, 26-24, in a game in which an apparent Iowa touchdown to tight end Scott Chandler was called back because Chandler was ruled an ineligible receiver.

"That might not have been called if the game

would have been up [in the Midwest]," Davis said with a small smile. "The wrong team won."

**A state of emergency**

Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta said Davis' hiring was a "unique circumstance" created by O'Keefe's relatively sudden departure just a few weeks before spring football.

Barta categorized Davis as an "emergency hiring," a term the university uses when there isn't time to go through a full interview process. That means Davis

is technically an interim coach, although Barta said he fully expects him to be back with the team after the 2012-13 season.

"He's our offensive coordinator, but there's a point where Kirk will have to go through and do a formal process," Barta said. "You need to hire someone short-term in emergency because you don't have much time, and to do that, at some point, you go through and you interview other candidates as well. It can happen anytime within that first year."

**INTRAMURALS**

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was tripped and fell to the ground with a scream of pain late in the second half; he left the field limping but managed to return to finish his team's victory.

Both teams ramped up the intensity on both sides of the field with the game tied and time dwindling.

Emadi passed the ball to Aguiami, who managed to draw the free kick that soared past the three Fake Madrid defenders and into the goal to give his team the final lead.

But Fake Madrid didn't quit. Captain Zach Rasmussen had a free-kick opportunity of his own, with three defenders in front of him; he replicated Persia's offensive plan and found Roudabush to his left off the kick. Roudabush sent a powerful shot toward the goal with only

the keeper between him and the net.

The kick flew far left. The team couldn't get close enough to the goal afterwards to finish.

"I felt I hit it well," Roudabush said. "It went a little wide and missed the goal a little bit."

Despite his team's loss, Rasmussen was happy with his team's effort.

"I felt we could have won a couple more [games]," he said. "It's tough. There are a lot of really good players out there."



**Fake Madrid member Nick Baccam competes with players from the Persia team in an intramural soccer playoff game in the Bubble on Monday. Persia won, 3-2, on a late free kick. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)**

**GYMNASTICS**

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"If you're strong, rings is by far the easiest event to compete in in gymnastics,"

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he said. "We're finally just going out and doing our

thing with it, and it's one of the few events that we do that."

Rings scores will continue to be important for the Hawkeyes as the squad takes on Illinois on March 17. The Illini are ranked third in the nation on the

event, and they lay claim to four of the nation's top-20 rings gymnasts.

McGrath said it will be important to continue hitting routines on rings, especially with the Hawkeyes' decreased depth.

"It's been important, because every single score counts, so every guy who goes has to hit his routine," he said.



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**Who will win Big Ten?**



**No. 1-seed Michigan State**

The No. 1 seed has won the Big Ten Tournament in four of the last five seasons.

That will become five of six this weekend when Michigan State wins its record-tying third tournament championship.

The Spartans will occupy the tournament's No. 1 seed despite losing their last two conference games to fall into a three-way tie for the Big Ten regular-season crown. This will allow Tom Izzo's team to avoid co-champions Ohio State and Michigan until the championship game and instead likely face Indiana or Wisconsin in the semifinals.

Teams rely on their stars to carry them through rough patches, especially in

tournament play; the Spartans have that star in Draymond Green. The 6-7 senior has scored at least 17 points in each of the Spartans' last five games and has recorded 16 double-doubles this season. The Spartans will be able to lean on Green, and it will pay off.

Michigan State also has experience in battling back from adversity this season. The Spartans lost consecutive games twice earlier in the season, first in losses to North Carolina and Duke in November and then in defeats at Northwestern and Michigan in mid-January. The Spartans followed the first slide with 15-straight wins and the second with eight wins in nine games, including wins at Ohio State and Purdue. If any team can turn a losing streak into a long winning streak, it's Michigan State.

Michigan State will enter the Big Ten Tournament as a desperate team looking to right the ship before the NCAA Tournament, and the Spartans will leave Indianapolis with three wins and a conference tourney title.

— by Ryan Murphy



**No. 3-seed Ohio State**

The Buckeyes have been here before; Thad Matta has had his team in this same position for the previous two years.

Ohio State claimed Big Ten regular-season conference titles each of the previous two seasons. The team also won the tournament championships both years.

That consistency will play a huge role in the Buckeyes' run to a third-straight Big Ten Tournament title.

Consistency begins on defense for Matta's crew. The Buckeyes' defense has held six tournament opponents to an average of 62.8 points per game in regulation over the past two tournaments. The only excep-

tion was the double-overtime win over Illinois in the 2010 semifinals, which Ohio State won, 88-81.

Tag that stout defense with a good offense, and Ohio State is practically a lock to win each game. The Scarlet and Gray average 75.5 points per contest in the last two Big Ten Tournaments. That's more than 2 points higher than their seasonal average of 73 points against conference opponents, so it's not crazy to predict the Buckeyes will increase their offensive output come March.

These numbers won't be the be-all, end-all for Ohio State. Michigan and Michigan State are worthy foes; if they weren't, there wouldn't have been a three-way tie for the regular-season conference title.

But the previous two seasons has seen the state of Michigan flop in dramatic fashion. Tom Izzo is great in March, but he always saves his best for the tournament that counts.

And for the third-straight year, that won't be the Big Ten Tournament.

— by Cody Goodwin

**Stoughton heads to NAAs**

The Iowa women's swimming team will be represented at the NCAA meet for the first time in seven years, the Hawkeyes learned on Monday.

Freshman Becky Stoughton qualified in both the 500 and 1,650 freestyles after finishing in times of 4:40.82 and 16:14.14 minutes, respectively, at the Big Ten meet on Feb. 15-18. Both times are school records.



**Stoughton**, freshman

The Peoria, Ill., native is the first Hawkeye swimmer to compete in the NCAA meet since Jennifer Skolaski in 2005. She is also the first Iowa freshman to make the cut since Skolaski accomplished the feat in 2002.

The announcement caps a season in which Stoughton did her best to completely rewrite Iowa's record books. She was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year at the conference championships, and

she currently holds 20 records — including school marks in the 200, 500, 1,000, and 1,650 freestyles, as well as the 400 individual medley.

Stoughton claimed Big Ten weekly awards four times this season; she took home Freshman of the Week honors on Jan. 10, Jan. 24, and Jan. 31, and claimed Big Ten Swimmer of the Week on Nov. 8. She was also named National Swimmer of the Week by collegesswimming.com on Nov. 8.

Stoughton will be one of 281 swimmers to compete at the NCAA meet in the James E. Martin Aquatics Center in Auburn, Ala., on March 15-17.

— by Tork Mason

**6 baseball Hawks honored**

Six members of the Iowa baseball team were named to the Riverview Inn Classic All-Tournament team on Monday.

The Hawkeyes went 2-1 in three tournament games in Clarksville, Tenn., over the weekend.

Four of the honorees — short-

stop Jake Yacinich, outfielder Kris Goodman, designated hitter Ryan Rumpf, and utilityman Jake Mangler — are freshmen. Upperclassman pitchers Matt Dermody and Jarred Hippen rounded out the group.

Hippen picked up his first win of the year when he threw 8 innings in a 17-3 win over Akron on March 2. The southpaw gave up 3 runs on 10 hits.

Dermody received a no-decision in a 4-3 extra-inning loss to Austin Peay on March 3 but tossed 6 2/3 innings and fanned 7 while conceding 5 hits. Austin Peay scored the tying and winning runs off Iowa's relievers.

Rumpf led the Hawkeyes with 7 hits — including a pair of triples and a double — and collected 6 RBIs. Mangler finished with a team-best 7 RBIs to go along with 4 hits and 3 runs scored.

Goodman slapped 6 hits and scored 4 runs, and Yacinich smacked a pair of doubles as part of a 5-hit, 4-RBI effort.

Iowa will play Georgetown on Saturday in the RussMatt Central Florida Invitational in Winter Haven, Fla.

— by Seth Roberts

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## Gatens third team All-Big Ten, White named to All-Freshman conference team

Fran McCaffery's fellow Big Ten coaches apparently didn't entirely agree with him about Matt Gatens.

Gatens — the Iowa senior guard who McCaffery said was deserving of a first-team all-league selection — was given third-team All-Big Ten honors on Monday by the conference's coaches. Gatens was a second-team selection by league media, Iowa's highest nod since Adam Haluska was named a first-teamer in 2007.

"We'll see what everybody else thinks," McCaffery said last week. "To me, it doesn't really matter what I say or what anybody says; it matters what he has done. He has consistently performed at a level that I think makes him a first-team All-Big Ten player."

The Iowa City native led the Hawkeyes and finished fifth in scoring in Big Ten conference play at 17.0 points per game. He said he appreciated McCaffery's endorsement but wasn't willing to campaign for himself.

"I haven't really looked at the stats or where I stack up," Gatens said last week. "If they vote me to that, I appreciate it. But I'd much rather play in some postseason games than worry about that."

Aaron White was selected by coaches as a member of the league's All-Freshman team. He is the fourth Hawkeye in as many seasons to earn that distinction, joining Gatens, Eric May, and Melsahn Basabe. White, whose 10.4 points per game was Iowa's third-best average, was also slotted honorable mention All-Big Ten by the media.

The Strongsville, Ohio, native also led in the Hawkeyes in rebounding (5.4 per game) and double-doubles (3).

"You look at him and are sometimes amazed at all the things he accomplishes," McCaffery said. "He has such a great feel for the game, and he's so much more athletic than you think he's going to be when you look at him. He's got a chance to really have a great career here and then play for a long time."

— by Jordan Garretson



**Gatens**  
senior



**White**  
freshman

## NOTEBOOK

# New offense coach at home



Newly appointed Iowa offensive coordinator Greg Davis talks at a press conference with head coach Kirk Ferentz on Monday. Davis was most recently the offensive coordinator and quarterback coach at Texas. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

Greg Davis discussed his hiring and familiarity with the Hawkeye football program at a Monday press conference.

By **SETH ROBERTS**  
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New Iowa offensive coordinator and quarterback coach Greg Davis has been in town for about a week, but he has a sense of Iowa City's dedication to its football team.

The 60-year-old, who recently held the same positions at Texas, said he walked into his hotel and was recognized and approached by a handful of men in their mid-20s.

"I was immediately invited to go to a bachelor party," he said and laughed. "I thought, 'Hey — football is pretty important here, too.'"

"I didn't go, by the way."

Davis spoke to the media on Monday for the first time since his hiring was announced on Feb. 27, and he looked comfortable seated at a table next to head coach Kirk Ferentz. The coaches had only crossed paths on the

playing field once — when Texas beat Iowa in the 2006 Alamo Bowl — but they were both familiar with the other's work through mutual acquaintances.

Former Iowa offensive-line coach Joe Philbin considered Davis for offensive coordinator when he took the Miami Dolphins' head coach job in January. He ended up selecting then Iowa offensive coordinator Ken O'Keefe — which

opened the position for Davis — but put in a good word for his longtime friend.

"I said, 'Since you've [hired O'Keefe], how about calling Kirk for me?'" Davis said. "About the same time, I sent Kirk a text and said, 'Hey, if this rumor is true, I would love to have the opportunity to visit with you.'"

Ferentz said he asked

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## INTRAMURALS

# Late free kick decides intramural soccer match

Persia scores the game-winner off of a late free kick to advance in the playoffs.

By **MATTHEW CABEL**  
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The playoffs mean it's do or die for intramural soccer teams.

This was the case for Persia and Fake Madrid as they faced off in the playoffs on Monday night in the Bubble. Persia managed to edge past Fake Madrid in the match's final minutes thanks to a free-kick goal by Maziar Aghuami that made the game 3-2.

Both teams struggled to create offense early in the game as stifling defense and goalie play prevented anyone from gaining an advantage. Persia was better on defense early on and created numerous turnovers.

"It was a good game," Persia captain Majid Emadi said. "We tried to pass a lot and bring the ball close to the goal to score."

Aghuami streaked downfield and sent the ball flying past Fake Madrid goalkeeper Ciesco Febrian to give his team a 1-0 advantage late in the first half. Persia tried to ramp up the score but couldn't shoot it past the hot hands of Febrian again.

Knowing his team needed to respond, Fake Madrid's Eric "Rowdy" Roudabush took his team's offense under his wing. He

received the ball after a steal by a teammate and blasted it into the corner of the goal to tie the game with under a minute remaining in the first half.

"I took the opportunities when they were given to me," Roudabush said, and he was quick to cite his teammates as key contributors in his offensive success. "We have a pretty good team out here."

But Aghuami gave his team the advantage again early in the second half as he found the right side of the goal open before him after a Febrian deflection.

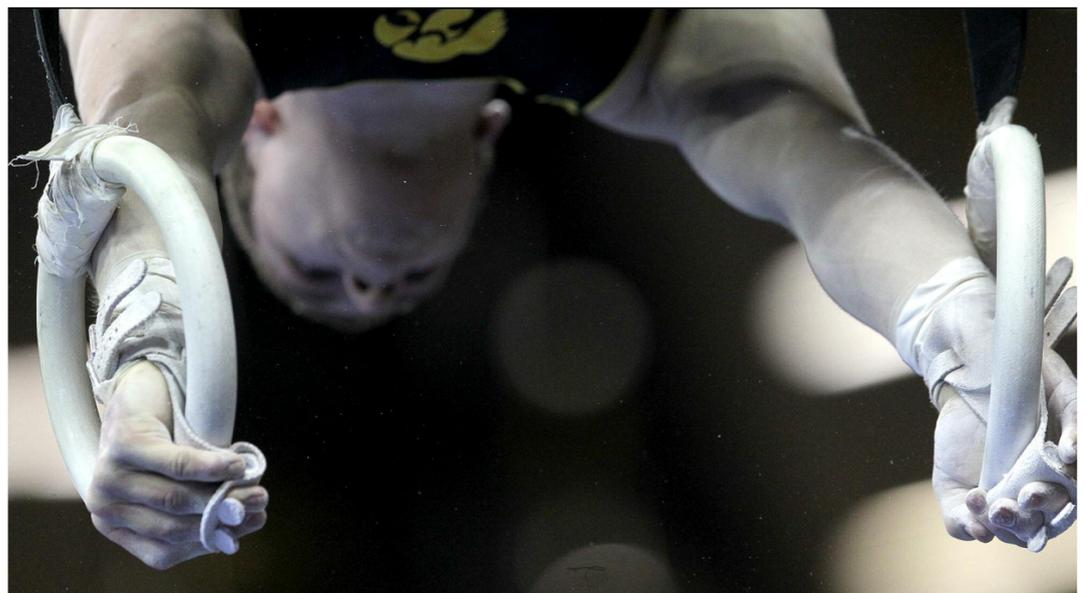
Fake Madrid attempted to respond but continued to falter close to the goal. All of the early shots soared over or past the goal, which caused Persia to slow down the tempo of the game and try to run down the clock.

Roudabush once again took the reins and attempted a powerful shot from midfield, which came close to tying the game. He tried again on his team's ensuing offensive possession, this time finding the goal from midfield.

The physical play employed by both teams from the gate began to take a toll in the second half as play was stopped numerous times for free kicks. Emadi

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# Hawks ring up scores



Iowa's Matt McGrath competes on the rings during the meet against Minnesota and Nebraska in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 11. Injuries have forced the Hawkeyes to compete with only four gymnasts on rings; other schools typically use six gymnasts and drop the two lowest scores. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

The Iowa men's gymnastics team has performed its best rings routines of the year without being able to drop low scores.

By **RYAN MURPHY**  
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The Iowa men's gymnastics team's margin of error on the still rings has been nonexistent for the last two competitions.

That hasn't stopped the Hawkeyes from recording their two best scores on the event of the season.

An injury to junior Javier Balboa left Iowa with the minimum of four competitors on the event. Most teams compete six gymnasts and drop the lowest two scores.

The four Hawkeyes — Matt McGrath, Brody Shemansky, Anton Gryshayev, and Angelo Bronzino —

have thrived without the luxury of dropping scores.

The quartet followed a season-high 58.800 score against Oklahoma with a 57.600 at Minnesota on March 3. Gryshayev set a school record against the Sooners with a 15.250 and shared the event title in Minneapolis with McGrath.

Iowa head coach JD Reive said having no safety net on rings has increased his stress, but his gymnasts have handled it well.

"What's crazy is we only have four guys going, so everybody counts," Reive said. "There's a little bit of stress from my point of

view, but it's been nice to go to that event, get our 58, and move on."

The Hawkeyes are ranked No. 11 in the nation on the event, and both Gryshayev (No. 22) and McGrath (No. 28) are ranked in the top 30.

Balboa is Iowa's third-highest-ranked competitor on the event, and Reive said he's trying to work the junior back onto the event after a back injury limited him to just the pommel horse against the Gophers. He was held out against Oklahoma.

The Hawkeyes also posted their highest team score on rings against Minnesota, a team ranked

No. 5 in the nation on the event that boasts one of the conference's top-10 competitors, Russell Dabritz.

Shemansky said the challenge of competing on rings with only three teammates is more mental than physical.

"You can't give up any scores with just four guys, so you have to be mentally prepared and ready to compete every time you get up on the rings," the junior said.

Reive agreed with Shemansky. He said the Hawkeyes are simply competing without worrying about scores.

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