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Mostly cloudy, 40% chance of rain.

Event focuses on water



Rachael Marie performs on World Water Day at Public Space One on Thursday. The event Tap With a Beat was sponsored by the UI Center for Human Rights and the Iowa United Nations Association. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

The Tap with the Beat event took place at Public Space One.

By **ELDON GIANNAKOUCOS**

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People conversed and swayed to the music of a small concert in Public Space One near a painting of a little girl in a yellow and red sari kneeling near a tap, pursing her lips in hope of catching a drop of clean water.

The image of the young girl — the subject in Paul Morehead's *Chandigarh Indian Girl* — was one of several paintings hanging at the Tap with the Beat water-sanitation awareness event Thursday night.

The function, sponsored by the Iowa United Nations Association, the University of Iowa

Water sanitation

Key points from the Tap with a Beat presentation:

- \$1 will provide one child with water for 40 days or 40 children with water for 1 day
- More than 900 million people are without access to clean water sources
- This year, UNICEF will focus its efforts on water sanitation in Vietnam, Togo, Cameroon, and Mauritania

Source: Iowa United Nations Association member Yashar Vasef

Center for Human Rights, and three UI students, sought to raise public awareness of the need for clean water in developing countries.

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In the weatherization lane

Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity plans to weatherize 60 homes in the area.

By **ELISE DILGER**

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Old homes in Iowa City can face drastic heat loss when standing up to the elements — a problem a few local organizations are looking to fix.

The Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity is weatherizing homes for local low-income families in conjunction with the UI Men in Engineering program and local members of Engineers for a Sustainable World.

The UI Men in Engineering volunteers will begin working March 31 with Clare Olsen, a Springdale, Iowa, resident living in an old farmhouse. Christy Shipley, the weatherization manager for Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity, told five UI volunteers at a Thursday training session in Rienow that the process would save



Members of Men in Engineering learn to use an infrared camera during a training session put on by Habitat for Humanity on Thursday in Rienow Hall. The Men in Engineering will use the infrared cameras to find leaks while weatherizing houses on March 31. (The Daily Iowan/Ricky Bahner)

Olsen an estimated \$300 annually.

"We want to control what is coming in and out of the house," she said. "Our motto is 'build it tight, ventilate it right.'"

The community organization plans to weatherize 60 homes this year, Shipley said. Ten have been completed so far.

Habitat for Humanity volunteer Cliff Thompson said homes are being weatherized

in order to stop excess heat or air from escaping, which lowers the gas prices for the homeowners.

This process — funded by a \$75,000 grant from the Iowa Department of Energy — is critical for the low-income population, he said.

"Not having the home weatherized hurts the low-income population the most, because the majority of their income

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Tuition freeze draws fire

Before the proposed freeze, the Board of Regents approved a 4 percent tuition increase in 2012-13 for the University of Iowa.

By **JORDYN REILAND**

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A proposed tuition freeze passed the House Appropriations Committee unanimously Wednesday, even as state officials from both parties said the legislation could result in further cuts to education funding.

The committee also added a regent-university budget proposal that is lower than recent years. Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, said regent universities would have difficulty operating at the same standards before the freeze if both measures pass.

"Their proposal for the budget is really, really low, and if you don't allow [universities] to raise tuition, then they won't have the resources needed to operate properly," he said.

After the Board of Regents spoke about the tuition freeze during the regents' meeting Wednesday, Regent President Craig Lang said officials could see large numbers of state funding cuts at the university level.

"The consequences of not removing [the freeze] means that we will see the cuts on campus that we haven't seen before," he said. "Those are the kinds of cuts that I think would really jeopardize the environment and learning that's important to our students."

Sen. Shawn Hamerlinck, R-Dixon said legislators need to make a decision that would balance the tuition freeze.

"I was a student once, and I'm still paying off loans," he said. "If we're going to cap, then we have to be able to make up the expenditures on the backside."

Other senators said they did not believe the bill would go any further.

"I think it's a bad idea, terrible idea," said Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City. "The best thing the Legislature can do to keep tuition low is to have a strong appropriation for our public universities."

Freezing tuition could be costly, he said.

"Freezing tuition is going to result in higher class sizes and lower quality," he said. "If you freeze tuition and do not provide great resources, the quality of student experience will go down."

Dvorsky voiced a similar opinion.

"I would hope that if you support public education in Iowa, you would not support any of that," he said.

Though members of the University of Iowa Student Government have been working with the regents and UI officials to keep tuition costs low, UISG President Elliot Higgins said the tuition freeze could be deceiving to students and officials.

"While it may sound good on the surface, it's detrimental to the UI and to the students," he said.

Instead, he said, he hopes legislators will allocate an appropriate amount of funding to the regent institutions instead.

"Legislators need to leave authority to set tuition to the Board of Regents," he said. "The move they are making is unprecedented."

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Few UI students with autism

Only 12 registered students at the University of Iowa suffer from autism.

By JENNY EARL

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Colleges have started to develop special programs geared toward students with autism, but the University of Iowa — which only has 12 registered students who suffer from autism — hasn't followed suit.

With the rise in the number of children being diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, experts say universities that have special programs are growing in demand.

"It's not just the service providers," said Jane Brown, the director of the College Autism Spectrum, an independent organization of professionals who assist students with autism spectrum disorders to navigate college options. "We've been doing this for a long time, and working with just the students doesn't work. You really have to create a community and train everyone on campus to be able to interact and understand students on the spectrum."

Universities that have these programs have 50 to 80 students on the spectrum who disclose their status at campus disabilities services.

Brown said combining all of these individual

efforts into one program would quickly increase the UI population of students with autism spectrum disorders.

Because students on the autism spectrum only make up about .06 percent of the UI student population, UI officials said the number of students and degree of support they need isn't great enough to create a program.

"I think it depends on the number of students and the degree of support they need," said Mark Harris, the director of UI Student Disability Services. "It's not something our office would be able to unilaterally offer. Those programs have full staffs and run independently going beyond academic accommodations."

The UI has seen an increase in the number of students with autism spectrum disorders, he said, but that number still isn't large.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one out of 110 children in the United States are diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, making it the fastest-growing developmental disability.

The UI generally works with students on the autism spectrum with Asperger's disorder, a

developmental disorder that affects a person's ability to socialize and communicate effectively with others, said Kathleen Staley, the assistant director for outreach at the University Counseling Service.

Staley holds a group-therapy session with UI students with Asperger's once a week for an hour to work on various issues and problems of daily life.

"We talk about how to manage daily routines of life and some of the specifics of that because sometimes that's a difficult thing," she said. "A lot of people with Asperger's have problems picking up interpersonal cues, controlling emotion and anger — things like that."

Harris said the UI, as well as many other universities, struggle deciding how to integrate students into the mainstream student population.

The UI doesn't offer a certain living space designated for students with autism spectrum disorders, he said. Deciding whether to have centralized living environments is something that universities often debate.

Programs and facilities that offer assistance to students with autism spectrum disorders are spread

UI Outlets for Students with Disabilities

The UI Student Disabilities Service stresses there are options for students with autism or students with problems communicating.

- REACH program: two-year, transition certificate program for students with numerous intellectual, cognitive, and learning disabilities.
- UI Student Disability Organization: student organization that promotes disability awareness and support for students with disabilities.
- University Counseling Service
- UI Student Disabilities Services

Source: UI Student Disabilities Service

out among the UI College of Education, Student Disability Services, and the University Counseling Service.

Harris said he would like to see more students on the autism spectrum attend college, especially the UI.

"I think [students with an autism spectrum disorder] enrich the diversity tremendously," he said. "The students we work with that are on the spectrum have a unique talent, skill, or perspective. Our job is to identify, enrich, and help that."

DRAWING A BEAD



Lillian Cheeser makes glass beads at Beadology on Thursday. Beadology holds an open house every Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. during which people can learn how to make glass beads. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

METRO

Police investigate restaurant burglary

The Iowa City police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying suspects following a robbery at Papa Murphy's Pizza, 2300 Muscatine Ave last month.

According to an Iowa City press release, the restaurant was burglarized at 1:15 a.m. on Feb. 8. Suspects were captured on video surveillance cameras after smashing a front window of the business to gain entry, the

release said.

Police said an undisclosed amount of money was stolen during the burglary.

Iowa City Area CrimeStoppers is offering a maximum reward of \$1,000 for information about the suspects. Individuals who provide information to officials do not have to reveal their identities to give information or collect a reward.

The surveillance video is available on the city government website.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Man charged with possession of firearms as a felon

A Bossier City, La., man has been charged with possession of firearms as a felon.

Mario Williams, 31, was charged Wednesday with possession of firearms as a felon.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, police approached Williams and numerous other individuals drinking outside 2446 Lakeside Drive. The report said Williams was in close

proximity to multiple containers of alcohol, and refused a preliminary breath test post arrest.

Williams allegedly had bloodshot, watery eyes, the odor of ingested alcohol, and slowed speech.

The complaint said a search of the defendant's backpack yielded a loaded .22 caliber handgun. He had been convicted of felonies on Oct. 22, 1998, and April 8, 2004.

Possession of firearms as a felon is a Class-D felony punishable by up to five years in jail and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Jordyn Reiland

BLOTTER

Lucas Adolphson, 21, 915 N. Governor St., was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Deloeon Batres, 23, 1205 Laura Drive No. 84, was charged Tuesday with domestic assault with injury, theft, and driving while barred.

Troy Dickerson, 50, Centerville, Iowa, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Ross Dudek, 19, 115 S. Governor St., was charged Thursday with

public intoxication and unlawful use of a driver's license/ID of another.

Tahnee Givhan, 26, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with interference with official acts.

Jasmine Grindelund, 19, 123 Iowa Ave. Apt. 6, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and unlawful use of a driver's license/ID of another.

David Jackson, 31, 2250 Taylor

Drive, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Fermin Lagos, 18, 1208 Tracy Lane, was charged Wednesday with criminal trespassing and obstruction of an officer.

Tyler Liles, 24, 1920 Sherman Drive, was charged Thursday with possession of marijuana and OWI. **Gregory Martin-Taylor**, 25, 2446 Lakeside Drive Apt. 5, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and interference

with official acts causing/intending injury.

Ryan McKinley, 20, Glenview, Ill., was charged Thursday with PAULA and possession of a fictitious driver's license/ID.

Azunne Opara, 24, address unknown, was charged Dec. 16, 2011, with fourth-degree theft and fraudulent criminal acts. **John Richardson**, 19, 430 S. Van Buren St. No. 9, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

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4. Restore integrity of U.S. visa system in order to give graduates more jobs
5. Some wary of UI's offer to help fund Iowa City animal shelter

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“We decided that we really wanted this to be something that a variety of people would be interested in attending,” the UI senior said. “We wanted it to be interdisciplinary so that a lot of different types of people would come to the event.”

Burggraaf and her peers set up the event to promote UNICEF’s Tap Project, an effort to raise money for countries that struggle to provide clean water. The Iowa United Nations Association asked local restaurants to join a tradition UNICEF started in 2007 by giving patrons the option of donating \$1 to water sanitation projects in Vietnam, Togo, Cameroon, and Mauritania for each glass of water ordered with their meal. Hearth, Moonraker’s, One-Twenty-Six, Oasis, Sushi Popo and Elikia are signed on to participate in the Tap Project’s fundraiser.

“We love the campaign — we think it lends itself well to our community in Iowa City,” said Yashar Vasef, a member of the Iowa United Nations Association. “We envision this as something that’s growing by the year, and at some point, we’d like to have 50 to 100 restaurants across the state involved.”

Vasef said the money from the UNICEF Tap Project will be put toward solutions to infrastructure challenges in developing countries that limit the supply of clean, accessible water.

“In some of these places, women have to walk up to 15 kilometers to reach the nearest clean water source,” he said. “Water is such a basic need. This really affects everybody.”

Vasef discussed the water problem using a display of water bottles, each containing dark brown water and labels with the names of diseases such as hepatitis and cholera — diseases that are commonly contracted through consumption of dirty water.

“Just visualizing that and thinking about people relying on that to drink is something that catches people’s attention,” he said. “Things of that sort really go a long way.”



The UI Center for Human Rights and the Iowa United Nations Association sponsored Tap With a Beat Thursday Night at Public Space One. The event helped celebrate World Water Day 2012. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

Some of the night’s paintings will be sold, with some of the money going to the Tap Project. The co-sponsors also set up an optional donation container at the event.

WEATHERIZE

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goes to paying the bills to pay for heating or air conditioning,” said Thompson, also an AmeriCorps weatherization worker. “This does not leave them with excess money to pay for a contractor — that is where we step in.”

Many of the homes the volunteers plan to work with were built before building science improved heat and air-retaining capabilities. Thompson said many of these homes contain many cracks or gaps in the roof.

“Attics are the main source of the problem,” he said. “They are not air-sealed, and in the low-income homes, there is a lot of room for improvement.”

A home receiving weatherization must undergo a combustion test for airflow and carbon-monoxide levels, after which volunteers use spray-foam to repair cracks in the walls and roof. Insulation is then added when necessary in attics and walls. Air ducts, windows, and doors are also repaired to prevent heat and air leaks.

ShIPLEY also said the UI students help homeowners cut utility costs. “All of you are helping our partner families save money,” she said. “It is great to have your help.”

“This is a great way to

“The skills that we are learning will not only help us after we graduate in our professional lives,” he said. “But these skills will help us when we have homes of our own as well.”

Members of the student organization enjoy the experience, Lindenberg said.

“This is a great way to

Weatherization

To qualify for the Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity’s weatherization aid, applicants must make below a certain income level per family member.

- 1 member: \$22,340
- 2 members: \$30,260
- 3 members: \$38,180
- 4 members: \$46,100
- 5 members: \$54,020

Source: Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity

give back to the community,” he said. “And we definitely want to continue working with Habitat for Humanity.”

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Editorial

Put the political football away, renew the anti-violence act

The renewal of the Violence Against Women Act remains uncertain because the majority of Republicans in the U.S. Senate continue to vocalize concerns against the new draft.

Along with Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, is at the forefront of the bill's opposition. Grassley's opposition and obvious politicization of this lifesaving legislation is embarrassing to the state of Iowa and its forward-thinking residents.

The focus today should be on bettering circumstances for all citizens and improving the safety of all Americans instead of paralyzing progress and stagnating public safety because of discrepancies in value-based politics.

The act was originally passed as an effort to stem the rising tide of battery and sexual assault against women in the early and late-90s. It has now infiltrated the very core of the treatment and enforcement, changing the previous culture of apathy toward these hideous, violent crimes.

Since its birth in 1994, the renewal and reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act has been a mere formality supported by both sides of the aisle — but once again, an important, public-safety issue has become a political football for the little games of a political elite.

Critics such as Grassley have overtly politicized the act by insinuating that Democrats are incorporating clauses regarding immigration regulation, protection of minorities, and LGBT rights for their own political gains.

While the partisan motives of the supporters of act's renewal may be called into question, their terms of renewal are warranted and necessary additions.

"I wish we could proceed in a consensus fashion again," Grassley said in a statement. "But there are provisions in the bill before us that have never been part of [the act] before. They're not consensus items."

Apparently, civil rights amounting to equality in the face of thoughtless violence aren't consensus items for Iowa anymore — such as one item, allowing Native American tribes to prosecute non-Native Americans who commit domestic and sexual crimes on reservations against its inhabitants.

Or another, increasing the number of visas available for illegal immigrants who were victims of domestic and sexual violence from 10,000 to 15,000.

Will it prevent people from harm? Yes. Then pass the legislation.

Linda Stewart Kroon, the director of the Women's Resource & Action Center, fights for the prevention

and treatment of violence against women every day.

"The [act] has had a positive impact on the lives of people of all genders, and I would hate to see us go backwards from where we are," she said. "Partisan politics completely distracts from what the issue really is."

Instead of focusing on the pertinent issues of sexual discrimination and violence, Grassley is distracted by the shallow and archaic platform of a blind and prideful partisan institution.

"The substitute creates so many new programs for underserved populations that it risks losing the focus of helping victims. If every group is a priority, then of course no group is a priority," Grassley said about the provisions during a hearing.

Though this is one of his main arguments against the bill, it holds no merit but instead proves the point: Every victimized group should be an equal priority. Every group that is victimized by sexual violence and domestic abuse should be protected under law — hence the extra provisions in the bill. If there are still people being abused, there are still more provisions to be put in.

This applies to LGBT rights as well.

When it comes to developments in these rights, the new provisions redefine antidiscrimination rhetoric to be all-inclusive. That way, a Christian shelter for victims of domestic violence shouldn't be legally permitted to turn down a subject based on her or his sexual orientation.

When it comes to violence, no one should be permitted to discriminate who gets protected based on anything.

"The government has an obligation to protect minorities," said Quentin Hill, an executive for the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Allied Union group at UI. "It's outrageous for someone who's supposed to represent all Iowans to oppose this kind of legislation, especially one concerning violence against anyone."

Grassley's opposition to passing this legislation is an embarrassment to the state of Iowa. Allowing petty, partisan concerns to delegitimize a necessary humanitarian cause does not support the constituency Grassley took a vow to represent. Human lives are at risk here in Iowa, and partisan bickering shouldn't be holding up progress.

"I'm really disappointed to see yet another common-sense piece of legislation be brought down to petty partisan politics," Kroon said.

And, Sen. Grassley, so are we.

Your turn. Is Sen. Chuck Grassley taking this too far? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Conservatives just can't let go

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Liberals regularly contend that conservatives are either unwilling, or unable, to acknowledge empirical evidence that exposes core conservative arguments to be patently false. However, two recent arguments that appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* reveal this to be untrue.

The problem is not that conservatives lack the mental furniture on which contrary evidence can sit, but rather that conservatives are too ideologically rigid to abandon core tenets. This holds true even after contrary information has forced them to abandon the principal arguments in which those tenets were founded.

As a consequence, many conservative thinkers have turned to increasingly novel arguments to support ideologically founded conclusions.

One rigid conservative conclusion can be found in the recent article by conservative economist and Carnegie Mellon University Professor Allan Meltzer, who argued the fundamentally conservative claim that countries cannot address the issue of income inequality by changing tax policy.

He supported this conclusion with a single study showing that income growth among the top 1 percent of earners across Western democracies follow a similar trend line. Meltzer, armed with this small amount of data, concluded that "domestic policy can't be the principal reason for the current spread between high earners and others."

But, blinded by his stubborn conservative values, it appears that Meltzer missed an important implication of the research on which his entire argument pivots.

If the wealthy are going to keep getting wealthier regardless of tax rates, then clearly taxes are not as much of a disincentive as conservatives have long asserted. This conclusion strikes a rather brutal blow to the fundamental conservative argument that high tax rates run the risk of pushing the wealthy to withdraw from taking part in economic activity — as they so famously did in Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged*.

A similarly misguided argument appeared on the *Journal's* website this past week concerning the minimum wage.

Rather than admit that an increase in the minimum wage poses no demonstrable threat to economic growth, Christopher Shea distracts from the frail conservative argument in opposition to increasing the minimum wage by directing readers to "a different downside," purportedly identified in a forthcoming study that will appear in the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, is that "a higher minimum wage leads to more [teenage] drunk-driving accidents."

However, Shea totally ignores the fact that the study has almost nothing to do with the relationship between the minimum wage and drunk driving specifically but everything to do with the fact that alcohol consumption among teens is highly sensitive to small changes in incomes and prices.

That in mind, if we were to carry this information and the argument laid out by the study to its logical conclusion, Shea is actually making a rather compelling argument for a higher alcohol tax.

A conclusion supported by another study conducted in Canada which found that a 10 percent increase in minimum alcohol prices reduced alcohol consumption by 3.6 percent.

Now, I do not know about you, but a new or higher tax sounds like the last thing that a conservative would want.

So, in an ideal world in which the conservative arguments put forth by Meltzer and Shea dictated policy decisions, the 4.4 million Americans who earn no more than the minimum wage, many of whom attend such colleges as the University of Iowa, would experience the rapid evaporation of what little income they have. Furthermore, because the wealthy would pull in a larger proportion of total income and pay lower taxes, governments would experience dramatic decreases in revenues.

This would inevitably lead to decreased public funding for institutions of higher learning, further pressuring colleges such as the UI to increase tuition to compensate for the loss of funding.

As time and growing bodies of research further erode the rhetorical and empirical pillars supporting conservative ideological tenets, right-wing thinkers have turned to increasingly shaky arguments. Liberals, however, are wrong to contend that conservatives are immune to new information. They are not — they are simply unwilling to confront it and instead work around it. ■

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Grassley off the mark

While I am sure Sen. Chuck Grassley is well-intentioned in his belief that restricting skilled foreign nationals from the U.S. labor force will help U.S. students, the opposite is likely to be the case ("Restore integrity of U.S. visa system in order to give graduates more jobs," *DI*, March 21).

Last year, nearly half of the top 50 venture-funded compa-

nies in America had at least one immigrant founder, and close to 80 percent of these cutting-edge companies had an immigrant in a key management or product-development position helping create jobs and innovations.

Bloomberg reported recently, "A surge in technology-industry hiring is helping to spearhead a jobs-market revival as demand swells for computer-software applica-

tions and data ... Vacancies outnumbered job seekers by more than 3-1, according to the New York-based Conference Board. Postings on tech-career website Dice.com are 12 percent higher than a year ago, with openings for workers skilled in mobile applications up more than 100 percent."

The argument for openness toward future immigrants, including international stu-

dents who generally can only be hired in the United States by using temporary work visas, goes beyond current employment conditions. The labor market is global, and blocking employers from hiring skilled foreign nationals will only push more work and resources outside the United States.

Stuart Anderson
National Foundation for American Policy
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Guest opinion

What a real attack on Internet freedom looks like

At the height of the controversy over the Stop Online Piracy Act and the Protect Intellectual Property Act debate, critics of the bills described them as an assault on Internet freedom and the subversion of the First Amendment.

The advocates had a point. The proposed laws were arguably overly broad, and we should all be very careful before we give

government greater latitude in shutting down websites.

Still, it's striking to see what a real attack on Internet freedom looks like.

In the wake of deadly attacks by a terrorist who killed seven people over nine days in France, French President Nicolas Sarkozy announced that those who regularly visit "websites that support ter-

rorism or call for hate or violence will be punished by the law."

Obviously, no society is going to permit people to use the web to organize attacks on fellow citizens. But in the United States, the First Amendment protects hateful websites and organizations. As long as there's no active plotting or specific threats, ugly, intolerant, racist, and hateful

content can be freely posted.

The American Civil Liberties Union, among others, has taken a beating over the years for defending the free-speech rights of organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan, but the principle that all Americans can express their viewpoints, however despicable, is at the core of this nation's beliefs. A law limit-

ing Americans' right to visit hateful websites would not last long in American courts.

It's a valuable reminder that even in nations that we associate with democratic values and artistic expression, there's rarely the same level of tolerance and respect for unpopular opinions or minority beliefs. France's ban on the wearing of religious symbols, most notably Muslim

headscarves, is just one more example.

In the wake of tragedies such as 9/11, there are always temptations to trade freedom for greater security, but more often than not, Americans embrace liberty. Nations all over the globe speak about cherishing freedom. But and large, the United States walks the talk.

Ken Paulson
President, First Amendment Center

Suspected sergeant has violent history

By MIKE BAKER

Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — A second incident involving alcohol and violence surfaced Thursday in the background of the Army staff sergeant suspected of killing 17 Afghan villagers — a 2008 allegation that he thrust a woman's hand to his crotch and fought with her boyfriend.

A Pierce County Sheriff's Department incident report obtained by the Associated Press quoted a woman claiming Robert Bales told her she was beautiful, then "pulled her hand to his crotch" outside a Tacoma, Wash., bowling

alley. The deputy described Bales as "extremely intoxicated."

The report says Bales began punching and kicking the woman's boyfriend. When the boyfriend raised one leg to stop the kicking, Bales grabbed the leg and pushed him to the pavement, according to the incident report.

Each person involved in the incident was drunk, to the point of mumbling and slurring their speech, according to the deputy's account.

John Henry Browne, an attorney representing Bales in the Afghan killings case, declined to discuss the assault accusa-

tions because he said it has no bearing on the Afghanistan matter.

Details of the incident follow a report this week that Bales had been arrested in 2002 for a drunken assault of a security guard at a Tacoma casino. That charge was dismissed after Bales completed 20 hours of anger-management training.

U.S. military officials say Bales was drinking on a southern Afghanistan base before he crept away to two villages overnight March 11, shooting his victims and setting many of them on fire. Nine were children. Eleven belonged to one family.



Construction continues at the building housing the downtown Java House. Heirloom Salad Co. will open next to the Java House. (The Daily Iowan/Asmaa Elkurti)



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County seeks flood project

By BETH BRATSOS

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Johnson County officials will soon apply to work with the Iowa Flood Center for the first time.

County supervisors said Thursday they will sign an application to partake in a research project sponsored by the University of Iowa Hydroscience & Engineering Department and the Flood Center on the UI campus. If Flood Center officials select the county from among city and other county applicants, it could receive grant money for countywide watersheds and flood-mitigation projects.

Supervisor Terrence Neuzil stressed that the funding could help eliminate the negative effects of waterway pollution caused by flooding.

"Every time we see a significant flood ... more pollutants are getting into our waterways," he said. "If we can figure out a way to slow down the water so it has a chance to filter itself before it gets into our streams, the less polluted waters are going to be."

The Flood Center will pick three counties for a study helping area landowners better understand flood-related issues, using funds from an \$8.8 million Housing and Urban Development grant it and the Hydroscience & Engineering Department received following the 2008 flood.

Farming communities could find the aid highly beneficial, Neuzil said.

"Johnson County is a leader in this effort, and I anticipate we have a pretty good opportunity," he said. "We are hopeful that as a result of this study, we can work with folks in the farming community to slow down water that is coming

Flood mitigation

Johnson County is working with the Iowa Flood Center to better manage future floods.

- Counties across the state submit applications to the Iowa Flood Center.
- The center chooses three counties in the state to conduct two-year assessment of areas most likely to reduce flood damages downstream.
- Counties participating in the study can then apply to receive grant money for watershed projects.
- Construction of watershed projects to begin in 2014.

Source: UI Hydroscience & Engineering and the Iowa Flood Center

off their fields."

Supervisor Janelle Rettig said each selected county will participate in a roughly two-year research and assessment project to determine different areas' needs for restoration. Watersheds included in Johnson County's application are Iowa River-Clear Creek and Iowa River-Old Man's Creek, which all make up a large portion of the county, she said.

"We picked these because they greatly affect flooding in Johnson County," she said. "We have to figure out where water comes from, how to slow it down, what kind of projects are appropriate. This is very impor-

tant for our county that we better understand flooding ... and types of projects we need to lower our risk of flooding."

If Johnson County receives the project, county officials could apply for money used to improve watersheds after the research period. This construction will likely begin in 2014.

Rick Dvorak, the administrator of the Johnson County Planning and Zoning Department, said flood-project officials will meet in various cities to see what can be done to better manage their watersheds, including new storage areas, building wetlands, or asking land owners not to farm in certain areas.

"There are no requirements. It's outlining," he said. "Different properties allow you to do different things, which will be discussed."

Communities have previously tried building berms to hold water, which usually fail, he noted.

"When you start working in watershed areas — areas before it gets to cities — you can manage the water much better," he said. "This is an approach that is a little different, and I'm glad the state is buying into that."

Applications are due April 2; participating counties will be announced in June.

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Famous Movie Quote First Drafts:

- "Come with me if you want to live and maybe get ice cream."
- "Frankly, Scarlet, I don't give a rootin' tootin' goll-darned [mumble, mumble ...]."
- "I'm going to make him an offer he might take up. Or he might not. We'll see."
- "Toto, I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore — watch where you poop, I don't have any baggies."
- "May the midi-chlorians that reside in all of us be with you."
- "Louis, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship, but please let go of my hand now."
- "Bond. James Francis 'Doogie' Bond the Third."
- "You can't handle the facts that I'm putting down."
- "I'll have what made her make those noises like that, plus one to go."
- "You're going to need a bigger boat, cause that's one big ass shark."
- "I see dead people. Like you. You're dead, dude. Booga booga."
- "Soylent Green is people, and squirrels, and kitties, and puppy dog tails. I think maybe there's some lizard in there, too."
- "Mama always said life is like a box of chocolates. You never [mmph nom nom] know what [mmph mmm] you're [mmmm] ... chocolate."
- "Rosebud ... was my sled. I loved that sled."
- "Keep your friends close but your enemies in the trunk."

Brian Tanner knows how to whistle; he just puts his whistle up to his lips and blows.

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7	5	8	9	6	1	3	2	4
2	6	1	5	3	4	7	8	9
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by Scott Adams

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YOU'RE NOTORIOUSLY INEFFECTIVE. THAT'S THE BEST KIND OF NEMESIS TO HAVE.

THAT SHOULD PRIME THE PUMP. I WILL THWART YOU A NEW ONE!

NON SEQUITUR

BY VIEV

YES!! I THINK IT'S TIME TO CLEAN THE TANK, DEAR.

DOONESBURY

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

I JUST FEEL THIS IS WORK I WAS BORN TO DO. ZIP, AND RECENTLY, THERE WAS A... WELL, A SIGN!

WHAT SORT OF SIGN, UNCLE ZONK?

YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE IT. TRY ME!

SAY YOU'LL TAKE MY SEEPS TO CALIFORNIA! SAY IT!

I'LL TAKE YOUR SEEPS TO CALIFORNIA.

WHY WOULDN'T I BELIEVE THAT? OH, RIGHT, YOU'RE A HARRIS.

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today's events

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- **Crossing Borders Convocation**, "Transcultural Communication and Migrations in the Indian Ocean Rim and the Caribbean," all day, W401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Jim Throgmorton**, 8:30 a.m., Fair Grounds Coffeehouse, 345 S. Dubuque
- **Chemistry Open House for Prospective Graduate Students**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Chemistry Building
- **Chess Group**, 1 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **Sisters, There's a Women's Center in Iowa City**, 4 p.m., Main Library Iowa Women's Archives
- **Biology Seminar**, "A novel mechanism of cell adhesion mediated by protocadherin-cadherin complexes," James Jontes, Ohio State, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **Chelsea Grin**, 4:30 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **Friday Night Jazz**, 5 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **Dickens Film Festival**, Great Expectations, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **SyZyGy: Alignment of Heavenly Bodies Lecture Series**, Susan White, Painting & Drawing, 5 p.m., 116 Art Building West
- **Pina**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **House of Wonders**, 7:30 p.m., Iowa City Community Theatre, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Road S.E.
- **Improv Show**, 7:30 p.m., Public Space One, 129 E. Washington
- **Our Town**, City Circle Acting Company, 7:30 p.m., Coralville Center for Performing Arts, 1301 Fifth St.
- **Writers' Workshop Reading**, Dora Malech, poetry, and Andrew Greer, fiction, 8 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room
- **Theater Honors Week**, When the Lights Go Out, 8 p.m., Theater Building Theater B
- **Orquesta Alto Maíz**, 8 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **Sean Boarini**, 8:30 p.m., Gilbert Street Piano Lounge, 347 S. Gilbert
- **Daryl Hance**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Pariah**, 9:15 p.m., Bijou
- **OSG White Party**, Organic Underground, and Lady Espina, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Campus Activities Board Comedy**, Judah Friedlander, 10 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Campus Activities Board Movie**, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, 10 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Ladies' Night**, 10 p.m., L&J Kitchen BBQ House, 320 E. Burlington

UITV schedule

- 1 p.m.** Center for New Music Concert, Wolfgang David, violin, Guo Gan, ehru, and David Gompper, piano, Feb. 19, 2011
- 2:30** UI Symphony Orchestra, works by David Gompper, Johannes Brahms, Joseph Haydn, Ludwig Von Beethoven, Feb. 29
- 3:45** John Cage Centennial, Dance Performance, Musicircus, University Capitol Centre second floor (highlights)
- 4** Faculty/Graduate Dance Concert 2012, Dance Department, Feb. 18
- 5:30** Center for New Music Concert, Wolfgang David, violin, Guo Gan, ehru, and David Gompper, piano, Feb. 19, 2011
- 7** UI Symphony Orchestra, works by David Gompper, Johannes Brahms, Joseph Haydn, Ludwig Von Beethoven, Feb. 29
- 8:30** WorldCanvass, "Japan," Joan Kjaer and International Programs, March 2012
- 10:30** Faculty/Graduate Dance Concert 2012, Dance Department, Feb. 18

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Friday, March 23, 2012
- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Don't let that feeling of anxiousness affect your productivity. Once you focus and get started on what you need to accomplish, everything will fall into place. Consistency and creativity will bring excellent results.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Think big, but stick to your budget and abide by the rules. Your tenacity will bring you the returns you desire. Travel, communication, and helping others will lead to greater opportunities and a resurgence of the things you enjoy doing most.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Keep everything in perspective, regardless of what others do. An honest assessment will help you make the right choices and suggestions. Channel your energy into financial and domestic improvements. Adaptation will make a good impression.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Size up the situation you face, and do whatever you can to keep everything running smoothly. Don't let someone's last-minute decision dismantle your plans or your routine. Concentrate on the one you love most, and live in the moment.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Strut your stuff. You have plenty to gain by stepping into the limelight. A change of scenery will lead to an experience you won't want to miss. A responsibility you took on will pay off in an unusual way. Keep an open mind.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Express your feelings openly, and you will come up with a workable agreement. Don't be afraid to take control of a personal situation. Your no-nonsense attitude will appeal to someone you want to spend more time with.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Ask for a favor if it will help your financial situation. Make changes that will ease your stress and help you gain control of your life. A partnership needs altering if you want to make it work.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Be creative in the way you run your household, and you will attract greater interest from partners, friends, and relatives. Don't limit what you can do in order to accommodate others. It's your life, so do things your way.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Look at your situation honestly, and begin the process of implementing the changes required to make your life better. Happiness begins by making the right choices. Arguing will get you nowhere. Walk away from whatever isn't working out for you.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Don't say what you are thinking, or you will have to defend your position better to ride out the storm and stick close to home. Put a greater emphasis on home-improvement projects and going through your personal papers.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Remembering your past will help you make an important decision about your future. Getting together with old friends or revisiting places or hobbies you used to enjoy will help you move forward.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 An opportunity to put your talents to good use will also encourage an upswing in your earning ability. Turn to someone you used to have a wonderful rapport with and reclaim the friendship you once had. Take the initiative, and enjoy the outcome.

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OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

- Across**
- Stud, say
 - Court defendant: Abbr.
 - He played Don Altobello in "The Godfather Part III"
 - Fair
 - Side effect?
 - Hillbilly's plug
 - More, to a 37-Down
 - Eric of "Funny People," 2009
 - It's gradually shrinking in the Arctic
 - Lost traction
 - One punched in an office
 - Kitchen dusting aid
 - Admirable person
 - 29 They might be left hanging
 - 30 Not pussyfooting
 - 31 1990s Indian P.M.
 - 32 "Youth With a Skull" painter
 - 33 Didn't use a high enough 45-Across, maybe
 - 34 Carpenter's groove
 - 35 Some E.M.T. cases
 - 36 They stand for things
 - 37 Kind of nut
 - 38 Evenly matched
 - 40 Employees at a ritzy hotel
 - 41 Is routed by
 - 42 Whiff
 - 43 Hand holder?
 - 44 Grain, e.g.
 - 45 Ray blockage no.

- Down**
- Appear thrilled
 - Two before Charlie
 - Computing 0s and 1s
 - Milk source
 - Sense, slangily
 - Aquila's brightest star
 - Secretive body part
 - Mariner's grp.
 - Outer: Prefix
 - 10 Postapocalyptic best seller of 1978
 - 11 Wraps up
 - 12 Send
 - 13 Flighty type
 - 14 Drills, e.g.
 - 22 League division
 - 23 Criteria: Abbr.
 - 24 Veers sharply
 - 25 Friend one grows up with, often
 - 26 "News to me!"
 - 27 Reason for a track delay
 - 28 "Faded Love" singer, 1963
 - 48 Month whose zodiac sign is a fish
 - 49 "Lady Baltimore" novelist, 1906
 - 52 Prefix with 3-Down
 - 53 "It'll be O.K." lead-in
 - 54 Tummy filler
 - 55 "Whoa, not so fast!"

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- Puzzle by Ian Livengood**
- Film with the tagline "Borat was so 2006"
 - 37 South-of-the-border bad guy
 - 45 They may be prayed to in Fr.
 - 39 Colorful additions to tanks
 - 46 Graceful fairy
 - 33 Where following a star might lead you
 - 40 Beheld
 - 47 Part of a long neck
 - 34 Shoulder press target, briefly
 - 42 Name in seven Shakespeare titles
 - 50 "Huh?"
 - 36 It's in front of the cockpit
 - 44 Charges from counsel
 - 51 "___ being Brand" (Cummings poem)

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Animal control officer George DeLeon pets a kitten rescued from under the hood of a van at the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter in Santa Cruz, Calif., on Wednesday. The stowaway kitten is safe despite taking a hair-raising 85-mile ride from Mill Valley across the Golden Gate Bridge in the van's engine compartment. Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter spokesman Todd Stosuy says the 8-month-old feline was probably just looking for a warm place to sleep. The shelter is trying to locate the owner. (Associated Press/Santa Cruz Sentinel, Jonathan Weiland)



METRO

City of Literature board adds 4

The Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature organization has added four members to its Board of Directors.

The new members are City Councilor and University of Iowa Professor Emeritus Jim Throgmorton, Agate Publishing Executive Vice President of Sales Eileen Johnson, and Iowa authors Lori Erickson and Delia Ray Howard, according to the Unesco website.

— by Luke Voelz

Law-school trial set for fall

The trial date has been set in a discrimination case involving the former dean of the University of Iowa law school, according to court documents.

Lawyer Teresa Wagner filed a discrimination lawsuit against former UI Dean Carolyn Jones in 2009 alleging she was not hired during the 2006-07 academic year to be an instructor at the school because of her political beliefs.

A U.S. District judge dismissed the case with prejudice in March 2010. A U.S. Court of Appeals

then heard the case after Wagner appealed the district court's ruling in July 2010.

The appeals court said the lower court erred in finding that Jones was protected.

The final pretrial conference will be held on Oct. 1, 2012. A jury trial will begin on Oct. 15 at the U.S. Courthouse in Davenport; it is expected to take no more than five days, according to court documents.

— by Beth Bratsos

Hogan resigns at Illinois

Former University of Iowa Provost Michael Hogan has resigned from his position as president of the University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana.

According to a University of Illinois press release, officials announced Thursday that the school's Board of Trustees has received Hogan's resignation. The board will likely ratify the change at a May 31 meeting in Chicago.

University of Illinois faculty had written two letters over the last two months expressing a lack of trust between Hogan and the faculty, along with other complaints.

Hogan, who was a UI history

professor before becoming provost, was among the finalists in the most recent UI presidential selection.

— by Luke Voelz

Adler briefly evacuated

Students, faculty, and staff in the Adler Journalism Building were evacuated around 1:20 p.m. Thursday after fumes were reported in the building.

Bruce McAvoy, the fire-safety coordinator at the University of Iowa Public Safety Department, said an off-site contractor was servicing the building's emergency generator. The building's airflow was not being properly shut down, causing exhaust fumes to spread into the building when the generator was tested.

McAvoy said police had the building evacuated after receiving complaints of an oily smell. Fire officials found no levels of carbon monoxide and activated the building's smoke-management system to clear the fumes.

Fire officials deemed the building safe and reopened it around 1:40 p.m.

— by Luke Voelz



A fire truck sits near the Adler Journalism Building on Thursday afternoon after the building was evacuated. Exhaust fumes from a generator caused the evacuation, which lasted around 20 minutes. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

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BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

GymHawks host Big Tens

Iowa will host the conference championships for the first time in seven years.

By **ALEX FRENCH**
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Hoping. Wanting. Knowing.

All three are characteristics Iowa women's gymnastics head coach Larissa Libby said are common in the sport.

They're also mental stages she uses to describe her team.

"On three events, we're in the knowing. On beam, we're still wanting — but at least we're not hoping," she said. "It's up to them now. There's nothing else [the coaching staff] can do. They're prepared. Now, it's who shows up mentally."

Being comfortable is key to settling nerves in a sport that relies on mental toughness, Libby said.

And for the first time since 2004-05 — her first year as head coach — the Big Ten championship will return to Iowa City.

"We've competed [in Carver-Hawkeye Arena] all year long; we know the equipment, and we have the fans to support us," senior Rachel Cocoran said.

"They're all advantages, and we feel comfortable being here."

Iowa finished sixth out of seven teams the last time it hosted the conference championship. The Hawkeyes have finished no higher than third since then.

This time around, eight teams — divided into two four-squad divisions — will compete in afternoon and evening events. The No. 7-seeded GymHawks are paired with No. 8 seed Michigan State, No. 6 Illinois, and five-time defending conference champion No. 5 Michigan. The Illini and Wolverines are ranked Nos. 23 and 21, respectively.

Nebraska, Penn State, Ohio State, and Minnesota — all of which are ranked No. 17 or better in the country — round out the evening match as the top four seeds. Overall finishes will be based on final scores posted by each team.

While Libby said she would prefer to compete in the second grouping, sophomore Tesla Cox said going first could play to Iowa's strengths.

WANT LIVE BIG TEN UPDATES?

Follow *DI* women's gymnastics reporter Alex French on Twitter for live updates from the Big Ten championships in Carver-Hawkeye Arena: @alex.french.

"[Scoring well would] show everyone else that we're here to compete, and it would put a little extra pressure on them to hit," the Greenville, S.C., native said.

Cocoran agreed, and said Iowa's 1 p.m. start time is when the team normally practices during the week.

Whatever the case may be, Libby said, she believes the home familiarity will play a large role in Iowa's performance this weekend.

Not having to worry about such factors as lighting, what the equipment might be like, and where the crowd and judges are located can affect a competitor, she said.

"Those are huge stressors on a gymnast that people don't realize," Libby said. "When you mentally picture yourself doing skills, you can picture exactly where you are [in

Big Ten Championships

When: 1 & 6 p.m. Saturday
Where: Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Where to watch: Big Ten Network

the arena]. Everything has to feel right."

The Hawkeyes are 2-3-1 and averaged a team score of 194.57 in Carver-Hawkeye. Iowa set season-highs in all four events at home this season.

Libby said she doesn't want her team to enjoy the comforts of home too much, though, because that could negatively affect the GymHawks' performances.

But being at home for the postseason isn't a perk every team has the chance to enjoy, she said.

"We've tried to set everything else aside," she said. "Yeah, we're going for a championship, we're trying to win, but I don't want them to lose sight of this — it's such a great time of the year."

DORIS

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going to prom, because I'm going to be at the state meet.' He's totally accepted the work he's got to do and the sacrifices he has to make to be as good as he wants to be."

That hard work seemed to pay off for Troy Doris, who was a two-time state champion in the triple jump and placed third as a sophomore when his brother won the title. He had his choice of virtually any school in the country when deciding where to attend college.

"I had letters from every school you can probably think of," he said. "It was crazy. I was going to commit to Arkansas, initially."

But there was a problem. The NCAA Clearing-

house — where prospective student-athletes must go to be cleared for eligibility — declared Doris ineligible for a scholarship. He was missing required classes on his transcript, so he had to attend the College of DuPage — a junior college in Glen Ellyn, Ill. — where he won a pair of national championships and earned All-America honors six times in two years.

Ryan Doris said part of the problem was that he and his younger brother never looked very far ahead when it came to jumping.

"When we got started, we had no clue about the NCAA Clearinghouse," he said. "We really had no one to tell us 'Hey, you'll get so skilled, you'll get a scholarship.' We didn't really think about [being at that level]."

Ryan Doris said his brother's inner hunger to put things in order academically stemmed from

seeing other athletes take "his spot" at the NCAA meet. He wanted to compete and be recognized for the athlete he was, Ryan Doris said.

But Troy Doris said he was able to turn that into a positive experience in a different way, too.

"I feel like a lot of things happen for a reason," he said. "It made me a better student and made me appreciate the opportunities I have — I can't just take them for granted. It was something I really needed, because when I was 15, 18 years old, I didn't realize stuff like that."

That realization played a role in how he ended up in Iowa City. Doris said Roberts was one of the few coaches who talked about academics, and that was a major factor in his decision to become a Hawkeye.

"I just felt like I could trust him," Doris said. "He never really, truly talked

Next Up: Arkansas Invitational

When: March 30-31
Where: McDonnell Field, Fayetteville, Ark.

about track; he just talked a lot about getting me into school and what he wants for me to get out of school."

That approach fits well with the values instilled by his mother, Tessa Franco.

"Our mom is never impressed," Ryan Doris said. "You could win the Olympics, and she'd be like, 'Oh, great. Good job.' What impresses our mom is what kind of a man you are and how humble you've stayed. And he's a super-humble kid — a regular guy who's good at the triple jump."

"And that's how we've always seen him."

SOFTBALL

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boast such a strenuous pre-league schedule.

Spirits on the team haven't dampened by the losing record, either. The players understand Looper's methods and see it as a learning experience. They said they're confident their participation will build a winning program.

Senior first baseman Katie Keim said she sees

the tough games as a positive for her team because they serve as learning experiences for what to expect in the Big Ten.

"We get to see some of the best pitchers. We get to play defense against the best hitters," Keim said. "It gives us looks at things we haven't seen before."

The Badgers swept Iowa in the last meeting between the two squads, a double-header on April 27, 2011. The losses didn't leave a particularly bitter taste for revenge in the mouths of Iowa's players, though. Several Hawkeyes

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said they don't consider Wisconsin a rival and lack the animosity toward the Badgers that is apparent in many other sports.

Catcher Liz Watkins said she sees all Big Ten schools equally as rivals. But the Taylor Ridge, Ill., native didn't hide an ear-to-ear grin while describing her excitement to begin the Big Ten season this weekend

Iowa (10-15) vs. Wisconsin (11-9)

When: 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. March 25
Where: Pearl Field

against the Badgers.

"I think our pitchers and defense are doing really well right now," Watkins said. "I'm really looking forward to see what damage they can do on the field, and we're just going to bring our bats and whomp on some people."

BASEBALL

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will likely send junior southpaw Matt Dermody (0-2, 5.87) to the hill on Saturday, and rookie lefty Sasha Kuebel (1-0, 2.82) will pitch on March 25.

Northwestern will likely send a trio of right-handers to oppose Iowa's left-handed rotation. Francis Brooke (1-1, 1.95) is scheduled to face Hippen, Brandon Magallones (3-0, 5.09) will pitch against Dermody, and Zach Morton (0-4, 4.20) will take the mound opposite Kuebel.

McQuillan said he's confident the Black and Gold's ace will set the tone for the rest of the weekend.

"We got Hippen going, and we're in position to win any time he's on the mound — even if he doesn't have his best stuff, he's still really good," McQuillan said. "He's going to come out

Iowa (7-10) vs. Northwestern (7-12)

When: 4 p.m. today, 1 p.m. Saturday & March 25
Where: Duane Banks Field

ready to pitch like he always does, and hopefully set us up to win the series."

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'Super' jumper stays humble



Troy Doris competes in the triple jump during the Musco Twilight Meet at Cretzmeyer Track on April 24, 2011. Doris, a senior, is a three-time NCAA All-American; he earned the honor six times as a junior-college competitor. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Iowa senior captain Troy Doris hasn't let his success affect his desire to improve.

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Troy Doris is a three-time NCAA All-American in the triple jump, but you might not know it if you knew the way he approaches the sport.

Assistant coach Clive Roberts considers the senior captain a "great Hawkeye," mostly because of his dedication.

"The kid is probably the most talented kid we've got, but he really works his butt off," Roberts said. "I wish we had a team of him; he brings a real blue-collar attitude to this team."

That mentality is nothing new for Doris. Older brother Ryan Doris — who competed at Northern Illinois after claiming the Illinois high-school championship in the

triple jump as a senior at Bolingbrook High — says his younger brother has long approached everything he does with that mindset.

"We were both very dedicated kids," Ryan Doris said. "There are times I remember watching the world-record jump by Jonathan Edwards, Troy and I, just breaking down every part of that video for four or five hours — and

never being bored. We were just obsessive."

The Illinois state track meet is typically held the same week as prom in Bolingbrook. There wasn't any problem for the younger Doris brother.

"For him, it was never a debate," Ryan Doris said. "He said as a freshman, I'm never

SEE DORIS, 8

Softball ready for Big Ten

Iowa faced eight top-ranked teams during its pre-Big Ten schedule, the most of any team in the conference.

By **BEN ROSS**

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This is it.

The Iowa softball team traveled roughly 14,000 miles to play 25 games over the course of 40 days, but the Hawkeyes will finally get to wake up in their own beds and play a game at the place they call home.

Iowa (10-15) will begin its Big Ten season when Wisconsin (11-9) travels to Iowa City on Saturday to take on the Hawkeyes in a three-game series at Pearl Field.

Both teams are coming off losses; Iowa dropped two games against No. 10 Missouri on March 21 in Columbia, Mo. The Badgers were defeated by Oklahoma State on March 18 in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Iowa's less than competitive record doesn't tell the entire story of the season. The Black and Gold have played eight teams ranked in the top 25 so far and were 1-10 against the premier competition. The win came on March 3 against Oklahoma State, when the Cowgirls were ranked No. 23; they fell out of the rankings before they faced Wisconsin, which has faced just one ranked team. The Badgers played then-No. 21 Florida State on Feb. 24 and 26 and lost both matches.

"That was intentional," second-year head Iowa coach Marla Looper said about the Hawkeyes' challenging schedule. "For us to become one of the best teams in the country, we have to play those teams and start beating them. That's when we become them."

The college softball RPI hasn't been released for the 2012 season yet, but it's likely Iowa would be near the top of the list seeing as no other team in the conference can



Looper
head coach

SEE SOFTBALL, 8

Marion pleads guilty to driving while barred

Former Iowa wrestler Montell Marion pleaded guilty to driving while barred as a habitual offender on Wednesday and was ordered to pay a \$625 fine, according to online court records.

The charge dates to Dec. 16, when Marion was pulled over and ticketed at the intersection of Melrose Avenue and Melrose Court in Iowa City. He had previously been banned from driving for a year after he received a speeding ticket in July 2011; that had been his third traffic-related arrest in Johnson County and sixth moving violation in a two-year span.

The Des Moines native was kicked off the Iowa wrestling team indefinitely in July 2010 after he was charged with OWI; he later pleaded guilty and was reinstated in January 2011.

Marion wrapped up his career with a second-place finish at the NCAA championships last weekend; he was a three-time All-American and finished second at NAAs twice.

Driving while barred is an aggravated misdemeanor; Marion has the option to perform community service in lieu of the fine.

— by Seth Roberts



Marion
former wrestler

Women's golf heads to Saluki Invitational

The Iowa women's golf team will travel to Carbondale, Ill. March 25 and 26 to compete in the Saluki Invitational at Hickory Ridge Golf Course.

The Hawkeyes are fresh off a season-best ninth-place finish March 14 at the Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational in Kane'ohe, O'ahu, Hawaii. Iowa shot a combined 74-over 938 (308, 312, 318), 37 strokes behind winner Texas A&M. Senior Chelsea Harris led the Hawkeyes with a 54-hole score of 11 over. She carded a team-best 3 birdies in the final round on the way to a 2-over 74 and finished tied for ninth individu-

ally. Shelby Phillips tied for 31st (19 over), Gigi DiGrazia finished in a tie for 52nd (24 over), Lauren English placed 59th (26 over), and Kristi Cardwell carded a 28-over tie for 62nd.

Head coach Megan Menzel said it's good to compete in the Midwest again after participating in tournaments in Texas, Arizona, and Hawaii over the last four weeks.

The Hawkeyes didn't compete last week.

"It's helpful that we played three tournaments already; we were able to get a solid evaluation of our game," she said. "It's nice to hit off real grass again; it helps us fine-tune our swings and put the ball into play."

— by Alex French

Baseball seeks consistency

Jarred Hippen will take the mound today as Iowa opens up conference play against Northwestern in a wide-open Big Ten.

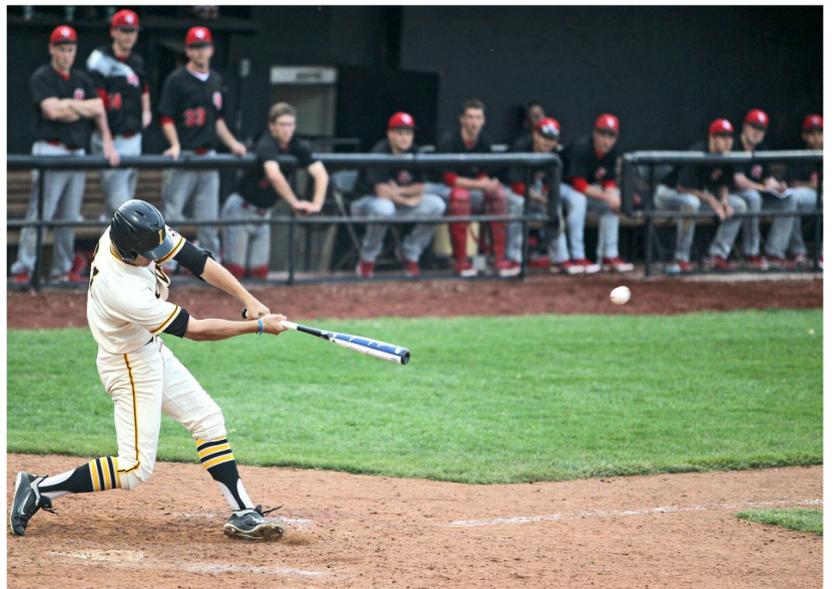
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Left-hander Jarred Hippen knows it. Head coach Jack Dahm frequently brings it up when asked about the Big Ten. First baseman Mike McQuillan has talked about it before.

The entire Iowa baseball team appears locked in to what seems to be the Hawkeyes' underlying theme heading into conference play: In order to be in contention for a Big Ten title, consistency is key.

"We're further along this year than we've been in years past," Hippen said. "It's just a matter of putting everything together. Some days, like [Wednesday against Grand View], we got 20 runs and only gave up 1. That's what we have to do the rest of the season."

That trek toward consistent success will begin today with first pitch against Northwestern (7-12) at 4:05 p.m. at Banks Field. Iowa (7-10) has games on Saturday and March 25 as well to close out the three-game series.



Iowa outfielder Andrew Host connects with a pitch against Grand View at Banks Field on Wednesday. Host and the Hawkeyes will open Big Ten play with a three-game series against Northwestern at home this weekend. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

The Big Ten — which historically places only one team in the NCAA Tournament — doesn't necessarily possess a favorite in the conference despite the season being a month old.

Only five schools have winning percentages above .500, so any team could put itself in contention for the title with a good start.

Dahm and the Hawkeyes say their goal is to win every series, either by sweeping or by taking two of three games each weekend — regardless of the opponent. Only then will Iowa be in the upper tier of the Big Ten standings.

"It doesn't matter who

we play, it's if we're ready to play," Dahm said. "If we're focused, we can compete with anybody in the country. I'm more concerned about us."

Dahm said he likes his club's chances if Iowa gets off to a reasonable start and takes advantage of being at home for the first conference series of the year.

"We have as good of a chance as anybody [to win the league]," he said. "With our pitching, and if we continue to make progress defensively, I think we can make a good run at this thing."

Iowa hasn't faced North-

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western since 2009, when the Hawkeyes split two games against the Wildcats in Evanston, Ill. The third scheduled game in that series was canceled.

Hippen, Iowa's No. 1 pitcher, takes the mound in Iowa's opening Big Ten game today; the left-hander is 1-2 this season with a 3.28 ERA in a team-high 35 2/3 innings pitched. Dahm

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