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Yes - 43 percent

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PHOTOS: A sea of hooded people flocked to the Pedestrian Mall Monday evening, standing in solidarity for justice in Trayvon Martin's death.

CORRECTION:

The March 26 article "Men's swimming relays place high at NCAAs" incorrectly reported the Hawkeyes' 26th-place finish was their highest since the 2004-05 season; it was actually the team's best since 1995, when it finished 13th. The article also incorrectly quoted head coach Marc Long as saying the NCAA meet is the most selective in the country; he said it was the most selective in the world. The *DI* regrets the errors.

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Locals 'hood-up' for Martin



Participants listen to a speaker during the "Million Hoodie March for Trayvon Martin" on the Pedestrian Mall Monday. The event supported justice for the family of Martin, who was shot a month ago by a Neighborhood Watch captain in Sanford, Fla. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

More than 2 million people have signed the online petition calling for the prosecution of Trayvon Martin's shooter.

By **KRISTEN EAST**
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A sea of hooded people of all ages and ethnicities flooded the Pedestrian Mall on Monday evening, quietly but boldly standing in solidarity for justice in the slaying of Trayvon Martin.

Martin, a 17-year-old African American, was

shot and killed while walking home unarmed from a convenience store on Feb. 26 in Sanford, Fla. The shooter, George Zimmerman, said Martin was "looking suspicious." Though he has admitted to shooting and killing Martin, Zimmerman has yet to be arrested or charged in the young

man's death.

Locals — as with many people around the nation — were outraged.

"I found out about it on the news, and at first, I really didn't get what happened and what the magnitude of it was," said Anthony Ferguson, a University of Iowa sophomore who helped plan the

event. "It was a reminder that we as African American people have not come as far as we think we've come."

Several rallies have been held throughout the country since the shooting, and more than 2 million people have signed a change.org petition to prosecute Zim-

merman.

The event has sparked discussion among locals about bigotry and stereotyping in the community.

UI journalism Associate Professor Frank Durham said Iowa City is not exempt from eth-

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Branstad opposes freeze



Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad greets people at the Kirk Ferentz football luncheon in the Sheraton on Aug. 31, 2011. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Branstad said the state Board of Regents should have the final say in deciding tuition for the regents' universities.

By **LOGAN EDWARDS**
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State politicians who advocate a tuition freeze at regents universities say the onus lies on the institutions to control their spending before asking students to pay more.

But Gov. Terry Branstad voiced disagreement over a House committee's proposed tuition freeze for Iowa regent universities at a press conference Monday.

"I don't think freezing

the tuition or having the Legislature impose limits on the tuition is the appropriate way to go," Branstad said.

The House Appropriations Committee voted unanimously last week to freeze the tuition of the three state universities.

Rep. Julian Garrett, R-Indianola, said his opposition to raising tuition comes partially because of the state economy.

"Obviously, we are in difficult economic times," said Gar-

rett, an Appropriations Committee member. "You [cannot] put an increase in tuition in that context, [when] a lot of people are struggling to pay it right now."

Fellow Appropriations Committee member Steve Lukan, R-New Vienna, agreed, saying appropriations legislators would like to see more universities controlling costs internally.

"Other actions need to be taken to cut wasteful spending

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UISG race opens with platforms

The first UISG candidate debate will be held Thursday.

By **ANNA THEODOSIS**
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University of Iowa Student Government candidates launched their campaigns Monday, unfolding plans to reward student engagement and improve access to certain academic tools.

Each party described its promises in a three-pillar platform.

I Party officials say "Inform, Improve, Impact" is their way to engage students academically, on campus, and off campus.

"Our real big focus is what can we identify to improve the everyday experience for students," said I Party presidential candidate Nic Pottebaum. "We really just want to ensure that we're facilitating being a liaison between students and [UI officials]. I think we can do a better job of facilitating that."

I Party officials said they plan to put past course syllabi online for students to view while registering.

"College of Business [students] can look up the syllabi from the past classes, and it gives students more information than just one paragraph on ISIS," said I-Party vice-presidential candidate Jessie Tobin. "We want to bring that to the College of Liberal Arts and

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Von Maur injunction denied

By **BETH BRATSOS**

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Attorneys in a lawsuit over the move of the Von Maur department store from Iowa City to Coralville are unsure about the case's future after a judge denied an injunction Monday.

Sixth District Judge Marsha Bergan squashed a preliminary injunction because she said officials could not prove the city of Coralville violated Iowa Code in its attempt to lure Von Maur to the Iowa River Landing.

On March 1, eight local business owners and 18 businesses filed a lawsuit requesting an injunction to temporarily stop the move of the Von Maur department store from Sycamore Mall to Coralville.

According to the lawsuit, the plaintiffs sought the injunction on claims that transactions between Coralville and its independent contractor, Oliver McMillan, were illegal. The incentive package worth nearly \$16 million that Coralville city officials offered both Oliver McMillan and Von Maur was the main topic of debate during six hours of testimony in the Johnson County Courthouse last week.

Defendants also filed a request to dismiss the

case March 19, and Matt Adam, attorney for the plaintiffs, said the party filed a resistance to the motion the next day.

Adam said following the denied injunction, it is difficult to determine how the matter will proceed.

"No decision is made yet ... We are considering all options at this point," he said.

Gerry Ambrose, who filed the initial petition, said the group is unhappy with the decision and will continue to keep an eye on the actions of Coralville officials.

"It is a sad day for us. We are really disappointed," he said. "Hopefully, some of the things that Coralville City Council is doing has been exposed."

Ambrose said the plaintiff group will meet Wednesday to decide how to proceed.

Although plaintiffs were previously cited as claiming Coralville used Oliver McMillan as an agent to do what the city could not legally do to itself, findings in the 17-page ruling include "city councils have wide discretion in carrying out urban-renewal laws" and a court has "little power to interfere" with the City Council's discretion in this regard. The Iowa River Landing is an established urban-renewal area.

Coralville City Administrator Kelly Hayworth said the city will move forward with the Von Maur property development.

"The next item that we need to do is accept the bids for the rest of the infrastructure on the Von Maur lot that would include storm sewers, parking lot, etc.," he wrote in an email. "They were very good bids, and our time for accepting them was running out."

Hayworth said once bids are accepted and improvements are completed, Von Maur could begin construction. A Homewood Suites hotel and Backpocket Brewery are under construction in the area and will be completed this summer. The city is also working on other projects that officials hope will begin late summer, he said.

The ruling also states the plaintiffs' claim that the transactions relating to the property were gifts, including the granting of the property to Von Maur Inc. for \$10, did not provide sufficient evidence likely to win their case. The party receiving the property is required to meet other commitments and obligations, such as operating as a non-discount store for 15 years, the ruling said.

Peter Fisher, a research director at the Iowa Policy Project, said he thinks neighboring cities will increasingly be pitted against one another and that situations similar to Von Maur deal may become commonplace.

"I think it will happen more and more regardless because cities are going to feel they need to counter these competitive subsidies with subsidies of their own," he said.

Fisher said he thinks more cities will get into the over-use of tax-incentive financing, which is detrimental to the economy.

"I think [what is] annoying people in this case [is] they haven't taken advantage of a growing market ... instead they're taking an anchor store from somewhere in the area and moving it elsewhere. It doesn't contribute to the economy as a whole."

A ruling on the defendants' request to dismiss the case will be issued Friday if no objection is made, according to online court documents.

Adam said a ruling to dismiss the case can be appealed, and they are currently "looking at all moving parts and trying to digest it all."

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REMEMBERING CÉSAR



Students and community members play Lotería, a Mexican game similar to Bingo on Monday. The event was part of a weeklong series in celebration of César Chávez. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)

METRO

Pretrial rescheduled in Freeman-Murdah case

The final pretrial conference for the director of the Broadway Neighborhood Center has been reset.

Susan Freeman-Murdah, 44, 217 Woodridge Ave., was charged Feb. 1 after she allegedly failed to report a sexual assault as a mandatory reporter.

According to a complaint from Iowa City police, a teacher in the Headstart Program — which Freeman oversees — told Freeman a parent approached officials with concerns her daughter had been sexually assaulted in December 2011. Freeman did not report the assault within 24 hours; she was charged with failing to fulfill her duties as a mandatory reporter.

The final pretrial conference is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. April 6, and the trial will proceed as previ-

ously scheduled on April 10, according to court documents.

— by Beth Bratsos

Man gets 5 years on child-porn charge

An Iowa City man was sentenced for distribution of child pornography this week.

Ryan Felts, 27, was sentenced to 60 months in prison for distribution of child pornography on March 23, according to a press release from the U.S. Department of Justice.

According to the release, Felts accessed a chat room on a pornography website and posted several images of child pornography.

A report said police searched Felts's residence and interviewed him at which point he allegedly admitted to posting the child pornography online.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Homeland

Security, the Iowa Crimes Against Children Task Force, and the Iowa City police. The case was prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Woman charged with assault

A local woman was charged with assault causing bodily injury Monday.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Kendra Wauters, 35, 303 Finkbine Apt. 6, was charged with assault causing serious injury.

According to a complaint, police responded to a reported assault at 303 Finkbine Apt. 6.

The report said the alleged victim and the witness stated Wauters was having an argument with her boyfriend about his taking her medication. The victim allegedly stepped in to help, but Wauters allegedly assaulted him.

The complaint said Wauters hit the alleged victim several times

and bit his arm, requiring him to go to the hospital.

Wauters was allegedly moderately intoxicated and refused a breath test.

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

— by Jordyn Reiland

Man charged with assault

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Stephen Shivley, 44, 943 Spring Ridge Drive, was charged Sunday with assault on peace officers and others.

Shivley was being seen by a doctor at the UIHC. He allegedly became irritated at the doctor and threw urine in his face, according to the report.

Assault on a peace officer and others is considered a serious misdemeanor and is punishable by up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,875.

— by Jordyn Reiland

BLOTTER

Samuel Bohac, 19, Lincoln, Neb., was charged March 24 with OWI.

Dimarco Harris, 33, Coralville, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Latrice Howell, 20, Bellwood, Ill., was charged March 23 with disor-

derly conduct.

Austin Lamm, 21, 114 N. Gilbert St. No. 1, was charged March 24 with OWI.

Jacob Mangler, 20, 508 N. Dubuque St., was charged Monday with public urinatio-

Bradley Mori, 21, Barrington, Ill., was charged March 24 with public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance.

Amber Timmons, 31, address unknown, was charged March 24 with obstruction of an officer and

fourth-degree theft.

Chester Waller, 22, 2724 Wayne Ave. No. 5, was charged March 24 with domestic assault with serious or aggravated injury and driving while license suspended or cancelled.

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District moves shop classes

Metal and auto shop classes are being held at the Iowa City school district physical plant.

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A transitional phase has taken Iowa City School District technology programs away from the City High base and moved them to the district's physical plant and Southeast Junior High.

Superintendent Steve Murley said the move is a temporary arrangement ahead of the 2014 completion of a regional Kirkwood Community College facility for southeastern Iowa high-school students.

"One of the things we struggle with is low-enrollment courses. We're not able to offer a larger variety of classes in those areas because numbers are so low," he said. "By being able to pool high-school students from across the area, we're hoping to strengthen those class offerings by increasing our enrollment numbers."

The first day of classes at the physical plant, 1137 S. Riverside Drive, began two weeks ago.

District parent Phil Hemingway expressed concern that the plan would discourage students without driver's licenses from taking such classes.

District officials have offered to bus students who cannot drive themselves to the new locations, but Hemingway said that won't be enough to overcome the inconvenience of traveling off-site to attend these classes.

"That's the first step in cutting the numbers down, so it'll be easy for them to cut the program two or three years down the road because the numbers don't support it," he said.

School Board member Sarah Swisher said Hemingway's comments were unfounded in light of the coming transition to Kirkwood.

"I don't think we've ended or planned to end our vocational-education program," she said. "In fact, we plan to expand it."

The district discontinued its student house project in 2010 because of a lack of funds, which Hemingway said indicates the district does not intend to expand technology education at City High.

"In no way, shape, or form can you say that that's true when the home-building program was done away with two years ago," he said, "Board members can't say they are expanding the curriculum now; the facts just don't support it."

Yet City High auto-shop teacher Dave Raaf said he hasn't seen any attendance drop in auto-shop classes. He is hopeful the move to Kirkwood will breathe new life into the program and provide students with opportunities they haven't had in the past.

"In the long term, I think it's going to be very positive for the students in our region," Raaf said.

Iowa City West Principal

Industrial Technology classes

The district moved several classes out of their original schools as part of a transition to Kirkwood Community College in 2014.

- Wood shop classes were moved to Southeast Junior High
- Metal and auto shop courses are held at the district physical plant

Source: Iowa City School District

Jerry Arganbright said he hasn't received any complaints from parents or staff members regarding the change. A relatively small number of students take shop classes at West High, and they were already commuting to City High before the most recent changes to the program, he noted.

"Fewer than half a dozen kids are involved in the auto-tech program, which is one of the tech programs that they are moving," he said. "Those kids provide their own transportation, so it hasn't been a problem."

Murley acknowledged moving the programs off-site might provide challenges to City High students but said the physical-plant location will make the classes more accessible to students at West and Tate.

"Part of this process also increases access to students in the district when you look at the district as a whole," he said.

Health officials warn of measles threat

The UI blocks registration for students who do not receive the vaccinations the university requires.

By **JENNY EARL**
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University of Iowa health officials say the number of international students and students traveling abroad at the UI leaves the university at risk for infection.

"Given that students travel much more than in the past to countries where there is more disease and lower vaccination rates, [getting vaccinated] is an important active step to maintain personal health and to protect others on campus and in the community," said Lisa James, associate director for clinic operations at UI Student Health Services.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials have warned that measles is still a major concern — killing around 200,000 people each year worldwide — particularly in Western Europe.

With the increase in the number of Americans traveling to Europe for the upcoming Summer Olympic Games, health officials are raising awareness for the possibility of a measles outbreak.

In 2010-11, 908 UI students studied abroad, and at present, more than 3,400 international students from 111 different countries attend the UI.

The rate of international students coming to the UI has multiplied by five since 2001 — international students make up 10.5 percent of UI enrollment. Of the current total inter-

national student body at the UI, 6.7 percent are from Europe. The spike has caused Student Health officials to push for updated student vaccinations.

Students enrolled at the UI are required to have two measles, mumps, and rubella vaccinations. However, state health officials said this may not completely protect students.

"There's a 4 or 5 percent chance you could still get measles if [you] get exposed," said Patricia Quinlisk, state epidemiologist and medical director of the Iowa Public Health Department. "People don't realize measles is the most infectious disease that we deal with."

Declining immunization rates in Europe may have caused the increase in measles cases, said Linda Hruby, a nurse in the travel clinic at UI Student Health.

"We review the students' immunization records for required vaccinations and will offer vaccinations for diseases that are specific to the regions where they are traveling," she said.

Quinlisk said the Iowa Department of Public Health receives a call about once a week from health-care providers concerned they may have a patient who has measles.

The last reported case of a measles infection in Iowa occurred last sum-

Measles Symptoms

A typical case of measles begins with the following symptoms:

- Blotchy rash
- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Feeling run-down, achy
- Tiny white spots with bluish-white centers found inside the mouth

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

mer. Although measles cases are rare, Quinlisk said, they can be dangerous because of the disease's ability to spread rapidly.

State health officials said measles is an emergency-reportable disease — if there's a chance someone has a case, they will take immediate action. The Iowa Department of Public Health will work with the CDC to contact anyone that may have been exposed.

This is not only a major health concern for the state, it's a financial burden as well, Quinlisk said.

"People always ask me what disease I'm most afraid of getting in Iowa — it's measles — and that's because measles spreads so easily," she said. "This is a huge issue. We do not want measles to get a foothold in the United States again."

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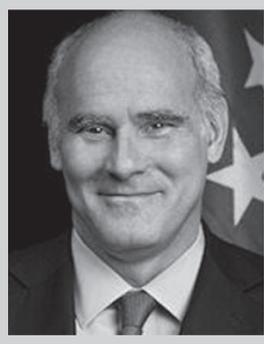
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Editorial

Stop neglecting community colleges

The state Board of Regents is having a hard time coming up with funding for its three state universities — in case you haven't heard.

The Iowa House Appropriations Committee passed a proposed tuition freeze on March 21 that would likely result in a cut in state education spending. The regents' budget is much lower than most have come to expect, and a \$5 million deficit at the University of Northern Iowa is threatening the existence of dozens of programs.

What is also being neglected — and what has been for the last decade — is the community-college system. Over the last 10 years, state funding for community colleges had a net decline of nearly 21 percent at time when enrollment increased by more than 60 percent.

A report by the Iowa Fiscal Partnership found some more troubling statistics. The report used 1990 as a benchmark because state funding for community colleges was relatively steady. It found that state funding covered 29.5 percent of community college revenues in 2011, compared with 48.8 percent in 1990.

Tuition and fees totaled 57.3 percent of community-college revenues in 2011, compared with 32.8 percent in 1990. Local tax revenues were 4.7 percent of community-college revenues in 2011, a decline from 8.2 percent, and 2.7 percent of community college revenues in 2011 came from federal grants.

"Despite the growing importance of community colleges to both Iowa students and the economy, the state is supporting it less," said Andrew Cannon, the author of the Iowa Fiscal Partnership report.

Full-time tuition at Kirkwood Community College has doubled since 2002 because of these funding changes, from \$2,000 to \$4,000 a year. This is not a promising sign for the future. Community colleges provide higher education for those without the financial means to attend an expensive college or state university.

"Iowa community-college students and their families are having to shoulder a far greater share of the cost of education," Cannon said. "In just 10 years, the difference is stark — about a full week's worth of pay for someone earning an average wage in Iowa."

Community colleges provide areas of study that larger schools cannot — manufacturing, construction, and other skilled trades. Transfer programs between community colleges and other schools allow those with a tight budget to complete gener-

al-education requirements without breaking the bank.

Many accommodate nontraditional students, such as single parents, adults deciding to attend college to broaden their backgrounds, or people who have to balance work and school. Community colleges take pride in their ability to be convenient for their students.

Some say that college isn't an absolute necessity, and they tend to make a convincing argument. There are workers who have a high-school education or less at such places as John Deere who have been there for years and make great money, although detractors would say that is because of unionization. Presidential candidate Rick Santorum is famous — or infamous — in this regard for his "snob" comment on President Obama's plan to create the opportunity for everyone to go to college.

This belief is becoming less true as time passes. More businesses are looking for workers with higher-level skills as technology advances and globalization increases economic demand. If an associate degree is the new high-school diploma — and community-college tuition remains inexpensive — then it should be encouraged by our elected officials and funded as such.

But that creates a problem. If the state government cannot carry its weight with the state universities, how can we expect it to fund community colleges as well? This reveals a problem that has been perpetuated for years, both by the government and the universities.

Government spending in other areas has outpaced spending for education, leaving schools strapped for funds. Our universities have demanded tuition increases for decades. With an inflation rate of nearly 500 percent since 1985, they have created a system that is unsustainable. And while they beg for more funding, they sit on millions to billions of dollars in endowment market value.

There needs to be massive reform in the government-education relationship and spending if we want to see funding increase for community colleges. A lot of state dollars are lost because of low retention rates. Regent universities must begin to invest their own money in their curriculum, staff, and facilities rather than reaching for taxpayer dollars at every turn. Until then, expect to see this trend continue.

Your turn. Should community colleges be better funded? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Column

Rep. Paul Ryan cannot be taken seriously on budget



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Tou as being one of the most intellectually serious members of Congress, House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan is again in the spotlight with the release of his fiscal 2013 budget. Not only does the budget outline projected goals for the year 2013, it sets a number of spending benchmarks that span the next four decades.

In fact, if you were to take the plan's proponents collective word for it, you would have likely come to understand that the plan outlines a long list of policy priorities that will curb medical cost inflation, bring the budget into balance, lower taxes, and do all of this without any human costs.

Upon inspection however, it is evident that the plan on which the Republican Party has staked its reputation is riddled with assumptions.

First, let's consider some of the most egregious aspects of the budget,

which make it undeniably clear it's anything but serious.

The plan would scrap current progressive tax rates and replace them with a two-tiered system with a 10 percent marginal rate and 25 percent marginal. The budget does not specify at what incomes levels those rates would apply, but as the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center points out, if the 10 and 25 percent rates applied as they do today, the federal debt would grow by \$2.5 trillion over the next 10 years.

Ryan claims that the lost revenues would be recouped by abolishing tax benefits.

No doubt this would be a welcome change. Alas, Ryan does not specify a single tax benefit that he would eliminate. Further, Ryan's plan would hold federal revenues to 15.4 percent of GDP — requiring the elimination of half of all tax benefits to fill the gap.

To think that this will happen is absurd, especially considering that just six tax expenditures — including the wildly popular health-insurance and the home-mortgage deductions — make up half of all tax benefits.

The absurdity of the Ryan plan however, is not constrained to the tax side of the equation — Ryan projects that all federal spending excluding health, defense, and Social Security will be held to less than 4 percent of GDP. This might well be the most offensive assumption made in the entire Ryan budget.

When you consider that defense spending in the United States has not gone below 3 percent of GDP since World War II, and that Ryan's budget would allocate hundreds of billions of dollars beyond the baseline for defense spending, Ryan's budget would require that we effectively abolish the rest of the federal government — no highway funding, no food or environmental safety protections, no education federal funding.

Under the Ryan budget, food aid for low-income families would be cut by \$134 billion. Right now, 13 percent of Iowans are food insecure. They cannot afford to make that sacrifice.

And it is projected that a third of Medicaid beneficiaries — of whom nearly three quarters are children, the disabled, the

elderly, and the poor — could lose coverage. They cannot afford that sacrifice.

And then there's the cost of Medicaid that would be shifted onto the elderly and would require future beneficiaries to save \$600,000 in their working life time to afford the same level of coverage current beneficiaries receive. They, nor the state of Iowa, can afford to watch that otherwise disposable income evaporate.

Ryan might have a reputation as a serious man, but his most recent budget reveals him to be a practitioner of shady budgetary alchemy. He not only proposed a budget so full of holes that the CBO could not score it as policy, the assumptions made in it are not tenable — by both political and historical measures.

Worst of all, when you consider that his ideal outcome is one that would impose tremendous human costs and pays no mind to the proper role of government, it becomes frighteningly clear that it is a dark brand of magic indeed that Ryan and his fellow Republicans are practicing. ■

Déjà
voo-doo

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Welcome back to March. It missed you, too.

(Well, OK; it was only for one day. But it was nice to see March again. For a day. Kind of like it's nice to see an old girlfriend again. For a day.)

(Not to diss the old girlfriends of the world.)

March (real March, not this faux March that the French probably sent us just because they're, well, French; they also sent us the word "faux," by the way, along with almost half of the rest of the English language, so, Mitt, you diss the French at your own risk — a word that also comes from the French)

Anyway, March always reminds me of Republican conservatives — which, of course, is redundant.

And they are up in arms (and presumably down in legs, which, if you consider gravity, is probably the way to survive in this world — congrats, Republicans, for figuring it out) about the the Obama health-care reform.

Who knew?

They are particularly upset about the personal mandate that requires that Americans obtain health insurance. That mandate hasn't kicked in yet — most of what GOPers refer to as "Obamacare" hasn't — but they're upset anyway, because Republicans are required to be upset about something, either grand or protozoan. It's part of their DNA.

The two parts of the Obama health-care reform that have taken effect — the elimination of the Bush era prescription-drug so-called doughnut hole for seniors and the provision for college students and college-age people to stay on their parents' health insurance until the age 26 — seem to be quite popular among Americans, as do most of the individual bits of health-care reform, when Americans are polled about the individual bits.

Republicans — frankly, my dear — don't give a damn.

Well, fine. There's freedom of expression in this country, which I will defend absolutely for Republicans and all other people, mentally impaired or not ... but

In 1993, as Eliza Klein of the *Washington Post* writes in a recent *New Yorker* (Yeah, I know — the liberal-media conspiracy merrily rolls along; you'll notice that the liberal media effectively derailed George W. Bush's two presidential runs, not to mention that they stopped Bush's invasion of Iraq in 2003.

(Speaking of that liberal-media conspiracy, you'll also note that two "liberal" icons of the media, the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, both editorially backed the invasion of Iraq in 2003. For the most part, only obscure liberals such as me opposed the invasion. Merrily, the liberal-media conspiracy rolls along.)

As Klein points out, the health-care mandate does not originate with President Obama or even former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and the Bay State's health-care reform that he presided over and now pretends never happened.

(Massachusetts? I was governor of Massachusetts? You believe that, you probably believe I once strapped the family dog to the top of the car and drove to Canada. Hah. And in any case, the kennel strapped to the top of the car was airtight.)

Yeah, you're right — I had never heard of an airtight dog kennel before, either. Does NASA know about this?

Meanwhile, speaking of an airtight case, the health-care mandate originated with Republicans in 1993. It was their alternative to what they labeled "Hillarycare," then-President Bill Clinton's ill-fated attempt to provide health-care insurance to all Americans.

In fact, as Klein notes, Republican senators spent the next 10 years proposing health-insurance plans involving mandates.

But now?

Why, you ask, do Republicans oppose health insurance for all Americans? I don't know. Maybe they think it's a French (there's that word again) idea.

In any case, the Supreme Court will now decide the health-care foofaraw.

The justices did such a great job with the 2000 presidential election that I'm confident ... well, I'm reasonably sure ... well, I kind of think that March will end in five days or so.

I mean, doesn't the calendar have Marching orders? ■

Chilling out bullying

Mock fraternity Beta Rho Omega attempts to combat bullying.

By **JORDAN NICHOLSON**

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Two University of Iowa freshmen are launching an effort to “create unity” and combat bullying on campus.

“BRO: It’s chill,” said Pete Sarelas, who started Beta Rho Omega — a mock fraternity — in June 2011.

Before Sarelas came to the UI, he planned to join a fraternity in college.

“But after coming here, I realized it wasn’t for me,” he said. “There are too many labels within the greek community. That should stop.”

Though bullying isn’t prevalent on this campus, some UI officials said, it can still occur.

“Normally, one thinks bullying only occurs under the age of 18,” said Linda Kroon, the director of the Women’s Resource and Action Center. “It looks a little different in college, but the problem of harassment still continues.”

Though UI Ombudsman Cynthia Joyce said the Office of the Ombudsman would theoretically oversee complaints of student bullying on campus, she hasn’t received any complaints this academic year. Most complaints,

she said, are from faculty and staff.

In 2011, the office had 501 visitors. Roughly 25 percent complained of disrespectful behavior, which included bullying among students, faculty, and staff.

“But if there is bullying going on, then I think having students to talk to other students is something that we can’t provide and would be good,” Joyce said.

Sarelas, along with freshman Rachel Robianes, is seeking to establish Beta Rho Omega as an official UI student organization.

“You don’t have to be a part of a social group to be accepted,” said Robianes, a member of Delta Delta Delta. “Even in social groups, there are informal conflicts. We want to get rid of those, whether you are greek and feel attacked or vice versa, it needs to stop.”

If approved, the organization would be the first with the direct message of fighting bullying on campus, said Kristi Finger, the UI coordinator for student organizations. She said she doesn’t see any reason the group wouldn’t be granted organization status.

Sarelas and Robianes also have created a clothing line associated with the group. They hope to donate the proceeds from the sales to Pacer — a national organization against bullying.

Robianes said they hope to host a fashion show at the OnIowa program in

Complaints of bullying

UI officials said though the Office of the Ombudsman doesn’t receive student-student complaints, there has been an increase in “disrespectful behavior” on campus among faculty, staff, and students:

- 2010-11: 123 complaints
- 2009-10: 112 complaints
- 2008-09: 81 complaints
- 2007-08: 52 complaints
- 2006-07: 23 complaints

Source: Office of the Ombudsman

August to show incoming freshmen that the UI is unified and accepting of all students, whether greek or non-greek.

UI freshman Susan Ryan said that as a student involved in the greek community, she sees the group as possibly being beneficial to connecting students.

“I’ve seen the stickers for ‘BRO: It’s chill’ around campus — I just didn’t know what it was,” she said. “I think it is a great idea, though. I think that a lot of people think that greeks bully non-greeks, but greeks feel attacked, too. I think it goes hand-in-hand.”

Robianes said they hope to bring together students in and outside of the greek community.

“When you think of a ‘bro,’ you think of a buddy, a friend ...” she said. “That is what we hope to create through this organization ... unity.”

Justices hear debate in health-care overhaul

By **MARK SHERMAN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As demonstrations swirled outside, Supreme Court justices signaled on Monday they are ready to confront without delay the keep-or-kill questions at the heart of challenges to President Obama’s historic health-care overhaul. Virtually every American will be affected by the outcome, due this summer in the heat of the election campaign.

On the first of three days of arguments — the longest in decades — none of the justices appeared to embrace the contention that it was too soon for a decision.

Outside the packed courtroom, marching and singing demonstrators on both sides — including doctors in white coats, a Republican presidential-nomination candidate, and even a brass quartet — voiced their eagerness for the court to either uphold or throw out the largest expansion in the nation’s social safety net since Medicare was enacted in 1965.

Today’s arguments will focus on the heart of the case, the provision that aims to extend medical insurance to 30 million more Americans by

requiring everyone to carry insurance or pay a penalty.

A decision is expected by late June as Obama fights for re-election. All of his Republican challengers oppose the law and promise its repeal if the high court hasn’t struck it down in the meantime.

On Monday, the justices took on the question of whether an obscure tax law could derail the case.

The 19th-century law bars tax disputes from being heard in the courts before the taxes have been paid.

Under the new health-care law, Americans who don’t purchase health insurance would have to report that omission on their tax returns for 2014 and would pay a penalty along with federal income tax on returns due by April 2015. Among the issues facing the court is whether that penalty is a tax.

Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr., defending the health law, urged the court to focus on what he called “the issues of great moment” at the heart of the case. The 26 states and a small-business group challenging the law also want the court to go ahead and decide on its constitutionality without delay.

But one lower court that heard the case, the federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., has said the challenge is premature. No justice seemed likely to buy that argument Monday.

The justices fired two dozen questions in less than a half hour at Washington attorney Robert Long, who was defending the appeals court ruling.

“What is the parade of horrors?” asked Justice Sonia Sotomayor, if the court were to decide the penalties were not a tax and the health-care case went forward. Long suggested that could encourage more challenges to the long-standing system in which the general rule is that taxpayers must pay a disputed tax before they can go to court.

The questions came so quickly at times that the justices interrupted each other. At one point, Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan, and Sotomayor started speaking at the same time. Chief Justice John Roberts, acting as traffic cop, signaled Ginsburg to go first, perhaps in a nod to her seniority. Only Justice Clarence Thomas, as is his custom, stayed out of the fray.

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 - That awkward moment when you're about to sneeze but no "Choo" happens after you loudly inhale "Aaah."
 - That awkward moment when you're driving and you're trying to put your hair up, but you have to hold it with one hand because there's a curve coming up and you're a really bad knee driver.
 - That awkward moment when you run a block to catch a bus and it sits there for three minutes because it's early.
 - That awkward moment when you spend a week talking a guy into meeting up and when you finally see him, his "single" girlfriend is tagging along.
 - That awkward moment when you're doing an impersonation of a guy you just talked to and accidentally impersonate your side of the conversation, too.
 - That awkward moment when you say "bye" to a friend just to walk in the same direction.
 - That awkward moment when your mom thinks your boyfriend is cuter than you think he is.
 - That awkward moment when you're trying to access your PowerPoint for the projector through your email and the entire class can see you misspelling your HawkID.
 - That awkward moment when you text the person you were talking about instead of your friend.
- Trisha Spence is making the awkward turtle.

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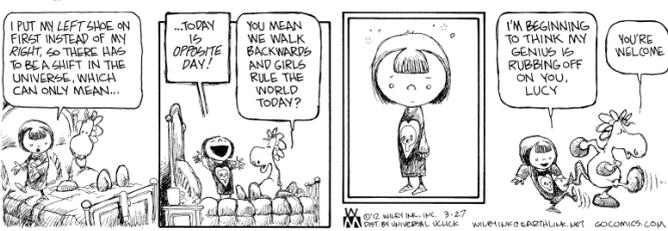
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- **Tech Help**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Pharmacology Postdoctoral Workshop**, "Tumor Suppressor RGS6 Mediates Doxorubicin-induced ATM and p53 Activation and Suppresses Ras-induced Oncogenic Transformation," Jie Huang, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "As If I Didn't Have Enough To Do: Multifunctional Proteins in HSV Egress and Cell-Cell Spread," Richard Roller, Microbiology, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
- **Building Your Research Skills**, Main Library and University College, 3:30 p.m., 1015A Main Library
- **Faculty Senate Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Bijou Special Event**, "The Tsunami and the Cherry Blossom," 6:30 p.m., Bijou

- **European Studies Group Spring 2012 Lecture Series**, *The Forgetting Game*, Q&A afterwards with Director Russell Sheaffer, 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **"Pansexuality, Fluidity, and Bisexuality: Exploring Everyday Challenges as a Micro-Sexual Minority,"** 7 p.m., Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center
- **"Live from Prairie Lights" and Mission Creek Festival**, Luis Alberto Urrea and Benjamin Hale, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Jeanne and Richard Levitt Lectureship: American Crafts in Context**, "Matter in Our Hands — From Formless to Meaningful," Ron Fondaw, 7:30 p.m., W151 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Soweta Gospel Choir**, presented by Hancher, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22
- **Pariah**, 8:30 p.m., Bijou
- **Rhys Chatham**, 9 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **Flight School**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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- **5:45 p.m.** Student Information, lifestyle, support, and activities for students
- **6 Human Rights Week**, "Educating Leaders in Health Care for the 21st Century," Freeman A. Hrabowski III, president of the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Jan. 19, 2010
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- **8:30 Human Rights Week**, "Educating Leaders in Health Care for the 21st Century," Freeman A. Hrabowski III, president of the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Jan. 19, 2010

- **9:30 Daily Iowan Television News**
- **9:45 Youth Ballet**, Dance Department, Dec. 18, 2011
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- **11 Women at Iowa**, interview with Monique DiCarlo, sexual-misconduct response coordinator, and Karen Kubby, local activist, recorded in October 2010

horoscopes Tuesday, March 27, 2012

— by Eugenia Last

- **ARIES** March 21-April 19 Put a hop into your step, and finish projects that are gathering dust. It's difficult to move forward with so much clutter, literally and figuratively. A clear passage will lead to better decisions and greater progress.
- **TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Offering help is likely to lead to being taken advantage of if you aren't careful. You'll learn a valuable lesson if you watch the way a pro takes care of other people's business. Social activity will enhance your love life.
- **GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Don't be too quick to respond. Taking your time and assessing the situation will help you avoid making a mistake based on false information. Question anyone or anything that confuses you. Put your money and possessions in a safe place.
- **CANCER** June 21-July 22 Emotional blackmail must be avoided if you want to get things done. Not everyone will play fair, and you have to keep your eye on those trying to get something for nothing. Form an alliance with someone who thinks the same way you do.
- **LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Do your best job, or someone will point out your shortcomings. You need a change. Whether it's your surroundings, your philosophy or spending time with new acquaintances, the diversion will spark ideas that will shape the way you move forward.
- **VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Try something new; expand your outlook, friendships, and future interests. Make personal changes that will raise your confidence and give you the push you need to do things you've been afraid to pursue in the past.
- **LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Sign up for something that interests you. A course, a challenge, or some form of self-improvement will help you make a choice regarding your next move. Don't let anyone push you in a direction you don't want to go.
- **SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Put greater emphasis on relationships, but don't let your heart confuse you when it comes to money decisions. Changes at home must be cost-efficient if they are going to ease your stress. Love and romance are in the stars.
- **SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 It's what you do and how you treat others that will bring you positive returns. Anger or impulsive action will lead to trouble with authority figures and peers. Don't start something you cannot finish. Stick close to home.
- **CAPRICORN** Dec. 23-Jan. 19 Live, love, laugh, and be happy. Work to improve your home, family, and financial life. Love is in the stars, and finding solutions to any problems you face will be easy if you share your thoughts and work with worthy contributors.
- **AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Too much of anything or anyone will go against whatever you are trying to accomplish. Organize and prepare for what's ahead with a realistic outlook, and gather the data to back the decisions you make. Strength and courage prevail.
- **PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 You've got all the right moves. Look at your options, and call in favors if it will help you get what you want. Apply pressure; show your strength and willpower. Success can be yours, but it demands time, effort, and dedication.

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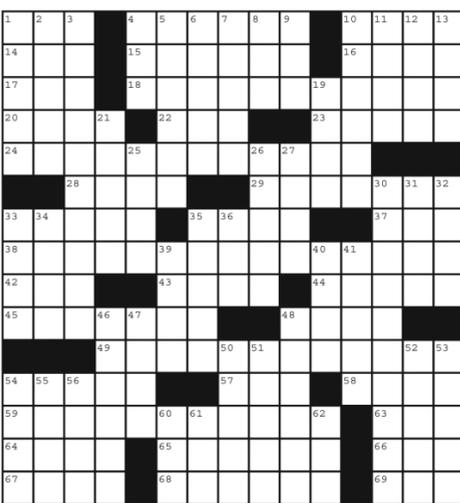
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- "OMG ur so funny!"
 - "You flatter me too much!"
 - Vatican locale
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 - Complain
 - Any of the singers of the 1973 #1 hit "Love Train"
 - Something to hang your hat on
 - "Platoon" director
 - "That tastes awful!" comments
 - Leandro's partner in a Handel title
 - Camel refueling spots
 - Comedian who voiced the lead role in "Ratatouille"
 - It gets flatter as it gets older
 - Little blobs on slides
 - Material for a military uniform
 - Vassal
 - Peculiar
 - Tom Cruise's "Risky Business" co-star
 - 42 Fury
 - Mtn. stats
 - Sonnets and such
 - Big cake maker
 - Paneled rooms, often
 - Igor player in "Young Frankenstein"
 - Audibly amazed
 - Old nuclear regulatory org.
 - Modern prefix with mom
 - What the starts of 18-, 24-, 38- and 49-Across each won
 - Navy noncom
 - "Fifteen Miles on the ___ Canal"
 - Necessary
- Down**
- Drink greedily
 - Ω
 - "Star Wars" weapon
 - Gold, in Guadalupe
 - State capital whose main street is named Last Chance Gulch
 - Vice president Agnew
 - Saves for later viewing, in a way
 - 2000 Beatles album or its peak chart position
 - The "p" of r.p.m.
 - Spin on an axis
 - 13-Down, south of the border
 - Neck line?
 - 13-Down, north of the border
 - Unaided
 - Feed, as a fire
 - Like much of Pindar's work
 - They might be hawked
 - Kind of radio
 - Sci-fi physician played by DeForest Kelley
 - Leading man?
 - Ben & Jerry's competitor
 - ___ Kross ('90s rap duo)
 - Symbol of sturdiness
 - Blue-green shade
 - Sends to the dump
 - Soph., jr. and sr.
 - Brew named for a Dutch river
 - Nordic native
 - Edict
 - Rowdy ___ "Rawhide" cowboy
 - Fights that go on and on
 - For face value
 - Crannies
 - Help in crime
 - Actor Richard
 - Most of Turkey is in it
 - Stat that a QB doesn't want to be high: Abbr.
 - Corp. honcho
 - Mag. staff



Puzzle by Caleb Madison

- Juno, in Greece
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ON THE STREET

Do you have plans to take summer classes? Why or why not?



'No, because I am graduating.'
Katy Mickelson
UI senior



'I am because I have to, basically. I have to take two summer classes.'
Elyse Sorgenfrey
UI senior



'Um, yes, because I want to graduate on time.'
Mary LaPlaca
UI sophomore



'I am. Summer here is the s***.'
Kyle Brown
UI senior

HOODIE MARCH

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nic profiling because of the community's long-standing homogenous makeup.

"[The incident] behooves us to recognize that when people are more heterogeneous and come to town, we should slow down and let them tell us who they are instead of imposing stereotypes," he said.

Members of the community said they've felt the effect of Martin's slaying.

"I think there should be justice not just for black people but for all Americans," said Iowa City resident Ashley Smith. "Trayvon was killed for no reason. Zimmerman didn't have a right to do what he did."

However, according to an *Orlando Sentinel* story published Monday, Zimmerman reportedly told police Martin climbed on him and slammed his head into the sidewalk.

Locals didn't think Zimmerman's report of the incident changes what happened and emphasized Martin being unarmed.

"None of that matters," said Iowa City resident Lamar Reyeones. "He was walking doing nothing with a bottle of tea and Skittles in his pocket. It wasn't right."

Martin's incident also drew a personal connection from Megan Schwalm, who organized Iowa City's Million Hoodie March.



Participants raise Skittles during the "Million Hoodie March for Trayvon Martin" on the Pedestrian Mall Monday. The event supported justice for Martin, who was shot and killed a month ago when he was walking home after buying Skittles. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

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Schwalm — an official at the UI's Women's Resource and Action Center — has a 19-month-old black son named Maddox.

"Until the story of Trayvon's murder was publicized, I hadn't really considered the fact that my child could be killed for simply walking down the street," she said. "At my

core, I'm an activist, and [Martin's murder] really activated me to do something."

Though Schwalm anticipated a small turnout for Monday's rally, she had to file for a city permit several times as the number of expected attendees significantly grew last week.

"It's clear that racial profiling exists in our community," she said. "I'm very concerned about things happening on the

Southeast Side of Iowa City and how the folks who live there are portrayed."

Durham said Martin's incident is comparable with bigoted practices throughout history.

"The tragedy in Florida seems to conform to a modern day kind of lynching if it proves in the legal sense to follow that pattern," he said. "The kid was shot for reasons that are outside the law. There are compar-

isons to make between the history of lynching and the way Trayvon Martin was killed."

Durham said the incident will create further opportunities to make statements on stereotypes and ethnic profiling.

"Although this reminds us of a really painful period," he said, "it highlights changes we've made and gives us a chance to engage more change."

Trayvon Martin

It has been one month since Trayvon Martin was killed by George Zimmerman.

- Feb. 26: Martin is found shot and killed.
- March 9: Martin's family ask police to release the 911 tapes.
- March 16: Martin's family seeks help of Attorney General Eric Holder and FBI to investigate his death.
- Monday: Iowa City community members hold Million Hoodie March.

Source: ABC News

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Sciences and the College of Engineering."

UI Registrar Larry Lockwood said putting past syllabi online is useful, though it may be difficult getting professors on board.

"Sure it would be [beneficial]," he said. "I think opening the lines of communication is a good thing. [But] some of the faculty are concerned about losing their intellectual property."

The # (Hashtag) Party said its plans are more specific, with the linchpins of

the campaign being student engagement, safety, and sustainability.

"The unique thing that we're doing is this thing called student-engagement pillars," said # Party presidential candidate Sunny Kothari. "We want to make sure that we're devoting more time in issues that directly go back to the students."

Kothari said the party is hoping to reward students who are highly involved in campus activities with "Engage Scholarships."

"There are a ton of scholarships based on GPA and need but not on engagement," he said. "We want to start a series of \$1,000 scholarships that say, 'Hey

look, these students are putting [effort] into the university.'"

Mark Warner, the director of UI Student Financial Aid, said he thinks the scholarship is a positive thing.

"I think that it would be a very good idea," he said. "Student success is extremely important, and we think student engagement is very important. It would provide an opportunity for a different type of scholarship."

Kothari said the additional funds for the scholarship are still being decided.

I Party officials also want to create a system for renting answer clickers

used in some UI classrooms.

"We think it'd be really feasible to buy a bunch of [clickers] and rent them out to students so they don't have to pay \$40 to \$50," said Tobin.

Nick Rolston, # Party vice-presidential candidate, said he wants his

party to run a more student-involved government with public forums and social-media contacts.

"People have been giving us ideas on our Facebook wall about what can be improved, and that's what we want," Kothari said. "We want to hear

about the issues from the students."

Pottebaum said all of his party's platform planks have been "greenlighted" by UI officials, because they began work last December. Kothari said the # Party is still in talks with UI officials about several of its plans.

BRANSTAD

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before you raise tuition," he said. "Sabbaticals or retired professors having staff and office space."

But Branstad said he believed the regents are much more fit to make tuition decisions because they directly oversee the universities and understand their needs.

Regent Robert Downer shared Branstad's disapproval.

"I think tuition freezes simply don't work in the long term," he said. "Where this is done for a year or two, institutions find out they have become very backed up on things that they should be spending money on, followed by double-digit increases to catch up. I think the worst

thing that we could do is put the institutions on a course where quality declines."

Instead, he advocated for consistent moderate increases in regent tuition.

"Universities should [raise tuition] on a consistent basis rather than having peaks and valleys," he said.

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said state legislators need to make sure university operating costs have a threshold of funding.

"It's too bad [the House Appropriations Committee] is making a game out of something as serious as education and the future for our universities," he said.

Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, also agreed with Branstad.

"It's a horrible idea," Dvorsky said.

Downer said the regents have been particularly

Tuition

University of Iowa tuition rates for the upcoming school year:

- Undergraduate in-state: \$8,057
- Undergraduate non-resident: \$26,279

Source: University of Iowa Registrar

responsible and moderate with tuition increases since 2004, and the highest increase has been 6 percent.

"We have not done anything, in my opinion, which would show that we haven't tried to be responsive to the needs of students and their families, and the needs of the institutions," he said.

Branstad said he will not make a decision on whether to veto any freeze until after the House and Senate have reached an agreement.

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“so much” responsibility for what the team does and is instrumental in organizing committee events for the Hawkeyes.

“He’ll send out emails to get volunteers, organize rides for guys so they can

get where they need to be, and make sure everybody knows exactly what they need to do,” Holmes said. “He’s like a big brother to everybody on the team.”

Sowinski said the catalyst behind his transformation as a leader has been the people around him.

“I always want to try to

inspire the guys around me,” he said. “As much as people want to say this is an individual sport, it’s a team sport, too. Just trying to inspire the younger guys and hopefully bring the team to bigger things in years to come, that’s been a driving force for me.”

Woody said Sowinski’s ascent from being an unheralded recruit to an All-American serves as an

inspiration for similar athletes who don the Black and Gold. He specifically mentioned junior Keaton Rickels as one who has benefited from Sowinski’s example.

“[Sowinski’s rise] has shown these other guys that ‘Hey, even though I wasn’t a superstar in high school, that doesn’t mean I can’t be one at the collegiate level,’” Woody said.

SWIMMING

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NCAAs [in the 100 free], the time is 43.0 — a half-second faster.”

Sesto was the only one who came into the 2012

meet without prior experience at the big swim, but said his teammates gave him further confidence in his own swimming during the competition.

“If you asked me at the beginning of the season if I was going to be an All-

American, I would give you a questioning look,” the Las Vegas native said. “... During the first relay, when we were behind the blocks, I was pretty nervous. They said ‘You deserve to be here, you’re a top swimmer in the country now.’

“It’s quite the honor to go over there and represent the team with it highest placing since 1995. With the way the team is rebuilding right now, I’m looking forward to the future.”

Hard times for men’s tennis

The Iowa men’s tennis team is having one of the worst seasons in school history.

By **TOM CLOS**
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The Iowa men’s tennis team is on pace for the worst season in program history.

The Hawkeyes have lost 10-straight matches, hold one of the worst records in the nation at 1-12 with nine meets left, and are poised to pass Don Klotz’s 1963 team (1-13) as the least successful in Iowa tennis history.



Houghton
head coach

“I’ve never had a year like this,” 31-year head coach Steve Houghton said. “We’ve had losing years, for sure, but never anything like this.”

The Hawkeyes’ worst year under Houghton to date was in 2004. That spring, an Iowa team that featured one starting upperclassman lost its final 14 matches en route to a 1-17 record.

This season, though, the Hawkeyes returned six upperclassmen from a team that went 8-13 in 2011.

Those six players have a combined singles record of 8-27 in 2012.

“It sucks,” senior Tom Mroziewicz said.

Mroziewicz is one of two seniors who were expected to lead the Hawkeyes on the stat sheet this season. He and Will Vasos have instead compiled a 2-15 record in singles. Vasos, at 1-11, has struggled in every match during what has become a recurring nightmare on the court.

“Will goes out there with a great attitude every time, and I give him credit for that,” Houghton said. “But basically the same scenario keeps happening over and over again: He can’t get over the hump.”

Other underachievers this season include freshman Matt Hagan and sophomore Jonas Dierckx. Hagan was named the Missouri Valley Player of the Year last fall, but he hasn’t looked the part; he has floundered to a 2-9 record in singles. Dierckx has lost eight of his last nine singles bouts after starting the season 3-0.

Problems plaguing the bottom of the lineup have compounded the troubles at the top. Iowa has used nine different players in the No. 5 and No. 6 positions. Chase Tomlins, the most consistent player at the bottom of the lineup,

recently re-aggravated an injury, and his status is unclear.

As a team, the Hawkeyes have a 17-52 record in singles.

Doubles play has struggled as well this season. The 15-19 record — which was 8-1 until early February — has been characterized by missed opportunities and costly errors.

“I tell our guys that it’s wrong to look back at our close doubles matches,” Houghton said. “They need to remember only what happened earlier in the match, and too many times we haven’t.”

Houghton said the losing has begun to weigh on his players when they’re on the court.

“As the losing has continued, you begin to wonder about nerves — and it has become a factor,” he said. “Guys are clutching the racket a little tighter in situations, not wanting to repeat history.”

Houghton said he thought his veteran squad could handle a rigorous nonconference schedule that included six nationally ranked teams.

“In past years, we’ve played really well in non-conference,” Vasos said. “Hopefully, it’s flip-flopped this year, and we can do well in conference play.”

That will be a steep hill to climb for Iowa, which

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plays in one of the best conferences in college tennis. The Big Ten features eight nationally ranked teams in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings, with three in the top 25.

“It’s a real challenge with the Big Ten teams,” Houghton said. “I’ll keep saying that over and over again, with everyone we play.”

The possibility of a dubious record is not lost on the players. Houghton said the team will try everything the Hawks can think of to get out of this tailspin.

“[The losing] is not an easy thing to take for anybody,” he said. “We’re going to have to fight our way through it.”

When asked to sum up the season, he provided a thorough synopsis of the last year.

“It’s a perfect storm of losing guys through injuries ... in combination with a really ambitious schedule,” he said. “If I had known all of these things were going to happen, I would have had a different schedule.”

INTRAMURALS

Dunk 'N' Go Nuts holds on for win

Dunk took advantage of the DPT Ninjas’ poor shooting to advance in the intramural co-rec basketball playoffs.

By **MATTHEW CABEL**
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Defense prevailed on both ends of the court Monday night as Dunk 'N' Go Nuts faced the DPT Ninjas in a co-rec intramural basketball playoff game.

Dunk overcame a slow start to win, 40-31, and head to the next round of the playoffs.

Neither team scored for the first minute and a half. Dunk ended the scoring drought by putting the ball in the paint and quickly surged to a 6-0 lead.

DPT didn’t give up, though, and used good passing-lane penetration to keep it in the game. The team took advantage of poor Dunk offense to spark a run of its own run and went up 9-6, its largest — and last — lead of the night.

But after that run, it seemed as if none of the DPT’s shots could drop. Dunk took advantage easily, out-rebounding DPT throughout the game. DPT continually rushed shots and had to run right back to the other end of the court.

“We played like we owned a brick store,” DPT member Rachel Madsen said.

The defensive intensity of the game was apparent at halftime — Dunk only led 14-11 after 12 minutes of play had passed.

“I liked our zone defense,” Dunk captain Nathaniel Gier said. “We tried to slow the game down and give people rest, kind of like a Bo Ryan Wisconsin team.”

Dunk continued its

strong defense in the second half, and its scoring picked up as well. The team went on a 15-8 run to gain a 29-19 lead, its largest of the night.

DPT picked up its own defensive pressure to create turnovers and implemented a full-court press that helped bring the game within 3 at 29-26.

“We played good defense,” DPT member Kristin Iehl said. “We just couldn’t make any shots offensively.”

DPT attempted what would have been a game-tying 3-pointer with under four minutes left. The ball hit the top of the backboard and fell through the twine, allowing the team to finally see momentum swing in its

favor. This led to complaints by Dunk players and indecision between the two referees, who eventually deemed the ball out of bounds and waved off the basket.

“We all saw [the ball] hit the top,” Iehl said. “I just didn’t like [the referee] waiting to make the call.”

Despite the DPT run, Gier never lost faith in his team. After the call, his team took advantage of DPT fouls and second-chance opportunities to lift itself to the next round of the playoffs.

“I wasn’t that scared,” he said. “We have good ball-handlers and a team set up for late-game situations exactly like these.”

Three other Hawkeye golfers placed in the top-third of the 96-golfer field. Freshman Lauren English tied for 16th at 13 over, and fellow freshman Shelby Phillips tied for 24th at 15 over. Gigi DiGrazia tied for 31st at 17 over.

The Hawkeyes will compete in the Wyoming Cowgirl Classic in Chandler, Ariz., on April 9-11.

— by Alex French

Women’s golf finishes second

For the second time in as many days on Monday, the Iowa women’s golf team shot a team score of 309 (21 over) and finished the Saluki Invitational in second place among 17 teams.

The Hawkeyes finished the 36-hole tournament in Carbondale, Ill., with a combined score of 618. Senior Chelsea Harris finished

tied for second — a career-high — with Indiana University/Purdue University-Indianapolis’ Jordan Essman with a total of 148 (72-76, 4 over).

Junior Kristi Cardwell cracked the top 10 and moved up 23 spots from Sunday by shooting a



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Sowinski grows into leadership



Left: Iowa's Erik Sowinski leads the 4x400-meter relay team in Drake Stadium following its victory at the Drake Relays on April 30, 2011. The team ran a time of 3:16.18 minutes. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo) **Right:** Sowinski carries the baton during the 4x400-meter relay on Dec. 3, 2011, in the Recreation Building. Sowinski, a team cocaptain, is a five-time All-American and finished third in the 800 meters at the NCAA championships earlier this month. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Erik Sowinski leads more by example than with his voice.

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Iowa senior Erik Sowinski once believed he didn't belong in a Division-I track and field program. He put those doubts to rest with his performances on the track long ago.

Sowinski is a five-time All-American, holds school

indoor records in the 800 and 600 meters, and finished third in the 800 at the NCAA meet on March 10.

But it's his leadership that his coaches and teammates say make the team cocaptain special.

"Erik has always been a real positive role model for everybody on the team," junior Ethan Holmes said. "Even when he was younger, some of the older guys still looked up to him. He embodies everything you want out of a Division-I student-athlete."

Holmes said Sowinski is the type of person who will stay up all night studying for an early morning exam, ace the test, and then go to practice and outwork his teammates during workouts — and he'll make it look easy.

"Those type of guys, you really look up to them and you're like 'Wow, I wish I could be just like him,'" Holmes said.

Holmes said Sowinski is "one of the nicest kids you'll ever meet" and that his former roommate sometimes has a difficult time policing

other athletes when they aren't working as hard as they need to in practice. But he admitted Sowinski's leadership style complements that of fellow captain Troy Doris well, so it isn't an issue.

Assistant coach Joey Woody said Sowinski has always preferred to lead by example but has grown into a more tangible leader this year.

"He has been a quiet leader, just the way he handles himself when he comes to practice," Woody said. "He's focused, he's

determined, and he wants to be the best. But now he's taking more of a leadership role, being more vocal."

But Woody said the Waukesha, Wis., native is the same person he was when he stepped onto campus four years ago.

"A lot of [his leadership] still comes from what he does as a person," Woody said. "People want to be like Erik because of what he does for the program and what he does for himself; he's in one of the hardest majors on campus — integrative physiology —

Next Up: Arkansas Invitational

When: Saturday-March 31
Where: Fayetteville, Ark.

and is going to go into medicine."

Sowinski is also a representative on the Iowa Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, which performs — among other things — regular community service. Holmes said his former roommate takes

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IOWA GYMNASTICS

GymHawks picked for regional

The Iowa women's gymnastics team was selected to compete in the upcoming NCAA regional competition, the NCAA announced on Monday.

The top 36 teams in the country were selected to participate in six regional meets composed of six teams each. The Hawkeyes are scheduled to compete on April 7 in Seattle against defending national champion No. 4 Alabama, No. 9 LSU, No. 16 Arizona, No. 23 Washington, and Central Michigan.

The GymHawks faced then-No. 10 LSU on March 9 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena and finished in second place, 196.8-195.7. LSU is one of 14 Iowa opponents this year that qualified for regionals.

— by Alex French

The Hawkeyes have made five-consecutive NCAA regional appearances and six total under current head coach Larissa Libby.

All eight Big Ten teams qualified for regionals. Nebraska and Minnesota will compete in Salt Lake City; Ohio State and Penn State will go to Raleigh, N.C.; Michigan and Michigan State will travel to Auburn, Ga.; and Illinois will host the Champaign Regional.

The top two teams from each region will receive an automatic berth to the NCAA championships, which will be held in Duluth, Ga., on April 20-22. Individual event winners will also advance in their respective events if they are not part of a qualifying team.

Big Ten honors Gryshayev

An Iowa men's gymnast was named Big Ten Gymnast of the Week for the first time in more than three years on Monday.

Junior Anton Gryshayev shared the honor with Penn State junior Felix Aronovich.

The Littleton, Colo., native was honored for his performance on March 24 against Nebraska, in which he set a school record on the still rings. Gryshayev's score of 15.750 marked the seventh time he has broken the school record on the event.

Only three gymnasts in the

nation have recorded higher scores on rings this season than Gryshayev, who entered the meet against Nebraska ranked 18th in the country on the event. He's one of only two Hawkeyes ranked in the national top 20 of any event.

His top-10 finishes on vault, pommel horse, and floor exercise were also noted by the conference.

The last Hawkeye to claim conference Gymnast of the Week honors was Geoff Reins, who was recognized on March 2, 2009.

— by Ryan Murphy

Coming through in big swim

Five Hawkeye swimmers traveled to Federal Way, Wash., this past weekend to represent Iowa at the NCAA championships.

By BEN ROSS
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Earning an All-American title is tough in any sport.

Most college athletes go through four years without ever being graced with the honor; most teams lack even just one competitor that has earned the status.

But Iowa's Paul Gordon and Ryan Phelan earned All-American status at the 2011 NCAA swimming and diving championships, and they counted the experience as a highlight to garnish their accomplished careers.

Little did they know, though, that they would repeat as All-Americans. Not just once or twice, either; the seniors and their teammates had three performances at the 2012 championships that helped solidify Iowa as a school with a serious commitment to its swimming program.

Gordon, Phelan, Duncan Partridge, and Jordan Huff placed 15th in the 400-free relay in 2011 to get the first All-American mention.

The same four traveled with teammate Gianni Sesto to Federal Way, Wash., on March 22-24 to try to improve on the 4 points Iowa scored in 2011. The quintet scored 20



Paul Gordon celebrates the 200-relay team's first-place finish at the Big Ten meet in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Feb. 24. Gordon was one of five Hawkeyes to reel in All-American honors at the NCAA meet last weekend. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

points in three events, placing 26th out of 39 teams at the event. The finish is the highest since 1995, when Iowa placed 13th in the country.

The squad scored points and earned all-American status in the 800-, 400-, and 200-free relay.

Phelan, Partridge, Gordon, and Sesto scored 4 points on the opening night by placing 15th overall in the 200-free relay, with a time of 1:18.96 minutes.

Huff, Gordon, Sesto, and Phelan then dove in to score the rest of the points in the meet's final days. They placed 15th in the 800 free in 6:29.33 minutes and added 4 more points to the board. The same four finished 11th in the 400-free relay to score 12 points and earn the third All-American honor of the weekend.

Head Iowa swimming coach Marc Long couldn't say enough about the pride he felt for his swimmers and their performances against what he thinks is the premier swimming competition in the world.

"They were able to compete with the best; this is the fastest meet in the world," Long said. "Competing and beating some of the best — I think it means a lot to them — that just shows what kind of athletes they are. Being Big Ten champs and All-Americans is a big deal as they look back."

Long's claim that the NCAA championships are faster and more competitive than even the Olympics might seem lofty, but he's not the only one with that belief. Gordon

2012 Iowa All-Americans

- Paul Gordon, senior, Sioux Falls, S.D.
- Ryan Phelan, senior, Cedar Rapids
- Duncan Partridge, senior, Lake Forest, Ill.
- Jordan Huff, junior, Dubuque
- Gianni Sesto, sophomore, Las Vegas

said he supports his coach's statement, and justified the argument.

"I really think it's the premier short-course event in the world," Gordon said. "In most countries, the qualifying time for the Olympics [in a 100 freestyle] ... would be 43.5 seconds. Qualifying for

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