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Abhay Nadapuram, the UI Executive Council governmental-relations coordinator, speaks at the Iowa State Fairgrounds to kick off a series of road shows supported by Universities for a Better Iowa, an initiative founded by student-government leaders from Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa, and the University of Iowa.

“It’s a great opportunity for public universities to come together,” said Shelley Frances, a UI health and human physiology graduate student. “The public always think of universities as being against each other, but we have a lot of the same goals and more.”

Leaders from the UI Student Government and the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students said many Iowans aren’t fully aware of the work public universities benefit their community members on a daily basis.

“For each of our public universities reaches every other community in this state, improving Iowans’ lives every day,” Nadapuram told the crowd.

Gov. Terry Branstad told the crowd why he values Iowa’s public universities.

“I guess I can testify to that,” he said. “I grew up on a farm way up in northern Iowa. My family never had a lot of resources. They didn’t really have money to send me to college.”

Branstad said that with his family’s determination and encouragement, he was able to obtain a degree at an Iowa public university.

“Neither do I,” said Nadapuram.

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Katherine Valde, the UISG governmental-relations coordinator, said Universities for a Better Iowa is important in getting the attention of lawmakers.

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Drugs arrest up in Iowa and in the state

The number of drug and narcotic charges in Iowa City has almost doubled since 2007.

By Jooyoung Kim

Local police and other officers across the state are split on what may be the reason for the growing number of drug and narcotic charges.

“When you’re looking to arrest people for selling drugs, it’s really difficult to pinpoint what causes the stats to go up or down,” Iowa City Police Lt. Don Noble said.

According to the 2011 Iowa City police annual report, narcotic charges have nearly doubled since 2007 — with 626 charges last year and 322 in 2007. It would be increased drug prosecution, drug problems, or it could be as simple as the fact that we have more social workers working the streets because we are in the process of replacing people who are retiring,” Hart said.

Marijuana is the most popular substance in drug and narcotic charges, and in the state-level, Hart said, and Johnson County has also seen an increase in the number of heroin users.

Iowa City is not the only city in the state seeing such an increase.

North Liberty Police Chief Jim Workman said police have recently seen an increase in thefts in the city, and about half, despite an initial decrease over Hawkeye lifting the sale of flulud in February.

“Part of it is our population keeps growing, and so we get more people along, and with the population going up, we’re seeing an increase in the number of programs and activities for the community,” he said.

There are different things that the city can do to fight long-term,” he has said. “It’s not really aimed at drugs, it’s aimed at getting people and kids involved, hoping that it’ll keep them on a good path and they won’t turn to crime.”

Larceny and theft have also increased over the past five years with 5,367 in 2010 and at the state level, Hart said.

Iowa City police also work to sell drug enforcement by providing officers with training and assigning those officers to the street level.

Cardell Saunders has seen a slight decrease from 90 charges in 2010 to 83 charges in 2011, but one Iowa City police official noted that more drugs are being seized.

“The numbers aren’t the same, but the size of our seizures over the year has continued to rise,” said Capt. Jeff Sitzmann of the Summit Police Department.

“The most important thing is we’re doing a relationship with our citizens,” he said. “The more we’re able to have a place to start and investi- gate.

These factors, he said, will continue to contribute to enforcing drug laws.

“The police are always looking to get a bigger fish, we’ve just got to get to the first step of the ladder, the source,” Sitzmann said.

Iowa City resident and NeoCreations Co. employee Angela Tennyson makes fashionable recommendations and answers questions for various neoCreations Co. partners, the new branch celebrated its grand opening in Iowa City Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Asmaa Elkeurti)
Grassley picks as dean

Alec Scranton says the UI College of Engineering hopes to grow to 2,000 students by 2016.

By JENNY EARL

The University of Iowa officials announced on Monday that Alec Scranton will serve as dean of the UI College of Engineering.

As dean, he said, he intends to further expand the school both physically and in the number of students.

“Two things, and we want to continue that growth,” he said.

Scranton, 48, served as the college’s interim dean following P. Frantz, the dean of the UI College of Engineering.

“With Scranton’s under-keeping capabilities, we have a talented and dedicated faculty and staff, out-standing students, and alumni engaged in the college — it’s just a great plan to be at — it has all the elements required for success,” Scranton said.

Scranton says the vision defined by research, education, and engagement and outreach. The school under his leadership will continue to improve the undergraduate experiences by re-evaluating the curriculum.

Three other finalists competed with Scranton for the position, interviewed on the UI campus by a search committee led by Rita Buckingham, the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

“I’m excited that he made it through a difficult process and came out on top of a large pool of applicants, and I think that clearly spoke to the high regard we all have for him,” Buckingham said.

In his letter, Grassley said over the past few months, he has received several reports of serious allegations at the Iowa City VA that included violations of the work atmosphere “in-dictors,” which prevents some staff numbers from bringing serious matters to superiors’ attention. They also suggested the morale was “terrible,” resulting in some employ-ees looking elsewhere for employment.

But not all who have received care at the hospita-l agree with Grassley’s criticisms.

UI supervisor Adam Connell, who served five years in the U.S. Navy, said that he has been to the Iowa City VA emer-gency room twice and never had issues with staff.

“I’ve never seen any con-cer� crossed or anything,” he said. “I’ve received nothing but great care.”

Buckingham said she is not aware of any specific concerns, but the organi-zation will welcome any input from the inspector general.

“VA employees have many avenues where they can share their concerns,” she said. “At any time a concern is brought to our attention, we address it.”

Buckingham said the VA is one of the most mon-itored and inspected health-care systems in the world.

“We welcome Sen. Grassley’s interest and concerns for veteran issues,” she said.

The Iowa City VA hospital is seen on June 10, 2008. U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley called for a review of the hospital after receiving complaints about working conditions at the facility. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)
Elevator in a train

How much of a social safety net is needed in America?

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In Iowa, those numbers are striking. In Iowa, 90 percent of their income. In fact, 43 percent of Social Security beneficiaries, the benefits go toward caring for the blind and disabled, 19 percent for the elderly — waiting until a medical issue becomes so worse that it is impossible for nearly 300,000 low-income Saudis to obtain preventive care or necessary medical treatment in an emergency hospital or doctor's office. For decades, conservatives have disseminated false information about Medicaid, that it is ineffective for nearly 300,000 low-income yet apparently doesn't care that President Mitt Romney, who is so practical — waiting until a medical issue becomes so worse that it is impossible for nearly 300,000 low-income Saudis to obtain preventive care or necessary medical treatment in an emergency hospital or doctor's office. For decades, conservatives have disseminated false information about Medicaid, that it is ineffective for nearly 300,000 low-income Saudis to obtain preventive care or necessary medical treatment in an emergency hospital or doctor's office. For decades, conservatives have disseminated false information about Medicaid, that it is ineffective for nearly 300,000 low-income Saudis to obtain preventive care or necessary medical treatment in an emergency hospital or doctor's office. For decades, conservatives have disseminated false information about Medicaid, that it is ineffective for nearly 300,000 low-income Saudis to obtain preventive care or necessary medical treatment in an emergency hospital or doctor's office. For decades, conservatives have disseminated false information about Medicaid, that it is ineffective for nearly 300,000 low-income Saudis to obtain preventive care or necessary medical treatment in an emergency hospital or doctor's office. For decades, conservatives have disseminated false information about Medicaid, that it is ineffective for nearly 300,000 low-income Saudis to obtain preventive care or necessary medical treatment in an emergency hospital or doctor's office. For decades, conservatives have disseminated false information about Medicaid, that it is ineffective for nearly 300,000 low-income Saudis to obtain preventive care or necessary medical treatment in an emergency hospital or doctor's office. For decades, conservatives have disseminated false information about Medicaid, that it is ineffective for nearly 300,000 low-income Saudis to obtain preventive care or necessary medical treatment in an emergency hospital or doctor's office. For decades, conservatives have disseminated false information about Medicaid, that it is ineffective for nearly 300,000 low-income Saudis to obtain preventive care or necessary medical treatment in an emergency hospital or doctor's office. For decades, conservatives have disseminated false information about Medicaid, that it is ineffective for nearly 300,000 low-income Saudis to obtain preventive care or necessary medical treatment in an emergency hospital or doctor's office. For decades, conservatives have disseminated false information about Medicaid, that it is ineffective for nearly 300,000 low-income Saudis to obtain preventive care or necessary medical treatment in an emergency hospital or doctor's office. For decades, conservatives have disseminated false information about Medicaid, that it is ineffective for nearly 300,000 low-income Saudis to obtain preventive care or necessary medical treatment in an emergency hospital or doctor's office. For decades, conservatives have disseminated false information about Medicaid, that it is ineffective for nearly 300,000 low-income Saudis to obtain preventive care or necessary medical treatment...
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For the 2011 UISG presidential elections, the percentage of students who voted was 22.21%. This is a decrease from the 2010 percentage of 27.82%.

UI seniors House of Representatives member Bridget Tobin said that the 2011 UISG election turnout was lower than previous years. She attributed this to a lack of student engagement with the candidates and the election process.

"It's pretty traditional in terms of how things are being done," she said. "The students have had a pretty consistent turnout this year." Tobin noted that the election turnout has been steady throughout the years, with the highest turnout in 2007 at 27.82% and the lowest in 2011 at 22.21%.

Tobin also commented on the need for better engagement with students. "We need to get more students to engage," she said. "We need to make sure that students are aware of what's going on in the election process." Tobin encouraged students to get involved and vote in future elections.

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• Celebration of Excellence and Achievement Awards Ceremony for Women. 3:30 p.m., IMU.

• The Quiet, What the Cat is Doing. 3:30 p.m., 240 Blank Hall. 

• Library-Community Writing Center, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library

• Life in the Woods — Egg Coloring. 4:30 p.m., University Credit Union Center

• Water Sustainability Seminar: 5 p.m., 194 Iowa Advanced Technology Labs

• Special Film Event, American Indian Festival. 7 p.m., IMU

• Iowan, Nurse. 8 p.m., Black Hawk Room 101, 100 S. W 4th St., Coralville.

• Flight School, 10 p.m. — 1 a.m. — Yacht Club, 13 N. Linn St.

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Parents opt for online ed

Ten students have applied to open enroll into Iowa virtual learning programs.

Online Learning

Online learning institutions continue to grow for K-12 schools nationwide.

- 40 states have state-led online schools
- 2010-11: 250,000 students were enrolled in full-time online schools
- 2009-10: 1,816,400 enrollments in distance education

Source: International Association for K-12 Online Learning

REACHING OUT

Bill Strickland speaks to audience members following a presentation at the Iowa City Public Library on Monday. Strickland has gained national recognition for his work as CEO of nonprofit Manchester Bidwell Corp., which works on empowering disenfranchised youth through education and outreach programs. He will tour the UI campus today. (The Daily Iowan/ Ian Servin)

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The Hawkettes are off the field again, but there is one area of the field where Banks Field not only holds a host of great memories for the Hawkettes, but it also has been, to a certain extent, a showcase of talent for Brands. From her time as a starting pitcher for the Iowa Hawkeyes, to her time as a coach for the University of Connecticut, Brands has been at the forefront of women's collegiate baseball. Her leadership and guidance have been instrumental in the development of the sport, and she continues to make a significant impact through her coaching and mentoring of young athletes.

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Two first-year Hawkeyes hit home run in a 5-1 win.

Second three-bagger of the season — in a 5-1 win.

Run fifth inning in the second game of a doubleheader.

Exhibited excellent discipline in the Iowa sweep.

Newbies spark softball sweep of Illinois

By Ben Ross

The Iowa softball team was clicking on all cylinders this past weekend as the Hawkeyes swept Illinois in a three-game series at Pearl Field.

Iowa rewarded production throughout the lineup; the squad recorded 15 runs on 23 hits during the weekend.

But performance from three unlikely individuals stood out from the rest.

Freshman, Melanis Gladden and Megan Blank and sophomore transfer Malloree Grove exhibited excellent discipline at the plate and set the learning curve for other rookies in the Iowa softball program.

Blank capped off a 5-run inning in the first game of the series on Sunday when she belted a two-run homer over the left-field wall in the third inning to make Iowa’s lead 5-0. The jack was her first as a Hawkeye.

Gladden took a page out of Grove’s book by hitting her first collegiate homer in the fifth, a three-run jack that pushed Iowa’s lead to 6-1.

Blank recorded a double and another triple, which clinched the 8-run mercy-rule win for the Hawkeyes — in the second game of a doubleheader.

The trio was mostly quiet at the plate in the third game of the series on Sunday, and the game was scoreless for almost 10 full innings. Grove was 2-for-4 at the plate and notched her second multi-hit game of the season, but offensively, the game was defined by a walk.

Gladden went out to the plate with the bases loaded and two outs in the eighth.

She was able to secure herself at the base of the day — not with her bat but with her patience. The freshman from Asher, Okla., waited until Illinois pitcher Brooke Yaroshuk had a leadoff batter on base when she began to work on the count.

The Hawkeyes have practiced the double play on March 28 at the Cretzmeyer Track.

Tutson is the returning Big Ten runner-up in the event. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

Iowa assistant track and field coach Scott Cappos helps javelin thrower Matt Byers perfect his technique at Cretzmeyer Track. Tutson is the returning Big Ten runner-up in the event. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

Tutson tweaked the toss

By Cody Goodwin

The Iowa baseball team has been hit by more pitches than any other team in the conference.

The Craig Biggios of college ball

By Ben Schiff

The Iowa baseball team has been hit by more pitches than any other team in the conference.

Iowa outfielder Sean Flanagan doesn’t mind if a fastball occasionally finds his shoulder or elbow on the way to the plate.

In fact, he embraces being hit by pitches.

When Flanagan was being recruited to Iowa from Downers Grove North High in Illinois, his email address was Hitbypitch12@aol.com.

While his small address has changed since coming to Iowa — “it’s still a valid email I know and I don’t use it as much,” he said — getting hit by pitches is still something that makes him proud.

“I’ve just something I’ve always tried to show myself and my teammates that I’m a hard-nosed player,” the senior said.

“I’ve been hit by a pitch if it’s going to help the team out.”

Flanagan and his teammates have turned getting hit by pitches from something worth grasping over the past few years.

Head coach Lynn Byerly and associate coach Tim Byers said the Big Ten’s rules state that all runners and base coaches from other teams are not allowed to get near a plate if by, so both players will get hit freely.

If the ball is low, he’ll be able to see it.