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CLOSE TO THE CHESS



Richard Couch teaches people effective techniques to play chess on Thursday at the Senior Center. Pamela Fitzgerald and the others have met with Couch for the past three weeks. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

Teens dig into environment



Mary Skopec speaks at a Summer Solutions seminar at West High on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

Summer of Solutions has 16 branches nationwide, and the Iowa City branch has been running for two summers.

By **JORDYN REILAND**

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Eleanor Marshall loves the environment — but she didn't always feel that way.

"When I was a lot younger, I didn't used to be interested in environmental issues," said Marshall, a senior at Iowa City West High. "My sister came home one day from school and wanted to police our shower lengths, and just our whole lifestyle was under attack, and I got this real first-hand exposure."

Marshall is now co-president of the West High Eco-Centric club, which advocates for sustainability and environmental issues. She and fellow club members, working alongside the Iowa City branch of national group Summer of Solutions, developed Focus the Classroom this year to try to integrate

sustainability in the district high-school curriculum.

The two groups hosted a series of speakers at City High and West High on Thursday highlighting Focus the Classroom and other sustainability initiatives.

Officials said they hope the event is a steppingstone to further environmental-science education at the high school level.

"Each high school has an environmental focus group, but I think every school could use a little bit more of a push," said Bailee McClellan, a Summer of Solutions project leader. "I'm hoping that this will kind of be the steppingstone to encourage students to get involved."

Many group members said they hope district high schools will add the supplemental education into the

curriculum.

"I think that with certain issues and the bigger cultural trends, I think [environmental sciences] should be not only a subject in the Iowa Core requirements, it needs to be a class that is required so that students understand the impact in the community," said Zach Gruenhagen, a program leader for Summer of Solutions.

Marshall said developing these subjects could be as easy as inserting the supplemental lesson plans into the curriculum.

"It's sort of hard to create a whole new class," she said. "Just getting a unit you can insert into a class that already exists is a really good and important way to increase environmental education."

During the Focus the Classroom event, local sustainabil-

Officials OK with policy on social media

The University of Iowa first created its social-media policy for student-athletes in 2009.

By **LOGAN EDWARDS**

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Sports officials at Iowa's universities said they are confident a less-intrusive social-media policy is adequate for the student-athletes, even while other higher-education institutions are rethinking their guidelines.

UI Presidential Committee on Athletics head N. William Hines said the UI's social-media policies for student-athletes do not consist of routinely monitoring the players' use, though the regulation occurs at other schools. The UI has a broader, generic social-media policy stressing student responsibility, he said.

"[Student-athletes] need to be aware that whatever they put on is probably not going to be restricted to who they think they're giving it to," Hines said.

The UI adopted its first social-media policy three years ago, during the rapid proliferation of such sites as Facebook and Twitter. Last year, Hines said, athletics officials debated whether coaches could require members of their teams to be their Facebook friends — but decided against it.

"We said no, that's a private thing, and students have the right to privacy," Hines said. "We needed [a social-media policy,] and adopted one that, I would say, is midway on the intrusiveness of privacy of students," he said.

The regulation was more of an information policy than an enforcement policy, he said. But if athletics officials receive complaints about something posted online, Hines said, they will further investigate the situation.

Athletes at Iowa State University — where officials first created a social-media policy in 2005 — abide by a similarly general set of rules.

"Departmental-wide, the stress is on appropriateness," said Tom Kroeschell, ISU associate athletics director for communications. "But beyond that, it's a team issue."

Kroeschell said higher-profile individuals need to be mindful of their conduct in social situations, particularly involving photographs.

"You have to be extra vigilant, because the media treat you like a public figure," he said.



UIHC eyes kidney network

There have been 2,500 kidney transplants performed at UIHC since the first successful organ transplant in 1969.

By **JENNY EARL**
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Health officials are looking to create a nationwide registry for kidney donations — and University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics doctors are weighing the benefits.

Leaders in kidney transplant research announced last week that creating a nationwide registry used to oversee paired kidney donation would increase patients' chances of receiving kidneys from live donors. Hospitals under the registry — such as the UIHC, which established its own in 2000 — would join with the programs of other hospitals.

"There are pluses and minuses to a national registry," said Alan Reed, the UIHC director of transplant and hepatobiliary surgery. "More people, more matches. But [there may be] less innovation and local interest and things like that."

In paired-exchange donation, a transplant candidate with a willing donor who is incompatible can exchange donations with another candidate and her or his willing donor, providing a suitable match for each patient. Though it has

Iowa Hospitals and Kidney Transplant Centers

The number of living donors offering kidney transplants in Iowa during 2010-11:

- Iowa City VA Medical Center: 7 living donors
- Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines: 6 living donors
- Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines: 11 living donors
- University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics: 30 living donors

Source: Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients for Iowa

been nearly a decade since the paired-exchange program was created nationwide, there is currently no uniform system among hospitals for these exchanges.

According to the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients, about 9 percent of patients on kidney transplant waiting lists at UIHC and Iowa City VA Medical Center — where the same surgeons perform surgeries at both locations — received a kidney from a living donor from 2010 to 2011.

"Traditionally, [living

transplant donations] have occurred when somebody has stepped forward to donate a kidney to a loved one," Reed said. "That's sort of a traditional way that they're done, given by a father — brother — that's still a huge bulk of how these transplants get done."

But Reed said a relatively small percent of transplants at the UIHC are done through paired donation.

Ken Andreoni, associate professor of surgery at Ohio State University — who attended the national conference that discussed creating the national unified program — said a national registry would mathematically increase the number of transplants in the long term.

"The more people you have in a system, in a big pool, the more chance [you'll have] of finding the needle in the haystack," he said.

Andreoni said the number of living donors has increased since the creation of the Kidney Paired Donation Pilot Program in 2000. He estimated around 460 or 500 additional transplants have been completed in the last year from this living exchange system.

"The world's best scenario is to have enough deceased donors. We never

want to put a person under the risk of having to donate their kidney," Andreoni said. "With that said, there's really not enough, and people don't live as long on dialysis as they do with a transplant — and you live longer with a live transplant."

Anne Paschke, a spokeswoman for the United Network for Organ Sharing, said the organization is asking for public feedback to turn the operating guidelines of the Kidney Paired Donation Pilot Program into national policy. After the committee receives public feedback, it will make necessary changes and put the policy toward the network board for a vote in November.

"At that point, it would no longer be a pilot program," Paschke said. "That doesn't mean any other program would cease to exist — it would be permanent."

The policies would go into effect in February, she said.

"There's going to be a lot of people with different opinions," Andreoni said. "At least this gets together a number of people from different areas to discuss what's working, what's not working, and where things should go in the future."

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METRO

Man charged with theft

A local man has been charged with second-degree theft.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Dominique Conway, 25, address unknown, was charged Wednesday.

According to a complaint, Conway was driving a car that was reported stolen at approximately 10:30 a.m. When police spoke with him post-Miranda, he allegedly

admitted he got the vehicle from "Allison" in North Liberty on Tuesday. He said she bought the car for \$2,200, according to the report.

According to the complaint, Conway told police he thought the price sounded suspicious but was unable to provide contact information for the person he bought it from.

Second-degree theft is considered a Class-D felony and is punishable of up to five years in jail and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Jordyn Reiland

GRILL FRIENDS



Sophomore Lauren Benkoski, junior Kelsey Boehm, junior Quentin Marquez, and senior Peter Larson grill meat at the College Republicans' Animal Rights BBQ Thursday in College Green Park. The group held the event as part of "Conservative Coming Out Week." (The Daily Iowan/Asmaa Elkurti)

METRO

Merrill named to humanities council

Christopher Merrill, the director of the University of Iowa International Writing Program, has been appointed to the National Council on the Humanities, according to a press release.

President Obama selected Merrill, who was also appointed to the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO in 2011, to replace former director Iris Love, the release said.

The council serves as an advisory body to the National Endowment for the Humanities, which advocates for public television and education, among other causes.

The 55-year-old Merrill has worked as a poet, essayist, journalist, and translator.

— by Luke Voelz

County to apply for substance-abuse funds

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to apply for a substance-abuse-prevention grant from the Iowa Department of Health.

The annual grant, for \$10,000, would be applied to the Mideast Council on Chemical Abuse.

— by Luke Voelz

Weapons allegedly found in charged man's apartment

Court documents obtained by the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* indicate an Iowa City man who allegedly sexually assaulted a local woman on March 29 also possessed

weapons in his apartment, 923 E. College St. No. 8.

According to the search warrant, a police search produced handcuffs, a knife, women's clothing, and Viagra at the apartment. 21-year-old Peng Tang, was charged with first-degree kidnapping following an alleged sexual assault.

A press release from Iowa City police said Tang assaulted the woman after entering her apartment for a subplot showing.

He allegedly restrained her and threatened to place nude photographs of the woman online if she told police about the assault.

According to the *Gazette*, Tang was apprehended when the woman, working with police, invited him to her apartment the following day. Tang is being held

at the Johnson County jail, and he is also on immigration hold.

— by Luke Voelz

Woman charged with forgery

An Arkansas woman was charged with forgery this week.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Leeann Hopson, 28, of Hope was charged Wednesday with forgery.

Hopson allegedly used a stolen credit card at the IC Pit Stop, 300 Kirkwood Ave., Wednesday to purchase \$30 worth of gas and forged the victim's signature to complete the transaction.

Forgery is a Class-D felony and is punishable of up to five years in jail and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Jordyn Reiland

BLOTTER

Jacob Ayala, 22, 516 E. Church St. Apt. 3, was charged Feb. 8 with possession of marijuana.

Nathan Burgs, 54, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with third-degree theft and fraudulent criminal acts.

Dominique Conway, 25, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with third-degree theft and fraudulent criminal acts.

Briana Everhart, 20, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 1009, was charged Thursday with keeping a disorderly house.

Deidra Hondras, 20, 2801 Highway 6 E. Lot 44, was charged Sept. 9, 2011, with possession of an open alcohol container in public, fifth-degree theft, and public intoxication.

Selina Hunt, 23, Chicago, was

charged Wednesday with two charges of assault on emergency personnel and interference with official acts.

Clark Robken, 30, 622 Walnut St., was charged Tuesday with disorderly conduct.

Samantha Sammet, 19, 634 S. Johnson St., was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Dwayne Shamblin, 26, 2422

Lakeside Drive No. 2, was charged Jan. 16, 2009, with possession of marijuana, obstructing emergency communication, and domestic assault with injury.

Matthew Vincent, 21, 2025 Kountry Lane 307, was charged Thursday with OWI.

Krizia Zearley, 23, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 21, 2010, with fifth-degree theft.

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ty officials spoke and encouraged teachers to use the lesson plans compiled last year by Summer of Solutions to supplement the education.

Liz Christiansen, the director of the UI Office of Sustainability, said speaking to the students is important because it provides a new perspective to a new generation.

"I think it's important for students to see what's happening on campuses and how young people are getting involved and helping

Focus the Classroom

Students at City High and West High gathered Thursday to listen to speakers and participate in supplemental education created by the Iowa City Summer of Solutions group. Some of the topics included:

- Algebra
- Biology
- Economics

Source: Focus the Classroom website

change happen," she said.

Marshall said transforming the curriculum is just one step to increase sustainability efforts.

"Sustainability is not a club you just go to after school, it's not just gardening — it's the way we need to live our world," she said.

ATHLETES

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"If there is a picture that you don't want to be on the front page of the paper, then don't put it up there."

Though ISU, like the UI, uses the concept of appropriateness as a general rule, Kroeschell said athletics officials speak with team members a few times each season about universally forbidden online conduct, such as profanity.

Student-athletes actions may be more scrutinized by the general public.

Rick Klatt, UI associate athletics director for external affairs, said student-athletes'

social-media activities are more popular than other students' because of their being prominent campus figures.

"If it would embarrass your grandmother, don't put it on your social media," Klatt said.

Kroschell said certain ISU student-athletes have had their social-media privileges taken away by their coaches for a period of time as a result of misconduct.

"The number one concern is just talking with your student-athletes and making sure that they understand they are public figures, and that a certain responsibility comes along with it," Kroeschell said.

UI athletics officials are planning to review the social-media policy next year to see if any changes need to be made, Hines said.

Though ISU officials have

Athletics

Other UI student-athlete conduct regulations include:

- No cheating or plagiarism to earn grades
- No unauthorized use of university property
- No assaulting students or faculty
- No possession or consumption of alcohol on campus
- Cannot use or possess any narcotic drug or marijuana on campus

Source: University of Iowa

no plans for review, Kroeschell said, change at some point is inevitable.

"[The policy] is going to change," he said. "It will have to, because there will always be new ways of communicating."

Ex-CIA officer indicted in leaks case

By ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former CIA officer who became a focal player in the debate over waterboarding as an interrogation technique was indicted Thursday on charges he leaked classified secrets to journalists, including the role of an associate who participated in a covert mission to track down a top Qaeda figure.

The indictment of John C. Kiriakou, returned by a federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va., is part of an aggressive Justice Department crackdown on leakers and is one of a half-dozen such cases opened during the Obama administration.

The five-count indict-

ment charges Kiriakou, 47, who was arrested in January, with divulging to journalists — including a *New York Times* reporter — the role of an associate who participated in the capture of suspected Qaeda financier Abu Zubaydah in the months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The officer's participation in that mission was classified.

The indictment also accuses Kiriakou of separately disclosing a covert officer's name to an unidentified journalist. The government began investigating after information about that officer appeared in a sealed legal brief submitted by lawyers representing a detainee at Guantánamo Bay. Authorities say the

journalist passed on the officer's name to a defense team investigator. The defense lawyers are not alleged to have done anything illegal.

Kiriakou, who is free on bond, is scheduled to be arraigned April 13 in U.S. District Court in Alexandria.

Authorities say Kiriakou denied to FBI agents that he had leaked the information and answered "Heavens, no" when asked if he had provided Zubaydah's name to a reporter. They say he lied about his actions in an effort to convince the CIA to let him publish a book, *The Reluctant Spy: My Secret Life in the CIA's War on Terror*.

The indictment includes

one charge of making false statements, which carries a maximum five-year prison sentence, and four counts of violating either the Intelligence Identities Protection Act or the Espionage Act — each punishable by up to 10 years.

Kiriakou received public attention for his statements on waterboarding, which he called an "unnecessary" form of interrogation during a 2007 interview with ABC. Kiriakou said the technique had

been used effectively to break down Zubaydah, who was waterboarded 83 times, and it had been justified in the months after 9/11. But he also appeared to express misgivings about whether the harsh interrogation method was still appropriate.

"[W]e were really trying to do anything that we could to stop another major attack from happening," Kiriakou said. "I don't think we're in that mindset right now. ... And, as a result,

waterboarding, at least right now, is unnecessary."

He has since acknowledged that much of what he said turned out to be wrong. An FBI interrogator, for instance, has testified to the Senate that Zubaydah's waterboarding did not yield important intelligence, contrary to claims by the CIA and the Bush administration. And he has acknowledged that he was not present for the interrogations and instead relied on what he'd heard and read.

METRO

Obama backs allowing women in Augusta National

WASHINGTON — A White House spokesman said Thursday that President Obama believes women should be admitted as members to the all-male Augusta National, home of the Masters golf tournament.

White House press secretary Jay Carney told reporters that Obama's "personal opinion is that women should be admitted" to the golf club. Carney said it was "up to the club to decide" but Obama told him he personally thinks women should be welcome.

"We're kind of long past the time when women should be excluded from anything," Carney said.

Republican presidential-nomination candidate Mitt Romney, Obama's likely challenger in the fall, said "of course" he would allow women in "if I could run Augusta."

— Associated Press

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Point/Counterpoint

Is 'Conservative Coming Out Week' such a big deal?

No

The controversy surrounding the UI College Republicans' "Conservative Coming Out Week" is blown out of proportion at best and being used as a political divider at worst.

Let me preface by saying that discrimination against people of same-sex orientation is not something to be taken lightly. Although there has been great progress made in the last few decades regarding acceptance of LGBT culture, more must be done to affect society at large.

Certainly there are political differences between left-wing Democrats who support gay rights and social-conservative Republicans who are religious and adhere to the teachings of their faith.

But this is not what Conservative Coming Out Week is about. College Republican members are trying to open a dialogue about what it is like to be conservative in a hyper-liberal community — much less a university — and relate that to the idea of "coming out."

The term, by the way, is not exclusive to LGBT culture. The idea behind the term "coming out" is that people with different ideologies, backgrounds, or traits can reveal their true selves to mainstream society and encourage diversity. From debutantes making their way into adult womanhood to alcoholics accepting that they have a disease and asking for help to atheists who reveal their lack of faith under the threat of ridicule or death, this term is widely used with no malicious intent.

As a conservative-libertarian individual, I have experienced this myself. There have been many instances in just my first year here in Iowa City where I've felt threatened to not express a right-leaning point of view, whether it is in class, in the workplace, or in social situations.

Whether there is any intent to intimidate is not the issue — that there is an aura of deterrence of conservative thought should be the focus.

In a college town, all points of view are supposed to be encouraged in the free flow of ideas.

You would think that the LGBT community would understand this and be willing to have a civil dialogue with campus conservatives.

— Joe Schueller

Yes

I told my family I was a liberal last year on a trip to visit my Tea Partying grandfather in Arkansas.

No one cared — there were no lectures or long-winded battles; no one shunned me from the family; no one really cared because it didn't mean anything.

People have disliked me because I am a liberal, but it never amounted to anything more than hurt feelings. If you want to say, "Jump off the a** wagon," or "Don't be afraid to dump your jacka** roots," it's not that big of a deal because we can all laugh it off and get drunk at Easter.

But in this country, individuals are killed because they come out as being homosexual. They are targeted.

In 2010, 1,470 people were targeted because of their sexual orientation. Of these, 57.9 percent were classified as anti-male homosexual bias. The FBI doesn't even have a category for offenses because of political biases.

That's because expressing an opinion and expressing an identity are two completely different things. They are in two totally separate categories, and to use one category to satirize the other is extremely offensive — the conservatives on campus are just going to have to accept that.

Imagine if the conservatives on campus, instead of calling it "Coming Out Week," said "Running away from the plantation" week. That would be offensive to African Americans, and everyone would understand because individuals are persecuted because of their race every day.

Homosexuals are persecuted every day — sometimes to the point of verbal and physical abuse. We don't hear about it, we don't talk about it, but it's there in the background haunting us.

People encourage you to be politically conservative or politically liberal because the U.S. culture encourages ideas. You cannot encourage someone to be homosexual just like you can't encourage someone to be African American.

You aren't born a liberal, and you aren't born a conservative. You are born a certain race, and you are born with a certain sexual orientation. College Republicans: You are an embarrassment to the UI community.

— Benjamin Evans

Your turn. Is "Conservative Coming Out Week" offensive?
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IPERS has solid future

Advocacy groups have highlighted the highest payouts of pension benefits to public employees in Iowa, using these examples to start a discussion about the need for fundamental pension reform in the state.

While that data might stand out to some, there are also data to support the health and sustainability of Iowa's state pension system, which was bolstered by a package of reforms passed in 2010 and is likely

headed toward sustainability for the future.

According to census data, the percentage of state and local spending on pensions in Iowa has remained around 1.7 percent. Additionally, as a result of the 2008 economic downturn, the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS) began to suffer from investment losses that affected the ratio of assets to liabilities (funding ratio). This was not unique to IPERS, as data produced by the Center for Retirement Research show that

the collective funding ratio of most state pension plans dropped from 84 percent in 2008 to 78 percent in 2009.

In 2010, IPERS staff and advisers began to formulate a plan for pension reform, which was the product of years of research into the issue. That same year a package was passed by the state Legislature, which is the fiscal plan sponsor of IPERS. The reforms included: an incremental increase in employee and employer contribution rates; an increase in the number of years required to vest; and an

increase in the number of years used to calculate final average salary.

Critics of defined benefit plans can point to funding ratios below 100 percent to support their case that pensions are unsustainable, but this number alone doesn't tell the whole story. IPERS staff and state elected officials have worked together to ensure sustainability of pension benefits for public employees in Iowa in a fiscally challenging environment.

Alex Brown
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Guest Column

Why I would have voted for a potato

KRUI's candidate for the University of Iowa Student Government president, Potato, ostensibly seems to be a publicity stunt (if you aren't aware, KRUI endorsed a potato for UISG president—it's on Facebook and Tumblr; look it up).

While this simplistic explanation certainly makes the most sense, it overlooks a few important truths.

First of all, as though KRUI needs the publicity. As the most popular radio station on campus, broadcasting 24/7 through the ether and online and providing a varied and eclectic

milieu of music, news, sports, opinion, sound art, a citadel of humanity and freedom in a bleak radio landscape filled with commercials, garbage pop, and sadness, KRUI is the first choice of every student and resident alike.

Surely you've heard it — or at least you've heard of it. An unstoppable dynamo such as KRUI doesn't do things for the sake of publicity — KRUI does things for the sake of art.

Also, it's not as though electing an inanimate object to a position of power is as preposterous as it sounds. There is prece-

dence for non-humans; ancient Egyptians worshipped kitties; Caligula made his horse the Consul of Rome; Kentucky is currently represented in Congress by a large, talking turtle.

In elementary school, I learned about Prime Minister Sir Robert Borden, a car engine dressed in a suit and top hat. Even America has called upon non-humans to lead, electing the large block of ice popularly named Calvin Coolidge to the presidency in 1924. Indeed, this year's Republican primary season has seen the race come

down to a toad, a man-nequin, and a life-sized Howdy Doody doll.

Perhaps you are still unconvinced. Perhaps you are of a mind that the amount of attention a potato running for UISG is receiving is part of a broader, alarming trend toward apathy by our students.

Yes, UISG elections seldom garner more than 3,000 votes, but while a tepid minority of students think one or two (or seven) candidates should be president, an overwhelming majority, roughly 21,000 students, think that nobody should be presi-

dent. If we're selecting someone for the august purpose of being ignored in UISG, might as well send a well-spoken potato.

But even this doesn't get all the way into the meat and potatoes of the UISG stew. Perhaps low voter turnout isn't simply a matter of a lazy and vapid student body, nor of mass nihilism about the future of higher education in the face of aggressive cuts to funding; rather, a subtle statement of intent, a rejection of an ineffective method of student representation, an implicit understanding that a

bunch of kids in suits pretending to be university mauchers isn't going to solve our problems — that we need a student body in solidarity, esteeming no one major, student organization, or group above the others, united under a symbolic figurehead. Why not a potato?

However, the most likely explanation is that I (Roman numeral one) Party and # (Tic-Tac-Toe) Party are distinctly uninspiring names for political groups. Either way, I would rather have voted for a potato.

Jesse Marks
UI senior

Accept safe drinking

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A year before the 21-ordinance took effect, Iowa City's Partnership for Alcohol Safety was created with the goal of building a safer alcohol environment in Iowa City.

Although the group's intentions are good, the Partnership should either disband or re-evaluate its vague goals. There is little to no proof that the group has had an effect on the community.

In its mission statement, it says, "The Partnership for Alcohol Safety exists to identify and advocate for strategies that reduce high-risk drinking and promote a vibrant downtown" — which is elusive enough to allow it to make small strides and still give the appearance that it is satisfying its vague goal.

One statistic touted by the group states that there has been a 10 percent decrease in public-intoxication arrests by Iowa City and University of Iowa police. This decrease could be caused by many things other than the creation of the Partnership, such as a less-populated downtown or a focus for police to be downtown, leaving the rest of Iowa City less patrolled.

There is not less drinking, there are just fewer arrests because the police are focused on only one area, while more and more of the population shuffles toward residential areas.

"If you go to downtown before 10 p.m., you see these bars packed to the brim, but as soon as 10 comes around, they just empty out into the neighborhoods," said Matt Pfaltzgraf, the leader of a previous group that opposed the 21-ordinance.

That more officers are patrolling downtown looking for alcohol-related offenses

would also explain the decrease in public-intoxication arrests considering there are more people out in residential areas drinking instead of downtown. If more police are sent downtown, while a large population of drinkers are filtering into residential areas, there would be fewer officers to patrol those areas.

Drinking is still prevalent but has transferred from a safer and more easily regulated downtown to houses throughout the city.

If the Partnership re-evaluates its goals, it has the potential to actually make a difference in Iowa City.

Despite the vague mission statement, the group has made an effort to make sub-groups with better defined goals — groups such as Diversified Downtown Committee, Legislative Policy Solutions Committee, Neighborhood Issues Committee, and the Communications, Membership, Structure Committee. However, they failed to include a key group of people involved in these issues: students.

The Partnership has overlooked the power of the students — students so determined to have a good time that they managed to increase the university's infamous party-school ranking to the No. 4 spot, despite the 21-ordinance.

If the Partnership were to get the students on its side, it would substantially increase its likelihood of being successful. To do this, the group would need to become appealing to students by stressing a safe environment for alcohol, not the slow elimination of drinking altogether.

Maybe it's time for the Partnership to re-evaluate its goals. It should consider researching the true cause of the statistics it studies and embracing the fact that drinking will go on no matter what. Then we can all find a way to truly make the environment safer. ■

Dropout funds eyed

By ANNA THEODOSIS
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Iowa City schools may consider requesting additional dropout-prevention funding now available under a House bill passed Wednesday.

Iowa City School Board member Sarah Swisher said any additional funding would be a help — Iowa City schools' dropout rates have fluctuated between 92 and 98 students in grades seven through 12 from 2008-10, according to the district's Annual Progress Report.

"The district works hard to keep our dropout rates at a reasonable position," she said. "If there were extra funding to help kids who struggle in that last year or two of completing their education in the district, I hope we can find ways to apply for it."

The bill, first passed by the Senate last year, would allow school districts to request additional funds for allowable growth — or the state-defined maximum level a district can spend yearly — from the state if those schools displayed an "unusual" need for dropout-prevention programs.

Local legislators said support for the bill was nearly unanimous.

"It was a strong bipartisan effort," said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville. "There are a handful of school districts [that voted no] that

Dropout Rates

Nationwide percentages of people ages 16-24 who either dropped out of high school or were never enrolled:

- 2005: 9.4 percent
- 2006: 9.3 percent
- 2007: 8.7 percent
- 2008: 8.0 percent
- 2009: 8.1 percent

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

have already applied for waivers, and it wouldn't have given them any more money to help with that."

Though local schools have dropout prevention programs in place, some school officials said they could always use the extra money.

"We do have dropout prevention resources," said West High Principal Jerry Arganbright. "We have a student advocate who works with students that might have difficulty getting through high school. We also have a counselor. Part of his time is to tend to 'at risk kids.'"

West uses programs including a resource center open every class period and a group that meets every Monday and Tuesday after school to help students with schoolwork.

Jacoby said dropout-prevention programs had trouble receiving additional funding under rigid spending guidelines in the past.

"There's a certain

amount of dollars allowed under the allowable-growth formula," he said. "The problem is that the money is not as flexible to apply for programs that apply to dropout protection."

Other legislators echoed those concerns.

"[The bill] provides the local school districts with more flexibility to choose what they use the funding for," said Rep. Linda Miller, R-Bettendorf. "I think we were basically just saying that local schools districts should have some flexibility with those dollars so I do think it's a value."

Miller said a district's year-end unspent balance must be reviewed before it receives additional funds.

"There are restrictions," she said. "They have a basic criteria for allocating those dollars for the dropout prevention. [The budget] is not an infinite amount of money."

Schools would receive between one-fourth and three-fourths of necessary program costs under the bill.

Arganbright said that West's dropout rates are very low, with a graduation rate of 94 to 95 percent.

"It takes a lot of energy [to run these programs]," he said. "I think if there's more resources that we can ask for, that would be helpful. If the need is there, then I think the resources are always helpful."

Image lands Marine in trouble

By JULIE WATSON

Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A Marine facing dismissal from the military for his Facebook comments went as far as posting superimposed images of President Obama's face on a donkey, a prosecutor said Thursday.

The prosecutor, Capt. John Torresala, said the behavior by Marine Sgt. Gary Stein repeatedly violated Pentagon policy that limits the free-speech rights of service members.

The comments came at a military administrative hearing where Torresala described Stein as irresponsible and said he should be dismissed from the military after ignoring warnings from his superiors about his postings.

The government submitted screen grabs of Stein's postings on one Facebook page he created called Armed Forces Tea Party, which the prosecutor said included the image of the "jackass," and another page used by Marines such as Stein who work as military meteorologists.

Torresala said the anti-Obama comments posted on the page used by meteorologists were prejudicial to good order and discipline and could have influenced junior Marines.

Stein's security clearance was taken away, and he has no future in the Marine Corps because he can't do his job without that clearance, Torresala said.

"The Marine Corps community views the command's lack of action as some kind of knock on good order and discipline," Torresala said. "Our own people are questioning why this Marine is not being held accountable."

Stein's defense attorney, Marine Capt. James Baehr, said during the hearing that prosecutors were trying to dredge up any damaging information they could against Stein. "There is no basis in this case," Baehr said. "Sgt. Stein has broken no law."

The military has had a policy since the Civil War limiting the free speech of service members, including criticism of the commander in chief.

Pentagon directives say military personnel in uniform cannot sponsor a political club, participate in any TV or radio program or group discussion that advocates for or against a political party, candidate, or cause, or speak at any event promoting a political move-

ment. Commissioned officers also may not use contemptuous words against senior officials.

Backed by a team of lawyers and congressmen, Stein has said he is fighting for his Constitutional rights and should be allowed to stay in the military. His lawyers and the American Civil Liberties Union contend his views are protected by the First Amendment.

"Think about how dangerous this could be if the U.S. government can prosecute you for something you say on your private Facebook page," Baehr said.

Stein has said his opinions are his own and has put a disclaimer on his Facebook page stating that point. His attorneys argued service members have a right to voice their opinions as long as they do not appear to be presenting their views as being endorsed by the military. They say the Pentagon policy is vague and military officials do not understand it.

The administrative board can only make a recommendation that will be passed on to a general who will either accept or deny it. That could take more than a month.

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Ex-pat artist Catlett dies



Artist Elizabeth Catlett, a University of Iowa alumna who studied under Grant Wood, stands in front of her *Invisible Man* sculpture in New York on May 1, 2003. The family of Catlett announced on Tuesday that she has died at her home in Cuernavaca, Mexico at age 96. (Associated Press/Frank Franklin II)

By ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Sculptor and printmaker Elizabeth Catlett, a U.S. expatriate

and University of Iowa alumna renowned for her dignified portrayals of African-American and Mexican women who was barred

from her home country for political activism, has died. She was 96.

Maria Antonieta Alvarez, Catlett's daughter-in-law, said the artist died Monday in a house in Cuernavaca, Mexico, where she had lived since 1976.

Born in Washington, D.C., Catlett moved to Mexico in 1946, became friends with great Mexican muralist Diego Rivera and others in his circle, and married Mexican artist Francisco Mora.

She became known for her commitment to winning greater rights for blacks, women, and workers in the United States and her adopted country. Catlett witnessed almost every important artistic and social movement of the 20th century and traveled in some of the same illustrious circles as the great American artist Jacob Lawrence and poet Langston Hughes.

She was arrested during a railroad workers' protest in Mexico City in 1958, and in 1962, the U.S. State Department banned her from returning to the United States for nearly a decade because of her political affiliations.

Working in wood, stone, and other natural materials, she produced simple, flowing sculptures of women, chil-

dren and laborers, and prints of Mexicans and black Americans that she used to promote social justice.

Catlett, born on April 15, 1915, was raised by her mother, a teacher, because her father, who was also a teacher, had died before she was born. She said she knew from age 6 that she wanted to be an artist.

She attended Howard University where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in art and then got a master's at the University of Iowa, where she was student of Grant Wood, the painter of the iconic *American Gothic*. Wood told his young student to make art about what she knew best.

Catlett took his advice to heart and began making images of strong and beautiful black women, making signature issues of identity, family dynamics, and social and political struggle.

Studying ceramics at the Art Institute of Chicago, she met her first husband, painter Charles White in the early 1940s.

Samella Lewis, the author of a book about Catlett, was a student of hers around the same time at Dillard University in New Orleans who was inspired by her activism.

"It was my first time meeting a real aggressive woman

in my life," Lewis said.

Lewis, who has a sculpture of Catlett made with wood from Senegal, recalled how the artist had pushed for her and her students to be let into an exhibit of cubist Pablo Picasso at a museum in a park where blacks were not allowed. She said the artist helped her stay in school and got her a full scholarship to transfer to Hampton University in Virginia.

"My mom used to tell me, 'You listen to Miss Catlett, because she knows what

she is talking about,'" Lewis said.

In 1946, Catlett moved to Mexico City and met muralist Diego Rivera and other friends of him. Soon after, she joined a workshop of leftist printmakers and met the man who became her husband, Mora, who was also in the group.

The Mexican National Council for Culture and Arts said that throughout her career, Catlett demonstrated "her interest in social justice and the rights of black and Mexican women."

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Dow tumbles amid worries about Spain

By PALLAVI GOGOI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — European debt flared again as a worry for Wall Street and drove stocks Wednesday to their worst loss in a month. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 125 points, and the price of gold plunged to its lowest level since January.

It was only the second time this year the Dow has recorded a triple-digit decline. The average gained 8 percent from January through March, its best first quarter since 1998, but it has lost 1 percent already in April.

The Dow was down as much as 179 points earlier in the day. It recovered to close down 124.80 at 13,074.75. Only four of the 30 stocks that make up the average rose for the day.

A disappointing auction of government debt in Spain signaled that investor confidence in that

country's finances is weakening. Spain announced tax increases and budget cuts last week, which could hurt its economy further.

Bond yields in Spain shot higher, making it more expensive for the country to raise money. Benchmark stock indexes fell 2.8 percent in Germany, 2.7 percent in France, and 2.3 percent in Britain.

Investors had scarcely stopped worrying about the fate of Greece when Spain took its place as the flash point of the debt crisis that has hobbled Europe for more than two years.

"It's like when cockroaches appear: You're never quite sure how many are out there," said John Manley, the chief equity strategist for Wells Fargo Advantage Funds.

In the U.S., the Standard & Poor's 500 index finished down 14.42 at 1,398.96. The technology-heavy NASDAQ composite index fell 45.48

to 3,068.09, its worst decline of the year and the sixth loss in seven days.

Crude oil fell \$2.54 a barrel to \$101.47, its lowest level since mid-February. Investors looking for safe places to park money drove prices for U.S. government debt and the value of the dollar higher.

The euro fell as low as \$1.3106, its lowest point against the dollar in more than two weeks. It traded at \$1.3217 late Tuesday.

Commodity prices fell sharply. Gold plunged \$57.90, or 3.5 percent, to \$1,614.10 an ounce. Many investors hold gold as a hedge against a weakening dollar.

Gold doubled in price after the 2008 financial crisis and almost hit \$1,900 an ounce, driven partly by fear about the global economy and partly by investors who saw an opportunity to make money from gold's strong rally.

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Study: Youth driving less

By **JOAN LOWY**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Driving is becoming so last century.

Since the end of World War II, getting a driver's license has been a rite of passage for teens, but that's less and less the case. The share of people in their teens, 20s, and 30s with driver's licenses has dropped significantly over the past three decades, not only the United States but also in some other wealthy nations with a high proportion of Internet users, transportation researchers have found.

One possible explanation: Virtual contact through the Internet and other electronic means is reducing the need for face-to-face visits among young people, researchers say.

From 1983 to 2008, the share of 16- to 39-year-olds with driver's licenses declined markedly, with the greatest decreases among drivers in their late teens and early 20s, according to a study at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute. Approximately 69 percent of 17-year-olds had a driver's license in 1983. By 2008, that had dropped to 50 per-

cent. Among Americans ages 20 to 24 in 1983, nearly 92 percent had driver's licenses. Twenty-five years later, it was 82 percent.

The older the age group, the less dramatic the declines, the Michigan study found. But even among 35- to 39-year-olds, there was a 3.2 percent decline in the share of licensed drivers.

More recent data from the Federal Highway Administration indicates the trend has continued, according to a report released Thursday by the Frontier Group, an environmental organization, and the consumer-oriented U.S. PIRG Education Fund. The share of 20- to 34-year-olds with driver's licenses decreased from 89.6 percent in 2000 to 84.3 percent in 2010, the report said.

Michael Sivak, a co-author of the Michigan studies, also confirmed the continuing decline.

There are likely several factors behind the trend: a difficult economy for young workers, the high cost of buying and maintaining a car, and a migration of young adults to large cities, where there are more alternatives to driving, Sivak said. There also is evidence that social networking may

be reducing the need to for face-to-face contacts, he said.

In countries where "more people use the Internet, there is a lower proportion of drivers," Sivak said.

A recent study in 14 countries found seven of them had experienced a similar decrease in the share of young people with driver's licenses: Sweden, Norway, Great Britain, Canada, Japan, South Korea, and Germany.

Compared with the other countries that didn't experience a decline, the study found four characteristics common to the countries where young people are driving less: They are wealthier, a high share of the population is older, a high share of the population lives in very large cities, and a high share of the population uses the Internet.

There isn't enough information to say for certain that teens and younger adults are replacing trips with social networking and other Internet use, but "there are strong data supporting this hypothesis," Sivak said. The institute's research is paid for with federal, state, and auto industry contributions.

Exurb growth slows

By **HOPE YEN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Stung by high gasoline costs, outlying suburbs that sprouted in the heady 2000s are now seeing their growth fizzle to historic lows, halting American city dwellers' decades-long exodus to sprawling homes in distant towns.

New census estimates as of July 2011 highlight a shift in population trends following an extended housing bust and renewed spike in oil prices. Two years after the recession technically ended, and despite faint signs of a rebound, Americans again are shunning moves at record levels and staying put in big cities.

That is posing longer-term consequences for residential "exurbs" on the edge of metropolitan areas.

Construction of gleaming new schools and megamalls built in anticipation of a continued population boom is cutting back. Spacious McMansions offering the promise of homeownership to middle-class families sit abandoned or half-built. Once an escape from urban problems, suburban regions hit by foreclosures are posting bigger jumps in poverty than cities.

The result: The annual rate of growth in American cities and surrounding urban areas has now surpassed that of exurbs for the first time in at least 20 years, spanning the modern era of sprawling suburban development.

"The heyday of exurbs may well be behind us," Yale University economist Robert J. Shiller said. Shiller, co-creator of a Standard & Poor's housing index, is perhaps best known for identifying the risks of a U.S. housing bubble before it actually burst in 2006-07. Examining the current market, Shiller believes America is now at a turning point, shifting away from faraway suburbs

in the long term amid persistently high gasoline prices.

Demographic changes also play a role: They include young singles increasingly delaying marriage and childbirth and thus more apt to rent and a graying population that in its golden years may prefer closer-in, walkable urban centers.

"Suburban housing prices may not recover in our lifetime," Shiller said, calling the development of suburbs since 1950 "unusual" and enabled only by the rise of the automobile and the nation's highway system. "With the bursting of the bubble, we may be discovering the pleasures of the city and the advantages of renting, investing our money not in a single house but in a diversified portfolio."

The signs of longer-term bust are evident in places such as Kendall County, Ill., an outlying suburb of 116,000 people located around 50 miles southwest of Chicago. The nation's No. 1 fastest-growing county from 2000 to 2010, Kendall was part of an exurban wave that more than dou-

bled Kendall's population and helped lift GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush to victory in 2004, offering Republicans the hope of a new era of conservative voters sprouting on the rural-urban edge.

By the late 2000s, however, Kendall County's growth began to wane amid recession and rising gasoline costs. The county, like many other exurbs, eventually turned to Illinois Democrat Barack Obama in the 2008 presidential race for economic answers. By 2011, Kendall County's annual growth had stalled further at 1 percent, dropping its county growth-rate rank to 236th.

Things were especially turbulent over the past 10 years for real-estate agent George Richter, who has worked in Kendall County for more than two decades.

"New home construction couldn't be built fast enough," he said. "A lot of us in the industry were very, very nervous about how fast and large the annual growth rate and property value were. We knew there's no way that something could continue on."



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- Totally stiff-arming little kids going for the prize eggs at the massive Easter egg hunts.
 - Lining up a row of chocolate bunnies, then intimidating them by eating one of them, one part at a time.
 - Contemplating what shrooms were used when the concept of a bunny hopping around with a basket and laying eggs with prizes was developed.
 - Watching the movie about the guy with the healing touch who's captured by the authorities, dies, is resurrected, then ascends into the heavens ... or as it's more commonly referred to: *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*.
 - That moment of euphoria just after eating your weight in Cadbury Crème Eggs and just before feeling like you're going to spew.
 - I finally have an excuse to wear that yellow and lavender suit.
 - Laughing during the movie *Hop* because you realize this is what James Marsden gave up good movies for.
 - Dyeing the whole chicken, since that saves time from dyeing the eggs individually.
 - Surrounding myself with Peeps and saying, "I'm just hanging with my Peeps, yo."
 - Finding a hidden treat and realizing this is exactly where you hid this treat last year.
 - Loving that pastel is a food group for four weeks of the year.
- Brian Tanner wished you all a Hoppy Easter Weekend.

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by Scott Adams

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BY VIEV

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

SO, LEO, ALEX SAYS YOU WERE IN AFGHANISTAN.

Y-Y-Y-YES, MAMAM. INFANTRY!

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- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Luncheon**, "The Political Scene in the V4 Countries and Perception of the USA," Wojciech Przybylski, noon, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton
- **Chess Group**, 1 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **UI Educator Job Fair, Pomerantz Career Center**, 1-5 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **Anatomy and Cell Biology Department Thesis Seminar**, "Transcription Factor Activator 2 in Development and Disease of the Neural Crest," Eric Van Otterloo, 2 p.m. 1-561 Bowen
- **Stir-Fry Project**, 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Chemistry Colloquium**, "C-H Activation Reactions Promoted by Iridium and Palladium," James Stambuli, Ohio State, 3:30 p.m., W128 Chemistry Building
- **African Studies Program Baraza Lecture Series**, "Long Walk to Freedom: South African Cinema and the Trauma of Apartheid," Marie Krüger, English, 4 p.m., 208 English-Philosophy Building
- **Biology Seminar**, "Vibrio parahaemolyticus surface sensing and the decision to swarm or stick," Linda McCarter, Microbiology, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **UI Museum of Art's First Friday**, "Just Do (t) Art," 5 p.m., hotelVetro lobby, 201 S. Linn
- **Borgore**, with Document One and DarkGrey, 6:30 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **Strange Cage No. 5 Poetry Reading**, 7 p.m., Fair Grounds Coffeehouse, 345 S. Dubuque
- **We Need to Talk About Kevin**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **The Dumb Waiter**, Three Brothers Theater, 7:30 p.m., Paul Engle Center, 1600 Fourth St., Cedar Rapids
- **A Steady Rain**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theater, 213 N. Gilbert
- **Big Love**, Mainstage Series, 8 p.m., Theater Building Thayer Theater
- **Mason Jennings**, 8 p.m., Englert Theater, 221 E. Washington
- **Sean Boarini**, 8:30 p.m., Gilbert Street Piano Lounge, 347 S. Gilbert
- **Howlin Rain**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Shame**, 9:30 p.m., Bijou
- **Campus Activities Board Movie**, *Mission Impossible 4*, 10 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Ladies' Night**, 10 p.m., L&J Kitchen BBQ House, 320 E. Burlington
- **Sublime Tribute**, with Second-Hand Smoke, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Los Vigilantes**, 10 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington

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Feb. 19, 2011

7:00 UI Symphony Orchestra, works by David Gompfer, Johannes Brahms, Joseph Haydn, Ludwig van Beethoven, Feb. 29

2:00 Marvin Bell Set to Music Concert, music by David Gompfer, poetry and performances, Feb. 19

4:00 Faculty/Graduate Dance Concert 2012, Dance Department, Feb. 18

5:30 Center for New Music Concert, Wolfgang David, violin, Guo Gan, ehru, and David Gompfer, piano, Feb. 18

horoscopes

Friday, April 6, 2012
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Add excitement to your life. Engage in activities that enable you to make friends or partner with someone who is diverse, entertaining, and interested in the same topics, events, and activities as you are. Love is on the rise.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Put extra effort into your job. Check your work to make sure you haven't deviated from the requirements you were given. Sticking to what's expected of you and finishing on time will draw attention and enable advancement.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Check out your options before making a commitment. Socializing with established individuals will enable you to work toward your goals and change the way others view who you are and what you are capable of contributing. Love is in the stars.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Don't cause a scene. A little honest input and a creative contribution will help you complete what's unfinished. Don't let emotions take over, leaving you vulnerable to giving in to someone or something you don't agree with.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Change will do you a world of good. A short trip or spending time with someone who fascinates you will lead to a better attitude and progress in your personal life. Make a commitment that will improve your lifestyle. Love is highlighted.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Finish what you start. You will be judged on your ability to do the right thing in the shortest amount of time. An unusual contractual agreement will make you question your direction. Get all the facts before you make a move.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Go about making the alterations in your life that will improve your personal position. Getting a different perspective on something you've been working toward will help you change your plans to better suit your needs. Love is in the stars.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Put more effort into home and family, and make the changes needed to stabilize your personal life. A creative idea will be well-received. A move or lifestyle change will help you connect with people who have something to offer professionally.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Don't trust someone who is trying to push you in a different direction. You will face uncertainty when it comes to a partnership that may need to be re-evaluated. Consider your options, and choose your direction.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Size up your situation, and address the issues you need to control. Expect someone to make a last-minute change that has the potential to ruin your plans. Accept the inevitable, but stay on course — you will benefit in the end.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 A money deal or making a wise move that will reduce your overhead or make your place more comfortable should be looked at carefully. It's up to you to decide what changes you need to make to achieve the happiness you deserve.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Opportunity knocks, but you have to open the door. Don't let a personal relationship dictate what you can or cannot do professionally. You have to go where the action is if you want to take advantage of what's being offered.

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0302

Across

- The miss in "Miss Saigon"
- Burger go-withs
- Big race sponsor
- Dishes fit for astronomers?
- Panglossian person
- Asia-to-Africa link
- Carmen _____ ("The Producers" role)
- Interior decorator's suggestion
- Southeast Asian holiday
- Grp. concerned with bowls
- Rout
- Mean cur, typically
- Ice cream mix-in
- Place to go in Soho
- See 32-Across
- On the 31-Across side
- _____ question
- South Asian chant word
- Had a lot to digest
- Restless
- Ear-related
- Longtime Russian acronym
- _____ Dogg Pound (rap duo)
- Chihuahua scratch?
- Adjust one's sights
- Lays atop
- Asset
- King, in Cape Verde
- Handy-andy's letters
- Box-office take
- SALT I and II, e.g.
- Beloved "Immortal Beloved" piece
- How this puzzle's black squares are arranged
- They may have you in stitches, in brief
- Gunsmith with Smith
- One may say "I'm with stupid"

Down

- "Take cover!"
- Security requests
- Star in Cetus
- What an express often whizzes by: Abbr.
- Hagar's wife
- Polynesian farewell song
- "Beau Geste" headgear
- Responsibility for a groundskeeper
- Grade sch. subject
- Round-trip flight?
- Tackles a tough task
- W. Coast clock setting
- Do some recharging
- Center for cats?
- Highly decorated Bradley
- Prefix with many fruit names
- Georgetown athlete
- It has a sticking point
- Sandy shade
- Pre-stunt provocation
- Thing worked on in a garage
- "SCTV" lineup
- Hmong homeland
- Matched up, after "in"
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- Fan setting
- Apollo's chariot "passenger"

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MAN ON THE STREET

Do you read your horoscope?

'Only when I'm bored.'
Varun Vajpeyi
UI senior

'No.'
Kelsey Stefani
UI junior

'Sometimes.'
Peter Dukes
UI senior

'I do sometimes; I'm a Taurus.'
Jonathan Kelly
UI senior

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Softball faces 'Cats

The Hawkeyes' series against Northwestern will be important for their Big Ten momentum.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**
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The Iowa softball team's loss to Drake on Wednesday set the Hawkeyes back another game from reaching their goal of finishing .500 or better.

Other goals suffered, too, including a shot at a Big Ten championship, an NCAA Tournament appearance, and the best finish in the program since 2009.

Iowa now has to get back on track after Wednesday's setback — a loss head coach Marla Looper called "frustrating" — and compete well against Northwestern this weekend to boost its 14-18 record.

Looper intentionally padded Iowa's preconference season with eight top-25 teams, and her team entered the league slate with a 10-15 record. The pressure is on for Iowa to win much more often than it loses in a competitive Big Ten field.

The Hawkeyes need to win at least 13 of their remaining 21 games to finish with a .500 record and have a chance at the Col-

lege World Series.

"I haven't been [in the playoffs] since freshman season," senior catcher Liz Watkins said. "... It's really important, to be above .500. It's a good benchmark, but we'd like to be better."

This weekend's series against Northwestern will be crucial for Iowa's momentum and confidence in Big Ten play. The Hawkeyes lost a series to Wisconsin, 2-1, in their conference-opener, then swept Illinois their next time out.

"We do know this is the time of the year that we can make that shift in record and rise with our schedule," Looper said. "... These conference games are the time [the Hawkeyes] know they can really make a push for that conference championship."

But senior captain Katie Keim said the team needs to take that attitude and apply it more to midweek games such as the contest against Drake.

"I like playing either way," Keim said. "I'm used to all types of games. A break in middle of the school week is nice, and with three-game series on the weekend — that's what we're here to do, play softball."

A multi-game series can create a sense of momen-

Iowa (14-18, 4-2) at Northwestern (14-19, 2-4)

When: Noon & 2 p.m. Saturday
Where: Rocky Miller Park, Evanston, Ill.
Where to watch: Big Ten Network

tum, which, in turn, can give the Hawkeyes a little extra push toward claiming wins.

Iowa swept Northwestern last season in two games. The Hawkeyes won an 10-8 decision in the eighth inning of the first game on a Johnnie Dowling walk-off home run, then used the momentum from that win to claim a 9-7 victory.

But the conference has reformatted Big Ten play into three-game series instead of two-game sets, and Looper said she believes Iowa can benefit even more from momentum and use that to boost its record past .500.

"It's actually kind of a positive for our record [to compete in the Big Ten]," Looper said. "... If you get on a roll and are able to sweep the series, then that's three quick games right in the weekend that you can get those games back you lost earlier in the year."

Fiery Zordani sparks Hawks

By **PATRICK MASON**
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A loud "Let's go" echoed through the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex, punctuating the cheers of the crowd. Another yell rang out moments later, followed by more applause.

Freshman Katie Zordani was on a roll. The fans knew it. She knew it. Her opponent knew it, too.



Zordani
freshman

The 5-6 freshman from Lake Forest, Ill., stands out during every meet due to her audible emotion after big shots or important points.

"It comes naturally to Katie. She's a fiery young woman," Iowa head coach Katie Dougherty said. "I think it helps her win because if you get down against her, you never think you have a chance because she's all over you. She's fired up and in your face."

"... It's demoralizing when you're playing someone like that."

Zordani said using her emotion is important for both her individual and her teammates' successes. Zordani has an 8-8 record in singles, which ties her with Morven McCulloch for the best mark among Hawkeye freshmen. She's also a member of the Iowa-best 8-5 doubles team with fellow freshman Ellen Silver.

Zordani's past as a five-star recruit from Lake Forest High branded her with the potential to be successful for years to come, but she said her on-court intensity gives her more of an advantage at this point in her career.

"Mostly, it's to get me positive and to keep me going if it's a hard match," she said. "The more verbal and positive I am, it helps me. If I miss a shot or something, I'll yell just to reinforce that positive attitude. I guess it also makes my opponent feel pressure, too."

Zordani said officials at her high-school tournaments would tell her to "keep it down" because her screaming was bothering players on different courts. She said she felt as if she was being bottled up — but once she came to Iowa and played at the college level, she discovered Dougherty loved that aspect of her game.

"Dougherty encourages it. A lot of our team is quiet, and she wants us to be louder," Zordani said. "A lot of teams we play are loud and obnoxious — like Ohio State. They kept saying, 'On it,' to try to make you feel pressure, so I do the same. And the louder you are, the more the crowd gets going."

Several Iowa players have said they rally behind the crowd's intensity and use Zordani's momentum as well. Silver said she's normally a quiet person and originally played with

No. 72 Iowa (7-9, 1-4) at No. 45 Indiana (14-5, 3-2)

When: 11 a.m. Saturday
Where: Indiana Varsity Courts, Bloomington

an inner fire, but Zordani's yelling has elevated her own play.

Senior Sonja Molnar is another vocal leader whose energy also helps teammates on the court. Molnar plays at the No. 1 spot and is on the same side of the courts as the No. 3 and No. 5 players. Zordani plays at the No. 4 spot alongside the No. 2 and No. 6 courts.

Dougherty said she didn't purposefully plan it like that, but having Zordani and Molnar on different sides of the court to spark their teammates is a welcome experience.

She said fatigue tends to set in during the grind of the Big Ten season, so it's a coach's dream when someone such as Zordani can help energize the team her fiery demeanor.

"Playing next to her is contagious," Dougherty said. "Her enthusiasm and how fired up she gets is great. Ellen definitely feeds off it, and Sonja does the same thing on the other side. It's rubbing off, and it makes our team better. It raises her level when fatigue sets in, and she can trick herself into getting that adrenaline rush."



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GYMNASTICS

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third place in each of the four previous Big Ten championships held in Iowa City — 1983, 1990,

1999, and 2006. Recent history hasn't been as kind to Iowa, though. The Black and Gold have finished in last place five years in a row.

Reive said he's looking to his junior class — specifically Matt McGrath, Javier Balboa, Anton Gryshayev, and Shemansky — to lead the Hawkeyes, both on and

off the mat.

Gryshayev, Balboa, and Shemansky are all ranked in the top 20 of an event. They make up three of the 48 ranked gymnasts in the Big Ten.

"The junior class really needs to show up and enjoy what they're doing," Reive said. "Hopefully, as upperclassmen, that's what it

becomes; You have to be a performer, and you can't let anything faze you."

Iowa recorded a season-high score against Nebraska in the regular-season finale, providing much-needed momentum heading into the conference championships. McGrath said the Hawkeyes' last meet — and a successful

two weeks of training — will help the Hawkeyes when some of the brightest lights in the gymnastics world are shining on the Hawkeyes.

"We have a lot of momentum going into this event," McGrath said. "We've had a good week of practice, so we're looking forward to it."

Big Ten Championships

When: 6:55 p.m. today & Saturday
Where: Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Where to watch: Big Ten Network

TRACK

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was healthy.

"Justin certainly has had some great ups — being Athlete of the Year, Big Ten champion, all that good stuff last year," the head coach said. "Now, he's experienced some of the downs. I think [he's] persevering and realizing that, if you

stick with it and persevere, you'll come out on the other side."

Austin said the rankings don't mean anything unless he goes out and puts in the work to back them up. The high rankings only show he has more to prove, he said.

"You take it with a grain of salt," the junior said. "Don't totally forget about it, but put it in the back of your mind and come out in the outdoor season ready to

get it."

The men's tracksters weren't the only athletes in Iowa City to shine in the rankings. The women's side of the program also delivered by claiming six individual rankings in the Week One lists.

Betsy Flood and Brooke Eilers claimed two spots in the women's 5,000 meters at 18th and 37th, respectively. Ashley Liverpool also cracked the rankings in the women's 400 meters

at 48th, and McKenzie Melander was 47th in the women's 1,500 meters.

Iowa's top discus thrower, Majesty Tutson, also claimed a spot in the rankings by snagging the 27th position — she placed second in the event at last season's Big Ten championships.

The coaches of the women's squad have continually told their athletes to be successful in all areas of the sport and to continue

to get better every day. The athletes should never settle for being content, they said.

"I need to know my athletes are doing everything they can to be successful," assistant coach Scott Cappos said. "I assume they're doing everything right — on and off the field — in order to be the best they can be."

But Cappos did say that it shows if an athlete is content with her or his current position. And he doesn't

stand for it.

"There's times for getting on an athlete, and when I do that, it's more on a one-on-one basis," he said. "I don't think anybody goes into the circle and tries to throw poorly ... If they're not doing the right things, we try to get it clarified."

DJ reporter Tork Mason contributed to this article.

Next up: Cornhuskers

The Iowa baseball team heads to Nebraska to take on the Cornhuskers for the first time as Big Ten rivals.

By **BEN SCHUFF**
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Recent history says this weekend in Lincoln, Neb., could be a rough one for the Iowa baseball team.

Iowa has visited the Cornhuskers five times since Jack Dahm took over as Iowa's coach in 2004. The Hawkeyes lost all five meetings.

Dahm said he thinks this time will be different, though.

The upcoming three-game series marks the first time Iowa (12-14, 3-3 Big Ten) and Nebraska (20-11, 3-3) will play each other as Big Ten foes, meaning a weekend series of the teams' top pitchers is in store. The previous meetings were single, midweek games, which normally pair teams' No. 4 or 5 starters.

"They haven't seen our frontline guys," Dahm said. "They haven't seen [Jarred] Hippen, [Matt] Dermody, they haven't seen [Nick] Brown, so we're excited to go over there."

Dermody has faced Nebraska before; he started a Tuesday game in April 2010 played at Banks Field. Dermody, then a freshman, helped the Hawkeyes to their only win over Nebraska during Dahm's tenure. He threw 5½ innings and yielded 2 runs that day as one of Iowa's back-of-the-rotation



Iowa catcher Dan Sheppard bats against South Dakota State at Banks Field on Wednesday. Sheppard and the Hawkeyes will face new Big Ten foes Nebraska this weekend in a three-game set. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

Iowa (12-14, 3-3) at Nebraska (20-11, 3-3)

When: 6:35 p.m. today
Where: Hawks Field at Haymarket Park, Lincoln, Neb.

arms.

A lot has changed since that meeting, and Dermody is now one of Iowa's top starting pitchers and is scheduled to start the second game of the series on Saturday.

But he said his plan will still be the same: "Pound the strike zone."

Dermody said the series will be a measuring stick of sorts for the Hawkeyes, because Nebraska owns the Big Ten's third-best overall record. Iowa's 12-14 overall mark is good for seventh in the conference.

"I think we should be fine," Dermody said. "If we

play to our capabilities, we'll definitely be fine."

That's a big "if" for a Hawkeye team that has struggled with consistency throughout the year. It was something Dahm referred to following the team's 11-4 win over South Dakota State on Wednesday.

Iowa has won two games in a row on two occasions this year. The team lost its next game both times.

When asked if he would say something to his players about the lack of consistency before the weekend's games with Nebraska, Dahm said, "I already did after the game. I talked about, 'Hey, we got to keep moving forward.'"

"Sometimes, we start to feel good, and then we fall back on our face. We need to continue to get better every day."

The Hawkeye coach said Thursday would be a big day both in terms of preparation for Nebraska and to

keep his own team's momentum going.

The Cornhuskers — who are coached by former major-league player and Nebraska alumnus Darin Erstad — are an offensive powerhouse who have scored 10 or more runs in a Big Ten-best nine games. Nebraska also leads the conference in 10 statistical categories, including on-base and slugging percentage, RBIs, and home runs.

Nebraska is 12-5 at home this year in Hawks Field at Haymarket Park, which Dahm called "one of the premier facilities in the country." The park's capacity of 8,500 creates a great environment, Dahm said, and that environment was one of the first things senior Phil Keppler brought up when asked about Nebraska.

"It's going to be fun; I know they get a lot of fans," Keppler said. "We're looking forward to the series."

NATIONALS 2, CUBS 1

Epstein era begins with a bump

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Stephen Strasburg could hardly wait for this one.

His first opener, at Wrigley Field for the first time.

"Just to think about all the Hall of Famers who have played here, it's an honor," he said.

It's even better on days like this. Strasburg dominated the Cubs for seven innings, and Ian Desmond singled in the go-ahead run in the ninth on a windy Thursday to give the Washington Nationals a 2-1 win over Chicago.

Strasburg allowed 1 run and 5 hits, including an RBI single to Marlon Byrd in the fourth. He was pinch-hit for in the eighth, when Kerry Wood forced in the tying run with three-straight walks, and did not figure in the decision.

Washington went ahead in the ninth when Chad

Tracy hit a two-out double off the right-field wall against Carlos Marmol (0-1), and Desmond followed with his third hit.

Strasburg struck out 5 and walked 1. He reached 98 mph when he struck out Starlin Castro in the sixth.

Ryan Dempster, making his fourth opening start, was just as dominant, striking out 10 in 7 2/3 innings.

Chicago started its first season since Theo Epstein was hired away from Boston in hopes of helping the Cubs win their first World Series title since 1908.

Tyler Clippard (1-0) worked a scoreless eighth to win in relief. Brad Lidge gave up one-out triple off the right-field wall by Ian Stewart in the ninth but got the save in his Nationals debut when pinch-runner Joe Mather was thrown out trying to score on a grounder to third and Byrd ended the game by taking a

called third strike.

"The tone has been set," Desmond said. "When we came to spring training, we were all itching to get there. When we all showed up early, that set the tone. We've been champing at the bit to get out there. It was definitely exciting."

Dempster allowed a single by Desmond on the game's first pitch, then didn't allow another hit until Desmond singled with one out in the eighth. Dempster left to a standing ovation after striking out Danny Espinosa, but the cheers quickly faded.

Wood came on and walked Ryan Zimmerman, Adam LaRoche, and then Jayson Werth on a 3-2 pitch after getting ahead 0-2, sending a loud groan through the ballpark.

"There were a couple that could have gone either way," Wood said.

The big question for the Cubs is where they go from here.

Optimism isn't hard to find around Wrigleyville these days even if the anticipation is more for what happens down the road than this season. The arrival of Epstein along with new general manager Jed Hoyer sparked hope among championship-starved fans, and the newcomers have certainly have been busy. They hired Dale Sveum to replace Mike Quade as manager, traded the troubled Carlos Zambrano to Miami, and parted ways with slugger Aramis Ramirez.

They've made it clear they intend to stock the farm system while trying to remain competitive now. That might be a stretch for a team in transition even if there's new hope at the moment.

"There are dozens and dozens and dozens of people — the players first of all — working extremely hard to bring this organization forward," Epstein said.

HAWKEYE SPORTS

GymHawks head to NCAA regional

The Iowa women's gymnastics team is set to compete in its fifth-straight NCAA regional on Saturday in Seattle at the Alaska Airlines Arena.

The GymHawks have earned six regional berths under head coach Larissa Libby, 12 in program history. Competition is set to begin at 6 p.m.; it will be hosted by No. 23 Washington.

Iowa will be joined by defending NCAA champion and current No. 4 Alabama, No. 9 LSU, No. 16 Arizona, and No. 23 Washington. The GymHawks are ranked No. 30 in the nation, according to troester.com's women's gymnastics rankings.

The Hawkeyes faced then-No. 10 LSU in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on March 9 and finished second, 196.3-195.7. The Tigers were one of 14 teams Iowa faced this season that qualified for NCAA regionals.

The top two teams — and the top two all-around competitors not on an advancing team — from each regional will receive an automatic berth to the NCAA championships on April 20-22 in Duluth, Ga.

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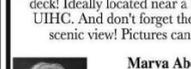
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BASEBALL

Iowa hasn't won at Nebraska in five tries, but the Hawks will get another shot in a three-game series this weekend. **Page 10**

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Big Tens come to Carver



Iowa junior Matt McGrath performs the floor exercise on Feb. 19, 2011, in the Field House. McGrath and the Hawkeyes will host the Big Ten championships tonight and Saturday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. (The Daily Iowan/Ricky Bahner)

The Big Ten championships give the Hawkeyes a chance to make a statement on one of gymnastics' biggest stages.

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The Big Ten championships are the second-biggest event in college gymnastics, ranking only behind the NCAA meet in terms of importance.

The event is even more important for the Iowa men's gymnastics team, because it will be held in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The Hawkeyes will host the conference championships for the first time since 2006. Competition will begin tonight with the team and all-around finals. It will continue Saturday night with event finals, which consist of the top 10 competitors on

each event based on the previous night's scores. Action will begin at 7 p.m. each day and will be televised live on the Big Ten Network.

Iowa head coach JD Reive said he feels his team is ready for the explosion of talent it will see.

"I'm really comfortable with where we are in terms of the peaking process, because our last two weeks have been really good," he said. "Our mental state is good, our physical state is good, and it's going to be a matter of going out and trusting everything we have done for the last two years."

The hometown Big Ten championships have been a point of emphasis for more than a year, and junior Brody Shemansky said the anticipation level has reached a peak for the Hawkeyes. He said he feels the team has done everything necessary to prepare.

"It's an exciting feeling, especially that it's on our home turf," Shemansky said. "We're ready to go, and we've looked good in practice all year. Hopefully, we can go out and show the Big Ten what we've got."

The Hawkeyes finished no lower than

SEE GYMNASTICS, 10

Tracksters getting ranked

Iowa men come in at No. 20 overall in Division-I rankings.

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Iowa's track and field program will travel to SEC country this weekend to compete in the Battle on the Bayou in Baton Rouge, La. The program will also send some of its athletes to Palo Alto, Calif., to compete in the Stanford Invitational.

A strong performance at last week's Arkansas Invitational produced four first-place finishes and several individual personal bests spread between the men's and women's teams.

Iowa's hard work has paid off in more ways than one.

The U.S. Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association releases weekly rankings of individual events during the outdoor track and field season. The organization bases the rankings on the most up-to-date personal records of each college athlete in the nation.

Those individual rankings help dictate the overall team rankings based on a point system. Higher-ranked athletes earn more points toward the total team score. The coaches' organization ranks each team based on its total of individual points.

Iowa's men's program earned a No. 20 overall ranking in the NCAA Division-I National Week One Rankings because of its 12 ranked athletes, two of whom are ranked in two different events.

Justin Austin is one. The junior is ranked 21st in the 100 meters and fourth in the 200 meters. These rankings didn't come as a surprise to head track and field coach Larry Wiecezorek — even though Austin sat out for most of the indoor season with an injury and struggled when he



Wiecezorek
coach

SEE TRACK, 10

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Women's golf heads to Arizona for Wyoming tournament

The Iowa women's golf team will travel to Chandler, Ariz., to take part in the Wyoming Cowgirl Classic at Ocotillo Golf Resort.

The Hawkeyes will play in a 24-team field including such teams as Boise State, Creighton, South Dakota State, and tournament host Wyoming.

The Hawkeyes are fresh off a second-place finish at the Saluki Invitational on March 25-26, where they finished with consecutive team 21-over rounds (309).

Head coach Megan Menzel said there was room to improve despite the strong finish.

"We walked away from [the Saluki] disappointed, but I know the team is determined to work hard and finish the season strong," she said in a release.

Iowa will start competition on April 9 and wraps up the tournament on April 11.

— by Alex French

Gable statue to be unveiled

A statue of legendary Iowa wrestling coach Dan Gable that

has been in the works since last summer will be unveiled on April 18, according to a release.

The unveiling of the bronze statue will take place outside the main entrance to Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 4:30 p.m., and that will be followed by a reception in the Dale and Marilyn Howard Family Pavilion. The event will be free and open to the public.

The statue — which depicts Gable pumping his fist and pointing at an unseen grappler from the sidelines of a wrestling match — was created by Larry Nowlan, the same artist responsible for the Nile Kinnick statue and relief in Kinnick Stadium. Prior to the Gable piece, his most recent work for the University of Iowa was the butterfly-stroke relief in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center.

Gable coached the Hawkeye wrestling team to a 355-21-5 record during a career lasting from 1976-97. An Olympic gold medalist in 1972, Gable tutored 10 Olympians along with 152 All-Americans, 106 Big Ten champions, and 45 national champions. His Iowa teams won 21-consecutive Big Ten titles while he was the head coach.

"Coach Gable stands in a class on his own in terms of the contributions he has made to the University of Iowa and the sport of wrestling," Athletics Director Gary Barta said in a release. "We believe this statue is a fitting and well-deserved tribute that honors his legacy."

— by Seth Roberts

NOTEBOOK

McDonough sets sights on Olympics

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Matt McDonough wrapped up a dominant college season with his second NCAA wrestling championship around three weeks ago.

Now, the Hawkeye junior is training for the chance to win something even bigger: a spot on the 2012 U.S. Olympic team.

McDonough was awarded a wild-card berth in the Olympic trials — set to take place in Iowa City on April 21-22 — last week. He'll compete in the 55-kilogram/121-pound bracket on April 22 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

He'll compete against older, seasoned international wrestlers. It's unusual for wrestlers to succeed on an international level while they're still in college; two-time NCAA champion Brent Metcalf competed in the 2008 trials while he was still a Hawkeye and lost in the quarterfinals. But McDonough insisted he isn't just using the event to gain experience.

"We don't compete just to throw our hat in the ring," he said on Thursday. "We compete to be the best. I'm not just going in here to try to see what it feels like ... I'm on a mission to do this, and I have to do whatever it takes to get there."

But he would likely have to beat out 2011 U.S. World Team Trials champion Nick Simmons, two-time U.S. Nationals champion Sam Hazewinkel, and



Iowa wrestler Matt McDonough speaks to the media in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. McDonough is training for a chance to win a spot on the 2012 U.S. Olympic team. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

other accomplished international wrestlers to do it. Winning the trials would require a series of stunning upsets from McDonough, who is 100-4 as an Iowa wrestler.

Still, McDonough and his coaches are not simply happy to have qualified for the Trials.

"This is not a learning experience to him. We didn't push to get the wild-card to make this a learning experience," Hawkeye Wrestling Club advisor — and associate Iowa head coach — Terry Brands said. "This is about high-level wrestling. Matt McDonough's about high-level wrestling."

Two of the four wrestlers who have beaten McDonough in college — Brandon Precin from Northwestern and Angel Escobedo from Indiana — will compete in the trials. But the two-time champion said he has bigger things on his mind than avenging college losses.

"When you're young you, have those dreams, and they slowly become more and more reality," McDonough said about someday winning an Olympic gold medal. "With each step I take, it's become more reality."

Former Hawkeyes back in Carver

Six former Iowa

wrestlers will join McDonough in wrestling in front of their college fans. Metcalf, Todd Meneely, former All-Americans Phil Keddy, Steve Mocco, and Ryan Morningstar, and current Hawkeye assistant coach Mike Zadick will return to Carver-Hawkeye in two weeks.

Zadick said returning to Carver-Hawkeye for what is likely his last Olympic event will provide a special end to his career.

"It's unbelievable. I haven't competed here since 2002," the 33-year old said. "So to be toward the end of my career and have it be right here, it's almost like a storybook."