

## Kings of the mode

Iowa City's only drag-king group, the IC Kings, shines light on a lesser-known part of drag culture.

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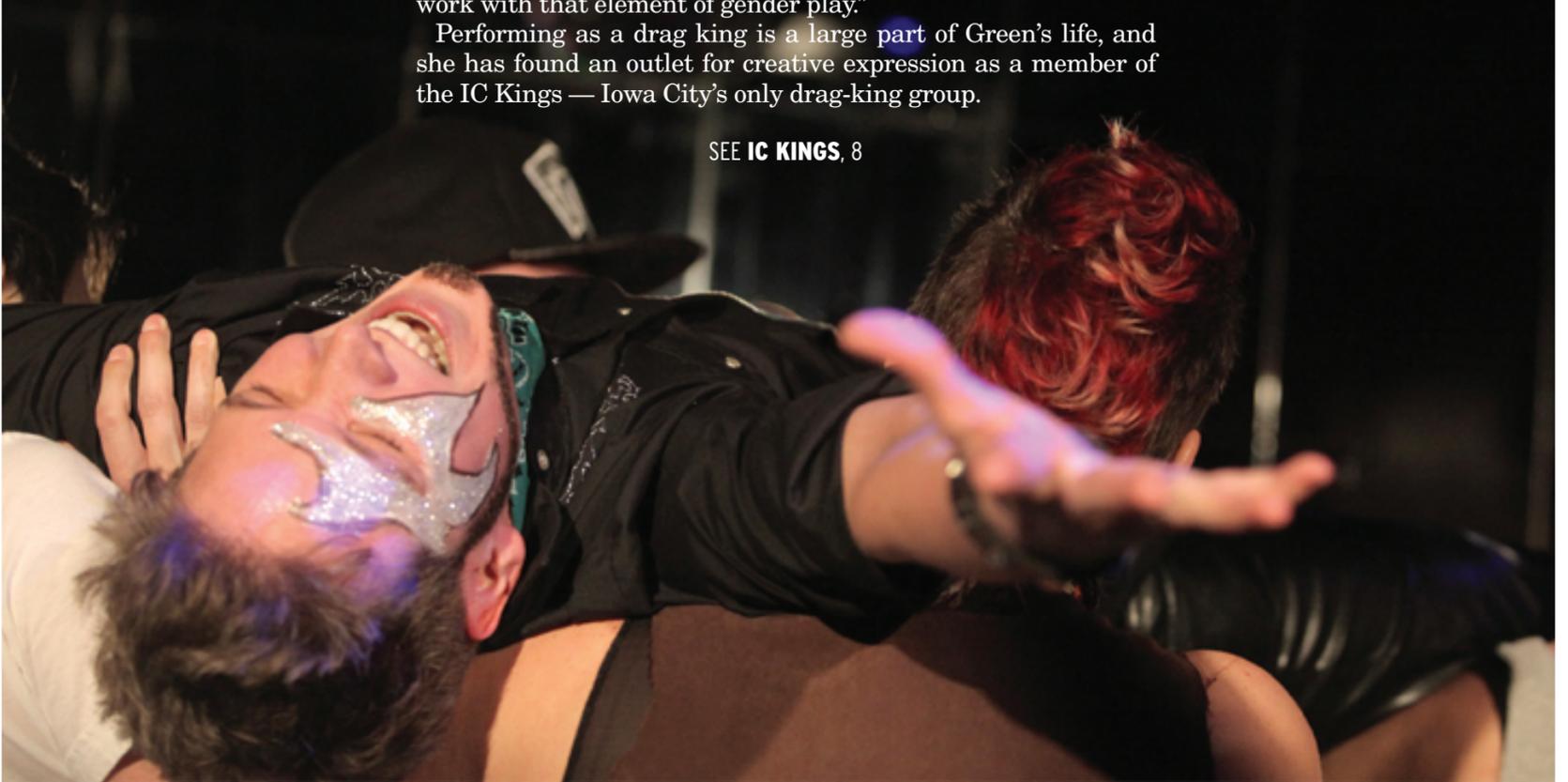
Amanda Green stands in front of a large mirror and lights the blunt end of an old wine cork with a lighter. After methodically burning it, she draws sideburns and a goatee on her face with the charcoal residue.

Within minutes, the pretty, feminine woman transforms into a different person — a man she calls Hugh Jindapants.

"I didn't want to look like a girl trying to look like a guy," Green said. "I wanted to look like a guy. I wanted to fool people and work with that element of gender play."

Performing as a drag king is a large part of Green's life, and she has found an outlet for creative expression as a member of the IC Kings — Iowa City's only drag-king group.

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Joey D. (Jill Davis) is carried during her finale performance on March 22 in Studio 13. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)

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## Few without health plans locally

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was signed into law in March 2010.

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As the U.S. Supreme Court debates national health-care reform, Iowa — including Johnson County — has maintained

one of the lowest percentages of uninsured residents in the country.

According to a 2012 County Health Rankings and Roadmaps report, 10 percent of Iowans lack health insurance, with 9 percent of Johnson County residents uninsured. The 2011 Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index found an average of 17 percent of Americans without health insurance nationwide, placing Iowa ninth in states with the lowest number of uninsured residents.

One local expert said these numbers aren't shocking.

"[Johnson County] not only draws from being a very educated place to live but also has lower unemployment, so if people are employed, they may have group benefits," said John Raley, an insurance agent for American Family Insurance. "That's a big factor in our particular county."

Most students at the University of Iowa default to their parents' health-insurance plans, but some sign on to the UI's student health insurance plan.

"Most of the students, if they

#### HEALTH INSURANCE

A look at insurance statistics for the state of Iowa

#### 13 PERCENT

of Iowans were uninsured in 2011. 17 percent of Americans were uninsured nationwide.

#### 3,501 STUDENTS

are on UI's student health-insurance plan this school year.

#### 9 PERCENT

of Johnson County residents are uninsured.

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## Obama summit stresses health reform

The Affordable Care Act allows young Americans to stay on their parent's health insurance till they are 26.

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It didn't take long for health care to become the topic of discussion at Tuesday's Greater Together Student Summit held by the Obama for America in downtown Iowa City.

"As college students, we are broke," said University of Iowa sophomore Ruaa Elkhair. "When we're insured on our parents' health care, it's not as hard on us. We have school and other expenses to worry about."

The event was part of the Obama campaign's effort to engage students in the upcoming November election. Iowa City is one of 11 stops at universi-

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ties and colleges across the nation.

President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act in 2010, which included a provision allowing young adults to stay on their parent's health insurance until 26 — helping 2.5 million young Americans nationwide.

Kal Penn, an Obama campaign co-chairman and actor who spoke at the summit Tuesday, said health-care reform is especially important for college students.

"It's actually critical for



Kal Penn speaks at the Greater Together Summit in the Sheraton Hotel on Tuesday. The summit featured actor and Obama campaigner Penn and battleground-states director Mitch Stewart and was intended to fire up college voters and volunteers in preparation for the election this fall. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

young folks, particularly those who are graduating college and looking to enter the workforce," Penn

told *The Daily Iowan*. "What used to happen when you couldn't stay on your parents' plan and you

were looking for a job was

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# Panel studies male violence

The majority of victims in homicides and aggravated assaults are males.

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Masculinity on college campuses can sometimes be defined in more aggressive terms.

But members of a University of Iowa antiviolence group say masculinity doesn't have to be a violent characteristic.

"What we're seeing now is more people standing up to address the issue and coming up with solutions to these problems," said Jerrod Koon, the coordinator of the UI Men's Antiviolence Council. "I think some of these discussions about masculinity will be

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helpful to see what it means in our lives."

The council hosted a discussion at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., on Tuesday to talk about perceptions and what it means to be masculine.

The panel as screened the film *Mobile Masculinities* to prompt a discussion on masculinity. The council collaborated with the UI Career and Leadership Academy on the project.

Derrais Carter, a council member and creator of the film project, said since moving to Iowa City four years ago, he noticed a "sports fan" culture that can sometimes promote acts of violence against men and women in the college com-

munity. He cited a T-shirt displaying "Ann Arbor is a whore" sported by football fans during Hawkeye games against Michigan.

"Many [people] assume that on weekends, they don't have to be students if they go off campus," he said. "They may think that drinking and committing acts of sexual aggression is OK because they won't be punished by the university."

He said trends of binge drinking and general lack of respect for informed-consent policies on campus may also contribute to male-violence rates.

"It conveys the idea that weekend life and weekday life are completely different even though they represent the university [at all times]," Carter said. "They should conduct themselves in a healthier fashion so their peers feel safe and they feel safe."

Iowa City resident Bill

Windauer said it might be easy for students on a college campus to feel as though they need to prove their power to their peers.

"You have to, hopefully, bring what you had [learned] from home," Windauer said. "Those who lost their compass are the ones who might get in trouble. Drinking makes people do things they probably wouldn't do otherwise."

Koon said this negative culture can put pressure on men who don't want to conform to it.

"There is a lot of distress among men when they can't be who they want to be," he said. "Traditional definitions of masculinity can be a barrier to men seeking help. When you adhere to some of these rigid standards, it can be very unhealthy. It's easy to point out the problems, but no one's really talking about it in the community."

## METRO

### Student charged with criminal mischief, interference

A University of Iowa student and former *Daily Iowan* employee was charged with damaging property and interference with official acts.

According to Iowa City and UI police complaints, Austin Chadderdon, 22, 308 N. Dubuque St., was charged April 3 with second-degree criminal mischief and two charges of interference with official acts causing injury.

On April 3, police officials allegedly discovered Chadderdon lying in the middle of a street. When officers approached, Chadderdon allegedly ran into his apartment and began destroying property and throwing it into the street, according to the report. The total cost to replace the property is estimated to be at least \$1,400.

According to reports, Chadderdon had to be assisted when being taken in a squad car and continued to kick and fight, resulting in several scrapes to an officer's arms.

Interference with official acts causing injury is an aggravated misdemeanor.

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

— by Jordyn Reiland

### Man charged with kidnapping to be arraigned

A man charged with first-degree kidnapping will deliver a plea on Friday at the Johnson County Courthouse.

Iowa City resident Peng Tang, 21, was charged after officers responded to a reported sexual assault on West Benton Street on March 29, according to an Iowa City police press release.

There, the woman told police she had made arrangements with an unknown male over the phone to show her apartment for a sublet agreement, the release said. The victim was showing the apartment to the male when he allegedly restrained her and sexually assaulted her.

Officers later arrested Tang following an investigation and

charged him with first-degree kidnapping, the report said.

Court documents show the court has issued a subpoena to obtain all records and evidence relating to Tang's cell-phone use, including incoming and outgoing calls between March 28 and April 2. The request also includes any other records and evidence of people or entities in contact with Tang.

First-degree kidnapping is considered a Class-A felony, with maximum punishment being life in prison.

Tang is in custody at the Johnson County jail on a \$750,000 cash-only bond and an immigration hold. His arraignment is set for at 2 p.m. Friday.

— by Beth Bratsos

### Man charged with reckless use of fire

An Iowa City man has been charged with reckless use of fire/explosives.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Daryl Goolsby, 34, 2300 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Tuesday.

The complaint said officers arrived at Goolsby's residence Jan. 3 when he placed a 911 call reporting he burned himself with a gasoline fire. Goolsby allegedly said he was burning paperwork in a bowl to prevent his wife from finding it when the gasoline he added caused the fire to expand and engulf him, requiring hospitalization. The report also stated the fire caused soot marks on the siding of a nearby house, where Goolsby lived but was not on the lease.

Reckless use of fire is considered a serious misdemeanor.

— by Luke Voelz

### Freeman trial rest

The trial for Broadway Neighborhood Center Director Susan Freeman-Murdah has been pushed back again.

Freeman-Murdah was charged Feb. 1 with failing to fulfill her legal duty as a mandatory reporter after hearing evidence that a child in the Headstart Program — which Freeman oversees — had been sexually abused, according to a police complaint.

A teacher allegedly told Freeman a parent had approached Head Start officials with concerns her daughter had

been sexually assaulted in December 2011. The law requires Freeman to report any sexual assault within 24 hours.

Police said the alleged victim was under 12 years old.

Freeman-Murdah's attorney, Leon Spies, said the trial has been reset for April 24.

— by Beth Bratsos

### Cochlear Center receives grant

The University of Iowa's Iowa Cochlear Implant Clinical Research Center has received an \$11 million grant.

Carver College of Medicine officials announced Tuesday that the National Institutes of Health renewed the center's grant. This marks the fifth-consecutive time the center has received the grant from the NIH.

The five-year grant will fund research, clinical trials and clinical outcomes on cochlear implants by UI researchers in the medical school, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the College of Public Health.

NIH funding to the center has totaled \$49 million over the last 30 years.

— by Luke Voelz

### CR man faces drug charges

A Cedar Rapids man faces several drug charges.

According to a North Liberty police complaint, Rodney Liberman, 41, was charged Tuesday with a controlled substance violation, possession of pseudoephedrine, and third-offense possession of a controlled substance.

Police officials reportedly followed a vehicle acting suspiciously and caught up with the car at a Gasby's gas station. According to the report, police officials spoke with the driver, who was arrested.

Liberman allegedly consented to a search of his person but shoved something into his underwear.

After police officials found a marijuana joint in the car, officers searched the rest of the car, and Liberman ran off, throwing a bag that contained about 134 pseudoephedrine pills of various dosage units, the complaint said. Possession of pseu-

doephedrine is considered a Class-D felony.

Third-offense possession of a controlled substance is a Class-D felony.

A controlled substance violation is a Class-C felony.

— by Jordyn Reiland

### Santorum bows out

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Rick Santorum cleared the way for Mitt Romney to claim victory in the long and hard-fought battle for the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday, giving up his "against all odds" campaign as Romney's tenacious conservative rival.

Santorum's withdrawal sets up what is sure to be an acrimonious seven-month fight for the presidency between Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, and Democratic President Obama, with the certain focus on the still-troubled economy.

"This has been a good day for me," a smiling Romney told supporters in Wilmington, Del., saying he believes Santorum "will continue to have a major role" in the Republican Party.

In a preview of the personal attacks that lie ahead, Obama's campaign manager declared that Americans neither like nor trust Romney, and the Romney camp said the fight had always been about defeating Obama, not GOP rivals.

"This game is a long, long, long way from over," Santorum said as he bowed out of the contest with Romney. "We are going to continue to go out there and fight to make sure that we defeat President Barack Obama."

Santorum had been facing a loss in the April 24 primary in Pennsylvania, the state he represented in Congress for 16 years and where the Romney campaign planned nearly \$3 million in ads against him.

Whether or not there are lingering hard feelings, Santorum didn't mention Romney, who has been the front-runner for months and was far ahead in the race for the 1,144 delegates needed to clinch the nomination at the party's convention in August.

— Associated Press

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## BLOTTER

**Daniel Alder**, 20, 527 N. Dubuque St. No. 15, was charged April 7 with possessing or supplying alcohol under 21.

**Ahmed Awalludin**, 20, 2241 Quadrangle, was charged April 7 with public intoxication.

**Gregory Bowker**, 50, 1925 Meadow Ridge Lane, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

**Tanner Butler**, 21, Tiffin, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Courtney Eaddy-Richardson**, 26, 1615 Abe Ave. No. 10, was charged Sunday with OWI.

**Neil Eikenberry**, 57, 1118 S. Seventh Ave., was charged Monday with criminal trespassing.

**Edward Franks**, 19, 4205 Burge, was charged April 6 with public intoxication.

**Charles Green**, 19, 526 Stanley, was charged Monday with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

**Bradley Hayes**, 29, Wapello, Iowa, was charged Sunday with third-offense OWI.

**Alexander Kron**, 20, 2133 Burge,

was charged April 7 with public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**David Kyin**, 19, 104 Mayflower, was charged April 7 with possession of a controlled substance.

**Ellen Moe**, 19, Champaign, Ill., was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of a driver's license.

**Gary Oldaker**, 47, address unknown, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

**Anthony Palvin**, 20, 205 Hawk Ridge Drive, was charged April 6 with possessing or supplying

alcohol under 21.

**Daniel Pillar**, 26, 503 S. Van Buren St. No. 2, was charged Tuesday with driving while license revoked.

**Matthew Scott**, 23, 616 George St., was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

**Anna Tatman**, 19, 922 E. College St. No. 84, was charged Sunday with unlawful use of a driver's license and presence in a bar after hours.

**Lindsey Zimmerman**, 20, West Branch, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of a driver's license.

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had family coverage available, would be under [their parents' plan] from the cost perspective," said Richard Saunders, a UI assistant vice president for Human Resources.

Roughly 3,500 students have the Student Health Insurance Plan, and roughly 2,500 graduate students have UI GRADCare.

These insurance plans can cost a student between \$120 and \$211 per month, Saunders said.

Obama's Affordable Care Act will require Americans in 2014 to obtain health insurance through an employer or government program or by their own means. The Supreme Court is discussing whether it is

Constitutional to mandate insurance coverage for every U.S. citizen or expand eligibility for Medicaid benefits.

Raley said the company closed its market to those seeking health insurance in May 2009, roughly a year before the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was signed into law March 23, 2010.

"When Obama came out with this thing, it was too risky to have something be mandated," he said. "We couldn't afford to stay in not knowing what the rules were going to be or if we could accept everyone. ... That's too big of a risk for us to take."

However, Raley said the health-care issue — locally and nationally — is about more than just health insurance.

Doug Beardsley, the director of Johnson County Public Health, said John-

son County's rate of uninsured residents is favorable but still has room for improvement.

"It's always preferable that everyone have access to some base level of care," he said. "Nine percent is good, but we could still improve."

While the Supreme Court continues to debate the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, Raley said Americans will continue to purchase health insurance so long as it remains affordable.

"I don't think anybody wants to go without insurance, but when it comes to be where the insurance is going to take food off their table ... they're going to prioritize those things first," Raley said.

**ULTIMATE CLASS**



UI students learn to play Ultimate Frisbee in Kara Fagan's Ultimate Frisbee class Tuesday in Hubbard Park. (The Daily Iowan/Asmaa Elkeurti)

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a huge cost differential, and people were going into debt."

However, Rep. Erik Helland, R-Johnston, said though it is difficult to break away from one's parents' health insurance, it's possible.

"As far as students go, I was one of those students," Helland said. "I graduated and I wasn't on my parents' health insurance. I had to go buy it, and it wasn't cheap, but there are options out there."

Helland said the Affordable Care Act is a misuse of federal power and policymakers need to focus on the nation as a whole.

"Students are really, really important; I just want to be clear we need to focus on the entire big picture and not one group, because you want to get them excited to vote," Helland said.

Penn said he first joined the campaign in 2008 because of tough medical decisions people are often forced to make.

"A buddy of mine was in community college and he couldn't afford eye glasses to see the board and textbooks both," Penn told the *DI*. "So he had to decide between buying eyeglasses to see the board or textbooks to study. And we all just thought that was ridiculous."

**Greater Together Student Summits**

The summit has toured several colleges and universities across the nation since February.

- University of Wisconsin
- North Carolina Central University
- University of Florida
- University of Nevada
- Columbus State Community College

Source: Obama for America

it would be "unprecedented" for the Supreme Court to overturn the Affordable Care Act.

Iowa Democratic Party Chairwoman Sue Dvorsky said she was disappointed in Grassley's response.

"It was beneath the dignity of Sen. Grassley's office and beneath Sen. Grassley," Dvorsky said at the summit. "In Iowa, we expect better. Social media broaden your [civil] discourse, and it's good, but it comes with a responsibility to self-edit."

At the summit, Obama organizers and students discussed education funding, jobs, and the economy.

Erin Seidler, Iowa communications director for Obama for America, said this form of outreach to young Americans is essen-



People gather in a Sheraton Hotel ballroom at the Greater Together Summit on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

tial in maintaining support. "We want to make sure we're getting all those young people back to polls,"

Seidler said. "Facebook, Twitter, word of mouth, students talking to stu-

dents about stakes in this election, and bringing undecided students to events. That communication is key."

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## Editorial

## Iowa medical care headed in the right direction

The inflation rate in the United States last year clocked in at around 2.9 percent. To be sure, inflation hawks have worked themselves into a frenzy.

While some inflation might be good for economy as a whole, not all inflation is created equal. The rate of health-care inflation is distressing and demands attention.

Luckily, some Iowa legislators have taken notice, and they are ready to head in the right direction.

An Iowa Senate subcommittee on April 4 — by a 2-1 vote — approved Senate File 2230, which would pave the way for the creation of a health-insurance and cost-containment bureau by Iowa's insurance commissioner.

The creation of the bureau would be accompanied by the creation of an advisory board with seven voting members appointed by governor — largely made up of representatives for consumers, small businesses, and health-care actuaries. Along with these representatives will be seven non-voting advisers consisting of state legislators, the insurance commissioner, and the directors of state human services and public health.

The primary purpose of the bureau and the supporting board would be to streamline data collection and increase the transparency surrounding medical practices. Ideally, by doing this, the Legislature would have access to better information with which to formulate policies concerning medical care, medical insurance, and the provision of both.

Considering the state of medical costs in the country, the timing could not be more appropriate.

The Kaiser Family Foundation reported that compared with the 2.9 percent inflation experienced across the board, health-care cost inflation in the United States last year registered at a whopping 9 percent in 2011.

This rate of inflation is no outlier. In 2008, health-care cost inflation was at 8.36 percent, and it is expected to surpass 8 percent again this year.

Iowa's lawmakers, however, are not the only ones who have taken notice.

There has been a growing consensus among physicians and medical professionals that the U.S. medical-care system is burdened with a large number of unnecessary medical procedures, increasing medical costs. Some do not contribute anything to the health of the patients, while others are wasteful because

they could be replaced with less-expensive alternatives that are equally beneficial.

Some, however, are dangerous and risk causing health issues in perfectly healthy people. It has been estimated that these unnecessary, wasteful, and dangerous procedures contribute more than \$700 billion in additional medical costs every year.

In response to this, nine specialty groups representing nearly 400,000 physicians in the United States started a new initiative known as Choosing Wisely. Specialists from each field have identified procedures in each of their respective fields they feel cost the system more than they contribute to each individual patient's health. They have identified 45 ineffective procedures.

Among the things they have identified is the over-prescription of antibiotics for sinus infections — the majority of sinus infections are not caused by bacteria; the use of CT scans for children with appendicitis — ultrasounds are cheaper and no less effective; and the use of CT scans and MRIs in cases in which a person has fainted — unless someone has suffered a seizure, these tests are highly unlikely to reveal anything.

Christine Cassel, the chief executive of American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation, the group that sponsors Choosing Wisely, explained the initiative is not saying that these things should never be done, but that they should be used more judiciously.

"We're not saying you should never do these things. We're saying that these are things that are often over-used," she said. "So, if you think you need it or your doctor recommends it, raise the question: 'Do I really need this?'"

The American health-care system is riddled with problems in both the provision of care and the provision of insurance. If physicians can admit this, then we and our elected officials can, too. Luckily, the Iowa Senate is on notice.

The medical-care market is out of control. If the creation of this bureau by the Iowa Legislature facilitates productive intervention, then the public should support the effort, because we will not be able to afford to do nothing for much longer.

Your turn. Is the health-care legislation a positive? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## Leave the dog at home or bring a pacifier

I must make a response to Mark W. Borer's slanderous guest opinion in the *DI* on March 28.

I recently retired from 46 years of professional real-estate management. I hold a Certified Property Manager designation and have managed hundreds of apartments and provided housing for thousands of residents.

I can say without reservation that most apartment owners and managers have set rules and regulations for the purpose of protecting the property investment and the residents. To state, as Borer does, that a company "goes to great lengths to take your child's money" is ludicrous.

Rules and regulations are developed after years of experience, landlord-tenant law, city inspection, mortgage lenders, and insurance companies in addition to the owner's needs.

Borer relates that he was upset when he found out his daughter was charged because he brought her dog to her apartment. What part of "No Pets Allowed" don't you understand?

A family shut its dog in an apartment while it attended graduation ceremonies. A graduate student neighbor called to complain that a dog was barking loudly and making a terrible racket, and she was trying to study. Upon inspection of the apartment, the dog had soiled the carpet in three places, dug down through the carpet to the floor at the door, and scratched the metal door and dry-wall. The replaced carpet of the entire room, the repaired drywall and door total cost

\$3,500, while the deposit on the apartment was only \$450.

Most apartment managers would love to refund all deposits totally. Our records showed that 95 percent of tenant deposits were refunded in full, 3 percent partially refunded, and only about 2 percent were wiped out. That 2 percent is usually composed of a group that doesn't care, or others that think they are special and should get favors that other tenants don't.

It's unfortunate, but some young people come to school after being baby-sat their whole lives and then want to be treated as adults. Then, when they get into trouble, they call Mommy and Daddy and cry, "I'm being treated as an adult, help me."

The daughter should have read the terms and conditions of her lease and the rules and regulations she was expected to follow. If she or her father didn't agree with the conditions, then they should have gone somewhere else. After the fact is not the time to complain or think they should be treated like the 2 percent.

With apartment owners in the Iowa City area paying some of the highest commercial property taxes in the country, equaling 30 percent of their gross rental income, they cannot afford to let a unit sit vacant or spread the costs of a few over to everyone else.

My advice to Borer is to tell your daughter to grow up: Leave the dog at home, or next time bring her a pacifier.

Wes Fotsch  
Iowa City resident

## Letters

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## 'Love' for pink slime

I'm rethinking pink slime from the bottom-line standpoint of Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad and his slaughterhouse friends.

Forget why pink slime needs to be ammoniated and fresh ground beef does not — it's the economy, stupid.

To really get a bang for the buck, dog poop should also be ammoniated and served to kids in school to create jobs that get the middle class back to work and off food-stamp dining on pink slime.

This dog stuff is just left out there for the taking, and when ammoniated, it can be put to good and safe use. As you might know from seeing those clumps of grass in the spring, there's a lot of food value coming out of your own dog.

And if some crummy unpatriotic kids say, "I'm not eating that c-r-a-p," they ought to have their mouth washed out.

Sam Osborne  
Iowa City

## Youth to decide

The deciding factor in

whether the Democrats or Republicans win Iowa this fall will likely be young people and whether they vote.

In every recent Iowa election in which 50 percent or more of young people have voted, Democrats have won Iowa. When fewer than 50 percent of young people vote, Republicans win.

No matter who the Republican candidate ends up being, there's no doubt in my mind that he won't have done as much for the young people of this country as has President Obama.

While the Affordable Care Act enables students to stay on their parents' health insurance until the age of 26, Obama has doubled the funding for Pell Grants so young people can get an education they need to compete in today's economy. He has invested in the improvement of our air and water standards to protect the environment for years to come, and he's repealed "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" so young adults can serve their country without fear of termination because of their orientation.

Liz Zaretsky  
UI student

## Guest Column

## UISG does stand up for university students

By CLAIRE SPYRISON  
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As an involved and proud student at the University of Iowa, and an informed voter who looked into both UISG parties extensively, I was incredibly embarrassed at an editorial printed in the *DI* titled "No change to toss around" on April 2. Many statements found in the editorial served as an injustice to both parties.

First, let me say that both parties performed in-depth research in regards to the ideas surrounding

their platforms, and the goals of each party were completely viable. Both the presidential and vice-presidential candidates of the I Party and the #Party have served a minimum of two years on student government. Therefore, all party leaders have a strong sense of what UISG is capable of and what students want to see changed.

There was no "elitist attitude" present in either party. Jessie Tobin, the vice-presidential candidate for the I Party, iterated its desire to "improve

student's daily lives."

Likewise, the vice-presidential candidate for the #Party, Nick Rolston, stressed at the debate that "we have seven main goals, but the platform is flexible, and we want to hear what the students want."

In addition, to clarify from the *DI*'s editorial, the five \$1,000 Engage scholarships to be given if the #Party had been elected would have a few qualifications besides being highly involved: being a student at the University of Iowa

but not being a part of UISG. In addition, none of the student government's funds affect our staff's salaries, and therefore, it is a moot point.

While the main platforms largely reflected each other, the details and the leadership of the parties largely differed.

That sustainability, safety, and improving the transparency of UISG have been frequently debated topics in the past weeks only speaks to the need for these issues to be addressed in a serious

manner. Both parties were in the process of increasing awareness and interest of both voting and UISG in general. By looking further into their platforms, many unique differences could be found between their details and approaches and could be easily found on their respective Facebook pages.

Finally, it is student government that partakes in the ongoing lobbying to receive more funds from the state of Iowa to lower tuition. UISG has and will continue to have a large

effect, whether it is bringing recycling to campus (not just making it easier) or changing finals scheduling policies, taking less stress off of students.

Student government will be there to respond to what the students want and will continue to make large, positive, and useful effects on the campus. With that in mind, the election in fact did have an utmost importance to the University of Iowa, and it is capable of bringing about much needed changes to the campus.

# Data breach reaches credit union

The current breach is considered one of the biggest fraud cases the University of Iowa Community Credit Union has handled.

By ANNA THEODOSIS  
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A national data breach has led University of Iowa Community Credit Card Union officials to recall 200 cards from account-holders.

Atlanta payment-processing company Global Payments Inc. released a statement April 1 regarding unauthorized access noticed in March to around 1.5 million cards in its processing system. These numbers include approximately 200 potentially fraudulent Mastercard and Visa cards used at the credit union.

Credit union credit-card manager Chris Carlson said patrons should continue to keep a close eye on their bank statements.

"The biggest thing for students and all consumers to understand is to pay

attention to your account and to read your statements," he said. "It's a good idea to carefully look through your statement and make sure that the vendors are places that you go to frequently."

This case marks one of the largest fraud concerns at the credit union since 2008, when a similar breach in the Heartland payment systems — the sixth-largest payment processor in the country — caused the credit union to recall cards.

Carlson said banks do typically see a few minor fraud cases every year that can be easily contained.

The credit union has replaced the 200 potentially fraudulent cards from this year's case. Carlson said he doesn't expect additional credit-union cards to be compromised, but he cannot make any guaran-

tees. "We get those lists from Visa and Mastercard with little notice," he said. "We haven't had a list for a week and a half, so I assume that we've seen all that we need to see, but I wouldn't promise that's it."

In the statement, Global Payments said the fraud was confined to North America and did not involve stolen personal information such as addresses and Social Security numbers.

"We are making rapid progress toward bringing this issue to a close," Global Payments Chairman and CEO Paul R. Garcia said in the statement. "We are open for business and continue to process transactions for all of the card brands."

Sandra Chu, global corporate relations specialist for Visa, said the company



Approximately 1.5 million cards were recently used for fraudulent charges — of those, around 200 were from the University of Iowa Community Credit Union. (The Daily Iowan illustration/Ian Servin)

has not experienced any system breach following the break into Global Payments' system.

"Visa Inc. is aware of the announcement from Global Payments Inc. that it experience unauthorized access into a portion of its processing system," Chu wrote in an email. "There has been no breach of Visa systems."

UI students expressed concern over the breach even though the fraud has

likely been contained.

"I think it's pretty surprising [that it happened,]" said UI freshman Shannon Wallace. "I have a card that's from credit union, and it's kind of disconcerting, and I hope that they would do something to prevent it in the future."

Wallace said she would consider closing her credit-union account if it was the largest of her bank accounts.

"If I were to have more money in that account, I might reconsider which bank I was putting my money under," she said.

Though UI senior Francesca Geib's credit-union account never went under alert, the fraud still put her on the lookout.

"If they're figuring it out, I'm not worried, but it does make me want to keep my eye out and make sure it doesn't happen," she said.

# Faculty Council considers surveillance cameras

Officials have received more than 400 campus requests for the use of video surveillance cameras.

By CHASTITY DILLARD  
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As University of Iowa faculty obtain new equipment and move into newer facilities, Human Resource officials have seen more requests for surveillance cameras.

A new proposal brought before the Faculty Council on Tuesday would establish policies for those requests.

Kevin Ward, UI assistant vice president for Human Resources, said the policy would set qualifications for who can request a surveillance camera and establish documentation procedures for public-record purposes. Ward said having guidelines would speed up the installation of the cameras.

"In general, the requests have increased because of the convergence of technology and concerns about safety," he said. "We've been working with representatives of IT and public safety to try to develop a policy

where currently no policy exists."

UI faculty, staff, and students can request the installation of surveillance cameras in or outside any building on campus to increase security, though the university does not have a specific policy regulating the requirements for the installation of video surveillance, including proper documentation. Since the fall of 2011, 400 requests have been filed to

UI Information Technology Services for surveillance cameras.

Faculty Council President Richard Fumerton said he believed there are roughly 700 surveillance cameras installed on campus. The additional requests, he said, came from people in general wanting to feel secure.

"It's just a fact of modern life that we rely more and more heavily on electronic surveillance, primarily for

security," he said.

If approved, proposals for surveillance cameras would be submitted to the UI police rather than ITS. UI police would be exempt from any surveillance-camera proposal requirements.

"It's good that there be a policy that spells out what use should be made of surveillance cameras and how their use should be

approved," Fumerton said.

Faculty Council member Professor Jane Pendergast said she was surprised to hear the UI didn't already have a policy.

"I'm glad to hear about it and that there is a plan to create one," she said. "I think it will lead to further thinking about other types of monitoring that people can do."

Ward initially brought the proposal before the council Tuesday to be voted on; however, the council decided to wait until more information was gathered and presented to the Faculty Senate.

The Faculty Senate will convene and review the policy at its next meeting, April 24.

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## the ledge

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### Re-examin- ing a few more well-known sayings:

- "The enemy of my enemy is my friend." I always thought the enemy of my enemy would be an even bigger enemy. Because of exponents.
- "A smile is just a frown turned upside down." A frown is just a smile turned pragmatist.
- "Variety is the spice of life." Also ... salt. It's in everything.
- "Excuses are like noses: Everybody's got one." Also: They come in handy if you have a bad cocaine habit.
- "Once you go black, you never go back." That's why I don't eat green olives any more.
- "A breakup is like a broken mirror: It is better to leave it broken than hurt yourself trying to fix it." But I still broke a flippin' mirror — that's bad luck.
- "If you love somebody, set them free. If they come back, it's meant to be." And if he doesn't move at all? You probably kept him chained him up in your basement for too long.
- "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." That sounds worse than an eyelash.
- "What you see is what you get." Unless that shizz is an iceberg, right, DiCaprio?
- "You've got to stand for something, or you'll fall for anything." I stand for alcohol, but I still fall down. A lot.
- "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." Everyone is taken? Frick. No wonder I'm single.

- Trisha Spence thanks Andrew R. Juhl for collaborating on today's Ledge.

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by Scott Adams

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BY VIEV

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### Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

I DON'T BELIEVE IT...

YUP—MOVING DAY...

TIME TO MOVE TO MY STATELY HOME! BUT DON'T WORRY, DAD, I'LL STILL BE THERE FOR YOU...

I CAN SEE HOW CHALLENGING NEW MEDIA IS FOR YOU, SO I'M HAPPY TO STEP UP AS YOUR MENTOR. IT'S NO BIGGIE.

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COME, DAD. PACK WITH ME, TALK WITH ME...

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- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**, Start by Believing Information Table, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., outside Hillcrest Dining Hall
- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Lecture**, "The Bomb and Terrorists: The Importance of Global Nuclear Security," Jennifer Smyser of the Stanley Foundation, noon, Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton
- **Leadership Series: Effective Officer Training**, Center for Student Involvement & Leadership noon, 335 IMU
- **Inorganic Seminar**, "Radiometals for Molecular Imaging and Therapy of Cancer," Michael Schultz, Radiology, 12:30 p.m., W323

- Chemistry Building
- **Anatomy and Cell Biology Seminar**, "Investigating the role of Gon4-like in cell cycle regulation and B cell lymphopoiesis," Jennifer Barr, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen
- **Staff Council Meeting**, 2:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Center
- **Shame**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **"Live from Prairie Lights"**, Patricia Henley, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Peace Corps Information Session**, 7 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **Burlington Street Bluegrass**, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Iowa Brass Quintet**, 7:30 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **We Need to Talk About Kevin**, 9:15 p.m., Bijou
- **Talk Art**, 10 p.m., Mill
- **Jam Session**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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- 12:30 p.m. Separation of Mosque and State, M. Zuhdi Jasser, president and founder of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy, Oct. 3, 2011
- 1:45 John Cage Centennial, Musicircus dancers and performers fill the second floor of the University Capitol Center (highlights)
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- 10:45 *Mauricio Lasansky: Inside the Image*, a documentary on the renowned artist produced in 1993 by the University of Iowa
- 11:30 Iowa Magazine, Bosk, The River, Art, UI Center for Media Production and Big Ten Network

## horoscopes Wednesday, April 11

- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Don't be disheartened by what someone says. Trust in your judgment, and follow your heart. Resurrect goals, then modify them to fit the changing times. Your ideas are good; all that's required is fine-tuning. Love is in the stars.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Put power and authority in your voice if you want something. Pressure may not be your style, but today, it will help you make your point and get your way. A contract, interview, or professional advancement is looking positive.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Take care of your health and your emotional outlook, and refuse to argue. Discipline and changes that can improve your life should be your intent. Love is on the rise, but poor choices will lead to trouble.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Pour time and energy into creative projects, and do your best to explain whatever situation you are being questioned about in an objective but descriptive manner. How you present yourself and your beliefs will make a difference.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 You may crave change, but don't go overboard. Size up your situation, and look at the responsibilities that are likely to develop before you take a leap of faith that has potential to spin out of control. Baby steps will be your best bet.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Be true to you; don't let someone turn you into someone you're not. Confusion regarding partnerships is apparent, and it will be necessary to step back from a relationship to re-evaluate your position and intentions.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Listen carefully to get the inside scoop regarding how to take advantage of an opportunity. Make a change in the way you do your job, or pick up a skill that contributes to earning more cash. Hard work will pay off.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Someone from your past will come through for you regarding a job or a partnership that has potential to raise your status. Make a space at home that will be conducive to enhancing your creativity and expanding your financial prospects.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Put your heart on the line, and spell out what you feel you need in your life to achieve greater satisfaction and happiness. You will not receive unless you ask. You'll know quickly if someone is in your corner or opposing you.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Explosive situations always lead to disaster. Avoid anyone who is erratic or refuses to listen to reason. Focus on what you can do to improve your domestic situation and your physical surroundings. A change of residence or upgrading your home will help your emotional outlook.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Old friends will help you reach personal goals. An effort to fix whatever isn't working for you will result in greater encouragement. Love is in the stars. Spending time with someone who strives to live a healthy lifestyle will enhance your life.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Don't let confusion lead you down the wrong path. If someone is sending mixed signals or won't offer a straight answer, move on. A change of heart will occur when you realize the motives someone is harboring.

# m.c. ginsberg

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## The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- Web programmer's medium
  - Telly network
  - Hunter who wrote "The Blackboard Jungle"
  - Grammy winner India \_\_\_\_\_
  - Glowing rings
  - Prop for Houdini
  - Subject for a Degas painting
  - Patron saint of Norway
  - Complete train wreck, in Southern slang
  - "Gimme \_\_\_\_!"
  - Bedsheets and such
  - Not in stock, but coming
  - Prize higher than plata or bronce
  - Stable father figure?
  - \_\_\_\_ lot (gorged oneself)
  - Software prototype
  - \_\_\_\_ bene
  - Has no stomach for
  - Classic Xavier Cugat song, or a hint to the invitation in the circled letters
  - Field on screen
  - R&B singer Peniston
  - Unaccompanied performances
  - Impart
  - Like some vowels and pants
  - "Platoon" setting, informally
  - Fast-food franchise with a game piece in its logo
  - Locales for crow's-nests
  - Those, to Teodoro
  - Parody singer Yankovic
  - Rebuke to a traitor
  - Snaking, like the arrangement of circled letters in this puzzle
  - Rudolph and kin
  - Paraffin-coated Dutch imports
  - Periodic table info: Abbr.
  - Dover delicacy
  - Prefix with functional
  - Host Mike of the Discovery Channel's "Dirty Jobs"
- Down**
- Feasted on
  - "La-la" lead-in
  - Least fig.
  - Milk, to Manuel
  - Scottish slope
  - Banquo, in Verdi's "Macbeth"
  - Aircraft division of Textron
  - Green nuts?
  - Parking amenities
  - Tequila source
  - "In your dreams!"
  - Malfunction, with "up"
  - German city on the Danube
  - Time immemorial
  - University of New Mexico team
  - Grantorto's victim in "The Faerie Queen"
  - Secret rendezvous point
  - The wearin' \_\_\_\_ green
  - Queen of Thebes, in myth
  - Sgt.'s program
  - Bluesy Waters
  - Idle
  - "With the bow," to a violinist
  - Razzle-dazzle
  - Removes cream from
  - Vegas casino magnate Steve
  - Bard's nightfall
  - Used a divining rod
  - Gangbuster
  - Some Monopoly cards
  - Prefix with arthritis
  - Zero-star, say
  - Wedding day destination
  - Some investments, for short
  - 45 letters
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## MAN ON THE STREET

Do you have a phobia? What is it?



'No, not really.' Trevor Knuth UI freshman



'When I was little, I had a phobia of throwing up.' Megan Curtis UI freshman



'Probably letting the government handle things. It petrifies me.' Josh Vaske UI freshman



'Probably stepping on gum.' Damon Sindelar UI sophomore

# Computer science looks for requirement

By **DEREK KELLISON**  
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Computer-science faculty at the University of Iowa are pushing for required computer classes, but such changes may be a long time coming.

The UI requires a formal reasoning class that may be fulfilled by basic computer-science courses, but students also have the option to take logic and reasoning classes.

Requiring computer-science classes would expand the UI department's recognition and match a growing national consensus in favor of such requirements, UI Computer Science Department head Alberto Segre said.

"In computation, we're not leaders," he said. "People think of the university as a journalism school or an English school. We don't have a focus on computer science as we do these departments. It would be nice to lead the way in this."

Universities such as Georgia Tech and Montclair State University in New Jersey have made computer science a requirement in their general-education programs, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

UI computer-science Assistant Professor Juan Pablo Hourcade noted that computer skills extend beyond coding.

"It's hard to find an area of study that doesn't involve computer science," he said. "In literature, computers are the way people write and how people edit."

Helena Dettmer, an associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said she recognized the Computer Science Department's push and the impor-



**Alberto Segre, the head of the Computer Science Department, determines the classes students need to take to complete their major in time for graduation. The department would like the university to require computer science as a general-education class for all students. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)**

tance of faculty input in new general-education requirements. However, she said, changing the requirements would take significant time and resources.

"There are several things that deal with costs that factor into the consideration of a program," she said. "We have to factor the number of TAs and their total pay, the space that would be needed to accommodate the program, and the level at which the courses would be taught."

Other education officials spoke of computer skills' growing importance in everyday life.

"We want to make sure kids are prepared for jobs of the future," said James Brown, the executive director of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Coalition, based in Washington, D.C. "Requirements of the workforce will probably change in 10 years. We're just trying to make sure people are informed of where the jobs are."

Outside the workforce, Hourcade said, students would be well off to have a better understanding of computer systems used in life.

"I would like students to have a basic understanding of how we tell computers what to do and understand that everything you do [through a credit or debit card] can be tracked," he said.

Several UI students concurred, despite the subject's difficulty.

"Computer science is not my strong point," said Jacqueline Dunning, a UI freshman studying philosophy and neuroscience. "I definitely see the benefits of [requiring the program for general education.] It's really hard to get by without it nowadays."

UI junior Rachael Black said she agreed.

"I suck at computer science, so I guess it would be a good thing" she said. "That's pretty much going to be the future."



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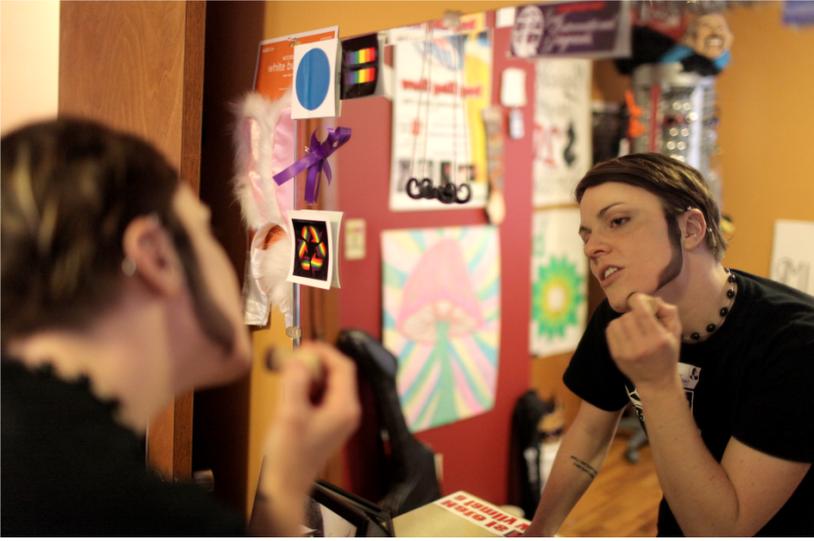


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Amanda Green applies her five-o'clock shadow with a burnt cork to become Hugh Jindapants on March 23 in her home. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)



Lauren Seruya trims her beard as she readies her Franky D. Lover persona on March 22. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)

## IC KINGS

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### History of the IC Kings

Historically, drag kings did not have much of a place in Iowa City's LGBT/queer culture save for occasional appearances at gay bars and drag balls.

In fact, said IC King Jill Davis, the history of drag kings across the country is still a subject that needs more investigation. But, it seems that around the 1980s drag kinging started to become more prominent. Still today, many women who attempt to start performing as kings struggle to find welcoming venues for their performances.

In 2009 for Iowa City drag kings, that changed.

"It might be entertainment, but it's important," said Lauren Seruya, an Iowa City native and University of Iowa alumna. "It's important enough that it had to get done and be handled properly."

The IC Kings exists as an entertainment outlet for many people in the gay community to come together. But the Kings' members say they have a mission to use their craft as a way to make a larger statement.

"This drag-king troupe, and all the drag that's happening, wherever it's happening, creates a queer space," Davis said. "[It creates] a queer presence in the community and a way for queer people interested in gender bending to have a safe space."

The group's performances also have a tangible effect on the LGBT community in Iowa. The troupe donates proceeds from shows to such charities as the Trevor Project and Iowa Safe Schools. These organizations defend the equal treatment of children who suffer from bullying.

"The drag world intersects with the queer world and gender play," Green said. "We have the opportunity now and a captive audience who agrees with our mentality about these issues to send messages of equality, rather than just jumping like a monkey and lip-synching like Fred Durst."

Seruya was an active member in the UI Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allied Union and received degrees in psychology and sexuality studies.

One of her first drag experiences came from composing a photo project that she completed for a Latina Performance, Bodies, and Sexuality class. It involved recreating images of Carlemita Tropicana, Astrid Hadad, Carmen Miranda, a chola-style female, and cholo-style male.

Soon after Seruya saw the potential of her drag-king look, she and friend Lori Eiserman — who also performed drag sporadically around the state — decided to find an outlet for drag kings in the area.

Months of finding performers, booking a venue, and planning the show led to the first IC Kings

headlining appearance at (the now defunct) Firewater in April 2009.

The positive reaction at this premiere performance led to Seruya and Eiserman finding a home for more frequent shows. By January 2010, the IC Kings began monthly performances at Studio 13.

When the group started, audiences ranged from about 30 to 60 people at shows. But now, the troupe has hundreds of fans. The members have performed in various cities in Iowa including Clinton, Cedar Rapids, and Ames.

Roughly 10 women make up the group, but rarely does each show include every member.

"The more people who see us perform and the more people who learn our name, not only do you have people who enjoy it for entertainment value and catch people who have never seen drag kings, but you also have this amazing opportunity to use your stage time for something that is bigger than yourself," Seruya said.

### Some of the faces

"I tried to think of what kind of man I would want to represent," 31-year-old Green said. "Being both gay and sort of gender neutral, I was never really a girly girl ever, but putting on a beard and being dressed as a man was really far, even for me."

Green settled on creating a male persona — Hugh Jindapants — modeled after what she labels a "douche bag" who has a hyper-masculine stereotype. This gave her the opportunity to illustrate the polarization of gender expected in society through her performance.

"I think being able to be Amanda portraying Hugh, I can bring in that feminist view," she said. "People respond better to my opinions if I can disarm them with humor."

Hugh's signature look includes a pair of loose-fitting pants, a solid colored or graphic print T-shirt, and a backwards Nebraska baseball cap. She said her look reflects the "bro" type of guy, modeled after performers such as Durst.

As the mother of two young boys, Caleb, 10, and Aidan, 4, she said it is important for her to convey messages of activism and equality in her performance.

"For the performers and the audience, I think that's why there's kind of this stir around drag because people don't understand it — what gender is," Green said. "It's an innate part of our self-identity, so when something just slightly tweaks out, it makes you start questioning all kinds of things."

When Green transforms into her alter ego, she is undoubtedly a different person, but elements of Amanda still resonate in Hugh.

"They're both desperately in need to be in the center of attention," said Green's partner, Eva Hinrichsen. "Hugh is just a little bit more misbehaved to the point of it being on purpose. Hugh is just like Amanda with a notch turned up."

Each member of the IC Kings possesses a drag persona that she spends time characterizing from performance to performance. The women select songs, dance moves, and costumes based on what the characters would probably choose.

"I have to say that creating a persona

is the most difficult part of being a gender performer," Seruya said. "It's the hardest thing to do, because what ends up happening is that the name of your character sets up what people expect."

Seruya chose Franky D. Lover because the name Franky is masculine and matches her Italian roots. And Lover was a fitting last name because of Franky's personality, which Seruya described as cheeky and welcoming.

Her Franky D. Lover act consists of a range of performances, many based on pop hits and tunes from the '80s and '90s. Seruya said she would never choose to perform a song as Franky D. that she personally finds offensive. For example, neither in the pair is fond of Nickleback.

For Seruya and many of the Kings, they continually try to push the boundaries of who their character is while staying true to who their character is.

"I play around with my look," Seruya said. "It doesn't have to stay the same; you can change the way that your facial hair looks without changing your persona. You can do that all within the same character."

Franky D. Lover's looks range from suits to cargo pants, combat boots to tank tops, and more colorful tuxedo costumes.

The preparation that the Kings put into their shows is a big commitment, especially for women who have day jobs. But they say performing with the IC Kings is not a burden.

"It's a hobby," Seruya said. "It's a fun extra thing that we all do, but it has become so much more than that. At this point, if we were to stop doing it, I would feel like I was doing something incredibly wrong."

Davis is a 34-year-old graduate student at the UI working toward a Ph.D. in anthropology, with an emphasis on performance and drag research.

But in her free time, the grad student takes a less textbook approach to her research. On drag nights, the books are closed, and the dark leather jacket and muscle Tee are on — Davis performs as Joey D.

"I'm really very shy, typically," she said. "[I'm] very shy and would never go to a club and dance. But I always secretly liked to dance, so when I started doing drag, it was this whole other persona; it was totally different from [me]. Stepping out on stage as Joey D. was this whole other expression."

Since 2005 — before the beginning of the IC Kings — Davis tested her Joey D. persona in Minnesota and Tennessee.

She said it was difficult to show people the value of drag-king performance, which has been overshadowed by drag-queen culture in the past. Drag-queen shows often highlight a flashy and competitive side of entertainment, but typically, drag-king shows offer a more varied view of masculinity.

After mastering some acts at amateur nights at clubs and bars, Davis said, things snowballed, and she found a niche for her talent.

"Some people think, before they really know or see people doing it, that it's easy," she said. "People think you just get up there in jeans and a T-shirt and that it's going to be very boring."

But Joey D.'s performances are far from dull.

The energy in Studio 13 grew throughout the night, and the finale was highly anticipated. Joey D. dressed in a sleek black button-down shirt, a teal bandana, and black leather pants. His face was adorned with a large, glittery, silver star covering his right eye. The rock-star look suited the aura of the crowd, which was filled with women cheering and flocking to the stage, dollar bills in hand. During the final chorus of the song, a group lifted Joey D. from the ground and spun him in circles — he was on top of the world.

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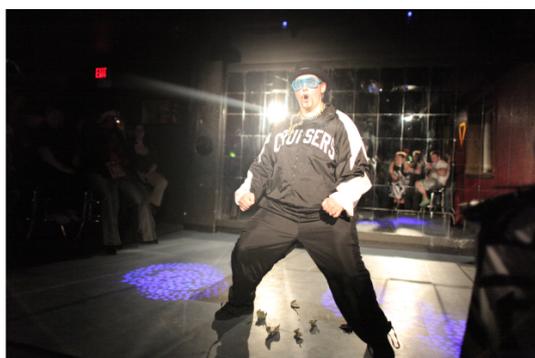
HUGH JINDAPANTS



AMANDA GREEN



Megalicious (Megan Mathews) performs live at a performance on March 22. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)



JT Amore (Julie Rohret) performs on March 22. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)



Joey D. (Jill Davis) receives love from the audience members handing out dollar bills on March 22. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)

**COWGIRL CLASSIC**

**Women's golf slips**

The Iowa women's golf team dropped one position on the leaderboard on Tuesday at the Wyoming Cowgirl Classic with a 13-over second round. The 18-hole 301 came after Iowa's second-lowest score in program history, a 289, on Monday.

The Hawkeyes now trail leader Colorado State (584, 8 over) by 6 strokes. Iowa's two-round score of 590 is the fourth-lowest in school history.

Kristi Cardwell - the lone Hawkeye under par - finished the round in record-breaking fashion. The junior carded 5 birdies on the front nine en route to a 2-under 70; she is 6-under for the tournament. Her 36-hole 138 broke teammate Chelsea Harris' previous mark of 140, which she set at the Challenge at Onion Creek in 2009. Cardwell's previous low score, a 143, was set in 2010 at the same tournament.

Cardwell finished in second place behind Colorado State's Brianna Espinoza (136, 8-under).

Head coach Megan Menzel was upbeat on Tuesday.

"As a team, we struggled on the back nine and had too many big numbers," she said in a release. "I hope we find a way to bring better focus for the whole round tomorrow. If we do, I feel like we have a great chance at winning the tournament."

The Hawkeyes combined for 13 bogeys, 2 double-bogeys, and a triple on the back nine. In that same stretch, the team made only 2 birdies.

Three Iowa golfers shot 77s on Tuesday: Freshmen Shelby Phillips and Lauren English sit tied for 22nd and 31st, respectively. Senior Chelsea Harris finished tied for 47th at 9-over.

Sophomore Kelly Grouwinkel rounded out Iowa's scorecard with a 9-over 81 on Tuesday. The Illinois native set a career-best 36-hole score with a 11-over 155. She finished tied for 59th.

Iowa wraps up competition at the Ocotillo Golf Course today starting at 8:30 a.m.

- by Alex French

# Men's tennis faces fluctuations

Three players have been forced to make their debuts for Iowa tennis this season.

By **TOM CLOS**

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The Iowa men's tennis team has tried everything to fix the bottom of its singles lineup.

Injuries to senior **C h r i s** Speer and sophomore **C h a s e** Tomlins - coupled with seven combined



**Estensorro**  
freshman

wins at the No. 5 and No. 6 spots - forced head coach Steve Houghton to dip into his fountain of youth.

Enter three Hawks with little playing experience at the college level: junior Connor Gilmore, sophomore Joey White, and freshman Andres Estensorro.

The three never played before this season, and they have combined for a 0-8 record this season.

Estensorro has seen action only once. He lost (6-0, 6-4) in the No. 6 slot to then-No. 18 Illinois on March 4.

The Bolivian said it was nice to get his feet wet, but he became conscious of the

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high stakes in college tennis after the match.

"It's great experience, but sometimes, it's tough," Estensorro said. "I didn't try to feel too much pressure out there."

Gilmore has participated in three matches this spring, going 0-2 at No. 5 and 0-1 in the No. 6 spot.

The Madison, Wis., native is winless, but he said he relishes each opportunity and can't wait for his number to be called again.

"I'm excited - I love to go out and play," Gilmore said. "When you wake up and you know you have the chance to play, you get real excited."

White, sitting at 0-3, said the changing lineup has negatively affected his game.

"It's tough going in random; you get no rhythm," White said. "It's hard to put together a complete match."

All three said full preparation and staying sharp in practice is key to avoiding complacency while getting a limited amount of playing time.

White said he maintains the same routine prior to

each meet, whether he ends up on the court or not.

"I'll mimic a match," White said about his warm-up habits. "If you never go in, at least you can say you were prepared."

Gilmore said it's particularly important to bring high enthusiasm each day as well, with the hope that he'll get the nod.

"I come with the mindset that I'm playing every week," Gilmore said. "You have to be ready and excited at all time."

Estensorro said there's no better preparation for a match than good, old-fashioned repetition in practice.

"There's no secret; you just have to practice," Estensorro said. "You try to improve your game so when you get that opportunity, you're ready."

The Hawkeyes are in the midst of a tumultuous 1-17 season with the bottom of the lineup fluctuating each week. White said the lineup always a mystery until the meet officially starts.

What is known, though, is that the players have to be ready at all times.

"You have got to be prepared," White said. "You never really know who's going to go in."



Iowa tennis player Joey White gets set for a shot during tennis practice on March 9, 2010, in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

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# Hawks regain energy

The Hawkeye baseball team regained its touch in the ninth inning for a much-needed win.

By **BEN SCHUFF**  
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The Iowa baseball team appeared to be done for.

It appeared there was no coming back from a mighty blow off the bat of Western Illinois' Steve Kedroski. The designated hitter took the first offering from reliever Nick Hibbing deep over the right-field fence for a grand slam. Kedroski's swing highlighted a 5-run sixth inning that gave the Leathernecks a 6-5 lead.

"In the sixth, the seventh, and the eighth [innings], it felt like we were dead," Iowa outfielder Eric Toole said. "We didn't have that energy. We kind of lost that swagger."

Tuesday marked the second-straight game in which the Iowa bullpen blew a 4-run lead. Closer Nick Brown lost a 4-run advantage on April 8 at Nebraska, which resulted in a devastating 9-8 loss to the Cornhuskers.

"I don't know if it was 'Here we go again,' but it was just — that grand slam was a tough blow," third baseman Chett Zeise said.

This time, though, the Hawkeyes had an answer. After three innings of deflated baseball in the late innings, Iowa regained the momentum that helped the team build a lead earlier in the game.



Iowa shortstop Jake Yacinich swings in Banks Field on Tuesday. The freshman went 2-for-5 with a run scored as Iowa defeated Western Illinois, 8-7. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

It might not have been pretty — the ball never left the infield during Iowa's last-ditch effort with two outs — but the Hawkeyes patched together 2 walks, 2 infield singles, and a hit batter to come back and defeat Western Illinois, 8-7. "It kind of felt like we just needed something to go our way again," said Zeise, who posted a team-high 3 hits against the Leathernecks. "We started strong — we were tacking on runs, getting baserunners early in the game. Then that long half inning in the sixth where they put up the 5-spot, that slowed the pace of the game down, and we lost our energy there."

Iowa came out strong against the Leathernecks and looked like a team try-

ing to forget what happened against Nebraska.

Starting pitcher Andrew Hedrick was particularly sharp, striking five of the first seven Western Illinois batters he faced.

The Hawkeye offense put a runner on second base in each of the first five innings and eventually scratched the scoreboard with a 3-run third.

Iowa manager Jack Dahm said he could sense even before the game started that the energy was where it needed to be to rebound and get a win against the Leathernecks.

"I thought everything today was very good at the beginning of the game — from our batting practice to our infield and outfield," he said. "The way we played the first five innings I was

very happy with.

"But when they got that grand slam and put up that 5-spot, we got back on our heels a bit. That wasn't good to see because we thought we had worked through that part."

Dahm said he was most pleased with his team's ability to fight through the Leathernecks' offensive surge — Western Illinois scored another run in the seventh inning — thus avoiding another tough loss before heading into Saturday's double-header with South Dakota State and Creighton.

"That was a tough blow right there," Zeise said of the slam. "We gave up a few free bases, kind of lay down a bit and lost our energy."

"Luckily, we got it back."

one out to set the inning in motion. Alexander Zarate replaced Western Illinois starter Tyler Willman, then loaded the bases via walks — Host stood on third, McQuillan was on second, and Yacinich was on first.

A wild pitch advanced the runners, giving Iowa a 4-1 lead. Jake Mangler grounded out to first in the same at-bat, scoring McQuillan for a 5-1 Hawkeye lead. Nick Hibbing replaced Hedrick on the mound for Iowa, tossing two groundouts and a strikeout to hold the Hawkeye lead.

"We came out really fired up today," McQuillan said. "We had a 5-1 lead, and we were expecting to put more runs on."

Everything changed in the sixth inning.

"We were back on our heels," the coach said. "We got a little anxious offensively."

But it was the pitching

that sucked the life out of Banks Field.

Hibbing surrendered a double to Brent Turner to begin the sixth. He followed that by plunking Igara. A wild pitch shortly after sent Turner to third, and Dan Dispensa tacked on a run by singling to right and sending Turner home. Hibbing walked Austin Cowen to load the bases.

Steve Kedroski stepped to the plate and belted a first-pitch fastball over the right-field wall. 6-5, Leathernecks.

"We can't back down after a grand slam," McQuillan said. "We've battled back in the past. We needed to continue to do it."

And so the Hawkeyes did, but it wasn't until the ninth inning that Iowa began to make more noise at the plate. At this point, Western Illinois had added another run for a 7-5 advantage.

Iowa was down to its last out when three walks loaded the bases. Eric Toole came to the plate, and with two strikes, he singled up the middle and scored 2 runs, tying the game at 7.

Andrew Host was walked in the next at-bat, sending Toole to second, and pinch-runner Nick Day stood on third. The excitement started to build in what was left of the Iowa fans.

McQuillan stepped to the plate and — just like his teammate before him — the senior was walked. Day safely crossed home plate, securing Iowa's 8-7 victory.

"It was huge. It was a good win," McQuillan said. "Anything you can win in the bottom of the ninth is huge. It's a feel good win, but tomorrow we have to come back to work — tomorrow, Thursday, and Friday. And we'll play again this weekend."

State, and several schools in Illinois.

His offer from Ferentz came in late last week.

"I knew [Iowa] was the right place for me, and I didn't think I needed to wait any longer — there was no reason to," he said in a video posted on HawkeyeReport.com. "... My goal is to start as a freshman, so we'll see how that works out, I guess."

Willies is the second 2013 recruit to commit to Iowa. Defensive end David Kenney committed on April 4; he's a four-star recruit from Indianapolis, according to Rivals. Kenney also had offers from Cincinnati, Indiana, Iowa State, and Louisville, among others.

and while that may be true, there's no denying the impact a big hit can have on the dugout. She said she thinks the whole team benefits when a batter hits a souvenir ball

"I don't feel you can expect them; they just happen," Looper said. "It's pretty exciting ... and it should be; they love when someone has that chance or opportunity."

## BASEBALL

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I had been working on."

The Iowa bats were taking care of the rest during the bottom half of the innings. The third frame saw Jacob Yacinich with a standing, one-out double that looped past the Leathernecks' Matt Igara. Iowa's Phil Keppler was walked two batters later. Bryan Niedbalski stepped to the plate to redeem himself after he stranded two runners in the first inning.

He ripped a double to right, sending Yacinich and Keppler home to give Iowa a 2-0 advantage. Chett Zeise hit a soft RBI single to left that extended the lead to 3-0.

The Leathernecks were able to snag a run in the top of the fourth, but Iowa responded with 2 more. Andrew Host walked with

## FOOTBALL

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### Minnesota moves forward after loss

The Minnesota football program was shaken late last week when linebacker Gary Tinsley was found dead in his apartment. The Gophers canceled practice on April 7.

"That was very much needed," quarterback MarQueis Gray said in the Tuesday teleconference. "We wouldn't have been able to go full speed in practice."

But head coach Jerry Kill and Company returned to TCF Bank Stadium for a workout on

Tuesday afternoon. The second-year coach said he wasn't sure how his team would react to being on the field for the first time since losing one of its own.

"Gary was a very popular young man, so it's difficult — but today, we'll find out," Kill said in the teleconference. "... Hopefully, we'll carry Gary's name proudly." Tinsley was 22.

### Iowa gets commitment from 2013 wideout

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz received an oral commitment from 2013 wide receiver Derrick Willies on Tuesday, according to HawkeyeReport.com.

Willies is a Rivals.com

### Spring Game

When: Noon Saturday  
Where: Kinnick Stadium

three-star prospect who played at Burlington (Iowa) High this past season and caught 57 passes for 7 touchdowns and 934 yards for a Grayhound team that went 2-7, according to MaxPreps.com. He accounted for 27 percent of Burlington's total points.

He transferred to Rock Island (Ill.) High in January.

Willies is listed as 6-3 and 190 pounds, and Rivals says he runs the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds. He had offers from Iowa, Iowa

### Next Up: Iowa vs. Nebraska

When: April 14-15  
Where: Pearl Field

my hands] allows me to get a little better grip on my bat."

Head softball coach Marla Looper said she thinks hitting home runs isn't all that important —

## SOFTBALL

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fence. If you go up with the mindset you're going to hit the long ball, it usually doesn't happen."

While the Hawkeyes may not approach at-bats with power on their minds, some players — such as Gladden — do showcase rituals they think give them

an advantage at the plate.

The third baseman from Asher, Okla., is the only Hawkeye that doesn't wear batting gloves. She rubs dirt on her hands before stepping up to face a pitcher and sometimes repeats the action between offerings.

Gladden said the ritual is something she picked up during her tee-ball days.

"It's what I've always done; it's what I like to do," she said. "[Rubbing dirt on



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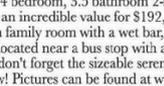
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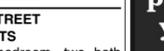


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## Baseball battles back



Iowa shortstop Jake Yacinich (left) runs to celebrate with his teammates at Banks Field on Tuesday. Iowa squandered a 4-run lead, but came back to defeat Western Illinois on a walk-off walk, 8-7. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

Iowa was down to its last out when Eric Toole singled home two runs, and Mike McQuillan walked home the Hawkeyes' winning run.

By **CODY GOODWIN**  
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The Iowa baseball team likes to make its games interesting.

The Hawkeyes entered their half of the ninth inning down 2 runs, but Mike McQuillan drew a two-out walk with the bases loaded to send the team to a 8-7 win over Western Illinois on Tuesday evening at Banks Field.

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Iowa looked dead in the water, just as it did against Nebraska on Sunday. But this time, the Hawkeyes fought back. [Page 10](#)

"It was a good win for us," Hawkeye manager Jack Dahm said.

Dahm's squad looked nearly perfect through the first four innings of Tuesday night's game against Western

Illinois. Freshman pitcher Andrew Hedrick only gave up 2 hits and 1 run with 6 strikeouts during his four innings on the mound.

"[The coaches] wanted to save me for the weekend," he said about his short outing. "I kept the ball down and kept them off balance. I was pretty consistent on hitting my spots with my fastball, which

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AROUND THE BIG TEN

## Husker offense ready to roll

Rex Burkhead headlines the list of returning Nebraska offensive players.

By **SETH ROBERTS**  
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The Nebraska football team introduced itself to the Big Ten in a big way last season.

The Cornhuskers went 9-4, including a 5-3 mark in league play. Three of the four losses came on the road — at Wisconsin and Michigan, arguably two of the most hostile stadiums in the country, and in Florida for the Capital One Bowl against de facto home team South Carolina. The fourth came by 3 points to Northwestern.

It's a new season, of course; several defensive standouts are gone, and former defensive coordinator Carl Pelini left to take over Florida Atlantic. Many of the Blackshirts who are back are going easy in spring practice or not going at all because of injuries.



**Pelini**  
head coach

But most of the offense that put up 307 points in its wins and 379 total — the fourth-most in the conference — is back. Quarterback Taylor Martinez will be a junior. Leading wide receiver Kenny Bell will be a sophomore.

Perhaps most importantly, running back Rex Burkhead — the player Iowa fans will remember for shredding the Hawkeyes for 160 yards on 38 carries in the first edition of the Heroes Game — will be a senior.

"He's set up to do some great things," head coach Bo Pelini said in a Legends Division teleconference on Tuesday.

Pelini said he has kept Burkhead's workload light to keep him fresh for the season, a decision necessitated by the then-junior's 283 carries in 13 games last year. He rushed more often than anyone in the conference besides Wisconsin's Montee Ball (307).

Burkhead was just as active in the Nebraska community, and he will be honored at Nebraska's spring game on Saturday with the 2012 Uplifting Athletes Rare Disease Champion Award.

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## Softball Hawks lag in homers

Freshman Melanie Gladden describes her peculiar batting ritual

By **BEN ROSS**  
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The crack of a bat and a ball flying over a deep outfield fence can change a softball game in a split second.

Six members of the Iowa softball team have combined to hit 12 home runs so far in 2012; the Hawkeyes are second-to-last in the Big Ten in the statistic. Illinois takes the bottom spot with 10 round-trippers, and Minnesota is first with 37.

Senior captain Katie Keim leads Iowa with 5 dingers, one more than she had all last season. The first baseman said she thinks hitting a home run is just as important for team morale as it is for putting runs on the board.



**Keim**  
senior

"It could be a game changer, and it can also set the mood for your team," Keim said. "It's a great feeling. I don't know how to explain it; it's just having that feeling you scored a run just from one hit."

Only two Hawkeyes besides Keim — sophomore Brianna Luna and freshman Melanie Gladden — have hit as many as 2. Megan Blank, Mallorie Grove, and Liz Watkins each have single shots.

Watkins led the team last year with 10 wallops. She now has 24 for her career, which is good for a tie with current assistant coach Stacy May-Johnson for fourth place on Iowa's all-time list. The catcher expressed frustration with her lack of power hitting so far, but she said hitting safely is as important as hitting the long ball.

"It's more important just to get a base hit, but home runs are assets to the softball game," she said. "It kind of just happens. I don't know anyone who just goes up and swings for the

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NOTEBOOK

## Men's golf ready to weigh in

By **RYAN MURPHY**  
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The Iowa men's golf team had its best stroke-play finish of the season when it finished second at the LSU National Invitational on March 31-April 1.

The Hawkeyes hope to use this weekend — their only home tournament of the year — as a springboard heading into the end of the season. Iowa has just two competitions left before the Big Ten championships, which will be held on April 27-29 in French Lick, Ind.

Iowa will host 10 teams at the Hawkeye-Great River Entertainment Invitational this weekend at Finkbine Golf Course.

The Hawkeyes held a 6-stroke lead in Baton Rouge before a late charge by the host Tigers dropped Iowa to second place.

Iowa senior Chris Brant said each player learned specific things about his game, which will hopefully allow each Hawkeye to improve entering the season's home stretch.

"We definitely have a lot of momentum coming from last week," Brant said on Tuesday. "We had our best finish of the year. We were close to winning, and we all saw improvements in our games and saw positive things we can take on to this week."

A winning match-play record and a high finish in Baton Rouge puts the Hawkeyes in a similar position as the 2011 team, which finished 10th in the nation. That squad won what was then called the Hawkeye-TaylorMade Invitational.



Iowa men's golf head coach Mark Hankins talks to the press at his team's media day at Finkbine Golf Course on Tuesday. Iowa will host 10 teams in the Hawkeye-Great River Entertainment Invitational this weekend. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

Iowa head coach Mark Hankins said having positive tournament outings in the rear-view mirror is a positive, but it's imperative the Hawkeyes continue focusing on each weekend as single competitions.

"It's pretty much a confidence-builder, but it can be detrimental," he said. "We have to prepare for this event; each event is different, because every golf course is different and favors certain kinds of golfers."

### Hawkeyes can make big statement

Iowa's competition at the Hawkeye-Great River Entertainment Invitational includes five other teams from the Big Ten: Minnesota, Penn State, Wisconsin,

### Hawkeye-Great River Entertainment Invitational

When: Saturday and April 15  
Where: Finkbine Golf Course

Nebraska, and Michigan State.

The Gophers also competed in Baton Rouge, and their seventh-place finish put them 36 shots behind the Hawkeyes. All of the conference teams in this weekend's action competed at the Big Ten Match-Play held on Feb. 10-11, but none met the Hawkeyes head-to-head.

Iowa is ranked the highest of the six competing conference teams, slotted at No. 27

in the nation by *Golf Week*. The only other top-100 Big Ten team in the field is No. 93 Michigan State.

Iowa senior Barrett Kelpin said the number of conference teams in Iowa City will give the Hawkeyes an idea of where they stand in the league, which is beneficial with the Big Ten championships only a few weeks away.

"It's always nice to weigh yourself going into Big Tens and get an idea — individually and as a team — what it's going to be like when you get to Big Tens," Kelpin said. "When you are competing against Big Ten teams, you always want to beat them and let people know you're going to be competitive come Big Ten season."