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## Accused stayed to himself

A local woman who aids foreign students with legal issues has been asked by those she's previously assisted to help Tang.

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Neighbors of Peng Tang, an Iowa City man accused of first-degree kidnapping, said the 21-year-old kept largely to himself.

Tang, who lived at 923 E. College St. No. 8, was arrested March 30 for allegedly sexually assaulting a woman while viewing her

West Benton Street apartment for a potential sublease, according to court documents.

"I've never talked to him before," said UI sophomore Blake Shaffer, who lives in the same complex as Tang. "He kept to himself mostly."

Three residents of 923 E. College St. No. 5, an apartment just down the hall from Tang's, said they only saw Tang around five

times throughout the year.

None of the students said they knew if Tang had any roommates.

"The last couple of days, [Tang's] door has been wide open, and it looks pretty empty in there," said UI sophomore Austin Weisinger, who lives with Shaffer.

According to Iowa City police complaints, Tang's father, Xuefan

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## Student-parents band together

By **ANNA THEODOSIS**  
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Some student-parents at the UI have created a program offering better networking and childcare options — and they may soon see their efforts wind up as a formally recognized student group.

"[Coming to the UI,] I felt really isolated from people my age, and I didn't get to know other students with kids," said UI junior Jenna Herr, who had a child during her junior year of high school. "And I was really limited in what I could do here."

Business major Herr and other student-parents at the UI have advocated for student-parent services allowing more contact among parents and easier access to resources such as housing and childcare.

UI junior Nicole Filloon developed the program Supporting the Education of Parent-Students after her own experiences as a

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Jenna Herr, a junior in the UI Tippie College of Business, prepares dinner for her 3-year-old daughter, Aaliya, in her home on Tuesday. Herr is planning to become a member of a new student organization developed for student-parents at the university. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

### ON THE WEB TODAY:

VIDEO: Liberal-arts dean candidate Patricia Okker emphasizes communication during open forum.

VIDEO: UI student Jenna Herr talks about her experience as a student-parent.

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### WEATHER

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## Virus hits UI Macs

University of Iowa information technology officials said they first noticed the virus Tuesday.

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University of Iowa freshman Cailie Furlong was studying online Wednesday — until she was blocked from the UI network.

Her computer, along with around 350 other Mac computers on campus, had been infected with the Flashback virus.

UI Chief Information Security Officer Jane Drews said computers received the virus from an infected website. Once installed, the virus allows its creator to access personal information such as account passwords.

"It's something to take seriously," she said.

Concern has been serious enough for the UI Informa-



Derick Hutchins, an employee at the ITS Services Center, backs up the files on Sam Johnson's laptop before ITS fixes it. UI IT officials says around 350 Macs have been infected with the Flashback virus this week. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

tion Technology Services to block infected Macs from accessing the campus wireless network. The UI's intrusion-detection system detects the Flashback virus — which accesses computers by exploiting a security flaw in Java — by catching the network activity of machines trying to access botnet, a network of hacked computers.

UI freshman Max Dehio also noticed his computer had

been blocked Wednesday. He said the university IT services told him it will reformat every infected Mac on campus in order to remove the virus.

Dehio said he was surprised by the block.

"I think the university should send out an email before it kicks you off the network," he said.

Drews said some students

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## Prostitution probe nets 16 arrests

Local police spent a month planning the sting operation.

By **DORA GROTE**  
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Local police officials said Internet advertisements helped lead to 16 recent arrests on prostitution and related charges — including that of a University of Iowa professor.

"The Internet connects people," said Lt. Shane Kron of the Coralville police. "It's a tremendous benefit — tremendous crime tool. Many, many crimes are Internet-based, and prostitution is no different. You don't need to run ads in newspapers any more."

According to a city of Coralville press release, the arrests were made following a monthlong investigation followed by a two-day joint sting operation by police in Coralville, Iowa City, and the University of Iowa and Johnson County deputies.

Police complaints show UI Dentistry Clinical Assistant Professor Lance Forbes was charged Wednesday with offering to purchase a sex act. Forbes allegedly arranged to meet with a female at a predetermined loca-

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# Rezoning draws protest

City officials have received more than 70 protests against the zoning amendments up for first consideration April 17.

By **KRISTEN EAST**  
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A slew of new rezoning petitions delivered to the city could once again delay the first vote on a set of highly debated rezoning amendments.

Iowa City city councilors are scheduled to hold two public hearings in April on two proposed zoning amendments. The first would establish the maximum number of bedrooms allowed in a multifamily housing unit in multifamily zones as three. The other would require at least one parking space per bedroom for multifamily housing units in the University Impact Area, where illegal parking has been a concern for the city.

City officials received more than 20 rezoning peti-

tions for the multifamily housing amendment as of Thursday evening and roughly 50 petitions for the parking amendment.

City Clerk Marian Karr said councilors certainly have the option to delay the first consideration of each amendment.

“Petitions can come in until the public hearing closes Tuesday,” she said. “The council always has the right to defer action. [Though] I don’t know at this point — that would be a staff and council decision.”

The city received more than 80 protests against another rezoning amendment that was voted on for first consideration at the last City Council meeting, April 3.

The first consideration of a rezoning amendment — changing the definition of

“household” in the City Code — was delayed March 20 after city officials needed time to tabulate the protests representing more than 142 local properties. Yet the percentage required to impose a super-majority vote — where at least six councilors must be in favor of passing an item — was not reached. At least 20 percent of people affected by the zoning proposal were required to submit petitions.

Councilors are scheduled to vote on the second consideration on April 17.

Senior city planner Robert Miklo said the rezoning petitions for these further changes are no different from the first amendment voted on — 20 percent of those living in the affected area must be represented in the petitions

for a super-majority vote.

However, Miklo said it’s unlikely that councilors would defer their votes Tuesday as they did the last time.

“Not as many [petitions] have come in [as last time],” he said. “We’re hoping to have them all tabulated at the meeting Tuesday night.”

Councilor Susan Mims said the vote depends upon how many petitions the city receives on Tuesday.

“It will probably be the staff’s call,” she said. “They asked us to defer [the vote] last time. It would depend on if they had any last-minute ones delivered.”

Councilors will hold the two public hearings during the April 17 meeting and are expected to vote on the first considerations of each after the hearings.

## HOW LA IMITATES IC



Napoleon Fuller on Thursday plays “Say It One More Time,” by Ray Charles, on one of some 30 pianos that have been placed in public areas around Los Angeles County, this one opposite City Hall in downtown Los Angeles. The pianos have been decorated by local artists and community organizations, and they will be available for three weeks. (Associated Press/Reed Saxon)

## METRO/NATION

### Council expected to increase storm-water fee

Iowa City city councilors will vote April 17 on the final consideration of an ordinance increasing storm-water utility fees.

Single-family residences would see a 50-cent increase per month, and multifamily residences would see a 25-cent increase.

According to the proposal, this would be the second storm-water fee increase since the Public Works Department established the fee in June 2004.

Councilors unanimously approved the first and second considerations, and they will likely pass the ordinance on April 17.

### Council to vote on transit funds

The Iowa City City Council will hold a public hearing April 17 authorizing the filing of an application with the Iowa Department of Transportation for financial assistance.

According to the proposal, the Metropolitan Planning Organization of Johnson County will file an application with the department for state transit assistance and federal transit administration funding for fiscal 2013.

Iowa City Transit will receive roughly \$397,000 in state transit

assistance and roughly \$1.4 million in federal transit administration funding.

City councilors will hold the public hearing and vote on a resolution approving the application.

### Council to hold hearings on tobacco fines

The Iowa City City Council will conduct hearings for several local tobacco vendors for selling or providing tobacco to a minor.

Councilors will assess a 30-day retail cigarette permit suspension or \$1,500 civil penalty against the Den, 123 E. Washington St., for selling or providing tobacco to a minor for the second time in a two-year period.

Councilors will also assess \$300 civil penalties each against Fareway, 2530 Westwinds Drive; Liquor Downtown, 315 S. Gilbert St.; Red Poppy, 341 E. College St.; Russ’ North Side Service, 305 N. Gilbert St.; and Zombies Tobacco, 318 E. Burlington St.

The *Daily Iowan* reported in January seven businesses failed tobacco-compliance checks conducted Jan. 18, 19, and 21.

Walgreens, 2214 Muscatine Ave., also failed the January compliance checks.

Selling tobacco products to a person under the age of 18 is a simple misdemeanor; the first offense is punishable by a \$100 fine.

The council will hold hearings for the businesses listed at its next meeting, April 17.

### Woman faces many charges

A Fort Dodge woman has been charged with forging a check.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Shalonya Dierman, 30, was charged Oct. 28, 2011, with two charges of forgery, second-degree theft, two charges of identity theft, and trespassing.

Dierman reportedly cashed a check at Hy-Vee, 1720 Waterfront Drive, belonging to Hodge Construction at Bank of America. According to the complaint, the check was fictitious and Hodge Construction had no such account with Dierman.

According to the complaint, when Dierman tried to cash the check she used an Iowa driver’s license, and the clerk at the Hy-Vee took the driver’s license number on the check. Fort Dodge police officials positively identified the person in the Hy-Vee surveillance photos as Dierman.

Dierman allegedly cashed a similar check on Oct. 14 at the same Hy-Vee.

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

Identity theft is a Class-D felony punishable of up to five years in jail and a maximum fine

of \$7,500.

Trespassing is a serious misdemeanor.

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

### Afghan deal criticized

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee expressed serious concerns that the U.S.-Afghanistan deal giving Afghans authority over night raids could put Americans at greater risk and undercut intelligence gathering critical in the long war.

In a letter Thursday to Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, Rep. Howard “Buck” McKeon questioned elements of the recent agreement, a major step toward completing a strategic partnership on how U.S. forces will operate in Afghanistan after combat troops leave in 2014. The Obama administration and Kabul are pushing to complete the partnership before the NATO summit in Chicago next month.

McKeon raised reservations about the establishment of a panel of Afghan security officials — military, government, and intelligence services — and giving it the authority to review and approve what raids will take place.

— Associated Press

## BLOTTER

**Maricela Duarte De Garcia**, 46, 2401 Highway 6 E. No. 1201, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

**Kary Geary**, 48, Coralville, was charged Monday with OWI and driving while license suspended or canceled.

**Johnathan Gunn**, 23, 1038 E.

College St., was charged April 8 with having an animal in the plaza.

**Tyler Liles**, 24, 1920 Sherman Drive, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

**Melody McCullom**, 21, Waterloo, was charged Tuesday with obstruction of an officer.

**Nelson Parades-Vasquez**, 20, 520 Foster Road, was charged Wednesday with driving while license suspended or canceled.

**Desiree Shamblin**, 25, 2401 Highway 6 E. No. 4809, was charged Wednesday with driving while license suspended or canceled.

**Michael Stanton**, 34, Center Point, was charged April 5 with third-degree harassment.

**Laron Thurmond**, 26, Cedar Rapids, was charged Tuesday with driving while license suspended or canceled.

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# TANG

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Tang, 57, and mother, Li Qiao, 49, arrived in Iowa on April 5 — roughly a week after the alleged kidnapping — and began staying in their son's apartment. Six days later, Iowa City police charged Xuefan Tang and Qiao with attempting to bribe Tang's alleged victim, according to complaints.

Weisinger said Tang's parents seemed "Americanized," and he only saw them a few times recently outside Tang's residence following the alleged assault.

"They didn't say anything to me," he said.

Qiao and Xuefan Tang are in custody at the Johnson County Jail, each on a \$100,000 bond. Unlike their son, Qiao and Xuefan Tang had not been placed on immigration hold as of Thursday evening.

Jail officials could not speak specifically about why their bond increased from \$2,000 Wednesday to the current \$100,000 bond but said the bond amount is up to the discretion of the case's judge. Sixth District Judge Ian Thornhill was

assigned to the case, according to online court records.

Jennifer Xie — an Iowa City woman who owns local restaurants Jade Sisters and Chili Yummy, as well as Bai Jia Asian Market — said she helps more than 100 foreign residents per semester who are adjusting to life in America. She said the people she assists, mostly Chinese students, often need aid finding housing and transportation or advice on legal problems and translation.

"Sometimes, if they really get in big trouble, I recommend [they get] a lawyer," she said.

The attorney assigned to Tang's case, Marshalltown public defender Ray Reel, did not return calls seeking comment Thursday.

Xie said she has received requests from people she'd helped in the past to work with Tang in his case. She said English is not Tang's first language and said she believes his family came from China to attend his hearings. Tang will enter a plea in the case at the Johnson County Court-house today.

University of Iowa criminal law Professor Emily Hughes said ensuring clear communication between the client and court offi-

cial is one of the most common obstacles when dealing with legal issues surrounding a non-native-English speaker.

"The most common difficulty is making sure that they have someone that is interpreting word-for-word, so that they can understand the process," she said.

Hughes said sometimes there can be up to two interpreters, depending on the case, and ideally the client will have an interpreter the moment they appear in court.

According to the state's rules on court interpreters, when "the court learns the services of an interpreter are reasonably necessary ... court staff shall select a competent interpreter."

Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness said when someone is charged and does not speak fluent English, it is important for them to obtain a court interpreter. The interpreter should also have a good understanding of legal language.

During a search conducted at Tang's apartment the day after the reported assault, police found handcuffs, women's underwear, a heart-shaped box with condoms, Viagra pills, and a knife, among other



The apartment at 923 E. College St. No. 8 that Peng Tang lived in before being arrested. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

things, according to police reports and court documents.

After the alleged kidnapping, police had the woman message Tang, who agreed to meet her again. Once Tang showed up at the alleged victim's apartment, she identified him as the person who assaulted her and he was taken into custody, according to a police search warrant.

Police found a folding knife, passport and condoms in Tang's backpack, the report said.

An official at the an apartment complex on West Benton Street — who spoke on the condition of anonymity — said the assault occurred in one of the her company's buildings, but would not say which one. Police records said the assault took place in the 1000 block of West Benton.

Residents are not supposed to handle subleasing on their own, she said, and subletters are told to fill out an application at the office and to handle the

process through apartment-complex officials. Residents are advised not to go through other vendors or second parties when subleasing their apartments because of the potential for dangerous situations, she said.

"If [the alleged victim] would have tried to sublet her apartment through the office like she was supposed to, this might not have happened," she said.

Daily Iowan photographer Ya-Chen Chen contributed to this story.

# STUDENT-PARENTS

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student-parent. The organization — which now has around 30 student-parents — is awaiting approval from the university to become an official student organization, to be decided April 27.

Filloon said she began the program to make it easier for student-parents at the UI.

"Meeting other student-parents is something that individually we all felt the

same frustrations," said Filloon, the founder and president. "At first, coming to the university, I felt like I had to do a lot of digging to find resources for student-parents."

The UI offers free childcare during the two weekends before finals and reimburses some students between \$50 and \$220 a month for childcare services. This academic year, the university reimbursed 219 student-parents for childcare and has had approximately 15 students utilize the free childcare during finals.

However, Filloon and Herr said they wanted more opportunities to net-

work and share resources with fellow student-parents.

"One of the hardest things for me was finding housing and daycare," she said. "As a student coming right out of high school, what was presented to me was dorm life — which obviously isn't something that I can benefit from."

Night exams were one of the biggest academic difficulties, Herr said.

"I had two testing periods that were too late to get adequate childcare," she said. "I had a baby-sitter who just didn't show up one time. I think one thing student-parents would

really benefit from is a centralized childcare."

Nicole Studt, the manager of UI Family Services, said she supports the new organization's ability to bring student-parents together.

"I think it's great," she said. "I think it's great for student-parents to connect with each other on campus. Many of them are going through the same thing."

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Check out our website for a video interview with UI student parent Jenna Herr.

Though the organization is not a university-sponsored group yet, Filloon said she has found it successful.

"Through this group, I've gotten to know this great group of people and their kids," she said. "Now, I feel connected not just with the university but with the

## Student-Parent Resources

Current resources offered by the UI for the benefit of student-parent and faculty members:

- Free weekend childcare around finals
- Reimbursement for childcare if qualified
- Childcare referrals

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## Point/Counterpoint

## Should Iowa give incentives to alternative forms of energy?

## No

When it comes to giving incentives to businesses and markets, the government should always butt out.

Looking as far back at Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*, it is clear that the foundations of economic theory state that capitalistic free markets allow for prosperity and advancement. This is why the Iowa Legislature should revisit the economics of tax breaks for wind power and let them expire at the end of this year.

Iowa ranks second in wind power generation nationally with 4,322 megawatts of capacity, surpassed only by Texas's 10,377 megawatts. But when you look at the energy generation in Iowa with coal, wind dwarfs it in comparison — 72 percent of energy generation in 2010 came from coal, with 7,630 megawatts of capacity.

There's a good reason for this: The power generated from wind turbines cannot be stored efficiently. While there are some scientists and engineers that believe they have created a battery efficient enough to support wind power, it's not ready for real-world implementation, nor is it cheap enough to be a viable alternative.

Not to mention the fact that the seasons and weather conditions in general play a huge role in how much electricity is produced. Obviously, if there's no wind, you have no power generation. The winter months are windier than the summer months, when electricity is needed the most.

Texas experienced this lag last year. On Aug. 24, electricity demand in the state was around 66,000 megawatts, near full capacity. It was a dry, windless day, which took a toll on wind power. Only 880 megawatts of power were produced on that day instead of the 10,377 that were supposed to be generated. Until battery technologies advance, this will be a common problem.

On top of this, the price paid for alternative energies far exceeds any benefits. The tax credit that wind producers are hoping to retain next year is 2.2 cents per kilowatt-hour production. While that doesn't seem like much, the math tells another story. Wind producers around Iowa are exempt from paying more than \$1.63 billion in state taxes, according to 2009 data.

Iowa officials should learn from national governments' experiences with premature energies, particularly Spain. For every "green job" financed by Spanish taxpayers, 2.2 jobs were removed elsewhere in the economy because of opportunity costs. Our federal government's ventures into solar power have been disastrous, most notably with the bankruptcy of Solyndra, Inc. after receiving \$535 million loan guarantee from the Department of Energy. Clearly, all this government intervention into the market has only screwed things up.

Despite all of this, I have confidence that many alternative energy sources will eventually become feasible for widespread implementation, but only if the government gets out of the way.

— Joe Schueller

## Yes

When I was a kid, my great grandmother lived on a working farm. The simple farmhouse sat on hundreds of acres filled with rows of corn, offset by the quaint, wooden barn and the massive silos.

Though the house was later blown up by my grandmother's ancient Oldsmobile, the remnants of a classic farm remains.

This, of course, included a windmill.

The truth is, the human race has been using wind power since 500 A.D. — back when the Persians thought it would be nice if they could let the wind do a little of the grain grinding and water pumping for once. They created what is known as the panemone: genius.

But, after 1,500 years, it's time for someone to step in and give the geniuses a little push in the right direction.

I'm not talking about government privatization of industry or the destruction of capitalism: I'm talking about the investment in the energy future of America.

Oh, yes, I can hear my Tea Partying grandfather groaning — the abstract idea of a future of America not exactly like the '60s can be unbearable at times.

This is what we are talking about though: an abstraction. There are very few states that have enough wind power to make a considerable dent in their residents' energy consumption. It's scary to think about the unknown — who knows if wind power will work? It could be a crash and burn; we may have to sell the store to keep necessities like the state lottery running.

But it's time to scratch the surface of the seemingly impossible — if bribing people to wake up from their oil-induced comas will do the trick, then the option should be left on the table.

Think of it like a reverse sin tax: If you can tax a devilish amount for my pack of cigarettes, then I want to give a little of that money to alternative energy. I'm not asking for the whole turkey here, I'm just asking for a little of the dark meat.

Wind power is a start, but it may not be the finish: It's necessary, but it may not be sufficient. I don't understand people who try to look for one and only one alternative source of energy; the ones who search for the holy grail that will make their televisions hum. Wind power may not be the most viable option, but it may certainly play a part in the mosaic of future energy.

If Iowa can play a small part in pioneering a viable source of renewable energy, let's tilt the windmill and continue to throw the industry a little bit of money.

— Benjamin Evans

Your turn. Should Iowa give incentives to wind power? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## One size fits none

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Although the Partnership for Alcohol Safety has made a genuine effort to help keep students safe in Iowa City, it takes a huge risk by tinkering with the delicate ecosystem that is the University of Iowa campus. The panel members must think strategically and consider all possible outcomes of the changes they make.

It is hard to evaluate the effectiveness of the group's efforts. It is heavily involved on and off the campus with goals of keeping students safe when it comes to alcohol consumption. This cookie-cutter goal apparently comes with a cookie-cutter approach.

"[Our goal is to] move toward a healthier relationship with alcohol, where high-risk drinking is not seen as a normal, expected, or necessary part of the college experience and where fewer people experience problems as a result of high-risk drinking either because of their own drinking or because of drinking by other people," Kelly Bender, the campus-community alcohol-harm reduction coordinator, said.

But isn't that what could potentially cause these initiatives to crash and burn? If the alcohol panel wants to make a real change in Iowa City binge drinking, it will have to tailor a program that parallels the uniqueness of the town.

Such a rigid structure has had a quite an effect on party-goers. Underage students looking to drink choose one of two paths, invest in a fake ID or hit up a house party (note that neither of these options is to not drink at all). Incidence of fake-ID possession has increased significantly in Iowa City. Students who want to participate in underage drinking seek out bars that they need fake IDs to get into because they feel unsafe at unregulated house parties.

"I was sick of going to house parties, where I was worried about getting roofied. At the bars I can watch the bartender make my drink," one UI freshman replied when asked why she decided to get a fake ID.

This concern is common among students.

"Even if there hasn't been a noticeable increase in the problem, there has always been danger related to excessive drinking at house parties, and students are right to feel concerned," Bender said. "There is increased potential for things to become unsafe whenever or where ever there is excessive drinking going on."

The propensity for dangerous drinking is obviously higher at a house party, where there is no bartender to cut people off or call the police.

If students are expressing their concern about the safety of house parties, the cause of these issues should be reviewed more in depth.

Bender believes that students have a responsibility to choose safety over breaking the law or drinking dangerously.

"Beyond enforcement and education, there is also a responsibility of part of students to be take steps to reduce their personal risk if they choose to attend a house party, and there is a responsibility on the part of party hosts to take steps to decrease the risk for problems by their guests," she said.

Although I agree that personal responsibility and accountability are important, it is unrealistic to expect that students would wield such responsibility well — in turn, putting more stress on law enforcement and the committee to review the causes of these concerns and explore ways to alleviate these concerns. May I suggest lifting the 21-ordinance for starters?

Sure, there are alcohol-free events across campus, especially in the dorms, but attendance at these events are usually low, indicating there is not great interest in alcohol-free events. It is unrealistic and naïve to think that by pushing students out of places where they can participate in underage drinking, that they will have a change of heart and decide that a dry event may actually be fun. They will simply find someplace else to go.

Though the goals of alcohol panel are admirable, they are far too general to work. New actions need to be taken to either change the culture of Iowa City or limit dangerous drinking as much as possible. ■

## Letter

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## Discrimination at the law school?

I have been following the controversy surrounding the claim made by a conservative woman that the UI College of Law discriminated against her, and I am irate that someone would be discriminated against in this culturally accepting town.

How dare the law school deny someone a job simply because of her political affilia-

tions? To think that it would disregard her obvious talents and qualifications, only to judge her based on her political views is an outrage.

Sure, the school didn't ask her what her views were, it's not included in the interview or in any application, but that didn't stop the discrimination. They could see that she was conservative as easily as someone can see when someone is gay, black, Latino, or poor.

Obviously, there should be a quota for how many conservatives work for the university.

There shouldn't be quotas set for any other minorities for jobs or college admittance because that would be contrary to Supreme Court decision in *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke*, but this is completely different. Conservatives aren't really a minority, so why are

their ratios in this town not reflecting their ratios in the rest of the United States?

Teresa Wagner undoubtedly was the most qualified, had the best interview, the best recommendations, and the most impressive CV. The only possible thing that could've lost her the job in this situation was that she was too conservative. Discrimination sure does suck.  
Katie Kuntz  
UI student

## Guest Column

## Many reasons to choose President Obama

In 2008, we fought to get then-Sen. Barack Obama elected so he could bring a responsible end to the war in Iraq, provide affordable health care to millions of Americans, cuts taxes and deliver economic security for the middle class, and make college more affordable for young Americans.

On all counts, he has delivered.

But we know there is much work to be done. We know in this election we have a very stark choice. Obama brought us back from the brink of economic disaster, brought our troops home from Iraq, and grown the economy that was once shrinking.

Former Gov. Mitt Romney, the presumptive Republican nominee, would undo all the progress we have made and bring back the same policies that put us in the deepest economic hole since before many of our grandparents were born.

Students know as well as anyone that we need to be out-educating other countries now so we can continue to out-compete them in the future. In Obama, we have someone in the White House who fights for us day in and day out.

In just three years, Obama has made huge progress that is helping student and young Americans right now. The president

helped us pay for college by doubling Pell Grants and expanding them to 3 million more students. He helped eliminate the middlemen from the college-loan program, taking away billions of taxpayer dollars that were going to the banks instead of students and giving that support directly to us.

Obama also created and extended tax credits worth as much as \$10,000 over four years of school. This helped an estimated 9.4 million students and families in 2011, including 78,000 in Iowa.

The president reformed student loans to make it easier for students to pay back federal college loans. Starting in 2014, new bor-

rowers will never pay more than 10 percent of their disposable income, and Obama proposed accelerating this benefit to current students. The law allows any remaining debt to be forgiven after twenty years.

For people in public-service — teachers, nurses, or members of the armed forces — the remaining debt will be forgiven after 10 years if they make their payments on time.

"It would be popular for me to stand up and say I'm going to give you government money to pay for your college, but I'm not going to promise that. Don't just go to one that has the highest

price. Go to one that has a little lower price where you can get a good education. And hopefully, you'll find that. And don't expect the government to forgive the debt that you take on," Romney recently told a student at an event.

This response shouldn't come as a surprise. When Romney was governor of Massachusetts, the average public university costs soared from \$9,000 a year to more than \$15,000 a year.

Iowa ranks third in the country in average tuition debt: \$29,598 per student. Nearly three out of four Iowa students graduate

with debt, the fourth-worst rate in the country. Graduating is hard — you're faced with finding a job and a career while trying to figure out how to make it on your own. Now is not the time to ask students to take on more debt.

For many young Americans, this election will be the first time we vote. November is almost here, and this upcoming election is so important. Don't miss this opportunity to shape the future of the America that you will inherit: An America that will see a continually brighter day with Obama as president for four more years.

John Rigby  
UI alumnus

# Stressing communication



College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean candidate Patricia Okker speaks during a question-and-answer session at the Chemistry Building on Thursday. Okker is one of four people being considered for the position. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

Patricia Okker said bringing new technology into the classroom was key in keeping students interested.

By DEREK KELLISON  
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A candidate for dean of the University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts and Sciences stressed the need for cooperation among faculty at an open forum on Thursday.

Patricia Okker, the third of four candidates to visit the UI campus, told students and faculty members that educators from all departments need to understand each other for better overall education.

Okker said her role as a dean would have more to do with the skills of the faculty than her own.

"I see myself as a facilitator," said Okker, a current English professor and faculty fellow at the University of Missouri. "My job as an administrator is to bring [faculty] together and let the sparks fly."

She said communication is key to her goal of an interdisciplinary liberal-arts program, incorporating both the humanities and the sciences.

"There's an issue of complexity when you try to address the humanities," Okker said. "You have to look at things from multiple perspectives."

## Finalist Patricia Okker

University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean candidate Patricia Okker's background includes:

- University of Missouri director of undergraduate studies, English Department, 1998-2002
  - University of Missouri associate head, English Department, 2001-2004
  - University of Missouri head, English Department, 2005-2011
  - University of Missouri head, Strategic Planning and Resource Advisory Council, 2010-Present
- Source: UI Office of the Provost

Interdisciplinary practices would offer students a new kind of liberal-arts education teaching basic skills many employers are seeking, Okker said.

"I want to emphasize the practical benefits of a CLAS education to students," she said. "All studies are ground in a similar foundation."

Her support of interdisciplinary education follows a push by UI computer-science faculty to incorporate more computer classes into general-education requirements in light of the subject's growing workplace popularity.

Okker said her previous concentrations at Missouri have introduced new technology, such as e-books, into old programs. This is key, she said this is key to keeping students interested in their classes.

"You absolutely have to keep what's new and exciting in classes to keep students interested," she said.

Alex Barker, the director of the University of Missouri Museum of Art and Archaeology, said Okker's past work on that campus planning committee has shown her ability to bring people together.

"When we started talking about campus planning, she brought in all members of the planning committee and the director to look at the needs of the school," Barker said.

This approach was different from past heads, he said, who approved plans without consulting all staff members about their needs.

Though Okker said she has heard criticism of the Missouri interdisciplinary education program's integration with the sciences, she maintained the mix is beneficial to students.

"It's not to undercut the humanities in any way," she said. "It's just very old storytelling with new skills being added in."

Attendee Adrienne Zimmer said she was happy with the candidate's overall plan but would have liked to see Okker put more emphasis on other aspects of the college.

"Funding is always an issue," the UI junior said. "And alumni networks could be stronger here. Getting students to realize that they need to stay involved is important."

## THEY CAME, THEY SEESAWED, THEY CONQUERED



Members of Lambda Chi Alpha and Pi Beta Phi ride on the teeter-totter during the Teeter-Totter-A-Thon in front of the Lambda Chi Alpha house on Thursday. Participants have been riding the teeter totter since noon Thursday and will ride until noon Saturday. All proceeds are donated to First Book and the Johnson County Chris Center. Last year, approximately \$5,000 was donated. (The Daily Iowan/Ricky Bahner)

## WORLD

### Annan 'encouraged' about Syrian cease-fire

UNITED NATIONS — International envoy Kofi Annan told the U.N. Security Council on Thursday he was "encouraged" at the start of a fragile cease-fire in Syria but said the government failed to keep its pledge to withdraw troops and heavy weapons from cities and towns.

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice, the current council president, said Annan urged council members to demand that Syrian President Bashar Assad order his troops back to barracks.

She quoted Annan as saying in his video briefing to the council that "troops and heavy weapons remain in population centers."

Annan asked the Security Council to quickly authorize the deployment of an advance U.N. team to monitor the cease-fire, ahead of the deployment of a larger monitoring mission. South African U.N. Ambassador Baso Sangqu said discussions on the text of a U.N. resolution authorizing the deployment would begin Thursday afternoon, and diplomats said it could be adopted as early as today.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon cautioned that a single gunshot could derail the fragile peace that started at 6 a.m. Damascus time. He urged both sides to refrain from provocation.

"It may be broken any time," Ban said. "If and when there is another gunshot, even a small gunshot may give both sides the pretext to engage in another fighting. This is a very worrisome."

— Associated Press

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**VIRUS**

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with Macs should take precautions by getting the most current operating system — OS10.7 — and running software updates, installing antivirus software, and turning on firewall programs.

Because reformatting deletes everything on a computer, UI computer-science Associate Professor Doug Jones recommended students back up any important information.

“In general, the important thing to do is keep backups of anything that matters to you,” he said. “[Because] a good thing to do if your computer does get infected is to wipe everything.”

Cases such as the Flashback virus represent a decrease in antivirus effectiveness over the past few years, Jones said — especially for Macs, which are not considered as vulnerable to viruses as PCs.

“It’s sort of disturbing that Macintoshes are being targeted now,” he said.

Drews said Apple released a software update Tuesday to prevent Mac computers from being infected by the virus. UI ITS is testing the software to see if it clears the virus completely, she said.

If the software is effective, she said, the university will take that approach instead of reformatting and reloading infected computers.

Furlong said UI computer services were able to

**Mac virus**

**Number of Mac computers infected:**

- Approx. 350 at UI infected
- Approx. 600,000 infected nationwide

Source: UI, Apple

save all her documents and pictures, but everything else was gone.

“I couldn’t do my homework last night,” she said. “I couldn’t even work in the ITC because it is all saved on my laptop.”

Dehio said he completed all of his homework earlier in the week but was still concerned about the virus spreading around end-of-semester deadlines.

“I’m losing the time that I should be studying and researching for my essays,” he said.

**PROSTITUTION**

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tion. Upon arrival, he agreed to pay the female — an undercover police officer — in exchange for oral sex.

Forbes first joined the College of Dentistry in 1998 and is a clinical assistant professor of Family Dentistry at Hospital Dentistry. He is also director of the UI College of Dentistry’s general practice residency program at the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

UI officials declined to comment on the charges.

“The university is aware of the charges, but beyond that I cannot discuss confidential personnel matters,” UI spokesman Tom Moore said.

Kron said the operation team successfully completed the sting because of the technical support, surveillance, and large number of people involved.

“Prostitution has its own culture — its own websites, its own verbiage, its own code words,” he said. “If you can’t get inside that, you are going to struggle.”

According to police complaints, Waterloo resident Melody McCullom told police officials she operates a prostitution business online that brings in thousands of dollars a week. She also allegedly admitted to creating a website used to set up sexual meetings for her sister, a minor.

A person who knowingly engages a minor in the sex trade is can be charged with human trafficking, a Class C felony.

Local police teams brought in investigators from the Law Enforcement Intelligence Network, a national agency composed of personnel and resources open to assist other agencies in operations, to assist with the sting.

Police officials expected more arrests, Kron said, but ran out of investigators who were working on other tasks.

“We had more than 30 investigators assisting in this operation,” Kron said. “And at one point, we didn’t have any left.”

The arrests could have an effect on the careers of those charged in the sting.

Drake University law Professor Sally Frank said employers have the right to fire an employee for any reason — including prostitution charges —

“It’s public information, and the employers might decide publicity is bad, and they don’t want it,” Frank said. “It wouldn’t be a violation of Iowa Civil Rights Laws to fire an employee for that reason.”

Kron said the prostitution and human trafficking problem isn’t location-specific — it’s a public problem.

**Prostitution**

**Local police arrested 17 individuals and charged 16 of them in a country-wide sting operation.**

**Charges included:**

- Prostitution, aggravated misdemeanor
- Human trafficking, Class C felony
- Pandering a minor, Class C felony
- Pimping, Class D felony

Source: Johnson County Criminal Complaints

“Prostitutes travel,” Kron said. “They work somewhat of a circuit — city to city a couple days at a time. The johns tend to be local. They are frequenting the prostitutes who travel. If you didn’t have prostitution, you wouldn’t have minors being trafficked all across the country, and johns can’t wash their hands of that.”

**N. Korean missile fails**

By JEAN H. LEE  
Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — Defying international concerns, North Korea fired a long-range rocket earlier today that splintered into pieces over the Yellow Sea about a minute after takeoff in an apparent failure, South Korean and U.S. officials said.

The liftoff took place at 7:39 a.m. (22:39 GMT, 5:39 CDT Thursday) from the west-coast launch pad in the hamlet of Tongchang-ri, South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff in Seoul said, citing South Korean and U.S. intelligence.

The United States, South Korea, and many other countries had warned against the launch, calling it a provocation and a cover to test missile technology. North Korea had insisted it would not back down and said the rocket would only carry a civilian satellite, touting it as a major technological achievement to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of the country’s founder, Kim Il Sung, on Sunday.

Still, if the rocket failed, it would be a major embarrassment for Pyongyang, which has invited dozens of international journalists to observe the rocket launch and other celebrations.

It has staked its pride on the satellite, seeing it as a show of strength amid persistent economic hardship while Kim Il Sung’s grandson, the 29-year-old Kim Jong Un, solidifies power following the death of his father, longtime leader Kim Jong Il, four months ago.

“It blows a big hole in the birthday party,” said Victor Cha, the former director for Asia policy in the U.S.



U.S. Adm. Samuel Locklear on Wednesday talks with Gen. Shigeru Iwasaki (front left), chief of Joint Staff of Japan Self-Defense Forces, at the Defense Ministry in Tokyo after inspecting Patriot missile deployed in preparation for North Korea’s rocket launch. (Associated Press/Shizuo Kambayashi)

National Security Council, contacted in Washington. “It’s terribly embarrassing for the North.”

He said the next step would be to watch whether North Korea conducts a nuclear test, as has been speculated by the South Korean intelligence com-

munity. North Korea is reportedly making preparations for such a test soon.

“We have to watch very carefully what they are doing now at the nuclear test site and how they explain this with all those foreign journalists in the country,” Cha said.

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## FOOTBALL

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Parker for 13 years, the Hawkeyes' first-year coordinator said fans could reasonably expect to see a handful of changes during the team's open practice on Saturday.

Most of those changes will be made, at least initially, to help the line. Parker said he has put more pressure on the secondary to cheat down toward the trenches to mop up mistakes if necessary.

"It looks like they took the challenge," Parker said. "... They've done a good job — but it's not a game situation yet. It's still practice."

Cornerbacks Micah Hyde and B.J. Lowery will likely

show more shutdown one-on-one coverage than in the past, which will free the safeties to slash forward if it's successful.

"When you have two [corners] out there that can lock down pretty much anybody they throw out there, it makes my job a whole lot easier," safety Tanner Miller said. "I can focus on coming down on the run more without having to worry about those two receivers out wide."

And all of those changes will help the linebackers play more aggressively, presumptive weakside starter Anthony Hitchens said.

"When you're a linebacker, you always want to blitz — that's the best part about playing linebacker," he said with a broad smile. "It'll help us out a lot ... it'll be a positive thing for our defense."

## Open practice notes

The Hawkeyes will spend most of the Saturday open practice performing drills, but will play one organized quarter of a simulated game as well. That section of the practice will serve as an important test for the players, offensive coordinator Greg Davis said.

"There's no last-minute coaching going on when you break the huddle," Davis said. "It gives you a chance to see what the players know and understand — as opposed to, as you break the huddle, saying be alert for this blitz, be alert for this, or whatever."

"That's the positive of it, is when you're off the field, you truly find out what they know."

The practice begins at noon at Kinnick Stadium, and is free of charge. The gates will

open at 10 a.m., and fans can participate in several activities in the Krause Family Plaza near the south end zone. Activities include a chance to vote on designs for the Cy-Hawk Trophy.

The first 1,000 fans to bring cash or a nonperishable food item for the America Needs Farmers Food Bank Drive will receive "America Needs Farmers souvenir items," according to a release. Collection trucks will be stationed near the Krause Family Plaza and in Lot 43, west of the stadium.

Parking will be limited because of construction projects, so the Athletics Department recommends parking in the lots near Carver-Hawkeye Arena and in the Finkbine Commuter Lot. Parking ramps will charge their normal rates.

## TENNIS

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game on the court.

"[Michael] is a really fired up guy," Dunn said. "I try to get as pumped up as possible too."

Houghton said that the success the tandem has had this season has been a pleasant surprise.

"These are two guys who

had never played together, and they've won some matches against good teams," Houghton said. "I never would have envisioned it back in the fall, but they've become a good team."

Dunn and Swank will look for another highlight this season when the Hawkeyes (1-17, 0-7 Big Ten) visit No. 69 Michigan State on Saturday and No. 22 Michigan on April 15.

The Spartans (14-10, 3-5) enter the meet looking to rebound from back-to-back

losses to No. 48 Northwestern and No. 18 Illinois.

"Michigan State has pulled some big upsets," Houghton said. "They're very hard to beat on their home courts."

The Wolverines (13-5, 6-1) are on a roll, having won five matches in a row and nine of their last 10.

Eighth-ranked Evan King leads Michigan. The Wolverines also feature the No. 13 doubles tandem in King and sophomore Shaun Bernstein.

"Michigan may have eclipsed Illinois as the second best team in the conference," Houghton said. "They're very solid overall."

The Hawkeyes — in the midst of a 15-match losing streak — remain confident they can break the drought this weekend.

"It's going to be a battle," junior Connor Gilmore said. "I know we've beaten both schools in the past, so there's no reason why we can't go in there and win."

## SOFTBALL

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schools served as members of the Big 12 conference

"I saw them a lot, so I probably know a little more about them than our team or staff does," Looper said. "They're always tough. They always have very good pitching — they definitely have an ace with [Ashley] Hagemann."

The Hawkeyes have seen their fair share of dominating pitchers. Wisconsin's Cassandra Darrah pitched all 20 innings of a three-game series between the two squads on March 24-25, going 2-1 against Iowa.

The team also faced Illini hurler Pepper Gay in two contests, winning both against the pitcher who owns the third-best ERA in the conference.

Hagemann is the first real strikeout pitcher Iowa will face this season; the senior leads the Big Ten in the category with 224 Ks.

There is one thing that could play to the advantage of Hawkeye batters, though.

The Iowa softball team has had the luxury of consistency so far. The lineup has remained largely unchanged since the conference-opener against the Badgers. The only thing that has differed is the batting order, which has undergone minor switches from game to game.

The past lineups have

featured four new faces to the Iowa team — freshmen Melanie Gladden and Megan Blank and transfer students Mallore Groves and Bradi Wall. The other five spots are taken up by multiyear starters.

Expecting to start and play throughout an entire game could be a considered a bad attitude for an athlete to carry, but senior captain Katie Keim said it's not necessarily a negative mindset. She said she thinks everyone on the team has those thoughts going into a game because of the way they are coached.

"It's just having that mindset and being ready to play wherever coaches decide," Keim said. "I think our coaches use the whole team. Basically, everyone has that men-

tal — people come and pinch hit and contribute."

Looper maintains that every player has an equal opportunity to start. Many of her players said they know they should always be ready to play.

Iowa has shown some brief glimpses of elite softball at the plate and in the field, despite its mediocre conference record (5-4). This could be why Blank said she thinks the lineup has remained largely untouched.

"We know what everyone can do," the shortstop said. "With our lineup, we know who the hitters are in front of you and who they are behind you. We know the power and the speed of the lineup and how that's ordered."

"We know what's going to get done."

# Golfers right at home

Playing at Finkbine Golf Course is an advantage for the Iowa men's golf team as they get set for this weekend's Hawkeye-Great River Entertainment Invitational.

By RYAN MURPHY  
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The Iowa men's golf team plays on a completely different course with different tendencies every time it competes.

The Hawkeyes will tee off on the one place they know best — Finkbine — in this weekend's Hawkeye-Great River Entertainment Invitational.

"The difference in our sport is that it's not a set stage," Iowa head coach Mark Hankins said. "It's a different golf course every week, so you may or may not be best suited for that golf course."

The Hawkeyes and their competition will play 36 holes on the course Saturday, followed by an 18-hole final round on April 15. Play will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. on both days.

The 7,180-yard, par-72 course is home for the Hawkeyes. The Hawkeye

### Hawkeye-Great River Entertainment Invitational

When: April 14-15  
Where: Finkbine Golf Course

Invitational has been held at the course the past two seasons, and Iowa claimed the tournament title both years.

Iowa senior Chris Brant said the Hawkeyes know the little twists and turns of Finkbine better than anyone.

"It's definitely an advantage for us. Finkbine is a tough course if you haven't played it very much, and there are intricacies of Finkbine that are difficult," he said. "We play the course every day, and we know where to hit it and where not to hit it."

Iowa sophomore Steven Ihm said that despite knowing the course better than any other team, the

Hawkeyes aren't anywhere close to an automatic win.

"It's obviously a pretty distinct advantage for us," Ihm said. "A lot of these teams have played here before, but we get the chance to play here every single day, so we are a little more well-equipped to play the course. But you still have to play well enough to win."

Hankins said there is one drawback to playing in Iowa City.

"The only disadvantage is that you're playing in front of a lot of people you're not used to playing in front of," he said. "[The golfers] have to manage themselves in a way that allows them to concentrate on golf and not their surroundings."

Ihm also said that he and his teammates need to block out the madness of playing in front of a home crowd.

"It should be fun, but you can't let too much of that get to your head," Ihm said.

Cardwell also tied with teammate Chelsea Harris for the 54-hole school record of 213.

This is Cardwell's first conference honor. She shares the title with Purdue junior Paula Reto, who also finished second at an invitational early in the week.

"This is a much-deserved honor for Kristi," head coach Megan Menzel said in a release.

"If you are too jacked up, then you aren't focused on what you are trying to do, and that's winning golf tournaments."

Four of the nation's top 100 — Iowa, Iowa State, North Carolina-Charlotte, and Michigan State — lead the field. Four other Big Ten programs — Nebraska, Minnesota, Penn State, and Wisconsin — are also in the running. Missouri-Kansas City, Washington State, and Miami University round out the field.

Hankins said no tournament is more important than the one at Finkbine this weekend, even with events such as the Big Ten championships and the NCAA regionals on the horizon.

"I've made it pretty clear that this is the most important tournament on our schedule right now," Hankins said. "We need to play well in every tournament leading up to a possible bid to the NCAA Tournament."

"She has had a great week and continues to make a commitment to improve her level of play. I am glad to see her confidence continue to grow."

The tournament bumped Cardwell's number of rounds at or below par up to a team-leading total of five. She also leads the team with her low 18-hole score of 68 and 76.77 stroke average.

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## HAWKEYE SPORTS

### Big Ten honors Cardwell

Iowa golfer Kristi Cardwell has been named Big Ten Co-Golfer of the week following her second-place finish at the Wyoming Cowgirl Classic on Wednesday.

Cardwell had the performance of her life over the three-day tournament; the Kokomo, Ind.,

native beat all her career-best records in the tournament. Her runner-up finish is the highest she ever placed, and her 3-under 213 is also a personal record.

Cardwell shot under par for the first two rounds and shot only 3 over to round her score out at 68-70-75.

The junior shot 138 through 36 holes, setting a school record.

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NOTEBOOK

## D-coach says 'blitz' — no, really



Defensive-back coach Darrell Wilson puts players through drills during practice at Kinnick Stadium on March 28. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

The Hawkeye defense could play faster and include more blitz packages than in years past, Phil Parker said.

By **SETH ROBERTS**  
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Defensive coordinator Phil Parker said a word not often uttered in the Hayden Fry Football Complex during a press conference on Wednesday.

It was the B-word. "Blitz."

Parker had been asked about what his plans are to protect a young defensive line, a unit that lost three starters from last year's

squad and has further been depleted this spring by injuries.

"We'll add guys to the box a little bit, whether it's a secondary guy or bring a little bit more blitz, but we're going to make sure we help those guys out up front," he said.

Parker flashed a small, almost sheepish grin when asked if he had really just said the B-word.

"Sometimes, you have to," he said. "We need to help [the defensive line] out ... they can't always be sitting targets."

The Iowa defense received its share of criticism under former defensive coordinator Norm Parker for being conservative; most of the pressure placed on opposing quarterbacks was generated by the defensive line. Blitzes coming from linebackers and secondary players were rare, although they tended to work fairly well when they were called.

While Phil Parker worked under Norm

**Spring Game**

**When:** Noon Saturday  
**Where:** Kinnick Stadium

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SEE **FOOTBALL**, 8

**Baseball to take on S. Dakota St., Creighton**

The Iowa baseball team will make its second trip to the state of Nebraska in as many weekends on Saturday.

But this game will feature a break from Big Ten action. The Hawkeyes (14-16) will play a double-header, facing South Dakota State (9-17-1) at 10:05 a.m. and Creighton (14-16) at 2:05 p.m.

Iowa's morning matchup with the Jackrabbits will mark the third meeting between the two teams this season. The Hawkeyes swept a midweek series in Iowa City on April 3-4; Iowa outscored the Jackrabbits 17-6 in the two games.

Freshman Sasha Kuebel is expected to start the first game on Saturday. The left-hander is 2-0 with a 3.56 ERA in seven starts.

Iowa ace Jarred Hippen (3-3, 4.17 ERA) will take the mound for the Hawkeyes in the afternoon game. The second game pits Iowa's manager Jack Dahm against his alma mater. Dahm played his college baseball at Creighton from 1986-89. Dahm left Creighton following the 2003 season with a record of 283-276 in 10 years.

Saturday's games will be played in Creighton's TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, home of the College World Series. The \$131 million facility seats 24,000 fans, and Dahm said "It will be a neat experience for our players."

Iowa's twin bill on Saturday is sandwiched between two South Dakota State/Creighton games tonight and on Sunday.

— by Ben Schuff

## Dunn, Swank stay steady

Junior Garret Dunn and sophomore Michael Swank are Iowa's most consistent team heading into this weekend.

By **TOM CLOS**  
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One thing has stayed consistent throughout all of the fluctuations in the Iowa men's tennis team's lineup this season: The doubles team of junior Garret Dunn and sophomore Michael Swank.

The duo has been the Hawkeyes' most reliable doubles option this season, even though they're only 6-11.

Iowa's highlight of the year came on April 6 when the pair defeated the No. 66 nationally ranked team from Indiana.

"Dunn and Swank's performance sometimes gets lost amid the losing," head coach Steve Houghton said. "Those guys have been a really good team."

The duo competed at the No. 2 position for the first two weeks of the season, but were inserted at No. 1 because of the inconsistencies in the line-



Iowa junior Garret Dunn serves the ball to Purdue's Krisztian Krockso during their singles match at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Sunday. Dunn won the match (7-6, 6-2). (The Daily Iowan/Ricky Bahner)

**Iowa (1-17, 0-7) at No. 69 Michigan State (14-10, 3-5)**

**When:** Noon Saturday  
**Where:** MSU Tennis Facility, East Lansing, Mich.

up. They've been at the top ever since.

The competition should increase with the promotion, but Dunn said that the talent level is usually the same in spots one through three.

"To be honest, it hasn't been that different," he said. "A lot of schools have good doubles throughout, so there isn't

much of a difference between their No. 1 and No. 3 teams."

Dunn and Swank look like a match made in heaven when they stand together on the court. Both tower over the competition. Dunn is listed at 6-8 and Swank at 6-6.

Their height provides each with a strong service game, something that has been the key to their success.

"We are both pretty confident in our serves," Dunn said. "We know if we can't get one break point, usually we can serve it out."

Dunn said that his partner's intensity has helped raise his own

SEE **TENNIS**, 8

## Softball gears up for Huskers

Nebraska softball will come to Iowa City this weekend for the first time as a conference foe.

By **BEN ROSS**

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The Nebraska Cornhuskers will take Pearl Field for the first time as Big Ten foes this weekend in a three-game series against the Iowa softball team.

The last time these two squads faced was in a 2006 postseason regional tournament game. The Huskers shut out the Black and Gold, 1-0.

The Iowa players will be unaccustomed to Nebraska softball, but the coaches lack no experience in facing the Cornhuskers. Head coach Marla Looper spent 11 seasons at the University of Texas before coming to Iowa in the fall of 2010, and she saw plenty of the Scarlet and Cream when the two

SEE **SOFTBALL**, 8

**Iowa (15-20, 5-4) vs. Nebraska (25-14, 17-2)**

**When:** 2 & 4 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. April 15  
**Where:** Pearl Field