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Partly cloudy to partly sunny, very windy, 20% chance of rain.

Tang faces tampering charge

By **JORDYN REILAND**
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An Iowa City man accused of first-degree kidnapping is also being charged with tampering with a witness, according to an Iowa City police complaint.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Peng Tang, 21, 923 E. College St. Apt. 8, was charged

April 13 with solicitation to commit an aggravated misdemeanor and tampering with a witness or juror.

The additional charge comes after Tang allegedly sent a letter from the Johnson County Jail, to a friend asking the friend to locate the alleged victim in the kidnapping case and persuade her to drop the charge.

On Sunday, Johnson County Jail officials confirmed Tang's bond was increased by \$50,000 because of the tampering charge, bringing his total bond to \$800,000. Tang has also been placed on immigration hold.

The complaint said Tang asked his friend to tell the woman that if she does not cooperate, Tang will be in jail for the rest of his life, and

if she does drop the charge, he can promise her anything.

Tang also allegedly asked his friend to persuade the woman to tell police she lied and to ask her to tell the police that it was consensual.

The newest charges come after Tang was charged March 30 with

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UI Surplus sales rise



Chris and Donald Riedesel look at used computers at the University Surplus store on April 14. The store is open every second and fourth Saturday of each month. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

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Iowa City resident Jamie Smith filled her cart with goodies around a corner row of desks and bookshelves at the UI Surplus last weekend.

The future business owner of Molly's Cupcakes searched with a mission — computers and office supplies.

"I heard [UI Surplus] had some computer equipment, and we need a couple office computers and a filing cabinet and just little things I could get for a lot cheaper," the 29-year-old said. "So I just wanted to come here first."

Smith isn't alone in her search for affordable computer equipment. Total sales at the UI Surplus, 2222 Old Highway 218 S., for 2011 were \$495,324, with 77 percent sold to the public. Sales were up from \$265,553 in 2010.



The UI Surplus, which sells items ranging from Hawkeye sports equipment to computers and medical supplies, is seen on March 20. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)



Surplus officials said a majority of sales are in UI-refurbished computers.

Roughly 100 people burst through the doors of the store April 14, walking through

the colorful Hawkeye apparel room and reaching a huge storage area filled with items ranging from rows of desks and chairs

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JOUST FRIENDS



Scott Jones (left), a former Daily Iowan employee, bats away a blow from Sean Ren (right) during Best Buddies Carnival in Hubbard Park on Sunday. The event was the first Best Buddies Carnival & 5K Fun Run hosted by the UI Best Buddies, an organization that focuses on helping those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)

JCs see break in rules change

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A nationwide plan to change the monitoring of higher-education graduation rates has piqued the interest of local community colleges.

Under the U.S. Education Department's plan, released April 11, students who transfer between public colleges and part-time students would be counted in their starting college's graduation rates.

Steve Ovel, the Kirkwood Community College governmental-relations director, said the plan would be a tremendous aid to community colleges

with students who tend to transfer to four-year universities after a year or two.

"Community colleges have been struggling for many years to define students," he said. "We've been working on this as a community-college system [nationally], and the Department of Education is helping bring the process to an end."

Ovel said Kirkwood is working to improve its graduation rate from 29 to 39 percent with help from the department's proposal and the state's regent schools.

"We've been working with schools like the Uni-

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Officials split on C'ville downgrade

Coralville's debt of \$194 million was downgraded last week by Moody's Investors Services to a Double-A rating.

By **ASMAA ELKEURTI**
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Iowa City and state officials expressed mixed reactions to Coralville's recently downgraded bond rating.

Moody's Investor Services dropped the city from a Triple-A bond rating to a Double-A rating, partially because of Coralville's use of tax-increment financing — an economic tool that redistributes property taxes from the county and school district to a fund offered to potential developers. The city has received criticism from county officials for projects funded this way, such as absorbing most of the cost for Iowa City department store Von Maur to transfer to Coralville.

Johnson County Supervisor Rod Sullivan said Coralville's downgrade will

affect the rating the county receives for future bond sales.

"Our bond rating is reflective of the bond ratings of the institutions within the county," he said. "We benefit from the fact that Iowa City has a Triple-A rating, and it will hurt us that Coralville's has been downgraded."

The county could potentially seek a bond to pay for the Justice Center project, which will be voted on by the public in the upcoming November election.

Sullivan said the ease of the bond sale will be determined by a variety of factors, one being the county's bond rating. The county's bond rating should be determined prior to the public vote.

However, Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said the downgrade was also a result of the city borrowing money for flood recovery following the switch in Iowa governors.

"The cities like Coralville are still hurting and recovering from the flood of '08," he said. "During Gov. Culver's term, the city received much more flood aid than it is currently receiving from Branstad. [Tax-increment financing] would be No. 1,

Tax-increment financing

Statistics on the fundraising method:

- More than 2,000 active TIF areas in Iowa
- First enacted in 1969
- Cities, counties, and rural-improvement zones may establish TIF
- Community colleges may use the concept of TIF to fund job-training programs for qualified employees.

Source: Iowa Senate Ways and Means Committee

but both of these pieces are significant."

Sullivan said he believes Coralville ignored concerns from the county and neighboring cities over the last 15 years about TIF creating competition between neighboring cities.

"We have tried over the years to explain that not only is some of this hurting other county residents, but it could be hurting them as well," Sullivan said. "It's fallen on deaf ears, and I don't think there's any interest in frankly bringing it up, so what's the point?"

Iowa City City Councilor Jim Throgmorton said Iowa City has tried to

express concerns to Coralville the past, and the recent downgrade was not unexpected.

"We've expressed our concern about that in many different forms," he said. "They're very aware of our concerns."

However, Coralville Mayor Jim Fausett said he believes Coralville has been sensible in its use of the financing.

"I think we've been very well advised on our use of TIF, and we've used it very wisely," Fausett said, who will meet with the bond advisory committee in the coming weeks. "People I've talked to in Coralville are not unhappy with the way the city has grown, and what we've brought into the area. If you don't do anything, you can have a great rating. If you want to get out and expand and better the city and bring in economic development, you have to spend money."

Jacoby agreed. "I think they have [used TIF wisely] because of the number of high-paying jobs that have been created in the TIF district," he said. "I think what the county fails to do is take into account the number of jobs created."

METRO

2 face drug charges

A North Liberty woman and a Coralville man were charged with controlled-substance violations and possessing or distributing without a drug tax stamp.

According to a North Liberty police complaint, Edna Hector, 28, and Kelvin Dumas, 19, were charged April 14.

Dumas and Hector were reportedly stopped by police officials for having no tail lights on a vehicle when Dumas consented for the car to be searched. Hector refused to let police officials search her purse, the report said. According to the complaint, when police officials searched the car, they found numerous plastic bags and a digital scale in

the back seat near Hector's purse.

Dumas asked police officials to stop the search, but police officials called for a K-9 and swabbed the scale for narcotics, the report said. Police officials could see a large bag of marijuana in plain sight of Hector's purse and another bag was found in a backpack.

Officers were unable to weigh the marijuana on site but reportedly determined it weighed more than 42.5 grams, which requires a tax stamp.

Possessing or distributing without a tax stamp is a Class-D felony. A controlled-substance violation is also a Class-D felony.

— by Jordyn Reiland

BLOTTER

Rossi Adams, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Karl Althaus, 23, 639 S. Lucas St. No. 2, was charged Sunday with possessing discharged fireworks.

Reginald Benton, 19, 2218 Davis St., was charged April 14 with driving while license revoked.

Bruce Blaser, 54, Coralville, was charged Nov. 1, 2011 with forgery.

Christopher Brasko, 22, 601 S. Gilbert St. No. 614, was charged April 14 with public urination.

John Burns, 24, Tiffin, was charged April 10 with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

Megan Burnside, 20, 650 S. Johnson St. No. 4, was charged April 14 with presence in a bar after hours.

Joseph Beadle, 20, Marion, was charged April 13 with driving while license suspended or canceled.

Maggie Bunce, 19, 426 S. Johnson St. No. G, was charged April 13 with possessing or supplying alcohol under 21.

Megan Burns, 21, North Liberty, was charged with OWI.

Kayla Cemensky, 20, 505 E. Burlington St. No. 18A, was charged April 11 with possessing or supplying alcohol under 21.

Ryan Cox, 20, Robins, Iowa, was charged April 13 with unlawful use of an authentic driver's license/ID of another.

John Craig, 26, 111 S. Lucas St., was charged April 14 with sale of an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

Audrey Einfeldt, 19, 100 Mayflower 627C, was charged with presence in a bar after hours.

Brett Farrahar, 19, Palatine, Ill., was charged April 14 with PAULA.

Evan Felton, 21, Monticello, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Ryan Fessler, 21, 120 E. Davenport St. Apt. 8, was charged April 13 with public intoxication.

Deirdra Galitz, 22, Sycamore, Ill., was charged April 12 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

Richard Givhan, 35, 1100 Arthur St. No. 16, was charged April 12 with violating a protective order.

Oscar Gomez, 26, 762 Bay Ridge Drive, was charged April 12 with OWI.

Benjamin Gordon, 49, address unknown, was charged April 12 with fifth-degree theft.

Hannah Hartlieb, 19, 5524 Quadrangle, was charged April 12 with unlawful use of a driver's license and public intoxication.

Todd Hayes, 47, Burlington, was charged with OWI.

Charles Henry, 24, Ankeny, Iowa, was charged Sunday with possessing discharge fireworks.

Erin Horan, 20, 517 S. Linn St. No. 8, was charged April 12 with presence in a bar after hours.

Elvis Hoxha, 20, Des Plaines, Ill., was charged April 14 with public intoxication.

Nicole Johnson, 31, Coralville, was charged with driving while license suspended or canceled.

Malcolm Joseph, 22, Gary, Ind., was charged Sunday with OWI.

Liza Kane, 19, 521 S. Johnson St. No. 4, was charged April 12 with possessing or supplying alcohol under 21.

Kylie Kerger, 20, Woodbine, Iowa, was charged April 12 with presence in a bar after hours.

Koby Kreinbring, 40, 4472 Cumberland Lane, was charged April 14 with having an animal on the Pedestrian Mall.

Michelle Kroc, 20, 830 E. Jefferson St. Apt. 6, was charged April 12 with presence in a bar after hours.

Juan Lopez-Portillo, 33, 512 W. Benton St., was charged April 14 with OWI.

Amy Lovejoy, 20, 530 N. Dubuque St. No. 4, was charged April 14 with presence in a bar after hours.

charged April 13 with public intoxication.

Michael McCunniff, 22, Waterloo, was charged April 14 with public urination.

Ryan McDonald, 20, Lincoln, Neb., was charged April 14 with possession a fictitious driver's license/ID, public intoxication, and public urination.

William McDonald, 21, 30 N. Lucas St., was charged April 13 with keeping a disorderly house.

Jeffrey McFadden, 20, 2401 Highway 6 E. No. 3802, was charged April 14 with driving while license suspended or canceled.

Amanda Meek, 24, Keokuk, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Adam Miller, 27, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with OWI and two charges of driving while license suspended or canceled.

Madison Moller, 18, Mayflower 627C, was charged April 12 with presence in a bar after hours.

Terrance Moneghini, 20, Batavia, Ill., was charged April 14 with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

Charlotte Moreno, 20, 308 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1121, was charged April 13 with public intoxication and unlawful use of an authentic driver's license/ID of another.

Danielle Naselli, 20, 1413 N. Dubuque St. No. 2, was charged April 12 with possessing or supplying alcohol under 21.

Kathryn Olin, 20, 48 W. Court St. No. 304, was charged April 14 with presence in a bar after hours.

Melvin Ong, 19, S404 Parklawn, was charged April 11 with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

Dyllon Patterson, 19, West Des Moines, was charged April 13 with public intoxication.

Emma Peterson, 20, Minneapolis, was charged April 14 with presence in a bar after hours.

Mark Plath, 19, 2832 Bradford Drive, was charged April 13 with sale of alcoholic beverage to a minor.

Rachel Price, 18, Chicago, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Kathleen Ramos, 23, Los Angeles, was charged April 14 with domestic assault with injury.

Kimberly Robinson, 45, 2401 Highway 6 E. No. 2210, was charged April 14 with second-degree burglary.

Michael Rohwedder, 24, Coralville, was charged April 12 with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Keethan Roland, 19, 3536 Shamrock Place, was charged April 2 with fourth-degree theft.

Adam Schwarz, 20, 703 N. Dubuque St., was charged April 13 with unlawful use of an authentic drivers license/ID of another and public intoxication.

Joshua Servey, 30, Marion, was charged April 13 with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Stephanie Shanahan, 19, Arlington, Ill., was charged April 14 with presence in a bar after hours.

Courtney Smith, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged April 13 with driving while license suspended or canceled.

Albert Vevera, 57, 2220 F St., was charged April 13 with fifth-degree theft.

Brandon Volz, 18, 1102 Hollywood Blvd., was charged April 9 with public intoxication.

Alexis Vopava, 20, West Des Moines, was charged April 13 with malicious prosecution and possessing or supplying alcohol under 21.

Christopher Wallace, 20, 517 Fairchild St. Apt. 3, was charged April 14 with public intoxication.

Ryan Walsh, 18, 1314 PAULA, was charged April 14 with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

Tajh Washington, 18, Des Moines, was charged April 13 with interference with official acts, PAULA, possession of an open container of alcohol in public, presence in a bar after hours, and public intoxication.

Ryan Waterhouse, 21, was charged April 12 with public intoxication.

Brady Wilson, 35, 3235 Highway 1 S.W., was charged with criminal trespassing and interfering with official acts.

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UI clinic aids those with Fragile X

The University of Iowa hosted the first open house for its Fragile X clinic, which opened in 2010.

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Fragile X — a rare chromosomal mutation — is difficult to recognize, but those advocating for its treatment say they hope the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics will bring better local recognition to the disorder.

The condition occurs when a mutation on a person's X-chromosome leads to a lack of important proteins in the brain. This deficiency often leads to anxiety problems, sleeping troubles, and impeded sensory development. Males, who only have one X chromosome, tend to suffer more severe effects.

Carolyn Tomberlin, whose sons were both diagnosed with Fragile X in 2005, said the condition is rarely recognized in smaller communities and is thus often misdiagnosed. At the time, Tomberlin's sons were 16 and 12.

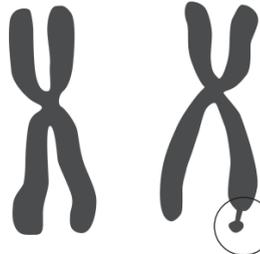
According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 1 in 4,000 males and 1 in

The Fragile X

Chromosomes are cells in the human body that contain protein and DNA.

A healthy X-chromosome

A mutated X-chromosome



The condition occurs when a mutation on a person's X-chromosome leads to a lack of important proteins in the brain. This deficiency often leads to anxiety problems, trouble sleeping, and impeded sensory development.

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6,000 to 8,000 females are diagnosed with Fragile X nationwide.

"There are a ton of kids out there who aren't aware [they have Fragile X] yet," Tomberline said. "Even with those who are, they are usually 'cubby-holed' in with those who are autistic."

Though both conditions appear similar, she said, the underlying causes differ in each. An autistic child may avoid eye contact in social settings because they do not recognize other people are more significant than other objects, whereas children with Fragile X avoid eye contact because they feel uncomfortable under someone's gaze.

Children with Fragile X often suffer when schools

cannot differentiate between the conditions, she said.

"The behavior may look exactly the same, but for completely different reasons. You would treat it differently," she said. "If my son is calm and not anxious, it is amazing what he can say and accomplish. Those who work with him need to be able to know that."

The National Fragile X Foundation developed the Fragile X Clinical and Research Consortium in 2006, then added a database and registry for those with the mutation in 2008. The UI opened its own Fragile X clinic in 2010, the first in the state.

Tomberlin said Fragile X clinics provide customized learning programs for



UI Clinical Associate Professor Dianne McBrien discusses the Fragile X Clinic at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital's Center for Disabilities and Development on April 14. The clinic will focus on the Fragile X syndrome, a genetic condition that often results in mental problems and other developmental issues. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

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those diagnosed with the condition.

"Why have a Fragile X Clinic?" said UI Clinical Associate Professor Dianne McBrien at the clinic's first open house on April 14. "Because of the needs of the kids. Fragile X is a very low-incident condition."

McBrien said since the clinic has had almost 40 patients since it opened in 2010.

The clinic offers services including medical attention, an occupational thera-

pist, a behavioral psychologist, and speech and language pathologists. Jennifer Luria, the clinic's coordinator, said she often helps families find resources for children with Fragile X in the school system.

"I love being the clinic coordinator," she said. "Whether it's seeing someone ride a bike or someone learning how to spell, it's a highlight for me."

After the clinic opened, Tomberlin began working to establish the LINKS Support Network — a group for people with Fragile X and their families — to Iowa.

"The opportunity for us here is to really share our stories and be there for each other emotionally," she said.

McBrien said the pace of national Fragile X research has quickened, though she hopes that recognition will spread sooner to local communities.

"The pace of [national Fragile X] research is very rapid, especially in the last 10 to 15 years," she said. "As far as opportunities for people with Fragile X, I think that's an ongoing challenge for Iowa. Things are better than they were, and hopefully they will continue to improve."

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Column

Increase demand to decrease inequality

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The spoils of economic growth in the United States have been disproportionately enjoyed by the wealthiest among us for decades. In 2010, 93 percent of income gains were experienced by the top 1 percent.

This has starved the U.S. consumer base (the middle and working classes) of duly earned wage increases — average wages have only increased by 11 percent in the past 30 years, crippling consumer demand and making high unemployment nearly impossible to shake.

The United States desperately needs to decrease inequality and to increase demand. The only way to do that is for the legislators from Des Moines to D.C. to start prioritizing investments in human and material capital over preserving imprudent tax cuts that provide little measurable societal or economic benefits.

Economies struggle as income inequality rises according to a 2011 report published by the International Monetary Fund. While this is valuable information, because the report provided little explanation as to why income inequality cripples economies, it has proven difficult to formulate policy prescriptions.

Luckily, a recent paper co-written by economists Orazio Attanasio and Luigi Pistaferri has shed light on what might well be the causal link between income inequality and weak economic growth.

This scholarly duo constructed a picture of the relative changes in consumption among different income groups over the past 30 years. They then compared it with previously collected data on changes in income inequality. What they found was that as income inequality increases, consumption inequality increases as well — as income inequality increases, working- and middle-class consumption becomes depressed.

“Overall, our results suggest that there has been a substantial rise in consumption and leisure inequality within the U.S. during the last 30 years,” said the report. “The rise in income inequality

translated to an increase in actual well-being inequality during this time period because consumption inequality also increased.”

This is extremely valuable information, because we know that the stubbornly high unemployment rate the United States has experienced since the collapse of the financial and housing sectors in 2007 and 2008 has been the consequence of lagging consumer demand.

While liberal economists have argued it relentlessly, conservative economist have conceded it reluctantly, but many polls of business owners in recent years have demonstrated it unequivocally. And it makes perfect sense. Why would a business owner hire additional employees to produce additional goods if it is highly unlikely that those additional goods will be bought?

They would not, and they have not. It should then come as no surprise that states in the United States with low levels of inequality have fared far better than their highly unequal counterparts.

For example, Iowa had the sixth-lowest level of inequality in the United States according to the recent census data. This is in large part why Iowa has dramatically lower unemployment (5.3 percent) than the national average (8.3 percent), even though median income in Iowa is not dramatically different from the national average.

Iowa has a strong consumer base because the benefits of growth have been experienced more broadly, and this has helped to see the state through tough economic times.

Since the 1979, the wages of the top 1 percent earners have increased 11.25 times faster than those in the middle and 17.6 times faster than those at the bottom. This unequal distribution of economic gains has undermined the stability of the American economy.

As income inequality grows, middle- and working-class Americans consume less. When there is no demand, employers have no incentive to hire new employees. There are no more excuses for inaction. We know what the problem is — now, let's fix it. ■

Your turn. Should the government decrease inequality in the U.S?
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Guest Column

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Many Iowans take issue with Hawkeye football coach Kirk Ferentz's whopping \$3.786 million salary, the highest public-employee salary in the state of Iowa. Citizens cite the discrepancy between a financially struggling university and a multimillion-dollar coach. Hawk fans and those who understand his salary comes directly from football revenue — not tuition or state funds — instead show frustration with a 7-5 team sporting the sixth highest paid coach in the country.

But fans instead should decide whether Ferentz merits his salary by comparing it against similar coaches. There is a lot to be said against his high income but not enough.

The only coaches making more than Ferentz are Nick Saban (Alabama), Mack Brown (Texas), Bob Stoops (Oklahoma), Les Miles (Louisiana State), and Urban Meyer (Ohio State). All of them have national-championship rings. The man just behind Ferentz? It was Bobby Petrino (Arkansas), but I won't go there. After Ferentz there is one coach with a title — Gene Chizik of Auburn and former ISU head coach. Ferentz is at the top of midlevel competitive programs.

He has a winning percentage of 59 percent, far below Wisconsin's Bret Bielema at 75 percent, South Carolina's Steve Spurrier at 61 percent, and Georgia's Mark Richt at 73 percent. Since 2001, the Hawks have lost eight times to a team with a losing record — most coaches, in his pay range rarely have two such losses. Iowa has not won a conference title since 2004, and Ferentz has never coached Iowa to the Rose Bowl.

However, Ferentz inherited a struggling program. If the 1999 and 2000 sea-

sons were dropped, his winning percentage would rise to 66 percent. Yet, after rallying to 68 percent, Ferentz slumped to 64 percent from 2007 to 2011.

Where Ferentz thrives most is consistency and competitive edge. In the past four years, Iowa only experienced three losses of more than 10 points. In the same span, Spurrier experienced nine such losses, Richt 10, Bo Pelini (Nebraska) seven, and Belliema four. In those same four years, Iowa did not experience a loss of more than 17 points (three possessions). Pelini had five (including numerous 30-point drubbings), Richt five, and Spurrier six. For years, Iowa has been consistently competitive until the sweet or bitter end of every game. This type of success is hard to achieve.

Before the end of last season, no Pac 12 or Big Ten coach owned a Rose Bowl or national-championship victory. This is because of scandals and impatience in many football programs. Ask Nebraska how firing Frank Solich after one bad year worked out. The Huskers witnessed the destruction of their football tradition. In such a cutthroat league, loyalty and consistency are worth something — let's say \$3.8 million. And honesty is priceless: Just ask Arkansas. Fans should appreciate this in the wake of such turmoil and stay above the fray.

Now, Meyer signed on with Ohio State and Oregon's Chip Kelly has a Rose Bowl victory. Yet, with both those schools overcoming NCAA violations, there is still a power void to be filled. The dean of the Big Ten, Captain Kirk, may just be the perfect man for the job.

Alejandro Alonso Galva
UI alumnus

Letter

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Fair voting?

When I heard the results of the recent UISG election, I found them hard to believe — not in the fact that Nic Pottebaum and Jessie Tobin won the presidency and vice presidency, but rather the fact that all 39 of the I Party senators were selected.

In considering what may have possibly led to this result, I may be able to provide some insight.

On the first night of elections, my floor in Rienow Hall was visited by Pottebaum and his good friend Jay Brown. I was with a large group of friends in a room when they introduced themselves as I Party candidates (as if it wasn't obvious from their shirts) and asked if any of us had voted yet. When one of my friends in the room answered no, they walked in and gave us laptops they were carrying with them. The two informed us all how to log onto

ISIS and access the voting page.

“While you're at it, just vote for all I Party candidates,” they said as the first one of our group started to vote.

Now the last time I checked, a voting environment is meant to be private and without any outside influence. Contrary to this, I found myself observing Pottebaum and Brown watch over each one of our shoulders, directing us for whom to vote.

When I asked other students, from not only Rienow but other

residence halls, I heard similar stories of I Party candidates toting around computers and telling people to blindly vote for only I Party candidates.

By doing so, the I Party breached a barrier of privacy for many UI students. I don't think that is either fair or proper for any candidate to do so in a political campaign, especially one at UI.

Eric Mortensen
UI student

Guest Column

Iran sees nuke talks leaning its way

Iran's envoys are heading for nuclear talks with confidence that the chips are falling their way.

It could be dismissed as just political theatrics for the world powers that Iran will face in Istanbul on Saturday. After all, Iran has some serious matters on its plate: tightening economic sanctions, near blacklist status from international banking networks, and the threat that Israel or the United States could eventually opt for a military strike against Tehran's nuclear program.

But think like the Iranian leadership. The baseline objective is to keep the centrifuges spinning in its uranium-enrichment sites. That now seems within reach — and the Islamic Republic could even try to leverage a few concessions from the West along the way.

That's because Iran has been very busy since the last attempts at negotia-

tions nose-dived more than a year ago with the same group: the five permanent U.N. Security Council members — the United States, France, China, Russia, and Britain — plus Germany.

Iran is now churning out uranium at 20 percent enrichment at a regular pace. That level — compared with the 3.5 percent needed for Iran's lone Russian-built energy reactor — is necessary to make isotopes for cancer treatment and other medical and research applications. But the United States and allies fear that higher-level enrichment puts Iran significantly closer toward possibly making weapons-grade material — a goal that Iran repeatedly claims is not on its agenda.

Iran also has started operations at a second enrichment site, buried deep in a mountainside south of Tehran to protect

against air attacks.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says the new facility, known as Fordo, must be closed, and on April 12, she called on Iran to use the Istanbul talks to credibly address concern about its nuclear program.

Again, Iran could entertain the idea of closing Fordo without any real setbacks to its overall uranium enrichment. The far bigger labs at Natanz, in central Iran, provide almost all of Iran's nuclear fuel.

If this path stays, Iran can boast about outmaneuvering the Western demands and keeping the heart of the nuclear program intact. The United States and others will then have to sell this outcome to the Israelis. The pitch is — that trying to whittle down Iran's enrichment capabilities and stockpiles — coupled perhaps with stricter inspections — is a more

prudent route than launching attacks and possibly opening up another Middle East war.

“We're not going to pre-judge these talks before they start, but the context going in is important,” White House spokesman Tommy Vietor said.

He said the rest of the world is more united than ever in opposition to an Iranian nuclear bomb and noted that Iran is facing the toughest sanctions yet as a consequence of its nuclear program.

Uranium enrichment, in fact, has been wrapped tightly around the powerful themes of patriotism, scientific achievements, and international justice by Iran's leadership.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called it the “locomotive” for all other high-profile programs, such as Iran's aerospace and biotech efforts. Enrichment is permitted under

the U.N.'s treaty overseeing the spread of nuclear technology, and the West's attempts to shut it down brought a predictable outcry over perceived bullying.

It's never said directly in Iran, but two scenarios are always background noise in Iran's nuclear considerations.

During a ceremony in February to put the first domestically made fuel rods in Tehran's research reactor, Ahmadinejad spoke on national television next to photos of five nuclear scientists and researchers killed since 2010 as part of a suspected shadow war with Israel. Iranians also are linked to recent attacks and plots against Israeli officials and others in Bangkok, New Delhi, and elsewhere.

Ayatollah Seyed Ali Hosseini Khamenei has two main talking points recently: repeating that Iran will never consider

giving up uranium enrichment but claiming there is no intention to seek nuclear arms — even calling them against Islamic principles.

Khamenei has ever been much for bold policy gestures or initiatives toward the West, preferring to stick closely to Iran's narrative that Western culture is morally bankrupt and on the decline. But he's also not seen as inflexible.

The signals from the top in Iran in recent days appear to acknowledge that some movement is needed on the nuclear impasse. But if Iran has its way, the talks will be drawn out and incremental. This week in Istanbul is likely just the opening bid.

Iran is already proposing the venue for round two: Baghdad.

Brian Murphy
Associated Press

Spotlight Iowa City

Class project means energy for India

UI Professor H.S. Udaykumar is creating a solar cooker with the help of his mechanical-engineering students to help prevent deforestation.

By SAMANTHA GENTRY
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H.S. Udaykumar is more than just a professor toward his students — he's a close friend.

In the back parking lot of the Seamans Center, he stands around his students as they try to cook him a tofu dog on a Scheffler solar cooker.

He starts to crack jokes with the students as it takes the dog longer than its usual one minute to cook.

UI senior Matt Mercer is the CEO of the Scheffler model and a student of Udaykumar's.

"He's almost like one of us, but he knows how to balance leadership with personability," Mercer said. "He has introduced me to important issues that I wouldn't have recognized without him."

The Scheffler model is entirely built by students; it is a wooden structure with a large circular metal plate attached to it to reflect light from the Sun.

That piece is then attached to a metal T-shaped structure that holds a Coke Zero can on the side closest to the reflector. The can absorbs the heat from the reflector and allows the tofu dog to cook.

H.S. Udaykumar

- **Age:** 45
- **Hometown:** Mysore, India
- **Favorite Sport:** Tennis
- **Favorite Hobbies:** Yoga and Painting
- **Enjoys spending time with:** My two daughters
- **Fun Fact:** I'm a vegan

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But what most people don't know is this model isn't just a spinoff of the traditional grill, it's an effort to help the villagers of Rajasthan, India, prevent deforestation.

Last winter, Udaykumar and 10 of his students went on a trip to India to study how to prevent villagers from cutting down forests for firewood.

The class ran through the Study Abroad Office and was called Energy for Sustainability at the Forest's Edge: How to Balance Rural Life with Wildlife Preservation.



Professor H.S. Udaykumar (middle) and his students test a solar-energy reflector by heating up a tofu dog in the parking lot of the Seamans Center on April 12. Udaykumar and his students built the solar cooking devices to help Indians who live in rural village with limited energy resources. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

"I wanted to design a course to have the students actually think how their design interacts with the environment," Udaykumar said.

The students spent three weeks in the village trying to come up with a solution for the deforestation problem.

"I had no idea that 3 billion people on Earth cut firewood every single day to cook food, which is almost half of humanity," Udaykumar said. "I was totally blown away by what [the villagers] were doing."

Udaykumar, an Obermann Center Fellow this

semester, knew that one thing these people had an abundance of was solar energy, but because the villagers cook in the early morning and late a night, he and his students needed to figure out a way to store the energy.

The students also had to think about how they could create a model using cheap materials, so the locals could create a similar version.

Seth Dillard, a postdoctoral researcher at the UI who has worked with Udaykumar for around nine years, assists the stu-

dents on building the new model.

"I hope that in the future people who live in these areas are empowered to build these things themselves, and it's more important to spread the knowledge of how to construct them," Dillard said. "I'd like to see the ability to build something like this out of local materials like bamboo."

The designs that are being tested this semester are getting closer to where Udaykumar wants to be with the project and he said the students are

approaching a very promising design.

The professor has plans to build a true scale model during his trip back to the village this winter, and his ultimate goal is to have a solar cooker in every home there.

"The students have responded amazingly well because they see it can do well, and they actually want to make a contribution to the environment," Udaykumar said. "They have taken the design process from concept to prototype."

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...very little room.

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 - **G.R.O.S.S.:** Charter member Calvin commits the ultimate betrayal by marrying Susie Derkins, and President Hobbes dissolves the organization to refocus his efforts on ridding the world's tuna supply of mercury.
 - **The Borg:** The Collective now has more of a New Age cult feel, with "assimilation" replaced by "member drives." Resistance is no longer futile, it'd be great if you could stick around. There's coffeecake.
 - **The Sith:** With the Jedi all but extinguished from the galaxy, the Dark Side practitioners start up a website featuring mildly humorous profanity misspellings.
 - **Koopa Troop:** The Mario Brothers' former nemesis spend their days attempting to sabotage their rivals' upstart pizza place by setting up a mushroom and turtle soup stand right outside.
 - **Uruk-Hai:** Sauron's surviving minions mostly find work as "before" models for orthodontist and skin-care ads.
 - **INGSOC:** Having thoroughly broken the will of the citizens of Oceania, Big Brother now subjects them to all manner of inane reality shows.
 - **Greenpeace:** Continues its brazen reign of terror on the high seas. Take no prisoners, fear no granola.
- Will Hartman again apologizes to all the non-nerds.

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by Scott Adams

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IF YOU WAIT UNTIL IT GOES UP EVEN FURTHER, THEN YOU'LL KNOW IT'S A GOOD INVESTMENT.

ARE YOU STILL BITTER ABOUT YOUR LAST RAISE?

NOT AS MUCH AS I WAS A MINUTE AGO.

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BY VIEV

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS, AND I GUESS IT'S A GOOD THING, BUT NOW I'VE LOST MY APPETITE.

Le BURGER

OUR MEAT IS CERTIFIED "PINK SLIME" FREE

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

WHERE'S THE WIFE?

HE'S IN HELMAND, BOSS.

WHAT'S HE DOING THERE?

YOU WANTED SOME GOOD NEWS STORIES FROM AFGHANISTAN. HE WAS FREE.

IS HE HOOKED UP WITH A CREW?

NOT YET, BUT HE'S ALREADY TRUETING INTERVIEWS FROM THE FIELD.

STRAIGHT UP? THE WAR'S A BREAKAWAY CLUSTERFRIG!

"SOLDIER. GAINS ARE FRAGILE!"

m.c. ginsberg

OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0312

Across

- German cry
- Ice-grabbing tool
- Bid
- Genetic stuff
- Cutting one may bring tears to your eyes
- Mrs. Gorbachev
- Oct. follower
- Had a big influence on Philip's music?
- Bothered terribly
- Envision
- "Enough already!"
- Fanatics
- Grey who wrote about the Old West
- Harshly criticized Danielle's novels?
- Guevara
- Starch from a tropical palm
- Company that created Pong
- The "L" in S.&L.

Down

- decongestant
- Norway's capital
- Chef's wear
- Clickable computer image
- Hankering
- Scared the daylight out of Elijah in "The Lord of the Rings"?
- Soft powder
- Bleepers
- ___ as it is
- British ref. for wordsmiths
- Deplete
- Trounced Chris in a comedy competition?
- NBC comedy show since '75
- Be in harmony
- Lacking justification
- Rightmost number on a grandfather clock
- Veg out
- Keats and Shelley
- Charge for a bang-up job?

Down

- Desi of "I Love Lucy"
- 100 smackers
- "Show some mercy!"
- Native American drums
- Yoko from Tokyo
- Zero
- "Ye ___!"
- Eruption that might elicit a blessing
- Web site alternative to com or edu
- Unnaturally high voice
- Italian carmaker
- Canadian gas brand
- Speak with a gravelly voice
- Utterly exhausted
- State between Miss. and Ga.
- I.R.S. agent, e.g., informally
- Company whose mascot is Sonic the Hedgehog
- Org. protecting U.S. secrets
- Symbolic riveter of W.W. II
- "Careful!"
- Mystery writer Stanley Gardner
- Leo's symbol
- Applaud
- Optimist's feeling
- Peacenic's mantra
- Floating arctic mass
- Became a winter hazard, as a road
- W.W. II intelligence org.
- Quarrel
- Bowler's challenge
- Battle reminder
- Goad
- Ringlet
- James Bond's film debut
- Evil spell
- 65 Keats or Shelley work
- Abridge

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- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Exercises for Independence**, 11 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Chemistry Final Thesis Defense**, "Magnetoelectrocatalysis - Enhanced Heterogeneous Electron Transfer Reactions at Modified Electrodes, Grätzel Cells, and MnO₂ Electrodes," Garrett Lee, noon, C129 Pomerantz Center
- **Physical and Environmental Seminar**, "Understanding Environmental Surface Chemistry Using Model Systems and Infrared Spectroscopy," Hind Al-Abadleh, Chemistry, 12:30 p.m., 104 Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories
- **Hand & Foot Card Group**, 1 p.m., Senior Center
- **Wii Bowling**, 1:30 p.m., Senior Center
- **Stress Management, University Counseling Service and University College**, 3:30 p.m., 60 Schaeffer Hall
- **African Studies Program Baraza Lecture Series**, "The Art of Satire: African Newspaper Cartoon Re-presentations of African First Ladies in the Post-Cold War Era," Lyombe Eko, Journalism & Mass Communication, 4 p.m., 2390 University Capitol Center
- **Greek Olympics**, 5 p.m., Hubbard Park
- **Affirmationists Toastmasters**, 5:30 p.m., W401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **River City Toastmasters**, 5:30 p.m., Bennigan's, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Ballroom Dancing Lessons**, 6 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Cute Dress Class**, 6 p.m., Home Ec Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Tap Cats**, 6 p.m., Senior Center
- **Zumba**, 6 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Zumba classes**, 6 p.m., Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 Eighth St.
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Jeffrey Copeland, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **"The Razing of Human Rights in Palestine,"** 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Sister Spit**, 7 p.m., Public Space One, 129 E. Washington
- **"Popular and Profane Experiences with the Sublime: The Temple as a Social and Cultural Focus in Egypt,"** 8 p.m., 240 Art Building West
- **SCOPE Concert**, Childish Gambino, 8 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **One-Night Stand**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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- **1:45 p.m.** Dance Highlights, selected works from the Dance Department
- **2** "Civility in a Fractured Society," Jim Leach, head of the National Endowment of the Humanities and former Iowa congressman, Feb. 16, 2010
- **3:15** University Lecture Committee, "Public University Funding," Ananya Roy, March 26, 2010
- **4:30** UI Symphony Orchestra, selections from *West Side Story* and "Lincoln Portrait," narrated by Jim Leach, Feb. 16, 2010
- **5:45** Dance Highlights, selected works from the Dance Department
- **6** Human Rights Week, "Educating Leaders in Health Care for the 21st Century," Freeman A. Hrabowski III, president of University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Jan. 19, 2010
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- **9:30** Daily Iowan Television News
- **9:45** "How Evolution Illuminates Past and Present," Christopher Brochu, Geoscience, Feb. 18, 2010
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Monday, April 16 - by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19: Secrets will not help you solve personal problems. Be open regarding your feelings, and ask questions if you think someone is keeping something from you. Anger isn't the answer, but good communication will restore your faith.

TAURUS April 20-May 20: Open up to new experiences. Venture down avenues that offer something unique. Strive to meet people who have something to share with you. Put more emphasis on being a participant. What you do now will help you diversify at a later date.

GEMINI May 21-June 20: Don't get caught in an emotional trap. You have to get a clear picture of how your personal decisions will influence your professional status or your reputation. Problems will spin out of control. Make sure you have a backup plan.

CANCER June 21-July 22: Free your mind with new information. Experience events and activities that can expand your interests and give you something to strive for. Don't let too many choices lead to a stalemate. Pick and choose wisely.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22: Use your head, and communicate with the people most likely to help you reach your goals. You will learn quickly if you are put in a situation that challenges you. Don't use long-time responsibilities as an excuse not to do something.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22: You'll be too emotionally confused to make a good decision. Back away from anyone putting pressure on you to do something you don't want to do. A personal relationship will undergo a dramatic change if you don't make the right choice.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22: Stick close to home, and practice your beliefs. Your standing will suffer if you do anything that appears to be underhanded. A stellar reputation must be maintained, even if it means letting someone down who has asked way too much of you.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21: Improve your digs. The more you do to make your surroundings more conducive to your goals, the better. A chance to improve your position is apparent if you join forces with someone who has something to contribute to your game plan.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21: Poor information, anxiety, and too much on your mind will lead to disaster in communications or while traveling. Find out firsthand what really happened, and you will be able to dismantle someone's attempt to exploit you.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19: Don't allow anyone to take advantage of you. There will be ulterior motives behind the compliments you receive. Avoid anyone looking for a cash handout or inside information that is not to be divulged. Don't mix business with pleasure.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18: Keep your thoughts a secret until you know where you stand. Someone will take advantage of you emotionally, leading to ill feelings and arguments. Reasonable, responsible action is your best recourse. Avoid being put in a vulnerable position.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20: Don't get all worked up over nothing, especially in any situation that can affect your livelihood. A love relationship must not stifle your productivity. Problems with authority figures and institutions are apparent.

MAN ON THE STREET

What business would you like to see downtown? Why?

William Xie
UI freshman

'I usually just order stuff online.'

Marshall Shen
UI senior

'I would like to see more shows, kind of like movie theaters.'

Annalisa Donahey
UI freshman

'I guess other stores in the Coralville mall such as Forever 21, because the ones there are cheaper.'

Scott Boulter
UI sophomore

'I could see a Khol's or J.Crew, something suitable for both men and women. I think that would be a big success.'

TANG

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first-degree kidnapping while viewing the apartment of a local woman for a potential sublease. She was showing Tang her room when he allegedly locked the door and assaulted her, the complaint said.

Karla Miller, the executive director of the Rape Victim Advocacy Program, said in most assault cases, a no-contact order is put in place after the alleged assault. A no-contact order forbids the person charged with the crime, or associated third parties, access to the alleged victim under any circumstances.

Jail officials said as of Sunday, a no-contact order had not been placed on Tang. "Generally, [police officials] will [place a no-con-

Peng Tang

Tang is being held at the Johnson County jail.

- Tang is being held at the Johnson County jail.
- March 30: Charged with first-degree kidnapping
- April 2: Bond set at \$750,000 and placed on immigration hold
- April 5: Tang's parents, Li Qiao and Xuefan Tang, were charged with tampering with a witness or juror.
- April 13: Plead guilty in first arraignment
- April 13: Charged with tampering with a witness or juror and solicitation to commit an aggravated misdemeanor.

Source: Iowa City police records

tact order] to make sure the defendant stays away from the victim," Miller said. "Even if that doesn't, there are still laws that they can pull into play."

Miller said a tampering

charge is one such law.

According to online court documents, Tang pleaded not guilty through a written plea filed by his attorney on April 13.

Iowa City police Sgt. Zach Diersen said officials are not able to assign an officer to stay with an reported victim, though they have taken other measures to protect possible victims.

"In the past, we have provided a hotel for someone to stay away from their residence in an effort to keep them safe," Diersen said. "In a specific incident, you just have to weigh what the threat is and then take whatever action is most appropriate."

Last week, Tang's father, Xuefan Tang, 57, and mother, Li Qiao, 49, were also charged with attempting to bribe the alleged victim, according to police documents. They are both currently being held at the jail, each on a \$100,000 bond.

FOOD AS A BRIDGE



People help themselves to various foods at the Bridging Fiesta Event hosted by Oasis on April 14. The event included multicultural cuisines and performances by bands, dance groups, and singing groups from around the world. (The Daily Iowan/Asmaa Elkurti)

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iversity of Iowa and Iowa State University to develop ways of getting our transfer and part-time students graduate status when they transfer to those four-year colleges," he said. "We're very excited to collaborate with the colleges."

The end goal, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said in the plan's proposal, is to give more accreditation to students who don't follow the typical progression through years of postsecondary education.

"Better data across institutions are the basis for finding sound solutions to help students stay in school and complete their postsec-

ondary studies," Duncan said. "It is critical to their success and our nation's economic prosperity."

Ovel said community colleges could obtain graduation records of transfer and part-time students through the Department of Education to be included in the graduation rate.

In 2011, the UI received nearly 1,700 of its transfer students from Iowa schools — in comparison, about 1,100 transferred from other U.S. schools.

Ovel emphasized the difference in success rates — students who receive jobs after graduation — and those who only graduate. In 2011, national success rate, which counts transfer students and part-time students, for community colleges was 53 percent. The graduation rate, which

does not count such students and is measured by two-year completion, was only 36 percent.

"This helps us understand who graduates are working for and where they are going after graduation," he said. "This way we can better students and the institution."

Iowa senators on the Education Committee also spoke favorably of the department's proposal.

"There's no rationalization for [not counting transfer students,]" said Sen. Shawn Hamerlinck, R-Dixon. "The education system is a lot better off than people think. If we're not counting these students it doesn't show."

Sen. Herman Quirnbach, D-Ames, said he agreed.

"It's important to develop measures of how well students are doing," he said.

SURPLUS

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to computers, scarves, and blankets.

"It's important that the surplus is involved in helping to reduce the waste that the University [creates]," said Steve Stange, supply chain coordinator for UI Surplus. "It's also important for the UI Surplus to try to get back as much of the university's investment in its property."

The store is open to the public every second and fourth Saturday and to UI departments every Wednesday.

The store occasionally receives unusual items for sale. Stange said they received an extremely large

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satellite uplink dish a few years ago, too big to move from Oakdale campus.

"The dish was dismantled, and the majority of it was recycled," he said. "It went from an expense for the UI to a cost savings."

The store uses eBay to auction high-demand items such as signed athletics memorabilia, while selling most medical items through Heartland Recovery — a service based company specializing in selling such items.

"The state is required to dispose of all of its property in a proper way, and the University of Iowa's process is to go through Surplus," Stange said.

Mark Ludwig, the manager of the Iowa State University Surplus, said he sees a similar trend on sales.

"It just depends on what people are looking for," he said. "I would say our sales are up from past few years, but what happens from week to week is up in the air."

But on public sale days, many come in with a plan.

Laz Pittman said she hunts sales at the Surplus store whenever it's open to the public. After waiting in line before the doors opened on April 14, she found more than what she was looking for.

"I came to buy cabinets, and I found some awesome chairs at \$5 apiece — these black leather chairs — so I bought six," she said and chuckled. "It can't get better than that."

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In previous *hasbarah* (educating and clarifying) messages, we made clear what a tremendous asset for our country Israel is. We gave many examples of its contribution to American safety in that important area of the world. But there is much more.

What are the facts?
Turmoil in the Middle East. There is upheaval in the Middle East. Governments shift, and the future of this vital area is up in the air. In those dire circumstances, it is a tremendous comfort to our country that Israel, a beacon of Western values, is its stalwart and unshakable ally.

Unreliable "allies." Egypt, a long-term "ally" of our country, is the beneficiary of billions of dollars of American aid. Its dictator, Hosni Mubarak has been dethroned. As of now, it is unclear who and what will be Egypt's new government. It is widely assumed, however, that it may be the Muslim Brotherhood. Far from being a religious organization, as its name would imply, it is dominated by fanatical radicals, ardent antagonists of the West, obsessed anti-Semites, and sworn enemies of the State of Israel. If the Muslim Brotherhood would indeed come to power, a bloody war, more violent than anything that has come before, is likely to ensue.

Saudi Arabia, a tyrannical kingdom, is another important "ally" of the U.S. It is the most important source of petroleum, the lifeblood of the industrial world. It is, however, totally unreliable and hostile to all the values for which the United States stands. The precedent of Iran cannot fail to be on the minds of our government. The Shah of Iran was a staunch ally of the U.S. We lavished billions of dollars and huge quantities of our most advanced weapons on him. But, virtually from one day to the next, the mullahs and the ayatollahs — fanatical enemies of our country, of Israel, and of anything Western — came to power. Instead of friends and allies, Iran's theocratic government became the most virulent enemy of the United States. Could something like that happen in Saudi Arabia? It is not at all unlikely!

Other U.S. allies in the region — Jordan, the "new" Iraq, and the Gulf emirates — are even weaker and less reliable reeds to lean on. Libya, which once, under King Idris, hosted the Wheeler Air Base, became an enemy of the U.S. under the late, loathsome Khaddafi

— and probably still is. Turkey, once a strong ally, has cast its lot with Iran.

A stalwart partner. Israel, in contrast, presents a totally different picture. Israel's reliability, capability, credibility and stability, are enormous and irreplaceable assets for our country. Many prominent military people and elected representatives have recognized this. Gen. John Keegan, a former chief of U.S. Air Force Intelligence, determined that Israel's contribution to U.S. intelligence was "equal to five CIA's." Senator Daniel Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said that "The intelligence received from Israel exceeds the intelligence received from all NATO countries combined. The huge quantities of Soviet military hardware that were transferred by Israel to the USA tilted the global balance of power in favor of our country."

In 1981, Israel bombed Iraq's nuclear reactor. While at first condemned by virtually the whole world — sad to say, including the United States — it saved our country a nuclear confrontation with Iraq. At the present time, US soldiers in Iraq and in Afghanistan benefit from Israel's experience in combating Improvised Explosive Devices, car bombs and suicide bombers. Israel is the most advanced battle-tested laboratory for U.S. military systems. The F-16 jet fighter, for instance, includes over 600 Israeli-designed modifications, which saved billions of dollars and years of research and development.

But there is more: Israel effectively secures NATO's southeastern flank. Its superb harbors, its outstanding military installations, the air- and sea-lift capabilities, and the trained manpower to maintain sophisticated equipment are readily at hand in Israel.

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Israel is indeed America's unsinkable aircraft carrier. If it were not for Israel, thousands of American troops would have to be stationed in the Middle East, at a cost of billions of dollars a year. In contrast to the unreliable friendship of Muslim countries, the friendship and support of Israel are unshakable because they are based on shared values, love of peace and democracy. What a comfort for our country to have stalwart and completely reliable Israel in its corner, especially at a time when in this strategic area turmoil, upheaval and revolution are the order of the day. Yes, Israel is indeed America's most steadfast friend, a most important strategic asset and most reliable ally.

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Lead-poisoning aid faces funding cuts

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County officials are preparing to receive less lead-poisoning prevention aid following recent budget cuts at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We do outreach inspections when kids are lead-poisoned at a certain threshold, provide nutrition counseling — it's just kind of the minimum that we can do; we don't have the resources to do everything," said Kane Young, the executive officer for the Iowa Department of Public Health lead-poisoning prevention bureau.

The cuts will take \$600,000 away from Iowa's

Healthy Home and lead-prevention programs, forcing state health officials to cut state-funded programs in the department by 25 percent overall.

Johnson County, one of the state's 68 counties without a lead-poisoning prevention program, depends on the Iowa Department of Health to fight lead poisoning — a nervous-system-damaging condition caused by increased levels of lead in the body. Children in particular can suffer hearing, intelligence, and growth damage when their blood lead levels rise above 10 micrograms per deciliter, according to the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Doug Beardsley, the Johnson County public health director, said the county doesn't have anyone who specializes in lead poisoning and relies on the state department for special cases.

"We don't have the staff to do the assessments [that the prevention programs do], but something we couldn't figure out, they would be able to send somebody over," he said.

However, the cuts will make it more difficult for county officials to use Public Health Department officials, he said.

Major lead-prevention programs are located in priority areas such as Linn County, Marshall County and Wood-

bury County. Because Johnson County doesn't have a high enough need, it hasn't received a specific grant for lead prevention.

"Johnson County is pretty favorable," Beardsley said. "Our housing stock is better, and we don't have the industries in which parents might get lead on their clothes — environment's a little safer than what it used to be."

Iowa as a whole faces particular lead risk, state epidemiologist Patricia Quinlisk said, because of having the highest proportion nationwide of houses containing lead — usually built before the stricter lead-paint laws enacted in 1979. These houses, she

said, pose particular health risks for children.

"It can be quite serious, especially for children whose brains are still growing," she said. "Lead poisoning could be one of the biggest reasons why children's IQ and ability to learn might be affected because of exposure to lead — so obviously that's a big deal."

The prevalence of lead poisoning statewide among children under the age of 6 has increased from around 3 percent in 2005 to 7 percent in 2011, around four times the national average.

Quinlisk said lead-poisoning prevention programs provided by the state health department are

essential in raising awareness about lead poisoning, but state assistance, unfortunately, comes down to health budgets and how much money is available.

"[The Iowa Department of Public Health] does the best it can with what kind of resources it's given," she said.

Young said he hopes funding for these programs will be restored by 2013.

"I think it's important [to have lead-prevention programs] because of the involvement of the community and local outreach and awareness," he said. "It would have a pretty big impact if these cuts are permanent and future funding aren't restored."

Defense amends student funding

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University of Iowa officials said they are relieved by the recent revisions to an agreement required by the Department of Defense with higher-education institutions on federal student funding.

"In most cases, we are going to work out the issues with the Department of Defense," UI Registrar Larry Lockwood said. "We would make sure no veteran is harmed in the process."

The Defense Department's Memorandum of Understanding is a proposal that aims to strengthen control of college-level programs receiving federal tuition-assistance dollars.

Earlier this month, the department announced that requirements had been softened in response to a national outcry by college, university, and other education officials last fall. The department first proposed the memorandum in March 2011, which some education officials felt breached the governing boundaries of institutions.

"The language used in the [proposal] was pretty arbitrary," Lockwood said. "Fifty-one senators signed a letter saying talk to universities and colleges first before making a decision."

Officials said the original memorandum threatened the future of tuition assistance for the more than 300,000 student active-duty service members nationwide.

The memorandum would affect roughly 100 UI students receiving federal military dollars.

Lockwood said issues with the original proposal included measures dictat-

Memorandum of Understanding

Revisions in the 17-page proposed agreement outlines financial procedures between institutions and the Department of Defense:

- Credit must be awarded, accepted, and recognized from military programs where appropriate
- Adhere to the Military Student Bill of Rights and the service members
- Follow the service members Opportunity Colleges Consortium Principles.

Source: Department of Defense

ing how programs award academic credit and conduct student payments. One part, he said, would require the UI, along with other institutions, to use a charge card to process federal assistance for students.

"We aren't authorized to do this," he said, and the UI could have seen a loss of funds that would be shifted to credit-card companies, which collect 4 percent profit from the charges.

The final version of the memorandum, which was first postponed in January, will not take effect until summer this year.

Once the new policy goes into effect, only those who have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the department will be able to participate in the department's tuition-assistance program.

Lt. Cmdr. Kate Meadows, a spokeswoman for the Defense Department, said the agency's decision to review the proposal was in the best interest of the students.

"We wanted to ensure that ultimately, our service members have the choices of the schools they wanted to go to," she said.

The department works with more than 2,000 schools nationwide, and will continue to work with more in the future, she said.

"The Department of Defense has been able to collaborate with our partners including the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, American Council on Education, National Association of Institutions for Military Education Services, and numerous veteran-service organizations and military-service organizations," Meadows wrote in an e-mail. "As a result, we have a stronger, clearer Memorandum."

Lockwood said he believes the UI will sign the memorandum at some point, but he is waiting to see the revisions.

Marty Miller, the director of UI billing-information systems, said the issue was more an interaction between the university and the Defense Department.

"Some security and some concerns were just not the way we would want them to be," he said. "There was nothing in [the memorandum] that was going to put the university in a financial situation. It was more of the method."

NAILING IT



Nail technician Kim Ngyen does medi-cure service for customer Caitlin Keller in Modern Nails on Sunday. Ngyen has worked at the service for five years. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

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— and that, in turn, makes us better as a team.”

And while he admitted it would be nice to nail down the starters for the purposes of developing chemistry, Ferentz said the prolonged battles could benefit the team in a different way.

“When you have six or eight guys rotating in — through the course of the season, guys get hurt — so it’s good to get that kind of rhythm going where you’re used to guys hopping in right away,” he said.

Hawkeyes get commitment from Detroit safety

The Iowa football team picked up its third recruit in as many weeks on April 14.

Safety Delano Hill gave an oral commitment after the Hawkeyes’ open practice over the weekend, according to HawkeyeInsider.com.

Both Rivals and Scout rank Hill — a 6-1, 190-pounder from Detroit — as a three-star prospect; Scout lists him as the No. 25 safety in the nation for the class of 2013.

His 40-yard dash was clocked at 4.59 seconds, and he had scholarship offers from Illinois and Syracuse as well as Iowa. He had paid visits to Wisconsin and Illinois.

Hill is Kirk Ferentz’s third recruit from Detroit’s Cass Tech High in the past two years. Incoming freshmen Ruben Lile and Laron Taylor also played their prep football for the Technicians. Cass Tech rode its three future Hawkeyes to a

state title, a 11-3 record, and a ranking as the No. 6 team in Michigan last fall, according to MaxPreps.com.

Iowa first offered Hill a scholarship in February, and he took an official visit to Iowa City last month. He was back in town for the open practice over the weekend.

“I felt comfortable with the players and the coaching staff and all; it’s a family,” Hill told HawkeyeInsider.com. “I sat in on a couple meetings, and I like how they run meetings and how they coach the players.

“I’m good at getting to the ball; getting interceptions is something I do well.”

Hill joins David Kenney and Derrick Willies as Iowa’s 2013 orals.

NO. 14 MICHIGAN 5, IOWA 2

Molnar wins; Hawks don’t



Iowa senior Sonja Molnar prepares to hit the ball against Michigan’s No. 11 Emina Bektas on Sunday at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex. Molnar defeated Bektas, but Iowa took a 5-2 team loss. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

Sonja Molnar defeated the highest-ranked opponent of her career, but Iowa fell to Michigan.

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Sonja Molnar ran to the right sideline and watched a bright green tennis ball land out of bounds.

The crowd erupted as Molnar — with her left hamstring taped and her black-and-gold racket in her right hand — raced to the net to shake hands with her defeated opponent, Michigan’s No. 11 Emina Bektas.

Bektas is the highest-ranked opponent No. 103 Molnar has defeated in her career — and even though Iowa fell to the No. 14 Wolverines, 5-2, Molnar said she was proud of her accomplishment.

“I just thought, ‘Don’t mess it up this time,’” she said and laughed. “It was literally just don’t miss and breathe.”

She didn’t miss. She took a commanding 9-5 lead in the first-to-10 tiebreaker, but Bektas stormed back to tie it at 9.

Molnar scored with a shot down the line, then Bektas hit a ball out of bounds to secure the victory for Molnar.

“I definitely wanted this one,” Molnar said. “And it will boost my ranking, which is nice; obviously, it’s the end of the season, which is too bad, but it’s still really good.”

Hawkeye freshman Shel-

ly Talcott earned her first win against a nationally ranked opponent, defeating No. 75 Brooke Bolender in a similar fashion as Molnar. Talcott won the third-set tiebreaker, 10-4.

Michigan came to Iowa on Sunday with three ranked singles players and the No. 6 doubles team in the nation.

The Hawkeyes lost to the Wolverines, 5-2, when all was said and done — but those 2 points had everybody in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on their feet.

“It always does,” Iowa head coach Katie Dougherty said when asked if the crowd helps athletes pull through. “The acoustics in this place are such that if people are being loud, it’s a great atmosphere. It’s a blast, and it’s always fun to play in front of our home crowd and everybody’s fired up. That win means a lot for Sonja, and I know she really appreciated that.”

The Wolverines’ Bektas has one of the hardest serves Iowa has faced; assistant coach Jesse Medvene-Collins said after the match that he hasn’t seen anything like it before.

Molnar also said she has never seen Bektas’ type of serve before — “not in women’s tennis,” the senior said.

The key to her victory was to be able to handle the serve and stick to her game.

“I knew coming in that Bektas is a great player with a ton of weapons,” Dougherty said. “That serve is unbelievable, and Sonja was able to neutralize it.”

Although Iowa received some late heroics, the team came away from the weekend 1-1. The Hawkeyes defeated Michigan State, 5-2, on April 13.

Iowa looked banged up on Sunday — almost everyone had tape on muscles or braces on ankles. Freshman Ellen Silver didn’t compete at all on Sunday, and she had to retire from her singles match early on April 13. She has been experiencing back problems, and they flared up in her third set. Dougherty said she expects her freshman back next weekend.

But the Black and Gold still took a lot away from the two meets.

“Confidence-wise, we gained a lot this weekend. Played well on Friday night against Michigan State, and then Michigan is a very good team,” Dougherty said. “They’re a little bit better than we are, and for Sonja to get a huge win like that and for Shelby to also get a ranked win, I think we finished the match the right way.”

NO. 22 MICHIGAN 6, IOWA 1

Men’s tennis falls twice

The Iowa men’s tennis team fell to two ranked opponents this past weekend, losing to No. 69 Michigan State on April 14 and to No. 22 Michigan on Sunday.

The Hawkeyes (1-19, 0-9 Big Ten) lost five of six singles matches and were swept in doubles against the Spartans (15-10, 4-5) in a 6-1 loss. All five of Iowa’s singles defeats came in straight sets.

The Black and Gold’s lone point was delivered by junior Garret Dunn’s 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 win in the No. 4 singles position.

The story was no different on Sunday.

The Hawkeyes were overwhelmed by the Wolverines (15-5, 8-1, 6-1) in a match that saw Iowa falter in five of six singles matches for the second-straight day.

In doubles, Dunn and sophomore Michael Swank scored the biggest victory of the weekend when they pulled off a 8-7 upset

of Michigan’s No. 13 nationally ranked duo of junior Evan King and sophomore Shaun Bernstein in the No. 1 spot.

The win went for naught, though, as the Wolverines claimed the other two doubles matches and the team point.

Dunn completed an undefeated weekend in singles play with a 4-6, 6-4, 1-0 win.

The Hawkeyes’ losing streak has reached 17 matches.

— by Tom Clos

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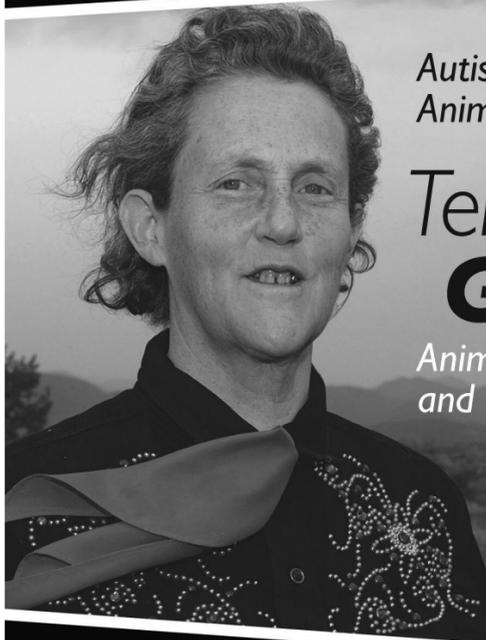
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ZADICK

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stay sitting down. He screams the entire match, jumping up at the slightest action, shooting his arms in the air with every takedown, every shot, every movement from the kid in the Hawkeye singlet.

The coach will trade his dress slacks and tie for a singlet on the mats of Carver-Hawkeye Arena this weekend. He's continuing the embrace the dichotomy between athlete and coach that has become his life.

"I'm a coach first," Zadick said. "... But I'm selfish when it comes to this time. Wrestling, it's me right now, with my training and my readiness."

But Zadick continues to blur the line between coach and athlete, using his entire career — even his Olympic Trials berth — as a coaching tool.

"You take a lot from coaching; that emotion that you want to see the athlete have, you remember that," Zadick said. "Now that I look at it as a coach, I want to step on the mat and be an example ... so when they're watching me, they can say, 'OK, I see how it's done.'"

Zadick has spent the season in a dual coach-athlete role. He's a teacher, impassioned to "better every individual and every athlete in the program." But he's also an athlete who has been training to keep his 33-year-old body ready to wrestle 20-somethings at the trials.

"He's has the most battle-ready attitude," Evans said. "If he's not working

out in the room, pushing our guys every day in practice, he's in there alone, doing what he needs to do. You've got to be really hungry to be that age and still compete at that level."

Evans said Zadick "whoops up" on every college wrestler he faces in practice. The only chance he has of losing to one of the Iowa wrestlers is to be outweighed, and even then, Zadick has a little more fight in him than anyone would expect from someone 10 years out of college.

"It's definitely not something that I've experienced before, wrestling alongside a coach of mine," said McDonough, who earned a wild-card berth for the tournament following his second NCAA title in March. "But we have some pretty close bonds, as far as our competitive nature

and the mindset that we take in to the wrestling match."

A passionate outdoorsman, Zadick shares his love of hunting and fishing with his athletes. He invites them to his home; he lets them work in the yard, chop wood, and hang out.

"Zadick is a brother to everyone on the team," Evans said. "When we're not in the room, he's still a mentor, showing us good lifestyle decisions. Going to his house is like a different kind of training."

But Ramos said Zadick is most influential because the personal bond with his wrestlers lets them witness his hunger for an Olympic gold medal.

Zadick started wrestling when he was 5 years old and decided then that he was going to win an Olympic gold. His résumé is full of other honors — he

won the 2008 Olympic trials and a Senior National title in 2009. He earned silver medals at the 2006 World Championships and 2007 Pan American Games. He's already an Olympian — he made it to the quarterfinals in Beijing.

But no gold. Not yet. And that's why he's still wrestling.

"If I was not confident in my motivation, I'd probably say, 'All right, Zadick, you're 33. Let's go to that next phase of life,'" he said. "But I'm not. I'm actually feeling great where I am competitively right now. Let's go get the job done that I set out to do when I was a young kid."

And this is what makes Zadick the coach he is. The Hawkeye wrestlers see the fire in Zadick's eyes, and realize he's a guy who has

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everything figured out — he's the example of who they want to be, on and off the mat.

"We follow in our coaches' footsteps, and we watch what they do," Ramos said. "We look at what they've done to set our bars, but in Zadick's case, we get to look at what he's still doing. We want what he's got."

"Watching Zadick in this tournament will make guys just be dying to get into this room and do what Zadick's doing — not even just making the Olympic team, but just going out there and fighting to get his dreams."

COMMENTARY

Tracksters sing 'We are Family'



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COLUMBIA, Mo. — Nick Holmes was nothing short of determined.

The junior was running around sixth place for most of the men's 1,500-meter race at the Botts Invitational this past weekend. He trailed a small pack of runners from Illinois, DePaul, and Loyola.

And he looked rather content with his position, which would've only tallied three team points for the Hawkeyes. Hindsight shows that it wouldn't have made a difference either way — the Iowa men's track team claimed first place at the meet by more than 70 points.

But something happened down the final stretch of the four-lap race. Holmes caught up to the pack of

runners in front of him. He broke out from the group and surged forward during the final 150 meters.

I stopped typing and watched as he flew by the pack. He began gaining on Blake Irwin of Missouri with around 60 meters to go. He came close, finishing just 0.81 seconds behind the Tiger. Holmes finished third.

I caught up with him after the race, sitting in the crowd at the Walton Stadium, and asked him about his sudden kick at the end of the race.

"I wanted to score as many team points as possible," Holmes said. "Just trying to make a big impact."

That's the difference between the indoor tracksters and the team that competed in Columbia on April 14. The outdoor Hawkeyes think more in terms of the team than they do of themselves.

They struggled with that issue during the indoor season — they were a team, yes, but the individuality showed more than the unity they needed. They didn't rally around each

other. The team bond that was showcased on April 14 wasn't nearly as strong as it needed to be in the past.

But the unity and "family" mentality witnessed over the weekend wasn't just seen on the track. Holmes showcased how much his team meant to him by sprinting all-out to snag third place and earn 6 points instead of 3, but he wasn't the only one.

Hannah Simonson showed it when she stood up and walked toward the railing that separated the field and the stands. Why? Because she wanted to scream and cheer for whichever Hawkeye was running as they came down the final distance.

Josh Larney showed it by walking along the field inside the track, rooting for the jumpers and long-distance runners. Ethan Holmes did the same as he warmed up for his only race of the day.

Even the throwers — whose events had them stranded in the northwest corner of the stadium all day — showed their love for

the runners and sprinters by screaming from the fence in between their throws.

They may be subtle or they might be seen by all, but these are the signs that Iowa's track team is closer than before.

What sprung this sudden unity remains to be seen. It could've been the poor performances at the Big Ten indoor track and field championships. It could've been a sudden epiphany during practice. It could've been a heart-to-heart at dinner one night.

It doesn't really matter, so long as the tracksters keep competing the way they do. The closer they get, the happier they are, which turns into great performances.

Head coach Larry Wiczorek was very happy with Nick Holmes' efforts — and was just as surprised as I was. "That was a real positive for him, not to throw in the towel when he was back and to finish strong," he said.

And if you ask Nick Holmes, he'll never throw in the towel for his team. Not now, and not ever.

IOWA 6, NEBRASKA 4

Softball shrugs off pressure

The Hawkeyes kept their composure in a tight spot to edge Nebraska.

By TORK MASON
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The Iowa softball team got what senior catcher Liz Watkins called a "Hawkeye softball" win on Sunday.

The Hawkeyes came up with 2 runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to pull out a 6-4 victory over Nebraska behind pitcher Chelsea Lyon. Lyon had a no-hitter into the fifth inning, but she surrendered 4 runs on 4 hits in the frame — coughing up what had been a 4-0 lead.

Iowa was nearly able to escape the inning with a 4-2 lead, but a drive off of the bat of Nebraska's Taylor Edwards sailed just past the glove of a diving Ashley Akers in left field. Edwards' double plated 2 more runs before Lyon took care of the second and third outs herself by cleanly fielding a pair of grounders.

Lyon said she didn't press when she got into that jam, and familiarity with Nebraska's pitchers was a reason.

"When they scored a couple runs, I just had to think 'We're ahead, we can do this, we got this,'" she said. "Then when they tied it up, it was a little hard. But I was confident in our offense because we saw both of their pitchers [on April 14], and we knew



Iowa junior Bradi Wall signals for sophomore Brianna Luna to not slide at home plate as they both score against Nebraska at Pearl Field on Sunday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cornhuskers, 6-4. (The Daily Iowan/Asmaa Elkeurti)

what [Nebraska's Ashley Hagemann] was going to throw."

The Broken Arrow, Okla., native said she stayed focused on her next pitch, because "you can only control yourself" in the circle.

The Hawkeyes had opportunities to put the game away throughout the afternoon. They stranded nine runners on base, including six in scoring position. But Watkins said there was a feeling on the bench that the missed opportunities wouldn't matter.

"We had runners on base in almost every inning," she said. "I told Chelsea I had complete confidence that we were going to win this game, and I think it fed in

throughout the dugout. Everybody was like, 'Maybe we won't score this inning, but we're going to score in one of them.'"

Head coach Marla Loper said the team needs to focus on executing all the time, because pressure gets heaped on the Hawkeyes any time a team ties a game in the later innings.

"We just have to execute, whether it's a hit-and-run, a bunt-and-run, or a sacrifice bunt," the second-year head coach said. "Or defensively, making sure we're communicating — making sure we're not giving them opportunities that they haven't worked hard for. We don't like to hand things to them."

Watkins was able to

deliver the final blow in the bottom of the sixth inning with a single to left field, which plated Megan Blank to bring the score to 6-4. Watkins came into Sunday's game riding a 1-for-16 slump over her last five games, but she said she felt confident when she stepped into the box.

"I try not to think about [the slump], because if I focus on not being able to produce like I have, it's just a downhill, big snowball effect," she said. "I just went up looking for my pitch. I knew she was going to throw me inside, so I tried to get my hands out. It wasn't the prettiest hit; however, it looks the same in the scorebook."

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NOTEBOOK

O-line inexperienced but strong

James Ferentz said a shifting, young offensive line could have its benefits.

By **SETH ROBERTS**
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Thirteen starts. That's it. Take away senior center James Ferentz, and the other first-team Iowa football offensive linemen who took the field during the Hawkeyes' open practice on April 14 have only a baker's dozen starts among them.

Ten of those come from left guard Matt Tobin. Brandon Scherff has the other three. Austin Blythe, Conor Boffeli, and Brett Van Sloten don't have any.

But the youth of the line doesn't seem to concern at least one player expected to be a major cog in Iowa's offense this season.

"Scherff's a huge man — very physical, he has the potential to be a very, very good player ... he's killing guys at practice," tight end C.J. Fiedorowicz said about the 6-5, 310-pound left tackle. "Van Sloten's also a very physical player, disciplined. They're both very good."

They'll need to be. Scherff is replacing Riley Reiff, who most expect will be taken in the first round of the NFL draft later this month. Van Sloten will take the right-tackle spot vacated by Markus Zusevics, who was slated as a late-round draft pick before



Iowa offensive lineman Brett Van Sloten holds off defensive lineman Joe Gaglione as quarterback James Vandenberg throws during the spring game in Kinnick Stadium on April 14. Van Sloten is one of a handful of young offensive linemen competing for a starting spot. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

he tore his left pectoral at the NFL scouting combine. Blythe and Boffeli are battling for the right to replace NFL-bound right guard Adam Gettis.

With the exception of Blythe, a redshirt fresh-

man, most of the newcomers have seen game action. Boffeli played in three games last year and sporadically as a redshirt freshman in 2010. Scherff made 10 appearances in 2011, and Van Sloten

played in all 13 contests.

But that doesn't mean their jobs are safe. It's still early — the team has three more practices to play with before hanging up the pads for the rest of the academic year — and an almost

entirely new coaching staff means every Hawkeye has to fight to establish himself. Andrew Donnal, Drew Clark, and Nolan MacMillan aren't out of the picture yet; that could be a good thing, Ferentz said.

"The more competition you have, I think that's healthy," the senior center said. "The longer the competition goes on, that makes us better as a unit

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OLYMPIC TRIALS

Still chasing Olympic gold

Iowa wrestling assistant coach Mike Zadick sets the best type of example for the Hawkeyes in his quest for gold.

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Iowa wrestling assistant coach Mike Zadick sits on the bleachers with a dozen college wrestlers. He's dressed the same, with a hoodie tucked into his sweatpants. He's laughing at the same jokes, poking fun at the same people. He's lacing up the same wrestling shoes. He'll get on the same mat and wrestle the same practice routine.



Zadick
assistant coach

The only difference between Zadick and his team is that he's been wrestling for as long as some of the youngsters have been alive. He's 33, the oldest wrestler to compete at the 60-kilogram weight class at the U.S. Olympic trials this weekend.

"I feel real good — I actually feel great," Zadick said. "It's a different type of training: smarter. You can't run yourself through walls at 33 like you could when you were 22, but the smarter factor and the age has helped me."

Zadick sits next to sophomore Tony Ramos before practice. He gives red-shirt freshman Mike Evans a playful push on the shoulder. He's wrestling in the same tournament as junior Matt McDonough this weekend. He's one of the guys.

And yet, he's more. Zadick is the coach in the corner who can't

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HAWKEYE-GREAT RIVER ENTERTAINMENT INVITATIONAL

Men's golf holds off ISU

The Iowa men's golf team beats Iowa State and Mother Nature to set a 54-hole record at the Hawkeye-Great River Entertainment Invitational.

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It wasn't easy for the Iowa men's golf team.

The Hawkeyes battled winds up to 30 mph and a late charge from Iowa State.

But none of it was enough to topple the No. 27 Hawkeyes on their home course this past weekend.

Iowa posted a team score of 840 (24 under), a 54-hole tournament record, and bested the Cyclones by two strokes to claim the Hawkeye-Great River Entertainment Invitational championship on Sunday at Finkbine.

It was the Hawkeyes' third-consecutive Hawkeye Invitational title and the first victory in the 2012 season for the squad.

The Cyclones shot 8 under on Sunday and nearly caught the Hawkeyes in the final holes after Iowa had established a 6-stroke lead on the first day of the tournament. But birdies from Joseph Winslow and Steven Ihm in the final three holes of their rounds helped Iowa hang on.

Senior Barrett Kelpin, who finished in a tie for fifth place, said the Hawkeyes hit some big shots to hang onto their first victory.

"Iowa State didn't give any-



Iowa golfers Chris Brant, Ian Vandersee, and Joseph Winslow accept awards at Finkbine Golf Course on Sunday. Iowa squandered most of a 6-stroke lead but held on to top Iowa State in the Hawkeye-Great River Entertainment Invitational. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Coupee)

thing to us down the stretch, and we finished well in the closing holes to fight them off," Kelpin said. "It always comes down to the final few holes when these tournaments get close."

The weather was also a factor in Sunday's play. Storms on April 14 turned a few bunkers into water hazards, and gusting winds made an already difficult Finkbine course even more challenging than usual.

Iowa head coach Mark Hankins said birdies were hard to come by.

"It was tough all day long; it was wet early, and down the stretch it [the wind] was blowing at 25 miles per hour," Hankins said. "Just making pars down the stretch was tough."

Iowa's top two individuals in the tournament both carded 1-over 73s in the final round.

Senior Chris Brant — who had played 40-consecutive bogey-free holes before finishing his tournament with back-to-back bogies — finished in second place with an 8-under 208. Brant was 6 shots behind individual champion Nate McCoy of Iowa State, who set a 54-hole tournament record.

Brant said he was pleased with second place despite his finish.

"I'm not too disappointed with second place. Nate [McCoy] played really, really well," Brant said. "I would have needed to make a considerable number of birdies today."

Iowa's other top-four finisher was senior Brad George, who competed as an individual, meaning his score had no effect on the Hawkeyes' team score.

Hankins said he liked seeing production from the players outside the starting lineup.

"Everyone's trying to play for themselves," Hankins said. "We've got a pretty deep team, and everyone is trying to contest for that starting five."

The Hawkeyes have only one more event, this weekend's Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind.

Hankins said he was most satisfied with the way the Hawkeyes were able to maintain a lead, especially one they were given a night to think about.

"I'm pleased with the way we had a lead after two rounds, went to sleep on that lead, and then came out and won the tournament," Hankins said.