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In the April 12 editorial, "If you build it, do it locally," *The Daily Iowan* implied the tax-rebate bill sent to Gov. Terry Branstad would be taken directly from Iowa taxpayers. Being a rebate, the money will not be taken from any government program, and it would be based on the amount of sales-tax revenue collected by the complex. Also, the *DI* did not represent the opinions of some members of the Dyersville community correctly. Additionally, the writer of the editorial quoted two sources, Dyersville Mayor Jim Heavens and the site's previous owner, Wayne Ameskamp, whom he never interviewed. The writer is no longer employed at *The Daily Iowan*.

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## Zumba zooms in popularity



Iowa students and community members participate in a Zumba class in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Monday. The rec center has seen a 100 percent increase in the number of participants in daily classes this year. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

The University of Iowa rec center offers traditional Zumba, Zumba Toning, and Aqua Zumba.

By **ANNA THEODOSIS**

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Alex Judisch moved her hips effortlessly, shuffling left and right with the beat of the drums pumping through the speakers. The Monday evening class was the first of four the UI sophomore attends weekly at the University of Iowa Campus Recreation & Wellness Center.

"I'm addicted," she said. "It's kind of a problem."

Judisch joins a global following of Zumba

Fitness, a program that mixes Latin dancing with body-toning exercises. UI Recreational Service officials said Zumba's popularity has skyrocketed.

"I would say within the last year, we've had a 100 percent increase," said Matt Stancel, an associate director of fitness programs at the rec center. "Every class is full."

The workout's high-energy style has attracted many students and local residents, who usually fill the 30- to 40-person classes, Stancel said.

"Personally, I like Zumba because the music is so much fun; it's a way to dance more," UI freshman Katie Skinner said. "It's kind of like going out dancing and going crazy."

The workout program was launched internationally in 2007 and garnered more than 12 million weekly participants in more than 125 countries by 2011.

In 2011, the rec center offered three classes per week taught by one instructor.

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Childish Gambino performs songs from his album *Camp* in the IMU on Monday. The concert was originally scheduled for April 2 but was postponed because he broke his foot.

(The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

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 Go online to see a photo slide-show of the Childish Gambino concert.

## Locals are hip on hemp

Currently, no Iowa farmers are allowed to grow industrial hemp.

By **DORA GROTE**

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Local industrial-hemp advocates are pushing to loosen growing regulations of the crop in Iowa because of its economic, environmental, and health benefits.

"If we could grow it [in Iowa City], it gives a lot of opportunity for small-business startups," said UI Environmental Coalition Co-President Chelsea Krist.

The UI Environmental Coalition sponsored a hemp-advocacy event Monday evening to distribute hemp products and show the movie *Hempsters* for National Earth Week. Hemp is used in clothing, lotions, fuel, and other products, and it can be grown without herbicides and pesticides.

The plant Cannabis varieties produces both industrial hemp and marijuana. The former is high in fiber and low in tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) — the ingredient found in high concentrations in marijuana, according to the National Hemp Industry Association.

Industrial hemp was grown in the United States, including Iowa, during World War II for U.S. Army uniforms. The Controlled Substance Act of 1970 classified hemp as a drug, and requires farmers to

SEE HEMP, 3



# Train hits semitruck



Firefighters wait for a tow truck at the scene of a train collision at the intersection of Highway 6 and Deer Creek Road in Coralville on Monday. A truck was hit by the train, splitting the trailer from the cab. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

State officials said 20 percent of accidents at highway railroad crossings occur between trucks and trains.

By **JORDYN REILAND**  
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Johnson County emergency-rescue teams responded to a train and truck collision at the intersection of Deer Creek Road and Highway 6 after receiving a call around noon Monday.

According to a Coralville police official, a Peterson Contractors Inc. semitruck was heading west on Highway 6 in Coralville when it turned left onto Deer Creek Road in front of a train

going 39 mph. Deer Creek Road was blocked until the road crews cleared the wreckage.

"The driver suffered only minor injuries and was lucky to be alive," Coralville police Lt. Bruce Freeman said.

The semitruck driver was transported to a hospital, according to a Johnson County Ambulance official.

Diane McCauley, Iowa Department of Transportation policy analyst, said even with the recent accident, the number of train-

truck collisions have decreased overall in the last few years.

"We feel that the safety is being improved in education and enforcement," she said.

McCauley said the numbers of crashes tend to stay in a certain range.

In 2010, there were 49 accidents involving trucks on highway railroad crossings, 64 in 2008. In 2011, 37 such crashes occurred in Iowa.

Coralville Fire Chief

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Dave Stannard said the train did not derail, and most of the damage was done to the semitruck. The product the train was carrying did not have much value, he said, and he estimated the damage to be approximately \$100,000.

*DI* Photo Editor Adam Wesley contributed to the story.

## NATION

### Woman charged with burglary

A local woman has been charged with second-degree burglary.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Kimberly Robinson, 45, 2401 Highway 6 E. No. 2210, was charged April 14.

The alleged victim arrived home at his apartment and witnessed Robinson sitting on the bed looking through his clothes, police said. The victim tried to use his cell phone, and the two struggled, according to the complaint. The phone allegedly broke in half, and Robinson left by way of the north window.

Robinson later came to the scene after police officials were called and stated she heard police were looking for her, but she denied being in the apartment, the complaint said.

Second-degree burglary is considered a Class-C felony.  
— by Jordyn Reiland

### Bo-James liquor license to be suspended

A local bar is set to have its liquor license suspended from May 20 to June 19, according to online documents from the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division.

The 30-day suspension is the result of a series of lawsuits that started January 2009, when Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., was accused of selling alcohol to a minor.

Owner Leah Cohen appealed the charge in 2011 because she thought the situation constituted entrapment — official acts causing an individual to commit an act they might otherwise not.

Bo-James was allowed to submit dates that would best work for its license suspension. Cohen said the date picked would be best because it is after classes end.

She said the bar/restaurant will be allowed to stay open for food.

— by Derek Kellison

### Man charged with theft

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

According to a Johnson County Sheriff's Office complaint, Kenneth Clayborn Jr., 23, was charged April 14.

Police officials were dispatched to Target, 1441 Coral Ridge Ave., after receiving a report of a theft, according to the complaint. Clayborn and two others allegedly left Target with two baskets' worth of merchandise.

When police officials found Clayborn, he allegedly admitted to the theft; the merchandise totaled more than \$1,900.

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

### CR man charged with 3rd OWI

A Cedar Rapids man has been charged with third-offense OWI and two charges of driving while license denied or revoked.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Adam Miller, 27, was charged Sunday.

Police officials observed a vehicle driving northbound on

Dubuque Street at Foster Road; it swerved all over the road and crossed over marked lanes of traffic, according to the complaint.

Miller was pulled over and admitted having too much to drink, the complaint read. He reportedly smelled of alcohol, had slurred speech, bloodshot-watery eyes, and extremely poor balance.

According to the complaint, Miller has three previous OWI convictions from April 4, 2002, June 20, 2004, and May 25, 2007.

Third-offense OWI is a Class-D felony.

Driving while license denied or revoked is a serious misdemeanor.

— by Jordyn Reiland

### Retail sales surge

WASHINGTON — Americans bought more electronics, started home-improvement projects, and updated their wardrobes last month, inspired by warmer weather and a healthier job market.

U.S. retail sales rose 0.8 percent in March, the Commerce Department said on April 13.

The increase capped a strong quarter of gains and contributed to a brighter outlook among economists for growth in the January-March quarter. Businesses are responding by restocking their shelves at a steady pace, a sign that they expect the trend to carry over into the spring.

More retail spending also helped offset a decline in confidence among homebuilders. And

it could ease concerns about March hiring, which slowed to half the pace of the previous three months.

"Retail sales soared in March with stores in just about every category recording sharp increases over February levels," said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors. "And let's not forget, the February spending was strong."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose more than 125 points in afternoon trading. But broader indexes were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained roughly 4 points, while the NASDAQ composite fell 15 points.

The retail sales report is the government's first look each month at consumer spending, which represents 70 percent of economic activity.

Consumers are spending more despite paying higher gas prices and seeing little growth in their wages.

Shoppers bought more furniture, groceries, clothes, and sporting goods last month. They also paid more for gas.

Still, excluding cars, gas and food, sales rose 8.2 percent in the first quarter, the most in two years.

The gain pushed total retail sales to a record high of \$411.1 billion, 24 percent higher than the recession low hit in March 2009.

"This is a good report," said Chris Christopher, an economist at IHS Global Insight. "Consumers are spending despite feeling the pump price pinch."

— Associated Press

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## BLOTTER

**Jesus Amador**, 35, 2401 Highway 6 E. No. 3002, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Preston Bradford Jr.**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

**Adrianna Espinoza-Castro**, 20, 2401 Highway 6 E. No. 3601, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree

theft and PAULA. **Sonja Molnar**, 21, 600 S. Capitol St. No. 201, was charged Monday with keeping a disorderly house.

**HEMP**

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obtain a permit for growing industrial hemp. No Iowans have permits.

Local hemp advocate Karen Kubby, the owner of Beadology, 220 E. Washington St., said legislators should allow industrial hemp to be grown in Iowa because of its strength, fiber, and nutritional value.

"It's an incredibly durable product," said Kubby, who sells five different colors of whipped hemp. "It looks great, and it's fun to use with beads. It's a renewable resource and a crop that [could be] easily grown in Iowa."

Sen. David Johnson, R-

Ocheyedan, said he's aware of the benefits of hemp clothing and would like to see a fair hearing to legalize the plant.

"I have several hemp shirts, silk shirts, and cotton shirts," said Johnson, the former head of the Senate Agricultural Committee. "In Iowa's hot and humid summer, there is nothing cooler or more comfortable than those hemp shirts."

According to the Vote Hemp website, a bill attempting to loosen hemp regulations in Iowa was presented to the Senate Agricultural Committee in 2003 but never made it out of committee.

Hemp is still considered the same as marijuana by federal laws, said Jeffrey Scott, a spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Administration.

"Regardless if the THC is low, that does not change the fact that all cannabis plants are illegal and are considered marijuana," he said. "The reality is someone claiming to grow hemp has to deal with the claim to grow marijuana."

The Hemp Industries Association estimates the total retail value of U.S. hemp is about \$419 million.

Eric Creach, the store manager at New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville, said the store sells hemp products for the health benefits.

"We carry lots of products that have hemp-seed oil in them, hemp milk, and hemp-seed-oil pills mainly because of its omega 3s and 6s," Creach said. Those [fats] are supposed to be really beneficial these days." Creach said most of the

**Hemp Legislation**  
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- California
- Colorado
- Illinois
- Montana
- New Mexico
- Vermont

Source: Vote Hemp

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hemp is imported from Canada, and growing it in the United States would be worthwhile.

Krist said hemp has not been a popular topic on campus, but she hopes to change the attitude of the discussion.

"Hemp advocacy is seen



**UI senior Chelsea Krist distributes free hemp products on Monday to freshman Jenna Ladd and junior Marco Jimenez after the screening of *Hempsters*, a film that demonstrates uses for hemp. The event was one of the first in the Earth Week celebrations organized by the University of Iowa Environmental Coalition. (The Daily Iowan/Asmaa Elkurti)**

as some sort of hippie movement, and that's not what it's about," Krist said. "It's not a conversation people are having on campus, but I

think there is going to be some changing. I think it'll be growing and maybe we'll see an advocacy group formed."

**ZUMBA**

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Those numbers have jumped this year to 14 classes per week with seven instructors.

"Fitness trends train all the time," Stancel said. "There's always something new coming out, and Zumba is in that trend. It's a 360-degree turn from your traditional step classes that were popular in the '80s and '90s."

Stancel said he expects those numbers to keep rising.

"Our intentions are to meet the needs and goals of our members," he said. "They've expressed a need to have more Zumba classes in the past; we try to

meet all the goals of our members. If they want more Zumba, we're going to get more Zumba in there."

Zumba instructor Erin Donohue said the program's music and dance moves make it more enjoyable than traditional workout routines.

"You're really getting a total body workout, and you're doing it to loud, fun music," she said. "You're not so much thinking about the workout. There's cardio, and you're toning, you're working your core muscles, your legs, cardio. It's something for everybody."

The routine's exciting nature was the main draw for Judisch.

"It's so much fun, and it's a great way to get a workout without feeling like you're getting a workout," she said. "I like to dance and have fun, and the instructors always get real-

ly into it."

While the program traditionally attracts women, Donohue said she has noticed an increase in the number of male participants.

"I typically have a couple guys come every week," she said. "I'm sure the girls will bring their boyfriends. There are male instructors in the larger metro areas."

UI communications studies Associate Professor Joy Hayes, who specializes in Latin American studies, said that Zumba can have cultural benefits for its participants.

"I think just generally, the culture exposure is great," she said. "Any exposure to different cultural ways of doing things is an educational thing."

And the routine's social nature, Skinner said, gives it another advantage over many workout circuits.

**Zumba**

The fitness program's history includes:

- 1990's: Beto Perez creates the Zumba fitness program
- 1999: Perez begins teaching classes in Miami
- 2001: Zumba is branded
- 2007: Zumba is launched internationally
- 2011: Zumba becomes largest branded fitness program in the world

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## Guest Column

VOICES OF PHILANTHROPY - PHIL'S DAY 2012

## Philanthropy in motion

Thousands of University of Iowa freshmen come to campus with certain expectations each year. They expect quality academics, professors willing to go above and beyond, interesting coursework, and opportunities to meet new people and create lifelong friendships. These UI students are focused on their futures and on making the most of their years in college.

That certainly was true in my case. I came to campus expecting to learn everything I needed to know merely by being in the classroom and reading my textbooks. I didn't realize then that Iowa also would give me philanthropic opportunities that would help change my life — and the lives of others.

College is, without a doubt, pegged as a "selfish" time — a time to focus on you. That's exactly what I had intended to do when I came to college, until I got involved in UI Dance Marathon.

Dance Marathon is the largest student-run philanthropic organization west of the Mississippi River, and it provides emotional and monetary support for pediatric-oncology patients who are being treated at the UI Children's Hospital and their families.

Students become involved with Dance Marathon for a variety of reasons: to build their résumés, to meet new people, or to further their volunteer-service experiences for postgraduate applications. However, I'd be hard-pressed to find one student involved with Dance Marathon who doesn't understand that all of our efforts are truly "For the Kids."

Dance Marathon goes far beyond raising money "For the Kids." Students willingly spend time with families who are going through the most difficult times of their lives. They develop leadership and peer-management skills, they make tough decisions, they hold themselves to high moral values, and they live their lives with integrity. Above all, Dance Marathon helps them give to



UI students and patients participate in Dance Marathon in February in the IMU. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne &amp; File Photo)

others.

Those of us involved with Dance Marathon aren't just giving to the kids, either — we also help our community and our campus. That's why "philanthropy" means more to me today than it did when I first became involved in Dance Marathon.

I now understand that philanthropy is about much more than just raising money or doing "charity work." Philanthropy means showing a love of humanity and a personal concern for the welfare of others. It means stepping outside of your comfort zone, taking a stand, and transforming someone else's life by giving your time and talents. Philanthropy is about enriching the future through the actions of today — regardless of how small they may seem at the time.

Through Dance Marathon, which fulfilled a part of my college experience that textbooks and lectures could not, I have forged an enduring bond with my university. The philanthropic culture is alive and well here, and I feel a sense of pride knowing that my philanthropic efforts not only have touched the lives of others but also this campus and the university's future leaders. I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to do so.

Elyse Meardon

executive director of UI Dance Marathon 2012

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## WORLD

## Annan's Syria plan assailed

BEIRUT — The U.N. insists a fragile truce it brokered in Syria is holding, even though regime forces have been hammering the rebellious city of Homs with artillery for days.

It's a sign of the leeway the international community seems willing to give President Bashar Assad in hopes of forcing him into the next stage of special envoy Kofi Annan's peace plan — talks with opponents who

demand his removal.

Assad has made it brutally clear that he won't step aside, trying to snuff out a 13-month uprising with tank fire and mass arrests. Even though he ostensibly accepted Annan's plan, he's likely to wriggle out of it since he seems largely insulated from pressure.

He does not face a threat of Western military intervention. Poorly armed rebel fighters don't pose a danger to his rule. And Assad has the backing of Russia, China, and Iran, along

with key groups at home.

Some even argue the Annan plan has actually allowed Assad to strengthen his hold on the country of 22 million.

"There is nothing to suggest that there is light at the end of the tunnel here," said Shadi Hamid of the Brookings Doha Center, a Gulf-based think tank. "If the end game is the fall of the Assad regime, I don't think we are any closer to the end game."

From the time the April 12 cease-fire deadline was

announced, the regime escalated blanket shelling attacks on rebel-held neighborhoods, killing dozens every day in what the opposition described as a frenzied last-minute rush to crush the uprising.

Yet the plan by Annan, the joint U.N.-Arab League emissary, is the only one a deadlocked international community could rally behind and is seen as the only practical way forward.

Karin Laub  
Associated Press

## Not touching Ann Romney

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So there they were, these nice people — well, it was on public radio, so of course they were nice people; I think there's some sort of niceness test you have to take before you can get on public radio — talking about the tech bubble.

Yeah, I hear you — I didn't know there was a tech bubble going on, either. But then, I've been so fascinated by the race for the Republican presidential nomination that it's been hard to pay attention to real life.

But apparently, there is a tech bubble going on, and we all remember what happened with the last tech bubble.

(Well, if truth be told, we don't. I don't, anyway. But then, the only market I can afford to dabble in is the Farmers' Market, which doesn't have bubbles. That I know of, anyway.)

Meanwhile, back at anyway, I learned from the three nice public-radio people (well, one public-radio person, the announcer, and two economic experts — details, details) that there are four stages to a bubble — who knew? — the first, when a few smart people sense something and start investing; the second, when more mainstream investors follow them; the third, when the general public pour in like lemmings (who do not, I'm told, jump off cliffs); and the fourth, when pop goes the weasel.

Or something like that.

Then Audie Cornish, the public-radio announcer, said something to the effect of when do we in the general public know when the bubble is going to burst?

And public radio — with a silent BLIP — suddenly went off the air. And stayed off the air. And stayed off the air. And stayed — well, you get the idea.

Talk about your bubbles bursting. Ten minutes. Fifteen minutes. Twenty minutes. Dead air gets very silent, I discovered. Who knew? Or perhaps, who new?

You know what I said to myself. No, what? myself said. I was nodding off there.

This is what public radio should do for fundraising, I said to myself. No more haranguing and haranguing and haranguing and — well, you get the idea. You've

heard public-radio fundraising drives. Just silence.

This must be what Mitt Romney's brain sounds like a lot of the time, I said to myself. I wonder what Ann Romney says about that.

You don't want to go anywhere near there, myself said, not nodding off after all.

I'm not going to touch Ann Romney, I told myself. I mean that metaphorically, of course. Not literally. To use a word that practically everyone misuses.

Metaphorically, myself said. I met a 4 once. He had a great sense of humor. I wonder whatever happened to Chuck.

Now, the Mitt. I'd touch the Mitt, I said. Metaphorically, of course. I don't even want to think about literal.

You leave Ann Romney alone, myself said. You saw what happened to Hilary Rosen. Besides, you don't know diddly, Beau, about raising children.

Wait a minute, I said. I worked in a daycare. We, I mean. We worked in a daycare.

I didn't work in a daycare, myself said. I must have been nodding off.

You're always doing that, I said. What I remember about the daycare is that once you finally finished washing all the mess of dishes and pots and pans that was lunch, you couldn't wait for the charming and wonderful kids to nod off into naps.

I wonder if that's the way it was for Ann Romney.

Don't go there, myself said. Concentrate on the Mitt.

That's like concentrating on dead air, I said. Which is what we've been doing with this public-radio thing. I do know this about the Mitt: His campaign people jumped all over Hilary Rosen, saying she was an adviser to the Obama campaign. But she has no connection to the Obama campaign. Just as Ann Romney has no connection to working people. She's never had the chef sternly tell her, I want those diced, not chopped.

Don't go there, myself said.

And I know this about the Mitt: His father once ran for the GOP nomination for president; he dropped out after famously saying he had been brainwashed about the war in Vietnam. Mitt has apparently been brainwashed about the rich people in the United States.

Of course, first of all, he must demonstrate that he has a brain to wash. ■

## Guest Column

VOICES OF PHILANTHROPY - PHIL'S DAY 2012

## 'Phil' is all around us at the University of Iowa

Phil lives on the University of Iowa campus — and far beyond it. Phil is learning in classrooms, researching in labs, and giving back to others. Phil takes to the stage and charges the playing fields. Phil isn't just one UI teacher, student, graduate, or contributor: Phil is all of us. Phil is even you.

That's because Phil — our nickname for "philanthropy" — is not only every donor who invests in Iowa but also every person who benefits from the lasting effect of such gifts.

In my role as president of the University of Iowa

Foundation, which raises private funds for our university, I see this effect at work every day, and I know that it touches all of us, in ways big and small.

Whether you realize it or not, your Iowa experience has been made possible by generous alumni and friends. Their gifts have helped open doors for you — both literally and figuratively — because they have done everything from building amazing new facilities and funding vital student scholarships to investing in breakthrough research and bringing the best of Iowa

to the rest of the world.

Though you may think that you don't know anyone who has contributed to your university, you might be surprised to discover that there are countless UI donors in your midst on campus — as well as spread throughout our state, nation, and world. Not only do members of our faculty and staff make contributions, our students do, too. In fact, Dance Marathon, the largest student-run organization on campus, is a member of the UI Presidents Club, which recognizes our most generous donors.

To acknowledge and celebrate all of these students, alumni, and friends who have given to UI, we've decided to designate one special day — Phil's Day — in honor of life-changing philanthropy. On April 24, we'd like to officially thank these contributors for their role in making the Iowa experience remarkable.

We'd also like to remind you that the power of giving is all around you. As you move through campus on Phil's Day, you'll probably notice that several buildings have been tagged with gold bows.

We've done this to illustrate just how important private gifts are — and just how much they benefit each one of us.

I hope that, in addition to strolling around campus to see private support at work, you'll also take time to attend "Life with Phil: Your Journey to Philanthropy" at 11 a.m. in the Seamans Center Stanley Auditorium. This presentation will be hosted by Iowa alumnus Gary Seamans (1971, B.S.E.E) who not only is a highly successful businessman but also a dedicated UI volun-

teer and visionary philanthropist who made the lead naming gift for the university's Seamans Center.

During the presentation, Seamans will tell you more about what inspires him to give to the University of Iowa. I hope that you, too, will be inspired by all that you see and hear on Phil's Day. Because Phil is Iowa. And Phil is everywhere. So thanks, Phil, for just being you.

Lynette L. Marshall  
President and CEO of the University of Iowa Foundation

## Group pushes chickens



Caroline and Natalie Young tend to their chickens on their family's farm near Iowa City in February. Some Iowa City community members support a change in the city's zoning code to allow chickens to be kept in urban Iowa City. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

Roughly 95 cities nationwide allow urban chicken keeping.

By KRISTEN EAST

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The Rio Grande winds through Albuquerque, N.M., creating a bustling hub for agricultural activity. This area provided KT LaBadie space to raise chickens before she and her husband moved to Iowa City.

"Raising chickens was a really great way to really connect with people in the community," she said. "It let me get to know the people in my town who were equally as interested in food production."

But LaBadie, 32, was forced to leave her chickens behind when she moved to Iowa City in August 2010, because the city's zoning code doesn't allow urban chickens.

LaBadie and other community members are advocating to legalize urban chicken keeping in Iowa City. Supporters cite education, sustainability, and animal welfare as their main arguments for a zoning amendment.

"Everyone comes to the table with different reasons [for urban chicken keeping]," said LaBadie, who organized several chicken-keeping groups in Albuquerque. "... But it's not like it's a brand-new thing. They're allowed in New York City, Los Angeles, Albuquerque, and larger urban areas. I feel like they

### Urban Chickens

Iowa City resident KT LaBadie said there are several benefits to keeping urban chickens.:

- Sustainability
- Education
- Egg production
- Fertilizer
- Animal welfare

Source: KT LaBadie, Iowa City resident

could work in Iowa City."

The issue could soon find its way to an Iowa City City Council agenda.

The Iowa City Citizens for the Legalization of Urban Chicken Keeping have formed physical and online petitions they hope to one day present to the City Council. The online petition — which requests a change in the city ordinance to allow residents to own no more than six hens — has garnered roughly 125 signatures since it began late March.

The City Council last addressed urban chicken keeping several years ago. According to a 2009 city memorandum, the Department of Housing and Inspection Services recommended councilors not amend the zoning code.

However, City Councilor Rick Dobyns said he'd be open to discussing the issue during a future work session. "I have no personal interest in it, but during my campaign ... I was surprised by the amount of genuine interest in having urban chickens," he said. "They pretty much convinced me. ... It's just convincing the others."

But Councilor Susan Mims expressed some concerns, noting the current Iowa City animal shelter's lack of space.

"I still have some real concerns until we have the new animal shelter up," she said. "I think there's a possibility that we'd have chickens that would need to go [there]. My biggest concern is inadequate space."

Chicken-group member Shannon Gassman, 25, said the group is more focused now on collecting signatures and informally talking to councilors.

"We have a good online community," she said. "We want to actually establish a chicken group in Iowa City that can last."

One national expert said more cities are moving in a chicken-friendly direction.

"This is definitely a growing national trend," said Jennifer Murtoff, an urban-chicken consultant in the Chicago area. "People want to have fresh eggs, and they also want to educate their kids about where food comes from. There's an animal-welfare aspect of it."

Roughly 95 cities nationwide allow for urban chicken keeping, Murtoff said. Ames and Cedar Rapids allow it as well.

"[Ames] doesn't have a problem with an undergraduate population, transient community owning chickens," said Gassman, who moved to Iowa City from Ames two years ago. "I think there's a lot of precedence here."

## Some want new high school

City High is 'under-enrolled' at 1,443 students; West High is overcrowded with 1,910 students.

By DEREK KELLISON

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A recent proposal for a third Iowa City School District high school has sparked debate among district parents and community members.

The most recent proposal, filed April 1 by parents from West High, North Central Junior High, and Wickham Elementary, asked the district to build a third high school in North Liberty. Such a school, they said, would give students in North Liberty — who mostly go to West High — a closer school.

"People want to go to schools near their communities," said West High parent Chris Lynch. "People don't want mega schools with up to 3,000 students."

West High is 60 students over capacity, and City High is 200 students below capacity. Though the proposed high school would take some students away from West High, some parents are concerned the district's budget lacks room for a third high school.

"I don't think [a third high school] is necessary,"

### School District Improvement

The Iowa City School Board said with new facility changes, the board would have to keep balance in the areas of free- and reduced-lunch rates — which the board requires to be below 50 percent per school — and enrollment. These rates include:

- City High: 31.5 percent
- City High enrollment: 1,443
- West High: 22 percent
- West High enrollment: 1,910

Source: Iowa City School District

City High parent July Eisele said. "Funds could go to the other two schools. If you're running three high schools on a two-high-school budget, resources are not going to grow much."

School Board member Sara Swisher agreed. Trying to match the offerings of City High and West High to that of a new small school, she said, would cause problems with funding and balance among the city's high schools.

"We have two such great high schools, and if we're not talking about them, we're not doing what we should be doing," she said. "We're looking to utilize City High more so West doesn't overflow. City High needs more numbers."

City High Principal John Bacon said adding to City High would help balance high schools in the district.

"We certainly do recog-

nize the importance for the community to strive for schools that are balanced," he said. "We are under capacity, and we believe we could grow."

Swisher suggested new elementary schools on the East Side would help move students to City High, an idea also advocated in the proposal.

"New elementary schools on the East and West Sides would help with enrollment goals and help the growth of the East Side," Lynch said.

Bacon supported a new elementary school as well.

"It would be exciting to put a new elementary on the East Side," he said. "The last one was built 42 years ago, and it would help address issues on the East Side by attracting new students."

If the district were to move forward with a third high school, Swisher said, funding costs would require it be smaller and lighter on programs than the district's current high schools.

"We're not looking for equal, we're looking for equitable," she said. "We have to know that we're not trying to have the same kind of opportunities [at the proposed school] as the other two schools."

School Board members will further discuss the proposed high school at today's Facilities Committee meeting.

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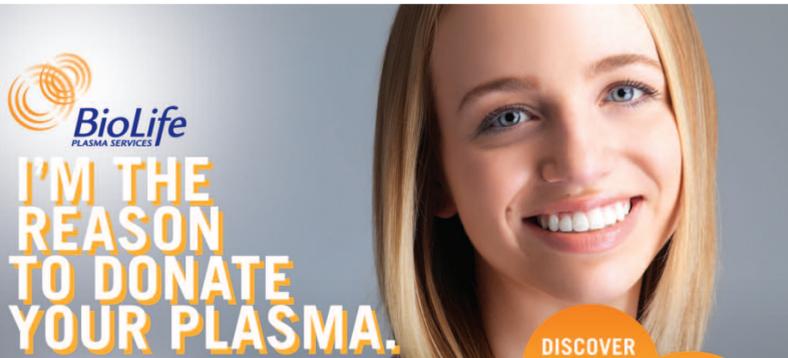
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 - Dave Barry

## the ledge

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  - "You should write a Ledge about your Bulgarian, Madonna-loving coworker (he's single)."
  - "You should write a Ledge about Tyler Sash. I miss him."
  - "You should write a Ledge about how angry you are at the wheel at Joe's Place. Do it for Andy."
  - "You should write a Ledge about leprechauns. I don't care if it's not St. Patrick's Day."
  - "You should write a Ledge about how your friend turns into a klepto when he drinks. And tell Brothers to keep an eye on that bike hanging from the ceiling ... for now."
  - "You should write a Ledge about jokes only people living on the fifth floor of Daum would understand."
  - "You should write a Ledge about the Asian chick watching some show on her iPad in the middle of a film screening for a flipping cinema class. Like it's not that difficult to sit and watch a movie."
  - "You should write a Ledge ranking your favorite stickers at Biotest."
  - "You should write a Ledge about left-handed desks and how left-handed people never sit at them so right-handed people get stuck sitting at them."
  - "You should write a Ledge about how a cursive S looks like a dyslexic ampersand."
- Trisha Spence thanks her friends for such wonderful advice and advises them to write their own Ledges.

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### DILBERT

by Scott Adams

HOW'S YOUR QUANTUM COMPUTER PROTOTYPE COMING ALONG?  
GREAT!  
THE PROJECT EXISTS IN A SIMULTANEOUS STATE OF BEING BOTH TOTALLY SUCCESSFUL AND NOT EVEN STARTED.  
CAN I OBSERVE IT?  
THAT'S A TRICKY QUESTION.

### NON SEQUITUR

BY VIEV

ARRGH! COME ON!!  
UH, WHEN IS DANNE YELLING AT THE MICROPHONE?  
'CUZ IT'S TOO SLOW FOR HER  
FINDING!  
WELL, IT'S ABOUT STINKIN' TIME! SHEESH...  
THE BOY SAYS IT'S "INSTANT OATMEAL," BUT IS ONE MINUTE INSTANT? I DON'T THINK SO!!  
Y'KNOW, THERE'S AN OLD SAYING, DANNE... GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE...  
WHA... TOO LONG, ALREADY BORED AND TUNED YOU OUT  
GOOD TRY, THOUGH, DADDY

### Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

"ABOUT TO RE-QUEST SITREP"  
"WHAT'S GONING ON, SOLDIER?"  
"LEAD ELEMENT JUST MADE CONTACT."  
"PER SOLDIER, WE'RE TAKING FIRE."  
"WHERE ARE WE?"  
"CAN'T TELL, YOU SIR, OPSEC."  
"SOLDIER, COORDINATES R U HUSH?"  
"SIR, MAY I ASK YOU WHAT YOU'RE DOING?"  
"SOLDIER, LIVE TWEET-ING! CAN'T TALK!"  
"GOT IT."

## m.c. ginsberg

OBJECTS OF ART

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## today's events

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- **Physiology Seminar**, "Maintaining skeletal muscle mass: Lessons learned from hibernation and aging," Ronald Cohn, McKusick-Nathans Institute of Genetic Medicine and Johns Hopkins, 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen
- **Tech Help**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Pharmacology Faculty Seminar**, "TIGRs: Targeted Image-Guided RNA Therapies," Paloma Giangrande, Internal Medicine, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Blood Drive**, noon-6 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis Virus Replicon (VRP) Vaccine Development for Ebola & Marburg Viruses," Gene Olinger Jr., U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
- **Increasing Psychological Flexibility, University Counseling Service and University College**, 3:30 p.m., 240 Blank Honors Center
- **2012 Hitchcock Lecture**, "Lacan and the Science of Rhetoric," Christian Lundberg, University of North Carolina, 4 p.m., 101 Becker
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Water Sustainability Seminar**, 4:30 p.m., 104 Iowa Advanced Technology Labs
- **Life in Iowa Career Series, Career Preparation During Summer Break, International Programs**, 5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **Czech Connection Meeting**, 7 p.m., 612 Phillips Hall
- **Center for Student Involvement & Leadership Educational Program, "Buy In or Get Out," David Stollman**, 7 p.m., C20 Pomerantz Career Center
- **Paul's Book Club**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Salad Days**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **The Oculus**, 8 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **Kiernan McMullan**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **The Snowtown Murders**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Flight School**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

## UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

3 p.m. Book Wings, Literature, Theater Performance, UI International Writing Program and performances from Moscow Russia via videoconference (English only version, Russian performance omitted), March 9

4 Joao Vale de Almeida Lecture, UI College of Law, March 28

4:30 University Lecture Committee Lecture, Sonic Youth, presentation at the Englert Theater, March 31, 2011

6:30 Joao Vale de Almeida Lecture, UI College of Law, March 28

7 Women at Iowa, interview with a Isabel Baruzza, artist, April 7, 2009

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9:30 Daily Iowan Television News

9:45 Levi Leonard Railroad Collection, Old Capitol Museum Lecture with Colleen Kelly, May 17, 2011

10:30 Daily Iowan Television News

10:45 Student Information, lifestyle, support, and activities for students

11 Women at Iowa, interview with a Isabel Baruzza, artist, April 7, 2009

## horoscopes

Tuesday, April 17, 2012  
- by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 Don't limit possibilities. Think outside the box, and try doing things differently. It's up to you to set a new standard that addresses past problems in order to find future solutions. Love is highlighted, but secret affairs must be avoided.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Kick-start and initiate, but most of all, participate. Make your point clear by stepping into the spotlight and sharing your concerns, ideas, and solutions. You will draw attention that can lead to bigger opportunities and fabulous new connections.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 You'll be disappointed if you count on others to do things for you. Focus your energy on developing your own plans and executing them strategically to your own specifications. The fewer people involved in your affairs, the better.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 Do your job a little differently, and you will inspire originality in others as well. Your ability to relay information and share your thoughts will resonate with those striving to make improvements. Give-and-take will lead to greater opportunities.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Stick to your budget. This is not the time to be indulgent in any way. Simplicity and originality will be key to standing out in a crowd. You can make reforms and alter your direction if you express your thoughts.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Take better care of your health and emotional well-being. Getting rundown or neglecting mild symptoms will lead to a longer recovery and a lack of productivity. Take care of both emotional and physical problems immediately.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 A change in the way someone treats you can be expected. Stay on top of what's required of you, and keep an eye on someone who has made a commitment in return. Give-and-take and honest communication will be essential.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Take the initiative, and make changes at home that will help you engage in neglected projects. It's important to be surrounded by the tools, atmosphere, or inspiration you require in order to develop, present, and promote your goals.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Believe in your ability and experience. You can expect to be offered empty promises. Unreliable people will lead to problems with paperwork that must be completed before you continue. Work only with the people you know well and trust.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Stick close to home. Expand your interests, but first get your paperwork up to date. A chance to improve your surroundings or to invest in a space that allows you to take on a new project will pay off.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Getting in touch with old friends or reviving old interests will also bring about greater opportunities for love, or at least help you make a decision regarding your personal direction and partnerships. Make creative changes to your surroundings.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Keep things mellow, no matter whom you are dealing with. Disputes will arise if you are stubborn, unrelenting, or critical when dealing with your family, peers, or your lover. Avoid emotional encounters.

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0313

Across

- Above
- Badly rough up
- Despot's desire
- Wife whose face was never seen on "Cheers"
- Art Deco artist
- Response to "Am not"
- Awestruck
- Tons
- Group valuing high I.Q.'s
- "Everyone off!"
- Exactly right
- NATO part: Abbr.
- Put-it-together-yourself company
- Toon Mr. \_\_\_
- Often-restricted zone
- Thanksgiving side dish
- Cow catcher
- Loft's locale
- "Bag remover, of a sort
- "Jumper alternative
- Singers of "Voulez-Vous" and "Waterloo"
- Heroic Schindler
- Many a "Star Trek" officer: Abbr.
- "Wrestling move
- Good to go
- Norse prankster
- Limit
- "Deckhand, e.g.
- Unfruitful paths ... or a description of both words in the answers to the seven starred clues?
- "In the raw," "in the red" or "in the running"
- Architect with an avian name
- Cancel
- Assassin in black
- When repeated, a Polynesian island
- Heroine in one of Salinger's "Nine Stories"
- Four Holy Roman emperors
- U.S.M.C. truant
- "Man and Superman" playwright
- Down
- Ellipsoidal
- Singer Suzanne
- Cupid's Greek counterpart
- Shabby
- Beefy entree
- Janis's partner in the funnies
- Shangri-las
- Court cry
- Patagonian plains
- Snack with a Double Stuff variety
- Departed
- Gas brand with a tiger symbol
- Horse hue
- Popular vodka, informally
- Sun. message
- Mall info source
- Evasive response
- Tiny creature
- "Masterpiece Theatre" network
- Reacted to a massage, maybe
- Old pal

32 "The Lord of the Rings" tree creatures

33 "Woo-hoo!"

35 Keep on the shelves

38 Boy

40 What an otoscope explores

41 Tire feature

44 Hobos' hangout

47 Alpaca cousins

48 Suffix with ball

50 High points

53 \_\_\_-Soviet relations

54 Move text around

55 Isn't incorrect?

56 "Mr. \_\_\_ Risin'" (Jim Morrison biography)

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## MAN ON THE STREET

What are three ways you can spot a freshman?

'If they have keys on a lanyard, if they don't know where a building is, and if they look like babies.'  
**Katie Jones**  
UI senior

'Lanyards and if they're wearing their OnIowa shirts.'  
**Nicole Krier**  
UI freshman

'If they have on a backwards hat, if they talk about how drunk they got the night before, and if they talk about dorm life.'  
**Sam Da'Anna**  
UI senior

'They carry lanyards, they carry their proxy cards everywhere, and they are always taking the Cambus.'  
**Alyssa Peiffresne**  
UI sophomore

# Buffett rule sparks fight



Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. (left), reaches across the table to shake hands with Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., after bipartisan House and Senate conferees signed a compromise agreement on the payroll-tax cut extension on Feb. 16. Democrats and Republicans are forcing votes in Congress this week on competing tax plans that they know are doomed from the start. (Associated Press/J. Scott Applewhite)

By ALAN FRAM  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans accused President Obama of pitting Americans against each other as they moved Monday toward blocking a Democratic attempt in the Senate to impose Obama's "Buffett rule" taxes on the rich. Democrats said it was time for the tax code to treat the wealthy and the middle class fairly.

A day before Americans' taxes were due at the Internal Revenue Service, the partisan clash previewed themes that will echo throughout this year's presidential and Congressional election campaigns. But while the two parties competed for the stronger message to voters, one thing was sure — Republicans had enough votes to derail the Democratic bill.

As debate began, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the gap between the wealthiest Americans and everyone

else had grown into a gulf. "They shouldn't be allowed to hide behind tax loopholes that rig the system in their favor," Reid said.

But Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the legislation would do virtually nothing to fix the economy or stem the federal budget's massive deficits, and it was an attempt by Obama and his fellow Democrats to mask those problems.

"The problem is, we've got a president who seems more interested in pitting people against each other than he is in actually doing what it takes to face these challenges head-on and to solve them in a bipartisan manner," McConnell said.

The "Buffett rule" bill, sponsored by Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., would slap a minimum 30 percent income tax on people making more than \$2 million yearly and phase in higher taxes for those earning at least \$1 million. The measure is nicknamed for bil-

lionaire Warren Buffett, who backs higher taxes on the rich.

Democrats think the Buffett rule vote will underscore their commitment to economic fairness and GOP favoritism for the rich, a prominent election theme. Hammering at it lets Obama shine a spotlight on Romney, a former private-equity executive who has paid an income tax rate of about 15 percent on annual earnings of \$21 million, which is a lower rate than many middle-class families pay.

The Buffett rule is clearly popular. An Associated Press-GfK poll in February showed that nearly 2 in 3 favor a 30 percent tax for those making \$1 million annually, including most Democrats and independents and even 4 in 10 Republicans.

Yet the measure would raise just \$47 billion over a decade, a smidgen of the \$7 trillion in federal deficits expected during that time.

## METRO/NATION

### Coralville files counterclaim in Von Maur case

Coralville officials in a lawsuit involving the transfer of Sycamore Mall's Von Maur to the Iowa River Landing filed a counterclaim requesting the plaintiffs' amended petition be dismissed, according to court documents.

Eighteen businesses and eight local developers originally filed a lawsuit March 1 asking the transfer of Von Maur to Coralville be temporarily stopped, claiming transactions in the deal were against the Iowa Code. Sixth District Judge Marsha Bergan denied the request March 26 because, she said, the plaintiffs could not prove they would likely win their case or that Coralville violated the code.

Coralville, in its counterclaim filed Monday, claimed the plain-

tiffs intentionally interfered with contracts Coralville had with entities involving the transfer, causing them to be "more burdensome or expensive." The counterclaim also cites the plaintiffs participated in civil conspiracy to engage in "wrongful and tortious conduct."

Coralville and Oliver McMillan are requesting the plaintiffs be ordered to pay compensatory and punitive damages, for attorneys fees, and other costs.

— by Beth Bratsos

### Panetta unveils new steps against sex assault

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Leon Panetta on Monday announced new steps to combat sexual assaults in the military, with serious offenses such as rape and forcible sodomy subject to a court-mar-

tial review at the authority level of Army colonel or Navy captain.

"Sexual assault has no place in the military. It is a violation of everything that the U.S. military stands for," Panetta told a Capitol Hill news conference after a closed-door meeting with members of the House Armed Services Committee who have pushed for the Pentagon to take aggressive steps to stop sexual assaults.

The Pentagon said on April 13 that the number of reported sexual assaults had increased slightly last year, with 3,192 cases involving service members as either victims or perpetrators. But the Defense Department also has estimated that 86 percent of sexual assaults go unreported, a reflection of the fear some have for the prosecutorial system or their own standing in the service.

— Associated Press

## STRING THEORY



Alpha Epsilon Pi and Chi Omega members compete in the relay race in Hubbard Park on Monday. Fraternities and sororities teamed up to compete in the Greek Olympics. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

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**FOOTBALL**

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been a B.J. Lowery interception.

"We made some plays, but we also made some mistakes," senior cornerback Micah Hyde said. "[There were] some knick-knack things the offense got on us that we have to pick up. It's all about communicating, and we didn't do that very well on a couple plays."

But if Hyde, Law, Lowery, and safety Tanner

Miller get on the same page, they could easily make up a unit that would serve as a strength on a defense that lost six starters from last year's team.

Hyde and Miller are the most veteran of the group, having started the vast majority of the games in 2011. Hyde started all 13; Miller got his first nod against Pittsburgh in the third game of the season and stayed in the starting lineup the rest of the year. The pair combined for 148 tackles and 6 interceptions, and Miller brought one back for a 98-yard touchdown against Northwestern.

Lowery didn't start last season but played in eight games — all in the latter half of the season after he returned from a hand injury — and showed a knack for being in the right place at the right time. His breakup in the end zone on the last play of Iowa's game against then-No. 16 Michigan iced the Hawkeyes' 24-16 upset.

And if Law keeps laying the truck stick on receivers and running backs, he'll seamlessly fill the gap left by the departed hard-hitting Jordan Bernstine.

Cornerback appears to be a position of particular depth. Hyde and Lowery

are listed as the first-teamers now, but second-teamers Jordan Lomax and Greg Castillo saw time during the scrimmage and made a string of plays — big hits, shutdown coverage, breakups, and an interception — that drew applause from the fans.

"Keep our fingers crossed, but we have a chance to have four guys who are playing pretty capably right now," head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "We're obviously counting on Micah, but I think B.J. is ready to step in there [too]."

**HOSTING**

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director of the Downtown Association, said the portion of Washington Street that runs through downtown will be closed to road traffic from Friday to April 22. The street will host a festival in between wrestling sessions each day featuring live music and wrestling-related activities.

"Anytime you close a street down, it can be a slight inconvenience," Arnold said. "But there is going to be a lot of activities, and it's going to be a fun downtown area."

Pete Isais, the USA Wrestling director of national events, said in a statement that the organization is "extremely excited" about Iowa City's response to the upcoming trials. Former Iowa national champion Brent Metcalf said he's glad



Ads for the 2012 Olympic wrestling trials to be held in Iowa City on Saturday through April 22. With more than 11,500 tickets already sold for the trials, officials expect downtown to be crowded, and the city will close a portion of Washington Street. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

the nation's top wrestlers will get to "see what we get spoiled with here."

Hawkeye associate head coach Terry Brands said the event taking place in Iowa City benefits the

entire sport.

"It's an advantage to the sport of wrestling because of the fanbase and passion we bring," he said. "It's centrally located, it's a hotbed of wrestling. You're bringing the Red, White, and

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**TRACK**

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ton — said Iowa high-school athletes may have an advantage when they move on to the Division-I level.

"Being from Iowa, track isn't the most important sport in your high-school

career," Holmes said. "So you get these kids [who] run fast in high school in Iowa; once they get to the college level, you know they're going to step up and go to that next level and start running even faster."

Head coach Larry Wiecek said Iowa natives tend to bring an extra degree of passion for Hawkeye track that can prove beneficial.

Senior co-captain Troy Doris said the upperclass-

men are "more involved" with the younger athletes this year than they have in the past.

"There's more inspiration, more guidance," the All-American said. "A lot of older people, their focus is on their senior season. But it would be kind of selfish of me if I just focused on my season, so I actually talk to a lot of the younger guys and try to help them out."

Wiecek said the group

has a good blend of instant-impact athletes and runners who may take longer to develop but can one day be a force in the conference. He said it's reassuring that, with a talented senior class set to graduate, there's a strong group in the pipeline.

Holmes said the future looks bright.

"With these guys, the sky's the limit for them," he said.

**POINT/COUNTERPOINT**

**Will Hawks go bowling?**

**Yes**

The Iowa Hawkeyes have gone to a bowl game 10 times in the last 11 seasons, and this season will be no different. A team has to have a pretty bad season to not receive one of the Big Ten's many bowl bids. This year's Hawkeyes aren't bad enough not to make it to a bowl game.

Since 2003, the least number of wins a Big Ten team has had and still gone to a bowl game has been six. So Iowa can sneak in with only six wins if everything works out right. And with this year's schedule, everything might go the Hawkeyes' way.

Iowa will play six teams that were 7-6 or worse last season. Because those games are against average or worse teams, Iowa should be able to win most of them. The Hawkeyes also play two smaller schools, Northern Illinois and Northern Iowa, that both went 11-3 last season. These two teams had strong records but played fewer quality teams from weaker conferences, so Iowa wins should be possible.

If the Hawkeyes lose one of the games against those 11-3 teams and happen to lose one of the games against the average squads — which is something that is quite possible and maybe even likely — they'll have six wins. If Iowa upsets just one of the more elite programs it faces this year, it'll have

seven wins, which will further increase the chances for a bowl berth.

There are a lot of "if"s this season, especially in how well the team will compete under new offensive and defensive coordinators. Learning a new scheme, strategy, or way to play can't be easy. Fortunately, the Hawkeyes have one big advantage to helping them get it down.

Four of the first five games of the season are at home against opponents that can be defeated. One thing the team won't have to deal with in the first half of the season is the possible confusion caused by a roaring crowd. Four-straight home games to open the season is never a negative thing.

And as was mentioned earlier, Iowa can drop a game or two early in the season and still easily make it to a bowl. The Hawkeyes don't have a stellar team, but it doesn't take a stellar season to make it to a bowl game in the Big Ten.

There are certainly a lot of question marks going into the season. But with Iowa's schedule, the possibility of a positive shakeup from new coordinators, and having more home games than away games — especially early in the season — the Hawkeyes should be a bowl-bound team.

— by Tommy Reinking

**No**

The Iowa football team is coming off the heels of consecutive 7-5 regular seasons and appearances at the Insight Bowl. Fans of the Iowa football program aren't happy, and are searching for changes in 2012.

Considering the departures of coordinators Ken O'Keefe and Norm Parker, primary running backs Marcus Coker and Mika'il McCall, and all-time leading receiver Marvin McNutt, change is in store for Hawkeye football.

But these changes will affect Iowa too much for the team to receive a bid for a bowl game.

Some fans say the 2012 season is going to be easy for the Hawkeyes. The team doesn't seem to have a challenging schedule, but Iowa proved in years past that underrated opponents can show up to play and threaten the Black and Gold. Look at losses in the last two years to Minnesota and the almost-losses to Indiana and Northern Iowa years ago.

All of these teams are on the schedule for next year, and each could result in a loss. That's three potential losses before even thinking about playing Michigan or Michigan State at their home fields.

Injuries to Keenan Davis and Jordan Canzeri leave the team shorthanded at wide receiver and running back — although Davis should be at full strength again by the time the season starts. James Vandenberg provided laudable perform-

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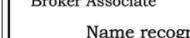


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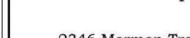
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## Secondary becomes primary



Iowa running back Damon Bullock loses his helmet after a hit by safety Nico Law during the scrimmage in Kinnick Stadium on April 14. Law is listed as a first-team defensive back as spring practice winds down, and the secondary could develop into a strength for the Iowa defense. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

Iowa's secondary proved it has the potential to carry the defense, but it has to work out kinks in its communication first.

By **SETH ROBERTS**  
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Damon Bullock took the snap from James Vandenberg and darted through a hole on the right side of the offensive line.

He ran right toward safety Nico Law.

That was a mistake.

Contact during spring practices is supposed to be limited to protect all involved from injury. But rules be damned.

Law knocked Bullock's helmet off. It bounced around, ricocheting off linemen and eventually rolling downfield as the sophomore running back disappeared under a pile of black jerseys.

Law received an ovation from the several thousands fans at Iowa's open practice session on April 14, and he casually walked back to the line of scrimmage while Bullock picked up his helmet and jogged to the sideline.

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"He's an aggressive guy," defensive coordinator Phil Parker said during a press conference last week. "That's why we recruited him; he was aggressive on film, and he likes to run around a lot. He's going to be around the ball."

And true to form, the sophomore safety from Maryland was everywhere during the

Hawkeyes' weekend scrimmage in Kinnick Stadium. His hit on Bullock drew the most obvious fan appreciation, but he also raised eyebrows by drilling tight end C.J. Fiedorowicz — who, at 6-7 and 265 pounds, is half a foot and 70 pounds bigger than Law.

But he wasn't perfect — namely, he was responsible for a pass-interference call that called back what would have

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## City braces for wave of wrestling fans

The UI sold a record number of tickets for next weekend's wrestling Olympic trials, and officials expect downtown Iowa City to be so crowded that part of Washington Street will be closed.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**  
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Attendance at Olympic wrestling trials has slipped over the last decade.

The 2000 trials in Dallas set a national record with more than 9,400 tickets sold for a single session. In Indianapolis in 2004, that number fell to an average of 5,600 per session. The Las Vegas trials four years later saw the average drop below 4,000 per session.

Iowa City is set to change all that.

As of Monday, more than 11,500 all-session tickets had been sold for the trials, set to take place in Carver-Hawkeye Arena this weekend.

The Hawkeye wrestling program led the NCAA in attendance for the fifth-straight season this year, and national champion Penn State was the only team to draw half as many fans. Those fans made Iowa City an attractive place to revive enthusiasm for the trials.

Joshua Schamberger, the president of the Iowa City/Coralville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, said many of the fans will come from outside Iowa City. As of last month, he said, nearly 70 percent of ticket-buyers were from outside the community.

Las Vegas, the last host of the trials, found the event had an \$8 million to \$10 million economic impact on the city.

"I don't know if it will be that large, but it will be substantial," Schamberger said. "When you fill every hotel room in town and have thousands of visitors, there's going to be a benefit."

There is also going to be a crowded downtown. Nick Arnold, the executive

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## Swimming Hawks hand out awards

The Iowa swimming and diving team held its annual awards banquet on April 14 and announced team captains for the 2012-13 season.

Freshman Becky Stoughton was named the MVP of the women's swim team. The award capped a season in which the Peoria, Ill., native set school records in the 400 individual medley and the 200, 500, 1,000, and 1,650 freestyles.

She was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year following her all-conference performance at the Big Ten championships and earned honorable mention All-American honors after finishing ninth in the 1,650 free at the NCAA meet.

Senior Paul Gordon claimed his third-consecutive MVP honor for the men's swim team. He owns the school record in the 100 freestyle and earned All-American honors for his efforts on the 200-, 400-, and 800-freestyle relays. The 200- and 400-free relays claimed the Big Ten crown in 2012.

Senior diver Veronica Rydze was honored as the women's diving MVP for the second-straight

year. The Iowa City native — the daughter of recently retired diving coach Bob Rydze — led the team on both the 1- and 3-meter springboard, and her best scores in both events rank third in school history. She qualified for the NCAA meet for the second-consecutive season following her performance on the 1-meter springboard at the Big Ten championships.

Sophomore Osvel Molina earned the men's diving MVP after leading the team in all diving events this season. His top score of 354.10 points on the 1-meter springboard is the fourth-best tally in school history.

The Hawkeyes announced senior-to-be April Allen, junior-to-be Abby Tuchscherer, and sophomores-to-be Abby Grilli and Elaine Boosalis as the women's 2012-13 captains. The men's captains for next season are seniors-to-be Jordan Huff and Patrick Weigand, junior-to-be Kyle Noser, and sophomore-to-be Mike Vinyard.

— by Tork Mason



Stoughton swimmer

## Brant named Byron Nelson finalist

Iowa men's golfer Chris Brant was named a finalist for the 2012 Byron Nelson Award on Monday, according to a release.

The senior is one of five Division-I men's golfers named a finalist for the award, which is named after the former PGA Tour golfer who once won 11 tournaments in a row.

The award will be announced by a selection committee that "considers equally a nominee's entire collegiate academic and golf career and his character and integrity while in college," the release said.

Brant was a second-team All-Big Ten selection and PING honorable mention All-American as a junior in 2011, when he helped the Hawkeyes reach a No. 10 national ranking.

He holds the school record for

a 54-hole score, 206; his best two 18-hole scores are second (64) and fifth (67) all-time at Iowa.

The Illinois native is a two-time Academic All-Big Ten pick, and he is involved in several volunteer movements, including clothing drives in Iowa City and at a food pantry in St. Louis.

Brant joins Texas' Dylan Frittelli, Baylor's Joakim Mikkelsen, Georgia Tech's James White, and Dartmouth's Peter Williamson on the finalist list.

The winner will be announced on Thursday.

— by Seth Roberts



Brant golfer

## Frosh push tracksters



Freshman thrower Gabe Hull practices the discus at the Cretzmeyer Track in March. Hull is one of a handful of freshmen to step up for the Hawkeye men's track and field team this season. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

The freshman class has had a positive effect on the defending Big Ten champs.

By **TORK MASON**  
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The Iowa men's track and field team came into the season with a host of returning athletes who were instrumental to the Hawkeyes' Big Ten outdoor championship last year.

And the team has received a helping hand

from the younger generation this season.

A handful of freshmen have stepped up to benefit the Hawkeyes. That's something senior cocaptain Erik Sowinski said isn't always typical, and the class could give the team an edge at the Big Ten championships.

"It's a little bit [unusual]," he said. "I mean, you've got Brennan Davey, who put up a big mark in the 400 [meters] and having Gabe [Hull] in the discus — those are two big guys who could potentially score at the Big Tens. Then you throw Kaleb [VanCleave] in there, he can score in the 200 and the

400. I don't think you have a lot of teams in the Big Ten with three freshmen who could all score."

Davey also runs on the 4x400 relay team, which holds the Big Ten's best time on the season at 3:06.49. Hull took first place in the discus at the Battle on the Bayou in Baton Rouge, La., on April 7. VanCleave holds the 12th-fastest 400 time in the conference at 47.87 seconds.

Junior hurdler Ethan Holmes said the newcomers' success hasn't surprised him, but he's used to seeing fast athletes hail from his home state.

"These guys were all

### Next Up: Musco Twilight Meet

When: Saturday  
Where: Cretzmeyer Track

pretty good in high school, and a lot of them are Iowa kids, so it's really cool to see that," he said. "To see them come in and step up like they have — I knew it was going to happen, but most people wouldn't expect it. From the inside point of view, I knew what they were capable of."

Davey and VanCleave are both native Iowans, and Holmes — from Clin-

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