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## CORRECTION:

In the April 17 article "Swimming Hawks hand out awards," the *DI* incorrectly reported that junior Patrick Weigand will serve as a captain on the men's swimming and diving team next season. Byron Butler, not Weigand, will join Jordan Huff, Kyle Noser, and Mike Vinyard as Iowa's captains for the 2012-13 campaign. The *DI* regrets the error.

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Mostly cloudy, windy, 60% chance of rain/T-storms.

## UISG

# Ambiguities blamed in UISG vote

### Inauguration of the new president and vice president will continue as planned on April 22.

By **ANNA THEODOSIS**  
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Accusations from both parties of the recent University of Iowa Student Government elections have prompted students and UISG members to consider changes to the election code.

UI freshman Eric Mortensen

said I Party President-elect Nic Pottebaum and other supporters went to his and other students' dorm rooms April 4 and instructed them on how to vote in UISG elections, suggesting they vote for the I Party as well.

"They gave their spiel about how they were in the party and had us log into ISIS," said Mortensen, who wrote a letter to the editor on his concerns to *The Daily Iowan*. "I heard 'while you're at it, vote for the I Party,' and that upset me."

Pottebam and I Party Vice President-elect Jessie Tobin declined to comment on the accusations.

"Honestly, it's just such an inac-

curate letter; we don't want to make a comment on it," Tobin said. "We said from Day One that we need to get started [on our platform issues], and this shouldn't get in the way."

However, Student Elections Board Commissioner Patrick Grim said members of both the I Party and the # (Hashtag) Party filed complaints — written by student voters — against the opposing party during the voting period.

Grim said both parties were accused of using laptops and directly assisting voters.

"There were other complaints filed for other things in addition to soliciting votes," Grim said, who

was unable to disclose the specifics.

Sunny Kothari, # Party presidential candidate, said he and Vice President counterpart Nick Rolston filed their party's complaints because they thought it could be a prospective violation of the election code.

"We got a lot of complaints about the I Party going to residence halls with laptops and having people vote," Kothari said. "We thought it sounded like it was against the rules."

Grim, a UI senior, said charges such as these are not unusual.

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## LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

# City High field project debated



IOWA CITY WEST



IOWA CITY HIGH

Right: The West High football field on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson) Left: The City High football field after a heavy rainfall. (Contributed Photo/Ed Stone)

### Geothermal installations damaged City High's football practice field in 2005.

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Though renovating City High athletics fields is being debated by district parents, Iowa City School Board members said they aren't ready to make a decision.

Two practice fields at City High, which has about half the total practice space of West High, often have standing water and mud because of a geothermal heating system installed for the school building in 2005. Damage from the installation caused school's upper field to drain into the lower field and other areas downhill.

Officials are still calculating the total cost of the damage.

"I think [renovating the field] would be an important project for the School Board to

undertake," City High parent July Ellis said. "It might be a little expensive, but it will be fixed, and we won't have to keep spending money over and over."

In 2011, City High hired a contractor from Iowa State University to assess the fields, who said the district would either need to repair the field, install a highly monitored real turf field, or an artificial turf field.

However, some board members pointed to other facility concerns in the district — such as a possible new high school — that would require extensive spending.

District Superintendent Stephen Murley said the field project has not dropped in priority but only needs to be voted on by the board.

"As we went through and tried to prioritize, we as a board had a problem with the hundreds of projects that would have to be

moved," he said. "We thought it would be more suitable as a capital project especially due to the fact that it would have to displace so many other projects."

The district's capital projects include those that can be done at any time with a vote from board members. The fund includes \$14 million in unreserved funds designated for grades K-12 projects and \$32 million designated for grades nine through 12.

"At this point we need more information," board member Jeff McGinness said. "We're lacking information for a cost-based analysis. We're going to have to decide whether we want to regrade and resod or pay for the artificial turf now up front."

Steve Miller, district foundation board

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# UI journalism class to employ video games

### University of Iowa introduces first course dedicated to video games.

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Next year, students will be able to rescue Princess Peach for a grade.

Students who enroll in a new video game-based course at the University of Iowa beginning in the fall will get a chance to explore a different type of communication in a growing industry.

"My idea is that everyone can learn from video games," said Kyle Moody, a UI journalism teaching assistant, who will instruct the course. "I am into video games, but I see it more as a way for learn-

ing; to write about technology experiences and lifestyle and culture, video games are the entry point to me."

The course, Specialized Reporting & Writing, Video Games & Communication, is a step by the UI to follow an increasingly popular educational technique — video games — used in classrooms.

However, video-game experts in education said analyzing off-the-shelf commercial games isn't a typical approach taken by universities.

Samantha Adams, director of communications at the New Media Consor-

tium, said unlike the UI, the majority of institutions that incorporate games into classes use simulations and gamification, using gaming techniques to reward students with challenges and points.

"I'm happy to hear [this is taking place in] a writing and communications class," she said. "A lot of gaming takes place in STEM classes, but thinking back to my college experience — we write papers, we read books — it's good to build on communication in that respect."

A 2011 study by Michigan State University



Graduate student and journalism teaching assistant Kyle Moody talks about his upcoming class on Tuesday. The class, which will debut this fall, focuses on video games as a medium of communication. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

examining relationships between children's use of information technology and creativity suggested that, regardless of sex or ethnicity, more game time

often resulted in more creative brain stimulation.

In addition to creativity, UI officials said, video

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# Rezoning sails in vote

Roughly 120 rezoning petitions were received for the two amendments.

By **KRISTEN EAST**  
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Iowa City city councilors have faced little opposition as they move forward with a set of proposed rezoning amendments targeting rental housing and high-density units.

The City Council held two public hearings at its meeting Tuesday night on the two amendments. One would establish three as the maximum number of bedrooms allowed in a multifamily housing unit in multifamily zones. The other would require at least one parking space per bedroom for multifamily housing units in the University Impact Area.

Following little input from the public, councilors approved the first consideration of each amendment.

"[People are asking] where are students going to live? There's still a lot of available land to live on," City Councilor Connie Champion said. "Nobody wants to kick the students

out of town. This is not an anti-student-housing campaign. This is about better living conditions for everybody."

The city received roughly 120 petitions on the two rezoning amendments, but the threshold required to impose a supermajority vote — when six of the seven City Councilors must vote yes — was not reached. Senior city planner Robert Miklo said at least 20 percent of people affected by the rezoning proposals were required to submit petitions for that to occur.

The first consideration of the amendment regarding the number of bedrooms in multifamily housing units was passed on a 7-0 vote. However, the public brought more discussion to the parking-space amendment.

Councilors approved the first consideration on a 6-1 vote with Councilor Terry Dickens voting no.

Iowa City resident Nancy Carlson said she

consistently has trouble finding parking near her home on Jefferson Street, where nonresidents often park.

"I know what it's like living there, and I know what it's like for everyone living there to live there," she said. "Sometimes, it's very uncomfortable."

Former City Councilor Mike Wright expressed similar concerns. Wright said he's noticed instances in which three unrelated people are living together but have six cars outside their residence.

"It's a 20-minute walk to the university, tops," he said. "People who walk every day still bring their cars to town."

Planning and Zoning officials said the parking amendment only applies for new multifamily dwellings built in the University Impact Area. Existing units are grandfathered in, said Karen Howard, an associate city planner.

In addition to moving

forward, several councilors expressed interest in reviewing recommendations provided by the Iowa City Homeowners Association before voting on the second and third considerations of the rezoning amendments.

Dickens said it was in the council's best interest to review the recommendations.

"I would really like to see the area defined a little more where we're talking about under these proposed amendments," he said.

City Councilors also approved in a 7-0 vote the second consideration of another rezoning amendment changing the City Code definition of "household" to a maximum of threeunrelated people living in one housing unit.

An ordinance requires three readings. Councilors will vote on subsequent considerations of the proposed rezoning amendments at its next meeting, May 1.

# Council OKs design of Moen building

Marc Moen will receive a \$2.5 million TIF loan from city officials.

By **KRISTEN EAST**  
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Two weeks after approving a \$2.5 million tax-incentive financing for a proposed 14-story development, the Iowa City City Council supported a new design for the building.

The city councilors approved an agreement with local developer Marc Moen's Central Park LLC April 3 to redevelop space at 114 S. Dubuque St. Moen plans to construct a 14-story mixed-use commercial and residential building in the space now occupied by the Wells Fargo Bank. Councilors also

approved providing Moen with a \$2.5 million in TIF for the development.

Subsequent meetings between Moen and city design staff and architects resulted in a new design for the 14-story building.

"I love architecture, but I'm not an architect," Moen said. "The architects provided a far more superior design. It's a much more marketable design ... It has an increased construction cost, but to me, it's worth it."

Councilors approved the new design on a 5-2 vote, with Mayor Matt Hayek and Councilor Jim Throg-

morton opposing the changes.

"My concern is about the precedential impact of this," Hayek said. "This would be a first. There are a lot of buildings on the horizon where a similar request could be made. [It's something] councilors better be comfortable with."

The changes include a cantilever — a long projecting beam — of the building over the Black Hawk minipark and the Pedestrian Mall. The proposed cantilever would be 17 to 18 feet above the ground. Moen said the cantilever would provide a 4-foot

canopy for pedestrians. Additionally, there would be inserted, recessed balconies 4-feet deep starting on the fifth floor of the building.

Moen said he doesn't anticipate any major changes to the current design.

Councilor Connie Champion praised the building's new design.

"This is an excellent design," she said. "Pedestrian-wise, it's much better. You're not going to be looking at this sheet of glass you're afraid that's going to fall down on you. It makes you feel safer."

## BLOTTER

**Erika Abramsohn**, 19, 201 Hawk Ridge No. 2305, was charged April 13 with presence in a bar after hours.

**James Adams**, 70, Vinton, Iowa, was charged April 14 possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

**Jesus Amador**, 35, 2401 Highway 6 E. No. 3002, was charged April 13 with public intoxication.

**Janita Anderson**, 21, Hills, was charged Tuesday with driving while license suspended or canceled.

**Mark Aprile**, 40, address unknown, was charged Monday with driving while license suspended or canceled.

**Anastasia Armonda**, 19, 2363 Sussex Lane N.E., was charged April 13 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Evan Barr**, 21, 512 Scott Park Drive, was charged Tuesday with OWI.

**Maria Becerra**, 37, Muscatine, was charged April 13 with sale of an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

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

**Kendrick Carter-Tate**, 20, 1102 Hollywood Blvd. Apt. 2, was charged Tuesday with interference with official acts.

**Kelsey Chaves**, 21, 1135 N. Dubuque St. No. 11, was charged April 13 with public urination.

**Brady Christians**, 24, 316 Ridgeland Ave. No. 8, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

**Joshua Cigrand**, 26, Monticello, Iowa, was charged April 14 with possessing an open container of alcohol.

**Samantha Cochrane**, 20, 402 S. Gilbert St. No. 735, was charged with unlawful use of a driver's license to obtain alcohol, presence in a bar after hours, and public intoxication.

**Leah Collins**, 20, 923 E. College St. No. 4, was charged April 14 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Luke Connolly**, 21, 301 Hawk Ridge Drive No. 3114D, was charged April 14 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

**Samantha Cosner**, 19, 120 N.

Johnson St. No. 3, was charged April 13 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Nicholas Deblasio**, 22, 500 S. Gilbert St. No. 12, was charged April 14 with interference with official acts and public intoxication.

**Olivia Demetros**, 20, 512 S. Dubuque St. No. 11, was charged April 13 with presence in a bar after hours, unlawful use of a driver's license to obtain alcohol.

**Caleb Dirks**, 25, Cedar Rapids, was charged April 14 with possessing an open container of alcohol in public.

**Catherine Dykstra**, 37, Oskaloosa, Iowa, was charged April 14 with possessing an open container of alcohol in public.

**Brandon Egan**, 35, Mediapolis, Iowa, was charged April 14 with possessing an open container of alcohol in public.

**Nicholas Eliason**, 20, 131 E. Davenport St. No. 2D, was charged April 13 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Jason Engler**, 36, Knoxville, Iowa, was charged April 14 with possessing an open container of alcohol in public.

**Genevieve Groya**, 19, S303 Hillcrest, was charged April 13 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Heath Hillyard**, 34, Burlington, was charged with possessing an open container of alcohol in public.

**Edwin Jahn**, 19, 610 Grandview Court, was charged Sunday with OWI.

**Sarah Jankovich**, 20, 301 E. Fairchild St., was charged Monday with public intoxication.

**Mariah Jordan**, 21, 60 Brunswick Court, was charged April 13 with public urination.

**Robert Jordan**, 47, Oakdale, Minn., was charged April 14 with possessing an open container of alcohol in public.

**Alyssa Kelly**, 19, 849 Rienow, was charged April 13 with public intoxication.

**Logan Kennedy**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Eric Kiddoo**, 26, West Branch, was charged April 14 as being a habitual offender.

**Alison Kuker**, West Des Moines, was charged April 14 with possessing an open container of alcohol in public.

**David Kuker**, 50, Des Moines, was charged April 14 with possessing an open container of alcohol in public.

**Mitchel Schneck**, 26, Monticello, Iowa, was charged April 14 with possessing an open container of alcohol in public.

**Brian Seiders**, 19, 713 Iowa Ave., was charged April 13 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Kristen Shelter**, 26, 702 E. Bloomington St., was charged April 12 with sale of an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

**Zoe Slutzky**, 19, 320 S. Gilbert St. No. 1033, was charged April 13 with presence in a bar after hours and possessing or supplying alcohol under 21.

**Michael Stegner**, 27, Moline, was charged Monday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

**Dale Stewart**, 69, Clinton, was charged April 14 with possessing an open container of alcohol in public.

**Alexander Stockseth**, 23, West Des Moines, was charged April 14 with possessing an open container of alcohol in public.

**Justin Stone**, 35, Cedar Rapids, was charged April 14 with possessing an open container of alcohol in public.

**James Ward**, 28, address unknown, was charged Oct. 20, 2011 with first-degree burglary, second-offense domestic assault, criminal trespassing, and fifth-degree criminal mischief.

**Erin Weston**, 20, 320 S. Gilbert St. No. 735, was charged April 13 with possessing and supplying alcohol under 21 and presence in a bar after hours.

**Lindsey Witte**, 30, 2159 Kountry Lane S.E. Apt.1, was charged April 13 with sale of an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

**Scott Woods**, 21, 427 S. Johnson St. No. 1, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

**Charles Parmenter**, 27,

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member, said the field project could easily be done on a short-term basis.

"If one would look at the field, there is about a 30-foot drop in elevation," he said. "It should not be impossible to improve the drainage of the field. It's difficult with the geothermal work that's been done, but it's not cardiovascular surgery."

Some West High parents sent a letter Jan. 30 to West High Principal Jerry Arganbright expressing concern over district considerations to use School Infrastructure and Local Option funds and Physical

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Check out Iowa City School District Board members discussing plans for the high-school football fields at dailyyowan.com.

Plant and Equipment funds to pay for a renovated City High field.

"As taxpayers, an artificial-turf project for athletics doesn't really sound like a high priority when you consider all the other priorities," it read. "In our opinion, it will be viewed as a 'want' versus a 'need.' It seems like City High has a list of 'wants,' as with every school in the district."

But West High parent Chris Lynch said he would support the City High project as long as the board believed it was the most effective use of funds.

"If there's critical support, I would agree with [the field project]," he said.

### Field Project

The Iowa City School District Board classifies the City High field project as undecided for the following reasons:

- Individual project
- Uncertain costs
- Displace other projects

Source: School Board

"But I think we need to be able to see the costs side-by-side."

McGinness said the possibility the field repairs would affect other projects greatly influenced the board's decision.

"We don't have enough money to fund every project in the district," he said.

"City High has money set aside for regrading and resodding, but the question is whether they should use it now or not."

## VIDEO GAMES

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Lab. "[People] are reading stories about video games and publications — the more our students can learn how to write for that market, the better."

The National Purchase Diary, a global market research company, said the video-game industry generated more than \$25 billion 2010.

Malcolm Brown, the director of Educause Learning Initiative, a nonprofit association that advances higher education by promoting use of information technology, said game-based learning helps students dissect what makes video games tick and techniques that appeal to consumers.

"My company has a whole business devoted toward games in education," he said. "Folks are using game elements as a way of adding academic

### Video Games

Entertainment-software jobs have recently grown in popularity.

- 2005-2009: The entertainment software industry's annual growth rate grew by 10 percent.
- Direct employees' average salary: \$90,000
- Computer and video-game companies employ more than 120,000 people in 34 states.

Source: Entertainment Software Association

activities to the course — a lot of those come in different flavors."

Moody hopes the UI journalism school's approach to using video games in the classroom will be successful.

"Hopefully, we'll see other classes integrate video games in a smart way and an extension of education done correctly," Moody said. "I've always thought of video games as a site for learning."

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"Typically, every year you get complaints filed," he said. "Especially in a contested election."

However, Grim said, both parties dropped their charges while he was investigating them because of a lack of evidence.

Both Kothari and Rolston expressed concerns over the election code's clarity — it was developed, Rolston said, before UISG voting was moved online.

"There are a lot of ambiguities [in the code]. There's a lot of room for interpretation," Rolston said. "I really don't see it

as whiny politicians, but I really feel it's based on the fact that we have this ambiguity in the code."

Currently, the UISG election code prohibits campaigning or placing campaign material — including wearing T-shirts — within the view of a polling place during voting.

Grim said some parts of the current code haven't been updated since voting switched to ISIS, causing some confusion over when offenses could have occurred.

Grim said he will consider changing the code in light of both parties' complaints.

"We're definitely going to be looking into revising the code," he said. "I don't know what revisions are going to be made."

### Election Policy

Some current election policies stated in the University of Iowa Student Government Election Code:

- Prohibits campaigning or placing campaign material in or within view from a polling place on the designated election days
- Prohibits verbal or physical harassment or intimidation of other party candidates or adherents.
- Complaints must be filed within 24 hours of the time the violation occurred.

Source: University of Iowa Student Government

Tom Rocklin, UI vice president for Student Life, said he was aware of the investigation and trusts UISG members to do their job.

"This is a matter that student government handles on its own," he said. "I trust them to follow the policies appropriately."

## GIFTING



UI sophomore Genghis Hallsby donates blood on Tuesday in the IMU. The blood drive for local hospitals was a part of Greek Week events. (The Daily Iowan/Asmaa Elkurti)



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## Editorial

## Instagram needs an insta-fix

Eating disorders such as anorexia have been around for centuries, yet as new technology develops in the spheres of social media and communication, new stages for their increased popularization arise.

A recent radical weight-loss movement spearheaded by a conglomerate of online communities is now gaining popularity as they capitalize on the exposure provided by social-networking applications via social-networking sites such as Facebook.

It is the responsibility of Facebook to take a stand against the movement by eradicating “thinspo” communities from its network.

“Thinspo” communities, as they’re referred to, feature user-uploaded before-and-after photos of extreme weight loss as so-called “motivation.”

The “thinspo” phenomenon was first documented on Tumblr, a free blogging site, and then on Pinterest, a photo and video posting site similar to Instagram. Both sites took aggressive steps toward eradicating “thinspo” content from their sites upon the realization of the movements’ popularity and potential for harm.

Instagram, an application recently purchased by Facebook for \$1 billion, allows users to post photos under certain filters and tag them under certain headings. Now, as Instagram’s presence on Facebook becomes increasingly prominent, these photo-shopped portraits have begun to infiltrate the social-networking realm like a virus.

According to the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, eating disorders affect up to 24 million people. The age of onset has decreased from 13 to 17 to 9 to 12.

Then there is a recent study by the National Eating Disorders Association found that 81 percent of 10-year-olds are afraid of becoming fat. The desire to be “skinny” has long been a symptom of a mass obsession with cultural ideals of what it means to be attractive, ideals promoted on a large scale by mass media.

Despite the obvious arguments of die-hard, free-speech advocates, who might contest that it is the right of the site user to upload what he or she desires,

the realities and consequences of the “thinspo” communities large presence on social networks such as Facebook are disturbing.

These communities not only reinforce unhealthy and potentially life-threatening behavior, they do so with enthusiasm. There is a fine line between protecting the rights of site users and protecting the legitimacy and safety of social-media sites as a whole.

With the majority of the young community in America using Facebook on a daily basis, pre-teens and teens are being exposed to trends that will not only sculpt the way they think but provide an example of how they should dictate their behavior.

Instagram’s popularity and mass use through networks such as Facebook is lending a spotlight and a voice to a movement that is not only deeply unsettling in terms of its socio-cultural implications, but one that promotes physical self-harm.

Instagram and Facebook should take similar approaches in combating the pro-anorexic groups, and they should do so promptly and aggressively. Free speech really doesn’t have much at all to do with it. Though the “thinspo” movements on social-networking sites have every right to continue their operation, they should be commercially forced to do so only on their own sites.

Facebook has an immense following. Its use has become a part of daily life and communication for the masses — the company has a responsibility to its users and to the online community as a whole to monitor and combat behavior deemed threatening.

It’s also necessary to examine this issue in light of the fact that as Internet becomes a staple in the lives of Americans, eating disorders are also becoming increasingly common.

Facebook and now Instagram play a pivotal role in mass media, and it’s their social and ethical responsibility to act with integrity and to promote the general well-being of society.

Your turn. Should Facebook crack down on radical weight-loss movements? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## Guest Column

## Fair trials and tweeting can coexist

Twitter has become a tool of the trade for America’s journalists, but judges are grappling with how to deal with the messaging in courtrooms.

According to an article by the Associated Press, “the micro-blogging site is increasingly putting reporters on a collision course with judges who fear it could threaten a defendant’s right to a free trial.”

We’ve been down this path before, most notably with television. Anxiety about cameras in the courtroom persists, particularly in the U.S. Supreme Court, which adamantly refuses to permit video recording.

At the heart of these concerns is the potential conflict between the First Amendment, which guarantees a free press, and the Sixth Amendment, which promises a fair trial. The televised coverage of the O.J. Simpson criminal trial — and its perceived excesses — continues to haunt judges, and no one wants to be criticized for letting news coverage impair a trial. Yet courts have repeatedly acknowledged the value of the press in a courtroom, providing scrutiny of the judicial process and keeping the public informed.

The judge overseeing the trial of a man charged with killing Jennifer Hudson’s family has banned the use of Twitter in the courtroom, according to the AP. His concern is that reporters feverishly tapping away on their smart phones might distract a jury.

Cook County Judge Charles Burns has a point, but the truth is

that any jaw-dropping testimony that causes two dozen reporters simultaneously to put their heads down and tweet will already have drawn the attention of the jury. Without stunning developments, reporters aren’t likely to tweet in unison. Reporting isn’t synchronized swimming.

The judge is allowing reporters to send email from the courtroom — an odd distinction to make. A reporter typing an email is making the same physical motion, with hands on a mini-keyboard. The only differences are that the reporter has more than 140 characters to work with, and a colleague back in the newsroom would have to edit and tweet on his behalf.

To a large extent, Twitter anxiety is generational. For a younger generation, seeing someone texting is no different from seeing someone glancing at a watch. It’s not a significant — or even audible — distraction.

Judges have tools to maintain decorum, including an overflow courtroom in the Chicago case. By running an audio — or better yet video — feed to the overflow courtroom, the judge could exile tweeters from the main courtroom while giving the press full access to the proceedings. Sometimes technology can solve a perceived problem caused by other technology. The First and Sixth Amendments can both be accommodated with care and common sense.

Ken Paulson  
First Amendment Center president

## Letter

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## Beware of slogans

Former Gov. Mitt Romney is going to be the Republican candidate against President Obama in the general election in November. This early probability is justified by the fact that Rick Santorum, a former senator from Pennsylvania, decided to suspend his candidacy campaign. The question is, now, should the American people believe Romney’s promises?

What have we learned from previous election campaigns?

During his presidential campaign in 1968, Richard Nixon, knowing that the American people wanted to end the war in Vietnam and win the peace in the Pacific, pledged that

“new leadership,” with him as president, was needed in Washington. He offered to do that during the first six months in office.

Likewise, during his campaign in 2008, Obama promised hope and change in Washington and to shut down Guantánamo.

What history tells us is that Nixon never had a plan to end the war in six months — that his secret plans to end the war was a campaign strategy.

Obama found out that he could not close Guantánamo Bay without the U.S. Congress’s approval — Congress had the power, not the president.

My point, refreshing your mind, is to say that presiden-

tial campaign is completely different from the reality.

When the elected president assumes office, he has to work with Congress and cannot always respect the promises made because the Congress has to approve (Obama and Guantánamo Bay).

In certain cases, the promises made are just a campaign slogan designed to meet the population’s desires.

Some Americans don’t bother to vote because they know that all the promises are merely slogans — discouraged to enjoy their civil right to vote. Sometimes, the candidate makes us believe that everything is easy at the White House and that the presidential candidate or the former presi-

dent merely chose not to make right decisions.

What I want the electorate in our community to understand is that the next president should not be elected for what he has promised but for his ability to deal with unexpected things: globalization’s influences, international security, terrorism, crime against humanity, financial crisis, and many others.

Put more weight on factors such as competence, honesty, ideology, and experience. These, will help you make a right choice and to avoid previous mistakes. Vote for the person you believe in and not for the one who tells you that he is going to make everything possible.

Henri Joel Nkuepo  
UI College of Law research scholar

## Guest Column

## VOICES OF PHILANTHROPY – PHIL’S DAY 2012

## Giving and receiving at the University of Iowa

Philanthropy is good for everyone — the giver and the receiver.

That’s why my husband, Jerre (1965 B.B.A.), and I set goals for ourselves to reach out and help create future leaders in business, medicine, research, and education. We both believe that the University of Iowa is truly one of the best universities anywhere, in all aspects — and also is one of the best places for us to help prepare these leaders.

We both were privileged to grow up in Iowa and to attend the University of Iowa, which set our lifetime foundations of values and caring for others. The UI Hospitals and Clinics group is very important to us — this is where our sons were born many years ago.

Because of these important connections, we’ve been happy to give to a place that means so much to us. Jerre joined the Tippie College of Business

Board of Visitors in 1988, and soon after that, we became members of the UI Presidents Club. In 1991, Jerre also joined the UI Foundation Board of Directors, and he received the UI Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Award for Achievement in 1992. For more than 16 years, he also has taught graduate classes in the business school with Professor and Dean Emeritus Gary Fethke, and Jerre has spo-

ken to many groups at the university about leadership and philanthropy.

I, too, have been involved with our alma mater, joining the UI Foundation’s board, in Jerre’s place, in 1998 and serving as campaign vice head of the university’s successful \$1 billion fundraising campaign, Good. Better. Best. Iowa, which ended in 2006. Now, the two of us are serving as co-heads of Iowa First: Our Campaign for Break-

through Medicine, the current fundraising initiative for the UI health sciences, and in 2008, I received the UI Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Award for Friends of the University.

Today, Jerre continues to work as a corporate chairman and CEO so that we can sustain our commitment to giving back to others — and to supporting our alma mater. UI is a cost-effective organization blessed with

great leaders and great faculty. Its resources help make the whole world’s future brighter.

We believe that giving of our time, talent, and treasure is the best way to receive meaningful satisfaction in our own lives, and we are grateful for what philanthropy has allowed us to do for others — and for our remarkable university.

Mary Joy Stead  
UI Foundation Board of Directors

# Family not clowning about hepatitis

### Screenings for diseases before blood transfusions started in 1991.

By **BETH BRATSOS**  
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Research and treatment options for the hepatitis C virus have come a long way in recent decades, doctors at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics say.

The family of Martha Maahs, an Iowa woman who died from the disease in 2000, has donated to the UI Gastroenterology Division in hopes of progressing toward a cure.

UI internal medicine Professor Warren Schmidt explained the treatment's progress at a keynote speech Tuesday for the Maahs family's \$11,000 donation to hepatitis C research in the Gastroenterology Division — part of the \$134,000 they have raised since Maahs' death.

Hepatitis C is an infection caused by the liver-damaging virus that can be passed from one person to another through contaminated blood.

"Treatment has improved," he said. "Risk [of acquiring hepatitis C] from transfusion is very low now."

The donation came from funds raised by the family's 11th-annual Clownin' Around golf tournament

held Labor Day in Peosta, Iowa, where community members play a round of golf while dressed up as clowns. Maahs' daughter, Niki Perrenoud, said the event — named for her mother's love of clowns — has become far more successful than she had initially expected.

"We really just wanted to do it that first year and see what would happen," she said. "Everyone in our community looks forward to it."

Perrenoud said her mother was diagnosed with hepatitis C about 18 years after her blood transfusion, which was needed for heart surgery. Options for treatment at the time were very limited, she said, but her mother maintained a positive outlook.

"When she found out she had the disease, she acquired it from someone else ... and her first thought was, 'Does that other person know they have the disease? That's just the type of person she was,'" Perrenoud said.

Schmidt said the current number of drugs in development for treatment of hepatitis C has now grown to upwards of 100. However, he said, only a handful



The Maahs family gives a \$11,000 donation for research at the UIHC on Tuesday. The family holds a Clownin' Around golf fundraiser every year to donate to hepatitis C research. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

are in phase three of testing — after which the drug can go to the Food and Drug Administration for approval.

"The treatment of hepatitis C in 2012 is changing at a breathtaking pace," he said. "In the next few years, we will take a grand step in achieving a cure."

UI gastroenterology Clinical Professor Michael Voigt, who received the check from Maahs' family,

said he agreed.

"We've just reached a phase of amazing ability of treatments," he said.

Brenda Duello, the executive director of development at the UI Foundation, said the Maahs' golf outing is one of the longest-running philanthropic events that the UI Gastroenterology Division receives support from for hepatitis C research. The unique part

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of the event, she said, is the name.

"It's somewhat serious golf, and yet they have all these clowns dressed up to go from hole to hole," she said. "They have all these contests and have you play games. All in honor of their mom."

### Hepatitis C

Doctors presented research on Hepatitis C on Tuesday at the UIHC.

- Much more prevalent than any other virus
- Around four FDA approved drugs for treatment, more effective than before
- No vaccine because the virus mutates too fast and is always one step ahead of the immune system

Source: Professor Warren Schmidt and Clinical Professor Michael Voigt

# School District eyes cost of longer school year

### Students who attend public schools in Iowa are required to be in the classroom for 180 days and approximately 28 hours per week.

By **JORDYN REILAND**  
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Iowa City School District officials say cost will be the biggest factor if legislators continue their discussion on lengthening the school year in the next legislative session.

"We are very dependent on the state for our funding," said Superintendent Steve Murley. "If the state is able to allocate [more] dollars, it could offset the costs."

Part of Gov. Terry Branstad's recent education proposal recommends the Legislature create a task force to study the approach to take — whether the school year should be longer, the days should be longer, or if changes should apply to only selected school districts.

"This is an issue the governor wants to explore more with Iowans and what makes sense under which circumstances prior to taking a position," wrote Tim Albrecht, a spokesman for Branstad, in an email.

Iowa and 32 other states require schools to be in session for 180 days and approximately 28 hours in any consecutive five-day period, according to school officials.

Jim Pedersen, the Iowa City School District director of human resources, said the district has a \$160 million budget. Extra school days would require an additional funding.

If legislators decided on a longer school year, School Board members said they'll need to carefully examine how to compensate teachers and faculty members

for the extra time.

"I think they'd really have to look at compensating those teachers for extra hours," said board President Marla Swesey.

Teachers would have to be paid over \$300,000 for every day the school year is extended Pedersen said.

Board member Sally Hoelscher said a longer year could help students retain knowledge typically lost during long summer breaks.

"One of the big advantages is the prevention of the loss of knowledge over the long break," she said. "If this lengths of the breaks are shorter, you don't have that loss of knowledge."

However, she said, planning family vacations could also become difficult with a longer school schedule.

"From the standpoint of a parent, I always wanted to be able to take vacations in non-tourist season times," she said.

The lack of air conditioning in some schools would make it difficult to spend more time in the classrooms during the summer, she noted.

Swesey said education officials should look into other means of lengthening instruction time.

"I think maybe the best thing to do is to look at the hours in the school day," Swesey said. "I'm not sure if I am for more days [on the school calendar]."

However, Hoelscher said the district plans to deal with more time-sensitive issues before beginning to tackle school-year issues during the next legislative session.

"If the district were to

### School Day

Legislators plan to discuss the option of lengthening the school year in the next legislative session.

Options include:

- Lengthening the school year
- Lengthening the school day
- Lengthening the school day/year for certain students

Source: Tim Albrecht, communications director

seriously look at it, certainly we would need to look at both of the options and decide which is the best way to go," she said.

DI reporter Derek Kellison contributed to this story.

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## the ledge

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### Random Movie Thoughts:

• **The Convoy Rule:** Too few film credits begin with the words "Screenplay based on the song ..."

• I had forgotten how much of a Christian allegory the *Chronicles of Narnia* was until I watched *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. The only real difference is that Christ, after his self-resurrection, did not immediately go forth and tear Pilate's throat out with his bare teeth. Though, to be fair, that kind of thing would have kept me going to catechism longer than I did.

• **The Terminator Rule:** If you have a time machine, just say that — there's absolutely no need to get into all the details of how and why.

• **Citizen Kane:** Not the best sledding movie. It's still in my top five, but it's got nothing on *Cool Runnings*.

• Maybe it's just me, but I expected *Cliffhanger* to have a more ambiguous ending.

• **The English Patient Rule:** If you have been "meaning to" watch a movie for more than a decade, it's probably not a movie you will actually enjoy.

• **While You Were Sleeping** ... is a really sweet movie title, up until the point you realize the end of the thought is "... I started banging Bill Pullman, so now I'm leaving you."

• **The Tron: Legacy Rule:** "Movies should make a least a tiny amount of logical sense" is just, like, your opinion, man.

— Andrew R. Juhl thanks Jayne Sanderson and Matt Gorman for contributing jokes to today's Ledge.

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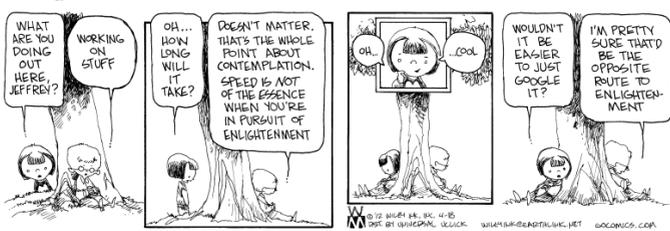
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• **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn

• **Molecular Physiology and Biophysics Workshop**, "Dynamic regulation of the CGRP gene," Ann Raddant, and "Detection of tumor cells in prostate cancer patients using flow cytometry," Jones Nauseef, noon, 5-669 Bowen

• **Chemistry Inorganic Seminar**, "Evaluation of inhibitors of a bone degrading enzyme Cathepsin K," Soe HanTha, 12:30 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building

• **Anatomy and Cell Biology Seminar**, "When signaling pathways collide: Uncovering the effect of Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress on Il13 signaling," Angela Arensdorf, and "An Expanded Model of Synaptic Homeostasis: Novel Roles for Csand Src," Ashlyn Thorn, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen

• **College of Engineering Fellows Seminar**, Emmanuel Enek-

wechi, University Counseling Service, 1:30 p.m., 3111 Seamans Center

• **Salad Days**, 7 p.m., Bijou

• **FSL Town Hall Meeting**, 7 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom

• **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Nick Dybek and Vinnie Wilhelm, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubque

• **C.P. Cavafy and Music**, Center for New Music, 7:30 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall

• **University Lecture Committee**, Temple Grandin, author of *\*Thinking in Pictures\**, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge

• **Blue//green Reading Series**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

• **The Snowtown Murders**, 9 p.m., Bijou

• **Jam Session**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

• **The Sky We Scrape**, 10 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington

• **Talk Art**, 10 p.m., Mill

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5 p.m. John Cage Centennial, Lecture on Nothing, narrated by Mark Clague, University of Michigan, UI Center for New Music Celebration of John Cage, Feb. 12

5:45 John Cage Centennial, Panel Discussion, Center for New Music Celebration of John Cage, Feb. 12

6:45 John Cage Centennial, Dance Performance, Musicircus Dancers and performers fill the second floor of the University Capitol Center (highlights)

7 John Cage Centennial Concert, "Sonatas & Interludes," Patricia von Blumroder, Center for New Music Celebration of John Cage, Feb. 12

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## horoscopes

Wednesday, April 18, 2012  
— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 By acting on impulse, you will surprise someone who will divulge information you require. Your spontaneity will keep everyone wondering what you'll do next. Variety and diversification are your tickets to success.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Deal with any legal, financial, or health matters quickly. You may have to use a little force if you want to get things done on time and to your specifications. Don't give in to an emotional ploy that will end up costing you financially.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Be realistic regarding the promises you make. If you are too generous with your time, money, or the services you offer, someone will take advantage of you. Problems or opposition will arise if you are too open about your plans.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 Hide your emotions from anyone who can influence your position or reputation. Don't deviate from the way you are asked to do things. You will face a no-win situation that must be handled with caution. Compromise will pay off.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Participate in events, and you will be recognized for your skill, talent, and ability to take charge. Love is in the stars, and you can enrich your current relationship with a little romance or find someone special if you are single.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Take care of money, health, or legal matters that can influence your home, family, and personal security. Take an interest in political reforms that can affect your lifestyle and environment. Speaking up for your rights will enhance your reputation.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Make the first move if it will help you get a deal off the ground or initiate a friendship with someone you want to get to know better or work with. Don't allow a controlling person to hold you back.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Take on a challenge; it will motivate you to get involved in larger projects that can lead to monetary and personal gains. Look into making physical or financial alterations that will bring you greater confidence or stability.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 A residential move or change will work to your advantage. Changing your surroundings, the way you live, or whom you live with will not please everyone, but it will make you happy. Follow your heart, and live your life your way.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Assess and consider your options before you lay your cards on the table. You are likely to upset someone if you make changes without getting approval first. Focus on self-improvement and keeping the peace for the time being.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You've got what it takes to persuade others to follow your lead. Home-improvement projects will pay off, and love relationships will be enhanced by the changes you make. A skill or service you can offer will bring cash returns.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Don't be disillusioned by what others say or do. Stick to the truth, and keep your thoughts out in the open. Honesty will be the only route to take if you don't want to suffer a loss. Don't give in to emotional manipulation.

## The New York Times Crossword

- Edited by Will Shortz No. 0314
- Across**
- Hit 1942 film with the song "Love Is a Song"
  - Pack (down)
  - Maybe too smooth
  - Starter of a 58-Down
  - Many a cut, eventually
  - Page, e.g.
  - Dagger's partner
  - Like some sloths
  - Legal deadlock
  - Relatives of aardwolves
  - Pollution watchdog org.
  - Bank list
  - Bookie's concern
  - Pink-slip
  - Carnival attractions
  - Dissolve with acid, say
  - Acid neutralizer
  - War, famine, etc.
  - They're crossed by bridges
  - Give a thumbs-up on Facebook
  - Nappers catch them
  - Bobby of the rink
  - Shaved
  - Goof
  - Most stand-up comedy acts
  - Stroked
  - Farm abode
  - Sagittarius, with "the"
  - Bush cabinet member
  - 1863 speech opener
  - Do like some birds and bees
  - 90° from norte
  - Mop, say
  - Confederate
  - Do some gardening
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- Down**
- "Brandenburg Concertos" composer
  - Censorship-fighting org.
  - Natural satellite
  - Egotist's comment
  - Some printers
  - Feature of some high heels
  - Hurting
  - Disrupt, say
  - Gets ready, as an oven
  - Bush cabinet member
  - Symbol on Sri Lanka's flag
  - Word exclaimed after "no" or "good"
  - Hospital capacity
  - Inspected
  - DHL competitor
  - Guinness Book entry
  - Cherish
  - Titan, once
  - Loiterer
  - Lake of cryptozoological interest
  - Violate a peace treaty, maybe
  - Tahrir Square's locale
  - Get pumped
  - Is in the hole
  - Declare
  - Highest degree
  - Bit of evidence
  - More than one
  - Levitated
  - Buttonlike?
  - "Nessun dorma," for one
  - Pasta, in product names
  - He wrote "Jupiter from on high laughs at lovers' perjuries"
  - Greek cheese
  - Long shot, in hoops
  - See 14-Across

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## MAN ON THE STREET

What was your worst date experience?



"I went on a date with a really awkward kid, and he didn't talk much. That's my worst. I guess I've been pretty lucky." **Sabrina Strella**  
UI freshman



"I took a girl on top of a movie theater I worked at in Cedar Rapids. We were both looking up at the stars, and I asked her what she was thinking, and she told me, 'Nothing.'" **Derrick VanDerMillen**  
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"She peed the bed." **Kyle Johnson**  
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"When he had to go to the bathroom, and we stopped at McDonald's in the middle of our date." **Justyna Kaczmarzka**  
UI sophomore

# CURRENT U.S. SENIOR GRECO-ROMAN WRESTLING RANKINGS

**5TH**  
AT 55 KG  
**JESSE THIELKE**

**1ST**  
AT 60 KG  
**ELLIS COLEMAN**

**8TH**  
AT 60 KG  
**JIMMY CHASE**

**2ND**  
74 KG  
**BEN PROVISO**

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(From left) Jesse Thielke, Jimmy Chase, Ellis Coleman, and Ben Provisor all relax during time off in Colorado Springs at the Olympic Training Center. (Contributed Photo)

## WRESTLING

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to compete in the Olympics for the United States in 32 years.

"I'd like to think I helped [the trend] in some way," Deitchler said. His Olympic experience was a rough one — he lost his only two matches in Beijing.

The former Kid Dynamite is now retired from the sport because of recurring concussion symptoms; he helps out coaching a Minnesota youth wrestling club called PINnacle Wrestling School. Many of the best youth wrestlers in Minnesota train there, and the school produces some of the nation's best grapplers. He may have only witnessed a small number of wrestlers, but Deitchler said "it's evident" that the younger athletes are progressively getting better.

"Kids are getting better at a younger age now," he said. "A lot of them come to the forefront a lot faster than they did, say, five or six years ago."

But this burst of youthful talent isn't out of the norm, said USA Wrestling Director Rich Bender. He said the way these young athletes have approached their journeys to the trials is different from other paths he's seen in the past — especially Thielke's.

"There's someone who made a commitment right out of high school to build a foundation, specifically in [Thielke's] case, in Greco-Roman and to put him in a position to contend," Bender said. "He'll be in the mix at 55 kilograms for sure."

Bender praised Thielke for his decision to go to Colorado Springs, calling him a "gifted Greco-Roman wrestler." To take advantage of this opportunity, Bender said, only helps the development of the future of USA Wrestling.

"A lot of that's due to him coming in and focusing an entire year on [elite] Greco-Roman wrestling," he said. "And he's someone who's going to be in the mix to make the team this year and, hopefully, through the next several Olympic teams to come ... The future is bright."

### Double-edged motivation

Bender has been around USA Wrestling — the national governing body for wrestling in the United States — for quite a while. He has seen trends come and go and great stories unfold. He has witnessed the beginning of Olympic dreams.

He said the experiences of the four young athletes competing in Iowa City sets them apart from young wrestlers in the past. But he was quick to point out he wasn't speaking of experience in terms of total time accumulated but what the athletes encountered and took away in that time.

"They're young in the sense of traditional age of the World and Olympic Teams," Bender said. "But I think in terms of experience, they aren't that young."

Deitchler remembered his trials experience four years ago and all that led up to him making the team. He and Michigan's Eric Grajales both traveled the world with the Greco-Roman Junior World Team a year before the 2008 Olympic trials. They went to

Bulgaria and China to wrestle against some of the best junior-level Greco-Roman wrestlers in the world.

Deitchler said those experiences prepared him and Grajales for both the senior level and the trials.

"We were young, and kind of edgy — but we said that we could beat [senior-level] guys," he said. "We wanted to show the world how good we were at such a young age. It was kind of mission, you could say."

"One of the guys I coach with now, Brandon Paulson, told me before the trials, 'You know, don't respect them just because they're older, but show them you belong.'"

Deitchler said the same mantra applies to this year's young wrestlers.

"There's something to be said about the young athletes — they have a lot of energy, and they might be a little naive," he said. "They may not know everything about those older guys, but those older guys don't know anything about them. It's great for both situations."

Bender said the young athletes' motivation stems from their drive to be the best — not just nationally but internationally. He said fame and fortune aren't part of the sport, so the athletes' focus and the goals they set are the reasons wrestling is set apart.

"It's that unrelenting desire to be the best in the world," he said. "The young athlete is going to know he's going to step on the mat with the same chance as his competitor, and it'll be up to him to perform at a high level and make the team."

The unrelenting desire Bender noted isn't only in the hearts of the young grapplers. The Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs is filled with wrestlers both young and old with varying styles.

He loves that both younger and older wrestlers are meshed in the same room and said this model works well in other countries — most notably in Russia. Bender said the Russian wrestling model places top-tier wrestlers around the younger athletes to serve as role models and practice partners. Both groups of wrestlers strive to become better by battling each other, he said.

"The older athletes' perspective is that they have young guys pushing them, and that takes our program to a higher level," Bender said. "If I'm an older athlete in our program, I'd be motivated to work just as hard because the younger guys are in the room. Those younger guys are trying to take my spot."

"What we tell anybody who walks into our wrestling room is to enter with an unrelenting sense of urgency. Whether you're a young, up-and-coming athlete who's competing to be on future teams, or if you're an older athlete who has that sense of urgency, knowing there's four or five athletes at your heels trying to take your spot, just motivates you all the more."

### What makes them so special

"I remember when I was kid," Deitchler said. "I said, 'I'm going to do what nobody else does.' And I worked my butt off, and I paid that price, and it paid off. You have to have dreams. That's what makes the sport fun — chasing your dreams."

One man helping the young

wrestlers chase their dreams is Steve Fraser, USA Wrestling's Greco-Roman head coach. Fraser lives in Colorado Springs among the athletes. He, too, has seen many athletes come through USA Wrestling — some more talented than others and some more hungry than the rest.

Fraser is in the wrestling room with the athletes day in and day out, teaching his technical expertise and helping them get better. He knows the four young wrestlers well, from both on and off the mat, and said the time together has shown him what makes these young guns so special.

"What I love about these younger guys is their hunger for the sport, their hunger for success, their hunger for knowledge," he said. "All of them are very, very coachable kids. And as a senior coach, it's always a good thing to have people in there that are hungry for coaching, hungry for knowledge."

"They're pliable. That's one thing I really appreciate about the younger guys."

Those aspects are common among elite wrestlers everywhere, but Fraser said there's something different about this younger group. All great wrestlers are committed, he said, but that commitment must be taken to a whole new level when it comes to the dedication needed to excel on wrestling's biggest stage.

He said that they're all training at the center demonstrates their loyalty.

"For them to pull stakes to move out here for a year or longer — in Coleman's case and Provisor's case, they don't plan on going back anywhere from here — it's that commitment to the sport of Greco-Roman wrestling," Fraser said. "I'm not taking anything away from [other talented wrestlers], but I think it shows that by moving out here, committing 100 percent, and taking some knocks ... takes fortitude, toughness, and commitment."

But just because the four have put in the time and effort doesn't mean they'll be handed Olympic team spots. Working hard and being dedicated are only half the battle.

The young grapplers will have to earn their spots on the Olympic team. That, Bender said, is what makes wrestling so compelling.

"One of the things about wrestling is that the athletes are going to decide who's going to represent our country," he said.

Bender and Fraser both

applauded the young athletes and said they admire the quartet's determination and fight in Colorado Springs. Athletes such as Provisor, Coleman, Chase, and Thielke set an example for younger wrestlers now — they're the role models for future Olympians who might still be in high school or youth wrestling.

Bender said he believes these younger wrestlers are only getting their feet wet.

"This is going to set us up for London and Rio [in 2016] and beyond. The field is full of a lot of talent in our country," he said. "The tradition of wrestling in the United States is starting to bear fruit now with the young guys who are chasing Olympic greatness at a somewhat young age. It's great for our sport."

### Stepping toward a goal

Thielke's future was well-secured before his final state tournament win more than a year ago. He spent a few weeks in Europe with the Junior World Greco-Roman team, training and continuing to progress. He had previously made the Junior World Team in Greco-Roman but failed to bring home a medal.

He shot off to Colorado Springs upon his return to the States to train for this weekend. He received this opportunity through connections he made with the Junior World Team. Thielke then spent the next year training with America's best Greco-Roman wrestlers. But he also continued to travel and compete — he qualified for his spot in this weekend's trials in December when he placed fourth at the U.S. Open Championships.

He said he has noticed his improvement over the last year. He smiled when he talked of how his training went.

"It was hard at first," he said. "A lot of these guys are older and are adults, and I'm this kid who had just finished high school. But I know everybody now, and I'm really comfortable."

Comfortability wasn't the only thing Thielke gained by living out at the center. He said he's learned a lot, both on and off the mat. Living in Colorado Springs taught him a lot about being a champion, he said, and how winning the big matches takes a whole different kind of dedication and perseverance.

"I learned to never let up, no matter what," Thielke continued. "During the grind, you'll have those days where

you don't want to do anything. It's when you work hard during those days that make the difference."

These lessons are exactly what his future coach, Barry Davis, wanted him to learn. The Wisconsin wrestling coach said Thielke's plan was on the table before he began recruiting him and that there was no stopping him.

"It's helping him mature a bit before he comes [to Wisconsin]," Davis said. "He's becoming technically better. He's training and competing at the highest level, and he's making adjustments all the way."

But not everybody was happy about Thielke's leave from Wisconsin. He has only returned home twice since he moved to Colorado Springs: to walk at graduation in May of last year and to be with his family on Christmas.

The time away from home has been tough on him, even though he knows what he's chasing. But he said his absence has been even tougher on his family.

"It's been a little hard," he said. "It's been stressful for Mom, since she's not on the sidelines anymore, cheering for me."

"But the way I looked at it, it's just another step."

### 'I do what I do'

Legendary former Iowa wrestling coach Dan Gable made an appearance in Waterloo on March 30. He was in town to watch the final U.S. Olympic trials qualifier at the UNI Dome.

The 1972 Olympic gold medalist remembered not too long ago when Rulon Gardner made his gold medal run in Sydney during the summer of 2000 and how Gardner was a name that captured the attention of the American people in the months leading up to the Games. He said special names such as that — even if they come from his era — are wrestlers America won't ever forget. He said such names as Chris Taylor and Rick Sanders, and even Gardner's, are "so well-entrenched that they still carry on."

"That's what we need," Gable said. "We need a good year, a good Olympics to where we get some new names that will carry on the sport for a long time."

When Gable's words were repeated to Thielke, he was surprised at first. That serious facial expression — it seemed, at least — broke for a moment.

He chuckled. "Well, I do what I do for a reason."

### Third in a five-part series

Follow along as the *DI* breaks down the people and things to watch at this weekend's U.S. Olympic wrestling trials.

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**TOMLINS**

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"I suffered a hip-flexor strain," Tomlins said. "It happened right before Illinois State."

Tomlins lost five-straight singles matches following his 2-0 start.

Houghton said the main problem with the injury is that Tomlins' range of motion is limited following each match, which in turn forces him to sit out of practice for several days following a meet.

"We've really had to pick and choose what to do with him," Houghton said. "It's the type of thing where he'll play a match, and then he has to rest it for two or three days."

Tomlins said the situa-



**Iowa tennis player Chase Tomlins hits a forehand during practice on Tuesday. The sophomore is working to return from a hip-flexor strain that has kept him from playing or practicing on a consistent basis. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)**

tion has made it difficult for him to get into any sort of rhythm.

"It's been tough because every time I get a chance to play, it sets me back a couple of days," Tomlins said. "Usually I have to sit out the next match and battle back the next two or three

days in practice."

Houghton said Tomlins is the type of player who benefits most from the exercises run in practice, which compounds the issue.

"It's not that he's just missing matches, but along with it, a lot of practices,"

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Houghton said. "He, as much as anybody, needs to hit a lot of balls and get a lot of repetitions. The injury has really limited him."

Tomlins agreed his game has taken a hit because of the lack of training.

"Not getting to practice has really hurt me mentally and physically," he said. "It's been difficult."

Senior Chris Speer, who has battled a torn tendon in his right hand throughout the season, said he knows exactly what Tomlins is going through.

"Being hurt is the worst thing ever," Speer said. "Chase and I both want to be out there at 100 percent,

and when we're not, it hurts not only us but the rest of the team, too."

Speer recently returned from his injury. He said there's no secret to recovery; he just had to follow his regular routines and have a good attitude, he said.

"Stretching more, icing, and different things like that," Speer said. "When people are injured, they tend to be down on themselves, but we're trying to keep each other motivated."

Tomlins said he'll continue to work in practice for the remainder of the season with hopes of getting more playing time before the season is over.

He admitted that he won't be completely healthy until next fall, though.

"I probably won't fully recover until the end of the season," Tomlins said. "[The training staff] said to take some time off after the year so I can come back 100 percent."

**CATCHERS**

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school. In fact, it was a phone call from his American Legion coach Mitch Stewart that landed Brand on the team, Dahm said.

"Freshman year, I came in here as a walk-on — I was awful," Brand said. "Coming in here, I had only seen a couple of guys throw 90 miles per hour. I was way behind everyone. To be honest, coming in, I really couldn't even hit the ball."

Dahm noticed a lot of progress by the end of that season, though, and remembered telling Brand he was one of the most improved players on the team by year's end.

This year, Brand is hitting .270 in 37 at-bats. He's tied for the team lead with 6 RBIs in Big Ten play, and his .429 on-base percentage is third-best among his teammates with more than 10 starts.

Several developments could explain Brand's relative rise as a Hawkeye. He has improved in the batter's box, which he attributed to an approach of

"realizing what type of player I needed to be to be successful at this level."

Brand also is now using a shorter bat. The right-handed hitter swung a 33-inch bat earlier in his career, holding it at the end by the knob. Now, he's using a 32-incher and choking up on it about an inch.

"It's really helped me stay short to the ball and be able to hit 90-mph fastballs and sliders," he said. "It's an adjustment I had to make to be successful at this level."

Both Brand and Dahm credited everyday work alongside Sheppard in

practice for improvements behind the plate. The two catchers both talked about a practice routine they call the "mirror drill," which Brand described as setting up "across from each other and mirroring what the other one does in terms of blocking."

"I've just been sticking to my approach, doing what I do when I get the opportunities and taking advantage of those opportunities," Brand said. "Luckily, I'm in a position where I'm getting more of those opportunities and getting more of a chance to prove myself."

**Keppler hitting his stride**

Senior Phil Keppler changed his approach at the plate, and it has paid off with a .397 batting average.

By **MATT COZZI**  
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Phil Keppler has solidified himself as one of Iowa's best hitters.

The senior outfielder and designated hitter is hitting at a .397 clip (27-for-68), which would rank first in the Big Ten if he had enough at-bats to qualify for the batting title. He also has a home run and 11 RBIs, and he is second on the team with a .455 on-base percentage.

But before this came such setbacks as injuries, position battles, and a 0-for-35 streak to begin the 2011 season.

Keppler put those distractions in the rear-view mirror long ago, and he has become a consistent threat in the middle of the Hawkeyes' batting order.

"Phil worked hard on his strength, and he has stayed healthy," head coach Jack Dahm said. "... He's not trying to do too much. If you watch him, Phil is getting a lot of hits to left field, center field. His pitch selection and pitch recognition have been much, much bet-

ter as of late."

Keppler played mostly first base last season, and he was hitless in his first 35 at-bats. That led to a .208 batting average on the season.

His offensive struggles carried over into the early part of this campaign, but that turned upside-down once Big Ten play began about a month ago. He has reached base in seven-straight games, tallied eight multi-hit contests, and had perhaps the best week of his career two weeks ago.

Keppler collected 11 hits in 15 at-bats over a five-game stretch between April 2-8 as the Hawkeyes went 3-2. The 6-4, 190-pound player was named Big Ten Player of the Week.

"Phil has had always had that capability," hitting coach Ryan Brownlee said. "He's had stretches — not to that extent two weeks ago, but he'll have certain times when he just tears the cover off the ball. It's great to see."

Even amid his struggles at the plate, the Manches-



**Iowa's Phil Keppler waits for a pitch during the Hawkeyes' 3-1 loss to Nebraska-Omaha on March 28. Keppler leads Iowa with a .397 batting average this season. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)**

ter, Iowa, native remained optimistic. He attributes his newfound success and recent honors mostly to his approach, and said his fundamentals have changed minimally.

"Last year I started 0-for-35 so that obviously hurt my numbers, but after that I thought I hit fine," Keppler said. "I've lowered my hands a little bit, so my swing is a little bit flatter, and I'm getting to balls I

haven't been able to get to in the past. But really, I've just been doing a better job of looking for certain pitches in certain counts and taking advantage of those."

Keppler leads Iowa (15-16) into its midweek game against Bradley tonight. The Braves (18-14-1) are coached by Elvis Dominguez, a former assistant under Dahm both at Creighton and with the Black and Gold.

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**HAWKEYE SPORTS**

**Softball faces Iowa State again**

The Iowa softball team will take the diamond against Iowa State for the second time this season on Wednesday afternoon in Ames.

The Hawkeyes broke several team records the last time the two squads faced each other, but this time, the game won't be played on neutral ground.

The two teams first met in Tempe, Ariz., on Feb. 18 in the Littlewood Classic. Iowa won the contest handily, plating 26 runs and giving up 5 in just five innings of play. The Hawkeyes broke school records in runs, hits (29), and total bases (41) in the blowout.

Head coach Marla Looper sent 19 batters to the plate in the top of the third alone, and the Black and Gold scored 13 runs on 13 hits in the inning.

The Cyclones have had a tough time rebounding during its Big 12 season; the Cardinal and Gold have lost 13 of their last 16 games and are 1-11 in the conference.

— by Ben Ross

**Big Ten honors Molnar**

Iowa senior Sonja Molnar was named Big Ten Women's Athlete of the Week on Tuesday, according to a release.

Molnar went 2-0 in singles over the weekend at the top spot against Michigan and Michigan State. The senior also earned a doubles victory over the weekend. Most notably, Molnar defeated Michigan's No. 11 Emina Bektas, (7-5, 4-6, 1-0 [11-9]) on Sunday.

"I definitely wanted this one," Molnar said after defeating Bektas.

It is the first time Molnar has won the award this season and the fourth time in her Iowa career; her previous honor occurred March 22, 2011.

Molnar has a team high 14-5 dual record this season, with all wins coming at the No. 1 spot. The senior is just two wins away from joining Milica Veselovic and Laura Dvorak as the only Iowa players in program history to reach 100 career wins.

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## OLYMPIC TRIALS

# Kids Dynamite hit the mat

New faces, same game: the younger look of USA Wrestling.

By **CODY GOODWIN**  
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**J**esse Thielke has a look about him — a solemn, pensive facial expression.

He carries it with him into every wrestling match, and it never changes during his time on the mat. He's strictly business during his bouts.

"You have to get over being nervous in this sport," he said. "I know when I go out there, I have the advantage. Only I can take myself out."

This is normal for a weathered veteran in the sport — but Thielke, 19, showcased it at his state championship match a year ago.

While Thielke may not have realized it, the match may have been his springboard onto USA Wrestling's center stage. Looming in the air is a potential shift in which Thielke and three similarly young wrestling buddies could be a part. The change is causing an abnormal youth movement in the current wrestling landscape.

Thielke was sporting a blue singlet from Germantown High and looking for his fourth Wisconsin state wrestling championship. Thielke, one of several fresh faces to watch this weekend at the Olympic Trials in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, collected two pins and a semifinal technical fall en route to his state finals match.

He carried his expression with him into the state finals, where it only took him 77 seconds to dispose of his opponent and become just the 11th four-time state wrestling champion in Wisconsin high-school history.

But with Thielke, humility prevails.

"I had been in high-pressure situations before," he said. "It was no big deal."

He left the Kohl Center in Madison excited but still focused. He knew one of his goals had been met that night, but he had bigger aspirations. He left the state a few days later to continue his circuitous route to the Olympic trials, where he hopes to wrestle his way onto the U.S. Olympic Team. But maybe — just maybe — the future Wisconsin Badger has done more than just that.

Maybe he's already one of the pre-eminent pieces to the future look of USA Wrestling.

### Young guns make a splash

A story such as Thielke's is hard to come by. A nearly perfect high-school campaign punctuated with four state championships and numerous national titles and junior world-team appearances along the way isn't likely to appear often.

Nor is the fact that he's only 19 years old and competing this weekend.

The average age of the U.S. Olympic athletes in the 2008 Beijing Games was 26.8. Wrestlers were older than the collective average, at 27.6 years old — and the Greco-Roman team's average age was 28.5.

In comparison with the average age of the Greco-Roman Olympic team from the 2004 Athens Games, it's clear that the age of the Olympic teams is slowly decreasing — the 2004 Athens team's average age was 30.71. This year, the odds are greater than ever the Olympic team could be younger. Much younger.

Four younger Greco-Roman wrestlers are at the forefront of these 2012 Olympic trials: Ellis Coleman, 20, Ben Provisor, 21, Jimmy Chase,

21, and Thielke. All four have made their presence felt throughout USA Wrestling.

Coleman was the 2011 Sunkist Kids International Champion at 60 kilograms (132 pounds) in October 2011. Provisor was the 2011 U.S. Open Champion at 74 kilograms (163 pounds) in April 2011. Chase wrestled four years ago in the 2008 trials and placed fourth at 55 kilograms (121 pounds).

The cause of this sudden youthful spark — it seems, at least — is unknown.

But then again, maybe not.

### Sparking the fire

In 2008, then 18-year-old Jake Deitchler shocked the U.S. wrestling world when he defeated two-time World bronze medalist Harry Lester in the semifinals of the Olympic trials in the 66-kilogram weight class.

*Sports Illustrated* hailed him as "Kid Dynamite," and rightfully so; he went to the finals of the 2008 trials in Las Vegas and downed another veteran, Faruk Sahin, to earn a spot on the Olympic squad. The Minnesota native became the first high-school athlete

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## AVERAGE AGE OF USA GRECO-ROMAN OLYMPIC TEAMS

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YEARS

2000 SYDNEY

**30.71**  
YEARS

2004 ATHENS

**28.5**  
YEARS

2008 BEIJING



GRAPHIC BY ALICIA KRAME

### Football Bubble finally to pop

The Iowa football team's long-time indoor practice facility, dubbed the Bubble for its distinct air-inflated fabric construction, is set to be deflated on Friday morning.

A press release from the Athletics Department said the deflation will take place at 9:30 a.m.

The Bubble has served as Iowa's indoor facility since 1985 — despite being designed to last only 10 to 12 years — and it has also hosted various Iowa athletics camps and intramural sports events.

Former UI Sports Information Director George Wine said in a release that the facility was promised to former coach Hayden Fry when he was hired in the late-1970s, but the project kept getting put off as the economy dipped.

"He basically said, 'I get that practice facility, or I'm gone.' I think it was approved right after that and completed in a relatively short period of time," Wine said in the release.

The UI is in the process of building the Bubble's replacement, which will be more of a traditional structure than its inflated predecessor. Ground was broken last fall, and the building is expected to be completed and ready sometime early this fall.

The ground on which the Bubble will be turned into a parking lot, a release said.

— by Seth Roberts

## Ex-redshirt blossoms

Keith Brand has seen an expanded role as fellow backstop Dan Sheppard recovers from Tommy John surgery.

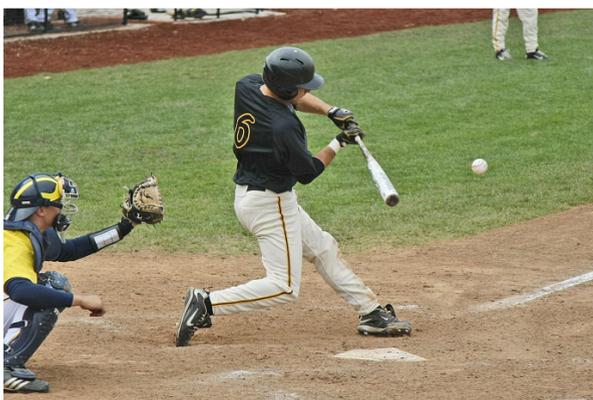
By **BEN SCHUFF**  
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Keith Brand has raised some eyebrows during his time with the Iowa baseball team. The causes have been both positive and negative.

But lately, it's been more good than bad.

Brand has started seven-consecutive Big Ten games at catcher for the Hawkeyes, and he will get his 13th start of the year tonight against Bradley.

A significant reason for this has been the lengthy recovery period for fellow catcher Dan Sheppard. Iowa's primary catcher underwent Tommy John surgery on his throwing elbow on March 20, 2011. While Sheppard has started a team-high 20 games behind



Iowa catcher Keith Brand swings at a pitch during a game against Michigan in 2011. Brand has bolstered his hitting and defense, and his on-base percentage is third on the team. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

### Iowa (15-16) vs. Bradley (18-14-1)

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the plate this season, he said he's still not back to 100 percent.

That has opened the door for Brand, who's performing well given the start he had to his Iowa career.

The 21-year-old came to the

Hawkeyes as a walk-on in 2010. He redshirted that season — his main duty was that of bullpen catcher — and was unimpressive upon arrival.

"He could throw, but he literally could not hit the ball out of the infield," manager Jack Dahm said. "I was like, 'Man, how is this guy ever going to play?'"

The Northbrook, Ill., native wasn't recruited out of high

SEE CATCHERS, 8

## Hawkeyes hurt by Tomlins' injury

Chase Tomlins' absence has hurt the bottom of Iowa's singles lineup.

By **TOM CLOS**  
thomas-clos@uiowa.edu

The Iowa men's tennis team has searched for a savior to stabilize the bottom of its singles lineup all season long.

It appeared the Hawkeyes had found one on Feb. 18.

Sophomore Chase Tomlins was fresh off a 6-2, 5-7, 7-5 victory against Illinois State, improving his record to 2-0 in singles. More importantly, both of his wins had come in the No. 5 and No. 6 positions — two spots in which the Hawkeyes had struggled all season.

"He was playing really well," head coach Steve Houghton said. "He was having success early on."

Then, like almost everything else this season for Iowa, a problem surfaced.



Tomlins  
sophomore

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