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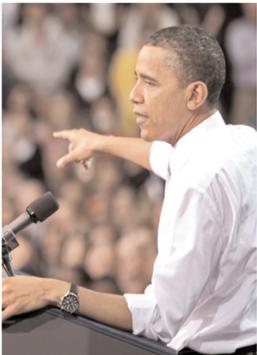
### Obama might visit UI

President Obama could possibly make his third appearance at the University of Iowa campus on April 25.

UI police officials said Thursday discussions with the Secret Service would occur regarding the details of Obama's visit. While it is probable April 25 will be the day of the visit, police officials said that date can still change.

Obama's last appearance was on March 25, 2010 in the Field House.

— by Anna Theodosis



President Obama speaks to an audience in the Field House on March 25, 2010, just days after signing his health-care plan. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

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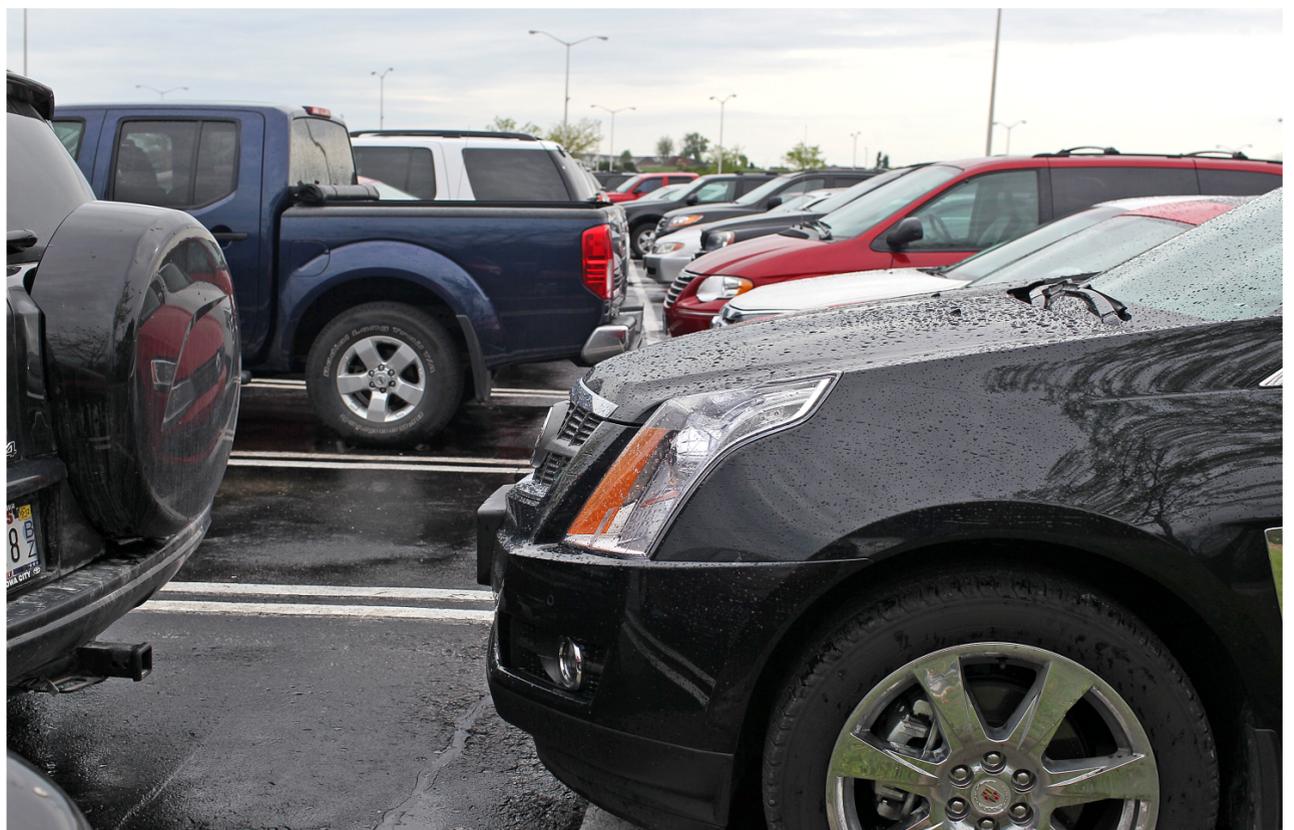
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# Student car use seems to drop



Cars are parked at the Hawklot on Thursday. The number of registered car-storage permits have decreased drastically from 2004. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

Registered University of Iowa student storage permits decreased from 1,377 in October 2004 to 702 in October 2011.

By DORA GROTE  
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Samantha Sammons would rather walk in downtown Iowa City and across campus than drive a car.

"You don't need a car because you're in walking distance of everything or you can take the bus," the University of Iowa freshman said. "I haven't had a car [in Iowa City] all year, and I like it."

Sammons' college life without a car reflects that of young people across the nation and at the University of Iowa.

Registered UI student car storage permits decreased from 1,377 in October 2004 to 702 in October 2011, according to Dave Ricketts, the UI director of Parking and Transportation.

"That summer [2005] gas prices began to skyrocket, and our numbers began to drop," he said. "People are also living closer to downtown and plus, it's the cost of owning and operating cars. Parents are not supporting students taking cars to schools."

Hawkeye storage permits — available to students living in UI residence halls or UI

family housing — cost \$306 for a nine-month permit.

Sammons, who lives in Slater, said paying for parking is costly on a college budget.

"I'd only like to have a car for the convenience of driving home," Sammons said. "I wouldn't drive it around Iowa City because paying for the Hawklot is so expensive, and, well, parking anywhere is just so expensive."

According to a National Household Travel survey, people age 16 to 34 nationwide drove 7,900 miles per capita in 2009 and 10,300

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# Parents debate redistricting

All redistricting plans are proposed changes for the 2013-2014 school year.

By ANNA THEODOSIS  
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Iowa City School District parents gave mixed support to district administrators during a discussion on elementary-school redistricting at a public forum Thursday.

The forum focused on the second draft of redistricting plans for Hills, Twain, Longfellow, and Wood Elementary Schools in order to

address overcrowding concerns at Wood. The first draft of redistricting plans presented last month is still being considered as well.

Concerns about Longfellow, which will lose students from certain neighborhoods to Twain and Wood and receive students from other Twain neighborhoods, formed a key point of parent discussion.

"They're moving 264 kids around the elementary

schools, and minimal goals are being achieved in addressing overcrowding," said Kelli Kucera, a Longfellow parent. "Why disrupt these 264 kids to really not have any gains?"

Under the second draft of redistricting plans presented for the 2013-14 school year, Longfellow's attendance would be reduced from 349 to

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# UI seeks bond extension

By ASMAA ELKEURTI  
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The University of Iowa could receive extended credit for the funding of flood-recovery projects, pending a decision by Iowa higher-education officials.

The state Board of Regents is scheduled to vote April 26 on prolonging the maturity date for a \$30 million bond for UI flood-recovery projects, initially requested in 2009. The bond, designed to accommodate potential delays in insurance and Federal Emer-

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# Exec Council seeks collaboration

The new officers of the UI Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students will begin their terms in May.

By **BETH BRATSOS**  
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The new leaders of the University of Iowa Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students said they would like to see more collaboration among UI member governments in the next year.

The winners of the council election were announced April 3, and an inauguration ceremony took place at the Karro Athletics Hall of Fame on Thursday.

UI law student and President-elect Michael Appel said the council plans to focus on a Big Improvement initiative, which is designed to create more cooperation among the six post-undergraduate member governments on campus — those in the College of Law, the College of Pharmacy, the Carver College of Medicine, the College of Dentistry, the Graduate College, and the M.B.A. program.

"This is to help each member government have one big achievement happen," Appel said. "It's all about bringing to the table

## Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students

Notable initiatives next year include:

- One Big Improvement project for more communication between each member government
- Universities for a Better Iowa

Source: Executive officers of the Executive Council

the issues and problems the member governments want to accomplish that year and seeing what is common."

Appel said the Executive Council — composed of each member government from the colleges — can face difficulties in accomplishing an initiative affecting all its constituents because the governments are spread out across campus.

The council, he said, needs more of an individualized effort.

Emma Hashman, who will serve as vice president during the next academic year, said she would like to create more networking and social opportunities to increase collaboration among member governments. Though the Executive Council and the medical-school government usually attended the past year's events, she said, she would like to enhance involvement of all student bodies in the future.

"Sometimes, it's hard to get people from all different colleges together and to network for future job opportunities," she said. "[The Executive Council] is the perfect way to get those collaborations going. We can work on making publicity campus-wide ... so we can have better turnout for events."

Natalie Virden, elected as executive officer, said she also plans to bring more cohesion to all UI colleges.

"Right now, we don't really have an idea of what's going on in the other schools," she said. "For example, the College of

Law had a 5K [race] this past weekend, and I would have liked to see more involvement in that."

Member government officials tend to be busy with differing schedules, she noted, which could explain the lack of cohesion in recent years.

Hashman said she would also like to focus on combating the defunding of higher education next year. Although the proposed 3 percent increase student fees by the state Board of Regents for the next academic year will likely only raise fees by \$1 to \$2 per student, she said, such increases can become burdensome while tuition continues to increase.

"We want to look at student fees while tuition keeps increasing every year," she said. "Even if we can't decrease it, we can look at the effectiveness of each of the fees in the student fee. We pay for parking on top of tuition, and we pay to play tennis on top of a recreation fee. Students don't always know that."

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## VEGGIE NATION



Matt Lee-Pullen stocks mushrooms and other vegetables at the New Pioneer Co-Op on Thursday. Lee-Pullen has worked at the grocery store for eight years. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

## METRO

### 2 attempted cell-phone robberies reported

University of Iowa police officials said they received two reports Wednesday of attempted cell-phone robberies near or on the east portion of campus, according to a release.

In one of the anonymous reports, a caller was walking along Market Street around 2:10 p.m. when two men tried unsuccessfully to grab a cell phone out of the victim's hand, the release said. The two alleged robbers were described as black males wearing hooded sweatshirts and sunglasses.

In the other incident, a person was allegedly walking under the railroad bridge along the Iowa River near Danforth Chapel at 3:10 p.m. when a man unsuccessfully attempted to grab the person's cell phone. The alleged robber was described as a light-skinned male wearing a gray pullover hooded sweatshirt, dark khaki cargo pants, and white tennis shoes.

Anyone with information about these incidents is advised to call the UI police or Iowa City Crimestoppers. UI police would also like to talk to the person who reported the first incident.

— by Jordyn Reiland

### Man pleads not guilty to several charges

An Iowa City man facing several charges of indecent exposure pleaded not guilty this week, according to court documents.

Allen Adonis Bramwell, 25, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3003, was charged March 23 with three charges of indecent exposure after he allegedly exposed his penis to two people at different locations.

According to police complaints, after Bramwell was placed under arrest and seated in the back of a police squad car, he allegedly attempted to eat marijuana he had in his possession. Bramwell later allegedly admitted to swallowing the weed but not the bag containing it.

Police then charged Bramwell with possession of a controlled substance, first offense, and for attempting to conceal physical evidence.

Police later allegedly learned Bramwell lied about his address and charged him with interference with official acts, according to police complaints.

Bramwell pleaded not guilty to his charges of indecent exposure and possession of a controlled substance,

according to court documents.

A pretrial conference is set for June 11, and a trial is scheduled to begin June 26.

— by Beth Bratsos

### Man faces burglary, theft charges

A man has been charged with second-degree burglary and second-degree theft.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Marzell Hicks, 35, was charged March 25.

Officers were dispatched to a Highway 6 apartment after receiving a report of an alleged theft. According to the complaint, officers determined upon arrival that Hicks had entered an apartment through a ground-floor window.

Once inside the apartment, Hicks allegedly went through the victim's purse and removed cash, a phone, and car keys. He then reportedly fled out the front door and ran to the victim's car, using the stolen keys to start the car and drive away.

Second-degree burglary is a Class-C felony punishable by up to 10 years in jail and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

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

### Tang's tampering charge remains in place

Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness confirmed Thursday the County Attorney's Office will not drop the charge of tampering with a witness against Peng Tang.

Tang, who allegedly assaulted an Iowa City woman March 29, was charged April 13 with sending a letter to the victim saying she would be rewarded for changing her story. Tang's parents Xuefan Tang and Li Qiao had been charged April 11 with requesting the victim change her story in an exchange for a reward.

Lyness dropped the charges against his parents, citing "cultural differences" in a statement released Wednesday.

Tang's bond was increased by \$50,000 after the tampering charge, bringing the total bond to \$800,000.

First-degree kidnapping is a Class-A felony, punishable by up to life in prison.

A pretrial conference is set for May 25, and the trial is set to begin June 5.

— by Beth Bratsos

## BLOTTER

**Lisa Anthony**, 52, 2159 Taylor Drive, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.

**Heather Craig**, 20, 1811 High St., was charged Wednesday with driving while license revoked.

**James Croker**, 29, 2801 Highway 6 E. Lot 212, was charged Wednesday with driving while

license revoked.  
**Maxwell Dull**, 21, 1411 Plum St., was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.

**Maria Flores**, 29, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.

**Stephie Perry**, 45, P.O. Box 172, was charged Wednesday with

driving while license under suspension/canceled.

**Elisha Robinson**, 30, Cedar Rapids, was charged Thursday with OWI and driving while barred.

**Nathaniel Rogers**, 22, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was charged Wednesday with public intoxica-

tion.  
**Steven Shelton**, 29, 861 Cross Park Ave. Apt. C, was charged Thursday with driving while license under suspension/canceled.

**Christopher Smith**, 20, Pella, Iowa, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

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# News

## JOLLY FOLLY



Students dance and sing in a skit on Thursday in the IMU during Greek Follies, part of the Greek Week. The week is dedicated to Iowa's fraternity and sorority community. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

## METRO

### Freeman trial rests

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

Freeman-Murdah was charged Feb. 1 with failing to fulfill her legal duty as a mandatory reporter after hearing evidence

that a child in Head Start – which Freeman oversees – had been sexually abused, according to a police complaint.

A teacher allegedly told Freeman a parent had approached Head Start officials with concerns her daughter had been sexually assaulted in December 2011. The law requires

Freeman to report any sexual assault within 24 hours.

Police said the alleged victim was under 12 years old.

The final pretrial conference will now be held May 4, and the trial will begin May 8 in the Johnson County Courthouse.

— by Beth Bratsos

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## Guest Opinion

VOICES OF PHILANTHROPY/PHIL'S DAY 2012

# Why give back? Investing in your degree

Your education from the University of Iowa is the most valuable asset you will ever hold. It will provide you with earning power that will sustain you throughout your lifetime, will open unimaginable doors of opportunity, and will provide enduring connections and friendships.

Those of us who are graduates of the University of Iowa share a bond: We all possess UI degrees with the potential to maintain their quality and grow in value. How can we ensure that this happens? By giving to the UI through the UI Foundation.

Regular giving to the university will ensure that this great school continues to attract the best faculty and students and to offer the best programs possible — all of which enhance the value of a UI degree.

Private support benefits all areas of the university, but I'd like to share a few examples of how gifts from generous alumni and friends can help students and faculty in the Tippie College of Business:

- Student scholarships and support: This year, more than 300 students in the Tippie College of Business received scholarship support totaling nearly \$447,000. Most of this support came from Iowa's generous alumni and friends.

- Pappajohn Business Building and Pomerantz Center: State-of-the-art facilities enhance students' educational experiences. The Pappajohn Business Building and the Pomerantz Center have classrooms equipped with the latest technology and provide comfortable surroundings in which students can study and relax. These buildings were made possible by leadership gifts from prominent Tippie College graduates — John Pappajohn and Marvin Pomerantz.

- Centers and Institutes: — The goal of the Hawkinson Institute of Business Finance is to facilitate career opportunities for students interested in investment banking, financial services, and consulting. The institute provides a major link among Tippie College faculty, alumni, and students and the worlds of finance and consulting.

- Through sponsorship of various initiatives and activities, the McGladrey Institute of Accounting Education and Research promotes excellence in accounting



education and research at Iowa. Among initiatives include the National Speaker Series, the writing excellence program, and a business case competition. The institute also promotes the production and dissemination of Iowa accounting faculty research.

— The Vaughan Institute of Risk Management and Insurance is devoted to providing UI students with the necessary skills to be successful in the insurance and risk-management industry. The institute sponsors prominent speakers from the insurance industry, provides scholarships, and promotes internships.

— To be successful in the business world, students must be able to communicate well, both on paper and in oral presentations. The Judith R. Frank Business Communications Center works with Tippie students to ensure that they graduate with the communication skills they need to become industry leaders.

- Naming of the College of Business: In February 1999, Henry Tippie (1949 B.S.C.), a successful Iowa business graduate, made a leadership contribution to the college in support of its students and faculty. In honor of this very generous gift, the school was named the Henry B. Tippie College of Business. Tippie's investment supports student scholarships, faculty research, two endowed chair positions, and numerous professorships and faculty fellowships. His scholarships have benefited a large number of business students, as well as students from his hometown of Belle Plaine, Iowa.

I am proud to be the first Henry B. Tippie Research Chair in Accounting. His support has allowed me to remain at the UI when I have had opportunities to move elsewhere.

Being a UI student and graduate — and now a faculty member — I know how important outside support is to maintaining Iowa's excellence. That's why I have been a UI contributor for the last 25 years — and I hope you will join me in supporting the university. A gift for Iowa is an investment in your degree and in the future of our great university. Go Hawks!

Dan Collins  
Tippie Research Chair in accounting

## Letter

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### Ban all tobacco products at schools

Iowans are confused by the fact that only cigarettes are prohibited from school grounds in the Iowa Smoke Free Air Act. This means people can still legally use tobacco chew, snuff, orbs, sticks, snus, and

other emerging tobacco products on school grounds.

As a state, we need to ban all tobacco products on school grounds and fight for division 5 in the Senate education-reform bill. This bill will ensure that all Iowa schools are tobacco free.

Tobacco use on Iowa school grounds reflects on poor academic performance and attendance. Each year, 4,000 Iowa kids under the age of 18

become daily tobacco users. In Iowa, 52 percent of students who use tobacco earn a grade of a D or F and are 64 percent more likely to miss 10 or more days of school.

If we want to be the leader and the healthiest state, we need to start with tobacco-free schools.

I appreciate the efforts of many members of our state Legislature who strongly

encourage tobacco-free schools. As an advocate for strong and healthy communities and kids, I strongly support the idea of prohibiting the use of all tobacco and nicotine products on property owned by K-12 Iowa schools. A statewide Tobacco Free School policy will help our Iowa students succeed.

Greg Clancy  
Iowa resident

## Guest Opinion

# Wrapping up the Iowa 2012 legislative session

As the 2012 session begins to wrap up, the biggest remaining differences between the Iowa Senate and House involve investments in education. This includes proposals to improve early reading skills, reduce Iowa's shortage of skilled workers, and ensure college is affordable for Iowa families.

Last year, the longest session in recent memory, ended relatively quickly once conference committees were established. Confer-

ence committees comprise five legislators from the House and five from the Senate. Their task is to resolve the differences between the two chambers on key bills.

This year, Senate Democrats look forward to a side-by-side, public comparison of our differences with the House. We believe this effort will benefit educational opportunity and suspended job creation.

You may be happy to know that the government-

efficiencies legislation we're working on may make it easier for you to renew your Iowa driver's license and other identification cards.

Typically, renewing your licenses and IDs requires a trip to a driver's license station every five years. Senate File 2299, approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, would reduce in-person renewal to once every 10 years. That's more convenient for Iowans and saves taxpayers as much as \$1 million.

Under the proposal, Iowans between 18 and 65 could renew their driver's licenses online within the 30-day period before their expiration date as long as they aren't updating basic biographical information, subject to driving restrictions, or changing their type of license.

Online renewal is already successfully used in 29 other states. The Senate is pushing to allow Iowans to save time and money the same way.

In other vehicle-related legislation, drivers who fail to stop for school buses now face increased penalties in Iowa.

"Kadyn's Law" was approved by the Legislature and went immediately into effect when signed by Gov. Terry Branstad. The legislation is in memory of Kadyn Halverson, a first-grader who was killed last year by a driver who illegally passed a stopped school bus.

Drivers must stop at least 15 feet away from a stopped bus whenever the

red lights are flashing and slow to 20 mph when amber lights are flashing. Failing to do so could now result in fines up to \$675 and up to 30 days in jail. Any driver who causes an injury from failing to stop will face higher fines, more jail time, and suspension of driver's license.

While driving, let's always keep an eye out for schoolchildren, whether we're near a school bus or not.

Sen. Bob Dvorsky  
D-Coralville

## Guest Column



Sen. Tom Harkin gives the thumbs up during a victory speech in Des Moines on Nov. 4, 2008. Harkin recently introduced the Rebuild America Act, which, he says, will aid the middle class. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

# Rebuild America

Last summer, my staff and I traveled Iowa, talking to folks of all walks of life about the middle class — everyone from recent college graduates to those looking for work to Iowans seeking to secure their retirement. Unfortunately, the theme we heard resoundingly is that the American Dream — the promise of a good wage, a decent standard of living, and a dignified retirement — is slipping away from far too many in our state.

As the wealthiest major nation on earth, our country can and should do better.

To preserve and strengthen the middle class, I recently introduced the Rebuild America Act. This legislation tackles the problem of the shrinking middle class in four ways: by taking immediate steps to create jobs and kick-start the economy, by investing in our roads, bridges, schools, and other critical infrastructure needs to secure future economic growth, by implementing policies that will offer families economic opportunity and peace of mind, and by paying for these new investments through a balanced tax code that fosters economic growth.

In short, the Rebuild America Act will make our government work again for people who

work for a living.

Amanda Greubel of De Witt, Iowa, called the legislation "an important step toward showing average Americans that our government is finally paying attention to issues that real families face every day: access to health care, the high cost of child-care, the availability of good jobs, and quality public education for our kids."

This summer, I am proud that my staff will return to all 99 counties to discuss how ideas obtained from Iowans last year on how to rebuild the middle class have influenced this legislation.

For three decades now, our economy has been held back by failed trickle-down economics for the rich. It is time for percolate-up economics for the middle class. As we say in the Midwest, you do not fertilize a tree from the top down, you fertilize the roots.

There can be no sustainable economic recovery and no sustained return to fiscal balance without the recovery of the middle class. The middle class is the backbone of this country, and it's time for Washington to have the backbone to not only defend it but rebuild it. ■

Sen. Tom Harkin  
D-Iowa

# Expert: Expand wind energy



Dan Mineck, a retired vice president of engineering and environment at Alliant Energy, talks to a student after his presentation about the future of energy in Macbride Hall on Thursday. Mineck talked about environmental and economic effects that come from producers of electrical energy. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

Wind power makes up 18.8 percent of all Iowa-produced energy.

By **LOGAN EDWARDS**  
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An Iowa energy expert said public policy and political issues form the greatest obstacles to an expansion of wind energy in the state at a symposium Thursday.

University of Iowa engineering adjunct lecturer Dan Mineck said people often worry about technological limits in considering future energy problems.

"[But, what we need to focus on is] a political policy that will get us to where we need to be, so we can have a sustainable energy future for our kids and their kids," he said.

Mineck discussed the future of wind energy Thursday night in Macbride Auditorium. The retired vice president of energy and environment at Alliant Energy stressed the need to build more transmission lines to allow the abundance of wind power in the Midwest to be harvested from the region and sold on the coasts.

Wind power makes up

## Wind power

### Statistics:

- 2,893 utility scale turbines
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Source: Iowa Wind Energy Association

18.8 percent of all Iowa-produced energy, according to the Iowa Wind Energy Association.

Mineck also addressed the political roadblocks officials must face to begin an expansion.

"One of the reasons it's difficult to get the public policies we need to secure our futures is because federal agencies each have a different role that is largely uncoordinated," he said. "State agencies, such as the Iowa Utilities Board, and public-utility commissions in every state also influence public policy — so it's really hard to get a uniform, well-defined policy."

Rob Hillesland, information specialist at the Iowa Utilities Board, also stressed that construction of more transmission lines to each coast would benefit Iowa.

"The big issue is, who will pay for it? Who will be permitting?" Hillesland said.

Harold Prior, the executive director of the Iowa Wind Energy Association,

said Iowa has had consistent policies up until recently regarding wind-energy transmission. Yet Iowa's federal production tax credit will expire in December, he said, and the state's wind industry growth could stop if Congress does not renew the credit.

"We're very confident it will," he said. "Congress understands that there will be a significant loss of jobs in the wind industry as a result of that."

Prior also said more transmission lines are being developed. Clear Line Energy Co. will construct four high-voltage transmission lines in the central region of the United States; the project should be completed in 2016.

Kathleen Harrison, the communications manager of the Iowa Energy Center, said energy generated by wind power must be used right away because it is difficult to store.

"The structure that we have now for transmitting power is considered outdated," she said. "We need to update for good so it can handle alternate forms of energy."

Hillesland said he believes in using numerous forms of energy.

"It's important to have a portfolio of each energy source, because the wind doesn't blow all the time," he said.

## METRO

### Auditor to report on UI 'deficiencies'

State Auditor David Vaudt is scheduled to report to the state Board of Regents on April 25 at the University of Northern Iowa about "significant deficiencies" in financial reporting at the University of Iowa.

These deficiencies include financial reporting at the UI regarding donated land and early retirement liability. Auditors did not find deficiencies in internal financial reporting considered material weaknesses at Iowa State University or the University of Northern Iowa.

— by Luke Voelz

### Trial in Versypt slaying reset

The trial date for a suspect in the slaying of an Iowa City landlord has been reset.

Justin Alexander Marshall, one of three people charged with killing Broadway landlord John Versypt, was set to go to trial May 22. Online court documents show Marshall waived his right to a speedy trial, and his request to continue his trial has been granted.

Marshall was a resident of the Broadway apartments at the time of Versypt's slaying. According to police complaints, witnesses said they heard a "pop" the night of the Oct. 8, 2009, shooting, saw people running, and heard Marshall knocking on a door asking to be let in.

Marshall was charged with first-degree murder in July 2011. Charles William Curtis Thompson and Courtney White were also charged with first-degree murder in the Versypt case. Police authorities said Marshall was seen with Thompson the night before the shooting.

Thompson's initial trial was declared a mistrial after the prosecution showed the jury portions of a video interview that were supposed to have been redacted.

Court documents said Thompson then pleaded guilty to accessory after the fact, an aggravated misdemeanor, in December 2011 and was then released from jail. He signed

court documents stating he knew Marshall committed the slaying on Oct. 8, 2009.

Attorneys in the case and court officials agreed the trial should be reset for Sept. 18; the final pretrial conference is scheduled for Aug. 24, according to court documents. Ten days are set aside for the trial.

— by Beth Bratsos

### Regents to decide on demolishing UI facilities

The state Board of Regents will vote on April 26 meeting at Northern Iowa University on demolishing the following University of Iowa buildings:

- Oakdale Duplexes, 2220 Crosspark Road, Oakdale Campus. The duplexes are typically used to house faculty and international students, but they have been unoccupied for two-thirds of the year as many students want to stay closer to campus, according to the regents.
- 711 Melrose Ave. UI officials are looking to demolish the building in order to proceed with the construction of the Melrose Avenue surface parking lot project.
- 15 Melrose Place. The rental facility, built 1950, is vacant.

— by Luke Voelz

### Regents to vote on UI projects

The state Board of Regents will vote on April 26 on proceeding with the funding and planning of several proposed University of Iowa buildings and building modifications, including:

- An Oakdale Campus/UI Research Park vivarium for biosafety space and administrative space, at 41,000 square feet with an anticipated cost of \$31 million.
- Renovations to piping, sinks, and vanities in student rooms in Stanley Hall, with an estimated cost of \$60 million in Dormitory Improvement Funds.
- Waterproofing beneath the Pappajohn Exterior Playcourt,

with an estimated cost of \$2.5 million in University Hospitals Building Use Funds.

• Phase 2 of a Football Operations Facility to be located adjacent to and south of the new Indoor Athletics Practice and Recreation Facility. The proposed facility would include space for exercise, squad meetings, lockers, and coach's offices, at an estimated cost of \$30 million.

• A Substation Control Building upgrade to replace and modernize electrical switch gear, with an estimated cost of \$6.9 million in Utility System Revenue Bonds and Utility System Replacement and Improvement Funds.

• A new indoor golf training facility near the Finkbine, with an estimated cost of about \$2 million funded through Athletics Department gifts and income.

— by Luke Voelz

### Regents to decide on UI student fees

The state Board of Regents will vote on April 26 at the University of Northern Iowa on approving increases in University of Iowa student fees.

The proposals include a 3 percent increase in student-activity fees, a 4.2 percent increase in service fees, and a 3.4 percent increase in building fees.

— by Luke Voelz

### Regents to vote on new departments

The state Board of Regents will vote on April 25 at the University of Northern Iowa on establishing several new departments and areas of study at the University of Iowa.

These programs include Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in International Relations, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Planning, a department of Physician Assistant Studying and Services, and a department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Services.

— by Luke Voelz

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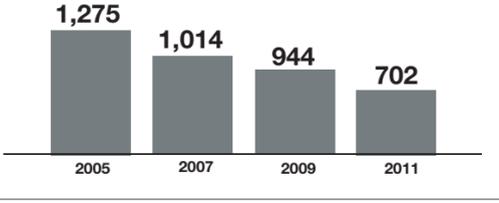
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miles in 2001 — a 23 percent decrease.

However, auto loans — approximately \$15,000 — at the University of Iowa Community Credit Union are up 53 percent for young adults between 18 and 22 so far this year, said Jim Kelley, the vice president of marketing at the credit union.

**Car storage**

The number of Hawkeye storage permits (for the Hawklot, Parklawn, and Mayflower) registered in October has decreased over the past several years.



GRAPHIC BY ALICIA KRAMME

“The [credit union] provides education to young

adults, which is something they need when shopping,”

**REDISTRICTING**

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304 and Wood’s would be reduced from 514 to 507. Twain’s would increase from 226 to 391, and Hills attendance would increase from 107 to 176.

Assistant Superintendent Ann Feldmann said the main point of the redistricting plans are to solve overcrowding.

“We know that we are swiftly running out of available space,” she said. “We want to ensure that whatever we propose to the superintendent addresses long-term issues.”

Yet Kucera said the dis-

trict isn’t really trying to solve the problem of overcrowding.

“It’s not solving anything,” she said. “It’s just a quick fix to look like they’re addressing the issues.”

One parent told administrators he thinks it is pointless to have students switch schools when it is likely that redistricting issues will come up again.

“This plan gives [Longfellow] a relief of 13 students,” said Brent Bormann, a Longfellow parent.

“What that tells me is we’re going to be dealing with capacity issues again. Why should I invest in the Twain community or wherever you put us? Why should I invest in that community when I might move

again?”

Yet some parents applauded the School Board and administration for their efforts.

“[Administrators] made the attempt to do the big redistricting thing,” said Sara Barron, a Wood parent. “I think that plan was torpedoed by people who are afraid of change.”

At the forum, Barron told administrators to continue in the face of opposition.

“Stop listening to parents, who are always going to be fierce advocates for their children,” she said. “You’re bigger than that. Your job is to make the best decision for all of the kids regardless of whether it’s a popular choice, [but]

Kelley said as a possible reason for the increase. “Not many other banks or credit unions do this.”

Though UI graduate student Katie Jones owns a car, she only uses it when absolutely necessary.

“I don’t use [my car] to get to school or to go to my job at school — I walk or take the Cambus,” she said. “But I have a second job in Coralville, so I use it to get there and to run some

errands — like if I go to Hy-Vee to get a lot of groceries.”

More people have signed up for Iowa City bus passes, Ricketts said, and fewer are using the library parking lot. Hancher commuter permits also dropped from 711 in October 2004 to 318 in 2011, he added, because flood damage wiping out the Voxman Music Building and Studio Arts buildings.

Jones, who plans to stay in Iowa after graduating, said she intends to continue using her car as little as possible.

“Most communities in Iowa are built around the assumption that you have a car,” she said. “Iowa City is one of the rare places in Iowa, I think, where it is easier to bike, walk, or bus.”

because it’s the right thing to do.”

University of Iowa Assistant Professor Rick Mergenthaler, a district parent, told the crowd that parental debate over redistricting decisions ultimately comes down to children.

“This isn’t about west versus east. This isn’t about rich versus poor,” he said. “It’s about kids.”

Mergenthaler voiced his concerns about children making friends if they are continually moved.

“The first guiding principle I think would be really great for the board is stability,” he said. “My concern is if we do things from different school, it means for a



Renee McKay explains her opinion to an audience of local parents at Wood Elementary on Thursday. The meeting was held for parents to discuss how they feel about moving students among local elementary schools. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

horrible experience [in friends]. This is about terms of kids making strengthening kids.”

**REGENTS**

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gency Management Agency funding, is set to expire this year. The new three-year extension would allow the university to hold onto the bond until 2015.

While the UI has asked for credit line and bond maturity date extensions in the past, UI spokesman Tom Moore said, the present request is the only extension presented specifically for flood-recovery projects.

“This is our standard operating business procedure,” he said. “You can view it as a safety net for when we have situations like this where we know we have expenditures, but the funds that have been prom-

ised to us are not tied to a specific time frame.”

The regents will also vote on April 26 to continue the UI’s \$5 million line of credit through Wells Fargo, extending the line from 2012 to 2015.

Moore said the university has rarely dipped into its line of credit — maintained for fallback purposes — since it received the line in 2009. The bond sales are reserved for circumstances when a cash-flow problem might occur because of a lag in funding from FEMA, he said.

“We need to meet our obligations to vendors or contractors and pay them for their services,” he said.

Regent Katie Mulholland said she “felt fine” about the extension request, citing her own experience as the superintendent of the Linn-Mar

School District.

“[The School District sells] bonds, and we do that frequently to back up construction costs,” she said. “There are a number of different ways you could do financing, and the University of Iowa has done an exceptional job with handling its issues.”

The total budget for UI flood recovery is \$400 million, which the regents approved at their March meeting. Approved funding includes plans to build a new Hancher, art building, and music facility. FEMA officials have dedicated \$386 million so far for these and other pending projects.

State and UI officials toured the flood sites during the March regents’ meeting and were shown presentations of layouts for completed recovery projects.

Barb Sturmer, regional affairs specialist for FEMA Region VII, wrote in an email that this bond extension will not affect the university’s ability to receive future funding from the agency.

“I can tell you that the university’s request for this bond extension does not affect the amount of money the university would receive from FEMA in the future,” she said.

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## WRESTLING

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around their opponents' torsos in freestyle, for throwing moves such as gut-wrenches. It's inevitable that the fresh-out-of-college wrestlers will absorb a couple hard throws and most likely suffer a couple tough losses; they're simply not as used to freestyle wrestling as their competitors.

But Iowa wrestler Matt McDonough — who just claimed his second NCAA title and a wild card berth for the trials — said coming straight out of his college season will be an advantage despite having no time

to rest a tired body.

"You've always got dings and things, but you don't wrestle right unless you've got that feeling in your body that you've been working hard," McDonough said. "[Despite] the changes in styles, the goal is still the same: Take the opponent down and dominate in every position. I've just got to refine some skills."

The college wrestlers are the underdogs, and many don't expect them to make it out of the first round of their respective weights. But they're not coming to Iowa City just to get their first Olympic trials under their belts. They're still here to win — to earn a spot on the London Olympic team, just like everyone else.

"This is not a learning experience for [McDonough]," Iowa associate head coach Terry Brands said. "We didn't push to get the wild card so it could be a learning experience. [Team USA head coach] Zeke Jones would have us tarred and feathered if we were using this as a learning experience. This is about high-level wrestling ... If you want experience, you go to win the doggone tournament."

The college grapplers are in the dawn of their Olympic dreams. For Minnesota's Zach Sanders, whose college career ended with an upset loss at nationals that still stings, this is a chance for redemption. For others, such as McDonough, it's a

chance to prove themselves on a bigger-than-ever stage; for those such as Dake, it's a chance to continue dominating on every mat they step on.

The young wrestlers are being given the chance of lifetime, so be ready to watch them fight for it.

"It's going to depend on what they think of themselves," Gable said about the NCAA grapplers' chances at wins. "One thing about the freestyle right now is that the way it's set up, I call it the great equalizer. Everybody kind of has a chance to win ... I think the true part will come in their heads, minds, and their hearts."

"There's going to be some tough battles, and I'm glad I get to witness those."

## DERMODY

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son. He began 2011 with a 0-3 record in his first five trips to the mound. Dermody then won four consecutive starts from the end of March through mid-April — the point at which he finds himself still struggling in 2012.

"Mechanically, Matt isn't a traditional guy in terms of being free and easy and having a fluid pitching motion," Maliszewski said about his 6-5, hard-throwing pitcher. "He's more a herky-jerky kind of guy, he has a lot of moving parts ... Those pitchers that are 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, it takes them a little bit longer to get down and get their rhythm and timing and tempo going."

Perhaps that's one rea-

son Dermody owns a personal mark of 1-4 so far. The native of Norwalk, Iowa, said he has "thrown it decently" but admitted he "definitely has things to work on, things to improve on."

His list includes better command of both his off-speed pitches and fastball. He recalled one at-bat against Nebraska on April 7 in which he had a batter down 0-2 but missed with his next offering. The pitch was a fastball, and the result was a RBI single.

Maliszewski said it was particularly important for Dermody to command his fastball, and that's the next step for the 2011 Big Ten strikeout leader.

"He's a guy that pitches in the zone," Iowa's fourth-year pitching coach said. "Now, we just need him to be in the strike zone with a little bit more fine-tuning and command ... There's a

big difference between a strike-thrower and a quality strike-thrower.

"If he can command his fastball on both sides of the plate, he's going to be successful."

Some statistics indicate his occasional command problems are the main reason for a record that leaves much to be desired. Dermody's 16 walks are most among Iowa's starters, and his 41 innings pitched are fewest among the group.

But other stats portray Dermody as a victim of bad luck. His 3.71 ERA in Big Ten play is the lowest on the Hawkeye pitching staff, but he is the only Iowa starter with a losing record in conference games (1-2).

He has also received paltry run support. Iowa's offense scores nearly 3 more runs per game when Jarred Hippen (5.6) or Sasha Kuebel (5.7) start than when Dermody does

(2.9).

Despite those numbers, Dermody and Maliszewski both shied away from critiquing Iowa's offense.

"It would be a waste of my time to worry about what the hitters are doing," Dermody said. "I just focus on my job and try to keep the other team from scoring."

Dermody threw an inning of relief on April 10 because the second game of a scheduled double-header was rained out. He set down the side while striking out one batter in that game, and manager Jack Dahm said he felt that performance may be a turning point in Dermody's season.

"If he throws the ball like he did in that one inning on Saturday, watch out," Dahm said. "That was a sharp as I've seen him since the middle of last year."

## HAWKEYE SPORTS

### 3 men's gymnasts advance

The Iowa men's gymnastics team finished sixth out of six teams in the first session of the NCAA Qualifier, but three Hawkeyes earned their way to today's NCAA championships.

Iowa posted a team score of 336.650, and the highlights of the day came from three members of

Iowa's junior class.

Javier Balboa had an all-around score of 84.100, fewer than 1 point shy of his season-best mark. Balboa capped his day with a fourth-place finish on the parallel bars. He finished fifth on



Balboa gymnast

the all-around in Iowa's session but had the top score from members of non-advancing teams.

Brody Shemansky also advanced on the all-around with a 80.400 score, the third-highest of gymnasts not from Michigan, Penn State, or Stanford.

Iowa's third qualifier, Anton Gryshayev, placed third on his signature event, the still rings. Gryshayev's 14.900 advanced him

to the NCAA championships for the second year in a row.

Balboa, Shemansky, and Gryshayev will compete at 7 p.m. today in the all-around and team finals. A top-10 placement in an event would send the gymnast to Saturday's competition, where the top eight athletes in each event are named All-Americans.

— by Ryan Murphy

# Power surge for Keim

By MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD  
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Katie Keim and Liz Watkins slugged back-to-back home runs in Iowa softball's loss to Iowa State on Wednesday in the fourth and fifth spots of the lineup.

Watkins stands 5-11 and powered the most long balls — 9 — of any Iowa player last year. Keim is only 5-6 and hit leadoff last year, where she tallied only 4 homers.

But this year, Keim has 6 dingers to her name, and Watkins only 2. Keim has transitioned from a leadoff "get on base" hitter into the team's notable slugger.

Keim's new cleanup role has given her confidence, which the coaching staff said is key to the co-captain's recent success.

"She has always had to the tools, but now she has the confidence to use them," hitting coach Stacy May-Johnson said. "That has come from finding some success. Not only is she doing well in the field, she's coming up to bat knowing that she's hit well before — that she's the one they're trying to get out."

The senior started making adjustments in the middle of last season, and nearly a year of diligent work in

the batting cages resulted in a power swing. Keim said she didn't enter the season with the goal of hitting more homers — she instead worked to correct her technique. She said she put all her effort into the technical aspect of her swing, and "the home runs have just happened."

Head coach Marla Looper said Keim's success is impressive because she continued focusing on the small, mundane details of her at-bats even after the initial learning process of fixing her swing was over.

"It's hard to maintain all those changes and keep tweaking it here and there," Looper said. "It takes a lot of diligence to constantly work on those details during hitting practice. She works off a front toss, or live pitching, or a machine, or a tee. All those little ways — those make the difference."

Keim had to make significant mental adjustments during the conversion from a leadoff to a cleanup hitter. Instead of focusing on getting on base any way possible — walk, bunt, hit-by-pitch, infield single, — Keim's job is now to make solid contact, especially if there are runners on base. Her job used to be to set the table. Now, it's her job to



Katie Keim bats against Wisconsin's Cassandra Darrah at Pearl Field on March 25. Keim, who led off for the Hawkeyes last season, has slugged 6 home runs in the cleanup spot this year. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

clear it.

May-Johnson said that suits Keim well.

Keim excelled in the lead-off spot, tackling important jobs such as taking a lot of pitches to give her teammates a look at the pitcher, but May-Johnson said it was always obvious she wanted to be able to swing freely.

"There's no question that Katie wants to go up there and swing the bat," the assistant coach said. "[Last season] Katie was just trying to figure out what it looks like for her to be successful in the Big Ten, in Division-I softball. This year she has done just that."

The senior's batting aver-

age has improved from .270 last year to .330 in 2012, and her slugging percentage has jumped from .379 to .583. Even her on-base percentage has improved, despite taking fewer walks.

Looper said Keim's offensive versatility, and recent improvements, make her "a coach's dream." Keim said she's proud of that and happy because the confidence and pressure it gives her has helped her hit the homers this season.

"I'm so glad Coach has the confidence in me that she can put me anywhere," she said. "I like the challenge of this new spot because it's really driven me to do my best."

## College boys

The 2012 Olympic trials will feature 10 wrestlers who competed for college teams this past NCAA season. Those wrestlers are listed below, followed by their college and placement in their weight classes at the 2012 NCAA championships.

- Kyle Dake (Cornell, first)
- Matt McDonough (Iowa, first)
- Jordan Oliver (Oklahoma State, second)
- Frank Perelli (Cornell, fourth)
- Kellen Russell (Michigan, first)
- Ed Ruth (Penn State, first)
- Zach Sanders (Minnesota, third)
- Logan Stieber (Ohio State, first)
- David Taylor (Penn State, first)
- Quentin Wright (Penn State, second)

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**OLYMPIC TRIALS**

## College wrestlers underdogs

Ten college wrestlers will compete in the U.S. Olympic trials this weekend.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**  
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Thirty-four days. That's how long NCAA wrestlers had to transition from folkstyle to freestyle wrestling in between the NCAA championships in March and the U.S. Olympic trials this weekend; to adjust from college competition to international-level competition; to accept the change from top dog to underdog.

Ten college wrestlers will compete in the trials, including six 2012 NCAA champions.

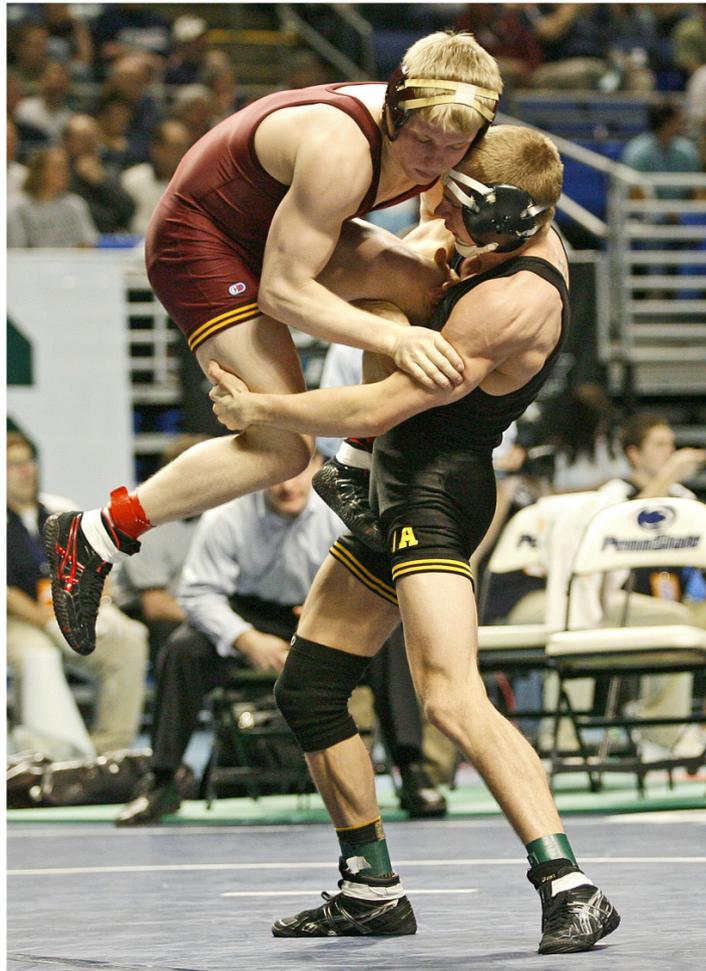
David Taylor, the undefeated Nittany Lion who pinned his way through the bracket and earned a 22-7 tech fall in his championships match, is in the field at 74 kg. So is Kyle Dake, the Cornell wrestler who became the first college grappler to ever win three titles at three different weight classes. Four-time Big Ten and two-time NCAA champ Kellen Russell from Michigan will wrestle at 60 kg.

At least two college athletes will appear in four of the seven men's freestyle weight classes this weekend. And they're a threat; the youngsters have a better chance at making the Olympic team than some may expect.

"It will be unusual if one of those young kids makes it," said Dan Gable, the legendary 1972 Olympian and lifetime Iowa coach. "But what they've already put into what they're doing right now shows you shouldn't count them out. And if you do, you're going to lose that match."

The college wrestling style — folkstyle — is drastically different than the international freestyle. A host of technical differences between the two strains of wrestling will make the wrestlers' transition from college to the trials difficult, especially considering that the rest of the field has been training exclusively in freestyle.

One example: Grapplers can clasp their hands



Then-Iowa wrestler Charlie Falck grapples with Zach Sanders of Minnesota during the 2009 Big Ten wrestling championships. Sanders, a Gopher senior this past season, is one of several wrestlers in the Olympic trials who wrestled for college teams this past season. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)



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All week, the DI has broken down the people and things to watch for at this weekend's U.S. Olympic wrestling trials.

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## Dermody seeks command performance

Matt Dermody has not received much run support, but he also noted command issues as a reason Iowa is 1-7 in his starts.

By **BEN SCHUFF**

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Iowa pitching coach Chris Maliszewski praised starting pitcher Matt Dermody for his competitiveness on the mound.

But the Hawkeyes' record when **Iowa (15-17, 4-5) vs. Penn State (16-20, 4-5)**

Dermody starts suggests the **When:** 6 p.m. today, 1 p.m. Saturday, noon April 22 anything but **Where:** Banks Field competitive.

Iowa was 7-7 in his starts a year ago, but is 1-7 so far this season when the left-hander toes the rubber.

"I can't say if he's pitched better or worse, or [if] he gets what he deserves," Maliszewski said. "All I can say is the facts are the facts. He's given us a chance in some of his outings, and we just haven't gotten it done."

Results and statistics from the games in which Dermody has pitched this year provide an array of possible explanations.

Whether those explanations shed light on poor pitching from Iowa's No. 2 starter or other aspects of the Iowa baseball team remains a question.

This is the second-straight year in which the junior has had a rough start to the sea-

SEE DERMODY, 8

**HAWKEYE GOLF**

### Men's golf heads to West Lafayette

The Iowa men's golf team will end its regular season this weekend at the Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind.

The 54-hole tournament will be held at the Kampen Course, heralded by the Golf Channel as one of the nation's best college courses.



**Hankins**  
head coach

Iowa head coach Mark Hankins said the tournament will allow the Hawkeyes to play a different kind of golf than they are used to.

"Purdue's a great golf course," he said. "It allows us to compete on a different style of course than Finkbine, which helps us round out our game."

The Hawkeyes will join a field with five other ranked teams — No. 21 Kent State, No. 30 Wichita State, No. 34 TCU, No. 35 Illinois, and No. 43 Indiana.

Hankins said he expects a top finish from the Hawkeyes after his team's victory at Finkbine last week.

"We'll have our hands full, and we were again shooting for a top-three finish," Hankins said. "If we play well, I think that's achievable."

— by **Ryan Murphy**

### Women's golf says, Hello, Columbus

The Iowa women's golf team will travel to Columbus, Ohio, this weekend to take part in the Lady Buckeye Invitational.

The 54-hole tournament is set to be held Saturday and April 22 at the Scarlet Course at the Ohio State University Golf Club.

The Hawkeyes are fresh off a first-place finish at the Cowgirl Classic, their only title of the 2011-12 season.



**Menzel**  
head coach

Head coach Megan Menzel said the result helps her team as it heads into its final tournament before the Big Ten championships.

"It was great to pick up that first victory; it was a really good team effort by everybody, and it gives us a lot of confidence going into the next two events," she said. "Overall, we've tried to go out each tournament, and get a little better, and stay focused on the task at hand. We're doing a lot better at that."

The 11-team field in Columbus will comprise seven conference opponents: Northwestern, Nebraska, Illinois, Michigan State, Minnesota, Penn State, and host Ohio State. Baylor, Iowa State, and Kent State will round out the remaining competition.

The Hawkeyes will have the same lineup that finished first at the Cowgirl Classic: senior Chelsea Harris, juniors Kristi Cardwell and GiGi DiGrazia, sophomore Kelly Grouwinkel, and freshmen Shelby Phillips and Lauren English.

Cardwell, last week's Big Ten Co-Golfer of the Week, set career-bests for 18 holes (68), 36 holes (138), and 54 holes (213) at the Cowgirl Classic.

Iowa will try to improve on last year's result at the Lady Buckeye Invitational; the team finished 11th with a 54-hole, 133-over 997.

— by **Alex French**

## A runner for all seasons

By **TORK MASON**  
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Iowa senior Patrick Richards learned a lesson on a cold Colorado afternoon that he now applies each day for the men's track team.

Richards — a three-time All-American for the Hawkeyes in the 4x400 relay who has earned a reputation for being a versatile and dependable athlete — was anchoring the Widefield High 4x400 team and wanted to stay warm as long as possible before getting on the track.

"It was freezing cold," he said. "I waited for my friend to get to the 200-[meter] mark before I started taking my sweats off."

But his spikes caught in the legs of his pants, and he couldn't get them off. So he pulled up his pants and lined up to run in his sweats until he was told that was illegal. An official tried to help him get his pants off, but Richards lost something every runner needs.

"He tried to help me and pulled really hard, and pulled my pants off — but pulled my shoes and socks off at the same time," he said. "[That's when] my friend hit the exchange zone, so I had to jump on the track and just go with it."

Richards — a *Daily Iowan* employee — said the first 50 meters were "terrible," but his feet were so cold after that point that he couldn't feel the loose spikes and rocks scattered around the track. He went on to win the race running barefoot, and he said the experience taught him a valuable lesson.

"Win by any means nec-



Senior runner Patrick Richards practices the 400 meters at the Cretzmeier Track on Wednesday. Richards has earned three All-American honors with Iowa's 4x400 relay team. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

essary," he said. "You've got to do what you've got to do when the time comes."

That mantra, and his willingness to step into any role to help the team, has come to define his career in the Black and Gold.

"He's more than just a utility guy, but he's a guy who can do anything," assistant coach Joey Woody said. "He has scored in every event he has been entered in at the Big Ten meet, except maybe one time. When you have a guy like that who steps up in the big meets, that's big."

Head coach Larry Wiecezorek said having star athletes he can count on in numerous events is critical for a team to be successful.

But Richards had more to learn when he reached Iowa City, even after all the work he put in during his high-school career.

D'Juan Richardson — Richards' freshman roommate and fellow sprinter — said his friend used to struggle with applying new concepts and techniques, but he has since grown into someone who can make changes easily.

Richards says his occasionally slow learning curve was self-imposed.

"When I was younger, I was a little arrogant, hard-headed," he said. "In high school, I had a plan for what I wanted to do, like, 'I'm going to do this, this, and this.' But then somebody might say, 'Well, you've got to do *this*.' And I would be like, 'I've got a plan, and I'm going to keep doing what I'm doing.' But I've matured a little."

Wiecezorek said he's not so sure of that.

"He's still a little hard-headed, but I figure I've got

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a few more weeks to get through to him — it's not a finished product," he said and laughed. "But sometimes, good athletes can be a little hard-headed. Maybe that's why they're good. And gradually, as people mature, they learn, 'Hey, maybe I can learn a thing or two, and even be better.'"

"And Patrick is pretty open to learning and getting better."