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RESPONDING TO A BURNING NEED

In Katete, Zambia, 44 percent of burn victims are under age 5.

By **ANNA THEODOSIS**
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Jason Heard knew the pain Zambian children went through as burn victims and wanted to help.

"I watched a presentation about Dr. [Barbara] Latenser's trip to Zambia about children who were burned," said Heard, a University of Iowa graduate who will attend medical school in the fall. "I was burned as a child, so I really wanted to help."

Heard, now 21, suffered burns on 70 percent of his body after a can of gasoline exploded in his hand while fueling bonfire in May 2003. He said 40 percent of those burns were classified as second- and third-degree.

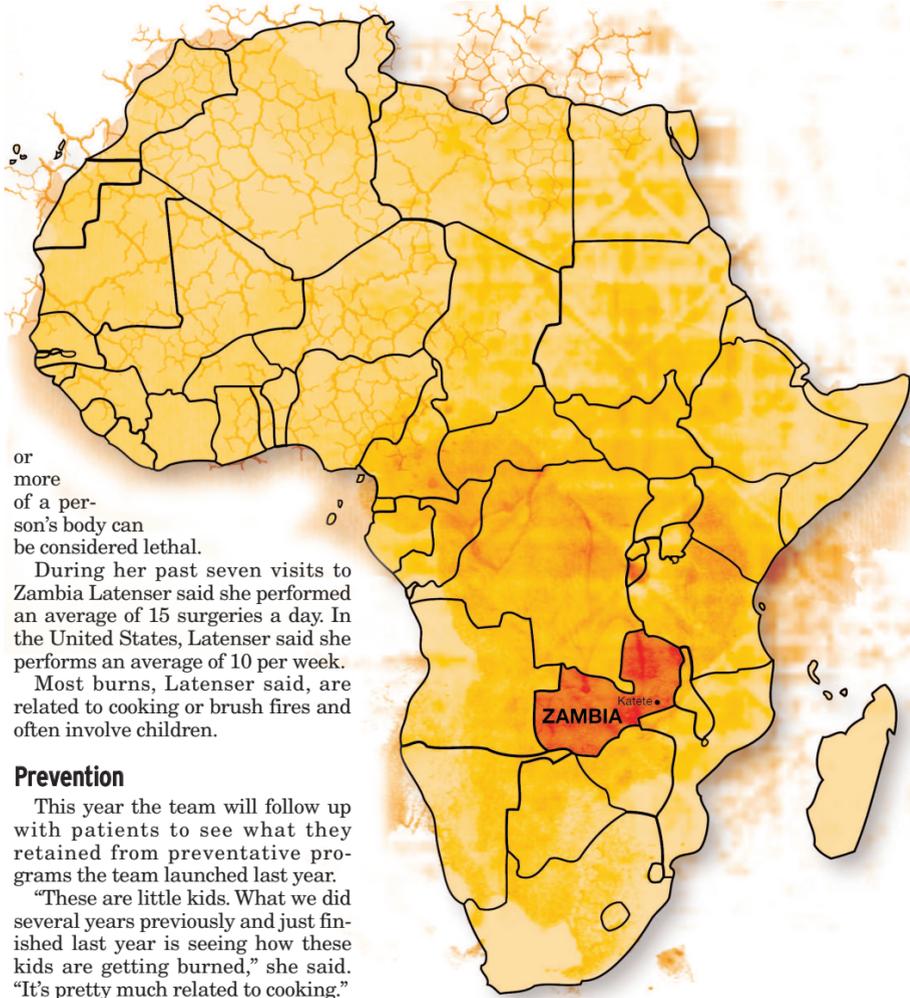
Today, Heard will travel to Zambia as part of a 12-person team including doctors and firefighters, both local and from across the nation, to continue an International Outreach Program sponsored by the American Burn Association.

This will be Heard's third trip to the African country with Latenser, a University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics surgeon and burn-treatment clinical professor who started the missions in 2001.

"I wanted to go to Zambia to help kids who were burned like me so they can have a life like me," Heard said.

The team will travel to St. Francis Hospital in Katete, Zambia, where they will assist local doctors and nurses, treat burn victims, and educate locals about fire safety.

In Zambia, a burn covering 20 percent



or more of a person's body can be considered lethal.

During her past seven visits to Zambia Latenser said she performed an average of 15 surgeries a day. In the United States, Latenser said she performs an average of 10 per week.

Most burns, Latenser said, are related to cooking or brush fires and often involve children.

Prevention

This year the team will follow up with patients to see what they retained from preventative programs the team launched last year.

"These are little kids. What we did several years previously and just finished last year is seeing how these kids are getting burned," she said. "It's pretty much related to cooking."

The firefighters on the team will focus on teaching lessons on fire prevention.

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ILLUSTRATION BY ALICIA KRAMME

UI to save historic barn

Officials said the barn behind the 711 Melrose Ave. property will remain relatively close to its current location.

By **BETH BRATSOS**
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Though the state Board of Regents recently voted to demolish the house at 711 Melrose Ave., University of Iowa officials said the barn behind the house will likely remain.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said officials are considering either slightly moving the barn to a nearby location or letting the structure remain.

"It appears that by shifting the barn slightly within the site, we will be able to keep it and still allow parking traffic to route around it," Moore said in an email. "The barn would have no function on the site but would simply be preserved for purposes of heritage."

The regents approved UI officials' request to demolish the 100-year-old house and another house at 15 Melrose Place during their meeting in Cedar Falls last week. These houses will be replaced by a 250-space parking lot for UIHC staff and physicians, whose



The barn on Melrose Avenue is historic, and it is the only surviving barn in the district. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

parking will be displaced by the construction of the West Campus Transportation Center and the new Children's Hospital. The regents granted permission for the removal of 1 Melrose Place through 8 Melrose Place at a previous meeting.

Moore said the barn's smaller size increased the chances of it being incorporated into the design of the parking garage. The house, however, exists directly in the pathway of the entrance and exit for the site, causing the need for its removal. Moore said UI officials will complete designs for the parking lot and the barn sometime in June.

Robert Miklo, a member of the Iowa City Historic Preser-

vation Commission, said that although 711 Melrose Ave. and 15 Melrose Place are in a historic district, he believes few key properties exist on Melrose Avenue and most tend to be farther east.

"I think because of their age and architecture, the properties are not some of the defining properties of the district," he said.

Miklo said several structures in the district developed in two key time periods make the district historical. The 1870s involved the construction of many houses, and a wave of construction in the 1920s brought many houses built for

SEE **BARN, 3**

Train route may include IC

State and federal officials are funding the \$2 million Chicago to Omaha rail-route study.

By **KRISTEN EAST**
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Iowa City will likely be a stop on a proposed rail route connecting Chicago and Omaha a few years down the road.

The Iowa and Illinois transportation departments and the Federal Railroad Administration are in phase two of a five-step study determining the best railroad route from Chicago to Omaha. Those involved in the study narrowed down the previously established passenger-train routes Monday to one, which included a stop in Iowa City.

Amanda Martin, policy coordinator for the Iowa Department of Transportation's rail office, said the preferred route — which would use the existing Iowa Interstate Railroad — is a combination of two out of five alternative routes being considered.

"This is just preliminary findings, but we did get down to what we're calling 4A," she said.

Martin said the \$2 million funding of the study is split between the Federal

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Experts: Sex trafficking is here

Activists said the average age of entry into prostitution is 11 to 14 in the United States.

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Former state Sen. Maggie Tinsman said Iowans need to stop being so naive.

Sex trafficking is an international issue that local citizens are not immune to, she said.

“Iowans don’t believe that anything that horrible would happen [here],” she said. “We don’t believe that people would ever take our young girls and force them into prostitution. That is the mindset.”

More than 40 community members gathered to discuss the sex-trafficking of minors in Iowa and nationwide Monday night. Awareness training was presented by the Iowa-based organization Braking Traffik, which received a 2012 Iowa Women’s Foundation grant to educate the Iowa community about human trafficking in the state.

Sex trafficking occurs when an individual is forced to perform sexual acts by another. Each year, 1.2 million children are trafficked worldwide. The Department of Justice estimated in 2005 that there had been 100,000 to 150,000 sex slaves since 2001.

In 2006, Tinsman spearheaded the passage of a law criminalizing human trafficking in Iowa.

“We all have a responsibility to identify and respond to this problem,” she said at the seminar.

Advocates referenced a local incident in April when Coralville, Iowa City, and University of Iowa police and Johnson County deputies charged several individuals with involvement in prostitution.

Prostitution can be under the umbrella of sex trafficking, mainly when someone is forced into the practice.

“These are women and children who are slaves to their trafficker,” said Dayna Ballantyne, the executive director of the Iowa Women’s Foundation. “They don’t have a voice. They don’t have the power or the resources to stop

Sex Trafficking Activists say more Americans are becoming aware of sex trafficking in the United States.

- 300,000 American children are at risk for sex trafficking.
- 1,600 minors were arrested for prostitution in 2006.
- Most pimps manage one to three girls at a time.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice National Institute of Justice

these unless we in the community rise up ... and shine a light in the corners for the women and children in trouble.”

Every case that has been prosecuted in Iowa has included female minors, said Stephanie Kraft, executive director of Braking Traffik.

“Human trafficking is a crime against humanity,” Ballantyne said. “Most people, if you took them aside and said, ‘Do you support slavery?’ they would vehemently say, ‘No, I don’t support slavery.’ Well, this is the same thing.”

Kraft said the average age of entry into prostitu-

tion is 11 to 14 in the United States.

Sarah Bannon, the executive secretary of the University of Iowa’s Students for Abolishing Slavery organization, said coming from Chicago, she once viewed Iowa as a safe place where sex trafficking couldn’t occur.

“I think that’s why there is a lot of skepticism,” said the UI sophomore. “There is just a lot of joking around because people don’t believe that it happens here.”

It is quite easy to see the signs once one gets past the reluctance to believe in the issues, she said.

“Just with the makeup of the state with the big highways running through, it’s easy for abducted persons to run through,” she said.

The problem is that human trafficking in the United States is newly recognized and still being developing for study, Kraft said.

“One of the biggest ways to address this problem is to make sure everyone is aware of [human trafficking in Iowa] and is pushing for legislation,” she said.

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Mason City man killed in I-80 crash

A Mason City resident was killed Sunday after colliding with a semi on Interstate 80.

According to an accident report filed by the Iowa State Patrol, Hyoung Chung, 49, was exiting I-380 to I-80 when he lost control of his vehicle at the

end of the entrance ramp.

The vehicle direct paths with a semi, which pushed the vehicle into a ditch. The semi hit a concrete median barrier.

Chung was taken to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics by ambulance; he died from injuries caused by the crash.

— by Jordyn Reiland

BRACELET WORK



Iowa City resident Tyler Paintin works on his bracelet creations on the Pedestrian Mall Monday. The 43-year-old said intertwining one bracelet could take from 45 minutes to two hours. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)

METRO

CR man charged with burglary

A Cedar Rapids man was charged with burglarizing several unlocked vehicles with three other accomplices.

Kenneth Lee III, Cedar Rapids, was charged March 22 with two charges of conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor and third-degree burglary.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, on Jan. 5, Lee and three friends drove to Iowa City, where they burglarized unlocked vehicles in various locations around town before returning to Cedar Rapids.

During the day, Lee pawned a stolen GPS device that was allegedly taken from a vehicle earlier. A codefendant used a stolen credit card numerous times that night before discarding it, which was caught on video.

According to the complaint, a second codefendant informed police in a recorded interview that the group committed vehicle burglaries on unlocked vehicles with a fourth unidentified suspect acting as a lookout.

Third-degree burglary is an aggravated misdemeanor.

Conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor is an aggravated misdemeanor.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Woman charged with theft

A local woman was charged with allegedly stealing lottery tickets and cash from her place of employment.

Brooke Ritesman, 30, 4494 Taft Ave. S.E. No. E9, was charged Jan. 23 with theft or forgery of lottery tickets and third-degree theft.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, while working at Hawkeye Convenience Store, 2875 Commerce Drive, Ritesman took lottery tickets from a dispenser and made no attempt to pay for them.

Her actions were allegedly caught on surveillance video, and she allegedly admitted in an interview that she took the tickets. According to the complaint, she was also seen taking what appeared to be cash from the cash register.

Ritesman has had prior convictions of theft on May 27, 2009, and Oct. 17, 2003.

Third-degree theft is an aggravated misdemeanor.

Theft or forgery of a lottery ticket is a Class-D felony.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Man charged with domestic-abuse assault

A Coralville man has been charged with assaulting a person. Marcus Abbott, 26, was charged March 19 with third or subsequent domestic-abuse assault.

According to a Johnson County Sheriff’s Office complaint, Abbott and a woman got into an argument after he saw hickeys on her neck. Abbott allegedly struck her in the mouth with a closed fist, causing swollen lips and a small laceration.

Abbott also reportedly shoved the woman down, causing her to re-fracture an ankle, and he reportedly kicked her, which caused bruising on her legs.

According to the complaint, Abbott has three prior convictions for domestic-abuse assault on Feb. 25, 2009, Aug. 23, 2009, and Nov. 17, 2010.

Third or subsequent domestic-abuse assault is a Class-D felony.

— by Jordyn Reiland

UI student faces drug charges

A University of Iowa student has been charged with possessing marijuana and Adderall.

Levi Gates, 24, N319 Hillcrest, was charged Monday with two charges of possession of a controlled substance and one charge of possession of distribution without a tax stamp.

According to a University of Iowa police complaint, officials received a report of the smell of marijuana coming from a dorm room.

A security official contacted Gates on Riverside Drive after he left his dorm, and he allegedly admitted to possessing a marijuana jar, a joint, and Adderall pills in his pocket.

According to the complaint, Gates had 10 Adderall pills in a zip-lock bag, and he said he was trying to get rid of it when he saw the security official. The security official identified the pills on drugs.com and used a field kit to test the marijuana, which came out positive.

Possession of distribution without a tax stamp is a Class-D felony.

Possession of a controlled substance is a serious misdemeanor.

— by Jordyn Reiland

BLOTTER

Kathy Cardoza, 20, 2446 Lakeside Drive Apt. 4, was charged Monday with public intoxication and fourth-degree criminal mischief.

Andrew Daniels, 23, Otumwa, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.
Jordan Merkle, 20, Worth, Ill., was charged Sunday with posses-

sion of a fictitious driver’s license/ID and public intoxication.
Juan Navarro, 35, 2018 Waterfront Drive Lot 54, was charged Sunday

with domestic assault.
Richard Stochl, 18, 4224 Burge, was charged April 28 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public and PAULA.

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"I said we can really make a difference here in teaching these kids how to stay away from fire and stop drop and roll and respect fire," said Iowa Fire Marshal Ray Reynolds.

Reynolds said Latenser persuaded him to go on the trip.

"We both really share a passion of preventing people from suffering from burn injuries," he said. "One day in passing she said, 'Well, why don't you go to Africa with me?'"

Reynolds said he committed to assembling an expert team, and he will be joined by Brian Seymour, the fire chief of the Indianola Fire Department, Mark McCurdy, the deputy fire chief of the Indianola Fire Department, Jody Miller, a lieutenant in the

Indianola Fire Department, Jerry Eslick, the district chief of the West Des Moines Fire Department, Steve Knorrek, fire marshal of the Bettendorf fire department, and Tony Burke of the International Association of Firefighters Burn Foundation.

Heard said the team conducted surveys last year and found several deficiencies in burn-prevention education.

"This time, we're going to resurvey the same 500 students to see if they retained the information we gave them last year," he said.

This year, the team will also expand its education to adults.

Making a difference

Many people asked Reynolds why he was going on the trip.

"One of the things I said is that people die from fire that is completely preventable," he said. "I cannot think of a more horrific

EXAMPLES OF PATIENTS TREATED

Patient #1
Age: 4
Cause of burns: dress caught fire
Size of injury: 18 percent of body

Patient #3
Age: 3
Cause of burns: fell into fire
Size of injury: 11 percent of body

Patient #2
Age: 1
Cause of burns: stepped into fire
Size of injury: 4 percent of body

Patient #4
Age: 36
Cause of burns: fell into fire during seizure
Size of injury: 4 percent of body

way to die or be injured than by fire. When you think of kids, it's just not acceptable. I think we have a moral obligation and a human obligation [to help prevent it]."

Seymour said making a difference is one of the reasons why he wanted to go on the trip.

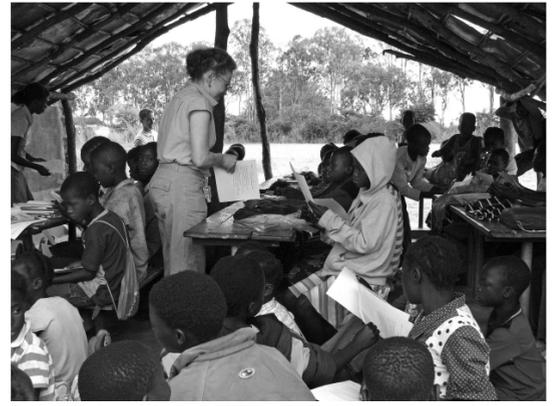
"Anybody that's in the fire service is in the fire service to make a difference," he said. "If we can go

over there and make a difference in their lives — that's kind of what's in the heart of every firefighter."

Latenser said she can see the effect previous trips have made.

"We know we've made some difference," she said. "They now have a 12-bed burn center; clearly that's a move forward."

Right now, officials are working on giving more power to Zambian health and



Barbara Latenser hands out burn-prevention surveys to children in Zambia. Burn prevention recently became a part of the team's effort. (The Daily Iowan/Contributed Photo)

government officials to oversee more of the operation.

"Sustainability is the long-term goal," she said.

Seymour said his first trip to Zambia would be a learning experience.

"We want to try to help those by the experiences we've had in the past," he

said. "We understand how painful burns can be. If we can keep people from getting hurt, if we can keep kids from dying because of the injuries they receive from fire, even if we get help one kid or one family, that's enough for me. That's a success in my mind."

BARN

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UI faculty and staff in the area.

The State Historical Society site inventory forms identify the carriage barn, which retains its original roof and wood siding, as a "well-preserved example of a two-story barn."

The original dirt floor also remains and the barn is "the only surviving barn in the district, which originally had several such outbuildings located along Melrose Avenue," the forms said.

Though the form also identifies the 711 Melrose property as significant because of its vernacular house structure, known as the "Front-Gable Roof form," among other things, many UI officials say the dilapidated condition no longer makes it a "key property" of historical significance.

Melrose Historic District

Several properties in the Melrose area are on the National Register of Historic Places.

- 1-8 Melrose Place
- 15 Melrose Place
- 711 Melrose Ave.

Source: State Board of Regents

Jean Walker, the president of the Melrose Neighborhood Association, has expressed concern about the effect the house's removal will have on the Melrose Historic District. Walker said she has suggested UI officials name the parking lot something related to Melrose to preserve the area's historical significance.

Moore said he is unsure what the name will be, however, and that UI parking lots are typically designated by lot number.

TRAIN

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Railroad Administration and the Iowa Department of Transportation.

The Iowa and Illinois transportation departments and the Federal Railroad Administration are hosting meetings throughout the week — the first in Chicago today — to discuss the study and take public comments. Subsequent meetings will be held in Des Moines and Council Bluffs on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively. Online meetings are also being held today.

Local officials said they aren't directly involved in the meetings, but they hope for an Iowa City stop.

"We're all in support and would love to see the train come here," said Brad Neumann, an assistant transportation planner for the Metropolitan Planning Organiza-

tion of Johnson County. "It's kind of a sit and wait-and-see thing right now."

Mayor Matt Hayek said the city has been on board with this project for quite some time.

"We believe that running passengers rails through the central portion of the states ... it makes sense for Iowa," he said. "It's to ensure that Iowa remains competitive and relative to other states in the Midwest."

City officials said University of Iowa students would benefit greatly from this service.

"There are lots of students from the Chicago and Illinois area who can utilize that train," Neumann said.

Once the five steps are complete, transportation officials will present the findings before Iowa policymakers, who will decide if they want to approve funding for the rail project.

A railway similar to the proposed Chicago-to-Omaha line runs from St. Louis to Chicago, making a stop in Normal, Ill.,

where Illinois State University is located.

"We're one of the busiest downstate stops for Amtrak," said Joe Tulley, marketing manager of the Uptown Transportation Center in Normal, which will open this summer. "We've seen pretty significant growth in recent years. A lot of that growth is student-driven."

Tulley said Illinois State students rely on rail transportation, and having the proposed railway run through Iowa City would similarly benefit UI students.

"Anytime you can get easy access to a major metropolitan area, it's a big deal," he said. "[At universities], you obviously have a lot of student traffic that doesn't have other means of transportation."

Martin said the next step following this week's meetings would be for the involved parties to draft a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement. The entire planning study is expected to be completed in March or April of 2013, she said.

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Column

Registration process a bit silly

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I've got a bone to pick with my adviser: Let me register for classes when I'm ready to register. As a sophomore, I've been through the process five times now, and it never seems to go smoothly.

The issue is that registration requires authorization, and the process seems useless and superfluous. Students are given a date and time, and in order to access the registration platform at that time, each individual must make an appointment with her or his adviser in order to be authorized. It all seems a bit silly to me.

Finals are fast approaching, and amid the chaos, students have to drop what they're doing to make appointments, visit their advisers, and ultimately listen as someone gives them a modest earful of information widely available on the Internet.

And then, the click: OK, you're all set to register.

We're adults, right? We're paying to take the classes we want to take, to get a degree we want to get. UI is working for us — So why are there so many hoops to jump through?

Students should be assigned a date and be permitted to register at that time: no questions asked. The responsibility should be wholly on the shoulders of the student.

As students, UI humors us with rhetoric of adulthood, of responsibility, of self-determination: And yet, we're still at its whim. If students feel that they need assistance or have questions regarding their standing, course possibilities, or degree audits, it's their responsibility to visit their advisers.

But the vast majority of us are responsible, independent students. We know what classes we want to take and what credits we need. We know how many hours we have left until graduation. We know how to select classes. We don't need parent figures to issue

reassurances or iterate widely known information. Mandating adviser meetings prior to registering is absurd, both a waste of the students' time, and a waste of the advisers.'

If students need to be continually reminded of their standing, intention, and place at the university, they shouldn't be here. The purpose of advising is lost when there's no vested reason to advise; that is, if students are well-informed and prepared, meetings are a waste of time.

The problem is especially troubling when it comes to the fact that adviser meetings (along with registration) occur in the weeks leading up to finals. This is a stretch of time in which students are bogged down by final essays, projects, and study sessions. Good students know what they are going to take for the following semester weeks before they're able to register; meetings segment and disturb the fluidity of the already hectic final month of school.

Most advising offices offer a waiver — a slip that students can sign permitting advisers to authorize registration without meetings. Yet even this requires extraneous effort on the behalf of the students.

Advising offices should re-evaluate and reorganize the process by which students can register for classes. All students should be given dates on ISIS and notifications via email that they are encouraged to meet with advisers prior to their registration dates if that need so arises in the form of questions or curricular concerns. Otherwise, registration should be the whole and sole responsibility of the students.

That students need to be authorized to register for classes by their advisers, let alone meet with them, is to a degree insulting. It discredits the interest and wariness of the student and distracts both parties — advisers and advisees — from their respective principal purposes at UI. ■

Your turn. Is the current registration process a bit silly?
Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Minds on cold porridge

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"Barstow is a popular tourist destination," NPR tells me confidently. In that public-radio sort of tone.

NPR must figure I've never lived in Southern California, have never spent any time in the Mojave Desert, have never stumbled accidentally into Barstow, Calif.

But I have lived in Southern California. I have spent a great deal of time in the Mojave and in the mountains around it. And I have, quite unintentionally, stumbled upon Barstow.

(Note: Do not try this at home. For one thing, when you stumble, you look like an oaf who might as well be attending Iowa State. For another, it costs a great deal of money you probably don't have to turn your living room into the Mojave. For another, once your living room is the Mojave, nobody will visit you, and you'll feel deserted.)

Meanwhile, back at the narrative, Barstow is the Nebraska of California.

In the sense that no sane person would go there intentionally.

Barstow is basically Mitt Romney's mind on cold porridge. Not to insult cold porridge or anything.

Speaking of cold porridge, what's up with the brilliant minds we have so thoughtfully elected to the City Council?

The city councilors' latest Einsteinian move, having already invented gravity, is to ban more than three unrelated people from living in the same domicile.

Why would they do this? you ask.

Beats me, I answer. I'm a liberal, which means I'm in favor of big government reaching into your wallet, stealing all of (or most of) your money, and using it to buy poor people brand-new Cadillacs. Just because we liberals believe that all poor people should have brand-new Cadillacs.

But even the liberal I am doesn't believe that

city government (or any government) should have the power to determine who gets to live with whom.

I mean, whatever happened to the Constitutional right of freedom of assembly.

(OK, it probably doesn't cover living with people of one's choosing. But why doesn't it?)

Who is government to tell me with whom I may live and with whom I may not? That's akin to government telling me with whom I may marry and with whom I may not.

Those are my choices. Those are your choices. They are not government's choices.

Government should be busy buying poor people Cadillacs. Because once the Cadillac dealers make a bunch of money, some of it will trickle down to us. That's the theory, anyway.

Well, technically, it's a hypothesis, not a theory, as in "evolution is just a theory." Which we have all heard. A theory is like the Theory of Gravity, which the City Council invented some time ago, back when city councilors had minds instead of cold porridge.

You'd be excused for thinking, given what the City Council has done in recent years, that the councilors aren't all that interested in UI students being around. Hello, City Council. My job, and many thousands of other people's jobs in this fair town, depend on students being around.

But apparently, Iowa City wants the students' money, but it doesn't really want the students themselves. Its attitude (if an "it" can have an attitude) seems to be, So, if you guys could just mail in the checks and stay in Des Moines or Naperville or wherever, Iowa City would be content.

I mean, the City Council wants to turn this place into Barstow?

Well, you can't. For one thing, there's too much water here.

Oh, well. At least we're not thinking about Mitt Romney's mind anymore.

Or cold porridge. ■

Letter

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Sluts not feminists

On April 26, the University of Iowa Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance held a protest march dubbed "SlutWalk Iowa City."

The intent and message of the event was to bring to light and discuss the double standard scrutiny of women's attire and the status quo in society of what makes women "sluts."

Although there was no dress code, participants were encouraged by the alliance in its news release to "feel free to dress in provocative or 'slutty' clothing if they choose to do so."

Let me preface this by saying the level of scrutiny in American society on women and women's bodies is undeniably much higher and there-

fore unfair in comparison to men and their bodies. And should anyone accuse me of perpetuating the blaming of victims, there is no guilty party in a sexual assault other than the perpetrator. No one "asks for it," ever. No one's clothing signifies she is "allowing" a perpetrator to take advantage of her. A woman can dress as provocatively as she likes, and like the participants at the SlutWalk, she has every right to without fear of sexual assault.

But what are we, as women, saying to ourselves, and society as a whole, when we glorify the very term and identity used to maintain the status quo? What is the point of dressing "slutty"? What does a woman advance when she adheres to the exact image

set by a society that objectifies women's bodies for profit and for power?

An argument often put forth by a derivation of third-wave feminism is that women are taking control of their own bodies and message when they decide, of their own accord, to dress provocatively. I couldn't agree less.

Feminism is the idea that women are equal to men. They are; however, in our society and societies across the globe, those in power have controlled women and minority populations through well-established means. With women, American society has used the objectification and hyper-sexualization of female bodies to control the "ideal" woman image and value it

above other qualities that we, as human beings, also possess. When women "free themselves" by emulating the very image used to make them less equal, they not only don't advance feminism, they set it back.

It is more than right for women to demand and work for progress in equal treatment in the way society views us. Women are not the sum of what sexual identities we have been force-fed in order to capitalize on what appeals to the status quo. To mirror the way society has framed us in the past, and still sometimes frames us, does not empower any of us — a "slut" is not a feminist.

Chelsea Bacon
Iowa City resident

Guest Column

UNI investigation should be taken seriously

We take the recent decision of the national American Association of University Professors to undertake a formal investigation of the University of Northern Iowa and the possibility of censure for our sister institution extremely seriously.

Public and private reports raise the concern that in dealing with the current budget situation, the UNI administration may have improperly terminated tenured faculty and/or improperly pressured others to retire. If this is indeed the case, these actions would constitute serious violations of the principles of the professors' association — principles that UNI, Iowa State University, and the University of Iowa, as do

most colleges and universities nationwide, have freely and publicly promised to uphold.

For 100 years, the association's principles and policies have provided American colleges and universities with a framework for academic freedom and shared governance within which they have thrived. These principles and policies have helped make the American system of higher education the envy of the world and an engine of creativity and economic development. American society and the state of Iowa have greatly benefited.

Without those principles, our university system could not function. The association recognizes and endorses

the shared governance responsibilities of faculty. Faculty do much of the work of creating and managing university teaching, research, and extension or service programs. Only the faculty have the professional expertise to do this.

Shared governance recognizes this role of the faculty and the importance of that work. Appropriate recognition of the faculty responsibilities must be part of the decision-making process for an institution of higher education to maintain its academic integrity.

Difficult budget times have placed enormous stress on the state Board of Regents' institutions. State support has been cut by 25 percent in the last three

years. No institution can be unaffected by cuts of this magnitude: The question is how to respond. Successful institutions of all kinds, both public and private, in business and in government, understand that to survive difficult times, they need the best efforts from all members of the institution.

They need creativity, energy, new ideas, and new proposals, and they can only get them from individuals who are involved, who care for the institution, and who feel that they were included properly in the decision-making process.

The questions are: In difficult times, does an institution draw together through shared effort and shared governance, or does the institution draw apart

by artificially and inappropriately separating faculty from the decision-making process?

The success of all three regent universities in Iowa depends on the quality and reputation of the faculty. UNI, like UI and ISU, must compete to recruit and retain quality faculty in a national and international market for talent.

The best young faculty candidates always have a choice of where they wish to work. Top senior faculty with records of success can leave for more welcoming academic environments.

A professors' association censure of UNI because of the administration's failure to follow accepted principles of shared governance

would harm not only that institution's ability to recruit and retain talented faculty, it could also disadvantage all of Iowa's regents' universities in the competition for the best and the brightest.

The regents' universities brought in more than \$800 million in research funding last year. They also launch thousands of young Iowans into professional careers every year. Destroying or ignoring the principles of shared governance and academic freedom effectively guarantees the decay of higher education in, and a great loss to, the state of Iowa.

Mack Shelley
ISU American Association of University Professors president

UI to investigate gender gap

In 2010, the state of Iowa was ranked No. 22 for gender pay gap in the United States, with a \$10,784 gap.

By **JENNY EARL**
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University of Iowa officials will soon conduct a study aimed at revealing any gender-based pay discrepancies at the school, which experts said could stem from occupational choices and education.

"We want to be able to say that the same-level position, same credentials, there's not one [professor] making more than the other," said Tom Rice, a UI associate provost who helped organize the study.

UI statistics Professor Russell Lenth will conduct the research. Lenth said he

was given a snapshot of all UI faculty salaries. He will then develop a statistical model over a few weeks based on variables such as age, faculty rank, and department, using gender as an input variable to see if there's still a gender discrepancy after adjusting all other variables.

"If we do find evidence of bias, we'll conduct another analysis, and we'll do some targeted interviews in those areas to see if there's something else that might explain it," Rice said.

The last UI gender-equity report was conducted May 2006; it found women faculty are more likely to be in departments with lower overall salaries. The study found the UI arts and humanities departments had the highest percentage of women faculty, at 50 percent. They earned the least of all UI departments.

Women faculty in the social sciences made up roughly one-third of the faculty and made middle-range salaries. Women fac-

ulty members in the math, science, law, engineering, and business fields made up 15 percent of the faculty and earned the highest salaries.

The report suggested UI officials should hire more women in higher-paying fields to increase faculty diversity.

In 2006, 662 female and 1,432 males were tenured, clinical, and research faculty members at the UI.

As of 2011, UI tenured, tenure-track, clinical-track, and research-track faculty were 37 percent women. Those positions make an average of \$123,695, which is \$49,802 higher than associate professors.

Catherine Hill, the director of research for the American Association of University Women, agreed women are more likely to pursue lower-paying fields of study — though that doesn't explain the gap entirely.

"We also find an element not explained by factors that we know expect earn-

ings," she said. "There's an unexplained part of the pay gap, assumptions that people make about one another when they make hiring or promotion decisions."

The complexity of the upcoming equity research makes gathering statistics difficult, Rice said. Once the study is completed, officials plan to use it for further pay level research.

UI officials said in the

coming years, a gender gap study will likely be conducted annually.

Lenth said analysis like this will help the UI make progress toward better gender equality.

"We don't expect — or at least I don't expect the picture to come out perfect this year or any other year, but you can look at it and see if you're making progress," he said.

UI Faculty

The number of women at the UI who are full professors has increased annually:

2007: Male: 1,429; Female: 686
2008: Male: 1,435; Female: 722
2009: Male: 1,446; Female: 759
2010: Male: 1,413; Female: 769
2011: Male: 1,410; Female: 811

Source: UI Office of the Provost

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Brennan details drone strikes

WASHINGTON — White House counterterrorism official John Brennan publicly described how Qaeda targets are chosen for drone strikes, the first time the Obama administration has described the widely known practice so openly and in such detail.

Brennan, speaking in Washington on Monday, says President Obama wants to be more transparent with the American public a year after a raid by Navy SEALs killed Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

"Yes, in order to prevent terrorist attacks on the United States and to save American lives, the United States government conducts targeted strikes against specific Qaeda terrorists, sometimes using remotely piloted aircraft, often referred to publicly as drones," Brennan said.

Brennan's remarks amounted to both a defense and a public embrace of drone technology as the leading edge of the White

House's clandestine war on terrorists from Yemen to Somalia.

Brennan says targets are chosen by weighing whether there is a way to capture the person against how much of a threat the person presents to Americans.

— Associated Press

New Trade Center NYC's tallest

NEW YORK — One World Trade Center, the monolith being built to replace the twin towers destroyed in the 9/11 attacks, claimed the title of New York City's tallest skyscraper on Monday, as workers erected steel columns that made its unfinished skeleton a little more than 1,250 feet high, just enough to peek over the roof of the observation deck on the Empire State Building.

City officials and ironworkers applauded as the first 12-ton column was hoisted onto the tower's top deck.

"This project is much more than steel and concrete. It is a symbol of success for the nation," said David Samson, the chairman of the Port Authority,

the agency that owns the World Trade Center.

Clear skies afforded an immaculate 360-degree view from the top, although it wasn't easy getting up there. After riding an elevator to the 90th floor, a small group of officials and journalists had to climb three steep ladders to reach the top platform, which was encircled by blue netting along the perimeter.

The milestone is a preliminary one. Workers are still adding floors to the building once called the Freedom Tower. It isn't expected to reach its full height for at least another year, at which point it is likely to be declared the tallest building in the United States and third tallest in the world.

Those bragging rights, though, will carry an asterisk.

Crowning the world's tallest buildings is a little like picking the heavyweight champion in boxing. There is often disagreement about who deserves the belt.

In this case, the issue involves the 408-foot-tall needle that will sit on the tower's roof.

— Associated Press

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Attendees will have an opportunity to meet the CCAD director, division directors, faculty members, and researchers to discuss their research and opportunities for engagement. Attendees will also have an opportunity to see and experience CCAD's labs and facilities. Dr. Karim Abdel-Malek, director of CCAD and the Virtual Soldier Research division, will give a brief talk at 4:00 p.m. each day.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact Deborah Hampton in advance at (319) 335-5722.

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Lemonade aids research



Ryan Fessler buys lemonade from Chelsea Berry, a community outreach coordinator, on Monday. The lemonade stand on the T. Anne Cleary Walkway helped to raise \$500 for pediatric cancer research. (The Daily Iowan/Contributed Photo)

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation has raised more than \$50 million to date.

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Pediatric oncologists across Iowa and the nation are joining hospitals and using charity funds to further pediatric cancer research, because funding for health-care research cannot keep up with advancements.

Jane Caswell, a pediatric oncology nurse specialist at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, said major childhood cancer-treatment hospitals have joined together to maximize research.

"The biggest thing that happened is that all of the major childhood cancer-treatment hospitals have united, probably about 10 years ago [they united] to form the Children's Oncology Group," she said. "It's where no institution has enough diagnosed children on their own to learn about pediatric cancer research."

Caswell said the federal dollars cannot keep pace with the many ongoing projects in pediatric research, which helps other pediatric researchers collaborate with fundraising organizations.

Renate Myles, the senior press officer at the National Institutes of Health, said the agency received \$30.69 billion in funding for fiscal 2012. That money was split up among separate health-research fields, with 53 percent of funds going to research projects.

When children are admitted to the UIHC to be treated for cancer, Caswell said, they receive

research-trial treatment if the facility has a research program dedicated to their form of cancer.

"We've worked together cooperatively," she said. "Here in Iowa, we conduct clinical trials all the time. They have been what has made us make up the progress throughout the years."

The UI Child Life Association aimed to aid local childhood cancer research Monday through the Alex's Lemonade Stand charity drive. The nationwide foundation was created after the death in 2004 of Alexandra Scott, an 8-year-old from Pennsylvania who suffered from cancer and wanted to use a lemonade stand to raise money for other sick children.

After spreading nationwide, the foundation raised more than \$50 million toward pediatric cancer research and funded more than 200 research projects. The UI's drive Monday raised around \$500.

Kizzy Marco, the vice president of the UI Child Life Association, said carrying on Alexandra's legacy

is an important goal.

"The foundation is huge," the UI senior said. "If we can be a small part of carrying on her legacy, that's important to us."

Gillia Kocher, in charge of public relations for Alex's Lemonade Stand, said she thinks the foundation is moving forward with pediatric cancer research.

"I think we're going in the right direction," she said. "We're hopefully going to raise more and more money which, in turn, funds more research. It's very important to us that we fund this medical research leading to some breakthroughs."

Caswell said such local charity foundations such as Dance Marathon and Alex's Lemonade Stand have aided pediatric cancer research.

"Dance Marathon, within our own group here, has funded pediatric research here with our own fellows," she said. "[Whether it's local or national,] every dollar that's put in helps. It doesn't matter if it's a lemonade stand or dance marathon, every one of those dollars helps."

\$1 coins would help Iowa

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Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, advocates replacing \$1 bills with \$1 coins — and Iowa economic experts say the state would benefit from the transition.

"Promoting the \$1 coin is a smart investment for our country that saves taxpayers' money," Harkin said in a press release.

Harkin and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., introduced the proposed switch along with a group of senators earlier this year. The proposal would cause the U.S. Mint to produce more coins, requiring more copper alloy from nationwide copper manufacturers, such as Iowa's PMX Industries in Cedar Rapids.

"The copper alloy [the U.S. Mint] uses is unique," said Tom Bobish, the PMX Industries senior vice president of sales and marketing. "The [U.S.] Mint has very tight specifications."

He said the production of copper alloy deemed suitable by the U.S. Mint requires a company with the proper equipment and technical knowledge to handle the material's tight chemistry and specific properties. PMX Industries is one of only two copper alloy producers in the nation to supply the U.S. Mint — the other is Olin Brass in East Alton, Ill.

Bobish said PMX Industries would see job growth if Congress decided to support the production of more \$1 coins.

"It's undetermined how much more material would need to be produced, because Congress regulates the U.S. Mint," Bobish said. "But we'd grow in size, and there would be economic benefit to Iowa."

In 2005, Congress did pass the Presidential \$1 Coin Act to increase the use of the \$1 coin by producing a series of the coins with images of past presidents.

UI economic professors

agree that Iowa economics would find the legislation favorable, given the PMX's copper production.

"Anytime you increase demand for a local product, you increase the welfare of the state," UI economics Professor Forrest Nelson said.

In addition to benefiting Iowa's economy, UI economics Visiting Assistant Professor Thomas Parker said the transition to \$1 coins could even lessen personal spending.

"We all have a tendency to take change out of our pocket and leave it," he said.

And the proposed switch would also promote nationwide profit, government officials said. The Government Accountability Office, in a press release, estimated that the government would save

more than \$200 million per year in result of this transition.

Lorelei St. James, the acting director of the GAO Physical Infrastructure Issues, said that estimate came from considering seigniorage — the difference between how much it costs to produce coins and their face value — and comparing the life span of the coin and the bill. Coins last for almost 30 years, she said, while dollar bills last for roughly four-and-a-half years.

However, bill life spans are increasing slightly because stronger material and increased federal circulation time.

"As the life of a [\$1 bill] gets longer, the benefit of switching to the \$1 coin goes down," she said.

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the plate improved in last weekend's Big Ten series in Minneapolis, even though the team dropped two of three to the Golden Gophers.

"Earlier in the season, we had good approaches; we got back to that this weekend," he said. "If we stay focused pitch-to-pitch in the dugout, on the field — that's the key to our success. We just need to get back to that."



Iowa catcher Dan Sheppard grabs a loose ball against Grand View at Banks Field on March 21. The Hawkeyes beat the Vikings, 20-1, in their home-opener, but they have struggled in similar nonconference midweek games lately. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

Tonight's starting pitcher for the Hawkeyes, Andrew Hedrick, started

both games against the Braves. The left-hander threw a total of 6 innings in

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those two starts, yielding 8 runs.

Dahm said Hedrick will go "as long as he can" tonight after he was limited in his last home start. Dahm and the coaching staff had been limiting Hedrick over the past couple midweek starts so that he could potentially pitch out of the bullpen if needed during weekend Big Ten games.

But Dahm said the team

has gotten quality starts from weekend pitchers Jarred Hippen, Matt Dermody, and Sasha Kuebel, so saving Hedrick isn't as much of a necessity.

"We're going to try to extend him out and see what we can get from him," the ninth-year Iowa manager said.

INTRAMURALS

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sports, said teams receive points for every event in which they compete. Sports are categorized into one of five tiers, based on the size of the sport. Flag football and basketball are Tier-I sports, which receive the most points, while sports such as table tennis and darts are Tier-V, which receive the least.

Christopher said teams

have to use the same name in each sport in order to accumulate points; as long as a team competes in an event, it gets a minimum number of points, he said.

The Thunder teams focused on competing in the bigger events offered by Recreational Services. Member Jeff Simak said winning the championship was humbling, but it was never the group's ultimate goal.

"Most of us are involved in the college ministry group 24:7," he wrote in an email. "And our No. 1 goal

has been to bring God's glory through playing the different sports. It's nice to win, but there's a lot more to playing intramural sports than winning."

Thunder softball captain Kelli Collins wrote in an email that winning was a little more personal to her. Her older sister's group won the women's title while she was in college, so Collins has been trying to compete with her.

"We faced a lot of good women's teams, and they all made us better competitors," she said. "We just have a great cohesiveness

of women."

Members of all three teams said they will attempt to defend their titles next year. Quinn will lose a few members to graduation — including the Quinn connection, in Riley Quinn — but the members said they have plenty of other students willing to step up.

"We'll have teams next year," team member Jeff Moon said. "It'll be tough, because we won't have as many people, but we're definitely going to try to win for Quinn again."

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him: that big lineman can often move him back off the line. It could also free him up more to break up short pass attempts.

Binns isn't a world-beater by any stretch. A undrafted player making a strong impact is a pretty rare thing, and there's a reason he wasn't drafted. But he has one elite skill in his ability to deflect passes.

That gives him a chance.

— by Sam Louwagie

a spot on the roster for a player such as Zusevics — especially on a team such as New England, which is known for turning low-round picks or undrafted players into stars. (See Brady, Tom.)

One of the main advantages for Zusevics will be that he will play for a head coach considered similar to his college coach. Kirk Ferentz coached under Bill Belichick with the original Cleveland Browns.

If Zusevics outplays New England's other undrafted free agents, he'll have the opportunity to contribute as a backup and possibly play alongside another former Hawkeye offensive lineman. Robert Gallery signed with the Patriots in March and will likely play guard for the defending AFC champions.

Reiff may get all the attention directed toward former Iowa tackles, but he won't be the only one making an impact in the NFL. Zusevics will become a productive member of the Patriot O-line.

— by Ryan Murphy

If that's true, you have to like his chances at making the roster ahead of current Buccaneer punter Michael Koenen.

Guthrie was arguably Iowa's most consistently solid player last season, more so than James Vandenberg (road issues), Marcus Coker (occasionally fumble-prone), or Marvin McNutt (73 total yards in last two games). His reliability helped keep Iowa in games in which the team otherwise wouldn't have had a chance.

The punter took the field for 53 boots, averaged 41.2 yards, and forced 22 fair catches to only 4 touchbacks. His net average of 38.5 yards was the best in the conference. His long was a 59-yarder — one of six punts of at least 50 yards — and he spotted 18 within the 20-yard line.

Koenen's numbers were only slightly better, which makes the potential position battle intriguing. Recent history has shown it isn't so hard to believe an undrafted Iowa punter can unseat a longtime starter at the professional level.

Detroit picked up former Hawkeye Ryan Donahue as an undrafted free agent last year, and he wound up winning the first-team job from Nick Harris during the preseason. He finished with 49 punts — 13 of which fell inside the 20-yard line — and a 42.7-yard average in a season shortened by a thigh injury.

Guthrie would need to shine during Tampa's preseason, and do so consistently, to make the team's roster. But he has shown his knack for reliability before.

And if he does indeed wear the Bucs' colors in

YOUR TURN

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Raymond James Stadium in the fall, it isn't a stretch to imagine him doing what he does best: pinning opponents deep enough in their own territory that an otherwise shaky team has a chance to win.

— by Seth Roberts

Markus Zusevics, OT

Former left tackle Riley Reiff will be Iowa's biggest impact player in 2012, but his counterpart on the right side of the Hawkeyes' 2011 offensive line will make the biggest impression of the undrafted Hawkeyes.

Zusevics was signed by the New England Patriots, and he will be given an opportunity to make the Pats' roster. The tackle was considered a mid-to late-round draft pick before tearing his left pectoral muscle at the NFL scouting combine.

Zusevics will be able to work with Patriots' offensive-line coach Dante Scarnecchia — who is considered one of top O-line coaches in the NFL — to improve his game. The retirement of veteran Matt Light opens up

Eric Guthrie, P
The case for Eric Guthrie is a little tricky. The ex-Hawkeye punter hadn't signed a contract as of Monday evening, though the popular idea — thanks to a tweet he posted on April 28 — is that he's in talks with Tampa Bay.

CY-HAWK SERIES

New Cy-Hawk trophy unveiled

Two weeks of online voting have produced the latest edition of the Cy-Hawk Trophy, which is given to the winner of the Iowa-Iowa State football game each year.

The winning design, as chosen by more than 8,000 fans, depicts the two teams' mascots supporting a large brass football in front of a cornfield. That image is mounted on a cubic wood base, upon which the winners and scores of each installment of the series will be engraved.

The "mascot football concept"

beat a design in which a football rises from an ear of corn (1,453 votes) and one in which the ball rests on a smoked plexiglass tower etched with a cornfield (846 votes). The latter design was the only one of the three to not have a cubic base; the trophy would have rested on a wooden cylinder.

The trophy will replace what was initially intended to be a replacement itself. The original trophy, used from 1977-2010, was retired around the time the series' sponsor switched from supermarket chain Hy-Vee to Iowa Corn in April 2011.

Iowa Corn unveiled the initial

replacement trophy at the Iowa State Fair late last summer, and it was met with overwhelming ridicule; ESPN.com Big 12 blogger David Ubben called it "the worst trophy in sports." The statue featured a family of farmers standing over a bucket of corn — it was abandoned before it could be used.

The Hawkeyes and Cyclones played for a temporary trophy last September — a trophy that broke as Iowa State celebrated after its triple-overtime win.

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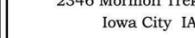
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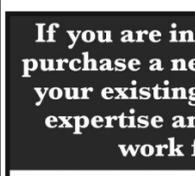
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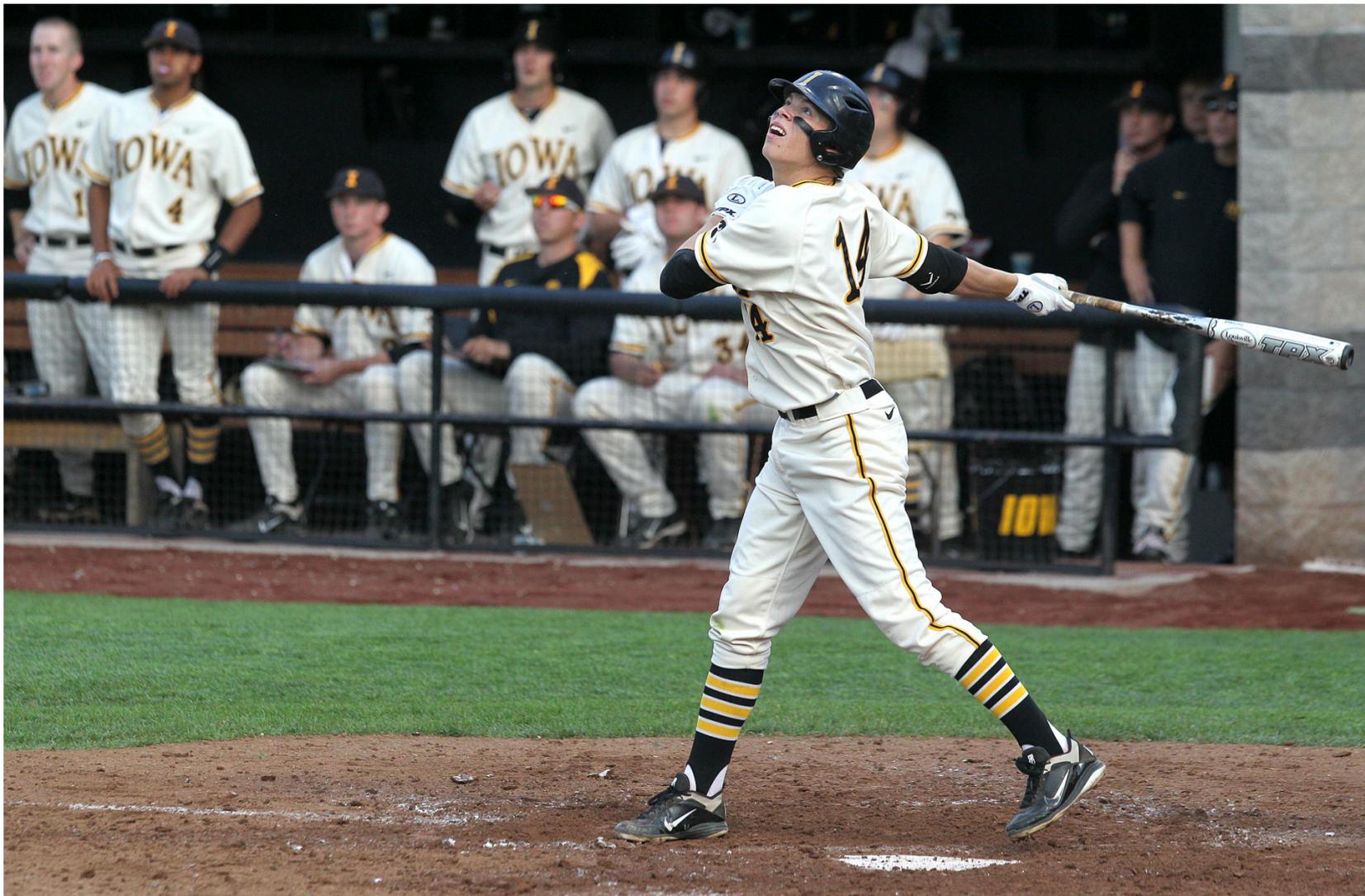
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Baseball hunts for midweek energy



Iowa shortstop Jake Yacinich follows the path of a popup during a 7-3 loss to Bradley at Banks Field on April 18. Iowa started 4-1 against teams during nonconference midweek games, but the team has struggled in its past two with a pair of 7-3 losses to Bradley. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

Bad weather played a role in Iowa's last two midweek losses, but Jack Dahm said the Hawkeyes have to rise above the rain.

By **BEN SCHUFF**
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Maybe a new opponent will give the Iowa baseball team a better recipe for success today.

The team's last two midweek games were both against Bradley, on April 18 and April 24. The Hawkeyes lost both games, 7-3.

Today, the opponent changes to Wisconsin-Milwaukee when the teams take Banks Field at 6:05 p.m.

"We have to do a better job — we haven't played very well in the middle of the week," coach Jack Dahm said. "We've just kind of showed up and played. We need to compete, to make it a habit [of competing]."

The Hawkeyes were competitive in their first five midweek contests, going 4-1 from March 21 to April 10. Since then, Iowa has seemed to lack a competitive edge in the two losses to Bradley.

"We were just flat," Dahm said. "... We had that bye weekend and had all that rain — that really hurt us."

The recent deflation of the Bubble means the team has been somewhat limited

on days when it rains. While Dahm said he didn't want to use bad weather as an excuse, the Hawkeyes have had days where full practices aren't a possibility, and that has carried over into games.

"I literally went back and showed our guys our energy level before that in the dugout, on the field. We got really sluggish because we only played one game in a week," Dahm said. "We couldn't practice because it rained, so we couldn't get on the field, we couldn't get in our cages. That really set us back, and we got sluggish."

Coming out ready to play from the first pitch has been a mantra noted by a handful of Hawkeyes this season. Catcher Dan Sheppard echoed the theme again when asked what the key to beating Wisconsin-Milwaukee will be tonight.

Iowa (17-22) vs. Milwaukee (17-23)

When: 6 p.m. today
Where: Banks Field

"We have to do a better job of coming out ready to play right away," he said. "When you're mentally ready, you're going to play better physically. We need to stick with the process of coming to the field mentally ready to play, and the physical part will take care of itself."

The Hawkeye bats were relatively quiet in the two losses to Bradley, mustering a total of 6 runs. Freshman shortstop Jake Yacinich said he thinks Iowa's approach at

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INTRAMURALS

Intramural supremacy

Quinn Storage and Sons of Thunder won overall intramural championships for their respective divisions.

By **TOMMY REINKING**
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Three teams will be crowned the best in Iowa intramural sports when the 34th and final athletics season of 2011-12, co-rec soccer, comes to a close today.

Quinn Storage finished first in the men's division of the Buffalo Wild Wings Intramural Championship, and Sons of Thunder won both the co-rec and women's divisions. Thunder nearly swept all three leagues but finished second in the men's, according to the latest standings on Iowa's intramural website.

The winning teams receive \$100 gift cards to Buffalo Wild Wings, and — for the first time ever — trophies. Members of Quinn said they will proudly display the hardware in the office of member Riley Quinn's father; the elder Quinn runs the team's faux sponsor, Quinn Storage in Marion.

"We had a goal, and we did it," Quinn member Zach Bodensteiner said. "We decided we wanted to do it May of last year. All year we talked about it, but we never thought it would actually happen."

Quinn members estimated they had from 20 to 35 different people play during the year. Their main strategy was to have someone represent them in as many sports as possible, and they achieved their goal; Quinn placed members in all but five sports.

Andy Christopher, a graduate assistant in intramural

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Best undrafted Hawk?

Several former Iowa football players found new homes as free agents after being passed over at the NFL draft last weekend. Undrafted players don't always amount to much at the professional level, but sometimes they shine; here, the *DI* breaks down which ex-Hawkeyes could fall into the latter category.

Broderick Binns, DE

Former Hawkeye defensive end Broderick Binns recorded 21 pass break-ups in four seasons at Iowa.

That's two more than cornerback Shaun Prater, who was good enough at defending passes to be selected in the fifth round of last weekend's NFL draft.

Binns went undrafted last weekend because he's fairly small, given the elephantine standards of the NFL, and can be pushed back off the line of scrimmage occasionally. That makes it tough for him to shed big, skilled offensive tackles.

But Binns signed a free-agent contract with the Arizona Cardinals after the draft. And in a league in which one specialized skill can earn a prospect a place on a 53-man roster, his long, pass-swatting arms give him a chance to stick there.

That ability to knock throws down at the line of scrimmage made the St. Paul, Minn., native stand out last



Then-Iowa defensive end Broderick Binns leaps to catch a pass from Northwestern quarterback Mike Kafka on Nov. 7, 2009. Binns is one of four ex-Hawkeyes who signed with NFL teams as undrafted free agents. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

season. And it's easy to see why he's so good at it. Binns' arms were measured at a borderline freaky 34 inches. He recorded an excellent 36-inch vertical leap at Iowa's pro day.

But Binns didn't only demonstrate that one skill in 2011. He was named Iowa's defensive MVP and given second-team All-Big Ten honors. He was second on the team in tackles for loss (12) and sacks (5). Binns was one of a

few reliable performers on an uncharacteristically weak defense in several games.

Arizona runs a 3-4 defensive scheme, and early indications are the Cardinals plan to test Binns as a blitzing outside linebacker. That could be to his advantage, because moving him off the line of scrimmage minimizes one of the knocks against

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