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ROTC sees less \$\$, more cadets



Members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps rehearse for the quarterly change-of-command ceremony in the Field House on Thursday. So far, nearly 200 UI students — 53 in the Air Force program and 120 in the Army's — are in the program, said Lt. Col. Darren Makela. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

Decreased funding has led the Army ROTC to limit its scholarships from 20 four-year scholarships to three.

By DEREK KELLISON
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Faced with declining funding and an increasing number of applicants, University of Iowa Reserve Officer Training Corps members said they're ready to meet the challenge. Officials said national funding has fluctuated over time — but never as dramatically as the last three years.

"In 2007, there was no talk of drawdowns," said Lt. Tony Wolf, UI Army ROTC scholarship and enrollment officer. "This is about the equivalent of shutting off the water faucet." The Air Force ROTC program has seen similar drawbacks on a smaller scale, said Lt. Col. Darren Makela. "We, are to a point, in the same situation," he said.

The UI Army ROTC program has traditionally offered around 20 four-year scholarships — which cover tuition and stipends for books and supplies. But in the 2010-11 school year, national Army officials reduced the number of scholarships nationwide, leaving the UI pro-

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Branstad talks taxes

The United States' corporate income tax rate is 35 percent.

By DORA GROTE
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Iowa City community members crowded the University Athletics Club on Thursday to hear Gov. Terry Branstad discuss the effects of federal corporate income tax on Iowa. "I do think we do have some changes that could take place there in terms of regulations," Branstad said. "We've been doing some things to make Iowa more competitive by speeding up the permitting process." Branstad's spokesman Tim Albrecht noted discrepancies between corporate tax rates in the United States and Canada — 35 percent and 15 percent respectively — as driving businesses out of the States. "What that does is makes us wildly uncompetitive when attempting to lure new businesses and industries," he said. "With a lower rate, businesses can pay employees bet-



Gov. Terry Branstad delivers a speech at the University Athletics Club on Thursday. Branstad talked about a variety of topics from taxes to strengthening the United States' relationship with China. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

ter and pour money back into research and development." Yet Mark Nolte, business development director for Iowa City Area Development, said lowering the corporate tax rate would most likely not affect Iowa City.

"If we were to lower the American corporate income tax rate, it wouldn't really favor Iowa City," he said. "It's not exactly a hotbed for manufacturers. If a business wanted to come

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WORLD

Bin Laden papers show weakened Al Qaeda

Letters from Osama bin Laden's last hideaway, released by U.S. officials intent on discrediting his terror organization, portray a network weak, inept, and under siege — and its leader seemingly near wit's end about the passing of his global jihad's glory days. The documents, published online Thursday, are a small sample of those seized during the U.S. raid on bin Laden's Pakistan compound in which he was killed a year ago. By no accident, they show Al Qaeda at its worst. The raid has become the signature national-security moment of Barack Obama's presidency and one he is eager to emphasize in his re-election campaign. Those ends are served in the 17 documents chosen by U.S. officials for the world to see — not to mention American voters. The Obama administration has refused to release a fuller record of its bin Laden collection, making it difficult to glean any larger truths about the state of the terrorist organization. — Associated Press

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Vets back Obama move



Iowa student and veteran Randy Miller studies at the UI Veterans Center on Thursday. President Obama has signed an executive order placing tougher restrictions on colleges and universities to limit how aggressively they can recruit veterans. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

By ANNA THEODOSIS
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Student veterans and military officials at the University of Iowa are glad to see a federal order restricting aggressive recruitment tactics by college recruiters.

President Obama signed the executive order Sunday, which calls for educational institutions receiving federal military funding to "prevent abusive and deceptive recruiting practices" by giving veterans standardized forms listing benefits and enrollment options. Higher-education establishments will also be required to work more closely with potential student veterans and allow more lenience if their service interferes with classes.

John Mikelson, the coordinator of the UI Veterans Center, said the university does not take the same

measures as some other colleges to recruit veterans and active-duty soldiers.

"The University of Iowa has always welcomed veterans back in the community," he said. "But we are not aggressively recruiting active-duty soldiers."

According to the order, some institutions have recruited veterans with injuries and emotional vulnerabilities without providing them proper support and have encouraged them to take out expensive institutional loans instead of the federal option.

The order primarily focuses on online, for-profit colleges, which Mikelson said are popular among service members with tight schedules.

"Some of these [online] programs are highly desirable because of the way the military trains," he said. "But others have caught on that the government will pay so much per credit

hour. Not to say that there aren't some very good online schools, but there are some that are just out there for the money."

Veterans receive funding for a college education through the GI Bill, which was first passed in 1944.

Officials from DeVry University said they had been receiving many calls asking for their response to the bill but declined to comment.

Marine and UI Veterans Association Vice President Scott Lyon said he was glad to see an effort that could protect fellow service members, even though he wasn't recruited by the UI.

"As far as the GI benefits goes, I think [the order] is a good thing," the third-year law student said. "I think there was evidence of these schools abusing the benefits. I think it's not a bad thing that they're trying to rein in these colleges."

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-

Iowa, supported Obama's decision in a recent press release.

"I went to school on the GI Bill and know how important these benefits are for veterans' success," said Harkin, who served in the Navy from 1962 to 1967. "I applaud President Obama's leadership in protecting this generation of veterans against fraud and abuse and ensuring they receive the same quality education that my generation did."

Mikelson also said he supports the president's decision to create the executive order.

"I think that [Obama has] laid out some very simple principles for schools with integrity to call upon veterans," the former Army medic said. "I think that by making the schools sign agreements as far as legitimacy is just a consumer-protection step."

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ON BASS



UI graduate students Alexander Ponomarchuk (left) and Patricia Silva rehearse for Silva's recital in the Music West Interim Building on Thursday. Brazilian double-bassist Silva has received many awards, including first place in the Paulo Bosisio Strings Competition and Furnas Geracao Musical. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

METRO

Frazier's *Driftless* to play at festival

Daily Iowan photography coach Danny Wilcox Frazier will show his film *Driftless* at the Rural Route Film Festival on Saturday.

The festival, which showcases 10 independent films at locations throughout the country, will play at the Bijou at 7 p.m. Saturday.

City gets tree award

Iowa City was one of 86 state

communities to receive the 2011 Tree City USA award.

The award was presented by the National Arbor Day Foundation and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Forestry Bureau at a luncheon April 17.

According to a city press release, the award honors communities that have made a commitment to the management of public trees.

Cities receiving the award must have a city forester or active city tree board, have a tree ordinance, and spend at

least \$2 per capita annually for its community forestry program.

— by Kristen East

Man charged with endangerment

A Coralville man has been charged with putting a minor child in danger.

Daniel Brosnan, 54, Coralville, was charged Wednesday with child endangerment with no injury.

According to a Johnson County Sheriff's Office complaint, on Wednesday, officials were called to Brosnan's home because of a 911 hang-up. When police officials

arrived, Brosnan allegedly appeared intoxicated and had a large cut on his scalp. Brosnan stated he got in an argument with his 17-year-old son, the complaint said.

According to the complaint, his son and wife both stated he came home drunk and started cursing at his son. Brosnan allegedly grabbed his son's neck and threw him over a coffee table. His son has mental disabilities, according to the complaint.

Child endangerment with no injury is considered an aggravated misdemeanor.

— by Jordyn Reiland

BLOTTER

Tiffany Johnson, 24, 1926 Broadway Apt. G, was charged Wednesday with driving while license under suspension/canceled.

Hannah Korpel, 22, 220 Lafayette Road, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Jordanne Le Tourneau, 20,

McHenry, Ill., was charged Wednesday with presence in a bar after hours.

Catherine Marks, 50, 21 Modern Way, was charged Wednesday with third-degree theft.

Thomas Mason, 56, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with third-degree

theft.
Lonnie Robertson, 49, 2220 Taylor Drive, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Tammy Schiel, 39, Crawfordville, Iowa, was charged Wednesday with driving while license under

suspension/canceled.
Stephen Schultz, 28, 1306 E. College St., was charged Dec. 12, 2011, with possession of marijuana.

Nichalos Wendler, 24, 835 Basswood Lane, was charged Wednesday with possession of drug paraphernalia and OWI.

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Alum aids play fest



Rick Cleveland came to watch the Iowa New Play Festival this week. A graduate of the Playwrights' Workshop, Cleveland wrote and coproduced television's "West Wing" and "Six Feet Under." (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)

After graduating from college, Cleveland helped found Chicago's American Blues Theater (now American Theater Company).

By KATHRYN-KELLY OLIN
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Rick Cleveland graduated from the University of Iowa Playwrights' Workshop in 1995 — a semester earlier than he intended. The Ohio native had been discovered by Hollywood producer Barry Kemp at the annual New Play Festival — and Cleveland has been writing in the evolving entertainment industry ever since. The Emmy Award-winning writer is back on the UI campus this week as a respondent for the New Play Festival, the same weeklong program in

Rick Cleveland Shows the playwright has worked on include:

- "Six Feet Under"
- "Mad Men"
- "Scoundrels"
- "The West Wing"
- "Jerry and Tom"

Source: imdb.com

which he had his "very lucky break" almost 20 years ago. "I'm talking to a lot of students," Cleveland said. "It's pretty much the same as when I went here." Cleveland, who has written for the television shows "The West Wing," "Six Feet

Under," and "Mad Men," watched and gave advice to two to three student stage productions this week, including Louisa Hill's *The Zine of Grrrl* Thursday night. "[Respondents] are distinguished folks who work at major theaters or film-production companies or something, and they come to give feedback to the writers," said Patrick Reynolds, the director of *The Zine of Grrrl*. Other students participating in the festival shared their support of working with Cleveland. "[The respondents] give a response after the show,"

said UI junior actor Sam Moss. "They just talk about the show, the acting, and the writing. Mostly the writing because this whole week is based on the playwright's aspect." Cleveland has worked as a writer and producer in film and television. He wrote the screenplay for the film *Jerry and Tom* following his graduation, which he had originally written as a play. The play was eventually made into a film, which became an official selection at Sundance and aired on Showtime.

Cleveland has now begun to move away from traditional television. Recently, he was part of the writing team of the first exclusive Netflix original, "House of Cards," a David Fincher-produced political drama starring Kevin Spacey. The show is a remake of a BBC miniseries from the 1990s. "Netflix will make more money if it owns the show rather than buying it from someone else," he said. Cleveland said the pitch was going to go to HBO through a pilot. However, Netflix intercepted the idea with a \$100 million offer. Netflix agreed to taking the 27-episode series prior to review of the show. "After a show has been piloted, which means it has been written, actors have been paid, and it's already been filmed, the network will review on the show, and if it likes it, it'll buy it," he said.

WORLD

U.S.: Syrian cease-fire failing

WASHINGTON — It may be time for the world to acknowledge that a cease-fire is not holding in Syria, and that it is time to try another approach to stop the violence, the White House said Thursday. "If the regime's intransigence continues, the international community is going to have to admit defeat," White House Press Secretary Jay Carney said. It was the clearest statement yet that the Obama administration sees little chance for the cease-fire and peace plan brokered by United Nations envoy Kofi Annan last month but largely ignored by Syrian forces loyal to President Bashar Assad. "It is clear, and we will not deny, that the plan has not succeeded thus far," Carney said.

The Annan plan has done little to stem the bloodshed, but so far, other nations that back it have been unwilling to say it is dead. U.S. officials have said the plan is failing because of the Syrian government's violations. The Assad government and the Syrian opposition are blaming one another for torpedoing the truce, with Assad's forces trying to repress demonstrators calling for him to step down. The regime also is facing an armed rebellion that has sprung up as peaceful protests have proved ineffective against his forces. The United States was skeptical about the Annan program from the start, fearing that it lacked teeth and might lead to an easing of international pressure on Syria. The United States has publicly backed the plan, however, and Carney did so again Thursday. — Associated Press

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Guest Column

Obama burnishes Afghan policy

WASHINGTON — As slogans go, President Obama's promise of the "light of a new day" in Afghanistan isn't nearly as catchy as the "Mission Accomplished" banner on the USS Abraham Lincoln the day President George W. Bush announced the end of major combat operations in Iraq in 2003.

One was jubilant, conveying triumph — prematurely so, as more than 4,000 U.S. combat deaths over the next several years demonstrated. The other, more restrained, optimistically cites progress toward an ultimate victory over the terrorists who attacked the United States more than a decade ago.

Yet the takeaway messages fit the political circumstances of the president in office at the time. Then it was Bush prosecuting an Iraq war that was intensely controversial from the outset.

Now it's Obama seeking re-election in a campaign against Mitt Romney that is anything but certain, polishing his credentials as commander in chief.

The polls all say the economy will be the overarching issue this fall, but Obama can hardly be blamed for wanting the singular triumph of his term — Osama bin Laden's death at the hands of U.S. Special Operations forces — to gain plenty of attention.

After all, the death of the terrorist leader got equal billing with the slowly recovering economy in Vice President Joe Biden's own suggested campaign slogan: "Osama bin Laden is dead, and General Motors is alive."

As a political strategy after three years in office, blaming Bush for the war in Afghanistan is probably not any better than trying to saddle him with respon-

sibility for the economy.

Still, Obama chose to reprise his 2008 campaign criticism of Bush's war policy in his brief 10-minute address from Bagram Air Field on Tuesday night.

"Despite initial success, for a number of reasons, this war has taken longer than most anticipated," he said, beginning his account neutrally before pivoting.

"In 2002, [Osama] bin Laden and his lieutenants escaped across the border and established safe haven in Pakistan," this president said, referring to the battle at Tora Bora. "America spent nearly eight years fighting a different war in Iraq."

But over the past three years, he said, referring to his own time in office: "The tide has turned. We broke the Taliban's momentum. We've built a strong Afghan security force. We devastated Al Qaeda's leadership, taking out 20 of their top 30 leaders. And one year ago, from a base here in Afghanistan, our troops launched the operation that killed Osama bin Laden."

Romney decided he wanted no part of it.

In a written statement issued as Air Force One carried Obama homeward, he said he was pleased the president had returned to Afghanistan, and that the troops and the American people deserved to hear from him what is at stake in the war. "Success in Afghanistan is vital to our nation's security," he said.

It was a different Romney earlier in the week, struggling to outmaneuver Obama in the run-up to the anniversary of the bin Laden's death.

David Espo
Associated Press

Letters

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Cross your legs

What is the appropriate response to "slut shaming"? Is it "slut glorification" or "slut pride"? What does a group of scantily clad women gathering in a park sharing stories accomplish?

I challenge the female community of Iowa City to respond to the daily oppression of sexism and violence toward women in a proactive, non-reactionary manner. That is, I challenge the women of Iowa City to embrace a spirit of class, rather than "pride" in their "sexual liberation."

Let's have a look around us, women — how many of us are chomping on birth control like Tic-Tacs, and how many of us have shed life from our wombs with a defiant "Yes — this is my choice"?

Is this what "sexual liberation" looks like to us as individuals and as a community?

Our grandmothers' wisdom would serve today's women well — sit like a lady with your legs crossed.

Jenell Nyberg
Iowa City resident

College must be affordable

As state treasurer, I have always advocated for saving for college. Since the 1998 launch of College Savings Iowa, Iowa's 529 plan, my efforts in raising awareness about this important topic have only increased. For years I have worked to help families understand the value of saving for college now rather than borrowing when the time comes. While tens of thousands of families are saving through College Savings Iowa, many still take out student loans.

I recently had the opportunity to visit with President

Obama when he was in Iowa over concerns with the potential interest rate hike for student loans. It became apparent as I was listening to him that the president and I share one very strong belief: We need to help young people and their families make college affordable.

The president wants Congress to pass legislation that will stop student-loan interest rates from doubling on July 1. To better understand what this means for Iowa families, I did some math. The average amount Iowa students will borrow next year is just over \$4,000. If the interest doubles, this will cost those students an extra \$993 over the life of that loan. These students should not graduate from college with that extra burden.

My advice to families over the years has been to start

saving early and to save regularly. Even a small amount of money, saved on a regular basis over an extended period of time, can grow into a substantial amount. Saving early may help reduce a family's need to borrow to cover educational expenses, which will help parents — and their children — get through college with less debt. While my message is still the same, I don't believe that families who have been unable to save enough should be penalized by having to pay more in student-loan interest.

Because a college education is an investment that lasts a lifetime, we need to make sure that it is a good investment for our youth. I encourage all Iowans to ask Congress to support Obama's plan to keep student loan rates from doubling.

Michael L. Fitzgerald
Iowa treasurer

Column

You're welcome.

Jordan Ramos' story — which makes the claim that she wasn't allowed to dance on one of Union's platforms because of her size on two occasions — has been broadcast by national media outlets including Yahoo, the Huffington Post, and the UK's *Daily Mail*, in addition to ABC.

Since then, a Facebook campaign has started up to picket Union during its peak weekend hours today — the Friday before finals week, where attendance at Union will likely be less than normal, nonetheless.

It's no secret whom the Union sees as its target market: students who like to get freaky on a strobe-lit dance floor while blacking out to the trances of some DJ from California, which instantly makes him famous for some reason.

I can see why Ramos would be upset she was told to return the dance floor — it's likely she wanted to escape that breeding ground of bad decisions (literally — don't act as if you haven't heard the stories), but beyond that reason, this whole thing baffles me.

There's the age-old saying that the customer is always right. Well, if you have ever worked a job that requires you to interact with customers on a personal level, you would know the customer is wrong. A lot. And in the case of Ramos, she couldn't be making a bigger mountain of the sweaty, smelly, and sticky molehill that is the Union.

Think about how many times this happens in New York City or Chicago or Los Angeles or Miami or London or Barcelona or every other major city on the planet that has a bumping nightlife. People who aren't the best looking are often denied from even entering a nightclub. Where's their Facebook campaign?

I can't help but think of the scene from *Knocked Up* in which two women are denied entrance to a nightclub because one is pregnant and the other is too old. The doorman says it's not up to him who gets in and who doesn't, even saying that he can only let in

a limited number of black people. Such discrimination is illegal; weight discrimination is not.

From one plus-sized individual to another, I can tell you that certain establishments do this for a reason: Nobody wants to see my sweaty love handles grooving near them on the dance floor, and I respect that wish. You're welcome, everyone.

Ramos also isn't taking into account that the Union is a private establishment. Now, I haven't been to that freshman paradise on a weekend since my first semester here, but I'll bet that somewhere in that bar there's a sign that reads something along the lines of; "The Union reserves the right to refuse service to any individual, etc."

So that's the bar's argument right there. It has the right to deny or provide subpar service, and you have the right to not go to Union. So, uh, don't.

I don't even see how one can try to make a case for Union at this point. I don't see this event as weight discrimination, I see it as someone not being allowed to dance because nobody wants you to dance. If it was karaoke night at Sam's Pizza, people get booed for being awful at singing. So is that voice discrimination then? Let's boycott Sam's for not allowing the blacked-out couple to finish their ear-bleeding rendition of "Call Me Maybe" (I'm afraid I planted another idea in Ramos' head after that one).

I've already seen more coverage on this than I have seen on a real policy that could actually be classified as weight discrimination. How is this any different from airlines forcing obese patrons to purchase an extra seat if they can't fit in one? The airlines do that as a courtesy to the majority of its customers, the same way I'm doing everyone a courtesy by leaving a shirt on at the beach.

You're welcome, everyone. ■

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Your turn. Will you boycott the bar this weekend?
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Guest Column

Beware Big Brother in Cyber Intelligence Act

As an Azerbaijani-American and a Turkic-American living in our great country, I write to share my opposition to expanding the government's cybersecurity authorities in ways that violate my First and Fourth Amendment rights.

The House of Representatives has recently passed H.R. 3523, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act, on a 248-168 vote. Despite the House tweaking the bill with 11

different amendments, the bill still infringes on our citizens' basic rights of privacy and freedom.

There is a want and a need for protection of our "cyber" assets — I understand that. However, security must not cost us our liberties and freedoms.

When the bill comes to vote before the Senate, it is my and my community's humble and sincerest wish that the majority of senators will vote "No." This bill is draconian in the powers

it grants private corporations and the data they will have at their disposal without any oversight or accountability. If you haven't already, please take the time to review the bill and see for yourself how dangerous legislation like this can be to our civil liberties and our personal freedoms, which has made our country so great.

I do not like anything that I see in the bill in its current form, but here are some of my biggest con-

cerns: huge expansion of government power, essentially creating a legal channel for spying on its own population; lack of privacy controls (any and all information can and will be disclosed to the "authorities" should the bill pass in its current form); no safeguards that the system this bill would create won't be used and abused by those with the authority to use the powers it grants.

These three points

should be carefully considered before any voting. Bills such as this one, and Stop Online Piracy Act before it, make me feel extremely uncomfortable about my own government: Just thinking that somebody might be reading all of my personal communications with my friends or relatives sends shivers up my spine. This reminds me of Soviet Reminds me of Soviet countries and Iran, the two

countries that divided my historic homeland, Azerbaijan.

Many of my fellow citizens are very concerned, and we will watch to see who votes Yes and who votes No. Azerbaijani-Americans want to make sure the United States continues to be the land of the free and the brave, with liberty and democracy not threatened by Big Brother and mega corporations.

Agshin Taghiyev
Iowa City resident

ROTC

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gram with only three. The drop coincided with a jump from under 400 applicants that year to more than 500 this year.

The applicant surge may stem from students looking for college funding in light of the poor economy, Wolf said.

“What I’m hearing from students is loans and grants aren’t as free-flowing,” Wolf said. “People are willing to do more to get money to pay for school.”

Randy Plunkett, director of outreach at Military.com, said the funding troubles stem from the withdrawal of troops serving in Iraq.

“The decreased number of funding is because there’s just not as much

need for officers,” he said.

Wolf, calling the mix of applicant overflow and cuts “ironic,” said varying mission caps — which allow officials to cut cadets already in the program — have been placed at UI and nationwide programs in response to the surge of interested students. Yet the program cannot deny entry to those who enroll and fulfill the requirements.

“There’s no way to turn [applicants] down,” he said. “We welcome them aboard, train them, and hope they get the opportunity to go out in the field.”

Air Force ROTC scholarships at the UI have begun to recover after being eliminated completely in 2010 because of a lack of enrollment. One scholarship was added in 2011 after improved cadet standing, and another seven this followed this year.

Enrollment rose from 44 in fall 2007 to 63 in fall 2011.

Makela said the lack of funding and restricted enrollment created more competition among cadets, leading to overall improved performance of the program in national status. ROTC cadets are ranked on their scholarly and physical performance at a national level by military councils.

Funding returned as the program’s ranking climbed, Makela said.

“Nationwide funding has gone down, but because of the quality of our cadets, scholarships have gone up,” Makela said. “The quality gets higher as the bar is set higher [nationally.]”

And the need for money, he said, is only one factor.

“People think in the long run they need a job,” he

ROTC Standards

Reserve Officer Training Corps officials said several criteria added to the pressure of limited scholarships:

- 2.5 GPA
- Full-time enrollment
- Physical fitness standards

Source: UI Army ROTC Scholarship and Enrollment Officer Tony Wolf and Lt. Col. Darren Makela

said. “We’d like to think people are assuming more patriotism as well.”

Air Force ROTC Cadet Amanda Heller said cadets have taken to the challenge presented by the ROTC programs because they feel the need to serve their country.

“Air Force ROTC is very competitive,” the cadet wing commander said. “It’s not just about money, it’s not just about making



ROTC members drill in the Field House on Thursday. The program remains optimistic about its future despite an increase in membership coupled with a decrease in funding. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

friends in a club. You’re competing for slots that everybody in the country is basically competing for within the program.”

Makela said UI education and the achievements of the cadets themselves have contributed to the Air

Force program’s competitiveness.

“We can’t just drop scholarships,” he said. “We have to pick the best at the national level. We target specific fields, but we’re looking for great folks overall.”

BRANSTAD

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to America, why would they come to Iowa City rather than San Francisco or Los Angeles?”

Those foreign countries with companies in Iowa City are often focused on wind energy, he said.

Nolte also said there is more to national corporate-tax issues than just simply lowering the rate.

“It depends a lot on how you define income and the special treatment there is for different types of companies,” he said. “There are large, very profitable companies that don’t pay any corporate income tax at all, and lowering their rates won’t affect where they relocate.”

Higher education

Branstad seemed optimistic about his \$20 million state appropriation proposal for state Board of Regents’ universities,

Bills

Gov. Terry Branstad has signed several bills into law:

- Senate File 430: an act relating to the violation of the open-records and public-meeting laws
- Senate File 2322: an act providing volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel with an individual income-tax credit
- Senate File 2332: an act relating to enhancing 911 communication systems.

Source: Office of the Governor of Iowa

which faced a House bill that would cut \$31 million from funding and a regents’ request for a \$40 million increase.

“We’ve been working with both the House and Senate on this,” Branstad told *The Daily Iowan*. “Obviously, we ended up having to compromise with the individual legislators, but I think we’re going to end up pretty close to our recommendation in the final analysis. But you know, it has to pass both

houses by a constitutional majority, which means there has to be some give and take.”

Education reforms

Yet Branstad was less confident about his major education reform passing, such as an application for a state waiver for the No Child Left Behind program.

“We want to at least make enough progress that we can get a waiver from the U.S. secretary of Education and No Child Left Behind. The only way we can get that waiver is if we can demonstrate we have an accountability system in Iowa that meets their expectations, and the Senate bill doesn’t do that.”

Branstad had also proposed a program in the last legislative session that would hold back third-grade students who don’t pass end-of-year reading exams and called for repealing allowable growth.

“I don’t expect we’re going to get as bold an education reform as I believe

we need this year, but there is always next year,” he said. “We used to be the best in America in student achievement, and in the last 20 years we’ve fallen from best in America to middle of the pack.”

Property tax

Branstad also discussed his property-tax proposal, which would reduce commercial and industrial property taxes by 40 percent in an effort to prevent an estimated \$2 billion tax hike over the next eight years.

“We have a tentative agreement with the House and Senate, and we anticipate that that agreed upon bill will move in the House by Monday and hopefully in the Senate by Tuesday or Wednesday,” the governor said. “This has been a 30-year process, but we’re very optimistic that’s going to happen, and it’s very important.”

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Chen seeks asylum

By **MATTHEW PENNINGTON**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chinese dissident Chen Guangcheng spoke to a Congressional hearing Thursday from his Beijing hospital bed — and requested a meeting with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The surprise call — Chen's voice amplified from a cell phone held to a microphone — was the latest twist in a dramatic week in which his bid for U.S. protection has snared U.S.-China diplomacy and cast an international spotlight on his persecution by Chinese authorities.

Chen expressed fears for his family members, particularly his mother and brothers, and said people in his home village were now suffering retribution for helping him, since he escaped from house arrest and sought refuge in the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

The blind activist, who has spent the last seven years in prison or under abusive house detention, left the embassy for hospital Wednesday. He has since said that rather stay in China as originally agreed in negotiations between Chinese and U.S. officials, he wants to come with his family to the United States.

Chen said that he wanted to come to the United States "for some time of rest." He said he's had none for 10 years.

"I'm really afraid for my other family members' lives," Chen told the hearing, convened to discuss his



In this photo released by the U.S. Embassy of Beijing press office, blind lawyer Chen Guangcheng, in a wheelchair, greets wife Yuan Weijing (right), daughter Chen Kesi (second right), and son Chen Kerui (left), at a hospital in Beijing on Wednesday. - (Associated Press/U.S. Embassy Beijing Press Office)

case and the Obama administration's handling of it.

He said that since his escape, Chinese authorities have installed seven video cameras and even an electric fence at his house. "Now, those security officers in my house basically have said, 'We want to see what else Chen Guangcheng can do.'"

Chen's comments were translated to English by a rights activist testifying at the hearing, who arranged the call. Chen spoke for several minutes, in conversation with Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., the chairman of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China.

According to the interpreter, Bob Fu, of the Texas-based rights group ChinaAid, Chen was speaking from his hospital bed in Beijing, where his uncertain fate has overshadowed an annual high-level U.S.-China dialogue on strategic

and economic issues. Rodham Clinton is among the top U.S. officials attending the talks.

"I want to meet with Secretary Clinton," Chen said and laughed. "I hope I can get more help from her. I also want to thank her face to face."

He spoke with her by phone on Wednesday. to her in Beijing.

REDEDICATION



Lynne Lanning, an Art and Art History undergraduate adviser, talks about the renovations at Art Building West on Thursday. The tour was open to the public to view the changes made to the building. Art Building West was one of the buildings severely damaged in the flood of 2008. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

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Tournament because once you make it, anything can happen.”

Iowa’s best chances of starting a move toward a tournament berth come this weekend against the last-place Wolverines. The Hawkeyes’ final Big Ten

opponent is Michigan State — which owns the league’s third-best overall record at 27-15 — and first-place Purdue to close out the season at home on May 17-19.

“They want the same thing,” shortstop Jake Yacinich said of Michigan. “They want to get on a roll; they want to get to the tournament. Everybody wants it. It’s really important to have a good weekend and just keep doing what we do.”

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LeBron ignites Heat in NYC

By BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Frustrated and foul-prone for three quarters, LeBron James finally did what he usually does at Madison Square Garden.

And the New York Knicks got the only result they know anymore in the playoffs.

James scored 32 points, including 8 straight to start the fourth quarter and break open the game, and the Miami Heat took a 3-0 series lead, sending the Knicks to an NBA postseason-record 13th-straight loss, 87-70 on Thursday night.

“Bron came in and got at it right away,” Dwyane Wade said. “He had an unbelievable fourth quarter.”

James had 17 points in the final period for the Heat, who held the short-handed Knicks to eight field goals in the second half. They will go for the sweep on May 6.

“He just has to stay with it,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “He had some turnovers, he had

some mistakes but he was able to keep his head in it.”

Wade added 20 points for the Heat, and Mario Chalmers had 19, hitting consecutive 3-pointers in the fourth quarter when the Heat finally brought some beauty to what had been an ugly game.

Carmelo Anthony scored 22 points but shot 7-of-23 for the Knicks, who are playing without Amare Stoudemire, Jeremy Lin, and Iman Shumpert and needed a super effort from Anthony that he didn’t

come close to providing.

The Knicks broke the record set by Memphis from 2004-06. They haven’t won a playoff game since April 29, 2001, Game 3 of a best-of-five series against Toronto.

No NBA team has overcome a 3-0 deficit.

“It’s a tough one. It’s an uphill battle, but it’s one we have to go through,” center Tyson Chandler said. “Obviously, no one wants to be in a hole 0-3, you know in the playoffs especially

against a tough team like [Miami], but that’s the way it is, and we’ve got to keep fighting.”

Chris Bosh had 9 points and 10 rebounds hours after the birth of his first child. He flew to New York with the Heat on Wednesday, then quickly hopped on a flight back to Miami after learning his wife was in labor. He returned Thursday afternoon following the birth of his son, arriving at the arena about 30 minutes before the game.

In a sloppy game between two star-studded teams, Miami went 10 minutes without a field goal in the second half, followed by the Knicks managing just three baskets in the third quarter.

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Tracksters take a break



Iowa's Carisa Leacock competes in the long jump at the Drake Relays on April 28. Leacock is one of a handful of Hawkeyes who will compete in Cedar Falls this weekend. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Many of Iowa's tracksters will take this weekend off to rest before the Big Tens.

By **CODY GOODWIN**
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The Iowa track program has gone through five long weeks.

The outdoor season began for most of the tracksters the day after the Big Ten indoor championships on the weekend of Feb. 25. Both the women's and men's track teams have been preparing for their outdoor campaigns at Cretzmeier Track since.

The competition season began six weeks ago, starting with the Arkansas Invitational on March 30-31 in Fayetteville, Ark. The next four weeks put the Hawkeyes through a rigor-

ous schedule, demanding they bring their best each weekend in order to compete against their top-notch competition.

But today — when Iowa is scheduled to travel to Cedar Falls to compete in the Northern Iowa Messersmith Invitational — serves as more of a break for some of the bigger names in the Hawkeye track program.

It comes at a great time, too, high jumper Graham Valdes said. The Big Ten championships will begin next week in Madison, Wis.

"We've had a lot of competitions this outdoor season," Valdes said. "[Some of the athletes] have been looking forward to this break, and then we'll bring it at Big Tens."

The weekend of rest is much needed — the men's team is preparing to defend last year's conference title; they scored 125.5 points en route to their first-place finish.

The Iowa women's track team is much improved from a year ago, when it finished in eighth place, scoring 59 points in the process.

The preliminary heat sheets for the Messersmith Invitational list only 13 Hawkeyes for today's competition — only discus thrower Andrew Carmen is slated to compete for the men's squad.

The women's team is littered with athletes who have been competing all year, including Kelsey Mims, Victoria Sack, Brooke Eilers, Carisa Leacock, and Annemie Smith. Freshman standout Kayla Beattie will also compete this weekend after having seen limited time because of an injury she has nursed for most of the semester.

This helps prove Iowa's determination to enter Madison with rested athletes and complete focus.

"Nobody's going to hand it to you," hurdler Dan Davis

said. "We have a team that, if we put the pieces together, could win another Big Ten championship."

The time off will also give some athletes time to overcome injuries. Drake Relays triple-jump champion Troy Doris has fought through an injured patella for the last two weeks in hopes of getting back his indoor form that allowed him to place fourth at the NCAAs.

Doris has had tape wrapped around the muscles surrounding his knee to choke the muscles and allow him to compete without having to worry about the injury.

This weekend off, he said, will be good in terms of his rehab routine and his preparation for next weekend's conference championships.

"It'll help boost me a little bit, but once it's over, we've got to get back to reality," the senior said. "We've got to work."

Softball poised for stretch run

The Hawkeyes likely have to win out to make the postseason.

By **BEN ROSS**
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Just six Big Ten contests stand between the Iowa softball team and the end of the season.

Iowa took two out of three against Indiana (8-10 Big Ten) in the last home games of the year last weekend, and the Hawkeyes (12-6) will now travel to Ohio State (7-10) and Minnesota (7-11) to play each squad three times in the coming weeks.

Iowa goes into Columbus, Ohio, tied for fourth in the Big Ten with Wisconsin. Michigan holds a half-game lead in the conference over Purdue and Nebraska, both of which are tied for second with 12-5 league records.

The Black and Gold make up one of the hottest teams in conference at the moment; Iowa has won seven of its last eight Big Ten games and has emerged as the victor in its past three conference series.

But Iowa still has an overall losing record of 23-24, so it's unlikely the team could make a run at the postseason unless it wins out in the next six contests. The Hawkeyes will therefore try to carry their momentum into the remainder of their schedule, and head coach Marla Looper said past success could reflect on current performances from her players.

"We've got to be better in [keeping momentum]," she said. "We're too late in the season to be making some



Iowa catcher Liz Watkins throws out an Indiana player at first base at Pearl Field on Sunday. Watkins and the Hawkeyes will hit the road for the final two conference series of the season, beginning with Ohio State this weekend. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

of the errors that we have ... we've got to do better on the bases and allow ourselves to stay in ball games that way."

Looper is concerned about her team's errors, but her squad has fared well in the category compared with conference foes. Iowa is third-to-last in errors committed with 49. Michigan is second-to-last with 47, and Minnesota leads the Big Ten with just 39 miscues.

The Hawkeyes have developed favorable numbers in other categories as well. The squad is second in team ERA, as hurlers Chelsea Lyon and Kayla Massey have assembled a 2.30 ERA. It's also second in triples with 10, halfman of which belong to freshman Megan Blank. The shortstop is leading the conference in batting with a .409 average.

Assistant coach Stacy May-Johnson said she isn't

concerned about her athletes' performances despite the looming back-to-back road trips. She said she thinks the location of the game makes little difference.

"We go about our business the way we always do," she said. "We prepare ourselves to play well, whether it's at home or on the road. We've put ourselves in a good position going into the last two weekends. We're one game out of first place; that's not a bad place to be with six games to go."

If the Hawkeyes have experience with anything this season, it's playing on the road. Only 15 of Iowa's 47 total games have been played at home. The squad played 27 away contests before its first in Iowa City, on March 24.

Senior captain Liz Watkins said she thinks her squad has the ability to win and that the experience of playing on the road

Iowa (23-24, 12-6) at Ohio State (28-20, 7-10)

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could help her reach one of her final goals as a Hawkeye.

"We're trying to get that top Big Ten finish, and in order to do that, we need to win out from here on out," Watkins said. "It gets us closer to being able to go to postseason. Ultimately, that's what [fellow senior Katie Keim] and I want: to go to postseason our senior year."

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Larney learning to let performance flow

Josh Larney needs to stop overthinking and just relax.

By **TORK MASON**

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Iowa's Josh Larney was brought into the program to have an immediate effect. The junior was a JuCo national champion in the long jump at Iowa Central Community College in 2011, and he joined the Hawkeyes in January.

But it didn't take long for Larney to suffer a setback. He injured his back a few weeks before the Big Ten indoor championships, and he is now starting to come around just before the conference outdoor meet. He took first place in the 100 meters at the Botts Invitational on April 14 and ran on the sprint medley relay team that took second at last weekend's Drake Relays.

But the early injury was a formidable obstacle for Larney.

He said it was a minor injury at first, but then he aggravated it while weight training — and then again on the track. It just kept getting worse, he said.

"It got to the point that one day, I literally couldn't walk," he said. "And when you hurt your back — you can't get off your back. When you hurt your leg, you can do things to work around your leg. But no matter what you're doing [with a back injury] — when I was sitting in class, my back would hurt. Just walking around, anything. You can't get off your back."

Larney said he kept putting off getting treatment for the injury because he wanted to keep working. The Cleveland native was behind his teammates because of his mid-season arrival and the injury, and it left him pressing things.

"I think sometimes he's trying



Josh Larney practices the long jump at the Cretzmeyer Track on Thursday. Larney has been forced to slow things down physically after a recent back injury. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

to prove himself, being new here," head coach Larry Wiecezorek said.

Larney and horizontal jump coach Clive Roberts said the junior has also overthought things at times this year, and that has had an effect on his performance.

"I need to run with a clear mind," he said. "A lot of the time, I've been holding myself back because I'm thinking so much about what I'm supposed to do instead of just going out and doing it."

Roberts said Larney still has a lot of work to put in before he's a top sprinter, despite his smatter-

ing of strong performances on the medal stand,

"I wouldn't say he has been that successful yet," Roberts said. "He ran 10.64 [seconds], and in my book, that ain't successful. He has a ways to go. To a certain degree, success is different for everyone, but at the end of the day, we measure success by if you can win a Big Ten championship."

"Is he moving in the right direction? Yeah. But he has a ways to go."

Sprint coach Joey Woody said the speed is there for Larney, but he's slow coming out of the start-

ing blocks — he was last out of the blocks in his eighth-place finish at the Drake Relays.

Wiecezorek said Larney needs to slow things down and he'll have success. He credits his philosophy to a book called *Relax and Win*.

"He's just got to relax and let it flow," Wiecezorek said. "I think he may be going 100 percent — when, in sprinting, you should try to go 90 percent. Go 90 percent because then you're relaxed and smooth, and if you're thinking 100 percent, you're tensing up and tight."

MORE INSIDE

The Hawkeye track program will only send a handful of athletes to the Northern Iowa Messersmith Invitational this weekend. **Page 10.**

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When: Today
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SPORTS

Football announces game information

The Iowa football team announced starting times and television information for four of its 2012 home games on Thursday.

Iowa's home games against Minnesota on Sept. 29 and Nebraska on Nov. 23 will both begin at 11 a.m., as will the Hawkeyes' road contests at Michigan State on Oct. 13 and at Northwestern on Oct. 27.

The four games join Iowa's Oct. 20 home match against Penn State — a 7 p.m. start — on the team's announced schedule. Kickoff times for Iowa's seven other regular-season contests will be revealed at a later date.

Penn State had previously been designated Iowa's only prime-time opponent of the season.

The Hawkeyes' game against Minnesota will serve as the Black and Gold's Homecoming contest in both team's first Big Ten game of the season. Iowa is 6-9 all-time against Minnesota in Homecoming games at Kinnick Stadium, and the Gophers came out on top, 22-21, when the two teams met in Minneapolis last year.

Iowa will travel to Evanston, Ill., to be Northwestern's Homecoming opponent. The Hawkeyes beat the Wildcats last year, 41-31, for their first win over Northwestern in four years.

The Minnesota, Michigan State, and Northwestern bouts will all be televised on either ESPN, ESPN2, or the Big Ten Network.

Iowa will host Nebraska in the second installment of the Heroes

Game on the day after Thanksgiving; the Cornhuskers beat the Hawkeyes, 20-7, in Lincoln, Neb., last season. The second Heroes Game, as the first was, will be televised on ABC.

— by Seth Roberts

Yanks' Rivera injures knee

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mariano Rivera tore a ligament in his right knee before the New York Yankees lost 4-3 to the Kansas City Royals on Thursday night.

The 42-year-old right-hander was carted off the field after twisting his right knee shagging fly balls during batting practice.

Manager Joe Girardi revealed the severity of the injury after the game. Royals' team doctor Vincent Key diagnosed a torn ACL after looking at the MRI.

"This is bad, there's no question about it," Girardi said.

Baseball's career saves leader was tracking down a ball hit by Jayson Nix in deep center field when his right knee appeared to buckle a step before the wall. He fell to the warning track and immediately grabbed his right knee, briefly covering his face with his glove and grimacing in pain.

Bullpen coach Mike Harkey was near Rivera when he went down, and he was the first to whistle for help. Girardi was watching batting practice from behind home plate and started running down, cutting across the outfield to get to his closer.

Near home plate, teammate Alex Rodriguez could be seen saying, "Oh, my God. Oh, my God."

— Associated Press

Big Ten race is wild

The Hawkeyes could easily move up the conference standings this weekend in a tight conference race.

By **BEN SCHUFF**

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Six teams will gather in Columbus, Ohio, on May 23 to play in the Big Ten baseball tourney. But which schools will make up the majority of the field remains a crapshoot.

The conference standings are a logjam of schools hovering around the .500 mark with just over two weeks remaining in the regular season. Ninth-place Iowa heads into the home stretch of league play two games back of sixth place and only three games behind second.

Welcome to life in the Big Ten.

"We could finish wherever. I love it," Hawkeye manager Jack Dahm said. "I'm getting grayer hair, but it's fun every weekend going out and battling."

Iowa (18-22, 6-9 Big Ten) will host Michigan (17-27, 4-11) this weekend in a series that pits two of the bottom three teams in the

conference standings against each other. But neither team can be ruled out of contention for a spot in the Big Ten Tournament because of the league's parity.

The Wolverines face a slightly tougher road to Columbus than the Hawkeyes; they trail the sixth spot by four games as they prepare to visit Iowa City this weekend.

Dahm suggested the balance of teams over the past couple of seasons is a result of the conference moving from four-game weekend series to three-game weekend series in 2009.

"When we decided to go to three-games series, as coaches, we thought it might create a little separation because every weekend you have a team winning a series, going at least 2-1," Iowa's ninth-year manager said. "But what we found is its actually bringing everybody together because when you're at

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T2. Indiana	9-6	.600	3.5
T4. Nebraska	8-7	.533	4.5
T4. Michigan St.	8-7	.533	4.5
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8. Ohio State	8-10	.444	6.0
9. Iowa	6-9	.400	6.5
10. Northwestern	5-13	.278	9.0
11. Michigan	4-11	.267	8.5

home, there's a good chance you're going to win two out of three. It's just such a balanced league."

The Hawkeyes are no strangers to tight races late in the year. Iowa entered the final regular-season series in 2010 in a four-way tie for fifth place and only three games out of first. The Black and Gold swept Purdue to earn the No. 4 seed in the tournament that year and eventually lost in the championship game.

Iowa finds itself with a slightly lower winning percentage this year than it did then. But that doesn't mean the players aren't paying attention to other records around the Big

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Ten. "[The standings] are something you look at because you care," senior Mike McQuillan said. "You want to make that Big Ten