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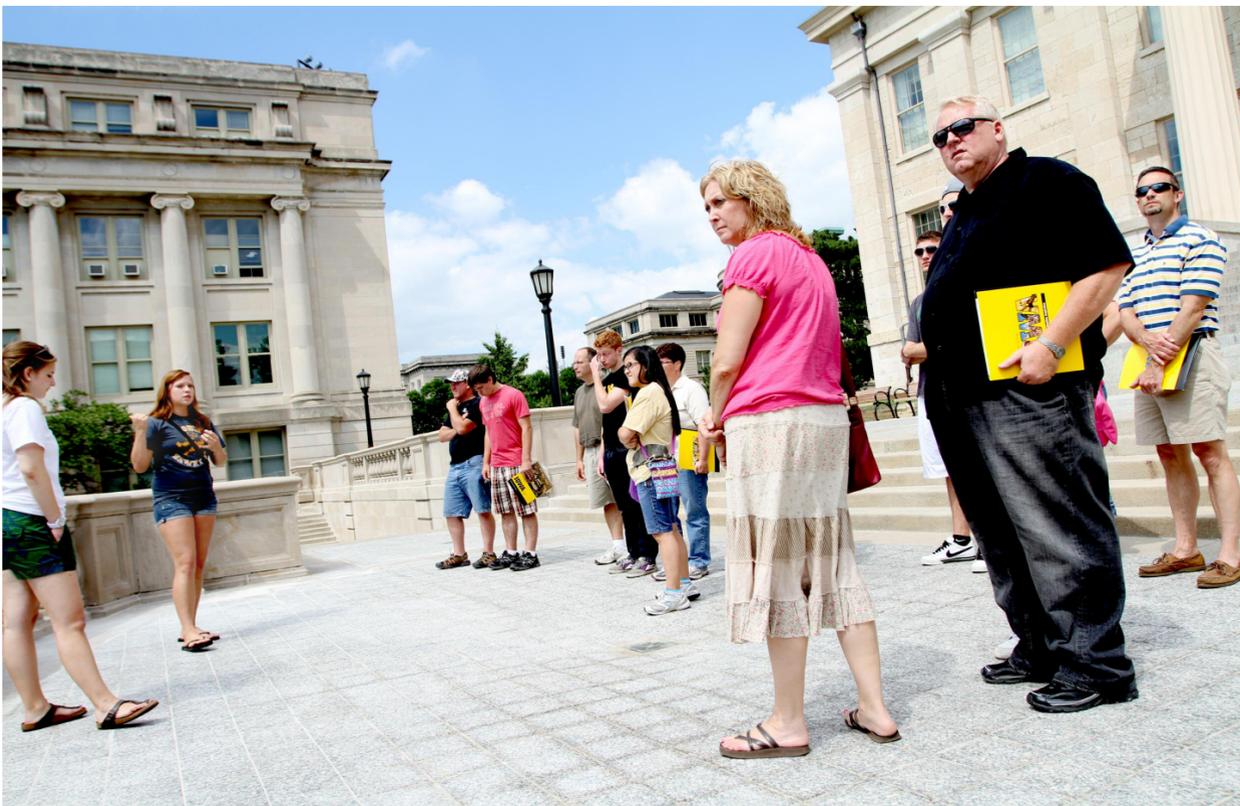
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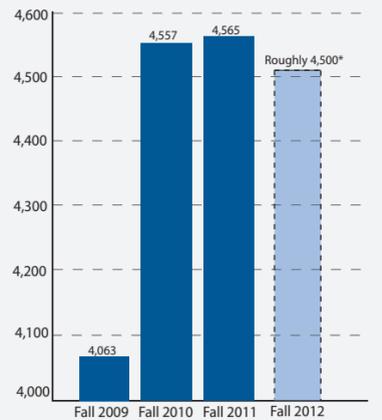
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UI students Allanda Hageman and Meagan Adamsick lead a walking tour on campus for incoming students and their families as part of Orientation on Monday. The university's orientation focused on increasing sustainability by reducing paperwork and promoting environmental responsibility. (The Daily Iowan/Sumei Chen)

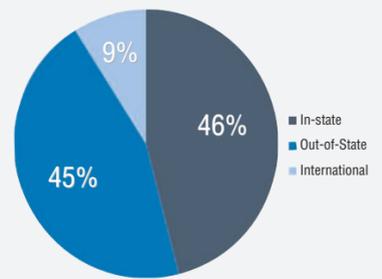
FIRST-YEAR ENROLLMENT:



Michael Barron, UI director of Admissions, estimates the incoming first-year class will be roughly 4,500 students — about the same as last year. He expects that number to shift during the summer.

Source: UI Registrar and Michael Barron

FRESHMAN RESIDENCY:



The top four states include Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The top four international countries include China, South Korea, India, and Canada.

Source: Michael Barron

TOP 10 INCOMING MAJORS:

- Business
- Open
- Engineering
- Pre-medicine
- Nursing
- Biology
- Psychology
- English
- Pharmacy
- Interest
- Pre-physical therapy

Source: Michael Barron

UI Orientation takes off

This year's orientation program is focusing on sustainability by reducing paper use.

By **ALY BROWN**
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After several quiet weeks, the University of Iowa campus was once again buzzing with activity Monday as incoming freshmen poured in for Orientation.

The students bounced down the streets with new friends as parents anxiously looked on during the first Orientation sessions Sunday and Monday.

Jon Sexton, the director of Orientation Services, said the department's main goal this year was to keep the students consistently excited and engaged. One of the few changes officials made to the program this year was focusing on sustainable practices.

Sexton said students received a streamlined packet of information and a rubber USB bracelet rather than a hard copy of the Black and Gold Handbook.

Sexton said the USB has information stored on it that links to the new first-year experience website. The USB choice is an attempt to significantly cut down on the amount of paper used during orientation. Students also received a Z Card — a smaller pocket-size map and resource guide.

Sexton said this new development came after past freshmen said the old maps made them stick out on campus.

Orientation Services continued its Explore Iowa tour this year and introduced students to locations on campus that often go unnoticed.

"Explore Iowa is more than a tour," Sexton said. "It starts a conversation. Students go to key areas on campus like the Old Capitol ... and other sites that students don't know about."

There are typically 16 students in each small group at Orientation. Roughly 300 students will attend each of the two-day Orientation programs this year, Sexton said.

The infectious energy of the Hawkeye guides — current UI students who lead Orientation small groups — filled the IMU on Monday as they worked with the new students.

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Students unite on loan battle

Stafford Loan interest rates for undergraduate students will double from 3.4 to 6.8 percent on July 1 if Congress does not come to an agreement to stop the hike.

By **NICHOLAS MILLER**
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With a deadline nearing for Congress to act on student-loan interest rates, student presidents across the country are coming together to lobby for immediate action.

The interest rates on federal student loans are set to double from 3.4 to 6.8 percent on July 1 if Congress doesn't act to

extend the rate cut for at least another year. So far, no action has been taken.

"Unfortunately, both sides still kind of are figuring out how they want to pay for it," said Nic Pottebaum, the University of Iowa Student Government president.

With July 1 less than a month away, Pottebaum

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Olympic trials enrich IC

The Olympic Wrestling Trials brought in \$5.6 million for the Iowa City and Coralville communities.

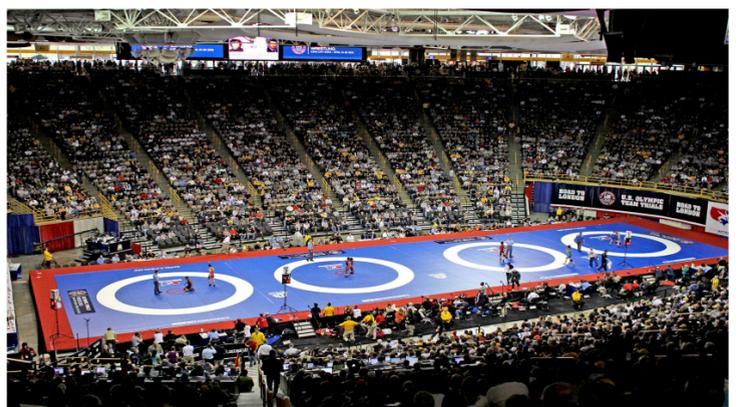
By **AMY SKARNULIS**
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Both city and University of Iowa officials say they look forward to hosting another national event in the community after seeing the success of the Olympic wrestling trials held in Carver-Hawkeye Arena in April.

The trials were held April 20-22, and a survey recently found that the event brought roughly \$5.6 million for the Iowa City and Coralville area during the three-day period.

One Iowa City and Coralville Convention and Visitors Bureau official said there is great interest in hosting a similar event again.

"Anytime we get an opportunity to



An overview of Carver-Hawkeye Arena during the Team USA 2012 Olympic Wrestling Trials on April 21. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

host something like this in the future, we're going to go after it," said Josh Schamberger, the president of the bureau.

He compared the revenue generated by the event with UI home games during football season.

"The community can see what Hawkeye football does for it," he said. "The hotels and restaurants are filled."

UI spokesman Tom Moore said

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City moves against fire

The fire has created approximately 150,000 gallons of oil-based runoff.

By **JORDYN REILAND**
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The burning cell at the Iowa City Landfill is seen on May 29. The fire started May 26, and it is still burning shredded tires used as lining for the landfill. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

Stir. Burn. Cover. With favorable weather conditions, Iowa City officials have a plan to extinguish the Iowa City Landfill fire.

The Iowa City Fire Department and the city will work to safely extinguish the fire — officials say the process may take up to a week.

“We expect the process to kind of break it all up to take about a week,” said Iowa City administrative assistant Adam Bentley, and each shift will be approximately 12 hours. “We’re mindful of the safety, of course, and we’ll delay the process if the wind shifts.”

Bentley said the operation started Monday.

The strategy involves using equipment to stir up and crush the piles of burning tires to accelerate the burning and allow oxygen to flow. After the weeklong process is over, officials will apply a layer of clay soil to suppress the rest of the fire.

“That, hopefully, will provide enough ignition where there won’t be enough fuel for it to survive,” Bentley said. “But it could smolder for weeks, still.”

The Fire Department has taken a preventative approach.

“We’re pretty much out there standing by the safety mode and around to extinguish anything if it’s needed,” said Battalion Chief Brian Greer.

Since the fire broke out, fire officials have had at least one person on site in case he or she is needed.

“We’re there as a safety net and if we’re needed for some reason or another,” Greer said.

Bentley said the cost of the damage will probably be close to \$6 million because of the cleanup involved. That’s already more than initial estimates of \$5 million.

The city has contracted with Environmental Restoration LLC and Connolly Construction — the company that built the landfill cell — according to a city press release.

People in the area are expected to see larger smoke plumes during the process, and operations will be temporarily discontinued if weather conditions become unfavorable.

City officials are also

focused on containing the runoff created by the burning tires, the release said. The runoff is currently being stored on-site at the Landfill. The process of containing the runoff could take up to a few days, because the fire has created approximately 150,000 gallons of oil-based runoff, the release said.

“We have reached out to other communities to see what their resources are ... we have heard from a number of national consultants,” Bentley said. “At this point, we’re comfortable with the fire, and our goal has been public safety and public health and to stop its spread into the other landfill cells.”

Student-aid legislation splits officials

More than 11,000 undergraduate students at the UI received loans during the 2010-11 academic year.

By **KRISTEN EAST**
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A recently proposed bill in the U.S. Senate would create a universal financial-aid award letter, but some experts say too much regulation could harm students.

Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., introduced the Understanding the True Cost of College Act of 2012 on May 24. The universal financial-aid award letter created through this bill, if passed, would provide students a simplified method of comparing financial-aid packages among schools. Schools do not use standard definitions for the various forms of aid, a Senate press release said.

One University of Iowa official said standardizing aid award letters could ultimately lead to more confusion.

“When we get into a one form fits all, it creates some issues that may cause problems,” said Mark Warner, the director of UI Student Financial Aid. “To have a very detailed, prescribed award notification, we want to make sure that it doesn’t become so detailed that it becomes even more confusing for the student and the parent than helpful.”

However, he said, the UI is already on par with what education and political leaders expect from national colleges and universities.

“Having looked at the proposed legislation and recommendations, I’d say that [the UI is] probably 95 percent there,” he said.

More than 11,200 undergraduate students at the UI received loans during the 2010-11 academic year. Ninety-three percent of those were federal loans, and 7 percent represented a variety of private loans.

Warner said UI Financial Aid Office officials

annually review and evaluate student and parent feedback from award notification letters and make changes accordingly.

Officials from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators recently released a set of recommendations in response to the bill, and they are asking Congressional leaders to consider their opinions before moving forward with the bill.

“... [Association] members have concerns that over-prescriptive standardization of award letters would interfere with an institution’s ability to meet the specific needs of its unique student body and would restrict innovation and delivery,” the report said. “However, [the association] supports standardizing elements and terms on award letters.”

Warner, a member of the association, said those recommendations were recently forwarded to Congress.

“I’m comfortable with this proposed legislation,” he said. “... [but] I’m most comfortable with the rec-

ommendations being made by the national organization with some minor modifications. I generally support the notion of calling for more standardization at a high level that the legislation would provide.”

Sens. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, cosponsored the bill. Six other U.S. senators are cosponsors.

“This common-sense legislation helps empower students and families with necessary information to make an informed choice about college,” Harkin said in a Senate press release.

Grassley, who is the only Republican to cosponsor the bill, said the legislation is a proactive way of addressing student debt.

“This initiative will empower students and parents with the information they need to make the best financial decision for their families and to avoid taking on more debt than they will be able to repay,” he said in the press release. “This is one way to address the problem of student debt on the front end rather than after the fact.”

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Ride & Read comes to town

The Iowa City Public Library will begin offering free Iowa City Transit bus rides to children today.

Children through grade 12 may ride the Summer Library Bus — a joint effort between the Public Library and the Transit Department to promote children’s reading habits over the summer.

The Summer Library Bus will operate Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today through Aug. 9.

Ride & Read bus passes are available at the Public Library; children are limited to two passes per week.

— by Kristen East

First medical school dean candidate to appear

The search committee for the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine dean will host its first of five public forums Tuesday, according to a UI news release.

Each of the five candidates will address the topic “What is Your Vision for the Future of Academic Medical Centers,” and they will also take questions from the audience following the presentation, according to the release.

Stephen Strakowski, the senior associate dean for research at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, vice president of research, and Dr. Stanley and Mickey Kaplan Professor and Chairman of Psychiatry and

Behavioral Neuroscience, is the first candidate for the position.

Strakowski received a bachelor degree from the University of Notre Dame and an M.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

The forums will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility, and receptions will follow each from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the atrium.

The forums for the next four candidates will be held June 12, 19, 26, and 29.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Man charged with assault on officers

A Coralville man has been charged with allegedly kicking and attempting to bite a police official.

Brice Widstrom, 20, Coralville, was charged Monday with assault on peace officers and others.

According to a University of Iowa police complaint, Widstrom was in custody of the Hope House and was taken to UIHC after reportedly making suicidal threats. He allegedly escaped and refused to obey officers who ordered him to remain calm and stop resisting.

Widstrom also reportedly refused to be handcuffed and instead kicked one officer and attempted to bite another, the complaint said.

Assault on a peace officer and others is considered a serious misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,875.

— by Amy Skarnulis

BLOTTER

Jose Chavez, 29, 2018 Waterfront Drive Lot 64, was charged Sunday with second-offense OWI and possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

Michael Elleson, 21, 420 N. First Ave. Apt. 105, was charged Sunday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Manuela Munoz Perez, 53, 104

West Side Drive, was charged May 31 with driving while license suspended or canceled.

Cindy Villanueva, 24, 411 Peterson St., was charged Sunday with OWI

and interference with official acts.

Justin Weaver, 24, 420 N. First Ave. Apt. 105, was charged Sunday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

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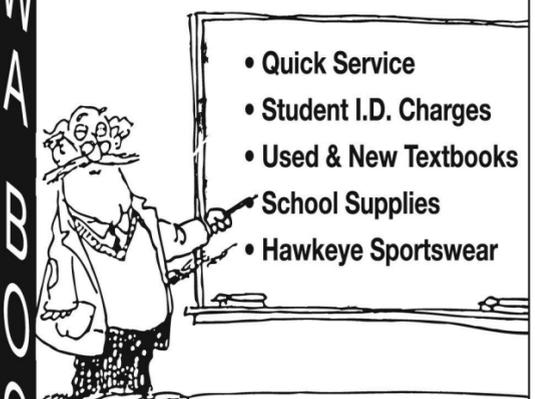
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ORIENTATION

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"I actually really liked the Orientation," said Michael Robinson, an incoming student from Cary, Ill. "[I liked] how they kept everybody hands-on

with what we were doing." Michael Barron, the director of UI Admissions, said the class of 2016 will have roughly 4,500 students. Forty-six percent of students are expected to be in-state, 45 percent out-of-state, and 9 percent from foreign countries. "The numbers will fluctuate a bit over the summer due to changing stu-

dent/family circumstances," he wrote in an email. "... [But] this is very similar to last year's entering class." Hawkeye guides led students around campus during Explore Iowa, and several said they enjoyed sharing the students' enthusiasm. "My favorite part is

watching the first-year Hawkeye guides, all of the adrenaline and camaraderie," said Hanna Wright, a returning Hawkeye guide. "It's a fun dynamic to see, and the students are really excited." Alaa Elsheikh returned

for her second year as a Hawkeye guide as an inside greeter. "I got to separate the parents from the students for the program," she said. "There was some anxiety, and some parents cried, but overall, it was great." Beth Edwards, who

accompanied her daughter Kelly to Orientation, said she found the program informative and enjoyable. "I think it's been a fabulous experience," she said. "She is one of my first to go, so it has been a great opportunity."

LOANS

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signed on to become a member of the National Campus Leadership Council — an organization started roughly a year ago to facilitate communication among college students regarding federal policy. Members of the council are student leaders who represent more than 250 college campuses nationwide.

The council has written an open letter on student debt and the negative effect

Student Loans

The National Campus Leadership Council is made up of more than 250 university presidents:

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Brown University
- University of California-Berkeley

Source: National Campus Leadership Council website

of the interest-rate increase on student borrowers.

"... I think more can be done; it's just time will tell in terms of the discussions

we have on the Hill as well as the influence that we're taking as student leaders," Pottebaum said.

Andy MacCracken, the associate director of National Campus Leadership Council, said he is proud such a basic medium has been able to reach policymakers and represent 250 student presidents and more than 3 million students across the country.

Federal loans represented 93 percent of the total student loans undergraduates at the UI borrowed during the 2010-11 school year, said UI Student Financial Aid Director Mark Warner.

Former UISG President Elliot Higgins became aware of the National Campus Leadership Council after communicating with former University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Government President Emily Schlichting, who was instrumental in the formation of the group.

As Pottebaum took over the reins from Higgins, he wanted to continue efforts Higgins started when the current student-loan issue arose.

Before its involvement with the council, the UI worked with other members of the Big Ten to lobby for students' rights.

The Association of Big Ten Students meets every six months to discuss common initiatives in the conference and share information among their student-government organizations.

Eric Kamler — the current student-government president at Nebraska — said ongoing communication and cooperation between student leaders are the best ways to accomplish their goals.

"It makes a world of difference — the message becomes clearer, and the voice is louder," he said. "The lawmakers in Wash-

ington can see we are united to accomplish a common goal."

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said he is impressed with student efforts in the state Board of Regents' universities to put a face to the student-loan issue, and he hopes their efforts will not go unnoticed.

"I know the value of the loan and more importantly, the need," he said, noting his past as a student borrower. "I am disappointed an agreement [in Congress] has not been made yet."

WRESTLING

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there will be positive effects down the road for the university because of the event.

"This was a very successful event that they may want to hold here again," he said. "Success breeds success. Obviously, with a legendary wrestling coach, that tradition grows."

According to a UI press release, 171 surveys were completed by randomly selected fans. The visitors bureau conducted the sur-

veys in the lobby of hotels, Carver-Hawkeye, and during the Fan Fest in downtown Iowa City.

Dan Matheson, a lecturer in the UI Recreation and Sports Business Program, picked a group of students to help conduct the survey after Schamberger said he needed help collecting the data.

"I have access to a lot of students," he said. "I put the word out to students I've taught and students who would be interested in it, but the [bureau] was responsible for putting the entire survey together."

Matheson didn't take part in reviewing the final numbers but said they indicate the financial success brought on by the trials.

"I'm happy about money flowing through the community," he said.

The average party consisted of approximately 3.5 people, and each party spent around \$700, according to the survey.

Businesses in both Iowa City and Coralville profited from the trials being held in Iowa City. Although the tickets for the trials were only around \$70, the aver-

age person spent about \$200, Schamberger said.

The survey shows the city can credit most of its success to those from out of town.

"Anytime we host an event like that, it's significant for the community," Schamberger said. "Anytime you can bring that many people to the community, it's good business."

According to the UI press release, there were 14,214 fans present at the trials, and 82 percent of them were from outside Johnson County. Overall, 54,766 tickets were sold.

Only 3 percent of respondents were from Iowa City and did not actually attend the event. They reported being on campus for other events and activities.

The out-of-town wrestling fans had a large presence not only in Iowa City, but also at other Olympic wrestling trials in previous years.

Two days before the matches began, 9,762 all-session tickets were sold, beating the previous record set in 2000 with more than 9,400 attending the trials held at the Reunion Arena in Dallas.

Wrestling Trials Attendance

The Olympic wrestling trials held in Carver-Hawkeye Arena had the largest attendance on record.

- 2012 Carver-Hawkeye Arena: 14,214 overall
- 2008 Las Vegas: 4,000 per session
- 2004 Indianapolis: 5,600 per session
- 2000 Dallas: more than 9,400 for single session

Source: The Daily Iowan



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Editorial

Art in State Building Program must go

With talks of tuition hikes at the University of Iowa and unprecedented budget cuts for the University of Northern Iowa, it's clear that the state Board of Regents' universities must be wise when spending their money. Dedicating money to be spent on visual art in every newly constructed state facility certainly doesn't seem to fall under the category of "wise spending."

However, because of the Art in State Buildings Program, led by the Iowa Arts Council, neither the UI, University of Northern Iowa, nor other state organizations have a choice of whether to allocate money to art in their newly constructed buildings, despite the financially unstable times.

The state of Iowa should therefore no longer enforce the arts program, because many state institutions, such as the UI, are forced to spend money they very well need to save.

The arts program was enacted by the Iowa Legislature to provide funding for fine-arts projects in building construction projects, according to the Operations Manual for dealing with art in newly constructed build-

ings at UI. The program states that 0.5 percent of a state construction project's total cost, if in excess of \$1 million, must be used in the acquisition, preparation, and installation of fine-arts elements.

One of the most expensive buildings constructed by the UI in recent years was the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center, which first opened its doors in August 2010. The facility cost roughly \$70 million, meaning the university was required to spend \$350,000 on art that was to be placed in the Rec Center — most notably a bronze statue of former Hawkeye swimmer Jack Seig, aptly named *Swimmer*.

No offense to Seig, but I'm sure \$350,000 could be put to better use.

The university could add in a couple more scholarships or fund seven more Ken Masons.

Another confusing art installment was that of the massive, 19-ton boulder on the Cleary Walkway in June 2011, just in front of the Pomerantz Career Center.

The boulder was brought in as part of the arts program code follow-

ing the construction of Pomerantz Center and the renovations to Burge Hall and the Chemistry Building, according to the University of Iowa Museum of Art. The university commissioned this gigantic boulder, called *Ridge and Furrow* from British sculptor Peter Randall for a staggering price of approximately \$160,000.

Forgetting about any other newly constructed projects that UI has built in the past few years, the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center, the Pomerantz Center, the Burge and Chemistry Building renovations together forced the university to spend more than \$500,000 on art because of the arts program.

Having fine arts in state buildings provides a more cultured environment — however, in times of tight money, as it is, sacrifices and cuts must be made for the better of the university and its students.

It's the same for all organizations: When you're spending more than you have, you have to look at the areas that absolutely need funding and then cut in areas that could go without. It's

called budgeting. The inclusion of fine arts in newly constructed state buildings is one of those areas in which we can go without.

The Art in State Buildings Program is not only inappropriate in these times but also unnecessary. When the UI invested \$70 million in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center, officials weren't going to do the bare minimum and make their new facility look anything less than stellar. It's only smart to make great scenery for the new building, because it will attract more patrons.

The university doesn't need the government to tell it to make its facility look nice — the facility could have included plenty of other pieces of art for a much cheaper price, avoiding the massive \$350,000 check.

Although seeing fine arts in state buildings is very appealing, it should not be forced by the Iowa government under any circumstance, especially in fiscally stressful times.

Your turn. Do you think it's time for the Art in State Building Program to go? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Burning questions

BEAU ELLIOT
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Back in my running days (don't laugh — I used to be faster than you; but then, so did Coach Wiz), I used to run out Melrose Avenue far enough that it became IWV Road, which meant that at one point, I was running past what we called the dump.

You couldn't see it, actually, but you could smell it. And by "you," I mean me — I could smell it, which was rather remarkable, given my allergies. (Some people have pets; I have allergies. Sometimes, you just have to wonder about your choices. Which is kind of like wondering about your choice of parents.)

In these PC days, of course, we call it the Landfill. These PC days are so much better than the dump days. Just ask anyone.

I thought of those days last Friday evening (which in *DI* parlance we know as June 1, given that there's a calendar), when the air in Iowa City smelled like standing behind a jet warming up to take off. (Don't try this at home.) It smelled like that, of course, because the Landfill (or the dump) is on fire.

Well, to be honest, only 7.5 acres is on fire. But still. That's one damn powerful 7.5 acres. (If 7.5 acres can be one, but details, details.)

It's tire scraps, the city tells us with a straight face. (Perhaps, "they" are tire scraps?)

Those tire scraps, as I understand it, are meant to seal the Landfill's "cells."

"Cells." Who knew that we had moved the Guantánamo prisoners to the Iowa City Landfill?

I mean, I know we'd all like to close Gitmo — or at least the prison there — but the Iowa City Landfill? Does Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin know about this?

Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley probably does, but he keeps dozing off into dreams of the Reagan Revolution, in which rich people made lots of money and the rest of us shut up. It's a Mitt Romney campaign dream, except that in his dream, rich people make lots, and lots, and lots of money instead of the measly lots that Reagan dreamed of.

Speaking of Romney,

not that we were, exactly, his good pal Donald Trump stirred up some ill-deserved interest recently by reviving the "birther" argument — that President Obama's birth certificate is somehow illegitimate.

I mean, is your life that dull? With all your millions? Can't you buy another casino or something? That was pretty interesting.

According to the *Washington Post's* Eugene Robinson, Trump wouldn't mind a Cabinet seat in the Romney administration (we're all on the edge of our seats, waiting for that), and he would prefer "a position where I negotiate against some of these countries, because they are really taking our lunch."

Maybe it's just me, but I haven't noticed too many Americans who have missed lunch.

Yes, I know — far, far too many poor Americans go hungry each day, especially children, and we should all be ashamed (especially those of us in a food-rich state, albeit that it's a food-rich state that mostly produces food fit only for livestock and has to import most of its human-ready food).

But I've noticed many, many Americans who have enjoyed themselves at lunch (and breakfast and dinner and times in between) who perhaps have enjoyed themselves a bit much.

So — who, exactly, is unpatriotically taking away Americans' god-given right to lunch, as Trump would have it?

And actually, given a glance or two at Trump's figure, such as it is, it appears that he has not missed all that many lunches. Or breakfasts. Or dinners. Or snacks in between.

So — which countries are taking away our lunch? (Or lunches, if you insist on being correct.)

North Korea? Are you kidding me? Poor people, most of the population, eat grass there. If I ate lunch, which I don't, I would give my lunch away to the North Koreans every day. It wouldn't be much, but it wouldn't be mulch.

Speaking of Romney, not that we were (we keep not speaking of him, oddly enough), I'm not sure why it is, but every time I see Mitt Romney's smiling face, I smell a landfill burning. ■

Letter

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Chill, motorists

Hostile motorists: Your anger is not productive. Yelling from your car, "Ride on the f***ing bike path, b**ch" is not productive. The fact is, bicycles may be operated legally on any road in Iowa except the interstate or where

it is explicitly prohibited. If you want a bicycle-free drive, stick to the interstate.

Wide sidewalks — please don't call them "bike paths" — are a nice option for novice cyclists, families who want to bike with their children, joggers, etc. They are not mandatory for bicycles. You may not

like seeing me on the road, but at least you see me.

Drivers, you are encased in and operating lethal weapons. It is on you to look out for those of us not so protected.

Bicyclists lower the cost of gas, save parking spots, filter out airborne particulates in their pink lungs — for you. The

idea behind the wide sidewalks was to increase cycling.

However, I have seen an increase in angry, rude motorists. If that is going to be the case, they can pull all the sidewalks back up. I'll feel safer.

Brenda Conry
North Liberty resident

Guest Column

Why I am suing the UI:
To protect tenant's health

As someone who believes that reasonable people can avoid litigation through honest negotiation, it is with great regret that I must file a lawsuit against the University of Iowa and the state Board of Regents.

My intent is to bring sharp focus to a lack of oversight where the regents' system has failed me and can easily harm others.

This issue stems from the poor maintenance of a UI rental property that went unaddressed despite months of complaints. I was exposed to large quantities of mold, became very ill, and developed a late-in-life mold allergy that continues to cause me misery today.

The worst thing, though, and the reason I am demanding a regents' rule change, is that the UI simply painted over the

mold and moved five students into the house the next day.

This unconscionable act has been rationalized at every step up the chain of command. Even the regents — the rule-makers charged with oversight — have whitewashed the matter, declining to do a cursory investigation and employing transparent fabrications to avoid taking responsibility.

I'm not asking a lot, just that the university takes full responsibility for the mismanagement of its property; that I be reimbursed my current and future out-of-pocket expenses; that my stuff — currently stored in a climate-controlled shed — be restored or replaced; and, most importantly, that regents' rules are changed to allow third-party inspectors to scrutinize regent properties.

This last point is important: The current situation has the fox guarding the henhouse. City and county health and housing inspectors refused to get involved because of a regents' rule prohibiting third-party inspections of their homes. Tenants of the UI would be better protected by having a system of checks and balances.

It is a shame that common citizens and decent employees have to resort to lawsuits to have their grievances addressed in the system. At last count, I have raised this issue with more than two dozen responsible parties, including UI President Sally Mason, ombudspersons, a gaggle of state legislators, and gotten nothing but soulless shrugs and spineless hand-wringing. I was even denied the

right to present this matter to the regents.

As a loyal employee of the UI who has worked assiduously to build the institution and represent it in the best possible manner everywhere I work around the world, it grieves me to be brought to this point. I have done everything in my power to resolve this issue through formal and less public channels. However, the statute of limitations is about to run out, and I'm tired of waiting for someone with a soul to step up to the plate.

I can expect to endure the full wrath of the state's sizable legal arsenal for years to come; whether or not I prevail in court, Iowa taxpayers need to know the truth.

Cliff Missen
UI faculty



CAMP

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minnows until Nasenbenny told them to get up. Even after these measures, the minnows didn't stand a chance.

On another field, DeMoss joined a game after instructing her group for a few minutes during a scrimmage.

This was DeMoss' first time helping with the summer camp, and she found running with players who only come up to her hip much more fun than her normal Big Ten opponents.

"They try really, really hard," she said. "I would rather play soc-

cer with [the campers] all day than the girls I usually play against."

On the other side of the Soccer Complex, there were games of higher intensity. The older campers ran drills and scrimmages that not only bettered their understanding of the game, but also helped them push past their weaknesses.

Lauren Kiel, a junior at Lake Park High in Illinois, enjoyed her first day at the Soccer Camp.

"I actually played against Leah [DeMoss] when I was a freshman in high school and she was a senior," Kiel said. "We tied them on their own field, which was a big deal for us."

The Iowa soccer staff created an environment in which the current players and coaches could give guidance to future athletes such as Kiel, who was one of the many who wish to someday play for the Hawkeyes.

Many of the campers have come back to the UI camp over and over, not only for the summer sessions but also for the winter, collecting knowledge, T-shirts, and black and yellow soccer balls.

"We have a lot of returning players," Meridith said. "One kid even asked if he had to take another ball because he has about eight at home."

Watkins still a leader

Liz Watkins was a standout player for Iowa softball for four years, but even after graduation, she hasn't given up the sport — or the lessons she learned from it.

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Liz Watkins was not only a feared hitter but also a powerful leader while playing catcher for the Iowa softball team. She was the cocaptain of a team that, despite its overall 27-26 record, finished 16-8 as the Big Ten runner-up.

Watkins is playing semi-pro fast-pitch softball with the Indiana Slammers and slow-pitch with friends. She graduated this past spring, but she is just as involved with softball as ever.

"We always told her that as long as she worked hard and was dedicated that she could do whatever she wanted," Watkins' mother, Mary Beth Watkins, said. "The positive reinforcement helped her believe in her dreams."

"I'm taking opportunities as they come," Liz Watkins said. "I'm currently playing both fast- and slow-pitch ball, but I'm ready for a new chapter in my life. Maybe I'll start coaching or playing — it all depends on the opportunities that come my way."

Watkins saw many opportunities in the batter's box and crushed them en route to earning All-Big Ten honors all four years in an Iowa uniform. She finished her career at Iowa with a .316 batting average, .556 slugging percentage, 137 RBIs, and 27 homers. Her career home-run and RBI counts rank third in UI history.

The slugger grew to be a model of consistency at Iowa, and she will look to carry that forward, whether it is in the workplace or on the field. She became this lead-by-example influence for the Hawkeyes thanks to a simple phrase from her father.

"Ever since I was little, I would step up to the plate, and I could hear my father saying, 'See ball, hit ball,'" she said. "I always stepped in the box with the same mindset of hits will come, but you



Catcher Liz Watkins throws out an Indiana player at first base on Senior Day at Pearl Field on April 29. Since graduation in the spring, Watkins has joined the Indiana Slammers, a semi-pro team. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

have to rely on practice and your coaches to go out and perform."

Watkins became a highly honored player. The accolades, however, never hindered her work ethic.

"The awards have been incredible," she said. "But I'm going to work just as hard — if not harder — to keep growing as a softball player."

Her effort, dedication, and consistent play naturally influenced the athletes around her and pushed them to improve at their respective positions, including junior pitcher Kayla Massey.

"She led [the team] because she had such a great presence," Massey said. "She had the overall package deal, and players strive to be someone like that."

Watkins was excellent as a hitter, but what made her such a special player was her ability to translate to the defensive end. She committed only 9 errors in her four years at Iowa, and she has a career .993 fielding percentage. Even more than her statistics and success on the diamond, however, she left a lasting impression on her teammates because of her leadership.

"She helped me to pitch and play better every day,"

Massey said. "I wanted to work harder because of her, especially this past year."

Her college career is over, and Watkins is now focused on her new job with HON, one of the largest office furniture retailers in the country. She'll work in the sales- and marketing-leadership development program.

Even with a job secured, she hopes to continue playing softball — whether it's recreationally with her friends or in international professional leagues.

Watkins is connected with Stacie Townsend, a pitcher with the Britain National Team, and Stacy May-Johnson, the Iowa assistant coach and former USA Softball Player of the Year. The recent graduate hopes these players can continue to influence her softball performance, and she hopes her softball experiences can continue to improve the rest of her life.

"I hope to play across seas — Europe, hopefully," Watkins said. "I've been practicing with Stacie Townsend and Coach Johnson, which is helping me to become a better player. However, my new priority is my job with HON."

BASEBALL

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apart with the pitcher on the other team, and we took advantage of it," Yoder said.

The Trojans were able to make contact leading up to the fifth inning but didn't have a lot of success getting on base. The fifth inning was different. They loaded the bases and walked in the winning run.

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Atkins, Ezra Reiners, and Ryan Siems were able to get on base in the fifth inning. In Reiners' at-bat, the Lion shortstop committed an error that allowed Atkins to reach second and Reiners to get to first.

A second error of interference committed by the Lions catcher allowed Reid Bonner a base on balls, and the Trojans plated their second run.

Stumpff said patience at the plate and consistency throughout the early innings lead to the victory.

"We played really well," he said. "The wind was blowing in, and we did enough offensively to win."

DRAFT

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the draft is how all the selections should be treated. While more attachment is involved with NFL and NBA prospects after storied or impressive college careers, one's past doesn't mean future success.

To taper the pageantry of the NFL/NBA drafts would lessen much of the pressure heaped on draft picks. Maybe a more measured draft would reduce the demands on the incoming rookies. The newbies expect multimillion-dollar deals in part because the ceremony puts the players' interests ahead of the teams that draft them.

The NFL and NBA put players in an unfair position by putting the athlete on a pedestal. Fifteen-plus people who haven't played a single minute in the league are celebrated with more attention than a Nobel Prize.

"Everyone tries to make [the NFL draft] a big drama," former Wisconsin OT Joe Thomas told ESPN.com in 2007 after he turned down an invitation to the draft and instead went fishing. "Whoever seems to be having a bad day and slides automatically becomes the focus of all of the attention."

Thomas was drafted third overall by the Cleveland Browns.

Thomas sees it correctly — that while the interests of players seem to be in mind of the league, actual draft-day story lines tend to be negative. Who's the last in the Green Room? Will he even start as a rookie? Player's abilities are congratulated, then questioned.

One measure could be to not invite as many, if any, players. The MLB draft hosted two combined players in the past three years, both making the trip on their own accord. This year, five top prospects were invited, a record-high.

It's not all in the league, but the contracts that dictate the hype of a draft.

Noticeably the NBA and NFL selections air on the World Wide Leader at ESPN, while the MLB and NHL now stay on their namesake networks.

This false hype isn't limited to the major sports, either, because of

the once-a-year MLS Superdraft — "Super" because soccer's draft is obviously superior to the other four sports — on ESPN2.

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— George Burns

the ledge

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Little-known UI facts:

- In the '60s, psychology TAs were paid in LSD tabs. Now, it's more of a fringe benefit.
- It's NOT true that a student in engineering patented the first cordless electric vibrator. Many of our female engineering students have, however, assisted in its field trials.
- Nile Kinnick's full first name was Percival. His diploma reads "P. Nile Kinnick."
- Clark Kent cut his journalistic teeth as fashion editor for *The Daily Iowan*. (Notably, he abhorred anything that took too long to change into or out of.)
- Grant Wood designed the urinals in Pentacrest bathrooms and signed each one on the back.
- The UI Department of Religion was the first in America to grant a Ph.D. in Atheistic Studies. None of the churches in town could believe it.
- Back when the University Hospital's operating theater was in Seashore Hall, it would routinely sell out with rabid undergrads on all days where the surgery involved "naughty bits."
- Nobody knows where Danforth Chapel came from or what it is supposed to be used for.
- The pink walls in the Kinnick locker room were only there to hide the blood spatters of the nubile virgin sacrifices to Hayden Fry on the eve of each home game.
- It practically costs an arm and a leg to check out a prosthetic device from the medical library.
- Duncan Stewart didn't believe it either.

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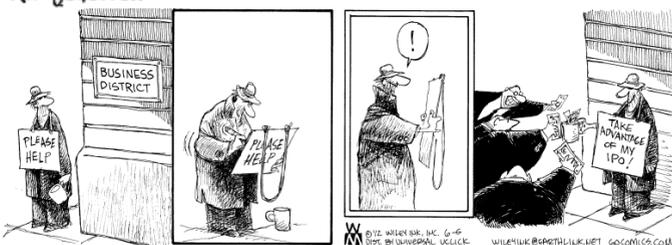
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- **Grow My Own Pizza Garden Cooking**, 11-1:30 p.m., Waterfront Hy-Vee, 1720 Waterfront
- **Public Forum — Candidate for Dean**, Carver College of Medicine, noon, 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Kickoff Event**, 1 p.m., Pepperwood Plaza Police Substation, 1076 Highway 6 E.
- **Tech Zone**, 1-4 p.m., Pepperwood Plaza Police Substation
- **Farmer's Market**, 3-6 p.m., Sycamore Mall
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Public Astronomical Observing Event**, Transit of

- Venus, 4:30-8:30 p.m., Van Allen
- **Eastern Iowa Women You Know**, Women You Want to Meet, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Suzanne Summerwill's Residence, 1807 Brown Deer Trail, Coralville
- **English Conversation Group**, 5:30 p.m., UIHC General Hospital Atrium Room A
- **Less Meat, Lean Meat**, 6 p.m., Waterfront Hy-Vee
- **Make 2 Bracelets**, Basic Stringing, 6 p.m., Beadology, 220 E. Washington
- **Summer Reading Program: Live Music**, 7-9 p.m. Iowa City Public Library
- **Tango Club Practica**, 7-9:30 p.m., County Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Montana Skies**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E Burlington
- **Iowa Friends of Old-Time Music Jam Session**, 8:30-11:30 p.m., Hilltop, 1100 N. Dodge

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— by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Speak from the heart, and you will capture the attention of someone who can offer you options. Travel plans or visiting new places will get you thinking about what will benefit you most. Consider starting your own business. Love is in the stars.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Getting together with old friends will bring back both good and bad memories. Don't fall into a recurring pattern that will set you back. Forward thinking followed by progressive action is the only path to take. Choose your friends carefully.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Jump at the chance to offer or receive a favor. Give-and-take will help you finish what you start. An expense will pay off if you invest in yourself and the skills you need to get ahead. Strive for greater security.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Hidden information will make you look bad. Offer what you can, but be careful not to promise more than you can deliver. If you want to make a good impression, you have to reach your quota or honor a promise. Use common sense.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Cooperation will be your ticket to success. Love is in the stars. Nurturing your current relationship or scouting around for the perfect partner will bring positive results. Stabilizing your personal life will help improve your domestic situation.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Cover your back, but don't withhold information in the process. You are only as good as your word, so make what you say and do today count. An after-hours business event will reconnect you with someone who can offer assistance.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Share your ideas with people who have common interests. Outsiders will be more helpful than those close to you. A new concept or philosophy will bring about a lifestyle change. Love will play a role in a decision you must make.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Don't take "no" for an answer. Collect what's owed to you. Put pressure on anyone who has been unfair. A new spin on an old partnership will bring greater equality to your relationship. Embrace change, and strive for positive transformation.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Jump at any chance to share your plans with someone special. Love is on the rise, and positive changes at home will bring greater awareness of what you want long-term. Anger and jealousy are a waste of time.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Don't hide your feelings, or nothing will change. Take action, and show your determination to get what you want. Don't let someone else's responsibilities stand in your way. You need enough freedom to do your own thing.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Take your goals seriously, and strive to be the person you want to be. Offer suggestions to someone with whom you want to spend more time. Making changes at home will benefit you financially and emotionally. Love is highlighted.
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WEIGHTY MATTERS



UI junior Joey Drum lifts weights in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Monday. Many UI students continue to use the Rec Center during the summer. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)

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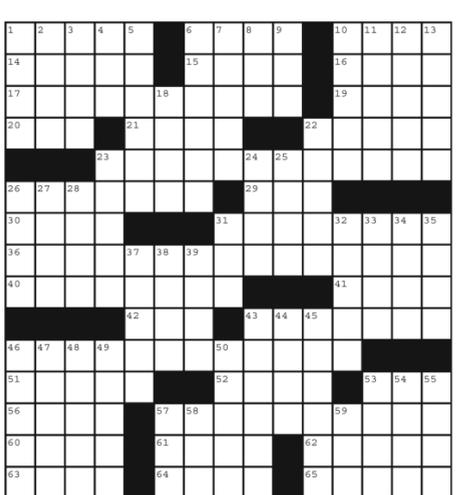
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- Across**
- Child prodigy of "Heroes"
 - Painters' degs.
 - "Pygmalion" playwright
 - "Falstaff" or "Fidelio"
 - "Play it, Sam" speaker
 - Bridgestone product
 - Package full of syringes?
 - Ancient Andean
 - Great Giant
 - Kardashian matriarch
 - Less likely to be carded, say
 - Thesis topic for sex ed?
 - Picture puzzles
 - Acorn or pecan
 - Berry for the health-conscious
 - Loudly berate
 - Cameras taking pictures of permanent markers?
 - Like some summer dresses, by design
 - "___ Enchanted" (2004 film)
 - Stimpy's TV pal
 - God, with "the"
 - Pom-pom on a skullcap?
 - Building blocks
 - It changes hands at an altar
 - Give a name
 - Cookie celebrating its centennial in 2012
 - Police investigation of a betting house?
 - Acorn or pecan
 - Pig's sound
 - Jiffy ___
 - Students take them in class

- Down**
- It's stolen in an Austin Powers movie
 - "___ a Spell on You"
 - Penny
 - Noah's vessel
 - 17-syllable poems
 - Makes like
 - Item "spirited" past security?
 - "Do ___ do"
 - "My gal" of song
 - One of a pair for a clown
 - Bangalore believer, maybe
 - See 46-Down
 - Tired
 - ___ Lackawanna Railroad
 - Bone: Prefix
 - Peculiarity
 - Go slowly (along)
 - Multinational currency
 - Speak with a scratchy voice
 - It comes back to you
 - False deity
 - Fast jet, for short
 - Troubled terribly
 - Tuna ___
 - Singer Guthrie
 - Romanov ruler
 - Dogs, cats and gerbils
 - "South Park" writer Parker
 - Put out, as energy



Puzzle by Zoe Wheeler and Aimee Lucido

- "Midnight in ___" (2011 Woody Allen film)
- Short baseball hit that's 12-Down
- Spooky
- Go-between
- Cozy spots
- "Holy smokes!"
- Rice-A-___
- Oregon city
- Outdo
- Sandwich usually served with mayo
- "___ Mutual Friend" (Dickens's last finished novel)
- Actress Courteney

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Pitter-patter of soccer feet



Iowa sophomore Leah DeMoss plays soccer with camp children at the Iowa Soccer Complex on Monday. Children ages 5 to 18 participate in the Hawkeye Summer Soccer Camps led by Hawkeye soccer players and coaches. (The Daily Iowan/Sumei Chen)

Four Iowa soccer players have been enlisted to work at the Hawkeye Summer Soccer Day Camp this summer.

By **TAYLOR AXELSON**
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Unfamiliar feet will run up and down the fields of the Iowa Soccer Complex this week.

Hawkeye athletics camps have begun, and the women's soccer team is the first to open its gates to 90 kids ranging from 5 to 18 years old.

The first — and most important — task for each group was to pick a team name.

The youngest group, with members 5 to 6 years old, quickly came to the decision to be called the Hawkeyes, which has become an unofficial tradition for the camp.

The 7 to 8 year olds, however, had

to decide if they wanted to be called Team Bacon or the Tigers. It was resolved quickly — they are the Bacon-Eating Tigers.

Along with head coach Ron Rainey and assistant coaches Shane Meridith and Julie Hanley, four members of the Iowa soccer team acted as coaches for the younger half of the group. Leah DeMoss, Kat Lewis, Alex Melin, and Katie Nasenbenny shared their experiences with the campers.

On Monday, the practice field was quickly filled with pink, blue, yellow, and green pennies — all child-size — while the older half of the campers were taken to the playing field.

During the day, the campers on the

practice field not only learned from their coaches but from each other.

There was plenty of discussion among the younger players during Sharks and Minnows, a game in which a camper, the “minnow,” had to make it down the field without having her ball kicked away by a “shark.”

“No pushing. Pay attention,” Nasenbenny said as she led a large group in the game, trying to make it as fair as possible.

After three times down the field, only four minnows were left against 15 sharks. The sharks must sit on the ground and face away from the

SEE CAMP, 5

Feeling a little draft

The MLB draft is a low-key, low-expectation event. Take note, everyone else.



IAN MARTIN
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The Major League Baseball draft occurred last night, to the usual fanfare — or lack thereof.

Comparable with the NHL draft in its non-fame, MLB has never really tried to make its draft an event. The ceremony wasn't even televised until 2007, and it hasn't been on an easy-to-find cable network since a 2008 ESPN2 appearance — last night, it aired on the MLB Network.

Meanwhile, the NFL's and NBA's selection processes are now spectacles. Combines and studio shows lead up to a ticker-tape evening of gaudy suits and affectionate commissioners.

The lack of hype for baseball's draft is partially due to the immediacy of the fans' connections with players. While Cam Newton started in the first game for the Carolina Panthers after being selected first overall, 2011's first pick is currently pitching for the Bradenton Marauders in the Class A-Advanced Florida Southern League. Even 2010's top pick, Bryce Harper, spent a full year in the minor leagues before his major-league debut this spring.

And it's not just top prospects, but the number of them.

The number of players in the minors more than quadruples the number of major-league players, with more than half never being called up to the bigs. Yet, this patient nature about

SEE DRAFT, 5

West High capitalizes on Linn-Mar errors

The Iowa City West Trojans use an offensive burst in the fifth inning to defeat Linn-Mar in game one on Monday.

By **VICTORIA KIPP**
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Iowa City West High and the Linn-Mar Lions went head-to-head Monday, with the Trojans rising above the Lions in the first game of a double-header. The Trojans won the game, 2-1, thanks to a late rally.

The Trojans (10-2) ended the game with 5 hits; Linn-Mar had 4. The Trojans had a batting average of .208 and committed no errors. The Lions committed two in the fifth that contributed to the loss.

Although the Trojans won the game, it did not come without a fight. The teams were evenly matched throughout the game; West didn't pull ahead until the fifth inning.

Sophomore Tyus Adkins said that Linn-

Mar is always a tough team and that it wasn't an easy game. The key to the Trojans' success was a combination of individual work in the batter's box and teamwork on defense.

Adkins said that what worked well for West was that the players had “patience at the plate and defense behind the pitcher.”

The pitching from both teams played a key factor. Both pitchers threw good games and kept the hits and score to a minimum. Linn-Mar's Jake Stolley had 10 strikeouts and threw 69 strikes. Trojan head coach Charlie Stumpff said Stolley is known as a strikeout pitcher, and his team will need to work to prevent whiffing so much.

Trojan pitcher Kellen Yoder had his share of strikeouts, too, tossing 8 in seven innings.



Kellen Yoder pitches for West High against Linn-Mar on Monday. West won, 2-1. (The Daily Iowan/Sumei Chen)

The Trojans played strong defense. West left fielder Nick Grimsman caught three fly-ball outs, which helped to keep the Lions from knocking in any more

than the 1 run. Luke Crimmins, the West shortstop, made a play in the second inning to start a double play.

The Trojans also showed strength on

offense, even with Stolley throwing so many strikes and sending several back to the dugout. In the end, however, the pitcher's strike count started to drop and the Trojan play-

ers were able to capitalize on his fatigue to win.

“At some point between the second and fifth innings, everything fell

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