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UI officials to 'show the flag' in Asia

'Certainly other parts of the world are important, however, we have many more alumni in Asia than places like Africa or South America. It is really about building more long-term relationships.'

— Downing Thomas, UI dean of International Programs

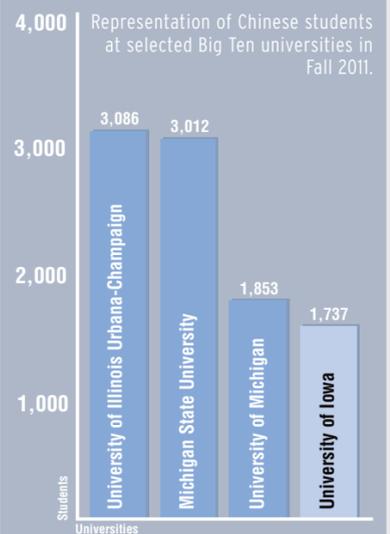
UI President Sally Mason and a number of UI officials will travel to China and Taiwan in July.

GRAPHIC BY KRISTEN EAST

82%

OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT THE UI COME FROM ASIA

CHINESE STUDENTS:



A total 1,737 Chinese students studied at the UI in the fall of 2011.

By **KELLY OLIN**
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With more than 1,700 University of Iowa students hailing from China, UI President Sally Mason and a number of university officials will travel to Asia in hopes of establishing new relationships and strengthening existing ties with alumni.

Mason will travel to Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Beijing in China, and Taipei, Taiwan, from July 1-9. A handful of UI officials will accompany Mason on the trip, including Provost P. Barry Butler and UI Foundation President Lynette Marshall.

"The vision for the trip is to help the UI to continue to engage globally in order to support its mission to provide excellence and accessibility in education, conduct transformative research, undertake groundbreaking creative work, and enhance higher education's role in public life," UI spokesman Tom Moore wrote in an email.

A total of 1,737 Chinese students studied at the UI in the fall of 2011, and another 98 came from Taiwan. China is home to the largest international population at the UI.

And much like the UI, other Big Ten schools make trips to Asia for outreach and recruitment efforts.

Thomas Hardy, the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign's executive director of university relations, said trips to Asia are not unusual for administrators to make.

"When you're recruiting students in the United States, you go to California or

New York," he said. "It's a global competition for the best students, and you need to have [the] leadership of the university show the flag and be a part of the recruiting effort."

The University of Illinois enrolled 3,086 students from China and 438 from Taiwan in the fall of 2011.

While there is no final cost available for the trip, Forrest Meyer, the executive director of strategic communications for the UI Foundation, said the Foundation will pay trip expenses for Sally and Ken

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Remembering USS Liberty

Veterans will gather for the 45th Anniversary of the attack on the USS Liberty today in Iowa City.

By **ERIC LIGHTNER**
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Forty-five years after the attack on the USS Liberty by Israeli forces, many still question about why it was allowed to happen and who was responsible.

The University of Iowa Veterans Association, working with the Veterans for Peace, will host a community remembrance at noon today on the Pentacrest to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the attack on the USS Liberty by Israeli forces during the Six-Day War.

"[The purpose of the

event] is first and foremost to honor those who died in the event and help out the survivors of the attack," said Ed Flaherty, the Iowa Veterans for Peace coordinator.

In the Six-Day War, Israel won a key victory against Syria, Jordan, and Egypt. The USS Liberty was sent by the United States to spy on the communications of all warring parties. The attack resulted in the deaths of 34 American Navy servicemen and a civilian, and the attack remains controversial today.

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Slockett notes successes

Tom Slockett has held his role as Johnson County Auditor since 1977.

By **ALY BROWN**
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Despite reprimands for his work conduct and campaign efforts, Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett said he will step down from his position in December with his head held high after losing Tuesday's primary race.

Slockett said he will miss the position he has held since 1977 and that he enjoyed educating the public about the voting process.

"Of course I will miss my job," he said. "I love my job and the people I work with.



Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett lost the primary election on Tuesday. Slockett has been the county's auditor for 35 years. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)

The 500-plus county employees are wonderful people."

Slockett was reprimanded after a series of recent snafus while campaigning

for re-election, including distributing a re-election petition to his employees and calling campaign supporters from his office.

After 35-consecutive

years as auditor, he was ousted by Democratic candidate Travis Weipert, a Tiffin city councilor, when

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GOING BANANAS



Lisa Rowley, a recent UI graduate with a B.A. in painting, works on a bench on the Pedestrian Mall on Wednesday. The bench is one of many downtown benches being painted by local artists in different styles this summer. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

Mobile-home plan OK'd

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors designated \$20,000 in funding for a mobile-home demolition and rehabilitation project.

By ANNA EGELAND
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The Johnson County Board of Supervisors approved a plan for use of Johnson County block grant funds for mobile-home demolition and rehabilitation in a 3-1 vote Thursday morning.

The plan designates \$20,000 for the Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County to assist residents in fixing their mobile homes.

According to the official website, the Housing Trust Fund is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating the shortage of affordable housing in the county by "providing a flexible source of financing to entities that address the housing needs of households with income at or below 80 percent of the area median level."

While Supervisor Janelle Rettig was absent from the meeting, Terrence Neuzil said she had previously

voiced her opposition to the plan.

Neuzil, who had the sole opposing vote, said he did not support the use of tax dollars to fund minor repairs in structures that posed major fire hazards to residents.

"There is documentation that shows mobile homes built pre-1976 are built not to the standards of today, particularly in the area of fire-safety standards," he said, noting the buildings' electrical wiring, emergency exits and window design as areas of potential concern. "I have a problem investing Johnson County tax dollars to fix a hole in the floor or a hole in the roof in a building that is a firetrap and a building that our Fire Department would find major defects in," he said.

Supervisor Chairman Rod Sullivan acknowledged the plan could not solve all of the issues with standard mobile housing, call-

ing it a "Band-Aid on a big problem."

"We recognize this has a downside as well; it's just the best we could come up with," he said.

"We've been discussing a number of ways [to improve Johnson County mobile homes], and this seemed to be the only plausible solution," Stutsman said, acknowledging that the plan is not yet perfect.

"We make it sound so simple, but we have put in so much to get to this point," said Stutsman, who is on a subcommittee that has been discussing the issue since 2010.

She said the supervisors were simply doing what they could to make the mobile homes safer, regardless of when they were built.

Supervisor Pat Harney agreed, saying it is important to "help those that need help the most."

Tracey Achenbach, the executive director of the

Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County, is administering the grant program, and she attended the Thursday meeting to discuss the plan's implementation with the board.

Achenbach said the staff will check on the finished projects. Also, she said the mobile home owners and the contractor will sign off on them to verify completion.

"I don't imagine that your funds will take too long to be utilized," she said.

While the outcome of the vote was a triumph for some, Neuzil still regrets that the problem was not handled in a different way.

"I would rather see us invest in post-1976 mobile homes," he said. "... and I think that's what we should have done first, or we should invest the money in tearing those pre-1976 mobile homes down."

METRO

Supervisors to vote on new IC animal shelter plans

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors agreed Thursday to vote on the construction of a new animal shelter during its next meeting, June 14.

Iowa City officials asked the supervisors for a decision by June 22, although the supervisors are not required to contract with anyone for another year.

The cities of Coralville and University Heights have indicated their intentions to support the construction of a new animal shelter in Iowa City.

The estimated cost of constructing the new shelter is \$126,000, not including the operational costs.

Doug Beardsley, the director of the Johnson County Department of Public Health, said his agency is often forced to deal with the effects of problems that would normally be handled by animal control.

The department receives anywhere from 118 to 122 dog bites that need follow-up every year, he said.

Supervisor Sally Stutsman expressed concerns about raising taxes to fund the project, saying she is willing to consider an option presented by the Cedar Valley Humane Society instead.

Supervisors Janelle Rettig and Pat Harney have expressed support for the construction of the new shelter, while Supervisor Rod

Sullivan and Stutsman are leaning toward an alternative. Supervisor Terrence Neuzil remains undecided.

— by Anna Egeland

IC man Tasered, charged with assault on an officer

An Iowa City man has been charged with allegedly pushing a police officer in the chest.

Michael McCullum, 27, 1053 Cross Park Ave. Apt. 9, was charged Tuesday with assault on peace officers and others.

According to a University of Iowa police complaint, McCullum pushed an officer twice in the chest and resisted the officer when the officer attempted to place him in custody.

McCullum fought with the officer until he was Tasered, the complaint said.

Assault on peace officers and others is considered a serious misdemeanor.

— by Amy Skarnulis

Endangerment trial set for late July

An Iowa City man who was arrested in April for allegedly leaving a 20-month-old child alone has pleaded not guilty and will face trial on July 24.

Jorge Perez, 20, 2018 Waterfront Drive No. 120, was

charged April 27 with child endangerment/abuse.

According to online court documents, Perez has pleaded not guilty and will have his pretrial conference at 9 a.m. July 9 and his trial at 9 a.m. July 25.

At 12:06 p.m. April 30, police and ambulance officials responded to the Waterfront Drive residence after a 911 call reported a baby with difficulty breathing. *The Daily Iowan* has previously reported.

The child was identified as 20-month-old Marcus Balderas, who was pronounced dead after being taken to University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics for breathing problems.

The death is being treated as suspicious, and the Iowa City police, the state Division of Criminal Investigation, the state Department of Human Services, and the County Attorney's Office are conducting a joint investigation into the death.

Perez is being held in the Johnson County Jail on a \$50,000 bond.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Man charged with domestic-abuse assault

An Iowa City man was arrested after allegedly getting into a

physical altercation with his wife.

Ruthere Nagueza, 42, was charged Wednesday with domestic-abuse assault with intent or displaying a weapon.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Nagueza grabbed his wife by the hair and punched her in the face.

The woman has a limited English vocabulary but was able to demonstrate to officers what Nagueza had done, the complaint said.

Domestic-abuse assault with intent or displaying a weapon is an aggravated misdemeanor.

— by Amy Skarnulis

City closes Landfill

City officials closed the Iowa City Landfill on Thursday because the wind's direction was blowing smoke toward the administrative offices, according to a city press release.

The Landfill will reopen today; in the meantime, commercial haulers were directed to deliver waste to the Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency in Marion.

The Iowa City Fire Department will continue its "stir, burn, and cover" operations through the next week, weather permitting. City officials expect the fire to smolder weeks after they conclude the process.

— by Jordyn Reiland

BLOTTER

Amr Ali, 26, Coralville, was charged Wednesday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bret Buns, 29, 809 S. Summit St., was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

Gil Benasson, 20, 278 E. Court Street No. 502, was charged May 17 with possession of marijuana.

Michael Fett, 29, address unknown, was charged Thursday with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Justin Hulsizer, 23, 1272 Dolen Place, was charged Wednesday with interference with official acts and fifth-degree criminal

mischief.

Collin Mack, 30, Marion, was charged May 30 with fifth-degree theft.

Nicklaus McManus, 22, 935 E. College St., was charged Wednesday with driving while license under suspension or canceled.

Alonzo Perry, 26, 2217 Muscatine Ave. Apt. 4, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Bionca Rogers, 29, 904 Benton Drive Apt 12, was charged Tuesday with assault causing injury.

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Mason, one member of the UI President's Office staff, Marshall, and two other members of the Foundation staff.

Much like the trip Mason took to South Korea in 2008, UI officials see this trip to Asia as a way to build new relationships for current and long-term interests.

"Asia is the fastest growing economy in the world. As the economy grows, so does the interest in pursuing higher education for a larger fraction of their population," Butler wrote in an email. "In general, they have great respect for the American educational system, and it is important that we, the University of Iowa, be present to grow our partnerships with select Asian universities."

UI officials also seek to hire someone in the Admissions Office to focus on Asia.

UI Dean of International Programs Downing Thomas said Admissions is responsible for all undergraduate recruitment, including international recruitment.

"[It would focus] not totally on China but China in particular and also on parts of Asia such as Vietnam and Malaysia," he said, noting that the person will be hired by Admissions.

UI Admissions Director Michael Barron said the position hasn't been filled,

but the creation of the role is important.

"China is the dominant country in sending students to universities in the U.S., including the University of Iowa, so it would make sense to want to provide some focused attention on that part of the world," he wrote in an email.

UI officials said China has one of the highest numbers of international alumni.

Thomas said networking in Asia is particularly

important.

"Certainly, other parts of the world are important; however, we have many more alumni in Asia than places such as Africa or South America," he said. "It is really about building more long-term relationships."

Thomas said he feels this trip will help to "strengthen ties" with universities the UI has previously shared projects and research.

President Mason hopes to continue building the

UI's visibility around the world for the purpose of recruiting more top international students and establishing research partnerships, Moore said.

"This area of the world is home to the largest emerging economy on the globe," he said. "Competition for students from this part of the world will no doubt continue to increase."

Metro Editors Kristen East and Jordyn Reiland contributed to this story.

LIBERTY

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UI history Professor Stephen Vlastos said it's unlikely all questions surrounding the USS Liberty attack will ever be answered.

"Because of the U.S./Israeli alliance, it is unlikely that an inquiry would be objective," he said

when asked about the possibility of a Congressional inquiry into the event.

This, Vlastos points out, is another example of the double standard by which the United States treats most of its allies.

While Israeli and U.S. government officials both maintain the attack was simply the result of a breakdown in communication between the Israeli forces and the U.S. Navy, former U.S. Rep. Paul Findley, R-Ill., maintains the

attack was deliberate.

"The Israeli government almost succeeded in destroying an American Navy ship and blaming the attack on the Arab governments," he said.

He said he believes the attack was an attempt by Israeli forces to solidify its alliance with the United States and to draw the United States into the Six-Day War.

Flaherty said there was more to the story than the

government narrative. He said the Iowa chapter wrote to the office of Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, in December 2011 asking for an official Congressional investigation to the attacks that occurred 45 years ago.

Flaherty said Loebsack's office contacted the Navy, which in turn sent Loebsack a copy of declassified documents from the investigation into the incident labeling it as an accident. The congressman sent the

documents to the Iowa Veterans for Peace.

"At this point, the request for a Congressional investigation — let's call it a long shot," Flaherty said.

Kenneth "Mike" Schaley, a Cedar Rapids native who served on the USS Liberty during the attack, will attend the event and speak about the attack.

The official mission of the Veterans for Peace is to speak out against war, but Flaherty and UI Veterans

Association officials acknowledge that this isn't necessarily a stance shared by all veterans.

"The University of Iowa Veterans Association is neither a pro-war or antiwar organization, but we feel that this an important event in history, so we decided to sponsor the event," said John Mikelson, coordinator of the UI Veterans Center.

SLOCKETT

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he garnered only 38 percent of the votes.

Iowa City resident Maria Conzemius, who wrote a May 10 letter to the *DI* in opposition of Slockett, said she feels Slockett's reprimands are long overdue and that they contributed to his losing the primary.

"I think a lot of his behavior contributed to his losing the primary," she said. "It's not one thing or two things that he did but a lot of things over the years."

Weipert — Slockett's likely replacement come January — did not focus on his predecessor's alleged shortcomings but rather his accomplishments while in office. Weipert said he intends to continue and improve on Slockett's legacy if elected.

"Tom has done a lot of really great things," Weipert said. "I want this to be more of a passing of the torch. I want to take what Tom has done and continue to improve it."

Weipert cited voter registration and turnout as two focuses for him if elected — two of Slockett's proudest achievements.

"My proudest accomplishment was in 2008," Slockett said. "We had an all-time record turnout for voters."

Johnson County was third in the state for percentage of population voting, Slockett said, and no other large county made it to the top ten.

"We have to work to make voting accessible," he said. "A lot of people think government and think red tape, not particularly good service, and we are working against that reputation."

Slockett will leave office with a heap of accusations at his heels.

After being reprimanded for phoning campaign supporters from his office by the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board, he is now under fire for possibly breaking election rules.

Security-surveillance videos from Monday show

Slockett giving a campaign intern a tour of the ballot room, but Slockett said the ballot-room tour was not meant to be secretive, adding that he frequently gives similar tours.

"I have the opportunity to meet a lot of foreign dignitaries," he said. "And members of any political party interested, and I give

them tours of the office where we walk through all of the rooms."

The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board dropped several complaints previously filed against him, reprimanding Slockett only for calling campaign supporters from his office.

Slockett said although

this is not the note he would have liked to leave on, he is excited to pursue activities he did not have time for during office.

Slockett said he looks forward to traveling to Third World countries in his time off, as well as having more time for his hobbies, such as gardening and cycling. He will ride for his

fifth time in RAGBRAI this year.

Slockett said he will leave his beloved position with his head held high, and he offered advice for his successor.

"Do your very best," he said. "Don't expect to be praised for your accomplishments, but do them knowing that they have value to the public."

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July 14	HUGO , Rated PG; 127 minutes; 2011 sponsored by Iowa Realty Pre-movie activities in conjunction with the Iowa Book Festival
July 21	THE BOURNE IDENTITY , Rated PG-13; 119 minutes; 2002
July 28	THE GOONIES , Rated PG; 114 minutes; 1985 Pre-movie performance by Area Cheerleaders and Iowa Cheerleaders
August 4	SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD , Rated PG-13; 113 minutes; 2010
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Editorial

UI trip to Asia exotic but necessary

OK, obviously, going to Asia and visiting some of the hot spots such as Hong Kong, Taiwan, Shanghai, and Beijing would be the cat's pajamas. And, obviously, doing it on the UI Foundation's dime would be the bee's knees.

But it won't be all sake and dim sum for President Sally Mason and the UI delegation heading off to those four places in order to recruit students and strengthen ties with Chinese interests.

Presidential fundraising and the UI Foundation have both taken a few shots as of late, but anyone knows that in order to run a business, such as a Board of Regents' university in the state of Iowa, you have to keep the wheels greased and the investors happy — and that takes a little schmoozing.

The upcoming trip to Asia, one of the fastest growing economic markets in the world, is exactly what the UI Foundation should spend its money on. And don't worry, this is the kind of thing the Foundation was created for.

Generally, the Foundation helps to pay for outreach events that are university-wide in nature (not for a specific UI college, for example) and at which President Mason, UI Foundation

President and CEO Lynette Marshall, and a top leader from the UI Alumni Association all speak," Forrest Meyer, the executive director for the strategic communications at the Foundation, wrote in an email.

This trip to Asia represents the exact sort of investment in the university the Foundation should make.

Tom Moore, the UI spokesman, said the trip gives university officials a chance to reach out and be visible in one of the most vigorous and fastest emerging economies around the globe.

"It's a fertile ground with a growing desire to have high-quality educational experiences," Moore said. "We have a chance to grow a fine crop of students."

This trip continues to strengthen already existing ties. The university has 13 formal agreements with China concerning education, including 95 study-abroad programs in fields from engineering and business to creative writing.

The time spent during this trip, Moore said, will be spent meeting with donors and alumni to gather fiscal support for UI students and graduates in this region. Mason is set to give the commencement speech for graduating M.B.A. students, along with cultivat-

ing new internship programs with companies in the region.

And, if you think about it, it's nothing more than a bowl trip for UI, just set in a different hemisphere. The president and other top UI officials — such as Marshall, Provost Barry Butler, and Sarah Gardial, the newly appointed dean of the Tippie College of Business — will raise money and ask for contributions, which usually totals to a net of \$280 million in that region, Moore said.

But it's not just about UI students over there — it's also about the students Asia sends to us.

About half of the international students on campus are from Asia, and roughly 1,700 are from China. This means a good, stable relationship with their home governments, along with the thousands of donors and alumni now living in Asia, is more than necessary. The money on this trip will not be wasted but invested into the future of both the university and the students who graduate from it.

Many American-based companies recruit top students from universities who can play on a global scale. Graduates from all over the world compete for positions at Google, IBM, and Microsoft, and with more than 6 million graduates joining the

labor market each year, the UI needs to come out and show its support. That's exactly what this trip is showing.

The United States has a trade imbalance of around \$67 trillion already this year according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That means we are importing about six times as much as we are exporting in trade with China, putting us right on track with last year's trade deficit. It's up to such institutions as universities to make up for that deficit in any way possible, and with this trip, the UI is taking one step in doing that.

With around 1,200 alumni and donors being visited in around 10 days, the trip will be a little more than just a walk on the Great Wall. The university wants to "stick with what's working and continue the success" it's had in the past with the region, Moore said.

So, yeah, it may be a fun and exotic job, this whole going to China thing — but there is no doubt it's a job, and a necessary one at that.

Your turn. Do you think the UI should focus its attention on recruiting in Asia?
Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Paul's legacy lives on

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While Iowa proved to be a state filled with many Ron Paul supporters — as seen by the 26,000-plus votes he captured in the Iowa caucuses — many Republicans dubbed Paul too radical to be the GOP nominee, thus losing the chance to gain many Republican votes in other states.

Although Paul just recently suspended all active campaigning, the main messages that he ran his campaign on should still be heard on both sides of the political aisle, because they are vital to getting our economy back on track.

Fortunately for many Iowans, including many residents of Iowa City, those messages were received, and they will be carried on. As Paul clearly had the most enthusiastic fan base of any GOP candidate, as seen with the signs and posters that filled so many Iowa City houses and front yards, it's easy to see that Iowa is one of the more pro-Paul states in the Union.

However, despite all of the popularity Paul received in our state, his messages are still unknown to most Democrats and Republicans in Iowa City.

During the Republican primary season, a common message shared by all the GOP nominees was cutting federal spending, allowing for fewer taxes so the national debt could be eased.

Paul presented his plan to eliminate \$1 trillion in government spending in his first year in the Oval Office, if he were elected president. He gave specific instances on how he was going to accomplish his promise of lowering federal spending with his consistent references of what government departments and organizations he would cut, such as the Department of Education, the Federal Reserve, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Whether one agrees

with Paul's policies is beside the point — this is a politician who had clear, organized plans on how he would accomplish the tasks that he campaigned on. President Obama won the votes of so many Americans with his promise of hope and change but without clearly explaining how he would actually accomplish his change. It's easy to see why this change hasn't occurred.

One of Paul's biggest causes for concern in our economy has been a subject lightly touched on by both Obama and former Gov. Mitt Romney — the Federal Reserve.

Paul knows more about the inner workings of the Federal Reserve than does any other high-profile politician. Unlike Obama or Romney, Paul understands how alarming of an issue the Federal Reserve has become — the institution has been virtually printing money out of thin air, causing both inflation and the national debt to increase. Paul knows the severity of the issue, the reason he has been so vocal about the Reserve, and why he wrote a *New York Times* bestseller about it.

One may not agree with Paul's stance on completely disarming the Federal Reserve, but it's clear that the institution needs much more oversight and regulation. The Federal Reserve has been overlooked by so many politicians, but thanks to Paul, the issue is now understood by many more Americans.

Paul energized so much of Iowa City's youth to become more politically involved with his non-self-serving policies. Finding ways to politically engage more of Iowa's youth is clearly needed as seen with the low voter turnout in the big elections of the past few years, including Tuesday's Congressional primaries.

With Paul calling it quits to active campaigning, he deserves recognition for the work he's done; he's a politician who is truly looking out for the American people. ■

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Protect Social Security promise

When it comes to Social Security, the Democratic Party supports the promise made when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act on Aug. 14, 1935. That promise is that people in society would contribute to Social Security to fund a benefit to help retirees as they become unable to work.

Republicans would change the promise of Social Security if they could enact the Paul

Ryan budget, as 2nd District Congressional candidate John Archer said he would if elected. Why is this important?

The Ryan plan would create social conflict. Current benefits for those 55 years and older would continue as they are, creating a division between young and old in society. That is a mean-spirited political calculation. Instead of being a social program, the plan would be converted to one of property rights, similar to the Thrift

Savings Plan available to federal employees. Up to a third of Social Security taxes could be invested by the contributor into a personal retirement account.

The funds in the accounts could be passed on to heirs. This would effectively nullify the commitment from society to prevent our elders from living in poverty and move society to answering the question "What's in it for me?" instead of "What's in it for us?"

Finally, the Ryan plan claims to make Social Security permanently solvent. The trouble is that removing the protections for our senior citizens would create a permanent class of impoverished elders, with a social and financial cost that would be transferred to other parts of society that are ill-equipped to handle it.

What can a person do about this? Vote Democratic on Nov. 6.

Paul Deaton
Solon

Guest Column

Grassley on unwrapping debts and diplomas

New graduates have good reason to celebrate their academic achievements. After all, on average, a college degree remains a good indicator for boosting one's lifetime earning potential. For many Americans, a college education is a lasting investment in future economic mobility.

After the gilded glow of the cap and gown and the pomp and circumstance of the commencement ceremony fade into memory, reality sets in. The soaring costs of higher education and growing student debt are climbing to unprecedented levels.

College debt creates a

significant financial burden on many new graduates. For those fortunate to land a job in the still struggling economy, many will discover how hard it is to stretch a paycheck to cover the bills. Making ends meet — let alone trying to get ahead — is that much harder with more than \$1 trillion in outstanding student loans in the United States.

Most of four-year degree recipients borrow money to attend college. The percentage has increased from 45 percent to around 66 percent in the last decade. After these graduates rejoice in flipping their tassels to the other side of the

mortarboard, they not only walk away with a diploma, they also walk away with an average debt of \$23,000. That figure jumps to nearly \$50,000 for less affluent students who choose to attend private colleges and receive less need-based financial aid.

So, what factors are causing the explosion in college tuition? And, does the student's debt burden square with her or his earning potential post-graduation?

In the U.S. Senate, I've led efforts to make it easier for families to save for college. In the landmark 2001 federal tax laws, I secured a provision to make tax-free

savings plans for college a permanent part of the tax code. Encouraging families to save for college rather than relying on student loans can help many future graduates get off to a stronger start after graduation. As then-chairman of the Senate tax-writing committee, I also helped secure the tax deduction for college tuition and the tax deductibility of interest on student loans.

Congress can take steps aimed at reining in college costs. In May, I joined bipartisan forces in the U.S. Senate to try to bring greater transparency to the true cost of college tuition and fees. The bill we proposed

would cut through the clutter of financial-aid letters that families receive from prospective colleges. Decoding these letters to understand what is actually given, borrowed, and owed can be next to impossible. By having a clear picture in standardized language what students' debt burden will be after graduation, families would have an apples-to-apples cost-comparison to make with other colleges.

This ought to help students avoid taking on excessive debt and become more discriminating shoppers. That alone could help control the soaring costs of college. Colleges are

increasingly competing to one-up each other to attract students, either through apartment-style housing, gourmet food services, or amazing amenities that other institutions cannot match. Empowering students and their families with better information about the cost and worth of a degree would help spark a race among colleges to provide a high-quality education at a good price.

Diplomas tied down with overwhelming student debt make it harder for the next generation to scale the ladder of opportunity.

Sen. Chuck Grassley
R-Iowa

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to compete for a title this year.”

One of his coaches had a much more positive perspective. Iowa throws coach Scott Cappos said he believed Byers' best Thursday throw would make the finals at "49 out of 50" NCAA meets.

"Coming off that injury, he still was able to win a Big Ten championship and

NCAA Track and Field: Days 3 and 4

Today:
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 • Eric Sowinski, 800-meter final - 6:10 p.m.
Saturday:
 • McKenzie Melander, 5,000 meters - 12:19 p.m.

finish in the top 10 in the country," Cappos said. "It's pretty impressive."

The top-10 finish is made more impressive when considering past results. 2011's NCAA javelin championship had only four throws longer than 72.39 meters. And a throw in the first round of a javelin event can still be used as an athlete's longest in the final round, which means Byers would've had three more chances to improve upon an already top-five finish.

But relativity to 2011 is irrelevant.

2012 was a disappointment in Byers' mind. Even after an injury, an increas-

ingly excellent competition, and his final throw of the season being his second longest ever, there's only one way to express his 10th-place finish — a finish that fell short, literally, by centimeters.

"Those guys showed up and threw far," he said. "I just didn't throw far enough to make it to the finals."

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contrast, kept their bats hot — they only stranded three runners the entire game.

The Hawks accumulated 9 hits over seven innings and never let up on Linn-Mar pitcher Lauren Swanson.

One bright spot for the Lions came from an unusual place in the

lineup. Their No. 9 hitter, junior Hannah Yearling, finished the game 3-for-3 with 2 doubles. She accounted for over half of the Linn Mar offense.

"We're putting a lot of

emphasis on our hitting right now," Fickel said. "We're swinging at good pitches, and the girls are really disciplined in the batter's box. We're really happy with that."

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versities or community colleges, such as Upper Iowa and Kirkwood. A new NCAA rule was passed during the 2012 season, however, that allows four practices a week. Players from Northern Iowa will not participate in the league because head coach Ben Jacobson doesn't want to over-commit his players.

The number of teams has been reduced from six to four. This change will result in more Iowa players per team, each including two former and current Hawkeyes and as many as two incoming freshmen. The Prime Time League will offer an in-depth look

at the nationally ranked incoming freshmen, including center Adam Woodbury, and point guard Mike Gesell, both of whom are expected to make an immediate impact come November.

Expectations are high as well for junior forwards Melsahn Basabe and Zach McCabe and sophomore guard Josh Oglesby, who could all be competing for larger roles during the upcoming season. Newly committed forward Jarrod Uthoff — who announced his transfer from Wisconsin on Wednesday night — is also expected to play.

"Every time I get a chance to play with the guys, it builds team chemistry and helps to learn their tendencies on the court," incoming freshman

guard Gesell said. "Team chemistry is a big part of winning in basketball, and getting a chance to play with my teammates in the Prime Time League will be a big part of our success."

For the first time, each Prime Time game will be broadcast locally on the Mediacom 22 channel, and league director Randy Larson expects there to be standing room only for most of the games.

"I benefited from [the Prime Time] last year," sophomore forward Aaron White said, who was a member of last year's Prime Time championship-winning team. "It's always good to play. We do play pickup as a team, but it's different playing with referees. It's beneficial for the incoming freshmen but

also for everyone else involved as well."

League play will begin on June 19. The four teams, which are sponsored by an array of local businesses, will play one game per week until the regular season concludes on July 15. The teams will then compete in the league's semifinals, and the winners will advance to the Prime Time championship game on July 24.

"To play college basketball, the transition from high school to college is a huge one," Cole said. "And it's not the stuff you have to prepare for physically, it's also a mental change. I think playing that playing with Prime Time will definitely help [the incoming freshmen] bridge that gap."

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on ... Some years, the No. 4 pick is as good as the No. 1 pick. Some might say that's how it is this year ... But I think what's most important is to pick 10 guys who are going to play together and have a common goal, and work together.

DI: How does Northern Iowa's absence this year affect the state of the league?

Larson: I know the players are going to miss it. But Ben Jacobson [Northern Iowa men's basketball head coach] just felt like — with the four practices a week that they're now allowed to do for the first time — that he was asking too much of his players to put in the time commitment of the trip down here once or twice a week... I respect that decision on his part. He put it to me: "Let's try skipping it this year, and we'll see if we can come back in years to come as we figure out what time commitment our players can handle."

DI: What expectations do you have for the upcoming season?

Larson: Last year, if you include the then-current, incoming, and ex-Hawkeyes and the current, incoming, and ex-UNI players, and the other guys that maybe go play at some other college, there was 30 Division I players, divided by six teams. That's five per team. This year, there's probably 20 of those kinds of guys, divided by four teams, and it's still five per team.

The competition level will be just as good. We will miss the UNI guys, because I think that a lot of people came to the league as Iowa fans but left think-

ing a lot about the UNI players. Plus, I think the UNI players really enjoyed playing any time they could get the best of an Iowa player — who's always going to be a little more famous and had better offers but maybe isn't any better as a player.

DI: So even without the Northern Iowa players, the competition and the league itself will be the same?

Larson: There will never be anyone on the floor who anyone isn't interested in seeing. How is Jarryd Cole after a year of playing in Europe? How

Ex-Cowboy Scott takes 60-kg Olympic spot

The Olympic wrestling team wrapped up its team trials on Thursday with a wrestle-off between three 60-kg contenders: Shawn Bunch, Reese Humphrey, and Coleman Scott.

Scott won the Olympic berth, defeating Bunch in the finals, 1-0, 5-0.

Scott also won the preliminary team trials held in Carver-Hawkeye arena on April 21-22, but Bunch and Humphrey were withheld from the trials to rest for international competition that would qualify the 60-kg weight class for the London Games.

Scott beat Humphrey in the first wrestle-off, 1-0, 0-1, 1-0, and advanced to the best-of-three championship series.

The former-Oklahoma State Cowboy also won the first match against Bunch, 1-0, 0-1, 7-0 but Bunch took the send, 1-1, 0-1, 1-0.

The victor won his ticket to his first Olympic Games with a 5-point move. Coleman was able to throw Bunch from off his feet and to the mat and into a position of immediate danger, with Bunch's feet traveling directly over his head.

The move was originally deemed a 3-point, but Bunch challenged the call. The officials reviewed video playback and determined it was actually a 5-point maneuver for the win.

— by Molly Irene Olmstead

Recruit Garmon popped for pot

Incoming Iowa freshman running back Greg Garmon was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to numerous sources in Erie, Pa.

Garmon — who was expected to travel to Iowa City this week and begin summer training — was pulled over by police on June 1 at

6:35 p.m. and allegedly found with marijuana in the vehicle, reported WJET-TV.

Garmon rushed for 2,859 yards and 27 touchdowns while playing at McDowell High School.

With Garmon's scholarship in jeopardy, Iowa has four remaining running backs on the roster: walk-on junior Andre Dawson, sophomores Damon Bullock and De'Andre Johnson, and incoming freshman Barkley Hill.

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Director's Cut endings you probably won't see:

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- **Big Funk Guarantee**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
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- **Somasphere**, 10 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington

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- 3:30** UI Chamber Orchestra Concert, Mozart, Debussy, Stravinsky, Copland, March 4
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- 6:30** Dance Highlights, UI Dance Department
- 7 WorldCanvass, Joan Kjaer and International Programs, conversation and music with a global perspective, "Art and Memory," May
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— by Eugenia Last

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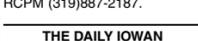
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Look in Monday's *DI* for a preview of the women's basketball Game Time league this summer.

Byers just misses in javelin



Iowa's Matt Byers throws in the second preliminary flight of the javelin events at the NCAA meet at Drake Stadium on Thursday. Byers threw a season-best 72.39 meters in his third throw but was 30 centimeters short of qualifying for the final round. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

Prime Time revs up for summer

The Prime Time league tryouts on June 10 will kick off the summer season, ahead of the June 13 draft.

By **MATTHEW CABEL**
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The Iowa men's basketball team finished its 2011-12 season with a 17-16 overall record that included wins over Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana and Iowa basketball's first postseason berth since 2002. Expectations are flying high in Iowa City.

The regular season doesn't tip off until November, but members of the Hawkeye basketball team and ex-Hawks will hear their names called on June 13, when they will be selected for the 26th season of the Prime Time League. The coaches of the four teams — Kevin Lehman, Dan Ahrens, Ron Nove, and league Commissioner Randy Larson — will draw random numbers out of a hat to determine the draft order. The selections will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The hoopsters are eager for the summer season.

"Anytime you get 10 guys on the court competitively, it's definitely going to help you out, especially when you're playing against top-tier opponents such as guys from Drake, UNI, and Iowa," former Hawkeye forward Jarryd Cole said. "You can definitely get some good ball there. It definitely helps with the mentality, I would say, and for the most part I think it does benefit the guys."

Cole is returning to the Prime Time League this summer after playing a season in Iceland following his graduation from Hawkeye basketball in 2011.

The league offers an up-close and personal look at college basketball players and is open to athletes from high school to the professional level. Larson and the three other coaches will host tryouts on the evening of June 10, where potential players from outside the UI will see if their talents meet the standard for the league.

Teams usually feature players from Iowa, Northern Iowa, and smaller uni-

SEE DRAFT, 5

Despite claiming third-longest toss in Iowa history, junior javelin thrower Matt Byers is unhappy after the NCAA meet.

By **IAN MARTIN**
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Matt Byers' groin reined him in early this season. In his last meet of the year, it was a foot.

The junior failed to qualify for the javelin finals at Thursday's NCAA outdoor meet in Des Moines by 30 centimeters — or just under a foot (11.8 inches precisely). The junior's top toss of 72.39 meters fell shy of South Carolina's Joshua Suttmeier's 72.69 meters, giving Suttmeier the ninth and final spot in the final flight.

Byers' unspecified groin injury, which occurred during a warm-up at the team's first meet of the 2012 outdoor season at the Arkansas Invitational, disrupted the usually consistent javelin thrower's rhythm.

"My technique's not what it's been since I was injured," Byers said.

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This isn't an excuse, simply a statement. But if he and his Iowa teammates wanted an excuse, there's one available.

With three Hawkeyes failing to qualify for their finals on Thursday, one could point to the incredible competition. The sentiment among most athletes at this year's NCAA Finals is that 2012 is tougher, as a whole, than 2011.

Hawkeye junior Ethan Holmes earned 19th place in the 110-meter hurdles, racing against world-class competition for the second-straight year, including potential Olympians.

"It's cool to compete against those guys, but I want to be out there beat-

ing guys like that," he said. "I want to see a guy on TV and say, 'Hey, I beat him.'"

Byers' attitude is the same, in that he welcomes tougher competition instead of yearning for an easy victory.

He has performed at the top of the event in the Big Ten since his freshman year, earning the conference title each year. The Wichita, Kan., native has never qualified for the final nine at the NCAA meet, however, let alone finished at the top.

That's why, despite earning his first-ever second-team All-American honors this year by finishing in the top 16, he wasn't satisfied.

"I feel like, to me, I'm hard on myself, so I should've been [second-team All-American honors] earlier," he said. "I felt like I was going to be able

SEE TRACK, 5

Prime Time head discusses state of league

The *DI* talked with Randy Larson, the commissioner of the Prime Time and Game Time basketball leagues about the state of the leagues for the upcoming 2012 season. The potential hoopsters will try out in the UI Field House on June 10. Northern Iowa recently pulled its participation from the league, so instead of six teams for each league being selected in a draft on the June 13, only four teams will play this summer.

DI: What is purpose of the Prime Time and Game Time?

Randy Larson: It's to provide a more structured playing environment during the off-season so the college players can have the highest level of competition possible. It's not quite as structured, of course, as the college game because there are no practices, and they don't know each other before they get together. But by making it a competitive atmosphere and drafting the team so they're all pretty equal, you get to put high-level players against each other and see which ones can play the game on offense and understand classic basketball concepts ... We've always put an emphasis on playing the right way and playing the way you want your teammates to play: every-

one talking on defense, getting back in transition, playing hard and together. We can try to teach them good habits so that the athletes aren't going from the end of the season in March to the beginning of the season in November without being reminded a little bit of how they should be playing in the off-season.

DI: Can you talk a little about the draft process?

Larson: We pick numbers out of a hat. This year we'll have four teams, so the four coaches will get together in my office and we'll establish the order by picking numbers out of a hat. The first guy gets the first overall pick, up until the fourth guy, who gets four and five. Then the third guy gets the sixth pick and so

SEE LARSON, 5

City High's Weno blanks Linn-Mar

Little Hawk pitcher Erin Weno dominated in Iowa City High's 8-0 win over Linn-Mar on Thursday.

By **CARLOS SOSA**
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The City High softball team's offense started off hot, scoring 8 runs in the first two innings. And starting pitcher Erin Weno was able to hold Linn-Mar scoreless as the Little Hawks cruised to a 8-0 win.

City High started the game strong with 3 runs in the first inning and 5 runs in the second. Linn-Mar had 5 hits in the game but couldn't convert them into runs and finished the game scoreless.

"Anytime you can play error-free on the defensive side is always positive," City High head coach Gary Fickel said. "We're moving the ball around offensively, and I thought Erin Weno did a great job in the circle."

Weno was dominant on Thursday, striking out four batters en route to a



City High's Bri Hightshoe slides safely into second base past Linn-Mar's Maddy Ryan on Thursday at City High. The Little Hawks defeated the Lions, 8-0, in the first game of a double-header. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)

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complete-game shutout. The junior allowed only five hits.

"She adjusted to the strike zone, and, as the game progressed, she was able to become more comfortable with it," assistant coach Jaime Henze said. "She threw better in the second half and was able to make quick work of the [Linn-Mar] lineup."

Weno allowed only 2

hits through the first four innings, and her hitting wasn't bad, either. She went 1-3, with 2 RBIs and 2 runs scored.

"We were working on my pitches all week," she said. "And the defense was solid and stayed on their toes the whole game."

The offensive surge controlled the first two innings, and then the Little Hawks turned to defense and pitching for the win. Weno pitched a quick fourth inning — she forced the Lion hitters into three-straight

groundballs to shortstop Bri Hightshoe for a quick 1-2-3 inning.

Weno allowed only one hit in the fifth inning, facing only four batters.

After City High pulled away, the Lions could do nothing to catch up in the late innings.

Linn-Mar stranded runners on base in each of the first three innings, and it didn't get better. Through the last four innings the Lions left four runners on base.

The Little Hawks, by

SEE SOFTBALL, 5