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Rastetter firm rejects charges

By **NICHOLAS MILLER**
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"Lives on Hold," a report released today by the Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement and the Oakland Institute, alleges that the Iowa firm AgriSol Energy is responsible in part for human-rights abuses against more than 160,000 refugees in Tanzania — an accusation that the agricultural firm vehemently denies.

AgriSol Energy Tanzania, the Tanzanian arm of AgriSol Energy, is named in the report as being indirectly responsible for the Tanzanian government's eventual relocation of the former Burundian refugees from the Katumba and Mishamo settlements to make room for a large commercial farm. The chief executive officer of AgriSol Energy is Bruce Rastetter, who sits on the state Board of Regents.



Rastetter
Regent, AgriSol CEO

AgriSol Energy denies having any influence in the Tanzanian government's decision to relocate the refugees.

Reached in New York City, Henry Akona, AgriSol Tanzania's director of communications, defended the company and Rastetter.

"AgriSol has absolutely nothing to do with the refugees in Katumba and Mishamo," Akona said. "We were considering those areas a few years ago, but we have suspended any plans because the land is occupied."

The report, researched by the California-based think tank Oakland Institute, contends that the Tanzanian government is burning down the refugees' homes and crops, violating their freedom of speech, and providing inequitable social services in an effort to force the refugees out of their homes.

Olivia Bueno, the associate director of the International Refugee Rights Initiative,

SEE AGRISOL, 5

A new report released today alleges human-rights abuses occurring in Tanzanian refugee camps are associated with Regent Bruce Rastetter's company, AgriSol. AgriSol refutes the claims.

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— Henry Akona, director of communications for AgriSol Energy Tanzania

'Lives are on hold, leaving residents with no other option but to move.'

— Anuradha Mittal, the executive director of the Oakland Institute and coauthor of the report

'This report shows that ... Rastetter is responsible for ongoing human-rights abuses in Tanzania and is another black eye to the international reputation of ... Iowa.'

— Ross Grooters, member of the Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

Police say sexual assault unlikely in Balderas case

Iowa City police Lt. Doug Hart said police had investigated the possibility of sexual assault prior to 20-month-old Marcus Balderas' death, but they now find it unlikely.

"Initial observations led investigators to believe this was possible," he said. "Investigation in the following weeks has determined that this most likely did not occur."

While police say sexual assault probably did not occur, Hart said, officials will continue to investigate a substance consistent with semen found on Marcus' body during medical examination.

Jorge Perez, 20, and Mireya Balderas, 18, are charged with beating Marcus to death in April. Both face Class-B felony charges, punishable of up to 50 years in jail.

According to an Iowa City police press release, a medical examination showed 20-month-old Marcus had broken ribs, bruises on his head, face, stomach, and back, bleeding in his head, and numerous bruises on his head. The final autopsy reported the death as a homicide with blunt-force injuries to the head, the release said.

Hart said three children related to Perez were removed from the home and placed into foster care in June.

Balderas is being held at the Johnson County Jail on a \$1 million bond, and Perez is being held on a \$2.05 million bond.

Perez and Balderas demanded a speedy trial, and they will face a jury trial Sept. 4 with a pretrial conference set for Aug. 24, according to online court documents.

— by Aly Brown

Biology surges into 21st century

The graduate program at the University of Iowa Department of Biology is evolving into the Integrated Biology Graduate Program.

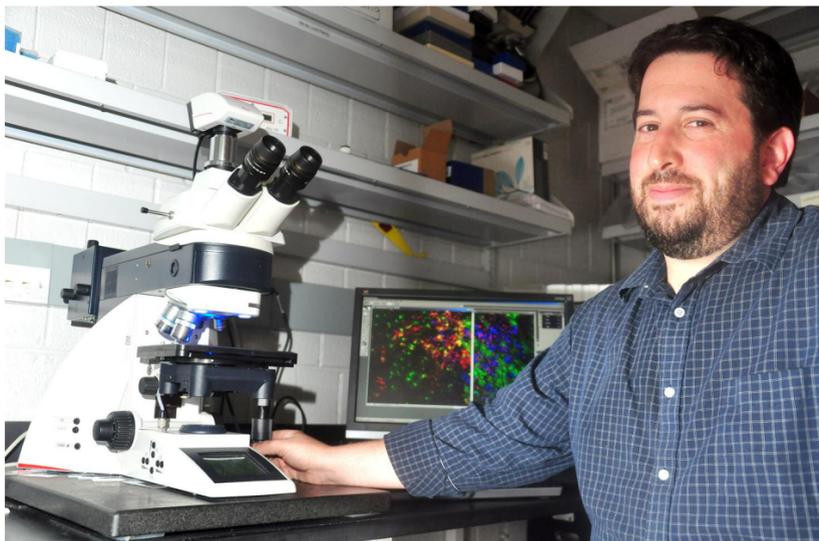
By **ALY BROWN**
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UI Biology Department officials say renovations in the Ph.D. program will better train students for careers in science through collaboration and seminar opportunities.

Josh Weiner, head of the IBIO program and associate professor in the department, said the new program — to be implemented in the fall of 2013 — will attract students interested in big-picture puzzles in basic biology.

"We are rebooting the grad program," he said. "We compete for students with other institutions and other overlapping UI programs, like the biosciences and interdisciplinary programs. We want to attract the kind of students who are most interested in big issues in basic biology."

Last year, four new students enrolled in



UI Associate Professor Josh Weiner talks to *The Daily Iowan* on Sunday about the future academic changes that will allow for the creation of the integrated biology program. Weiner expects that the redesign of the Biology Department will help recruit a broader spectrum of graduate students. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

the biology Ph.D. program, but Weiner wants to double those admitted. The program has 33 Ph.D. students; Weiner said the program used to house 50 before severe state and Graduate College budget cuts reduced the number.

Weiner said there aren't many depart-

mental graduate programs around anymore, noting many have merged to create interdisciplinary focuses.

A major concentration for IBIO is to encourage collaboration among faculty, stu-

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Pair's film reaches Sundance

Alumni from the University of Iowa's Summer Research Opportunities Program and McNair Scholars Program visited Iowa City for a film screening.

By **EMMA MCCLATCHEY**
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"Under the circumstances, how would you feel?"

Audiences in 101 Becker Communications Building on July 7 were asked this question repeatedly as they attended a screening of the independent film *An Oversimplification of Her Beauty*, created by Terence Nance and James Bartlett, both alumni of the University of Iowa's Summer Research Opportunities Program and McNair Scholars Program.

The programs, which offer underrepresented undergraduate students with in-depth research experience and preparation for graduate work, sponsored the screening of the film.

The film was accepted into the 2012 Sundance Film Festival, among dozens of other film festivals, and was written, directed, and starred in by Nance. Longtime friend Bartlett served as the movie's executive producer.

Using inspiration from Nance's experiences, and animation sequences developed by a large team of animators and enough creativity to spare, Nance and Bartlett documented the events and emotions surrounding a sometimes romantic, sometimes platonic, almost always con-



(Left to right) Film director Terence Nance, UI Professor Horace Porter, and producer James Bartlett participate in a discussion after a screening of Nance's film *An Oversimplification of Her Beauty* in the Becker Communication Studies Building on Sunday. The film was selected for Sundance Film Festival 2012. (The Daily Iowan/Sumei Chen)

fusing relationship Nance had with Namik Minter, who also starred in the film.

"It started the night she stood me up," Nance said, describing the 2006 event which served as the opening scene of *An Oversimplification of Her Beauty*. "I wrote the whole film in one sitting, but really, the entire movie was written in my mind two to three seconds after she hung up the phone, [when] I began to understand that although I loved her, there was no evidence that she loved me back."

Soon after, Nance approached Bartlett with a script for a five-minute short film called "How Would You Feel?". They said the project grew and eventually took the form of a feature film, combining original shots, documentary footage, and 25 minutes of various animation sequences.

"Animation came out of a necessity to capture emotions and other things that are unfilmable," Nance said.

Soon after the film began screening, it gained the attention of numerous critics and film festivals, including the prominent Sundance, which selected *An Oversimplification of Her Beauty* for its 2012 festival. Bartlett said he and Nance were honored upon hearing the news from Sundance last winter.

"It meant the world; it meant a lot," Bartlett said. "It was a great experience knowing the rest of the world would get to see it."

Nance and Bartlett studied at the UI in 2003 before they obtained master's degrees from New York University and started production of what would eventually be *An Oversimplification of Her Beauty*.

Summer Research Opportunities Program coordinator Diana Bryant organized the screening and discussion, which was cosponsored by the UI's Office of Graduate Ethnic Inclusion, the UI Diversity Office, and the UI Black Graduate and Professional Students Organization.

"It is important to show

the accomplishments of the program, especially to current students, so they can see that they, too, can go on to do great things," Bryant said.

Nance said he, too, is pleased with the effect that the Summer Research Opportunities Program/McNair programs have had on his life.

"I wasn't that into film until I got here, really," he said. "A lot of things that happened here really got me started on making films from a fine art context. It was really like a utopia."

Bartlett said, he and Nance found the unique experience of creating *An Oversimplification of Her Beauty* to be a cathartic project.

"We really created the film with no commercial intentions in mind; Terence just did whatever creative-ly came to his mind and what he thought was most true to his experience," Bartlett said. "It is a representation of what can be done when you expand the concept of what a film can be."

METRO

Woman charged with theft

A local woman has been accused of stealing from Walmart.

Geneva Hudson, 19, 2430 Muscatine Ave. No. 29, was charged July 5 with second-degree theft.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Walmart managers contacted Iowa City police officials about an employee who allegedly had been stealing from the cash register.

Walmart investigations showed small amounts of money unaccounted for during a three-week period in Hudson's register, and on at least 13 occasions, a total of \$1,117 was missing, the complaint said.

During an interview with Walmart managers, Hudson allegedly admitted to taking some of the money, and reportedly, her activities were caught on surveillance and daily checks of the cash register.

Second-degree theft is a Class-D felony.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Woman charged with theft

A Coralville woman was accused of stealing from Target on numerous occasions.

Melody Moody, 20, Coralville, was charged April 14 with second-degree theft. She was also charged May 16 with second-degree theft.

According to a Johnson County Sheriff's Office complaint, on April 14, police officials were dispatched to Target, 1441 Coral Ridge Ave., for a reported theft. Police officials learned Moody and an accomplice exited Target while passing through all points of sale with two baskets of merchandise. Moody allegedly admitted to the theft totaling \$2,074.80.

Police officials also observed Moody and her accomplice enter the Target on several days in April, and each day, she left the store with merchandise.

On those occasions, loss-prevention officials were only able to identify a small amount of the stolen merchandise totaling \$1,163.44.

Second-degree theft is a Class-D felony.

— By Jordyn Reiland

Man charged with eluding

A Solon man has been accused of failing to yield when police officials turned on emergency lights.

Thomas Wilford, 20, was charged July 6 with eluding.

According to a Johnson County Sheriff's Office complaint, Wilford was operating a motorcycle traveling northbound on Sand Road at an excessive speed. The speed was confirmed on police radar at 122 mph, the complaint said.

Wilford allegedly failed to stop once emergency lights and siren were activated, and he told police officials he was looking in his mirror but didn't see any lights. He attempted to park and hide his motorcycle at Mekong restaurant on Riverside Drive, and the foot chase ended near the Village Inn, the complaint said.

Eluding is an aggravated misdemeanor.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Man charged with eluding law enforcement

A Cedar Rapids man has been

accused of failing to yield to police officials.

Travis Hostetler, 28, was charged July 5 with eluding.

According to a State Patrol complaint, Hostetler was southbound on a motorcycle on Highway 218 when an overhead Iowa State Patrol aircraft checked his speed at 95 mph in a posted 65 mph.

An Iowa State patrol car activated its emergency lights and sirens as he exited Melrose Avenue. Hostetler continued eastbound on Melrose, made a U-turn in traffic, and headed back west toward Highway 218, the complaint said.

According to the complaint, Hostetler accelerated northbound on Highway 218 with an approximate speed of 152 mph while being pursued by state troopers, until slowing and passing between cars as he approached the Interstate 80/Interstate 380 construction zone.

Hostetler allegedly collided with a fully marked State Patrol car, which was slowing and warning traffic of the upcoming chase.

Eluding is an aggravated misdemeanor.

— by Jordyn Reiland

BLOTTER

Kelli Jo Andersen, 31, 2825 Triple Crown Lane No. 9, was charged July 5 with driving while license suspended or canceled.

Carina Bailey, 38, 1108 Marcy St., was charged July 6 with fifth-degree theft.

Jason Behrens, 26, Cedar Rapids, was charged July 6 with public intoxication, fifth-degree theft, and possession of marijuana.

Matthew Boltz, 22, Warrenville, Ill., was charged July 7 with public intoxication.

Lloyd Butner, 47, Tiffin, was charged July 6 with third-degree theft.

Ross Dainty, 22, 529 S. Lucas St., was charged July 4 with possessing or using fireworks devices.

Yleinah Delmundo, 20, 618 Iowa Ave. No. 1, was charged July 5 with presence in a bar after hours.

Andrew Devries, 22, 601 S. Gilbert St. No. 614, was charged

July 7 with driving while license suspended or canceled.

Kyle Duchman, 26, Cedar Falls, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Seth Fremi, 22, 950 E. Jefferson St., was charged July 6 with OWI.

Timothy Frye, 42, address unknown, was charged July 6 with public intoxication and possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

Nicholas Garner, 18, North Liberty, was charged July 7 with second offense OWI and driving while license suspended or canceled.

Xiomara Gomez, 41, 1681 Tofting Ave., was charged June 30 with violating a harassment/stalking protective order.

Cyril Green, 57, 412 N. Clinton St. Apt. 8, was charged July 7 with domestic-abuse assault.

Matthew Heinz, 22, McHenry, Ill., was charged July 4 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

Geneva Hudson, 19, 2430 Muscatine Ave. No. 29, was charged July 5 with second-degree theft.

Peter Kangas, 21, Los Angeles, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Richard Lacy Jr., 22, Cedar Rapids, was charged with July 6 with public intoxication, fifth-degree theft, and possession of marijuana.

Alexander Neff, 22, 703 Iowa Ave., was charged July 6 with public intoxication.

Jerry Pheasant Jr., 51, was charged July 3 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

Michael Rials, 36, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4213, was charged July 7 with violating a harassment/stalking protective order.

Molly Ryan, 20, 923 E. College

St., was charged July 5 with presence in a bar after hours.

Alex Slagle, 22, 529 S. Lucas St., was charged July 4 with possessing or using fireworks devices.

Jeremy Smith, 32, address unknown, was charged July 3 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

Sara Smith, 29, North Liberty, was charged July 5 with fifth-degree theft.

Leslie Thomas, 31, 2100 S. Scott Blvd. No. 97, was charged with July 5 with driving while license suspended or canceled.

Daniel Walker, 29, 1102 Hollywood Blvd. No. 11, was charged July 7 with public intoxication.

Frank Webb, 60, address unknown, was charged July 6 with public intoxication.

Michael Whitney, 43, address unknown, was charged July 3 with smoking in prohibited areas.

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Longtime adviser looks back

David Fitzgerald will be leaving the University of Iowa this week after 25 years of work as a career adviser.

By **JOE HITCHON**
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Despite spending his early years in agriculture, David Fitzgerald wound up working as a career adviser at the University of Iowa for the last 25 years — a position he will leave this week.

During that time, he has witnessed many changes, from students using hard-copy résumés prepared by professional typists to today's electronic portfolios as well as changes in student attitudes about the value of their degrees and their outlook on job prospects after graduation.

"Two goals of mine for going into counseling were to help others get the kind of valuable advice that had been offered to me by a guidance counselor but also do something good with my life," Fitzgerald said.

He grew up on a farm in central Iowa, the youngest of six brothers. Although he briefly toyed with the idea of driving a truck after high school as a means of traveling the country, he opted to enroll at Iowa State University to study landscape architecture.

After graduating from ISU, he worked in the Chicago metropolitan area but found his agricultural background conflicted with the land-development work.

He took some classes at a local community college, where a guidance counselor inspired him to go back to school, eventually leading him to the UI graduate program in counselor education.

One of the biggest changes Fitzgerald has seen during his career has been the amount of pressure facing students today.

"Part of my job, especially in more recent years, has been for me to tell these students that it's OK if they don't know what they are going to do," he said. "I try to tell students that no matter what they are studying, they are gaining and learning skills that are valuable to employers."

Fitzgerald strives to show students their degrees have prepared them for many different fields and wants them to know each major has characteristics that are unique in preparing them for the



David Fitzgerald stands in the Pomerantz Career Center on Sunday. Fitzgerald will leave the center after advising for 25 years. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

essence of all work: problem solving.

"Whether they studied history or the arts, their approach to finding solutions in a company could be more creative and lead to fresh ideas," he said.

Fitzgerald has served as administrator of the Washington Center internship program for the last 20 years. While almost every occupational field today encourages internships for everyone from high-school seniors to graduates, this wasn't at the forefront 25 years ago, and it took some selling.

"He has really done a lot to build the program and has earned a lot of respect for himself as well as the university with the Washington Center staff in D.C. for his dedication and the quality of his recruiting," said James Seyfer, UI career adviser.

Fitzgerald has also been the facilitator of a collaboration between the U.S. Department of Labor Workforce Recruitment Program and students with disabilities for the last 20 years.

"I am very happy to fill a day of interviews with very capable students who may otherwise not have had the opportunity," he said.

Fitzgerald's students and colleagues will be sad to see him leave the university after so many years.

"He is a very caring adviser and has influenced more students than can be counted," said colleague Jane Schildroth, the director of the Career Center. "He loves to expand student's thinking about the huge world of jobs before they start to narrow down their choices."

Dems pound Romney on offshore funds, tax returns

By **STEVE PEOPLES**
Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Mitt Romney privately raised millions of dollars from New York's elite on Sunday, as Democrats launched coordinated attacks against the likely Republican presidential nominee, intensifying calls for him to explain offshore bank accounts and release several years of tax returns.

The line of attack, dismissed by the Romney campaign as an "unfounded character assault," follows new reports that raise questions about Romney's personal wealth, which could exceed \$250 million. President Barack Obama's re-election campaign is expected to push the strategy throughout the coming week, underscoring their desire to portray Romney as disconnected from the middle-class voters he needs to win the presidency.

"He's the first and only candidate for the president

of the United States with a Swiss bank account, with tax shelters, with tax-avoidance schemes that involve so many foreign countries," Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said on CBS' "Face the Nation." He's one of several high-profile Democrats who spoke out on the Sunday morning news shows.

Romney may have unintentionally helped the Obama campaign.

Republican donors driving Mercedes, Bentleys — and in one case a candy red 2013 Ferrari Spider — crowded into a series of closed-door Romney fundraisers in the Hamptons, New York's exclusive string of waterfront communities on Long Island's South Shore. Wall Street bankers and brokerage house chiefs, among others, make the area their weekend playground. Romney's Hamptons swing follows a weeklong vacation at his lakeside vacation home in New Hampshire.

Voters are split on whether they trust Rom-

ney or Obama more to run the nation's economy, but a majority says that Obama better understands their concerns.

The Hamptons crowd, however, saw things differently.

"I think he's a plain-talking guy," Peter Cohen said, referring to Romney. Cohen, the former Shearson Lehman Brothers chief who now heads his own investment banking firm, made the comment as he chewed a cigar in his black Range Rover outside a Romney fundraiser expected to generate \$3 million.

Romney's day concluded at the Southampton estate of billionaire industrialist David Koch, where donors were asked to give \$50,000 per person or \$75,000 per couple. The event attracted protesters like Robert Shainwald, a 65-year-old retired teacher.

"Romney has no idea what the working person's daily concerns are. How could he?" Shainwald said

as he waved a sign offering free vegetables to anyone who wasn't a billionaire.

Romney would be among the nation's richest presidents if elected. He made his fortune at Bain Capital, a Boston-based private equity firm that has become a key part of the argument for his White House bid. He hasn't drawn a regular paycheck in more than a decade, however, and has instead lived off a series of investments.

But Romney has refused to release more than two years of tax returns that would outline those investments, breaking from a precedent set by his father, former Michigan Gov. George Romney, who released 12 years of his tax returns when he sought the presidency a generation ago.

METRO



The Iowa City Fire and Police Departments respond to a underground power line in disrepair that caused a brief power outage downtown on July 7. The outage affected 719 MidAmerican customers. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

Outage affects downtown businesses

Local businesses struggled July 7 because of an hour-long power outage, and though the power has been restored on for most customers, some local business are still dealing with problems caused by the outage.

"We're still suffering from it," said Tim Newman, an employee at the Saloon, 112 E. College St., on Sunday.

The Saloon has not yet become fully operational because most of the store's transactions run on computers, which depend on an Internet connection. Internet routers were damaged by the outage, Newman said.

Tina Totthoff, a spokeswoman for MidAmerican Energy, said the outage affected 719 Iowa City customers. The outage was not a heat-related outage but rather the result of an underground power line that was in need of repair, she said.

The power outage lasted from 1:04 until 2 p.m.

"We had an underground cable that needed to be repaired," she said, noting that the recent heat wave did not have a significant effect on the power use in the city.

The power outage also briefly knocked out traffic lights downtown, but MidAmerican was quick to get the lights working again, Iowa City police Sgt. Zach Diersen said.

The cable was not immediately repaired but downtown Iowa City's power was returned after MidAmerican switched the area to a different electrical grid.

— by Eric Lightner

Man faces drug charges

A man has been accused of possessing several items used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Clark McKey, 58, address unknown, was charged Feb. 11, 2011, with possession of a controlled-substance precursor and a controlled-substance violation.

According to a North Liberty police complaint, McKey was the passenger in a vehicle with the wrong license plates. When police officials attempted to contact the car, the driver fled on foot. Officers could allegedly see several items in plain view used to manufacture methamphetamine in a backpack, along with syringes.

The narcotics task force arrived on scene and allegedly located an active lab in the backpack. A state Division of Criminal Investigation analysis confirmed the presence of several precursors of methamphetamine, including lithium, ethyl ether, and pseudoephedrine, the complaint said.

According to the complaint, a witness was located who said McKey and the codefendant were manufacturing the drug in his driveway.

Possession of a controlled-substance precursor is a Class-D felony.

— by Jordyn Reiland

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Point/counterpoint

Should UI participate in e-book study?

No

Although Prairie Lights and University of Iowa are making changes for the future of e-books, the use of such books is still questionable.

They may lighten the load in your backpack and save trees, but some studies have found that students don't necessarily learn any better in an electronic format.

The problem with pioneering the use of e-books is that we're pioneering: testing something that's not guaranteed to be beneficial for learning. The positive outcome of e-books should be established before we pursue it, and the UI is not the place it should be tested.

There is the argument that the use of e-books is more "green" and cheaper for students, but the rate of both right now is just simply not worth the investment.

The Amazon Kindle is the most eco-friendly, and it still leaves the carbon footprint of buying 30 books online, according to EcoLibris. The original iPad will emit just 30 kg less of carbon in its life than the Kindle at 130 kg, all the while containing the radical elements bromine and chlorine, according to the iPad environmental report.

And the pricing of e-books is cheaper for now, but there is a serious amount of money to be made in the field, and it's a matter of time until it's industrialized and monopolized.

One blaring problem with students reading their textbooks on their tablets or computers is that they are constantly a click away from Facebook and YouTube.

"I don't like [the e-book format]," said Alex Mills, a tech-savvy UI senior who plays such games as *World of Warcraft* daily. "I can't write in my books. I like to hold a book, you know, and I wouldn't want to be told by my professor that I have to learn their way."

Sam Van Horne, one of the authors of the \$20,000 Donald A. Rieck Research Grant application, said in an interview with the *DI*: "[E-books are] touted as a boost to student learning, but what we're exploring is, do they really do that? And if they do, under what conditions? There is a lot of national interest in those questions."

The problem with this grant is that it's an experiment that could interfere with student learning. New, unique ways to help students — such as integrating videos as often as pictures in text books — just makes information too available to students, spoon-feeding them instead of obligating them to think creatively and come to conclusions on their own. And trying to incorporate old techniques such as highlighting has been proved ineffective by a 2010 study from the *Journal of Educational Psychology*, with students often over-highlighting and losing the significance of the function.

Simply, we should not take the risk with this experiment; let other universities try it out and then later reap the benefits.

— Jacob Lancaster

Yes

Last semester, I took five classes, and three of them had all of the reading material online — and that was wonderful. I only had to purchase two textbooks — one which I forgot to open the entire semester — but the electronic material was hugely useful, and I still have some of the more valuable readings saved to my computer today.

The University of Iowa is participating in a research project with McGraw-Hill to examine the effects of e-books in classrooms. This is great for the university because e-books will likely prove successful, and if not, any program that studies ways to cut costs and increase efficiency is beneficial.

I already know that the electronic medium works for me, because I've used it. I can't lose it (because it's always online), I can't spill on it, I can't accidentally set it on fire, and I don't have to pay quite as much for it. The \$20,000 grant next semester even makes the e-books free for 800 lucky students.

There is something great about turning pages, highlighting sections, and writing in a book, but because many students are renting or re-selling textbooks that have to be returned in the best condition, we're not benefiting from the current situation.

Furthermore, our generation knows electronics. Nearly anywhere we go, we have Internet access — and if not, it's easier to print some pages rather than carrying a heavy textbook.

E-books will prove advantageous in many ways, especially for our pocketbooks. E-books are readily updated and cost less to produce. They've proven to be successful in the leisure industry, and it's about time textbooks are given the e-book entrepreneurial opportunities, too.

Publishers could see profits in increased advertising, and could guarantee more sales if students are required individualized access codes for assignments or class enrollment.

With e-books, everyone wins. Professors will benefit by knowing all of their students have the same material and can see their notes online, students benefit by decreased costs, the environment benefits from decreased waste, and publishers benefit from the revenue of a quality product. All around, good deal.

Best of all, even if I'm wrong, this is a research study — and research is good. Publishers will get better ideas for improving their products; professors may learn what works better for their class; and 800 students will have had a free textbook for a semester.

E-books right now are not perfect, but the research could push them in that direction. There are quirks that need to be addressed so that we end up with a product that is useful and superior — and the only way to find that best product is by testing the prototype. That's just what we are going to do.

— Katie Kuntz

Your turn. Should UI participate in the e-book study? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

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Good work on loans

As you may have heard, Congress finally made a decision on the fate of the 3.4 percent interest rate on federal student loans for college students. The House extended the rate of 3.4 percent on federal student loans for one more year, avoiding the re-establishment of 6.8 percent rate on Stafford Loans.

As a college student in my fourth year at the University of Iowa, I was beyond relieved to hear the news that my loan rate would remain at 3.4 percent, saving me from \$1,000 or more a year in debt. I applaud President Obama and Congress for making students such as me, who pay for rising tuition costs, a priority.

I also have been fortunate to be awarded Pell Grants while attending college, thanks to the president. He has doubled funding

for Pell grants, cutting federal subsidies to banks, which were primary actors in the swelling amount of debt among young people in our country. Unlike his competitor, Obama has made real strides to ensure that young people in America are able to attend college.

Mitt Romney has claimed that higher education is important to his party, but little effort or policy has been put forth as a sustainable solution to the rising cost of tuition and student loan debt (which has surpassed credit-card debt among young adults in the U.S.). I strongly believe that the re-election of Obama will ensure that reforming college affordability for aspiring students will remain a priority.

Megan Burnside
UI senior,
Obama for America volunteer

Guest column

Some conservatives eager to revoke Roberts' U.S. citizenship

Now that U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts has upheld President Obama's health-care law, it appears some conservatives are eager to revoke Roberts' citizenship.

They'll get over it. But as Obamacare opponents talk about changing the dreaded law, I'm sure they are hoping that during the election season they can remain curiously vague about what they want to change it to — or whether they want to change it at all.

For example, when Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell was asked last weekend how his party would provide coverage to the nation's 30 million uninsured, he sounded as if those folks had nothing to do with the health-care debate.

"That is not the issue," McConnell told "Fox News Sunday" host Chris Wallace. "The question is how to go step by step to improve the American health-care system. It is already the finest health-care

system in the world."

Yet, McConnell still wants to "improve" it? Without caring about the uninsured?

Struck by the senator's burst of candor, Wallace interrupted, "You don't think 30 million uninsured is an issue?"

"We're not going to turn the American health-care system into a Western European system," McConnell said. "That's exactly what is at the heart of Obamacare. They want to ... have the federal government take over all American health care. The federal government can't handle Medicare or Medicaid."

Here we go again. The senator sounded like a replay of the Grand Old Party's talking points from the health-care debates of three years ago, when Obamacare was a mere glimmer in its cosponsors' eyes.

Joining him in the Way-Back Machine was Republican House Speaker John Boehner on CBS' "Face the Nation." The law has to be "ripped out by its roots," he

told guest host Norah O'Donnell and Congress should "start over." Oh, joy. Just what we need — a replay of the debate that Republicans say is distracting Obama from the nation's economic woes.

"The idea that the federal government can mandate that the American people purchase a product is shocking to me," Boehner said. Yet, Chief Justice Roberts zeroed in on an essential truth: Our Constitution may not allow government to force you to buy something, but it does allow government to tax you for not buying something.

Republicans were delighted to hear Roberts confirm that Obama was the tax-raiser they'd been calling him all along — until presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney's top aide Eric Fehrnstrom agreed with the Obama position. That's because Romney included a similar penalty in Romneycare, as his opponents dubbed the health-care plan he

passed as governor of Massachusetts.

McConnell justly praises "the finest health-care system in the world," but that's only for those who can afford to have access to it. Americans already spend more than 16 percent of our gross domestic product on health care — or nearly twice the average of other developed nations, according to the international Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Yet for all the complaints that the political right has raised, including the Tea Party movement, which tilted Congress toward the right in 2010, few in leadership positions have offered much in the way of a serious alternative or possible improvements. I guess seriousness will have to wait until after November elections, if then.

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Chicago Tribune

Playoffs strong recruiting tool



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June 26 is a day that will live on in college-football history as arguably the most influential day in Division-1 college athletics. It is the day that the football committee announced plans for a four-team playoff system that would effectively take over the current bowl system starting in the 2014-2015 season.

The decision comes as a highly anticipated change by fans in college football and those directly involved since the BCS' introduction in 1998.

There has been a lot of positive feedback about what is now being dubbed the National Championship Series, including Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz, who said, "While it appears that details still need to be worked out, I would imagine this development will be well-received and will continue to enhance the growth and popularity of college football," as reported by hawkeyesports.com.

But much of the controversy regarding the methodology for choosing teams to play in its bowl games revolve around issues of conference associations, potential revenue generation, and the discrepancy between team rankings in the BCS and AP polls, respectively.

What the new system seeks to accomplish is to preserve some of the existing bowl-game elements in semifinal matches, in which the winners are pitted together for the championship title. The top four seeded teams in the country, picked by a committee, will theoretically have the chance to prove their worthiness of the championship title by duking it out against each other.

This is big news for the Iowa football team, whose success in the last decade of the BCS makes it a viable contender for the new system.

The Hawks finished their 2002-03 season win-

ning their last nine games, tying Ohio State for the Big Ten title, and ranking third in the polls before losing to USC in the Orange Bowl. In the 2009-10 season, the Hawks started off 9-0 and beat Georgia Tech, 24-14, in the Orange Bowl, putting them in seventh place in the national rankings. If Iowa football is able to produce numbers such as these, there's no reason they shouldn't be a serious contender for the National Championship Series.

Yet Iowa's game, a mainly defensive one, has depended largely at times on the talent of its offense. This doesn't seem problematic, until one is forced to reflect on the recent string of various unfortunate events that prematurely ended some of Iowa's offensive players.

Despite this recent trend in the Hawkeye offense, the National Championship Series could in fact be the determining factor in providing players with an extra incentive to do well.

One of the things the new system will try to accomplish is distribute revenue generated by the games in a way that will "reward academic performance of student-athletes," according to the football committee.

Not only is this a good thing for the Iowa football program, it is a good thing for all college football players and departments across the country. On the one hand, critics argue that college football players receive an education as compensation for their commitment to play ball. Detractors claim that players often get enrolled into special classes, receive extra help, or plainly aren't putting forth any effort to deserve the education they are receiving.

For a team such as the Hawkeyes, which have consistently had the talent, this measure, and the real possibility of getting into the National Championship Series, could potentially be used as the ultimate recruiting tool for new offensive players. ■

AGRISOL

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located in New York City, said the issue between the refugees and the Tanzanian government is complicated because of international laws. In regard to the alleged human-rights abuses, she said, there could be a legal challenge in theory, but the government has the right to tell them they need to move.

"On an international-law level, you cannot say they are breaking any laws," Bueno said. "If they need the land for something else, it is not illegal [for the government to move them]."

Today's report is the latest accusation directed at Rastetter by Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement.

Last month, the group filed a complaint against Rastetter with the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board, contending there was a conflict of interest involving Iowa State University with the Tanzanian deal. The Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement is calling for Rastetter's dismissal as the regents' president pro tem. Iowa State walked away from its involvement with AgriSol in February.

The new report attempts to link AgriSol and Rastetter to the alleged human-rights abuses in Tanzania.

"This report shows that Iowa Regent Bruce Rastetter is responsible for ongoing human-rights abuses in Tanzania and is another black eye to the international reputation of the state of Iowa," Ross Grooters, a member of the Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, said in a release. "Rastetter must resign from the Board of Regents or otherwise be removed from public office immediately."

The Daily Iowan's request for an interview with Rastetter was referred to Akona.

"[AgriSol] is uninvolved with the argument to resettle the refugees and the relocation," Akona said. "We do not condone any human-rights abuses."

According to a timeline in the report, the Tanzanian government expressed its plan to close down old refugee settlements in 2007.

Akona said that AgriSol approached the Tanzanian government in 2008 looking for investment opportunities.

"We went to the [Tanzania Investment Centre] and asked what they needed," Akona said.

The response, he said, was positive. The govern-

Iowa State University's involvement:

AgriSol reached out to Iowa State University to put together an outreach program to help small Tanzanian farmers.

In an interview with *The Daily Iowan*, Brian Meyer, the director of college relations for ISU, outlined the school's involvement with AgriSol before breaking ties.

"Our primary role was to develop an educational project," he said. "We have had an educational project for seven to eight years in Uganda - that is why AgriSol contacted us. They wanted to duplicate it."

However, in part because of negative media attention, the university backed out in February.

"At no time were we asked to develop educational programs in areas where refugees were living," Meyer said. "We had not begun planning to implement any educational or outreach activities, because AgriSol had not decided where to work by the time we ended out engagement with them."

ment wanted outside investment in the country and told AgriSol that production of chicken feed and cooking oil would most benefit its people, Akona said.

At this time AgriSol learned of three properties in western Tanzania that were refugee settlements but would later be available to lease, Akona said. The government told them the settlements would soon be empty after the refugees were resettled in other parts of the country, he said.

Much of the media coverage surrounding AgriSol and the refugee settlements in Tanzania, including "Lives on Hold," contend that the government only began planning for resettlement after AgriSol expressed interest in the refugee areas. Akona says this is not the case.

After its initial interest in 2008, the world economic crisis began, and AgriSol decided to hold off for a couple of years before making any decisions, Akona said. However, he said, it still drew up potential plans for the settlements.

During this time, an AgriSol document described the settlements as "abandoned refugee camps."

According to "Lives on Hold," "It is likely that AgriSol referred to the proposed site [as] an abandoned settlement knowing its investment proposal could influence or accelerate the relocation."

But Akona claims the reference was simply an assumption; company offi-

cial believed the settlements would be vacated by the time they would revisit.

"We should have done better homework to find out if the camps had been vacated," Akona said.

The report goes on to allege that the Tanzanian government inflicted human-rights abuses against the refugees as they waited to be relocated.

In 2011, after 162,000 refugees were naturalized in a process to become citizens of Tanzania, the report claims the Katumba residents were ordered not to cultivate perennial crops or build new homes or businesses because of a forthcoming resettlement, putting their livelihoods on hold.

For example, one of the claims in the report says people who did not obey the demands saw their crops or homes destroyed.

"Lives are on hold, leaving residents with no other option but to move," said Anuradha Mittal, the executive director of the Oakland Institute and coauthor of the report.

The report also claims the refugees' freedom of speech was violated when some were jailed for speaking out and arguing for fair compensation for the resettlement. The refugees have also been living without adequate schools and hospitals for years, the report alleges.

AgriSol officials, however, maintain they were not aware of any human-rights abuses.

"If these [abuses] are happening, we are shocked and disgusted," Akona said on behalf of AgriSol.

The settlements were initially expected to close in 2009 following the relocation and naturalization process of the refugees, according to the report. But with such a large number of refugees, the Tanzanian government reportedly needed more time.

AgriSol has moved on, Akona says. While company officials haven't ruled out future development in the region, they have recently signed a lease in Kigoma - also in western Tanzania.

The Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement is waiting on the outcome of its ethics complaint against Rastetter. In a June *DI* article, David Goodner - a member of the group - said the regents won't officially address the complaint until their next meeting in August. The regents can then throw the complaint out or move forward with an investigation.

PREPPING FOR EDINBURGH



Baritone Stephen Swanson and pianist David Gompper, both faculty members in the School of Music, perform "Animal Songs" in Old Capitol Senate Chamber on Sunday. The concert is in preparation for their performance at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Scotland in August. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

BIOLOGY

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dents, and various labs in the department.

"There were different 'research areas' in the old biology Ph.D. program," he said. "In IBIO, however, everything is integrated, and while each lab is focused on a smaller set of topics, students will be expected to integrate into the program as a whole."

During the fall semester of their first year, students previously participated in research rotations between three labs for 10 to 11 weeks, but IBIO will allow seven weeks.

Weiner said while these rotations can expose students to a broad range of interests in biology, the abbreviated period will cut first-year costs in half.

Two faculty members

created a student seminar series that will teach instruction, presentation, and collaboration skills.

Sarit Smolikove, a UI biology assistant professor, and John Manak, UI biology and pediatrics assistant professor, formed the Ph.D. student seminar series allowing students to present their research with the UI community.

"It is tremendously important for training for students," Smolikove said. "It helps motivate, helps students focus, and it is a good tool for research development."

The series has been in its trial stage, but students will be required to present once a year in IBIO.

"Tremendous amount of success so far," Manak said. "I get a sense that students take their work a little bit more seriously

Iowa Biology Grad Programs

Two of Iowa's state schools are ranked among the top graduate programs for biology in the United States.

- Iowa State University: Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology, No. 82
- University of Iowa: Biology Department, No. 56

Source: U.S. News and World Report

now, knowing that there is a fairly high bar."

Smolikove said IBIO's emphasis on broader ideas and skills will help UI scientists communicate with each other and the public.

"The ability to communicate with a broad audience is growing in importance," she said. "We have to convince the public that science is important. We have to show them, not tell them, that science is cool. Without them, we're dead."

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COMMENTARY

U.S.A. hoops still golden

The plethora of injuries suffered by the NBA's stars won't prevent the U.S. Olympic team from bringing home its second-consecutive gold medal.



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The USA basketball team took the Olympic gold medal away from Spain in Beijing, even when it wasn't expected to. The U.S. will try to do it again in London this year.

This year's roster just looks a little different from what it did four years ago.

Injuries played a role in the lockout-shortened NBA season, and they've also transferred into the process of selecting the men who will try to bring the gold medal back. Previous spot holders Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh, Derrick Rose, and Dwight Howard all faced injuries at some point during the NBA season that have prevented them from playing in the London Games later this month.

Even one of the potential replacements, the NBA draft's first pick Anthony Davis wasn't able to try out because of an ankle injury suffered during a Hornets' workout. This brings us to the million-dollar question: Will these injuries prevent the USA from repeating?

Probably not. Take a hard look — actually, just take a glance — at this Olympic cycle's roster. It's hard to miss that there's a lot of talent

there. A roster featuring the likes of NBA MVP LeBron James, Kevin Durant and Carmelo Anthony instantly puts a team at a supreme level.

Now add Kobe Bryant, Chris Paul, and James Harden to the mix.

Just hand them the medals.

The NBA is in a golden age — there's no shortage of talent on any team in the league (except maybe the Bobcats).

The newest members of team USA — Blake Griffin, Andre Iguodala, and Harden — were all members of expectation-defying teams. Griffin pushed the Clippers past the first round of the playoffs in their first postseason appearance since 2006. Iguodala and his eighth-seed 76ers beat the No. 1 seed Chicago Bulls and took the Celtics to seven games in the next round. The Thunder's Harden was monumental in victories over the Spurs in the Western Conference Finals with a multitude of difficult shots in clutch moments.

The USA might even field a better team in London than it did in Beijing. LeBron now has a post game that crushed teams in the playoffs. Paul and Griffin are a scary combo when it comes to the art form that is the alley-oop. Bryant will be Kobe, possibly one of the most pressure-thriving players of all time.

Tyson Chandler rounds things up in the front court, the U.S. team's lone center without Dwight

Howard. The reigning NBA Defensive Player of the Year will be a great contribution to the team. When he needs to rest, other players such as Kevin Love or Iguodala can take his spot underneath the basket. LeBron could even play a minute or two at the spot (true centers are going out of fashion in today's NBA, anyway).

Most basketball fans worldwide believe Spain to be the team's biggest challenge at this year's games, as was the general opinion in 2008. The Spanish roster features all-star big men such as the Gasol brothers and Serge Ibaka.

But again, look at the USA's roster. How can a team like this not put 100-plus points on the board every night?

The Americans will be one tough team to beat, stacked with talent as they are. The U.S. could have added three random players from the D-League and still be the gold-medal favorite.

It's not an understatement to say the USA has the best basketball talent in the world — it's pretty close to being a fact. It may be upsetting that injuries are preventing crowd-favorite, talented NBA superstars from representing their country, but it won't stop their teammates from getting the job done in London.

I bet LeBron would bet his Larry O'Brien Trophy on it.



Chicago Cub starting pitcher Ryan Dempster delivers in the second inning against the New York Mets in Citi Field in New York on Sunday. The Cubs won, 7-0. Dempster extended his scoreless innings streak to 27 in his first start in three weeks. (Associated Press/Kathy Willens)

Dempster stops Mets

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Ryan Dempster extended his scoreless innings streak to 27 in his first start in three weeks, Starlin Castro hit a 3-run homer, and the Chicago Cubs beat the New York Mets, 7-0, Sunday.

Dempster (4-3) was activated from the disabled list, then pitched five innings of four-hit ball in his first outing since June 15, when he experienced tightness in a back muscle. His lengthy string of zeros is the Cubs' best for a starter since Ken Holtzman went 27 innings in 1971.

The Cubs made it as comfortable as possible for Dempster, scoring 4 runs before he even threw a pitch.

Alfonso Soriano had an RBI single, Jeff Baker a run-scoring double, and Geovany Soto drove in 2 runs with a single against Jonathon Niese.

Niese (7-4) had only

given up four or more runs in a game five times — 16 starts — this season entering Sunday.

The Cubs finished the first half in the midst of a modest surge, winning nine of 13 to improve to a disappointing 33-52 in Theo Epstein's first year in charge.

The Mets had a chance to move a season high-tying eight games above .500 but continued a recent trend of trading wins and losses. They go into the All-Star break 46-40. New York finished a homestand against last-place teams, Philadelphia and Chicago, 3-3.

Not that the Mets didn't have had their chances Sunday. They put runners in scoring position in each of first three innings and also in the sixth but came up empty.

Dempster put his streak in jeopardy by allowing a one-out triple to Scott

Hairston in the second, but he got Jordany Valdespin to line out to second and Josh Thole to ground-out to shortstop. Niese and Ruben Tejada opened the third with singles but the Nos. 2-3-4 hitters couldn't capitalize.

After Tejada's hit, Dempster retired nine in a row before being lifted. The right-hander is scheduled to start the Cubs' first game after the All-Star break on Friday.

Dempster has won four in a row after an 18-start winless streak dating back to Aug. 11. He struck out four and walked none.

Paul Maholm came on in relief for the first time. He had made 201-consecutive starts until he entered in the sixth and gave up two hits. But the Mets failed again with runners. Ike Davis popped to shortstop, and Lucas Duda grounded into a double play.

Manuel Corpas, James Russell and Shawn Camp finished the eight-hitter.

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PRIME TIME

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shots because of the inside game of incoming Iowa freshman Adam Woodbury and the outside games of such players as Josh Oglesby, Uthoff, and McCabe.

Woodbury finished with 16 points and only 3 rebounds, but his best work came from beyond the stat sheet. Matching up against Cole isn't easy. He finished the game with

30 points and had 11 rebounds, but Woodbury — five years younger — was able to hold his own.

"People were ready to write me off after the first game [against Cole],"

Woodbury said. "I figured if I held up my own confidence and held my own game, I'd show you guys what I could really do. Hopefully, I can keep getting better."

Service for Wine announced

A memorial service to honor former Iowa sports-information director George Wine will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College St.

Wine passed away on July 5 at the age of 81 after suffering a heart attack. Wine served as the Hawkeye sports-information director from 1968-93 and then continued to work with the Athletics Department until his death, staying involved as a sports-information director emeritus until 1996 and then writing a weekly column for Hawkeyesports.com.

He received more than 40 awards from the College Sports Information Directors of America and his name appears in several halls of fame, including the College Sports Information Directors of America and Iowa.

Wine became a voice for Hawkeye athletics and played a large role in creating former head football coach Hayden Fry's legacy and developing the programs of several other sports.

"[Iowa] has a very good reputation amongst sports-information personnel throughout the country," current Hawkeye sports-information director Steve Roe told *The Daily Iowan* on July 5. "The reputation that Iowa does have is due in large part to what George has done."

— by Molly Irene Olmstead

WHITE

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White played a monstrous game, tallying 39 points and 16 rebounds, but the Culver's/Ready Mix still couldn't pull out a win.

Pelling/McCurry's responded with its own leadership. Iowa's Devyn Marble and former Northern Iowa star Ali Farokhmanesh led their team with 25 and 22 points, respectively. The Hawkeyes' Gabe Oleseni also put up good numbers, finishing with 15 points. Upper Iowa's Tucker Wentzien added 14.

White's team, however, had only three hoopsters score more than 10 points — Clay Cook finished behind White's 39 points by putting up 16, and Keith Steffek scored 13.

"I know they wanted to

win," Marble said. "I just told them politely it won't be today."

White is used to being a leader. He averaged 11.1 points per game for Iowa as a freshman and tallied a .504 field goal percentage. The young forward started as the sixth man, but earned a starting role midway through the season.

By the Hawkeyes' appearance in the NIT, White was carrying the team. He put up a 25-point game against Dayton in the first round of the NIT.

And the sophomore-to-be is transferring his leadership skills to the Prime Time. He single-handedly scored over 40 percent of Culver's/Ready Mix's points on Sunday.

White faced a 14-point deficit going into the second half, but decided that he wouldn't let the get away from him. The forward converted a crucial 3-point play with 15:50 left in the second half to cut Pelling/McCurry's lead to 3.



Iowa sophomore-to-be Aaron White goes for a lay-up on Sunday in North Liberty. White's team lost, 100-97, despite his 39-point game. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

White's surge threatened Marble and Farokhmanesh, and the two were forced to take the game into their hands. The young Hawkeye's dominance doesn't go unnoticed in the Prime Time League, whether he puts up a 39-point game or not.

"Aaron is a great player and can make a lot of plays. He does everything — he rebounds the ball well, he shoots the ball well, he plays an all-around game," Farokhmanesh said. "It's hard to stop a guy who can

handle the ball like that. He plays hard all the time, and it's hard to match up with him. There's not a lot of guys in this league who have that kind of motor like he does."

D/I Sports Editor Molly Irene Olmstead contributed to this story.

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their vacation from playing every day. But that fear wouldn't exist if the All-Star Game was still just a time for all teams to gather in one place and simply celebrate baseball.

I doubt Verlander would ruin his arm pitching a rosin bag.

— by Molly Irene Olmstead

Yes

Bud Selig dropped the ball at the 2002 mid-summer classic in Milwaukee, when he ended the game in a 7-7 tie. The MLB had to do something drastic to keep fans interested in the

All-Star game, and it did. In fact, it pulled off what I consider to be one of the most successful moves in sports history.

It granted the winning league home-field advantage in the World Series.

Genius, pure genius.

The level of play has gone up significantly in the recent years. Players aren't chit-chatting as much with each other and fooling around. Both sides take the game seriously, which is good for the sport and the audience.

The All-Star Game has also made the second week in July mean something, which was not the case each year up until 2003. Before that, there was a meaningless weeklong black hole in the middle of the baseball season.

Now, I am well aware

that I am in the vast minority on this topic and that the "baseball elite" will tell you that we should get rid of this rule. So let's take a look at how baseball decided the host team of its championship up until 2003.

Home field was never given to the team with the best overall record in the regular season, a common misconception among fans. Instead, the right to host four games in the World Series instead of three switched on and off between the leagues each year.

No one had any say in who hosted October's most important seven games.

Do we really want to go back to that? Of course not.

Now, the players could

potentially be in the fall's spectacular series are the very ones getting a say. They're deciding their own advantage, not the randomness of switching every other year.

What is the harm in making the game relevant? Absolutely nothing.

The NBA All-Star Game, NHL All-Star Game, and the NFL's Pro Bowl. What do these all have in common? I've only watched about 10 minutes of the three collectively over the past 10 years. They can't hold my interest for longer than about 30 seconds.

But the MLB All Star Game? I haven't missed a minute of it over the same decade.

— by Tom Clos

Jays end Chi-Sox streak

CHICAGO (AP)— Colby Rasmus hit one of four Blue Jays homers and had 3 RBIs to help Toronto end the Chicago White Sox's five-game winning streak with an 11-9 victory Sunday.

The first-place White Sox go to the All-Star break with a 47-38 record and a three-game lead in the AL Central. Chicago manager Robin Ventura was ejected in the top of the ninth after charging to the plate to heatedly argue a ball and strike call with home-plate umpire D.J. Reyburn.

Jason Frasor (1-1), the third of five Blue Jays' relievers, was credited with the win, and Casey Janssen pitched the final 1 2/3 innings for his 12th save in 13 chances. He gave up two ninth-inning singles before striking out Alejandro De Aza to end it.

Rasmus and Edwin Encarnacion had 2-run homers in the first off Dylan Axelrod, and Kelly Johnson and Jeff Mathis also connected for Toronto on a windy day at U.S. Cellular Field. Alex Rios hit a 3-run homer for the White Sox.

The Blue Jays, finishing 43-43 at the break, took advantage of nine walks from five Chicago pitchers. After the White Sox had cut the lead to 8-7, Toronto tacked on 3 runs in the sixth, 1 on a disputed ground-rule double by Jose Bautista that was touched by a fan.



Toronto Blue Jay second baseman Kelly Johnson (right) throws to first after forcing out Chicago White Sox's Dayan Viciedo during the second inning in Chicago on Sunday. Tyler Flowers was out at first. (Associated Press/Nam Y. Huh)

Axelrod (0-2) was working on just three days' rest. It would have been Chris Sale's turn in the rotation, but the White Sox decided to skip their ace lefty's last start before the break, and he is expected to throw an inning in Tuesday night's All-Star game.

Axelford gave up six hits, including three homers, and seven runs in his three innings before Mathis greeted reliever Brian Omogrosso with a solo homer in the fourth, making it 8-3.

Adam Dunn's RBI fielder's choice grounder and an RBI double by Rios — right after an error on Vizquel at third — finished starter Brett Cecil after 4 1/3 innings and cut Toronto's lead to 8-5. Alexei Ramirez then hit reliever Jesse Chavez's first pitch for a 2-run triple, slicing the lead

to 8-7.

But Rajai Davis walked in the sixth, stole second and third, and scored on Leyson Septimo's wild pitch to put Toronto up by 2. After another walk to Rasmus, Bautista hit a ball past third that was ruled fair and a fan reached out and touched it, making it a ground-rule double. But umpires allowed Rasmus to score from first on the play, despite an argument from Ventura. After another walk, Adam Lind doubled home the Blue Jays' 11th run.

Cecil gave up 6 hits and 7 runs, 6 of them earned. Reliever Luis Perez departed in the seventh after giving up hits. Frasor came on and gave up a sacrifice fly and intentional walk before retiring the side with 2 strikeouts.

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PRIME TIME LEAGUE

McCabe, Uthoff spark win



Iowa incoming freshman Adam Woodbury guards Darius Stokes in a Prime Time League game on Sunday in North Liberty. Woodbury scored 13 points in his team's 104-96 victory. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

Head coach Dan Ahrens' team suffered a Prime Time loss on Sunday, despite strong showings from Mike Gesell and Jarryd Cole.

By CARLOS SOSA
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Up until this point, coach Dan Ahrens' team, Jill Armstrong of Skogman Realty, had arguably played like the best team in the league. Dynamic players such as Mike Gesell and Melsahn Basabe stack the squad, and Ahrens' squad looked to match up favorably against coach Randy Larson's Vinton Merchants/Gatens team.

But that turned out not to be the case. Ahrens' team fell, 104-96, to Larson's band of Hawkeyes in Prime Time action on Sunday.

"We played defense, and we were able to get a lot of stops," said Zach McCabe, who finished the game with 17 points. "Mike got open shots in the beginning, and as the game went on, we adjusted."

Incoming freshman Gesell has been constantly showing fans the impact he can make at the college level with impressive Prime Time games. He finished the game with 28 points on Sunday, going 13-of-19 shooting with 10 assists.

But despite these numbers, he's not satisfied with the level of play.

"We didn't play good enough defense," Gesell said. "We fell in the hole early. We weren't getting to those loose balls, and they were getting those hustle plays you need to win ball games."

Ahrens' team suffered from a slow start and could never put a strong defensive front together during the game. Larson's team began pulling away from Gesell and his team near the end of the first half.

Larson's team held a 17-point lead with a little more than three minutes left in the

first half, but the squad saw the comfortable lead shrink with a run led by Iowa alum Jarryd Cole.

Basabe nabbed a steal with fewer than 10 seconds to go until halftime. He put his head up and found Cole breaking for a last-second shot. Cole put down a thunderous dunk right before half to shrink the lead to 10 points.

Some of the momentum from Cole's dunk carried over into the second half, but it wasn't enough to take the lead, and Ahrens' team trailed for the entire game. The starters for Larson's team didn't back down — all finished the game in double figures.

"We moved the ball extremely well," ex-Wisconsin forward Jarrod Uthoff said. "We took good shots and played good defense — the keys to winning any game."

Uthoff finished the game with 17 points and 7 rebounds.

Larson's team was able to create open

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White's performance not enough

Aaron White and his team came up short in Sunday night's Prime Time League game — again.

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Losing isn't easy.

The best competitors however, can rebound and use losing as motivation — LeBron James lost in his first two trips to the NBA Finals but wouldn't be denied on his third, the Boston Red Sox lost for 86 years before winning another World Series, the U.S. Ice Hockey team lost seven Olympic gold medals to Canada and the Soviet Union before finally winning one.

Things turn around for the losers, eventually.

Iowa's Aaron White, however, is learning what it's like to be a leader on a team that can't seem to catch a break.

White and head coach Ron Nove's team lost a close game on Sunday to head coach Kevin Lehman's team, 100-97.

"Every game isn't going to go your way," White said. "Can't let the highs get too high and the lows get too low. You have to keep grinding."

But instead of giving up, White responded to the challenge.

"I looked up quickly and we were down 11 or 13 to nothing," he said. "I knew I had to put the ball in the hole. We were down 14 at half, and it was a one-possession game at the end."

He followed up an impressive first half — 19 points — with an even better second half.

White had the hot hand after the break. He used a variety of post moves, jumpers, and dunks to rally his team and to prevent a blowout. Nove's team had a chance to tie the game with time winding down in regulation but couldn't find an open shot to finish.

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Olympian swimmer transfers to Iowa

A former Olympian has joined the Hawkeye swimming and diving team.

Junior Lindsay Seemann has transferred to Iowa after spending her first two years at Arizona.

Seemann, at age 15, became the youngest Canadian athlete to participate in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, swimming in the women's 200-meter backstroke. She finished in 30th place.



Lindsay Seemann swimmer

Now 19, the Newmarket, Ontario, native will join a nationally ranked incoming class of recruits for the 2012-13 season.

The transfer scored NCAA "B" cut times in the 200-meter backstroke and the 500-meter freestyle at the Texas Invitational last season with the Wildcats. She was also given a Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention for her scholastic work this past year in Tucson.

Seemann brings with her notable experience on the international level outside of the Olympics as well. She competed for the Canadian National Team in four events at the 2010 Pan Pacific Championship, helping her country to a fourth-place finish in the medal count.

The Canadian swimmer will be allowed to compete for Iowa immediately under NCAA rules. She will be the third Olympian on the Black and Gold men's and women's squads next season, joining sophomore Heather Arseth and incoming freshman Roman Trussov, who will compete for Mauritius and Kazakhstan, respectively, in this summer's games.

— by Tom Clos

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Should All-Star Game affect World Series?

Two *Daily Iowan* sports staffers debate whether or not the MLB All-Star Game should count for something or not.

No

I remember rolling on the ground in laughter when some crafty pitcher pretended the rosin bag was the ball and delivered it over the plate during an MLB All-Star Game early in my childhood. I was born in a baseball household, tucked away in the woods of rural Michigan. My family rarely misses a Tiger game. We're baseball people.

The mid-season game was the highlight of my July — my own kind of fireworks.

I was a 10-year-old girl in a Brandon Inge jersey, ecstatic to see players dumping Gatorade on the catcher and stealing each other's batting gloves. The elementary school me loved watching my baseball heroes walking up to the plate with a huge smile, instead of the serious, all-business attitude they have to have when the games count as one of the season's 162.

The All-Star Game was fun. Just fun. It was good to see someone besides Papi smile.

But then there was the 2002 disaster that we all know — the 11-inning game with no winner, the game MLB Commissioner Bud Selig ended early to avoid injury to his moneymakers.

And then All-star Game's kiss of death showed up in the second week of July in 2003: The game started to actually count. The winner of each year's contest gets home-field advantage in the World Series.



Detroit Tigers third baseman Miguel Cabrera (left), pitcher Justin Verlander (center), and first baseman Prince Fielder greet each other as they are presented with their All-Star jerseys before a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals in Detroit on July 6. (Associated Press/Carlos Osorio)

The lighthearted, fun-and-games event suddenly played a crucial role in the country's most serious and direly important event.

And it ruined everything.

The game counts now, so the players know they have to play hard. No more pitching rosin bags — instead, the pitchers have to pitch real with real 95-mph fastballs and wicked curve balls.

Justin Verlander was voted to be the American League's starting pitcher, but because the Tigers' rotation landed him on the mound the night before the break, he was rendered ineligible to pitch in order to save his arm. Verlander won the 2011 MVP and Cy Young, but he didn't even get to start in the All-Star Game because

pitching even an inning of real baseball put his arm at risk.

Too bad the game wasn't just for fun, huh?

Baseball fans could have seen the league's most dominant hurler last year if he could have pitched in game that wasn't end-all, be-all. Verlander could have left his 98-mph fastballs in the regular season and pitched in the 90s just in joy. He could have put a little less elbow in his curve, a little less wrist in his follow through, a little less effort in an inning or two on the mound.

Players are expected to play hard when the game means so much, so they sit out instead of putting their body at risk during

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