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Summer camp with robots



Emma Carey (front) looks over a robot she and her team built during the TETRIX robotics summer camp at the UI College of Engineering on Monday. This camp serves as an introduction to students who want to participate in the FIRST Tech Challenge. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

Approximately 25 students participated in the TETRIX summer camp.

By ERIC LIGHTNER

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Dan Shaull said he'd rather build robots than spend the summer playing games.

"Anybody can say they shoot hoops, but

how many can say they built a robot," the 14-year-old said.

The University of Iowa tries to use the TETRIX summer camp as a steppingstone to move young kids into For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology and then into engineering- and science-related fields.

Rebecca Whitaker, the College of Engineering K-12 outreach director, said the focus for the TETRIX robotics camp is to generate inspiration in younger people and make the fields of science, technology, engi-

neering, and mathematics more appealing for the next generation.

"Really, it's all about getting young people interested and involved in the STEM careers," she said.

The UI hosted its first session of the TETRIX camp Monday. Officials also hope the camp will push campers forward into robot-fighting competition.

"Our goal is the kids who [go to the summer camp] will want to go into a [technology-competition] team," Whitaker said.

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Car-sharing may come to town

The Iowa City City Council will vote to grant a car-sharing service contract in partnership with the University of Iowa.

By ALY BROWN
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University of Iowa students and Iowa City residents without cars may soon be able to get around town with a car-sharing service sweeping Big Ten university towns.

The Iowa City City Council will vote today to award a contract to one of two car-sharing services — the likely option being ZipCar — to provide cars on- and off-campus. The city partnered with the university after the two considered separate car-sharing programs.

Chris O'Brien, the director of city transportation services, could not comment on the winning bidder, user rates, use terms, or number of cars provided until the contract is final.

"We're still working out the details and haven't signed off on any contracts," he said. "But we are shooting for operating in early fall."

Car-sharing services such as ZipCar's university program allow users 18 and up to rent cars for a roughly \$8 hourly fee, plus a \$25 yearly membership for faculty, university staff, and students.

O'Brien said the city has been considering car-sharing services on and off, but upfront costs in early service models prohibited the city from moving forward in the past.

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Audit: UI overpaid \$645K

By NICHOLAS MILLER

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A state audit for fiscal 2011 reports 338 incidents of overpayment by the University of Iowa to employees, and one university official cites poor timing among UI administrators for the overpayments totaling \$645,741.

"It is a matter of having the correct paperwork at the right time," UI spokesman Tom Moore said.

Moore did not know whether the 338 incidents were for 338 different employees or if there were unintentionally repeated cases.

The \$645,741 is an increase in over-

SEE OVERPAYMENT, 5

Officials push Justice Center

Community members still have questions about the new Justice Center before they vote in November.

By AMY SKARNUILS

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Although plans for the new Johnson County Justice Center have been unveiled, members of the community still have questions regarding security.

Johnson County Supervisor Rod Sullivan and Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek held a presentation on Monday afternoon for senior citizens to voice their concerns about the potential project.

The overcrowded jail and the aging Courthouse continue to be primary areas of concern.

Sullivan said he believes the new facility is extremely important in many ways,

SEE JUSTICE CENTER, 5



Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek displays an artist's rendering of the proposed new Justice Center during a Johnson County Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday in the Health and Human Services Building. In November, building a new center will be put to a vote. The projected cost is \$48.1 million. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

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Obama wants tax cuts

President Obama plans to visit Kirkwood Community College today to talk about the economy.

By JORDYN REILAND
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President Obama announced Monday he plans to extend tax cuts for middle-class families through 2013, and voices from each end of the political spectrum offered praise and criticism of the move.

"... Pass a bill extending the tax cuts for the middle class; I will sign it tomorrow. Pass it next week; I'll sign it next week. Pass it next — well, you get the idea," Obama said in a speech on Monday, addressing U.S. lawmakers.

Iowa Democratic Chairwoman Sue Dvorsky said the tax cuts will ultimately benefit the economy.

"The president is urging Congress to extend tax cuts for the middle class and asking the wealthiest to pay their fair share because he believes we need to grow the economy from the middle class out," she said in a statement. "Meanwhile, Mitt Romney just today said he opposes the president's call to extend middle-class tax cuts in favor of a \$5 trillion plan that we can't afford and benefits only the wealthiest Americans."



President Obama talks to the audience following a speech in Cedar Rapids in January. Obama will be in Cedar Rapids again today at Kirkwood Community College. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Monday's announcement came just before Obama's visit today to Kirkwood Community College where he is expected to address supporters and speak about the economy.

Iowa GOP Chairman A.J. Spiker said the tax cuts in 2013 will ultimately result in an increase in 2014.

"Iowans, not government bureaucrats, are best able to decide how to spend their hard-earned money," he said in a statement. "The only way to grow our economy and reduce unemployment is to cut spending, simplify our tax code and reduce regulations on businesses so they can expand and hire American workers."

Since Obama has been in office, he has cut taxes each

year by approximately \$3,600 for the "typical" middle-class family.

Obama said when Congress passed tax cuts that benefited the wealthiest Americans, the country did not see the expected job growth the tax cuts were meant to provide.

"... The wealthy got wealthier, but most Americans struggled. Instead of creating more jobs, we had the slowest job growth in half a century," he said in the speech. "Instead of widespread prosperity, the typical family saw its income fall."

Not everyone was in favor of Obama's plans to cut taxes.

Presumptive GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney countered Obama's tax cut with his own plan to

create more jobs and save money.

"President Obama's response to even more bad economic news is a massive tax increase," said Andrea Saul, a Romney campaign spokeswoman. "It just proves again that the president doesn't have a clue how to get America working again and help the middle class. The president's latest bad idea is to raise taxes on families, job creators, and small businesses. Unlike President Obama, Governor Romney understands that the last thing we need to do in this economy is raise taxes on anyone. He has a plan to permanently lower marginal rates, help middle-class Americans save and invest, and jump-start economic growth and job creation."

COURTHOUSE FACE-LIFT



Employees of Technical Specialty Systems take a break from their masonry repair at the Johnson County Courthouse on Monday. Beginning last month, workers started to remove old mortar on the north side of the building. They hope to be done replacing mortar on three sides of the building, excluding the front, by sometime in August. Technical Specialty Systems has also contracted to do repairs to the flagpole. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

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Area man charged with domestic abuse

Police have accused a North Liberty man of abusing the mother of his child.

Tommy Jones, 49, was charged Sunday with domestic-abuse assault.

According to a North Liberty police complaint, Jones and the woman initially told police they had only a verbal dispute. The police spoke with the child in the house, who claimed she saw Jones hit the woman in the head.

The woman then admitted that Jones pulled her hair but denied being hit in the face or head. Jones has at least three prior domestic convictions, the complaint said.

Domestic-abuse assault is a Class-D felony.

— by Amy Skarnulis

Woman charged with unlawful credit-card use

The Iowa City police have accused an Iowa City woman of using an elderly man's credit card without authorization.

Kerrie Fraley, 50, 320 S. Dubuque St., Apt. 308, was charged June 27 with unauthorized use of a credit card.

According to a police complaint, the victim is an elderly man whom Fraley helped on occasion in daily living, which caused her to have access to his property.

The man reported Fraley took his bank card and used it several times in Iowa City without authorization. She allegedly admitted to police officials that she did take the card and used it to withdraw money four times in the Iowa City area. The total amount taken was more than \$1,000 in 24 hours, the complaint said.

Unauthorized use of a credit card spending less than \$10,000 is a Class-D felony.

— by Amy Skarnulis

Corn, soybean prices leap

DES MOINES — Corn and soybean prices surged Monday after the latest government report showed a widespread drought in the middle of the country is hurting this year's crop.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture report said 30 percent of the corn in the 18 states that produce most of the nation's crop is now considered in poor or very poor condition. A week ago, it was 22 percent.

Indiana and Illinois have been particularly hard hit. The USDA said 61 percent of Indiana's corn is now rated poor or very poor, compared with 50 percent last week. In Illinois, 48 percent of the corn is rated as poor or very poor, compared with 33 percent a week ago.

Nationwide, the amount of corn rated good to excellent also is dropping, to 40 percent this week from 48 percent a week ago.

Corn surged 31 cents to \$7.74 per bushel in afternoon trading.

The soybean crop is stressed, too, and worries that it will suffer drove prices to a record on Monday. In morning trade, prices peaked at \$16.79 per bushel before settling back down to close at \$16.65, up 45 cents.

The USDA reported that 27 percent of soybeans were in poor or very poor condition in the 18 states where most are grown. It was 22 percent a week earlier.

Only 40 percent of the soybean crop was in good or excellent condition, down from 45 percent a week earlier.

Corn is pollinating in many areas of the Farm Belt, and extreme heat during pollination can hurt formation of the ears and kernels, cutting into the amount of corn farmers will harvest.

— Associated Press

BLOTER

Regan Loula, 21, Washington, Iowa, was charged Monday with OWI.

Antwan Owens, 36, 1960 Broadway Apt. 7C, was charged

Monday with OWI.

Calvin Redmond, 28, 1211 William St., was charged with interference with official acts and domestic-assault injury.

Jaylin Richards, 18, Coralville, was charged April 28 with fifth-degree theft.

Stephan Spurlock, 20, 1401 Ridge

St., was charged July 7 with possession of marijuana.

Jaudon Swazyer, 32, 700 First Ave., was charged Monday with public intoxication.

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- It's just the suburbs

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In the July 9 article "Rastetter firm rejects charges," the *D* incorrectly reported that Iowa Regent Bruce Rastetter is the chief executive officer of AgriSol Energy LLC. He is in fact a managing director of AgriSol Energy LLC and a cofounder and a managing director of AgriSol Energy Tanzania Ltd.

OBITUARIES

Amy Neustrom, 52, of Coralville died July 6. Her family will greet friends Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. at Lensing Oak Hill Funeral Service, 605 Kirkwood Ave. A celebration of her life will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Diana S. Sokol, 67, formerly of Coralville, died Sunday, July 8 at

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UI, Mercy team up for Medicare

By KRISTEN EAST

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University of Iowa Health Care and Mercy Medical Center officials say their participation in the Medicare Shared Savings Program will ultimately increase patient care for Iowans.

Health providers announced Monday that Mercy Medical Center and UI Health Care were selected to participate in the Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organization, a new program sponsored by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, according to a UI Health Care press release.

"Through the Shared Savings Program, Mercy and UI Health Care will work with [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services] to provide Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries with high quality service and care, while reducing the growth in Medicare expenditures through enhanced care coordination," the release said.

The selection is one of 89 new Accountable Care Organizations announced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Monday. According to a release from the department, 89 new Accountable Care Organizations have been serving 1.2 million people with Medicare since July 1, and 2.4 million people are expected to receive better, more coordinated care. There are now 154 Accountable Care Organizations nationwide.

One UI Health Care expert said Medicare assigns each organization patients, and it's the centers' job to then contact them and help manage their health.

"The change [with this program] would be a higher level of management for these patients ... these would most likely be nurses to help coordinate care with the clinical team," said Daniel Fick, a UI clinical professor.

According to the Medicare government website, an Accountable Care Organization is a group of health-care

providers working together to provide better care.

"Better coordinated care is good for patients, and it saves money," Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said in the press release. "We applaud every one of these doctors, hospitals, health centers, and others for working together to ensure millions of people with Medicare get better, more patient-centered, coordinated care."

The Medicare Shared Savings Program and other programs related to Accountable Care Organizations are made possible by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, according to the release. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act on June 28.

Fick said it'll probably be a few years before any savings generated by this program are calculated, but this program is "not a money venture."

"This program is more designed for increasing quality for patients and collaboration with our partners," he said. "It also helps us develop our common primary-care network ... so it's a win for the patients, and potentially a win for the hospitals also."

Fick is collaborating with Tim Quinn, president of MercyCare Community Physicians, on this program.

Quinn said the nation's current health-care model is not sustainable, and Accountable Care Organizations will provide needed transformational care.

"For all of our providers and patients [this program] means increased coordination of care across the continuum and increasing bouts of equality," he said. "[The UI and Mercy] are spending a tremendous amount of time ... working together to combine efforts and coordinate our resources."

Both Fick and Quinn said the Accountable Care Organization between the UI and Mercy is comparable with the University of Iowa Health Alliance announced June 29, consisting of the UI Hospitals

and Clinics, Mercy Health Network, Mercy Medical Center-Cedar Rapids, and the Genesis Health System.

Quinn said costs are lowered when services are widespread.

"Every time you provide health care across the system, the more you can spread out those costs across multiple organizations doing the same functions, [you can] lower overall costs to provide those functions," Quinn said. "It's improving care throughout the system [and] transferring those cost savings to patients and taxpayers and people who buy insurance."

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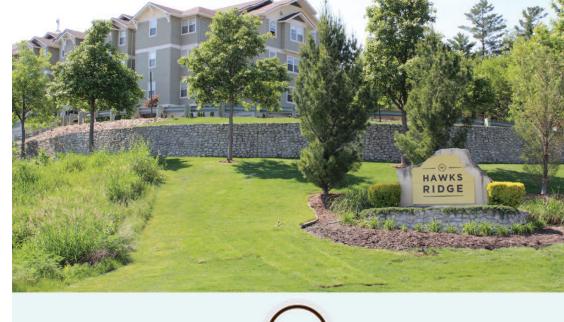
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Editorial

New Iowa One cards will be safer

Students, faculty, and staff at the University of Iowa know the importance of the Iowa One identification card.

For students living in the dorms, these cards contain their meal-plan information and allow them to do laundry, pick up their mail from the desk, and a great many other things. Students have had to show their card when turning in their finals, when going to a sporting event, and when charging such items as textbooks to their U-bill.

This year, the university is adding two additional features to the Iowa One card that will ultimately prove convenient, safe, and economical in the long run.

The cards will now offer two services that were not always available, one being the new "proximity" technology, and the second being the debit-card function. These updates come at a perfect time, because although the cards cost \$4 to produce, and officials estimate that there will be approximately 45,000 cards issued, the new contract with Hills Bank has the bank providing \$1 for every card. The bank is also allowing the cards to be used as a debit card, should students choose to open an account with Hills Bank.

The other addition to the card will make it valuable to everyone and should grab our attention.

The new Iowa One cards have the technology to act as an electronic key to access buildings on campus that have, or are being updated to have, electronic locks.

During normal office hours or class times, the buildings will remain unlocked. Many university spaces useful to students and faculty, such as computer labs, are often locked, so if you are a student or university employee who needs to access a building after hours, the new technology will allow the Iowa One card office to administer access with the click of a button.

Ann Rosenthal, the associate director of Building and Landscape Services for UI Facilities Management, said the technology is safer for the university community.

"Authorization to access certain buildings is assigned to a person, not to a card," she said.

If a card is lost or stolen and replaced, Rosenthal said, all of the authorized access is transferred to a new card.

"Everyone — students, faculty, anyone on staff — is more likely to keep better track of these cards because they'll be using them more often, and I think we'll see fewer lost and replaced cards," she said.

In the past, students living in residence halls have had to keep track of their ID cards and their "prox cards," which generally meant that they were more likely to lose at least one of them. If they had the unfortunate circumstance of losing both, they needed to pay two replacement fees rather than just one. The replacement fee for the Iowa One card is \$25.

Although that fee may seem like a hefty fee for a student on a ramen-noodle budget, students are still encouraged to report their lost or stolen cards. Students do not have to pay just to have their cards deactivated, and if the students find their "lost" cards, they will be reactivated for no additional charges — that's the benefit of advanced technology.

The technology increases campus and residence-hall security. The locks are better than other simple electronic locks. They can monitor whether a door has been propped open when it is supposed to be shut and keep track of who is entering the building.

Although there are capital costs to replace all the cards now, in the long run, these will almost certainly save money. The university will no longer have to administer both proximity cards and Iowa One cards, it will not have to change locks if a key is lost or stolen, it will not have to hand out and collect keys — it can just update the software inside the card by the touch of a button, and that is just cool.

Technology can do great things. Even if you're not too excited about having your picture taken for another new ID card, we can all get excited about the security and increased functionality that these small pieces of plastic permit.

Your turn. Do you think the Iowa One cards are necessary? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

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DI has liberal bias

Reading through *The Daily Iowan* for the past few years on campus has become a part of my daily routine. It started as a way to gather information about news in the Iowa City area.

Over the past two years, however, I have become increasingly frustrated with the style of writing. The writ-

ers in *The Daily Iowan* are some of the most biased writers I have encountered. Nearly every piece of "news" that comes from *The Daily Iowan* has severe liberal and Democratic overtones.

Why is it that a place as diverse as the University of Iowa can only find blatant and biased liberals to write their newspaper? Show some of the "independent" side that you

claim to represent at the top of every newspaper.

Zack Goetsche
UIHC nursing assistant

I-CLUCK petition filthy

As of 2010, Iowa City's population was 67,862. The city needs to take a referendum before allowing this disaster.

We live outside city limits,

and a neighbor started raising

chickens in 1990 — filthy, noisy, and stinky. They would get loose and crap on our entryways, tear up our gardens, or get nasty and chase us back into our houses. Neighbor's response: "Oh, I'll talk to the girls." Newspeople came and took pictures, and we went to court — ugly situation. Eggs are only 88 cents a dozen — buy 'em.

R.S. Levine
Iowa City resident

Guest Column

Cultural acceptance and the war on greed

The two biggest addictions in this country are alcohol and tobacco. However, they are culturally accepted. Over time, we have changed our views on substance abuse, and as a culture, we decide what is acceptable. It is now known that addiction is an illness.

However, when it is an illegal substance, the addict is treated as a criminal. I think it is time we take a look at what we are doing. Prohibition didn't work, and neither will the war on drugs. I think we need to look at the level of harm each drug does and make rational decision on how to allocate money on best control the problem.

Drug manufacturers

make pain killers known as opiates — they also are the ones opening pain clinics and paying doctors in this country more than \$600,000 per year to dispense them.

There is an epidemic in opiate drugs in the United States. Pain-pill manufacturers need to be controlled on how many pills are made.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overdoses of prescription pain killers led to 14,800 deaths in the United States in 2008. Overdose rates have more than tripled since 1990, and the rates grow every year.

Consider this statistic from 2010 — 254 million prescriptions for opiates were filled in the United States — according to Wall Street analysts Cowen & Co., "enough painkillers to medicate every American adult around the clock for a month."

As I stated earlier, it is a cultural acceptance to take pills for pain. So now we create another substance that is now the most abused form of addiction, and the drug manufacturers are getting richer and richer, and more and more people are getting addicted and dying.

I do not use drugs, but I question our common sense in what we accept. Every

day we spend money fighting the war on drugs: arresting people selling marijuana, growing it, and using it. However, I don't know of a single case of adults overdosing accidentally on marijuana. People think nothing of getting the pain pills, and they are mass producing them in hopes that people will get addicted and they can make more money legally.

Use some of the money to get help for the millions addicted to opiates. We need more treatment centers that are available to all people, not just the rich or insured.

On June , my son overdosed. He is an opiate addict. I have known since

2009. We lived in Florida at the time. His choices then were to buy them on the street, go to pain clinics (where they made up fake illness to sell them to him), or going to a seboxin or methadone clinic (where they just addict you to another drug). We had no insurance or money to pay for rehab facilities — and that was the only way to get into them unless you broke the law while on drugs and the court ordered you to them.

Iowa does have locations for treatment and rehab for people on a sliding scale. However, there are always waiting lists. We need to spend more money on giving people a place to get

help in every state.

My son now lives in Iowa, and as I sit here in the ICU of the hospital in Iowa City, I am thankful he will finally have the opportunity to get help. I know it is now up to him to get the help and change, but at least Iowa has something available if he can just get into a treatment facility without having to wait too long.

But I hope our cultural acceptance will someday be changed, and we do the right things to get our country out of this epidemic. Maybe we should change our slogan to "Just Say No to Greed."

Darlene Krause

Melbourne, Fla

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No, I'm not going to say anything about the Red Sox.

There's nothing to say about the Red Sox, except that it's kind of like the fire in the Iowa City Landfill — it just goes on and on for the longest time, badly going to worsely.

(Which, yes, grandma in my brain, I understand "worsely" is not anywhere close to being a word, now or ever. But in the case of the Red Sox, we should make an exception).

The Red Sox as a landfill fire — that pretty much sums up their season.

That also pretty much sums up House Republicans, who, this week, will pass the 31st bill to repeal so-called Obamacare (the previous 30 failed in the Senate, as will this one, and even if the measure somehow passes in the Senate, a miracle on the order of the Maginot Line repelling the Germans in 1940, President Obama will veto it).

So one wonders why — maybe many wonder why; it wouldn't be the first time —

Republicans, who frequently scream, then shout, then rail at jet-planes-taking-off auditory levels about saving taxpayers' money, would spend taxpayers' money voting 31 times to pass a bill that they know beforehand will wind up in a ring of Dante's Hell.

(Which is probably somewhere in Mississippi these days, given the education levels there. Republican governors have seen to that, given their extraordinarily wise budget choices.)

Take Gov. Rick Perry. (Yes, grandma in my brain, I understand he's not the governor of Mississippi. My father is a geography professor; I understand that Mississippi doesn't even border the state of Texas, which Perry is allegedly the governor of.)

Perry, who once was a candidate for the GOP nomination for president (No, seriously. If Mitt Romney wins in November, Perry will probably be in the

But Republicans continue to rail about Obamacare, even though it's based on Romneycare in Massachusetts, which the Mitt was once very proud of but now runs away from it with admirable speed for a man of his age. Who knew?

Of course, the Mitt also runs away from any talk of offshore financing or offshore bank accounts. Romney's new motto, apparently, is, What happens offshore stays offshore.

You know, the Mitt would be better off if he had stashed that dog offshore instead of on top of the car.

Badly going to worse-ly.

Blame it on *The Onion*. ■

**CARS**

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Jim Sayre, UI parking and transportation associate director, said though the university has been considering the service for several years, officials waited until it became cost-effective.

"We waited until it made sense financially," he said. "In early models, companies charged the city, university, or organization X amount of dollars, or would say, 'You buy the cars, we'll handle the membership

base.' We both agreed now is the time."

Sayre said the university and city have had similar roles in examining contract languages, and both have been active in planning stages.

Kelsey Zlevor, UI Student Government sustainability liaison, said she pursued establishing car-sharing services at the university in the past but is excited to see the program come to fruition now.

"I was very interested, and whoever I talked to was really receptive," she said. "They all said they were trying to get something done."

If the contract is award-

ed to ZipCar, the UI will be the second-to-last Big Ten school to establish the service on campus, leaving University of Nebraska-Lincoln — officials there decided against it in 2011. Ohio State University canceled its contract with ZipCar in 2009 after choosing Hertz's competing program, Connect by Hertz.

Lindsey Lossing, a representative at the University of Michigan parking and transportation services, said ZipCar has had tremendous success on campus since its 2006 inception.

"It has taken awhile, but it has slowly grown," she said. "But it has been very

successful. We are completely full up."

ZipCar serves both faculty and students and offers faculty and staff discounts, she said.

"The faculty use it a lot," she said. "The faculty and student programs are split, but the students are definitely using it more."

Lossing said the program costs the university nothing, and the school provides only parking spaces. The school started with two cars and now has 22.

UI junior Kuper Bergman said he does not own a car and would be interested in the program depending on the use fees.

"I'd be interested in using it primarily to get to other nearby towns and places in the Coralville area that I couldn't get to before," he said.

Bergman said it is frustrating getting to class daily from his off-campus apartment without a car.

Zlevor said the service would benefit students, residents, and the environment by reducing congestion in Iowa City.

"Obviously, it's awesome, and I think there is an interest, too," she said. "It will limit, in a good way, the number of cars on campus to free up parking. It will be interesting to see after the program starts to see if

ZipCar at Big Ten
Nearly all schools in the Big Ten have used the ZipCar car-sharing service on campus.

- 2006: Michigan
- 2007-2009: Ohio State
- 2009: Illinois-Urbana/Champaign
- 2010: Minnesota, Indiana
- 2011: Michigan State, Northwestern, Penn State, Purdue
- 2012: Wisconsin-Madison, Iowa (anticipated)

Source: Big Ten officials

there is reduction of pollution or a measurable impact."

OVERPAYMENT

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payments by \$73,441 over fiscal 2010.

Moore said the university has made efforts to reduce the problem.

"The primary solution is to make sure all have the appropriate resources to complete their paperwork on time," he said. "We con-

tinued to improve our processes."

The efforts have resulted in a 20 percent reduction in overpayments for fiscal 2012.

Ninety-three percent of the overpayment was returned by June 12, and the remaining 7 percent is being collected.

There is a procedure in place where the employees affected by the overpayment are notified, Moore said. Then repayment for each case is handled individually, he said.

If people are still employees of the university, they have the option of withholding funds from their next paychecks, Moore said.

Officials from Iowa State University and University of Northern Iowa say the schools have never overpaid their employees to the same extent the UI has.

Doug Anderson, the payroll manager for Iowa State University, was surprised to hear how much the UI had overpaid, and said

Iowa State has never overpaid employees by that amount.

"Nothing at that magnitude; nothing close to that," he said.

Anderson said that overpayments typically happen at Iowa State when employees give notice of unpaid leave too late in the month.

When that happens, he said, the employees are notified, and overpayments are taken out of their next paychecks.

Anderson said it is very

rare for employees to be overpaid in error. However, if the circumstance does occur, they would be notified and asked to write a check for the amount to the university.

Linda Gruetzmacher, the payroll manager for University of Northern Iowa, also said the university sometimes experiences overpayments but never at the amount the UI has experienced.

Gruetzmacher said overpayments usually happen when employees' statuses are not changed fast enough if they switch from full-time to half-time, or if they resign.

She said repayment depends on when the overpayment is discovered, employees have the option of repaying by check or withholding funds from their next paycheck.

"We certainly have overpayments; it is not unusual," she said.

JUSTICE CENTER

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including the safety of the deputies and prisoners.

"I think the [safety and security] of the deputies and prisoners are being compromised here," he said before the meeting. "We're sending them to places that do comply; we cannot comply with all of the [safety regulations and rules]."

Officials say Johnson County officials are concerned about shipping a number of inmates to other counties because the current facility cannot accommodate them. Constructing the Justice Center would keep the inmates and taxpayer dollars in Johnson County.

The construction of the

Johnson County Justice Center

Residents of Johnson County still have questions about the much-debated construction of the center.

- Five stories high
- Total cost: \$48.1 million
- 243-bed jail
- 153,800 gross square feet
- 6 new court rooms

Source: Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkabek

Justice Center will be up for public vote in the November general election, and Pulkabek said, if approved, the building that currently houses the jail will be sold. He thinks it could sell for around \$5 million or \$6 million.

The Board of Supervisors decided earlier this year to ask voters to bond \$46.8 million of the estimated \$48.1 million project, *The*

Daily Iowan has previously reported.

In his presentation, Pulkabek said security is a main concern with the current Courthouse. The safety of the people serving jury duty, lawyers, and deputies are all at risk because of the lack of security, he said.

"Think about the proximity of you as a juror with the people who commit horrible crimes," he said. "For a juror to be in proximity to someone who has committed something like murder is unnerving."

Some community members still had questions for Pulkabek after his presentation.

Iowa City resident Bob Hibbs thought safety was a main concern and is happy the new Justice Center will have a screening process at the entrance.

"I have had the unique experience of being called

to Dubuque jury duty as well as in Johnson County, and the difference in security is remarkable," he said. "The fact of security in the [current] courtroom just begs for a solution."

Johnson County Supervisor Terrence Neuzil, who has previously told the *DI* that he was opposed to the new Justice Center, agreed that security is a problem. He said the time is right to ask people to vote on this issue.

"Quite frankly, it's a disaster of liability waiting to happen," he said. "We're very, very fortunate that an extreme incident hasn't occurred in our community."

Pulkabek said the Johnson County Jail was built to house 46 inmates; in the '90s, officials started double-bunking the rooms to hold 92 inmates. However, in the last fiscal year, the

jail saw an average of 156.2 inmates per day.

He said the new Justice Center, estimated to cost around \$48.1 million, will have a 243-bed jail along with an entrance similar to airport security. There will

also be a secure bridge connection between the new building and the old Courthouse. The 153,800-square-foot space would be five stories high and would not block the view of the original Courthouse, which was built more than 100 years ago.

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"We're still working on some numbers, but one of the things we will have to do is [hire] a nurse [and] couple people for the additional courthouse security."

Pulkabek said the Justice Center will ultimately save the county money because officials won't have to hire more employees to manage inmates.

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Grant targets substance abuse

By ELEANOR MARSHALL
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At clinics across Iowa, getting screened for substance abuse could become as common as getting blood pressure taken or having reflexes tested at a doctor's checkup — just part of the routine.

The Iowa Department of Public Health was notified on July 3 that it received a \$7.5 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The five-year grant will fund a substance-abuse prevention and early intervention program called Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment.

Everyone using participating health-care centers will undergo a voluntary screening to identify those at risk for or suffering from substance dependence. Those who test positive on a preliminary screening will go through further screening and a brief counseling session to address the extent of their substance abuse.

Similar screening programs have been successfully implemented in emer-

gency treatment centers across the country, said Michele Tilotta, a project director for the program with the Bureau of Substance Abuse and Prevention.

"[The patients] may not be seeking help with substance abuse, but if that drinking or drug use is really compromising their ability to handle health, work, or family issues, we want to catch and treat it before it becomes an addiction or even more serious problem. It will really help those who have not reached the level of diagnosis for treatment," she said. "Screening is the very first step for prevention, and it's an extremely powerful educational tool — showing people the results of the screening can help them change their behavior."

The substance-abuse screenings will first be implemented in four federally qualifying health-care centers in four Iowa counties, as well as at Iowa National Guard's Camp Dodge. The rest of the state will start the screenings in about a year.

Tilotta said the program is also intended to integrate substance-abuse

screening into routine medical care.

"The beauty of [the screening program] is that it makes it like everything else," she said. "It takes away the stigma of alcohol- and drug-related abuse. It's about your health. If you're at a risk for a substance-abuse disorder, we want to make monitoring and caring for that normal — to make it part of wellness."

Ron Berg, the chief executive officer of MECCA, the Mid-Eastern Council for Chemical Abuse, said any effective drug-prevention program must include an array of different approaches — and the new screening program will add to Iowa's diverse measures of prevention through education in schools, community coalitions, and law enforcement.

"Just like many other medical conditions, the earlier you identify the problems, the better the outcome will be," he said. "After a substance-abuse problem gets serious, they lose some of their supports, alienate their family, employment might have suffered, and they have to address those issues as well."

years. He said the program adds the same intensity of sports while cultivating an interest in learning.

"It's kind of like going to a basketball game or tournament," he said when describing the FTC tournaments.

Niemitalo said the summer camp has given the students a more hands-on approach by giving them the equipment to build the robots on their own.

The TETRIX camp works with the same materials and some of the same instructors as the FIRST after-school program at

local high-schools. Niemitalo said there has been a lot of success with the program so far.

"We've seen a lot of students go to engineering schools," he said.

Dennis Garrigan, spokesman from the FIRST tech challenge, said the program is currently 20 years old and has provided \$15 million in college scholarships and involves a support network of more than 3,500 different sponsors from both the public and private sector.

Garrigan said corporations get involved in FIRST

Tilotta said the grant targets the 30 percent of Americans who are at low to moderate risk of developing substance dependence.

But not only does the program decrease the severity of substance abuse, it lightens the strain on the state's economy as well. Tilotta said her research has revealed that every dollar spent on prevention saves between \$3.81 and \$5.60 in the cost of public health care.

The Iowa Department of Public Health hopes to conduct almost 8,900 screenings annually and to improve training for medical professionals, Tilotta said. After establishing the screenings in designated health centers, she said, she hopes to expand the program to other medical centers, such as primary-care providers.

Berg said the screening could help normalize substance-abuse prevention.

"People respond to screening conducted right there with a physician and tend to be more open than if they have to set up an appointment at a different treatment center," he said. "Do you go to your doctor and tell them you have a heart problem, or do you go straight to a cardiologist?"

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'Blade runner' set for Games

By GERALD IMRAY

Associated Press

LONDON — Is man-made material superior to muscle? Are those blades better than real legs?

Oscar Pistorius, the double-amputee runner, is taking the issue of disabled versus able-bodied competition into new territory as he prepares for the London Olympics.

His inclusion on South Africa's team clears the way for him to become the first amputee runner to compete in the Olympics. And because it's the sporting world's biggest stage, his participation is likely to fire up the long-running debate over whether his flexible, carbon-fiber blades give him an unfair advantage.

Pistorius, 25, runs on Cheetah Flex-Foot blades, J-shaped limbs that are 16 inches long and weigh a little over a pound each.

Pistorius, whose lower legs were amputated when he was a baby after he was born without the fibula bones in his shins, has a personal best in the 400 meters of 45.07 seconds — almost two seconds off Michael Johnson's world record — and ran a 45.20 this year, both inside the top Olympic qualifying time.

Never before has a person with disabilities been such a threat to the people without in a sports event.

"There are tens of thousands of people with the same prosthetics I use, but there's no one running the same times," Pistorius wrote in a column in a British newspaper last week after he was chosen to run both the individual 400 meters and the 4x400 relay in London. "You'll always get people who have their opinions on whether I should compete in London, but they can't explain my times."

He doesn't just want to show up at the London Games, flash his photogenic smile and wave, then retire graciously and let the top runners get on with it. Pistorius wants to be on the track among the eight finest runners in the world when the gold medal is decided on Aug. 6.

Pistorius told the AP: "My goals are just to be able to look back at my career and know that I didn't let my talent go to waste. I'm just trying to prove to myself that I can be the best that I want to be."

Sports engineer David James, a senior lecturer at England's Sheffield Hallam University, disagrees with Pistorius' inclusion in the Olympics on both scientific and ethical grounds.

"Sport is hard-nosed and brutal and bloody and has no place for sob stories. People want Oscar to run and do well. However, will they think the same if he wins?" James said. "I predict a



South Africa's Oscar Pistorius competes during the 400-meter men's race at the KBC Night of Athletics in Heusden, Belgium, on July 7. The South African double amputee is going to the London 2012 Olympics, reigniting a fierce debate over the carbon-fiber blades he runs on.

(Associated Press/Geert Vanden Wijngaert)

backlash if he wins anything. They will attribute that performance to the blades. I think there would be real implications if he won."

Pistorius' case was settled — legally anyway — in 2008 when sports' highest court lifted the ban from able-bodied events imposed on him by the International Association of Athletics Federations.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport said that Pistorius probably gets some advantages from the springy, curved blades, but he also suffers some disadvantages, and they even out in the end.

James doesn't agree.

"To say he doesn't have an advantage is stretching

it," the sports engineer said. "When he's up to speed, he is more efficient...he can relocate his legs faster because they are lighter."

Hugh Herr, an associate professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an expert in biomechanics and bionics who has conducted studies on Pistorius, agreed with the decision to reinstate Pistorius, saying there is no evidence the blades give Pistorius an edge.

Pistorius' leg speed is quicker than that of some other athletes but not all of them, Herr said, meaning he's "not abnormal." And in terms of the energy he uses and the way he tires, there is, crucially, no difference.

Missiles upset Londoners

By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON — Residents of a London apartment tower went to court Monday in a bid to stop their rooftop from being used as a missile base during the Olympic Games, saying the deployment in a densely populated area could make the building a terrorist target.

The British military plans to deploy surface-to-air missiles at six sites around London as part of a vast security operation for the July 27-Aug. 12 games. But residents of the 17-story Fred Wigg Tower in Leytonstone, east London, say they were not consulted about the move.

Judge Charles Haddon-Cave said he would rule today on whether residents can seek a judicial review of the plans to put the missiles on their roof.

The residents' lawyer, Marc Willers, told the High Court that his clients had "a fully justified fear that

installation or deployment of the missile system on the roof of the Fred Wigg Tower gives rise to the additional risk that the tower itself may become the focus of a terrorist attack."

They claim the missiles breach their rights under the European Convention on Human Rights, which protects people's "right to private life and peaceful enjoyment of their home."

Missiles also will be stationed at another apartment building, at a reservoir, at farmland in east London, and along hillsides in south London.

Defense Secretary Philip Hammond has said the missiles — capable of shooting down a hijacked aircraft menacing the Olympic Park — are a prudent part of security precautions intended to provide "both reassurance and a powerful deterrent."

Hammond says objections to the security plans, which also include 7,500 soldiers, RAF fighter jets on standby at nearby air

bases, and a helicopter carrier on the River Thames, are confined to "a small number of activists."

Intelligence officials say there has been an expected increase in chatter among extremist groups ahead of the Olympics, but there are no specific or credible threats to the games. Britain's terror threat level remains at substantial, the middle point on a five-point scale, meaning an attack is a strong possibility.

Over the past week, 14 people have been arrested on suspicion of terrorism activity. Police insist none of the cases are linked to plots against the Summer Games.

Home Secretary Theresa May on Monday insisted that London would enjoy a "safe and secure" Olympics, amid questions from opposition legislators about concerns that a private security firm responsible for around 100 venues still needs to train and accredit approximately 9,000 guards.

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Who will win All-Star?

Two *Daily Iowan* sports staffers debate who will win tonight's MLB all-star game and therefore gain home field advantage in the World Series in October.

American League

The third time will be the charm for the American League in Kansas City.

The All-Star game has been held in KC twice before, with the National League winning both (5-3 in 1960 and 7-1 in 1973).

But this time, when it counts, the American League will reign supreme.

One major reason is who won't play for the National League. Prince Fielder's jump from the Milwaukee to Detroit in free agency this past off-season means his monstrous left-handed swing will be for the home team in Kauffman Stadium. Fielder crushed the eventual game-winning home run in last year's Mid-Summer Classic, earning game MVP honors for his 3-run blast.

With Fielder's departure, the National League's lineup lacks serious star power when compared with the American League's. Batting orders were announced on Monday, and La Russa chose Milwaukee's Ryan Braun, Cincinnati's Joey Votto, and St. Louis' Carlos Beltran as his 3-4-5 hitters. While those players are beyond respectable, the names don't quite strike the fear that manager Ron Washington's 3-4-5 hitters do: Texas' Josh Hamilton, Toronto's Jose Bautista, and Fielder.

Not to mention Prince won the Home Run Derby on Monday. He hit five and 11 dingers in rounds one and two to make it to the finals. He hit 12 in the last round for a total of 28.

Oh, and do you know who came in second? Bautista.

The American League just has bats that the National League doesn't.

While the Royals may be far from a World Series appearance, American



Fans cheer during the All-Star Home Run Derby on Monday in Kansas City, Mo. (Associated Press/Charlie Riedel)

League fans will leave Kauffman Stadium knowing one of their teams will host Game 1 of the World Series.

— by Ben Schuff

National League

The National League will win the 2012 "meaningless exhibition game disguised as a meaningful contest," if only because precedent and experience says so.

It's tough to use statistics for a matchup with a dynamic roster, but consider this about the Midsummer Classic: The game's victorious side has been beginning or ending a considerable winning streak at every game since 1987, which is indicative of each league's talent over year-to-year stretches.

The American League had a six-game winning streak from 1988 to 1993, before the Senior Circuit ripped off a three-year streak of its own. Although the AL dominated from 1997 to 2009 — save for the infamous tie at Miller Field in 2002 that led to the home-field advantage rule — the NL has won the last two contests.

Next, there's the human element. Tony LaRussa will manage his sixth All-Star Game because he helmed the World Series winners, the St. Louis Cardinals, in 2011. AL skipper Ron Washington will manage his second All-Star Game.

LaRussa's coaching never

won the exhibition, but there is a tough strategy to managing the players ensuring everyone gets in and at the right times.

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Teaming up on the mat

Iowa wrestlers try to model their own team environment in the team competition camp for high-school squads.

By MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD

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Wrestling is an individual sport, one grappler on the mat against another.

But it's a team sport, too.

High-school wrestling teams travel from all over the country to Iowa City to attend the team competition camp, staffed and coached by the wrestling program. Current Hawkeye grapplers team up with full high-school squads to help the young athletes grow not just as individuals but also as teams.

Mike Evans, who started every match during the 2011-12 season at 165 pounds, and Joe DuCharme were assigned to work with the same high school. They use their experience from the Hawkeye squad to make wrestling more of a team sport for the youngsters.

"When the kids come here with a full team, they're not only building as individuals, they build as a team, too," Evans said. "Everyone on the team is learning the same thing, so everyone is improving in the same ways. It's a team environment, just like the [Iowa] team has."

The wrestling program offers four individual camps: The takedowns and escapes camp and technique camp focus on drilling and learning new moves, and the intensive and elite camps are based on hard workouts to build strength and endurance.

The team-competition camp helps high-school



Iowa's Mike Evans looks up at the clock during a bout in January. Evans works as a coach for high-school wrestling squads at the Iowa wrestling program's team-competition camp. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

wrestling teams thrive in a competitive environment. High schools are pitted against each other and conduct full 14-weight dual meets.

"I could see it be more beneficial coming to a wrestling camp as an individual, because who are you going to rely on? Yourself," Evans said.

"But if you come as a team, you get that team building, you get the team unity, you get a stronger bond. That's really important in wrestling, to have a strong bond between your team."

The high-school teams travel with their coaches.

Evans and DuCharme work side by side with the high-school leaders to personalize workouts and training strategies to the needs of each team.

It's more difficult for the Hawkeye grapplers to coach other coaches, but it's beneficial.

"The coaches talk to us and tell us what they want," DuCharme said. "We coach the problems we see ourselves, too, but we always work on what the coach wants for his kids. The college guys who are coaching have to balance everything."

The training sessions are important, but where the benefit truly lies is when the schools are set against each other to perform in a dual meet, scored just as it would be in high-school competition.

There's one match happening at once. Twenty-six other wrestlers, plus coaches from both teams,

are watching a one-on-one battle.

It gets exciting.

"The kids know each other because they're on a team, so they're all spurring each other on to win the dual," Hawkeye associate head coach Terry Brands said. "It creates energy, because you have one-on-one wrestling, combative wrestling."

DuCharme, who attended a team-competition camp in Colorado under Brands when he was in high school, said it was one of the most influential training experiences he had as a young wrestler.

He said the excitement is beneficial not just for team building while at the camp, it also helps the wrestlers thrive individually. Just as the Hawkeye wrestlers compete better when Carver-Hawkeye Arena is full, he notices that the youngsters' skills increase when they're put in an intense competitive environment.

"You see a kid go in there and get a pin or a cool move, and the team really gets into it and spikes the energy," DuCharme said. "The momentum gets going. Everyone is hooting and hollering, and it's a lot of fun. I think that helps them prepare for competition because it's a real dual. That's what I focus on when I'm coaching, making it seem like a real competition."

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With the smell of grass blowing in the slight breeze and the Sun shining perfectly bright from behind the clouds, the players started to prac-

tice their swings. They hit the softball off a tee into the fence while Gibson gave them tips on their technique.

The special Olympic softball players ran, hit, and caught with happy hearts. Any coach would enjoy coaching a team that is as enthusiastic and excited as these

players were during practice.

"I enjoy all the participants I get to work with. You really get to learn a whole different side of people," Iowa City Parks and Recreation intern Emily Meyers said. "They enjoy this softball team socially. They get to see all their friends who

they might not see otherwise. I think that they like improving their skills and being competitive at the tournaments and games on the weekend."

Iowa City is unique and becoming revolutionary in the Special Olympics field. The city organizes and funds the

Special Olympics and the athletes who take part in the competition. In most places the money and support comes from an organization that is not associated with the city.

The city is investing well.

"This program is awesome for the kids. They need this. It gives them a

feeling that they could do anything anyone else can do," said Kelly Cochran, the mother of one of the athletes. "Softball is my daughter's favorite. I'll be at her tournament this weekend. They like their parents to be there. They're proud of what they do, and I'm proud of what they do."

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season ranked No. 11 nationally and sent three gymnasts to the individual event semifinals:

Javier Balboa and Broderick Shemansky in the all-around competition and Anton Gryshyev in the rings. All three finished in the top-20.

The campers get instruction from Rieve himself, the very coach that sent the Hawkeyes to the NCAA championships in April.

One-on-one training draws in such gymnasts as Parsells. He started training in gymnastics when he was 2, and his parents put him in all different kinds of sports. Parsells decided to stick with gymnastics rather than baseball or soccer because of the constant

opportunity to learn something new. Gymnastics emphasizes athletic concepts such as injury prevention, strength, flexibility, and an understanding of where one's body is in space and how to use it — qualities that are necessary in all sports — and that sold the sport to Parsells.

Others might need more motivation to give men's gymnastics a try, however.

Interest in men's gymnastics might increase this year after the Olympic Games in London. As the five men on the U.S. Olympic team goes for the gold, young

gymnasts all over the country will be watching.

"Every four years, gymnasts are these big super stars [during the Olympics]," Rieve said. "If we had any idea how to keep that interest the years in between, we'd be great."

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ly, and I love it obsessively.

But I'm not proud of being called baby. I was called baby — and honey, sweetheart, and missy — while covering the NCAA wrestling championships in the Scottrade Center in St. Louis. I probably traveled miles through the bowels of the Scottrade Center as I walked back and forth between the press row on the main floor and the locker room for interviews with the wrestlers. I was wearing low heels with my slacks

and blazer, and they clicked when I walked. Because I was one of the few women present to cover the championships, I got attention — in the form of "Hey, baby" or "How are you doing, hon?" — when I passed fellow journalists or event staff or security personnel.

I'm often the only woman present at events I cover, but I'm often the only journalist to have my credentials requested for verification at the door of a press conference, the only journalist getting asked on a date — by a stranger at least twice my age — in the press box.

Women have regularly worked in sports media

since the 1920s. Linda Cohn became the first full-time female sports anchor on national radio in 1987. I wasn't even born yet when Cohn was hired by ABC, but I still find myself fighting for respect and credibility in the sports media world two decades later — just because of my sex.

The instant I walk into a room filled with male journalists, I have to prove myself. I have to demonstrate that I know what I'm doing, that I know sports inside and out even though I have long hair and makeup on my face.

But it's OK that I have to prove myself.

Because I can.

I've had a journalist at

the NCAA wrestling championships ask me if I was going to ask Hawkeye wrestler Matt McDonough his favorite flavor of bubble gum.

I asked McDonough how he managed to record a reversal in the final seconds of third period even though his opponent got in on a solid single leg.

I've had taxi drivers, my dentist, a stranger I met on the bus make remarks along the lines of, "Oh, I didn't realize that women could be sportswriters."

But when I've stepped into a room to interview wrestlers or football players or any other athlete, male or female, they don't discriminate at all.

I passed wrestlers in the halls of the Scottrade Center as well, but they never called me baby. In fact, I saw Hawkeye wrestler Tony Ramos at the water fountain there and do you know what he said? He said, "Hi, Molly."

Athletes always answer my questions the same as any male journalist.

Coaches treat me with the same respect as they do the men. They shake my manicured hand after an interview, just as they shake the men's hands.

The men and women I interview never doubt my knowledge or credibility in the sport world.

They don't see me as a woman — they see me as a

sports journalist, as someone who loves the very concept of competition and watching people defy the limits of the human body. The athletes I interview treat me like a journalist because that's what I am.

I'm a journalist. And a woman.

And I'm proud of that.

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the basketball, not anything to do with Wisconsin as a whole ... I missed Iowa, but it was a basketball decision.

DI: What are you plan-

ning to do in the year off you have from college basketball?

Uthoff: I'm going to get a lot stronger, and I'm going to improve my athleticism and be a better basketball player. I'm going to get ready to play.

DI: You're going to have to do a lot of that

work on your own. What is your motivation going to be during your year off?

Uthoff: Just to be the best basketball player I can be, to get ready for the next season, so I can help my teammates and my team out during that season... I'm looking forward to getting a chance

to play college basketball.

DI: You grew up so close to the Hawkeyes, and now you're back here playing in Prime Time this summer. Is it refreshing to play basketball in your home again?

Uthoff: It's nice to have all my friends and

family there to support me. I'm happy to be back, really happy.



By RONALD BLUM

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Detroit's Prince Fielder became only the second player to win more than one title in the All-Star Home Run Derby, thrilling the crowd at Kauffman Stadium with eight splash shots into the right-field fountain and beating Toronto's Jose Bautista, 12-7, in the final Monday night.

On a night when the Yankees' Robinson Cano was repeatedly booed and went homerless, Fielder put on the most powerful display among baseball's big boppers. Winner at St. Louis' Busch Stadium three years ago, Fielder hit a total of 28 home runs over three rounds to cap the main event on the eve of the All-Star game, hitting the long drive of the night at 476 feet into the water.

Ken Griffey Jr. won three titles, in 1994, 1998, and 1999.

While the ball stayed out of McCovey Cove during the 2007 Derby at San Francisco's AT&T Park and the right-field swimming pool last year at Chase Field in Phoenix, there was plenty of aquatic activity in Kansas City, second only to Rome for most fountains in cities around the world.

After three splash shots among his five homers in the first round, Fielder started off the



The American League's Prince Fielder of the Detroit Tigers stands with his children, Jaden (left) and Haven, after receiving the All-Star baseball Home Run Derby trophy on Monday in Kansas City, Mo. (Associated Press/Charlie Riedel)

second round as the setting Sun lit up clouds in a pretty pink behind the left-field wall. His mop of dreadlocks visible as he hit without a helmet, Fielder deposited four more balls into the 322-foot-wide water spectacular, which by then was illuminated in the twilight.

He added another water drive in the final round, then leaned against one of his sons while he watched Bautista swing.

When he won three years ago in St. Louis, Fielder's 23 homers included a 503-foot drive that disappeared between two sections of bleachers in right-center.

Fielder set a final-round record of 12 en route to

last year's title in Phoenix, where he hit 32 overall. This year he was the object of loud booing throughout by fans upset he didn't select the Royals' Billy Butler after promising to take a hometown player for his derby team.

Fans chanted "Billy Butler" in between their boos. When it was over, Cano got hugs from Boston's David Ortiz and Yankee teammates Curtis Granderson and CC Sabathia.

"Everywhere the Yankees go play, they get booed all the time," Cano said. "I'm used to it."

It was the 17th time a player went homerless in the Derby, the first since Detroit's Brandon Inge in 2009.

"That was the most interesting reaction to a home-run derby I've ever seen, but the fans were excited which is all that counts," Granderson tweeted.

Carlos Gonzalez and Andrew McCutchen (four each) and Matt Kemp (one) also were dropped after the first round.

Carlos Beltran (12) was dropped after the second round, when Mark Trumbo and Bautista were tied with 13 apiece, leading to a swingoff won by Bautista 2-1.

Trumbo and Bautista each managed to put a drive into the small fountain beyond the left-field wall. Trumbo also hit a pair of shots over the Royals Hall of Fame in left, toward Interstate 70.

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Softball with a very special touch



Brandon Jenn (center) and Geoffrey Hacker (right) practice throwing during a Special Populations Involvement softball practice at the Kickers soccer complex on Monday. The Iowa City Recreation Division encourages individuals with special needs to participate in any of its programs. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

The Special Olympics are fast approaching, so practice is in high gear for Iowa City's softball team.

By TAYLOR AXELSON
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The softball team practicing for the Special Olympics finally had a night of practice in which the temperature wasn't more than 100 degrees. There's a tournament this weekend in Cedar Rapids in which the Iowa City teams will compete against other athletes all with the same goal: to win.

The Special Olympics combine competitiveness with the goal of having fun and providing special needs athletes a place to play together.

"It's a hit or miss for us this weekend at the tournament. Sometimes we do really well, other times we don't," said Ben Gibson, the head of the softball program. "It's not all

about competition, though. What is nice is that here in Iowa City, they have the Special Olympics all year long. They are able to get out and move and socialize with all their teammates."

Coaches work with some of the athletes individually during practice, while other half play as a team in scrimmages and game-situation drills.

The team has a roster of high-functioning, "awesome participants," said staff member Emily Pudenz.

Iowa City fields two teams: the Unified Team has both staff and special populations involvement athletes that play together, while the Iowa City team doesn't have staff on the roster. Both teams have the opportunity to compete at a regional

and national level if they win the state tournament.

"I can't even make the Unified Team," Pudenz said. "It's too good for me."

The social aspect of being outside and running around the diamond with their friends is the best part of the program for the athletes. But the members are still a softball team. The athletes play catch and ran ground-ball drills just as any softball team would.

"I love playing softball. I get to hang out with all my friends," outfielder Mari Harms said. "We have a tournament this weekend. We actually win a lot, so I think, we're going to do really good, and I'm very excited."

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Not the second sex

Why I choose to brave the sexism I've encountered working as a woman in sports media: I love sports, as much as the men do.



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Journalists have to take off their shoes before entering the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex. My leopard-print flats or heeled boots always stand out among the dozen pairs of men's dress shoes.

And I'm proud of that.

Athletes and coaches undoubtedly notice that I'm the only girl in the room, but they hide it well. I've never been treated with more respect than by the athletes I've covered — whether they be high-school wrestlers, Iowa volleyball athletes, or professional baseball players. These men and women work hard in athletics, devote their entire lives to it, and I think they recognize that I'm doing the same, just in a different aspect of the sports world.

I am a woman working in sports journalism. I'm often the only woman sitting in press row, the only woman holding a notebook and huddling around wrestlers or football players, the only woman holding a recorder out with a manicured hand to get a good quotation. I stand out in a room full of men.

And I'm proud of that. I'm a sports girl. I live for them. I love my job, my career, my calling. I love passionate-

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Happy to be home again

The Daily Iowan talks with basketball player Jarrod Uthoff after his return to Iowa.

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Jarrod Uthoff has been back in Iowa and playing in Prime Time for a three weeks now. He came home.

The ex-Wisconsin player signed with the Badgers **Uthoff** out of basketball player h i g h school, when he was the state of Iowa's most talented basketball recruit. Uthoff played high-school ball for Cedar Rapids Jefferson from 2006-2010. He led the state in scoring, averaging 26.1 points per game.



his freshman season at Wisconsin, Uthoff decided he wanted to come back home. He left the Badgers and announced he'd like to play for Iowa. Under NCAA regulations, Uthoff won't be eligible to put on a Hawkeye uniform until the 2013-14 season, and he can't communicate with Iowa athletics until he enrolls in the UI.

But Uthoff has played four games in the Prime Time League after being selected in the draft. The forward spoke with *The Daily Iowan* about what it has been like to play basketball in his home state once again.

Daily Iowan: What was your first year at Wisconsin like? Being away from your home and family to play basketball.

Jarrod Uthoff: I really liked the school itself. It was awesome. Deciding to come back to Iowa was all about

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Young gymnasts tune their chops

The Iowa men's gymnastics camp is one of only 17 NCAA camps for male gymnasts in the country.

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It's not football, baseball, or basketball. But 16-year-old Elijah Parsells said men's gymnastics is one of the most difficult sports out there, despite not having a lot of publicity.

Men's gymnastics might not be the most popular, but the Iowa camp is making moves to create change. Parsells is one of the 30 boys who are receiving first-rate instruction by the Iowa gymnastics staff this week.

Parsells is a native of Northern California. He has traveled across the country for the past two years to come to the Hawkeye camp run under head coach JD Reive.

"There a concept of teaching just how to flip and twist and do all this crazy stuff. That is very much the antithesis of



Elijah Parsells practices gymnastic techniques under Ben Ketelsen's (middle) guidance during Iowa Boy's Gymnastics Camp in the Field House on Monday. Parsells has traveled to Iowa City from California for the past two years to attend the Hawkeye camp. (The Daily Iowan/Sumei Chen)

what we do," Reive said. "We are about fundamentally teaching proper gymnastics. That way the kids can learn and have fun with it, but respect the sport. This is a fun camp, but it's a very disciplined camp."

The camp is run in a very structured style. The rotations and breaks are stopped and started at exact times, down to the minute. The coaches focus on form, artistry, and presentation of each event.

"I'm excited for the kids to get some one-on-one

time. They can perfect their skills," said Meri Kephart, mother of one of the campers. "We happened to be up here for a wedding, and it corresponded with the camp. We look to the universities, and Iowa has a good reputation. Gymnastics camps for boys are hard to find."

There are only 17 NCAA gymnastics camps offered in the entire country. This is mostly because of the lack of interest in the sport.

"Football, baseball, and

basketball are the sports people want to play because of the publicity," Parsells said. "I think gymnastics is pretty difficult, so a ton of people don't stick with it up through college. Football, baseball, and basketball are a lot easier and they're shown on TV more. If you become a NFL football star, you could become a millionaire. There are a lot more incentives to play in other sports."

The Iowa men's gymnastics team finished its

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