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## Officials, UISG trade ideas



UISG President Nic Pottebaum and Mayor Matt Hayek listen while asked a question in the University Capitol Center on Tuesday. The UISG meeting had a panel of city officials present to answer any questions about downtown culture. (The Daily Iowan/Chris Willauer)

Alec Bramel, the UISG City Council liaison, hopes this meeting is the beginning of a stronger partnership between student government and the City Council.

By **HILLARY ROSENCRANTS**

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City officials and members of the University of Iowa Student Government gathered Tuesday to discuss a number of topics, including the change in policy regarding entertainment venues. Officials said the meeting was a step toward changing the downtown culture.

In a recent vote at a Feb. 19 meeting, the Iowa City City Council voted unanimously to alter certain rules in its 21-ordinance — the change means underage people may be present in certain bars after midnight, provided that the establishment meets the rules for an entertainment venue ex-

emption.

City Councilor Rick Dobyms said that despite his prior support for the 21-ordinance, he has been waiting for a market to give underage people a chance to participate downtown.

"After the exception was made, people called me thinking I was Benedict Arnold," Dobyms said. "I worked on the 21-ordinance. But there are places that have earned the ability to have underage people participate."

And the meeting Tuesday evening also allowed the student government a chance to begin an involvement with the City Council.

Alec Bramel, the UISG City Council liaison, organized the meeting with hopes of creating an alliance between

the two governing bodies.

"We hope to better educate student leaders on the city's work," Bramel said in a UISG release. "In addition, we hope to encourage and share new ideas that will make the city of Iowa City and the university a better place for citizens and students alike."

Aside from the new ordinance, officials described aesthetic changes altering the face of downtown Iowa City.

Mayor Matt Hayek said the alterations are a step in the right direction.

"The city is pouring tons of money into refurbishing the Ped Mall. Pri-

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## UI aids Shelter House

The Iowa City City Council is discussing ways to help the homeless in the community.

By **NICK HASSETT**

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The Iowa City City Council has begun discussing ways to address homelessness in the community, and one answer may be as close as the University of Iowa.

At a work session meeting on Feb. 19, officials presented statistics about the homeless population in Iowa City to the council. Based on a "street count," officials found 26 people living without shelter outdoors. However, that number doesn't include those living in shelters or "doubled up," living with friends or family.

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, approximately 1 in 200 people in the United States used a shelter system between Oct. 1, 2008, and Sept. 30, 2009.

The council invited several homelessness experts from the community to the work session. Among them was William Ming Liu, a UI professor in the Counseling Psychology Program at the UI.

Liu and several graduate students provide free group-therapy sessions, one-on-one counseling, and psychological evaluations for those at the Iowa City Shelter House.

"This is relatively unique," Liu said. "There are a handful of other programs — we're not the only ones — but it's not nationwide."

Crissy Canganelli, the executive director at the Shelter House, said the Counseling Psychology Department's help has been important to the shelter.

"It's definitely filling a gap," she said. "At any time, we have 70 people living here, and at least a third or more of them are dealing with varying levels of mental illness. Anything we can do to provide stabilization services is im-

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## Group takes aim at eating disorders

The UI Counseling Services Eating Disorders Awareness program launched this week.

By **CASSIDY RILEY**

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A new group on campus seeks to increase student awareness of eating disorders and negative body images.

On Monday, the University of Iowa Counseling Service officially launched the Eating Disorders Awareness Advocate Program. Five volunteers underwent training last semester, and they are now ready to execute outreach events to increase student awareness.

"It's just a good way to encourage students to take care of their own health and how to address these eating concerns," said Eva Schoen, the facilitator of the program. "I think it's important to have students [as volunteers], because they can help us reach students who are



UI graduate student Kaitlin Herring demonstrates the unrealistic proportions of a life-size Barbie doll in the IMU on Tuesday. Herring is part of a group that hopes to spread awareness about eating disorders. (Sam Louwagie/The Daily Iowan)

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## Effect of cuts unclear

Sequestration could mean 3.5 percent reduction in education assistance.

By **JONATHAN SOLIS**

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The looming sequestration would cut \$6.4 million in funding for primary and secondary education in Iowa, according to a report released by the White House. However, some local education officials say the effect wouldn't necessarily equate to dramatic changes.

The report pointed out a decrease

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# UI eyeing four new generators



Ben Fish, an assistant director of UI Facilities Management's utilities and energy management, points out the area of the new addition at the Power Plant on Tuesday. The university plans to add four new generators to the Power Plant in an effort to ensure critical buildings on campus have power during emergencies. (Nicholas Fanelli/The Daily Iowan)

By **BRIANNA JETT**  
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The pavement near the University of Iowa Power Plant is covered in snow — for now.

This spring, though, officials hope to break ground on a new wing, replacing a snow-covered lot with the heat of four massive generators.

The utilities and energy management division of UI Facilities Management will take bids for the construction on Thursday. The total cost of the project is estimated to be around \$16 million, including the purchase of equipment that will not be included in the bidding. Hopes are high that reasonable bids will allow the building to take shape as planned.

"We have spent a lot of time on the design of this system," said Ben Fish, an assistant director of utilities and energy management. "I do think we have put a lot of effort and a lot of thought, not just into how to make the system more reliable, but we've determined a lot of details that make it easier for a contractor to bid the project."

The four new generators will provide eight megawatts of backup power to the critical buildings on campus. When the UI loses power,

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— Ben Fish, assistant director of utilities and energy management

er, these generators will help supply the necessary electricity plus hot and chilled water to buildings on campus that need it, such as the hospital and research buildings.

"From a facilities standpoint, we need to protect our research," said Steven Schlote, the facility manager at the UI Carver College of Medicine.

Ever since the campus lost power during the 2008 flood, officials have been considering ways to make power more reliable.

"It's kind of been a long time coming," Fish said. "It was kind of a result of the 2008 flood — we realized we had some vulnerability on the West Side of campus with no central backup power over there."

Currently, the UI Hospitals and Clinics and a few of the research buildings on campus have diesel generators that will

kick in during an emergency. The new generators at the plant will not replace them. However, the diesel generators often only provide electricity — not chilled and hot water.

"In most cases, that backup power doesn't give us enough of a supply to ensure that we can continue supplying chilled water in the summertime or continue running the boilers in the wintertime," Fish said. "We want to have enough backup power capacity to keep boilers and possibly chillers running in those seasons."

For some of the buildings rising on campus, these new generators mean they don't need an old diesel one.

"That eliminates the need to put diesel engines in some of the buildings," said Glen Mowery, the director of the utilities and energy management.

Removing diesel en-

## Power Plant

UI officials plan to add four new generators to the Power Plant in an effort to increase reliability.

- The total cost of the project is estimated to be around \$16 million.
- The four generators will produce 8 megawatts of power.
- The campus uses an average of 30 megawatts a day.

Source: Ben Fish, assistant director of Facilities Management's utilities and energy management

gines is beneficial for two main reasons — diesel generators are more expensive and have higher emissions, which affect the environment.

The new generators are also designed for numerous purposes.

"As we install these backup systems, we are designing them for flexibility," Mowery said.

This means that they can have a use even when there is not an emergency.

"If we can buy natural gas at a price that is advantageous to us, we could actually use them to save the campus money by using the generators and making our own electricity instead of buying it," Fish said.

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### Regents taking nominees for transparency panel

The state Board of Regents is accepting nominees for the Regents Transparency Task Force.

At a Feb. 6 meeting, the regents approved the creation of the panel. This group will include one member of the public.

According to a press release, members of the public are encouraged to submit their names, contact information, and a brief 200 words or fewer summary of why they are interested in joining the task force.

Nominations for the board are due on March 6, and the regents are expected to approve the task-force members at the next meeting, March 13.

— by Jordyn Reiland

### Iowa Public Radio head fired

The CEO of Iowa Public Radio was fired on Tuesday. Douglas West, the vice head of the IPR Board of Directors, said CEO Mary Grace Herrington was "no longer with the organization."

West said the vote was 6-1 in favor of her dismissal. The lone no vote was from

Mark Braun, the University of Iowa interim vice president for Strategic Communications, who said he was new to the board and didn't have enough information to vote for termination.

West said listeners should not expect any changes in programming, and the board's goal is to fill Herrington's and other vacancies in a few months.

— by Brent Griffiths

## BLOTTER

**Daniella Bernacchi**, 19, 353 S. Gilbert St. No. 2234, was charged Feb. 23 with presence in a bar after hours, PAULA, public intoxication, and possession of fictitious license.  
**Matthew Boden**, 21, Anaheim, Calif., was charged Feb. 23 with public intoxication.  
**Mary Bozaan**, 18, 412 S. Governor St. Apt. C, was charged Sunday with PAULA.  
**Christopher Domenech**, 25, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with OWI.  
**Alexis Fischer**, 19, 815 E. Washington St., was charged Feb. 23 with public intoxication.  
**Kevin Furlong**, 19, Chicago, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.  
**Eric Heissel**, 18, 612B Mayflower, was charged Feb. 23 with disorderly conduct and

public intoxication.  
**Faraji Hubbard**, 32, Coralville, was charged Feb. 16 with criminal trespass and public intoxication.  
**Kelly Koester**, 22, 200 S. Linn St. No. 4, was charged Monday with public intoxication and possession of controlled substance.  
**Timothy Kriz**, 28, 291 Haywood Drive, was charged Feb. 15 with OWI, driving with a revoked license, and child endangerment.  
**Jordan Larson**, 22, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with OWI.  
**Juan Leyva**, 26, 1205 Laura Drive No. 120, was charged Feb. 23 with possession container of alcohol open in a vehicle.  
**Elazar Lozano**, 34, Washington, Iowa, was charged Feb. 23

with driving with a suspended/canceled license and OWI.  
**Spencer Micka**, 20, Coralville, was charged Monday with miscellaneous liquor laws.  
**Ryan Molander**, 19, 504 Slat-er, was charged Feb. 22 with possession of controlled substance.  
**Gary O'Dell**, 38, Coralville, was charged Feb. 22 with driving with a revoked license.  
**Caitlin Olijnyk**, 22, Chicago, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.  
**Jace Roberts**, 19, Marengo, Iowa, was charged Feb. 22 with public intoxication.  
**Rickie Roberts Jr.**, 34, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with criminal trespass.  
**Dylan Schreder**, 23, 1019 E. Burlington St., was charged

Tuesday with OWI.  
**Samson Songkhamclet**, 25, 758 Westwinds Drive No. 2, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.  
**Grant Souders**, 26, Solon, was charged Feb. 22 with public intoxication.  
**Dakota Stocker**, 19, Washington, Iowa, was charged Feb. 23 with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
**Brennan Tschop**, 19, 5523 Daum, was charged Feb. 23 with public intoxication.  
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### CUTS

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in funding for the federal work-study program, which helps students work through college. However, work-study at the University of Iowa would not be affected by the automatic spending cuts, set to kick in on Friday.

"What I understand from our National Organization of Student Financial Aid Administration, the University of Iowa would not lose our federal work-study fund-

ing," said Mark Warner, the director of UI Student Financial Aid.

The programs wouldn't change because of complicated federal formulas dictating who gets funding and who doesn't, Warner said. However, some students may feel a pinch in another area.

The Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant would be reduced in the wake of the sequestration.

"Our anticipated allocation of funding was \$456,000, and the anticipated loss after the sequestration would be about \$16,000," Warner

said.

At about \$1,000 allotted to assist each student, around 16 students would be left out, a reduction of about 3.5 percent.

Tim Hagle, a UI associate professor of political science, said this reduction is too small to be called a "cut."

Federal Pell Grant funding would not be affected by the sequestration.

"It's not clear if anything is going to get done by Friday, but even with the doom and gloom rhetoric from the Obama administration, nothing is going to immediately happen," Hagle said.

The Iowa City School District does not currently have a plan to counter federal spending cuts; the district is bolstered by state legislated 2 percent allowable growth, School Board member Sarah Swisher said.

However, she believes that it's not the direction she would like the see things go.

"We are dependent on federal dollars for many important programs from special education to food programs," Swisher said. "We need the federal government as a partner in education and not a deterrent in that program-

ming."

Even if the federal government cuts programs, it doesn't mean it will affect students, Hagle said. He noted the Iowa surplus for certain funding and said that schools can cover programs by shifting money around to cover costs.

"Education is usually something, regardless of Republicans or Democrats, you're in favor of," he said. "It's a questions of what exactly in education you're talking about."

University officials said that it's too early to determine what changes would be made on cam-

pus if the sequestration is left unabated.

"It's all in how it gets implemented; we have a lot of federal research and students who use federal aid, but it's too early to determine what the impact would be," said Peter Matthes, the federal-relations director for UI Governmental Relations.

Yet, some are still worried.

"We have lobbied our local elected officials to argue against sequestration," Swisher said. "We need greater support from the [federal] government rather than less."

### HOMELESS

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portant."

Liu said the program officially began in 2003, when he started individual counseling at the Shelter House and began bringing in graduate psy-

chology students to help.

Students are assigned to individuals at the shelter, with the aim of providing psychological counseling that they would be unable to seek elsewhere. Liu said each student sees six or seven clients, and two students currently provide individual counseling services, while two

more work with group sessions.

Kevin Fall, a graduate research assistant in the Counseling Psychology Program, said he has worked at the Shelter House for two and a half years.

"When I got to choose my practicum site, I went to the Shelter House, and

the first opportunity I had to hang out with residents, I loved it," he said. "You never know what you're going to get. These are real people with real problems."

Fall says he works at the shelter around 12 hours a week, working mostly with individuals at the Shelter House

through counseling. He estimates he's worked with 200 to 300 people over the course of his time with the shelter.

"I like helping difficult clients," he said. "It's about how we can motivate someone to begin their life again."

However, Fall said, his motivation for helping

the homeless goes beyond earning credit hours.

"I just hope I can plant some seed in their mind that they are a valuable person, that they aren't worthless, they're not junk," Fall said. "Just to get them to think that, 'Maybe, I'm a valuable person.' I have to call that a success."

### DISORDERS

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struggling."

Fewer than 1 percent of UI students reported being diagnosed or treated for anorexia in the past year, and 1.4 percent reported diagnoses or treatment for bulimia.

Schoen said the program is designed for student volunteers to interact in their social groups.

Volunteer and UI student Nina Aleksic, a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority, is able to

reach students in the greek community more easily than those outside the community.

"I just think it's really useful to get a lot of diversity within the group [of volunteers]," she said. "It's a good way to reach a lot of people."

Her experience with an eating disorder motivated her to participate in the program, she said.

"I personally know what it feels like," Aleksic said. "[And] because I'm over it, I can see other people struggling with it, and it just kills me. It's killing the person inside

every single day."

Aleksic said her struggle with an eating disorder began in high school. She said she saw skinny girls in the media and noticed she didn't look exactly like them.

"It was just uncomfortable because I wasn't myself," she said. "Right before I got to college, I just realized I didn't want to live like this anymore, so I just kind of snapped out of it, which is kind of incredible."

She said now that she is able to help others, she has become more comfortable with her past.

"It just kind of verified the fact that I'm done with it," Aleksic said.

This week is National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, and the new student group will host events on campus. On Monday, the members hosted a screening of *America the Beautiful*, a documentary about how media affect body image.

Volunteer Kaitlin Herring, a graduate student pursuing a master's in public health, said her best friend once struggled with an eating disorder, prompting her to promote healthy body imagery.

"When you have anyone who you love and care about or is close to you [go through that], of course you're motivated because you want to be a part of something that makes them feel better," she said.

Today and Thursday, volunteers will host table events at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center and the Burge Marketplace. There will be a life-size Barbie at the table events to demonstrate an unrealistic view of a woman's body, and the members will encourage students to take pictures with it

and post them to their Facebook pages.

"I'm really excited about that," volunteer Samantha Hearn said. "Being able to stand next to Barbie and being like, 'This is obviously not healthy.'"

She said she thinks being a volunteer with this group is an opportunity to spread awareness about positive body imagery.

"I think a healthy body image is being comfortable with every aspect of your body," Hearn said. "[It's] being able to look at yourself and seeing what you really look like and being OK with that."

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## EDITORIAL

# Karl Rove is (for once) good for Iowa's political climate

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, announced last month that he will not seek re-election in 2014, leaving the seat up for grabs in a state in which neither party dominates. The conversation about who will fill the vacancy has already begun.

On the Democratic side, Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, has announced his candidacy. The outlook is considerably hazier for the Republicans.

Rep. Tom Latham, R-Iowa, is reportedly considering a bid, but a bigger question looms out west. Will Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, make a run at the Senate?

King, the controversial tea-party favorite from Iowa's 4th district, hasn't said whether he will run, but the mere specter of his candidacy has injected some intra-party conflict into Iowa's political scene.

A *New York Times* report indicated that GOP strategist Karl Rove plans to leverage his Super PAC's resources to oppose King in a Republican primary, should the congressman choose to run. In response to the failures of such controversial Republican candidates as Todd Akin and Richard Mourdock to win Senate seats in strongly Republican states last year, Rove has pledged to weed out potential problem candidates in 2014 party primaries.

Gov. Terry Branstad and King have both taken umbrage with Rove for his alleged tampering with democracy in Iowa. The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board, however, takes a softer stance. We're all for a healthy statewide democracy where the people choose their leaders independently, but King has been an abject embarrassment to the state since he took office. Anyone willing to oppose his candidacy in any legal capacity is welcome to do so.

Our rationale for such a stance is simple: In word and in deed, King is appalling. Even the partial list of his political transgressions below reads like parody.

Last summer on CNN, King weighed in on the attitude and lifestyle of America's unemployed.

"There are more and more people that are looking at others saying they shouldn't be making that much money because I'm not," King said. "And they don't feel as much guilt about the 72 different means-tested welfare programs that we have. Today it's almost a government guarantee of a middle-income standard of living from all these [government safety net] programs we have."

In 2009, after the Iowa Supreme Court legalized gay marriage, King went on the radio and warned that the decision would turn Iowa into "the mecca of same-sex marriage." The interview concluded with a puzzling bit of fear-mongering in which King called gay marriage a "purely socialist concept" that would hasten the coming of a socialist society.

This type of fear-mongering has long been King's weapon of choice. In 2008, he infamously



Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, gives a speech in Biology Building East in 2010. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

said that if Barack Obama was elected, Al Qaeda "would be dancing in the streets in greater numbers than they did on Sept. 11 because they would declare victory in this war on terror."

In 2010, King told yet another talk radio host that he believed President Obama had a "default mechanism in him that breaks down the side of race on the side that favors the black person."

A year before that, King was the lone opponent of a resolution to formally acknowledge and apologize for slavery. King said that an apology amounted to "white people wallowing in guilt."

King was one of 11 representatives to vote against the federal aid bill for Hurricane Katrina; he has hailed Joe McCarthy as an American hero without a shred of irony.

There is some reason to believe that he may be moving a few micrometers closer to the political center, however. Normally an immigration hawk, King said in a late January statement that he agrees with "most of the language in the very broad guidelines" of the Senate's proposed immigration reform bill.

This shift represents a considerable softening on immigration from King. Last May, he told the crowd at a campaign stop that the United States should choose immigrants like hunting dogs.

"You want a good bird dog? You want one that's going to be aggressive?" he said. "Pick the one that's the friskiest, the one that's engaged the most, and not the one that's over there sleeping in the corner."

In 2010, King told Congress that racial profiling is an important component of immigration enforcement and that a person's accent, grooming habits, and "what kind of shoes people wear" are important indicators of citizenship or a lack thereof.

Iowa deserves better than Steve King, today and in 2014.

Mr. Rove, in this case, gouge away.

Your turn.

Do you think Karl Rove is good for Iowa politics?  
Weigh in on at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

# Cut the fat



By JON OVERTON  
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The national budget has gotten a bit hefty, and we need to cut it. Congress has decided that if it can't reach an agreement on a necessary liposuction, it's just going to randomly start lopping off bits of fat.

Who knows? Maybe they'll act at the last minute and pass lackluster measures that don't actually do much to cut the budget, like the fiscal-cliff deal.

If Congress doesn't act to stop the upcoming crisis it intentionally created, what's called the sequestration will go into effect on Friday, and the University of Iowa could lose up to \$30 million in research funding.

This is obviously a terrible prospect and should be avoided at all costs.

Social Security and Medicaid are exempt from the sequestration, so why not make an exemption for scientific research?

It's not as though the rest of the budget is squeezed as tightly as

it can be. Here are some options.

Do we actually need more than 47,000 troops stationed in Germany or around 11,000 in Italy or 9,000 in the UK? The European Union has its own military made up of the forces of all member states, and all three of the mentioned nations are members of NATO. We don't regularly send aid packages to prosperous nations, so why would we blow so much money protecting those who are perfectly safe?

And what about raising taxes? Sure, they're unpopular, but the correlation between tax rates and economic growth is virtually nonexistent. Also, if you tell people, "We either have to raise your taxes or cut funding to medical research facilities," most people would probably be just fine with paying higher taxes.

I understand the need to cut the budget and that we're spending more than we should, but let's be intelligent about this. Let's stop the petty bickering, act like adults, and decide what we need and what we don't need.

Successful weight-loss programs don't chop off random limbs, and effective budget cuts don't indiscriminately eliminate funding to invaluable scientific endeavors. ■

# Distracted while driving



By BRIENNE RICHSON  
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An Iowa Senate subcommittee discussed a bill last week that would ultimately strengthen legislation combating texting while driving.

To date, legislation outlines texting while driving as a secondary rather than primary offense, meaning that in order to be cited for texting while driving, a driver must also break an additional rule of the road.

The legislation is being reconsidered as of Feb. 19, but only because it was not general enough for certain legislators. The proposed bill would expand beyond texting to include nearly any activity dealing with a mobile device that can distract drivers.

Texting while driving is obviously risky business if one is cruising with the flow of highway traffic, but texting while driving also has dangerous connotations in the bustling pedestrian context of Iowa City.

Iowa City police Sgt. Vicki Lalla said texting while driving in either context is dangerous but also different.

"On the highway, speeds are faster, which makes accidents more serious," she said. "Texting while driving is dangerous regardless of where you're doing it."

But then we add pedestrians into the equation,

who — surprise — are also on their phones, whether to text, play their turn in Words With Friends, or to change the song they are listening to through their headphones.

However, it does seem that we often neglect to consider other common distractions that occur for both drivers and pedestrians. Driving, regardless of most drivers being too stubborn to admit it, is about active cognition and reaction, as is being a pedestrian on a busy street.

Where does the regulation of distractions end?

Research conducted by the University of Washington and Seattle Children's Hospital found that pedestrian distractions such as texting or listening to music factored into total time taken to cross a street. Texters, not surprisingly, were not very urgent walkers, whereas those who listened to music moved comparably faster.

Combining the statistics that one-tenth of drivers between the ages of 16 and 24 are on their phones at a given time and that texting makes drivers 23 times more likely to crash is unsettling at the least. But rather than attaching a monetary fine to texting while driving that is not unlike the price of a drinking ticket, it might be time to make texting while driving a primary offense.

In the wake of Iowa's cruel winter, pedestrians are not about to nix the headphones that make their walks home pass by quicker, so for now, the heat is on legislators and drivers. ■

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## GUEST COLUMN

# I didn't choose to be straight

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My grandfather was born left-handed, but when he attended elementary school, his teacher smacked him with a ruler when he didn't write with his right hand. Do we, figuratively, want to be a nation of instructors who abuse students for being who they are? I know that I don't, which is why I support the right of people to express their love for the person of their choosing.

When discussing gay rights, we often get stuck in legal mumbo jumbo and our limited understanding of "social norms." Marriage may have historically been between men and women. I'm sure the founders hadn't thought about the issue when composing our nation's governing documents. Furthermore,

our nation has looked to Judeo-Christian beliefs for guidance and wisdom throughout our existence, and the vast majority of Judeo-Christian leaders believe and teach that gay activity and marriage are sinful.

But we don't need such context to arrive at the right answer on this issue. The same common sense that tells us that skin color shouldn't determine an American's access to rights and justice is enough. When I think about gay rights, I consider two things: my sense of my personal sexual orientation and what it would be like to be held to the standard some wish to impose on gay Americans.

I, personally, am straight and have no control over my orientation. When women that I consider attractive walk by, I instinctively

take notice. Surely, it is absurd to suggest that gay people are making a choice to be gay when I'm not making a similar choice to be straight? I try to imagine a world where society expects me to never express or act on the deep love I might feel for a female soulmate. If straight people cannot imagine a life of celibacy or a life of lies married to someone of the same sex, how can we expect acquiescence from gay Americans?

If Americans are born a certain way and have no choice in being who they are, is it right to ask them to live without what their fellow Americans consider a crucial part of life — of what being an American is all about? America is not only a nation of entrepreneurial patriots; those patriots are part of families and fall in

love. America is more than geography and written laws. America is a nation of families, in which individuals work hard and want partners with whom to share life. If being part of family, falling in and expressing love and starting new families are central to being an American, how can we bar fellow citizens from that experience?

If we're equal under the law as well as endowed with certain inalienable rights, then our assumption should be that one citizen should have no less right to live and love in America than another. Let's not hoard certain rights for some Americans and refuse others. Let's stop holding others to standards we ourselves cannot imagine living.

Andy Koons  
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# Dems eye amendment on campaign funding

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Super PACs bombarded airwaves across the country and raised millions of dollars for both parties during the 2012 election cycle. However, both state Senate Democrats and the U.S. Supreme Court are planning to weigh in on the issue of campaign funding.

"We saw it play out in 2010 and 2012 in the tune of the billions spent by Super PACs with no transparency," said Sen. Pam Jochum, D-Dubuque. "There's nothing; it's in the dark, it's secret, and it runs counter to our elections and democracy, which should remain in place."

Jochum and other Senate Democrats are considering a resolution urging Congress to pass a Constitutional amendment restricting corporate contributions to political campaigns. The study bill characterizes recent U.S. Supreme Court actions on campaign finance reform as "egregious." A similar effort from state Democrats failed last year.

One political expert said the resolution is another example of Democrats' frustration with the Supreme Court's 2010 *Citizens United* decision, which led to the creation of Super PACs after the court ruled there should be no limits on campaign contributions from corporations

or unions.

"Democrats are obviously unhappy with *Citizens United*," said Tim Hagle, a University of Iowa associate professor of political science. "A lot of times, [the resolution] is more of a political than practical expression."

The Democrats' consideration comes as the Supreme Court prepares to hear another case dealing with campaign finance.

In *McCutcheon vs. FEC*, the court will look at the individual limits of campaign contributions set by the Federal Election Commission. Alabama native Shaun McCutcheon sued the FEC along with the Republican National Committee after limits prevented him from donating more than \$46,200 to individual candidates and \$70,800 on all other contributions. The Republican Party believes current limits restrict the First Amendment and they are "too low," according to court documents.

Hagle said the court's decision would come down to whether the justices believe the integrity of "clean elections" is enough to justify restricting parts of the First Amendment.

One Iowa Republican Party official said the way to fix the problems would be no limits whatsoever on campaign contributions, because current policy hurts the candidate, the political

## Current Limits

The U.S. Supreme Court is considering a case that would ban limits on individual campaign contributions. The limits are currently:

- \$2,600 for each candidate or candidate committee per election
- \$32,400 to national-party committee per calendar year
- \$123,200 two-year limit to all candidates, committees, and parties

Source: The Federal Election Commission

party, as well as the integrity of the election.

"[The Supreme Court] created a system ripe for corruption," said A.J. Spiker, the chairman of the Iowa Republican Party. "It drives the money underground and isn't held as accountable as a political party."

Spiker said by getting rid of limits, the system would be much more transparent, and donors would be able to ensure they know where their money is going.

However, Hagle said, even further transparency could have unintended negative consequences.

"Sometimes, people like transparency for a good reason, but in California after Proposition 8, you had all these people get targeted in some particular way," he said. "It may chill this type of speech."

## UISG CONTINUED FROM FRONT

vate sectors are, too," he said, noting that this will improve the downtown experience. "The downtown business landscape is diversifying."

Officials from both sides also discussed city safety and on-campus housing.

Nancy Bird, the executive director of the Downtown District, said there are a number of good spaces available for new businesses downtown.

"They want to find one that sticks," she said, noting that landlords take their time when

choosing new tenants.

All landlords and businesses are independent, thus the decision of what goes downtown is ultimately up to them.

Officials said another important part of developing new businesses downtown is making sure that buildings available for rent are clean and safe.

"The buildings must have the right foundation, and we're making sure that businesses who come through, or expanding business, want to come here," Bird said.

Hayek said he is hopeful about the alliance between UISG and the City Council and feels that students' opinions

## UISG Town Hall

The University of Iowa Student Government met with the Iowa City City Council to discuss city and campus issues.

- Entertainment downtown
- Campus safety
- On-campus housing

Source: Town Hall meeting

on the goings-on of Iowa City are equally as important as any citizen of Iowa City.

"A university sophomore is just as much a member of this community as someone who's lived here for 30 years," he said.

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# The Daily Iowan DAILY BREAK

“If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs, it's just possible you haven't grasped the situation.”  
— Jean Kerr

## the ledge

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### Questions you don't want to be asked in a job interview

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- Would you have a problem working alongside numerous reformed felons?
- How about a single reformed multiple felon?
- In a pinch, would you be willing to part with your redundant organs — you know, a kidney, a lung, two or three chambers of your heart — if one of our CEOs needed of it?
- Hey, didn't I see you at the strip club at last Thursday's amateur night?
- Is the pimple on your forehead oozing?
- How fast can you run? Any military training? How are you with a gun? Hand-to-hand combat? If cornered, can you be expected to react with deadly force? Good, good. Can you start immediately?
- Are those real? Really? Can I touch 'em?
- I don't know. How many Irishmen does it take to screw in a light bulb?
- What is the speed of light in angstroms per Svedberg?
- Is that smell coming from you?
- Well, I'm sorry, but you're laughably unsuited for this position and have now wasted 22 minutes of my time ... which amounts to \$11.23. Cash or check?
- Juhl! You're not related to that no-talent hack who writes The Ledge, are you?

Andrew R. Juhl answered no to that last one.

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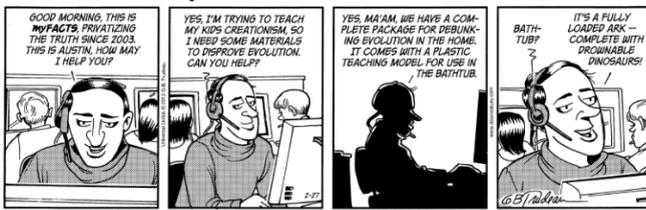
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- **Bioinformatics Seminar**, "Tissue-specific RNA-Seq in Human Evoked Inflammation Identifies Novel Adipose and Blood Transcriptomic Signatures of Cardio-metabolic Disease," Mingyao Li, University of Pennsylvania, 11 a.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility
  - **Spring Job and Internship Fair**, 11 a.m., IMU Main Lounge
  - **UI String Quartet Residency Program**, "Under the Hood: Behind the scenes with the Linden String Quartet," 12:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
  - **Anatomy and Cell Biology Seminar**, "Regulation of the Actin Bundling Protein Fascin by Prostaglandin Signaling," Christopher Groen, graduate student, Molecular and Cellular Interdisciplinary Program, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen
  - **Radio Days**, 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
  - **Learning Styles**, University College, 3:30 p.m., 61 Schaeffer
  - **Dee Bierschenk**, trumpet, 6 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
  - **"What It Means to Me to Be Black,"** 6 p.m., Afro-American Cultural Center
  - **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center
  - **Salsa Practice Group**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center
  - **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Jim McKean, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
  - **Middle of Nowhere**, 7 p.m., Bijou
  - **Peace Corps Information Session**, 7 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
  - **Spoken Word**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
  - **Thomas Leleu**, tuba, 8 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
  - **Tchoupitoulas**, 9 p.m., Bijou

## UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 1 p.m. UI Chamber Orchestra Concert, Mozart, Debussy, Stravinsky, Copeland, March 4, 2012
  - 2 Where Literature & Music Meet, Concert No. 1, music by Ryan Francis and Olivier Messiaen, Connor Hanick, Tricia Park, Sean Rice, and Jay Campbell, June 24, 2011
  - 3:30 Marvin Bell Set to Music Concert, music by David Gompper, Feb. 19, 2012
  - 5 UI Chamber Orchestra Concert, Mozart, Debussy, Stravinsky, Copeland, March 4, 2012
  - 6 Iowa Magazine, human-interest stories on research, service, and education
  - 6:30 Fran McCaffery Press Conference, Iowa men's basketball coach meets the media in his weekly press conference
  - 7 Performing Iowa, Dance Gala (2008), behind-the-scenes documentary on Iowa's renowned dance program
  - 8 Hancher Presents Tomas Kubinek, documentary on Hancher collaboration with the comedic musical artist
  - 9 Iowa Basketball with Fran McCaffery, hosted by Gary Dolphin produced by HawkVision
  - 9:30 Daily Iowan TV News Update
  - 9:45 Inside Iowa, weekly campus magazine covering education, research, and service at the UI
  - 10 Fran McCaffery Press Conference, Iowa men's basketball coach meets the media in his weekly press conference
  - 10:30 Daily Iowan TV News Update
  - 10:45 Inside Iowa, weekly campus magazine covering education, research, and service at the UI
  - 11 UI Orchestra Invitational Gala Concert, Faculty Woodwind Trio, Maia Quartet, UI Chamber Orchestra, Feb. 25, 2011
  - Midnight Daily Iowan TV News Update

## horoscopes Wednesday, February 27, 2013 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Get on with your life. You may be feeling emotional, but don't give in or give up. Take a look at your options before moving forward with contracts or commitments. Be true to yourself. Make things happen.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** The time spent working out details will pay off and bring you closer to your life goals. Favors will be granted if you are willing to offer what you can in return.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Avoid any risky involvements. Too much trust will cost you emotionally, financially, and physically if you aren't careful. Discipline will keep you out of trouble and help you establish your place in the market in which you work.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Overconfidence is your enemy. Work quietly behind the scenes, and you will accomplish something that will eventually bring you the recognition you desire. Love is highlighted, and personal improvements should be considered and made.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Money and health matters must not be ignored. Follow through with paperwork in order to get the best results. Additional responsibilities can also bring you financial gains. Cut your costs, and secure your position.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** A personal change will verify that you were in need of a pick-me-up in order to move in a positive direction. Partnerships can enhance your life and lead to an unusual path that will allow you to put your attributes to good use.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Keep a close eye on what everyone around you is doing. You will come up with some good ideas and workable solutions. Emotional extravagance will not help you get what you want in your life.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You don't have to spend big money in order to make your point or prompt someone to show affection. It's important to offer good conversation, affection, and equality in all aspects of life in order to achieve a sustainable relationship.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't believe everything you hear. You are up against someone who has ulterior motives. A change at home may be required in order to avoid someone unpredictable. A poor influence could lead you astray and blame you for what transpires.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Attend a reunion, or make a point of reconnecting with someone who you feel has something to offer. Taking an unusual direction is not your normal procedure, but this time, it will pay off.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Turn your space into a place that will enhance your ability to follow a dream or create a project that can help you make a little extra cash. You will learn a lot if you observe past mistakes and other people's failures.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Live and breathe what you want to accomplish. Let your dreams lead the way, and don't give up until you have reached a point that makes you feel comfortable about your future goals. Romance late in the day will help ease your stress.

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### The New York Times Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Deal
  - 5 "Fine \_\_\_\_"
  - 9 "Stop!" at a checkpoint
  - 13 Finito
  - 14 Balkan native
  - 15 Jackie Robinson's alma mater
  - 16 It might start with "Starters"
  - 17 2003 OutKast hit that was #1 for nine weeks
  - 18 Bumpkin
  - 19 Po boy?
  - 22 Female kangaroo
  - 23 & 24 Like Edward Albee's "The Zoo Story"
  - 25 Teen heartthrob Zac
  - 27 To a greater extent
  - 29 L.A. woman?
  - 32 N.L. team with a tomahawk in its logo
  - 33 Notable 2012 Facebook event, for short
  - 34 Artist Rembrandt van \_\_\_\_
  - 35 In person?
  - 38 Obama education secretary Duncan
  - 40 Draw
  - 41 Chow line?
  - 42 P.R. man?
  - 44 Pushover
  - 48 Detergent brand
  - 49 Apt name for a chef?
  - 50 Turn \_\_\_\_
  - 51 Not funny anymore
  - 52 It girl?
  - 57 Nat'l. Merit Scholarship earner's exam

- DOWN**
- 1 It might be shaken next to a field
  - 2 Johnson & Johnson skin-care brand
  - 3 Tallest member of a basketball team, often
  - 4 "You make a good point"
  - 5 "Rush Hour" director Ratner
  - 6 It has its ups and downs
  - 7 Tuna salad ingredient
  - 8 List ender
  - 9 "Come again?"
  - 10 Environmental problem addressed in the Clean Air Act
  - 11 Rapper on "NCIS: Los Angeles"
  - 12 Fooled
  - 14 Like many eclairs
  - 20 Guy in dreads, say
  - 21 Pickled delicacy
  - 59 Give or take
  - 60 Antioxidant berry
  - 61 Lucky Charms ingredients
  - 62 Steak cut
  - 63 Scandal suffix
  - 64 Rung
  - 65 Went under
  - 66 Quelques— (some: Fr.)

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- PUZZLE BY JOEL FAGLIANO
- 26 Way in the distance
  - 28 Stands in a studio
  - 29 Fourth-anniversary gift
  - 30 Donkey Kong, e.g.
  - 31 The Cyclones of the Big 12
  - 35 Overwhelm
  - 36 "Homeland" org.
  - 37 Rainbow \_\_\_\_
  - 38 Suitable
  - 39 Harangues
  - 43 Person in un palais
  - 45 Amazon flier
  - 46 Cell body
  - 47 Spots
  - 49 One raising a stink?
  - 53 Tanks
  - 54 "Mamma Mia!" group
  - 55 When shadows are shortest
  - 56 Sauce brand
  - 58 Recipe amt.

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- Wednesday**
- 9-10 a.m., Soul Self-Satisfaction
  - 11-noon, Rainbow Veins
  - Noon-1 p.m., You Can Put it on the Board
  - 1-2 p.m., Sports Squawk
  - 3-4 p.m., The Lit Show
  - 4-5 p.m., Key of Kate
  - 5-6 p.m., Little Village Live
  - 6-7 p.m., Yew Piney Mountain
  - 7-8 p.m., Live from Prairie Lights
  - 8-10 p.m., Standing on the Verge
  - 10-midnight, Theater of the Mind
  - Midnight-2 a.m., Mo and Johnny Blade

## THE CONVERSATION



Marsha Accord speaks during a meeting at the Wesley Center on Tuesday. The event used ancient scriptures and contemporary readings followed by a meal to create community conversation.. (The Daily Iowan/Chris Willauer)

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## Sports

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## Doubles team rides wave

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The Iowa women's tennis team is off to a 5-3 start this season, and the squad looks strong heading into the Big Ten part of its schedule.

A large portion of this success is due to Iowa's No. 1 doubles team, junior Ruth Seaborne and sophomore Morven McCulloch.

The dynamic duo boasts an 8-0 record so far this season, including victories over ranked opponents from Notre Dame and Oklahoma. The pair's success has gained significant fame — the two Hawkeyes are now ranked No. 43 in the country in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings.

One interesting dynamic about the duo is that both players are from the UK: McCulloch is from St. Andrews, Scotland, and Seaborne hails from London.

So does a rivalry exist between these players from historically-opposed nations?

"Maybe off the court," McCulloch said and laughed. "But on the court, we don't think about it at all."

The chemistry came right away, she said. Their on-court antics are something both athletes believe they've always had. There are never any fights between the two, which helps with the constant improvement of their play.

"I think we have kind of always had it, really," McCulloch said. "We've always clicked on court and work well on court together."

The teamwork is something that comes easily because of how they interact with each other. Their playing styles are complementary, McCulloch said, much as their personalities do off the court.

"I think, personality-wise, we click," Seaborne said. "We don't get angry with each other, and we are always very positive toward each other. Our game's style, too, like Mo has really good hands, so she is great at the net, and I can hit balls to set her up at the net to put the point away."

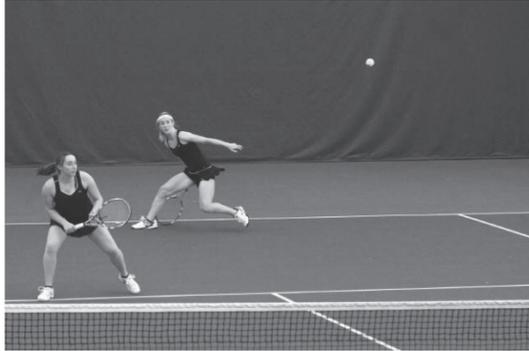
Iowa women's tennis head coach Katie Dougherty appreciates the success they have had this season.

"They're on a roll and are still undefeated on the season," the head coach said. "They are so reliable, especially in locking down the big wins and really set the bar for all of our doubles teams."

During their impressive winning streak was their sensational performance against No. 37 Oklahoma. It was the first time this season the team faced a decisive tiebreaker set.

"Oklahoma was definitely the most nail-biting and intense match that we have had," Seaborne said. "I think it was the first we've had a tiebreaker in, and we were down 4-2 in the tiebreaker and came back and won 5-straight points to win."

McCulloch said she's excited about what the remainder of the season



Iowa tennis players Ruth Seaborne and Morven McCulloch face Oklahoma's Hermon Brhane and Whitney Ritchie in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreational Complex on Feb. 22. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

holds for the duo, and she has a few goals.

"First, get in the rankings," she said. "And then

get a high enough ranking to get to nationals. And win every match — keep the undefeated streak alive."

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Gymnasts ready  
for new scoringBy RYAN PROBASCO  
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The old men's gymnastics format showcased six gymnasts competing in each event, but only four (five this season) scores counted toward the team score. But in an effort to make the sport easier to follow for fans and to build excitement at meets, the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee proposed a modification in July 2012.

Starting on Friday, the new rule will take effect — five gymnasts will compete in each event, and all five scores will count toward the team total.

"With five guys competing and all five scores counting, it is fairly simple to follow," committee head Mark Williams told NCAA.org on July 13. "When we have six guys up and two of the scores can be dropped, it isn't as clear. It is complicated for fans to keep track of how a team is doing."

The NCAA decided to allow six gymnasts to compete in each event with five scores counting toward the team score for the first half of the 2013 season in order to help teams transition to the new format. Beginning this weekend, that transition will end.

The No. 8 Iowa men's gymnastics team is riding a three-meet winning streak — all three have been against teams ranked in the top 10 nationally. The Hawkeyes believe their best performances are ahead of them, despite the challenges the team might face with the new scoring system.

"I think it works really well for us," sophomore Lance Alberhasky said. "The top teams have a little bit more difficulty than us, but with difficulty comes risk. I think it really benefits us. If anyone has anything that really messes up, it's anyone's game."

The new format will in-

crease the number of upsets that occur because teams aren't allowed to drop their weaker scores. If a team lacks consistency and depth or is prone to missing sets, it's not likely to fare well.

To combat the challenge of adopting the new format, the Hawkeyes will focus on cleaning up their routines rather than revamping them completely.

"The biggest thing is going to be the attention to little details," sophomore William Albert said. "We can gain tenths back by pointing our toes harder, straightening our knees, and making sure everything finishes in a sharp position. Those are the things we're going to be working on."

Iowa head coach JD Reive and the rest of the coaching staff will be faced with difficult decisions with their lineup and the specific routines and skills they choose to use.

Specialty gymnasts will have a tougher time cracking the lineup if they cannot be trusted to consistently hit sets. The all-around gymnasts' performances must be sound if the Hawks want their recent success to continue.

Regardless of the lineups they use or the routines they tweak, confidence will not be an issue for the Hawkeyes. The Hawkeyes are not the most talented squad in the country, but with their consistency and depth, they believe the new system will help them.

"I think we can be a team that just hits and hits and hits and never really stops," sophomore Mitchell Landau said following the team's Feb. 23 win against Nebraska. "I think that will help us win when five-up, five-count comes, because there's no throwing away a score — you can't mess up. And I think we can be a team that does that. It will help us more than it hurts us."

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Is it a moderate Egyptian party committed to democracy . . . or a jihadist group seeking to create an Islamist empire?

With the Muslim Brotherhood's Mohammed Morsi now president of Egypt, many wonder whether he will promote democracy and Middle East peace. But what do the Muslim Brotherhood's history and its leaders' pronouncements tell us? Is their goal to create a free democratic system . . . or hijack democracy in the service of an Islamist revolution?

## What are the facts?

Founded in Egypt in 1928, the Muslim Brotherhood has been an immensely powerful force in Middle East politics, now boasting chapters in 80 countries. Its mission statement: "Allah is our objective; the Quran is our constitution, the Prophet is our leader; Jihad is our way; and death for the sake of Allah is the highest of our aspirations."

The Brotherhood's founder, Hassan al-Banna, stated that the group's goal was to create an empire governed by Islamic religious law and an autocratic caliphate. He claimed "It is in the nature of Islam to dominate, not to be dominated, to impose its law on all nations and to extend its power to the entire planet."

In 1948, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood assassinated the Egyptian Prime Minister, and the group was banned in Egypt in 1954, after it attempted to assassinate Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser. A Brotherhood splinter group assassinated President Anwar Sadat in 1981.

The Muslim Brotherhood's most influential leader was Sayyid Qutb, a racist, anti-Semite, misogynist and hater of the United States. His pro-Islamist and anti-Western hatred had enormous influence on Ayman Zawahiri, who went on to become a key mentor of Osama bin Laden and is today the number-two leader of al-Qaeda.

Despite its murderous history, the Muslim Brotherhood claims to have renounced violence—but it makes notable exceptions, including approval of terrorist acts by its Palestinian wing, Hamas, whose charter calls for the murder of Jews and the obliteration of Israel. What's more, former Muslim Brotherhood Supreme Commander Muhammad Madhi Akef declared he was "prepared to send 10,000 jihad fighters immediately to fight at the side of Hezbollah" during the Lebanese terrorist group's 2006 war against Israel.

Given its history of murder and warlike declarations, the Brotherhood's claim to non-violence rings false. Consider finally a September 2010 sermon by Muslim Supreme Guide Muhammad Badi, who explained the "change that the [Muslim] nation seeks can only be attained through jihad . . . by raising a jihadi generation that pursues death just as our enemies

While some pundits minimize the Muslim Brotherhood's threat, there's no doubt that the group fanatically opposes the United States, Israel and Western values, or that it will use both democratic and violent means to defeat them. Nor should we doubt that the Brotherhood is a powerful, well-organized political force that, if given enough power, would use it to crush the democratic process and turn Egypt into an anti-Western, fundamentalist Islamic state. Can we afford this risk?

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pursue life."

While many pundits have declared the Brotherhood a moderate group, it is working rapidly to seize absolute control of Egypt, starting with a new constitution that favors Islamists and gives president Morsi power to name the prime minister, Supreme Court judges and heads of all public institutions. Parliamentary elections, to have been held in February, are postponed indefinitely. There have been four times as many "insulting the president" lawsuits in Morsi's first days in office than in all 30 years of former president Hosni Mubarek's reign.

We know that the Bolsheviks in Russia, Nazis in Germany, Islamists in Iran, and Hamas in the disputed Palestinian territories all started out as minority parties whose rise to power during political upheaval began democratically and ended in dictatorship—following the insidious pattern of "one man, one vote, one time." Given the Muslim Brotherhood's Islamist philosophy, we can expect the same in Egypt.

What can we expect from the president Morsi's government? In 2006, the Muslim Brotherhood demanded that Egypt develop nuclear weapons. Recently a Brotherhood leader told interviewers that abolishing the Egyptian peace treaty with Israel would be one of the new government's first orders of business and that Egypt should prepare for war with Israel. In 2010 Morsi himself called on Egyptians to "nurture our children and grandchildren on hatred" of Jews and referred to Zionists as "descendants of apes and pigs."

For Christians, who make up 10 percent of the Egyptian population and continue to be victims of violent attacks, rule by the Brotherhood is a nightmare, curtailing their rights to worship publicly or hold high office. As for women, the Brotherhood insists that they be segregated, their bodies covered in public, and that girls undergo genital mutilation.

To assess the Muslim Brotherhood's commitment to democracy, we should heed the words of its Spiritual Leader Yusuf al-Qaradawi, who maintains that "The civilizational-jihadist process . . . is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and 'sabotaging' its miserable house . . . so that it is eliminated and God's religion is made victorious over all other religions."

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# Sports

## BARS

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strength. Consistent repetition of a routine is a way to train a gymnast's arm strength, something that is learned and maintained throughout a gymnast's career.

The team has gymnastic-specific exercises to work on their uneven-bar routines. Willis said the exercises work to strengthen all the arm muscles for their routine.

"It's not necessarily like you have to have these really jacked arms to do it," she said.

Fluency is a key component of a bars routine. Gymnasts can get points deducted if their swing is choppy or if they struggle on their transition from one bar to another.

"There are some people who are not natural swingers," Libby said. "It's hard to fight against that if you're not a natural swinger — that's probably the hardest part of bars: making it look smooth."

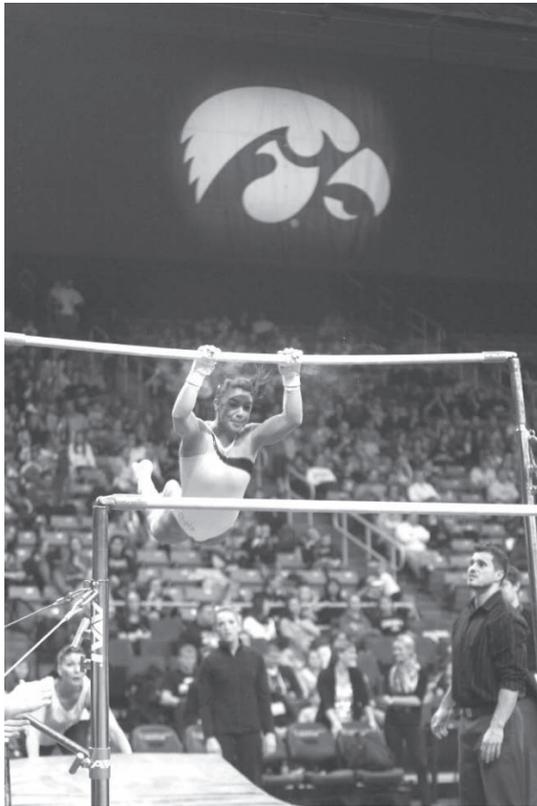
Willis brings a "killer mentality" to her routine. "You really only have 30 seconds to get [the routine] done," she said. "You have to go in with that killer instinct, with the knowledge that you already know you're going to do it."

The gymnasts' dismounts conclude their routines and are the most important aspect of the event. All but two of the GymHawks perform "E" level dismounts — the most difficult kinds. It's the last impression the judge has of a gymnast's routine.

"Larissa always says to put a stamp on it," Willis said. "The letter is written, you've written the return address, but you need a stamp."

Willis puts a stamp on her bar routines by sticking her landings.

"Throw your head back and salute," she said. "Show the judges that my feet did not move, and please don't deduct me for that. You finish it like you just did the best bar routine of your life."



Senior Maya Wickus competes on the uneven bars in Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 8. (The Daily Iowan/Chris Willauer)

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Iowa guard Devyn Marble reacts to being called for an offensive foul against Minnesota in Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 17. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

## BASKETBALL

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ure out how to close out the game, so you're not thinking about the [failures] too much."

Freshman point guard Mike Gesell agreed, saying the key is for the team to stay positive and play with confidence, despite any previous miscues.

"That's one thing we can do better — each individual just play more confidently," he said. "Just continue to be aggressive down the stretch. You can't be afraid to make mistakes because that's when you tighten up. That's when you miss a free throw or make a turnover."

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## SWIMMING

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go. He's going to have a great meet; he's confident. I have no doubt that he'll have the best performance possible for him and for the team."

Huff is the only Hawkeye to return from last year's 400-freestyle championship relay. Iowa also won the 200-free relay in the 2012 competition. Huff anticipates a strong performance from the relays, despite a younger squad this year.

"Obviously, we want to swim as best as we can; we will be competing with some of the best in the Big Ten," the veteran said. "But we have a really strong relay team this year, and I have all the confidence in the world."

Another senior, Byron Butler, said he, too, wants to finish the season on a high note.

"If I have been practicing the way I should be practicing, the results will follow," he said. "I think that I and the whole team have been doing that, and I think it's going to be really exciting."

In their final Big Ten meet appearance, both seniors have the experience from prior competitions, which will help keep them more mentally prepared for the tough atmosphere.

"Just take it one race at a time," he said. "Whatever happens on Wednesday doesn't matter on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. The most important thing is to keep racing no matter who is next to you."

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# Men's hoops seeks answers



Iowa head basketball coach Fran McCaffery shouts at forward Melsahn Basabe during the first half against Minnesota in Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 17. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Things just don't seem to go Iowa's way in close games, and head coach Fran McCaffery is at a loss.

By **TORK MASON**  
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The Iowa men's basketball team hasn't had a lot of good fortune in close games this season, and the mounting losses have created some frustration among the fans. But why the Hawkeyes continue to struggle remains a mystery with four regular-season games left to play.

The prevailing thought during Devyn Marble's monthlong slump in January was that when the junior returned to form, he could right the ship. And for the three games between Feb. 9 and 17, that seemed like the solution.

But the Hawkeyes blew a 19-point lead in a 64-60 loss at Nebraska on Feb. 23, despite Marble's 18-point night on 7-of-14 shooting. Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said he's not sure what to do to help his team find consistency at this point.

"We've tried pretty much everything," he said. "We've tried different players. We've gone inside. We've run clear-outs, motions, sets."

Poor shooting reappeared in the most recent second-half collapse — the Black and Gold shot a woeful 28 percent from the floor after building a 41-25 halftime lead. But McCaffery said the issue against the Cornhuskers wasn't on the offensive end, even if he wasn't pleased with his team's aggressiveness on offense.

"The reason we had so much pressure on us offensively was because our defense was so bad," McCaffery said. "That was like one of our performances last year when we were nonexistent at the defensive end of the floor."

"You're going to have games where you don't shoot it well — we've had a ton of games where we haven't shot it well. We've really hung in, but it was lucky we had a 16-point lead [with] the way we were playing defense."

McCaffery said some of the offensive issues might be due to not having a regular lineup at the end of games. Several different lineups have been used late in games this year, and the third-year head coach said that might have a hand in the lack of consistency.

"That is going to take a little bit of

time to figure out and so forth," McCaffery said. "But when it comes down to it, we're getting good shot opportunities by good players."

It's easy to expect the shortcomings to start weighing on the players and even affecting their performance with the close losses continuing to mount. But Marble said past failures are the furthest thing from a player's mind when the adrenaline is flowing.

"[You don't think about it] when you're in the heat of the moment," he said. "Probably after the game, once you've lost, you think, 'Aw man, that's another one.' But not in the heat of the moment. We're still trying to fig-

SEE **BASKETBALL**, 8

## Iowa men's Basketball vs. Purdue

**When:** 7:36 p.m. today  
**Where:** Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
**Watch:** Big Ten Network

# Swimmers up for Big Tens

The men's swimming and diving team is ready to compete at the Big Ten meet tonight.

By **JALYN SOUCHEK**  
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The Iowa men's swimming and diving teams are set to compete in the Big Ten championships in Bloomington, Ind. The meet will begin at 6:30 p.m. today and will continue over the course of four days.

The Black and Gold finished the regular season ranked 20th nationally, going 7-6 in dual meets. Iowa will return to the championships a year after taking fifth place, its highest finish since 1996.

"These guys are very competitive athletes, and they want to score high," Iowa head coach Marc Long said. "It's a tough meet, but we're looking for everybody to step up and perform."

The Hawks will be up against some of the nation's best swimming and diving programs, with five other Big Ten teams nationally ranked — No. 3 Michigan, No. 8 Indiana, No. 13 Ohio State, No. 14 Minnesota, and No. 24 Penn State.

Iowa met each of the higher ranked teams in dual meets but were unable to overcome them. Long is confident his team is prepared to compete after having over two weeks to ready for the meet.

"It was a good time to keep preparing and fine-tuning, both physically and mentally," Long said. "It was also a good time to get everyone excited."

Long also expects All-American senior Jordan Huff to have a strong performance and to finish with the best season that he has had.

"He's having a tremendous season so far ... the team relies on him as kind of our bolt," Long said. "He's ready to

SEE **SWIMMING**, 8

## Big Ten Men's Swimming and Diving Championships

**When:** Today through Saturday  
**Where:** Councilman-Billingsley Aquatics Center, Bloomington, Ind.  
**Watch:** Big Ten Network will televise Saturday's finals at 10 a.m.

# Hawkeye gymnasts pass bar exam

Seniors have been a key to the team's success on bars this season.

By **MATT CABEL**  
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Emma Stevenson runs and springs onto the bar. The GymHawk kicks her legs over her head and pulls herself up on the high bar into a handstand.

As Stevenson gains momentum, she stops in a handstand-type stance, moves her hands to the side and flips her body over to the other side of the bar.

She suddenly lets go, allowing her body to fly backwards. She puts her hands on her stomach as her body flips backwards numerous times in the air, preparing to land on the mat below her.

Stevenson lands on her feet. There's no movement — she's stuck her landing.

This event, the uneven bars, serves as a strong foundation for the Iowa women's gymnastics team. The GymHawks showcase their upper body strength on this event, where they averages a score of 48.930 out of 50

"That's the event where, if they miss, they're shocked — it's shocking if something

goes wrong over there," said head coach Larissa Libby said. "I think it's the place where they're most comfortable, where they have the most consistency, where they have the most stability."

Libby attributes the team's success at the event to seniors, a rarity on a team dominated by underclassmen. All three of the team's seniors — Stevenson, Maya Wickus and Kaitlynn Urano — compete on bars. Sophomores Sydney Hoerr and Emma Willis and freshman Alie Glover complete the event's lineup.

"After this class goes, that's our whole bar lineup gone," Libby said. "Trying to teach the youngest ones to take that place is going to be difficult."

Gymnasts must move from the low bar, which sits a little more than 5½ feet high, to the higher bar, which is around 8 feet high, during their routines. This action is called a bail.

The gymnasts must move between the bars twice in their routines. They must also show circling, which they use to gain momentum, have a release move, and finish the routine with a powerful dismount.

The bars require a different type of endurance than other events: It's mostly arm



Iowa freshman Alyssa Lopez practices on the bars in the Field House on Tuesday. The gymnasts have been consistent in the bars portion of their matches. Their next home meet will be on March 8 against Iowa State. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

SEE **BAR**, 8

# Iowa, Nebraska get Friday go-ahead

The Big Ten Administrators Council has approved Iowa and Nebraska's recommendation to move their Nov. 30 football game to Nov. 29 and to schedule the annual Hy-Vee Heroes Game on the Friday after Thanksgiving in 2014 and beyond.

The approval was announced Tuesday by the Big Ten, according to a release.

The third-annual Hy-Vee Heroes Game will take place on Nov. 29 in Lincoln. The time of kickoff and television broadcast information will be released at a later date.

Nebraska and Iowa have met on the Friday following Thanksgiving both of the last two years. The game was held in Iowa City in 2012 and in Lincoln in 2011.

"We're excited about playing our annual football game with Nebraska on the Friday after Thanksgiving for a number of reasons," Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta said in a statement. "This provides student-athletes who have already lost the opportunity to spend the holiday at home with their families two days away from football."

Nebraska holds a 28-12-3 advantage in the all-time series. The teams have met just eight times since 1946.

— by **Cody Goodwin**