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City hears plans for dam



The Burlington dam is shown on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

Designers have crafted plans for the Burlington Street dam that could include whitewater rafting.

By **NICK HASSETT**
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The Burlington Street dam has been a part of Iowa City for more than 100 years. But if the vision of one city-hired design group comes to fruition, an entirely new recreation area could replace the old dam.

The city hosted an open house and public input meeting Tuesday night for the Burlington Street Dam and Iowa River Improvements Study. The city selected the McLaughlin Whitewater Design Group to renovate the

dam from its outdated and potentially lethal current form.

"We realized that we need to focus more on our river south of Burlington," said Steve Long, the Iowa City community-development coordinator. "We have a dam that is very dangerous."

The dam is a "low-head" dam, also called a weir. Iowa Natural Resources encourages dam owners to remove or modify low-head dams, also known as "drowning machines," according to a Natural Resources brochure. The dams can trap fallen branches and

debris, along with victims, in recirculating currents below the surface.

Richard McLaughlin, the vice president of McLaughlin Whitewater Design Group, said the group was first taking safety into account in the design of the new dam.

"First and foremost is dam safety," he said. "[The Burlington dam] is one of the more hazardous I've seen, especially because it doesn't look that bad."

In addition to safety, McLaugh-

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Officials discuss center

Officials talked about the importance of educating the the public leading up to the Justice Center vote.

By **STACEY MURRAY**
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With one week until the second vote on the proposed Johnson County justice center, officials are looking to communicate their proposal to Johnson County voters because they say they are running out of two necessities: alternatives and space.

"Here we are — it's not that far away," Johnson County Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said. "We're encouraging residents to be educated about the issue."

The supervisors met with city officials from Johnson County on Wednesday to discuss the proposed center and alternatives to filling it. The special election for the second vote on the center is May 7.

The original proposal received a 56 percent affirmative vote in November 2012, 4 percent short of the 60 percent needed for approval.

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UI student arrested

Authorities arrested the first-year UI student who allegedly stabbed two men in downtown Iowa City early Sunday.

The University of Iowa student accused of stabbing two males near the intersection of Dubuque and Washington Street this past weekend was taken into custody Sunday afternoon.

According to an Iowa City police news release, Western Illinois University police officials took Gabriel Badding into custody in Macomb, Ill., on an arrest warrant issued by the Iowa City police.



Badding
suspect

Badding is a first-year student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the UI, and he was living in Burge Residence Hall, according to the UI directory.

The 18-year-old was allegedly involved in an altercation early Sunday morning that resulted in the stabbing of two males. The two victims were taken to the UI Hospitals and Clinics for treatment. One victim sustained several stab wounds to the torso area — two of which were near vital organs — and the second victim sustained a deep stab wound in the upper arm when he attempted to intervene and help the first man. None of the injuries appeared to be life threatening, the release said.

The UI released a HawkAlert immediately following the stabbing, and police received several calls identifying Badding as a possible suspect. According to the release, following further investigation, Badding's identity was confirmed as well as his possible location in Illinois.

Badding is being charged with willful injury causing serious injury and willful injury. He is currently being held in the McDonough County Jail in Illinois on a \$100,000 bond and is waiting to be extradited to Iowa.

- by **Jordyn Reiland**

Turkish consul stresses Iowa ties

The Turkish consul general in Chicago visited Iowa City and the UI campus on Monday.

By **BRENT GRIFFITHS**
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Nearly 6,000 miles from Iowa City, Turkey acts as a bridge between Europe and Asia, and it is now looking to become more of a partner with the United States.

Beyond its strategic location near Iran, Syria, and Iraq, Turkey is looking to create deeper connections with the United States, which is encouraging one official to bridge the large geographical gap.

"When you look from the shift in politics from the west to the east, Turkey is in the middle of that," said Fatih Yildiz, the Turkish consul general in Chicago.

Yildiz visited the University of Iowa on Monday to speak with students and faculty about creating those relationships at the state and local level. Iowa is looking to take that step — Yildiz will meet with Gov. Terry Branstad today.

"The trade [between Turkey and Iowa] is not that bright compared to Iowa's other partners ... the share we have is a miniscule one," he said. "The Midwest in general is a specialized area for agriculture, and agriculture-related industries are very much important to Turkey."

One official with the Iowa United Na-



Fatih Yildiz, the Turkish consul general in Chicago, (right) is interviewed in the Adler Journalism Building on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

tions Association said the visit continues Iowa's steps for global engagement along with the UI's steps to develop further ties worldwide.

"There have been some shaky points in recent years [in U.S./Turkish relations], but Turkey is a transitional state between Europe and the Middle East," said Yashar Vasef, the executive director of the Iowa United Nations Association. "It's very important for us to make sure we operate and they operate under mu-

tual interest."

Yildiz believes Turkey offers an opportunity for a greater "strategic and moral ally" than China. This includes working to build a relationship with Iowa that is similar to the connection Branstad made with China.

"You may see, for example, the Chinese working with Americans in many fields including science and education, but the

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News

Officials eye housing problem

The school district's new diversity policy sparked discussion about the distribution of affordable housing at a joint meeting with both Johnson County and city officials.

By **STACEY MURRAY**
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Johnson County officials have called for more discussions in regards to affordable housing following the passage of the Iowa City School District's diversity policy.

Officials on Monday discussed the need for equal opportunities for affordable housing; it could conceivably make the distribution of students difficult because affordable living would be concentrated in some areas and not others.

"We're trying to keep that from happening," School Board President Marla Swesey said. "Maybe we can start talking about how we can do it."

School Board officials passed the contested diversity policy in February following months of discussion.

The policy aims to balance the socioeconomic levels

throughout the district by distributing the percentage of students participating in the free- and reduced-lunch program across the district. Currently, schools across the district vary as much as 65 percent in that regard.

City Councilor Rick Dobyms said that under the theory that free- and reduced-lunch levels correlate with affordable housing, a failure to maintain homogenous affordable housing could create a fluctuation in these rates and cause students to be bused farther across the district in order to balance the socioeconomic levels.

Officials said they want to maintain a balance across the district and it would be easier if the community planned for better growth throughout.

"There needs to be a balanced approach," School Board member Jeff McGuinness said.

"When you have one segment exploding in growth when others don't, you end up with inequitable facilities."

Discussion for this issue began years ago.

The affordable-housing subcommittee made recommendations in 2010 for members of the Johnson County Council of Government entities, including Coralville, North Liberty, Lone Tree, and Iowa City, to form a consortium for the Federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds. The consortium would provide an outlet for the cities to engage in regionalism for affordable housing.

No consortium was formed following the recommendations, and the lack of action could complicate the implementation of the diversity policy.

But officials are now calling for discussion because of potential issues for the implementation

of the diversity policy.

Supervisor Chairwoman Janelle Rettig said the dispersion of these housing opportunities are "100 percent a city decision."

She said the county would be willing to move forward with a partnership among the cities in the county, but the housing itself is an issue to be dealt with at a city level.

"To think we don't have a housing problem is wrong," Rettig said.

Coralville recently blocked an effort for a regionalized effort, but Rettig said numerically, it doesn't make sense to go ahead without it.

Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek said this would be an opportunity for the different cities to work together for the School District.

"This is a great example of why regional collaboration is important for this area going forward to create better outcomes long-term," he said.

METRO

Coralville Co-op ordered to pay fine

A Coralville business will have to pay a \$500 fine after a state agency backed a decision that it sold alcohol to a minor.

Barring an appeal, the New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., will have to pay the fine after the Iowa Alcoholic and Beverages Division affirmed a Coralville City Council resolution after a telephone hearing on Monday.

According to the report, on April 12, 2012, an employee of the New Pioneer Co-op sold a six-pack of Corona to the daughter of a Coralville police sergeant during a compliance check.

The co-op can appeal the decision within 30 days to the administrator of the Alcoholic Beverages Division.

— by Brent Griffiths

Cambus stop closed until fall

In coordination with on-going construction to the University of Iowa Main Library, the bus stop facing the building's east entrance will remain closed until the start of fall classes.

Cambus director Brian McClatchey said to date, no particular concerns have arisen from the relocated stop and a change in ridership to and from the area hasn't occurred. However, he said one slight benefit has come from the relocation.

"Students like it because it gets them closer to the Rec Center," he said.

The new east library entrance is anticipated to be the primary gathering space for students waiting for the bus and will include large television monitors tracking the BONGO bus service.

A single lane of south-



A sign telling pedestrians to use the other side of the street because of construction sites outside the Main Library on Monday. The Cambus stop will be moved until fall. (The Daily Iowan/Nicholas Fanelli)

bound Madison Street and an adjacent sidewalk near the east side of the Main Library closed April 22 for the construction work. It was previously set to open Aug. 2.

Construction on the library's \$14.6 million 24-hour Learning Commons space began last summer, and the renovation is set to wrap up

in December.

The project will provide roughly 37,000-square-feet of space.

It will be able to provide space for the needs of 500 students with 18 study-group spaces, 100 computer desks, and a 45-seat TILE classroom within the Learning Commons.

— by Quentin Misiag

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BLOTTER

Julian Cardona, 20, Niles, Ill., was charged April 27 with interference with official acts.

Donald Denis, 44, 528 Mineral Point Lane, was charged April 27 with public intoxication.

Connor Hargett, 19, 343 Slater, was charged April 27 with public intoxication.

Kendall Kennedy, 19, Naper-ville, Ill., was charged April 27 with presence in a bar after hours.

David Johnson, 21, 726 E. Washington St., was charged April 27 with keeping a disorderly house.

Kaitlyn Kobida, 19, 600 S. Capitol St. Apt. 308, was charged April 27 with presence in a bar after hours.

Ryan Krieger, 19, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, was charged April 27 with PAULA.

Alyssa Kuhn, 20, 600 S. Capitol St. Apt. 6, was charged April 27 with presence in a bar after hours.

Matthew Lambert, 22, 505 E. Burlington St. Apt. 14C, was charged April 27 with public intoxication.

Benjamin Leonard, 20, 600 S. Capitol St. Apt. 403, was charged April 25 with PAULA.

Tyler Liles, 25, 436 S. Van Buren St. No. 4, was charged April 27 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Conner Lohens, 20, 702 N. Dubuque St., was charged April 26 with PAULA.

Sebastian Maher, 20, 13 N. Dodge St. Apt. 1, was charged April 26 with PAULA.

James McDonald, 48, address unknown, was charged April 27 with public intoxication.

Ryan McKean, 22, 716 Bowery

St., was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Kyle Messerle, 23, 331 S. Johnson St. Apt. 2, was charged April 27 with interference with official acts.

Alyssa Miller, 22, Kalona, was charged April 27 with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Philip Monfils, 22, 319 E. Dav-enport St., was charged April 26 with keeping a disorderly house.

Jose Nunez, 46, 2018 Water-front Drive No. 76, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Coen Olson, 19, 439D May-flower, was charged April 27 with PAULA.

Salena Ortega, 19, 1100 N. Dubuque St. Apt. 334C, was charged April 27 with presence in a bar after hours.

Shelle Peak, 49, West Branch, was charged April 27 with fifth-degree theft.

Brooke Pepper, 18, Peoria, Ill., was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

Jacob Perkins, 21, 130 E. Jef-ferson St. Apt. 9, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

John Peterson Jr., 29, 410 N. Scott Blvd., was charged April 19 with interference with official acts.

Miranda Peyton, 22, 547 Em-erald St. No. A12, was charged April 26 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nicholas Pisani, 20, Bar-nington, Ill., was charged April 27 with public intoxication.

Alex Rans, 20, 119 Myrtle Ave. Apt. 21, was charged April 27 with PAULA.

Kimberly Redmann, 38, Keota, Iowa, was charged Sunday with OWI and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Asia Ricks, 17, address unknown, was charged April 27 with disorderly conduct.

Matthew Rose, 20, Shells-burg, Iowa, was charged Sunday with possession of drug paraphernalia and public in-toxication.

Kirstyn Russell, 19, 341C May-flower, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of driver's license/ID of another.

John Ryan, 19, 221 E. Fairchild St. Apt. 2, was charged April 26 with interference with official acts, public intoxication, pos-session of an open container of alcohol in public, and PAULA.

Brenden Sadeghi, 18, Keokuk, Iowa, was charged April 27 with PAULA.

Collin Sawyer, 21, 9 West View Acres, was charged Sunday with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

Joseph Schneiders, 19, Min-go, Iowa, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

Alexis Schulte, 24, 1812 Rohret Court. S.W., was charged April 27 with public intoxication.

David Sciarone, 45, High-wood, Ill., was charged April 27 with public intoxication.

Chad Sharkey, 18, North Lib-erty, was charged April 22 with possession of drug para-phernalia.

Mykel Shutts, 23, Bettendorf, was charged Sunday with driv-ing with a suspended/canceled license.

Midora Slaughter, 23, 845 Cross Park Ave. No. 1C, was charged April 27 with fifth-de-gree theft.

Nolan Speicher, 20, 912 Iowa Ave., was charged April 27 with public intoxication.

Patrick Stanton, 20, 704 E. Jefferson St., was charged Sunday with PAULA and pos-session of an open container of alcohol in public.

Shawn Sullivan, 19, No. N409 Currier, was charged April 26 with PAULA and unlawful use of a driver's license/ID of another.

Andrea Szombathy, Naper-ville, Ill., was charged with possession of drug parapher-nalia.

John Trachsel, 25, 902 N. Dodge St. Apt. A7, was charged Sunday with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

Shannon Vallyely, 18, 5422 Currier, was charged April 25 with PAULA.

Vincent Vogelsang, 50, 1121 Gilbert Court, was charged April 25 with public intoxica-tion.

Ashley Wilkinson, 20, 427 S. Van Buren St. No. 4, was charged April 24 with pres-ence in a bar after hours.

Nathaniel Williams, 18, 2208 Miami Drive, was charged April 22 with interference with official acts.

Brandon Wilson, 20, 521 S. Johnson St. Apt. 11, was charged April 27 with pres-ence in a bar after hours.

Warnell Wright Jr., 32, 58 Reg-gal Lane, was charged April 27 with driving with a suspended/ canceled license and OWI.

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**DAM**

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lin outlined three other goals for the project, including allowing fish passage, riverbank restoration, and improved public access.

The final optional goal of the project took up most of the presentation and public attention: whitewater recreation.

“With whitewater-recreation projects, for every person in the water, there’s 10 on the bank,” John Anderson of Whitewater Design said.

Anderson outlined several benefits of including a whitewater rafting course into the design of the new dam, including economic development with the site’s proximity to the university and increased access to the river.

However, the whitewater expansion to the dam

may not be feasible.

Brooke Seymour, a project engineer with McLaughlin Water Engineers, said the envisioned location for the whitewater recreation was the most likely to negatively affect the river’s floodplain.

“There’s nothing we can do in this project to raise flood levels at all,” she said. “If there’s not enough space to offset water, a whitewater course in that area would not be feasible.”

Though Seymour said there were several other areas along the river that would be feasible for a whitewater course, the current goal was to include the dam in the project, mainly because of its proximity to the university.

McLaughlin outlined one option being evaluated by the group, which involved creating areas along the river for water to expand to in case

Burlington Dam

McLaughlin Whitewater Design outlined its goals for the renovation of the dam at a public meeting on Monday.

- Improved safety
- Allowing fish passage upstream
- Riverbank restoration
- Increased public access
- Whitewater recreation

Source: Richard McLaughlin, vice president of McLaughlin Whitewater Design

of high flows. People could also use the areas in times of lower water flow.

Because of the floodplain concerns, McLaughlin split the options for the dam: one including improvements to safety, fish passage, river bank restoration, and improved access, and the other including all of those plus whitewater recreation.



The Burlington Dam is shown on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

McLaughlin hopes to evaluate the options by gathering public input and developing alternatives, one of which the city will ultimately select in autumn.

Though the final deci-

sion may not include an option for Iowa River rafters, Anderson said a recreation area by the dam could attract tourists not just from the region but also around the nation.

“We would like for this

place to be a hive of activity,” he said. “If I was coming from the highway with no knowledge of Iowa City, I would gravitate toward [the dam], because that’s the place to be.”

TURKEY

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Chinese and Americans don’t call themselves strategic partners or allies,” he said. “So we have to make that difference out in the field.”

One way this relationship can be improved is through what Yildiz characterizes as “people-to-people diplomacy” where anything from stereotypes of the 99-percent

Muslim nation to other misperceptions from both countries can be replaced through shared experiences.

“[Stereotypes and negative views of Turkey] can only be overcome by people-to-people diplomacy. Not only the leaders and politicians getting together charting new horizons for the relations between the countries, but it should be the people,” he said. “Real people that have a stake in creating new relations between [the two

countries.]”

At the UI, the Turkish Student Association is working with its roughly 70 members of both Turkish and non-Turkish descent to learn more about each other and provide a hub for Turkish students studying at the UI.

In the fall of 2012, there were 31 students from Turkey studying at the UI.

“We using these kind of talks to develop relations between Turkish students and Turkish faculty members and students, faculty

and staff at the University of Iowa,” said Emrah Tiras, the president of the UI Turkish Student Association.

One member of the association said he sees quite a few Turkish students — although more graduate students — at the UI, and welcomed the opportunity to be with the Turkish community.

“It’s really nice to see how the Turkish community came together for this event,” UI freshman Furkan Pecan said.

Yildiz sees a great opportunity in developing future ties with Iowa and the United States given the promise of Turkey’s future.

“When it comes to the areas of trade, economy, culture, science, education, we are not there yet,” he said. “We need support on a part of our American friends to raise the profile of this relation to match that name. We still have a lot of to do, but the potential is huge for the two countries.”

Turkey

Turkey plays an important strategic role with its location between Europe and Asia; with a strong economic outlook, the nation looks to further trade with the United States.

Exports:
• 2012 – \$6.2 Billion
• 2011 – \$5.2 Billion
• 2010 – \$4.2 Billion

Source: U.S. Census

VOTING

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Immediately following the rejection of the center proposal, the supervisors held public forums to make appropriate changes to the proposal in hopes of the community passing it.

The supervisors said the cost was a major concern for the community. To lessen the costs, the proposed center will include 195 beds as opposed to the original 243 beds. The center would see four courtrooms instead of six. Additionally, the new proposal includes more masonry instead of glasswork, and the county will pay for an additional \$2.7 million of the project. These projects decreased the cost of the project by roughly \$3.3 million.

The proposed center is the same size as the previous proposed center — approximately 153,800 square feet — and would be connected to the current Courthouse.

Neuzil said the supervisors moved quickly because they wanted to keep the project fresh in voters’ minds, and they wanted students to be able to participate in the vote.

Additionally, he said the issues behind the need for the justice center won’t change and the issue won’t go away — it will only get more expensive.

“If you vote no, the issue doesn’t go away,” Neuz-

il said. “Costs rarely go down.”

He estimates the costs of a new justice center would increase by 4 to 8 percent each year.

As the proposal has developed, county officials have looked for alternatives to jailing but said the justice center is an inevi-

table need.

“There’s only so much you can do,” Supervisor Rod Sullivan said. “You can do alternatives, but they require space, and we don’t have [it].”

Sullivan said he acknowledges the public’s inquiries for alternatives and while officials concur,

the center would be an opportunity for additional options.

“We just nod our head and agree, but we’re pretty much maxed out,” he said.

However, a vocal opposition to the proposal maintains that the changes made to the plan are not enough. They contend the

proposal is still too expensive and needs further alteration before the public should vote yes.

One Iowa City resident said Monday that the supervisors should work quickly to educate the public before the proposal comes to its second vote next week.

“I think it would improve the county to contact the various interdisciplinaries in light of this discussion,” Bob Welsh said. “I think to take that action now would be important prior to the vote coming up and take steps to move that discussion forward would be helpful.”

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Justice Center

Johnson County officials work to educate voters leading up the second vote on the proposed justice center.

- The supervisors cut roughly \$3.3 million from the original proposal.
- The proposed center would be connected to the Courthouse and would be approximately 153,800 square feet.
- Supervisor Terrence Neuzil estimates the cost of the project will increase 4 to 8 percent each year the county waits.

Source: County Supervisor Terrence Neuzil

The Daily Iowan OPINIONS

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE JUSTICE CENTER PROPOSAL?
Read today's Guest Column, and email us at:
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PHIL'S DAY 2013

'Phil' gives the community a robust literary scene

We are lucky to live in the heart of American literature, surrounded by some of the most gifted writers in the world. But these literary riches are not simply a matter of luck.

The gifted writers are greatly helped by the donors who have given support to the University of Iowa, the Iowa Writers' Workshop and other university writing programs.

As the director of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, I am aware that creativity would not be possible without the generosity of philanthropy. Every day, I am impressed by the courage and idealism of the young writers who come to this town in order to attend this university and take part in its community of writers. I feel gratitude to donors who make it possible for so many of these writers to do the creative work they have always dreamed of doing.

During this week leading up to Phil's Day, I ask you to consider becoming a donor to the Writers' Workshop and to other UI writing programs. You will be providing financial aid to emerging writers who are taking brave strides into an uncertain life of poetry and story-writing.

You will make it possible for hundreds, even thousands, of stories, essays, plays, and poems to be written. You may be supporting student-run productions and literary magazines. The exciting

work that takes place at all of the UI's historically renowned and visionary writing programs is sustained and nurtured by the visionary generosity of those who give to support them.

Making a gift in support of writers is an act of creativity. Writers know this, and they give back in kind. Hundreds of novels and poems have been set in the streets, bars, houses, and classrooms of Iowa City. These are works of love, written to a generous community that has given so much.

"I want to write a story that is set in Iowa City," a young Workshop student recently told me. This writer, who has no resources of his own, would not have been able to attend the university if it had not been for private support.

"I want the readers and writers who are here after me to read my story and recognize the names of things. This is the first time I have ever felt this way about any place."

We have the opportunity to nourish and enrich this community. By giving to our writers, we are being creative ourselves. Philanthropy is a creative act.

When we give in support of writing at the UI, we make our own artistic commitment to the world.

Jan Samantha Chang

(1993 M.F.A.), director, Iowa Writers' Workshop

Broadening my worldview

On many Sunday nights, I can be found in a local coffee joint studying with one of my best friends on campus and conversing about everything from modern feminism to Hawkeye football. We sit together because, as fellow Presidential Scholars, we share a passion for learning and for the University of Iowa. I credit our important friendship to the Presidential Scholars program — which is made possible by generous philanthropy.

Not only did philanthropy help me establish a very close friendship, it also gave me the chance to broaden my worldview. In January, I was uploading pictures to Facebook that showed me standing in front of Christ the Redeemer and learning to samba in the streets of Rio de Janeiro.

Studying abroad in Brazil was one of the most humbling experiences of my life, and it was philanthropy that allowed me to do it. I received a Winter Study Abroad Scholarship that helped subsidize my course fees and allowed me to travel to a new country.

These days, I spend much of my time in a practice room, working on my vocal technique. As a vocal performance major, I was disheartened by the devastation of the Arts Campus in the flood of 2008.

However, philanthropy will help the UI rebuild these music facilities and make them even better than they were before the flood. Though these buildings will open after I graduate, I know I will be a proud alumna who will return to campus to

visit the new facilities and to meet current students.

The aforementioned scenarios are just three examples of how philanthropy has shaped my time at Iowa in ways both subtle and obvious — but always significant.

As a member of the Student Philanthropy Group, I have been able to give back to the University of Iowa in appreciation for all of the incredible experiences that I have been afforded through the generous donations of alumni and friends.

Philanthropy is about encouraging alumni, students, faculty, and staff to provide crucial financial support.

It doesn't matter how much you contribute; it just matters that you show your confidence in the UI's ability to accomplish amazing things and to continue to improve. I urge all of us to seek out the many opportunities that philanthropy supports on campus and to create our own pictures of philanthropy.

Thanks, Phil, for all that you have contributed to my time at Iowa. I also thank you on behalf of every student, faculty member, and fan who has been — and will be — touched by your support.

UI student Alysa Olson

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My skin has color



By BEAU ELLIOT
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On the day NBA player Jason Collins came out of the closet (the first active male player in the big pro sports to do so), I was thinking about segregation.

Not because Collins happens to be African American, in the same way I happen to be Irish American and you happen to be whatever you are. Until we get to the Brave New World 2.0 in which we get to choose our parents, ethnicity means as much to me as eye color or hair color.

And yes, I mean "ethnicity." There's only one race among human beings. Go ask the Human Genome Project.

Or don't. It's really hard to talk to a project, even one with "human" in its name. It's a one-sided conversation, and Lord knows, humans have more than enough of those.

On the day NBA player Jason Collins came out of the closet, I was also thinking about Louie Gohmert, a Republican congressman from Texas (where else?) who last week, apparently coddling his inner Joe McCarthy, said:

"This administration has so many Muslim Brotherhood members that have influence that they just are making wrong decisions for America."

Hmm. The Muslim Brotherhood is running the White House? When it comes to President Obama (not a Muslim, so far as sane people can tell) and, say, his policy on drone strikes, I thought Dick Cheney was still running the White House.

In fairness to Gohmert (not that he is, given that he has no evidence that anyone from the Muslim Brotherhood is involved in the administration), we should hear the full quote:

"It's very clear to everybody but this administration that radical Islam is at war against us. And I'm hoping either this

administration will wake up or a new one will come in at the next election before irreparable damage is done. Because radical Islam is at war with us. Thank God for the moderates who don't approve of what's being done. But this administration has so many Muslim Brotherhood members that have influence that they just are making wrong decisions for America."

Um, yeah. "Where have you gone, Joe McCarthy, a nation turns its lonely eyes to you." Oops, wrong song. Wrong Joe, too.

On the day NBA player Jason Collins came out of the closet, I was, indeed, thinking about segregation. That old segregation. The kind that, when you traveled in the South, you saw the signs (or at least I did as a little kid): public restrooms — "Men, Women, Colored." Public water fountains — "White, Colored."

I was thinking about a particular water fountain in a park in southern Mississippi where my family had stopped to refill the water bottles, and the line at the "White" fountain was 50 or 75 people long (well, OK; I was a little kid — the line was probably only 18 or 20 people long). There was no one at the "Colored" water fountain.

My father was honking the car horn to tell me to get on my horse and gallop. So I walked over to the "Colored" water fountain, had a good drink, then refilled my water bottle.

Immediately, a white woman was towering over me, yelling, telling me I was not allowed to use that "Colored" water fountain and ordering me to dump the water out.

I was 7 or 8, I think, but already a smart-assed kid. I used to think that it came from being Irish, but more likely, it came from being a kid.

I stuck my arm out (easy to do; I was wearing a T-shirt) and told her, My skin has color.

On the day NBA player Jason Collins came out of the closet, I was thinking about segregation.

You go, Jason Collins. Maybe one of these days, people will be allowed to marry whomever they want. Talk about a Brave New World. ■

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GUEST COLUMN

Getting to 'Yes' by voting no on justice center

Dave Parsons' opinion column urged that we "Vote Yes for the justice center" (*DI*, April 29). He is a member of the committee actively pushing the proposal.

As such, his was a commendably civil, best effort to make the most of his unpersuasive case.

University of Iowa students have a stake in this May 7 bond election, and hopefully, they will vote.

Justice-center proponents start from a false premise: Opponents don't understand the need for improvements in our justice-system facilities and procedures.

Not one of my acquaintances

opposes the May 7 ballot proposition for that reason. Indeed, quite the contrary. Few, if any, even object to spending whatever taxpayer money we truly need.

No, the dispute doesn't involve whether we need "something" — for reasons Parsons skillfully set forth.

The dispute is what that "something" should be, how much of it we need, where it should be located, and what reforms in incarceration avoidance should accompany new construction.

I'm not a member of either the "Yes" or the "No" committees. I just want to plan what we need, substantively and procedurally, and do it right, while not making things worse. Like the cable guy says, "let's get

'er done" — get Johnson County voters to "Yes."

Fundamental "getting to 'yes'" strategy involves recognizing the distinction between parties' "positions" and "interests." Proponents and opponents share an "interest" in fixing the system. It's the proponents' "position" that's caused the problem.

Proponents' second logical failing is constructing a position on a conclusion that doesn't follow from their premises: (1) The Courthouse and jail need fixing; (2) We have a detailed specific plan for doing that; (3) Therefore, everyone must vote for our specific plan.

As a law professor might respond to a student's similarly faulty argument, "I follow you all but the 'therefore.' " A need

for "something" does not, "therefore," compel adoption of their proposal.

Proponents' stance is reminiscent of the late, former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, sometimes called "TINA" because of her response to opponents who proposed alternatives to her policies: "There Is No Alternative" (TINA).

Landfills used to be like that. When one filled, there was no alternative to creating more. Today's acceptance of alternatives — such as recycling and composting — has saved hundreds of acres of farmland.

America leads the world in jail and prison cells. That doesn't mean, when ours fill up, "there is no alternative" to just building more.

It is no less offensive to attach a big-box modern structure to our National Historic Register, 100-year-old Courthouse — as proponents suggest — than attaching a similar structure to the Old Capitol.

Here's one of many alternatives:

Many find a detached, stand-alone criminal-justice facility more sensible and efficient — sheriff, judges, courts, and jail in one place. Proponents claim it won't work. Apparently, they failed to tell that to the numerous Iowa counties that have already done it and like it. In fact it's what we did when we needed more County administrative space: the separate administrative building an easy walk down the street.

This has the added benefits

of preserving the integrity of the Courthouse exterior and setting, providing more space inside exclusively for civil proceedings, and avoids plopping a bunch of criminals in jail cells in the center of a downtown area the City would like to develop for tourists and residential use.

If the bond issue passes this time, "that's all she wrote." We'll have to live with a desecrated Courthouse and other consequences. But if it's defeated May 7 maybe, like Goldilocks' porridge tasting, the third time they'll get it right.

There are alternatives.

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County seeks security



The Johnson County Health and Human Services Building is shown on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

By **QUENTIN MISIAG**
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A number of Johnson County officials say outdated and inadequate surveillance and emergency-alert technology at county government facilities is threatening their safety and that of the Iowa City community.

Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Janelle Rettig said an April 24 altercation that resulted in a gun being pulled on a local citizen in the parking lot adjacent to the Health and Human Services Building, 855 S. Dubuque St., is just the most recent example of the need for updates.

Official bid requests regarding surveillance updates at the Health and Human Services Building, the Johnson County Courthouse, and the Administration Building went live on April 26, but no official proposals were available as of Monday evening.

"The instance with the gun last week I think draws to the point of why this matters," she said. "You can't protect everybody, but it'd sure be nice to have [surveillance] footage. The gas stations have better cameras and technology than we do."

Rettig said any time there is a large concentration of public officials including supervisors, public and mental-health

officials, heightened security should be a requirement.

Analog surveillance cameras and a "panic" button system were in place for previous county election periods, but were removed during a 2009 renovation to the County Administration Building. Nearly four years later, the "panic" system remains uninstalled; however, Rettig said, preliminary testing has occurred for new technology, some of which are smaller than standard garage door openers.

Although original plans called for building-by-building surveillance and "panic" updates, Rettig said current capital expenditure funds of an undisclosed amount may be able to pay for the installation at all three buildings. Although favoring a comprehensive approach, she said if it came down to it, the priority lies with the installation of the "panic" systems at all three buildings over updated surveillance technology.

Definitive costs or installation period for the two technology upgrades have yet to be determined.

Supervisor Pat Harney said he favors the proposed surveillance measures if such technology is used properly in the form of a wireless system. He said he shies

away from the notion of spending a lot of money to update the Courthouse but believes the wireless option would be the most favorable in terms of coinciding with justice center construction if the May 7 vote passes.

"There have been court-security problems we've been talking about over the past few years," he said. "But things are going to happen time to time at different places. You can't have a camera everywhere."

County facilities manager Eldon Slaughter said no definitive costs or installation period for the two technology upgrades have been determined to date. He said although minimal analog surveillance camera technology is in place at the Courthouse, a transition to digital technology will not only result in improved high-definition picture quality but also longer taping capability, thus improving overall building safety.

He emphasized the push for increased security technology is not a tactical ploy by the county government to encourage voters to approve the new justice center.

"This is not just something that just came out because of the justice center, so you can take that notion out of your head," he said.

Personhood bill proposed

By **NICK HASSETT**
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A proposed amendment to the Iowa Constitution drew glowing praise from one state advocacy group and condemnation from another.

Senate Joint Resolution 10, filed April 25 by 21 members of the Iowa Senate, would amend the state Constitution to make the word "person" apply to all human beings from the beginning of their biological development.

"In and of itself, [the resolution] doesn't change a whole lot," said Sen. Dennis Guth, R-Klemme. "But it ensures that if pro-life legislation is passed, it won't be struck down by the Iowa Supreme Court. It's a supporting document."

Guth is one of the lead senators backing the resolution, which has also been introduced in the Iowa House as House Joint Resolution 12.

"I think we can pass it in the House," Guth said. "The Senate will be real close; we're hoping to get all the Republican votes and at least one Democrat."

The sole Democrat to sponsor the bill is Sen. Joe Seng, D-Davenport, who was unavailable to be reached for comment.

Despite Guth's hopes for the measure, one Senate Democrat said he didn't expect the personhood resolution to come up this legislative session.

"I'd be surprised if something that dramatic made it through at this time of year," said Sen. Thomas Courtney, D-Burling-

ton.

According to the House resolution, if adopted in the current Legislature, the measure would then be referred to the next Legislature for adoption. If it passes the House and Senate, the amendment would go directly to Iowans for ratification through a popular vote.

Tim Hagle, a University of Iowa associate professor of political science, said the amendment would hope to essentially overturn the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that allowed women to have abortions.

"The court had to deal with two conflicting rights: women's privacy is important, but at some point, the child has a right to life as well," he said. "[The amendment] would define that life as starting at conception."

Hagle said the notion of a pro-life Democrat, as in the case with Seng, was not entirely unusual.

"There are political concerns, you see them in an area with a lot of Catholics or pro-life issue voters," he said. "To take a cynical view, they need to be willing to sign on to something, especially if they think it doesn't have a chance to pass, because it looks good for them."

Though the measure has only just been introduced, local groups are offering their support or opposition to the resolution.

"This amendment is far out of the mainstream and could have dangerous consequences for every woman of childbearing age

in Iowa — now and far into the future," Jill June, the Planned Parenthood of the Heartland president and CEO, wrote in an email. "This extreme amendment would ban all safe abortion."

June didn't think the amendment stood a good chance with Iowan voters.

"So-called 'personhood' bills have failed time and time again across the country because the majority of Americans disagree with the premise and the complications that would result," she said.

However, Maggie DeWitte, the Iowans For Life executive director, was optimistic about the amendment's chances with voters.

"Recent polls have shown for the first time there are more pro-life supporters that want restrictions on abortion," she said. "I'd like to think and have hope that the people of Iowa would affirm life."

DeWitte said a Constitutional amendment would be the organization's biggest victory.

"[A Constitutional amendment] would come to bear all our hard work; it's the ultimate goal of any pro-life organization," she said.

Hagle thought the amendment stood a chance in Iowa but warned it could just as easily backfire on Republicans.

"Like the gay-marriage issue, it's not clear voters will vote the way Republicans want," he said. "It's fairly divisive and controversial, and it will come down to how each side portrays what it's trying to do."

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“The poet may be used as a barometer, but let us not forget that he is also part of the weather.”
— Lionel Trilling

the ledge

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- Silverbulletproof.

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 - "Hulk" director Lee
 - Airline guess, for short
 - Depot: Abbr.
 - "Wow, you're a regular expert at turning right!"
 - Jacob's twin
 - Horrified
 - Yucatán year
 - Renée Zellweger's role in "Chicago"
 - Door swinger
 - "Wow, those reptiles have mad hops!"
 - Handed out cards
 - April 1 gag
 - Texter's expression of surprise
 - Shortly
 - Succumbs to gravity
 - "Wow, look at that bovine idol!"
 - Triumphant shout
 - Half of a disapproving rebuke
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 - Russia's ... Mountains
 - Lends a hand
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 - "Wow, I'm standing next to Mr. Clooney himself!"
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 - Animal that's been run over
 - Like palms on a first date, perhaps
 - Not safe, in baseball
 - "Understood"
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 - Sound of draining water
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 - Gossipy sort
 - Like some wines and cheeses
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- **English Conversation Classes**, 12:30 p.m., UIHC 6 Melrose Conference Center
- **Sidelights of Iowa History**, 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **English Language Learners' Discussion Circle**, 3 p.m., S126 Pappajohn Business Building
- **"Four 20th Century Political Upheavals: A Personal View,"** 3 p.m., Senior Center
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "New insights into innate and adaptive immune responses against flaviviruses and alphaviruses," Michael Diamond, Washington University (St. Louis), 3 p.m., Bowen Watzke Auditorium
- **Faculty Senate Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **Obermann Afternoons**, "From Cells to Sensors: Interdisciplinary Research in Aging," Aging Mind and Brain Initiative, 4 p.m., Obermann Center
- **Design the Skyline**, 5 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **Lauren DiGiorgio**, 6 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **Take Back the Night**, 6:30 p.m., Pentacrest
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** William Kent Krueger, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Spring Breakers**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Blake Shaw senior double-bass recital**, 8 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **Clinton Street Four Trombone Quartet**, 8 p.m., 172 Music West Interim Building
- **Flight School**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **No**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Lower Deck Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club

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Tuesday, April 30, 2013 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Have a good comeback ready. Don't fold under pressure, or give in to someone trying to manipulate a situation that involves you. Do the unexpected. As long as you are open and honest, you will come out on top.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Set goals, and stick to them. With a little innovation and ingenuity, you will find a way to handle whatever comes your way and more. Your responsible attitude will attract someone's attention who will play an important role in your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Money, contracts, and legal issues will be on your mind. Search for a way to make extra cash or use your skills to reach a settlement that will give you the freedom you need to move in a lucrative direction. Strive for independence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Interacting with people from different walks of life will open your eyes to new possibilities. The opportunities that develop will help secure your livelihood as well as encourage you to do something you are good at and enjoy doing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Play and socialize – most of all, be a team player. Advancement will be yours if you present your leadership qualities. Don't let personal responsibilities stand between you and success. Show your versatility when facing a challenge or a competitor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Venture down a path that will stretch your imagination and force you to try something new. Interacting with people offering knowledge and experience will lead to a pivotal point and the chance to advance. Personal relationships will be enhanced.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Spend more time focusing on your home and family life along with how you handle your money and your assets. Do your best to improve your surroundings, and avoid emotional clashes with business or personal partners.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Strong ties will help you accomplish your goals. A love relationship should be given your undivided attention. Someone unique and special to you will help you reach a goal you've been struggling to reach. Take on more responsibility.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid overspending, overdoing, or expecting too much from others. Set your sights on your goals and be willing to do whatever it takes to accomplish them on your own. Do your best to avoid interference; focus on success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll succeed if you avoid unpredictable people and situations. Plan your actions carefully, and do whatever it takes to avoid any last-minute alterations that might disrupt your plans. Preparation will be what keeps you on track. Romance is highlighted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't give in to anyone trying to control your life or put you in a compromising position. Use your wit, charm, and intelligence – you will find a way to make the most of whatever you do. Changes at home will be beneficial.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep travel plans to a minimum. Focus on solid investments and the way you can make your money stretch. Look over your résumé and your current position or one that you'd like to apply for and plan your strategy. Love is in the stars.

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Members of Geoffrey Irving's Ultimate Frisbee class watch their classmates at Hubbard Park on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Nicholas Fanelli)

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IC introduces ambassadors

Iowa City officials announced the new program on Monday.

By **REBECCA MORIN**
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As officials push new initiatives to aesthetically improve downtown, some in Iowa City say a new program will provide resources for visitors and residents in the area.

The city of Iowa City, in collaboration with the Downtown District, has launched a Downtown Ambassador Program, which will allow visitors and residents to ask questions of designated city workers who will offer directions and information and help enforce policies within the area.

"The program takes existing staff and expands their role to more of a customer-service role," said Geoff Fruin, the assistant to the city manager. "We are trying to build upon the positive services and initiatives and what they are doing to provide a clean and safe environment."

The program started Monday, and it will consist of approximately 25 "ambassadors" from various city departments including the Central Business District maintenance crews and staff from the Parking Division.

The staff members will wear gold T-shirts with the word "Ambassador" printed on the back.

An ambassador program was established in the Des Moines area called Block by Block; however, that program differs from Iowa City's, said Nancy Bird, the Downtown District executive director.

"The program in Des Moines has hired security officers, and it is just a different kind of program from what we are establishing," she said.

The ambassadors will



A view of downtown Iowa City is seen from Phillips Hall on April 26, 2011. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

be available throughout the day. Each ambassador will have different shifts, and more workers will be primarily available during the early morning and afternoon.

The wages for the ambassadors range from \$15.71 to \$20.83 per hour depending on the responsibilities and years of service.

"It will clearly build on what the workers already do, but will also create a welcoming environment and be more approachable to people," Fruin said.

Along with the ambassadors, Iowa City downtown police Officer David Schwindt will also work closely with the ambassadors and the businesses downtown.

The Downtown District will provide an orientation for ambassadors to explore different ways to work with downtown businesses, as well as how to work together with city employees.

Although the program only has hired employees, downtown officials hope to include volunteers as part of the program.

"We want to see if the program gets off first, but we hope to get a couple of

Downtown Ambassador Program

The city of Iowa City and the Downtown District established the Downtown Ambassador Program, which was implemented on Monday. The ambassadors for the program consist of existing city staff. Some departments involved in the program are:

- Iowa City Parks and Recreation
- Iowa City Transportation Services
- Iowa City Police Department

Source: Mike Moran, Parks and Recreation director

local citizens who will volunteer," Bird said. "They could be a big resource, like a walking concierge."

Officials hope the program will create a closer sense of community within the city.

"I think more people will ask questions about the city and the area, and they will have a better spirit of ownership of Iowa City," Parks and Recreation Director Mike Moran said.

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Public Health Building receives LEED Platinum status

The University of Iowa College of Public Health Building recently received a LEED Platinum certification — the UI's first academic building to achieve platinum status.

"The Platinum LEED designation recognizes the truly exceptional architectural, design, and engineering work that went into this facility," Sue Curry, the dean of the College of Public Health, said in a press release. "It also reflects the proven connection between the environment and public health, as well as our commitment to innovation and best practices to make our college and university responsible stewards of natural resources."

Several of the building's environmental features include:

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UI President Sally Mason told *The Daily Iowan* earlier this month that she was proud of the college's status as the first academic building with a LEED Platinum certification.

"We were thrilled to learn that the College of Public Health achieved LEED platinum status," she said in an interview. "That is very exciting — that is our first on campus, our first academic building."

The UI public-health school opened in 1999, but classes were scattered throughout campus until its own building opened in January 2012. Officials dedicated the \$48 million facility in April 2012.

— by **Kristen East**

Defendants in Cambus lawsuit deny claims

The defendants in a case concerning a Cambus accident in 2011 have denied the charges against them.

Rebecca Segriff was reportedly walking east at the intersection of Madison and Washington Streets on Sept. 22, 2011, when a Cambus allegedly struck her.

On March 28, Segriff sued the state of Iowa, the University of Iowa, and Peter Leahy, who was allegedly operating the Cambus at the time of the incident. Segriff claimed that Leahy acted negligently by failing to keep a proper lookout, driving too fast, and failing to warn her of his presence. She also claimed that the state and the university are also liable.

The defendants responded on April 25 by denying these claims and requested Segriff's claims be dismissed.

Segriff is seeking damages for among other things, pain and suffering, loss of full body function, and disfigurement.

— by **Cassidy Riley**

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Iowa's Taylor Kaufman gets brushed back from the plate against Western Illinois on April 2 in Banks Field. The Hawkeyes won the game, 10-6. (The Daily Iowan/Tork Mason)

BASEBALL

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Dahm pointed out that things were different earlier in the campaign. Near the beginning of the season, Iowa was 6-4, its most wins over .500 this season, and had outscored opponents 48-37. Since then the team has gone 9-16 and has been outscored by a 163-119 margin.

Dahm said the key to having the success they had earlier in the year is to go back to having fun again.

"I want these guys to have fun out here," he said. "But it's a grind for them right now, and they're not having fun. They're putting way too

much pressure on themselves. We need to be able to enjoy the game. They're good guys. It's just been a hard game for us right now."

One aspect of the game the team has been struggling with all season long has been defense. The Black and Gold have committed 69 errors in only 38 games. They rank 10th in the Big Ten, behind only Penn State, which has 70 miscues in the field.

It's a weakness the Hawks know they have, and one Brand says they need to clean up against Milwaukee-Wisconsin.

"Having lots of errors and giving up a lot of runs is not going to win ball games," he said. "We've got to be better than that if we want to win."

KERNELS

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Major-league clubs fill the rosters of their four minor-league team affiliates with prospects taken from the 40-round, first-year player draft. The players sign contracts with the big league club, so when an affiliation switch occurs, a lot of prospects have to relocate.

The Twins used to be affiliated with the Beloit Snappers, based in Wisconsin. The Angels chose to affiliate with the Burlington Bees in Iowa, so former Kernels are only moving 102 miles south.

Acquiring players from the Twins farm system

should benefit Kernels baseball. The Angels have the seventh-biggest payroll in all of Major League Baseball — more than \$127 million — but have neglected to maintain a high talent level throughout their minor-league ranks.

The Twins, on the other hand, have a payroll a little more than half of that of the Angels. This frugality requires the organization to emphasize player development through the minor leagues rather than paying premium salaries to established big-leaguers.

"The Angels traded out everybody out of their farm system. There's almost no one left in their lower levels that are top-quality talent," Wilson said. "Whereas with

the Twins, the big club may not be that good, but they're always drafting in the top 10 every year."

One of those high draft picks is Byron Buxton. He was the top-rated prospect in the 2012 first-year player draft, according to MLB.com, and was the No. 2 pick overall. He now leads the Midwest League in batting average at .389 and on-base percentage of .511. Nelson has seen ticket sales have gone up to catch one of the Twins' budding stars.

"Minnesota Twin fans realize that the Twins are relying on their prospects and farm system to stock the big-league club," Nelson said. "There's a lot more interest in the farm system."

The Kernels currently

hold the best record in the Midwest league. The prospect of having a good team has Kernel and Twin fan Eric Nole excited about the season.

"We've decided to upgrade our season package to a half season this year," Nole said. "It's been fun. We're winning, too, so that never hurts."

For the entire Twin and Kernel organizations, Nelson hopes that the new partnership is an opportunity for both clubs to benefit.

"Eastern Iowa is an opportunity to build a Twin fan base and, hopefully, have them to go up to catch a game at Target Field," Nelson said. "There are a lot of reasons this relationship is a win-win for both parties."



Iowa's Garret Dunn (front) and Michael Swank play Bradley's Justin Abrams and Juan Diego Cuadrado at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Feb. 1. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

DUNN

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they look up to their captain like an older brother.

"Garret has been a mentor to me, and he's the person I look up to the most on the team," said Matt Hagan, Dunn's doubles partner. "I couldn't have asked for a better teammate. He cares about everyone on

the team, and he's the most unselfish person I know."

Dunn acknowledged that his tennis career coming to an end is a "bittersweet moment," but he's leaving with no regrets. He will walk away from Iowa with degrees in finance and accounting.

Dunn's next stop will take him to Chicago, where he'll work for Barclays Investment Bank.

"The biggest thing I learned at Iowa was to just enjoy the moment," Dunn said. "If you look at college athletics as a whole, it's not permanent. We only have four years to compete, so just enjoying it while it lasts is one thing that I'll take away."

"It's just been a great experience being able to call myself a Hawkeye over these past four years."

TRACK

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you from what you're here to do," Holmes said about competing alongside the Olympic-level talent. "What you're here to do is compete. Someday, I'm going to be among them, so I can't be too star-struck when I see

them. Those are my competitors."

While Holmes doesn't let himself get distracted, professional hurdler Jones was quick to praise the event for allowing spectators and particularly young athletes, the chance to see competition of such a high level.

"It's great for [young athletes] to see the competition across the field,"

she said. "Anytime they can see people that competed in the Olympic finals come out here, they can feed off that. If they want to continue, that's their ultimate goal. I think it's great that Drake has really stepped up the competition field."

"Hopefully, one day, we'll be watching them compete, our feet kicked up because we're retired."

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Baseball shakes off past



Iowa's Calvin Mathews pitches against Northern Illinois at Banks Field on April 24. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

Forgetting the past has been something the Hawkeyes have needed to get used to this season.

By **TOMMY REINKING**
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The Iowa baseball team has needed a short term memory often this season.

After another series defeat at the hands of another Big Ten opponent, the Hawkeyes must once again leave the past behind them and search for more victories. The team dropped two out of three to Minnesota over this past weekend.

"We just have to forget about it," outfielder Eric Toole said. "I'll wake up in the morning, get some lifting in, and go to the game [today] ready to play."

Iowa has won two or more games in a row only three times this season. Its longest winning streak was a mere three games from March 8-10. Since that streak, the Hawkeyes have gone 9-16, although they have won three of

their last six.

In comparison, the squad has had six losing streaks of two games or more this season with the longest being four games from March 23-31. Iowa hasn't won a single series this season. The Hawkeyes have lost two of three games to six foes and been swept by one.

The "day after" in which the team works on issues after a loss has become an all too familiar routine for the club.

"We just move on," catcher Keith Brand said. "We just have to come in and get our swings in and get re-focused before Wisconsin-Milwaukee comes into town."

The time the team got between the losses to Minnesota and the match-up against Wisconsin-Milwaukee today was short. The 9-5 loss occurred on Sunday, lift day for the team was

Monday, and the squad takes to Banks Field at 6:05 p.m. today.

The possibility of players still having the loss fresh in their memory was rejected by head coach Jack Dahm, who said he prefers the team have a game relatively soon following a loss.

"It's actually a positive to me," he said. "The good thing about baseball is that you lose a game and you only have one day to sit on it, then you move on."

SEE **BASEBALL**, 8

Iowa baseball vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers

Where: Banks Field
When: 6:05 p.m. today

Dunn leaves a leader

Tennis team captain Garret Dunn's storied career at Iowa has come to an end.

By **DOMINICK WHITE**
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Iowa men's tennis captain Garret Dunn saw his decorated college career come to a close April 25 at the Big Ten Tournament. The Tempe, Ariz., native has attained numerous accolades and awards during his four years in Iowa City.

Dunn was an enormous presence on the court for the Hawkeyes — literally. The 6-8 senior received significant playing time throughout his four years and earned the team's Most Valuable Player honor during his junior season. His 51 career doubles victories rank in the top five all-time for the program.

"Garret is the epitome of a student-athlete," Iowa head coach Steve Houghton said during Dunn's Senior Day presentation. "He's been one of the best leaders I've ever had, and we've had some good ones. He'll be a big success in life, there's no doubt about that. In my 32 years here there's been nobody I've liked more or admired more than Garret. He's been a great representative of the University and of the tennis team."

His accomplishments off the court are arguably more impressive. Dunn's GPA during his college career is 3.99; he's earned just one B while at Iowa. The Black and Gold senior has been named an Academic All-Big Ten honoree twice.

This spring, he received the Robert F. Ray Faculty Representative Award, which is annually presented to a male and female student-athlete who demonstrates outstanding academic and athletics excellence and leadership.

Dunn's teammates echoed Houghton's statements, saying he's made a major impact in their lives and they're grateful for the time spent with him. His younger Hawkeye teammates say

SEE **DUNN**, 8

Drake Relays, the site of Olympians

The Drake Relays offer Olympians a chance to compete against elite athletes.

By **MATT CABEL**
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As Queen Harrison, Dawn Harper, Kellie Wells, and Lolo Jones crossed the finish line, earning the new fastest times in the world for the women's 100-meter hurdles, the scene around the track at the Drake Relays changed.

Seconds after the race finished, a stadium official yelled at the top of his lungs for members of the media to exit the stairway leading to the track so the professional athletes could walk through with the aid of security.

Olympians are of a different breed.

The 2013 Drake Relays showcased more competition than just the best high-school and college athletes. From gold medal-winning runners such as Harper to gold medal-winning pole-vaulter Renaud Lavillenie, the annual event also brought in some of the best talent in the world.

"That's what you want," Harper said after her second-place finish. "You want to race against the best in the world."

They didn't bear the name of a school on their chest that paid money to get equipment from a big company. Instead, they're the athletes that advertise for some of the biggest brands in the world: Nike, Adidas, Asics, Puma — just some of the outfitters spotted on Olympic athletes during the relays. They had added se-



Jordan Scott prepares to compete in the London Games rematch in pole vault at the Drake Relays at Drake Stadium on April 27. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

curity escorting them to and from the track, and gave press conferences to both foreign and American members of the media. When the Olympians were announced during the April 26 night session, fireworks were let off inside Drake Stadium.

The conclusion of the summer 2012 Olympic Games in London made it possible for higher-caliber competition to set foot in Drake Stadium. While the meet occurs near the end of the track and field season for prep and collegiate athletes, April is the beginning of the season for the Olympians. Harper, for example, said

in her press conference that she had been practicing hurdles for about a week before earning the second fastest time in the world in 100-meter hurdles.

And they love the steep competition the Relays offer.

"The hurdles is one of those events where we don't duck and dodge each other, as in the 100 meters," said Aries Merritt, Olympic gold medalist and world-record holder in the 110-meter hurdles. "We race each other week in and week out. A field like you saw will be seen many more times this season. That's a really good thing for the sport."

Hundreds of athletes, from the elementary school to professional level, compete at the Drake Relays. The meet is one of the largest in the world of track and field, and the participation of professional athletes prove its drawing power.

For Iowa trackster Ethan Holmes, it's a showcase of future competition. For others, the middle-school and the high-school students who dream of being in their place, it's a chance to see what they could accomplish in the future.

"You can't let it distract

SEE **TRACK**, 8

Kernels excited for change

By **KEVIN GLUECK**
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The Cedar Rapids Kernels have undergone a change in identity. They haven't changed their moniker or revamped their colors, but they have traded in their halos.

During the off-season, the team ended its 20-year affiliation with the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and have teamed-up with a major-league team that's 1,500 miles closer — the Minnesota Twins.

In their first season as a Twins affiliate, the Kernels have had success in a multitude of ways — a 17-5 season record to date, and team officials said there's been an increase in ticket sales, resulting in higher attendance numbers.

"It really became almost a no-brainer for us to go with the Minnesota Twins," Kernel general manager Doug Nelson said. "Obviously, having a major-league affiliate that's much closer than Los Angeles brings a much larger local fan base."

Assistant general manager Scott Wilson has noticed quite an increase in the interest in the local area.

"Immediately, we've seen an impact," he said. "Season ticket sales are up, group sales look like they're coming up strong."

In fact, groups from outside the Hawkeye State have been attending games.

"We had fans at the first series of games from Minnesota," Wilson said. "We have season-ticket holders in Rochester, Minn. It's really neat to have someone that far away buy season tickets."

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