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## 'Smarter' communication



UI Professor Richard Hurtig and UI senior Blake Martinson demonstrate how their Iowa Smart Switch invention works. Iowa Smart Switch allows hospital patients to communicate with their caretakers more effectively. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

A University of Iowa professor and a group of students have developed new technology that enables patients on ventilators to communicate with hospital staff and caretakers more easily.

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After 10 years of working with an idea that would change patients' experiences in hospitals, University of Iowa Professor Richard Hurtig's dream has become a reality.

Hurtig, who teaches in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, has worked in hospitals for his entire academic career, and he saw a glaring need in one specific aspect of

communication.

"There's a class of patients for a variety of reasons that end up on ventilators," Hurtig said. "They can't produce sound. We wanted to find a very, very easy way for patients to have communication — such as being able to summon nurses, turn the fan on and off on their own, turn the TV on and off on their own, just to have control and be able to use technology that will speak for them."

Hurtig's idea — later named Iowa Smart Switch — takes the slight sounds or movements from a patient and, fol-

lowing a pattern of that person, will alert the hospital staff of what the patient wants.

If people wanted a nurse's assistance, for example, they could make one small sound, and if they wanted to watch TV they could make two small sounds.

Hurtig said this is unique because it ignores all the loud noises that come with a hospital and focuses solely on the patient.

"It takes a very minimal signal, and

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## City may move on cameras

Now that the required number of signatures has been verified, the Iowa City City Council will address the petition's initiative.

By **NICK HASSETT**  
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It was arduous work for two Iowa City residents, collecting more than 4,000 signatures over the winter and into the spring on a petition against autonomous traffic cameras.

But now that City Clerk Marian Karr has verified the required number of signatures on the petition, petitioners are glad to see the effort isn't going to waste.

"We're very excited about that," Aleksey Gurtovoy, one of the petitioners, said about the news. "I'm glad to have it out of the way; we were sure we would [get the required number] all along, but it was still a lot of hard work."

Gurtovoy and Martha Hampel from the group Stop Big Brother first submitted their petition, which proposes a measure to ban red-light traffic cameras and other unmanned surveillance devices such as drones in Iowa City, in April. The petition was a response to the city's Automated Traffic Enforcement ordinance, originally passed in February 2012, which it aims to repeal.

At the time, the petition contained 3,322 signatures.

On April 15, Karr confirmed only 2,106 to be valid, falling short of the 2,500 required to force city action on the measure. That gave the group 15 days to collect the rest of the required signatures.

"We're going to work harder and

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## UI students to aid wounded SEALs

Ten UI Entrepreneurial students are raising money for tailoring clothes for wounded SEALs.

By **MICHELLE KIM**  
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The U.S. Navy SEALs are selected through a physical and mental military-training process. Once they are done, their job puts them in potentially dangerous situations, sometimes leaving them wounded.

Ten University of Iowa students are working to raise money in order to provide wounded SEALs with tailored clothing for special occasions.

The initiative — Suits 4 SEALs — splits members of the group into three teams: promotion and publicity, community outreach, and web. The project is aiming to raise \$10,000 that will be used mainly for tailors, clothes, and the plane tickets that will take the SEALs to Chicago to get their sizes measured.

These 10 students are part of a bigger fundraising initiative.

Led by Joseph Sulentic, a lecturer in the UI Tippie College of Business and instructor for the

Social Entrepreneurship course, 63 students are participating in various other projects, such as raising money for the Cedar Rapids Boys and Girls Club.

"When you do a real project, you run into roadblocks," Sulentic said. "It's important to learn that you maneuver around roadblocks, and come up with a solution, and become critical thinkers."

One roadblock came with promotion. Juliana Fabiano, a former *Daily Iowan* employee, took responsibility for the video posted on GoFundMe.

"We tried to get Navy SEALs to talk to us so they could be interviewed on tape, but Navy SEALs are really secure on their identities," she said.

This is not the first time the course raised money through the students' projects. In 2002, the students were able to raise \$25,000 in donations to send to the New York City Fire Department, and in the last three years,



UI senior Sam Saltess stands in front of the Adler Journalism Building Thursday. Saltess is among students raising money for wounded Navy SEALs. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

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## Tax credit boosts wind

Officials welcome the wind energy tax credit renewal, but push for a longer alternative.

By **BRENT GRIFFITHS**  
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U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, is known by many as the father of the wind-energy production tax credit — the credit that many point to as one of the reasons for Wednesday's historic announcement of a \$1.9 billion wind energy project in Iowa.

"...We were meeting an economic need, an energy need, and need back in 1992 [when the credit went into effect]; it doesn't seem so critical now, but God only made so much fossil fuels, so the more we can get out of renewables, the better," Grassley told *The Daily Iowan* on Thursday.

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## News

## Football Ops Center eyes 2014

By HILLARY ROSEN-CRANTS

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Thursday marked the last meeting this academic year for the University of Iowa Presidential Committee on Athletics, during which officials announced plans for a 2014 opening of the new Football Operations Center.

The center will be connected to the new indoor practice facility, located within short walking distance of Kinnick Stadium.

The project was conceptualized several years ago in conjunction with plans for the indoor practice facility, with the practice facility as phase one and the Operations Center being phase two. The two projects will cost \$55 million.

With two floors and 76,000 square feet, the Operations Center will contain a museum-like exhibit called Legacy

Hall, an All-American room featuring team space for hospitality and special events, locker rooms, and training facilities, among other things.

Legacy Hall is set to be a space dedicated to the history of Hawkeye football, using informational kiosks and displays, offering a worthwhile experience for both hardcore Hawkeye fans and football recruits.

The project will also include a 2,500-square-foot player lounge, designed specifically to accommodate team members. The lounge will house video games, table games, and television sets for players to relax between engagements.

"What we needed most was to replace the Bubble, because it was about to go extinct," said N. William Hines, the head of the Athletics Committee. "The weight-training facility, and all that

sort of stuff, was quickly becoming old and obsolete."

"The Bubble" was the UI's 27-year-old indoor football practice station, famously deflated in April 2012 in anticipation of the new facility.

"The Jacobsen Building is also at least 20 years old," Hines said. "It doesn't contain the facilities or the space that are necessary for modern football."

Indeed, the new training facilities will be state-of-the-art, and all aspects of the Hawkeye football program will be connected and/or easily accessed by players, faculty, and fans alike.

Along with construction plans for the new facility, a number of changes to Kinnick Stadium's scoreboard are currently underway. Changes will include a brand-new video wall, an 8-foot high ribbon board, countdown clocks, and a corresponding dig-

ital clock on the north end of the stadium.

Funded almost entirely by fundraising, the Football Operations Center has a \$30 million to \$35 million fundraising goal. Currently, fundraising has exceeded \$30 million.

While the university often uses bonds in order to fund projects such as this, none were used for financing the Operations Center, though the project did require some help with short-term financing.

Senior Associate Athletics Director Jane Meyer said fewer than 5 percent of construction to the Operations Center has been completed.

Despite that, officials are optimistic about the projected fall 2014 opening date.

"It's all about enhancing the fan experience," said Curtis Chung, a member of the Athletics Committee.

## METRO

## Council to take up frat/sorority zoning

The Iowa City City Council on May 14 will consider a second reading of an ordinance changing the rules for new Iowa City fraternities and sororities.

The change, which the council passed on the first of three considerations on April 23, amends the city zoning code to better define rooming-house cooperatives, such as fraternities and sororities. Councilors passed the first consideration on a 7-0 vote.

The amendment allows such group housing to exist within RNS-20 zoned areas, used for older neighborhoods in proximity to the UI campus, but it also spells out rules and limits on such housing.

Existing fraternities and sororities will be grandfathered under the new ordinance, but new fraternal housing projects in the zone that do not meet the new standards would not be allowed.

The Iowa Fraternity & Sorority House Zoning Protest, a group started May 2 on Facebook, plans to attend the May 14 council meeting.

The group believes the measure will prevent new fraternities and sororities from being built.

According to the group's page, more than 400 people plan to go to the protest as of Thursday evening. More than 900 have been invited.

- by Nick Hassett

## Woman in toddler-alcohol case released to Corrections

A woman who is accused of giving her toddler alcohol is to be released into the custody of the Iowa Department of Corrections, according to court documents.

On Feb. 15, 2012, Natasha Kriener's toddler was allegedly found with a blood-alcohol content of .097. Kriener was charged with negligence and child endangerment. On Jan. 28, she was sentenced to a 10-year suspended sentence and a three-year probation period.

Kriener was allegedly found intoxicated on March 4, in violation of her probation. She was also charged with the serious misdemeanor of interfering with a Department of Correctional Services officer's investigation. She was taken into custody on a \$2,500 bond.

According to the document, Kriener's bond condition is now amended and she is to be released into the custody of the Department of Corrections



Sigma Phi Epsilon is one of 17 fraternities with traditional houses at the UI. A proposed rezoning ordinance would prevent future fraternity and sorority houses from being built. (The Daily Iowan/Tork Mason)

where she will begin in-patient treatment.

The trial for her serious misdemeanor is set for July 2.

- by Cassidy Riley

## Council to consider officers in schools

The Iowa City City Council will consider a resolution in support of a School District proposal to bring armed police officers in Iowa City high schools.

The Iowa City School District is hoping for a federal grant, which the Iowa City police are applying for, to put in place one or two resource officers on its campuses.

When the council received recommendations from its ad-hoc Diversity Committee in March, one of the recommendations was for the police to encourage more relationship-building activities between the police and the public.

City staff members believe putting resource officers in both high schools will accomplish the recommendation by working directly with school officials, working to develop positive relationships with young students and creating a safe environment for learning.

- by Nick Hassett

## Council to mull Sabin-site resolution

The Iowa City City Council will consider a resolution to support the development of a vacant property on Dubuque Street.

The ordinance authorizes the mayor to sign a letter of intent regarding development of the Sabin School site, 509 S. Dubuque St., among the city of Iowa City, MidWestOne Bank, and the University of Iowa.

MidWestOne Bank is embarking on a project to rehabilitate its downtown building and construct a new office tower in Riverfront Crossings District, and it has approached the city to construct a multi-use parking

facility with townhomes at the Sabin site.

The proposed letter of intent does not bind the parties to any particular course of action.

- by Nick Hassett

## Council to discuss parking meters

The Iowa City City Council will consider replacing the city's parking-meter system at a meeting May 14.

The Transportation Services Department issued a request for proposal for the replacement of the existing on-street parking-meter system, and five proposals were received in March.

The project includes the replacement and upgrade of 1,175 single-space parking meters, management software, and vehicle-detection sensors.

City staff recommends the city award the contract to Duncan Parking Technologies Inc. for a cost of \$546,375. Annual operating costs are expected to be \$77,550 per year.

- by Nick Hassett

## Council ponders fate of Ashton House

The Iowa City City Council will consider a resolution approving the remodeling of the Ashton House.

The house was built in 1947-1948, and it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. It was flooded in the 2008 flood, and city staff recommend approval of the remodeling to prepare it for public use, conferences, and special events.

- by Nick Hassett

## Council mulls parking fees

The Iowa City City Council will consider a resolution to change hourly parking fees and expired meter fine structure.

- by Nick Hassett

The measure would adjust off-street hourly parking fees, increase on-street hourly parking fees, and change expired meter fine structure.

The changes are part of the "First Hour Free" initiative that staff has recommended in cooperation with the Iowa City Downtown District and are necessary to maintain the solvency of the parking system by offering the first hour of parking free in the city's parking facilities.

Parking-meter rates would increase to \$1.50, \$1, or 75 cents per hour depending on location. The rate changes would take effect on July 1.

- by Nick Hassett

## Council to consider Chauncey zoning

The Iowa City City Council will consider a rezoning request for a plot of land that would be the site of a 20-story building.

The Planning and Zoning Commission considered a request to rezone the land, located at the intersection of College and Gilbert Streets but ultimately defeated it in a 5-2 vote. The rezoning request would have changed the zone from Public (P) to Central Business Support Zone (CB5), which has a height limit of 75 feet.

Now the council will hear the request for rezoning, which would effectively block the 20-story Chauncey building currently slated for the parcel.

The council voted 6-1 to approve the original Chauncey request.

- by Nick Hassett

## Council wants more visible parking areas

The Iowa City City Council will consider the second reading of a resolution to improve the visibility of parking areas in multifamily zones.

The ordinance establishes parking-location standards and entranceway standards that will "reduce the visual impact of structured and surface parking areas" along residential streets in multifamily zones.

The city's Planning and Zoning commission recommended approval of the amendment by a 7-0 vote at its March 21 meeting, and the first consideration passed by a 7-0 vote.

Approval will require when parking is located on the ground floor of a multifamily building some residential portion of the building, such as the entrance lobby, be located on the ground floor.

- by Nick Hassett

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5. Q&A: Mason discusses outreach, construction

## CORRECTION

In the May 9 article, "Johnson County officials: Justice center future uncertain after failed vote," *The Daily Iowan* misquoted Supervisor Rod Sullivan. The correct quote is "A lot of people have published that the next time this can come on the ballot is March, but I think that's quite premature." The *DI* regrets the error.

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**Anthony Basile**, 23, 332 S. Linn St. No. 408, was charged May 4 with OWI and public intoxication.  
**Luis Garcia**, 24, Muscatine, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.

**Christopher Hunter**, 22, Marion, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.  
**Jacob Irons**, 40, Cedar Rapids, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.

**Manivannan Kandasamy**, 34, 2444 Nevada Ave., was charged March 21 with OWI.  
**Nathan Kull**, 34, 121 N. Van Buren No. 13, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

**Michael Verdinez**, 18, 2801 Highway 6 E. No. 372, was charged Tuesday with OWI.  
**Eric Williams**, 25, address unknown, was charged May 3 with fifth-degree theft.

# News

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## WIND ENERGY

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Grassley welcomed the news of MidAmerican Energy's \$1.9 billion project, which could mean up to 656 turbines, potentially producing up to 1,050 megawatts of energy. In comparison 1,000 megawatts means roughly the energy output of 10 nuclear-power stations, said Andrew Kusiak, head of the University of Iowa Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.

However, the nine-term senator wants to push for one last long-term renewal of the credit before he believes the industry will be mature enough to stand on its own.

"I would say long term would be about four years, which the wind industry feels it might be a mature industry by then," Grassley said. "The political reality is four years is the best we can do. I like [the credit] and want the wind industry to mature ... and when it matures, [the tax

credit] shouldn't be there anymore."

U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, also expressed his support for the wind-energy production tax credit after Wednesday's announcement.

"We have long known the benefit of the production tax credit for wind in states like Iowa — not just to increase our domestic energy supply but to create manufacturing jobs as well," Harkin said in a statement.

President and CEO of MidAmerican William Ferhman said the renewal of the wind-energy production tax credit was one of the key reasons for the company's unveiling of the project on Wednesday.

"Without that, the environment for doing projects of this magnitude and this size would not be possible," he said during a video press conference on Wednesday.

Ferhman praised the work of Iowa's Congressional delegation, which helped work to renew the credit as a small part of the so-called "fiscal-cliff bill," passed Jan. 1 to address expiring tax incentives.

Abbey Bottenfield, a media-relations representative with MidAmerican — said the credit was "critical component" behind the decision to pursue projects and make them economical for both the company and customers.

Bottenfield said it is estimated the revenues from the production credits, renewable energy credits, and the value of the energy will offset the cost of wind turbines and maintenance over a 30-year period.

Executive Director of Iowa Wind Energy Association Harold Prior welcomed the renewal of the credit but believed the delay in its renewal led to uncertainty in the industry.

"[Uncertainty] absolutely kills predictability of our industry," he said. "When people are manufacturing major components of \$3 million wind turbines, if they can't have consistency ... basically, they lay people off."

Prior emphasized that the one-year renewal also brings about its own uncertainty, which is why many are pushing for a long-term

solution. Even with his concerns he added the renewal was pivotal to MidAmerican's announcement.

"This announcement wouldn't have been made if Congress didn't do this with the 'end progress' language," he said.

One UI professor said Wednesday's announcement would also drive more interest to the newly created College of Engineering wind energy certificate.

"More interest in wind will create more interest in the students and attract more people to the certificate," said Pablo Carrica, an associate professor of engineering.

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## SEALS

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they've raised \$10,000 in donations, which were sent to UI Children's Hospital.

The effort to provide clothing for the SEALs was inspired by a visit by a retired Navy SEAL earlier this semester.

The SEAL was invited as a guest lecturer, and he shared his stories from his time in Afghanistan. He also introduced a company called Wounded Wear, which was initiated by his injured compatriot. "The retired SEAL" gave us a moving speech,

and we all just kind of sat there and were all inspired by his bravery," said Samantha Saltess, a senior at the UI, who works on the promotion and publicity team. "He was telling us how he got shot on his leg and how his team came to save him. [Our team] thought, 'How can we give back to these people who gave so much to us?'"

Ultimately, the goal for the project is to host a tailoring event on Aug. 17.

Sulentic is enthusiastic about the Suits 4 SEALs project.

"The SEALs have done so much to help the country," he said. "We just wanted to have a to-

### SEALS

Ten UI Students are raising funds to provide wounded soldiers with tailored clothing.

- The students are in a Social Entrepreneurship course taught by lecturer Joseph Sulentic.
- The project, called Suits 4 SEALs, aims to raise \$10,000 by mid-August.
- The money will be used on paying tailors, clothes, and plane tickets for SEALs to travel to Chicago

Sources: UI student Samantha Saltess

ken of our appreciation to help their lives and try to make it better."

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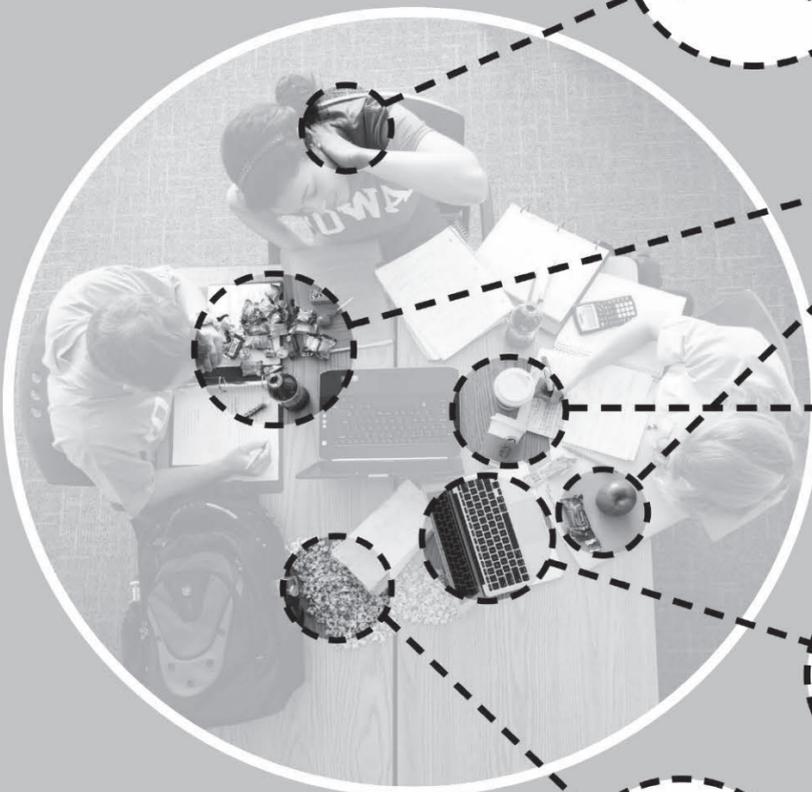
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## EDITORIAL

# Energy plan will be beneficial



Branstad announced MidAmerican Energy's \$1.9 billion investment in Iowa, which could mean up to 656 turbines will be constructed. The turbines could produce 1,050 megawatts of energy. (The Daily Iowan/File photo)

On Wednesday, Gov. Terry Branstad announced that MidAmerican Energy would invest \$1.9 billion in Iowa's wind-energy sector. The plan would add up to 656 new wind turbines that would produce around 1,050 megawatts of electricity each year.

The turbines are expected to be fully installed by the end of 2015. This development is not anticipated to have any net cost for customers of MidAmerican and should cut electric rates by \$10 million yearly by 2017. It is also expected that this will result in more stable rates for customers.

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board strongly supports this smart, efficient investment that will benefit Iowans both in the short and long terms.

At the end of 2012, wind turbines in Iowa produced 5,137 megawatts per kilowatt hour of electricity. A 2011 report by the American Wind Energy Association stated that Iowa has the wind resources to provide 44 times the entire state's current electricity demands. The state's maximum wind-generation capacity is 570,714 megawatts (with turbines at an elevation of 80 meters), ranking Iowa seventh in the nation for wind-energy resources. Based on these statistics, Iowa is utilizing around 1 percent of its total potential wind energy resources. There is enormous room for expansion, and MidAmerican is right to capitalize on it.

Wind energy provides between 6,000 and 7,000 jobs in Iowa, and ensuring that this sector continues to grow is vital to Iowa's economy as energy sources diversify. At the event in which Branstad announced MidAmerican's initiative, Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds said the project would create approximately 460 temporary construction jobs over the next two years and 48 permanent jobs. This will certainly aid Iowa's unemployment rate, which was 4.9 percent as of March.

Growing wind production in Iowa also promises to bring more jobs for manufacturing wind turbines and further growth in this expanding industry. A report from Iowa Economic Development noted that Iowa's geography and infrastructure make the state a prime location for constructing wind turbines.

"The network of interstate highways, recent rail infrastructure investments and improvements, and barge routes combine to provide unequalled and competitive transportation choices and access to markets," the report read.

According to an American Wind Energy Association report, wind turbines in Iowa currently produce enough electricity for 1.1 million homes.

TradeWind Energy also reported that wind energy can help rural communities by "providing steady income through lease or royalty payments to farmers and other landowners, payments to counties in the form of taxes or voluntary contributions, local jobs and spending during construction, and ongoing jobs and local spending throughout project operations."

At first glance, it may seem problematic that wind turbines often occupy farmland. However, the crop losses are extremely minimal. TradeWind Energy reported that a utility-scale wind plant would occupy approximately 50 acres of land, but turbines, access roads, and other equipment will only take up 1 to 2 percent of that area, leaving the remaining land open for farming purposes.

Considering the massive economic potential for increasing wind production in Iowa, MidAmerican's plan promises to be extremely beneficial for development in state and local economies.

Your turn.

Do you think the Iowa energy plan is beneficial?  
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### Speak out against high rise

The Iowa Coalition Against the Shadow and for a Square Deal has filed an appeal with the City Council. The hearing for CB5 with maximum height of 75-foot mid-rise apartment and commercial building at College and Gilbert will take place on May 14 at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

A 75-foot height limit is 30 feet higher than the four-story apartment building on the downtown side of Gilbert Street. Why build a high rise adjacent to historic College Street? Keep the sunset visible from the people's College Green Park.

Do you want the Farmers' Market, Chauncey Swan Park, College Green Park, the Co-op, and Trinity Church dominated by a high rise? The council wants to give \$14 million to subsidize another upscale Moen high rise for private profit. Just say NO. What gives with

Moen? He just got \$2.5 million for the high rise on the Pedestrian Mall in July 2012. Now through May 14 is our opportunity to communicate with the City Council directly to act in the best interests of the community rather than a select few. This decision will be a turning point for the community and for flood-threatened New Pioneer Co-op. If we don't write [council@icgov.org](mailto:council@icgov.org) or speak on May 14, we will only have ourselves to blame for Iowa City becoming boring 20th-century high rises shading three parks for eight months of the year.

Let's be a sustainable community during this climate change. Let the Sun shine in Iowa City with mid-rise development in downtown and River Front Crossing.

Council can support energy sustainability and workforce housing with a TIF.

Lenora Peters  
Iowa City resident



Rendering of the Chauncey development. (Contributed)

### RE: 'Johnson County officials: Justice center future uncertain after failed vote'

Without question, [Supervisor Rod] Sullivan is still playing politics with this issue instead of learning from the lessons of the two election losses and embracing jail opposition ideas.

Mike Thayer

### RE: 'Comedian Aziz Ansari to perform for a sold-out crowd on Friday'

Just so you know he has been touring this material since April 14, 2012. The article acts like it's a brand new show, but it's over a year old. Still looking forward to it though!

Damien Blair

# Against armed guards



By ZACH TILLY  
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The Iowa City police are pursuing a federal grant that could lead to the placement of armed guards in Iowa City's middle schools and high schools.

School District officials expressed interest in a possible partnership with the police at a meeting earlier this week, though nobody has made any concrete plans.

The district is weighing armed guards as a possible improvement in security. One School Board member, Sarah Swisher, told *The Daily Iowan* that the board is looking to emphasize security "given the recent increase in violence in schools."

But School District officials stressed that no partnership with the police will be formed without first consulting the public on the matter.

Consider this column my contribution to the discussion.

The debate surrounding armed "resource officers" in schools has become unnecessarily political in the months since the elementary school shooting at Sandy Hook in December 2012. The NRA infamously called for more armed guards in the wake of that shooting, a policy prescription that effectively polarized this issue.

Instead of partisan bickering, I think this issue should be dealt with in two simple questions. Will armed guards actually make schools safer? and if so, at what cost?

First, the question of safety.

I went to a high school that employed an armed resource officer and, to an extent, I think his presence did deter some general rowdiness and fighting that might have cropped up in the hallways or cafeteria in his absence. He maintained law-and-order, but I'm skeptical that a single armed guard could stop some kind of mass shooting.

It's difficult to stop a determined killer; the deployment dispatched to capture Dzhokhar Tsarnaev speaks to that fact. There was an armed resource officer on duty on the day of the Columbine shooting.

Indeed, the research on armed guards in schools does not indicate that they increase student safety. A 2009 study titled "School Crime Control and Prevention" found that the effect of armed guards on student safety is inconclusive. Guards don't make students markedly more or less safe.

But research does suggest that the pres-

ence of armed guards in schools make students feel less safe. A 2011 study published in *Youth Society* found that the presence of armed guards increased feelings of fear in school.

This feeds into the question of cost.

If there's no strong evidence to suggest that they will make students safer, are we willing to sacrifice some degree of student freedom or comfort to install armed guards in our schools?

Ultimately, this is all about the fundamental tension between safety and liberty. If you're unfamiliar with the concept, ask libertarians to explain it to you. You'll make their day, I promise.

It seems to me that there isn't sufficient reason to introduce these armed guards into Iowa City's schools, if the board's intentions are really just to decrease the likelihood of some kind of attack. The evidence just isn't there to support such a deployment.

But regardless of where you come down on this issue, there's something comforting buried in this debate.

The last year brought us a number of horrifying shootings and the Boston Marathon bombing, too. It's easy to look at the government's response to these events and see little more than policy anemia and gridlock. Congress's failure to adopt new gun legislation can be disheartening for those who expected a swift response to Aurora and Newtown.

It's easy to feel a little helpless, that our politics are unresponsive and unsatisfying.

But this debate about armed guards should remind us how much power we have at a local level to determine how we live and how we respond to the things that frighten us. We have immense power to determine how much of our liberty we should cede in the name of safety.

We have the power to speak out against armed guards in our schools.

We have the power to petition against red-light cameras.

But we also have a responsibility to wield this power thoughtfully. Tuesday, we made a mistake. Johnson County's voters succumbed to the half-baked arguments against the proposed justice center and voted to leave the county's facilities in decay and its resources tied up in a backlogged system.

Local politics is our best chance to effect positive change, but it's also our best chance to royally screw up. Let's cast our eyes down from the dismal inefficiency of Washington to the potential productivity of Iowa City, get informed, and get to work.

We have the power; let's use it the right way. We can start by speaking out against armed guards in our schools. ■

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## RED LIGHTS

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more diligently," Hampel said previously. "We have to be positive they are registered at the address they wrote on the petition."

The group submitted a supplemental petition on April 30 containing 1,235 signatures. Karr confirmed a portion of the signatures on Thursday,

enough to send the total over the 2,500 mark.

Gurtovoy said he was glad city staff wasn't trying to deny the petition.

"We're pleased the city is not working against the initiative," he said. "They're acknowledging the validity of this."

City Attorney Eleanor Dilkes sent a memo to the City Council outlining the details of the ordinance proposed by the petition. The City Charter gives the

council 60 days to consider the measure. If the council fails to adopt the proposed measure — or a measure similar in nature — the proposal will go to the voters.

Dilkes said the provision about a similar measure has more to do with the wording of the ordinance.

"It's clarifications of ambiguous language in the ordinance; there's no change in substance," she said.

Dilkes recommended the council repeal the Automated Traffic Enforcement ordinance, but not for legal reasons.

"[Red-light camera proposals] are stagnant at this point anyway," she said. "The intersections where we would use them are state controlled, and they are currently not using cameras."

Dilkes also recommended the city adopt an ordinance similar in substance

to the proposed initiative rather than let the measure go to the ballot.

However, those aren't the council's only options. The council could choose to leave the Automated Traffic Enforcement ordinance in place and adopt certain parts of the group's petition to fulfill the requirements of the charter.

Iowa City city councilors were unable to be reached for comment Thursday evening.

As for what route he would prefer, Gurtovoy said he wasn't sure whether Stop Big Brother's goals would be better served through the council or a direct vote.

"There are pros and cons to either approach," he said. "The council has to adopt something similar in substance, so there's some leeway there; the question is how much leeway and how similar the ordinance would be."

## TECHNOLOGY

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it embeds it in the environment's noise and pulls it out," Hurtig said. "It allows the patient to gain control. It has a tiny microphone placed at the lips, and it can detect the sound and tell the patient one, two, or three things they can do."

Patients who have trouble communicating with their caregivers are three times more likely to experience complications

during their hospital stay.

Initially, Iowa Smart Switch started to take more shape when Hurtig introduced it to a group of four UI students who were in the Iowa Medical Innovation Group — a class that allows interdisciplinary work among students to create a project.

It includes law, engineering, medical, and business students.

"I went into it as a way to get involved, maybe create a start-up company," said Ben Berkowitz, a UI graduate student studying biomedical engineering.

"But really, I just wanted the experience for the whole thing. You have this short period of time, and you're learning as you're working on it, so it was definitely ambitious."

The group initially started work on the project in January.

In just a few months, the four students had created a prototype.

In late April, the students presented the Iowa Smart Switch product to a UI contest and won the 2012-13 Hubert E. Storer Engineering Student Entrepreneurial Start-up

Award. This awarded the project \$10,000 to create its own start-up company.

The group was given a \$5,000 budget. The Iowa Smart Switch has used roughly \$1,000 so far.

The group is in the process of getting a patent and making the product marketable to the public.

Vince Hahn, a UI student earning an M.B.A. in business, said he has high hopes for Iowa Smart Switch.

"There's nothing else like this out right now," he said. "We're very excited, and I hope we can get it

### Smart Switch

A group of UI students and a UI professor created a new prototype that will help hospital patients communicate with their caretakers.

- Professor Richard Hurtig has been working on the prototype for 10 years.
- Four UI students from different colleges have worked on the prototype together since January.
- The students won an award last week, awarding them \$10,000, and that will allow the prototype to become patented and marketed to companies

Source: Professor Richard Hurtig from the UI Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

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Trials and tribulations are the transportation for where you're going.

— Mark Jackson, coach of the Golden State Warriors and former NBA guard

## the ledge

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### Random thoughts:

- Ever notice the abbreviation for the last three days of the work week is WTF?
  - They say that brevity is the soul of wit, but I don't know. Wit is just an idea; does it really have a soul? I guess Plato would say it does, but you know where he is now? He's dead.
  - Last night, I dreamed there was a zombie outbreak in Sudan. So, like, be on the lookout for that.
  - Maybe I should stop turning my opinions into jokes. Then people will never know my real opinions. I'm like the boy who cried sarcasm.
  - What defines a "big rack" on a woman? On a deer, I'd say anything over eight points. But on a woman? Probably more like 14.
  - Brilliant idea for an energy-conservation/efficiency consultant agency name: Use-Less™ Consultants. There. It's in the ether now. First one to the patent office wins.
  - According to a recent study, Americans will believe anything if you say it's from a study and it makes them feel superior to others.
  - I love commercials that pretend to be real-life conversations. It's usually like two women in a kitchen talking about periods or something and then one of them just starts straight up dropping obscene amounts of knowledge and product specs about Kleenex or some such fluff. "Did you know that Kleenex is made with 17 percent recycled organic alpaca wool?" Well, I do now, Crazy Lady Who Talks Like Nobody Ever Talks Ever.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks Matt Gorman for providing material for today's Ledge.

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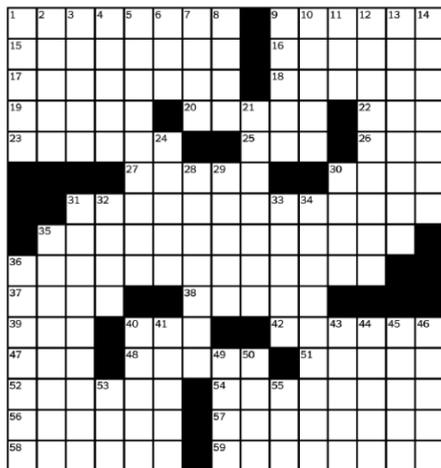
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Begins
  - 9 Common sights in the Rockies
  - 15 Expiate
  - 16 Meaty Applebee's morsel
  - 17 Half of an old comic film duo
  - 18 It includes picking the place
  - 19 Woody Guthrie and others
  - 20 Adam Smith or Ethan Allen
  - 22 The "needle" part of needle grass
  - 23 Scottish sprout
  - 25 Item on a Christmas list
  - 26 Party person, for short
  - 27 Horse show demonstrations
  - 30 Desperate
  - 31 Pop punk band with the 2002 triple-platinum album "The Young and the Hopeless"
  - 35 Last song heard on Disneyland's Splash Mountain
  - 36 Relatively important meeting?
  - 37 Top
  - 38 Take without credit
  - 39 Ball-bearing piece
  - 40 Field of three Nobel Prizes: Abbr.
  - 42 Big game show prize
  - 47 Pal 4 life
  - 48 People without a religious affiliation, in modern lingo
  - 51 \_\_\_ Island demonstrations
  - 52 Stops lying
  - 54 Bug
- DOWN**
- 1 "Batman" comics sound
  - 2 "\_\_\_ your point"
  - 3 NPR's Roberts
  - 4 Request at a palace, maybe
  - 5 Gives oneself something to aim for
  - 6 Frequently, quaintly
  - 7 Dog-ear, e.g.
  - 8 Word on a bingo card
  - 9 Kindergarten comeback
  - 10 Babe Ruth mark broken by Roger Maris
  - 11 Kegler's org.
  - 12 Noted cliff in Yosemite Valley
  - 13 Balance sheet figure
  - 14 Frequent Jack Kirby comics collaborator
  - 21 "Well, that one doesn't work"
  - 24 Pops
  - 28 Relative of sleet
  - 29 Grp. whose flag has 12 stars
  - 30 Awarder of a thimble to Alice, in "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"
  - 36 Mortimer of old radio
  - 37 Samurai who's lost his lord
  - 38 Laggards
  - 39 "High School Musical" actor
  - 40 Greasy part of pork
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### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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- PUZZLE BY PETER WENTZ
- 31 "Up top!"
  - 32 Anthony's XM Radio partner
  - 33 Samurai who's lost his lord
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- Tech Help Drop-In Hours**, 10:30 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- BizFair**, 11 a.m., Bedell Entrepreneurship Learning Lab
- English Language Learners' Discussion Circle**, noon, S126 Pappajohn Business Building
- Iowa New Play Festival Reading, Koreans Eat Dog**, by Sarah Cho, 2 p.m., 172 Theater Building
- Fun Friday, Finals Study Break Edition**, 4 p.m., Women's Resource and Action Center
- Iowa New Play Festival Reading, Someday**, by Basil Kreimendahl, 5:30 p.m., 172 Theater Building
- Akilah Bryant**, flute, 6 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- Night at the Museum, Volcanoes**, 6 p.m., Macbride Museum of Natural History
- Party on the Patio**, 6 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- Semiannual Last Chance Percussion Concert**, 6:30 p.m., 150 Music West Interim Building
- "Live from Prairie Lights,"** Robert Hemley, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- The Children's Hour**, Dreamwell, 7:30 p.m., Universalist Unitarian Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, City Circle, 7:30 p.m., Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, 1301 Fifth St.
- Saxophone Studio Recital**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- University Choir and Women's Chorale**, 7:30 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- Campus Activities Board Movie, Identity Thief**, 8 & 11 p.m., 348 IMU
- IL Cattivo, with Lark's Tongue**, Acoustic Guillo-tine, 8 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- Austin Kendrick**, piano, 8 p.m., 172 Music Interim Building
- Trumpet Studio Recital**, 8 p.m., Recital Hall, University Capitol Centre
- Undergraduate Dance Concert**, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- Casey Donahew Band**, 8:30 p.m., First Avenue Club, 1550 S. First
- Dick Prall**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- The Laureates**, Colin Gilmore with Julie Klee, Blendours, Crystal City, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- Campus Activities Board Comedy**, Aziz Ansari, 10 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- Strictly Vinyl**, 10 p.m., Gabe's
- Tree Shelton Hip-Hop Battle**, 10 p.m., Gabe's

## UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- Noon** Iowa Dance
- 2 p.m.** WorldCanvass
- 4 School of Music** presents UI Symphony
- 5** Iowa Dance
- 7** WorldCanvass
- 9** Book Festival, McGhee and Mutel, July 17, 2011
- 10** Book Festival: New Broom, July 16, 2012
- 11** Book Festival, Carl Zimmer, July 14, 2012

## horoscopes

Friday, May 10, 2013 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Rethink the past before you make the same mistake again. Stand up for your rights, but don't jeopardize your position. Serious talks and negotiations will show your strength. Love is kicking in, so make plans to party in the evening hours.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You'll impress the people you encounter. A trip may present you with unexpected decisions but nothing that you cannot handle. Your ability to take charge and find solutions will lead to greater opportunities personally and professionally.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You'll have a lot to consider financially, legally, or medically. Don't take chances. Slow down, and make your decisions based on facts, figures, and whatever expert advice you can obtain. Don't let self-deception be your downfall. Do what's best for you.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Your peers will look up to you. Use your intelligence, good memory, and sound judgment to come up with solutions that will benefit everyone involved with you. Your popularity is on the rise.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Do whatever you can for others. Your generosity and your dedication will put you into the spotlight. Not everyone will like what you do, and some may even criticize you, but know in your heart that you did the right thing.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll have a wealth of knowledge to share with your friends and family. Your experience and expertise will help you resolve issues that have been pending for some time. Keep your expenditures moderate. Listen, respond, and show your leadership ability.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look at your financial situation and options. Protect your assets from someone who may want a chunk of what you've worked so hard to acquire. A change in your current relationships will help open doors to a brighter future.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Partnerships and personal relationships will blossom if you interact and share your thoughts. Much can be accomplished both at work and at home if you collaborate and make definite plans for future expansion. Let your intuition be your guide.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be fooled by someone making idle promises. Ulterior motives are apparent, and you don't want to end up giving too much for what's really being offered. Draw up an agreement you can live with or take a pass. Love is highlighted.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make plans that will accommodate the people in your life whom you love the most. Do whatever you can to build your personal assets. Your responsibilities may increase, but so will your power, control, and future prospects.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Expansion at home will allow you to develop something you want to pursue. Love and romance are in the stars, and making special plans will bring you closer to that special someone. You will learn a valuable lesson from someone you respect.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your life simple and to the point. Too much of anything will slow down your progress. Hard work, dedication, and loyalty to the people who have given you the most in the past will lead to a bright future and new beginnings.

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- 1-2 p.m.** College Basketball Preview
- 2-3 p.m.** I've Made A Huge Mistake
- 3-5 p.m.** RadioSCOPE
- 5-7 p.m.** Hey! Listen!
- 8-10 p.m.** The Bomb

## SPRING CYCLING



A professional cyclist enjoys the beginning of the spring by training at S Gilbert Court on Thursday, May 9, 2013 in Iowa City, Iowa. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

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## SOFTBALL

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about playing a certain opponent. We are trying to be the best we can be every time we take the field, and today things worked out for us.”

Coaches and members of the Iowa softball team refused to comment following the game.

Iowa's struggles were predominately the same issues they had been trying to fix for most of the season. More specifically, Iowa left 9 more base

runners stranded, leaving plenty of potential runs off the board.

The Hawkeyes, though they scored two in the first, left two other runners on base. The Hawkeyes ended their frame of the second-inning scoreless with three more stranded runners.

The Black and Gold even had a chance for a rally in the sixth-inning, but they left both center fielder Johnnie Dowling and second-basemen Wall on the bases — both of whom were in scoring position, no less.

Ohio State's victo-

ry vaults it into today's quarterfinals, where it will face top-seeded Michigan. The Wolverines, who finished their regular season with a 20-2 mark in Big Ten play, have won eight of their last 10 entering the league tournament. In the games prior, Michigan rattled off 18 victories in a row.

The Hawkeyes, meanwhile, will now wait for their NCAA Tournament fate. Their current RPI, as of this past week, sits at 33. The Division I Selection Show will take place at 9 p.m. May 12 on ESPNU.

Iowa											Ohio State										
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WALL, 2B	1	1	0	1	2	0	WATKINS, CF	2	1	0	1	2	0								
BLANK, SS	2	1	1	1	2	0	MONTYRE, SS	2	1	0	1	2	1								
ZOELLER, 3B	2	0	0	0	0	1	PICKETT, 2B	3	1	1	4	0	0								
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## BASEBALL

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“We just need to grind out in practice and really mentally prepare for [the weekend],” Torres said.

Iowa is coming off a mid-week 6-5 loss to Nebraska-Omaha on Tuesday, meaning the Mavericks

won the season series in the teams' fifth meeting this season.

For the seniors, the Michigan State series will be their last opportunity to play at home — another reason Dahm expects the team to play sharper.

“It's special for those seniors. They want to go out, and win a series, and finish

on Duane Banks Field the right way,” he said. “You're a Division-I athlete, you're playing in the Big Ten here at Duane Banks Field. The weather is finally good. That should be enough reason to be focused.”

Dahm also said he expects a boost from the younger portion of the squad.

“For the younger guys,

they need to lay it on the line for the seniors,” he said.

This weekend, the Hawkeyes continue to work toward the goal they've yet to accomplish this season, to win a series.

“Win a series. That's the goal every weekend,” Brand said. “Michigan State is a pretty good team.

Just looking forward to a challenge, and hopefully, we can come out on top this weekend.”

## TRACK

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motivate you to get back at it, train hard,” Woody said. “It woke some guys up, got them saying ‘Hey, there are a lot of guys out there that are trying to beat us — we need to go out there with the mindset that we need to go in there and compete to win.’”

The women's team will enter the meet ranked 13th in

the region by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association. It will be the Hawks' first time competing since the Drake Relays on April 25-27.

Head coach Layne Anderson's squad hopes to have a better showing in Columbus than they did at the indoor Big Ten championships in February, in which they finished in 11th place among 11 teams.

The members of the senior class, led by Majesty Tutson in the discus, hope to

compete well in their final Big Ten meet as members of the Black and Gold.

“[It will be] more exciting for me just because it's my last chance to get out there and try to win the gold,” said Tutson, an Iowa City native.

She is riding momentum after she finished first in the Drake Relays with a school-record-breaking throw, as is freshman Lake Kwaza, who ran a personal best time of 11.60 at Drake. Kwaza's time is currently

the fifth best in the Big Ten this season.

Assistant coach Clive Roberts has a simple message for his team: fight.

“Regardless of what place we end up individually and as a team, I just want to see a team that fights,” the fifth-year Iowa coach said. “I want to see kids running through the line, kids that are trying to get every centimeter they possibly can — that is the message I'm going to give them.”

## FANS

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the Fall Classic. Then the infamous “Bartman play” happened.

Steve Bartman deflected a foul ball in the left-field stands, possibly taking a catch away from a leaping Moises Alou, who was furious. The Cubs went on to lose Game Six, though more because shortstop Alex Gonzalez botched a tailor-made double-play ball. And lost Game Seven. So not only do Cubbie fans deal with a bad team traditionally, but when they were so close to the World Series, it was ripped away.

This year's squad won't see postseason baseball, either. For the past few years, the Cubs were saved by the Astros from last place in the NL Central, but now that the Astros have begun stinking up the AL West, the Cubs find themselves 8.5 games out of first place and alone in the cellar.

Theo Epstein took over as president of Baseball Operations in 2011, but who knows if he can turn the Cubs around, given their record since his takeover. Only time will tell if and when he does it. Until then, I'm thankful I don't have to suffer like Cub fans.

— by Kevin Glueck

### Pittsburgh Pirates

If there are more depressed fans in all of North American pro sports than those of the Pittsburgh Pirates, I have yet to find them.

Let us get the obvious out of the way: In my 18 years of life, I have never witnessed a winning season by the Pirates. Not a World Series championship, not a postseason win, not even a postseason berth. One winning season. One game above .500. It has never happened since I have been alive. In fact, the Pirates record of 21-straight losing seasons is more than any other team in the MLB, NFL, NBA, or NHL, ever.

That alone is enough to make even the most loyal

Bucs fan (the few that still exist) want to jump off the Clemente Bridge. Unfortunately, their history of sucking goes far beyond just the record.

In the past 10 years, GM's Dave Littlefield and Neal Huntington have passed on perennial All-Stars like Zack Grienke, Prince Fielder, and Cole Hamels and instead have drafted some of the biggest busts in MLB history. Guys such as John Van Benschoten and Brian Bullington — never heard of them? Neither has anyone else. Bullington is second in the rotation for the Hiroshima Toyo Carp of the Nippon Pro League in Japan. Van Benschoten has been out of pro baseball since 2008.

Making it worse is that the Pirates have managed to tease their fans rather cruelly in the past few years. Each of the past two seasons, the Bucs have been atop the NL Central at the All Star break, only to take a nose dive at the end of the season and finish well below the .500 mark.

In the past 15 years, the Pirates have had their games broadcast on national TV all of two times: once was a three-hour rain delay against the Nationals that ended at 2 in the morning and featured the debut of National phenom pitcher Stephen Strasburg. Few saw it. The second was a 19-inning marathon with the Braves that ended with Atlanta winning on one of the worst blown calls you will ever see by umpire Jerry Meals.

Forget hotdogs, PNC Park should start selling antidepressants.

— by Ryan Rodriguez

### New York Knicks

New York Knick fans have it rough.

Really rough. Life has been hard for the New York faithful since the 1972-73 season, where the team, led by Willis Reed and head coach Red Holzman, earned the organization its last championship and appearance in the NBA Finals.

It's been early play-

off losses or not making it into the playoffs at all ever since, and it's sad. The Knicks play in arguably the best basketball arena on Earth at Madison Square Garden. Fans flock out in droves, cheer wildly for their team, and make the Garden an extremely hostile basketball environment for all.

But despite all this support, the effort, the money spent, how have Knicks teams in the last 40 years responded? By continually choking in the playoffs. The Knicks thought the answer to this problem would be Carmelo Anthony, but the “sharp” shooter has just as bad of a playoff record as the team that signed him.

It's difficult to say what's more saddening: that the Knicks, two-time NBA champions, have struggled in the playoffs for the last 40 years, or the celebration they had after their Game Four win over the Miami Heat in 2012. Confetti fell from the ceiling, and Knicks players celebrated as if they had won their third championship.

In reality, it was just their first playoff win since 2000.

Now, things might be looking up for the ol' Knickerbockers. They advanced to the Eastern Conference semifinals and are tied in their series with the Pacers after two games.

That's progress, but it will take nothing short of a championship to make it up to the fans for the organization's 40 years of playoff atrocity.

— by Matt Cabel

### Cleveland Browns

It's very gratifying to write about why Cleveland Browns have the saddest fans in professional sports. Cleveland fans are familiar with their fair share of disappointments in professional sports. The Cleveland Cavaliers haven't won an NBA title, which caused LeBron James to bolt out of town for Miami in 2010. The Indians' last World Series title came in 1948, and the Cleveland Browns have failed to make a Super Bowl appearance.

Brown fans' heartaches began when John Elway

and the Denver Broncos defeated them in consecutive AFC Championship games in 1987-88. In the first game, Elway destroyed the city's morale by leading the Broncos on a 98-yard game-tying drive with five minutes separating the Browns from the Super Bowl. Denver went on to win 23-20 in overtime. The Browns had their shot for revenge the following season, but running back Ernest Byner fumbled away the opportunity to score the game-winning touchdown with 1:12 left in regulation.

The pain for Browns fans continues when you fast-forward into the next decade, when owner Art Modell decided to move the franchise to Baltimore for the 1996 season. The Baltimore Ravens have gone on to win two Super Bowl titles after the move, while the new Browns have swum in a pool of mediocrity for the last 14 seasons.

The franchise is now a shell of itself, being a quarter of a century removed from its last AFC Championship game appearance. The Browns hired their seventh different coach since 1999 this past off-season. Cleveland's archrival, the Pittsburgh Steelers, have gone through three coaches since 1969. So far, the Browns have made one playoff appearance after returning to Cleveland. They continually waste first-round picks in the draft by selecting such busts as Tim Couch, Brady Quinn, Braylon Edwards, and soon to be Brandon Weeden. Even the great Mike Holmgren couldn't turn things around for the struggling franchise.

Cleveland did get a new owner recently, but Jim Hasslam is under investigation for his alleged involvement in a Ponzi scheme, and he's an admitted lifelong Steelers fan, to make things worse. Browns fans don't have much to celebrate right now, and the future doesn't look bright. I would suggest turning their attention to the Cavaliers or Indians, but that might only make matters worse.

— by Dominick White

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# Sports

## Castro leads at The Players Championship



Roberto Castro hits from the ninth tee during the first round of The Players Championship golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass on Thursday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Castro finished at 9-under-par 63, tying the course record. (Associated Press)

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
Associated Press

**PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla.** — Tiger Woods was 9 shots out of the lead, not the best position at The Players Championship, especially since he had not even started his round. Perhaps the bigger surprise was the guy who posted the record-tying round Thursday.

Roberto Castro had only played the TPC Sawgrass in a practice round. He made a debut he won't soon forget.

There was the 9-iron to a foot on the island-green 17th and a 4-iron to about the same tap-in range on the 18th, the hardest hole on the course. He hit a 3-iron to 3 feet for eagle and twice hit wedge so close he didn't even have to read the putt.

When his memorable day was over, Castro had a 9-under 63 and his name in the record book twice. He tied the course record held by Fred Couples and Greg Norman, and his 3-shot

lead was the largest margin after the opening round at The Players in 21 years.

Welcome to Sawgrass. "I hit it close a lot," said Castro, making it sound as easy as it looked.

He led over Rory McIlroy, who broke par for the first time in his fourth appearance with five birdies after the turn and conservative play off the tee on the front nine for a bogey-free 66. Zach Johnson also had a 66 while playing in the pristine morning conditions.

Woods had to work a little harder in the afternoon. Not only did he spot Castro 9 shots, Woods had never broken 70 in the opening round in his 15 previous tries.

"It was a day that I felt I had to shoot something in the 60s," Woods said.

He ran off four-straight birdies around the turn. He was on the cusp of his first bogey-free round at The Players until his 8-iron from 200 yards went

just over the green and he flubbed his chip. The bogey gave him a 67, a strong effort considering he knew he had a lot of ground to make up before hitting his first shot.

"I've seen that a lot, but not at this golf course," he said.

Vijay Singh, playing one day after he sued the PGA Tour for its handling of his doping case, was largely ignored while playing in the group behind Woods. One fan wore felt deer antlers in the bleachers behind the first tee — Singh's case involved taking deer antler spray — but only a dozen or so people followed the 50-year-old Fijian on the back nine and it was a quiet day.

At one point, Singh let out a hearty laugh walking off the tee with Robert Garrigus and J.J. Henry. His golf wasn't the subject of the laughter. Singh hit into the water on the last hole and made bogey for a 74, leaving him in danger of missing the cut.

### SPORTS

#### Vandenberg, Bigach receive academic honors

In recognition of their academic efforts at Iowa, former Hawkeyes football players James Vandenberg and Steve Bigach have been named to the National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society.

The honor recognizes senior football players who saw significant playing time and carried a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or higher throughout their academic careers.

Bigach, a defensive lineman, earned academic All-Big Ten honors in 2010, 2011, and 2012. He recorded a 3.67 GPA and earned a degree in environmental science while starting all 12 games as a senior in 2012.

Bigach recorded 38 tackles and half a sack while splitting time between defensive end and tackle.

Vandenberg also started and played every offensive snap as a senior at quarterback in 2012. The Keokuk native earned a degree in health and human physiology while recording a

3.36 GPA.

A team cocaptain, Vandenberg struggled mightily during his senior campaign, throwing just 7 touchdowns as Iowa recorded four wins all season. Vandenberg had more success during his junior year, in which he passed for 25 scores and led Iowa to a 7-6 record and a bowl berth.

Vandenberg — Iowa's recipient of the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award — signed a free-agent contract with the Minnesota Vikings following the conclusion of the NFL draft.

— by Ben Ross

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# Baseball focused on focus



Iowa's Taylor Zeutenhorst gets a secondary lead against Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Banks Field on April 30. The Hawkeyes lost the game, 10-3. (The Daily Iowan/Tork Mason)

The Iowa baseball team will try to compete better in its last home series of the season.

By **JALYN SOUCHEK**  
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The Iowa baseball team has had its struggles this season, and the opportunity to compete in the Big Ten Tournament continues to slip away. Now, as the Hawkeyes gear up for their final home series against Michigan State, the Hawkeyes have to find any way they can to improve.

The first game of the series will start at 6:05 p.m. today at Banks Field.

Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said the lack of wins can be contributed to a lack of focus. With its last chance to compete at home and the school year coming to a close, it's important that the team comes ready to play.

"We need to continue to get better," Dahm said. "We've made some progress, but I want us to play hard and go out there and compete better with the bat, too ... It's tough to fall behind."

But catcher Keith Brand said the mentality this weekend won't be any differently, regardless of the University of Iowa's finals week.

"Do the studying off the field, and when you come to the baseball field, it's all business," he said. "School is separate from baseball. They need to focus on their studies, obviously, but once they get to the baseball field, it's all ball from there."



Iowa's Jake Mangler dives back into first base against Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Banks Field on April 30. The Hawkeyes lost the game, 10-3. (The Daily Iowan/Tork Mason)

The squad has come up with few in-conference victories, now 5-13 (17-26 overall). That puts the Black and Gold in ninth place — three spots out of Big Ten Tournament contention, with just six games left in the season.

The Spartans enter the weekend in fifth place, 9-6 in the conference (28-14 overall) with a .287 team hitting average. Iowa is hitting .265.

Sophomore Anthony Torres said he expects the team will be more focused, as opposed to recent games, and the practices prior to the series were es-

pecially important.

SEE **BASEBALL**, 7

## Iowa (17-26, 5-13 in Big Ten) vs. Michigan State (28-14, 9-6 in Big Ten)

**When:** 6:05 p.m.  
**Where:** Banks Field  
**Where to watch:** BTN.com

# Iowa tracksters head to Big Tens

The Big Ten meet gives track and field athletes a chance to showcase their best talents.

By **MATT CABEL AND DANNY PAYNE**  
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It's all come down to this. All season long, this has been the goal. This has been the event to which athletes look forward — where races are won and lost, where seasons continue into the NCAAs or end.

On the campus of Ohio State University, the Iowa track and field program will head for the track in Jesse Owens Stadium for the Big Ten championships.

"We're supposed to treat every meet like it's a big meet," junior Tevin-Cee Mincy said. "But with Big Tens, there's no holding back. We leave everything on the track. For some of us, there's not another meet. Big Tens is it."

The Black and Gold are sending numerous athletes to Columbus who will compete for a spot in the top 48 in the western region and earn a spot in the NCAA regionals. The regionals will begin May 23 in Austin, Texas.

For the men, senior javelin thrower Matt Byers could become the first athlete in Iowa history to win a Big Ten title four-straight years in a single event. Senior Ethan Holmes is looking for his first win in the 110-meter hurdles after earning second place the last two years. Justin Austin holds the Big Ten's top times in the 100-



Iowa's Justin Austin competes in the 100-meter preliminaries at the Drake Relays in Drake Stadium on April 26. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

and 200-meter dash at 10.22 and 20.55.

"We already know what we can do, regardless of what other people might think," Mincy said. "We're just going to go out there and do it, show everybody what we can do."

The Big Ten Championship will be the first time the track athletes have competed since the Drake Relays in late April, and the team is hungry to compete after having a weekend off, but assistant coach Joey Woody said he believes the team competes at its best following an off-weekend.

"When you come off a performance that's not as good as you would have hoped, that'll

SEE **TRACK**, 7

## Big Ten Track Meet

**What:** Big Ten Track and Field Championship  
**Where:** Jesse Owens Stadium, Columbus, Ohio  
**When:** Today-May 12  
**TV:** Delayed broadcast on May 19, noon CDT

## OHIO STATE 8, IOWA 4

# Hawkeye softball falls in tourney

Iowa softball surrendered six runs in the fifth-inning to lose in the Big Ten Tournament's opening-round.

By **CODY GOODWIN**  
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A 6-run fifth inning effectively put to rest any notion that the Iowa softball team was going to make a run at a Big Ten Tournament title.

The eighth-seeded Ohio State Buckeyes used that inning to overtake what was then a 4-1 Iowa lead. The Scarlet and Grey added an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth to complete an 8-4 first-round victory over the ninth-seeded Black and Gold.

Iowa started off the game with a 2-run first-inning and led 4-1 after the fourth. Megan Blank and Bradi Wall each produced an RBI, and Kayla Massey knocked in two more, which gave the Hawkeyes their lead. The effort also helped send Ohio State starting pitcher Alex DiDomenico to the bench after the fourth-inning.

But in Iowa's final three innings, the offense didn't pose much of a threat. Buckeye relief pitcher Melanie Nichols faced just 12 Black and Gold batters in the final three innings and surrendered only one hit.

The Ohio State bats, which were mostly dormant through the first four innings of play, came alive in the bottom of the fifth frame. Massey allowed the Buckeyes to load the bases with just one out to begin the inning.

Massey then walked in 2 runs — making the score 4-3, Iowa — before Ohio State second-basemen Shelby Pickett sent a grand slam over the wall to give the Buckeyes the lead for good.

"Shelby has been hitting great for us the last couple of weeks, and so I was not surprised by her performance today," Ohio State softball coach Kelly Kovach Schoenly said in a release. "Their pitcher was struggling to throw strikes and we told our hitters that the pressure was on her, so we were looking for a good pitch to drive. We aren't worried

SEE **SOFTBALL**, 7

## POINT/COUNTERPOINT

# Saddest pro fans?

Which pro team has sports' saddest fans? Four *DI* staffers debate.

## Chicago Cubs

If there's life after death, I hope I don't come back as a Chicago Cub fan.

I can't imagine how agonizing it is to be a Cub fan — beginning every year with hope and optimism, only for the aspiration of a World Series title to be stamped out by mid-May. I mean, they're known as the "Loveable Losers."

As a Chicago White Sox fan, I was fortunate enough to be alive to witness their most recent World Series win, in 2005. I'm not even sure there's anybody on this Earth who was around in 1908 — the last time the Cubs won the World Series.

The Cubbies haven't always been miserable, though. In 2003, the Cubs were five outs away from getting to the World Series for the first time since 1945. Shots of old women crying for joy inside Wrigley Field were shown on TV — they were finally going to see their team in

SEE **FANS**, 7