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Across the gun divide



Richard Maine, 85, holds one of his rifles in his home on March 29 in Bettendorf. Maine is a Korean War veteran who served in the Navy. Growing up in rural Iowa in a family full of hunters, Maine still collects and shoots firearms. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)



Recent University of Iowa graduate and Kirkwood student Michael Sowell prepares to do some target shooting with his SKS-M rifle at the Hawkeye Wildlife Shooting Range on March 12 near Swisher. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

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Individual stories from within Iowa's gun culture

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Gun ownership and gun violence have divided Americans into two groups: those who support stricter gun laws and those who don't. As self-reported firearm ownership in the United States has risen to the highest point since 1993, according to a 2011 Gallup poll, gun ownership has become increasingly contentious.

Within this national context, many Iowans are making the decision to own a gun. For some, it is a tool for hunting. For others, a loaded weapon provides a sense of security. And still others enjoy blowing off steam at the shooting range.

Gun-control proposals, including a reconsideration of the Iowa's current "shall-issue" process for permits to carry weapons, were rejected in the Iowa Legislature earlier this year after they failed to garner enough support.

In the wake of tragic murders in Newtown, Conn., national discourse can seem split: pro-gun vs. anti-gun. But this polarization misrepresents the complexity of the issue.

In Iowa, the culture of gun ownership is as multifaceted as Iowans themselves.

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Design by Haley Nelson

Council passes housing measure

The City Council expedited the fraternal-housing ordinance, though they said they will keep the UI greek community's needs in mind.

By NICK HASSETT
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As the Iowa City City Council meeting began on Tuesday, more than 100 members of the University of Iowa's greek community filled the room and spilled into the City Hall lobby to make their voices heard.

Though their protest did not stop the approval of a city ordinance that changes fraternal-housing rules, councilors said they heard the students' opinions and will seek a solution that would satisfy all parties involved.

SEE GREEK 3



Members of the UI greek community gather at a City Council meeting on Tuesday in the City Hall. Fraternities and sororities hoped to block an ordinance that would limit greek housing. (The Daily Iowan/Sam Louwagie)

Center's future unknown

Johnson County officials did not come to a consensus as to the future of the justice center.

By MICHELLE KIM
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A little more than a week after voters nixed a proposed justice center, plans to address Johnson County's judicial, security, and space needs appear to be moving forward.

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News

Event honors LGBTQ students

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Twenty-five LGBTQ students were recognized at the University of Iowa's 13th-annual Rainbow Graduation on Tuesday, and the community took the opportunity to honor the graduates and recent strides made at the UI.

Students were honored in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber with a brief description of their accomplishments, rainbow cords, and a handshake. Among the graduates were John Paul Horn, the student keynote speaker at the ceremony, and Jake Christensen, the 2013 recipient of the Catalyst Award.

Officials also announced several scholarships were also announced, including the UI's 2013 recipients of the Matthew Shepard Scholarship, an Iowa-based scholarship that awards up to \$40,000 to motivated LGBTQ students over the course of their education. Nadia Loeppke and Samuel Pitt won the awards at the UI this year.

Georgina Dodge, a recent recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award

from her alma mater, University of California-Irvine, spoke about the future for the graduates.

"I remember how happy I was when I graduated, but I also remember feeling a little let down," said Dodge, the UI's chief diversity officer. "There's always and inevitably some degree of regret as we move to one stage of our lives to another."

One would never sense the regret based on the atmosphere of Rainbow Graduation, however — spirits were high as LGBTQ students and graduates performed both original piano compositions and a piece of performance poetry.

Christensen, in particular, was recognized for his achievements, having been at the forefront in the inclusion of sexual-identity and orientation questions in the UI's admissions application.

"I would say that you should do your best to do something that matters to you," Christensen said. "Be patient, and above all, be persistent."

Christensen's speech was followed by a speech from Kim Marra, a UI professor of American studies and



Associate Vice President Georgina Dodge speaks at the Rainbow Graduation in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

theater.

Marra is particularly proud of the UI's dedication to making LGBTQ students feel welcome.

"When LGBTQ people of my generation were going to college in the 1970s, a rainbow graduation was impossible — even unimaginable," Marra said, who also faced extreme opposition from her mother when announcing her sexuality.

The UI has long been recognized for its acceptance of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities, pioneering a human-rights policy that recognizes gender identity and sexual

orientation as protected categories.

Likewise, the university received widespread media attention for its 1992 hiring of Pat Cain and Jean Love, a high-profile lesbian couple, as professors at the law school.

Horn, who moved to the UI for college after growing up in Bakersfield, Calif., found that acceptance has been much more widespread in Iowa.

"I was tired of feeling like I had to live two separate lives — young professional me and gay me," Horn said. "I've never felt like I had to hide part of myself here."

Students rethink Towncrest

By QUENTIN MISIAG
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The Towncrest neighborhood on Iowa City's East Side once stood as a signature medical district from its inception in the 1950s. With a plethora of parking, patients and visitors could drive up, go to their respective appointments, and be on their way.

As the city continued to grow, however, new developments such as the Northgate Business Park, just north of Interstate 80 off Dodge Street, drove visitors and money out of the nearly 50-acre Towncrest complex, leaving it dilapidated and a city-designated "slum" in 2010.

But nearly 15 undergraduate students in the University of Iowa Tippie College of Business's Topics in Finance course believe the area can be saved and ultimately redeveloped into a thriving commercial corridor, lined with restaurants, shops, offices, and housing. The group also compared the area to downtown Iowa City, Cedar Rapids' New Bohemia district, and the West Benton Street and Mormon Trek Boulevard corridor.

In 2008, the city targeted the area for redevelopment and implemented public workshops in 2009

after the Des Moines-based RDG Planning and Design in conceptualizing the area's future. Economic development incentives, including TIF expenditures and redevelopment catalyst funds, are being offered by the city to assist developers in undertaking projects. The two new medical office buildings about to get underway represent the first new buildings to be constructed as envisioned under the urban-renewal plan.

"We've got to get some critical mass in there," said finance lecturer John Gallo, the course instructor, said about bringing in new retail and restaurant offerings. "Right now, it's functionally obsolete, and some of these buildings have deteriorated to the point that they have to be demolished."

Gallo said he estimates an initial \$2 million to \$2.5 million in investment will be needed in order to act as an incubator in luring future tenants and residents.

UI student Zach Steinhoff, who conducted the overview of the current Towncrest conditions, said vehicular traffic is a promising component to the area's success. To date, an average of 10,150 cars travel along the nearby First Avenue corridor, while the

intersecting Muscatine Avenue sees 15,800 vehicles.

This is the second-consecutive year Gallo's students conducted a local feasibility study. He taught a similar class in spring 2012 that made a proposal to the City of Cedar Rapids regarding the Westdale Mall area.

That \$90 million redevelopment of the mall is now moving forward in part with a number of student recommendations.

Although current reinvestment remains limited, Gallo, UI students, and city officials pointed to a number of projects in the works. Among them include a new 14,500-square-foot commercial building by MDK Development, a \$500,000 streetscape plan, and a proposed \$6.5 million 41-unit senior housing project by 3 Diamond Development LLC of Skokie, Ill.

The commercial building, soon to be home to three businesses, including Eye Associates and Towncrest Dental, is set to open Oct. 31.

City officials say it could generate \$2.2 million in tax revenue for the city, county, and the Iowa City School District.

The William Street streetscape improvements — including new signage, bus stops, sidewalks,

benches, and lighting — must be finished by November.

Iowa City community-development coordinators Tracy Hightshoe and Steve Long said that although the projects are promising, one factor seems to have deterred a number of investors.

"The land prices are way too high," Hightshoe said. "We've had multiple developers asking for the area, and there are a number of medical offices that want to be there, but they want better facilities, too."

Long noted that the city is committed to investing \$10 million to \$15 million over the long term and said recent investment and property-value numbers help indicate strong demographic vibrancy.

Despite the changing physical face of the area, one resident who has lived along the nearby Sterling Drive since March 1982, remains skeptical about new construction resulting in a turnaround. She said over the last 15 years, the neighborhood has fallen into a "depressed" state as low-income subsidized housing has moved in.

"It's rundown, and we're concerned," local resident Maria Conzemius said. "They can't keep letting Towncrest decline."

METRO

Council backs officers in schools

The Iowa City Council discussed the placement of armed officers in Iowa City schools on Tuesday evening and voted to apply for a federal grant for the officers on a 6-1 vote.

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

Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine recommended supporting School Resource Officers to the council, citing the city's ad-hoc Diversity Committee's recommendation for officers to engage in community building.

"For the Police Department to get involved in positive relationship building, the program is where I see us being able to do that," he said. "We may never have a catastrophe that makes front pages nationwide, but we do have a lot of other issues."

Councilor Jim Throgmorton, the sole opposing vote on the measure, thought more public input was needed and wasn't convinced that officers in schools would be the best option.

"I support the idea of improving connections between police officers and the community, but I'm not persuaded having armed officers is the best way to do that," he said. "We need to be confident any officers

[in schools] act to protect and serve, not control and monitor."

— by Nick Hassett

College of Pharmacy may get new facility

Pending approval from the Iowa Legislature, pharmacy students at the University of Iowa could see a new facility within the next five years, according to UI spokesman Tom Moore.

The \$67 million proposal is in conference committee in the Legislature and has not yet been approved.

If approved, construction on a new pharmacy building would begin in 2015 and conclude in

2018 because of the complexity of the project. The new location would sit across the street from the UI's current facility.

That building ranks as the least-energy-efficient building on campus per square foot.

According to a UI energy report, the building used roughly 5 million kilowatt hours of electrical energy in fiscal 2009 — 300,000 more kilowatt hours than all of the buildings on the Pentacrest combined.

The UI added a wing to the building roughly 20 years ago.

Despite that update, the building still has only two classrooms for students and a practice lab too small for the college's need.

— by Stacey Murray

BLOTTER

Joseph Connolly, 23, Holy Cross, Iowa, was charged May 10 with public intoxication.

Michael Delp, 23, 3051 Wayne Ave. Apt. 64, was charged Monday with domestic assault.

Jacob Lukenbill, 21, 515 E. Jefferson. St. Apt. 19, was charged

Monday with OWI.

Patrick Madden, 62, Hawkeye, Iowa, was charged May 10 with taxi-cab violations.

Joshua Robbins, 24, North Liberty, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Michael Roe Sr., 56, 20 N. Dodge

St. Apt. 3, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Christian Stuelke, 21, 725 Walnut St., was charged Monday with OWI.

Jasmine Terrell, 34, 332 Friend-

Kory Vedepo, 39, 1128 St. Clements Alley, was charged Tuesday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ziang Xiang, 21, 914 Foster Road, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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GREEK

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"This is not about *Animal House*, what this has to do with is density in neighborhoods we've been trying to stabilize and protect," Mayor Matt Hayek said. "It's consistent with our strategic planning. That said, I'm not foreclosing the concept of looking at other options, whether connection with this or following passage of it."

The measure amends the city zoning code to bet-

ter define rooming-house cooperatives, such as fraternities and sororities. The amendment allows such group housing to exist in RNS-20 zoned areas, used for older neighborhoods in proximity to the University of Iowa campus, but it also spells out rules and limits on such housing, including changing the density standards to match the surrounding residences.

Existing fraternities and sororities will be grandfathered in under the new ordinance, though new renovations to houses would be restricted.

The council passed the first consideration of the ordinance on April 23 by a 7-0 vote. An ordinance normally requires three readings to pass into law, but the council expedited the process in order to direct staff to examine alternative ways to allow fraternal houses to develop.

Kyle Skinner, the president of Sigma Pi at the UI, said the ordinance was a danger to fraternities and sororities as a whole.

"It's gonna be the slow death of the greek system," he said. "To have the [density] limit for a regu-

lar family in a fraternity ... I think we should be able to stay with the old law or make a new law that helps us out."

Skinner said those in fraternity and sorority houses were more than just roommates.

"It's not like an apartment," he said. "We're more than just a group of people that know each other."

Sigma Pi planned on building a new fraternity at the intersection of Governor and Burlington Streets, though the developer, Justin Mulford, said he could not comply with

the new density standards proposed by the ordinance.

Steve Lawler, the regional director of Sigma Pi, thought the zoning would have unintended effects.

"It makes building our fraternity economically unfeasible," he said. "If you're going to build a typical 50-person fraternity or sorority housing, you'd need to have the lot the size of a football field [under these restrictions]."

Alec Bramel, the UI Student Government City Council liaison, said based on his discussions with students, he hoped

the council would not approve the ordinance.

"The density levels in fraternal group houses are there because there is a culture there," he said. "[Fraternal and multi-family uses] are defined differently, as they should be. Fraternal does not belong there."

City Councilor Susan Mims said the city heard the recommendations of the greek community loud and clear.

"It's very clear to me that this council as a whole has heard you here tonight," she said. "We're all concerned about this issue."

JUSTICE CENTER

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

But although the Board of Supervisors discussed the immediate needs for improvements to the jail, Courthouse, and Administration Building during a Tuesday morning meeting, the supervisors could not reach a consensus.

Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said the fate of the \$43.5 million bond referendum, which failed to garner a 60 percent supermajority, doesn't signify the end to capital projects.

He floated a budget between \$1 million and \$3 million in upgrades to the three county facilities and said he is not in favor of bringing the issue back to local voters

in March 2014.

"People voted No twice, and I think at some point down the road, that's an option, but right now, my job is to look at the safety of the public," he said. "I think it's going to take a lot more time planning to start over."

Iterating previous comparisons to a Band-Aid, Neuzil said comprehensive upgrades would include making the Courthouse ADA compliant and improving the jail's current lock system and control center.

Although he said in the long-term, the county spent a lot of money in existing facilities, he said a preliminary outline of an alternative remains unknown.

County officials have previously told the *DI* that at least \$1.56 million would be required to modernize the jail's con-

trol-center.

For Supervisor John Etheredge, a more radical approach may be needed. Favoring the complete relocation of county facilities, he said a new rural location is ideal in order to alleviate current congestion downtown.

"The ultimate goal is to have everything located in one area," Etheredge said. "Maybe we donate the Courthouse to the state ..."

Because Etheredge's cost estimates were unavailable Tuesday, Supervisor Chairwoman Janelle Rettig, questioned the legitimacy of his proposal.

Supervisor Pat Harney said he believes building additions may still be favorable, with construction of extra courtroom space as a potential.

Despite the handful

of alternatives, he said future discussion dates regarding facility upgrades, like the justice center, remain unknown.

Sean Curtis, the field director of Vote No New Jail, confronted the county officials during the meeting, bringing up expensive capital investment costs relating to the former justice-center proposal as a deterrent.

"People think it's too much money, and they want to see criminal policies addressed," Curtis said.

"People were upset that we voted on something that was essentially the same project, a jail-Courthouse combination for around \$50 million. It was voted down a few months ago, and it was brought back up. So a lot of people felt their votes were thrown in the trash can."

Council rejects Chauncey move

By NICK HASSETT

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A request to change the zoning on the lot of a proposed high-rise building failed before the Iowa City City Council on Tuesday evening.

The council voted 5-2 against the College/Gilbert rezoning request for the lot that has been approved for the Moen Group's Chauncey building, with Councilors Jim Throgmorton and Michelle Payne being the only affirming votes. The request would have rezoned the lot from a Public (P) to Central Business Support Zone (CB-5), effectively blocking the development's height.

CB-5 zoning allows up to 75-foot buildings. As is, the Chauncey development would need to seek CB-10 zoning, which has essentially no height limit.

The rezoning request also went before the city's Planning and Zoning Commission on April 18, where community members filled the seats of the council chamber to voice their opinions on the measure. Ultimately, that request was also denied by a 5-2 vote.

"What we'll end up with [on the site], none of us know," Councilor Susan Mims said. "But at this point to limit it to a CB-5 would be premature."

Rockne Cole, one of the co-applicants of the rezoning request, said the council had lost the public's trust when it approved the Chauncey development in January.

"Quite frankly, public trust in this council is at an all-time low," he said. "You can see why members of the community are shocked; no one saw this coming."

Mark McCallum, another co-applicant, put the issue in a different way.

"Let's be honest about this: this is planning on steroids," he said. "This is going to be the tipping point for the future development. You put a 20-story building in this neighborhood, you create a new center point for downtown."

Throgmorton thought other uses would have been a better use for the develop-

ment.

"There are at least two great locations downtown that are already zoned CB-10; one thing I wonder is why this particular kind of development wasn't proposed for one of those sites," he said.

Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek said without a

matching proposal for the rezoning, it was hard to approve a rezoning.

"When deciding whether to proceed with CB-5, I think that's insufficient," he said, referring to the rezoning request. "It needs to come with a plan to be reacted to."

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EDITORIAL

Grassley marks immigration



Sen. Chuck Grassley at his home in New Hartford on July 29, 2006. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

The member of Iowa's Congressional delegation with the most influence in the current immigration debate isn't the outspoken Republican Rep. Steve King, who on Tuesday said at a press conference that he would sooner support "Obamacare" than the Senate bill he called an "amnesty plan." No, it's another Republican — Sen. Chuck Grassley.

The Gang of Eight immigration bill — so named for the bipartisan group of eight senators who cooked up the legislation — was sent to be refined in the Senate Judiciary Committee, on which Grassley is the ranking Republican member. The Judiciary Committee is tasked with adding amendments to the bill that can range from minute changes to major policy alterations.

When this mark-up process is done, the committee will report out the bill, meaning that it will be available for the full Senate to consider if the senators so choose.

The original Gang of Eight immigration proposal included measures that would offer a path to citizenship for many of the nation's 11 million unauthorized immigrants, tighten border security, establish a strict employment-verification system, and expand the current legal immigration system to bring in more high- and low-skill workers.

As the ranking minority member of the committee charged with tweaking the immigration bill, Grassley has a lot of power to alter it as he sees fit. Only two days into the revision process, he has made his mark on the bill.

So far, Grassley's contribution to the bill has been mostly positive. One Grassley amendment expanded border-security strategies to include all points along the border, not just high-risk areas as the original bill specified.

Considering the historical border-security precedents, this may prove to be an important detail. Past efforts at securing high-risk areas have had the effect of simply creating new high-risk areas in spots with fewer border-control re-

sources. More evenly distributing these resources could stop such a phenomenon from occurring.

Another successful Grassley amendment instituted a mandatory audit of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Trust Fund, the immigration bill's funding pool, which will include money allocated from Congress's general fund as well as some fees collected from immigrants applying for legal status. In a deficit-conscious Congress, Grassley's provision to require stricter financial reporting could improve the political viability and long-term budgetary outlook of the bill.

But not all of the changes Grassley has offered have been positive. One such proposal that was struck down 12-6 in the committee would have prohibited the government from giving immigrants provisional legal status until "effective control of the borders" had been maintained for six months. This proposal would have effectively tied the important first step in the path to citizenship to increased border security, a goal that has been difficult to accomplish in the past even with massive resource deployments.

Grassley was disappointed that his enforcement amendment failed.

"... without approval of provisions like my amendment to ensure the border is secure before undocumented immigrants are legalized," Grassley said after the first day of mark-up, "it's clear ... that it's legalization first and enforcement later."

As the Judiciary Committee continues to mark-up the immigration bill, Grassley will have a lot of power to shape an important policy. We urge the senator to act sensibly and in good faith to move responsible, much-needed immigration reform to a vote in the Senate.

Your turn.

Do you think the border should be secured before immigration reform proceeds?

Weigh in on at dailyiowan.com.

LETTERS/ONLINE COMMENTS

Volunteer with the Crisis Center

The Crisis Center of Johnson County is currently seeking 30 open-minded, compassionate, and dependable individuals to volunteer in the Crisis Intervention program as 24-Hour Crisis Line counselors and Crisis Chat specialists. Those interested are invited to Volunteer Info Night on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Crisis Center, 1121 Gilbert Court. Staff members will provide an overview of the program and answer questions.

Applications are available online at the Crisis Center's website, jccrisiscenter.org, and will be accepted via mail, fax, or in person until May

20. Alternatively completed applications can be emailed to admin@jccrisiscenter.org, or you can call (319) 351-0140 to schedule an interview and submit the completed application at that time. Volunteers must complete training and commit to a weekly three-hour shift for a minimum of nine months.

"During the last fiscal year, we responded to 11,411 contacts, of which 10 percent were related to suicide. We wouldn't be able to provide this 24-hour service if it weren't for our dedicated volunteers," said Keri Neblett, the center's community intervention director.

Harmony Hauser
Crisis Center communications
coordinator

RE: 'Regulation of homeschooling should not be removed'

Homeschoolers score more than 30 percentage points above their public-school peers. There is no racial gap in performance among home-educated students. Until public schools clean up their act (Hint: not with the planned Common Core disaster), they should leave the success stories alone. Rules and regulations have not improved public education one iota over the last 30 years — they've just created more taxpayer-funded jobs.

Virginia Seuffert

I do not need "oversight, rules, and regulations" to force me to provide a stellar education

for my children. I have love. Homeschooling parents don't do what they do every single day because the district says so, or the superintendent says so, or the state says so. We do it because we believe it's the right thing to do. Assuming all parents need external motivation and accountability to do the right thing is astoundingly arrogant. We're fine. We've got this. And the last place I would ever look for advice, motivation, or accountability is the public-school system. Remember, we have the Chicago Public School system with its 55 percent graduation rate and a local suburban high school with 59 percent in adequate skills. That means that 41 percent of kids don't have adequate skills.

Christine Drumm

Pushing buttons



By SRI PONDA

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A few days ago, I wrote about the visibility and misunderstanding of feminism. Many people have inaccurate ideas about what feminism is.

I just found out yesterday that I'm not the only one in Iowa City who's bothered by this ignorance — thank goodness.

Two students at the University of Iowa have paired up to educate members of the community about what feminism really is in an absolutely fabulous way — through hand-made buttons. Their project, "Unbuttoning Feminism," is a campaign to eliminate the negative stereotypes surrounding feminism, to show people why it's important, and to hopefully make more individuals in Iowa City comfortable with "coming out" as feminists.

It's a unique feminist movement. It may be one of the most successful, too.

"The idea came up during a casual conversation over coffee about our U.S. Feminism Rhetoric class," said UI senior Paige Pennigar, one of Unbuttoning Feminism's creators.

UI junior Madeline Fitzgerald, the project's "other mother," quickly jumped on board. Before the two ladies knew it, Unbuttoning

Feminism was born.

Over the past couple of weeks, Pennigar and Fitzgerald tried to attract people to the sessions they held at the Women's Resource and Action Center through their "Unbuttoning Feminism" group on Facebook. Anyone who was interested could come in and use the button-maker to make buttons that display what feminism means to them.

"The moment I realized I was a feminist and was confident in saying 'I'm a feminist,' was [to her] the equivalent to how some people describe finding God," Pennigar said. "I just wanted to jump on a table and tell everyone."

I wish she would.

We've all seen the generic "This is what a feminist looks like" stickers and T-shirts. For many people, they're nothing special. With Unbuttoning Feminism, however, each button is different and handmade. These buttons allow their makers to reclaim the definition of feminism and reach out to others, showing them that feminism isn't just an abstract thing.

There are so many different aspects of feminism and so many issues it's battling. Not every feminist looks like "this."

When the campaign grows more in Iowa City, the women plan to spread it across America by mailing the buttons to family and friends who might value the buttons' messages.

Kind of like the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants — except they're pushing buttons. ■

Staying sane at finals



By BRIANNE RICHSON

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It's that time of year again. We trudged through "dead week," which for a lot of us was not very dead after all because of papers, projects, and oh, the fact that we still pretty much had to drag ourselves to class. Finals are upon us.

Finals in the springtime always seem to carry a very different kind of anxiety than winter's. In the winter, you're counting down the days till you can collapse on your parents' couch. Maybe you're even feeling productive enough to hook up Netflix to your TV instead of just watching it on your computer.

In the spring, summer is on the line. Studying for finals is that much more difficult when all you can think about is packing up your belongings and trading in your laptop and hard drive for endless days at the beach or the lake.

You start to see pictures

of your friends returning home from their respective schools, and you can't focus. Maybe you even have a panic attack. Many university websites now have specific pages for tips.

In fact, around 25 percent of college students suffer from anxiety or depression, only heightened by the onslaught of exams. However, it's important to remember that while there is an entire week dedicated to finals, in most cases they have just another exam that you won't remember in your life.

It's OK to have a Reese Witherspoon-esque meltdown if the Starbucks barista forgets to put an extra shot in your latte because you're about to be up all night ("You're about to find out who I am"). Sometimes, we all need that. But it's also important to remember that we're all in the same boat here.

It would be easy to start thinking about how you're one semester closer to graduation, and promptly start hyperventilating. But it would also be easy to take a step back and remember that most of it's in your head. So take a nap, buy some Ben & Jerry's, and pet some therapy dogs. Because we're all going to be fine. ■

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The Daily Iowan DAILY BREAK

“Every day, I wake up torn between the desire to save the world and savor the world.”
- E.B. White

the ledge

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Things in life it is reasonable to be suspicious of:

- Sparkly vampires, women who read books about sparkly vampires, and men who go to fan club meetings and say they like books about sparkly vampires.
- People who claim to speak to aliens or your dead relative whose name begins with an M. Or maybe a J.
- Carnival rides that were clearly assembled by men who appear to be a prison work gang.
- Tea party members who explain the Constitution to you, tea party members who explain the health-care bill to you, and tea party members who ... are, well, you know, tea party members.
- Russian women you meet on the Internet.
- “Only one previous owner who only drove it on the highway.”
- Frequent flier miles.
- Things that claim to be shatterproof, things that claim to be bulletproof, and things that claim to be 180 proof. (Sure I won the bet, but nobody can explain to me why I woke up with a sprained ankle, a bag full of chicken feathers, and TV’s Joey Lawrence.)
- Your girlfriend’s platonic male friend. Not the one she had before she met you. The one she met after you started dating. The one who is just waiting for you to make that inevitable slip up ... juuuusstt one little mistake, Alex ... I mean, generic boyfriend, and she’s mine. I mean his.
- Psychics who need to charge for readings in order to make money (i.e., all of them.)
- TV actors. They say they’ll call, but they never do. Jerks.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks Brad Quinn for the material in today’s Ledge.

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Doonesbury BY GARRY TRUDEAU

SO HENRY CAPHAW CAME OUT THE DAY AFTER GRADUATION TOLD HIS FAMILY AND JUST GOT ON WITH HIS LIFE!

IT'S SO GREAT TO SEE SO MANY OF OUR CLASSMATES NOW OPENLY GAY...

LIKE TOM PHELPS AND SID ROSEN AND... LEON? LEON LITTLEFIELD? WHO KNEW?

LEON: QUEER AND HERE, MAN!

UM... ARE YOU SURE?

YEAH, DEFINITE "OPENLY."

DILBERT BY Scott Adams

AS YOU REQUESTED, I RESEARCHED ALL OF THE BEST-SELLING BOOKS ON THE TOPIC OF LEADERSHIP.

APPARENTLY, LEADERSHIP IS THE PRODUCT OF SOCIOPATHIC TENDENCIES PLUS LUCK. ALL OTHER PERSONALITY TRAITS ARE INACTIVE INGREDIENTS.

DID YOU ACTUALLY READ ALL OF THOSE BOOKS?

I ONLY NEEDED TO KNOW THEY WERE ALL DIFFERENT.

'NON SEQUITUR BY VEY

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET TO THE ATTORNEYS' CONFERENCE ROOM... OH... NEVER MIND.

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OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0410

- ACROSS**
- Disgraced Armstrong
 - Energize, informally
 - Movie org. that created a top-100 list from which all of this puzzle's quotes come
 - Item in a squirrel's hoard
 - Duct outflow
 - One may play something by this
 - Memorable movie line spoken by... Jack Nicholson
 - Boarding house?: Abbr.
 - Tito of Latin jazz
 - Ulster, e.g.
 - Haley Joel Osmen
 - Hand-held organizer, briefly
 - Aromatherapist's supply
 - Target
 - Flawed, as mds.
 - Bern's river
 - ... Renée Zellweger
 - ... Marlon Brando
 - Digital communication, for short?
 - Come next
 - Many Sylvester Stallone characters
 - Singer DiFranco
 - Capp and Kaline
 - ... Greta Garbo
 - Cuckoo
 - Cheesy treats
 - Snap, Crackle or Pop
 - ... Debra Winger (heard but not seen)
 - 2001 Will Smith biopic
 - Nautical hazard
 - Victors' shout
 - Kinsey topic
 - Adorable one supply
 - Many a deli offering
- DOWN**
- "Well... -di-dahl!"
 - Star pitcher
 - Hammerfest's locale: Abbr.
 - Often-filled breakfast food
 - Come next
 - Do penance
 - Maestro Zubin
 - Like French doors
 - Mantel piece
 - "Gangnam Style" rapper
 - There was always a point to what he wrote
 - Like some attractions
 - Steamed
 - President Bartlet of "The West Wing"
 - Mustard, for one: Abbr.
 - Mad magazine's Usual Gang of
 - Barber who composed "Adagio for Strings"
 - Some laureates
 - Pizza slice, often
 - ... visit (drops in)
 - Calder Cup rink org.
 - What "America's Got," on NBC
 - Texter's "As I see it..."
 - Stink
 - Martha a k a the Big Mouth
 - Rocker Gregg who married Cher
 - Alternative form of a gene
 - Dappled horses
 - Shipboard crane
 - Shoebus letters
 - Tiny soldier
 - Gray matter output
 - 2008 Pixar robot
 - Tack on
 - Baked, so to speak
 - Religion founded in Persia
 - Where to learn anglais
 - Phillip of "Kung Fu"
 - Bygone theater chain
 - Milo of "The Verdict"
 - Key to the left of F1
 - Ascension Day, e.g.: Abbr.
 - Avian pal of Eyore
 - Extinct flightless bird
 - The [fittingly]

PUZZLE BY JULIAN LIM

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today's events

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Visiting Nurse Association Cholesterol Screening, 8:30 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn

Tech Help, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn

Anatomy/Cell Biology Departmental Seminar, "Mechanisms regulating coronary vascular growth: Development and adaptations," Robert Tomanek, Anatomy/Cell Biology, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen

Open Studio with Mary Wall, 1 p.m., Senior Center

Let's Talk About International Issues, 1:30 p.m., Senior Center

Soo Eun Choi, piano, 2 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall

East Side Hy-Vee Walking Club, 4 p.m., Hy-Vee, 812 S. First Ave.

Andrew Phillips and James Naigus, horn, 6 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall

ECO Iowa City Book Discussion, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library

"Live from Prairie Lights," bpNichol poetry launch, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque

Meet the Doulas: International Month of the Doula, 7 p.m., Panera Bread, 1646 Sycamore

Spoken Word, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque

Supersonic Piss, 8 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington

Jam Session, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

1 p.m. Koplant No, Summer Jazz Camp Concert

2 The Percussion Music of Robert Moran

3:30 Where Literature & Music Meet, Concert 1

5 Koplant No, Summer Jazz Camp Concert

6 Iowa Magazine

6:30 Hawkeye Sports Report, May 9

7 UI Percussion Ensemble Fall Concert, Oct. 28, 2012

8 Koplant No, Summer Jazz Camp Concert

9 Iowa Magazine

9:30 Daily Iowan TV News Update

10 Hawkeye Sports Report, May 9

10:30 Daily Iowan TV News Update

11 UI Symphony

horoscopes

Wednesday, May 15, 2013 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stick to what you know. You'll be criticized if you pretend to be something you are not. Rely on experience, and you will find a solution to a financial problem you face. Someone will want to reconnect. Proceed with caution.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Improving your surroundings will encourage you to entertain and do more with friends and family. Gather as much information as possible in order to advance personally and professionally. Don't be afraid to put pressure on someone who worries you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Let people know the changes you want to make with great honesty and integrity, and you will avoid being accused of being misleading. Not everyone will agree with you, but at least you can move forward without feeling you are being deceitful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Memories and digging up old plans, goals, and projects will help you get rid of clutter and bring something you enjoying doing back to the forefront. Steady progress is apparent if you offer your help or solutions. Use your imagination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't leave anything to chance. A change you want to make must not be implemented on impulse. Think each step through thoroughly. Cut your losses by handling a situation now that will discourage anyone who wants to oppose you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stick to your word, and go above and beyond the call of duty. Your actions will prove that you have what it takes to get things done. Don't let anyone put you down or stand in your way. Take credit for your accomplishments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Concentrate on picking up information. Get involved in courses, research, or conversations that will give you a better understanding of something that interests you. Begin an endeavor that will bring you satisfaction and financial gain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put creative imagination into the way you handle your home and family. A day trip with someone you like to spend time with will help your relationship grow and improve your current lifestyle. An unusual opportunity will grab your attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make an important decision that will help jump-start what you want to pursue. Do whatever it takes to get your way. A residential move will lead to greater opportunities and financial stability. Discuss your plans with someone you love or respect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Build a stronger portfolio. Sizing down or up depending on your circumstances could make a huge difference in the way you conduct your business and professional plans in the future. Avoid anyone who appears to be unpredictable or impulsive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Protecting your assets and knowing exactly where you stand financially will help you make a wise decision regarding your home and family. Discuss your plans with someone who can benefit as much from you as you can in return.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on creative and social activities that will enhance and encourage good friendships or partnerships to develop. Don't overdo it physically or financially. Indulging in risky ventures will cost you emotionally. Love is in the stars.

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FRISBEE BREAK

UI students Quinton Bradford and Jenna Pardini toss a Frisbee on the Pentacrest on Tuesday. They took a break from studying to enjoy the weather. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

Gun Culture

Continued from front

‘If you kill a person, that’s going to be with you all of your life.’

Richard Maine has a bit of trouble hearing these days. His left hand shakes as he brings a mug of coffee to his lips but steadies when it finds the familiar wooden contours of his Winchester lever-action rifle or the checkered grip of his .38-caliber revolver.

His military haircut faded long ago, replaced by a neat, gray horseshoe hairline cradling the back of his head. It breaks at his ears to reveal a face well-lined by a lifetime of his top-toothed, crinkle-eyed grin.

But the 85-year-old Bettendorf resident’s experience with guns did not begin with the .38-caliber revolver or the machine guns that blunted his hearing; Maine has lived with firearms since his childhood in Wapello, Iowa.

He said his father owned guns primarily for hunting — a tradition his father passed on to Maine and his brothers, who duck-hunted most of their lives. Maine then passed the tradition on to his children.

“That was fresh meat, back in those days,” Maine said about his father’s firearms, noting home defense was not a concern. “I just grew up with it and stuck with it.”

Maine currently owns “eight or 10 guns,” though he estimates he’s owned roughly 50 different firearms in his lifetime. He still makes it to at least one gun show per year.

“I’ve got a number of guns, and I’ve owned a lot of different guns over the years,” he said with a sly smile. “I can’t afford to trade houses, or trade cars, or trade wives, but I can trade guns once in a while.”

Maine worked in security for 20 years. During that time, he holstered a .38-caliber revolver on the job. While he no longer carries a firearm, he said he sometimes keeps the revolver loaded in his bedroom. He also keeps a semiautomatic .380-caliber pistol in his car for self-defense.

Maine said he values the Second Amendment because it affords U.S. citizens the right to “have a weapon for hunting, or personal protection, or home protection,” though he said he is “totally opposed” to the idea of radical, antigovernment militia groups.

“The Second Amendment, if you read it, it talks about a militia, and what a militia is for is defense of the country, not to fight the country,” he said.

When asked about how the federal government can help to ensure guns don’t fall into the wrong hands, Maine said he supports the president’s proposal to expand background checks to include all gun-show purchases.

“In Iowa, they do check you for purchases — background checks at a gun show,” he said. “But in most states, they don’t. So anybody can walk in off the street, and go into a gun show, and carry out whatever he wants. It’s not legal in Iowa to do that, and that’s good.”

Maine has no problem being labeled a “gun nut.” He was a mem-



Recent University of Iowa graduate and Kirkwood student Michael Sowell aims his SKS-M rifle at the Hawkeye Wildlife Shooting Range on March 12 near Swisher. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

ber of the National Rifle Association for 20 years. He said he left the organization’s ranks four years ago because of what he saw as a shift in the organization’s priorities.

“I thought it was great,” he said. “But I dropped out recently, and the reason I did, I’ve come to the conclusion that they’re not representing the members, they’re representing the people who advertise in their magazine.”

Maine said he wrote a letter to the NRA after the 2011 Tucson, Ariz., shooting that killed six and wounded 13, including then-Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz. The reported shooter, Jared Loughner, used a semiautomatic handgun with 33-round magazines to carry out the attack. Maine wondered why the NRA would defend the use of these high-capacity magazines.

“People that are fighting to preserve the right for somebody to spray the crowd with a Bushmaster with a whole pocket full of 30-round clips,” he said. “If you stand up for that and think that’s OK, then to me, you’re just as guilty as the guy pulling the trigger.”

‘I’m carrying right now.’

Michael Sowell towers over nearly everyone he meets.

Standing at 6-8, the 23-year-old Louisville, Ky., native and UI graduate puts his size to good use, driving a wrecker for Big Ten Towing. For two years before that, he volunteered for the Coralville Fire Department. Even when he’s not working, he wears his reflective jacket, Carhartt pants, and well-beaten boots.

Sowell lives in Iowa City, pursuing an emergency-medical-technician certification at Kirkwood Community College. He will move to Montana this summer to work for a forestry contractor, fighting wildfires. And he plans to bring his firearms with him.

“I didn’t think it was for me initially,” Sowell said about owning guns. “Even though I’d always thought guns were kind of cool as

a kid. But as I learned more about it, and as it sort of philosophically started to gel with me, I realized that it was something that I wanted to pursue.”

Sowell now owns five guns, including the 9-mm handgun he carries. He keeps a loaded shotgun next to his bed for home defense. He holds an Iowa permit to carry weapons, which allows him to carry and conceal a firearm.

Sowell said he carries his handgun often, “usually when I’m just out-and-about, around the town ... When I go to Hy-Vee, when I go to the mall, when I go to the movies ...”

In order to obtain the permit to carry, he said, he was required to complete a handgun-safety course and file the requisite paperwork with the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office. Between the cost of the class and paperwork fees, Sowell said it cost him roughly \$200 to get his permit.

He said he’s taken several interested friends to the Hawkeye Wildlife Shooting Range near Swisher, where he introduced them to shooting. He underlined the importance of walking people through safety demonstrations and lessons before they touch the guns.

“Even if they don’t want to own guns afterward, they’re usually really open to the idea that other people should be allowed to or at least they get the appeal of it,” he said. “...Even if you hate it, just go once, and see that it’s possible for people to have fun without hurting anything.”

Sowell said he believes there’s an element of ignorance in individuals with no firearms experience who advocate for stricter gun-control laws as a solution to violent crime and mass shootings in America.

“My general philosophy on gun control is that even if you took every gun away in America, you’d still have a problem with people hurting each other, with people having these mindsets that lead them to commit violent crimes,” he said.

Sowell, an NRA member since 2008, said he’s seen an ideological shift in the NRA’s message and tar-

geted audience in recent years. He said the organization has started to branch out from its traditional support of hunters.

“They’re now more in favor of concealed-carry, more in favor of the literal Constitutional interpretation of the Second Amendment, and in favor of quote-unquote assault weapons, which I believe to be a misnomer,” he said.

When asked about legislation proposed in Congress following the Newtown shooting, Sowell said it was not something that initially crossed his mind. He emphasized that most gun owners share the same outrage and confusion felt by the anti-gun crowd.

“My first thought upon hearing about Newtown wasn’t, ‘Oh no, they’re going to come after my guns now,’ ” he said. “It was like, ‘Holy crap, all those kids ... kindergartners, Jesus Christ.’ ”

He said, however, that the tragedy didn’t change his opinion of guns.

“You can use anything for the wrong purposes,” he said. “You can take fertilizer and diesel fuel and make a bomb. It doesn’t change my opinion of the things that I own.”

For Sowell, who said he first became interested in owning guns for political reasons, the Second Amendment ensures an ability to keep the government in check.

“It’s kind of a litmus test, that a government that has nothing to fear from its people because it adequately represents their interests has little reason to take away their firearms,” he said. “To me, the Second Amendment is about preserving the rights of people in spite of their government.”

‘I told myself ... this is a target-shooting thing.’

For the first 24 years of his life, UI senior and former *Daily Iowan* staffer Josh Quinnett never fired a handgun, aside from the virtual “guns” used in Counterstrike and other video games.

He used .22-caliber rifles and shotguns in Boy Scouts, but he said he didn’t take a serious interest in owning guns until last year, when he went to visit his parents in Davenport.

During the course of one evening, Quinnett said, he and his father watched an episode of “Mythbusters” involving firearms, and they realized that neither of them had ever used a handgun.

With their mutual interest piqued, the two made plans to go to a shooting range in Moline, Ill., the next day.

After some range time and research, Quinnett purchased a 9-mm pistol, which he shoots locally at the range near Swisher. He doesn’t have a permit to carry the weapon, but he said had to file for a permit to purchase the handgun with the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office. He also recently bought a Marlin lever-action rifle.

Like Sowell, Quinnett said he enjoys taking willing friends to the range in Swisher and teaching them about firearms and gun safety.

“I think that it provides me with an interesting opportunity to kind of break the stigma for that individual — to go there with someone who is responsible about it and isn’t a whacko,” he said.

Quinnett said he sees himself as someone who falls “on the left side of things,” and doesn’t feel the government would attempt to infringe unreasonably on his Second Amendment rights.

“I don’t think that we live in a world where I’m afraid that my government is going to do terrible things to me,” he said. “And I certainly don’t think that I need to own a gun to protect myself from the government. I think that when Predator drones became a thing, I don’t care how many AR-15s some-



University of Iowa student and small-business owner Roger Howe stands in his



University of Iowa alum Roger Howe stands in his firearm business for 27 years; he formerly

one owns, [they are] not a threat to our government.”

‘You have it, and you hope you never have to use it.’

When he woke suddenly at 2 a.m. on a Saturday several weeks ago, Joel Flack knew exactly what he had just heard. The gunshots outside were worrying but not foreign to him; he has spent most his life around firearms.

Flack is an atypical University of Iowa undergraduate student. At 47, he is a father of three, owns a roofing company, and is both a Johnson County 4-H shooting-sports instructor and a certified hunter-education instructor.

“Shooting sports, it’s one of the best sports you can get into for teaching discipline [and] perseverance,” he said. “And anyone can do it.”

Flack said he’s also taught his own children how to properly handle firearms — something he, as a gun owner, feels is very important.

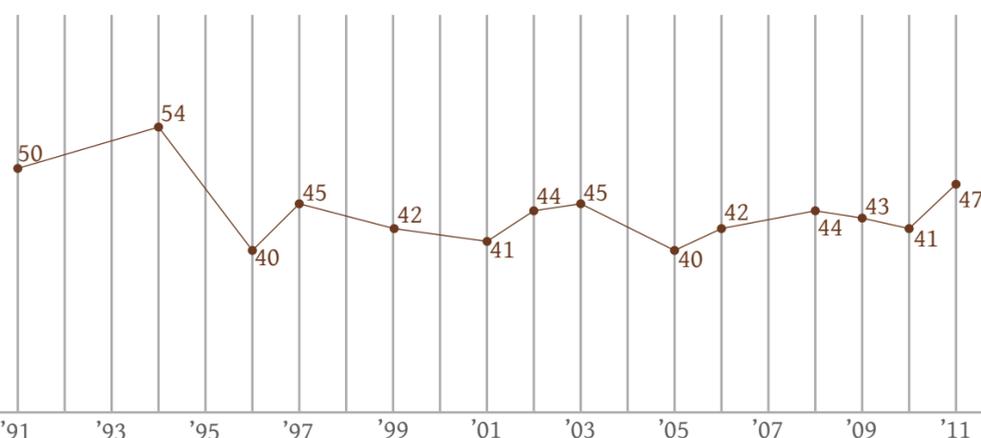
“I gun-proofed my kids,” he said. “They don’t touch them unless I’m with them.”

In fact, Flack said he thinks gun safety should be taught in school. While he taught his two older children with BB guns (he said the youngest will get hers soon), other parents might not choose to do the same, he said.

“Regardless of what people think about guns, how their own opinions are, their children will be in houses where guns are present,” he said. “And if those children don’t

U.S. Homes with Guns, 1991-2011

Percentage of homes in the U.S. that have guns in the home or elsewhere on the property.

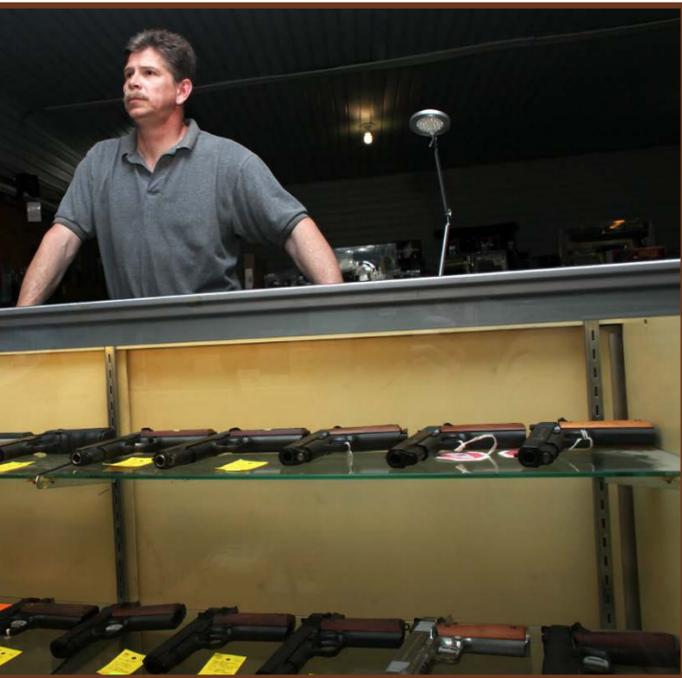


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‘A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.’ — 2nd Amendment



Business owner Joel Flack sits in his living room with one of his handguns on April 29 in Iowa City. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)



Howe stands behind the counter in his gun store on May 7 in Durant, Iowa. Howe has been in the store for 30 years. He worked in a shop in Iowa City. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

know how to be safe around a firearm ... They're going to be curious, and those are the ones that pick up the gun, like they see on TV, and go, 'Bang.' That's where that happens."

Flack said he now owns somewhere between 35 and 40 firearms for home defense, self-defense, and hunting. He also collects a specific type of muzzle-loader.

"I like guns," he said. "Each one is different, and they shoot differently, and they each have their own personalities."

Flack said he also has a permit to carry, which he uses regularly to conceal a .40-caliber handgun.

"Everywhere," he said, when asked where he carries. "Unless I know I'm going on school property or federal property."

He said he's never felt the need to use his weapon — but that doesn't mean he doesn't like having it around.

"It's like having a fire extinguisher in your home," he said. "You have it, and you hope you never have to use it, and most people don't. But if you need it, it's there."

Of new legislation proposals, he said he doesn't think they'll make much of a difference in preventing gun violence and gun crime.

"They're targeting people who don't follow the law anyway," he said. "So are they going to follow a new law, too? No. It's just common sense. If they followed the laws, they wouldn't be [criminals]."

Flack's permit to carry a weapon, issued by the Johnson County Sher-

iff's Office, must be renewed every five years. With that renewal, a new background check is conducted. He must also pass a background check every year to remain an instructor for 4-H.

While he called the checks an "inconvenience," he doesn't mind going through them in order to own firearms. He said he feels strongly that the Second Amendment is an important part of American culture and security.

"It's an individual right," he said. "It is the first homeland security."

'A lot of people don't understand the sheer joy.'

The sign outside of L&R Arms Exchange in Durant, Iowa, states simply, "Guns & Things." It's embossed with a 3-foot revolver that was once a sign for a gunsmith store in Chicago. By replacing two letters, Roger Howe repurposed the sign for the family business.

Howe's father took him to gun shows for years when the farm crisis of the 1980s reared its head. In an effort to supplement family income, Howe's father obtained a federal firearm license and began frequenting Iowa gun shows with his son in the summer of 1986, selling guns and accessories, starting with just one pair of 8-foot folding tables.

While he finished a degree in sociology at the UI, Howe had the opportunity to partner his business with the Ammo Bearer, an Iowa City gun shop. He eventually became sales manager at the Iowa City shop.

Gun legislation misfires

Gun legislation fizzles nationally and in the Iowa Legislature as proposals fail to gain traction on both sides.

By Brent Griffiths
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Months before two U.S. senators cobbled together a bipartisan proposal for comprehensive gun background checks, states across the country worked vigorously to implement their own gun-control policies.

Four states — including Colorado — led the way on the issue, and some representatives in Iowa wanted to follow suit. But they found there was far from a consensus on what issues to pursue.

"In this state, [legislators] are afraid to have a discussion," said Sen. Jack Hatch, D-Des Moines. "It becomes a dialogue that is geared on emotion issues, and absolutely, there is no chance for a discussion."

Hatch tried to work background checks into legislation but found Democratic leadership didn't want to discuss the issue and was "afraid of bad votes." Fellow Democratic legislators would be forced to take a stance on the issue, in addition to concerns over what the Republican-controlled House would do with similar proposals, he said.

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, helped lead the charge on another issue when it came to "tweaking" Iowa's shall-issue law — the law regarding county sheriffs' ability to restrict permits for concealed weapons.

"We were looking at tightening up the 'shall-issue law' to give county sheriffs more options when it comes to gun permits," he said.

Bolkcom proposed the bill with Democrat Sen. Steve Soddors

State Center; the measure would have made three major changes to the current law signed by then-Gov. Chet Culver in 2010, including allowing sheriffs to look at four years of an applicant's documented history — instead of the current two — when someone applies for a gun permit.

The changes to the law would have made it a crime to carry a firearm into a private establishment — in which a notice prohibiting firearms is posted — and require that applicants pass shooting requirements for a permit rather than using Internet courses.

After introduction, the bill died in committee. Bolkcom and Hatch attribute this failure to the fact that pro-gun advocates are more vocal than those who want increased gun control.

"I would tell people they should be more vocal and get out there and voice their support for this issue," Bolkcom said. "I received hundreds of emails from the NRA and other people about 'taking away gun rights.' I just don't see that response from people in favor of the laws."

The Legislature's funnel deadline — a procedural hurdle used by both parties to narrow down proposals at two specific points during the session — claimed a couple of other gun-related proposals this year. In addition to the major Senate bill, many other bills on the pro-gun side of the issue died as well.

Among those bills was one that would have allowed school personnel who have gun permits to carry firearms on school grounds

and another piece of legislation that would have made gun-permit information private.

First-term Republican Rep. Bobby Kaufmann of Wilton was among the supporters of the privacy law, which he emphasized to Johnson County Republicans at their annual dinner auction in April.

Kaufmann and other Republicans discussed incidents in which such newspapers as the *Journal News* in New York, gained national attention after publishing names and addresses of handgun-permit holders.

"I very much believe that a concealed-carry permit should not be public information," Kaufmann said, and he added he believes there is a good track record for current legislation addressing Second Amendment issues.

One Iowa political expert said he believes the Legislature's inability to address gun violence stems from a combination of different priorities and the gun culture in Iowa.

"[Gun control] is not as salient as an issue in Iowa as it is in some places," said Tim Hagle, a University of Iowa associate professor of political science. "When you have states with hunting, it's probably less of a rush."

Hatch believes the outlook for future gun legislation in Iowa is grim until the nature of the conversation evolves from the current approach.

"We need to make [the discussion] more about safety in the community and a public-safety issue," he said. "I just don't see us getting to that position anytime soon."

Howe now owns the brick-and-mortar gun shop under the same family name he and his father used at gun shows nearly 30 years ago. He said he opened his own shop in Durant in 2007 after complications with business partners at the Ammo Bearer.

Howe said guns are, for him, a unique collectible item because they usually retain their original utilitarian value — you can take them out and shoot them, as long as they're in working condition.

"You can take that collectible gun,

within reason, and take it out and actually use it for what it was intended to be used for, which is kind of neat," he said.

Howe said that in 27 years as a firearms dealer, he's never found a template for a typical gun owner, other than his business being predominantly male-driven — though that, too, is now changing.

"There were a number of people who probably wouldn't have been interested in firearms [in Iowa City]," he said, "But that didn't mean that we didn't have a sizeable number of peo-

ple who were. We had factory workers, and teachers, and professors, and car dealers, and just about every profession that you could imagine who bought firearms."

Ultimately, he said gun stores provide a kind of safe haven for those enmeshed in the Iowa gun culture.

"Coming to a gun store, I think most people feel that you're not going to have to worry about being chastised for what you believe in because the other person standing here probably believes in a lot of the same things," he said.

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SOFTBALL

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chelle Zoeller said. “But today marks a new season, and we have to look forward and focus on what we do have left [on this team.]”

Still, Iowa will return a strong nucleus of this year’s 30-win squad. Starting pitcher Kayla Massey will be back in the circle accompanied by battery mate Holly Hoffman. Brianna Luna

will be back at first base as this Hawkeye team will try to make the next leap and qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

Part of that will be fixing what went wrong this past season. The most important fix will be carrying the early season success into the conference portion of the season. The Hawkeyes boasted a 19-8 record before the beginning of Big Ten play, where they went 8-15 down the stretch — this included seven-straight conference

losses at one point.

Looper’s squad is well aware that these miscues can’t happen next season, especially for a team that aspires to play more than just one postseason game.

“There is a whole lot of determination to make sure what just happened [not qualifying for tournament] doesn’t happen again next year,” Blank said. “We are going to do anything in our power to make sure we get to regionals and beyond.”

GESELL

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shooting than driving to the hoop.

“I couldn’t make as quick of cuts and things like that; I was limited in that way,” Gesell said. “It changed my game a little bit. I had to be aggressive while I was in and be a leader from the bench, too.”

The freshman said once he got the diagnosis, he never hesitated to get back on the court.

“I’m a competitor, and I wanted to be out there and help the team as much as I could,” Gesell said. “I fig-

ured I’d have all off-season to rest it. The doctors told me there was just a small chance of hurting it worse, so I was willing to go through that and help the team as much as I could.”

His versatility was particularly beneficial during that stretch, too. Gesell’s shooting ability was useful while playing the 2-guard, and it allowed junior Devyn Marble to handle the point-guard duties. McCaffery said Gesell has a mental toughness about him that keeps him level-headed while rotating between positions.

“He doesn’t rattle,” McCaffery said on Jan. 29. “He doesn’t rattle on the road; he doesn’t rattle if

you’re mugging him off the ball. He’ll just keep working.”

But even though he played floor general from the beginning as a freshman, Gesell said he still needs to improve his ability to run the offense.

“One thing I’m very focused on [improving] is my court vision,” Gesell said. “Just seeing plays develop before they happen and getting that feel. Also just continue to work on my ball handling and get that down pat. And continue to work on my jumper because you can always improve on that and shoot a higher percentage. Just to work on my game, overall.”

JAVELIN

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in the finals, where the winner is eventually determined after three more attempts.

“Confidence is everything,” Stahle said “Part of being confident is going in thinking about one thing at a time. Two things maximum. [Javelin] is so technical, you have to find certain cues that work for you that can fix a bunch of things at once.”

Cappos’ javelin throwers, particularly senior Matt Byers, have earned great success in the event. Byers is a three-time Big Ten champion in the event and recently earned second place at the Big Ten championship in Columbus, Ohio, with a distance of 237-8 feet.

For such an individual event, pre-competition routines are important. After she finishes a lengthy warm-up session, Stahle drinks a can of sugar-free Red Bull before she throws the spear

at every meet, a tradition she’s had since her freshman year at Iowa. When she steps on the runway, Stahle holds the javelin in her right hand and loosens her shoulders before her throw.

“One day I drank a Red Bull before practice and had the best practice of my life,” Stahle said. “I felt really awake, really alert. It could be a mental thing, but it’s just kind of a tradition that I have ... everyone has their own little things that they do. Mine is [drinking] Red Bull.”

KWAZA

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Even with all of the success from the young Hawkeye, assistant coach Clive Roberts said there are much better things to come for Kwaza.

“She hasn’t arrived yet,” the fifth year coach said. “I think she’s just got so much more in her ... she hasn’t written her whole story yet.”

Part of the reason for Kwaza’s early success has been junior Raven Moore. The two train together on an almost-daily basis in practice and frequently compete against each other in meets. At the Musco Twilight meet on April 20, Kwaza and Moore finished first and second, with their times separated by a mere one-tenth of a second.

This constant battle to run faster than the other is beneficial to both student-athletes. But Roberts doesn’t think the actual

competition is the most beneficial part of Kwaza’s relationship with Moore.

He said Moore’s preparation has influenced Kwaza the most.

“That way of, OK, you have to come to practice every single day, you have to put in work,” he said. “I think that Raven has shown her how to train.”

Moore said she believes the level of competition helps both Kwaza and herself. She believes the constant duel elevates their quality of training in practice, which makes them accustomed to the high-competition during meets.

Kwaza agreed, saying working with Roberts and Moore are the two main reasons her times have improved this season.

“[The training] definitely helps a lot, because coming in, I wasn’t as fast as I am now,” the Sycamore, Ill., native said. “Their being there to push me, I think that’s helped.”

Roberts knows Kwaza is talented and has the poten-

tial to be a great sprinter, and he is not surprised with the success she has had this season. To maximize this potential, he said, a key to success is to come back every season stronger than the year before.

Roberts said Kwaza’s future successes will depend on a variety of factors, including her work ethic.

“Potential is one thing,” he said. “But what the kid is going to be able to do over the next few years as it relates to working, that’s number one — what kind of sacrifices they are willing to make.”

There might not be guarantees for Kwaza’s future success, but Moore has still enjoyed watching the freshman improve this season. She said she could see her as a future Big Ten champion and looks forward to seeing her progress over the course of her career.

“It’s exciting; she’s a great athlete,” Moore said. “To see her improve in her races is exciting because I know she’ll get even better as she matures and goes on.”

native has earned both the awards; he also earned the awards in 2011. The senior is nationally ranked 16th and 13th, respectively, in the 100 and 200 meters.

Austin also holds the school records in the 100, 200, and 400 relay. He will return to the track May 23-25 in the first round of the NCAA championships.

— by Matt Cabel

Ingram leaves men’s hoops

Iowa men’s basketball coach Fran McCaffery announced Tuesday that guard Patrick Ingram asked for and was granted, a release from his scholarship so that he could transfer to another school.

“Patrick is a tremendous

person who was an integral part of our program last season,” McCaffery said in a release. “Patrick indicated that he wants to be closer to home, and we have granted his request. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.”

The 6-2 guard averaged six minutes, 0.9 points, and 0.6 rebounds in 19 games coming off the bench this past season. Ingram, a freshman, is a native of Indianapolis.

Ingram will leave a team that will return 11 letterwinners from a 25-13 season that included a runner-up finish in the NIT. The Hawkeyes will add redshirt freshman forward Kyle Meyer, sophomore swingman Jarrod Uthoff, and freshman guard Peter Jok to the roster for the 2013-14 season.

— by Cody Goodwin

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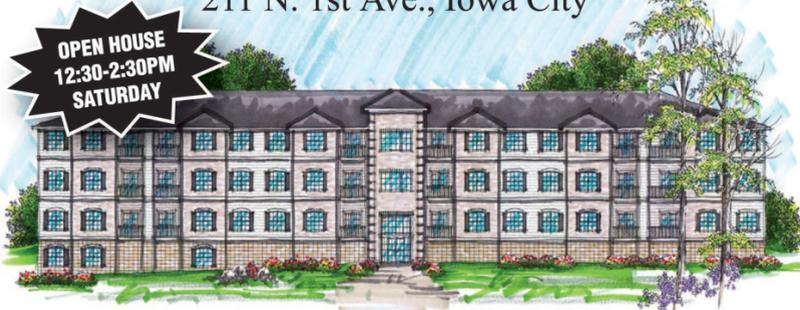
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Softball seeks a step up



Iowa third baseman Michelle Zoeller and first baseman Brianna Luna go for the ball at Pearl Field on April 7. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

The Iowa softball season came to an end Sunday after the team did not reach the NCAA Tournament.

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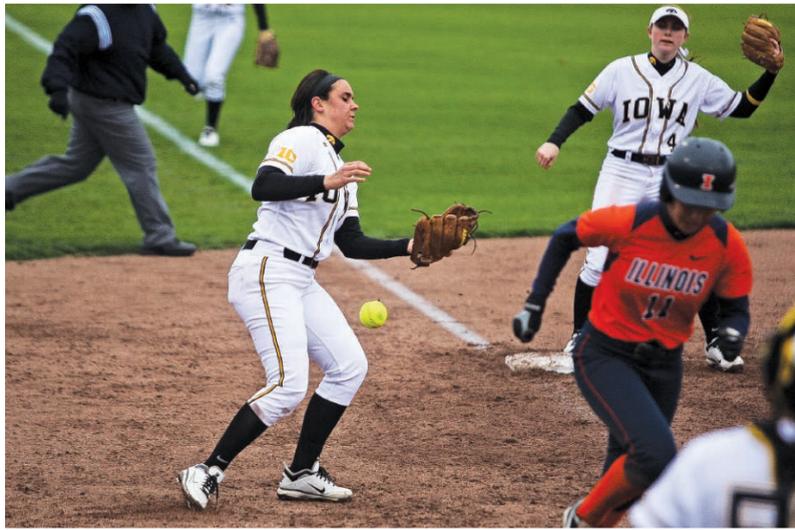
The Iowa softball team's season came to end on Sunday evening after not being invited to the 64-team NCAA Tournament. The Hawkeyes capped their season with a 30-24 record and maintained an RPI ranking of 34.

Although the Hawkeyes missed a few of their season goals — along with not receiving a bid to the postseason tourney, Iowa didn't win the Big Ten, as it originally planned — the season wasn't a total loss. The team broke plenty of records and made new strides.

Shortstop Megan Blank broke a 20-year-old batting mark, hitting .437 over the 54-game season. Kim Davis set the previous mark in 1993, when she batted a scorching .428. Blank also led the team in doubles, home runs, hits, and RBIs. Her 58 RBIs were good for second-most in the Big Ten.

"It's not easy to do what she did; the biggest thing is to maintain her game next season," Iowa softball coach Marla Loooper said. "The defenses won't know how to stop her, and that's just going to make her more dominant and more predominant in the country."

Blank was named to the All-Big Ten first team and was recently tabbed as a third-team All American. Although her sophomore season came with much success, the Culver City, Calif., native is not satisfied yet.



Iowa's Michelle Zoeller misses an infield pop-up against Illinois at Pearl Field on April 23. (The Daily Iowan/Tork Mason)

"I need to just keep working hard and doing the little things right," Blank said. "I'll keep going over film and finding ways to improve."

Loooper will have an improved Blank for next season, but she's also losing five seniors — three of whom were regularly in the starting lineup.

Centerfielder Johnnie Dowling, who led the team in triples and set the pace at

the top of the Hawkeye lineup, will leave along with second basemen Bradi Wall and leftfielder Ashley Akers. Also departing the softball program is pitcher Chelsea Lyon and catcher Sam Valentine.

"I'm sad to see the seniors with such great talent go on," third basemen Mi-

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Throwing with some meaning

While the object is different in every way, the motion of throwing a javelin draws comparisons to pitching a baseball.

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Throwers and coaches alike compare it to pitching a baseball.

But there's no swinging batter in this competition. There are no strikeouts. Baseballs aren't over 8 feet long or shaped like a spear.

"It's not a Frisbee," sophomore thrower Gabe Hull said about the comparison to discus, another throwing event, on April 27.

A javelin, likewise, is not a baseball. But that doesn't stop the comparisons.

"People who pick up the javelin have thrown a baseball or thrown footballs," Scott Cappos, Iowa's throwing coach, said. "[Javelin is] similar, but the action is a little different. We have to retrain them on how to do it."

Javelin begins and ends with the technique of the throw, which Cappos compared to the motion of a baseball pitcher. The javelin should move low and fast once the thrower releases the spear. It shouldn't arc in the air — the spear has the lowest trajectory of other throwing events; about 27 degrees compared to 35 in other events.

"You try to keep the hand back as long as possible," Cappos said. "You move the shoulder first, then the elbow. Then the hand and wrist come through. You've got to be really flexible to be able to do that."

Javelin throwers get a running start on the runway before they release the spear, adding elements of sprints into the mix. Cappos has the throwers do sprint and speed training similar to that of a long jumper, as well as medicine-ball throws.

"At the front of the throw is what's called the penultimate step," said junior thrower Amanda Stahle, who placed seventh in the Big Ten competition with a distance of 138-2 feet. "It's basically a curl-hop in baseball. That allows you to get your left foot out in front of you quickly. Your right leg is able to turn, and your arm follows through with the hip movement."

The rules of a javelin competition are the same as any other throwing event: see who can throw the spear the farthest. Throwers get three chances to earn the largest distance. The top eight competitors earn spots

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END OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Iowa's Gesell gets the point quickly

By **TORK MASON**
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Mike Gesell's first season in Black and Gold went about the way he thought it would. He became the Iowa men's basketball team's starting point guard right away and helped the program take another step forward in the third year of head coach Fran McCaffery's tenure.

That's not to say it was perfect. Gesell was pragmatic about being a true freshman point guard playing in the Big Ten.

"[The season] was all that I expected," Gesell said. "It was a very fun year. I feel I improved a lot as a player. [But] I knew there would be ups and downs all season, which I had."

Typical freshman growing pains aside, Gesell got his Hawkeye career off to a promising start in 2012-13. The South Sioux City, Neb., native finished the year as the team's third-leading scorer with 8.7 points per game and was also third in assists with 2.6 per game.

Perhaps more importantly, Gesell established himself with upperclassmen as a player who could be depended upon. Senior Eric May said it didn't take long to realize the program had a special player on its hands.

"To tell you the truth, I thought that when he came [at the beginning of the summer] and played with us [for the first time], May said. "He was bringing it [even] then. He raises the intensity level. So right at the beginning of the



Iowa guard Mike Gesell fights through the defense against Quincy IN Carver-Hawkeye on Nov. 4, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

summer, you could tell he was going to affect the game."

Gesell made a positive impact down the stretch despite suffering a stress reaction in his foot at Nebraska on Feb. 21. The injury left him unable to post his normal minutes and forced him to move off the ball and put more emphasis on

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DI End of the year awards:

- Monday: Derek St. John, Male Athlete of the Year
- Tuesday: Megan Blank, Female Athlete of the Year
- Today: **Mike Gesell, Freshman of the Year**
- Thursday: Coach of the Year
- Friday: Story of the Year

Frosh flashes potential

Lake Kwaza put together an impressive freshman campaign as a Hawkeye trackster, and there is reason to believe she will only get better.

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Lake Kwaza has posted a more successful season than of any of her fellow Iowa women sprinters — and she's only a freshman.

In the two most competitive meets of the season — the Drake Relays and Big Ten championships — she set personal records in the 100-meter dash, with times of 11.60 and 11.56, respectively. Those times placed Lake second and fifth in the respective meets.



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